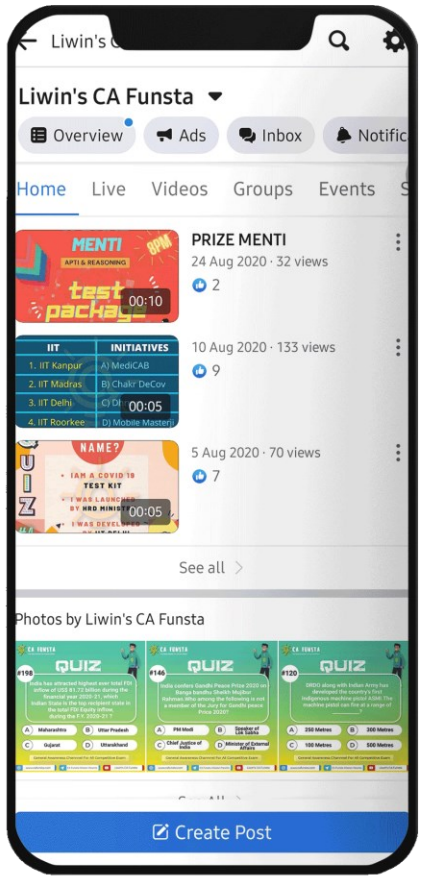
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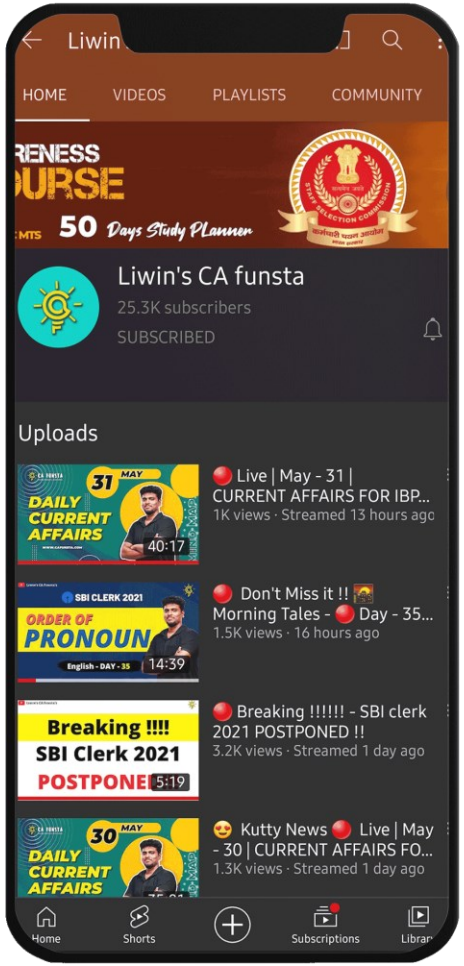
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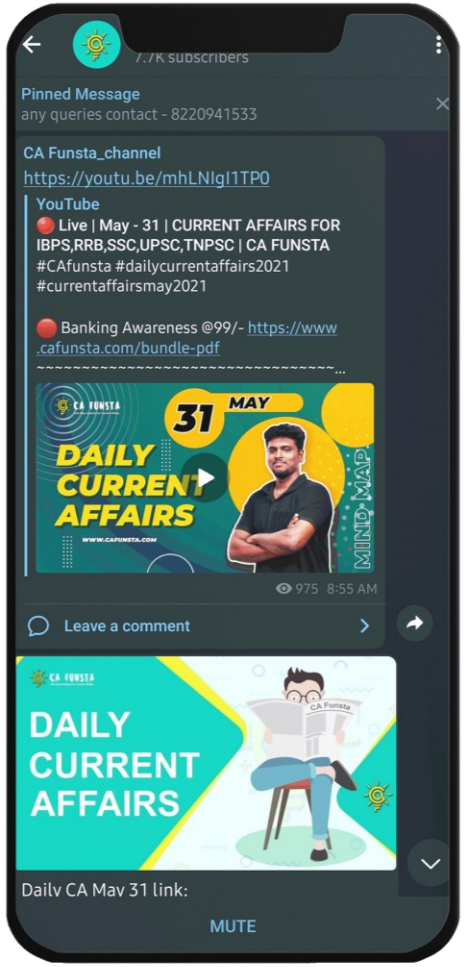
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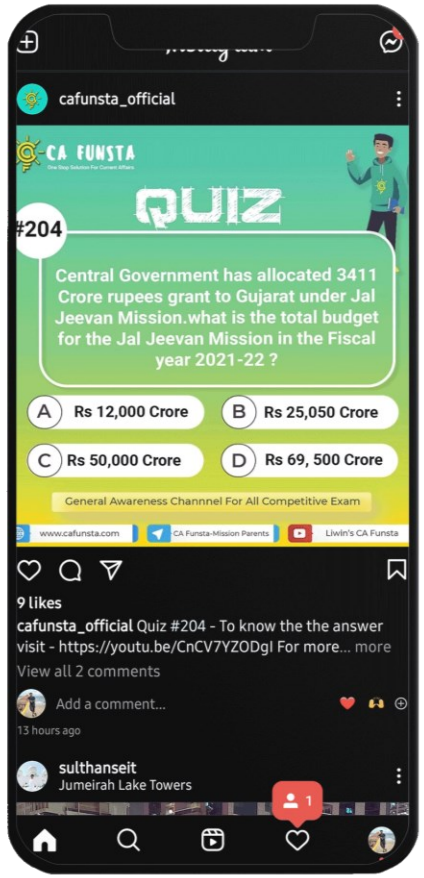


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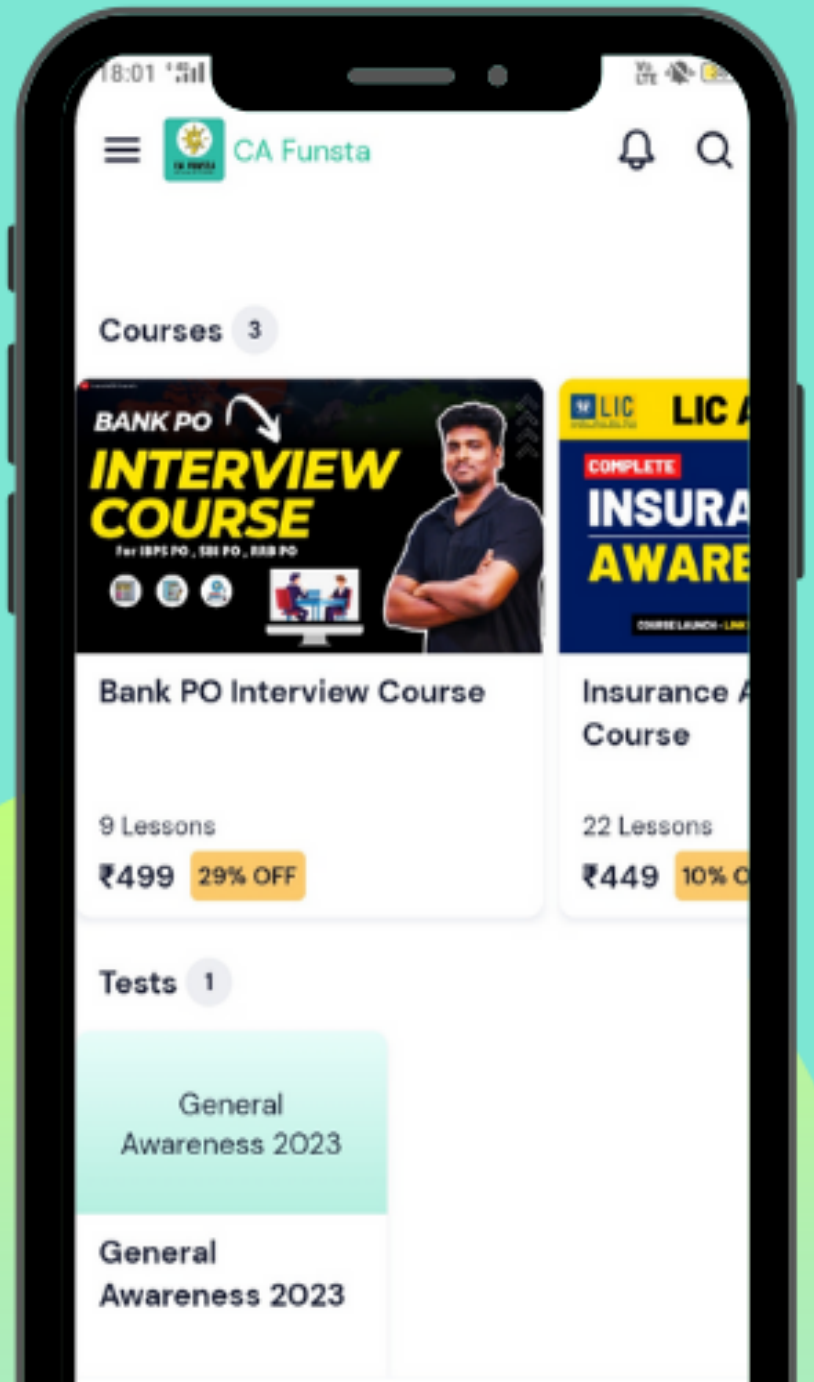
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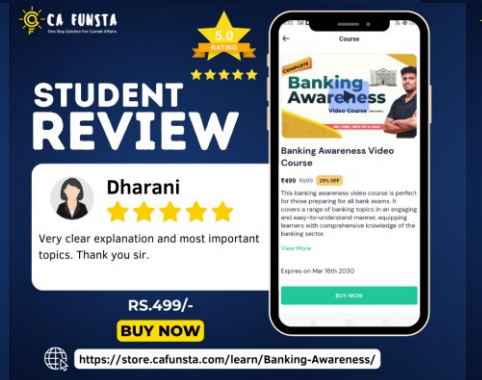

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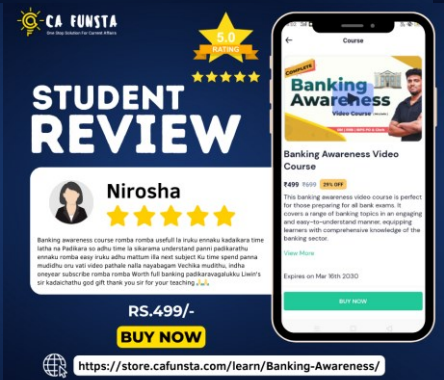

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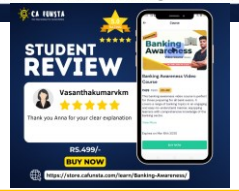

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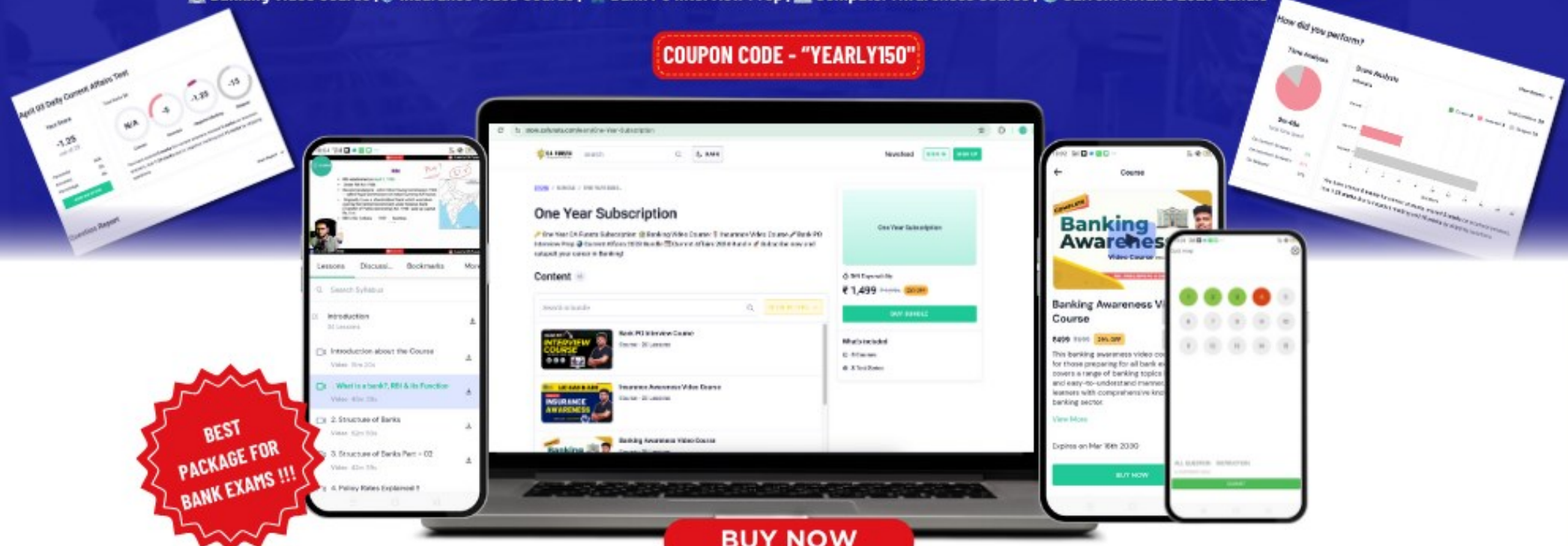
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➤ **Against which team did India record the fastest team 100 in men's T20I cricket, reaching the milestone in just five overs in October 2026?**

A) Australia
B) South Africa
C) England
D) New Zealand
E) West Indies

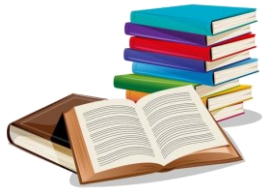


Answer
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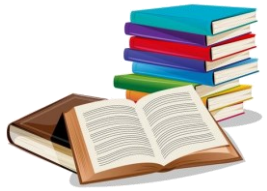
- **Event:** India set a new record for the fastest team **100** in men's T**20** Internationals (T**20**Is)**,** reaching **100** runs in just five overs against **New Zealand** and posting a record powerplay score of **118/0**.
- **Location:** Wellington**, New Zealand**.
- **Date:** October **27, 2026**.



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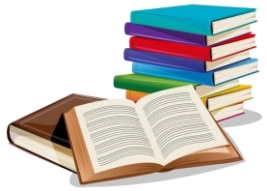
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Indian** men's cricket team achieved multiple batting milestones during the third T**20I** against **New Zealand in Wellington**. Chasing a target of **199** runs**,** India reached **50** runs in **2.2** overs**, 100** runs in **5** overs**,** and **118/0** in the six-over powerplay**,** surpassing Romania's previous records for the fastest team hundred and highest powerplay score. **Openers Abhishek Sharma and Vaibhav Sooryavanshi** contributed an opening partnership of **133** runs in **7.1** overs. Abhishek scored **113** runs from **38** balls**,** including a century completed in **35** balls**,** while Sooryavanshi contributed **45** runs from **19** balls. India reportedly reached **199** runs in **13.2** overs.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To chase **New Zealand**'s target through aggressive opening batting, maximise scoring opportunities during fielding restrictions, establish an early advantage in the run chase and achieve new international batting milestones through rapid scoring and a strong opening partnership.



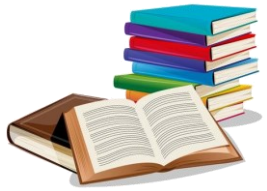
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Ranking Table:

Rank	Team / Record / Score / Overs / Remarks
1	Team / Record: India – Fastest Team 100. | Score / Overs / Remarks: 100 runs in 5.0 overs against New Zealand, Wellington, 2026.
2	Team / Record: Romania – Fastest Team 100. | Score / Overs / Remarks: 100 runs in 5.2 overs against Serbia, Sofia, 2021.
3	Team / Record: South Africa – Fastest Team 100. | Score / Overs / Remarks: 100 runs in 5.3 overs against West Indies, Centurion, 2023.
3	Team / Record: Australia – Fastest Team 100. | Score / Overs / Remarks: 100 runs in 5.3 overs against Scotland, Edinburgh, 2024.
1	Team / Record: India – Highest T20I Powerplay Score. | Score / Overs / Remarks: 118/0 in six overs against New Zealand, Wellington, 2026.
2	Team / Record: Romania – Highest T20I Powerplay Score. | Score / Overs / Remarks: 116/0 against Serbia, Sofia, 2021.
3	Team / Record: Australia – Highest T20I Powerplay Score. | Score / Overs / Remarks: 113/1 against Scotland, Edinburgh, 2024.

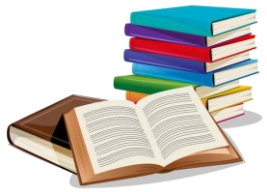
Important Terms Explained:

- Twenty**20** International (T**20**I): An international cricket format played between national teams in which each side generally receives a maximum of **20** overs to bat.



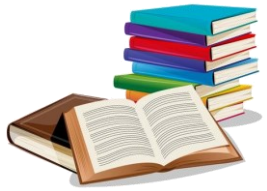
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fastest Team Hundred:** A batting record measuring the fewest legal deliveries required by a team to reach **100** runs in an innings.
- **Fastest Team Fifty:** A batting milestone measuring the fewest legal deliveries taken by a team to score its first **50** runs.



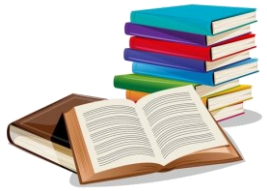
Important Terms Explained:

- **Powerplay:** The opening six overs of a T**20**I innings during which fielding restrictions permit a maximum of two fielders outside the **30**-yard circle.



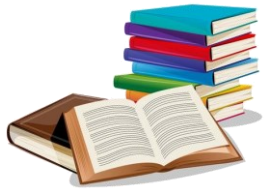
Important Terms Explained:

- **Powerplay Score:** The runs accumulated by a batting team during the first six overs of a T**20** innings**,** often used to assess the effectiveness of its opening batting performance.



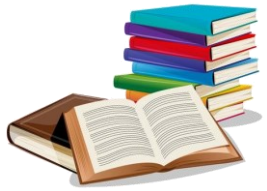
Important Terms Explained:

- **Opening Partnership:** The total runs scored by the first two batters before the fall of the team's first wicket, including applicable extras.



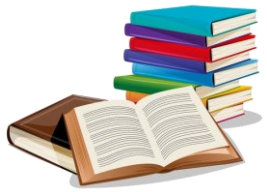
Important Terms Explained:

- **Strike Rate:** A batting statistic measuring runs scored per **100** balls faced**,** calculated by dividing the batter's runs by balls faced and multiplying by **100**.



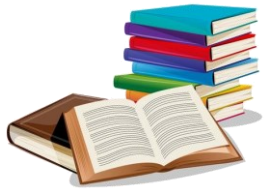
Important Terms Explained:

- **Run Chase:** The second innings of a limited-overs cricket match in which the batting team attempts to surpass the target established by its opponent.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Overs Notation:** Cricket notation in which **5.2** overs means five completed overs and two additional legal deliveries, equivalent to **32** balls, rather than **5.2** decimal overs.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	India established multiple men's T20I batting records against New Zealand in the third T20I.
Date and Venue	October 27, 2026, Wellington, New Zealand.
Fastest Team Fifty	India reached 50 runs in 2.2 overs, equalling the reported fastest T20I team fifty record.
Fastest Team Hundred	India reached 100 runs in 5.0 overs, surpassing Romania's previous mark of 5.2 overs against Serbia in 2021.
Highest Powerplay Score	India scored 118/0 in six overs, surpassing Romania's previous record of 116/0.
Abhishek Sharma's Performance	Scored 113 runs from 38 balls, completing his century in 35 balls with nine fours and eleven sixes.
Opening Partnership	Abhishek Sharma and Vaibhav Sooryavanshi added 133 runs in 7.1 overs, with Sooryavanshi scoring 45 from 19 balls.
Match Result and Significance	India reportedly reached 199 runs in 13.2 overs while chasing New Zealand's target, establishing new benchmarks for rapid team scoring.

AWARDS

➤ **Who won the Men's Ballon d'Or 2026 award at the 70th edition of the ceremony held in London?**

A) Kylian Mbappé
B) Lamine Yamal
C) Harry Kane
D) Erling Haaland
E) Ousmane Dembélé

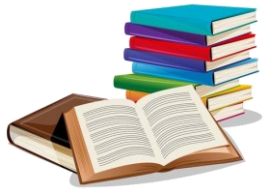


Answer
C) Harry Kane.

AWARDS

Event and Location:

- **Event: England and Bayern Munich** striker **Harry Kane** won his first Men's Ballon d'Or **2026,** while Spain's **Alexia Putellas** claimed her third Women's Ballon d'Or at the **70**th edition of the prestigious football awards.
- **Location: Palladium Theatre,** London**, United Kingdom,** marking the first time the ceremony was held outside France.

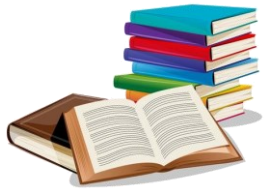


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Event and Location:

- **Date:** October **26, 2026** (ceremony reported on October **27, 2026**).

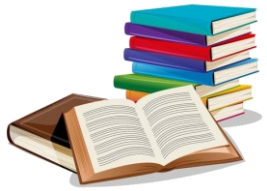


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AWARDS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **70**th Ballon d'**Or Awards** recognised outstanding achievements in international football across men's and women's categories. **Harry Kane** secured the men's award ahead of Kylian Mbappé and **Lamine Yamal** after scoring **61** goals for **Bayern Munich** across all competitions, including **36** goals in **31** Bundesliga matches. **Alexia Putellas** won her third women's title after previous victories in **2021** and **2022,** equalling Aitana Bonmatí's record of three awards. Other honours included the **Kopa Trophy, Yashin Trophy,** Gerd Müller Trophy**, Socrates Award,** and awards for the best coaches and clubs.

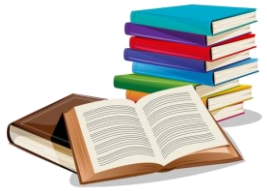


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To recognise exceptional individual and team performances in football, honour leading goal scorers, emerging young players, goalkeepers and coaches, acknowledge successful football clubs, and encourage humanitarian contributions through football-related activities.

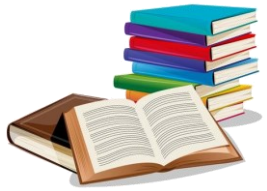


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Important Terms Explained:

- Ballon d'Or: An annual football award established in **1956** by **France Football** magazine to recognise outstanding individual performances in men's football, with a separate women's award introduced in **2018**.

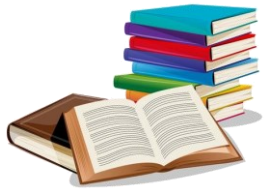


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AWARDS

Important Terms Explained:

- Ballon d'Or Féminin: The women's Ballon d'Or award presented to the outstanding female footballer of the year, first introduced in **2018**.

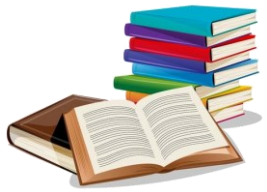


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AWARDS

Important Terms Explained:

- **Kopa Trophy:** An award presented at the Ballon d'Or ceremony to recognise outstanding young footballers, generally under the age of **21**.
- **Yashin Trophy:** An award introduced in **2019** to honour outstanding goalkeepers, named after legendary Soviet goalkeeper **Lev Yashin**.

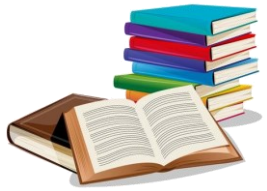


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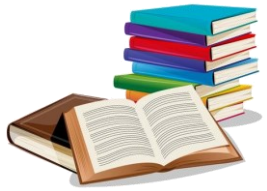
- Gerd Müller Trophy: An award recognising exceptional goal-scoring performances, named after German football legend Gerd Müller.



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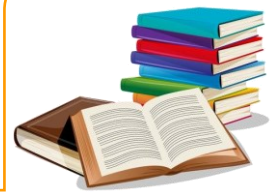
Important Terms Explained:

- **Socrates Award:** A Ballon d'Or-associated award recognising footballers who contribute to humanitarian causes, charitable activities and social initiatives.
- **Bundesliga:** Germany's top professional football league, in which **Bayern Munich** competes.



Important Terms Explained:

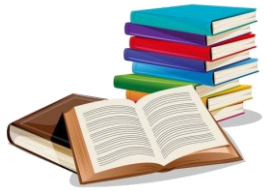
- **FC Bayern Munich:** A German professional football club based in Munich, represented by **Harry Kane** during his reported **2026** Ballon d'Or-winning season.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Paris Saint**-Germain (**PSG**): A professional football club based in Paris, France, named Men's Club of the Year at the reported **2026** awards.



AWARDS

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	70th Ballon d'Or Awards 2026.
Date and Venue	October 26, 2026, at Palladium Theatre, London, United Kingdom.
Men's Ballon d'Or Winner	Harry Kane of England and Bayern Munich, winning his first title.
Women's Ballon d'Or Winner	Alexia Putellas of Spain, winning her third title after 2021 and 2022.
Men's Ballon d'Or Standings	Harry Kane finished first, Kylian Mbappé second and Lamine Yamal third.
Young Player and Goalkeeper Awards	Lamine Yamal and Vicky López won young talent awards, while Unai Simón and Cata Coll received goalkeeper honours.
Coaches and Clubs of the Year	Luis de la Fuente and Pere Romeu won coaching awards; Paris Saint-Germain and FC Barcelona won men's and women's club awards, respectively.
Other Major Awards	Harry Kane won the men's Gerd Müller Trophy, Charlyn Corral received the women's goal-scoring award, and Bukayo Saka received the Socrates Award.

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AWARDS

➤ **Which organisation won the Metro Rail with the Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction Award for the Delhi–Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor at the 19th Urban Mobility India Conference 2026?**

A) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation
B) Chennai Metro Rail Limited
C) National Capital Region Transport Corporation
D) Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation
E) Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation



Answer

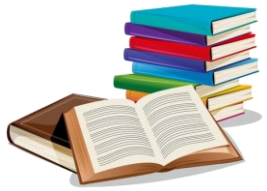
C) National Capital Region Transport Corporation.

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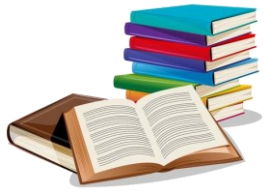
- **Event: The National Capital Region Transport Corporation** (**NCRTC**) received the **Metro Rail** with the **Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction Award** for the Delhi–**Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor** at the **19**th **Urban Mobility India Conference 2026,** along with the **Best Exhibitor Award** for the second consecutive year.



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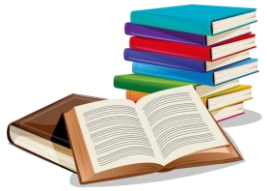
- **Location:** Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India, with the award-winning corridor connecting Delhi, **Ghaziabad and Meerut** in the **National Capital Region**.
- **Date:** October **23–24, 2026**.



AWARDS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: NCRTC** was recognised at the **19**th **Urban Mobility India** (**UMI**) **Conference and Expo 2026,** organised by the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** (MoHUA) in collaboration with the **Institute of Urban Transport** (India), under the theme "**Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age**." **The Delhi–Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor** received the passenger services and satisfaction award jointly with **Chennai Metro Rail Limited**. **NCRTC** also secured first prize in the **Best Exhibitor** category for the second consecutive year. The approximately **82**-km Delhi–Ghaziabad–Meerut corridor, India's first operational **Regional Rapid Transit System** (**RRTS**) corridor, operates trains at speeds of up to **160 km**ph and integrates a **23**-km **Meerut Metro** corridor.

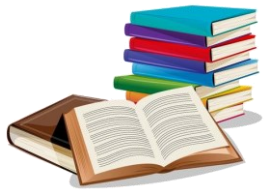


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AWARDS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To recognise excellence in passenger services and satisfaction, promote high-speed regional connectivity, improve public transport accessibility, strengthen multimodal integration, reduce intercity travel time, encourage efficient and reliable mass transit systems, and support sustainable urban mobility across the **National Capital Region**.

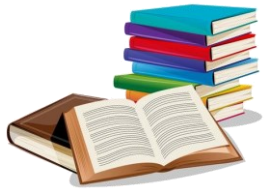


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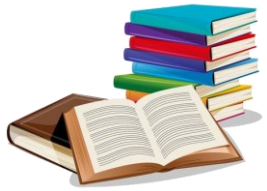
- **Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Expo:** An annual national conference and exhibition organised by MoHUA in collaboration with the **Institute of Urban Transport** (India) to promote sustainable urban transportation, mobility innovations and public transport development.



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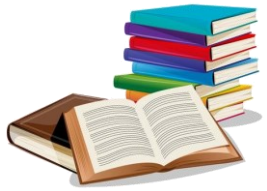
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC):** A joint venture of the **Government of India** and participating state governments responsible for implementing the **Regional Rapid Transit System** across the **National Capital Region**.



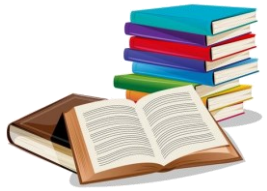
Important Terms Explained:

- **Namo Bharat:** India's regional rapid rail service designed to provide fast, comfortable and high-frequency passenger transportation between major urban centres, with its first operational section launched in October **2023**.



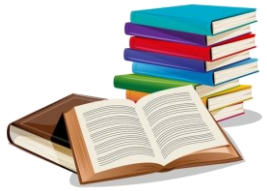
Important Terms Explained:

- **Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS):** A high-speed, high-frequency regional rail transport system designed to connect cities and major economic centres over medium distances while reducing travel time and improving regional mobility.



Important Terms Explained:

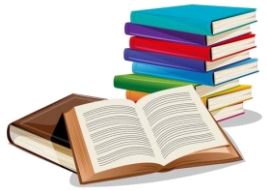
- Delhi–Ghaziabad–Meerut **RRTS** Corridor: An approximately **82**-km regional rapid rail corridor connecting Delhi**, Ghaziabad and Meerut,** developed to improve high-speed passenger connectivity in the **National Capital Region**.



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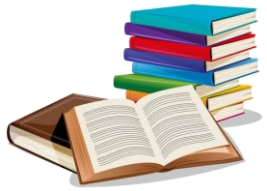
Important Terms Explained:

- **Meerut Metro:** A **23**-km urban metro corridor integrated with the Delhi–**Meerut Namo Bharat** infrastructure, enabling local city transportation and regional rail connectivity through shared infrastructure.



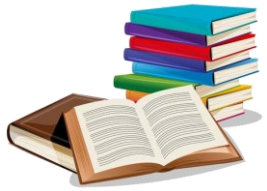
Important Terms Explained:

- **Multimodal Integration:** The coordinated connection of different transport services, such as regional rail, metro, buses and conventional railways, to enable convenient passenger transfers.



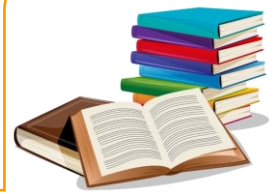
Important Terms Explained:

- **Passenger Satisfaction:** A measure of commuters' experience with transportation services, including comfort, punctuality, safety, accessibility, reliability and convenience.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Urban Accessibility and Liveability:** Concepts focusing on improving access to transport, employment, education and essential services while making cities more convenient, inclusive and sustainable.



AWARDS

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Delhi–Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor received the Metro Rail with the Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction Award at UMI 2026.
Conference Dates and Venue	October 23–24, 2026, at Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
Conference and Theme	19th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo, themed “Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age.”
Organising Authorities	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and Institute of Urban Transport (India).
Award-Winning Organisation	National Capital Region Transport Corporation, sharing the passenger services award with Chennai Metro Rail Limited.
Additional Recognition	NCRTC secured first prize in the Best Exhibitor category for the second consecutive year.
Corridor Specifications	Approximately 82 km connecting Delhi, Ghaziabad and Meerut, with a 23-km Meerut Metro section and trains operating at speeds up to 160 kmph.
Ridership and Performance	More than 4.8 crore cumulative passenger trips, over 1.1 lakh daily passengers, peak single-day ridership exceeding 1.68 lakh and reported punctuality of nearly 99.9%.

DEFENCE

➤ **What is the total value of defence acquisition proposals approved in principle by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) under Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in October 2026?**

A) ₹1.75 Lakh Crore
B) ₹2.12 Lakh Crore
C) ₹2.50 Lakh Crore
D) ₹1.95 Lakh Crore
E) ₹3.10 Lakh Crore

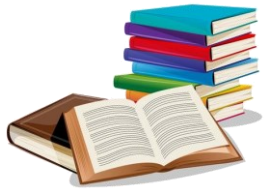


Answer
B) ₹2.12 Lakh Crore.

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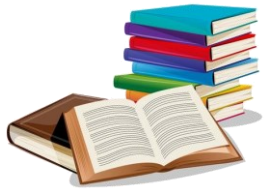
- **Event: The Defence Acquisition Council** (**DAC**), chaired by **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh,** granted in-principle approval to defence acquisition proposals worth approximately **₹2.12 lakh** crore**,** with about **82%** of procurement planned from Indian industry.



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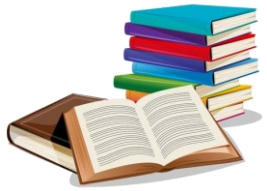
Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, covering procurement requirements of the **Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force**.
- **Date:** October **27, 2026** (reported date).



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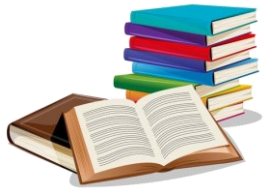
- **Mandates: The Defence Acquisition Council** granted **Acceptance of Necessity** (AoN) for capital acquisition proposals worth approximately **₹2.12 lakh** crore to modernise India's **Armed Forces**. The approved proposals cover **High Mobility Vehicles** (HMVs), Self-**Propelled Tracked Gun Systems, Light Multi-Role Helicopters, Very Short Range Air Defence Systems,** counter-drone systems, surveillance and strike drones, naval decoy systems and Mobile X-**Band Doppler Weather Radars**. Approximately **82%** of the proposed acquisitions are planned to be sourced from domestic defence manufacturers.



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Mandates and Objectives:

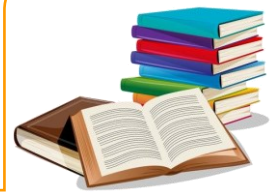
- **Objectives:** To strengthen India's military preparedness, modernise the operational capabilities of the Army, **Navy and Air Force**, enhance battlefield mobility, surveillance, air defence and unmanned warfare capabilities, protect naval platforms against missile threats, promote indigenous defence manufacturing and support self-reliance in defence production.



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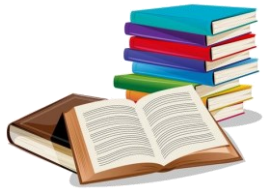
- **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC):** The highest decision-making body in the **Ministry of Defence** for capital acquisition proposals, chaired by the **Defence Minister** and responsible for approving major procurement requirements of the **Armed Forces**.



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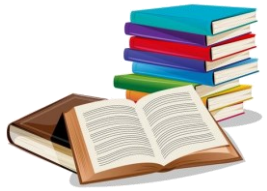
- **Acceptance of Necessity (AoN):** An in-principle administrative approval confirming the requirement for a proposed defence acquisition and allowing further procurement procedures without constituting a final contract or equipment delivery.



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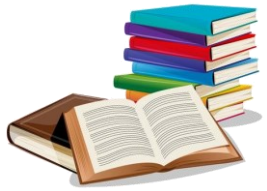
- **Capital Acquisition:** The procurement of long-term military assets such as weapons, aircraft, helicopters, vehicles, ships and advanced defence systems to enhance operational capabilities.



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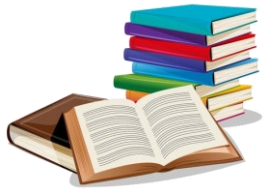
Important Terms Explained:

- **High Mobility Vehicles (HMVs):** Specialised military vehicles designed to transport personnel, weapons and equipment across challenging terrain while improving operational mobility and logistics.



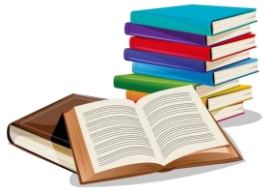
Important Terms Explained:

- Self-**Propelled Tracked Gun System**: A mobile artillery system mounted on a tracked vehicle that provides firepower while moving with mechanised military formations.



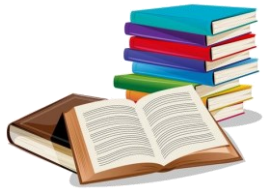
Important Terms Explained:

- **Gun Shot Response System (GSRS):** A battlefield system designed to detect gunfire and provide rapid information about its source, improving situational awareness and response capabilities.



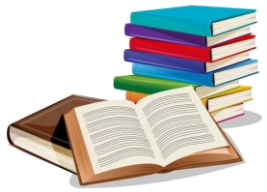
Important Terms Explained:

- **Light Multi-Role Helicopters** (**LMRH**): Helicopters designed for multiple military operations, including reconnaissance, surveillance, combat support, search and rescue, and disaster relief.



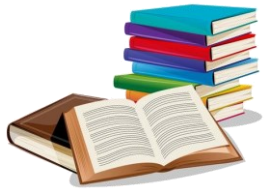
Important Terms Explained:

- **Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS):**
  A short-range air defence weapon system designed to engage low-altitude aerial threats, including helicopters, aircraft and certain drones.



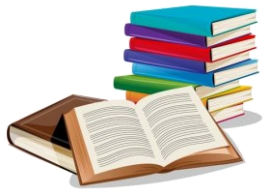
Important Terms Explained:

- Counter-**Unmanned Aerial System** (C-**UAS**): A defence system designed to detect, track and neutralise hostile drones through electronic or other countermeasures.



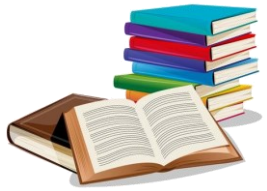
Important Terms Explained:

- **Long Range Kamikaze Drone System:** An unmanned aerial weapon system designed to strike designated targets directly, generally by carrying an explosive payload and being expended during the attack.



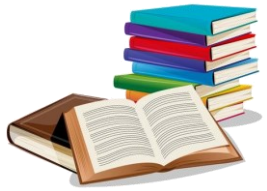
Important Terms Explained:

- **Active Offboard Decoy System (AODS):** A naval defensive system that deploys decoys away from a warship to divert incoming missile threats and improve the vessel's survivability.



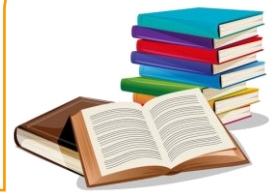
Important Terms Explained:

- Mobile X-**Band Doppler Weather Radar**: A transportable weather-monitoring system operating in the X-band frequency range that uses Doppler technology to detect precipitation, estimate its movement and provide high-resolution local weather information.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Indigenous Defence Manufacturing:** The development and production of military equipment within India to strengthen domestic industry, reduce import dependence and improve strategic self-reliance.



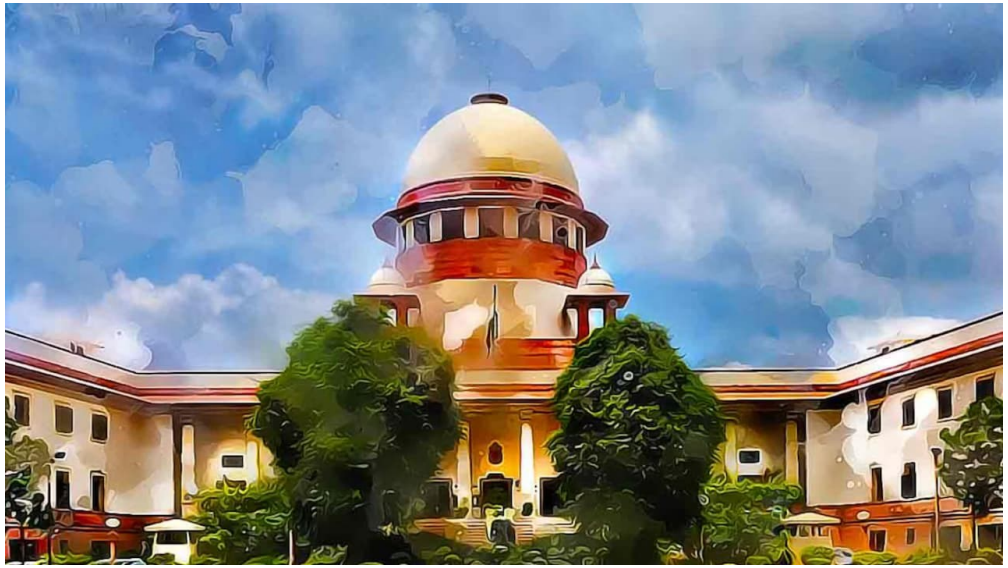
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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Defence Acquisition Council granted in-principle approval to major capital acquisition proposals for India's Armed Forces.
Date	October 27, 2026 (reported date).
Total Acquisition Value	Approximately ₹2.12 lakh crore.
Chairperson and Authority	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Chairman of the Defence Acquisition Council under the Ministry of Defence.
Domestic Procurement Share	Approximately 82% of the proposed acquisitions are planned to be sourced from Indian industry.
Indian Army Acquisitions	High Mobility Vehicles, Self-Propelled Tracked Gun Systems, Light Multi-Role Helicopters, VSHORADS, counter-drone systems and surveillance and strike UAVs.
Indian Navy and Air Force Acquisitions	Navy: Active Offboard Decoy Systems and other naval equipment; Air Force: helicopters, air defence systems, weapons and Mobile X-Band Doppler Weather Radars.
Approval and Significance	Acceptance of Necessity granted to advance procurement, improve military preparedness and strengthen domestic defence manufacturing without constituting final purchase contracts.

➤ **How many Indian states agreed to the Supreme Court's proposal to increase the retirement age of district judicial officers from 60 to 62 years in October 2026?**

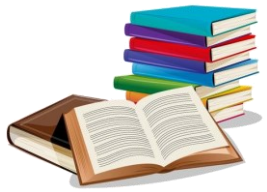
A) 10 States
B) 12 States
C) 14 States
D) 16 States
E) 18 States



Answer
C) 14 States.

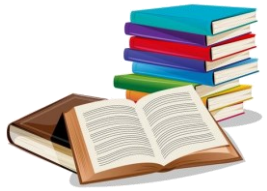
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Supreme Court of India** welcomed the agreement of **14** states to increase the retirement age of district judicial officers from **60** to **62** years under the ongoing **All India Judges Association** case.
- **Location:** India, covering district and subordinate courts in states agreeing to the proposed retirement-age extension.



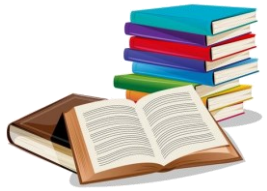
Event and Location:

- **Date:** October **26, 2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

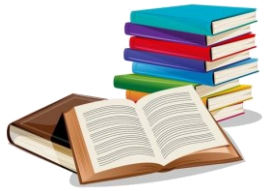
- **Mandates:** A three-judge Bench of the **Supreme Court,** while hearing the **All India Judges Association** v. **Union of India** case**,** welcomed the agreement of **14** states to raise the retirement age of district judicial officers from **60** to **62** years. **The Court** encouraged other states to consider the proposal and emphasised that extensions should depend on judicial performance and suitability assessments. Earlier directions issued in September **2026** required seven consenting states to amend their judicial service rules within two months and provided conditional continuation or reappointment opportunities for eligible judicial officers.



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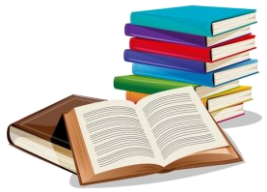
- **Objectives:** To retain experienced judicial officers, reduce disruptions caused by retirements, address judicial vacancies, improve continuity in district courts, strengthen the disposal of pending cases and establish a coordinated approach between state governments and **High Courts** regarding judicial service conditions.



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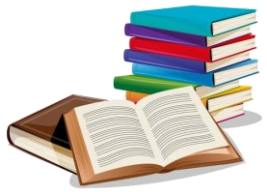
Important Terms Explained:

- **All India Judges Association** v. **Union of India**: A long-running **Supreme Court** case concerning the service conditions, retirement benefits, pay structures and administrative reforms affecting India's subordinate judiciary.



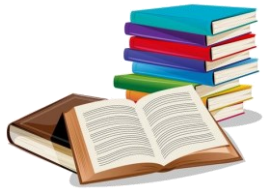
Important Terms Explained:

- **District Judiciary:** The system of district and subordinate courts responsible for hearing civil and criminal cases at the local level, functioning under the administrative and supervisory control of the respective **High Courts**.



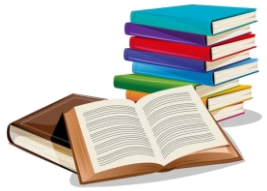
Important Terms Explained:

- **Judicial Retirement Age:** The prescribed age at which judicial officers ordinarily retire from service, subject to applicable judicial service rules and legally authorised extensions.



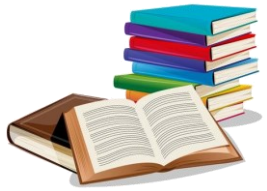
Important Terms Explained:

- **Judicial Service Rules:** State-level rules governing the recruitment, appointment, promotion, service conditions, retirement and disciplinary matters of judicial officers.



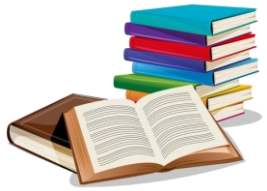
Important Terms Explained:

- **Judicial Vacancies:** Unfilled sanctioned positions in courts that may affect judicial capacity, case disposal rates and access to timely justice.



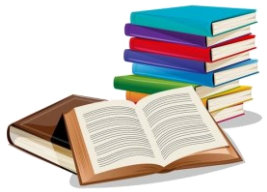
Important Terms Explained:

- **Judicial Backlog:** The accumulation of pending cases before courts due to factors such as high case volumes, vacancies, procedural delays and limited judicial resources.



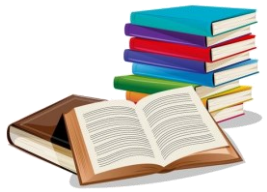
Important Terms Explained:

- **Performance and Suitability Assessment:** An evaluation undertaken by the concerned **High Court** to determine whether a judicial officer meets the standards required for continued service or reappointment.



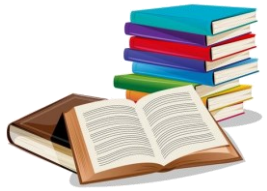
Important Terms Explained:

- **Reappointment of Retired Judicial Officers:** A conditional process allowing eligible retired judicial officers to return to judicial service following the prescribed assessment and fulfilment of applicable requirements.



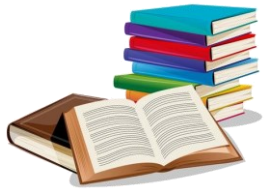
Important Terms Explained:

- **High Court Administrative Control:** The constitutional authority of **High Courts** under Article **235** to supervise and control district courts and subordinate judicial services, including specified personnel and administrative matters.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Subordinate Judiciary:** The courts operating below the **High Courts** within India's judicial hierarchy, including district courts and other lower courts exercising jurisdiction over civil and criminal matters.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Supreme Court welcomed the agreement of 14 states to raise the retirement age of district judicial officers.
Hearing Date	October 26, 2026.
Judicial Authority and Case	Three-judge Bench of the Supreme Court in All India Judges Association v. Union of India.
Proposed Retirement Age	Increase from 60 years to 62 years, providing two additional years of service.
States Agreeing	14 states as of October 26, 2026, compared with seven states identified in September 2026.
Initially Agreeing States	Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.
Implementation Conditions	Amendments to state judicial service rules, High Court suitability assessments and conditional continuation or reappointment of eligible officers.
Significance	Retention of experienced judges, improved judicial continuity, management of vacancies and support for reducing pending cases.

➤ **Which ethanol fuel has been permitted by the Central Government for specially designed and certified flex-fuel vehicles under the Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2026?**

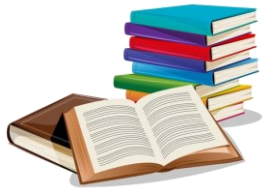
A) E10
B) E20
C) E50
D) E85
E) E100



Answer
E) E100.

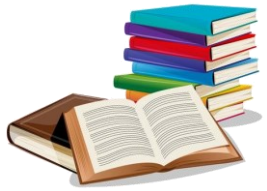
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** (MoRTH) amended the **Central Motor Vehicles Rules** to permit E**100** ethanol fuel in specially designed and certified Flexible-**Fuel Vehicles** (FFVs)**,** promoting alternative transport fuels and reducing dependence on imported crude oil.



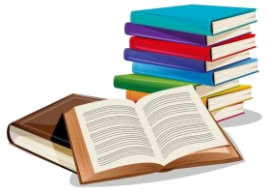
Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, applicable to eligible flex-fuel vehicles meeting prescribed fuel compatibility and emission certification requirements.
- **Date:** October **23, 2026** (notification date), published on October **26, 2026**.



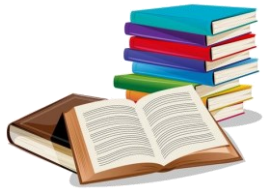
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** notified the **Central Motor Vehicles** (Amendment) Rules**, 2026,** through notification G.S.R. **911**(E) dated October **23, 2026,** amending the **Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989,** including Rule **115** concerning vehicle emission standards. The amendment recognises E**100** alongside E**85** for emission testing and certification of manufacturer-designed flex-fuel vehicles. It also increases the applicable gross vehicle weight threshold from **3,000 kg** to **3,500 kg** for specified light petrol and diesel vehicles. The amended rules came into force upon publication in the **Official Gazette** on October **26, 2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

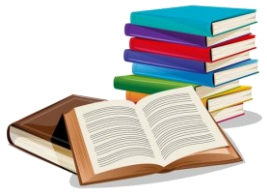
- **Objectives:** To promote ethanol-based alternative fuels, reduce dependence on imported petroleum, strengthen domestic biofuel production, support agricultural feedstock utilisation, diversify India's transport energy sources, encourage technological development in flex-fuel vehicles and establish a regulatory framework for their emission certification and safe operation.



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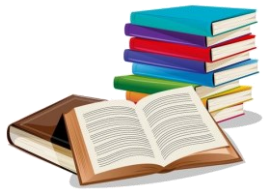
Important Terms Explained:

- E**100 Ethanol Fuel**: A high-ethanol-content fuel nominally containing **100%** ethanol**,** intended for vehicles specifically designed and certified to operate on E**100,** subject to applicable fuel specifications.



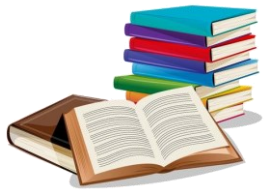
Important Terms Explained:

- Flexible-**Fuel Vehicle** (**FFV**): A vehicle equipped with an engine and fuel-management system designed to operate on approved blends of petrol and ethanol, depending on the manufacturer's specifications and certification.



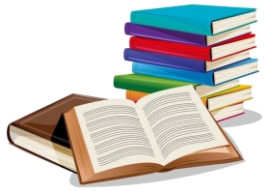
Important Terms Explained:

- **Central Motor Vehicles** (Amendment) Rules**, 2026**: Regulatory amendments notified by MoRTH to update provisions concerning vehicle emission certification**,** including recognition of E**100** fuel for eligible flex-fuel vehicles.



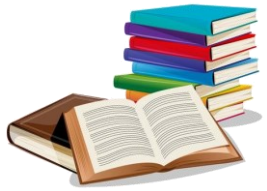
Important Terms Explained:

- **Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989**: Rules framed under the **Motor Vehicles Act, 1988,** governing vehicle registration, safety, construction, equipment, emission standards and other regulatory requirements in India.



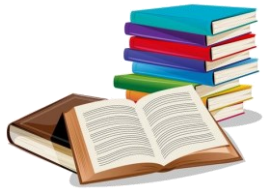
Important Terms Explained:

- Rule **115**: A provision of the **Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989,** dealing with emission standards and testing requirements for motor vehicles.



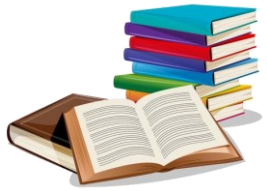
Important Terms Explained:

- E**10** Fuel: A petrol-ethanol blend containing approximately **10%** ethanol and **90%** petrol by volume.



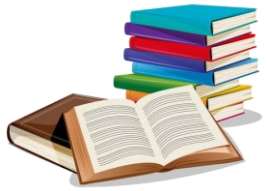
Important Terms Explained:

- E**20** Fuel: A petrol-ethanol blend containing approximately **20%** ethanol and **80%** petrol by volume**,** promoted under India's ethanol blending programme.



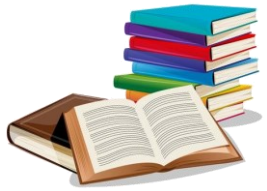
Important Terms Explained:

- E**85** Fuel: A high-ethanol fuel blend containing up to approximately **85%** ethanol**,** intended for compatible and certified flex-fuel vehicles.



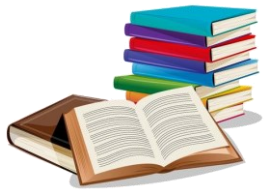
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme:** A **Government of India** initiative promoting the blending of ethanol with petrol to reduce fossil fuel imports, support domestic biofuel production and diversify transport energy sources.



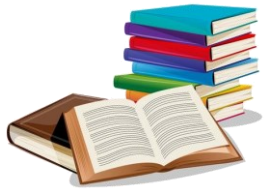
Important Terms Explained:

- **Biofuel:** A renewable fuel produced from biological materials such as sugarcane, maize, agricultural residues and other organic feedstocks.



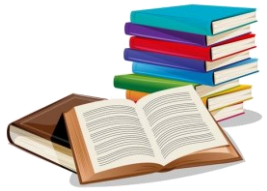
Important Terms Explained:

- **Emission Certification:** A regulatory testing and approval process confirming that a vehicle meets applicable exhaust emission standards when operating on specified fuels.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW):** The maximum permissible total weight of a vehicle, including the vehicle itself, passengers, fuel and cargo, as specified by the manufacturer or applicable regulations.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Central Government permitted E100 ethanol fuel for specially designed and certified flex-fuel vehicles.
Notification and Effective Dates	Notification dated October 23, 2026, published and effective from October 26, 2026.
Issuing Authority	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Government of India.
Notification and Rules	G.S.R. 911(E), Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2026, amending the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.
Fuel Recognition	E100 included alongside E85 in provisions concerning emission testing and certification of eligible flex-fuel vehicles.
Vehicle Eligibility	Restricted to manufacturer-designed flex-fuel vehicles certified for the particular ethanol fuel.
Weight Threshold Revision	Applicable gross vehicle weight threshold increased from 3,000 kg to 3,500 kg for specified light petrol and diesel vehicles.
Significance	Supports alternative transport fuels, domestic ethanol production, reduced petroleum import dependence and India's ethanol blending initiatives.

➤ **What is the proposed hydropower generation capacity of the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP) at Dite Dime in Arunachal Pradesh?**

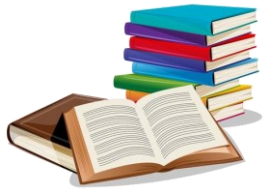
A) 8,500 MW
B) 9,600 MW
C) 11,200 MW
D) 12,500 MW
E) 15,000 MW



Answer
C) 11,200 MW.

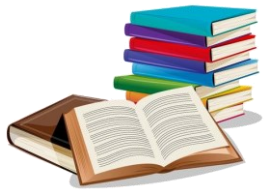
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The proposed **Siang Upper Multipurpose Project** (**SUMP**), with a planned hydropower capacity of **11,200 MW,** has attracted attention over its strategic importance in water security, renewable energy generation and concerns regarding indigenous communities.



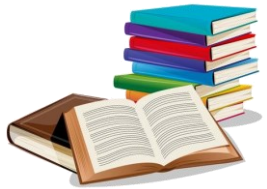
Event and Location:

- **Location: Siang River** basin**, Arunachal Pradesh,** India**,** with proposed sites including **Uggeng and Dite Dime**.
- **Date:** October **27, 2026** (reported date)**,** following consultations held on October **25, 2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

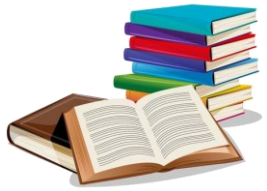
- **Mandates: The National Hydroelectric Power Corporation** (**NHPC**) has been assigned responsibility for conducting the pre-feasibility assessment of the proposed **Siang Upper Multipurpose Project in Arunachal Pradesh**. **The Dite Dime** proposal envisages a hydropower capacity of approximately **11,200 MW,** while **Chief Minister Pema Khandu** indicated a potential live water storage capacity of up to **9.2 billion** cubic metres. The project is being considered partly in response to China's large hydropower development on the **Yarlung Tsangpo River in Tibet,** where construction was announced on July **19, 2025**. The proposal has faced opposition from members of the indigenous Adi community over land, livelihood, environmental and cultural concerns



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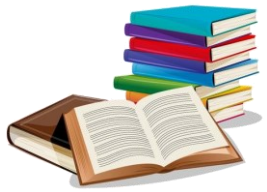
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To strengthen India's water security in the Brahmaputra river system, improve flood management through regulated water storage, expand renewable hydropower generation, address potential risks associated with upstream Chinese infrastructure and support energy security while examining environmental sustainability, indigenous rights and community welfare before any final construction decision.



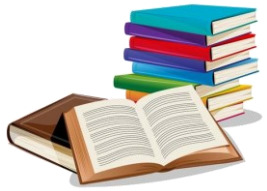
Important Terms Explained:

- **Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP):** A proposed hydropower and water storage project on the **Siang River in Arunachal Pradesh,** with the **Dite Dime** option envisaging approximately **11,200 MW** of electricity generation capacity.



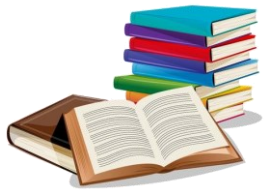
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC):** A central public sector hydropower company responsible for developing hydroelectric projects and undertaking preliminary technical assessments, including preparatory studies for **SUMP**.



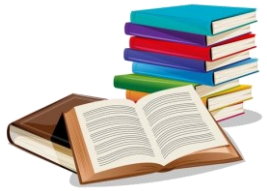
Important Terms Explained:

- Pre-**Feasibility Assessment**: An initial evaluation of a proposed infrastructure project to examine its technical possibilities, approximate costs, environmental constraints and overall viability before detailed investigations and approvals.



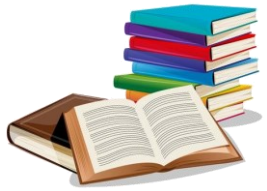
Important Terms Explained:

- **Yarlung Tsangpo River: The Tibetan** stretch of the river that enters **Arunachal Pradesh** as the Siang and subsequently becomes part of the Brahmaputra river system.



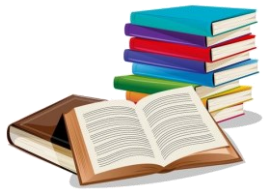
Important Terms Explained:

- **Brahmaputra River System:** A major transboundary river network flowing through China**, India and Bangladesh,** supporting agriculture**,** hydropower**,** biodiversity and water resources across the region.



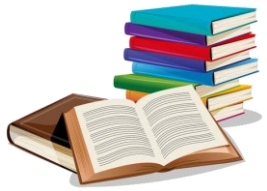
Important Terms Explained:

- **Live Storage Capacity:** The usable volume of water within a reservoir that can be regulated or released for purposes such as electricity generation, flood management and water supply.



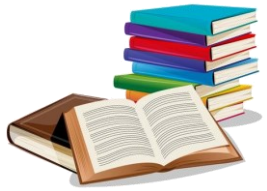
Important Terms Explained:

- **Hydropower Generation:** The production of electricity by converting the energy of flowing or falling water into mechanical energy through turbines and subsequently into electrical energy.



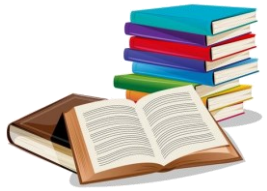
Important Terms Explained:

- **Adi Community:** An indigenous tribal community primarily inhabiting **Arunachal Pradesh,** with traditional cultural, agricultural and livelihood connections to the **Siang River** valley.



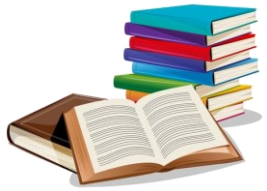
Important Terms Explained:

- **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):** A systematic process for evaluating the potential environmental consequences of a proposed project before decisions regarding approval and implementation.



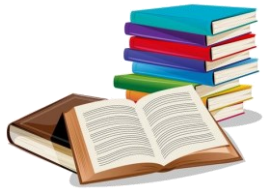
Important Terms Explained:

- **Social Impact Assessment (SIA):** An assessment of the potential effects of development projects on local populations, including displacement, livelihoods, land rights, cultural heritage and community welfare.



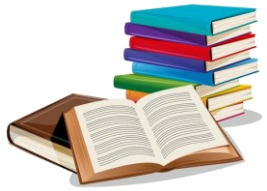
Important Terms Explained:

- **Seismic Risk:** The potential for damage or disruption caused by earthquakes, particularly relevant to major infrastructure projects in geologically active Himalayan regions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Transboundary Water Management:** The coordination and management of river systems shared by multiple countries, involving issues such as water availability, upstream development, flood risks and downstream impacts.



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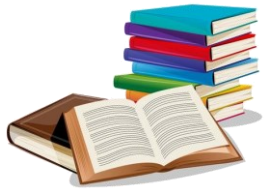
Parameter	Details
Project Name	Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP), a proposed hydropower and water storage development.
Location	Siang River basin, Arunachal Pradesh, with proposed sites including Uggeng and Dite Dime.
Proposed Capacity	Approximately 11,200 MW under the Dite Dime proposal.
Implementing Preparatory Agency	National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC), assigned to undertake pre-feasibility assessment.
Proposed Water Storage	Live storage capacity of up to 9.2 billion cubic metres, as indicated by Chief Minister Pema Khandu.
Strategic Background	China's large hydropower project on the Yarlung Tsangpo River in Tibet, with construction announced on July 19, 2025.
Opposition and Concerns	Indigenous Adi community and local organisations have raised concerns about displacement, livelihoods, cultural heritage, environmental risks and consultations.
Project Status and Significance	At the pre-feasibility stage without final construction approval, with potential benefits for water security, flood management and renewable electricity generation.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

➤ **Which ministry will introduce a financial-year-based Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) from April 2027, incorporating new questions on women entrepreneurs and enterprise investments?**

A) Ministry of Finance
B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
C) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
E) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

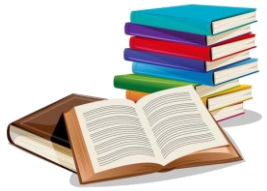
Answer
C) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.



Event and Location:

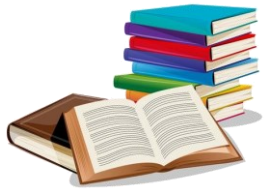
- **Event: The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** (MoSPI) announced revisions to the **Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises** (**ASUSE**) **2027–28,** introducing new questions on women entrepreneurs, fixed-asset investments, electricity sources and traditional industries while shifting to a financial-year-based survey cycle.

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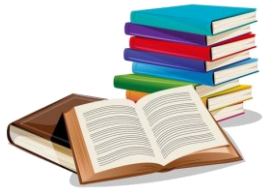
Event and Location:

- **Location:** India, covering unincorporated non-agricultural enterprises, excluding construction.
- **Date:** October **27, 2026** (reported announcement), with the revised survey scheduled from April **2027** to March **2028**.



Mandates and Objectives:

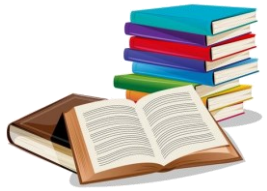
- **Mandates:** MoSPI, through the **National Statistics Office** (**NSO**), will conduct **ASUSE 2027–28** from April **2027** to March **2028,** replacing the existing January–December calendar-year survey cycle. The revised survey will introduce questions on gender-specific challenges faced by women entrepreneurs, sources of electricity used by enterprises, investments in fixed assets over a longer reference period and identification of handloom, power-loom and handicraft establishments. The changes will align **ASUSE** with the **Annual Survey of Industries** (**ASI**) and the **Annual Survey of Incorporated Services Sector Enterprises** (**ASISSE**), while retaining provisions for participating states to generate district-level estimates.



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Mandates and Objectives:

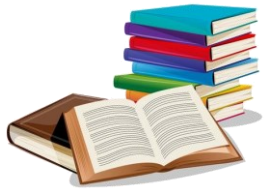
- **Objectives:** To improve the quality, relevance and comparability of official economic statistics, identify challenges affecting women-owned enterprises, strengthen data collection on investment and energy consumption, provide better information on traditional industries, support district-level economic planning and facilitate integration of unincorporated-sector statistics into **National Accounts**.



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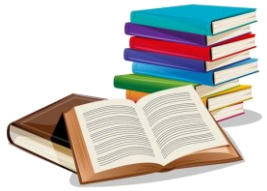
Important Terms Explained:

- **Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE):** An annual statistical survey conducted by the **NSO** since **2021–22** to collect information on the characteristics, operations, employment and economic performance of unincorporated non-agricultural enterprises, excluding construction.



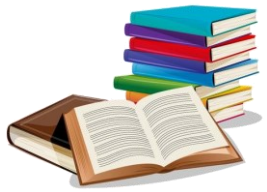
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Statistics Office (NSO):** The statistical organisation under MoSPI responsible for conducting major national surveys and compiling official statistics to support economic analysis and government policymaking.



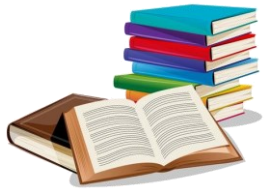
Important Terms Explained:

- **Unincorporated Sector Enterprises:** Business establishments that are not legally incorporated as separate corporate entities, including many sole proprietorships, partnerships and small informal businesses.



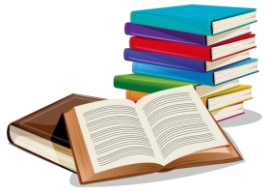
Important Terms Explained:

- Gender-**Specific Constraints**: Difficulties faced by entrepreneurs because of gender-related factors, which the revised survey seeks to identify among women entrepreneurs for research and policymaking.



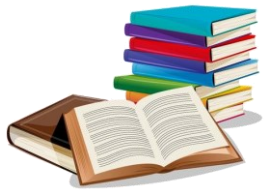
Important Terms Explained:

- Fixed-**Asset Investment**: Expenditure incurred by enterprises on acquiring or improving long-term productive assets such as machinery, equipment, buildings and other business infrastructure.



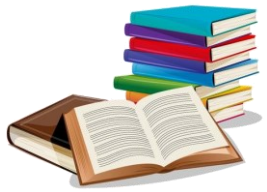
Important Terms Explained:

- Financial-Year-**Based Survey**: A statistical survey conducted according to the April–March financial year rather than the January–December calendar year to improve consistency with other economic datasets.



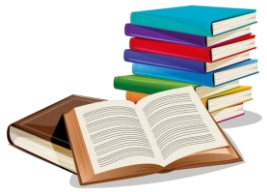
Important Terms Explained:

- **Annual Survey of Industries (ASI):** A major industrial survey that collects information on the structure, production, employment, investment and economic performance of India's registered manufacturing sector.



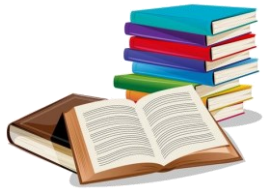
Important Terms Explained:

- **Annual Survey of Incorporated Services Sector Enterprises (ASISSE):** A statistical survey framework designed to collect economic and operational information from incorporated enterprises operating in India's services sector.



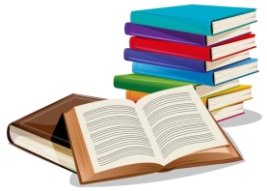
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Accounts:** A system of economic statistics measuring the production, income, expenditure and overall economic activity of a country, including indicators such as **Gross Domestic Product**.



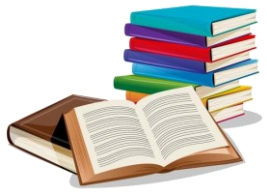
Important Terms Explained:

- District-**Level Estimates**: Statistical estimates prepared for individual districts to support decentralised economic analysis, planning and policy formulation.



Important Terms Explained:

- Handloom, Power-**Loom and Handicraft Enterprises**: Traditional and textile-related establishments involved in manual weaving, mechanised weaving and the production of handcrafted goods, respectively.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	MoSPI announced revisions to ASUSE 2027–28, including a shift to a financial-year-based survey cycle.
Survey Period	April 2027 to March 2028.
Conducting Authority	National Statistics Office (NSO), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
Survey Coverage	Unincorporated non-agricultural enterprises across India, excluding construction activities.
New Gender-Related Questions	Collection of information on difficulties faced by women entrepreneurs in establishing and operating enterprises.
Investment and Energy Data	Expanded questions on fixed-asset investments over a longer reference period and different electricity sources used by enterprises.
Traditional Industry Identification	New questions to identify handloom, power-loom and handicraft establishments, following Ministry of Textiles recommendations.
Survey Alignment and Transition	Shift from January–December to April–March, aligning with ASI and ASISSE, while continuing the existing ASUSE 2026 schedule through March 2027.

➤ **How many new ministers were inducted into the Jammu and Kashmir Council of Ministers by Chief Minister Omar Abdullah during the cabinet expansion on October 27, 2026?**

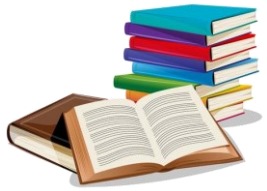
A) Two
B) Three
C) Four
D) Five
E) Six



Answer
C) Four.

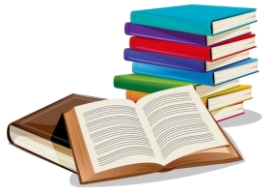
Event and Location:

- **Event: Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah** expanded the **Union Territory**'s **Council of Ministers** by inducting four new ministers from the **Jammu and Kashmir National Conference** (NC)**,** strengthening regional and women's representation.
- **Location: Jammu and Kashmir,** India.



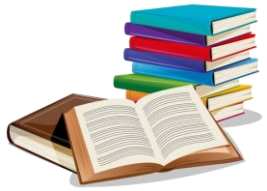
Event and Location:

- **Date:** October **27, 2026**.



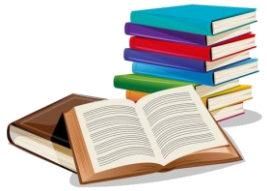
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Chief Minister Omar Abdullah** expanded the **Jammu and Kashmir Council of Ministers** by inducting **Ali Mohammad Sagar, Mir Saifullah, Shameema Firdous and Altaf Ahmad Wani** (Kalloo) on October **27, 2026**. All four ministers belong to the **Jammu and Kashmir National Conference** (**JKNC**). The expansion was intended to bring the Council's strength to nine, including the **Chief Minister,** following a proposed ministerial exit. **Under Section 53** of the **Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019,** the total number of ministers cannot exceed **10%** of the **Legislative Assembly**'s membership.



Mandates and Objectives:

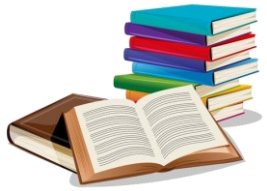
- **Objectives:** To strengthen administrative representation in the **Jammu and Kashmir** government**,** improve the representation of different constituencies of the **Kashmir Valley,** increase women's participation in the **Council of Ministers,** utilise experienced legislators in governance and ensure compliance with the statutory ceiling on ministerial appointments.



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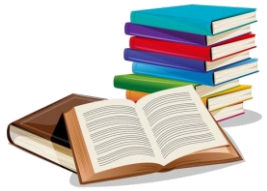
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cabinet Expansion:** The process of appointing additional ministers to an existing government to redistribute administrative responsibilities and improve political or regional representation.



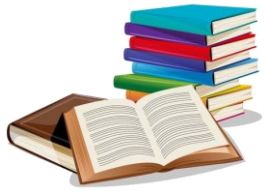
Important Terms Explained:

- **Jammu and Kashmir Council of Ministers:** The executive body headed by the **Chief Minister** responsible for administering the **Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir** and implementing government policies.



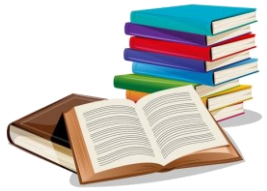
Important Terms Explained:

- **Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC):** A regional political party in **Jammu and Kashmir** associated with the Abdullah family and represented by all four ministers inducted in the October **2026** expansion.



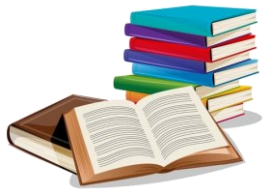
Important Terms Explained:

- **Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019**: Parliamentary legislation that reorganised the former state of **Jammu and Kashmir** into the **Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh,** effective October **31, 2019**.



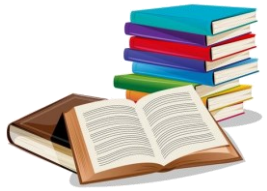
Important Terms Explained:

- Section **53**: A provision of the **Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019,** specifying that the total number of ministers, including the **Chief Minister,** shall not exceed **10%** of the total membership of the **Legislative Assembly**.



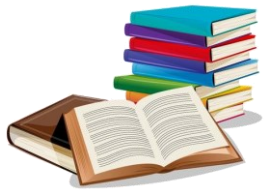
Important Terms Explained:

- **Legislative Assembly:** An elected lawmaking body responsible for passing laws within its constitutional jurisdiction, overseeing government functioning and representing constituencies.



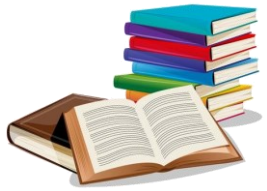
Important Terms Explained:

- **Delimitation:** The process of redrawing electoral constituency boundaries to reflect population distribution and other legally prescribed considerations.



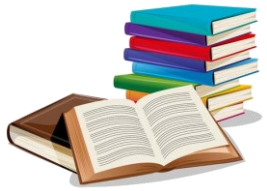
Important Terms Explained:

- **Oath of Office:** A formal constitutional declaration undertaken by an appointed minister before assuming official responsibilities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ministerial Strength:** The total number of members serving in the **Council of Ministers,** including the **Chief Minister,** subject to the applicable constitutional or statutory limit.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Expansion of the Jammu and Kashmir Council of Ministers through the induction of four ministers.
Date	October 27, 2026.
Chief Minister	Omar Abdullah of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference.
Newly Inducted Ministers	Ali Mohammad Sagar, Mir Saifullah, Shameema Firdous and Altaf Ahmad Wani (Kalloo).
Constituencies	Ali Mohammad Sagar – Khanyar; Mir Saifullah – Trehgam; Shameema Firdous – Habbakadal; Altaf Ahmad Wani – Pahalgam.
Women's Representation	Shameema Firdous became the second woman minister in Omar Abdullah's Council, after Sakina Itoo.
Cabinet Strength	Expected to reach nine ministers, including the Chief Minister, following the proposed adjustment in the Council.
Legal Provision	Section 53 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, limits ministerial strength to 10% of the 90-member Legislative Assembly, or nine ministers.

➤ **What percentage of assessed shallow-water coral reef ecosystems were classified as Critically Endangered in the IUCN's first global Red List of Ecosystems assessment released in October 2026?**

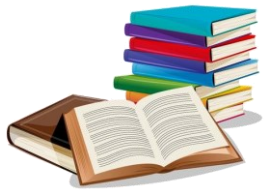
A) 75%
B) 82%
C) 89%
D) 96%
E) 99%



Answer
D) 96%.

Event and Location:

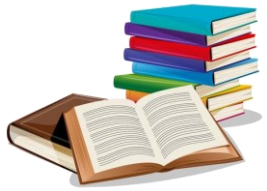
- **Event: The International Union for Conservation of Nature** (**IUCN**) released its first global coral reef assessment under the **Red List of Ecosystems** (**RLE**), classifying **96%** of assessed shallow-water coral reef ecosystems as **Critically Endangered,** with potential ecosystem collapse risks by **2075**.



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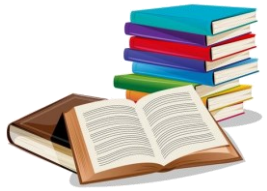
Event and Location:

- **Location:** Yerevan, Armenia, during the **17**th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on **Biological Diversity** (**CBD** COP**17**), covering coral reef ecosystems across more than **80** countries and territories.
- **Date:** October **22, 2026**.



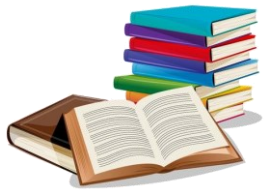
Mandates and Objectives:

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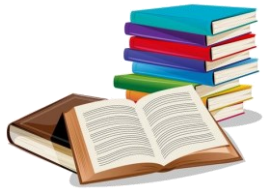
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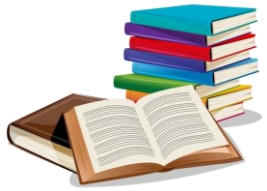
Important Terms Explained:

- **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN):** A global environmental organisation that assesses the conservation status of species and ecosystems and supports biodiversity protection through scientific research, international cooperation and conservation initiatives.



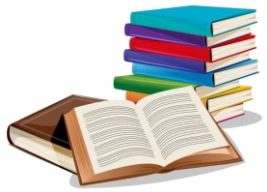
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- **IUCN Red List of Ecosystems (RLE):** A scientific assessment framework used to classify ecosystems according to their risk of collapse, helping governments and conservation organisations identify ecosystems requiring urgent protection.



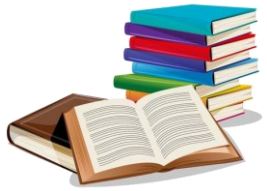
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- **Critically Endangered Ecosystem:** An ecosystem classified under the **IUCN Red List of Ecosystems** as facing an extremely high risk of collapse according to specified scientific criteria.



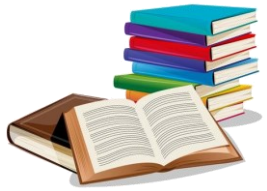
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- **Collapsed Ecosystem:** An ecosystem that has lost its defining ecological characteristics and can no longer sustain its original ecological identity and functions.



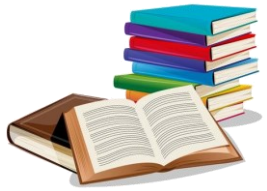
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- **Data Deficient:** An assessment category indicating that insufficient information is available to reliably determine an ecosystem's risk of collapse.



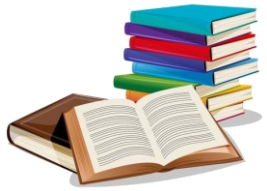
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- **Coral Reef Ecosystem:** A marine ecosystem formed primarily by reef-building corals that provides habitats for diverse marine organisms, supports fisheries and tourism, and protects coastlines from wave damage.



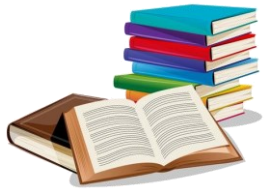
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- **Coral Bleaching:** A stress response in which corals lose their symbiotic algae or algal pigments, often due to elevated seawater temperatures, causing them to appear white and potentially leading to death if stressful conditions persist.



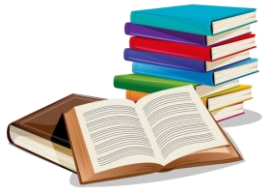
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- **Zooxanthellae:** Microscopic photosynthetic algae living symbiotically within coral tissues that provide nutrients through photosynthesis and contribute to coral coloration.



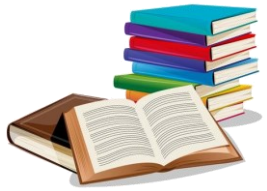
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- **Marine Heatwave:** A prolonged period of unusually high ocean temperatures that can damage marine biodiversity, trigger coral bleaching and disrupt marine food chains.



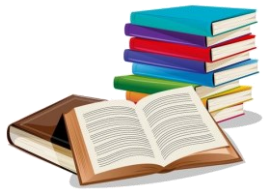
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- SSP**2-4.5 Climate Scenario**: An intermediate greenhouse gas emissions pathway used in climate projections, combining a middle-of-the-road socioeconomic development scenario with a radiative forcing level of approximately **4.5** watts per square metre by **2100**.



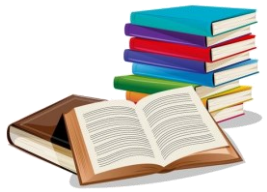
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- **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD):** An international environmental treaty adopted in **1992** to conserve biological diversity, promote sustainable use of its components and ensure fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from genetic resources.



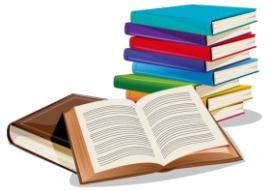
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- **CBD** COP**17**: The **17**th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on **Biological Diversity,** serving as an international platform for reviewing biodiversity conservation commitments and policies.



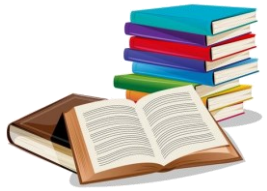
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- **Coral Triangle:** A marine region in **Southeast Asia** and the western Pacific recognised for its exceptionally high diversity of coral species and associated marine life.



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- Crown-of-**Thorns Starfish**: A coral-eating marine starfish whose population outbreaks can cause substantial damage to coral reef ecosystems.

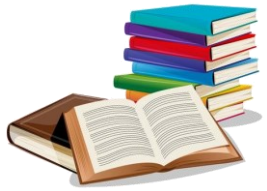


Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	IUCN released its first global Red List of Ecosystems assessment of shallow-water coral reefs, highlighting widespread collapse risks by 2075.
Release Date and Venue	October 22, 2026, at CBD COP17 in Yerevan, Armenia.
Issuing Organisation	International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
Assessment Coverage	127 coral reef ecosystems across more than 80 countries and territories, covering approximately 188,362 sq. km and involving over 250 experts.
Critically Endangered Ecosystems	122 of 127 ecosystems (96%), representing 99.8% of assessed coral reef area.
Other Classification Results	One ecosystem classified as Collapsed and four as Data Deficient.
Major Threats	Ocean warming, marine heatwaves, coral bleaching, overfishing, pollution, coastal development and ecological imbalances.
Climate Projection and Significance	Future risks assessed under SSP2-4.5, highlighting the need for climate action, marine biodiversity conservation and coral reef protection.

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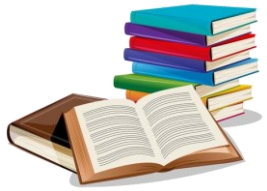
- India set a new men's T20I record against New Zealand in Wellington on October 27, 2026, by reaching 100 runs in five overs and scoring 118/0 in the powerplay, surpassing previous records held by Romania.
- England and Bayern Munich striker Harry Kane reportedly won his first Men's Ballon d'Or at the 70th ceremony in London in October 2026, while Spain's Alexia Putellas secured her third Women's Ballon d'Or, recognising their outstanding football performances.
- The National Capital Region Transport Corporation received the Best Passenger Services and Satisfaction Award for the Delhi–Meerut Namo Bharat Corridor at UMI 2026 in Bhubaneswar, recognising its passenger-friendly high-speed regional rail services.
- The Defence Acquisition Council, chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, approved in principle defence acquisition proposals worth approximately ₹2.12 lakh crore in October 2026, with 82% planned from Indian industry to strengthen military modernisation and self-reliance.



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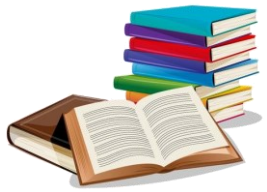
- **The Supreme Court of India welcomed the agreement of 14 states on October 26, 2026, to raise district judicial officers' retirement age from 60 to 62 years, aiming to retain experienced judges and improve the functioning of subordinate courts.**
- **The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways permitted E100 ethanol fuel for specially designed and certified flex-fuel vehicles through the Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2026, supporting alternative fuels and reduced crude oil dependence.**
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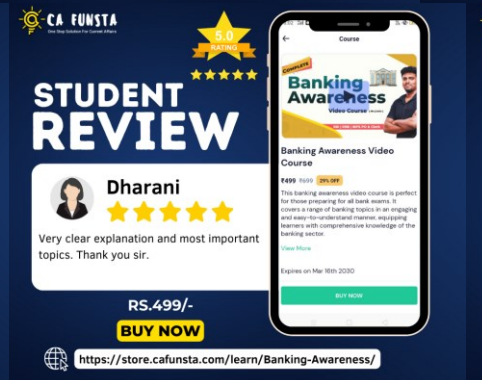

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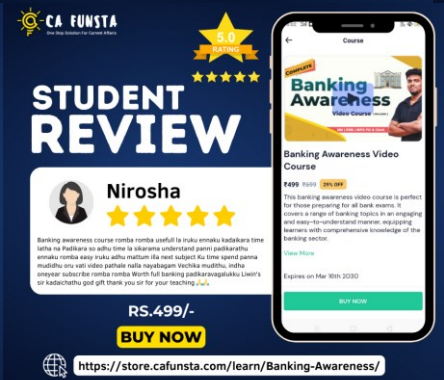

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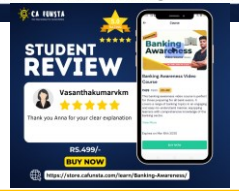

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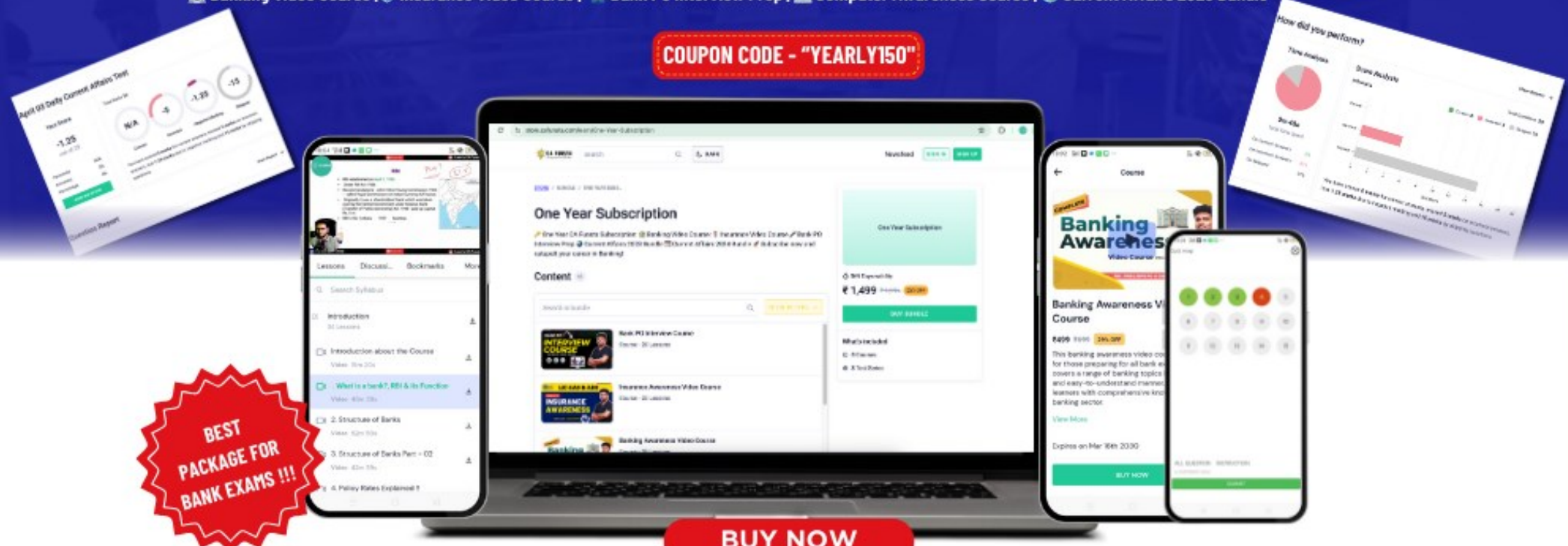
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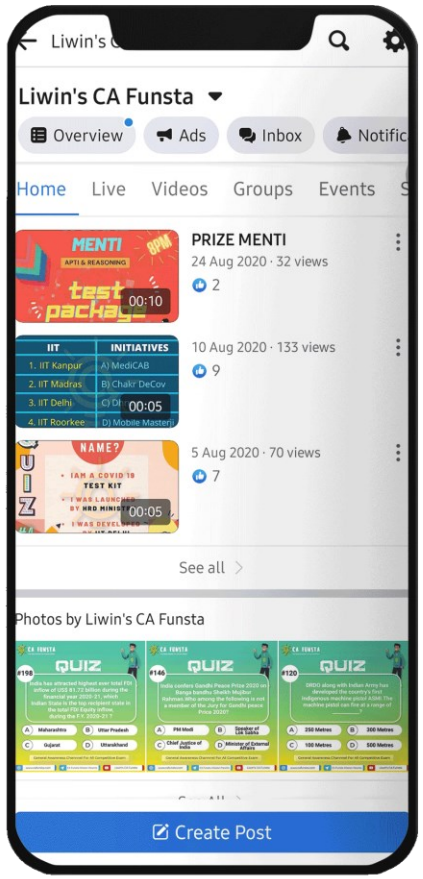
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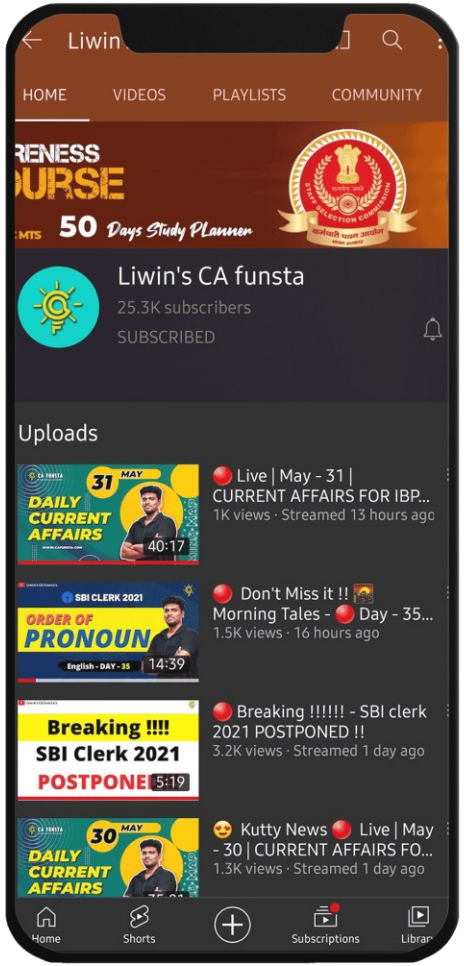


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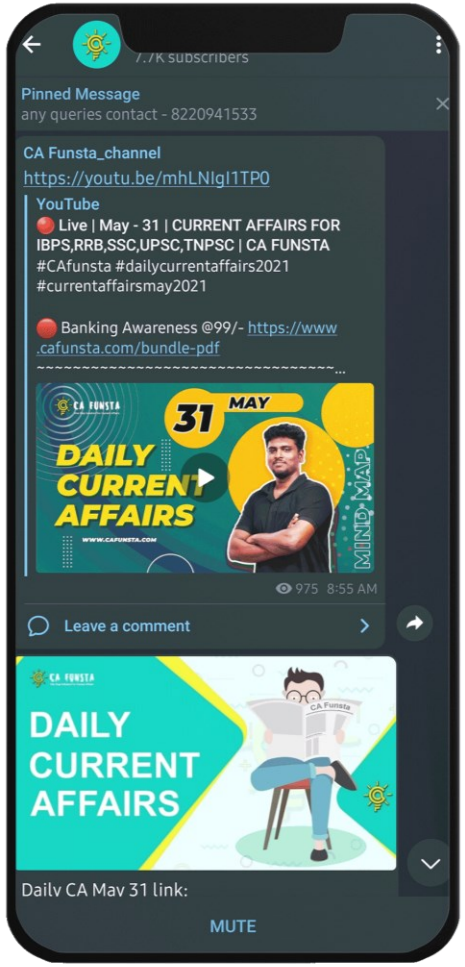
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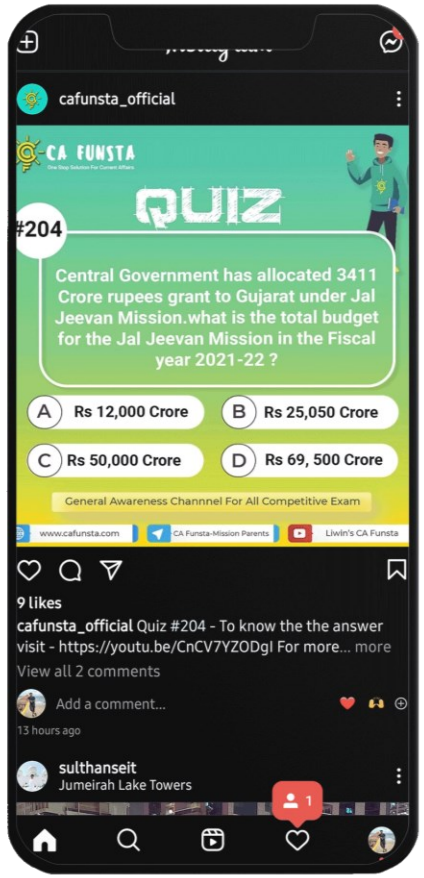


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