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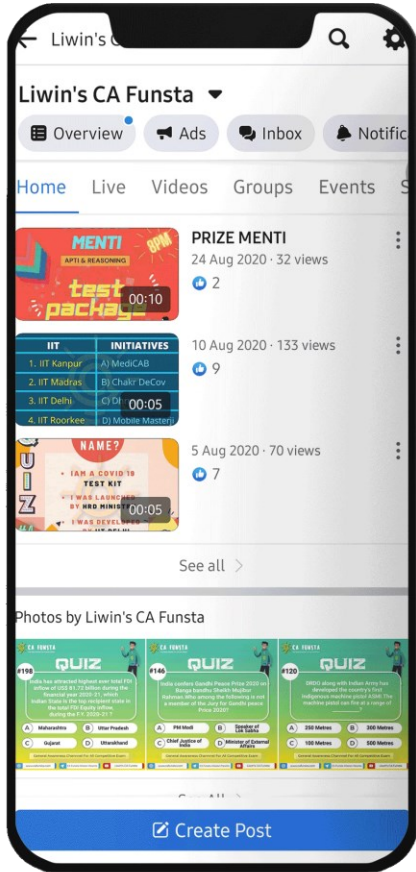


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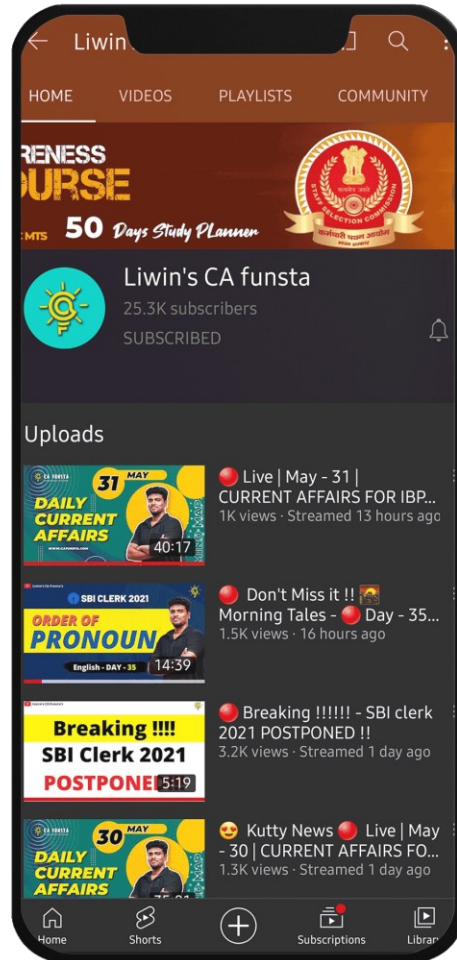
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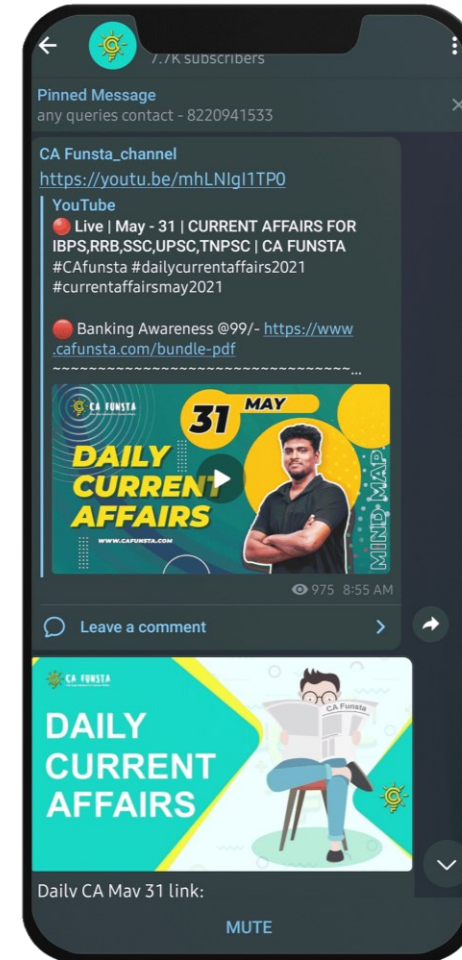
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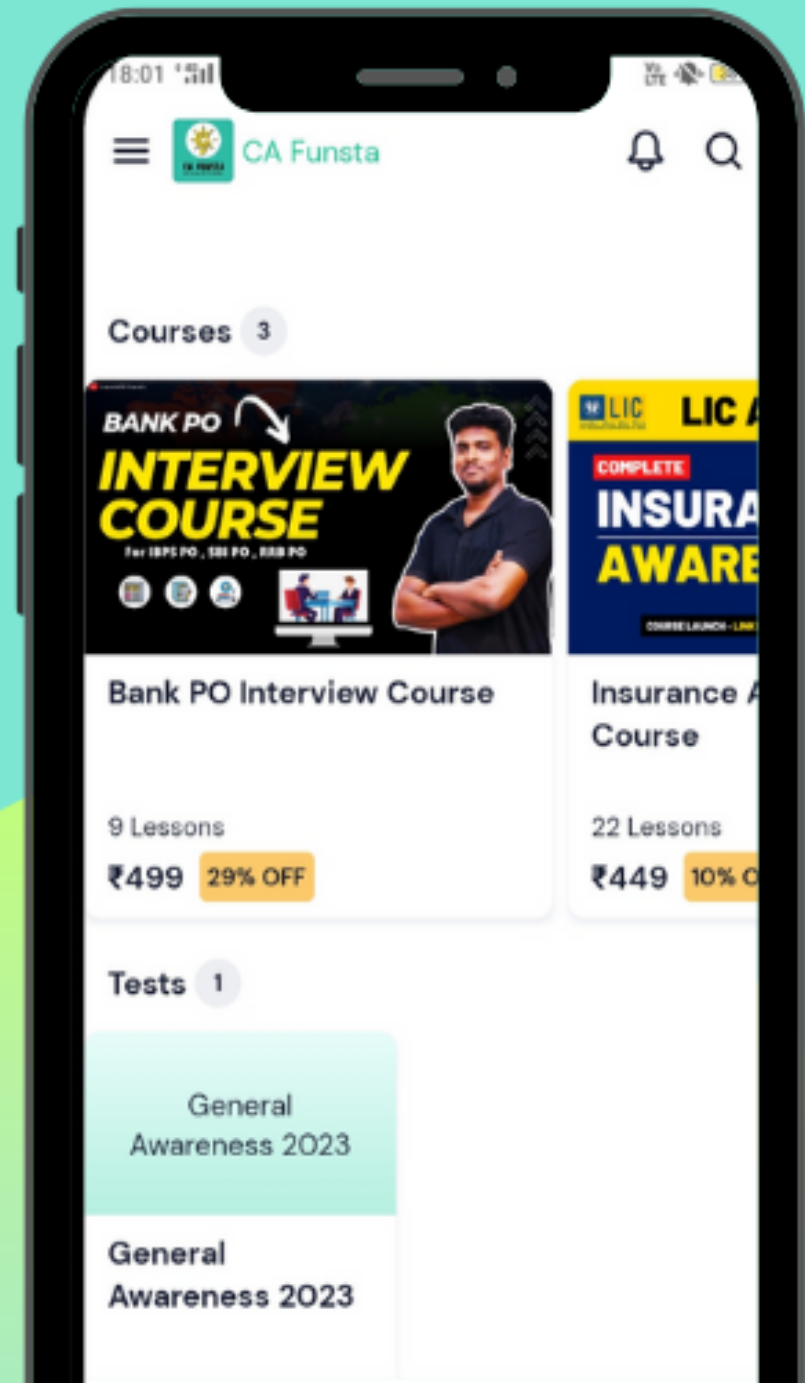
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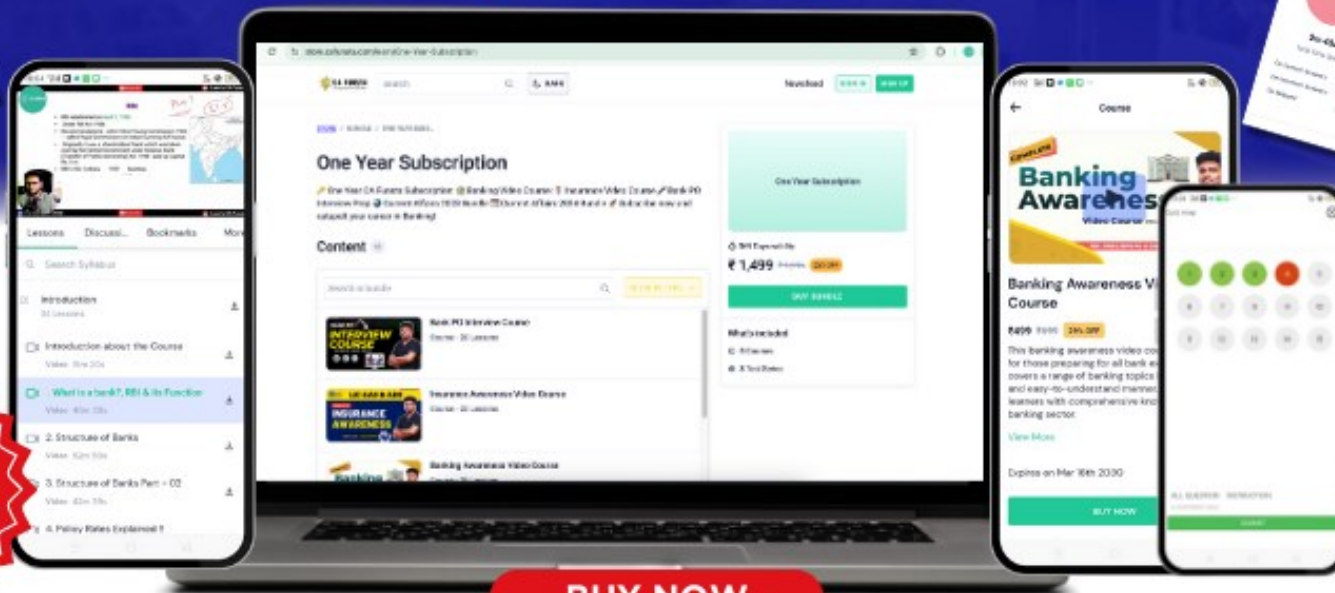
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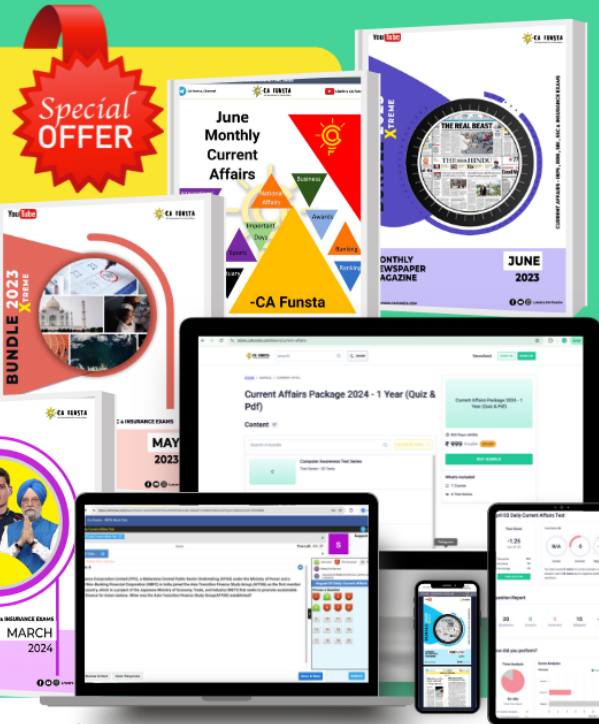


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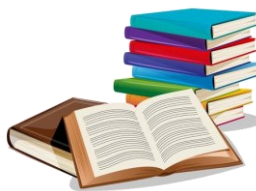


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➤ **Who was crowned Miss Universe India 2026 and selected to represent India at the 75th Miss Universe pageant?**

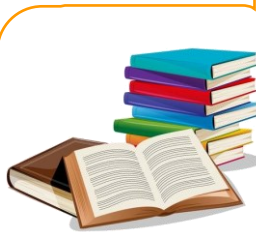
- A) Vaishnavi Gannesh
- B) Anushri Satavlekar
- C) Kaziah Liz Mejo
- D) Tejaswini Shrivastava
- E) Anubha Vashist Chaudhary

Answer
C) Kaziah Liz Mejo.



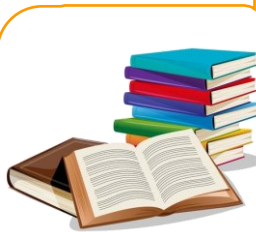
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Kaziah Liz Mejo**, a **19**-year-old contestant from Kerala, was crowned **Miss Universe India 2026** after competing against **52** finalists.
- **Location:** The national finale was held at **Zee Studios in Jaipur**, Rajasthan.
- **Date:** The final round was held on August **23, 2026**.



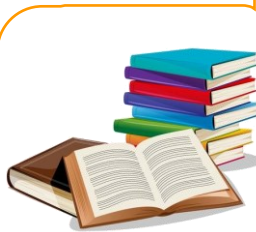
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Kaziah Liz Mejo will represent India at the **75th Miss Universe** pageant scheduled to be held in **Puerto Rico in November 2026**.
- **Objectives:** The national competition selected India's representative for the international **Miss Universe** contest, where Mejo aims to compete for the global title.



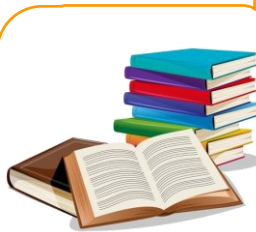
Important Terms Explained:

- **Miss Universe:** An international beauty pageant in which national titleholders from participating countries compete for the global **Miss Universe** crown.



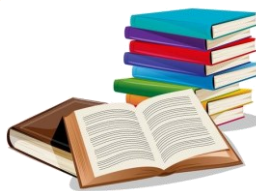
Important Terms Explained:

- **Miss International India 2026:** The national title awarded to **Vaishnavi Gannesh**, the first runner-up at the **Miss Universe India 2026** competition, enabling her to represent India at the **Miss International** competition.



Important Terms Explained:

- **First Runner-up:** The contestant who finishes immediately behind the winner in a competition; **Vaishnavi Gannesh** secured this position at the national finale.



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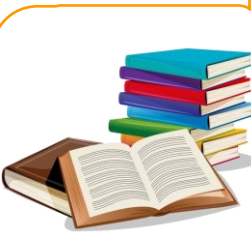
Parameter	Details
Winner	Kaziah Liz Mejo of Kerala was crowned Miss Universe India 2026.
Age	Kaziah Liz Mejo was 19 years old at the time of her victory.
Finale date	The final round was held on August 23, 2026.
Finale venue	The competition was held at Zee Studios, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
Competition field	Kaziah Liz Mejo emerged as the winner after competing against 52 finalists.
Crown presented by	Miss Universe India 2025 Manika Vishwakarma crowned her successor.
International representation	Kaziah Liz Mejo will represent India at Miss Universe 2026 in Puerto Rico in November 2026.
First runner-up	Vaishnavi Gannesh finished first runner-up and received the Miss International India 2026 title.



► Which Chinese humanoid robot completed the 100-metre sprint in 8.86 seconds at the World Humanoid Robot Games 2026?

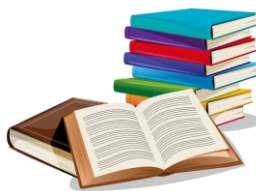
- A) Lightning
- B) Tiangong Ultra
- C) Atlas
- D) Optimus
- E) Walker S

Answer
B) Tiangong Ultra.



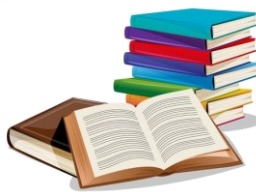
Event and Location:

- **Event: Tiangong Ultra**, a Chinese bipedal autonomous humanoid robot, completed the **100**-metre sprint in **8.86** seconds, faster than **Usain Bolt**'s human world-record time of **9.58** seconds.
- **Location:** The performance took place at the **World Humanoid Robot Games 2026** in Beijing, China.
- **Date:** The **World Humanoid Robot Games 2026** were held from August **22** to **26, 2026**.



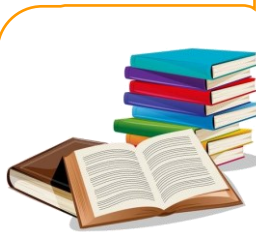
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The World Humanoid Robot Games 2026**
test humanoid robots across sports and real-life challenges involving speed, balance, coordination, mobility and autonomous decision-making.



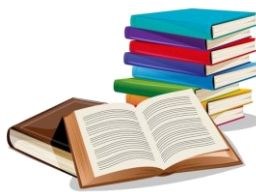
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The event aims to evaluate advances in humanoid robotics and demonstrate improvements in artificial intelligence, motion planning, actuation, balance control and independent locomotion.



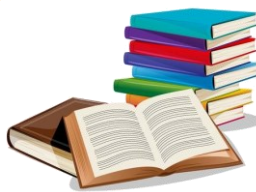
Important Terms Explained:

- **Humanoid Robot:** A robot designed with a human-like physical structure and capable of performing movements or tasks resembling human actions.



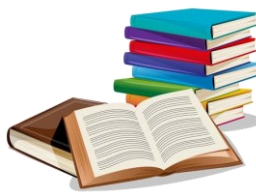
Important Terms Explained:

- **Bipedal Autonomous Robot:** A robot that moves on two legs and can perform actions with a degree of independent control and decision-making.



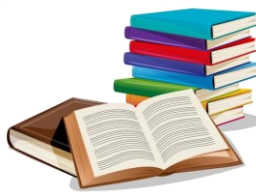
Important Terms Explained:

- **Motion Planning:** The process through which a robot calculates and executes suitable movements while maintaining speed, stability and coordination.



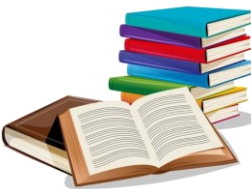
Important Terms Explained:

- **Actuation:** The mechanism by which motors or other systems generate movement in a robot's joints and limbs.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Robot name	Tiangong Ultra.
Developer	The robot was developed by the Beijing Humanoid Robot Innovation Center.
100m performance	Tiangong Ultra completed 100 metres in 8.86 seconds.
Human comparison	Usain Bolt's human 100-metre world record is 9.58 seconds, set in 2009.
Competition	The performance was recorded at the World Humanoid Robot Games 2026 in Beijing.
Previous benchmark	The fastest 100-metre time at the previous edition was 21.50 seconds.
Other notable robot	Honor's humanoid robot Lightning reportedly completed 100 metres in 9.47 seconds.
Technological significance	The performance highlighted advances in balance control, locomotion, artificial intelligence, actuation and motion planning.



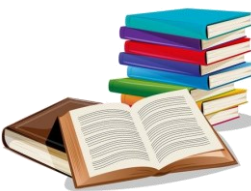
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- According to NITI Aayog, approximately how many Indians aged 15–29 are neither in education, employment nor training?

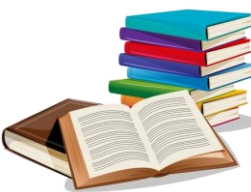
- A) 5.4 crore
- B) 6.8 crore
- C) 7.5 crore
- D) 8.7 crore
- E) 9.6 crore

Answer
D) 8.7 crore.



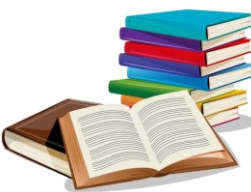
Event and Location:

- **Event:** NITI Aayog reported that around **8.7 crore** Indians aged **15–29** fall under the **NEET** category, highlighting major challenges related to youth employment, education and skilling.
- **Location:** The findings relate to youth across India.
- **Date:** The estimate is based on the **78th** round of the **National Sample Survey** conducted in **2021** and was highlighted in the report “**Reimagining Skilling for Viksit Bharat@2047**”.



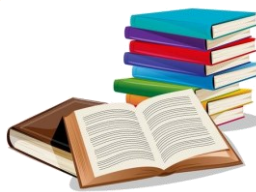
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The report recommends affordable and subsidised skill training, flexible learning, career reskilling, self-employment pathways, local demand-based training and skills for emerging sectors.



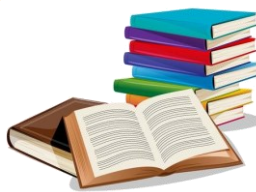
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The recommendations aim to increase youth workforce participation, improve alignment between education and employment, reduce financial barriers to skilling and support India's **Viksit Bharat 2047** goals.



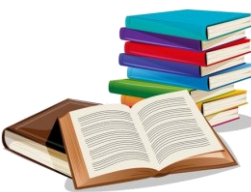
Important Terms Explained:

- **NEET: Not in Education**, Employment or Training refers to people aged **15–29** who are not engaged in education, employment or any form of training, including unemployed youth.



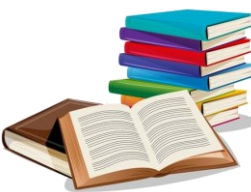
Important Terms Explained:

- **Viksit Bharat 2047:** India's long-term vision of becoming a developed nation by **2047** through improvements in economic growth, human capital, skills, employment and overall development.



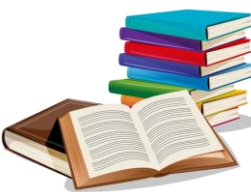
Important Terms Explained:

- **Reskilling:** The process of acquiring new skills that enable workers to move into different roles or adapt to changing labour-market requirements.



Important Terms Explained:

- Demand-based Training: Skill development designed according to the actual workforce requirements of industries, sectors or local economies.



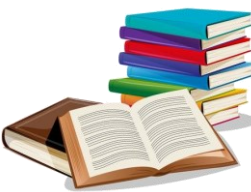
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Report title	“Reimagining Skilling for Viksit Bharat@2047”.
NEET population	Around 8.7 crore Indians aged 15–29 are estimated to be outside education, employment and training.
Data source	The estimate is based on the 78th round of the National Sample Survey conducted in 2021.
Employment mismatch	Only 8.25% of graduates were reported to be employed in jobs relevant to their qualifications.
Key challenge	Financial barriers, limited practical exposure and insufficient industry-aligned skills restrict youth employability.
Major recommendations	The report advocates subsidised training, flexible learning, reskilling, self-employment and local demand-oriented skill development.
Training progress	More than 7.67 crore people have been trained since 2014-15.
Strategic significance	Better skilling and workforce participation are considered important for achieving Viksit Bharat 2047.

- Which payment system completed 10 years in August 2026 after its annual transaction volume crossed 24,162 crore in FY 2025-26?

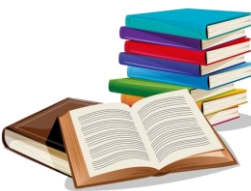
- A) IMPS
- B) NEFT
- C) RTGS
- D) UPI
- E) BBPS

Answer
D) UPI.



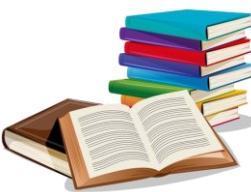
Event and Location:

- **Event: Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** completed **10** years of operations, with annual transaction volume exceeding **24,162 crore** and transaction value reaching **₹314 lakh crore** in FY **2025-26**.
- **Location: UPI** operates across India and has expanded internationally to nine countries.
- **Date: UPI** completed **10** years on August **25, 2026**, having been introduced on August **25, 2016**.



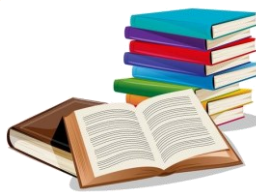
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: UPI**, introduced by the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** under the regulatory authority of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, enables instant and interoperable digital payments between bank accounts through participating applications and banks.



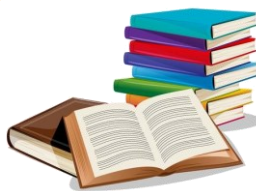
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The system aims to provide convenient, secure and real-time digital payments, promote financial inclusion, strengthen India's **Digital Public Infrastructure** and expand access to domestic and international digital transactions.



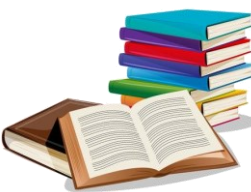
Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI):** Digital systems and platforms built at population scale to provide essential services, with **UPI** forming a major component of India's digital payments infrastructure.



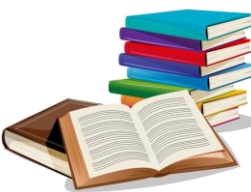
Important Terms Explained:

- Person-to-Person (P2P) Payments: Digital transfers in which money is sent directly from one individual's bank account to another individual's account.



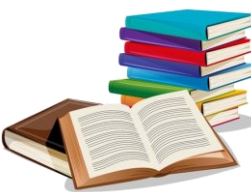
Important Terms Explained:

- Person-to-Merchant (P2M) Payments: Digital transactions in which individuals use **UPI** to pay merchants for goods or services, including everyday retail purchases.



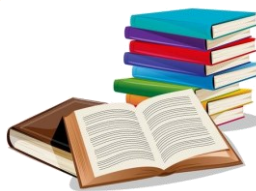
Important Terms Explained:

- **Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR):** A measure of the average annual growth rate of a quantity over a specified period, with **UPI** recording transaction volume **CAGR** of **188%** and transaction value **CAGR** of **155%**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Payment Service Provider (PSP):** A participating institution that facilitates payment transactions, with remitter PSPs handling outgoing payments and beneficiary PSPs receiving funds.



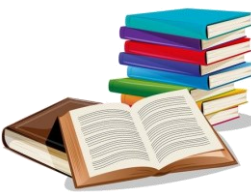
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Launch date	UPI was introduced on August 25, 2016.
Annual transaction volume	UPI processed more than 24,162 crore transactions in FY 2025-26, compared with approximately 2 crore in FY 2016-17.
Annual transaction value	Transaction value increased from ₹0.07 lakh crore in FY 2016-17 to ₹314 lakh crore in FY 2025-26.
July 2026 record	UPI recorded 2,366 crore transactions worth ₹29.88 lakh crore in July 2026.
Bank participation	The number of banks live on UPI increased to 741 by July 2026, compared with 21 banks at launch.
Digital payment share	UPI accounted for 84% of India's digital payments in FY 2025-26.
Global position	UPI accounted for nearly 49% of global real-time payment transaction volume in 2025.
International reach	UPI was operational in nine countries, including the UAE, France, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Singapore and Mauritius.

➤ Where was India's first non-GMO high-expansion popcorn maize hybrid seed launched in August 2026?

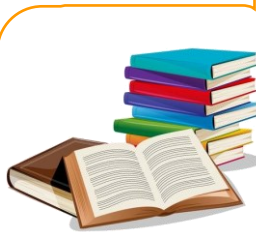
- A) Guntur
- B) Musunuru
- C) Vijayawada
- D) Visakhapatnam
- E) Tirupati

Answer
B) Musunuru.



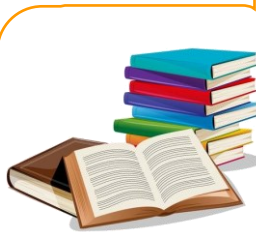
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India launched its first indigenous non-**GMO** high-expansion popcorn maize hybrid seed, reducing dependence on foreign hybrid technology for premium popcorn maize.
- **Location:** The hybrid was launched at **Musunuru in Eluru** district, **Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Date:** The indigenous popcorn maize hybrid was launched on August **24, 2026**.



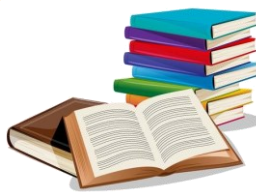
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Vice President** C. P. Radhakrishnan unveiled the indigenous popcorn maize hybrid at an event associated with **Gourmet Popcornica** and felicitated successful farmers and business partners involved in the initiative.



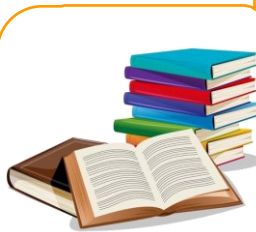
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to promote indigenous seed innovation, reduce dependence on foreign hybrid technology, save foreign exchange, strengthen farmer-industry collaboration and advance agricultural self-reliance.



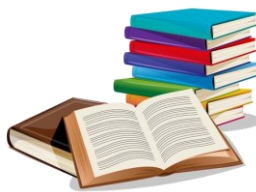
Important Terms Explained:

- **Non-GMO: Non-Genetically Modified Organism** refers to a crop or seed developed without directly altering its genetic material through genetic engineering techniques.



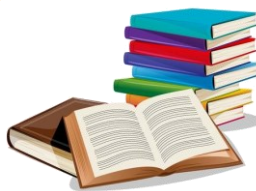
Important Terms Explained:

- **High-Expansion Popcorn Maize:** A specialized variety of popcorn maize capable of producing a higher volume of popped corn from a given quantity of kernels, an important quality parameter for premium popcorn.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat:** India's self-reliance initiative that promotes greater domestic capability, innovation and production while reducing dependence on imports and foreign technologies.



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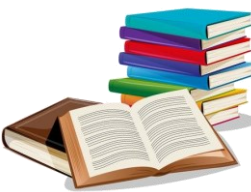
Parameter	Details
Major development	India launched its first indigenous non-GMO high-expansion popcorn maize hybrid seed.
Launch date	The new hybrid was unveiled on August 24, 2026.
Launch location	The event was held at Musunuru in Eluru district, Andhra Pradesh.
Launched by	Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan unveiled the new hybrid.
Associated venture	The launch was connected with Gourmet Popcornica and its farmer-based agricultural ecosystem.
Farmer participation	More than 17,500 farmers from eight states are associated with the initiative across nearly 40,000 acres.
Key significance	The hybrid can reduce India's dependence on foreign technology for premium popcorn maize and help save foreign exchange.
Agricultural impact	The initiative promotes indigenous technology, farmer-industry collaboration, entrepreneurship and agricultural self-reliance.

➤ What is the name of the US-led global campaign launched to target Iran's revenue sources, oil networks and international trade links?

- A) Operation Iron Shield
- B) Operation Economic Outcast
- C) Operation Global Pressure
- D) Operation Oil Blockade
- E) Operation Financial Freeze

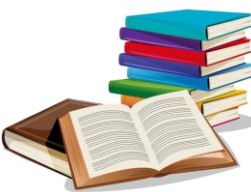
Answer

B) Operation Economic Outcast.



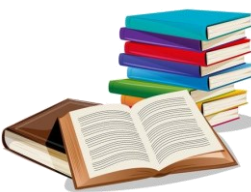
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The United States launched **Operation Economic Outcast**, a global economic pressure campaign targeting Iran's revenue sources, oil networks and international commercial links.
- **Location:** The campaign has global applicability and targets Iran-linked economic networks and entities operating across multiple countries.
- **Date:** US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent announced the operation on August **24, 2026**.



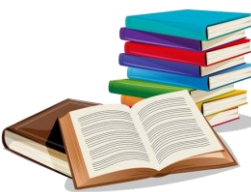
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The campaign seeks to disrupt Iran's access to revenues through oil transactions and economic networks while targeting digital assets, technology, gold, aviation and shipping, alongside imposing fresh sanctions on Iran-linked entities, vessels and individuals.



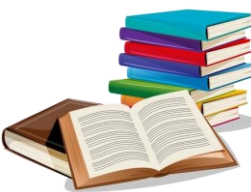
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The operation aims to increase economic pressure on Iran, restrict its access to international financial and trade networks and seek concessions regarding its nuclear programme and regional activities.



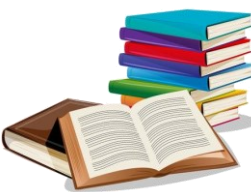
Important Terms Explained:

- **Secondary Sanctions:** Restrictions imposed on foreign companies, financial institutions or countries that conduct specified transactions with a sanctioned country or entity, even when those businesses are outside the sanctioning country.



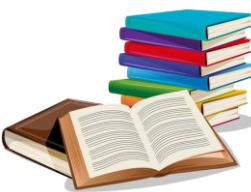
Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Assets:** Digitally represented assets such as cryptocurrencies or tokenised financial instruments that can be transferred or stored electronically.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Strait of Hormuz:** A strategically important maritime passage connecting the **Persian Gulf** with the **Gulf of Oman** through which a significant share of global energy shipments passes.



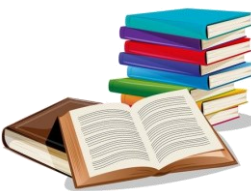
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Operation name	Operation Economic Outcast.
Announced by	US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent announced the campaign.
Announcement date	The operation was made public on August 24, 2026.
Primary target	The campaign seeks to restrict Iran's revenue streams, oil networks and international economic links.
Key sectors targeted	Digital assets, technology, gold, aviation and shipping are among the five major sectors targeted.
Fresh sanctions	The US Treasury Department imposed sanctions on nearly 60 entities, individuals and vessels.
Countries linked to targets	Sanctioned networks included entities connected with the UAE, Hong Kong, China, Singapore and Switzerland.
Wider significance	The campaign may affect international businesses, shipping networks, energy markets and firms dealing with Iran-linked entities.

➤ **How much land did India restore during 2011–2020 as reported under its Bonn Challenge progress?**

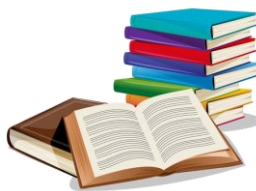
- A) 15.42 million hectares
- B) 18.76 million hectares
- C) 21.76 million hectares
- D) 24.50 million hectares
- E) 26.00 million hectares

Answer
C) 21.76 million hectares.



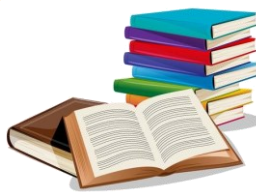
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India restored **21.76 million** hectares of degraded and deforested land during **2011–2020** and generated approximately **1.22 billion** person-days of employment through restoration activities.
- **Location:** The progress was highlighted by **Bhupender Yadav** at COP17 of the **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)** in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- **Date:** The restoration figures cover the period from **2011** to **2020**, while India has set a restoration target of **26 million** hectares by **2030**.



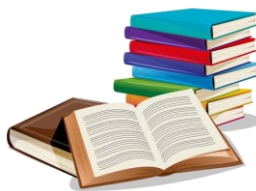
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India is pursuing land restoration through programmes covering forests, agricultural lands, soil and water conservation, while preparing its **2021–2025** restoration reporting cycle with the **ICFRE Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Land Management** and **IUCN**.



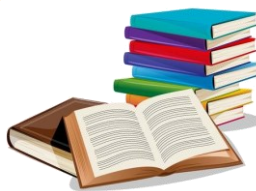
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** India aims to restore **26 million** hectares of degraded and deforested land by **2030** while strengthening sustainable land management, biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation, rural employment and ecosystem recovery.



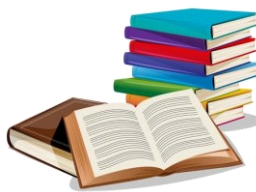
Important Terms Explained:

- **Land Restoration:** The process of recovering degraded land and ecosystems through measures such as afforestation, soil conservation, water management and sustainable agricultural practices.



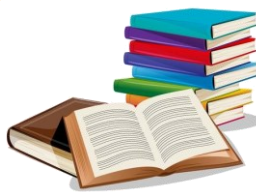
Important Terms Explained:

- **Green India Mission:** An initiative aimed at improving forest and tree cover, enhancing ecosystem services and strengthening climate resilience.



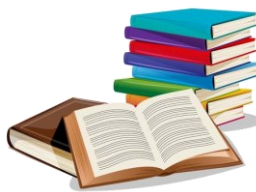
Important Terms Explained:

- **Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA):** A mechanism that provides funding for compensatory afforestation and related forest restoration activities.



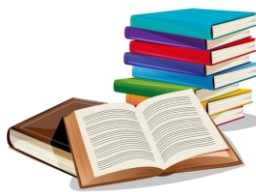
Important Terms Explained:

- **Nagar Van Yojana:** An initiative focused on developing urban forests to increase green spaces and support ecological restoration in cities.



Important Terms Explained:

- Person-day: A unit of employment representing one person working for one day, used to measure labour generated through programmes and projects.



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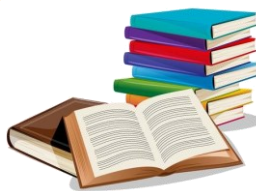
Parameter	Details
Land restored	India restored approximately 21.76 million hectares of land during 2011–2020.
Employment generated	Restoration activities created about 1.22 billion person-days of employment.
2030 target	India has pledged to restore 26 million hectares of degraded and deforested land by 2030.
International commitment	India is one of the largest pledgers under the Bonn Challenge and made its initial restoration commitment in 2015.
Announcement platform	The progress was highlighted at COP17 of the UNCCD in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
Restoration areas	Activities covered forests, agricultural lands, soil conservation and water conservation measures.
Next reporting cycle	India is preparing restoration reporting for 2021–2025 with ICFRE and IUCN.
Monitoring indicators	The next reporting cycle will focus on restoration area, financial flows and employment creation.



- Which state announced the Annapoorani Super Six LPG Scheme to reimburse eligible families for three domestic LPG cylinder purchases per year?

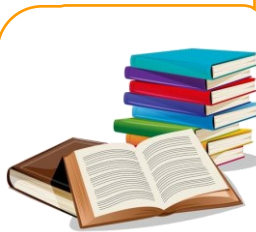
- A) Kerala
- B) Karnataka
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Telangana
- E) Andhra Pradesh

Answer
C) Tamil Nadu.



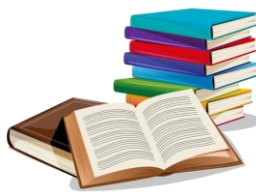
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The **Tamil Nadu** government announced the **Annapoorani Super Six LPG** Scheme to reimburse eligible households for three domestic **LPG** cylinder purchases per year.
- **Location:** The scheme will be implemented across **Tamil Nadu**.
- **Date:** The scheme was introduced in the **Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly** on August **24, 2026**, and will commence on **Pongal Day in January 2027**.



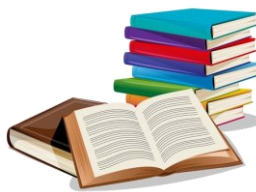
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Eligible beneficiaries will purchase domestic **LPG** cylinders and subsequently receive reimbursement directly into their bank accounts through **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)**.



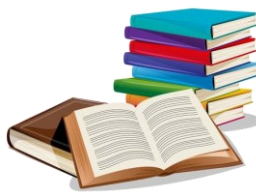
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to reduce the financial burden of domestic cooking gas on eligible families, through an annual benefit covering three domestic **LPG** cylinders.



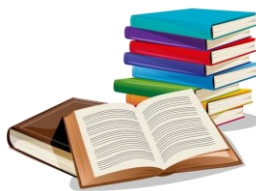
Important Terms Explained:

- **LPG: Liquefied Petroleum Gas** is a commonly used clean cooking fuel supplied to households through domestic gas cylinders.



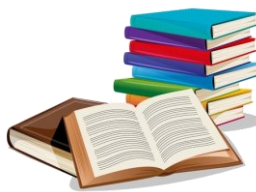
Important Terms Explained:

- **Reimbursement:** A payment mechanism under which beneficiaries initially bear an eligible expense and subsequently receive the approved amount back from the government.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY):** A **Central Government** scheme launched in **2016** to promote access to **LPG** cooking fuel among women from eligible low-income households.



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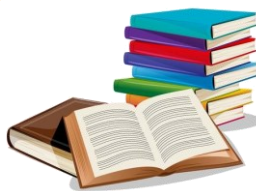
Parameter	Details
Scheme name	Annapoorani Super Six LPG Scheme.
Announced by	Government of Tamil Nadu.
Announcement date	The scheme was introduced in the State Assembly on August 24, 2026.
Implementation date	The scheme is scheduled to commence on Pongal Day in January 2027.
Benefit mechanism	Eligible families will receive reimbursement for three domestic LPG cylinder purchases per year directly into their bank accounts.
Key objective	The programme seeks to reduce household expenditure on cooking gas for eligible beneficiaries.



► Which Indian city debuted in the IWG 2026 Work From Anywhere Index with a score of 77?

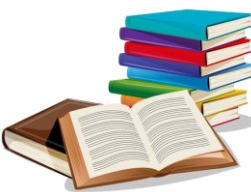
- A) Bengaluru
- B) New Delhi
- C) Mumbai
- D) Hyderabad
- E) Pune

Answer
C) Mumbai.



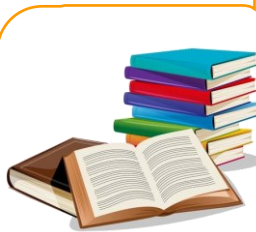
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Mumbai debuted in the **IWG 2026 Work From Anywhere Index** with a score of **77**, becoming the only Indian city included in the global ranking.
- **Location:** The index evaluates global destinations suitable for professionals combining remote work with travel, with Mumbai representing India.
- **Date:** The **2026 Work From Anywhere Index** was reported in August **2026**.



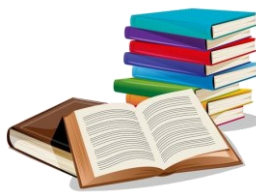
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** IWG evaluates destinations using factors such as weather, broadband connectivity, accommodation, transport, culture, food and flexible workspace availability to assess their suitability for remote and hybrid workers.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The index aims to identify destinations that provide favourable conditions for professionals seeking to combine work, travel and extended stays through work-from-anywhere arrangements.



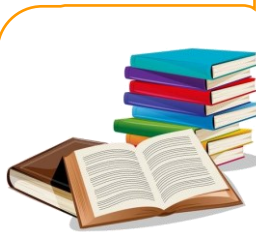
Ranking Table:

Rank	Entity / Score/Index/Remarks
1	Entity: Bangkok Score/Index/Remarks: Ranked first with 106.5 points.
2	Entity: Tokyo Score/Index/Remarks: Ranked second with 96.5 points.
3	Entity: Barcelona Score/Index/Remarks: Ranked third with 95.5 points.
Not specified	Entity: Mumbai Score/Index/Remarks: Scored 77 points and was the only Indian city included in the global ranking.



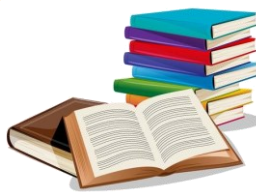
Important Terms Explained:

- **Work From Anywhere:** A flexible working arrangement that allows employees to perform their jobs remotely from locations outside their usual workplace, including during travel.



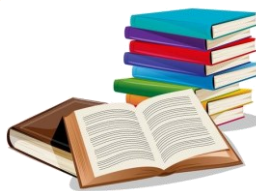
Important Terms Explained:

- **Workcation:** A working arrangement that combines professional duties with a vacation or stay at a travel destination.



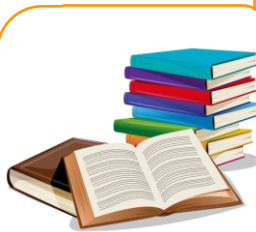
Important Terms Explained:

- **Flexible Workspace:** Office space that can be used under adaptable rental or membership arrangements, including coworking centres and serviced offices.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Flexible Workspace Maturity Index:** A measure used to assess the development and sophistication of flexible office markets, with India receiving a score of **100** in the cited **2025** assessment.



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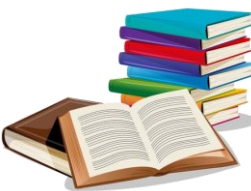
Parameter	Details
Indian city featured	Mumbai was the only Indian city included in the 2026 global index.
Mumbai score	Mumbai received an overall score of 77 points.
Global leader	Bangkok topped the index with 106.5 points.
Mumbai strengths	The city performed strongly in transport, accommodation, weather and flexible workspace availability.
Mumbai weaknesses	Broadband speed, events and happiness were among its relatively weaker areas.



► Where did the National Conclave on Tribal Languages and Museums begin on August 24, 2026?

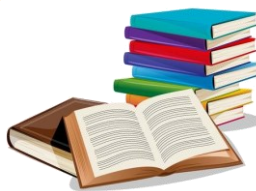
- A) Bengaluru
- B) Mysuru
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Bhubaneswar
- E) Ranchi

Answer
B) Mysuru.



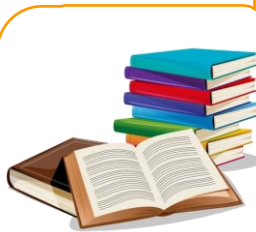
Event and Location:

- **Event: The National Conclave on Tribal Languages and Museums** began with the launch of the revamped **Adi Vaani** platform, five new languages, an iOS application and the Jago AI bot, along with initiatives for tribal language documentation and education.
- **Location:** The three-day conclave is being held in Mysuru, Karnataka.
- **Date:** The conclave began on August **24, 2026**.



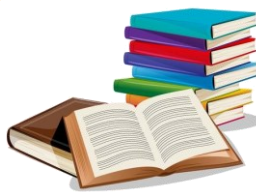
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, in association with the **Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute** and the **Central Institute of Indian Languages**, organised the conclave to bring together policymakers, linguists, scholars, technologists and tribal communities, while also facilitating technology initiatives, language documentation and educational resources.



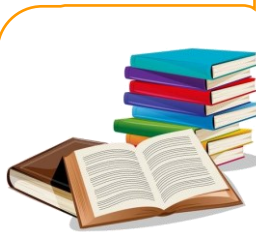
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The conclave aims to preserve and revive tribal languages, improve access to tribal welfare information, promote multilingual education, strengthen language documentation and use technology for safeguarding India's tribal linguistic and cultural heritage.



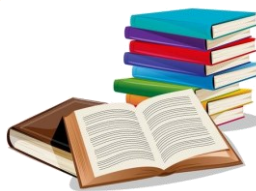
Important Terms Explained:

- **Language Corpus:** A structured collection of written or spoken language data used for linguistic research, documentation and development of language technologies such as translation and speech-recognition systems.



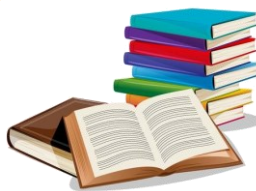
Important Terms Explained:

- **Automatic Speech Recognition:** A technology that converts spoken language into machine-readable text and can support documentation and digital use of tribal languages.



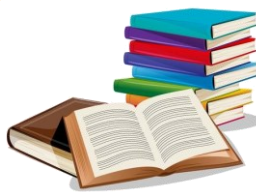
Important Terms Explained:

- **Machine Translation:** A technology that automatically translates text or speech from one language into another using computational systems.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Multilingual Education:** An educational approach that uses more than one language for teaching and learning, including learners' mother tongues or tribal languages alongside regional or other languages.



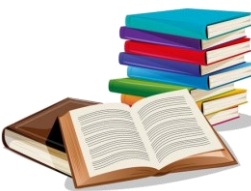
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	National Conclave on Tribal Languages and Museums.
Start date	The three-day conclave began on August 24, 2026.
Location	The event is being held in Mysuru, Karnataka.
Organisers	The Ministry of Tribal Affairs organised the conclave with the Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute and the Central Institute of Indian Languages.
Digital initiatives	The revamped Adi Vaani platform, an iOS application, five additional languages, a new logo and the Jago AI bot were introduced.
Key agreement	The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and CIIL signed an MoU for tribal language documentation and corpus building.
Educational initiative	Karnataka tribal-language primers and learning materials, including the Class 1 Jenukuruba Primer, were released.
Next major outcome	The conclave was scheduled to take up tribal community issues and the signing of the Mysuru Declaration on August 25, 2026.

- Where has the National Security Guard launched its first Mahila Commando Conversion Course for women personnel?

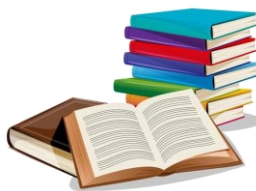
- A) Hyderabad
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- C) Pune
- D) Dehradun
- E) Bhopal

Answer
B) Manesar.



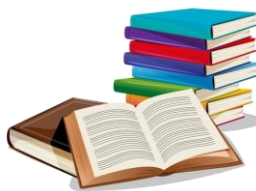
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The National Security Guard (NSG) launched its first **Mahila Commando Conversion Course** to train selected women personnel for specialised counter-terrorism operations.
- **Location:** The course is being conducted at the **NSG Training Academy in Manesar**, Gurugram district, Haryana.
- **Date:** The first **Mahila Commando Conversion Course** was launched in August **2026**.



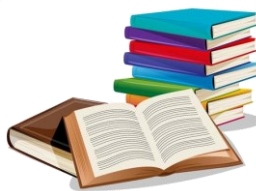
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **12-week** programme will provide selected women personnel from **State Police Forces and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)** with intensive physical, technical and tactical training in weapons, marksmanship, tactical intervention, hostage rescue and counter-terror operations.



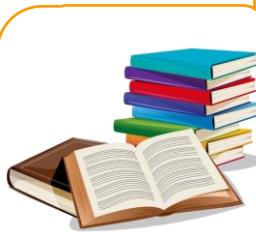
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The course aims to expand the pool of operationally capable women, establish common professional standards, improve coordination among security forces and strengthen specialised counter-terror capabilities.



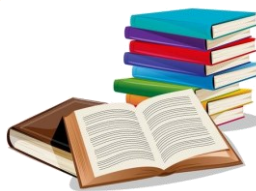
Important Terms Explained:

- Counter-**Terrorism Operations**: Specialised security operations undertaken to prevent, respond to and neutralise terrorist threats using trained personnel, tactical procedures and advanced operational skills.



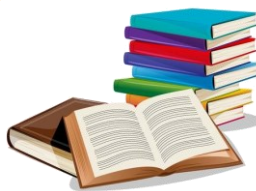
Important Terms Explained:

- **Tactical Intervention:** A planned and coordinated security response involving specialised teams to handle high-risk situations such as terrorist attacks or hostage incidents.



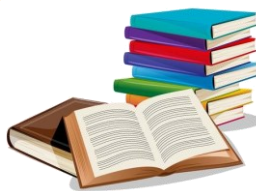
Important Terms Explained:

- **Force Multiplier:** A capability, skill or resource that significantly increases the operational effectiveness of a larger force beyond its numerical strength.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Interoperability:** The ability of personnel and units from different security forces to operate together effectively using compatible procedures, training and operational standards.



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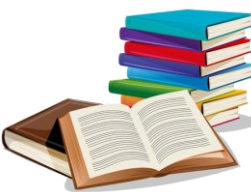
Parameter	Details
Course name	Mahila Commando Conversion Course.
Conducting force	The National Security Guard is conducting the specialised training programme.
Training location	The course is being held at the NSG Training Academy in Manesar, Haryana.
Course duration	The specialised programme will run for 12 weeks.
Participants	Selected women personnel from State Police Forces and CAPFs are participating.
Training areas	Physical endurance, weapon handling, marksmanship, tactical intervention, hostage rescue and specialised counter-terror operations are covered.
Post-training role	Participants will return to their respective forces and apply the specialised skills acquired during the programme.
Strategic significance	The initiative seeks to increase women's operational participation and improve coordination and counter-terror capabilities across security forces.



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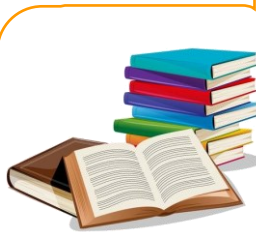
- **Kaziah Liz Mejo, a 19-year-old from Kerala, was crowned Miss Universe India 2026 in Jaipur and will represent India at the 75th Miss Universe pageant in Puerto Rico in November 2026.**
- **Chinese humanoid robot Tiangong Ultra ran 100 metres in 8.86 seconds at the World Humanoid Robot Games 2026 in Beijing, numerically below Usain Bolt's 9.58-second human benchmark, although robot and human races are not equivalent competitions while demonstrating rapid advances in autonomous bipedal robotics.**
- **NITI Aayog reported that around 8.7 crore Indians aged 15–29 are outside education, employment and training, calling for affordable, flexible and industry-relevant skilling to strengthen workforce participation and support Viksit Bharat 2047.**
- **UPI completed 10 years on August 25, 2026, after growing from approximately 2 crore annual transactions in FY 2016-17 to over 24,162 crore in FY 2025-26 and expanding into a major domestic and global real-time payment system.**



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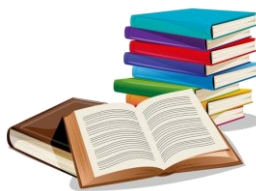
- India launched its first indigenous non-GMO high-expansion popcorn maize hybrid at Musunuru in Andhra Pradesh on August 24, 2026, to reduce dependence on foreign technology and strengthen agricultural self-reliance.
- The United States launched Operation Economic Outcast on August 24, 2026, to intensify global economic pressure on Iran by targeting its oil revenues, financial networks, strategic sectors and international business links through expanded sanctions.
- India restored 21.76 million hectares of degraded and deforested land during 2011–2020, generated about 1.22 billion person-days of employment and is targeting restoration of 26 million hectares by 2030.
- Tamil Nadu announced the Annapoorani Super Six LPG Scheme on August 24, 2026, to reimburse eligible households for domestic LPG cylinder purchases through DBT from Pongal Day in January 2027.
- Mumbai debuted in the IWG 2026 Work From Anywhere Index with 77 points as the only Indian city featured, supported by strong transport, accommodation and flexible workspaces but constrained by weaker broadband performance.



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- **The National Conclave on Tribal Languages and Museums began in Mysuru on August 24, 2026, with new digital tools, language documentation initiatives and educational resources aimed at preserving tribal languages, improving multilingual learning and strengthening access to tribal welfare information.**
- **The NSG launched its first 12-week Mahila Commando Conversion Course at Manesar in Haryana to train selected women from State Police Forces and CAPFs in specialised counter-terrorism, hostage rescue and tactical operations.**



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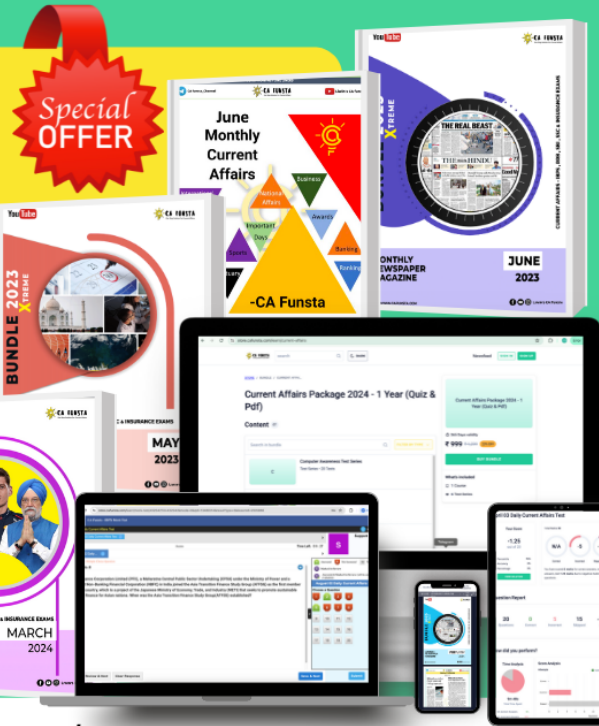
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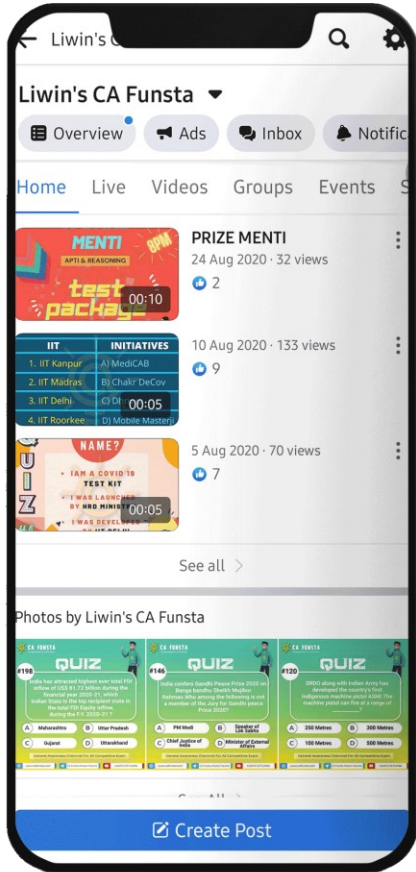
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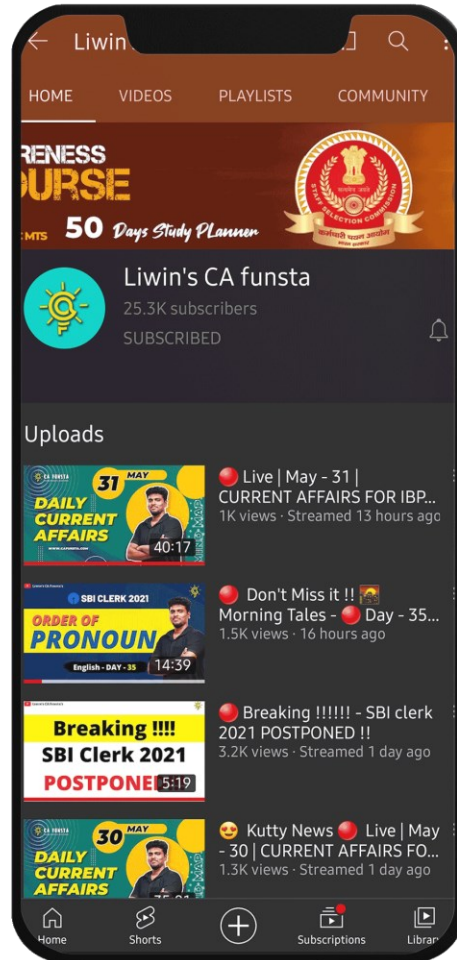


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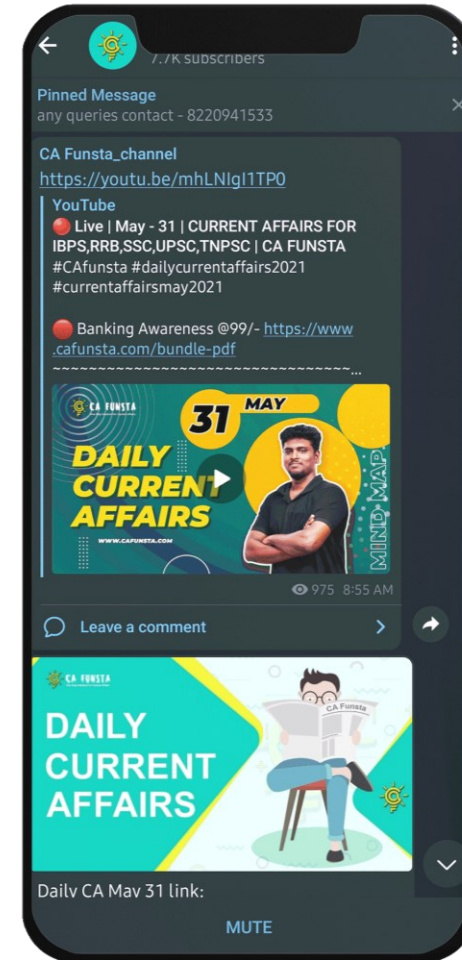
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