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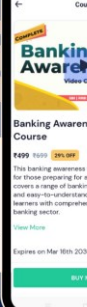
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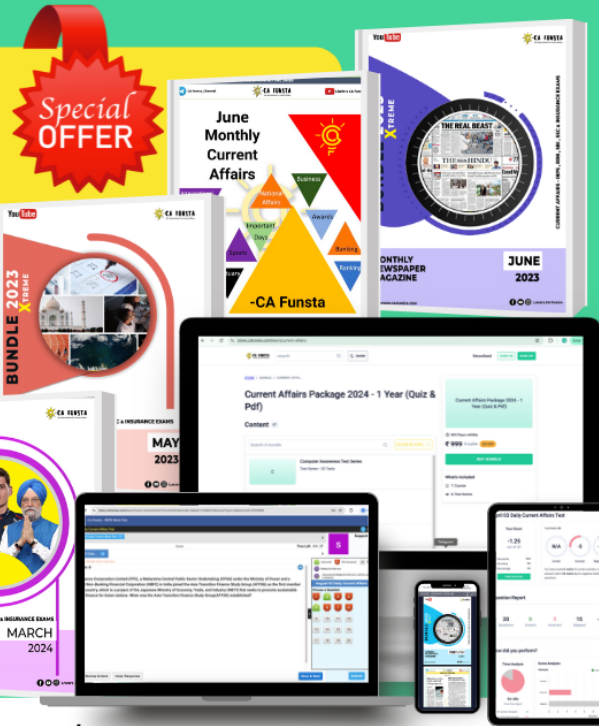
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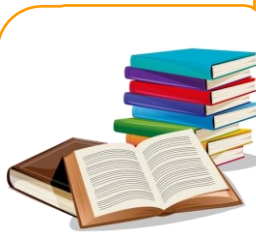
Important Days



➤ On which date was India's first official radio broadcast made by the Indian Broadcasting Company in Bombay?

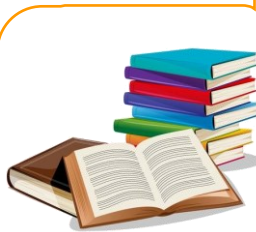
- A) 23 July 1923
- B) 23 July 1927
- C) 1 April 1930
- D) 8 June 1936
- E) 23 July 1977

Answer
B) 23 July 1927.



Event and Location:

- **Event: National Broadcasting Day 2026**
commemorated India's broadcasting journey from its first official radio transmission to modern digital audio platforms.
- **Location:** The observance covered India, while the first official radio broadcast took place in Bombay, now Mumbai.



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Date: National Broadcasting Day** was observed on **23 July 2026**, marking the anniversary of the first official broadcast on **23 July 1927**.



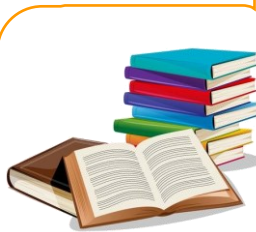
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance highlighted major milestones in Indian broadcasting, including the establishment of **All India Radio**, the introduction of FM radio and the expansion of digital audio services.



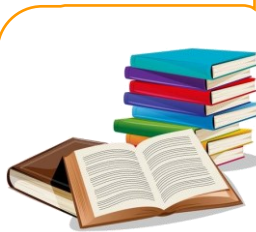
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** It aimed to recognise the contribution of broadcasters and communication professionals while emphasising the role of audio media in news, education, culture, disaster communication and public awareness.



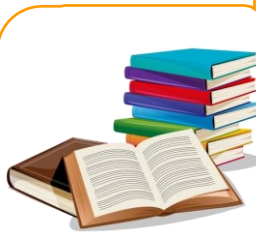
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Broadcasting Day:** It is observed annually on **23 July** to commemorate India's first official radio broadcast made by the **Indian Broadcasting Company in Bombay** in **1927**.



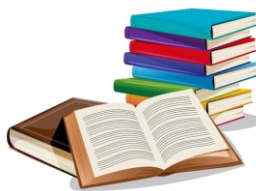
Important Terms Explained:

- **All India Radio:** It is India's public service radio broadcaster, established under its present name on **8 June 1936** and popularly known as Akashvani since **1957**.



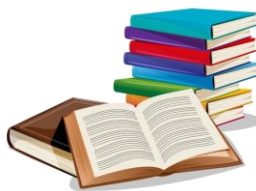
Important Terms Explained:

- **FM Broadcasting: Frequency Modulation**
broadcasting provides clearer sound quality and supports music-based, entertainment-oriented and city-specific radio programmes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Audio Broadcasting:** It refers to the delivery of audio content through internet radio, podcasts, streaming platforms, mobile applications, smart speakers and on-demand services.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	National Broadcasting Day 2026.
Observance date	23 July 2026.
Historical anniversary	India's first official radio broadcast was made on 23 July 1927.
Place of first broadcast	Bombay, now Mumbai.
Original broadcaster	The Indian Broadcasting Company conducted the first official transmission.
Institutional milestone	The Indian State Broadcasting Service was renamed All India Radio on 8 June 1936.
FM milestone	FM broadcasting began on 23 July 1977 from Madras, now Chennai.
Significance	Broadcasting supports news delivery, education, cultural promotion, disaster communication and informed citizenship.



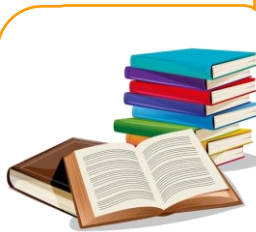
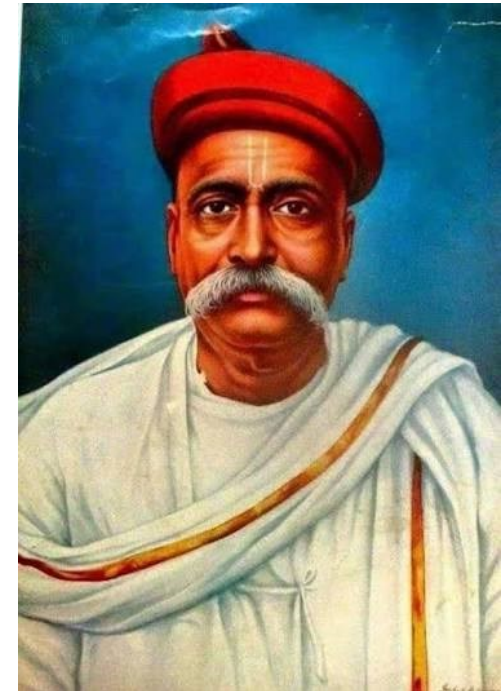
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➤ Which organisation did Bal Gangadhar Tilak establish with Annie Besant in 1916?

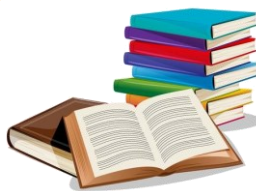
- A) Servants of India Society
- B) Indian National Army
- C) All India Home Rule League
- D) Swaraj Party
- E) Ghadar Party

Answer
C) All India Home Rule League.



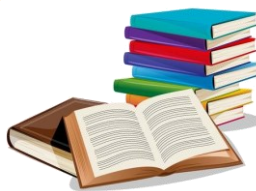
Event and Location:

- **Event: Lokmanya Tilak Jayanti 2026** commemorated the **170th** birth anniversary of freedom fighter **Bal Gangadhar Tilak**.
- **Location:** The birth anniversary was observed across India, with Tilak's major educational, journalistic and political activities centred in Pune, Maharashtra.
- **Date: Lokmanya Tilak Jayanti** was observed on **23 July 2026**.



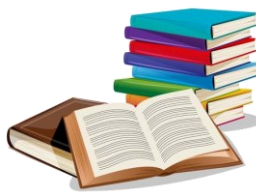
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance highlighted Tilak's role in the freedom movement, national education, journalism, the **Home Rule Movement**, Swadeshi and public cultural celebrations.
- **Objectives:** It aimed to honour Tilak's contribution to popularising the demand for Swaraj and mobilising Indians against British colonial rule.



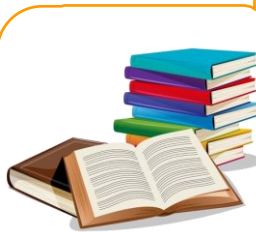
Important Terms Explained:

- **Lokmanya:** It is a title meaning “respected by the people” and was conferred on **Bal Gangadhar Tilak** by the public.



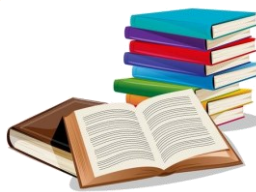
Important Terms Explained:

- **Swaraj:** It means self-rule and became a central political demand of the Indian freedom movement through Tilak's declaration that Swaraj was his birthright.



Important Terms Explained:

- **All India Home Rule League:** It was established in **1916** by Tilak in association with **Annie Besant** to demand self-government for India within the **British Empire**.

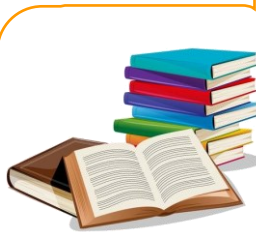


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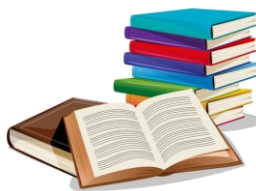
Important Terms Explained:

- **Swadeshi:** It was a nationalist principle promoting Indian-made goods and encouraging the boycott of foreign products.



Important Terms Explained:

- Lal-Bal-Pal: It referred to the nationalist trio of **Lala Lajpat Rai, Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Bipin Chandra Pal**, who represented the assertive wing of the **Indian National Congress**.

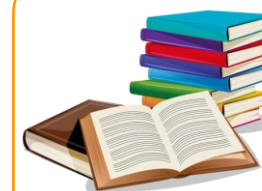


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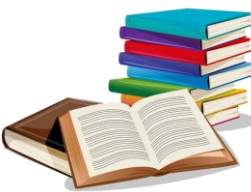
Parameter	Details
Commemoration	Lokmanya Tilak Jayanti 2026 marked Tilak's 170th birth anniversary.
Birth date	Bal Gangadhar Tilak was born on 23 July 1856.
Popular title	He was known as Lokmanya, meaning respected by the people.
Political contribution	He promoted Swaraj, Swadeshi, national education and the boycott of British goods.
Home Rule initiative	He established the All India Home Rule League with Annie Besant in 1916.
Journalistic contribution	He used the newspapers Kesari in Marathi and The Mahratta in English to spread nationalist ideas.
Cultural mobilisation	He popularised Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav in 1893 and initiated Shivaji Mahotsav in 1895.
Literary contribution	He wrote Gita Rahasya while imprisoned in Mandalay, Burma.



► What percentage of India's broad-gauge railway network has been electrified?

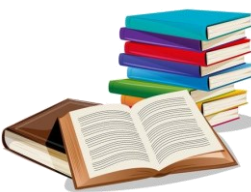
- A) 96.1%
- B) 97.9%
- C) 98.7%
- D) 99.6%
- E) 100%

Answer
D) 99.6%.



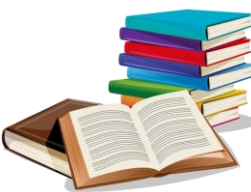
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India achieved **99.6%** electrification of its broad-gauge railway network, becoming the world's second most electrified rail network after Switzerland.
- **Location:** The achievement covers the broad-gauge railway network operated by **Indian Railways** across India.
- **Date:** **The Ministry of Railways** reported the milestone on **22 July 2026**.



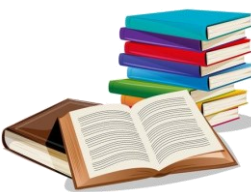
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Indian Railways** accelerated route electrification, adopted electrification for new railway lines and multi-tracking projects, reduced diesel use and expanded renewable-energy capacity.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The programme aims to modernise railway infrastructure, lower greenhouse-gas emissions, reduce dependence on imported fossil fuels and support India's clean-energy transition.

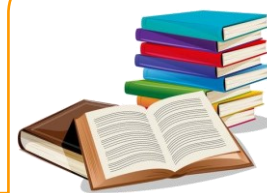


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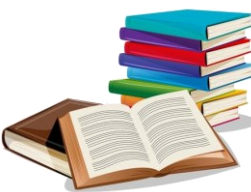
Ranking Table:

Rank	Country
1	Switzerland.
2	India.
3	China.
4	Spain.
5	Japan.
6	France.
7	Britain.



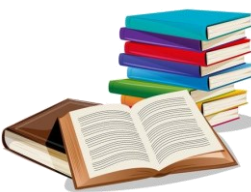
Important Terms Explained:

- **Railway Electrification:** It is the conversion of railway routes from diesel-based traction to electric traction through overhead or other electrical power systems.



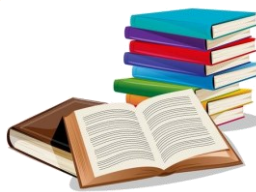
Important Terms Explained:

- **Broad Gauge:** It is a railway track gauge measuring **1,676** millimetres between the inner sides of the rails and forms the principal rail network in India.



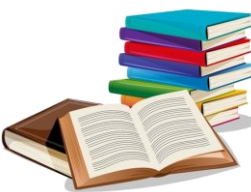
Important Terms Explained:

- Greenhouse-**Gas Emissions**: These are emissions, including carbon dioxide, that trap heat in the atmosphere and contribute to climate change.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Renewable Energy:** It is energy generated from naturally replenishing sources such as solar and wind power.
- **Net Zero:** It refers to balancing greenhouse-gas emissions released into the atmosphere with emissions removed or avoided.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Achievement	India electrified 99.6% of its broad-gauge railway network.
Global position	India became the world's second most electrified railway network after Switzerland.
Reporting authority	The milestone was reported by the Ministry of Railways.
Electrification since 2014	India electrified an additional 48,072 route kilometres between 2014 and 2026.
Diesel reduction	Railway diesel consumption declined from 293 crore litres in 2015–16 to 108 crore litres in 2024–25.
Emission advantage	Rail freight emits approximately 11.5 grams of carbon dioxide per tonne-kilometre compared with 101 grams for road transport.
Solar capacity	Indian Railways had installed 1,161 megawatts of solar-power capacity by June 2026.
Wind capacity	Indian Railways had installed 103 megawatts of wind-power capacity by June 2026.



APPOINTMENTS



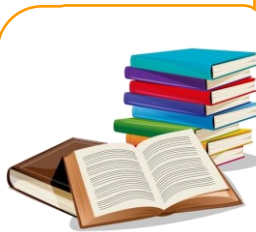
➤ Which committee approved the appointment of Anurag Jain as CEO of NITI Aayog?

- A) Economic Affairs Committee
- B) Appointments Committee of the Cabinet
- C) Public Accounts Committee
- D) Finance Commission
- E) Union Public Service Commission



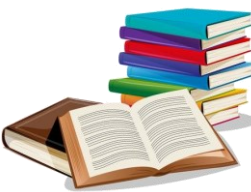
Answer

B) Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.



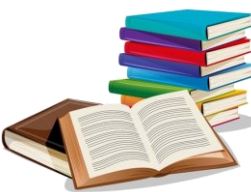
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The **Central Government** appointed **IAS** officer **Anurag Jain** as the new **Chief Executive Officer** of **NITI Aayog**.
- **Location:** The appointment applies to **NITI Aayog**, the **Government of India's** policy think tank based in **New Delhi**.
- **Date:** The appointment was reported on **23 July 2026** and will take effect from the date **Anurag Jain** assumes office.



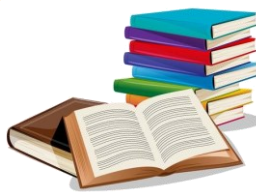
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Appointments Committee** of the Cabinet approved the appointment, while the **Department of Personnel and Training** issued the formal order for a tenure of two years, subject to the approved extension of service or further orders.



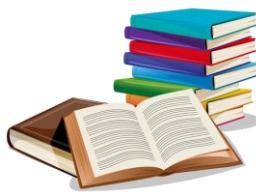
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The appointment aims to strengthen policy formulation, reform implementation and institutional coordination in support of India's **Viksit Bharat@2047** vision.



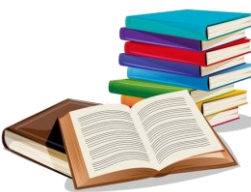
Important Terms Explained:

- **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet:** It is a high-level **Union Government** committee that approves appointments to important positions in the **Central Government** and public institutions.



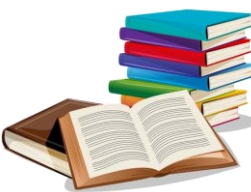
Important Terms Explained:

- **Department of Personnel and Training:** It is the **Central Government** department responsible for personnel policy, administrative reforms and service-related matters concerning government employees.



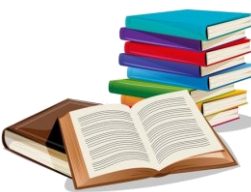
Important Terms Explained:

- **Viksit Bharat@2047:** It is India's national vision of becoming a developed country by **2047**, the centenary year of independence.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Investment Friendliness Index 2026:** It is an index released by **NITI** Aayog to assess Indian states according to the quality of their investment ecosystems across multiple indicators and policy pillars.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Appointment	Anurag Jain was appointed Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog.
Cadre and batch	He is a 1989-batch IAS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre.
Approving authority	The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment.
Issuing department	The Department of Personnel and Training issued the formal appointment order.
Tenure	His appointment will continue for two years, subject to the approved service extension or further orders.
Administrative experience	He has served in several senior positions in both the Central Government and the Madhya Pradesh Government.
Policy relevance	His experience includes governance, industrial policy and infrastructure development.
Strategic objective	The appointment supports stronger policy formulation and implementation under the Viksit Bharat@2047 agenda.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who assumed the additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director of IRCTC in July 2026?

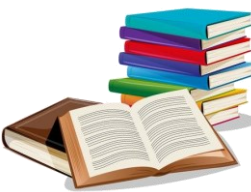
- A) Sanjay Kumar Jain
- B) Rahul Himalian
- C) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- D) Satish Kumar
- E) Jaya Varma Sinha

Answer
B) Rahul Himalian.



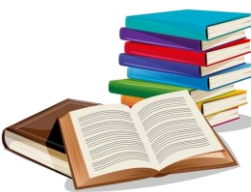
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Rahul Himalian** assumed the additional charge of **Chairman and Managing Director** of the **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation** following the resignation of **Sanjay Kumar Jain**.
- **Location:** The appointment applies to **IRCTC**, a public sector enterprise functioning under the **Ministry of Railways in India**.
- **Date:** **Rahul Himalian** assumed the additional charge on **20 July 2026**.



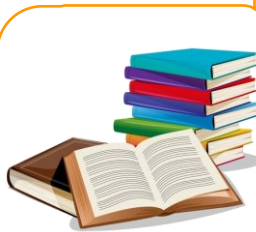
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** **Rahul Himalian** will perform the responsibilities of **Chairman and Managing Director** while continuing to serve as **Director of Tourism and Marketing** at **IRCTC**.



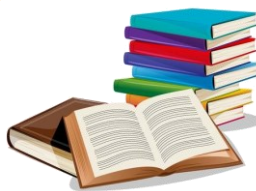
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The appointment aims to ensure continuity in leadership and maintain effective oversight of **IRCTC**'s tourism, catering, ticketing, marketing and administrative operations.



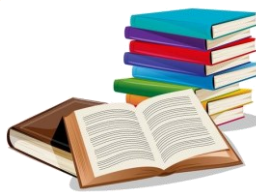
Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Railway Traffic Service:** It is a Group A civil service responsible for managing railway operations, commercial activities, transportation and traffic administration.



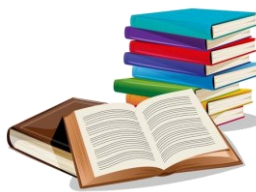
Important Terms Explained:

- **Additional Charge:** It is a temporary administrative arrangement in which an official performs the duties of another position along with existing responsibilities.



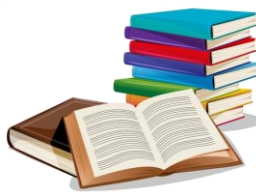
Important Terms Explained:

- **Miniratna Status:** It is a status granted by the **Government of India** to eligible public sector enterprises, providing them with greater financial and operational autonomy.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Rail Neer:** It is the packaged drinking water brand manufactured and supplied by **IRCTC** for railway passengers and other consumers.



APPOINTMENTS



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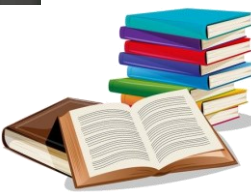
Parameter	Details
Appointee	Rahul Himalian.
Additional position	Chairman and Managing Director of IRCTC.
Appointment date	20 July 2026.
Previous CMD	Sanjay Kumar Jain resigned from the position.
Existing position	Rahul Himalian continues as Director of Tourism and Marketing.
Service background	He is a 1999-batch Indian Railway Traffic Service officer with over 26 years of experience.
Board association	He has served on the IRCTC board since 16 February 2024.
Academic achievement	He earned an engineering gold medal from NIT Hamirpur and completed postgraduate studies at IIT Delhi with a CGPA of 10.00.



➤ Who was selected for the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026 for contributions to India's national security?

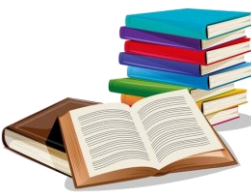
- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Ajit Doval
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Devendra Fadnavis
- E) Eknath Shinde

Answer
B) Ajit Doval.



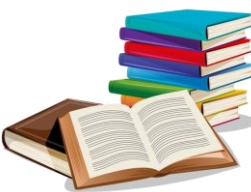
Event and Location:

- **Event:** National Security Advisor Ajit Doval was selected for the **Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026** for strengthening India's national security framework.
- **Location:** The award ceremony will be held at **Maharashtra Mandal Ground in Pune**, Maharashtra.
- **Date:** The selection was announced on **21 July 2026**, while the award ceremony is scheduled for **1 August 2026**.



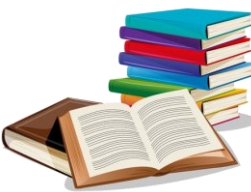
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Tilak Smarak Trust will confer the award on **Ajit Doval**, with **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** scheduled to present it during the ceremony in Pune.



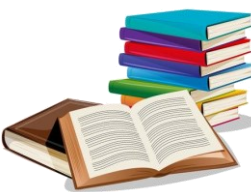
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The award recognises Doval's contributions to intelligence coordination, counter-terrorism, strategic security management and the protection of India's national interests.



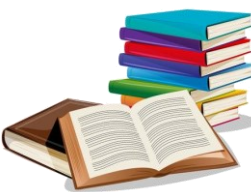
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Security Advisor:** The **National Security Advisor** is the senior official who advises the **Prime Minister** and the **Government of India** on national security, intelligence and strategic affairs.



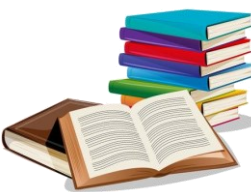
Important Terms Explained:

- **Tilak Smarak Trust:** It is the organisation that presents the annual **Lokmanya Tilak National Award** in memory of freedom fighter **Bal Gangadhar Tilak**.



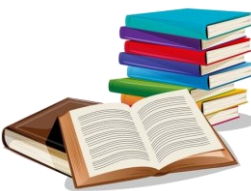
Important Terms Explained:

- Counter-terrorism: It refers to policies, intelligence operations and security measures undertaken to prevent and respond to terrorist threats.



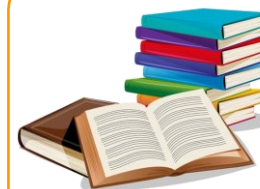
Important Terms Explained:

- **Strategic Security Management:** It involves the planning and coordination of long-term measures to protect a country's defence, intelligence and national interests.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Award name	Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026.
Recipient	National Security Advisor Ajit Doval.
Announcement date	The selection was announced on 21 July 2026.
Ceremony date	The award ceremony will be held on 1 August 2026.
Venue	Maharashtra Mandal Ground in Pune, Maharashtra.
Presenting dignitary	Union Home Minister Amit Shah will present the award.
Awarding organisation	The Tilak Smarak Trust selected Doval for the honour.
Reason for selection	He was recognised for his contributions to national security, intelligence coordination and counter-terrorism.



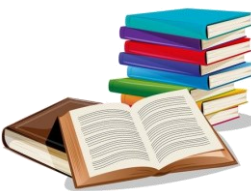
➤ **INS Malvan belongs to which class of Indian Navy vessels?**

- A) Nilgiri-class frigate
- B) Kalvari-class submarine
- C) Mahe-class ASW-SWC
- D) Visakhapatnam-class destroyer
- E) Saryu-class patrol vessel



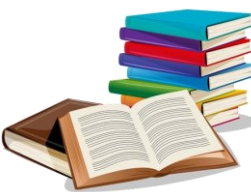
Answer

C) Mahe-class ASW-SWC.



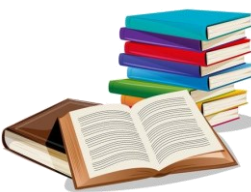
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Indian Navy commissioned **INS Malvan**, the second Mahe-class Anti-**Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft**, with more than **80%** indigenous content.
- **Location:** The commissioning ceremony was held at **Karwar Naval Base in Karnataka**.
- **Date:** **INS Malvan** joined the **Indian Navy** on **22 July 2026**.



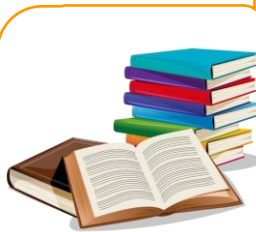
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The vessel will conduct anti-submarine warfare, underwater surveillance, mine warfare, low-intensity maritime operations and coastal-security missions in shallow waters.
- **Objectives:** Its induction aims to strengthen India's coastal defence, maritime domain awareness and indigenous naval shipbuilding capabilities under **Aatmanirbhar Bharat**.



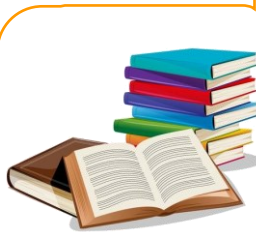
Important Terms Explained:

- **Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft:** It is a specialised naval vessel designed to detect, track and counter submarines operating in coastal and shallow-water regions.



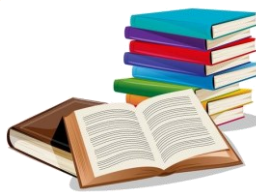
Important Terms Explained:

- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat:** It is the **Government of India's** initiative to promote domestic manufacturing, technological capability and self-reliance in strategic sectors.



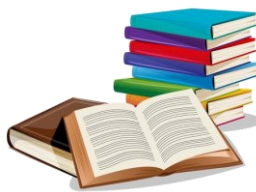
Important Terms Explained:

- **Maritime Domain Awareness:** It refers to the effective understanding and monitoring of activities, threats and developments within the maritime environment.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Indigenous Content:** It represents the proportion of a vessel's systems, equipment and components that are designed or manufactured within India.



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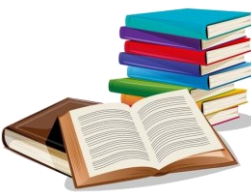
Parameter	Details
Vessel name	INS Malvan.
Vessel class	It is the second Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft.
Commissioning date	22 July 2026.
Commissioning location	Karwar Naval Base in Karnataka.
Shipbuilder	Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi.
Indigenous content	More than 80% of its systems and equipment are of Indian origin.
Operational roles	It will support anti-submarine warfare, mine warfare, underwater surveillance and coastal security.
Strategic significance	The vessel strengthens indigenous defence manufacturing and shallow-water naval capability.



► What is the maximum government subsidy available under the Mini Nandi Farmer Prosperity Scheme?

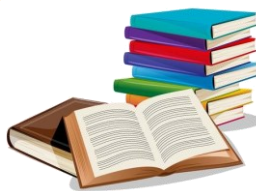
- A) ₹5.90 lakh
- B) ₹8.50 lakh
- C) ₹10.00 lakh
- D) ₹11.80 lakh
- E) ₹23.60 lakh

Answer
D) ₹11.80 lakh.



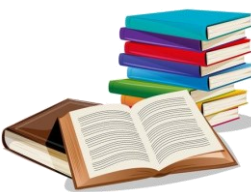
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Mini Nandi Farmer Prosperity Scheme** provides financial assistance for establishing scientific dairy units with **10** high-yielding indigenous COWS.
- **Location:** The scheme covers all districts of the implementing state, although the state's name is not specified in the article.
- **Date:** The scheme details were reported on **23 July 2026**.



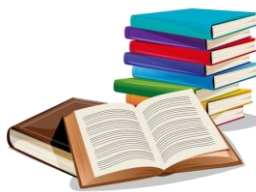
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Eligible beneficiaries can establish a dairy unit costing **₹23.60 lakh** through a **50%** government subsidy, a **15%** beneficiary contribution and a **35%** bank loan.



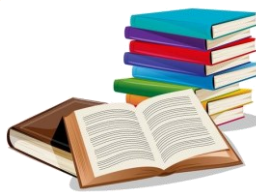
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to increase farmers' income, improve milk production, conserve indigenous cattle breeds, strengthen rural dairy infrastructure, generate self-employment and ensure that at least **50%** of beneficiaries are women.



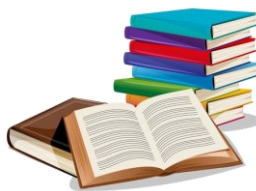
Important Terms Explained:

- **Mini Nandi Farmer Prosperity Scheme:** It is a dairy development initiative that supports farmers in establishing modern **10**-cow dairy units using high-yielding indigenous breeds.



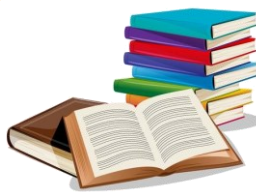
Important Terms Explained:

- **Direct Benefit Transfer:** It is a system under which government financial assistance is transferred directly into the beneficiary's bank account.



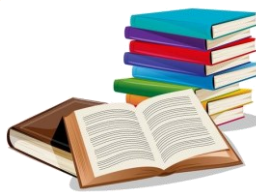
Important Terms Explained:

- **Indigenous Cattle Breeds:** These are native Indian cattle breeds, such as Gir, **Sahiwal and Tharparkar**, known for adaptability, disease resistance and milk-production potential.



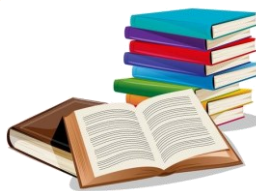
Important Terms Explained:

- **Lactation Period:** It is the period during which a cow produces milk after giving birth, and eligible cows under the scheme must be in their first or second lactation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Electronic Lottery:** It is a digital selection process used when the number of eligible applicants exceeds the available beneficiary slots.

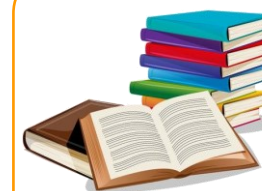


SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Scheme name	Mini Nandi Farmer Prosperity Scheme.
Dairy unit size	The scheme supports the establishment of a dairy unit with 10 indigenous cows.
Total project cost	The prescribed cost of a dairy unit is ₹23.60 lakh.
Government assistance	A 50% subsidy of up to ₹11.80 lakh is provided.
Funding structure	The beneficiary contributes 15%, while 35% may be financed through a bank loan.
Eligible breeds	Gir, Sahiwal and Tharparkar cows are among the eligible indigenous breeds.
Basic eligibility	Applicants require at least three years of livestock-rearing experience and approximately 0.20 acre of land.
Women beneficiaries	At least 50% of the beneficiaries receiving grant assistance are intended to be women.

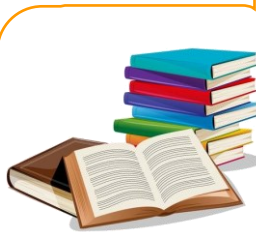


➤ Which certification is mandatory before applying for a new CSC ID under the 2026 registration process?

- A) Digital Literacy Certificate
- B) Telecentre Entrepreneur Course
- C) Banking Correspondent Certificate
- D) Aadhaar Operator Certificate
- E) Rural Development Course

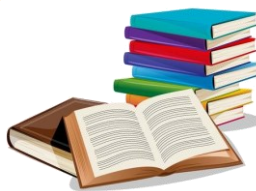
Answer

B) Telecentre Entrepreneur Course.



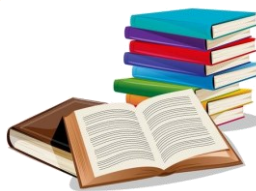
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Common Service Centre Registration 2026** process enables eligible applicants to establish digital service centres and operate them as **Village Level Entrepreneurs**.
- **Location:** The scheme covers rural and semi-urban areas across India.
- **Date:** The registration guidelines were reported on **23 July 2026**.



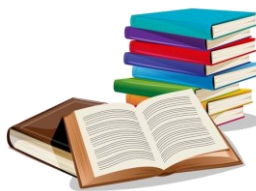
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Applicants must complete the **Telecentre Entrepreneur Course**, submit an online application through the official **CSC** portal, upload the required documents and undergo verification by the **District Manager**.



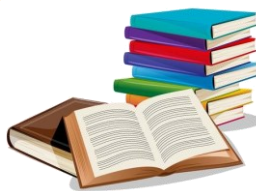
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to promote self-employment, improve digital inclusion and provide government, banking, financial and public welfare services to citizens through local service centres.



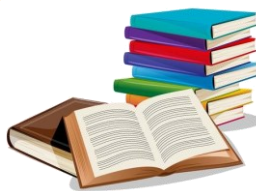
Important Terms Explained:

- **Common Service Centre:** It is a digital service-delivery centre established under the **Digital India** programme to provide government and private services to citizens.



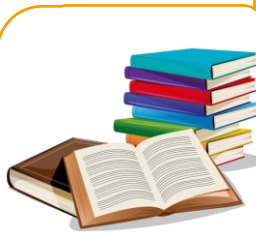
Important Terms Explained:

- **Village Level Entrepreneur:** A **VLE** is an authorised operator who manages a **CSC** and earns commissions by delivering approved digital services.



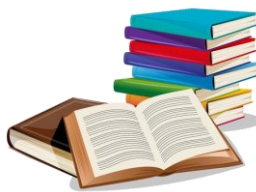
Important Terms Explained:

- **CSC 4.0:** It refers to the upgraded **CSC** framework that uses improved digital infrastructure and connectivity to expand service delivery in remote areas.



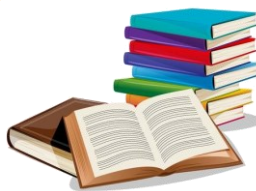
Important Terms Explained:

- **BharatNet:** It is a government-supported broadband connectivity initiative designed to provide high-speed internet access to rural areas.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Telecentre Entrepreneur Course:** It is a mandatory certification programme that applicants must complete before applying for a new **CSC ID**.



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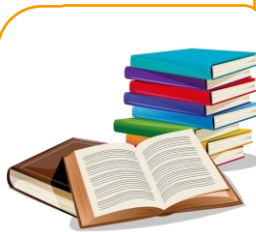
Parameter	Details
Scheme name	Common Service Centre Registration 2026.
Implementing programme	CSCs operate under the Digital India programme.
Centre operator	Each centre is managed by an eligible Village Level Entrepreneur.
Minimum qualification	Applicants must have passed at least the Class 10 examination.
Mandatory certification	Completion of the Telecentre Entrepreneur Course is required before registration.
Registration process	Applicants must apply online, upload documents and complete District Manager verification.
Major services	CSCs provide government applications, banking, insurance, utility payments, Aadhaar-related services and certificates.
Income opportunity	Operators may earn more than ₹30,000 per month depending on transactions, location and service demand.



➤ Which village has become Tamil Nadu's first Climate-Resilient Village?

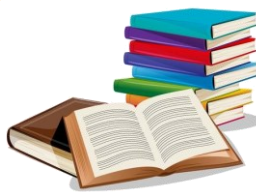
- A) Killai
- B) Mahabalipuram
- C) Rameswaram
- D) Nagapattinam
- E) Kanyakumari

Answer
A) Killai.



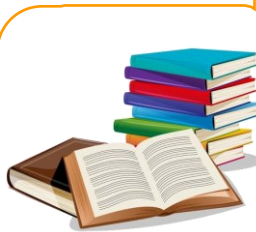
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Killai was recognised as **Tamil Nadu's** first Climate-**Resilient Village** for adopting community-based climate adaptation and disaster-preparedness measures.
- **Location:** Killai is located in Cuddalore district near the **Pichavaram Mangrove Forest in Tamil Nadu.**
- **Date:** The recognition was reported on **23 July 2026.**



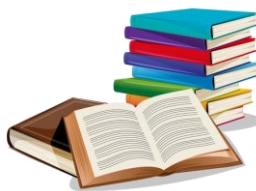
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The village model integrates scientific planning, ecosystem conservation, resilient infrastructure, sustainable water management, livelihood diversification and community participation.



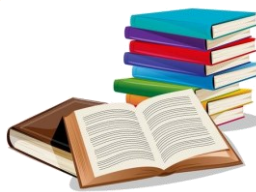
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to reduce vulnerability to cyclones, floods, coastal erosion, rising sea levels and saltwater intrusion while protecting livelihoods and promoting sustainable development.



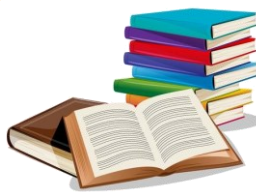
Important Terms Explained:

- **Climate Resilience:** It is the capacity of a community to prepare for, adapt to, recover from and reduce the adverse effects of climate change.



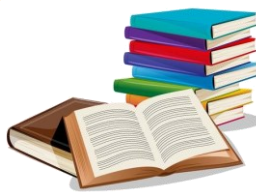
Important Terms Explained:

- **Nature-Based Solutions:** These are measures that protect, restore or sustainably manage natural ecosystems to address environmental and climate-related challenges.



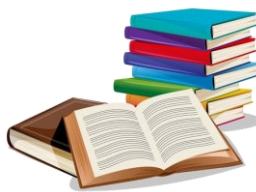
Important Terms Explained:

- Climate-**Smart Livelihoods**: These are income-generating activities designed to remain sustainable and less vulnerable to climate-related risks.



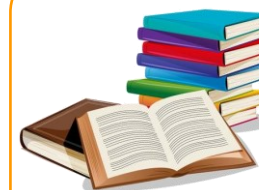
Important Terms Explained:

- **Saltwater Intrusion:** It is the movement of seawater into freshwater sources, particularly groundwater, making the water saline and unsuitable for many uses.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Village name	Killai.
Recognition	It became Tamil Nadu's first Climate-Resilient Village.
District	Cuddalore district, Tamil Nadu.
Nearby ecosystem	The village is located near the Pichavaram Mangrove Forest.
Major climate risks	Cyclones, floods, coastal erosion, sea-level rise and saltwater intrusion.
Core approach	The project follows community-led planning and ecosystem-based climate adaptation.
Key measures	It includes resilient infrastructure, water management, disaster preparedness and livelihood diversification.
Significance	The village serves as a climate-adaptation model for vulnerable coastal regions of India.



➤ What was the name of India's first tri-service all-women circumnavigation sailing expedition?

- A) Sagar Parikrama
- B) Samudra Shakti
- C) Samudra Pradakshina
- D) Nari Sagar Yatra
- E) Triveni Abhiyan

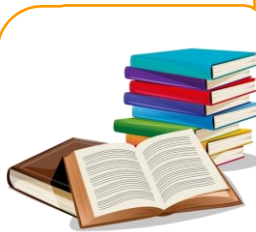
Answer

C) Samudra Pradakshina.



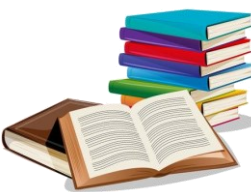
Event and Location:

- **Event: Samudra Pradakshina**, India's first tri-service all-women circumnavigation sailing expedition, was successfully completed by nine women officers aboard **IASV Triveni**.
- **Location: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** welcomed the expedition team in Mumbai after its global voyage across four oceans.
- **Date:** The expedition began on **11 September 2025** and concluded on **22 July 2026** after **314** days.



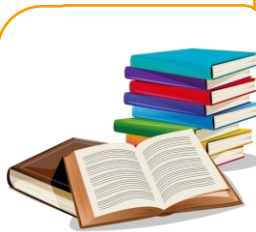
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Nine women officers from the **Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force** sailed approximately **25,500** nautical miles aboard the **50-foot IASV Triveni**.



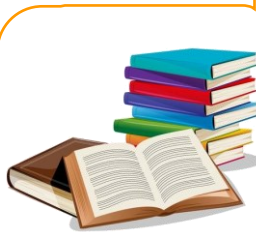
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The mission aimed to demonstrate India's maritime capability, promote tri-service cooperation, highlight women's leadership in the **Armed Forces** and showcase indigenous maritime technology.



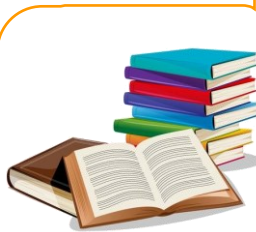
Important Terms Explained:

- **Circumnavigation:** It is a complete journey around the Earth involving the crossing of all meridians of longitude and major geographic reference lines.



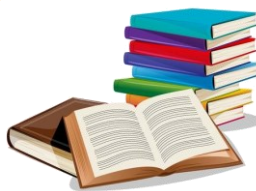
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- **IASV Triveni:** It is the **50-foot Indian Army Sailing Vessel** used by the nine-member women officers' team for the global expedition.



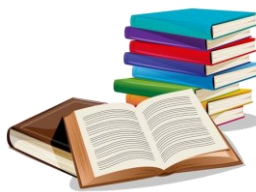
Important Terms Explained:

- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat:** It is India's vision of strengthening domestic capabilities, technological self-reliance and indigenous production across strategic sectors.



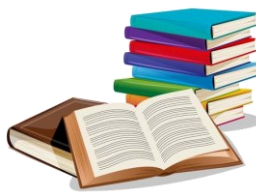
Important Terms Explained:

- **Nari Shakti:** It refers to women's empowerment, leadership and participation in national development and traditionally male-dominated fields.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Drake Passage:** It is the turbulent maritime route between **South America's Cape Horn and Antarctica**, known for severe weather and difficult sailing conditions.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Expedition name	Samudra Pradakshina.
Nature of mission	India's first tri-service all-women circumnavigation sailing expedition.
Crew composition	Nine women officers from the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force.
Sailing vessel	The expedition was conducted aboard the 50-foot IASV Triveni.
Duration	The mission was completed in approximately 314 days.
Distance covered	The crew sailed nearly 25,500 nautical miles across four oceans.
Major route features	The expedition crossed the equator twice, the International Date Line and all meridians of longitude.
Significance	The voyage demonstrated maritime endurance, women's leadership, tri-service cooperation and indigenous capability.



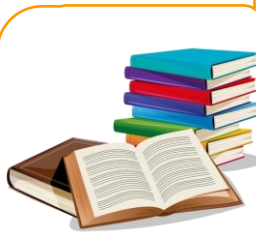
➤ **Where did President Droupadi Murmu unveil a bust of Mahatma Gandhi on 22 July 2026?**

- A) National Museum of Serbia
- B) Museum of the City of Skopje
- C) Museum of European History
- D) National Gallery of Slovenia
- E) Museum of the Republic of Croatia



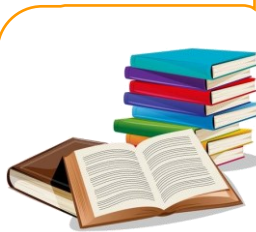
Answer

B) Museum of the City of Skopje.



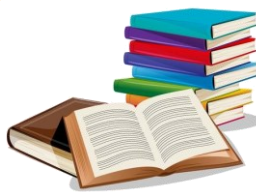
Event and Location:

- **Event:** President Droupadi Murmu unveiled a bust of **Mahatma Gandhi** to promote his ideals of peace, truth and non-violence.
- **Location:** The bust was unveiled at the Museum of the **City of Skopje in North Macedonia**.
- **Date:** The unveiling ceremony was held on **22 July 2026**.



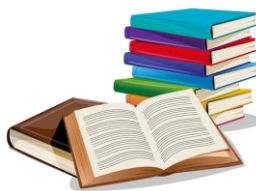
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The ceremony was conducted during **President Murmu's** three-nation European tour in the presence of **North Macedonian President Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova** and dignitaries from both countries.



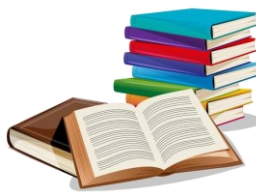
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aimed to honour Gandhi's universal philosophy and strengthen cultural, diplomatic and people-to-people relations between **India and North Macedonia**.



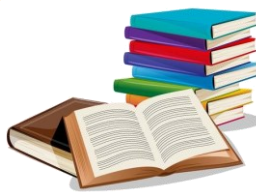
Important Terms Explained:

- **Satya:** It means truth and represents **Mahatma Gandhi's** principle of pursuing justice through honesty and moral courage.
- **Ahimsa:** It means non-violence and refers to resolving conflict without physical force, hatred or aggression.



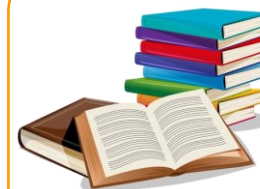
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cultural Diplomacy:** It is the use of culture, heritage and shared values to strengthen understanding and relations between countries.
- **Peaceful Coexistence:** It refers to communities and nations living together through dialogue, tolerance, empathy and mutual respect.



Tabular Summary:

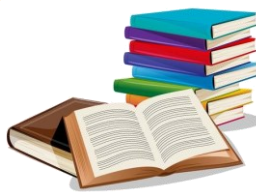
Parameter	Details
Event name	Unveiling of Mahatma Gandhi's bust.
Date	22 July 2026.
Location	Museum of the City of Skopje, North Macedonia.
Chief dignitary	President Droupadi Murmu unveiled the bust.
Host-country representative	North Macedonian President Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova attended the ceremony.
Core message	The event highlighted Gandhi's ideals of truth, non-violence, peace and humanity.
Diplomatic significance	The bust symbolises growing friendship between India and North Macedonia.
Related visit	President Murmu also visited the Memorial House of Mother Teresa in Skopje.



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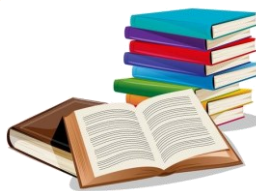
- India observes National Broadcasting Day every year on 23 July.
- Bal Gangadhar Tilak transformed India's freedom struggle into a mass-oriented political movement.
- Switzerland leads the global railway electrification ranking with 100% electrification.



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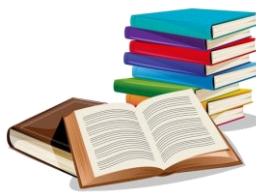
- **Anurag Jain belongs to the 1989 batch of the Indian Administrative Service.**
- **Rahul Himalian has more than 26 years of experience in railways, tourism, marketing and administration.**
- **Ajit Doval is a retired Indian Police Service officer of the 1968 batch from the Kerala cadre.**
- **Air Chief Marshal A. P. Singh presided over the ceremony at Karwar.**
- **The subsidy is released in two instalments after infrastructure development and cattle purchase verification.**
- **Applicants must be Indian citizens with basic computer knowledge and an active internet connection.**



QUICK RECALL



- Killai's coastal location makes it highly vulnerable to cyclones and rising sea levels.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged in the expedition team in Mumbai on 22 July 2026.
- President Droupadi Murmu unveiled Mahatma Gandhi's bust during her three-nation tour of Europe.



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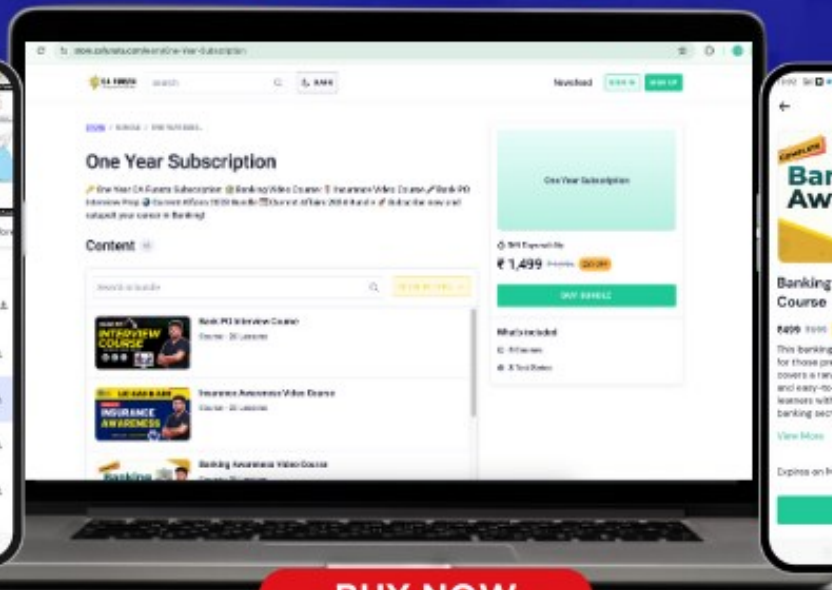
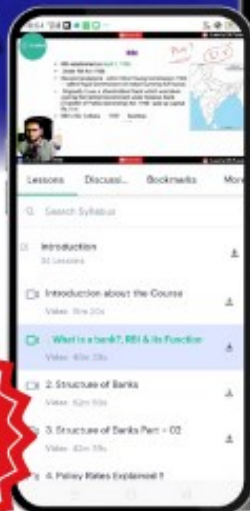
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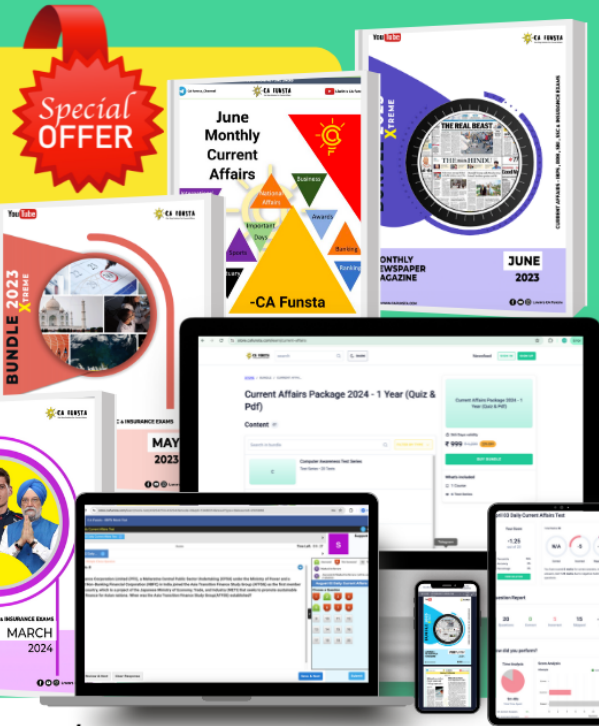
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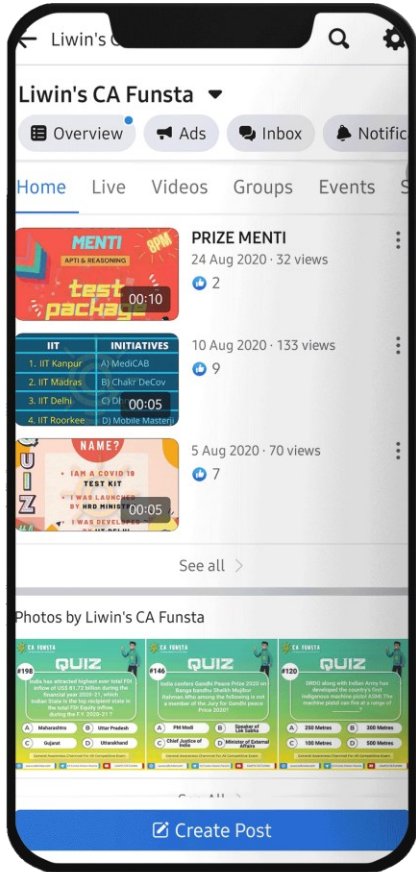
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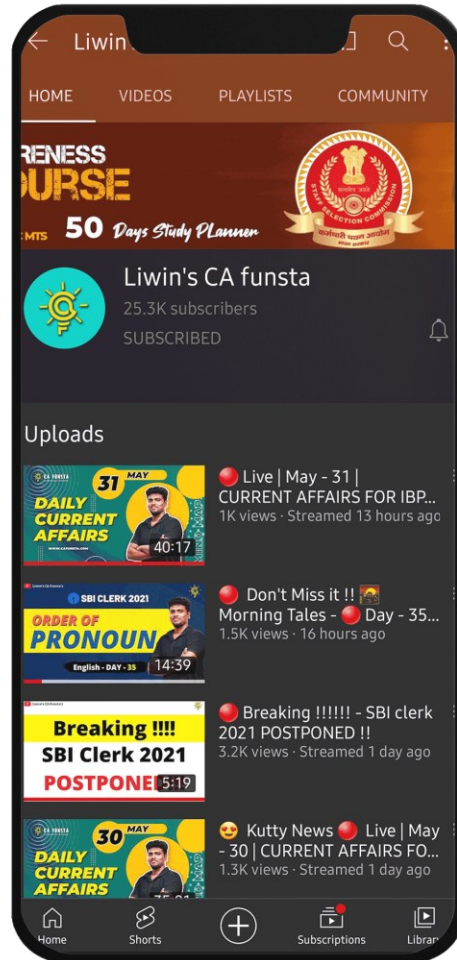


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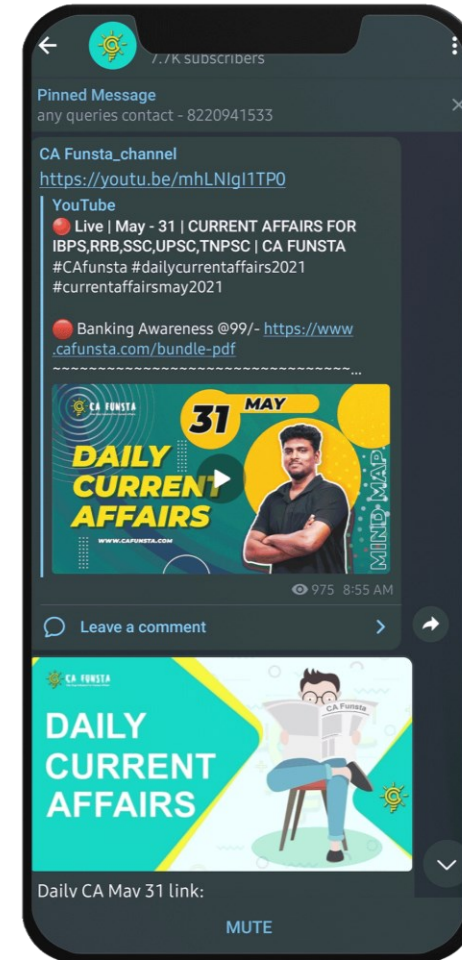
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