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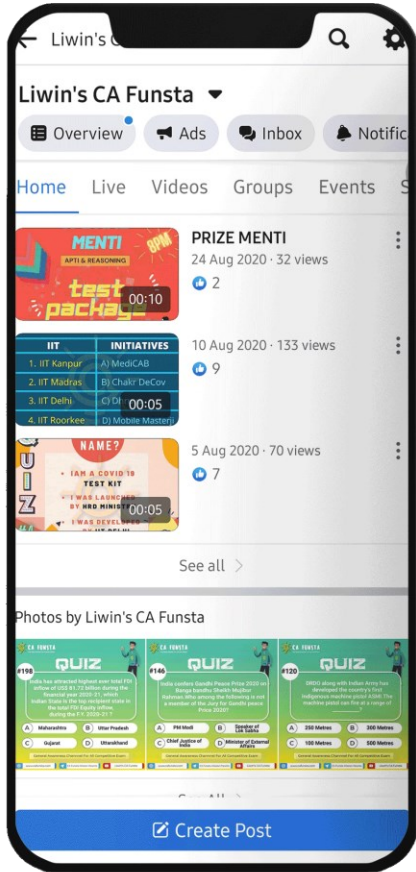


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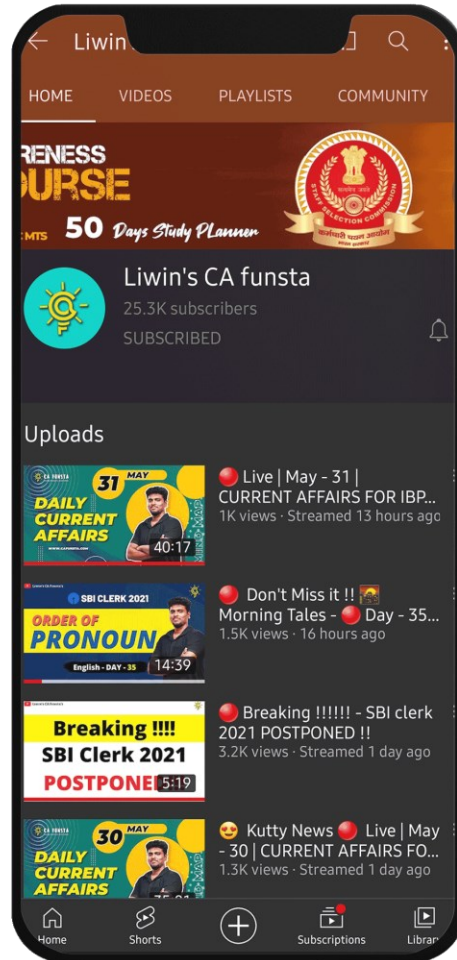
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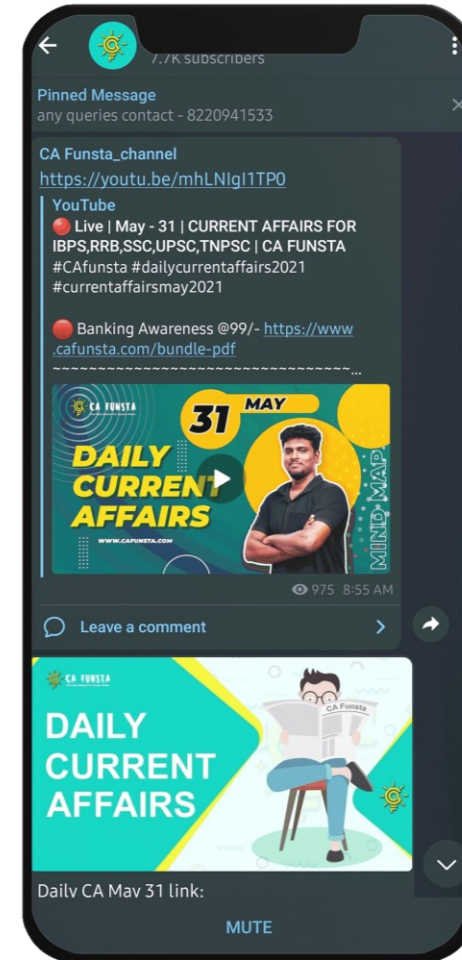
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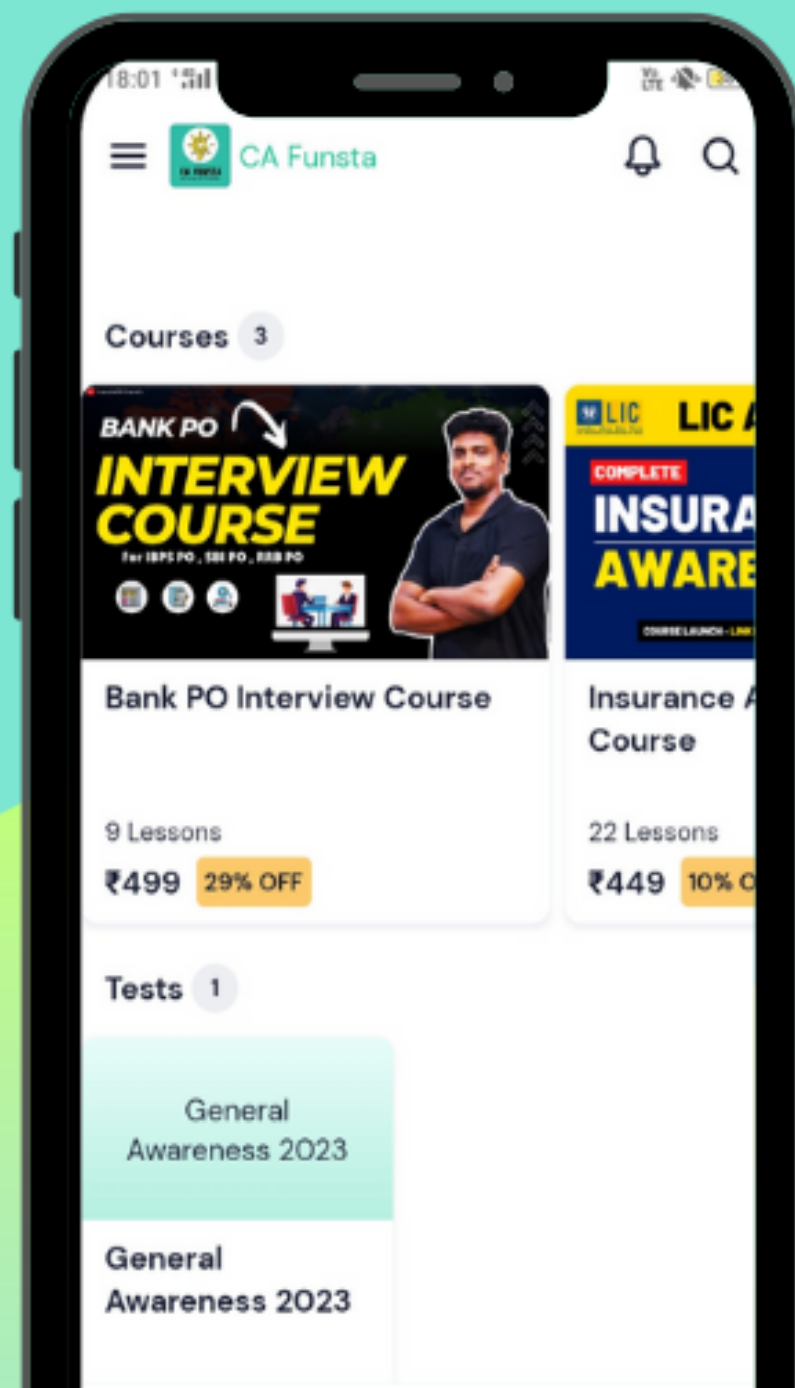
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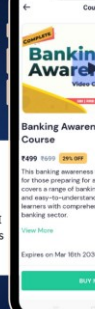


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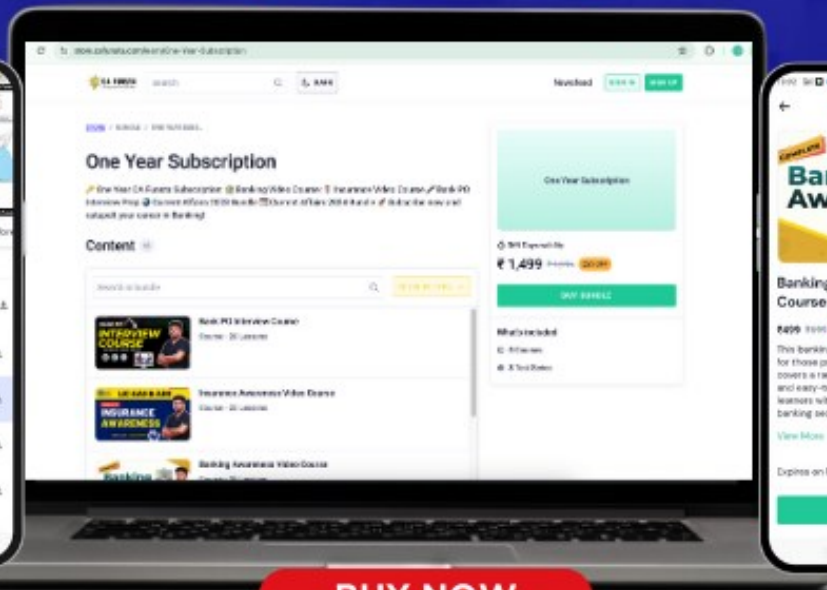
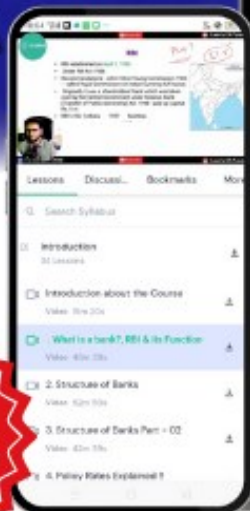
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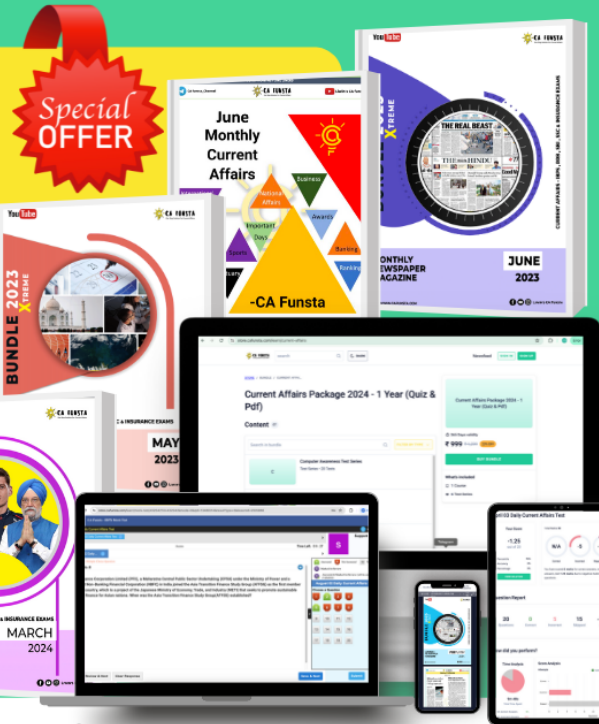


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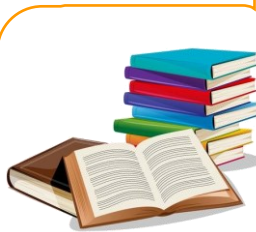
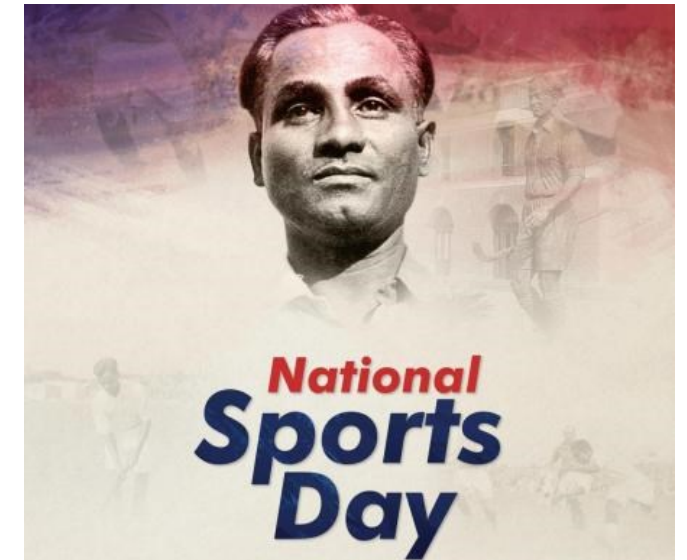
Important Days



➤ **National Sports Day in India is observed annually on August 29 to commemorate the birth anniversary of which legendary sportsperson?**

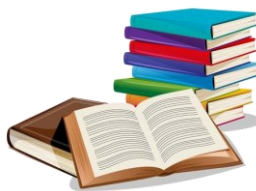
- A) Milkha Singh
- B) Major Dhyan Chand
- C) Balbir Singh Sr
- D) P. T. Usha
- E) Dhanraj Pillay

Answer
B) Major Dhyan Chand.



Event and Location:

- **Event: National Sports Day 2026** was observed to honour **Major Dhyan Chand** on his birth anniversary and promote sports, fitness and healthy living across India.
- **Location:** The observance and associated three-day campaign were conducted across India.

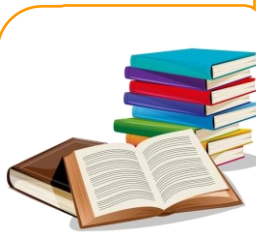


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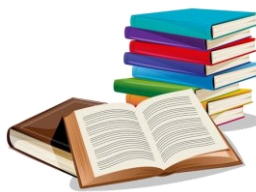
Event and Location:

- **Date: National Sports Day** is observed annually on August **29**, while the **2026** celebrations were held from August **28** to August **30, 2026**.



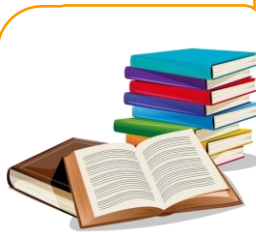
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **2026** celebrations under the theme “Tribute, **Play and Move**” involved tributes to sporting legends, sporting activities and fitness campaigns organised by schools, sporting bodies and other institutions.



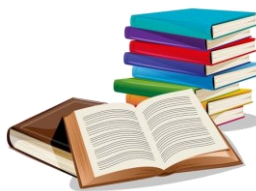
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The observance aims to honour India's sporting heritage, encourage participation in sports and physical activities, and promote fitness and healthy living among children, youth and the general public.



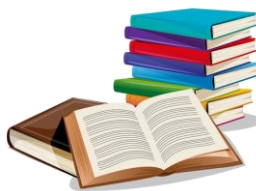
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fit India Movement:** It is a nationwide fitness initiative launched by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi** on August **29, 2019**, to make physical fitness an integral part of everyday life.



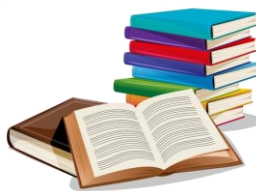
Important Terms Explained:

- **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award:** It is India's highest sporting award, renamed from the **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award** on August **24, 2021**, in honour of **Major Dhyan Chand**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Sports Awards:** These are national-level sporting honours associated with achievements and contributions in Indian sports and include awards such as the **Arjuna Award** and **Dronacharya Award**.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	National Sports Day 2026.
Annual observance date	August 29.
2026 celebration period	August 28 to August 30, 2026.
2026 theme	"Tribute, Play and Move".
Person honoured	Major Dhyan Chand, known as the "Wizard of Hockey".
Major Olympic achievement	Dhyan Chand was part of India's hockey gold-medal teams at the 1928, 1932 and 1936 Olympic Games.
Fitness initiative	The Fit India Movement was launched on August 29, 2019, to promote fitness as part of daily life.
Significance	The observance promotes India's sporting traditions, physical activity, participation in sports and healthier living.



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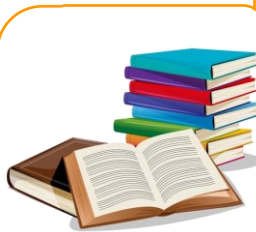


➤ On which date is National Small Industry Day observed annually in India?

- A) August 26
- B) August 27
- C) August 28
- D) August 29
- E) August 30

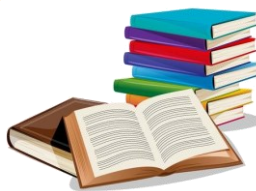


Answer
E) August 30.



Event and Location:

- **Event: National Small Industry Day 2026** was observed to recognise the contribution of micro, small and medium enterprises to entrepreneurship, employment and economic growth in India.

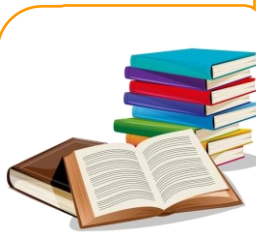


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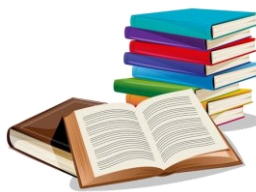
Event and Location:

- **Location:** The observance applies across India and highlights the contribution of enterprises operating in rural, semi-urban and urban areas.
- **Date: National Small Industry Day** is observed annually on August **30**.



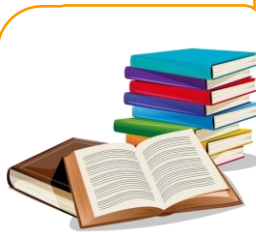
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance highlights the evolving policy framework for MSMEs, including improved access to credit, technology, infrastructure and markets, along with reforms introduced through classification changes and legislative measures.



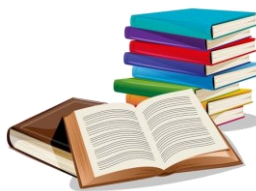
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The measures aim to make small enterprises more competitive and scalable, improve formalisation and financing, strengthen market access and promote employment and industrial development.



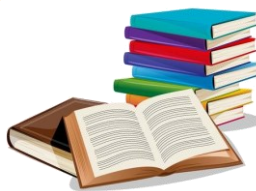
Important Terms Explained:

- **MSME:** Micro, **S**mall and **M**edium **E**nterprises are businesses classified under prescribed investment and turnover criteria and form an important part of India's manufacturing, services, exports and employment ecosystem.



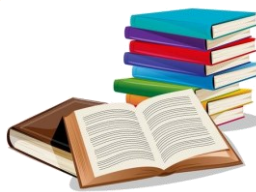
Important Terms Explained:

- **MSMED Act: The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006** provides the statutory framework for classification, promotion, development and facilitation of MSMEs in India.



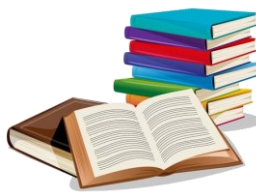
Important Terms Explained:

- **TReDS: The Trade Receivables Discounting System** is an electronic platform that facilitates financing of trade receivables of MSMEs from corporate buyers and other eligible entities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Udyam Registration:** It is the government's online registration mechanism for formally recognising eligible micro, small and medium enterprises and facilitating access to applicable benefits and support measures.



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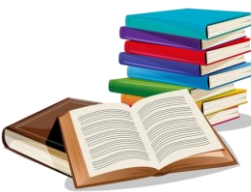
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Observance	National Small Industry Day is observed annually on August 30.
Policy milestone	The government introduced a comprehensive policy package for small-scale industries in 2000 covering credit, infrastructure, marketing and technology.
Statutory framework	The MSMED Act was introduced in 2006 to provide a broader legal framework for micro, small and medium enterprises.
Revised classification	Revised MSME classification criteria came into effect on April 1, 2025.
Economic contribution	MSMEs account for 31.1% of GDP, 35.4% of manufacturing production and 48.58% of India's exports, according to the cited data.
Employment contribution	The sector provides employment to more than 38.9 crore people, according to the source data.
Formalisation progress	Udyam Registration and Udyam Assist registrations crossed 8.7 crore by June 2026.
Credit support	The Union Budget 2026-27 raised the credit guarantee cap for Micro and Small Enterprises from ₹5 crore to ₹10 crore.

► At which position did India finish in the FIH World Cup after losing to Belgium in the shootout?

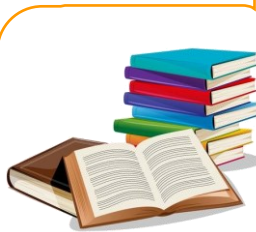
- A) Fifth
- B) Sixth
- C) Seventh
- D) Eighth
- E) Ninth

Answer
D) Eighth.



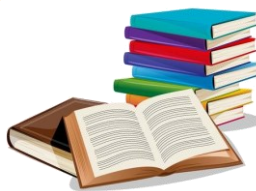
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India finished eighth in the **FIH World Cup** after losing **4-3** to Belgium in a shootout following a **3-3** draw in regulation time.
- **Location:** The classification match between **India and Belgium** was played at Wavre, Belgium.
- **Date:** The result was reported on August **29, 2026**.



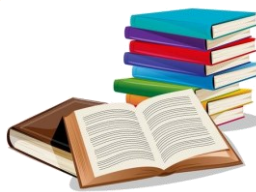
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India faced Belgium in the classification match for seventh place, with the contest proceeding to a shootout after both teams were tied **3-3** at the end of regulation time.
- **Objectives:** The match determined the final seventh and eighth positions in the tournament, with Belgium securing seventh place and India finishing eighth.



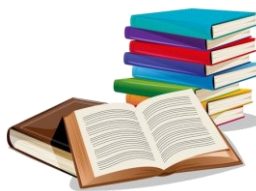
Ranking Table:

Rank	Entity / Score/Index/Remarks
7	Entity: Belgium Score/Index/Remarks: Defeated India 4-3 in the shootout after a 3-3 draw.
8	Entity: India Score/Index/Remarks: Finished eighth after losing the classification match to Belgium.



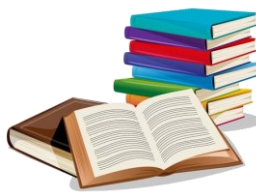
Important Terms Explained:

- **Shootout:** It is a tie-breaking procedure in hockey used to determine the winner when a knockout or classification match remains level after regulation time.



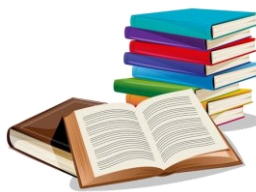
Important Terms Explained:

- **Classification Match:** It is a match played to determine the final placement of teams after they are no longer competing for the championship title.



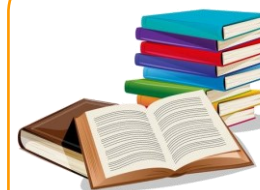
Important Terms Explained:

- **Penalty Corner:** It is a set-piece opportunity awarded for certain defensive infringements inside the shooting circle or deliberate fouls within the defensive area.



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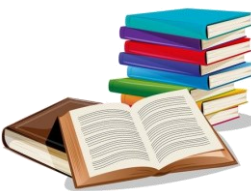
Parameter	Details
Event	India versus Belgium FIH World Cup classification match.
Venue	Wavre, Belgium.
Regulation score	India and Belgium were tied 3-3.
Shootout result	Belgium defeated India 4-3.
India's final position	India finished eighth in the tournament.
Belgium's final position	Belgium secured seventh place.
India's scorers	Abhishek scored once, while Harmanpreet Singh scored twice in regulation time.
Shootout scorers for India	Shilanand Lakra, Dilpreet Singh and Abhishek converted their attempts.



➤ Which state has launched India's first state-level Sports Genomics Programme?

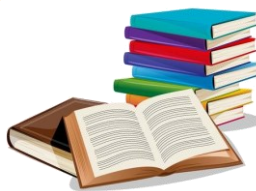
- A) Maharashtra
- B) Haryana
- C) Gujarat
- D) Karnataka
- E) Odisha

Answer
C) Gujarat.



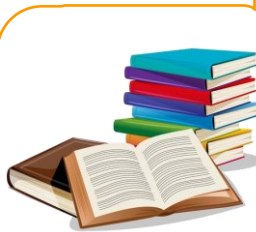
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Gujarat has launched India's first state-level **Sports Genomics Programme** to integrate genomics with sports science, physiology and nutrition for scientific athlete identification and high-performance training.
- **Location:** The programme is being implemented in Gujarat under the supervision of the **Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre**.
- **Date:** The programme was reported on August **29, 2026**.



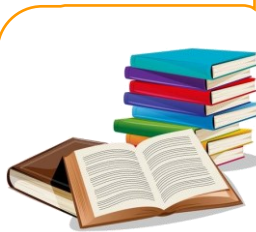
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The programme will collect and analyse genetic, physiological and performance-related data from athletes across multiple sports and age groups, with a target of about **2,000** samples annually and **10,000** samples over five years.



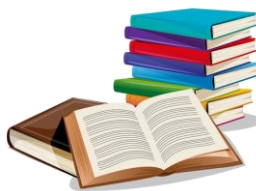
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to support athlete identification, personalised training, injury-risk assessment, recovery planning and nutrition strategies while developing Gujarat as a **Sports Biotechnology Innovation Hub**.



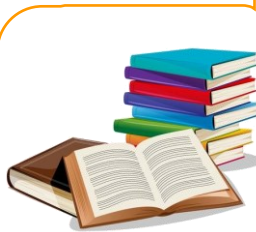
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sports Genomics:** It is the study of genetic variations associated with sporting traits such as endurance, muscle composition, power, metabolism, exercise response and susceptibility to injury.



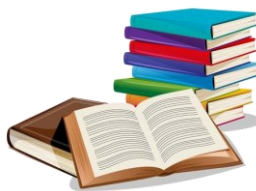
Important Terms Explained:

- **Gujarat Athlete Genome Database (G-AGD):** It is the proposed database that will compile athlete-related genetic, physiological and performance information for scientific sports research and athlete development.



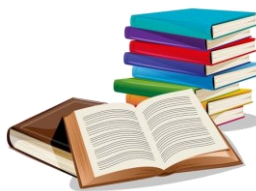
Important Terms Explained:

- **Genomic Data:** It refers to information derived from an individual's genetic material and requires strong safeguards because of its sensitive and personally identifiable nature.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Informed Consent:** It is the process through which participants voluntarily agree to provide data or samples after being informed about the purpose, methods, risks and use of the information.



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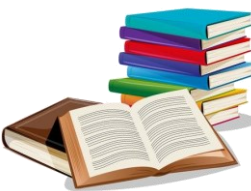
Parameter	Details
Programme name	Gujarat Sports Genomics Programme.
Key distinction	It is described as India's first state-level sports genomics programme.
Supervising institution	Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre.
First-year target	Around 2,000 athlete samples are planned for collection and analysis.
Five-year target	Approximately 10,000 athlete samples are proposed to be studied.
Initial participants	The first batch of samples was collected from players of the Gujarat State Tennis Association.
Expected database	The programme plans to establish the Gujarat Athlete Genome Database for genetics, physiology and performance research.
Data safeguards	The proposed framework includes informed consent, secure storage, access controls and two-level barcoding.



➤ By approximately what percentage did India's malaria cases and deaths decline between 2015 and 2025?

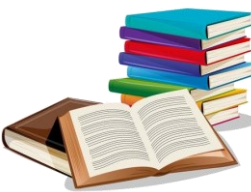
- A) 50%
- B) 60%
- C) 70%
- D) 80%
- E) 90%

Answer
D) 80%.



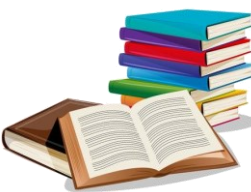
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India recorded nearly an **80%** decline in malaria cases and deaths between **2015** and **2025**, while **160** districts reported zero indigenous malaria cases during **2022–2025**.
- **Location:** The progress was recorded across India, with **33** high-burden districts concentrated across nine **States and Union Territories**.
- **Date:** The decade-long progress covers the period from **2015** to **2025** and was reported on August **29, 2026**.



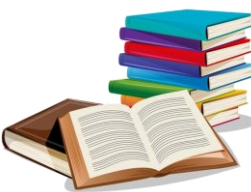
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Union Health Ministry** has emphasised stronger surveillance, timely diagnosis and treatment, environmental control, community participation and implementation of the Test, **Treat and Track** approach, particularly in high-burden and hard-to-reach areas.



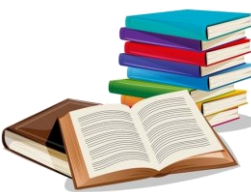
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The measures aim to interrupt malaria transmission, prevent resurgence in areas with zero indigenous cases and achieve India's malaria elimination target by **2030**.



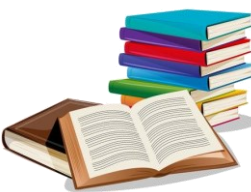
Important Terms Explained:

- **Test, Treat and Track:** It is a malaria-control approach focused on early testing of suspected cases, timely treatment of confirmed patients and continued tracking through surveillance to prevent further transmission.



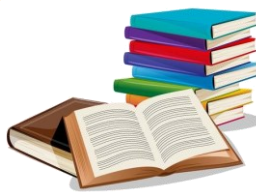
Important Terms Explained:

- **Indigenous Malaria Case:** It refers to a malaria infection acquired locally within a particular geographical area rather than being imported from another region.



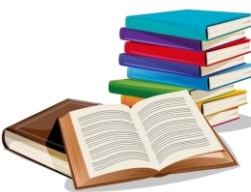
Important Terms Explained:

- **Active Surveillance:** It involves proactive identification of suspected malaria cases by health authorities instead of relying only on patients reporting voluntarily to health facilities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Source Reduction:** It refers to eliminating or managing mosquito breeding sites, such as stagnant water, to reduce the mosquito population and interrupt disease transmission.



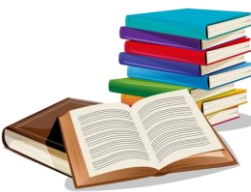
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Malaria reduction	India recorded nearly an 80% decline in malaria cases and deaths between 2015 and 2025.
High-burden districts	The number declined from 155 in 2015 to 33 in 2025.
Zero indigenous cases	A total of 160 districts reported zero indigenous malaria cases during 2022–2025.
Burden concentration	The 33 high-burden districts accounted for about 64% of India's malaria cases and 54% of malaria deaths in 2025.
Affected States and UTs	High-burden districts were spread across nine States and UTs, including Mizoram, Odisha, Tripura, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Maharashtra.
Key strategy	The government stressed timely testing, treatment, tracking and stronger surveillance.
Local action plans	District Action Plans were recommended for the 33 high-burden districts along with Village Action Plans in malaria-prone areas.
Elimination target	India aims to eliminate malaria by 2030.

➤ India's foreign exchange reserves reached what record level in the week ended August 21, 2026?

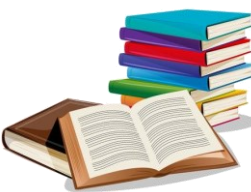
- A) \$666.9 billion
- B) \$701.4 billion
- C) \$718.7 billion
- D) \$729.3 billion
- E) \$745.6 billion

Answer
D) \$729.3 billion.



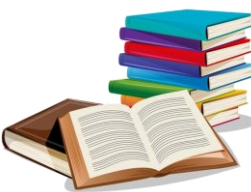
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's forex reserves increased by **\$12.4 billion** to a record **\$729.3 billion**, according to figures released by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**.
- **Location:** The development relates to India's foreign exchange reserve position.
- **Date:** The reserves reached the record level in the week ended August **21, 2026**.



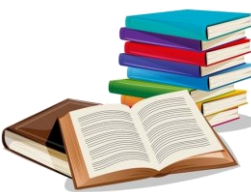
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **RBI**'s concessional swap window, capital inflows and revaluation gains contributed to the sharp recovery in reserves after they had fallen to **\$666.9 billion** in June **2026**.



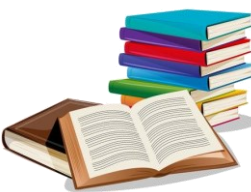
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** Strong foreign exchange reserves provide India with an external financial buffer, support foreign exchange market stability and provide import cover exceeding **11** months of goods imports.



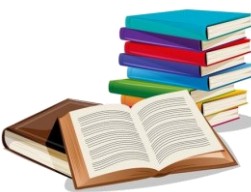
Important Terms Explained:

- **Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs):** These form the largest component of India's forex reserves and include foreign currency holdings whose dollar value changes with movements in currencies such as the euro, sterling and yen.



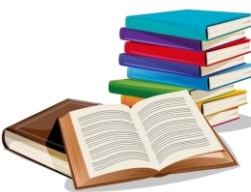
Important Terms Explained:

- **Revaluation Gain:** It refers to an increase in the reported value of reserve assets caused by changes in exchange rates or asset prices rather than fresh purchases.



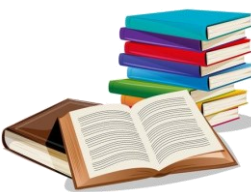
Important Terms Explained:

- **Special Drawing Rights (SDRs):** These are international reserve assets created by the **International Monetary Fund** and allocated to member countries to supplement their official reserves.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Reserve Position with the IMF:** It represents a member country's readily available claim on the **International Monetary Fund** that forms part of its external reserve assets.



Tabular Summary:

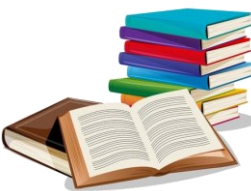
Parameter	Details
Record forex reserves	India's reserves reached \$729.3 billion after rising by \$12.4 billion in the week ended August 21, 2026.
Previous record	The earlier high was \$728.5 billion in the week ended February 27, 2026.
June level	Reserves had declined to \$666.9 billion by June 26, 2026.
Eight-week recovery	India's reserves increased by about \$62.4 billion over the subsequent eight weeks.
Swap window inflows	The RBI facility brought in about \$72.8 billion by August 21, with estimated total inflows of \$90–100 billion by its August 31 closure.
Foreign Currency Assets	FCAs increased by \$9.48 billion to \$591.33 billion during the reported week.
Gold reserves	Gold reserves rose by \$2.8 billion to \$114.22 billion.
Import cover	India's reserve stock was sufficient to cover more than 11 months of goods imports.



➤ Which State or Union Territory recorded the highest own revenue share in FY25 Budget Estimates at 93.2%?

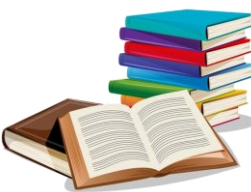
- A) Haryana
- B) Telangana
- C) Karnataka
- D) Delhi
- E) Tamil Nadu

Answer
D) Delhi.



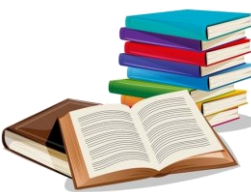
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Delhi ranked first among **States and Union Territories** with available data in own revenue share, recording **93.2%** of total revenue receipts in **FY25 Budget Estimates**.
- **Location:** The ranking covers **Indian States and Union Territories** for which comparable fiscal data was available.
- **Date:** The figures relate to **FY25 Budget Estimates** and were reported on August **29, 2026**.



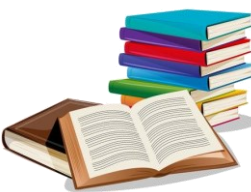
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The India State Fiscal Health Tracker** assessed the share of revenue generated internally by **States and Union Territories** using data from the **Reserve Bank of India's 2025 Handbook of Statistics on Indian States**.



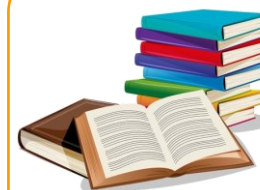
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The indicator measures the extent to which a State or **Union Territory** finances its revenue receipts through its own tax and non-tax sources rather than relying on central tax devolution and grants.



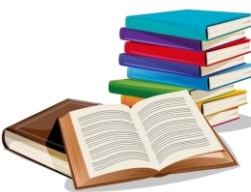
Ranking Table:

Rank	Entity / Score/Index/Remarks
1	Entity: Delhi Score/Index/Remarks: Own revenue share of 93.2%.
2	Entity: Haryana Score/Index/Remarks: Own revenue share of 80.4%.
3	Entity: Telangana Score/Index/Remarks: Own revenue share of 78.4%.
4	Entity: Karnataka Score/Index/Remarks: Own revenue share of 77.3%.
5	Entity: Tamil Nadu Score/Index/Remarks: Own revenue share of 75.5%.
31	Entity: Manipur Score/Index/Remarks: Lowest reported own revenue share at 10.0%.



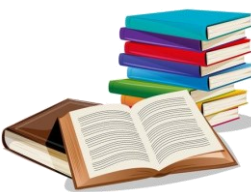
Important Terms Explained:

- **Own Revenue Share:** It is the percentage of total revenue receipts generated through a State or **Union Territory**'s own tax revenue and own non-tax revenue.



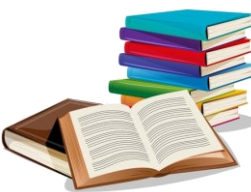
Important Terms Explained:

- **Own Tax Revenue:** It refers to revenue collected by a State through taxes that fall within its taxation powers.
- **Own Non-Tax Revenue:** It includes internally generated receipts such as fees, royalties, dividends and user charges other than taxes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Budget Estimates (BE):** These are projected government receipts and expenditures for a financial year as presented in the budget.



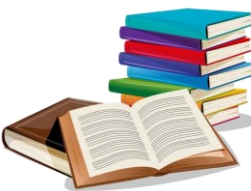
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Top-ranked entity	Delhi ranked first with an own revenue share of 93.2%.
Second-ranked entity	Haryana recorded an own revenue share of 80.4%.
Third-ranked entity	Telangana recorded an own revenue share of 78.4%.
Lowest-ranked entity	Manipur recorded the lowest share at 10.0%.
Data source	The analysis used the Reserve Bank of India's 2025 Handbook of Statistics on Indian States.
Assessment platform	The figures were presented through Business Standard's India State Fiscal Health Tracker.
Calculation formula	$\text{Own Revenue Share} = (\text{Own Tax Revenue} + \text{Own Non-Tax Revenue}) \div \text{Revenue Receipts} \times 100.$
Fiscal significance	The indicator shows dependence on internally generated revenue but must be assessed alongside other fiscal metrics.

➤ Which US-made anti-tank guided missile is the Indian Army set to acquire after a nearly 17-year pursuit?

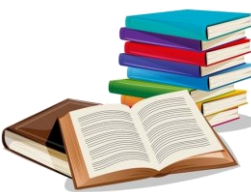
- A) Hellfire
- B) Stinger
- C) FGM-148 Javelin
- D) Tomahawk
- E) Patriot

Answer
C) FGM-148 Javelin.



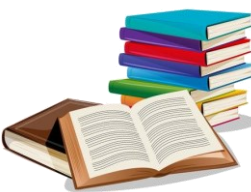
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The **Indian Army** is set to acquire US-made **FGM-148** Javelin anti-tank guided missiles after a pursuit lasting nearly **17** years.
- **Location:** The procurement involves India and the **United States**, with the missiles intended for deployment by the **Indian Army**.



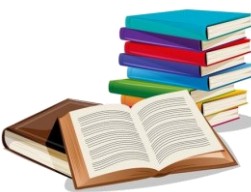
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The development was reported on August **29, 2026**, following a US congressional notification regarding the potential sale in November **2025**.



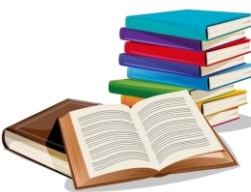
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The first contract has been signed through the **Foreign Military Sales (FMS)** process using the **Indian Army's** emergency procurement provisions, while future collaborative manufacturing of Javelin missiles in India may also be explored.



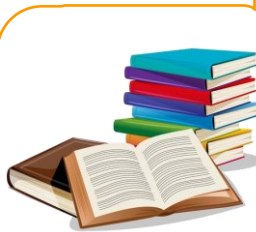
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The acquisition aims to strengthen the Army's anti-tank capability through fire-and-forget guidance, top-attack capability and improved operator survivability against armoured targets.



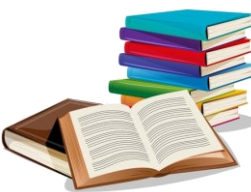
Important Terms Explained:

- **Imaging Infrared Seeker:** It is a guidance system that detects the infrared signature of a target and allows the missile to lock onto it before launch.



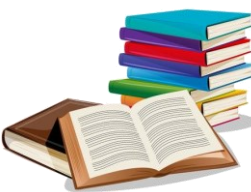
Important Terms Explained:

- Fire-and-Forget: It refers to a missile capability in which the weapon independently guides itself toward the target after launch, allowing the operator to immediately move to cover.



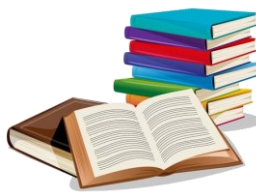
Important Terms Explained:

- **Top-Attack Mode:** It is an attack profile in which a missile strikes an armoured vehicle from above, where tank armour is generally more vulnerable.



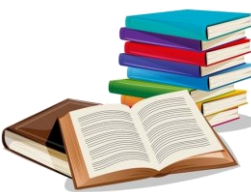
Important Terms Explained:

- **Explosive Reactive Armor:** It is protective armour fitted to military vehicles that uses explosive elements to reduce the effectiveness of incoming anti-tank warheads.



Important Terms Explained:

- **MPATGM: The Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile** is an indigenous Indian anti-tank missile system developed by **DRDO** and tested in top-attack mode against moving targets.



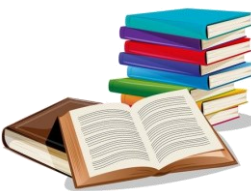
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Indian Army acquisition of US-made Javelin anti-tank guided missiles.
Procurement route	The first contract has been signed through the US Foreign Military Sales process.
Procurement provision	The purchase is being carried out under emergency procurement powers permitting urgent acquisitions up to a delegated financial limit of ₹300 crore.
Earlier US notification	The US Department of Defense notified Congress in November 2025 about a potential Javelin package estimated at \$45.7 million.
Notified package	The potential package included 100 Javelin missile rounds, one fly-to-buy missile, 25 launchers and associated equipment.
Key capability	Javelin provides fire-and-forget guidance and top-attack capability against armoured targets.
Previous Indian systems	The Army has used systems such as Milan-2T, Konkurs-M and limited quantities of Israeli Spike missiles.
Indigenous alternative	DRDO's MPATGM has undergone flight tests in top-attack mode and has been reported as ready for induction.

➤ According to Donald Trump's announcement, the proposed US-Venezuela oil deal would give the United States majority control over how many barrels of proven oil reserves?

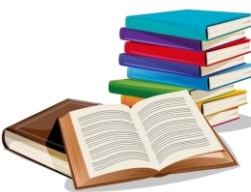
- A) 45 billion barrels
- B) 55 billion barrels
- C) 65 billion barrels
- D) 75 billion barrels
- E) 90 billion barrels

Answer
C) 65 billion barrels.



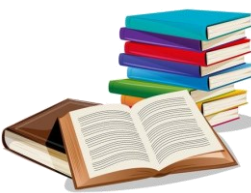
Event and Location:

- **Event:** US President Donald Trump announced a proposed US-Venezuela oil deal that he said would give the **United States** majority control over **65 billion** barrels of proven Venezuelan oil reserves.
- **Location:** The proposed agreement concerns oil assets in Venezuela and energy relations between **Washington and Caracas**.



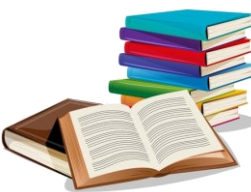
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The announcement was reported on August **29, 2026**, while the Venezuelan government had not yet confirmed the deal.



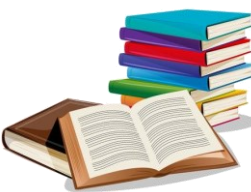
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: According to Trump**, the proposed agreement involves the US administration and private companies gaining majority control over specified Venezuelan oil reserves, while US **Secretary of State Marco Rubio** said it could attract nearly **\$100 billion** in private investment.



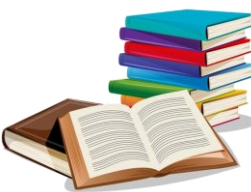
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The proposed arrangement aims to increase oil production, attract private capital to Venezuela, support economic rebuilding and employment, and provide the **United States** with more stable oil supplies in the **Western Hemisphere**.



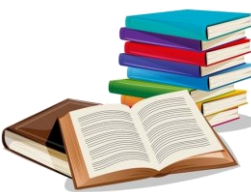
Important Terms Explained:

- **Proven Oil Reserves:** These are quantities of crude oil that geological and engineering data indicate can be commercially recovered with reasonable certainty under existing economic and operating conditions.



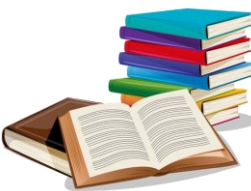
Important Terms Explained:

- **Energy Security:** It refers to the reliable and affordable availability of energy supplies needed to meet a country's economic and strategic requirements.



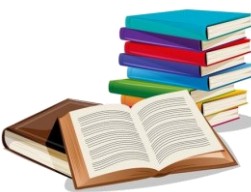
Important Terms Explained:

- **Private Investment:** It refers to capital committed by privately owned companies or investors for activities such as production, infrastructure development and commercial expansion.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Oil Production:** It refers to the extraction and processing of crude oil from underground reserves for commercial use.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Announcement of a proposed major oil agreement involving the United States and Venezuela.
Announcing authority	US President Donald Trump announced the proposed deal.
Reserves involved	Trump said the United States would receive majority control over 65 billion barrels of proven oil reserves.
Potential investment	US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the arrangement could attract nearly \$100 billion in private investment.
Venezuela's reserves	Venezuela was described as holding around 300 billion barrels of proven oil reserves.
Economic objective	The proposal is intended to increase production, attract investment and support employment and economic rebuilding in Venezuela.
US objective	Trump said increased supplies could strengthen US energy security and potentially help reduce gasoline prices.
Confirmation status	The Venezuelan government had not confirmed the announced agreement at the time of the report.

SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



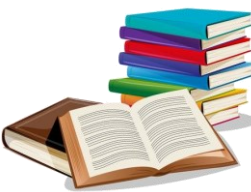
➤ Which ministry launched the e-Shram Portal to create a national database of unorganised workers in India?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Rural Development
- C) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- E) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship



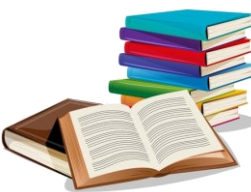
Answer

C) Ministry of Labour and Employment.



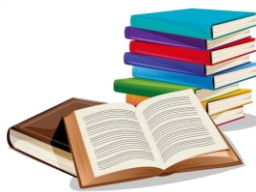
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The e-**Shram Portal** continues in **2026** as a national digital platform linking India's unorganised workers with eligible welfare and social security schemes through a **12-digit Universal Account Number**.
- **Location:** The portal operates across India for eligible workers in the unorganised sector.
- **Date:** The e-**Shram Portal** was launched on August **26, 2021**.



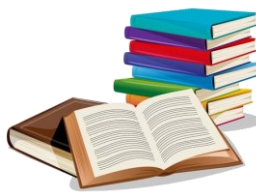
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Labour and Employment, with technical support from the **National Informatics Centre**, maintains a national database of unorganised workers and provides each registered worker with a **12-digit Universal Account Number (UAN)**.



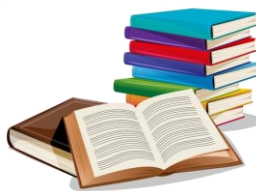
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The portal aims to improve identification of unorganised workers, facilitate access to eligible welfare and social security schemes, and provide a common digital platform for workers such as agricultural labourers, construction workers, domestic workers, street vendors, migrant workers and gig workers.



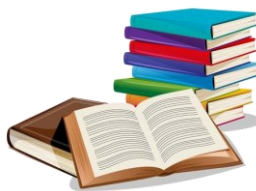
Important Terms Explained:

- **Unorganised Worker:** It refers to a worker employed in the informal or unorganised sector who generally does not receive formal employment-based social security coverage such as **EPFO** or **ESIC**.



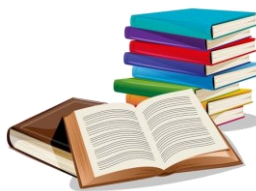
Important Terms Explained:

- Aadhaar-based e-**KYC**: It is an electronic identity verification process through which details such as name, date of birth and address can be authenticated using Aadhaar credentials.



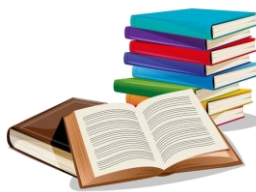
Important Terms Explained:

- **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT):** It is a system through which eligible government benefits or subsidies are transferred directly into beneficiaries' bank accounts.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Common Service Centre (CSC):** It is an assisted digital service point that can help workers without access to smartphones or computers complete online government-related services, including e-Shram registration.



SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



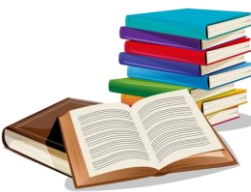
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Portal name	e-Shram Portal.
Launch date	August 26, 2021.
Launching ministry	Ministry of Labour and Employment.
Technical partner	National Informatics Centre.
Target beneficiaries	Eligible unorganised workers such as agricultural labourers, construction workers, domestic workers, street vendors, migrant workers, auto-rickshaw drivers and gig workers.
General eligibility	Applicants should generally be aged 16–59 years, be unorganised workers, and not be covered under EPFO or ESIC or be income-tax payers under the stated criteria.
Registration requirements	Aadhaar number, Aadhaar-linked mobile number and bank account details including account number and IFSC code are required.
Key benefit	Registration provides a 12-digit e-Shram UAN and facilitates access to eligible social security and welfare schemes, while registration itself is free.

➤ Which state has notified three elephant corridors covering more than 10,300 hectares in the Hosur Forest Division?

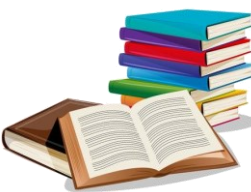
- A) Karnataka
- B) Kerala
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Telangana

Answer
C) Tamil Nadu.



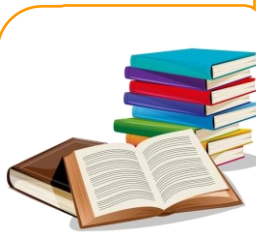
Event and Location:

- **Event: Tamil Nadu** has notified three elephant corridors in the **Hosur Forest Division** covering more than **10,300** hectares to safeguard critical elephant movement routes.



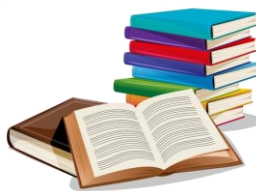
Event and Location:

- **Location:** The corridors are located in the **Hosur Forest Division**, including the **Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary** and adjoining reserved forests, and help connect elephant habitats between **Tamil Nadu and Karnataka**.
- **Date:** The notification was reported on August 29, 2026.



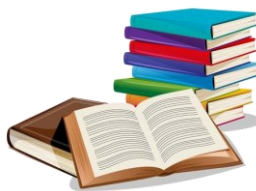
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **Tamil Nadu** government designated the Jawalagiri-Ulibanda-Thaggatti, Jawalagiri-Panai-**Anchetty** and **Billikkal Jawalagiri** routes as elephant corridors following directions of the **Madras High Court** and recommendations of committees constituted to identify corridors and bottlenecks.



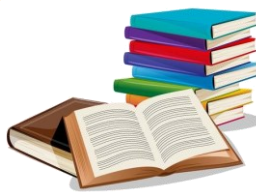
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The notification aims to maintain habitat connectivity, facilitate unobstructed elephant movement between **Tamil Nadu and Karnataka**, and reduce risks arising from habitat fragmentation and human-elephant conflict.



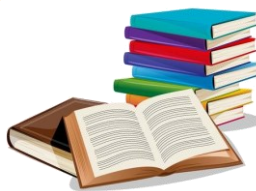
Important Terms Explained:

- **Habitat Connectivity:** It refers to the linking of separate wildlife habitats so that animals can move safely between them for food, water, breeding and seasonal migration.



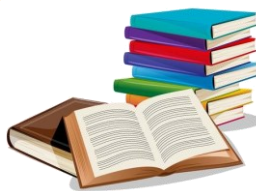
Important Terms Explained:

- Human-**Elephant Conflict**: It refers to interactions between humans and elephants that can cause crop damage, property loss, injuries or deaths, often due to shrinking or fragmented habitats.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Reserved Forest:** It is a legally protected category of forest land where activities and access are regulated under applicable forest laws to conserve forest resources and wildlife.



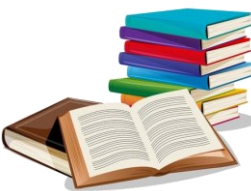
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Notification of three elephant corridors in the Hosur Forest Division.
Total coverage	The three corridors together cover more than 10,300 hectares.
Jawalagiri-Panai-Anchetty corridor	It covers 6,881.47 hectares and extends for 20.90 km.
Jawalagiri-Ulibanda-Thaggatti corridor	It covers 3,241.53 hectares and extends for 18.50 km.
Billikkal Jawalagiri corridor	It covers 196 hectares and extends for 2.20 km.
Geographic significance	The corridors support elephant movement between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.
Legal status	The notification does not alter the existing legal status of the land or impose new restrictions because the corridors lie within protected or reserved forest areas.
Basis of notification	The decision followed interim directions of the Madras High Court and recommendations of expert committees on elephant corridors and bottlenecks.

➤ Which Union Territory is set to get sittings of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court under a regulation issued by President Droupadi Murmu?

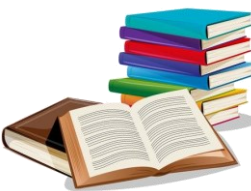
- A) Chandigarh
- B) Puducherry
- C) Ladakh
- D) Lakshadweep
- E) Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Answer
C) Ladakh.



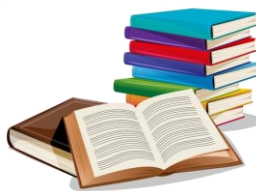
Event and Location:

- **Event:** President Droupadi Murmu issued the **Union Territory of Ladakh** (Sitting of the Bench of the **High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in Ladakh**) Regulation, **2026**, enabling **High Court** sittings within Ladakh.
- **Location:** The **High Court** sittings will be held at designated locations within the **Union Territory of Ladakh**.



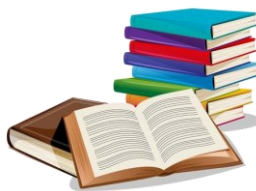
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The regulation was issued on August **27, 2026**, following the **Union Cabinet**'s approval on August **20, 2026**.



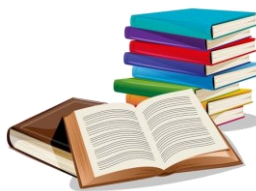
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The regulation allows the **Chief Justice** of the **Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court** to direct sittings of judges and divisions of the **High Court** at specified locations in Ladakh with the permission of the **Lieutenant Governor**.



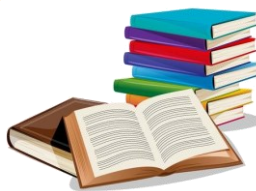
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The measure aims to improve access to higher judicial remedies, reduce travel time and costs for litigants, and make **High Court** proceedings more accessible to citizens, advocates and other legal stakeholders in Ladakh.



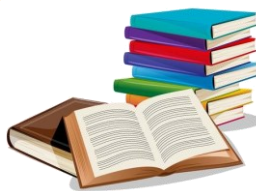
Important Terms Explained:

- **High Court Bench:** It refers to a location where judges of a **High Court** sit and hear cases outside or in addition to the court's principal place of sitting.



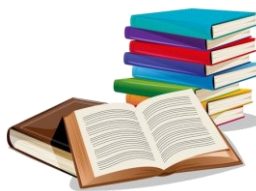
Important Terms Explained:

- **Official Gazette:** It is an authorised government publication used to formally notify laws, regulations, rules, appointments and other official decisions.
- **Litigant:** A litigant is a person or party involved in a legal proceeding before a court.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Chief Justice: The Chief Justice** is the senior-most judicial authority of a **High Court** and performs both judicial and administrative functions relating to the court.



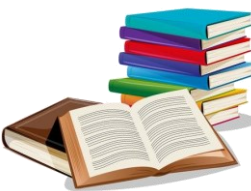
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Provision for sittings of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court within Ladakh.
Regulation	Union Territory of Ladakh (Sitting of the Bench of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in Ladakh) Regulation, 2026.
Issuing authority	President Droupadi Murmu.
Date of regulation	August 27, 2026.
Cabinet approval	The Union Cabinet approved the proposal on August 20, 2026.
Administrative provision	The Chief Justice may designate locations in Ladakh for High Court sittings with the permission of the Lieutenant Governor.
Case allocation	The Chief Justice may direct particular cases or classes of cases from Ladakh to be heard at Srinagar or Jammu when required.
Purpose	The measure seeks to reduce travel-related hardship and improve access to justice for people in Ladakh.

QUICK RECALL



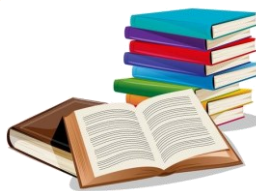
- **National Sports Day is observed every year on August 29, the birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand.**
- **National Small Industry Day recognises the role of small enterprises in promoting entrepreneurship, employment and economic development.**
- **Abhishek gave India an early lead by scoring within the first six minutes of the match.**
- **The programme will study genetic variations linked with endurance, power, metabolism, muscle composition, exercise response and injury susceptibility.**
- **India reduced the number of high-burden malaria districts from 155 in 2015 to 33 in 2025.**
- **The RBI opened its concessional swap window on June 5, 2026, to facilitate foreign currency inflows.**



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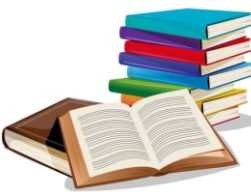
- **Delhi's own revenue share of 93.2% was 12.8 percentage points higher than Haryana's 80.4%.**
- **The Indian Army's pursuit of the Javelin missile dates back to 2009, when Indian soldiers fired it during Exercise Yudh Abhyas in Babina.**
- **Donald Trump described the proposed agreement as the biggest oil deal in world history.**
- **The e-Shram Portal was launched to create a national database of workers in India's unorganised sector.**



QUICK RECALL



- **The Jawalagiri-Panai-Anchetty corridor is the largest of the three notified corridors, covering 6,881.47 hectares.**
- **The regulation was issued through the Ministry of Law and Justice and published in the Gazette of India on August 27, 2026.**




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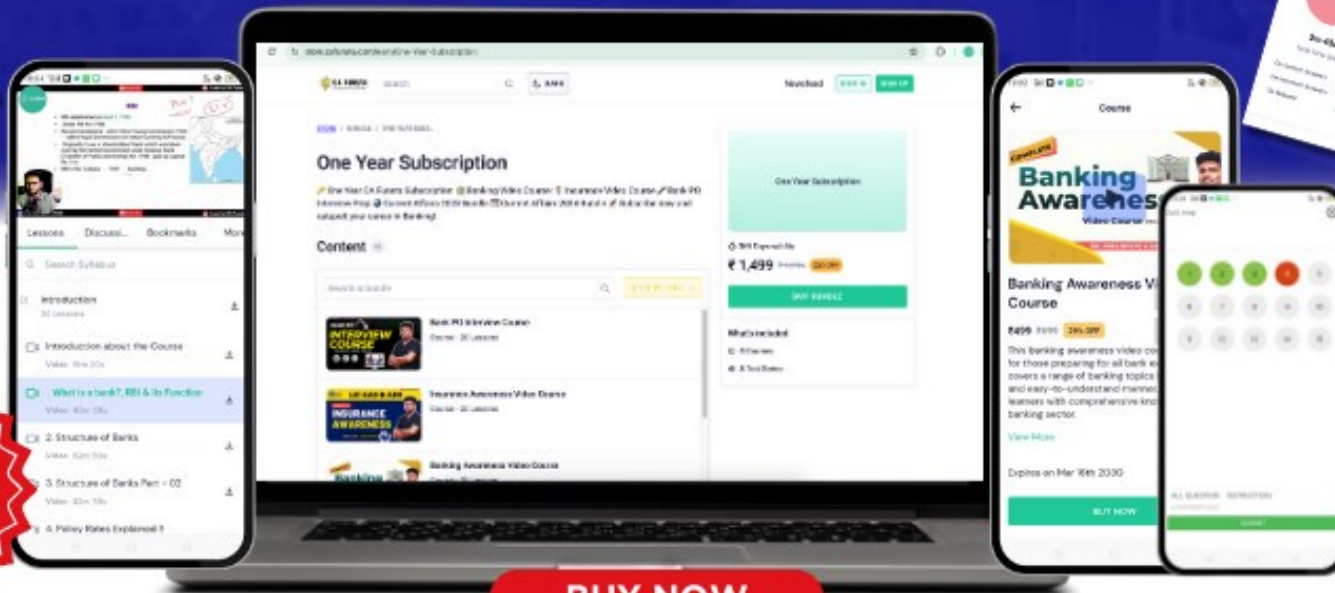
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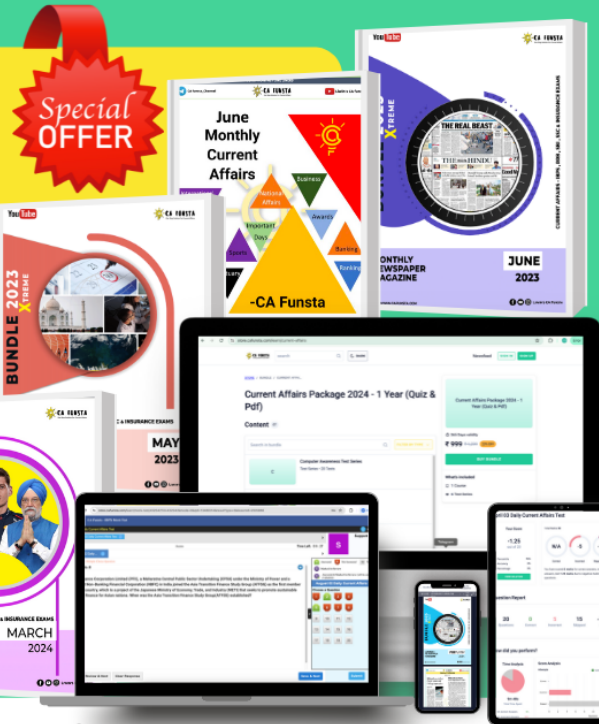


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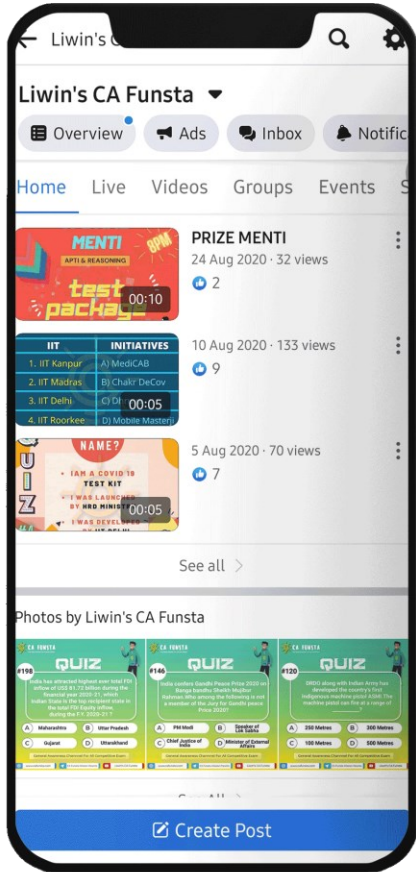
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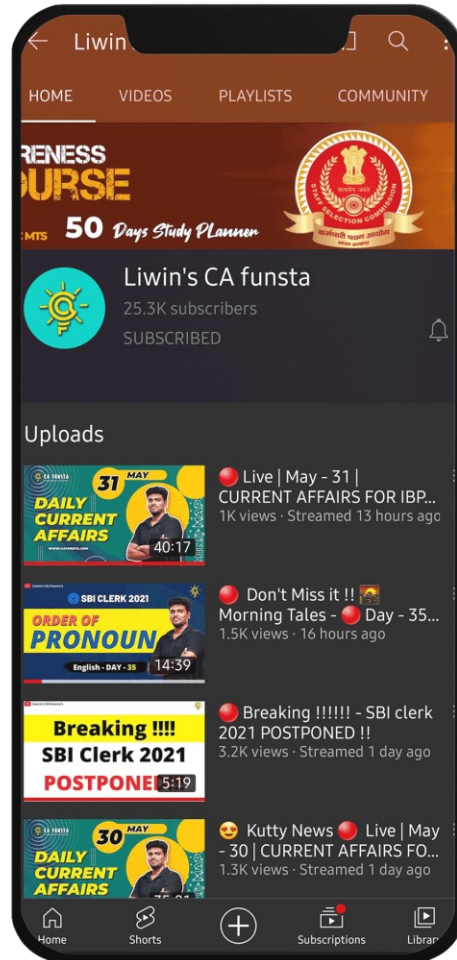


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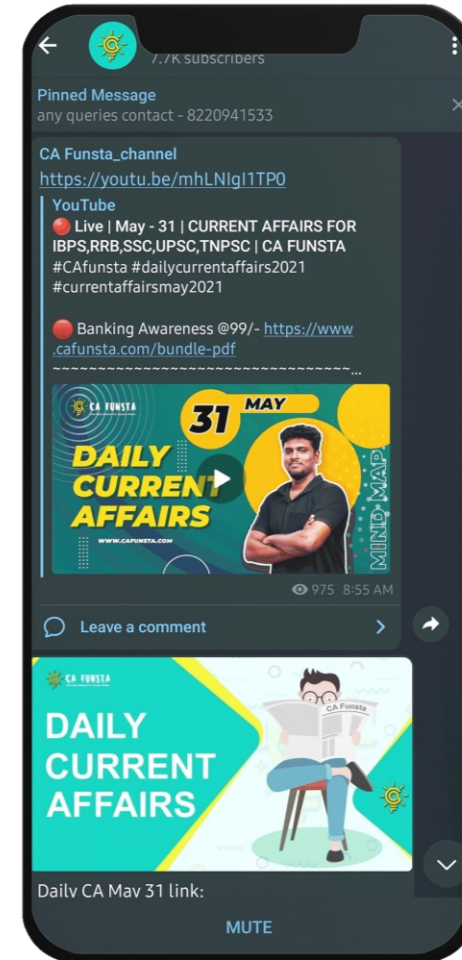
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