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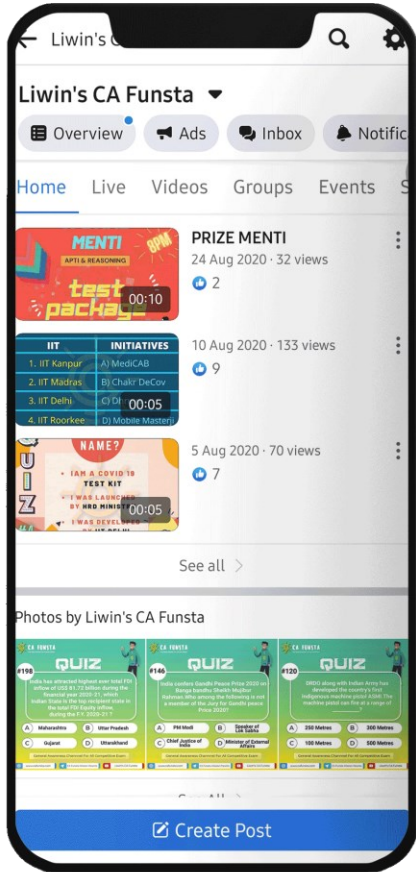


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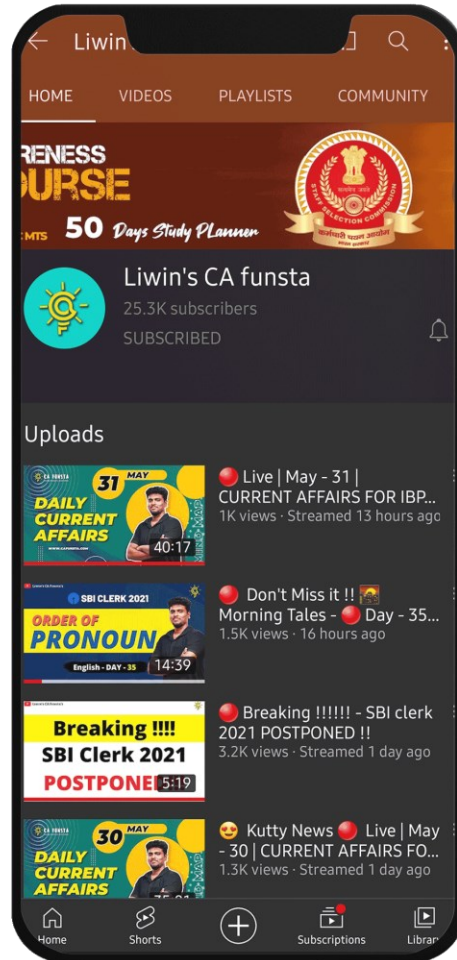
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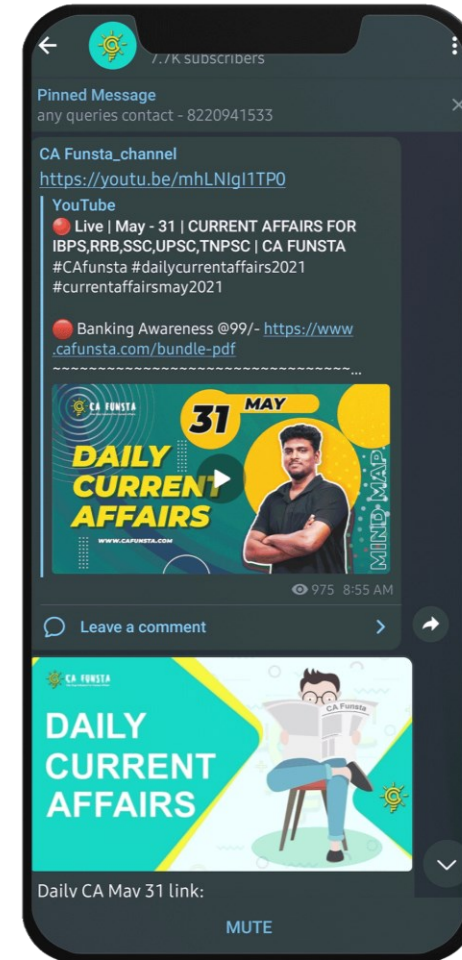
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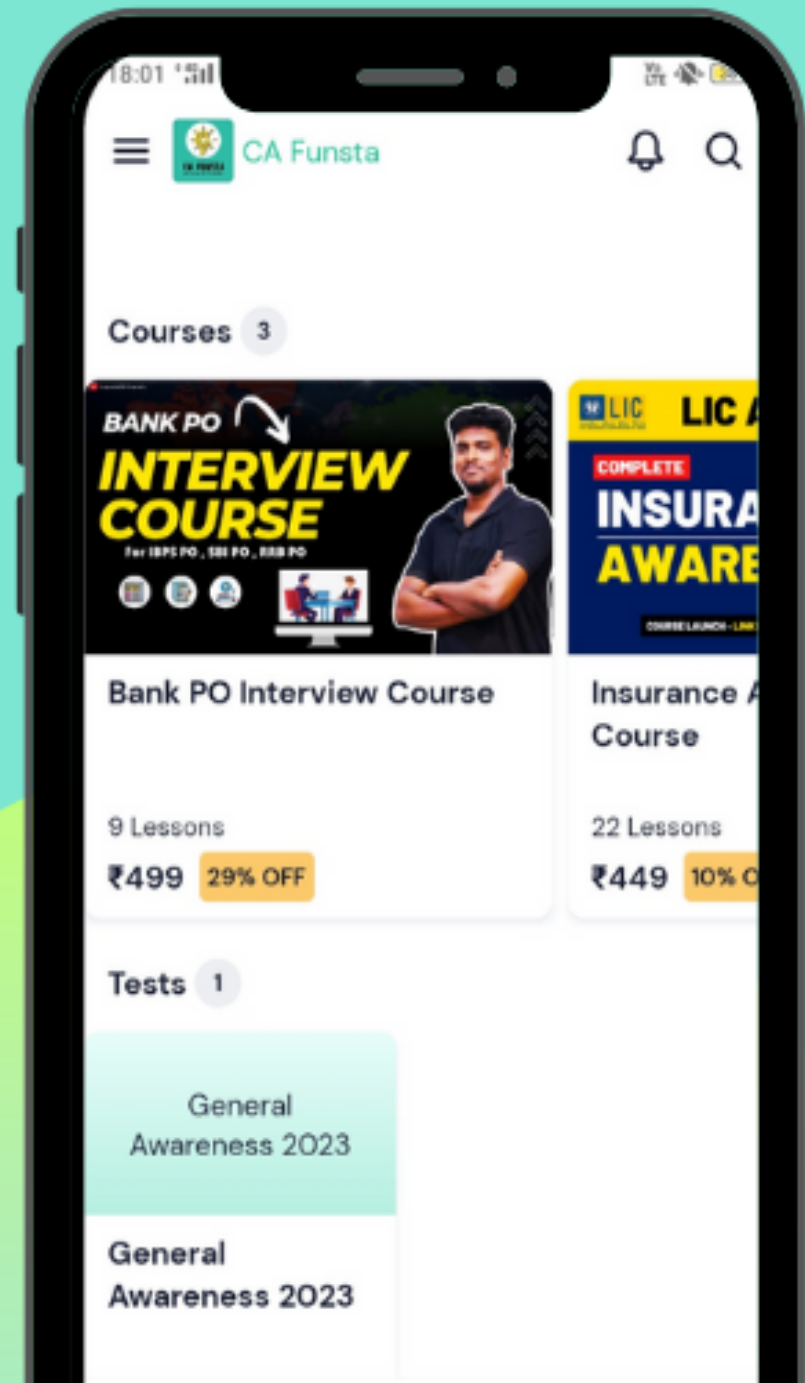
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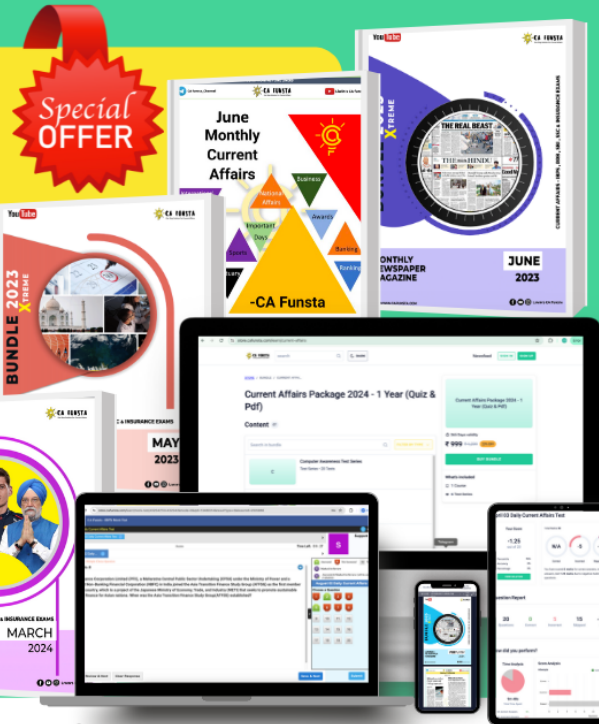


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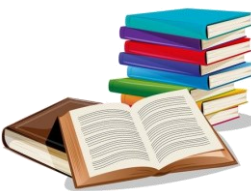
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➤ Who scored the decisive goal for Germany in the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2026 final against Spain?

- A) Benedikt Schwarzhaupt
- B) Teo Hinrichs
- C) Michel Struthoff
- D) Marc Miralles
- E) Mathias Rey

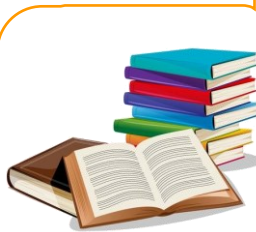
Answer

C) Michel Struthoff.



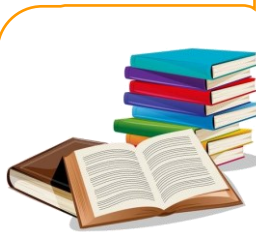
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Germany defeated Spain 1-0 in the final of the **FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2026** to retain the title and win its fourth **World Cup** trophy.
- **Location:** Belfius Hockey Arena.
- **Date:** August 2026.



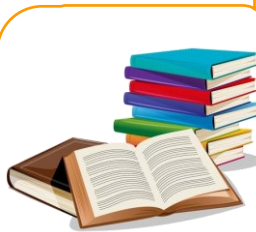
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Germany secured its second consecutive Men's **Hockey World Cup** title after **Michel Struthoff** scored the match-winning goal in the **44th** minute, while Argentina defeated the Netherlands **2-1** to claim the bronze medal.



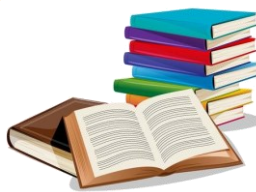
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The tournament determined the world champion in men's field hockey, with Germany's victory taking its overall title tally to four and drawing it level with Pakistan as the joint-most successful team in the competition's history.



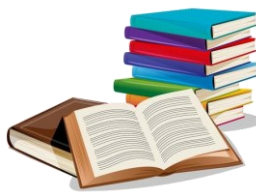
Important Terms Explained:

- **Penalty Corner:** A set-piece opportunity awarded to the attacking team for certain defensive infringements inside the shooting circle or deliberate fouls within the defensive **23**-metre area.



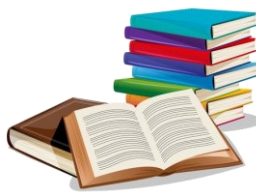
Important Terms Explained:

- **Drag Flick:** A specialised technique commonly used during penalty corners in which a player drags and flicks the ball rapidly towards the goal.



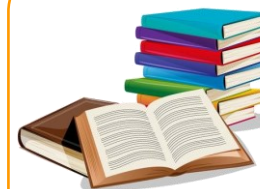
Important Terms Explained:

- **Extra Attacker:** A tactical move in which a team withdraws its goalkeeper and introduces an additional outfield player to increase attacking strength, usually in the closing stages of a match.



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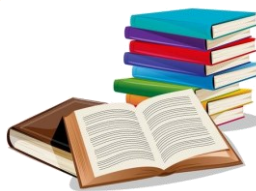
Parameter	Details
Champion	Germany won the Men's Hockey World Cup 2026 title.
Runner-up	Spain finished second after losing the final 1-0.
Final score	Germany defeated Spain 1-0.
Winning goal	Michel Struthoff scored Germany's decisive goal in the 44th minute.
Title tally	Germany won its fourth World Cup title after earlier triumphs in 2002, 2006 and 2023.
Historical achievement	Germany drew level with Pakistan on four titles as the joint-most successful teams in Men's Hockey World Cup history.
Bronze medal	Argentina defeated the Netherlands 2-1 to finish third.
Bronze-match winner	Argentina captain Mathias Rey scored the winning penalty corner in the 59th minute.



➤ Which country lost the hosting rights for the inaugural ICC Women's Champions Trophy 2027?

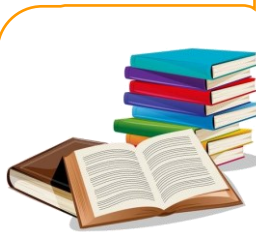
- A) Bangladesh
- B) Pakistan
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) South Africa
- E) New Zealand

Answer
C) Sri Lanka.



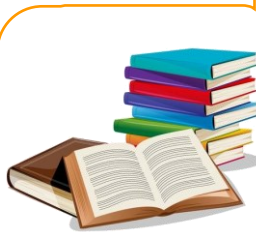
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Sri Lanka lost the hosting rights for the inaugural **ICC Women's Champions Trophy 2027** amid concerns over the governance and autonomy of **Sri Lanka Cricket**.
- **Location:** Sri Lanka.
- **Date:** August 2026.



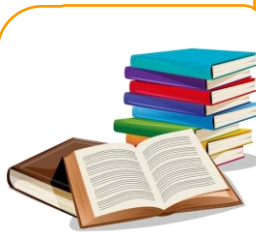
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The International Cricket Council (ICC)** decided to relocate the six-team tournament from **Sri Lanka**, while seeking a democratically elected cricket board that operates without government interference.



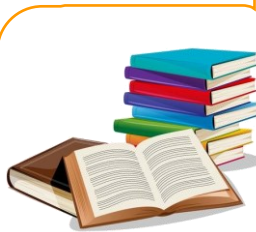
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The decision aims to uphold governance standards, institutional autonomy and independent administration within international cricket while ensuring suitable arrangements for the **2027** tournament.



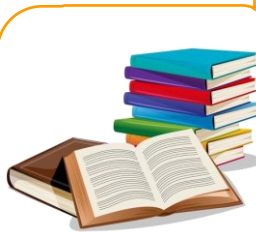
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC):** The governing body responsible for administering cricket in **Sri Lanka**, whose autonomy and governance structure have been at the centre of the dispute with the **ICC**.



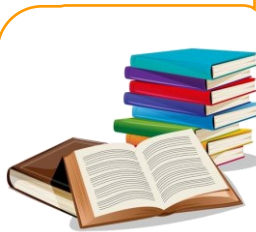
Important Terms Explained:

- **Transformation Committee:** A temporary committee established by the **Sri Lankan** government in April **2026** to address issues in cricket administration, with its members barred from attending **ICC** Board meetings.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Government Interference:** Direct involvement of government authorities in the administration or decision-making of a national cricket board, which can raise concerns regarding the board's institutional independence.



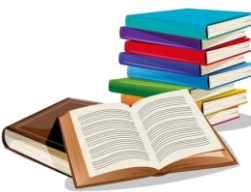
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Tournament	The inaugural ICC Women's Champions Trophy 2027 will feature six teams.
Original host	Sri Lanka was initially scheduled to host the competition.
Tournament dates	The event was originally scheduled from February 14 to 28, 2027.
Hosting decision	The ICC decided to relocate the tournament from Sri Lanka.
Primary concern	Questions over the autonomy, governance and government interference in Sri Lankan cricket influenced the decision.
Previous ICC action	SLC had been suspended temporarily by the ICC in 2023-24 over political interference concerns.
Earlier hosting loss	Sri Lanka also lost the 2024 Men's Under-19 World Cup hosting rights, with the tournament moved to South Africa.
Next step	The ICC has not yet announced the new host, and the matter is expected to be discussed at its next Board meeting.

➤ According to EY, what is India's projected real GDP growth range for FY27?

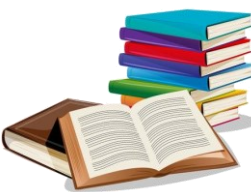
- A) 5.8%-6.0%
- B) 6.2%-6.5%
- C) 6.5%-6.8%
- D) 7.0%-7.2%
- E) 7.5%-7.8%

Answer
D) 7.0%-7.2%.



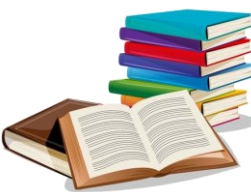
Event and Location:

- **Event:** EY projected India's real **GDP** growth at **7.0%-7.2%** in **FY27**, supported by strong domestic demand and government capital expenditure.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** August **2026**.



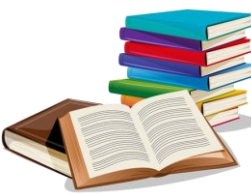
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** EY assessed India's FY27 economic outlook using indicators covering government capex, industrial production, inflation, purchasing managers' indices, external trade and the current account deficit.



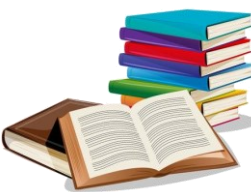
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The outlook highlights domestic demand and public investment as key growth drivers while identifying inflation, higher crude oil prices, weak global trade and external-sector pressures as major risks.



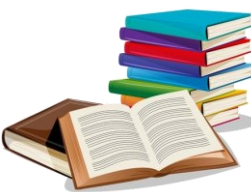
Important Terms Explained:

- **Government Capital Expenditure (Capex):**
Government spending on long-term assets and infrastructure such as roads, railways and other capital projects that can support economic growth and productive capacity.



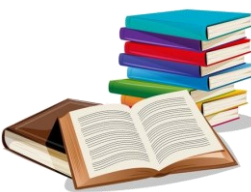
Important Terms Explained:

- **Index of Industrial Production (IIP):** An indicator measuring changes in the volume of production across major industrial sectors such as manufacturing, mining and electricity.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI):** A survey-based indicator of business activity where a reading above **50** generally indicates expansion and a reading below **50** indicates contraction.



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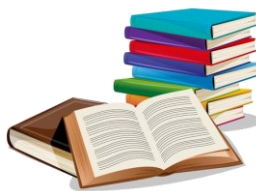
Parameter	Details
Real GDP growth forecast	EY projected India's FY27 real GDP growth at 7.0%-7.2%.
Nominal GDP forecast	Nominal GDP growth is projected at 12.5%-13%.
Government capex	Government capital expenditure increased 23.7% year-on-year in Q1 FY27 after declining 23.3% in the final quarter of FY26.
Industrial production	IIP growth reached 7.3% in June 2026, its highest level in 23 months.
Manufacturing growth	Manufacturing production expanded by 7.8%, supported by sectors including motor vehicles, textiles and food products.
Inflation	Consumer inflation stood at 4.4% in July, while wholesale inflation reached 9.8%.
PMI indicators	Manufacturing PMI declined to 53.5 in July from 54.2 in June, while services PMI fell to 53.3 from 57.4.
External outlook	OECD estimates cited in the report projected India's current account deficit at 1.9% of GDP in FY27.

➤ **When is HDFC Bank MD & CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan scheduled to retire from the bank?**

- A) September 26, 2026
- B) October 26, 2026
- C) November 26, 2026
- D) December 26, 2026
- E) January 26, 2027

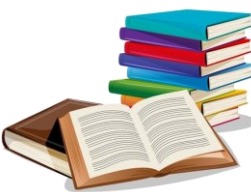
Answer

B) October 26, 2026.



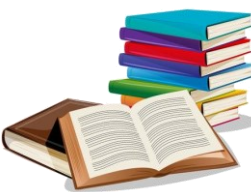
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Sashidhar Jagdishan, MD & CEO of HDFC Bank, will retire after deciding not to seek another term, prompting the bank to begin the process of appointing his successor.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** October 26, 2026.



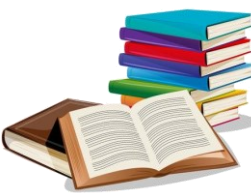
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** **HDFC** Bank's board will expedite the process of identifying and appointing a successor to Jagdishan, who has served as MD & **CEO** since October **2020**.



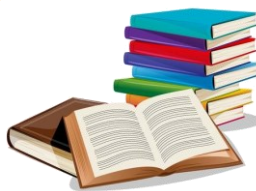
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The leadership transition aims to ensure continuity in the management of India's largest private-sector bank while maintaining effective governance and organisational stability.



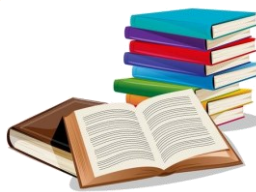
Important Terms Explained:

- **MD & CEO: Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer** is the senior executive responsible for managing a company or bank's overall operations, strategy and business performance.



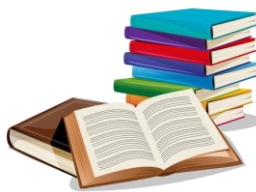
Important Terms Explained:

- **Leadership Transition:** The process through which an organisation replaces a senior executive and transfers managerial responsibilities to a successor while maintaining operational continuity.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Internal Audit:** An independent internal review of an organisation's transactions, controls, processes and compliance mechanisms to identify risks or irregularities.

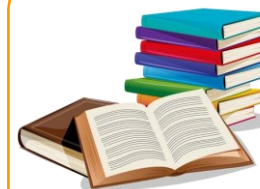


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Executive	Sashidhar Jagdishan is the MD & CEO of HDFC Bank.
Retirement date	He is scheduled to retire on October 26, 2026.
Decision	Jagdishan decided not to seek reappointment for another term.
Current tenure	He has served as MD & CEO since October 2020.
Predecessor	Jagdishan succeeded Aditya Puri, who led the bank for more than two decades.
Major achievement	His tenure included the completion of the merger between HDFC Bank and HDFC Ltd.
Succession process	The board will expedite the selection and appointment of his successor.
Governance context	The transition comes amid increased scrutiny of the bank's governance and management structure.

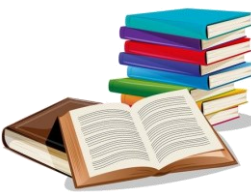


➤ Which highest honour of Uzbekistan was conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Tashkent in August 2026?

- A) Order of Amir Temur
- B) Oliy Darajali Do'stlik Order
- C) Mustaqillik Order
- D) El-Yurt Hurmati Order
- E) Shon-Sharaf Order

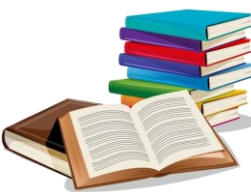
Answer

B) Oliy Darajali Do'stlik Order.



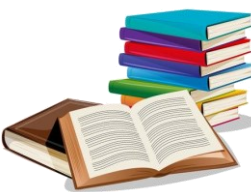
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi received Uzbekistan's highest honour, the **Oliy Darajali Do'stlik** Order, during his state visit to Uzbekistan.
- **Location:** Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- **Date:** August 30, 2026.



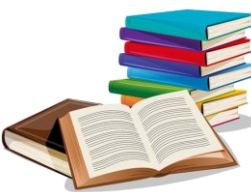
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: India and Uzbekistan** elevated bilateral relations to a **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership** and concluded a long-term agreement for uranium supply while expanding cooperation in trade, investment, defence, energy and digital connectivity.



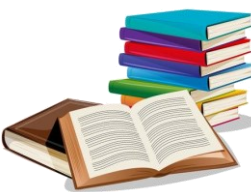
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The developments aim to deepen India-Uzbekistan strategic ties, strengthen India's energy security, expand cooperation with **Central Asia** and promote coordination on regional and global issues.



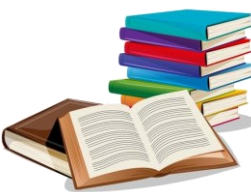
Important Terms Explained:

- **Order of Supreme Friendship: The English** meaning of **Oliy Darajali Do'stlik**, Uzbekistan's highest order associated with friendship and international cooperation.



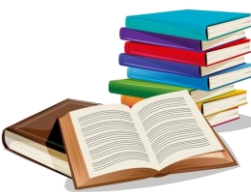
Important Terms Explained:

- **Uranium Supply Agreement:** A long-term arrangement for Uzbekistan to supply uranium to India, supporting India's nuclear power generation and energy security requirements.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Global South:** A broad term referring mainly to developing and emerging economies across Asia, Africa, **Latin America** and other regions that often share developmental and economic priorities.



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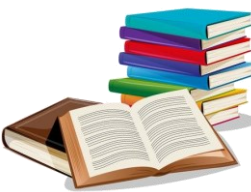
Parameter	Details
Event name	Conferment of Uzbekistan's highest honour on Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Date	August 30, 2026.
Location	Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
Award recipient	Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Bilateral development	India and Uzbekistan upgraded their relations to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.
Key agreement	The two countries concluded a long-term agreement for the supply of uranium to India.
Major cooperation areas	Trade, investment, defence, security, energy, digital connectivity and nuclear cooperation.
Strategic significance	The developments strengthen India's engagement with Central Asia and support connectivity, energy security and geopolitical cooperation.



- How many Indian companies are currently supporting the Indian Air Force's indigenous maintenance network?

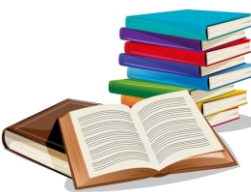
- A) 630
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- C) 820
- D) 930
- E) 1,050

Answer
D) 930.



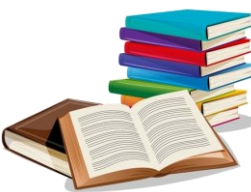
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Indian Air Force (IAF) expanded its indigenous fighter fleet maintenance ecosystem with support from **930** Indian companies and technologies such as artificial intelligence, digital twins and **3D** printing.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** August **2026**.



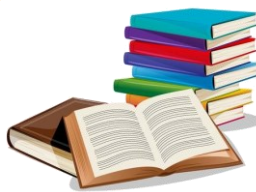
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **IAF** is increasing domestic production of aircraft spares, adopting predictive maintenance technologies and involving MSMEs, startups and academic institutions in defence technology development.



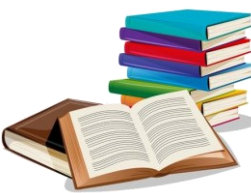
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to strengthen Aatmanirbharta in defence, reduce dependence on foreign suppliers and **Original Equipment Manufacturers**, improve aircraft readiness and minimise vulnerabilities arising from global supply-chain disruptions.



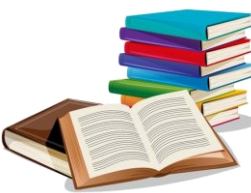
Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Twin:** A virtual representation of a physical aircraft system or component that uses operational data to monitor performance, detect abnormalities and support predictive maintenance.



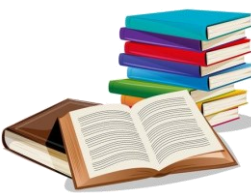
Important Terms Explained:

- **Additive Manufacturing:** A production process commonly known as **3D printing** in which components are created layer by layer from digital designs using materials such as aluminium, steel and titanium alloys.



Important Terms Explained:

- **iDEX: Innovations for Defence Excellence** is an initiative that promotes participation of startups, MSMEs and innovators in developing technological solutions for India's defence sector.



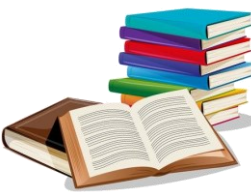
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Maintenance network	The IAF is supported by 930 Indian companies for indigenous maintenance requirements.
Domestic spares	More than 62,300 spare parts have been manufactured domestically.
Operational spares	Indigenous production covers 97% of frequently used operational spare parts.
Overhaul spares	Domestic sources account for 93% of obligatory overhaul spare parts.
Key technologies	Artificial intelligence, digital twins and 3D printing are being adopted for maintenance and production.
3D printing facility	An in-house 3D Additive Manufacturing centre was established in 2022 for urgent spare-part requirements.
Innovation projects	Around 180 projects involving MSMEs and startups are under consideration through Make, iDEX and Technology Development Fund programmes.
Business potential	These projects have created defence manufacturing opportunities worth more than ₹17,000 crore.

➤ Which country reiterated its support for India's permanent membership in the United Nations Security Council during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's August 2026 visit?

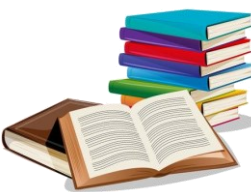
- A) Kazakhstan
- B) Uzbekistan
- C) Tajikistan
- D) Turkmenistan
- E) Kyrgyzstan

Answer
B) Uzbekistan.



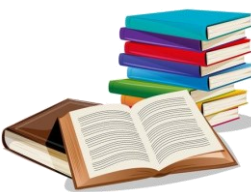
Event and Location:

- **Event: Prime Minister Narendra Modi** undertook a two-day visit to Uzbekistan, during which **India and Uzbekistan** elevated bilateral relations to a **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership** and expanded cooperation across strategic sectors.
- **Location:** Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- **Date:** August 29–30, 2026.



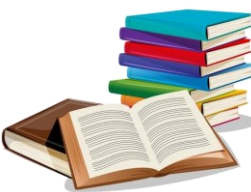
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: India and Uzbekistan** agreed to strengthen cooperation in uranium supply, critical minerals, trade, defence, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, healthcare, education, space, connectivity, culture and environmental restoration, while a foreign ministers' mechanism will supervise implementation of the agreements.



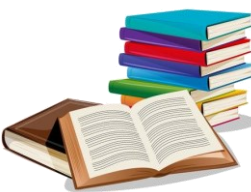
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The agreements aim to deepen India-Uzbekistan strategic relations, diversify bilateral trade, strengthen energy and technological cooperation, enhance people-to-people ties and expand coordination on regional and international issues.



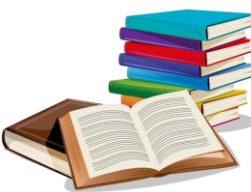
Important Terms Explained:

- **Oliy Darajali Do'stlik Order:** A prestigious Uzbek state honour conferred on **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** for his contribution to strengthening India-Uzbekistan relations.



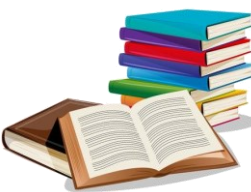
Important Terms Explained:

- **ITEC Programme: The Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation** programme provides training and capacity-building opportunities to partner countries, with around **2,700** Uzbek citizens having benefited from it.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ICCR Scholarships:** Scholarships provided through the **Indian Council for Cultural Relations** to support international students studying in India, with around **400** Uzbek students receiving such scholarships, including **AYUSH** scholarships.



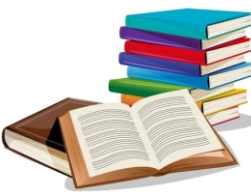
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Visit duration	Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Uzbekistan from August 29 to 30, 2026.
Location	Major bilateral discussions were held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
Bilateral upgrade	India and Uzbekistan elevated their relationship to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.
Energy cooperation	Both sides moved towards a long-term uranium supply arrangement and cooperation in nuclear energy, mining, geology and critical minerals.
Trade and technology	The two countries agreed to address non-tariff barriers and expand cooperation in AI, IT parks, start-ups, engineering goods, automobiles and pharmaceuticals.
Education and culture	Cooperation includes scholarships, Hindi language support, cultural exchanges, tourism programmes, yoga training and traditional medicine.
Environment and heritage	India will provide \$1 million and technical assistance for ecological rehabilitation of the Aral Sea Region and cooperate in conserving Fayaz Tepe and Karatepa.
Global cooperation	Uzbekistan reiterated support for India's permanent membership in the United Nations Security Council and both sides agreed to expand defence, cybersecurity and peaceful space cooperation.

➤ **Where was the 25th meeting of the India-China Special Representatives on the boundary issue held?**

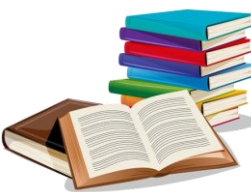
- A) New Delhi
- B) Shanghai
- C) Beijing
- D) Mumbai
- E) Guangzhou

Answer
C) Beijing.



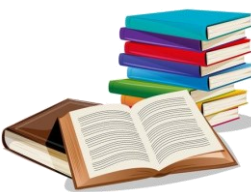
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India and China agreed to operationalise an eight-point consensus reached during the **25th** meeting of **Special Representatives** on the boundary issue.
- **Location:** Beijing, China.
- **Date:** August **25, 2026**.



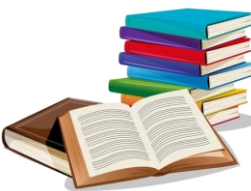
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi** agreed to strengthen border management, establish additional military communication channels, continue boundary negotiations and expand cooperation in border trade and pilgrimage.



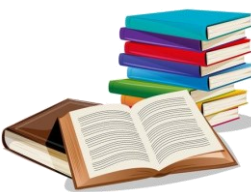
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The measures aim to maintain peace and stability along the **Line of Actual Control (LAC)**, prevent miscommunication, improve military and diplomatic coordination and advance negotiations on the India-China boundary question.



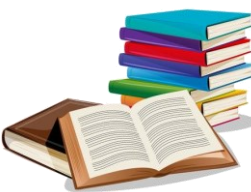
Important Terms Explained:

- **Special Representatives (SR) Mechanism:** A high-level India-China dialogue mechanism through which designated representatives discuss the boundary question and seek a mutually acceptable framework for its resolution.



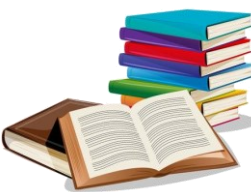
Important Terms Explained:

- **2005 Agreement on Political Parameters and Guiding Principles: An India-China** agreement that provides political principles and guidelines for negotiating a settlement of the boundary question.



Important Terms Explained:

- **WMCC: The Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs** is a diplomatic platform used to discuss and manage issues relating to peace and stability in border areas.



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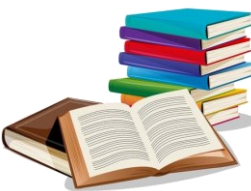
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Meeting	The 25th meeting of India-China Special Representatives on the boundary issue was held in Beijing.
Date	August 25, 2026.
Indian representative	National Security Adviser Ajit Doval represented India in the talks.
Chinese representative	Foreign Minister Wang Yi represented China in the discussions.
Core decision	Both sides agreed to work towards implementing an eight-point consensus on border management and bilateral cooperation.
Military communication	Two additional points for General Level Mechanism or Senior Highest Military Commander talks and two additional military hotlines for the Eastern and Middle Sectors were agreed upon.
Boundary process	Separate discussions will be pursued through an Expert Group on boundary delimitation and a Border Management Working Group.
Border cooperation	Both countries agreed to open three new border trading points and expand cooperation relating to border trade and the Kailash-Manasarovar Yatra.

➤ Which country declared a nationwide red alert over the El Nino phenomenon on August 29, 2026?

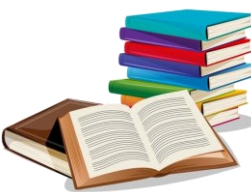
- A) Peru
- B) Ecuador
- C) Panama
- D) Honduras
- E) El Salvador

Answer
B) Ecuador.



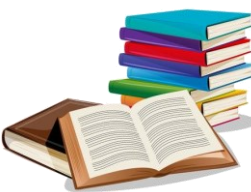
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Ecuador declared a nationwide red alert over **El Nino** amid concerns over droughts, wildfires and other climate-related disruptions.
- **Location:** Ecuador, with particular concern over the Amazon region.
- **Date:** August **29, 2026**.



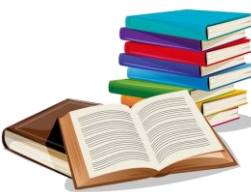
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Ecuador's **Ministry of Risk Management** issued the nationwide red alert and began preparations for possible droughts, wildfires, water stress and other weather-related emergencies, including preventive evacuations if required.



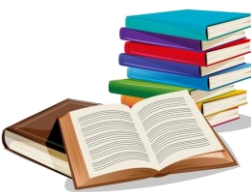
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The measures aim to strengthen disaster preparedness, reduce risks to people and resources and enable authorities to respond quickly to the potential impacts of changing weather conditions.



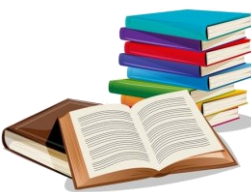
Important Terms Explained:

- **Red Alert:** A high-level emergency warning indicating a serious or imminent risk that requires enhanced preparedness and coordinated response measures.



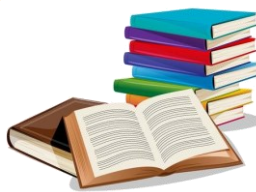
Important Terms Explained:

- **Equatorial Pacific:** The tropical region of the **Pacific Ocean** around the Equator where changes in sea-surface temperatures play an important role in global climate patterns.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Atmospheric Circulation:** The large-scale movement of air through the atmosphere that redistributes heat and influences rainfall, winds and weather patterns across different regions.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Ecuador declared a nationwide red alert over the El Nino phenomenon.
Date	The alert was declared on August 29, 2026.
Issuing authority	Ecuador's Ministry of Risk Management issued the alert.
Major risks	Authorities are preparing for droughts, wildfires and other climate-related disruptions.
High-risk region	Particular concern exists over drought and wildfire risks in Ecuador's Amazon region.
Regional response	Panama, Honduras and El Salvador also announced emergency measures linked to the phenomenon.
Expected peak	The current episode is expected to peak toward the end of 2026.
Broader impact	The phenomenon can affect rainfall, temperatures, water resources, marine ecosystems and weather conditions into 2027.

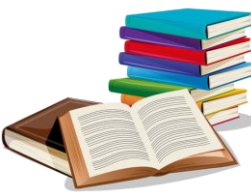


➤ What was the theme of the 17th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification held in Mongolia in 2026?

- A) Restore Nature, Secure Future
- B) Restoring Land, Restoring Hope
- C) Land for Life
- D) Resilient Earth, Resilient People
- E) Green Land, Green Future

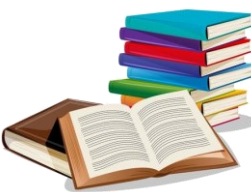
Answer

B) Restoring Land, Restoring Hope.



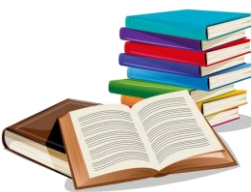
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The **UNCCD COP17** focused on land restoration, desertification, drought resilience and sustainable management of rangelands, with India releasing its first **Guide to Grasslands and Other Open Natural Ecosystems**.
- **Location:** Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- **Date:** August **17–28, 2026**.



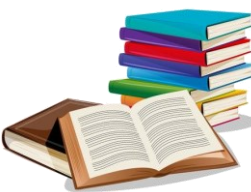
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The conference addressed land degradation, desertification, drought preparedness, sustainable rangeland management and restoration while promoting transformative drought governance, innovative financing, scientific monitoring, early warning systems and international partnerships.



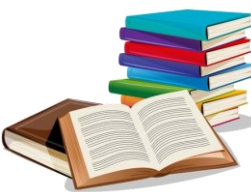
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** COP17 aimed to strengthen global action against land degradation and drought, promote sustainable management of grasslands and rangelands and improve ecological, livelihood and climate resilience.



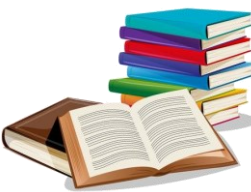
Important Terms Explained:

- **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD):** A legally binding international treaty established in **1994** to combat desertification, land degradation and drought through sustainable land management and international cooperation.



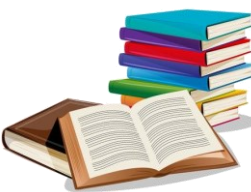
Important Terms Explained:

- **Desertification:** The degradation of land in arid, semi-arid and dry sub-humid regions due to climatic variations and human activities such as deforestation, overgrazing and unsustainable land management.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Other Open Natural Ecosystems (ONEs):** Natural landscapes such as grasslands, savannas and deserts that support biodiversity, pastoral livelihoods and ecological functions despite not being forests.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Conference	The 17th Conference of Parties to the UNCCD was held in Mongolia.
Dates	COP17 took place from August 17 to 28, 2026.
Location	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
Theme	The conference theme was “Restoring Land. Restoring Hope.”.
Major focus areas	Discussions covered land degradation, desertification, drought resilience and sustainable rangeland management.
India’s initiative	India released its first Guide to Grasslands and Other Open Natural Ecosystems on August 17, 2026.
Rangeland significance	Rangelands cover more than half of the Earth’s land area and support food production, biodiversity and pastoral livelihoods.
Global relevance	The conference gained additional significance because 2026 was designated the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.

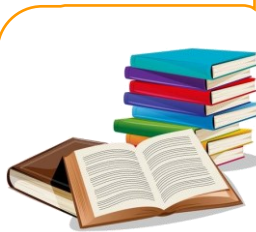
➤ Which department notified the Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026?

- A) Department of Telecommunications
- B) Department of Consumer Affairs
- C) Department of Space
- D) Department of Science and Technology
- E) Department of Financial Services



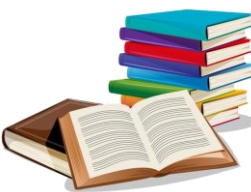
Answer

B) Department of Consumer Affairs.



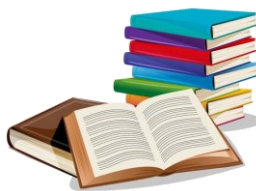
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Department of Consumer Affairs notified the **Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026**, establishing **Indian Standard Time** as the common time standard for legal, administrative, commercial and official purposes in India.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** August **27, 2026**.



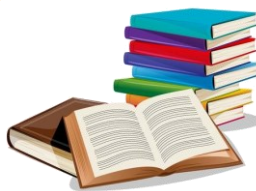
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The rules require the use and dissemination of **Indian Standard Time (IST)** through approved Indian timing infrastructure, including NavIC and **Legal Metrology** laboratories, and will come into force **180** days after publication in the **Official Gazette**.



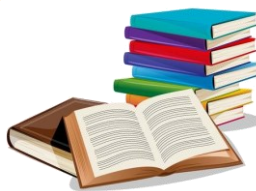
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The framework aims to improve timestamp accuracy across banking, telecommunications, transportation, power systems, digital governance and government records while reducing dependence on foreign satellite-based timing sources.



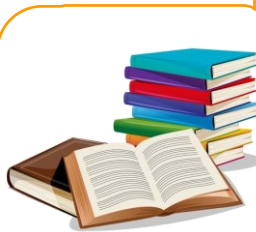
Important Terms Explained:

- **NavIC:** Navigation with **Indian Constellation** is India's indigenous satellite-based navigation system, which can support accurate positioning, navigation and timing services.



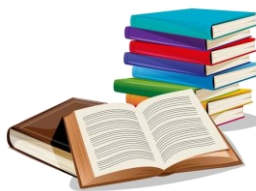
Important Terms Explained:

- **One Nation, One Time Project:** A government initiative aimed at developing reliable domestic infrastructure for uniform and precise dissemination of **IST** across critical sectors.



Important Terms Explained:

- **White Rabbit Technology:** A precision time-synchronisation technology capable of distributing highly accurate timing signals across networks for applications requiring precise coordination.



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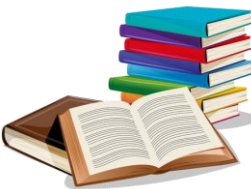
Parameter	Details
Rules notified	Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026.
Issuing authority	Department of Consumer Affairs.
Notification date	August 27, 2026.
Effective period	The rules will take effect 180 days after publication in the Official Gazette.
Core provision	IST will serve as the common time standard for legal, administrative, commercial and official purposes.
Domestic timing source	NavIC and other approved Indian timing sources will support precise IST dissemination.
Key sectors covered	Banking, telecommunications, railways, airports, power systems, digital governance and computer networks.
Supporting infrastructure	An IST Dissemination Demonstration Network using White Rabbit technology was launched at RRSL Bengaluru in July 2026.



➤ Which technology is being used in Himachal Pradesh's first ozone-based drinking water treatment project in Dehra?

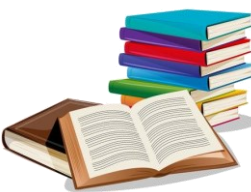
- A) Ultraviolet radiation
- B) Reverse osmosis
- C) Ozone gas
- D) Chlorine tablets
- E) Solar filtration

Answer
C) Ozone gas.



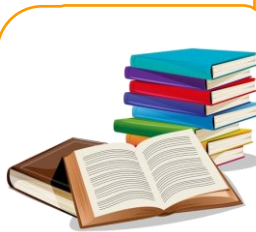
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu unveiled the state's first ozone-based drinking water treatment project to improve water quality and taste.
- **Location:** Dehra, Kangra district, Himachal Pradesh.
- **Date:** August 2026.



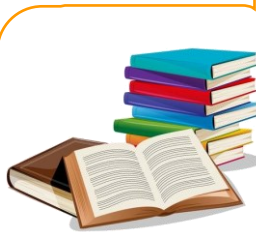
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **Himachal Pradesh** government has allocated **₹46 crore** for the Dehra project, which will use ozone gas for water disinfection and is planned to be extended to other parts of the state.



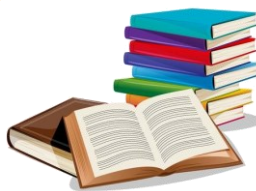
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The project aims to provide cleaner and better-tasting drinking water while strengthening water-treatment infrastructure across **Himachal Pradesh**.



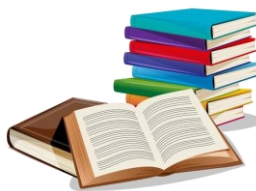
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ozone Treatment:** A water-treatment process that uses ozone gas as a disinfectant to destroy microorganisms and improve the quality and taste of drinking water.



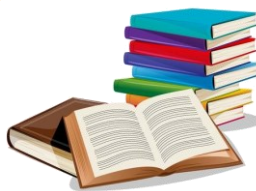
Important Terms Explained:

- **Mukhyamantri Ka Apna Parivar Sukhi Parivar Yojana:**
A state initiative intended to provide financial assistance to economically weaker families along with **300** units of free electricity.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Rajiv Gandhi Van Samvardhan Yojana:** A **Himachal Pradesh** initiative involving youth and women's groups in plantation and forest nurturing, with self-help groups receiving financial assistance and plantation-survival incentives.



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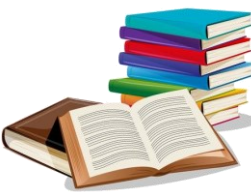
Parameter	Details
Project	Himachal Pradesh's first ozone-based drinking water treatment project.
Location	Dehra in Kangra district, Himachal Pradesh.
Project cost	The state government has allocated ₹46 crore.
Technology	Ozone gas will be used for drinking-water disinfection and improvement of taste.
Expansion plan	The government plans to extend the programme to other parts of Himachal Pradesh.
Welfare initiative	Benefits under Mukhyamantri Ka Apna Parivar Sukhi Parivar Yojana are planned to begin from October 2.
Forest initiative	Youth and women's groups are participating in plantation and forest nurturing activities.
Local development	The government also announced measures relating to CBSE schools, veterinary services and development funding in Dehra.



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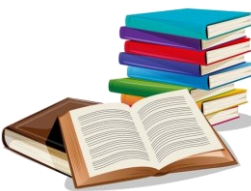
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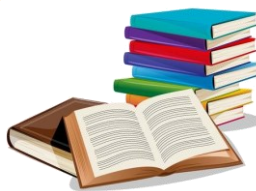
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- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi received Uzbekistan's highest honour in Tashkent on August 30, 2026.**
- **The Indian Air Force is expanding domestic sourcing to make fighter fleet maintenance more resilient to global supply-chain disruptions.**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Uzbekistan from August 29 to 30, 2026, for high-level bilateral talks with President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.**
- **India and China reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining peace and stability in their border areas.**
- **Ecuador issued a nationwide red alert on August 29, 2026, in response to rising climate-related risks.**
- **UNCCD COP17 was held in Ulaanbaatar from August 17 to 28, 2026.**



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- **The new IST Rules seek to standardise official timekeeping across critical systems and institutions in India.**
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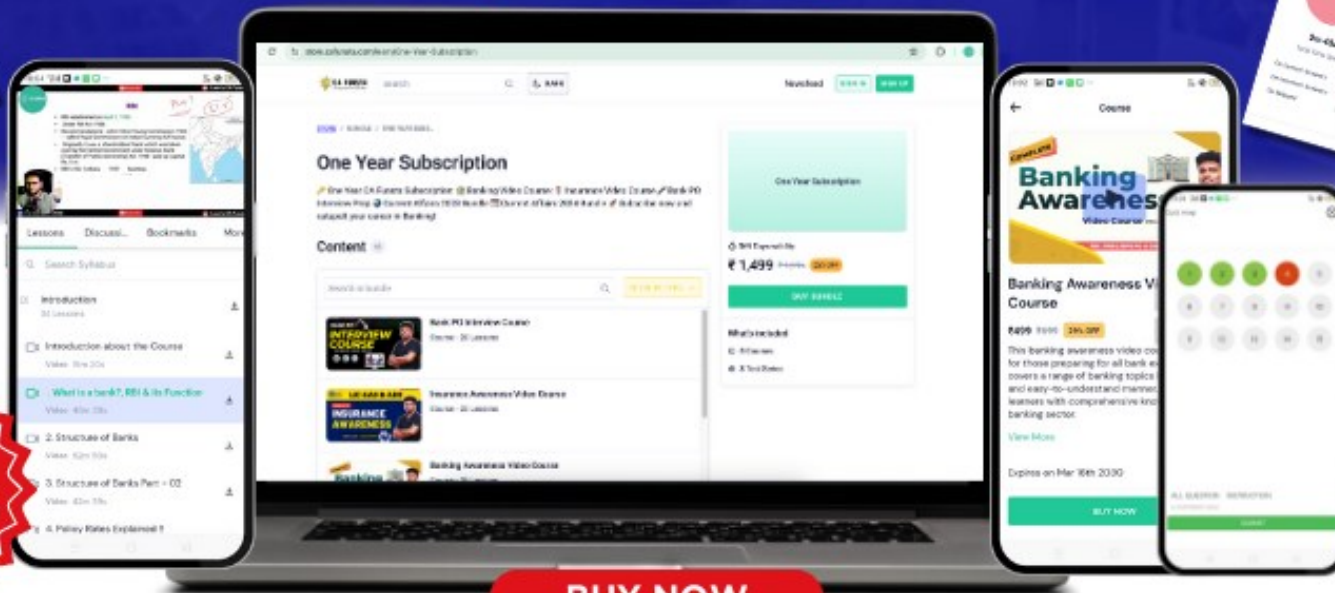
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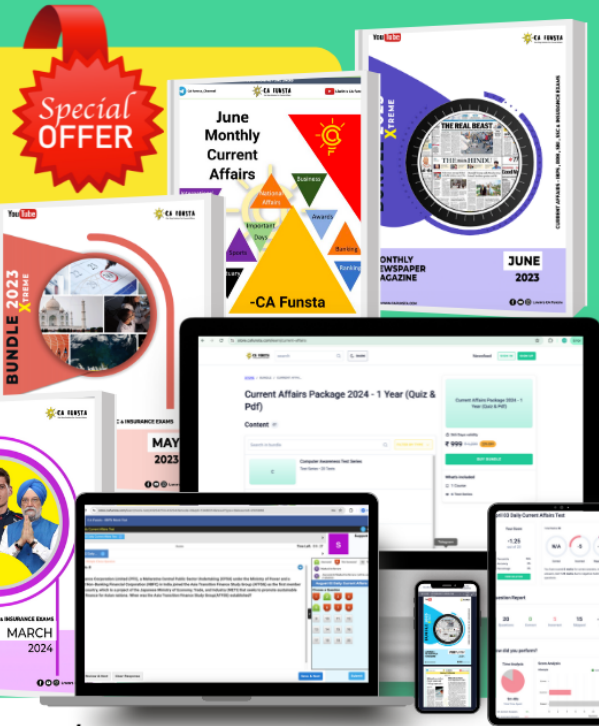
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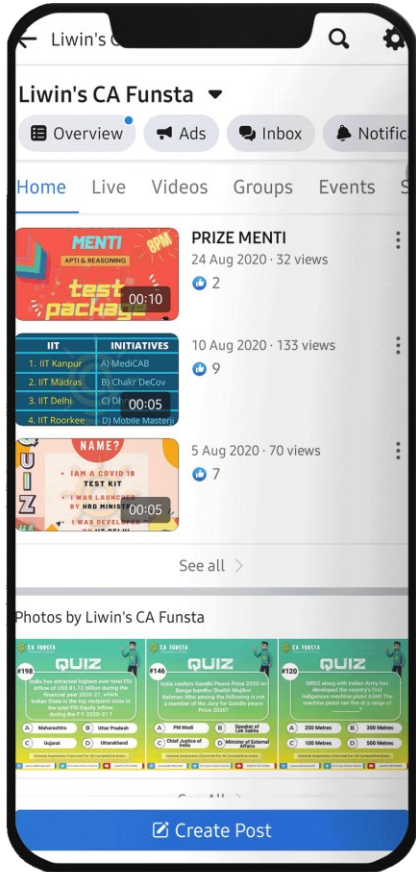
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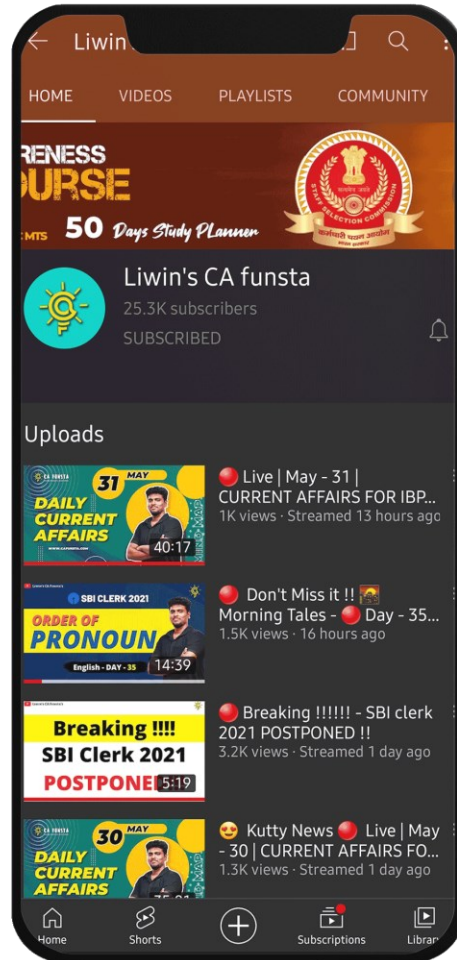


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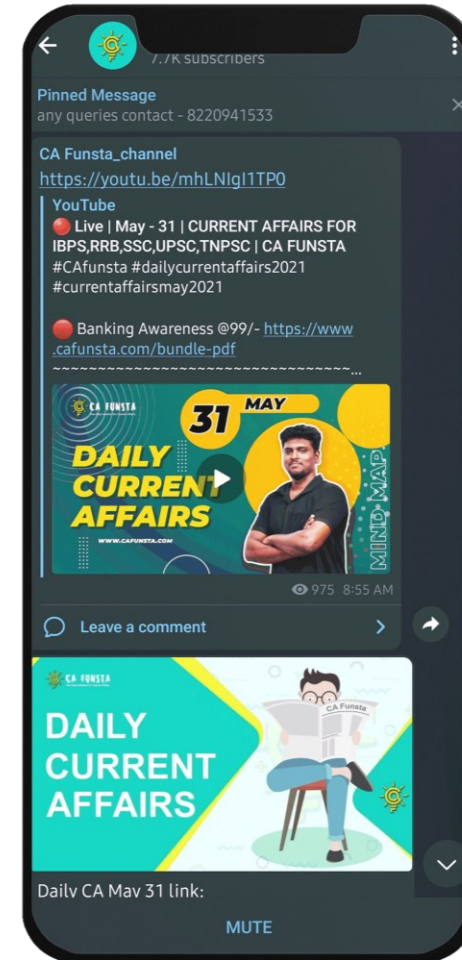
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