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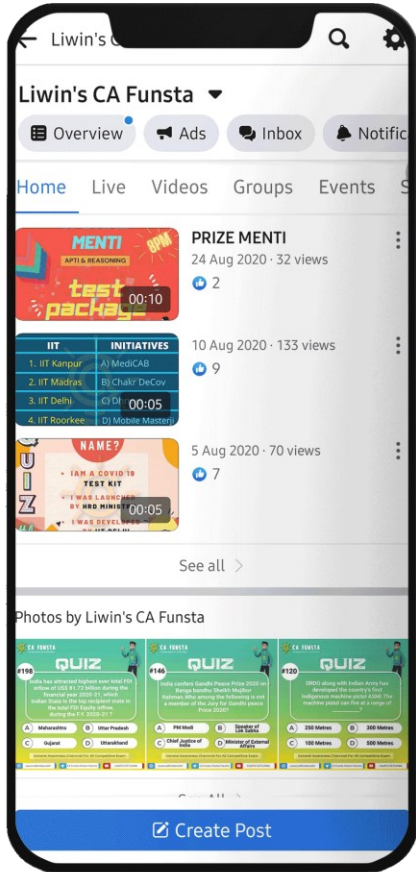


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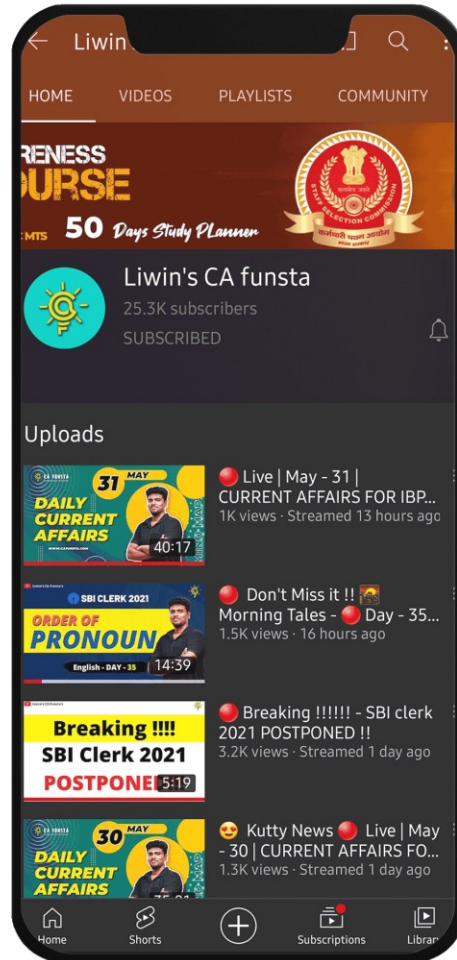
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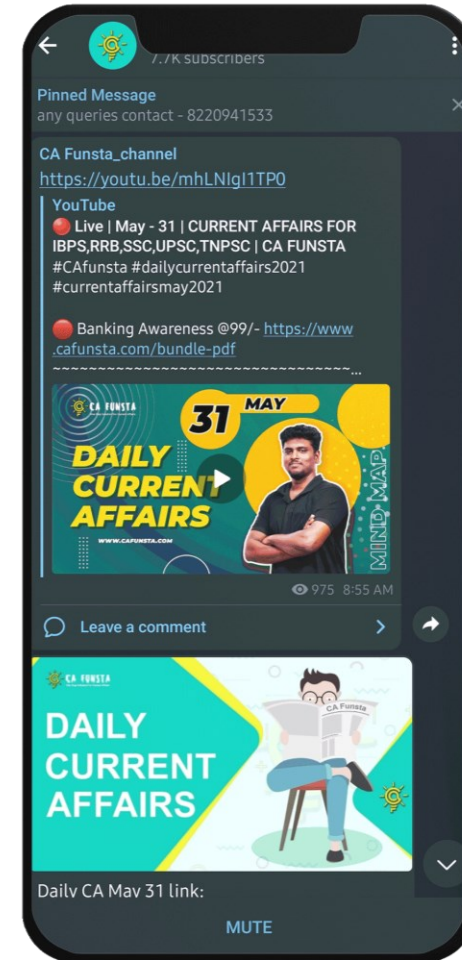
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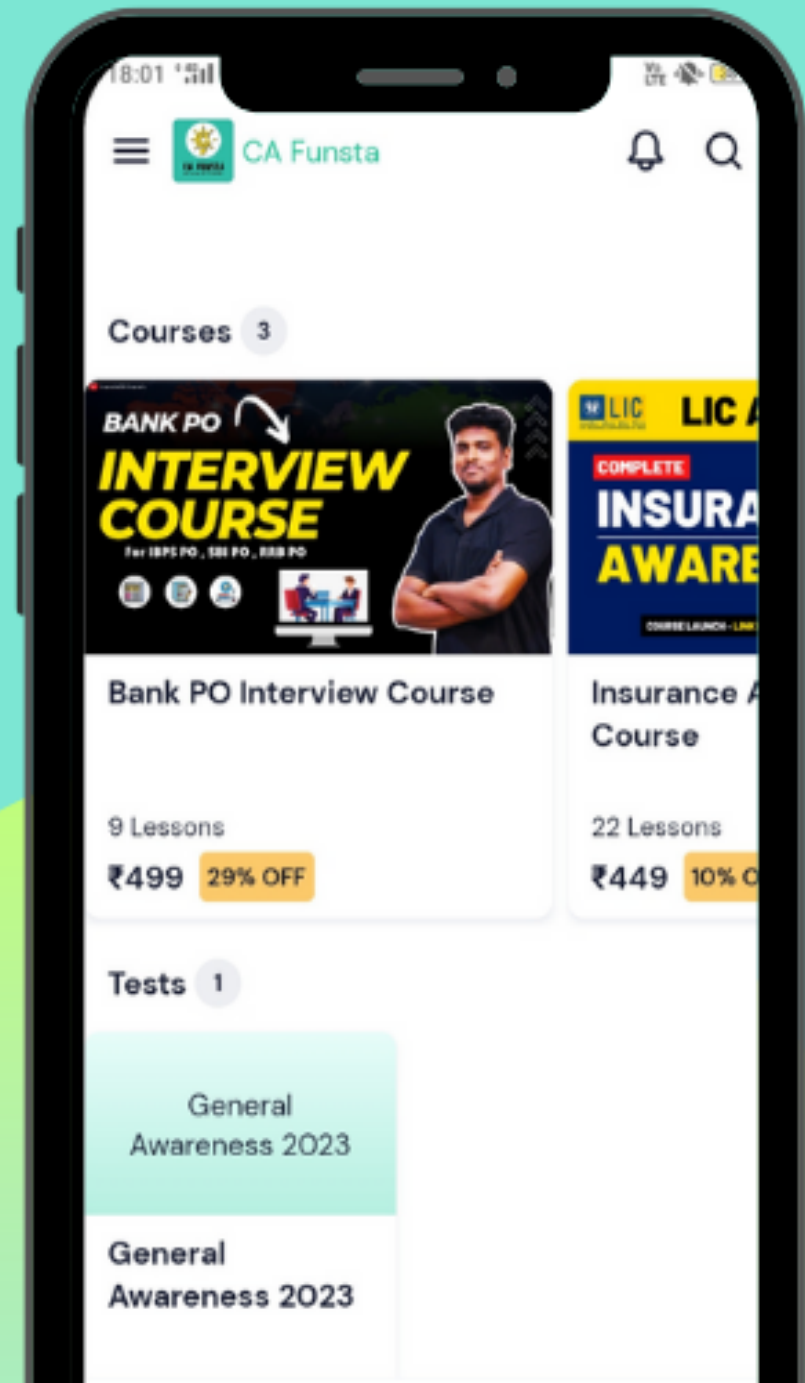
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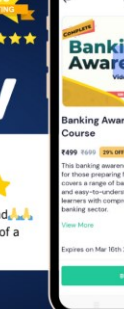
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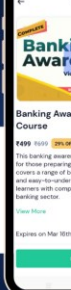


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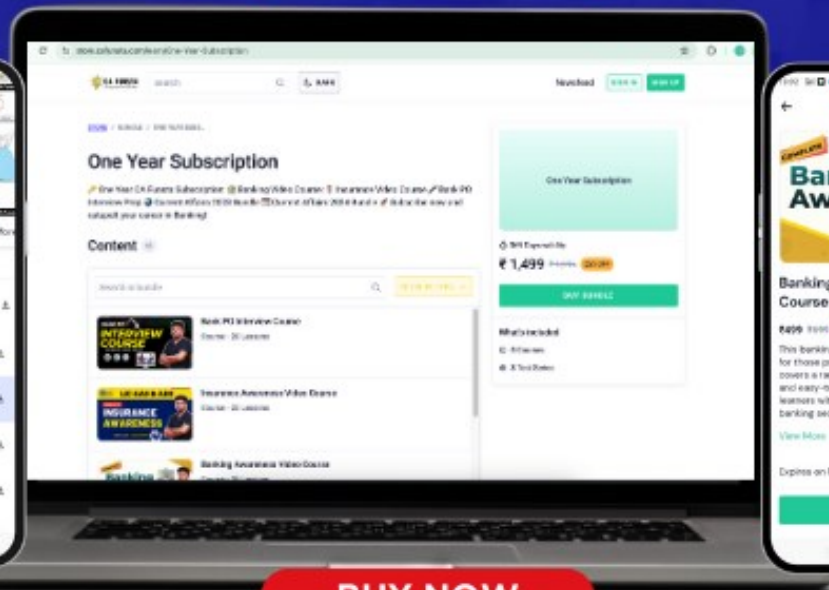
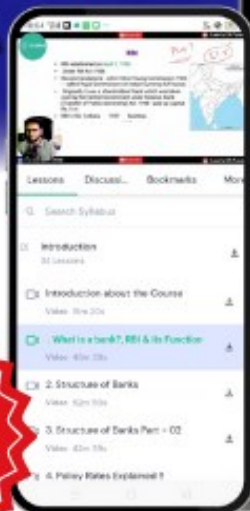
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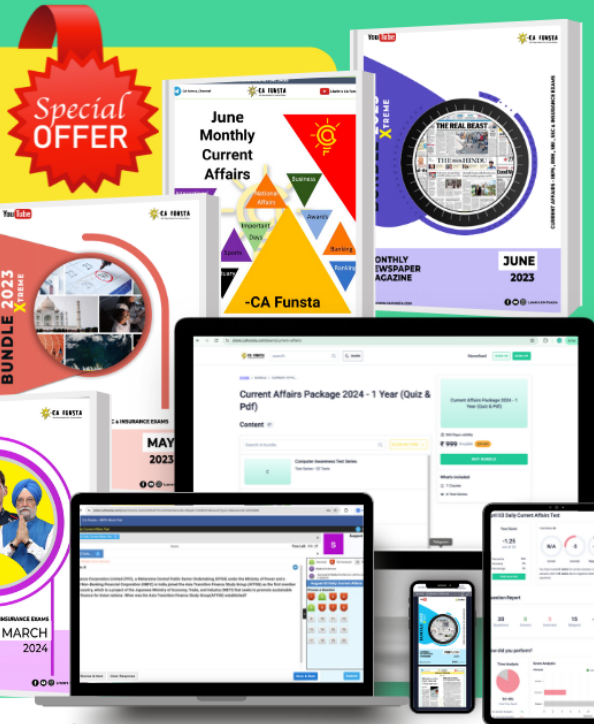


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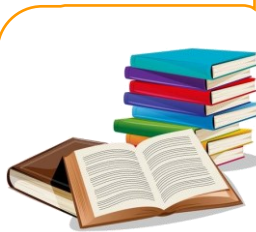
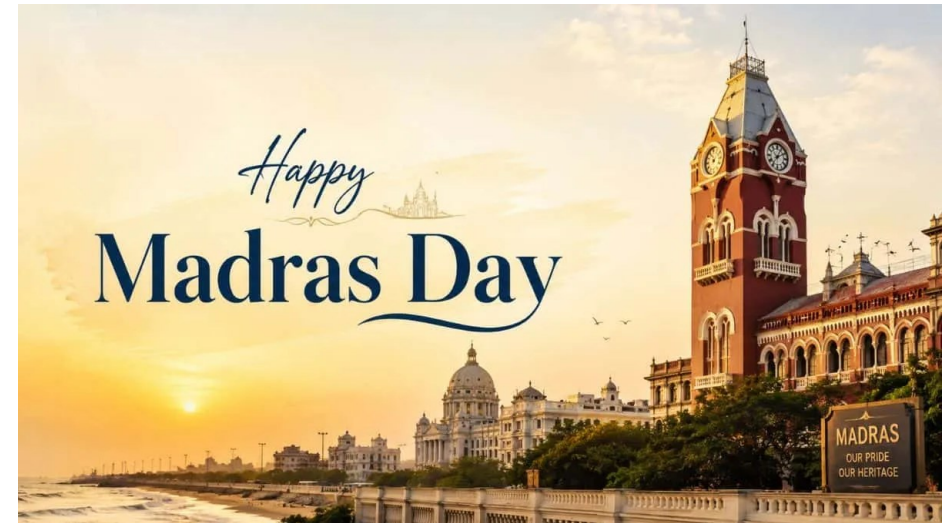
Important Days



➤ **Madras Day is observed annually on which date to commemorate the historical founding of Madras?**

- A) July 17
- B) July 22
- C) August 15
- D) August 22
- E) September 22

Answer
D) August 22.

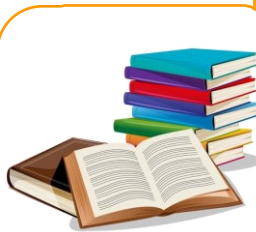


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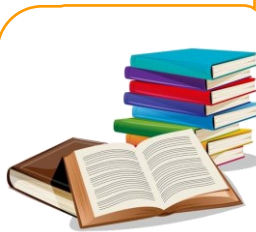
Event and Location:

- **Event: Madras Day 2026** commemorates the historical founding of Madras in **1639** and highlights the city's transformation into present-day Chennai.
- **Location:** Chennai, **Tamil Nadu**, India.
- **Date:** August **22, 2026**.



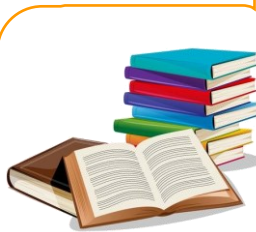
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Madras Day** commemorates the city's historical origins, development from an English trading settlement, cultural heritage and evolution into modern Chennai.



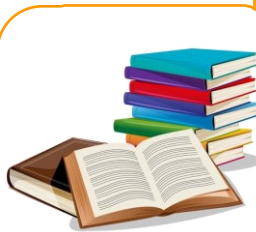
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The observance aims to preserve awareness of Chennai's history and cultural traditions while highlighting its development as a major economic, urban and cultural centre.



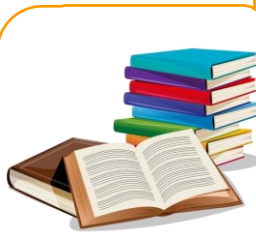
Important Terms Explained:

- **English East India Company:** It was an English trading company that acquired land at Madraspatnam in **1639** and established a settlement on the **Coromandel Coast**.



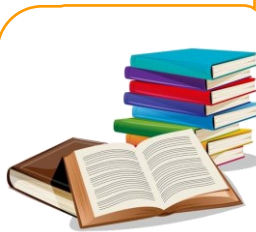
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fort St George:** It was the fort established by the English that became the focal point around which the early settlement of Madras developed.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Coromandel Coast:** It refers to the southeastern coastal region of India along the **Bay of Bengal**, where the early Madras settlement was established.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Observance	Madras Day 2026 commemorates the historical founding and development of Madras, now Chennai.
Date	Madras Day is observed on August 22 every year.
Historical year	The origin of Madras is traced to the land grant made in 1639.
2026 milestone	The year 2026 marks the 23rd observance of Madras Day and the 387th year since the founding of Madras.
Key historical figures	Francis Day received the land grant from Damarla Venkatadri Nayaka for the English East India Company, while Andrew Cogan was also associated with the early settlement.
Early settlement	Fort St George became the nucleus of the settlement that later developed into White Town and Black Town and collectively became known as Madras.
Renaming of state	Madras State was officially renamed Tamil Nadu on January 14, 1969.
Renaming of city	Madras was officially renamed Chennai on July 17, 1996.

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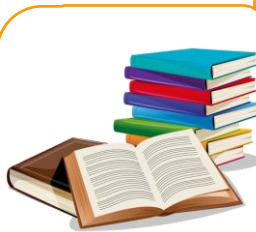
➤ **What is the theme of National Space Day 2026?**

- A) Space for Sustainable India
- B) India's Journey to the Moon
- C) Towards Viksit Bharat – Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring Global Space Leadership
- D) Exploring Space for Humanity
- E) New India in New Space



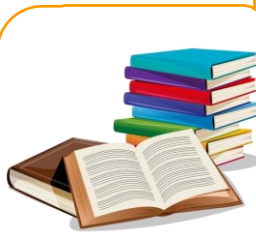
Answer

C) Towards Viksit Bharat – Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring Global Space Leadership.



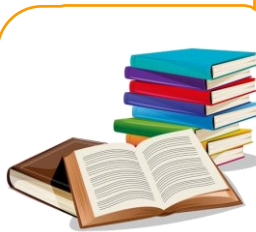
Event and Location:

- **Event: National Space Day 2026** commemorates the historic Chandrayaan-3 lunar landing and highlights India's achievements and aspirations in space science.
- **Location:** India, commemorating the Chandrayaan-3 landing near the Moon's south polar region.



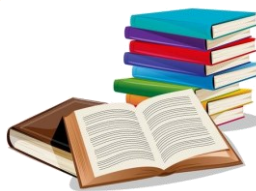
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance marks the anniversary of Chandrayaan-3's successful soft landing on August **23, 2023**, while promoting activities related to space science, innovation, research and India's expanding space ecosystem.



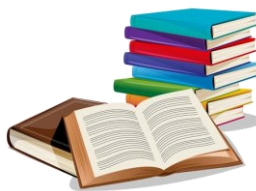
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives: National Space Day** aims to inspire students, researchers, innovators, startups and private companies to participate in India's space programme while advancing technological self-reliance and global space leadership.



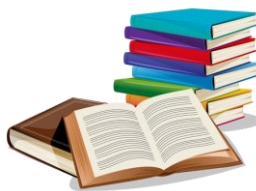
Important Terms Explained:

- Chandrayaan-3: It is India's lunar mission comprising the Vikram lander and Pragyan rover, which achieved a successful soft landing near the Moon's south polar region on August **23, 2023**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Shiv Shakti Point:** It is the name given to the lunar landing site associated with Chandrayaan-3's Vikram lander.
- **IN-SPACe:** It is an institution that facilitates greater participation of private companies and startups in India's space sector.



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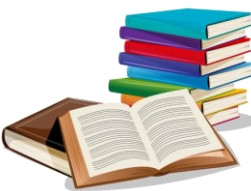
Parameter	Details
Observance	National Space Day 2026 commemorates India's historic Chandrayaan-3 lunar landing.
Date	National Space Day is observed annually on August 23.
2026 theme	"Towards Viksit Bharat – Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring Global Space Leadership."
Historical event	Vikram achieved a successful soft landing on the Moon on August 23, 2023.
National achievement	India became the fourth country to achieve a soft landing on the Moon.
Landing site	The Chandrayaan-3 landing site was named Shiv Shakti Point.
Key purpose	The observance promotes interest in space science, STEM education, innovation and technological development.
Future significance	The occasion highlights missions and initiatives such as Gaganyaan, Chandrayaan-4, private-sector participation and international space cooperation.



► How many school teachers have been selected for the National Teachers' Awards 2026?

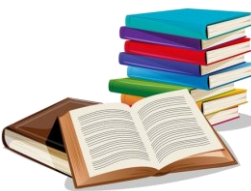
- A) 40
- B) 42
- C) 45
- D) 48
- E) 50

Answer
D) 48.



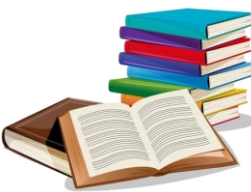
Event and Location:

- **Event:** President Droupadi Murmu will confer the **National Teachers' Awards 2026** on **48** outstanding school teachers for their contributions to education, teaching innovation and student development.
- **Location:** Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, India.
- **Date:** September 5, 2026.



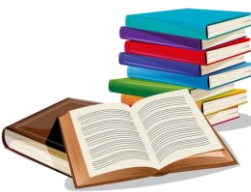
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Ministry of Education** will honour **48** selected teachers from schools across India after a multi-stage selection process involving online self-nomination, district or regional scrutiny, state or organisation-level evaluation and assessment by an independent national jury.



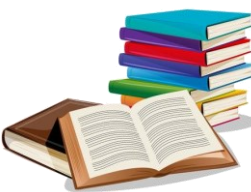
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The awards aim to recognise teachers demonstrating outstanding dedication, leadership, innovation and effectiveness in improving the quality of school education and students' learning experiences.



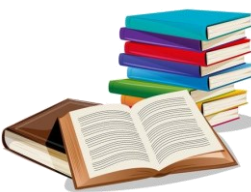
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Teachers' Award:** It is a national-level recognition instituted in **1958** to honour outstanding school teachers for exceptional contributions to education and student development.



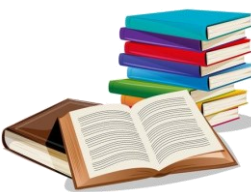
Important Terms Explained:

- Teachers' Day: It is observed in India on September 5 every year to mark the birth anniversary of former President and philosopher Dr. **Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Independent National Jury:** It is the final-level evaluation body that assesses shortlisted teacher nominations before the selection of awardees.



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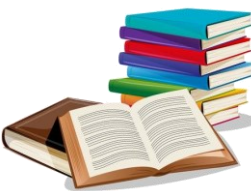
Parameter	Details
Award ceremony	The National Teachers' Awards 2026 will honour outstanding school teachers from across India.
Date	The awards will be presented on September 5, 2026, coinciding with Teachers' Day.
Venue	The ceremony will be held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
Presenter	President Droupadi Murmu will present the awards.
Number of awardees	A total of 48 teachers have been selected for the 2026 awards.
Managing authority	The awards are administered by the Department of School Education and Literacy under the Ministry of Education.
Institution year	The National Teachers' Award was instituted in 1958.
Selection process	Selection involves online self-nomination, district or regional evaluation, state or organisation-level screening and final assessment by an independent national jury.



- Which astronaut became the first French woman to conduct a spacewalk in August 2026?

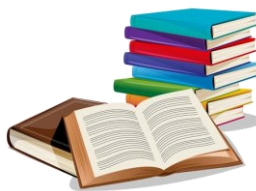
- A) Jessica Meir
- B) Sophie Adenot
- C) Samantha Cristoforetti
- D) Claudie Haigneré
- E) Anne McClain

Answer
B) Sophie Adenot.



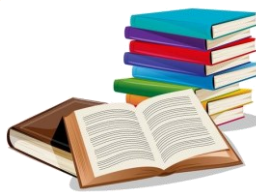
Event and Location:

- **Event: European Space Agency** astronaut **Sophie Adenot** became the first French woman to conduct a spacewalk during U.S. Spacewalk **97**.
- **Location: International Space Station**, in low Earth orbit.
- **Date: August 18, 2026.**



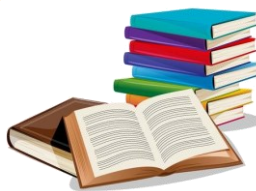
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **EVA-97** spacewalk was conducted by **Sophie Adenot** and **NASA** astronaut **Anil Menon** to replace a malfunctioning Space-to-**Ground Antenna** on the **International Space Station's Z1** truss.



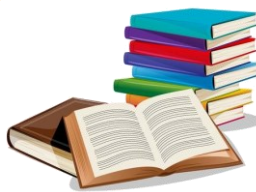
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The mission aimed to restore reliable high-speed communication between the **International Space Station and Mission Control Center in Houston** by addressing the faulty antenna system.



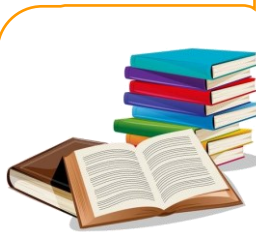
Important Terms Explained:

- **Extravehicular Activity (EVA):** It is a planned activity in which astronauts work outside a spacecraft or space station while wearing specialised spacesuits to perform maintenance, repairs, installation or scientific tasks.



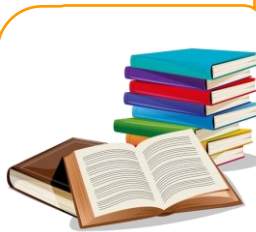
Important Terms Explained:

- Space-to-**Ground Antenna (SGANT)**: It is a communications antenna used to facilitate high-speed data exchange between the **International Space Station** and ground-based mission control facilities.



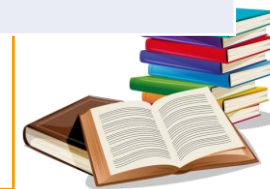
Important Terms Explained:

- **Canadarm2**: It is the **International Space Station's** robotic arm used for station assembly, maintenance operations and assistance during spacewalk-related activities.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Historic achievement	Sophie Adenot became the first French woman to conduct a spacewalk.
Mission designation	The spacewalk was designated U.S. Spacewalk 97, or EVA-97.
Date	The spacewalk took place on August 18, 2026.
Duration	The EVA lasted six hours and 23 minutes, from 8:29 a.m. EDT to 2:52 p.m. EDT.
Spacewalk partner	NASA astronaut Anil Menon accompanied Sophie Adenot during the EVA.
Main task	The astronauts attempted to replace a malfunctioning SGANT on the ISS Z1 truss.
Support crew	NASA astronauts Jessica Meir and Jack Hathaway assisted from inside the ISS and operated Canadarm2.
Significance	The mission was the 282nd spacewalk related to ISS construction and servicing, while Adenot became the second European woman to perform an EVA.

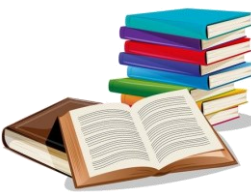


➤ Which organisation received the technology for the Submarine-Fired Decoy (SFD) from the Defence Research and Development Organisation?

- A) Bharat Electronics Limited
- B) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- C) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- D) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- E) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers

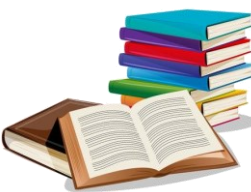
Answer

B) Bharat Dynamics Limited.



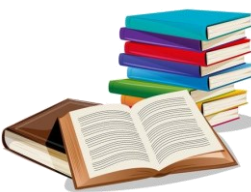
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) transferred Submarine-Fired Decoy technology to Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) for indigenous production.
- **Location:** India, with BDL headquartered in Hyderabad.
- **Date:** The development was reported on August 22, 2026.



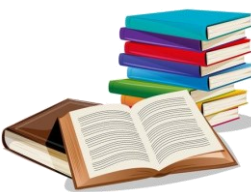
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL)** signed a **Technology Transfer** agreement with **BDL**, enabling the company to manufacture the **DRDO**-developed submarine defence system.



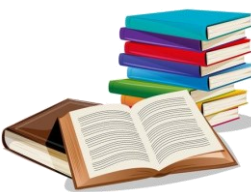
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to strengthen India's indigenous underwater defence capabilities, protect submarines against incoming torpedoes and reduce dependence on foreign defence systems.



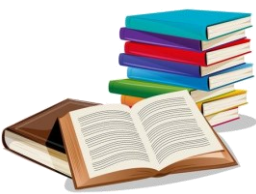
Important Terms Explained:

- **Technology Transfer (ToT):** It is an arrangement through which technical knowledge, designs and production know-how developed by one organisation are transferred to another entity for manufacturing or deployment.



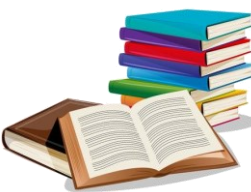
Important Terms Explained:

- **Countermeasure System:** It is a defensive system designed to detect, confuse, divert or neutralise an incoming threat such as a hostile torpedo.



Important Terms Explained:

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



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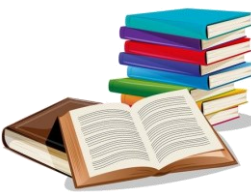
Parameter	Details
Technology transferred	Submarine-Fired Decoy technology developed for underwater defence applications.
Developer	DRDO developed the technology through NSTL.
Manufacturing agency	Bharat Dynamics Limited will undertake production of the transferred technology.
Agreement	NSTL and BDL signed a Technology Transfer agreement for production of the decoy system.
Primary purpose	The system is designed to protect submarines from incoming torpedoes.
Working principle	The decoy generates false signals and signatures to mislead hostile torpedoes away from the actual submarine.
Defence significance	Indigenous production will strengthen submarine survivability and India's underwater warfare capabilities.
Strategic value	The project supports domestic defence manufacturing and reduces reliance on overseas suppliers.

➤ Which shipyard delivered Mangrol, the third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft, to the Indian Navy?

- A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers
- C) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- D) Goa Shipyard Limited
- E) Hindustan Shipyard Limited

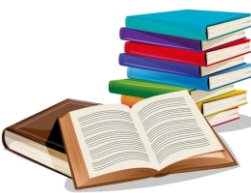
Answer

C) Cochin Shipyard Limited.



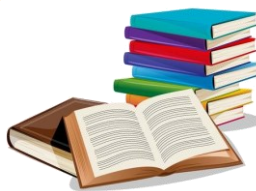
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) delivered Mangrol, the third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), to the Indian Navy with more than **80%** indigenous content.
- **Location:** Kochi, Kerala, India.
- **Date:** August **21, 2026**.



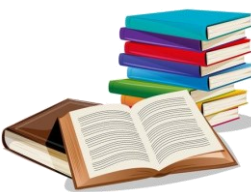
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Mangrol has been designed for underwater surveillance, anti-submarine warfare, coastal operations, low-intensity maritime operations and mine warfare using advanced sensors, torpedoes, rockets, radar and sonar systems.



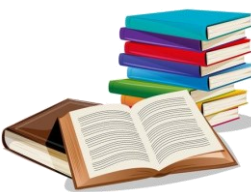
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The vessel aims to strengthen the **Indian Navy's** capabilities in shallow and coastal waters while advancing indigenous naval shipbuilding under the **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** initiative.



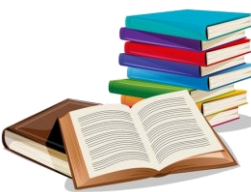
Important Terms Explained:

- **Anti-Submarine Warfare:** It refers to naval operations aimed at detecting, tracking, deterring or destroying hostile submarines using ships, aircraft, sensors and underwater weapons.



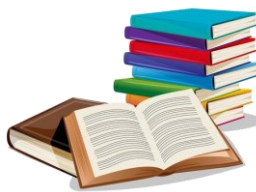
Important Terms Explained:

- **Low Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO):** These are limited-scale naval operations conducted in maritime areas for tasks that generally fall below the level of full-scale warfare.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mine Warfare:** It refers to naval operations involving the detection, clearance, avoidance or use of underwater mines to protect maritime routes and naval forces.



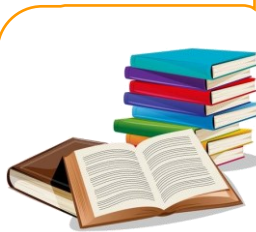
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Vessel name	Mangrol is the third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft delivered to the Indian Navy.
Delivery date	The vessel was delivered on August 21, 2026.
Builder	Cochin Shipyard Limited of Kochi constructed and delivered Mangrol.
Indigenous content	The vessel contains more than 80% indigenous content.
Operational role	Mangrol is designed for underwater surveillance, anti-submarine warfare, coastal operations, low-intensity maritime operations and mine warfare.
Weapons and sensors	The craft is equipped with torpedoes, anti-submarine rockets, radar and sonar systems.
Name origin	Mangrol is named after the coastal town and minor port of Mangrol in Junagadh district, Gujarat.
Strategic significance	The delivery strengthens indigenous shipbuilding and supports India's Aatmanirbhar Bharat objective in defence production.

- Under the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan Yojana (PM-SYM), what assured monthly pension is provided after attaining the age of 60 years?

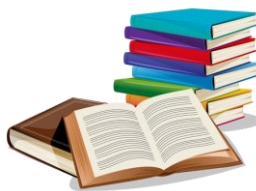
- A) ₹1,000
- B) ₹2,000
- C) ₹3,000
- D) ₹4,000
- E) ₹5,000

Answer
C) ₹3,000.



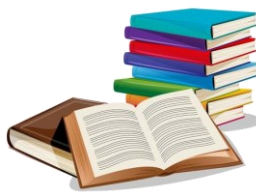
Event and Location:

- **Event:** A comprehensive **2026** overview of major Indian social security, retirement, pension, insurance, healthcare, housing and rehabilitation schemes was presented for **UPSC EPFO** and **APFC** examination preparation.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** August **22, 2026**.



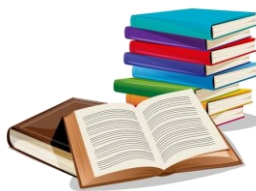
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The overview covers eligibility conditions, contribution structures, pension and insurance benefits, implementing mechanisms and major features of schemes serving workers, farmers, traders, vulnerable households, weavers and manual scavengers.



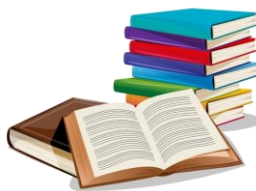
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The schemes aim to strengthen income security, retirement protection, insurance coverage, healthcare access, food security, housing assistance and social protection for eligible sections of society.



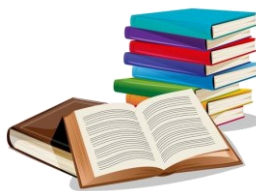
Important Terms Explained:

- **Voluntary and Contributory Pension Scheme:** It is a pension arrangement in which an eligible beneficiary voluntarily joins and makes prescribed contributions to build retirement benefits, with some schemes also providing a matching government contribution.



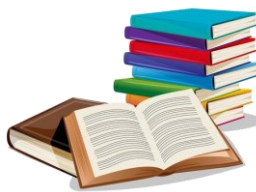
Important Terms Explained:

- **Equal Matching Contribution:** It means the government contributes an amount equal to the prescribed contribution made by the beneficiary under applicable pension schemes such as PM-**SYM** and the pension scheme for traders and self-employed persons.



Important Terms Explained:

- **One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC):** It is a portability mechanism under the **Public Distribution System** that enables eligible beneficiaries, particularly migrant workers, to access entitled food grains from locations away from their home area.



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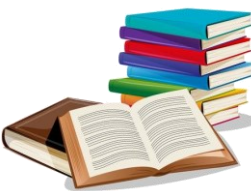
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
PM-SYM	Unorganised workers aged 18–40 years with monthly income below ₹15,000 can contribute ₹55–₹200 monthly and receive an assured pension of ₹3,000 per month after 60 years, subject to scheme conditions.
Pension scheme for traders	Eligible traders and self-employed persons aged 18–40 years with annual turnover not exceeding ₹1.5 crore contribute ₹55–₹200 monthly, with an equal matching contribution from the Central Government.
PMJJBY and PMSBY	PMJJBY provides ₹2 lakh life cover for death due to any cause at an annual premium of ₹436, while PMSBY provides up to ₹2 lakh accident cover at an annual premium of ₹20.
Atal Pension Yojana	Eligible citizens aged 18–40 years can choose a pension amount ranging from ₹1,000 to ₹5,000 under the scheme.
PDS and PMAY-G	PDS supports food-grain access and portability through ONORC, while PMAY-G provides housing assistance of ₹1.20 lakh in plain areas and ₹1.30 lakh in hilly areas.
NSAP and AB-PMJAY	NSAP provides social assistance for persons with little or no regular means of subsistence, while AB-PMJAY provides health coverage of ₹5 lakh per eligible family per year for secondary and tertiary hospitalization.
PM-KMY and Weaver	PM-KMY provides an assured ₹3,000 monthly pension to eligible small and marginal

► What is the total outlay of the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS) notified by the Centre for 2026–31?

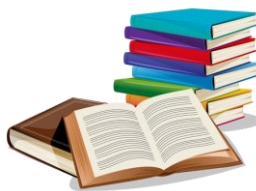
- A) ₹42,500 crore
- B) ₹50,000 crore
- C) ₹55,000 crore
- D) ₹62,500 crore
- E) ₹75,000 crore

Answer
D) ₹62,500 crore.



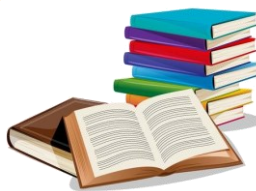
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Centre notified the **₹62,500 crore Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme** to promote mobile phone production, Indian brands and domestic component sourcing.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** August **21, 2026**.



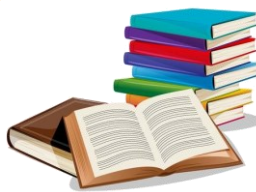
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The five-year scheme will provide production-linked incentives for mobile phone manufacturing and Indian mobile brands, along with an additional incentive of up to **1.5%** for sourcing specified components and sub-assemblies domestically.



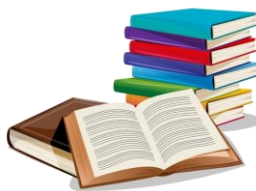
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to expand manufacturing scale, increase domestic value addition, strengthen the electronics supply chain, support globally competitive Indian mobile brands and generate employment.



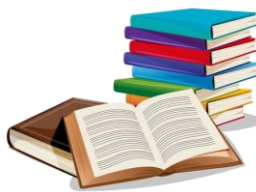
Important Terms Explained:

- Production-**Linked Incentive (PLI)**: It is an incentive mechanism that provides financial benefits to eligible manufacturers based on specified production or performance criteria.



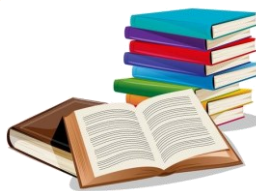
Important Terms Explained:

- **Target Segment 1 (TS1):** It is the segment of the scheme dedicated to mobile phone manufacturing operations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Target Segment 2 (TS2):** It is the segment intended to support Indian mobile phone brands, with applicants receiving a one-year gestation period.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Scheme outlay	The Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme has a total outlay of ₹62,500 crore.
Scheme period	The scheme will operate for five years from April 1, 2026 to FY 2030–31.
Target segments	TS1 covers mobile phone manufacturing, while TS2 focuses on Indian mobile phone brands.
Domestic sourcing incentive	Companies can receive an additional incentive of up to 1.5% for eligible domestically sourced critical components and sub-assemblies.
Localisation requirement	Specified components must be localised in 25% of the mobile phone units produced by a company during a financial year.
Key components	Eligible components include camera modules, display assemblies, mechanical components and battery cells.
Production projection	Cumulative mobile phone production during the policy period is projected at approximately ₹39 lakh crore.
Employment projection	The scheme is expected to create about 60,000 new direct employment opportunities.

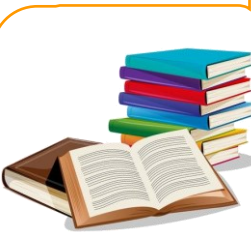
➤ Which campaign is planned by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi completing 25 years in public life?

- A) Seva Sankalp Mahotsav
- B) Viksit Bharat Mahotsav
- C) Jan Kalyan Abhiyan
- D) Seva Bharat Mission
- E) Rashtriya Vikas Mahotsav



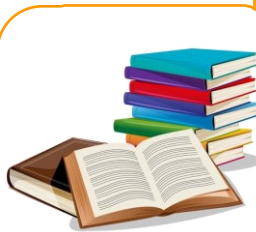
Answer

A) Seva Sankalp Mahotsav.



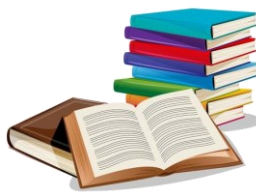
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The **BJP** will finalise the nationwide road map for Modi@25, marking **Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 25** years in public life.
- **Location:** **New Delhi**, with the campaign planned across India.



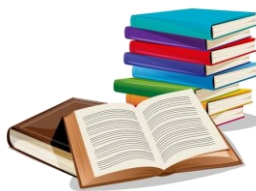
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The national road map meeting is scheduled for August **22, 2026**, while the celebrations are planned to begin on September **7, 2026**.



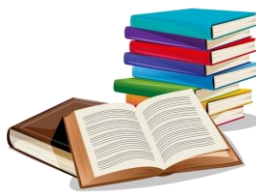
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **BJP** will organise **Seva Sankalp Mahotsav** through service programmes, welfare outreach, exhibitions, awareness camps, conferences and public dialogues across India.



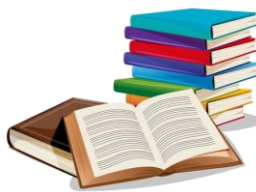
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The campaign aims to highlight **Narendra Modi's 25** years in public life while promoting service, good governance, development and Antyodaya through public participation and welfare-oriented activities.



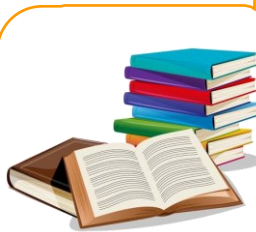
Important Terms Explained:

- **Antyodaya:** It refers to the principle of ensuring development and welfare benefits reach the last and most disadvantaged person in society.



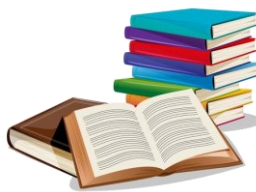
Important Terms Explained:

- **Welfare Scheme Awareness Camps:** These are outreach programmes intended to inform people about government welfare schemes and assist eligible beneficiaries in understanding available benefits.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital and Photo Exhibitions:** These are exhibitions planned under the campaign to showcase significant aspects of **Narendra Modi's 25** years in public life.



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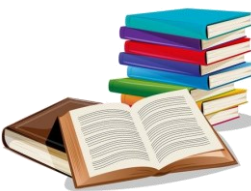
Parameter	Details
Event name	Modi@25 nationwide celebrations under Seva Sankalp Mahotsav.
Road map meeting date	August 22, 2026.
Meeting location	New Delhi.
Campaign start date	September 7, 2026.
Key milestone	Narendra Modi completes 25 years in public life on October 7, 2026.
Key participants	Nitin Nabin, BL Santosh, Vinod Tawde, State BJP Presidents and organisational functionaries.
Four campaign pillars	Service, good governance, development and Antyodaya.
Major activities	Cleanliness drives, blood donation camps, tree plantation, health camps, welfare awareness programmes and exhibitions.



➤ **What is the revised mandatory legal practice period for candidates appearing in entry-level judicial service examinations as directed by the Supreme Court?**

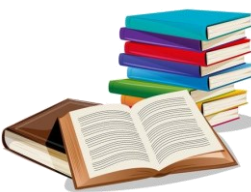
- A) Six months
- B) One year
- C) Two years
- D) Three years
- E) Five years

Answer
B) One year.



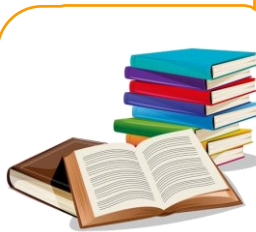
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Supreme Court** reduced the mandatory legal practice requirement for entry-level judicial service examinations from three years to one year.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** The judgment was reported on August 22, 2026.



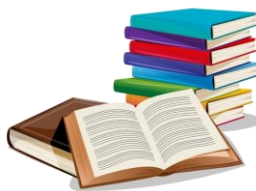
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Court** introduced a revised framework comprising one year of mandatory legal practice, one year of training and one year of supervised clerkship for entry-level judicial recruitment.



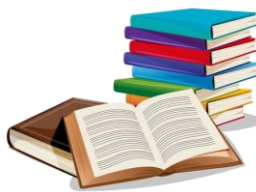
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The revised framework aims to ease entry barriers for young law graduates while ensuring structured practical exposure, training and assessment before regular judicial appointment.



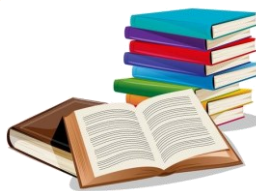
Important Terms Explained:

- **Entry-Level Judicial Service Examination:** It is the recruitment examination through which eligible candidates are selected for junior-level judicial posts in the subordinate judiciary.



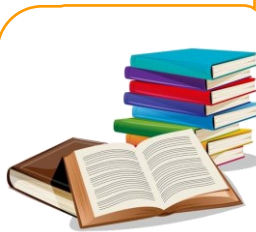
Important Terms Explained:

- **Trainee Judicial Officer:** It refers to a candidate appointed under the transitional arrangement for one year of training instead of receiving an immediate regular judicial appointment.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Transitional Relief:** It is the temporary relaxation granted to candidates covered by judicial examination notifications issued between May **20, 2025** and March **31, 2027**, allowing them to appear irrespective of the earlier three-year practice requirement.



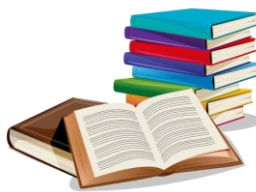
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Key decision	The mandatory legal practice period for entry-level judicial service examinations was reduced from three years to one year.
Bench composition	The three-judge bench was headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and included AG Masih and K Vinod Chandran.
Judgment nature	The Court delivered a 2:1 split judgment while disposing of review petitions against the earlier ruling.
Earlier requirement	A May 2025 judgment had prescribed three years of mandatory legal practice before appearing for entry-level judicial service examinations.
Revised framework	The new arrangement includes one year of practice, one year of training and one year of supervised clerkship.
Transitional period	Candidates covered by examination notifications issued between May 20, 2025 and March 31, 2027 can appear irrespective of the practice period.
Appointment during transition	Selected candidates will serve as trainee judicial officers for one year instead of receiving immediate regular appointments.
Review period	The Supreme Court stated that the revised process should continue for three years to assess recruitment quality, probationer performance and clerkship effectiveness.

➤ Which toll-free helpline number has been launched in West Bengal for reporting extortion?

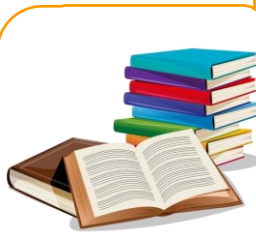
- A) 155334
- B) 155335
- C) 155336
- D) 155337
- E) 155339

Answer
A) 155334.



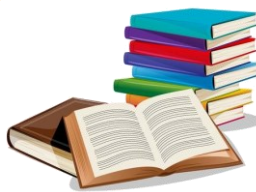
Event and Location:

- **Event: West Bengal** launched four toll-free helpline numbers for citizens to report extortion, syndicate activities, illegal road and toll tax collections, and illegal liquor activities.
- **Location: West Bengal, India.**



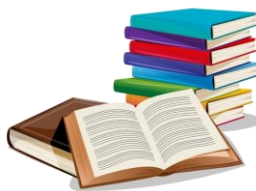
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The initiative was reported on August **22, 2026**.



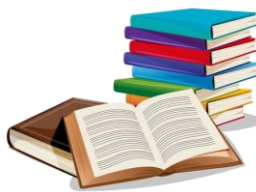
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The four dedicated helplines enable citizens to directly register complaints concerning syndicate activities, illegal collections, extortion and illegal liquor activities with the concerned authorities.



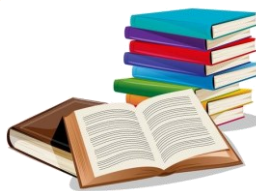
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to establish a direct complaint mechanism for citizens and facilitate swift action by authorities against specified illegal activities.



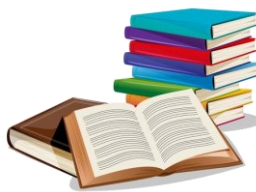
Important Terms Explained:

- **Toll-Free Helpline:** It is a dedicated telephone service through which citizens can register complaints without bearing the cost of the call.



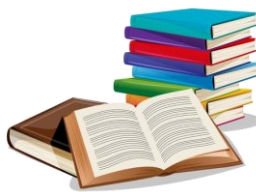
Important Terms Explained:

- **Illegal Road and Toll Tax Collection:** It refers to unauthorised collection of money or charges from road users without lawful authority.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Illegal Liquor Activities:** These refer to unauthorised activities involving liquor that violate applicable laws and regulations.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Initiative	Four dedicated toll-free complaint helplines were launched in West Bengal.
Helpline 155334	It is designated for complaints regarding extortion.
Helpline 155335	It is designated for complaints regarding syndicate activities.
Helpline 155337	It is designated for complaints regarding illegal road and toll tax collections.
Helpline 155339	It is designated for complaints regarding illegal liquor activities.
Review	Union Home Minister Amit Shah reviewed the functioning of the newly established helplines during his West Bengal visit.
Review location	The functioning and complaint-registration process were discussed at a meeting in Siliguri.
Purpose	The helplines are intended to provide citizens with a direct communication channel for complaints and enable prompt official action.

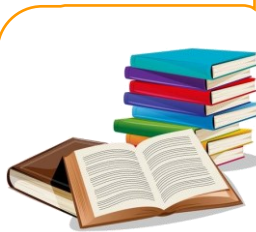
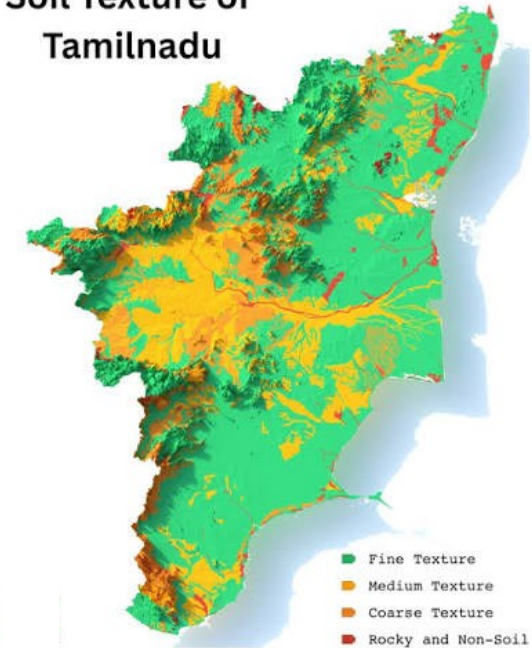


➤ Which institution developed India's first Soil Texture Map with hectare-level digital soil information?

- A) ICAR-IARI
- B) NBSS&LUP
- C) ISRO
- D) NABARD
- E) IMD

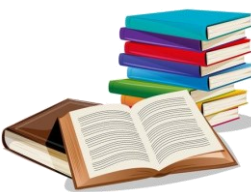
Answer
B) NBSS&LUP.

Soil Texture of
Tamilnadu



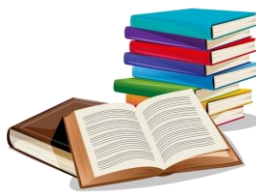
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's first **Soil Texture Map** was developed to provide digitised hectare-level information on soil texture across the country.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** July 16, 2026.



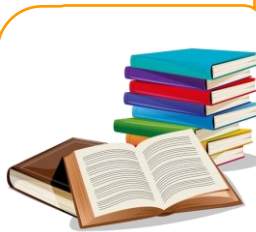
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The map combines field observations, remote sensing, satellite imagery, geospatial databases and artificial intelligence-based analysis to classify soil texture at a resolution of one hectare.



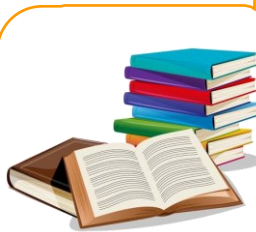
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to support crop selection, irrigation planning, soil classification, land-use planning, precision agriculture and location-specific agricultural decision-making.



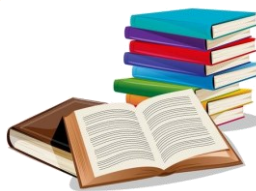
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning (NBSS&LUP):** It is an institution under the **Indian Council of Agricultural Research** that developed India's first hectare-level **Soil Texture Map**.



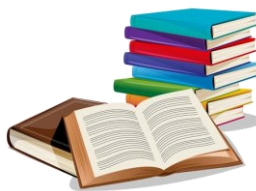
Important Terms Explained:

- **Soil Texture:** It refers to the relative proportion of sand, silt and clay particles in soil, which influences water-holding capacity, drainage, aeration and crop suitability.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Precision Agriculture:** It is an agricultural approach that uses detailed location-specific information about soil, water and crops to improve farm-level planning and resource management.



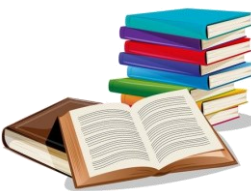
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Development	India's first Soil Texture Map provides digitised information on soil texture at the hectare level.
Developing institution	The map was developed by NBSS&LUP under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
Launch date	The map was launched on July 16, 2026.
Resolution	Soil texture information is available at a high resolution of one hectare.
Technology used	Field surveys, remote sensing, satellite imagery, geospatial databases and artificial intelligence were used.
Soil components	Soil texture is determined by the relative proportions of sand, silt and clay.
Major applications	The map can support crop suitability assessment, irrigation planning, soil classification and land-use planning.
Agricultural significance	Hectare-level information can improve precision agriculture and village-level agricultural planning.

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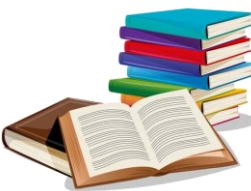
- **Madras Day is observed annually on August 22 to commemorate the historical founding of Madras in 1639.**
- **National Space Day is observed in India every year on August 23 to commemorate the success of Chandrayaan-3.**
- **The Supreme Court reduced the mandatory practice requirement for entry-level judicial service candidates from three years to one year.**
- **West Bengal has introduced four toll-free numbers for reporting specified illegal activities.**
- **India's first Soil Texture Map was launched on July 16, 2026.**



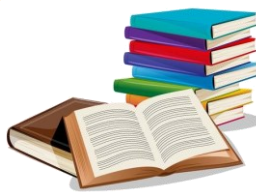
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- **President Droupadi Murmu will present the National Teachers' Awards 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.**
- **Sophie Adenot became the first French woman to conduct a spacewalk on August 18, 2026.**
- **DRDO transferred the technology for a submarine-fired torpedo decoy system to Bharat Dynamics Limited.**
- **Mangrol is the third ASW-SWC delivered by Cochin Shipyard Limited to the Indian Navy.**
- **PM-SYM provides an assured monthly pension of ₹3,000 after the beneficiary attains 60 years of age.**
- **The Centre notified the ₹62,500 crore Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme on August 21, 2026.**
- **The BJP will finalise the nationwide road map for the Modi@25 campaign at a meeting in New Delhi on August 22, 2026.**



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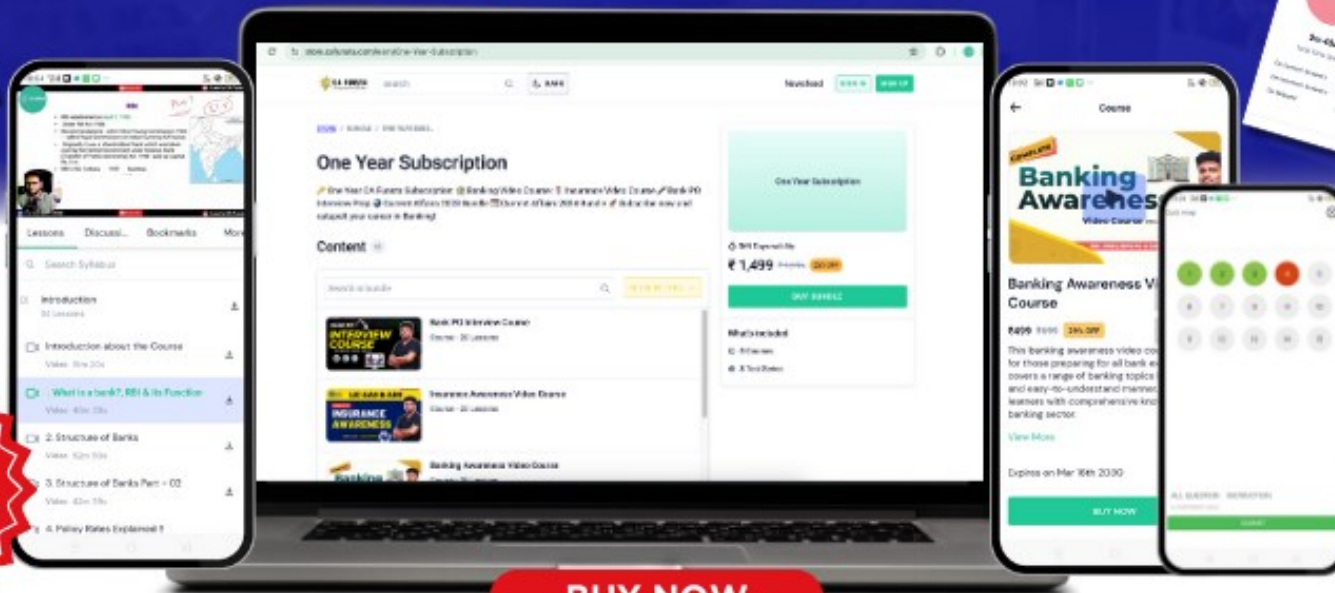
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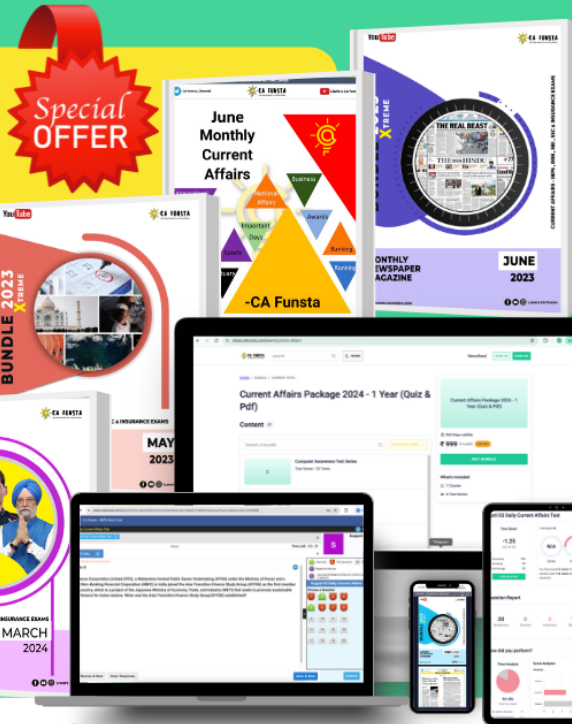


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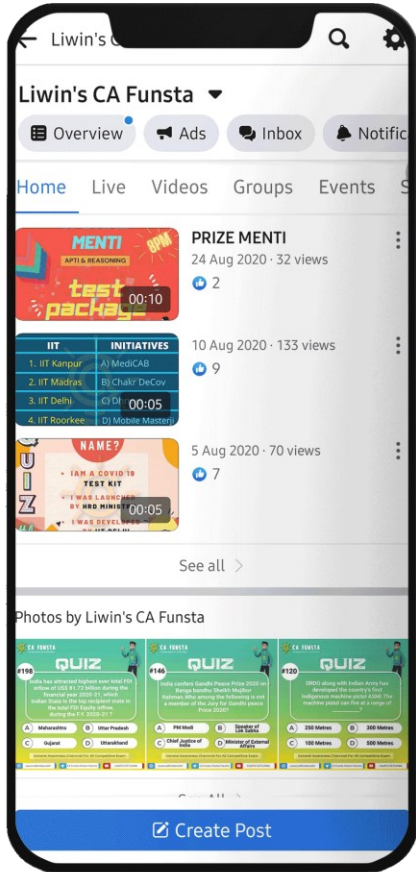
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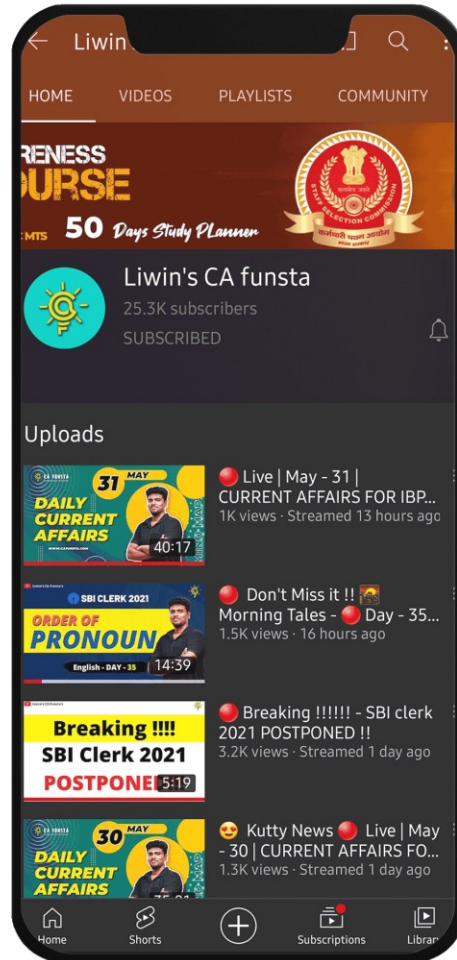


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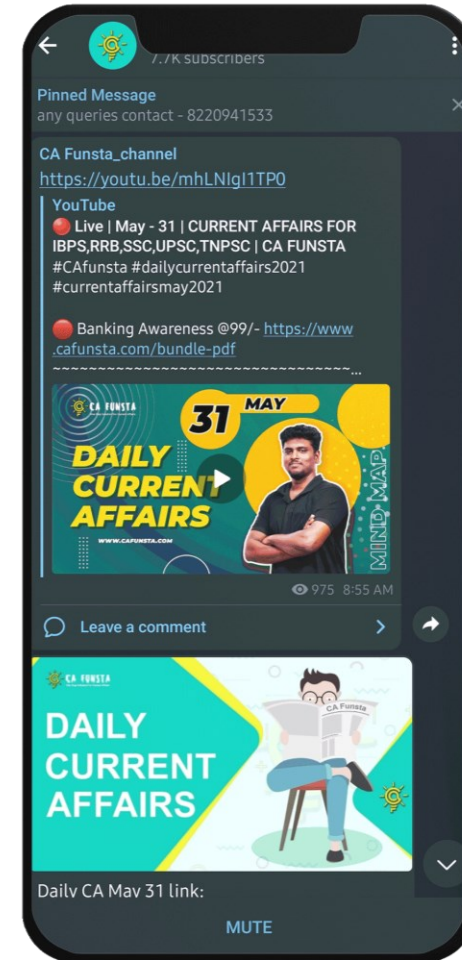
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