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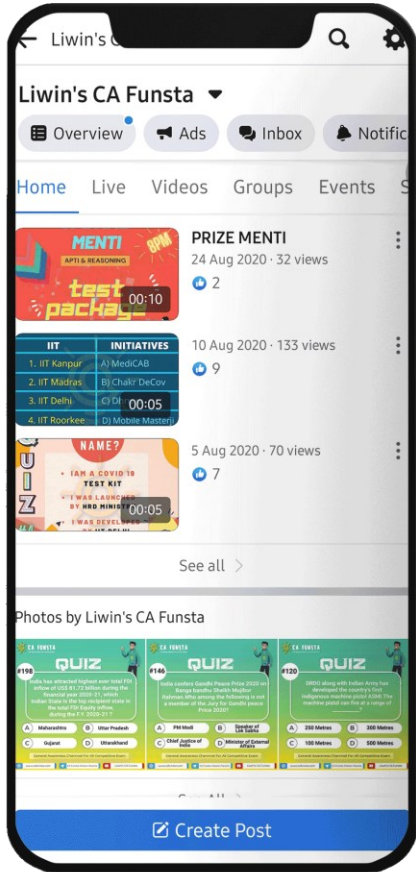


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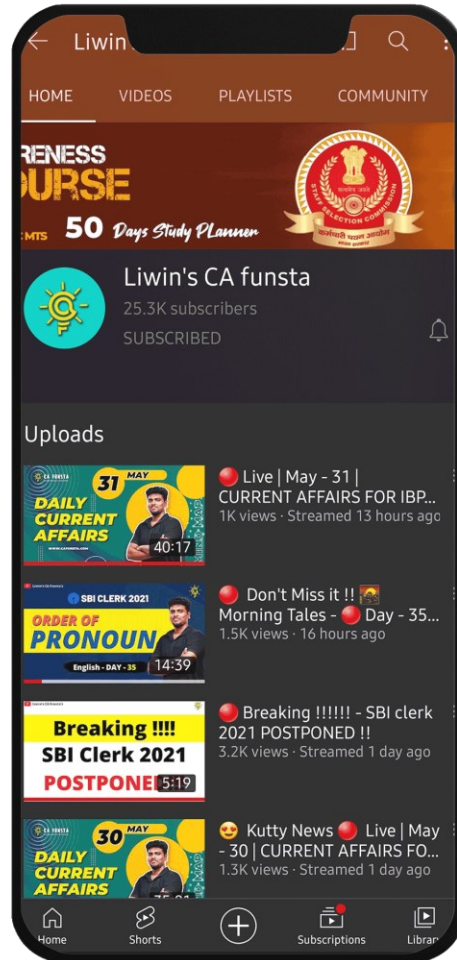
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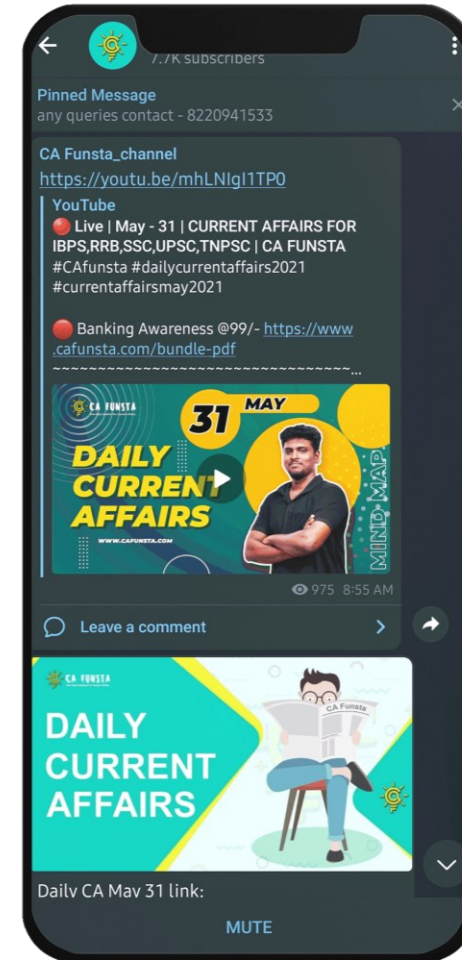
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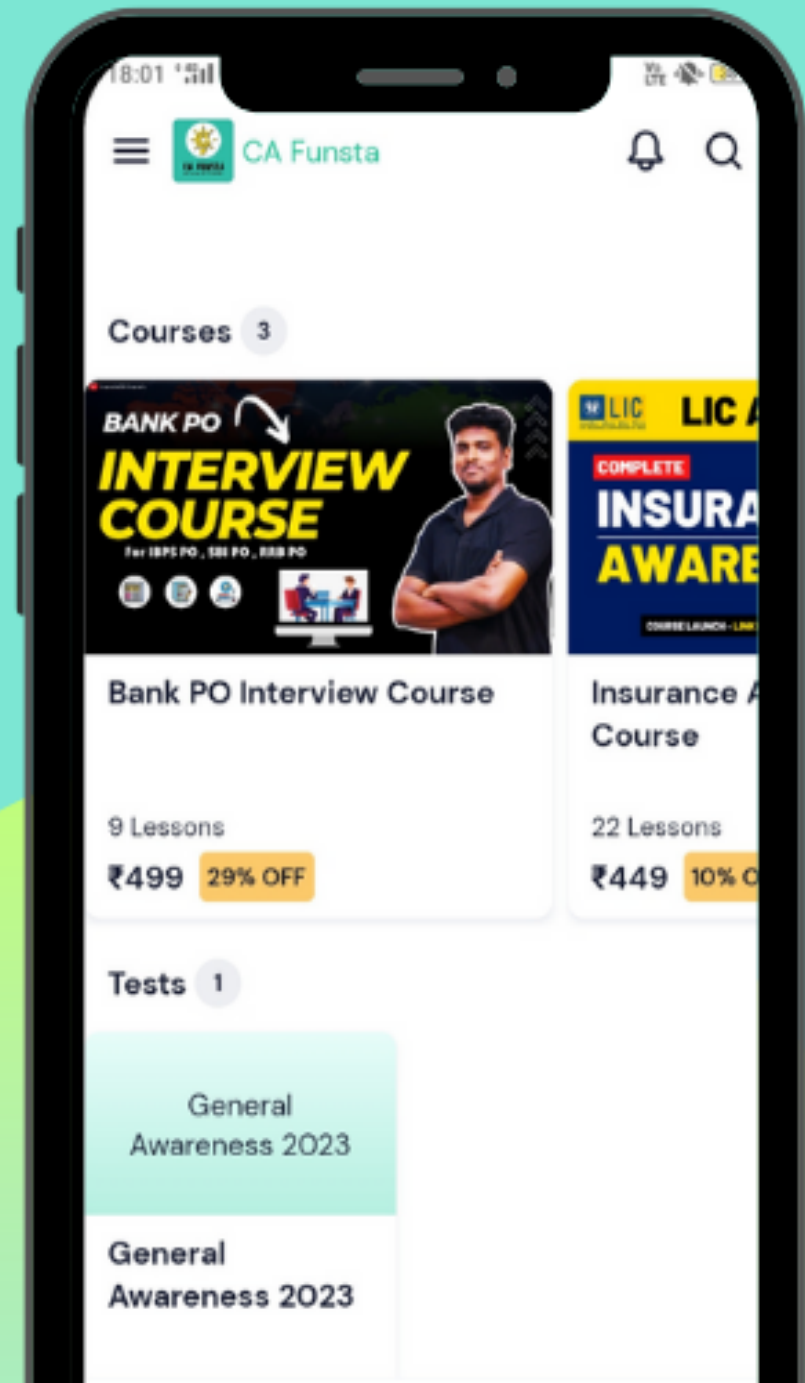
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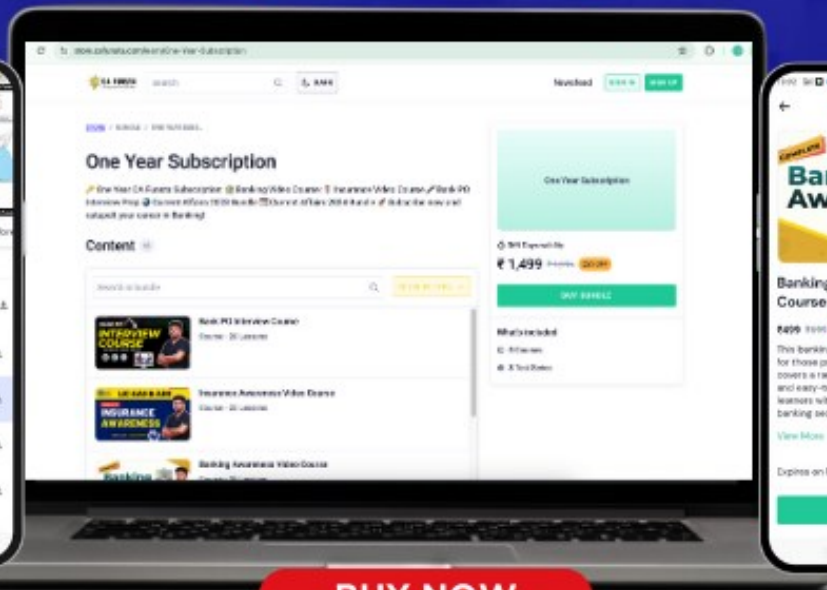
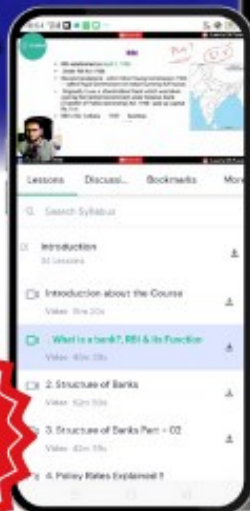
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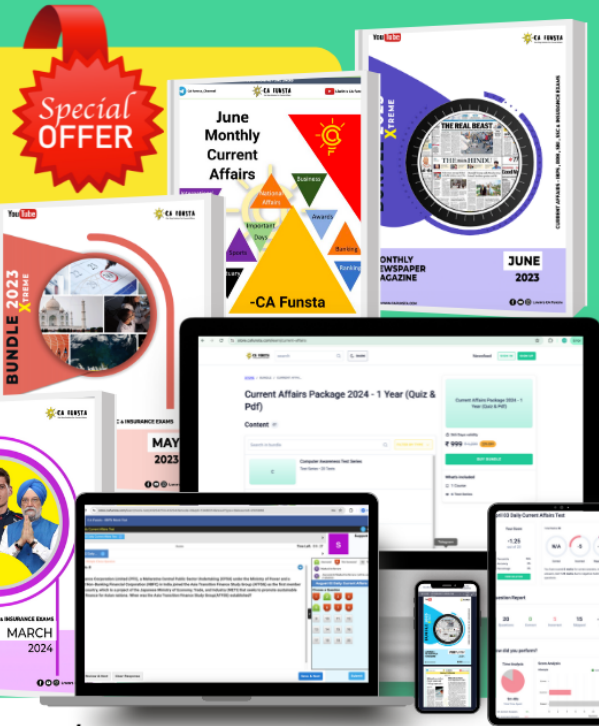
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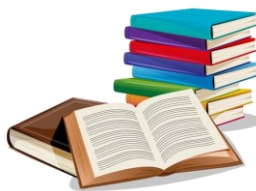
Important Days



► What is the theme of Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026, associated with the 94th Indian Air Force Day celebrations?

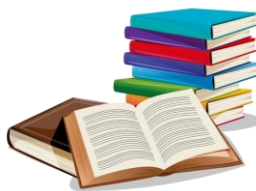
- A) Touch the Sky with Glory
- B) Power in Partnership
- C) Strength Through Unity
- D) Guardians of Indian Skies
- E) Infallible, Impervious and Precise

Answer
B) Power in Partnership.



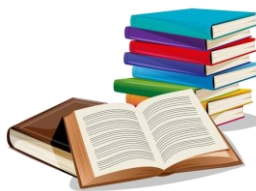
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Indian Air Force (IAF) celebrated its **94th** anniversary on **Indian Air Force Day 2026**, commemorating its establishment in **1932**, with celebrations associated with the multinational **Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026**.
- **Location:** India, with **Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026** conducted at **Air Force Station Jodhpur**, Rajasthan.
- **Date:** **8 October 2026**.



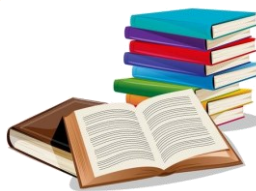
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Indian Air Force Day 2026**
commemorated the establishment of the **IAF** on **8 October 1932** and honoured its contribution to national security, aerial defence and humanitarian operations. The celebrations were associated with **Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026**, scheduled from **26 September to 12 October 2026** under the theme **“Power in Partnership”**, involving multinational air force cooperation, joint training and operational coordination.



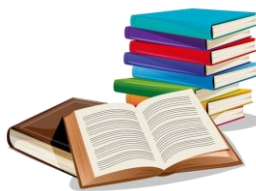
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To honour the service and sacrifices of **IAF** personnel, showcase India's air defence capabilities, strengthen international military cooperation, enhance interoperability among participating air forces and promote operational preparedness, aerospace safety and professional excellence.



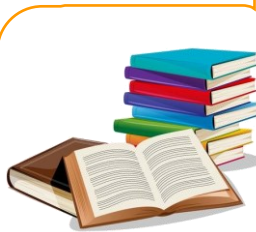
Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Air Force Day:** An annual observance celebrated on **8** October to commemorate the establishment of the **Indian Air Force** in **1932** and recognise its contributions to national defence and security.



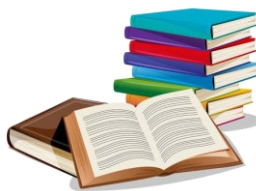
Important Terms Explained:

- **Exercise Tarang Shakti:** A multinational air combat exercise hosted by the **Indian Air Force** to strengthen cooperation, joint operational training, interoperability and professional engagement among participating air forces.



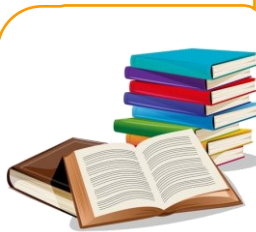
Important Terms Explained:

- **Power in Partnership:** The theme of **Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026**, emphasising international defence cooperation, coordinated air operations and collective operational capabilities.



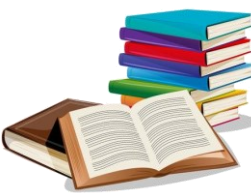
Important Terms Explained:

- **Suryakiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT):** An aerobatic demonstration team of the **Indian Air Force** established in **1996** at Bidar, known for precision formation flying and aerial displays using **Hawk Mk-132** aircraft.



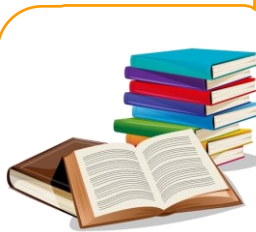
Important Terms Explained:

- **Nabhah Sparsham Diptam: The Sanskrit motto of the Indian Air Force**, meaning “**Touch the Sky** with Glory”, reflecting courage, professionalism and excellence in aerial operations.



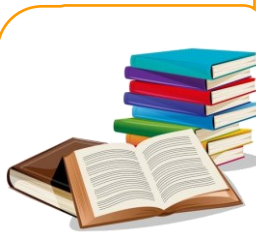
Important Terms Explained:

- **Air Defence:** Military operations and systems designed to detect, monitor, intercept and neutralise aerial threats to protect national airspace and strategic assets.



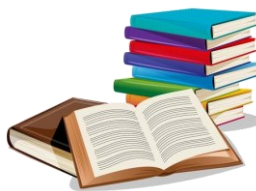
Important Terms Explained:

- **Military Interoperability:** The ability of armed forces from different countries or military branches to coordinate, communicate and conduct joint operations effectively.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR):** Military and civilian operations involving rescue, evacuation, emergency transport, medical assistance and relief distribution during natural disasters or humanitarian emergencies.

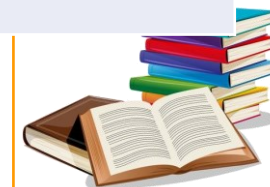


Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Occasion	Indian Air Force Day 2026, marking the 94th anniversary of the IAF.
Date	8 October 2026.
IAF Establishment	8 October 1932, with its first operational squadron established in 1933.
IAF Motto	Nabhah Sparsham Diptam, meaning "Touch the Sky with Glory".
Associated Exercise	Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026, scheduled from 26 September to 12 October 2026.
Exercise Venue and Theme	Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan, under the theme "Power in Partnership".
Participating Countries Mentioned	Australia, United States, United Arab Emirates, France, Germany, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.
IAF Day 2026 Theme	Not officially confirmed in the supplied information; "Power in Partnership" refers specifically to Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026.



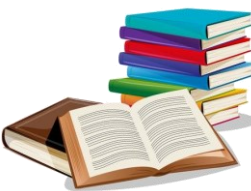
➤ Who have been selected as India's flagbearers for the Asian Para Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan?

- A) Sumit Antil and Avani Lekhara
- B) Pramod Bhagat and Bhavina Patel
- C) Krishna Nagar and Manisha Ramadass
- D) Devendra Jhajharia and Sheetal Devi
- E) Suhas Yathiraj and Ekta Bhyan



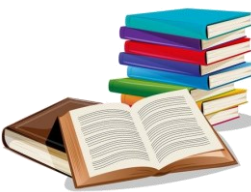
Answer

B) Pramod Bhagat and Bhavina Patel.



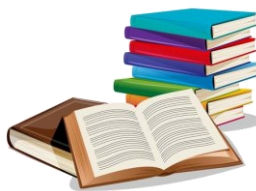
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian para-badminton champion **Pramod Bhagat** and para-table tennis player **Bhavina Patel** have been selected as India's flagbearers for the **Asian Para Games 2026**, scheduled to be held in Japan.
- **Location:** Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, with an official send-off ceremony organised in **New Delhi**, India.
- **Date:** 8 October **2026** (reported announcement date), with the Games scheduled from **18 to 24 October 2026**.



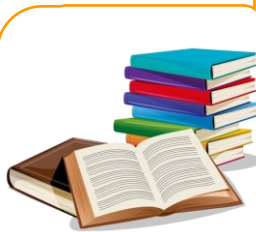
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) selected **Pramod Bhagat and Bhavina Patel** to lead the Indian contingent as flagbearers at the fifth edition of the **Asian Para Games**. Bhagat has won six **Asian Para Games** medals, including two gold medals, while Patel has secured two medals across two appearances. Together, they have earned eight medals at the continental event.



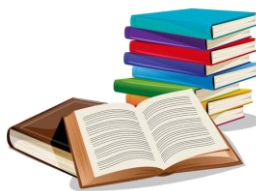
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To recognise the achievements of India's leading para-athletes, provide experienced sporting leadership to the national contingent, encourage participation in para-sports and build upon India's record performance of **111** medals at the previous **Asian Para Games**.



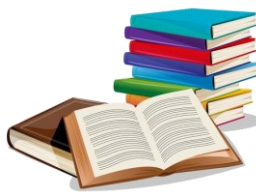
Important Terms Explained:

- **Asian Para Games:** A continental multi-sport competition for athletes with disabilities from Asian countries, organised under the **Asian Paralympic Committee** and held approximately every four years.



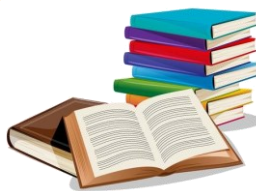
Important Terms Explained:

- **Flagbearer:** An athlete selected to carry the national flag and represent their country during the official ceremonies of an international sporting event.



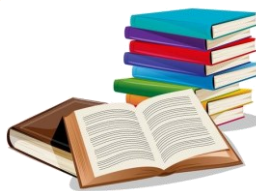
Important Terms Explained:

- Para-Badminton: An adapted form of badminton for athletes with eligible physical impairments, featuring classification categories to ensure fair competition among participants.



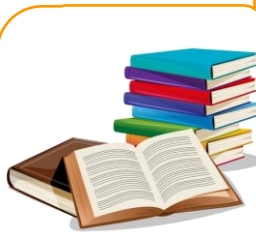
Important Terms Explained:

- **Para-Table Tennis:** A competitive form of table tennis for athletes with physical or intellectual impairments, organised into different sport classes based on functional abilities.



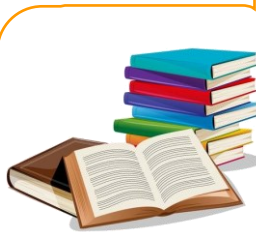
Important Terms Explained:

- Women's **Singles Class 4**: A classification in para-table tennis for athletes with physical impairments who compete in wheelchair categories, in which **Bhavina Patel** won a silver medal at the Tokyo **2020 Paralympic Games**.



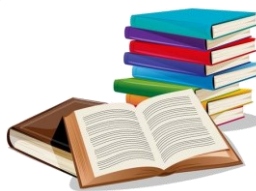
Important Terms Explained:

- **Paralympic Committee of India (PCI):** India's national governing organisation responsible for coordinating the country's participation in Paralympic competitions and promoting para-sports development.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Asian Paralympic Committee (APC):** The continental organisation responsible for overseeing the **Asian Paralympic** movement and organising the **Asian Para Games**.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Selection of India's flagbearers for the Asian Para Games 2026.
Announcement Date	8 October 2026 (reported date).
Host Location	Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
Games Schedule	18–24 October 2026, marking the fifth edition of the Asian Para Games.
Indian Flagbearers	Pramod Bhagat (para-badminton) and Bhavina Patel (para-table tennis).
Organising Body for Indian Contingent	Paralympic Committee of India (PCI).
Flagbearers' Achievements	Eight combined Asian Para Games medals, including six by Bhagat and two by Patel.
India's Previous Performance	111 medals, including 29 gold medals, at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games held in 2023.



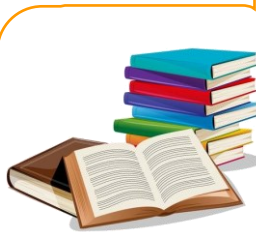
► **How many international appearances and goals did Lionel Messi record for Argentina before his reported retirement in October 2026?**

- A) 200 appearances and 120 goals
- B) 205 appearances and 124 goals
- C) 208 appearances and 126 goals
- D) 210 appearances and 128 goals
- E) 215 appearances and 130 goals



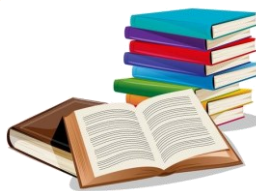
Answer

C) 208 appearances and 126 goals.



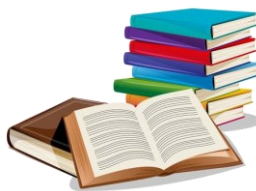
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Argentine football legend **Lionel Messi** reportedly retired from international football after Argentina's **3–0** victory over Benin, finishing his international career with **208** appearances and **126** goals.
- **Location:** **Estadio Monumental, Buenos Aires, Argentina.**
- **Date:** **6 October 2026.**



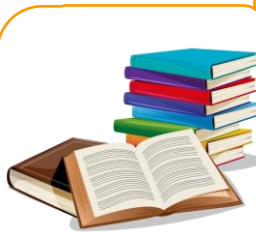
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Messi reportedly concluded his international career at the age of **39** after making his **208th** appearance for Argentina against Benin. He scored a penalty and provided two assists in his farewell match, ending a career that began in **2005** and included the **2022 FIFA World Cup**, two Copa América titles and the **2022** Finalissima.



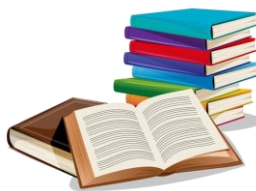
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The farewell marked the conclusion of Messi's international football career and recognised his contributions to Argentina's major tournament victories, individual records and achievements under head coach **Lionel Scaloni**.



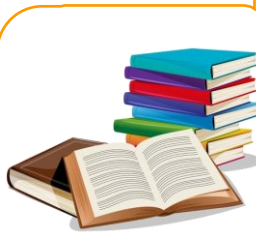
Important Terms Explained:

- **FIFA World Cup:** The premier international men's football tournament organised by the Fédération Internationale de **Football Association (FIFA)**, held every four years, which Argentina won in **2022** by defeating France in the final.



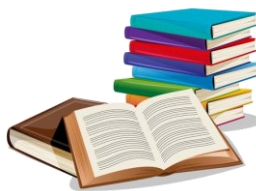
Important Terms Explained:

- Copa América: The major international men's football championship for **South American** national teams, organised by **CONMEBOL**, which Argentina won in **2021** and **2024** with Messi.



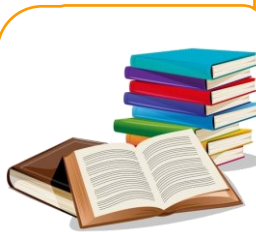
Important Terms Explained:

- **Finalissima:** An international football match contested between the reigning **European and South American** champions, which Argentina won in **2022** by defeating Italy **3–0** at **Wembley Stadium**.



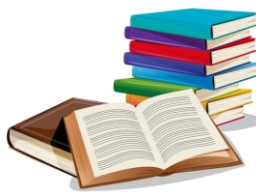
Important Terms Explained:

- **FIFA World Cup Golden Ball:** An individual award presented to the best player of a **FIFA World Cup** tournament, which Messi received in **2014** and **2022**.



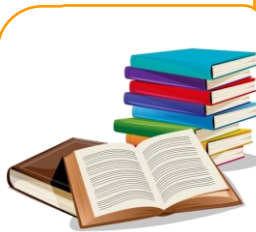
Important Terms Explained:

- **International Caps:** The number of official appearances made by a footballer for their senior national team, with Messi reportedly finishing his Argentina career with **208** caps.



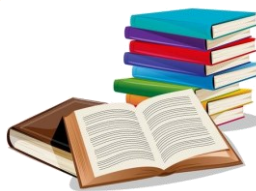
Important Terms Explained:

- **Lionel Scaloni:** Argentina's national football team head coach who guided the country to victories in the **2021** Copa América, **2022** Finalissima, **2022 FIFA World Cup** and **2024** Copa América.



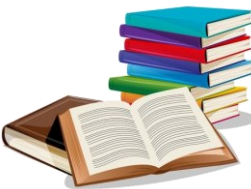
Important Terms Explained:

- **Estadio Monumental:** A major football stadium in **Buenos Aires**, Argentina, serving as the home ground of **River Plate** and a regular venue for Argentina's international matches.



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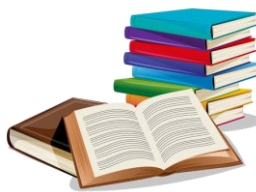
Parameter	Details
Event	Lionel Messi's reported retirement from international football.
Date	6 October 2026.
Farewell Match	Argentina defeated Benin 3–0 at Estadio Monumental, Buenos Aires.
International Career	2005–2026, with 208 appearances and 126 goals, as reported.
Final Match Performance	One penalty goal and two assists against Benin.
Major International Titles	2022 FIFA World Cup, 2021 and 2024 Copa América, and 2022 Finalissima.
World Cup Records	Reported participation in six World Cups, with 34 matches and 21 goals.
Head Coach	Lionel Scaloni, who guided Argentina to four major international titles between 2021 and 2024.



➤ Which veteran Indian actor, a three-time National Film Award winner and Padma Shri recipient, reportedly passed away at the age of 75 in October 2026?

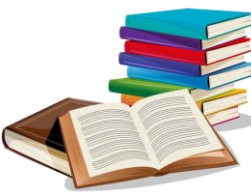
- A) Naseeruddin Shah
- B) Anupam Kher
- C) Nana Patekar
- D) Om Puri
- E) Paresh Rawal

Answer
C) Nana Patekar.



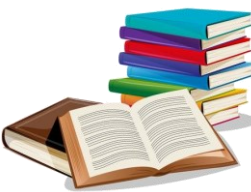
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Veteran Indian actor **Nana Patekar**, a three-time **National Film Award** winner and **Padma Shri** recipient, was reported to have passed away at the age of **75**, leaving behind a distinguished career in **Hindi and Marathi** cinema.
- **Location:** India, with his career primarily associated with **Hindi and Marathi** cinema.
- **Date:** **8 October 2026** (reported date of death, not independently verified).



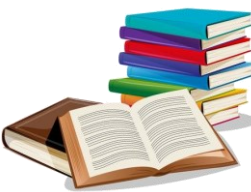
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The reported death of **Nana Patekar** marks the passing of an acclaimed actor, writer, filmmaker and social worker known for his powerful performances in films such as Parinda, Krantiveer, **Agni Sakshi and Natsamrat**. He received three **National Film Awards** and the **Padma Shri** in **2013**. He also co-founded the **NAAM** Foundation with actor **Makarand Anaspure** in **2015** to support farmers and rural communities.



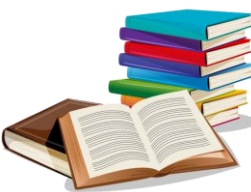
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To recognise **Nana Patekar's** contributions to Indian cinema, acknowledge his achievements in **Hindi and Marathi** films, highlight his national honours and remember his social initiatives focusing on farmer welfare, drought relief, water conservation and rural development.



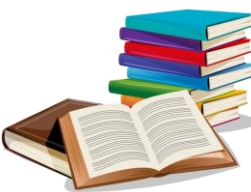
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Film Awards:** Prestigious film honours presented by the **Government of India** to recognise excellence in Indian cinema. **Nana Patekar** received three awards for Parinda (**Best Supporting Actor**), Krantiveer (**Best Actor**) and Agni Sakshi (**Best Supporting Actor**).



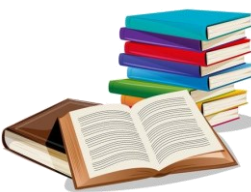
Important Terms Explained:

- **Padma Shri:** India's fourth-highest civilian award, conferred for distinguished contributions across various fields. **Nana Patekar** received the award in **2013** for his contribution to arts.



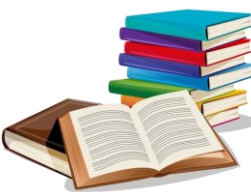
Important Terms Explained:

- **NAAM Foundation:** A charitable organisation co-founded by **Nana Patekar and Makarand Anaspure** in **2015** to support distressed farmers, drought-affected communities, water conservation and rural development.



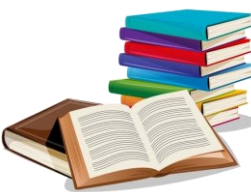
Important Terms Explained:

- **Hindi Cinema:** The Hindi-language film industry of India, in which **Nana Patekar** gained recognition through films such as Parinda, Krantiveer, **Ab Tak Chhappan**, **Welcome** and **Raajneeti**.



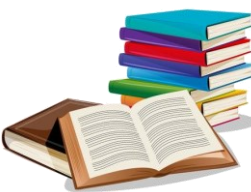
Important Terms Explained:

- **Marathi Cinema:** The Marathi-language film industry primarily associated with Maharashtra, in which **Nana Patekar** delivered acclaimed performances, including his role in Natsamrat.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Drought Relief:** Assistance provided to communities affected by prolonged water shortages, including drinking water support, agricultural assistance and measures to improve water availability.



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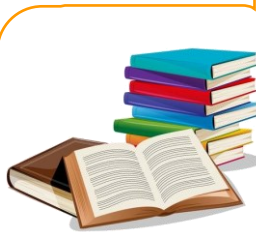
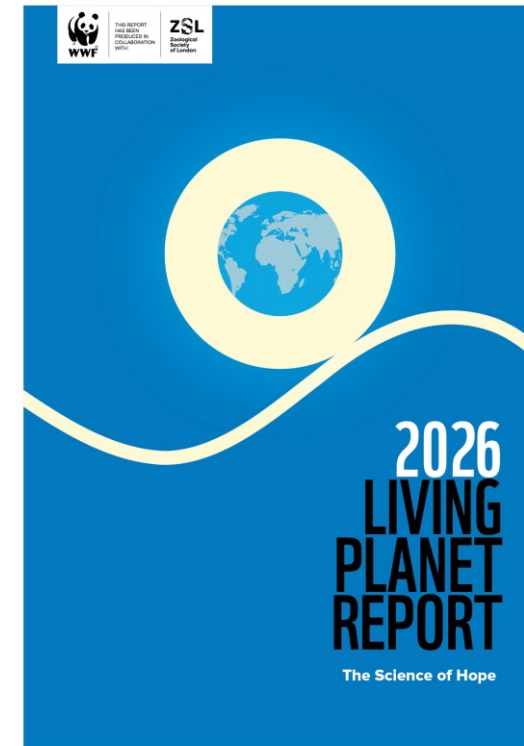
Parameter	Details
Event	Reported death of veteran Indian actor Nana Patekar.
Date	8 October 2026, as reported.
Full Name	Vishwanath Patekar, professionally known as Nana Patekar.
Age and Birth Details	75 years; born on 1 January 1951 in Maharashtra.
Profession	Actor, writer, filmmaker, director and social worker associated with Hindi and Marathi cinema.
National Film Awards	Three awards for Parinda, Krantiveer and Agni Sakshi.
Civilian Honour	Padma Shri in 2013 for contributions to arts.
Social Contribution	Co-founded NAAM Foundation with Makarand Anaspure in 2015 to support farmer welfare, drought relief and rural development.



- According to the WWF Living Planet Report 2026, what was the average decline in monitored wildlife populations between 1970 and 2022?

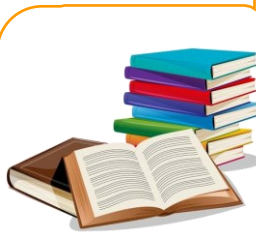
- A) 59%
- B) 65%
- C) 69%
- D) 73%
- E) 85%

Answer
D) 73%.



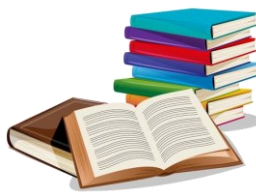
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) released the **Living Planet Report (LPR) 2026**, highlighting a **73%** average decline in monitored wildlife populations between **1970** and **2022**, with freshwater ecosystems experiencing the sharpest decline of **85%**.
- **Location:** Global, covering monitored wildlife populations across terrestrial, freshwater and marine ecosystems.
- **Date:** **8 October 2026** (reported date).



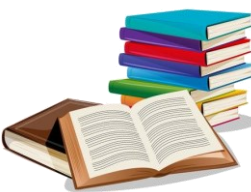
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The report presents findings from the **Living Planet Index (LPI)** compiled by the **Zoological Society of London (ZSL)**, covering **35,803** population trends across **5,790** vertebrate species. It identifies freshwater ecosystems as the most affected, followed by terrestrial and marine ecosystems, and examines major biodiversity threats, conservation successes and the annual **US\$1.3 trillion** biodiversity financing gap.



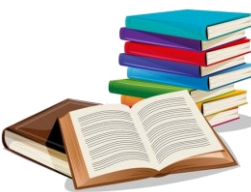
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To assess global wildlife population trends, identify the causes of biodiversity loss, encourage ecosystem restoration, promote nature-positive food, energy and financial systems, and support international commitments to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by **2030**.



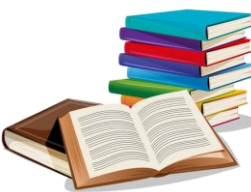
Important Terms Explained:

- **Living Planet Report (LPR):** A flagship **WWF** publication assessing global biodiversity trends, wildlife population changes, ecosystem health and the environmental impacts of human activities.



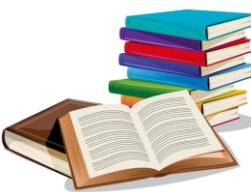
Important Terms Explained:

- **Living Planet Index (LPI):** A scientific indicator developed by **ZSL** in collaboration with **WWF** that measures average changes in the relative abundance of monitored vertebrate populations over time, rather than the total number of wild animals.



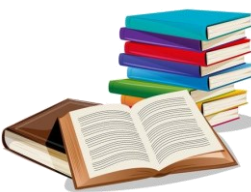
Important Terms Explained:

- **Biodiversity:** The variety of life on Earth, including diversity within species, between species and across ecosystems, which supports ecological stability and essential ecosystem services.



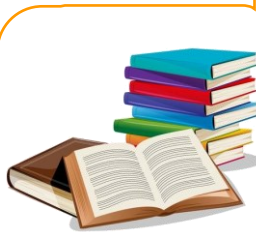
Important Terms Explained:

- **Freshwater Ecosystems:** Inland aquatic environments such as rivers, lakes, wetlands and streams that support aquatic biodiversity and provide essential water-related ecosystem services.



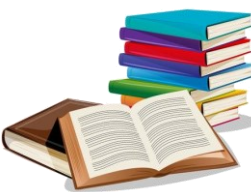
Important Terms Explained:

- **Structural Drivers of Biodiversity Loss:** Underlying economic and social factors, including food production, energy consumption and financial systems, that contribute to habitat destruction, resource overexploitation and environmental degradation.



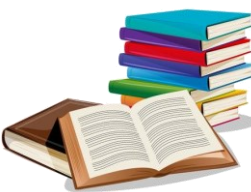
Important Terms Explained:

- **Positive Tipping Points:** Thresholds at which beneficial changes become self-reinforcing, accelerating transitions towards sustainable energy, agriculture, finance and environmental practices.



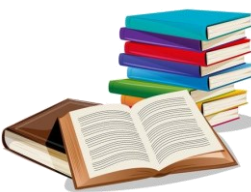
Important Terms Explained:

- **Biodiversity Financing Gap:** The difference between financial resources needed for biodiversity conservation and restoration and the funding currently available, estimated at US\$**1.3 trillion** annually in the report.



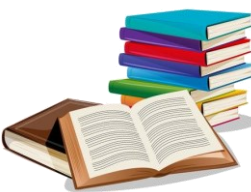
Important Terms Explained:

- Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (**KMGBF**): An international biodiversity agreement adopted at COP15 in **2022**, establishing four long-term goals for **2050** and **23** targets for **2030** to halt and reverse biodiversity loss.



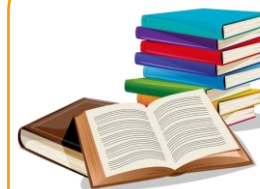
Important Terms Explained:

- **Paris Agreement:** An international climate treaty adopted in **2015** under the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**, aiming to keep global warming well below **2°C** and pursue efforts to limit it to **1.5°C** above pre-industrial levels.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Report Name	WWF Living Planet Report 2026.
Date	8 October 2026 (reported date).
Publishing Organisation	World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), using the Living Planet Index compiled by ZSL.
Assessment Period	1970–2022, covering 35,803 population trends across 5,790 vertebrate species.
Overall Wildlife Decline	73% average decline in monitored wildlife populations.
Ecosystem-wise Decline	Freshwater: 85%; Terrestrial: 69%; Marine: 59%.
Major Threats	Habitat loss, overexploitation, climate change, pollution, invasive species and disease.
Financial and Conservation Priorities	Address the annual US\$1.3 trillion biodiversity financing gap and support biodiversity recovery through sustainable food, energy and financial systems.



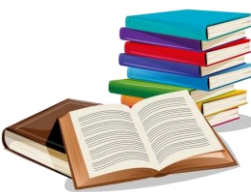
► **Under which Act did the Reserve Bank of India remove Paytm Payments Bank from the list of scheduled banks in 2026?**

- A) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- B) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
- C) Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007
- D) Companies Act, 2013
- E) Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation Act, 1961



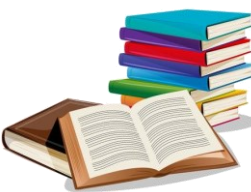
Answer

B) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.



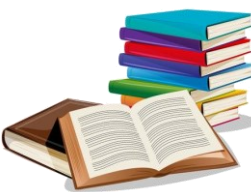
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) removed **Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL)** from the list of scheduled banks under the **Second Schedule** of the **RBI Act, 1934**, following the reported cancellation of its banking licence due to regulatory non-compliance.
- **Location:** India.



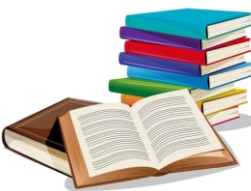
Event and Location:

- **Date: 31 July 2026** (notification date), with Gazette publication reported in September **2026** and the development reported on **8 October 2026**.



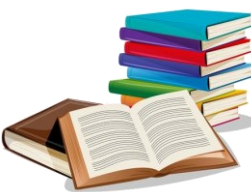
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** RBI excluded **Paytm Payments Bank** from the **Second Schedule** of the **RBI Act, 1934**, following the reported cancellation of its banking licence in April **2026**. The decision followed earlier regulatory restrictions imposed in March **2022** on onboarding new customers and in January–February **2024** on accepting fresh deposits, credits and wallet top-ups. **The Delhi High Court** also reportedly ordered the winding up of the bank.



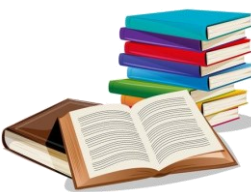
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To enforce regulatory compliance, protect depositors' interests, maintain banking sector integrity, address supervisory concerns and ensure that only eligible banking institutions retain scheduled bank status under the **RBI Act, 1934**.



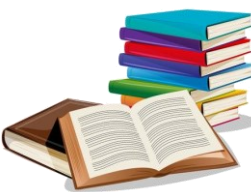
Important Terms Explained:

- **Scheduled Bank:** A banking institution included in the **Second Schedule** of the **RBI Act, 1934**, and recognised as a scheduled bank under the applicable statutory provisions.



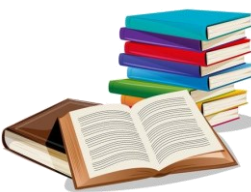
Important Terms Explained:

- **Second Schedule** of the **RBI Act, 1934**: A statutory list maintained under the **Reserve Bank of India Act** that identifies banks holding scheduled bank status in India.



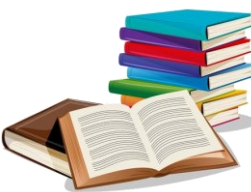
Important Terms Explained:

- **Banking Licence Cancellation:** A regulatory action through which **RBI** withdraws a bank's authorisation to conduct banking business due to violations or failure to satisfy applicable regulatory requirements.



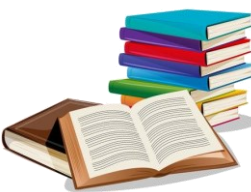
Important Terms Explained:

- **Payments Bank:** A differentiated banking institution permitted to accept deposits within prescribed limits and provide payment and remittance services but generally prohibited from undertaking conventional lending activities.



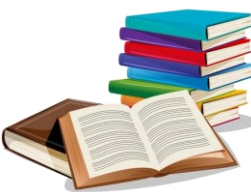
Important Terms Explained:

- **Regulatory Non-Compliance:** Failure by a regulated institution to follow applicable laws, supervisory directions, operational standards or other requirements established by the regulatory authority.



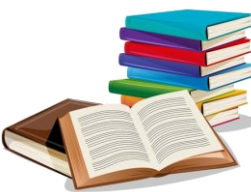
Important Terms Explained:

- **Supervisory Restrictions:** Measures imposed by a financial regulator to limit specified activities of a regulated institution when concerns arise regarding compliance, governance, operations or depositor protection.



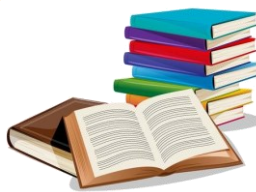
Important Terms Explained:

- **Winding Up:** A legal process through which a company or banking institution is closed, its assets are realised, liabilities are settled according to applicable law and its affairs are formally concluded.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Gazette of India: The Government of India's** official publication used to notify statutory orders, rules, appointments and other legally significant government decisions.



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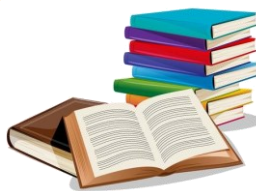
Parameter	Details
Event	Removal of Paytm Payments Bank from India's list of scheduled banks.
Regulatory Authority	Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
Bank Concerned	Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL).
Legal Provision	Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
Licence Cancellation	Reportedly cancelled in April 2026 due to regulatory non-compliance.
Notification Details	Dated 31 July 2026 and reportedly published in the Gazette of India in September 2026.
Earlier RBI Restrictions	Ban on onboarding new customers from 11 March 2022 and restrictions on fresh deposits, credits and wallet top-ups during 2024.
Additional Legal Development	Delhi High Court reportedly ordered the winding up of PPBL, a separate process from banking licence cancellation.



► How many working journalist members have been nominated for the 15th term of the Press Council of India in October 2026?

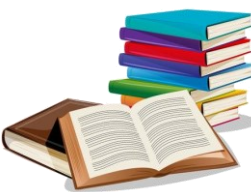
- A) 11 members
- B) 12 members
- C) 13 members
- D) 14 members
- E) 15 members

Answer
C) 13 members.



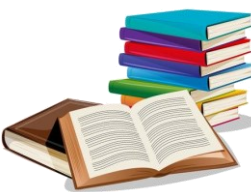
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Central Government reconstituted the **15th** term of the **Press Council of India (PCI)** by nominating **13** working journalist members, including six editors and seven other journalists.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India.
- **Date:** 8 October **2026** (reported date).



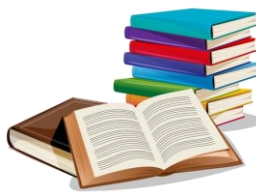
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Central Government** nominated **13** working journalist members under Section **5(3)(a)** of the **Press Council Act, 1978**, comprising six editors and seven journalists other than editors. The **PCI** consists of one Chairperson and **28** other members, with **Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai** (Retd.) serving as Chairperson.



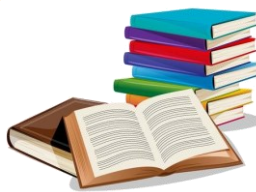
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To ensure statutory representation of working journalists in the **PCI**, safeguard press freedom, preserve journalistic independence, maintain professional standards, formulate ethical guidelines, and address complaints concerning newspapers and news agencies.



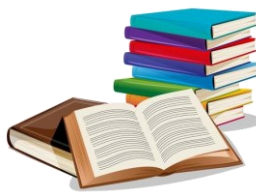
Important Terms Explained:

- **Press Council of India (PCI):** An autonomous, statutory and quasi-judicial body established to protect press freedom and maintain standards of newspapers and news agencies in India.



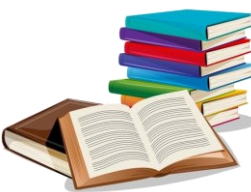
Important Terms Explained:

- **Press Council Act, 1978:** The legislation governing the composition, powers and functions of the **PCI**, including the representation of journalists, newspaper owners, Parliament and specialized institutions.



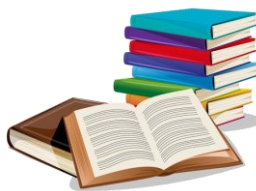
Important Terms Explained:

- Section **5(3)(a)**: A provision of the **Press Council Act, 1978**, specifying **13** representatives from working journalists, including six editors and seven journalists other than editors.



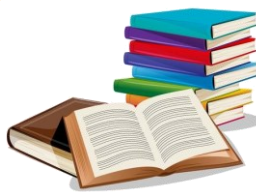
Important Terms Explained:

- **Quasi-Judicial Body:** An institution empowered to conduct inquiries, examine complaints and issue decisions or recommendations through procedures resembling judicial processes.



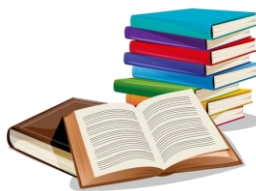
Important Terms Explained:

- **Norms of Journalistic Conduct:** Ethical guidelines formulated by the **PCI** to promote accuracy, fairness, responsible reporting and professional integrity in journalism.



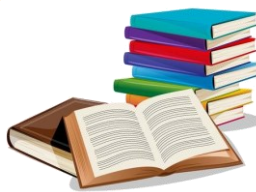
Important Terms Explained:

- **Suo Motu Action:** Action initiated by an authority on its own without receiving a formal complaint, including inquiries into matters falling within its jurisdiction.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Reconstitution:** The process of forming a new term of an institution by selecting or nominating members according to the applicable legal provisions.

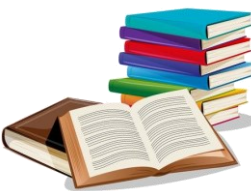


APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Reconstitution of the 15th term of the Press Council of India.
Date	8 October 2026 (reported date).
Location	New Delhi, India.
Nominating Authority	Central Government of India.
New Members	13 working journalists, comprising six editors and seven other journalists.
Legal Provision	Section 5(3)(a) of the Press Council Act, 1978.
Chairperson	Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (Retd.), appointed for a three-year term through a notification dated 24 April 2026.
Council Composition	29 persons, including one Chairperson and 28 other members.



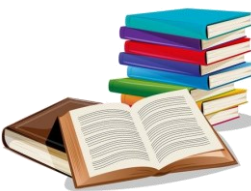
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➤ Who was named the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature 2026 for pioneering literary works that combine classical traditions with innovative contemporary writing?

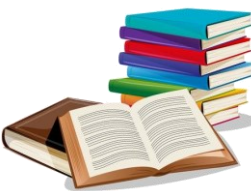
- A) Margaret Atwood
- B) Anne Carson
- C) Alice Munro
- D) Louise Glück
- E) Olga Tokarczuk

Answer
B) Anne Carson.



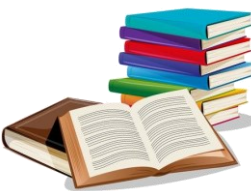
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Canadian poet, essayist and translator **Anne Carson** was named the recipient of the **Nobel Prize in Literature 2026** for her pioneering and innovative literary works that combine classical traditions with contemporary literary forms.
- **Location:** Stockholm, Sweden.
- **Date:** 8 October **2026**.



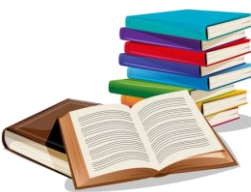
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Swedish Academy selected **Anne Carson** for the **2026 Nobel Prize in Literature**, recognising her experimental approach to poetry, essays, fiction and translation. Her literary contributions reinterpret ancient Greek texts through modern perspectives, blending classical mythology, language studies and contemporary literary techniques.



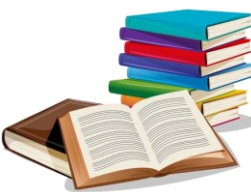
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To recognise exceptional literary achievement, acknowledge Carson's innovative engagement with classical literature, celebrate her development of new literary forms and highlight the continuing relevance of ancient literary traditions in contemporary writing.



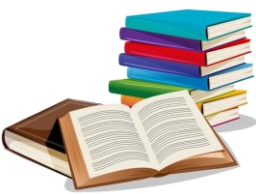
Important Terms Explained:

- **Nobel Prize in Literature:** An international literary award established through **Alfred Nobel's** will and presented annually by the **Swedish Academy** to an author for outstanding contributions to literature.



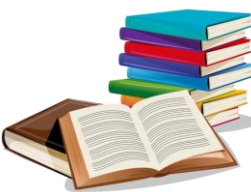
Important Terms Explained:

- **Swedish Academy:** A Swedish cultural institution founded in **1786** by **King Gustav III**, responsible for selecting the **Nobel Prize** laureate in Literature.



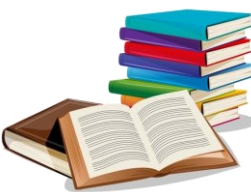
Important Terms Explained:

- **Classical Literature:** Literary works originating from ancient civilizations, particularly **Greece and Rome**, that have significantly influenced later literary traditions, philosophy and artistic expression.



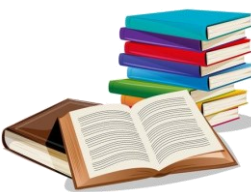
Important Terms Explained:

- **Philology:** The historical and comparative study of languages and literary texts, focusing on their development, meaning, structure and cultural context.



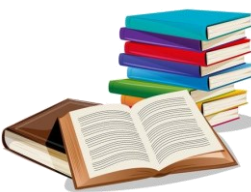
Important Terms Explained:

- **Etymology:** The study of the origins of words and how their meanings and forms have evolved over time.



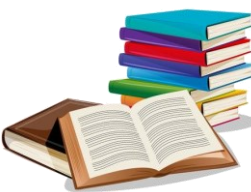
Important Terms Explained:

- **Bildungsroman:** A literary genre that focuses on the psychological, emotional and moral development of a protagonist from youth towards maturity.



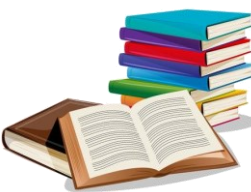
Important Terms Explained:

- **Eros the Bittersweet: Anne Carson's 1986** work examining desire, love and poetic language through ancient Greek literature, particularly the writings of Sappho.



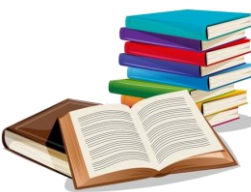
Important Terms Explained:

- **Autobiography of Red: Anne Carson's 1998** novel in verse that reimagines the Greek mythological figure Geryon through a contemporary narrative of identity, love and personal development.



Important Terms Explained:

- **If Not, Winter:** **Anne Carson's** translation of surviving fragments by the ancient Greek poet Sappho, reflecting her distinctive combination of classical scholarship and creative literary interpretation.



AWARDS



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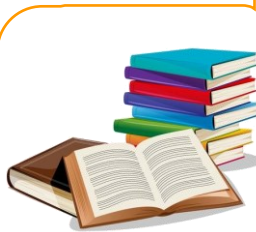
Parameter	Details
Award	Nobel Prize in Literature 2026.
Announcement Date	8 October 2026.
Winner	Anne Carson, Canadian poet, essayist, translator and literary critic.
Awarding Institution	Swedish Academy, Stockholm, Sweden.
Birth Details	21 June 1950, Toronto, Canada.
Reason for Recognition	Pioneering and innovative literary works that reinterpret classical traditions and develop new forms of contemporary literature.
Major Literary Works	Eros the Bittersweet (1986), Glass, Irony, and God (1995), Autobiography of Red (1998) and Economy of the Unlost (1999).
Literary Specialisation	Classical Greek literature, poetry, translation, philology and experimental literary forms.



- How many houses will be constructed under India's first 3D-printed rural housing pilot project launched in Andhra Pradesh under PMAY-G 2.0?

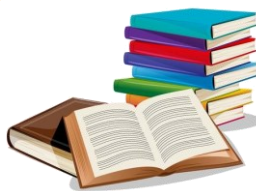
- A) 150 houses
- B) 175 houses
- C) 177 houses
- D) 200 houses
- E) 250 houses

Answer
C) 177 houses.



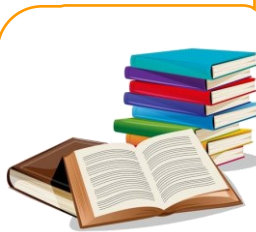
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Andhra Pradesh launched India's first national-level 3D-printed rural housing pilot project under **Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana–Gramin (PMAY-G) 2.0**, aiming to construct **177** houses using **3D Concrete Printing** technology.
- **Location:** Burripalem and Obulnayudupalem/Pothuru villages in Guntur district, **Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Date:** 8 October **2026** (reported date).



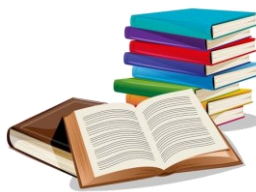
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Andhra Pradesh Government initiated a pilot project to construct **177** rural houses using **3D Concrete Printing (3DCP)** technology, including **100** houses in Burripalem and **77** houses in Obulnayudupalem/Pothuru. The project has an estimated cost of **₹13.93 crore**, excluding taxes, with **₹9.44 crore** contributed by the **Union Ministry of Rural Development** and **₹4.49 crore** by the state government. **CSIR-Central Building Research Institute (CSIR-CBRI)**, Roorkee, will provide technical assistance, with construction targeted for completion in approximately six months.



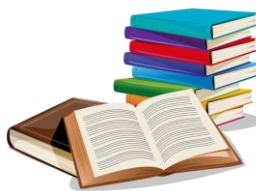
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To evaluate the feasibility of 3D concrete printing for affordable rural housing, reduce construction time and material wastage, improve construction precision, minimize dependence on labour-intensive masonry processes and assess the potential for wider adoption of automated construction technology under **PMAY-G**.



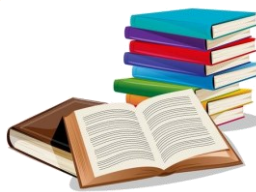
Important Terms Explained:

- **Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana**–Gramin (**PMAY-G**): A centrally sponsored rural housing scheme launched on **1 April 2016** to provide pucca houses with basic amenities to eligible rural households. **PMAY-G 2.0** refers to the scheme's continued implementation during **2024–2029**.



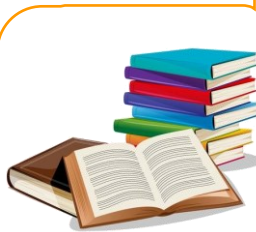
Important Terms Explained:

- **3D Concrete Printing (3DCP):** An automated construction technology that uses computer-controlled equipment to deposit specially formulated concrete in successive layers to create walls and other structural components.



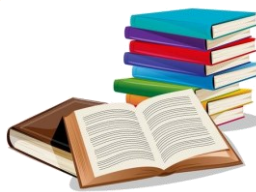
Important Terms Explained:

- **Additive Manufacturing:** A manufacturing process in which three-dimensional objects are created by depositing materials layer by layer according to a digital design, rather than cutting or removing material.



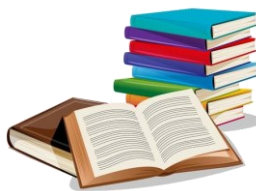
Important Terms Explained:

- **Building Information Modelling (BIM):** A digital modelling process used to create and manage information about a building's design, dimensions, materials and construction requirements.



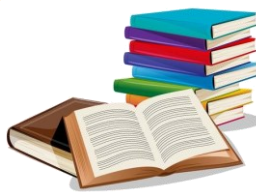
Important Terms Explained:

- **CSIR-Central Building Research Institute (CSIR-CBRI)**: A research institution located in Roorkee, Uttarakhand, operating under the **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research** and specializing in building materials, construction technologies and structural engineering.



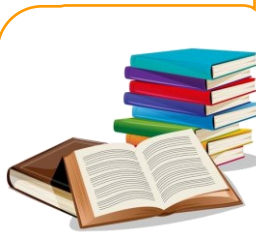
Important Terms Explained:

- **Extrusion Technology:** A process in which specially prepared construction material is pushed through a computer-controlled nozzle to form continuous layers according to a predetermined design.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Hybrid Construction:** A construction approach combining automated technologies such as 3D printing with conventional methods for foundations, reinforcement, roofing, electrical installation and finishing work.



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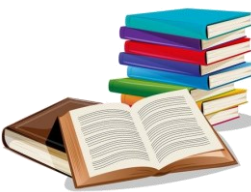
Parameter	Details
Event	India's first national-level 3D-printed rural housing pilot under PMAY-G 2.0.
Date	8 October 2026 (reported date).
Location	Burripalem and Obulnayudupalem/Pothuru, Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh.
Implementing State	Andhra Pradesh.
Housing Target	177 houses, including 100 in Burripalem and 77 in Obulnayudupalem/Pothuru.
Project Cost and Funding	₹13.93 crore excluding taxes, comprising ₹9.44 crore from the Centre and ₹4.49 crore from the state government.
Technology and Technical Partner	3D Concrete Printing (3DCP), with technical assistance from CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee.
Completion Target	Approximately six months, with an emphasis on testing faster, resource-efficient rural housing construction.



► What is the name of India's first indigenous Fleet Support Ship, commissioned at Hindustan Shipyard Limited in October 2026?

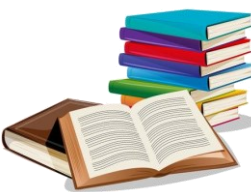
- A) INS Shakti
- B) INS Surya
- C) INS Deepak
- D) INS Jyoti
- E) INS Aditya

Answer
B) INS Surya.



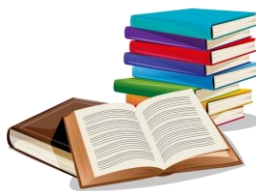
Event and Location:

- **Event: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** reportedly commissioned India's first indigenous **Fleet Support Ship (FSS-1)**, named Surya, to strengthen the **Indian Navy's** maritime logistics and underway replenishment capabilities.
- **Location: Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)**, Visakhapatnam, **Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Date: 8 October 2026** (reported date).



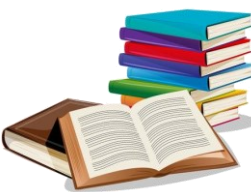
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The first Surya-class **Fleet Support Ship** is designed to provide fuel, aviation turbine fuel, freshwater, ammunition, provisions, dry stores and spare parts to **Indian Navy** warships during deployments. It supports alongside, stern and vertical replenishment, while incorporating helicopter facilities, medical infrastructure, onboard maintenance workshops and self-protection systems.



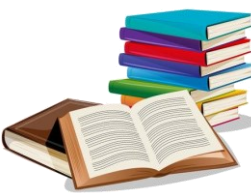
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To strengthen the **Indian Navy's** blue-water naval capabilities, extend the operational endurance of warships and aircraft carrier groups, reduce dependence on shore-based logistics, improve fleet readiness and support humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations across the **Indian Ocean Region and Indo-Pacific**.



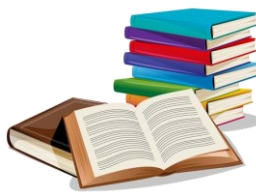
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fleet Support Ship (FSS):** A naval auxiliary vessel designed to supply fuel, ammunition, provisions, water and essential equipment to warships operating at sea, enabling longer deployments without returning to naval bases.



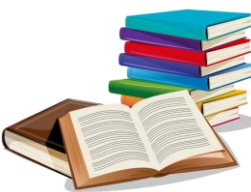
Important Terms Explained:

- **Underway Replenishment (UNREP):** The process of transferring fuel, supplies and other essential materials between naval vessels while they are at sea, maintaining operational continuity and fleet endurance.



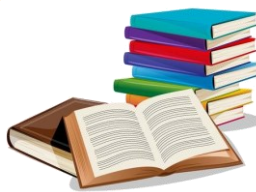
Important Terms Explained:

- **Vertical Replenishment (VERTREP):** A naval logistics technique in which helicopters transfer supplies between ships, allowing replenishment without requiring vessels to operate alongside each other.



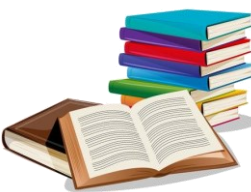
Important Terms Explained:

- **Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF):** A specialized petroleum-based fuel used to power aviation turbine engines, including those fitted in military helicopters and aircraft.



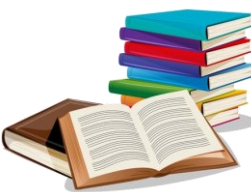
Important Terms Explained:

- **Blue-Water Navy:** A naval force capable of conducting sustained operations across distant oceans, supported by advanced warships, replenishment vessels and logistical infrastructure.



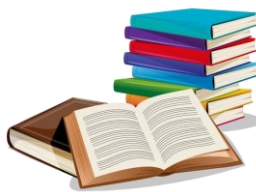
Important Terms Explained:

- **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR):** Operations undertaken by military or civilian agencies to provide medical assistance, emergency supplies, evacuation and relief during natural disasters or humanitarian emergencies.



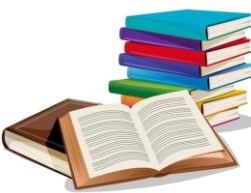
Important Terms Explained:

- **Close-In Weapon System (CIWS):** A short-range defensive weapon system designed to detect and engage incoming threats, including anti-ship missiles and hostile aircraft.



Important Terms Explained:

- **SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region):**
India's maritime cooperation vision aimed at promoting security, stability, economic development and collaborative growth across the **Indian Ocean Region**.



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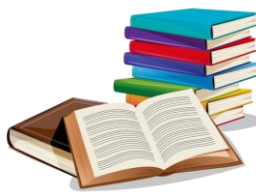
Parameter	Details
Event	Reported commissioning of India's first indigenous Fleet Support Ship, Surya (FSS-1).
Date	8 October 2026 (reported date).
Location	Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
Chief Guest	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
Ship Class	Surya-class Fleet Support Ship for the Indian Navy.
Key Capabilities	Underway replenishment of fuel, ammunition, freshwater, provisions and dry stores through alongside, stern and vertical methods.
Additional Facilities	Helicopter flight deck and hangar, medical facilities, maintenance workshops and self-protection systems.
Strategic Significance	Enhances long-range naval deployments, fleet endurance, maritime logistics and HADR capabilities in the Indian Ocean Region and Indo-Pacific.



► How many economies, including India and the United States, joined the joint ministerial statement on structural excess capacity in key manufacturing sectors in October 2026?

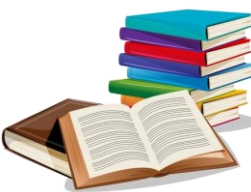
- A) 12 economies
- B) 13 economies
- C) 14 economies
- D) 15 economies
- E) 16 economies

Answer
D) 15 economies.



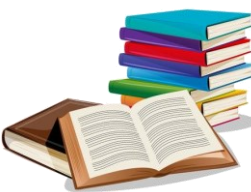
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India joined the **United States** and **13** other economies in a joint ministerial statement to address structural excess capacity in key manufacturing sectors, including automobiles, electric vehicles, batteries, chemicals, semiconductors and solar panels.



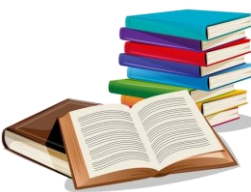
Event and Location:

- **Location:** Milwaukee, Wisconsin, **United States**, following discussions at the **G20 Trade Ministerial**.
- **Date:** 7 October **2026**.



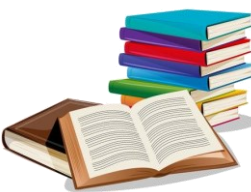
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The United States Trade Representative (USTR)** issued a joint statement endorsed by **15** economies to address excess production capacity caused by non-market policies and practices. The participating economies agreed to establish dedicated sectoral platforms, exchange non-confidential information, examine market distortions and hold technical-level discussions by December **2026** to finalize the terms of reference.



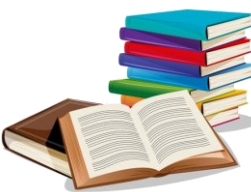
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To reduce trade distortions caused by structural excess capacity, promote fair competition, protect domestic industries and employment, encourage market-based investment, strengthen international cooperation and improve transparency in global manufacturing sectors.



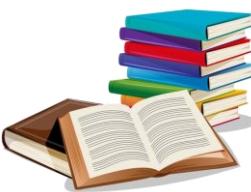
Important Terms Explained:

- **Structural Excess Capacity:** A persistent situation in which industrial production capacity exceeds market demand, often because of government interventions or non-market policies that encourage overproduction.



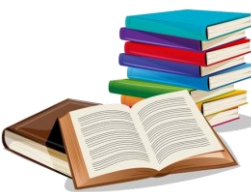
Important Terms Explained:

- **Non-Market Policies and Practices:** Government interventions, subsidies or other measures that distort market-based competition, influence production decisions and contribute to excessive industrial capacity.



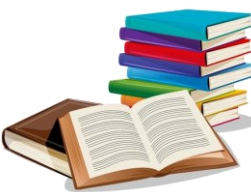
Important Terms Explained:

- **G20 Trade Ministerial:** A meeting of trade ministers from G20 economies to discuss international trade policies, market access, economic cooperation and challenges affecting global trade.



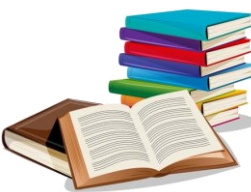
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sectoral Platforms:** Dedicated cooperation mechanisms established to exchange information, examine excess capacity and develop coordinated responses in specific manufacturing industries.



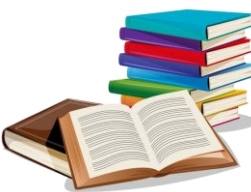
Important Terms Explained:

- **Foundational Semiconductors:** Mature-node semiconductor chips widely used in automobiles, industrial equipment, consumer electronics and other essential manufacturing applications.



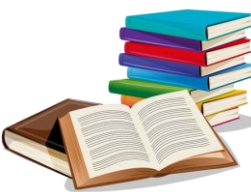
Important Terms Explained:

- **Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity (GFSEC):** An international cooperation mechanism established following G20 discussions in **2016** to address structural excess capacity in the global steel industry through information sharing and policy coordination.



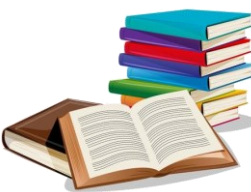
Important Terms Explained:

- **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD):** An intergovernmental organisation that promotes economic cooperation, evidence-based policymaking, sustainable growth and international policy coordination.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Terms of Reference:** A formal document defining the objectives, scope, responsibilities and procedures governing the work of a committee, platform or international cooperation mechanism.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Joint ministerial statement on global structural excess capacity.
Date	7 October 2026.
Location	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States.
Issuing Authority	United States Trade Representative (USTR).
Participating Economies	15 economies, including India, the United States, Japan, Australia, Canada, the European Union and nine others.
Key Manufacturing Sectors	Automobiles, electric vehicles, batteries, chemicals, foundational semiconductors and solar panels.
Major Commitments	Establish sectoral platforms, exchange non-confidential information and examine market distortions caused by excess capacity.
Next Step	Technical-level discussions by December 2026 to finalize the terms of reference.



► What is the theme of India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi?

- A) Connecting India to the Future
- B) Global Digital Transformation
- C) Scale without Boundaries
- D) Innovate for Digital India
- E) Building a Smart Nation

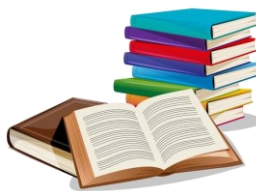
Answer

C) Scale without Boundaries.



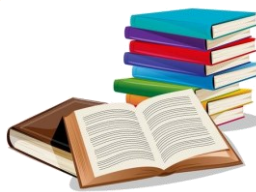
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated **India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026**, highlighting India's nationwide **5G** expansion, advancements in **6G** research, artificial intelligence, semiconductors and digital infrastructure under the theme “Scale without Boundaries”.
- **Location:** Yashobhoomi, **New Delhi**, India.



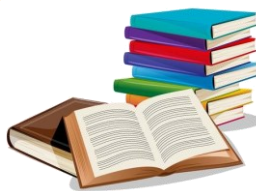
Event and Location:

- **Date: 8 October 2026** (inauguration date), with the event scheduled from **7 to 10 October 2026**.



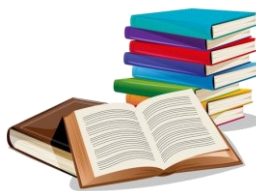
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The four-day **IMC 2026** brings together telecommunications companies, technology firms, start-ups, policymakers, investors and researchers to showcase emerging digital technologies. The event highlights **5G** connectivity across all Indian districts, more than **5.5 lakh** operational **5G** base stations, declining mobile data costs, and advancements in **6G**, AI, cybersecurity, quantum communications and electronics manufacturing.



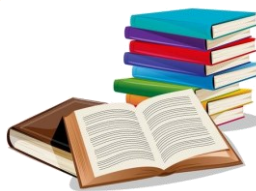
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To accelerate India's digital transformation, strengthen telecommunications infrastructure, promote affordable and inclusive connectivity, encourage indigenous technological innovation, support next-generation 6G research, enhance cybersecurity and position India as a global leader in emerging digital technologies.



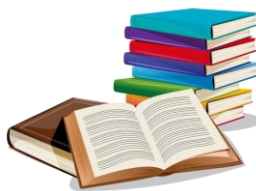
Important Terms Explained:

- **India Mobile Congress (IMC):** A major telecommunications and technology event in India that brings together industry leaders, government representatives, start-ups and researchers to showcase developments in digital connectivity and emerging technologies.



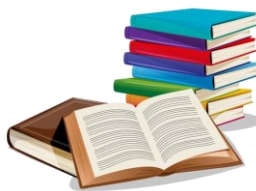
Important Terms Explained:

- **5G Technology:** The fifth generation of mobile telecommunications technology, offering higher data speeds, lower latency and greater network capacity than earlier mobile networks.



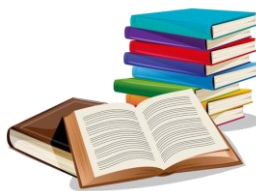
Important Terms Explained:

- **6G Technology:** The proposed sixth generation of wireless communication technology, expected to integrate advanced artificial intelligence, intelligent networks, integrated sensing and high-frequency communications.



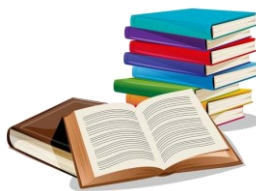
Important Terms Explained:

- Bharat **6G** Alliance: **An Indian** collaborative platform involving industry, academia, research institutions and other stakeholders to promote **6G** research, innovation, standards development and international cooperation.



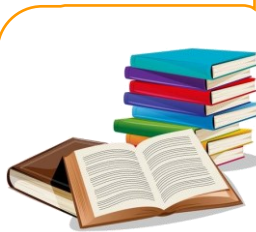
Important Terms Explained:

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Networks:**
Telecommunications networks that use artificial intelligence to automate operations, optimize network performance, manage traffic and improve service reliability.



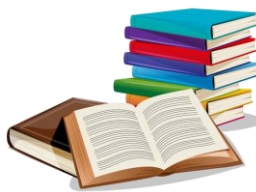
Important Terms Explained:

- **Non-Terrestrial Networks (NTN):** Communication networks using satellites, high-altitude platforms or other non-ground-based systems to extend connectivity beyond conventional terrestrial infrastructure.



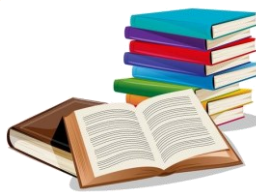
Important Terms Explained:

- **Quantum Communications:** A communication technology that uses principles of quantum mechanics to enable advanced information transmission and security applications.



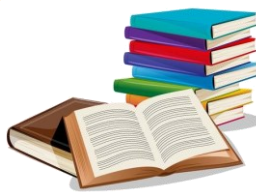
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cybersecurity:** The protection of digital networks, computer systems, devices and information against unauthorized access, cyberattacks and technological disruptions.



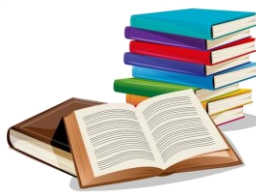
Important Terms Explained:

- Environmental, **Social and Governance (ESG)**: A framework for assessing an organization's environmental impact, social responsibilities and governance practices.



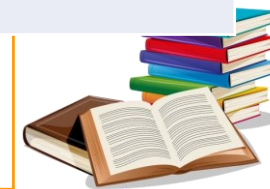
Important Terms Explained:

- **Circular Economy:** An economic model focused on reducing waste, reusing materials, recycling resources and improving sustainability throughout product life cycles.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026, the tenth edition of the event.
Date	7–10 October 2026, inaugurated on 8 October 2026.
Venue	Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, India.
Inaugurated By	Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Theme	Scale without Boundaries.
5G Expansion	Reported coverage across all Indian districts, with more than 5.5 lakh operational 5G base stations.
Four Strategic Pillars	Srishti (Innovation), Samvardhan (Growth), Sashakt (Inclusion) and Suraksha (Security).
Key Technology Focus	5G, 6G, AI networks, semiconductors, cybersecurity, quantum communications, satellite connectivity and electronics manufacturing.



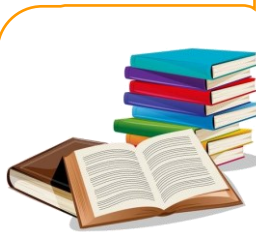
➤ Which wildlife reserve became the third cheetah habitat in Madhya Pradesh following the release of Vyom and Neera in October 2026?

- A) Kanha Tiger Reserve
- B) Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve
- C) Pench Tiger Reserve
- D) Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve
- E) Satpura Tiger Reserve



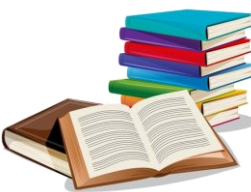
Answer

D) Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve.



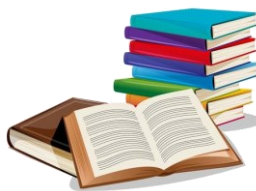
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav released two cheetahs, Vyom (male) and Neera (female), into **Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve**, making it the state's third cheetah habitat after **Kuno National Park** and **Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary**.
- **Location:** **Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve**, Sagar district, **Madhya Pradesh**.
- **Date:** 7 October 2026.



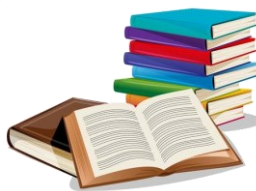
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Madhya Pradesh Government expanded **Project Cheetah** by establishing **Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve** as the third cheetah habitat in the state. **The Chief Minister** also highlighted wildlife tourism revenue-sharing arrangements, proposed subsidies of **₹2–3 lakh** for developing homestays in buffer villages and released the **Vulture Population Assessment 2026**, reporting a **123%** increase in the state's vulture population.



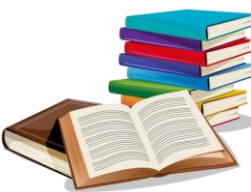
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To expand cheetah conservation across multiple protected habitats, reduce dependence on a single conservation landscape, strengthen biodiversity protection, promote community participation in wildlife conservation and generate sustainable income opportunities for villagers through wildlife tourism.



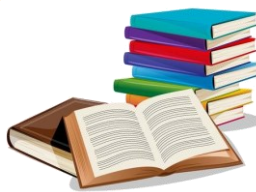
Important Terms Explained:

- **Project Cheetah:** India's wildlife reintroduction initiative launched on **17 September 2022** at **Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh** to establish a viable cheetah population after the species was declared extinct in India in **1952**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cheetah Translocation:** The planned transfer of cheetahs from one location to another for conservation, population management and establishment of new habitats under scientific monitoring.



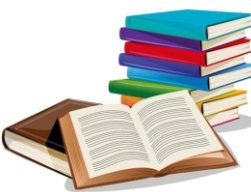
Important Terms Explained:

- **Kuno National Park:** A protected area in **Madhya Pradesh**'s Sheopur district that became India's first cheetah reintroduction site under **Project Cheetah** in **September 2022**.



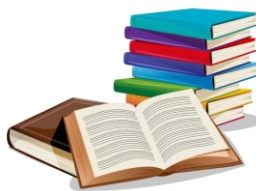
Important Terms Explained:

- **Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary:** A protected wildlife area in **Madhya Pradesh** that became the state's second cheetah habitat under the cheetah conservation programme.



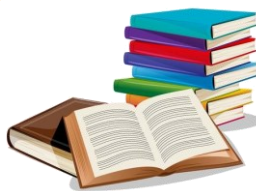
Important Terms Explained:

- **Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve:** A tiger reserve in **Madhya Pradesh**, established in **2023**, that became the state's third cheetah habitat following the reported release of **Vyom and Neera in October 2026**.



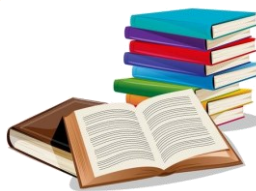
Important Terms Explained:

- **Wildlife Tourism Revenue Sharing:** A policy approach that distributes a portion of tourism-generated income to communities living near protected areas to encourage conservation participation and local economic development.



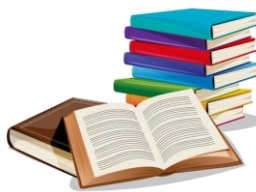
Important Terms Explained:

- **Buffer Zone:** An area surrounding or adjoining the core conservation zone of a protected area where regulated human activities may be permitted while supporting wildlife protection.



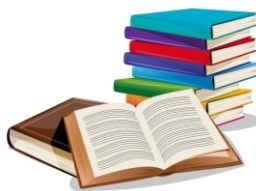
Important Terms Explained:

- **Homestay Subsidy Scheme:** A **Madhya Pradesh Government** initiative offering reported subsidies of **₹2–3 lakh** to eligible villagers near wildlife reserves for developing tourist accommodation within their homes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Vulture Population Assessment 2026:** A wildlife monitoring assessment released by the **Madhya Pradesh Government** that reported a **123%** increase in the state's vulture population.



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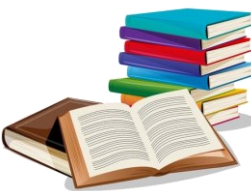
Parameter	Details
Event	Release of two cheetahs at Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve, the third cheetah habitat in Madhya Pradesh.
Date	7 October 2026.
Location	Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve, Sagar district, Madhya Pradesh.
Chief Guest	Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav.
Cheetahs Released	Vyom (male) and Neera (female).
Three Cheetah Habitats	Kuno National Park, Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary and Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve.
Community Development Measures	₹20 crore reportedly distributed to villagers from ₹80 crore in annual wildlife tourism revenue, alongside proposed homestay subsidies of ₹2–3 lakh.
Additional Conservation Development	Vulture Population Assessment 2026 reported a 123% increase in Madhya Pradesh's vulture population.

➤ Which ministry unveiled the Strategy for Environmental Economic Accounts in India 2026–2030 to measure the economic value of natural resources and ecosystem services?

- A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- B) Ministry of Finance
- C) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- D) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- E) Ministry of Jal Shakti

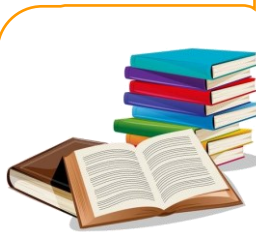
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C) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.



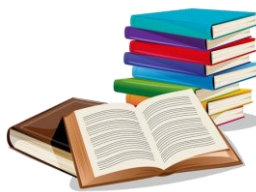
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) unveiled the **Strategy for Environmental Economic Accounts in India 2026–2030**, a five-year roadmap to measure the economic value of natural resources and ecosystem services alongside traditional economic indicators.



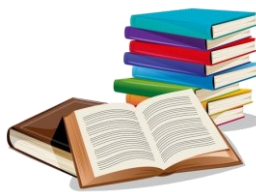
Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, covering environmental and natural resource accounting at the national level.
- **Date:** 8 October **2026** (reported date), with the strategy covering **2026–2030**.



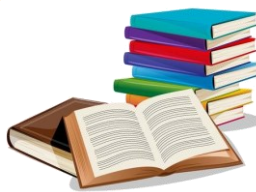
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** MoSPI introduced a five-year strategy to strengthen India's Environmental-**Economic Accounts** across ten priority areas, including forests, water, land, soil, minerals, carbon stocks, biodiversity and pollination services. The strategy builds upon the **2022–2026** framework and focuses on two major pillars: improving the quality of environmental accounts and addressing data gaps, and enhancing their communication and relevance for policymakers and other users.



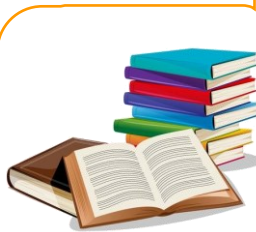
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To measure India's natural wealth, integrate environmental information into economic decision-making, assess natural resource availability and depletion, improve ecosystem services valuation, support sustainable resource management and strengthen monitoring of environmental indicators linked to the **Sustainable Development Goals**.



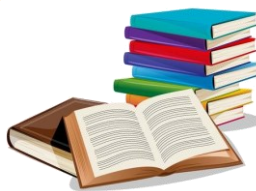
Important Terms Explained:

- Environmental-**Economic Accounting**: A statistical approach that measures the relationship between economic activities and the environment by tracking natural resources, environmental assets and ecosystem services.



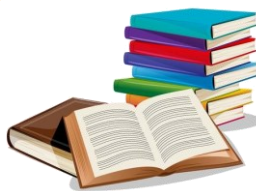
Important Terms Explained:

- **System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA):** An international statistical framework developed under the **United Nations** to integrate environmental information with economic accounts and assess the contribution of natural resources to economic development.



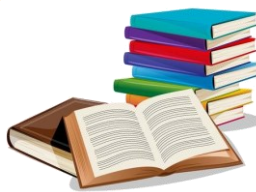
Important Terms Explained:

- **Natural Capital:** The stock of natural resources, including forests, water, soil, minerals and biodiversity, that provides benefits and ecosystem services to people and the economy.



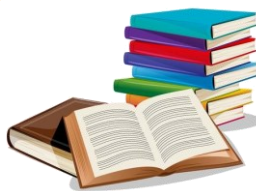
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ecosystem Services:** Benefits provided by natural ecosystems, including pollination, water purification, carbon storage, climate regulation and soil fertility.



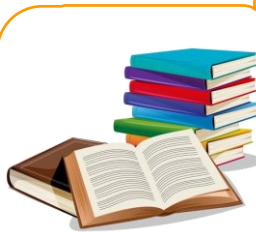
Important Terms Explained:

- **Pollination Services Accounting:** A method of estimating the economic value of pollination provided by insects, birds and other pollinators that contribute to agricultural productivity and crop production.



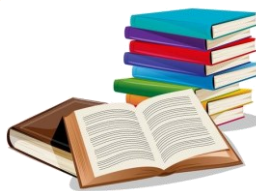
Important Terms Explained:

- **Forest Accounting:** The measurement of forest resources and their economic and ecological contributions, including timber, carbon storage, biodiversity conservation and other ecosystem services.



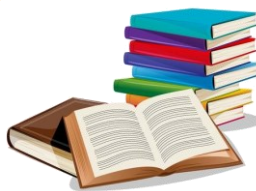
Important Terms Explained:

- **Water Accounting:** A statistical system for measuring water availability, consumption, distribution and depletion, including groundwater resources, to support sustainable water management.



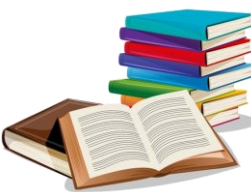
Important Terms Explained:

- **Mineral Accounting:** The systematic assessment of mineral reserves, extraction, depletion and discoveries to evaluate resource availability and long-term mineral security.



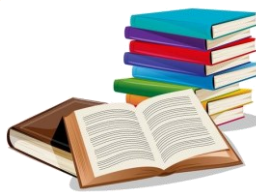
Important Terms Explained:

- **Carbon Stock Accounting:** The estimation and monitoring of carbon stored in forests, vegetation, soils and other natural systems to assess their contribution to climate regulation.



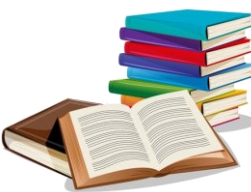
Important Terms Explained:

- **System of National Accounts 2025 (SNA 2025):** An updated international statistical standard for compiling national economic accounts, providing a framework for measuring economic activities and related indicators.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** A set of **17** global development goals adopted by the **United Nations** in **2015** to promote economic development, environmental sustainability and social well-being by **2030**.



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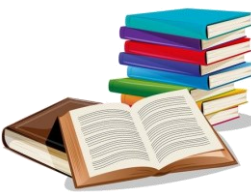
Parameter	Details
Event	Release of the Strategy for Environmental Economic Accounts in India 2026–2030.
Date	8 October 2026 (reported date).
Issuing Ministry	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
Strategy Duration	Five years, from 2026 to 2030, following the 2022–2026 strategy.
Two Major Pillars	Improving account quality and addressing data gaps, and strengthening communication and policy relevance.
Priority Areas	Forests, water, land, soil, minerals, carbon stocks, biodiversity, pollination services, environmental economic activities and environment statistics.
International Frameworks	United Nations SEEA and System of National Accounts 2025.
Key Significance	Valuation of natural wealth, sustainable resource management and monitoring of approximately 40 international indicators across nine SDGs.



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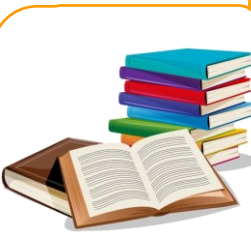
- The Indian Air Force celebrated its 94th anniversary on 8 October 2026, commemorating its establishment in 1932 and highlighting international air cooperation through Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026.
- India selected para-badminton champion Pramod Bhagat and para-table tennis player Bhavina Patel as its flagbearers for the Asian Para Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, recognising their combined eight medals at the continental event.
- Lionel Messi reportedly retired from international football on 6 October 2026 after Argentina's 3–0 victory over Benin, concluding his career with 208 caps, 126 goals and four major senior international titles.
- Veteran Indian actor Nana Patekar was reported to have passed away on 8 October 2026 at the age of 75, leaving a legacy of three National Film Awards, a Padma Shri and significant contributions to farmer welfare.
- The WWF Living Planet Report 2026 highlighted a 73% average decline in monitored wildlife populations between 1970 and 2022, identifying severe biodiversity losses worldwide and calling for urgent conservation and systemic reforms.



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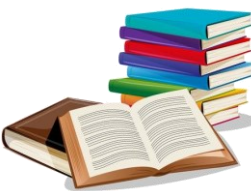
- The Reserve Bank of India removed Paytm Payments Bank Limited from the Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934, following its reported banking licence cancellation, ending the institution's scheduled bank status.
- The Central Government reconstituted the 15th term of the Press Council of India in October 2026 by nominating 13 working journalist members to ensure statutory representation in the council.
- Canadian author Anne Carson was named the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature 2026 by the Swedish Academy on 8 October 2026 for her innovative literary works that combine classical traditions with contemporary literary expression.
- Andhra Pradesh launched India's first national-level 3D-printed rural housing pilot under PMAY-G 2.0 in Guntur district to construct 177 houses and evaluate automated construction technology for affordable rural housing.
- India reportedly commissioned its first indigenous Fleet Support Ship, Surya, at Hindustan Shipyard Limited in Visakhapatnam under Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to strengthen the Indian Navy's long-range maritime logistics capabilities.
- India joined the United States and 13 other economies in a joint ministerial statement issued on 7 October 2026 to address structural excess capacity and promote fair competition in key manufacturing sectors.



QUICK RECALL



- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India Mobile Congress 2026 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, on 8 October 2026 under the theme “Scale without Boundaries,” highlighting nationwide 5G expansion and India's push towards next-generation digital technologies.**
- **Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav released two cheetahs, Vyom and Neera, into Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve on 7 October 2026, establishing the state's third cheetah habitat and expanding its conservation network.**
- **The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation unveiled the Strategy for Environmental Economic Accounts in India 2026–2030 to measure the country's natural wealth and ecosystem services while strengthening evidence-based environmental and economic policymaking.**




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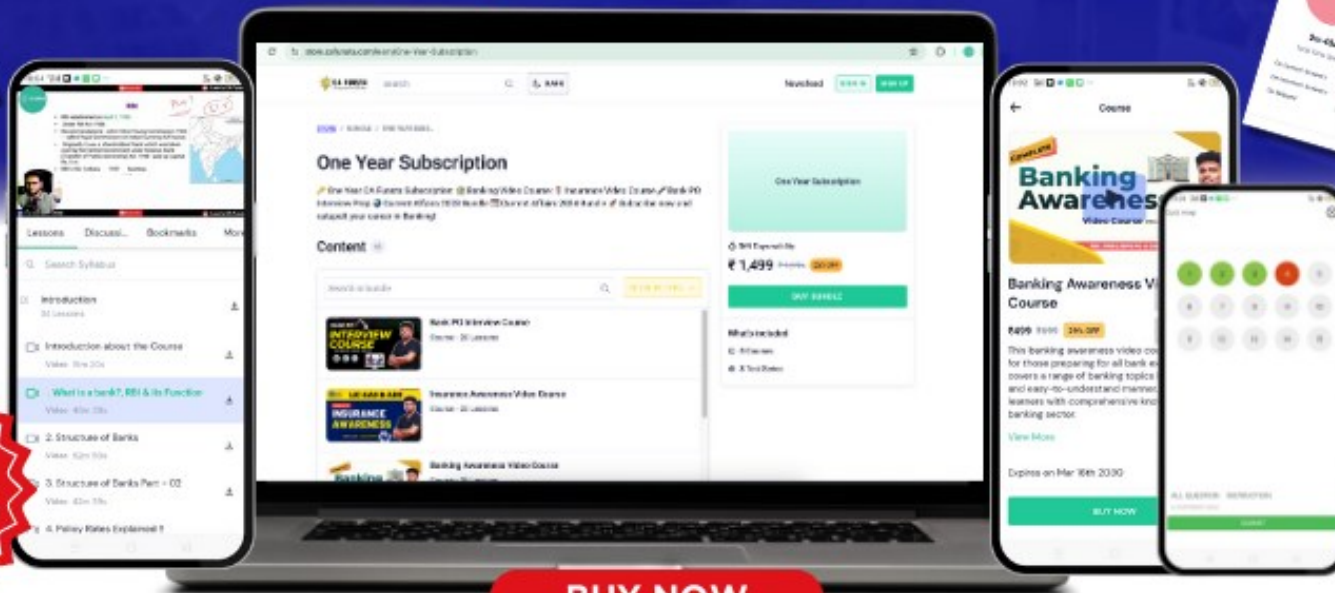
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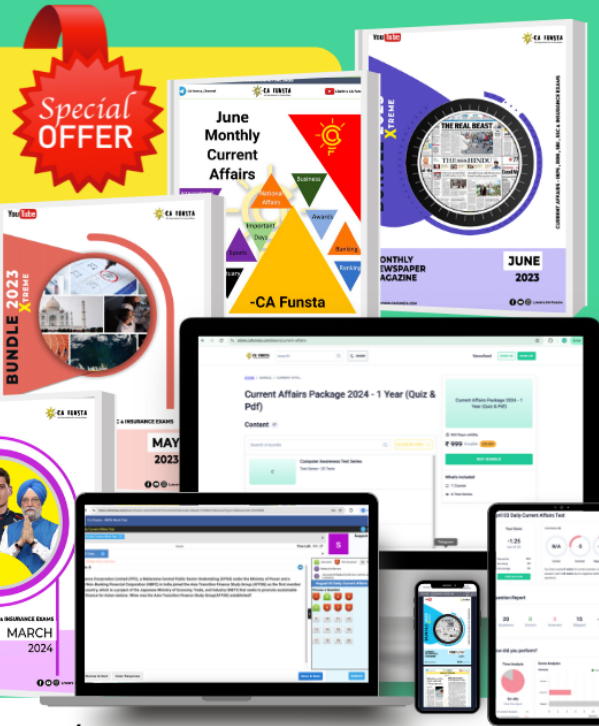


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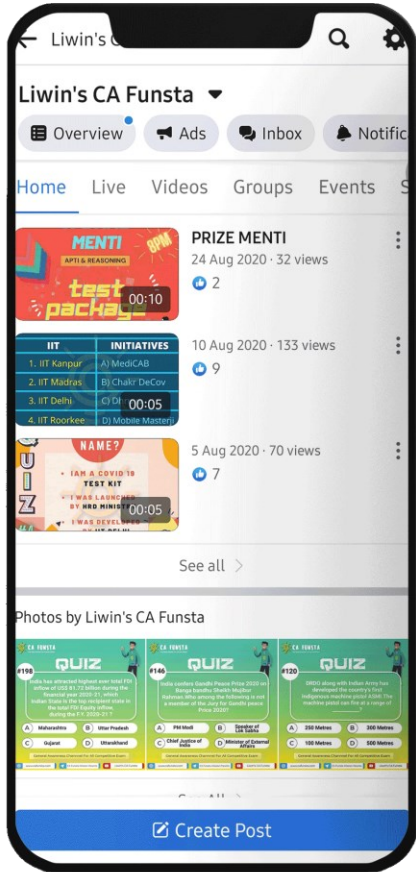
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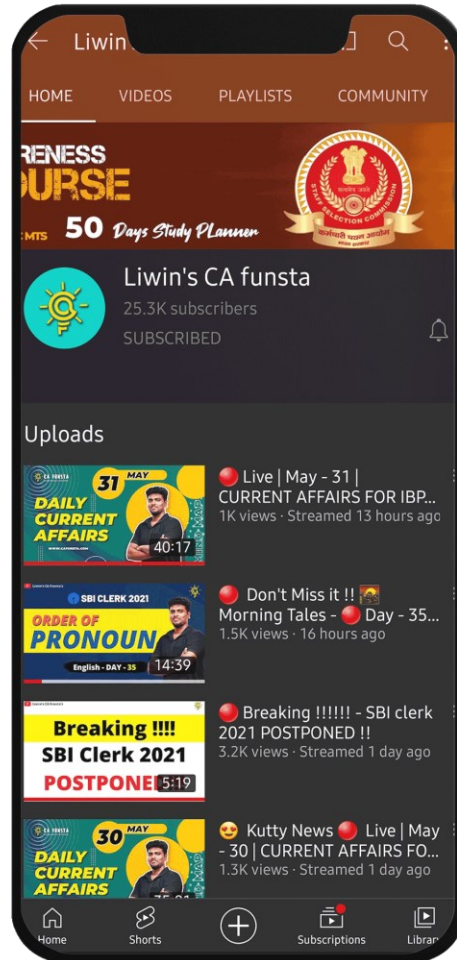


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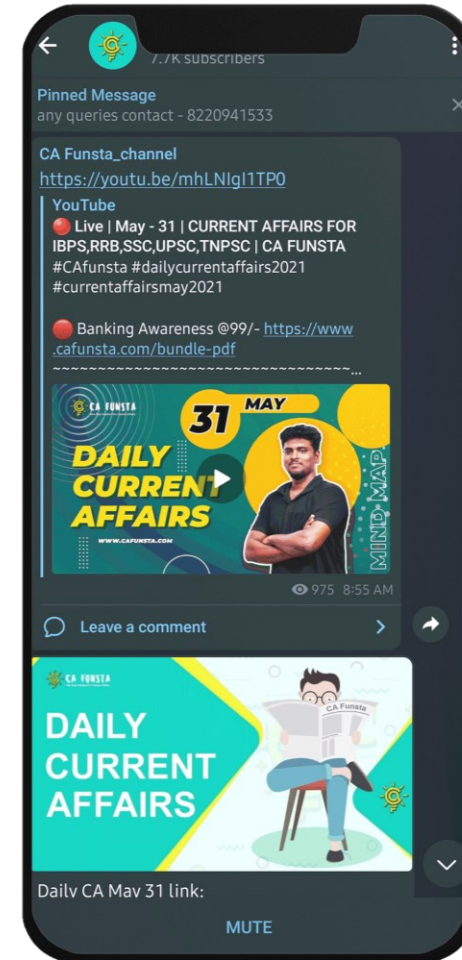
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