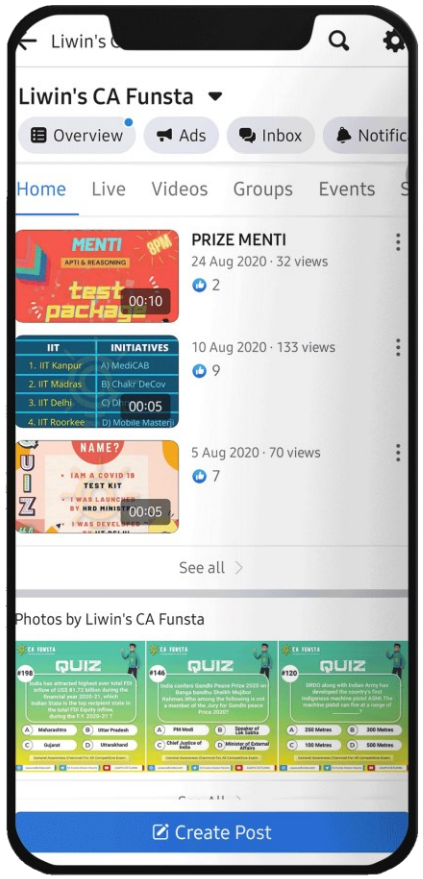
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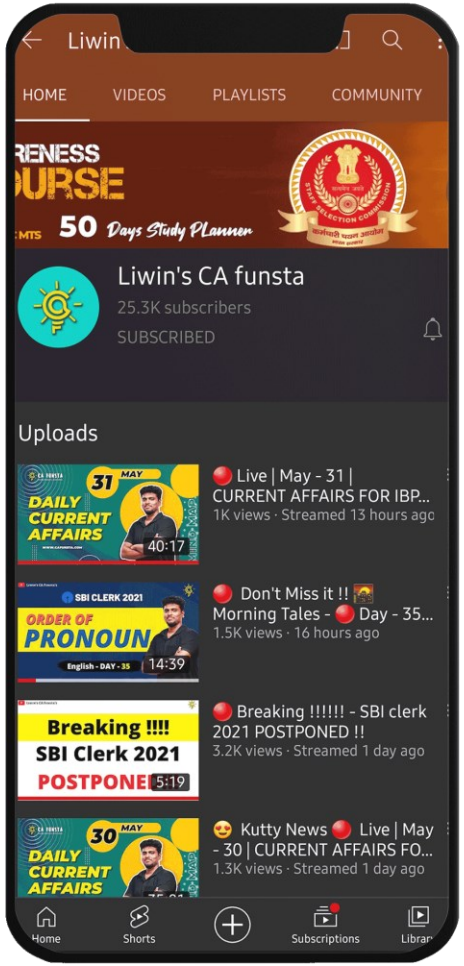
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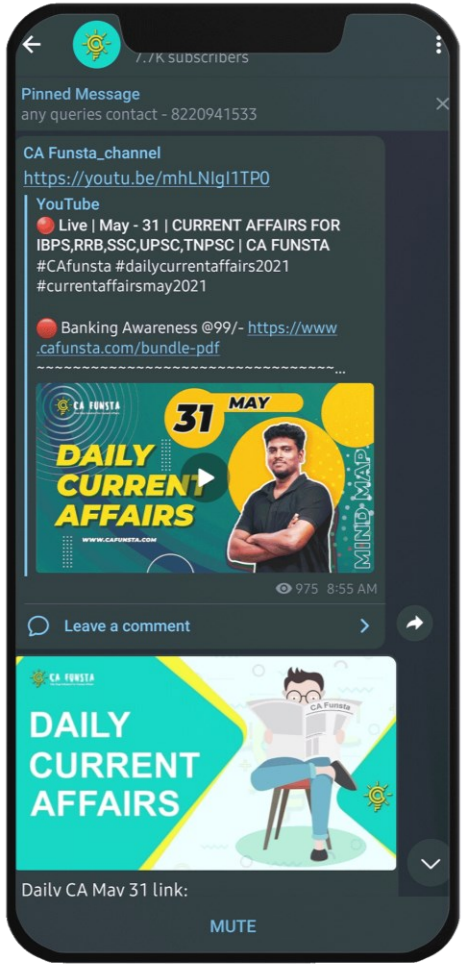
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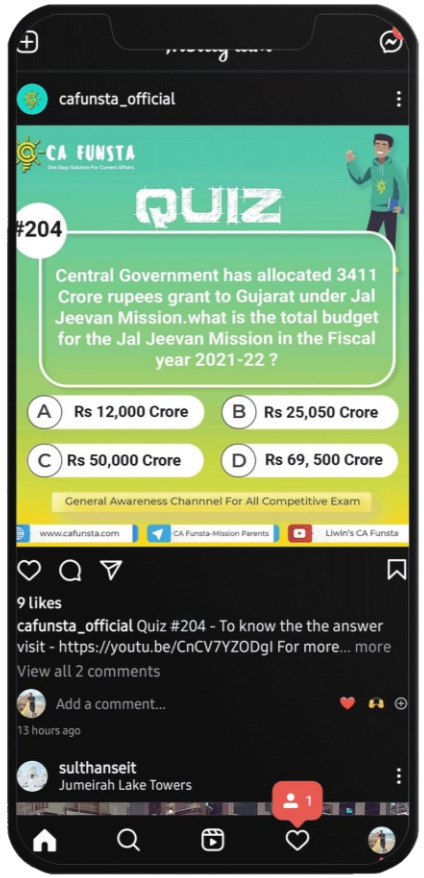


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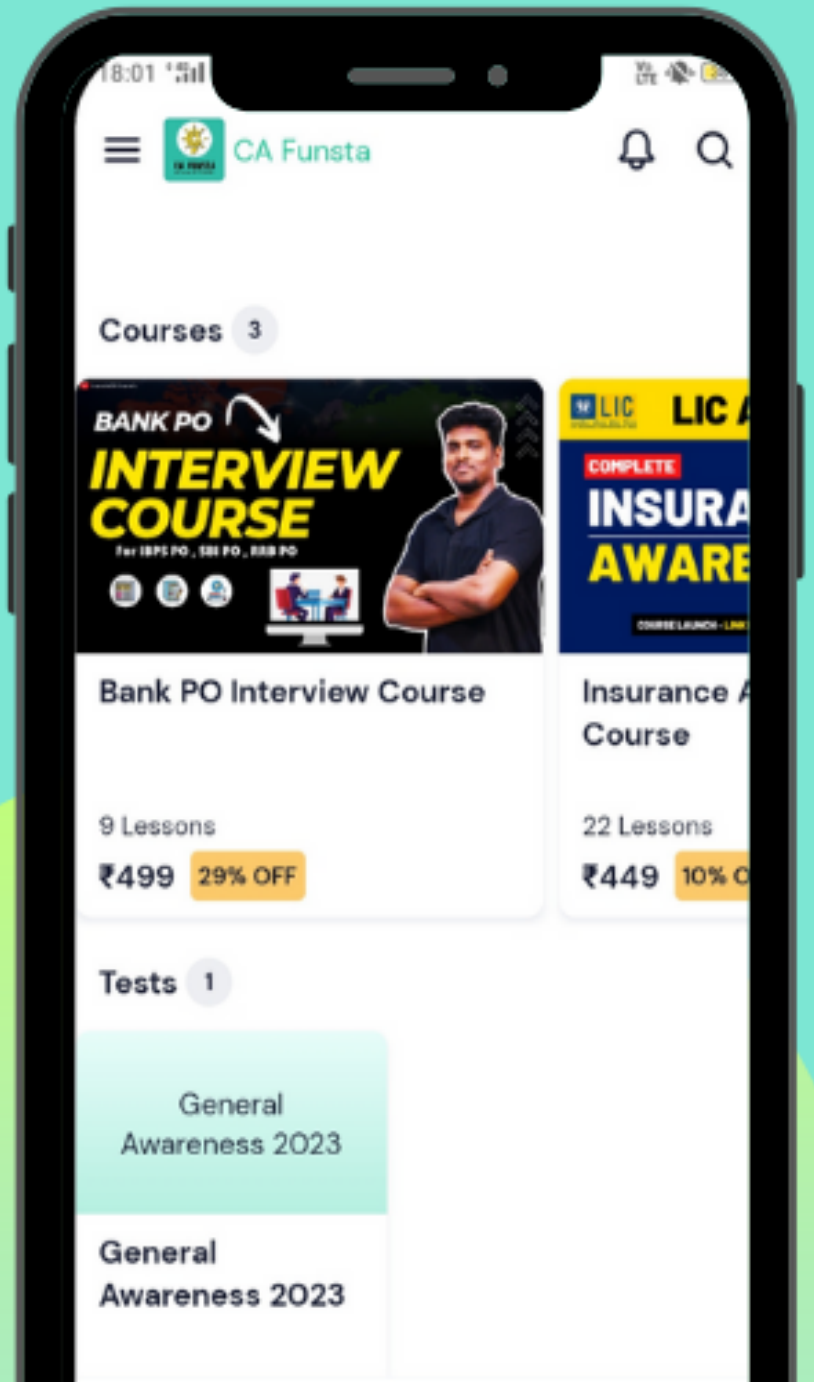
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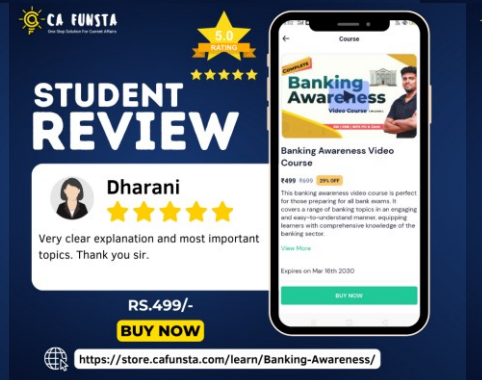

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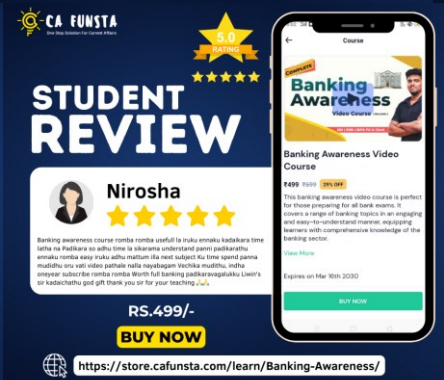

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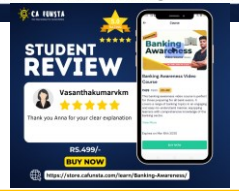

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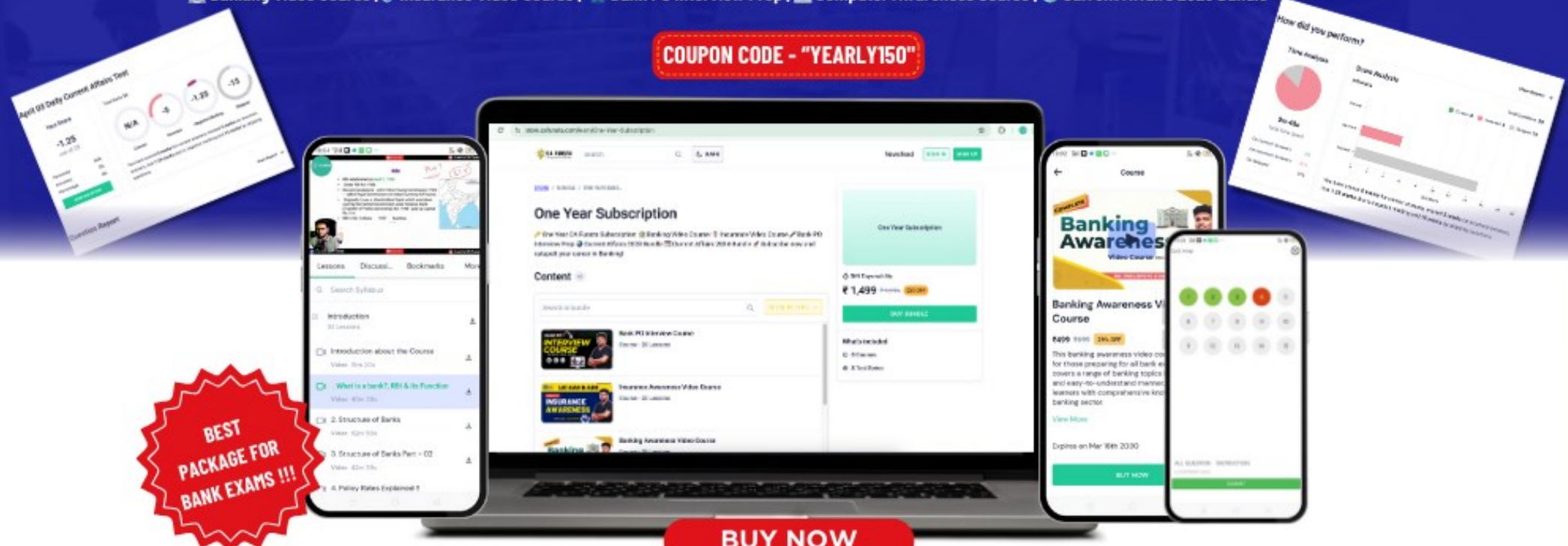
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Important Days

➤ **Which date has the Uttarakhand government declared as Disaster Management Day to commemorate the successful rescue of 41 workers from the Silkyara Tunnel in 2023?**

A) November 12
B) November 15
C) November 25
D) November 28
E) November 30

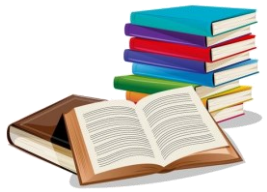


Answer
D) November 28.

Important Days

Event and Location:

- **Event: The Uttarakhand Government** declared November **28** as **Disaster Management Day** to be observed annually in commemoration of the successful rescue of **41** workers trapped in the Silkyara-**Barkot Tunnel** in **2023**. The initiative aims to strengthen disaster awareness, preparedness, risk assessment and emergency response across the state.

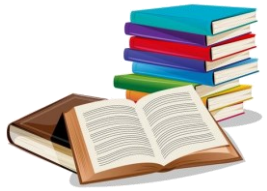


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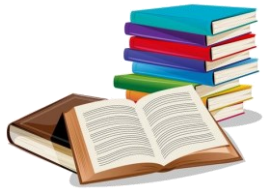
- **Location:** Uttarakhand, India, with the historic rescue operation taking place at the Silkyara-**Barkot Tunnel in Uttarkashi** district.
- **Date:** The decision was reported on November **4, 2026**. **Disaster Management Day** will be observed annually on November **28,** with preparatory activities scheduled from November **25** to **28**.



Important Days

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami** announced the annual observance of **Disaster Management Day** on November **28**. The state government directed offices, departments, corporations and institutions to establish safety committees consisting of three to five members, identify potential risks and assess emergency preparedness. District administrations will conduct mock drills from November **25** to **27** at approximately **8–10** locations each day, including hospitals, schools, government offices, power projects, tunnels and public institutions.

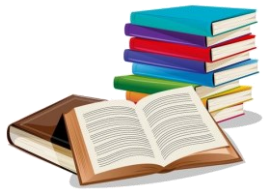


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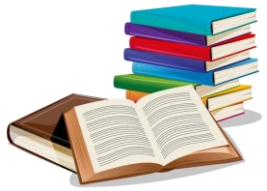
- **Objectives:** To commemorate the successful **Silkyara Tunnel** rescue, strengthen disaster preparedness, improve coordination between government agencies and emergency response teams, promote scientific and technology-based disaster management, identify infrastructure vulnerabilities, increase public awareness and reduce loss of life and property during natural and human-made disasters.



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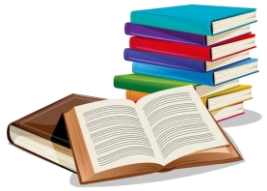
- **Disaster Management Day:** An annual observance declared by the **Uttarakhand Government for November 28** to promote disaster awareness, preparedness, risk reduction and emergency response capabilities while commemorating the **2023 Silkyara Tunnel** rescue operation.



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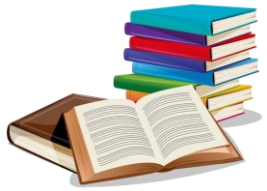
Important Terms Explained:

- Silkyara-**Barkot Tunnel Rescue Operation**: A major rescue mission conducted in Uttarkashi district, Uttarakhand, after a section of the under-construction tunnel collapsed on November **12, 2023,** trapping **41** workers. All workers were successfully rescued on November **28, 2023**.



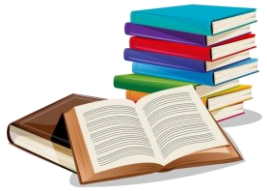
Important Terms Explained:

- **Disaster Management:** The coordinated process of preventing, preparing for, responding to and recovering from disasters through planning, risk assessment, emergency operations and rehabilitation.



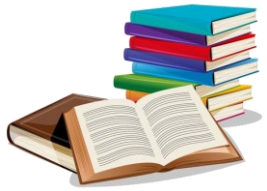
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- **Disaster Preparedness:** Measures undertaken before a disaster to improve response capabilities, including training, emergency planning, public awareness, evacuation arrangements and mock drills.



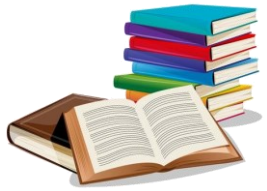
Important Terms Explained:

- **Mock Drill:** A simulated emergency exercise designed to test disaster response plans, assess coordination among participating agencies, identify operational weaknesses and improve readiness for actual emergencies.



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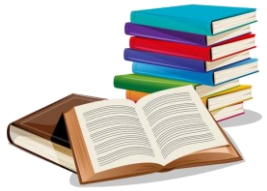
- **Safety Committee:** A group established within an organisation to identify potential hazards, assess vulnerabilities and recommend preventive measures. Uttarakhand has directed government institutions to form committees comprising three to five members.



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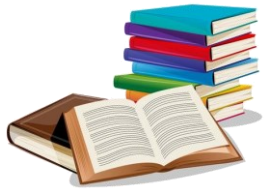
- **Risk Assessment:** The process of identifying possible hazards, evaluating their likelihood and potential impact, and recommending measures to reduce risks to people, infrastructure and property.



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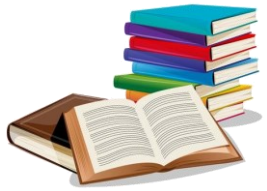
- **Horizontal Drilling:** An engineering technique used to create a passage through soil, rock or debris in a horizontal direction. It was among the techniques employed during the **Silkyara Tunnel** rescue operation.



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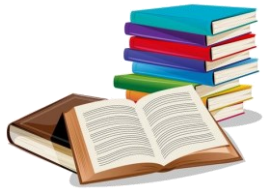
- **Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF):** A sudden release of water from a lake formed near or behind a glacier, potentially causing severe flooding downstream. Such events are significant hazards in Himalayan regions.



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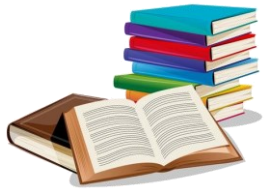
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cloudburst:** An episode of extremely intense rainfall over a relatively small geographical area within a short period, potentially triggering flash floods, landslides and other disasters in mountainous regions.



Important Terms Explained:

- Multi-**Agency Coordination**: Cooperation among central and state government agencies, emergency services, technical experts and other organisations to ensure effective disaster response and resource mobilisation.



Important Days

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Decision and annual observance	Uttarakhand declared November 28 as Disaster Management Day, with the announcement reported on November 4, 2026.
Announcing authority	Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, with Chief Secretary Anand Bardhan highlighting the importance of cooperation and technology.
Reason for selecting November 28	Commemoration of the successful rescue of all 41 workers trapped in the Silkyara-Barkot Tunnel on November 28, 2023.
Silkyara Tunnel incident	The tunnel collapsed on November 12, 2023, in Uttarkashi district, and all 41 trapped workers were rescued after 17 days.
Disaster preparedness activities	Awareness programmes, safety inspections, risk assessments and emergency response exercises scheduled from November 25 to 28.
Safety committee formation	Government offices, departments, corporations and institutions will establish three-to-five-member committees headed by their respective institutional chiefs.
District-level mock drills	Scheduled from November 25 to 27 at approximately 8–10 sites daily, including hospitals, schools, tunnels, power projects and public institutions.
Major risks and significance	Focus on earthquakes, landslides, floods, fires, structural damage and other hazards to strengthen preparedness and reduce loss of life and property.

RANKING

➤ **Which Indian institution secured the highest position among Indian universities in the QS Asia University Rankings 2027?**

A) IIT Bombay
B) IISc Bengaluru
C) IIT Madras
D) IIT Delhi
E) IIT Kanpur



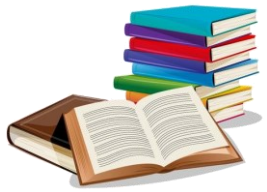
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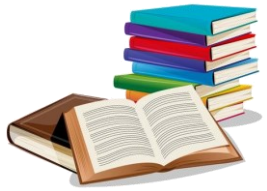
- **Event: Quacquarelli Symonds** (QS) released the QS **Asia University Rankings 2027,** featuring **1,722** universities across **26** higher education systems. **The University of Hong Kong** secured first place in Asia**,** while **IIT** Delhi emerged as India's highest-ranked institution at **66**th position. India ranked second in regional representation**,** with **325** universities included.



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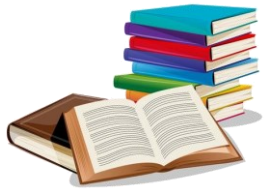
- **Location:** Asia, covering **26** higher education systems, including India, mainland China, **Hong Kong SAR**, Singapore and other Asian regions.
- **Date:** November **3, 2026**.



RANKING

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** QS published the **Asia University Rankings 2027** to assess and compare the performance of higher education institutions across the region. The rankings included **1,722** universities, with India contributing **325** institutions, including **34** new entrants. **IIT** Delhi ranked **66**th, followed by IISc Bengaluru at **79**th and **IIT** Bombay at **83**rd. **Six Indian** institutions featured among Asia's top **100**, while **21** were included in the top **200**. India also demonstrated strong performance in research output, particularly in the Papers per Faculty indicator.

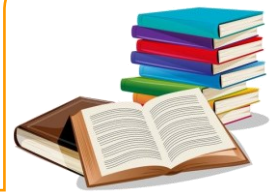


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To evaluate the academic and research performance of Asian universities, promote transparency in higher education, encourage international academic collaboration, assess institutional reputation and employability, identify strengths and weaknesses in research performance, and support students, policymakers and institutions in making informed educational decisions.

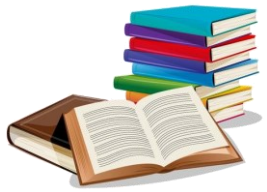


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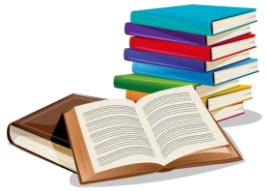


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RANKING

Top 10 Indian Universities – QS Asia University Rankings 2027:

India Rank	University / Asia Rank
1	University: IIT Delhi | Asia Rank: 66
2	University: IISc Bengaluru | Asia Rank: 79
3	University: IIT Bombay | Asia Rank: 83
4	University: IIT Madras | Asia Rank: 85
5	University: IIT Kharagpur | Asia Rank: 90
6	University: IIT Kanpur | Asia Rank: 97
7	University: Chandigarh University | Asia Rank: 104
8	University: University of Delhi | Asia Rank: 106
9	University: IIT Guwahati | Asia Rank: 120
10	University: IIT Roorkee | Asia Rank: 124

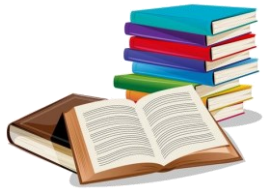


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RANKING

Leading Indian Institutions in Papers per Faculty – Asia 2027:

Asia Rank	Institution / Indicator Score
1	Institution: IISc Bengaluru | Indicator Score: 100
3	Institution: IIT Madras | Indicator Score: 100
7	Institution: IIT Delhi | Indicator Score: 100
8	Institution: IIT Roorkee | Indicator Score: 100
9	Institution: IIT Ropar | Indicator Score: 100

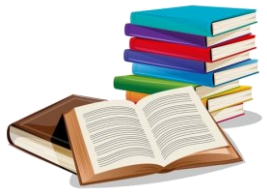


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Important Terms Explained:

- **QS Asia University Rankings:** An annual regional university ranking published by **Quacquarelli Symonds** to evaluate higher education institutions across Asia using indicators related to academic reputation, employer reputation, research, faculty qualifications and international engagement.

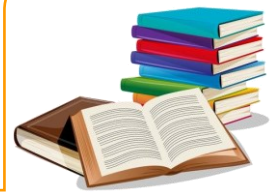


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS):** An international higher education analytics and ranking organisation known for publishing university rankings, including the QS **World University Rankings** and QS **Asia University Rankings**.

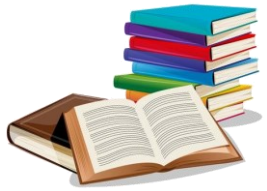


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi):** A leading Indian public technical institution that secured **66**th position in the QS **Asia University Rankings 2027,** making it India's highest-ranked institution in the regional rankings.

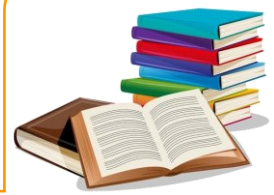


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Institute of Science** (IISc), Bengaluru: A premier Indian research and higher education institution that secured **79**th position in the overall QS **Asia Rankings 2027** and first place in the Papers per Faculty indicator.

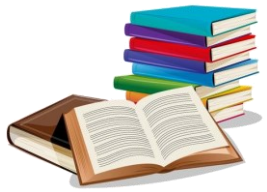


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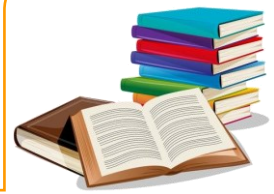
Important Terms Explained:

- **Papers per Faculty:** A research productivity indicator measuring the number of published research papers relative to an institution's faculty strength. India had **27** universities among Asia's top **50** in this indicator.



Important Terms Explained:

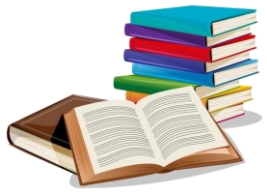
- **Citations per Paper:** A research impact indicator measuring how frequently published academic papers are cited by other researchers, helping assess the influence and quality of institutional research.



RANKING

Important Terms Explained:

- **Academic Reputation:** A university ranking indicator based on opinions and assessments from academic experts regarding the quality of teaching and research at higher education institutions.

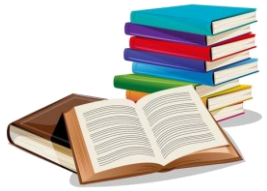


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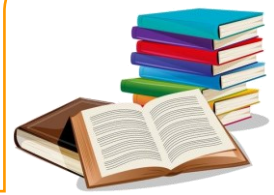
- **Employer Reputation:** A university ranking indicator reflecting employers' perceptions of institutions and the employability of their graduates.



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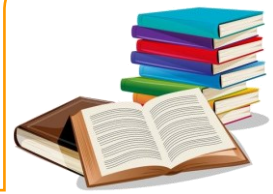
- **Staff with PhD:** A university ranking indicator measuring the proportion of academic staff holding doctoral qualifications. According to the report, **15** Indian universities shared first position in this indicator, which carries **5%** weight in the overall QS Asia ranking.



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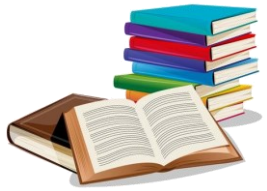
- **Internationalisation:** The extent to which universities engage internationally through overseas students, foreign faculty, research partnerships and cross-border academic collaboration.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **New Entrants in University Rankings:** Universities appearing in a ranking for the first time in a particular edition. India added **34** new institutions to the QS **Asia University Rankings 2027**.



RANKING

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Ranking and release date	QS Asia University Rankings 2027, released by Quacquarelli Symonds on November 3, 2026.
Total universities and education systems	1,722 universities across 26 Asian higher education systems, including 195 new entrants.
Asia's top-ranked universities	University of Hong Kong ranked first, followed by Peking University second and Tsinghua University third.
India's leading institution	IIT Delhi ranked 66th in Asia, followed by IISc Bengaluru at 79th and IIT Bombay at 83rd.
India's overall representation	325 Indian institutions, including 34 new entrants, making India the second-largest represented higher education system.
Indian universities in top categories	Six Indian institutions featured in Asia's top 100, while 21 appeared among the top 200.
India's research performance	27 Indian universities ranked among the top 50 for Papers per Faculty, including five in the top 10; 15 Indian institutions shared first position in Staff with PhD.
Major challenges and significance	Increased regional competition, research citation impact, institutional reputation and internationalisation affected rankings despite India's growing representation.

RANKING

➤ **Which Indian state ranked first in research publications with 44,611 publications during 2024–25, according to NITI Aayog's India Science and Technology Scoreboard?**

A) Maharashtra
B) Karnataka
C) Uttar Pradesh
D) Tamil Nadu
E) Telangana

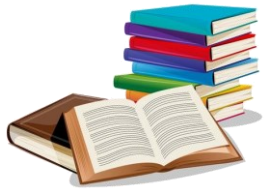


Answer
D) Tamil Nadu.

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Event and Location:

- **Event: Tamil Nadu** secured first position in research publications in **NITI** Aayog's **India Science and Technology** (S&T) Scoreboard, recording **44,611** research publications during **2024–25**. **Uttar Pradesh** ranked second with **29,298** publications, followed by Maharashtra with **28,947**. **Tamil Nadu** also led the country in patent applications.

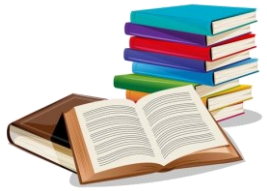


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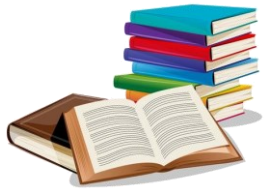
- **Location:** India, covering the science, technology, research and innovation performance of Indian states and **Union Territories**.
- **Date: Financial Year 2024–25,** with the findings reported on November **4, 2026**.



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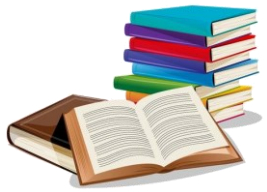
- **Mandates: NITI** Aayog developed the **India Science and Technology Scoreboard** as an interactive platform to consolidate information on research publications, patents, innovation ecosystems and science and technology infrastructure across Indian states and **Union Territories**. According to the scoreboard, **Tamil Nadu** ranked first in research publications with **44,611** publications, followed by **Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra**. **Tamil Nadu** also ranked first in patent applications, while **Maharashtra and Karnataka** occupied the next two positions.



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To promote evidence-based policymaking in science and technology, strengthen research and innovation ecosystems, improve the availability of comparable state-level data, encourage cooperative and competitive federalism, identify research and infrastructure gaps, support technology-based entrepreneurship and help governments formulate policies for scientific and economic development.

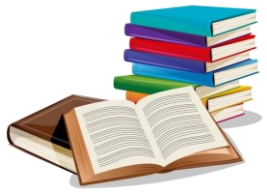


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Ranking Table:**
- The supplied report does not specify the number of patent applications filed by each state.

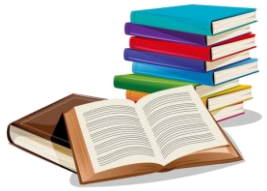


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RANKING

Top 3 Indian States in Research Publications (2024–25):

Rank	State / Research Publications
1st	State: Tamil Nadu | Research Publications: 44,611
2nd	State: Uttar Pradesh | Research Publications: 29,298
3rd	State: Maharashtra | Research Publications: 28,947

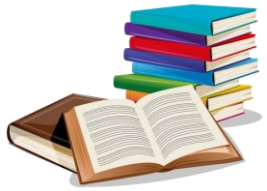


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Top 3 Indian States in Patent Applications:

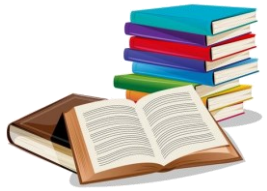
Rank	State
1st	Tamil Nadu
2nd	Maharashtra
3rd	Karnataka



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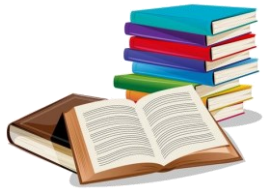
- **India Science and Technology (S&T) Scoreboard:** An interactive data platform developed by **NITI** Aayog to assess and compare science, technology and innovation performance across Indian states and **Union Territories** through indicators such as research publications, patents, infrastructure and institutional capabilities.



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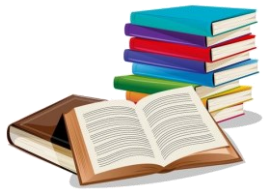
Important Terms Explained:

- **NITI Aayog: The National Institution for Transforming India,** established on January **1, 2015,** as the **Government of India**'s principal public policy think tank. It promotes strategic policymaking, sustainable development and cooperative federalism.



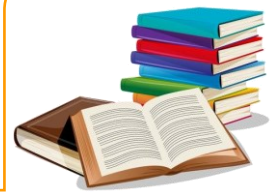
Important Terms Explained:

- **Research Publications:** Scholarly papers and other recognised academic research outputs published by researchers and institutions to communicate scientific findings, technological developments and new knowledge.



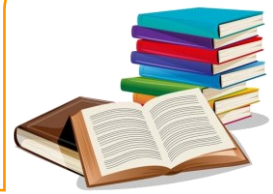
Important Terms Explained:

- **Patent Application:** A formal request submitted to a patent authority seeking legal protection for an invention. Patent applications are commonly used as an indicator of technological innovation and research commercialisation.



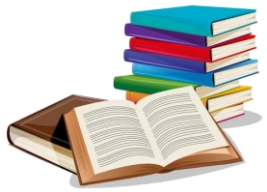
Important Terms Explained:

- **Research and Development (R&D):** Systematic activities undertaken to expand scientific knowledge, develop new technologies, improve existing products and processes, and create innovative solutions.



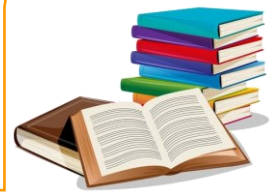
Important Terms Explained:

- Deep-**Tech Startups**: Technology-based enterprises developing products or services using advanced scientific research and innovations in fields such as artificial intelligence, robotics, biotechnology, quantum technology and advanced materials.



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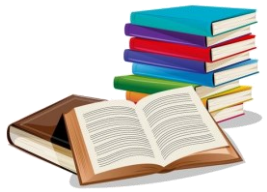
- **Innovation Incubator:** An organisation or programme that supports early-stage businesses and startups through infrastructure, mentoring, technical guidance, access to funding and business development assistance.



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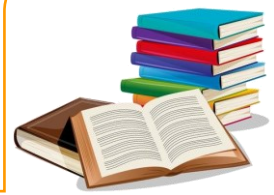
Important Terms Explained:

- **Research Impact:** A measure of the influence, relevance and contribution of scientific research, often assessed through citations, collaborations and other indicators of academic or practical significance.



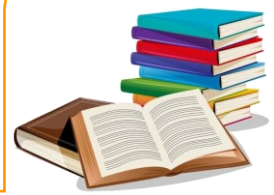
Important Terms Explained:

- **Open Access Research:** Scientific publications made freely available to readers, enabling wider access to research findings and supporting knowledge-sharing among researchers, institutions and the public.



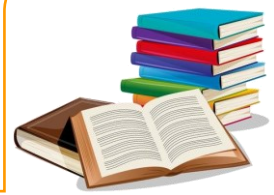
Important Terms Explained:

- Evidence-**Based Policymaking**: A policy development approach that uses reliable data, research findings and measurable indicators to guide government decisions and evaluate their effectiveness.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cooperative and Competitive Federalism:** An approach in which the Union and state governments cooperate on development priorities while states also improve their performance through comparison, innovation and the adoption of best practices.



RANKING

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Scoreboard and reporting period	India Science and Technology Scoreboard prepared by NITI Aayog, with research publication data for 2024–25.
Top state in research publications	Tamil Nadu ranked first with 44,611 research publications.
Second and third positions	Uttar Pradesh ranked second with 29,298 publications, followed by Maharashtra with 28,947.
Patent application rankings	Tamil Nadu ranked first, followed by Maharashtra in second position and Karnataka in third.
Developing organisation	NITI Aayog, the Government of India's principal public policy think tank.
Major indicators covered	Research publications, patent applications, research quality, institutional infrastructure, innovation ecosystems and deep-tech startups.
Platform capabilities	State and Union Territory comparisons, research trend analysis, institutional performance assessment and access to policy initiatives and best practices.
Significance and objectives	Promoting evidence-based policymaking, research development, innovation, institutional collaboration and cooperative and competitive federalism.

APPOINTMENTS

➤ **Who was reported to have become the first Black woman elected governor of a US state after winning the Georgia gubernatorial election in November 2026?**

A) Stacey Abrams
B) Kamala Harris
C) Keisha Lance Bottoms
D) Michelle Obama
E) Karen Bass



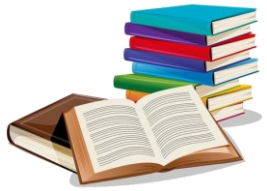
Answer
C) Keisha Lance Bottoms.

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APPOINTMENTS

Event and Location:

- **Event: Keisha Lance Bottoms,** a **Democratic Party** politician and former **Mayor of Atlanta,** was reported to have won the Georgia gubernatorial election **2026,** becoming the first Black woman elected governor of a US state and the first woman elected governor of Georgia. Her reported victory also marked the **Democratic Party**'s return to the Georgia governorship after more than two decades of Republican control.

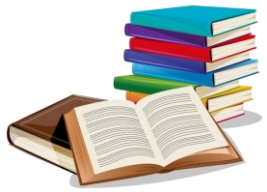


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APPOINTMENTS

Event and Location:

- **Location:** Georgia**, United States of America,** with Atlanta serving as the state capital.
- **Date:** November **3, 2026,** during the US midterm elections. The result was reported on November **4, 2026**.

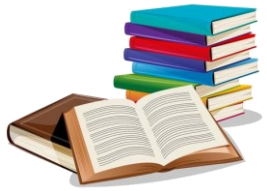


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APPOINTMENTS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** According to the supplied election report, **Keisha Lance Bottoms** defeated Republican candidate **Rick Jackson** in the Georgia gubernatorial election. With approximately **75%** of votes counted, Bottoms led with **55.4%** against Jackson's **44.6%,** and major US television networks projected her victory. The report states that she was elected to succeed **Republican Governor Brian Kemp,** who was ineligible to seek another consecutive term because of Georgia's gubernatorial term limits.

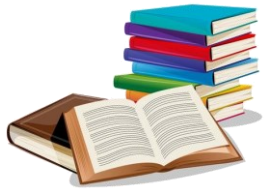


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APPOINTMENTS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To elect Georgia's next governor, determine the state's executive leadership for the upcoming term, ensure democratic representation through the electoral process and address the political priorities of Georgia's voters. The reported outcome also represented a significant milestone for the political representation of Black women in the **United States**.

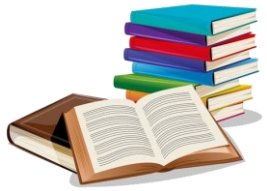


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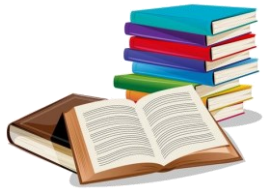
- **Keisha Lance Bottoms: An American Democratic** politician who served as **Mayor of Atlanta** from **2018** to **2022** and later held senior positions in **President Joe Biden**'s administration. According to the supplied report, she won Georgia's **2026** gubernatorial election.



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- **Georgia Gubernatorial Election:** An election held to choose the governor of the US state of Georgia. The governor heads the state's executive branch and is responsible for implementing state laws and overseeing executive agencies.

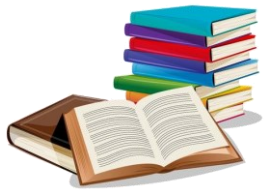


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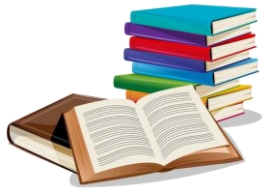
- **US Midterm Elections:** Elections held approximately halfway through a US president's four-year term. They include elections for the US **House of Representatives,** some Senate seats and various state and local offices.



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- **Democratic Party:** One of the two major political parties in the **United States**. **Keisha Lance Bottoms** represented the **Democratic Party** in the reported Georgia gubernatorial contest.

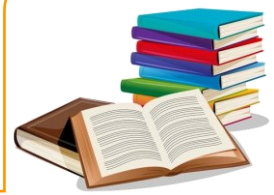


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- **Republican Party:** One of the two major US political parties. **Rick Jackson,** reportedly supported by **President Donald Trump,** contested the Georgia gubernatorial election as the Republican candidate.

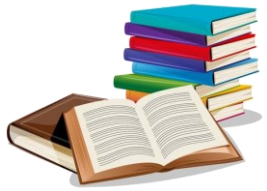


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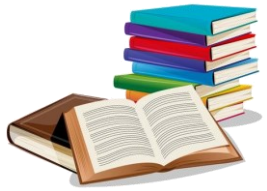
- **Battleground State:** A US state where electoral competition between major political parties is particularly close or politically significant. Georgia has become a prominent battleground in recent presidential and statewide elections.



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- **Gubernatorial Term Limits:** Legal restrictions on how many terms an individual may serve as governor. Georgia prohibits governors from serving more than two consecutive four-year terms, although a former governor may become eligible again after a break.

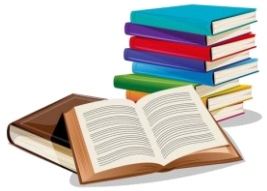


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- **White House Office of Public Engagement:** An office within the US presidential administration responsible for maintaining communication and engagement with communities, organisations and stakeholders. Bottoms previously served as its director during the Biden administration.

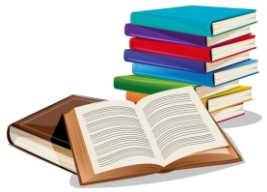


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- **Stacey Abrams: An American Democratic** politician who became the first Black woman nominated for governor by a major political party in the **United States** in **2018**. She contested Georgia's gubernatorial elections in **2018** and **2022**.

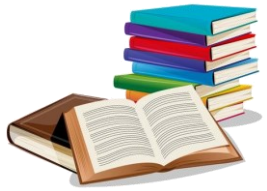


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- **Roy Barnes:** A Democratic politician who served as **Governor of Georgia** from **1999** to **2003**. According to the report, his administration was the last Democratic governorship in Georgia before the reported **2026** result.



APPOINTMENTS

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Election and date	Georgia gubernatorial election held on November 3, 2026, during the US midterm elections.
Reported winner	Keisha Lance Bottoms, a Democratic Party politician and former Mayor of Atlanta.
Republican opponent	Rick Jackson, who received support from President Donald Trump.
Reported vote shares	Keisha Lance Bottoms received 55.4%, while Rick Jackson received 44.6%, with approximately 75% of votes counted.
Historic significance	Bottoms was reported to be the first Black woman elected governor of a US state and the first woman elected governor of Georgia.
Outgoing governor	Brian Kemp, a Republican who was prevented from seeking another consecutive term by gubernatorial term limits.
Previous political experience	Atlanta City Council member, Mayor of Atlanta from 2018 to 2022, and senior adviser and public engagement official in the Biden administration.
Political significance	The reported Democratic victory ended more than two decades of Republican control of the Georgia governorship, previously held by Democrat Roy Barnes from 1999 to 2003.

APPOINTMENTS

➤ **Which country was re-elected as President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for a third consecutive term during its ninth Assembly in November 2026?**

A) France
B) Germany
C) India
D) Japan
E) Australia

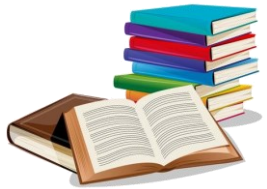


Answer
C) India.

APPOINTMENTS

Event and Location:

- **Event:** India was re-elected as President of the **International Solar Alliance** (**ISA**) for a third consecutive term during the alliance's **9**th Assembly**,** while France was re-elected as Co-President. **Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi** announced the decision**,** highlighting India's continued leadership in international solar energy cooperation.

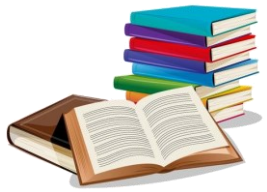


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Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, with the **International Solar Alliance** headquartered in Gurugram, Haryana.
- **Date:** November **3, 2026,** when the re-election was announced.

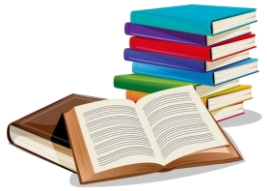


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APPOINTMENTS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The ninth **ISA** Assembly re-elected India as **President and France** as Co-President, reaffirming their leadership in advancing international solar energy cooperation. **Union Minister Pralhad Joshi** outlined priorities including expanding solar financing, promoting distributed renewable energy, strengthening solar applications in agriculture, supporting **Small Island Developing States**, and enhancing technology development through **Solar Technology Application Resource Centres**, the **SHINE Global Capability Centre** and an AI-enabled **ISA** Academy.

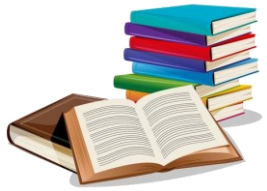


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APPOINTMENTS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To accelerate global solar energy deployment, improve access to affordable and sustainable electricity, mobilise investment in renewable energy infrastructure, strengthen energy security, encourage solar-powered agriculture, support climate resilience in developing countries and promote international collaboration in clean energy technologies.

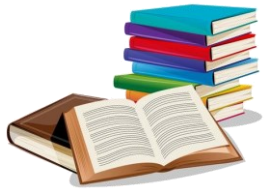


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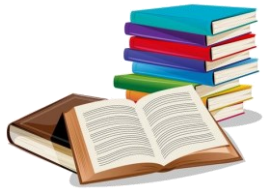
- **International Solar Alliance (ISA):** An international organisation jointly launched by **India and France** at COP**21** in **Paris in November 2015** to promote solar energy deployment**,** mobilise investments and strengthen global cooperation in renewable energy. Its headquarters are located in Gurugram**,** Haryana.



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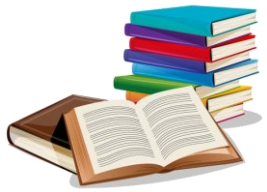
- **ISA Assembly:** The principal decision-making body of the **International Solar Alliance,** comprising representatives of its member countries. It determines strategic priorities, reviews programmes and makes decisions concerning the alliance's governance and leadership.



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- **One Sun One World One Grid (OSOWOG):** A vision promoting interconnected electricity grids across countries to facilitate the sharing of renewable energy, particularly solar power, across different geographical regions and time zones.

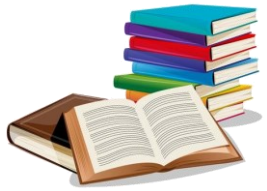


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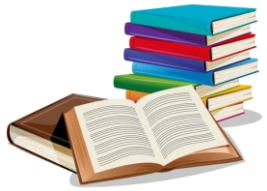
- **Africa Solar Facility:** A proposed **USD 200 million** financing initiative highlighted by the minister to support investments in distributed renewable energy across Africa. India reportedly pledged approximately **₹225 crore,** equivalent to about **USD 25 million**.



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- **Nigeria Distributed Renewable Energy (DRE) Fund:** A **USD 300 million** financing initiative focused on supporting decentralised renewable energy projects, improving electricity access and expanding clean energy infrastructure in Nigeria.

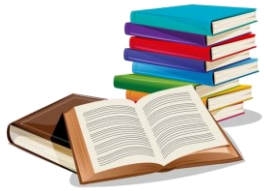


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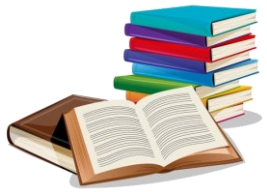
- PM-**KUSUM** Scheme: **The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha** evam **Utthaan Mahabhiyan,** an Indian government scheme launched in **2019** to promote solar-powered agricultural pumps**,** solarisation of existing pumps and decentralised renewable energy generation for farmers.



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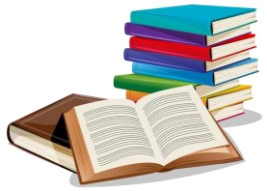
- Agrivoltaics (Agri-PV): A technology approach that combines agricultural activities with solar electricity generation on the same land, potentially improving land-use efficiency and providing additional income opportunities for farmers.



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- **Small Island Developing States (SIDS):** A group of developing island countries facing particular challenges related to climate change, geographical isolation, limited energy resources and vulnerability to natural disasters.

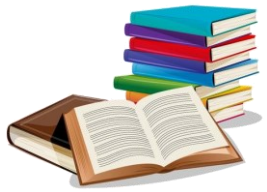


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- **Solar Technology Application Resource Centres** (**STAR**-C): Capacity-building centres supported through **ISA** initiatives to strengthen technical knowledge, professional training, solar technology adoption and institutional capabilities in participating countries.

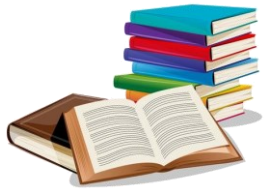


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- **SHINE Global Capability Centre: The Strategic Hub for Innovation and Execution,** an initiative mentioned in the report to strengthen innovation, implementation capabilities and technology support in the international solar energy ecosystem.

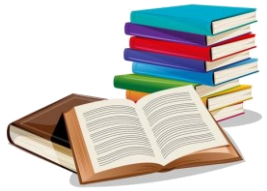


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- **ISA Academy:** A capacity-building and knowledge-sharing initiative designed to support education, technical training and skills development related to solar energy, with AI-enabled capabilities highlighted as a priority.

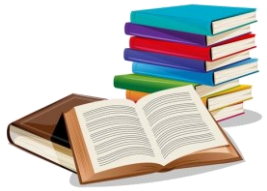


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- Conference of the Parties (COP**21**): The **21**st **United Nations Climate Change Conference** held in Paris in **2015,** where **India and France** jointly launched the **International Solar Alliance**.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event and announcement date	India was re-elected ISA President for a third consecutive term at the ninth Assembly, with the decision announced on November 3, 2026.
President and Co-President	India was re-elected President, while France was re-elected Co-President of the International Solar Alliance.
Announcing minister	Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi.
ISA formation and headquarters	Jointly launched by India and France at COP21 in Paris in November 2015; headquartered in Gurugram, Haryana, India.
Membership and legal framework	The minister reported 130 signatory and member countries; the ISA Framework Agreement entered into force in December 2017.
Major solar financing initiatives	USD 200 million Africa Solar Facility, India's approximately ₹225 crore pledge and the USD 300 million Nigeria Distributed Renewable Energy Fund.
Agricultural and island initiatives	Promotion of PM-KUSUM-inspired solar agriculture, agrivoltaics and solar projects in Fiji, Madagascar, Comoros, Seychelles and Mauritius.
Technology and strategic priorities	Development of 17 Solar Technology Application Resource Centres, the SHINE Global Capability Centre and an AI-enabled ISA Academy to promote solar deployment and capacity-building.

APPOINTMENTS

➤ **Who was appointed as the interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Equitas Small Finance Bank in November 2026, subject to approval from the Reserve Bank of India?**

A) P N Vasudevan
B) Balaji Nuthalapadi
C) Shaktikanta Das
D) Sashidhar Jagdishan
E) Ashok Vaswani



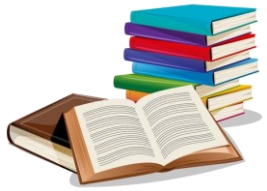
Answer
B) Balaji Nuthalapadi.

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Event and Location:

- **Event: The Board of Equitas Small Finance Bank** approved the appointment of **Balaji Nuthalapadi** as interim **Chief Executive Officer** (**CEO**), subject to approval from the **Reserve Bank of India** (**RBI**), following the resignation of P N Vasudevan as **Managing Director** and **CEO**.
- **Location:** India, with **Equitas Small Finance Bank** headquartered in Chennai, **Tamil Nadu**.

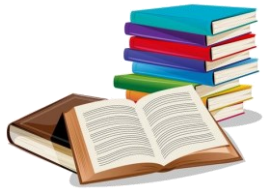


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Event and Location:

- **Date:** November **4, 2026**. The appointment will become effective from the date of **RBI** approval or another date specified by the central bank.

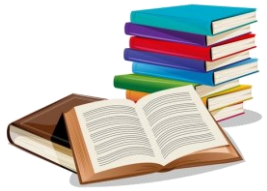


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APPOINTMENTS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Board of Directors of Equitas Small Finance Bank** approved **Balaji Nuthalapadi**'s appointment as interim **CEO** on the recommendation of its **Nomination and Remuneration Committee**. The appointment remains subject to **RBI** approval. Nuthalapadi currently serves as Whole-**Time Director and Executive Director** of the bank and has approximately **28** years of professional experience with Citigroup. The bank has also initiated the process of identifying a permanent **Managing Director** and **CEO** and will submit the proposed candidate's appointment to **RBI** for regulatory approval.

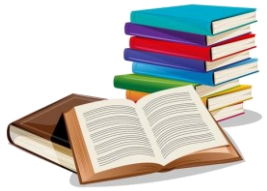


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APPOINTMENTS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To ensure continuity in the bank's leadership following P N Vasudevan's resignation, maintain operational stability, strengthen corporate governance, preserve customer and investor confidence, support ongoing digital transformation initiatives, and facilitate a smooth transition to a permanent **CEO** in accordance with **RBI** regulations.

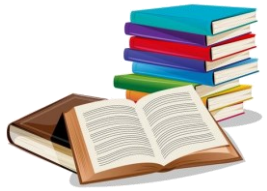


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Equitas Small Finance Bank: An Indian** scheduled commercial bank operating under the **Small Finance Bank** framework, providing banking services such as deposits, loans, savings accounts and financial products, with an emphasis on financial inclusion and underserved customer segments.

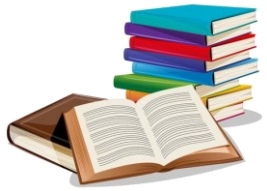


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Balaji Nuthalapadi:** An experienced banking professional and Whole-**Time Director and Executive Director of Equitas Small Finance Bank,** whose appointment as interim **CEO** was approved by the bank's board on November **4, 2026,** subject to **RBI** approval.

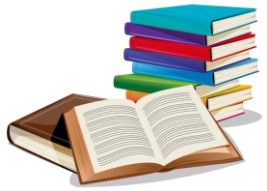


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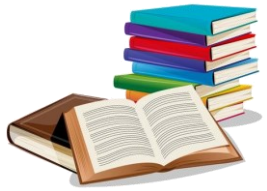
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI):** India's central bank and principal banking regulator, established in **1935**, responsible for monetary policy, financial stability, banking supervision, currency management and regulatory approval of certain senior banking appointments.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO):** A senior executive appointed temporarily to manage an organisation during a leadership transition until a permanent **CEO** is selected and formally appointed.

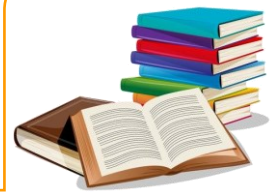


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Important Terms Explained:

- **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO):** The senior executive responsible for directing a bank's overall operations, implementing board-approved strategies, ensuring regulatory compliance and managing business performance.

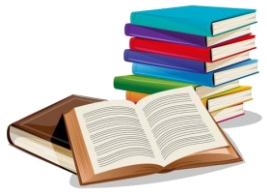


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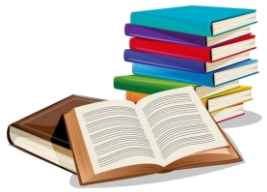
- Whole-**Time Director** (**WTD**): A member of a company's board who also holds an executive management position and participates in the organisation's day-to-day administration.



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- **Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC):** A board-level committee responsible for evaluating the suitability of directors and senior executives, recommending appointments and overseeing remuneration-related policies.

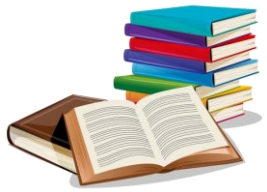


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- **Small Finance Bank (SFB):** A category of bank licensed by the **RBI** to promote financial inclusion by providing savings, credit and other banking services, particularly to small businesses, small farmers, microenterprises and underserved communities.

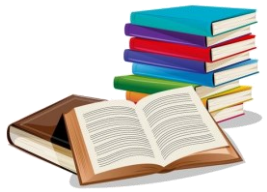


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- Non-**Banking Financial Company** (**NBFC**): A financial institution registered under the applicable regulatory framework that provides services such as lending and investment but does not operate as a full-service bank.

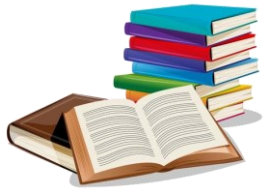


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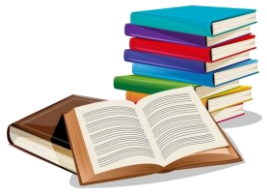
- **Conflict of Interest:** A situation in which personal, family or financial relationships may influence, or appear to influence, an individual's professional judgment and responsibilities.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Corporate Governance:** The system of policies, procedures and oversight mechanisms through which an organisation is directed, managed and held accountable to stakeholders and regulators.

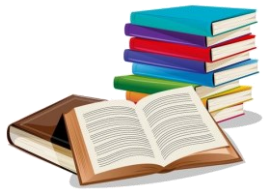


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- **Regulatory Approval:** Formal permission granted by a competent regulatory authority before certain appointments, transactions or activities can legally take effect.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Appointment and date	Equitas Small Finance Bank's board approved Balaji Nuthalapadi as interim CEO on November 4, 2026.
Appointed executive	Balaji Nuthalapadi, currently serving as Whole-Time Director and Executive Director of the bank.
Outgoing MD and CEO	P N Vasudevan, who resigned from the position of Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.
Regulatory approval requirement	The interim CEO appointment is subject to RBI approval and will become effective on the date specified by the regulator.
Professional experience	Approximately 28 years with Citigroup, including leadership roles in operations, technology, wealth management and global capability centres.
Reason for leadership transition	Vasudevan's resignation followed investor concerns regarding a perceived conflict of interest connected to his daughter's association with an NBFC.
Permanent successor process	The bank has started identifying a permanent CEO and will submit its recommendation to the RBI under applicable regulations.
Institutional significance	The appointment is intended to ensure leadership continuity, maintain banking operations, strengthen governance and preserve customer and investor confidence.

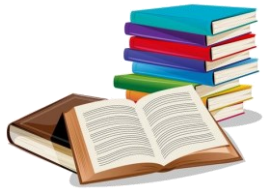
AWARDS

➤ **Which slang term was selected as Collins Dictionary's Word of the Year 2026 after recording a 210% increase in usage?**

A) Rizz
B) Brat
C) Mogging
D) Delulu
E) Skibidi



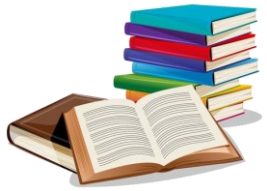
Answer
C) Mogging.



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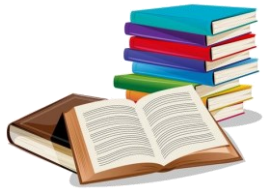
- **Event: Collins Dictionary** selected “Mogging” as its Word of the Year **2026,** recognising the growing popularity of the internet slang term meaning to outshine, overshadow or outperform another person. **According to Collins Dictionary,** the word recorded a **210%** increase in usage during **2026,** reflecting the influence of social media and younger generations on the English language.



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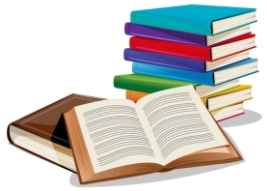
- **Location: United Kingdom,** where **Collins Dictionary** is based, with the term gaining popularity across global English-speaking digital communities.
- **Date:** November **2026,** with the announcement reported on November **4, 2026**.



AWARDS

Mandates and Objectives:

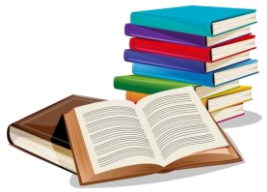
- **Mandates: Collins Dictionary** selected “Mogging” as its Word of the Year **2026** after analysing changing patterns of English language usage through its approximately **27**-billion-word database. The selection highlighted the rapid growth of internet slang, particularly among Generation Z and **Generation Alpha**. Collins also identified other emerging expressions, including Firewaves, P(doom), Carspreading, Fricy, Ghost jobs and Friendslop, reflecting developments in technology, employment, lifestyle and online culture.



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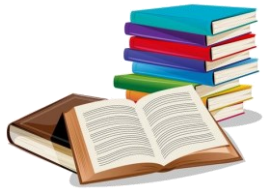
- **Objectives:** To document changes in modern English vocabulary, recognise emerging linguistic trends, examine the influence of social media and digital communication, highlight the role of younger generations in shaping language and promote public understanding of how social, technological and cultural developments affect everyday communication.



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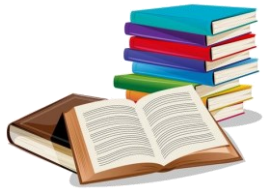
- **Mogging:** An internet slang term meaning to outshine, overshadow or outperform another person, often in physical appearance, confidence, social presence or performance. The expression is frequently used humorously or ironically on social media and reportedly experienced a **210%** increase in usage during **2026**.



AWARDS

Important Terms Explained:

- **Collins Dictionary:** A major English-language dictionary and reference publisher that monitors changes in vocabulary and publishes an annual Word of the Year to highlight significant linguistic and cultural developments.

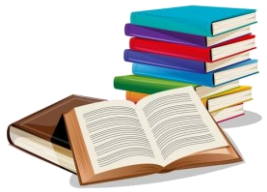


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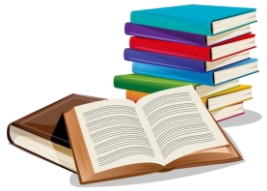
- **Word of the Year:** An annual recognition given to a word or expression that reflects important changes in language, society, culture or technology during a particular year. Collins selects its word using linguistic analysis and usage trends.



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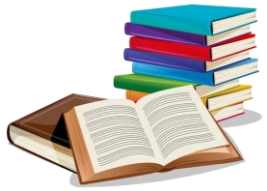
Important Terms Explained:

- **Generation Z (Gen Z):** The demographic generation generally associated with people born from the late **1990**s to the early **2010**s, known for growing up during the expansion of digital communication and social media.



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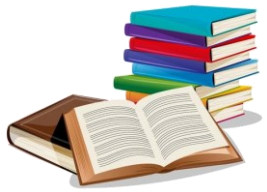
- **Generation Alpha (Gen Alpha):** The demographic generation following Generation Z, generally referring to individuals born from the early **2010**s onward, whose communication patterns are strongly influenced by digital technology.



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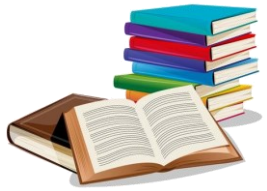
- **Firewaves:** A term describing multiple urban wildfires occurring within a relatively short period, highlighting the increasing relevance of extreme fire events in public discussions.



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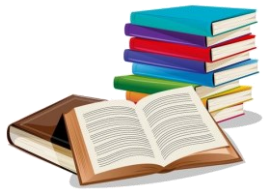
- **P(doom):** An expression referring to an estimated probability of artificial intelligence causing catastrophic consequences, including the potential collapse of human civilisation.



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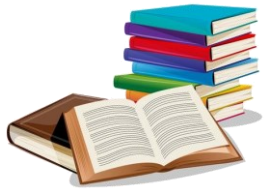
Important Terms Explained:

- **Carspreading:** A term describing the tendency of automobile manufacturers to produce increasingly long, wide and heavy vehicles.
- **Fricy:** A term associated with fashionable foods or beverages combining sweet and spicy flavours.



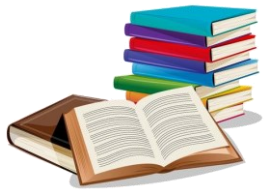
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ghost Jobs:** Employment advertisements published without a genuine intention to recruit a candidate for an available position.



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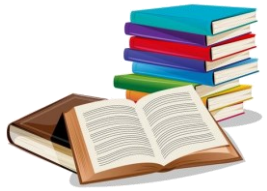
- **Friendslop:** A term describing inexpensive independent video games designed primarily for casual, entertaining multiplayer experiences among friends.



AWARDS

Important Terms Explained:

- **Collins Language Database:** A large collection of written and spoken English comprising approximately **27 billion** words, used by **Collins Dictionary** to examine vocabulary frequency, emerging expressions and changes in language usage.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Recognition and year	Collins Dictionary selected “Mogging” as its Word of the Year 2026.
Announcement period	November 2026, with the selection reported on November 4, 2026.
Meaning of Mogging	Internet slang meaning to outshine, overshadow or outperform someone, particularly in appearance, confidence or performance.
Increase in usage	Collins Dictionary reported a 210% increase in usage during 2026.
Popular demographic groups	The expression gained prominence among Generation Z and Generation Alpha users, particularly on social media.
Selection methodology	Collins monitors English usage through an approximately 27-billion-word database and analyses emerging linguistic trends.
Other shortlisted expressions	Firewaves, P(doom), Carspreading, Fricy, Ghost jobs and Friendslop.
Significance	Highlights the growing influence of internet culture, younger generations, technology and social trends on modern English vocabulary.

➤ **Which company developed the 26.3-billion-parameter EKA-1 AI foundation model launched under the IndiaAI Mission in November 2026?**

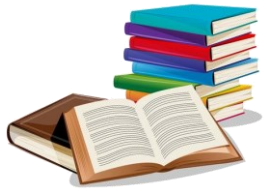
A) ZenteiQ AiTech Innovations
B) Sarvam AI
C) Soket Labs Technology and Research
D) BharatGen
E) Krutrim AI



Answer
C) Soket Labs Technology and Research.

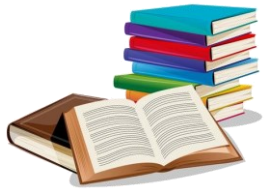
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** (MeitY) launched three indigenous artificial intelligence foundation models under the IndiaAI Mission: **EKA-1,** developed by **Soket Labs Technology and Research Private Limited,** and Dhīr **2**B and Dhīr **5**B**,** developed by ZenteiQ AiTech Innovations. The models aim to strengthen India's domestic AI capabilities**,** multilingual applications and secure AI deployment.



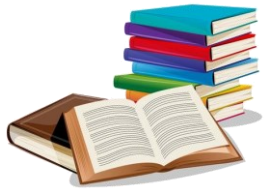
Event and Location:

- **Location: New Delhi,** India, where the models were unveiled in the presence of S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY, and senior officials of MeitY and IndiaAI.
- **Date:** November **3, 2026**.



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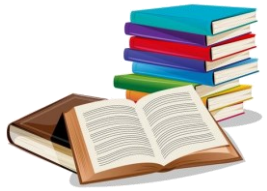
- **Mandates:** MeitY launched three indigenous AI foundation models under the IndiaAI **Innovation Centre** (**Foundation Models**) pillar of the IndiaAI Mission. **EKA-1** is an open-source, **26.3**-billion-parameter sparse hybrid model supporting all **22** scheduled Indian languages and English, with applications in mathematics, coding, reasoning, financial services and cybersecurity. Dhīr **2**B and Dhīr **5**B are open-source multilingual models supporting English and **10** Indian languages, designed for secure on-premise, on-device and offline deployment. The models were developed with support from subsidised national AI computing infrastructure and research resources.



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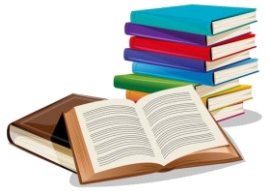
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To strengthen India's indigenous AI ecosystem, reduce dependence on foreign AI technologies, expand access to AI in Indian languages, promote secure and privacy-conscious AI applications, support startups and domestic innovation, enable AI adoption in government, defence, education and industry, and advance the IndiaAI Mission's vision of “Make AI in **India and Make** AI **Work for India**.”



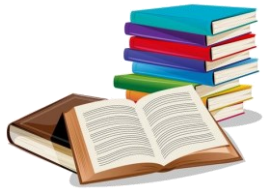
Important Terms Explained:

- **IndiaAI Mission:** A national initiative approved by the **Union Cabinet** on March **7, 2024,** with a five-year financial outlay of **₹10,371.92 crore**. It aims to strengthen India's AI ecosystem through computing infrastructure, indigenous models, access to datasets, startup support and responsible AI development.



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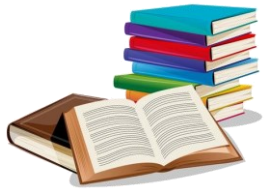
- **IndiaAI Innovation Centre (Foundation Models):** A component of the IndiaAI Mission supporting the development of indigenous AI foundation models by providing access to computing infrastructure, research support and resources for domestic AI innovation.



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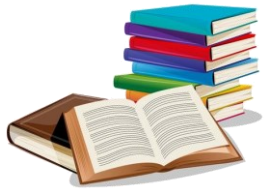
Important Terms Explained:

- **EKA-1**: An open-source, **26.3**-billion-parameter sparse hybrid AI foundation model developed by **Soket Labs Technology and Research Private Limited**. It was trained on approximately **7.5 trillion** tokens and supports all **22** scheduled Indian languages and English.



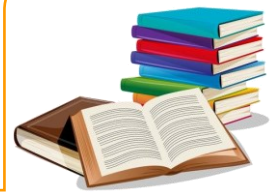
Important Terms Explained:

- Dhīr **2**B and Dhīr **5**B: Open-source multilingual AI models developed by ZenteiQ AiTech Innovations**,** with approximately **2 billion** and **5 billion** parameters respectively. They are designed for secure**,** lightweight and offline applications supporting English and **10** Indian languages.



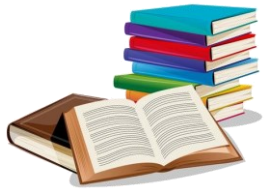
Important Terms Explained:

- **AI Foundation Model:** An artificial intelligence model trained on large datasets that can be adapted to perform multiple tasks, including language understanding, text generation, reasoning, coding and document processing.



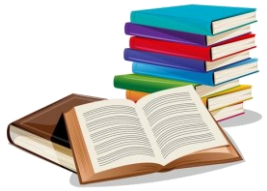
Important Terms Explained:

- **Large Language Model (LLM):** An AI model trained on extensive amounts of text and other data to understand and generate human language, answer questions, summarise information and perform reasoning-related tasks.



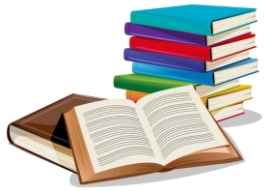
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sparse Hybrid Model:** An AI model architecture designed to activate selected components during processing rather than using every component for every task, potentially improving computational efficiency while retaining substantial model capacity.



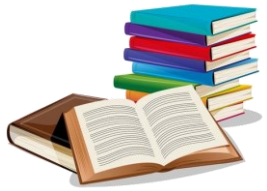
Important Terms Explained:

- **AI Parameters:** Numerical values learned during the training of an AI model that influence how it processes information and generates outputs. **EKA-1** contains **26.3 billion** parameters, while the Dhīr models are identified as **2**B and **5**B.



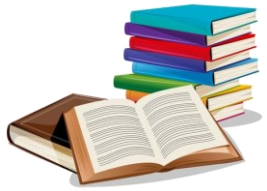
Important Terms Explained:

- **AI Training Tokens:** Units of data, such as words, word fragments or characters, used during the training of language models. **EKA-1** was reportedly trained on approximately **7.5 trillion** tokens.



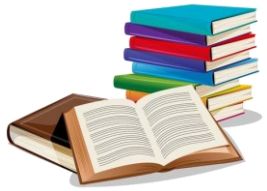
Important Terms Explained:

- **Scheduled Indian Languages:** The **22** languages recognised under the **Eighth Schedule** of the **Constitution of India**. **EKA-1** supports all **22** scheduled languages in addition to English.



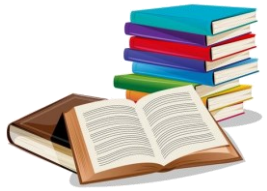
Important Terms Explained:

- On-**Premise and On**-Device AI: AI deployment approaches in which models operate on an organisation's own infrastructure or directly on local devices, helping organisations retain control over sensitive data and reduce dependence on external cloud services.



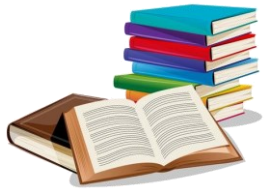
Important Terms Explained:

- **Agentic AI:** Artificial intelligence systems capable of carrying out multi-step tasks by planning, selecting actions and using tools to work toward defined objectives.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BFSI Sector:** An abbreviation for Banking, **Financial Services and Insurance**, covering financial institutions and services that can use AI for automation, risk analysis, fraud detection and cybersecurity.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event and launch date	MeitY launched three indigenous AI foundation models—EKA-1, Dhīr 2B and Dhīr 5B—on November 3, 2026.
Launch location and officials	New Delhi, in the presence of MeitY Secretary S. Krishnan and senior MeitY and IndiaAI officials.
EKA-1 developer and specifications	Developed by Soket Labs Technology and Research Private Limited; an open-source sparse hybrid model with 26.3 billion parameters, trained on approximately 7.5 trillion tokens.
EKA-1 language support and applications	Supports all 22 scheduled Indian languages and English, focusing on mathematics, coding, reasoning, agentic AI, BFSI and cybersecurity.
Dhīr models and developer	Dhīr 2B and Dhīr 5B, developed by ZenteiQ AiTech Innovations, supporting English and 10 Indian languages.
Dhīr deployment and applications	Lightweight models supporting offline, on-premise and on-device deployment for defence, government, industry, education and document automation.
IndiaAI Mission approval and budget	Approved by the Union Cabinet on March 7, 2024, with a five-year outlay of ₹10,371.92 crore.
Strategic significance	Strengthening indigenous AI capabilities, multilingual inclusion, secure deployment,

➤ **Which instrument onboard India's Aditya-L1 solar mission helped scientists discover the asymmetric expansion of a coronal mass ejection observed on August 5, 2024?**

A) Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope
B) Visible Emission Line Coronagraph
C) Plasma Analyser Package for Aditya
D) High Energy L1 Orbiting X-ray Spectrometer
E) Aditya Solar Wind Particle Experiment

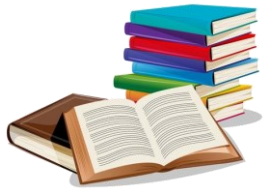


Answer

B) Visible Emission Line Coronagraph.

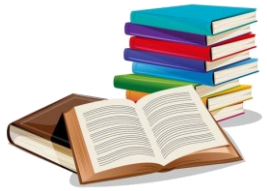
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's first space-based solar observatory, Aditya-L**1,** helped scientists at the **Indian Institute of Astrophysics** (**IIA**) discover that a **Coronal Mass Ejection** (**CME**) observed on August **5, 2024,** exhibited asymmetric lateral expansion, challenging simplified models that assume solar eruptions expand symmetrically.



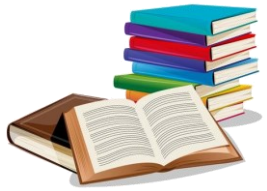
Event and Location:

- **Location: Indian Institute of Astrophysics,** Bengaluru, Karnataka, India. The observations were obtained using Aditya-L**1** near the Sun–Earth L**1** point and data from **NASA**'s **Solar Dynamics Observatory**.
- **Date:** August **5, 2024,** when the solar eruption was observed. The research findings were reported on November **4, 2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

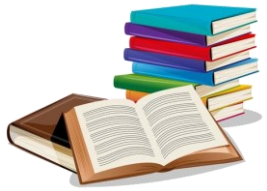
- **Mandates:** Scientists from the **Indian Institute of Astrophysics,** an autonomous institution under the **Department of Science and Technology** (**DST**), analysed a coronal mass ejection using spectroscopic observations from Aditya-L**1**'s **Visible Emission Line Coronagraph** (**VELC**), images from **NASA**'s **Solar Dynamics Observatory** and three-dimensional modelling. The researchers identified two oppositely Doppler-shifted emission features, indicating plasma movement both towards and away from the observer. Their analysis showed that a model incorporating an inclined **CME** axis and asymmetric lateral expansion explained the observations better than a symmetric expansion model



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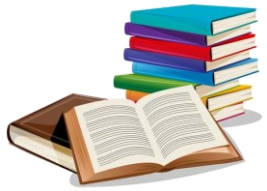
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To improve scientific understanding of solar eruption dynamics, determine how CMEs expand and propagate through the solar corona, strengthen three-dimensional modelling of solar plasma movement, enhance space-weather forecasting and improve the assessment of potential risks to satellites, communication networks, navigation systems, power infrastructure and astronauts.



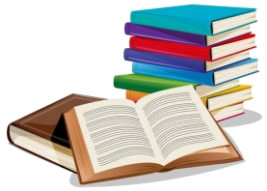
Important Terms Explained:

- Aditya-L**1** Mission: India's first space-based solar observatory**,** developed by the **Indian Space Research Organisation** (**ISRO**)**,** to study the Sun's corona**,** solar magnetic activity**,** solar wind and space-weather phenomena. It was launched on September **2, 2023,** and operates in a halo orbit around the Sun–Earth L**1** point.



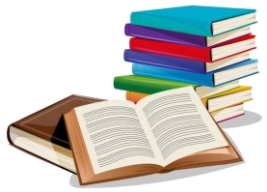
Important Terms Explained:

- **Coronal Mass Ejection (CME):** A large eruption of magnetised plasma from the Sun's corona into space. Earth-directed CMEs can interact with Earth's magnetic environment and produce geomagnetic disturbances.



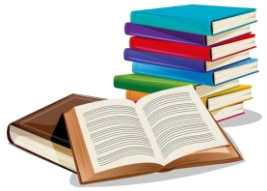
Important Terms Explained:

- **Asymmetric Lateral Expansion:** The uneven sideways expansion of a solar eruption, in which different regions of the ejected plasma expand at different rates or in different directions instead of spreading uniformly.



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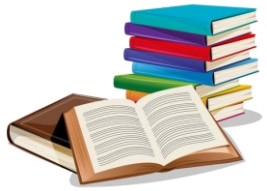
- **Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (VELC):** A scientific instrument aboard Aditya-L**1** designed and developed by the **Indian Institute of Astrophysics** with support from **ISRO**. It observes the solar corona using imaging and spectroscopic techniques to study solar activity and plasma behaviour.



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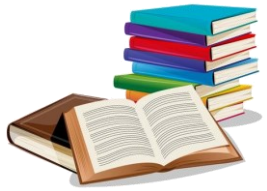
Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA):** An autonomous research institution under India's **Department of Science and Technology,** based in Bengaluru, specialising in astronomy, astrophysics and solar research.



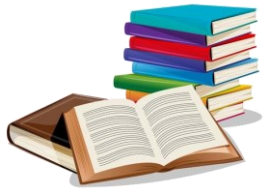
Important Terms Explained:

- **NASA Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO):** A **NASA** spacecraft designed to continuously observe the Sun and study solar activity, magnetic fields and changes in the solar atmosphere through specialised imaging instruments.



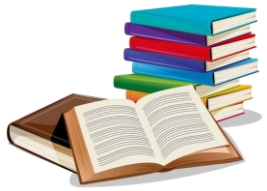
Important Terms Explained:

- **Doppler Spectroscopy:** A technique used to measure the movement of emitting or absorbing material through changes in the observed wavelengths of light. It helps scientists determine whether solar plasma is moving towards or away from an observer.



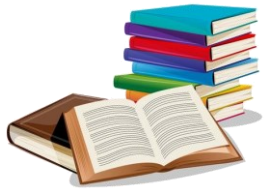
Important Terms Explained:

- **Doppler Shift:** A change in the observed wavelength of electromagnetic radiation caused by relative motion between the source and the observer. Blueshift generally indicates motion towards the observer, while redshift indicates motion away.



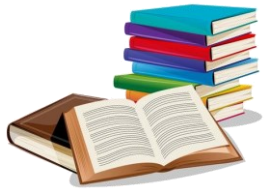
Important Terms Explained:

- **Solar Corona: The Sun**'s outer atmosphere, consisting of extremely hot, ionised plasma. It is the region where many coronal mass ejections originate and where magnetic activity influences solar eruptions.



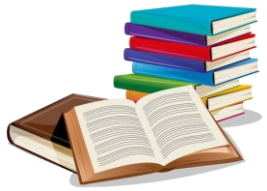
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fe XIV Green Emission Line:** A spectral emission feature associated with highly ionised iron, observed at approximately **530.3** nanometres. **VELC** uses this line to study the physical characteristics and movement of plasma in the solar corona.



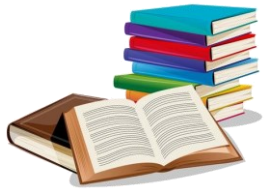
Important Terms Explained:

- **Space Weather:** Changes in the space environment caused by solar activity, including solar wind, energetic particles and CMEs, that can influence Earth's magnetic field and technological systems.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Geomagnetic Storm:** A disturbance in Earth's magnetosphere caused by interactions with solar wind and magnetised plasma, potentially affecting satellites, navigation systems, radio communications and electrical power networks.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Mission and discovery	Aditya-L1 revealed evidence of asymmetric lateral expansion in a coronal mass ejection, improving understanding of solar eruption dynamics.
Solar eruption observation date	August 5, 2024, with the research findings reported on November 4, 2026.
Research institution	Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru, an autonomous institution under the Department of Science and Technology.
Primary scientific instrument	Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (VELC), developed by IIA with significant support from ISRO.
Supporting observations and methods	NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory imaging, Doppler spectroscopy and three-dimensional geometrical and kinematic modelling.
Major scientific finding	Two oppositely Doppler-shifted emission features revealed plasma moving towards and away from the observer, consistent with asymmetric expansion and an inclined CME axis.
Scientific publication	The Astrophysical Journal Letters, under the study titled Spectroscopic Signatures of Nonuniform Lateral Expansion of a Coronal Mass Ejection in the Low Corona with ADITYA-L1/VELC.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

➤ **Which three countries were involved in the trilateral security agreement approved by Greenland's Parliament in 2026 to strengthen defence cooperation in the Arctic region?**

A) Greenland, Canada and United States
B) Greenland, Denmark and Russia
C) Greenland, Denmark and United States
D) Greenland, Norway and United Kingdom
E) Greenland, Iceland and United States



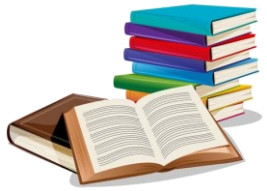
Answer

C) Greenland, Denmark and United States.

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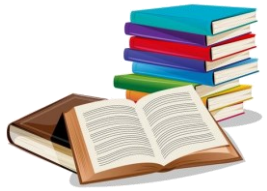
- **Event:** Greenland's Parliament reportedly approved a trilateral security agreement between Greenland, Denmark and the **United States** to strengthen defence cooperation, expand American military access and enhance security across the **Arctic and North Atlantic** regions. The agreement was approved by **16** votes in favour, none against and seven abstentions.



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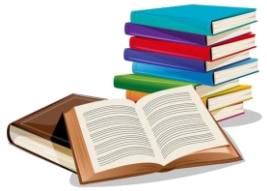
- **Location:** Greenland, an autonomous territory within the **Kingdom of Denmark,** with proposed defence cooperation involving **Pituffik Space Base, Narsarsuaq and Mestersvig**.



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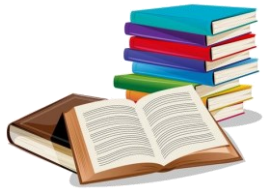
- **Date:** November **2026,** with parliamentary approval reported on November **4, 2026**. The agreement was reportedly signed in **New York in September 2026** during the **United Nations General Assembly**.



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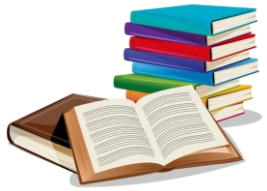
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** According to the supplied report, Greenland's Parliament approved a trilateral security agreement signed by US **President Donald Trump, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen and Greenlandic Prime Minister Jens-Frederik Nielsen**. The agreement provides for expanded US military activities at the existing **Pituffik Space Base** and the establishment of two additional defence areas at **Narsarsuaq and Mestersvig** under mutually agreed conditions. It also strengthens military coordination and cooperation in the **Arctic and North Atlantic** while recognising Greenland's existing constitutional status and right to self-determination.



Mandates and Objectives:

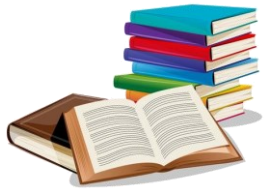
- **Objectives:** To improve Arctic defence preparedness, strengthen military surveillance and early-warning capabilities, enhance security cooperation among Greenland, Denmark and the **United States**, respond to emerging regional security challenges, support **NATO**-related defence coordination and preserve Greenland's political autonomy while accommodating increased US military activities.



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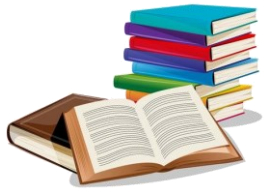
Important Terms Explained:

- **Greenland Trilateral Security Agreement 2026**: A reported defence cooperation arrangement involving Greenland, Denmark and the **United States** to expand American military access, establish additional defence areas and strengthen security coordination in the **Arctic and North Atlantic**.



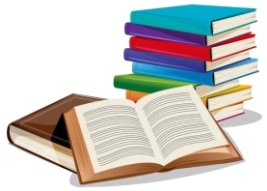
Important Terms Explained:

- **Greenland:** The world's largest island, geographically located in **North America** and politically an autonomous territory within the **Kingdom of Denmark**. Greenland exercises extensive control over domestic affairs, while Denmark retains major responsibilities relating to defence and foreign policy.



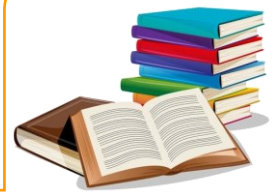
Important Terms Explained:

- **Pituffik Space Base:** A **United States** military installation in northwestern Greenland**,** formerly known as **Thule Air Base,** that supports missile warning**,** space surveillance and other strategic defence activities.



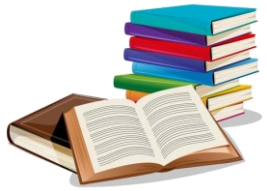
Important Terms Explained:

- **Narsarsuaq:** A settlement in southern Greenland identified in the report as a proposed location for an additional US defence area under the trilateral agreement.



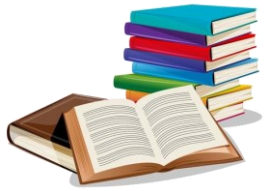
Important Terms Explained:

- **Mestersvig:** A settlement and airfield location in northeastern Greenland identified as another proposed defence area for expanded military cooperation.



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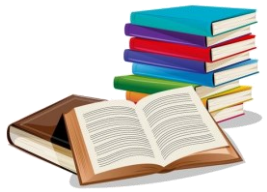
- **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO):** A collective defence alliance established in **1949** to promote security cooperation among its member countries. Denmark and the **United States** are **NATO** members, while Greenland is covered through its constitutional relationship with Denmark rather than holding separate **NATO** membership.



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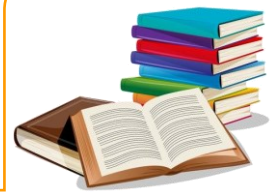
Important Terms Explained:

- **Arctic Security:** Defence and strategic cooperation concerning the northern polar region, including military surveillance, maritime security, airspace monitoring, missile warning systems and responses to geopolitical competition.



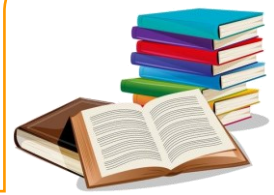
Important Terms Explained:

- Self-Determination: The principle that a people have the right to determine their political status and pursue their development. The reported agreement recognises Greenland's right to determine its future political relationship with Denmark.



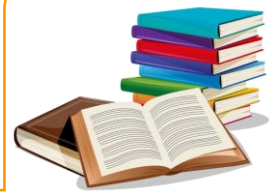
Important Terms Explained:

- **Autonomous Territory:** A territory that exercises substantial authority over its internal governance while remaining constitutionally connected to another state. Greenland has extensive self-government within the **Kingdom of Denmark**.



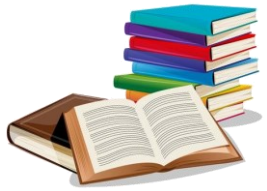
Important Terms Explained:

- **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA):** The principal deliberative body of the **United Nations,** comprising all UN member states, where international leaders meet to discuss global political, economic, security and development issues.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Missile Early-Warning System**: A defence system designed to detect and track potential missile launches, providing information to military authorities for threat assessment and response.

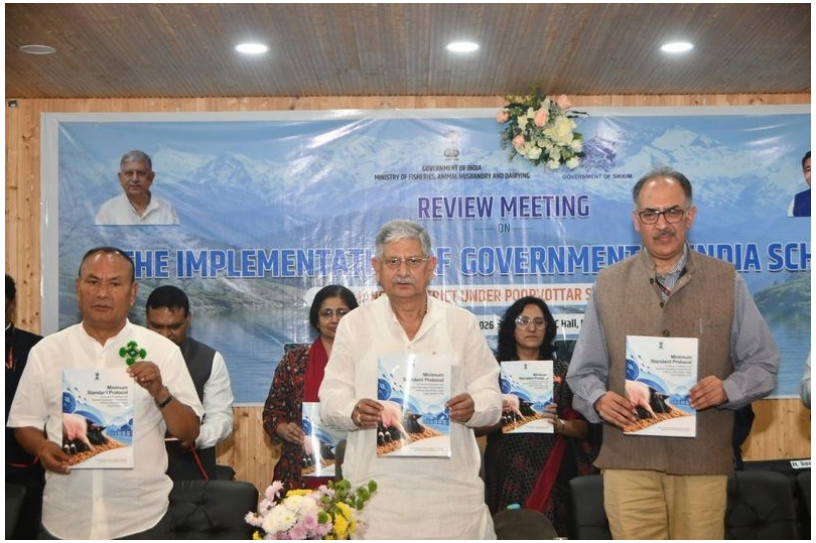


Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Agreement and reporting date	Greenland's Parliament reportedly approved a trilateral security agreement involving Denmark and the United States, with the decision reported on November 4, 2026.
Participating countries and territory	Greenland, Denmark and the United States, cooperating on Arctic and North Atlantic security.
Parliamentary voting result	16 votes in favour, zero against and seven abstentions.
Reported signing details	Signed in New York in September 2026 during the UN General Assembly by Donald Trump, Mette Frederiksen and Jens-Frederik Nielsen.
Existing US military facility	Pituffik Space Base in Greenland, where expanded American military operations are proposed.
Proposed additional defence areas	Narsarsuaq in southern Greenland and Mestersvig in northeastern Greenland, subject to mutually agreed conditions.
Greenland's constitutional status	An autonomous territory within the Kingdom of Denmark, with the agreement reportedly preserving its sovereignty arrangements and right to self-determination.
Strategic significance	Strengthening Arctic defence cooperation, military surveillance, NATO-related coordination and security in the North Atlantic amid increasing geopolitical competition.

➤ **Which district of Sikkim became India's first notified Organic Fisheries Cluster under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) in November 2026?**

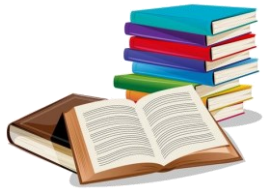
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C) Soreng
D) Mangan
E) Gyalshing



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C) Soreng.

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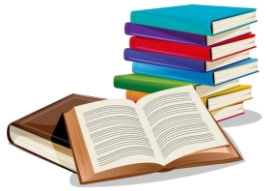
- **Event:** Soreng district in Sikkim became India's first notified **Organic Fisheries Cluster** under the **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana** (**PMMSY**). **Union Minister for Fisheries Rajiv Ranjan Singh** also launched a **Standard Operating Procedure** (**SOP**) for **Organic Fisheries Certification in Northeast India** and inaugurated fisheries development projects worth **₹3.75 crore**.



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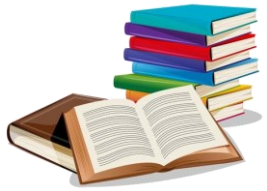
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- **Location:** Soreng district, Sikkim, India, with the organic fisheries certification initiative intended to support the wider northeastern region.
- **Date:** November **4, 2026**.



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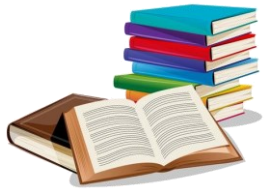
- **Mandates: The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying** notified Soreng district as India's first **Organic Fisheries Cluster** under **PMMSY** to promote environmentally sustainable fish farming. The initiative focuses on organic production, certification, processing and marketing of fish varieties such as Amur carp, **Indian Major Carps** and trout. **Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh** introduced an **SOP** for organic fisheries certification in **Northeast India**, inaugurated projects worth **₹3.75 crore** and supported fish farmers through feed distribution, **Kisan Credit Cards** and financial assistance.



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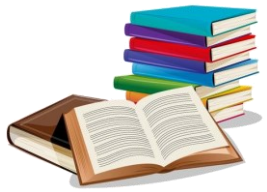
- **Objectives:** To promote chemical-free and environmentally sustainable aquaculture, improve fish production and quality, establish reliable organic certification and traceability systems, strengthen domestic and export market access, increase fish farmers' incomes, develop fisheries infrastructure and encourage sustainable livelihoods in **Sikkim and Northeast India**.



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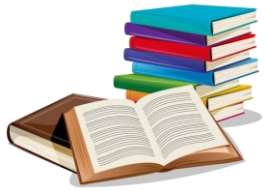
- **Organic Fisheries Cluster:** A designated geographical area where fish farmers, cooperatives and supporting institutions collectively develop environmentally sustainable aquaculture through organic production practices, certification, processing and marketing. Soreng became India's first notified cluster under **PMMSY**.



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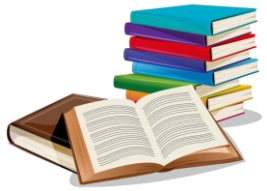
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- **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY):** A flagship **Government of India** scheme launched by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on September **10, 2020,** to promote sustainable fisheries development, increase fish production, strengthen fisheries infrastructure, improve post-harvest management and enhance fish farmers' incomes.



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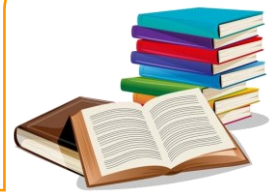
- **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Organic Fisheries Certification:** A framework establishing procedures for organic fish production, certification, traceability and quality assurance to promote environmentally responsible aquaculture and strengthen consumer confidence.



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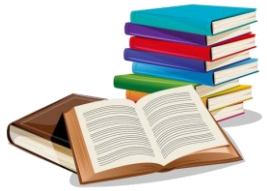
- **Organic Aquaculture:** The cultivation of fish and other aquatic organisms using environmentally sustainable production practices that minimise or exclude prohibited chemical inputs, pesticides and antibiotics according to applicable organic standards.



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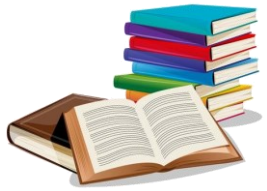
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- **Amur Carp:** A variety of common carp used in freshwater aquaculture, valued for its suitability for fish farming and adaptability to different environmental conditions.



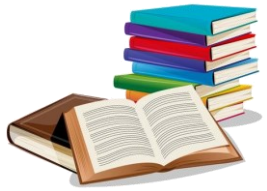
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- **Indian Major Carps (IMCs):** A commercially important group of freshwater fish commonly farmed in India**,** including Catla**, Rohu and Mrigal**.



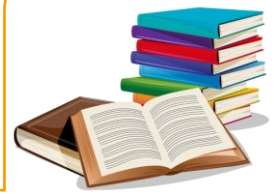
Important Terms Explained:

- **Rainbow Trout:** A freshwater fish species cultivated in cool, oxygen-rich waters, particularly in Himalayan states such as Sikkim. The state government signed an agreement with the Indo-**Tibetan Border Police** for institutional procurement of locally produced rainbow trout.



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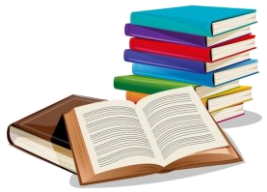
- **Kisan Credit Card (KCC):** A credit facility designed to provide farmers, including eligible fisheries and animal husbandry beneficiaries, with access to institutional finance for production-related and working-capital requirements.



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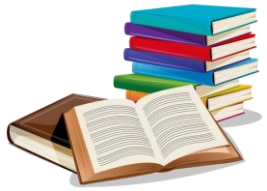
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- **Mukhya Mantri Matsya Uthpadhan Yojana (MMMUY):** A Sikkim government fisheries development initiative providing financial assistance to eligible fish farmers to support fish production and related livelihood activities.



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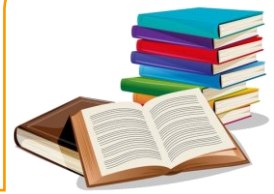
- Indo-**Tibetan Border Police** (**ITBP**): A **Central Armed Police Force of India** responsible primarily for guarding the India–China border. Under the reported agreement with Sikkim**, ITBP** establishments will procure locally produced rainbow trout.



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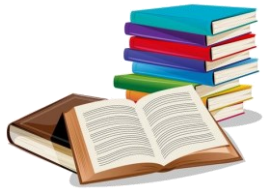
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):** A formal agreement outlining the intentions, responsibilities and terms of cooperation between participating organisations. **The Sikkim–ITBP** MoU covers rainbow trout procurement, pricing, quality specifications and delivery arrangements.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Fisheries Value Chain:** The interconnected activities involved in fish production, collection, processing, storage, transportation, marketing and sale, through which value is added to fisheries products.



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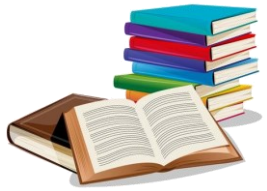
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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event and date	Soreng district, Sikkim, became India's first notified Organic Fisheries Cluster under PMMSY on November 4, 2026.
Union Minister and ministry	Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
Parent scheme	Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, launched on September 10, 2020, to promote sustainable fisheries development.
Organic fisheries objectives	Chemical-free aquaculture, organic certification, traceability, processing, marketing and improved fish farmers' incomes.
Major fish varieties	Amur carp, Indian Major Carps and trout.
Certification and infrastructure	An SOP for Organic Fisheries Certification in Northeast India was introduced, and fisheries development projects worth ₹3.75 crore were inaugurated.
Farmer support initiatives	Fish feed distributed to 15 farmers from two cooperatives, Kisan Credit Cards provided and five farmers received assistance under MMMUY.
Institutional market linkage	Sikkim signed an MoU with ITBP for procurement of locally produced rainbow trout, covering quality, pricing, supply and delivery arrangements.

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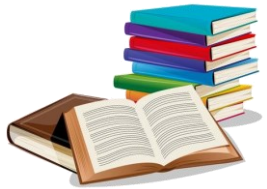
- **The Uttarakhand Government declared November 28 as Disaster Management Day to be observed annually, commemorating the successful rescue of 41 workers from the Silkyara-Barkot Tunnel in 2023 and promoting disaster preparedness throughout the state.**
- **The QS Asia University Rankings 2027 were released on November 3, 2026, covering 1,722 institutions across 26 higher education systems, with the University of Hong Kong ranking first in Asia and IIT Delhi leading India at 66th position.**
- **Tamil Nadu ranked first in NITI Aayog's India Science and Technology Scoreboard for 2024–25 with 44,611 research publications, followed by Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, demonstrating its leading position in India's research output.**
- **Keisha Lance Bottoms was reported to have won Georgia's gubernatorial election on November 3, 2026, becoming the first Black woman elected governor of a US state and the first woman elected governor of Georgia.**



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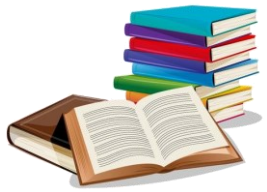
- India was re-elected President of the International Solar Alliance for a third consecutive term at its ninth Assembly in November 2026, while France retained the Co-President position, reaffirming their leadership in global solar energy cooperation.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank's board approved the appointment of Balaji Nuthalapadi as interim CEO on November 4, 2026, subject to RBI approval, following the resignation of Managing Director and CEO P N Vasudevan.
- Collins Dictionary selected “Mogging” as its Word of the Year 2026 after the internet slang term recorded a 210% increase in usage, reflecting the growing influence of Gen Z, Gen Alpha and social media on modern English.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology launched three indigenous AI foundation models—EKA-1, Dhīr 2B and Dhīr 5B—under the IndiaAI Mission in New Delhi on November 3, 2026, to strengthen India's multilingual and secure artificial intelligence capabilities.
- India's Aditya-L1 mission helped Indian Institute of Astrophysics scientists identify asymmetric lateral expansion in a coronal mass ejection observed on August 5, 2024, providing new insights into solar eruption dynamics and potentially improving space-weather forecasting.



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- **Greenland's Parliament reportedly approved a trilateral security agreement with Denmark and the United States in November 2026 by 16 votes in favour, none against and seven abstentions, aiming to strengthen Arctic defence cooperation and expand US military access.**
- **Soreng district in Sikkim became India's first notified Organic Fisheries Cluster under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana on November 4, 2026, to promote sustainable fish farming, organic certification and better market opportunities for fish farmers.**



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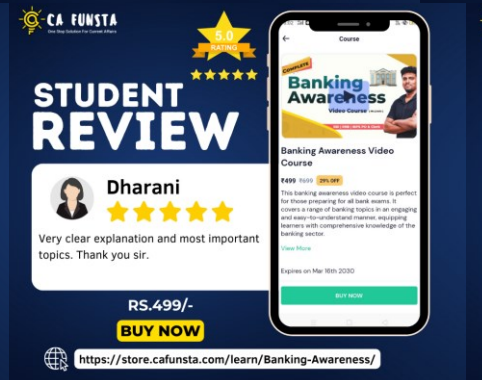

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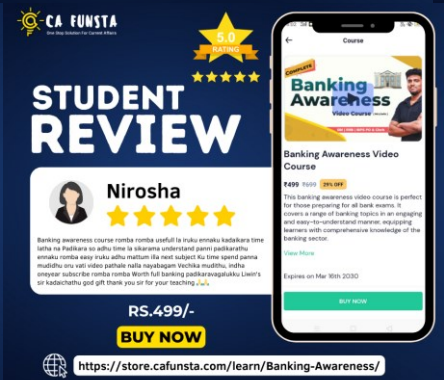

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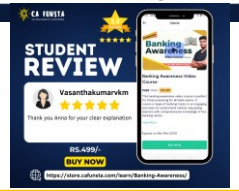

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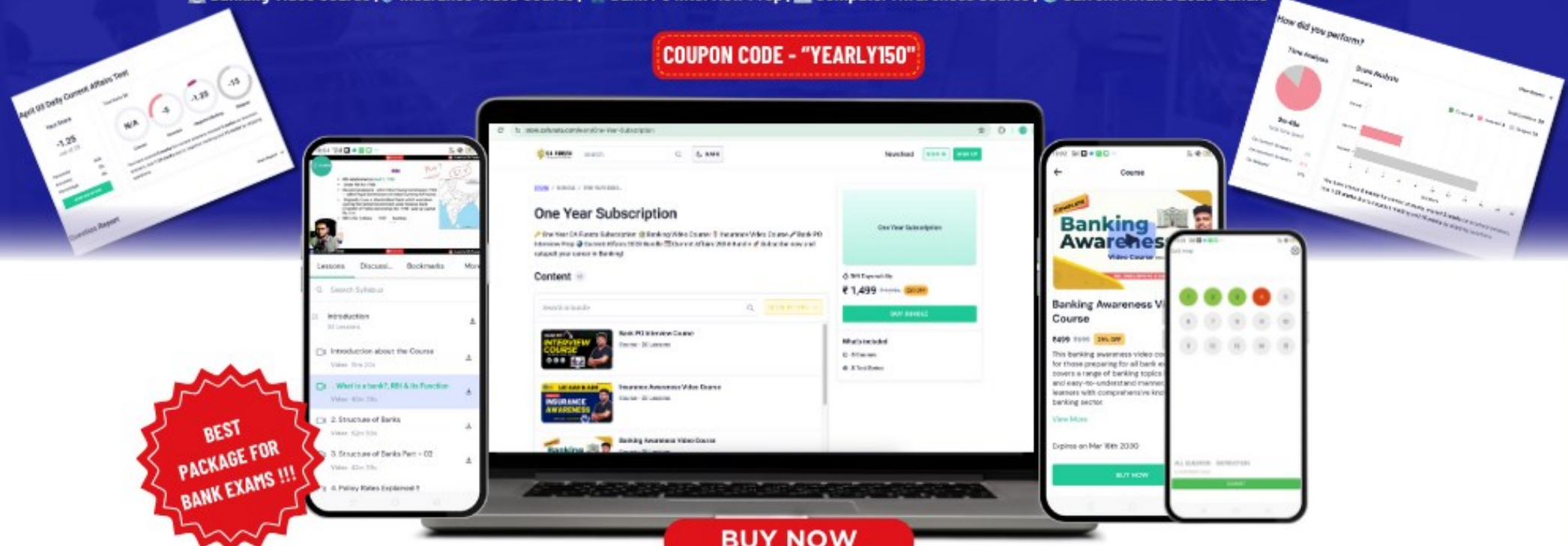
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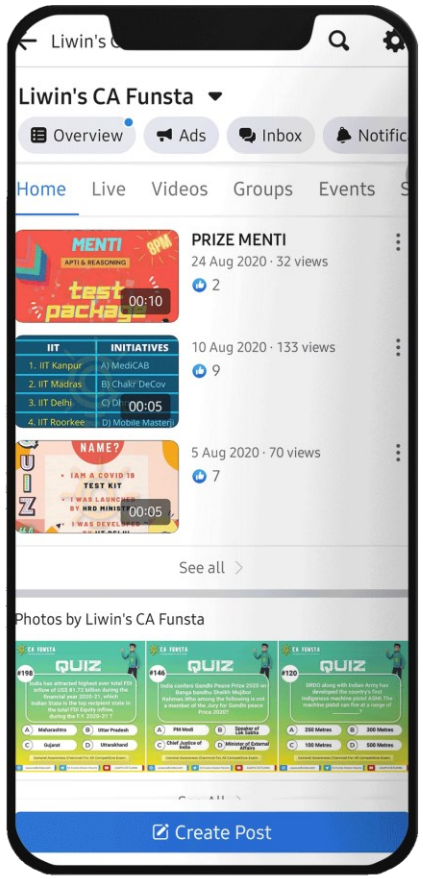
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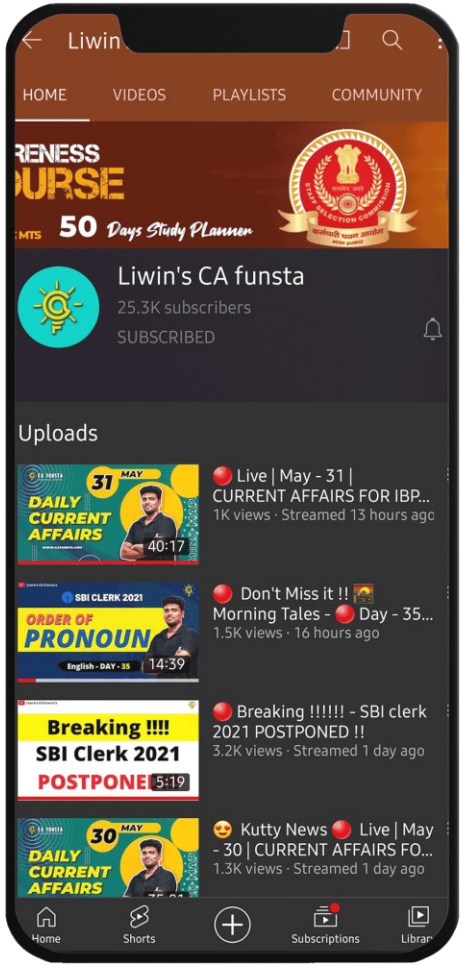


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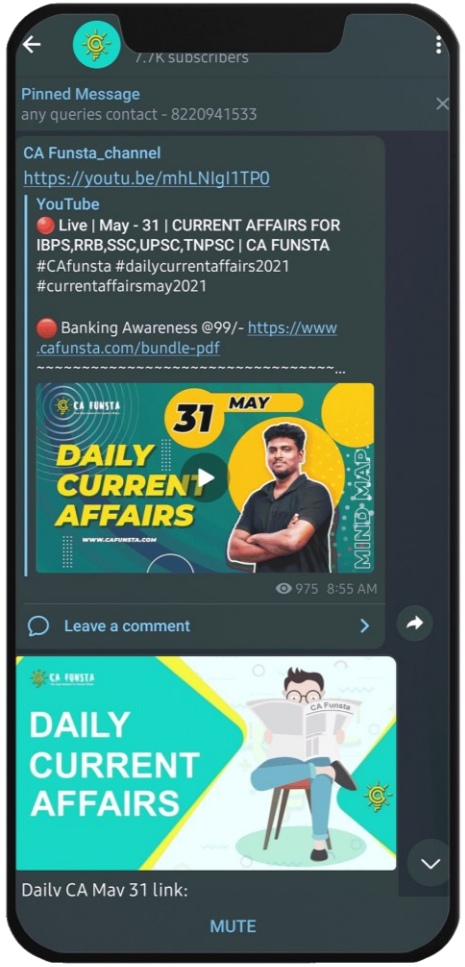
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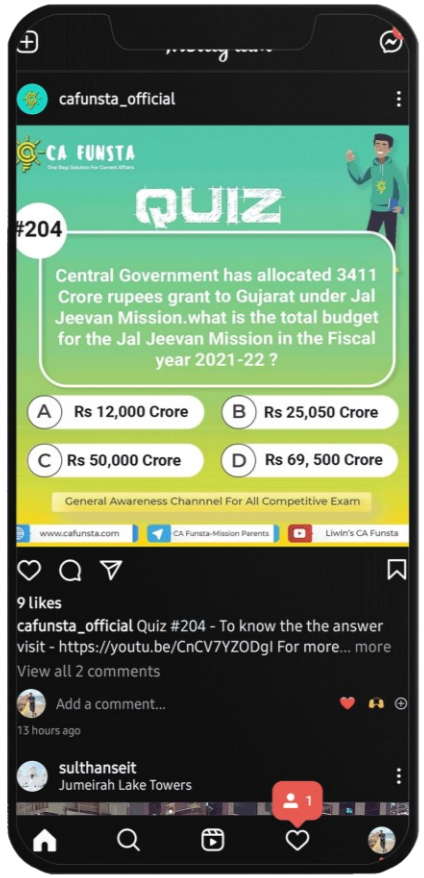


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