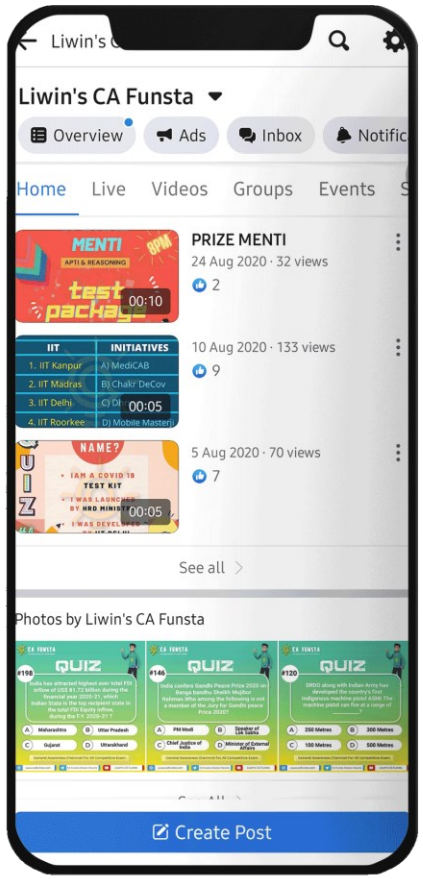
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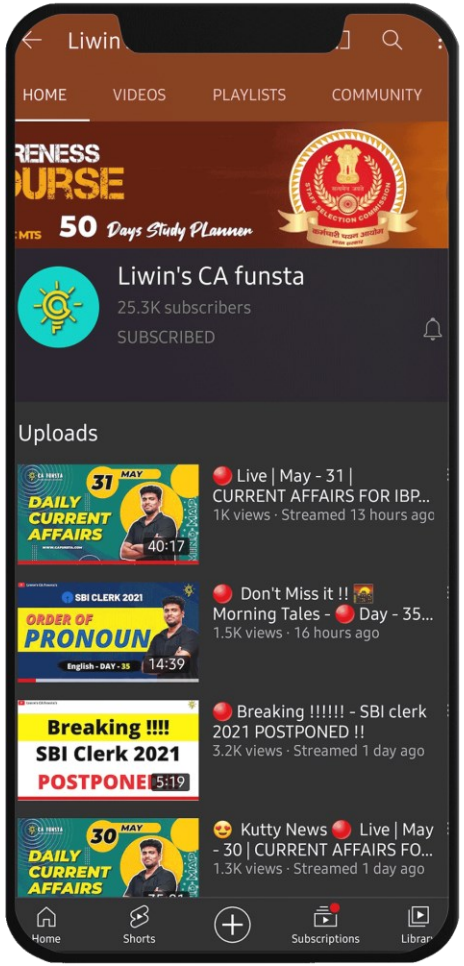
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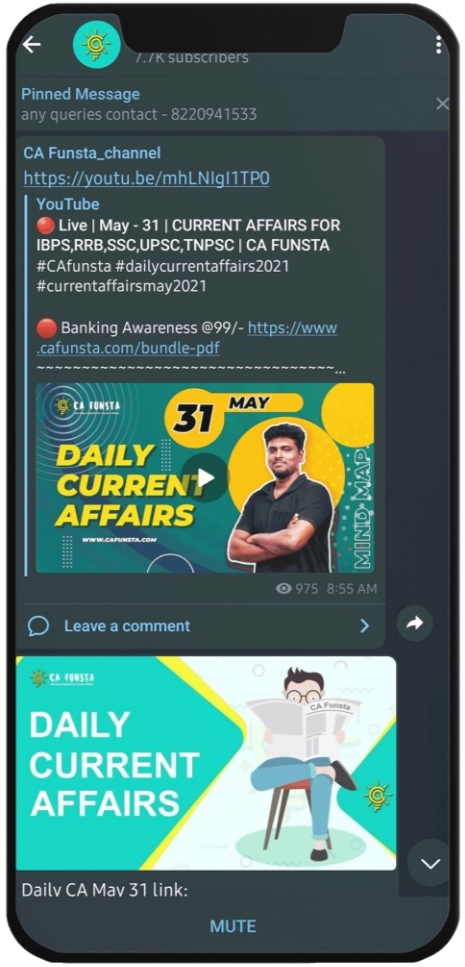
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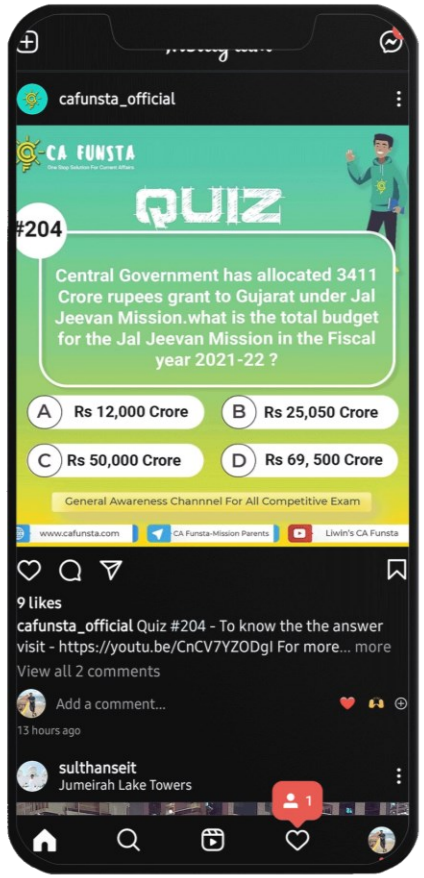


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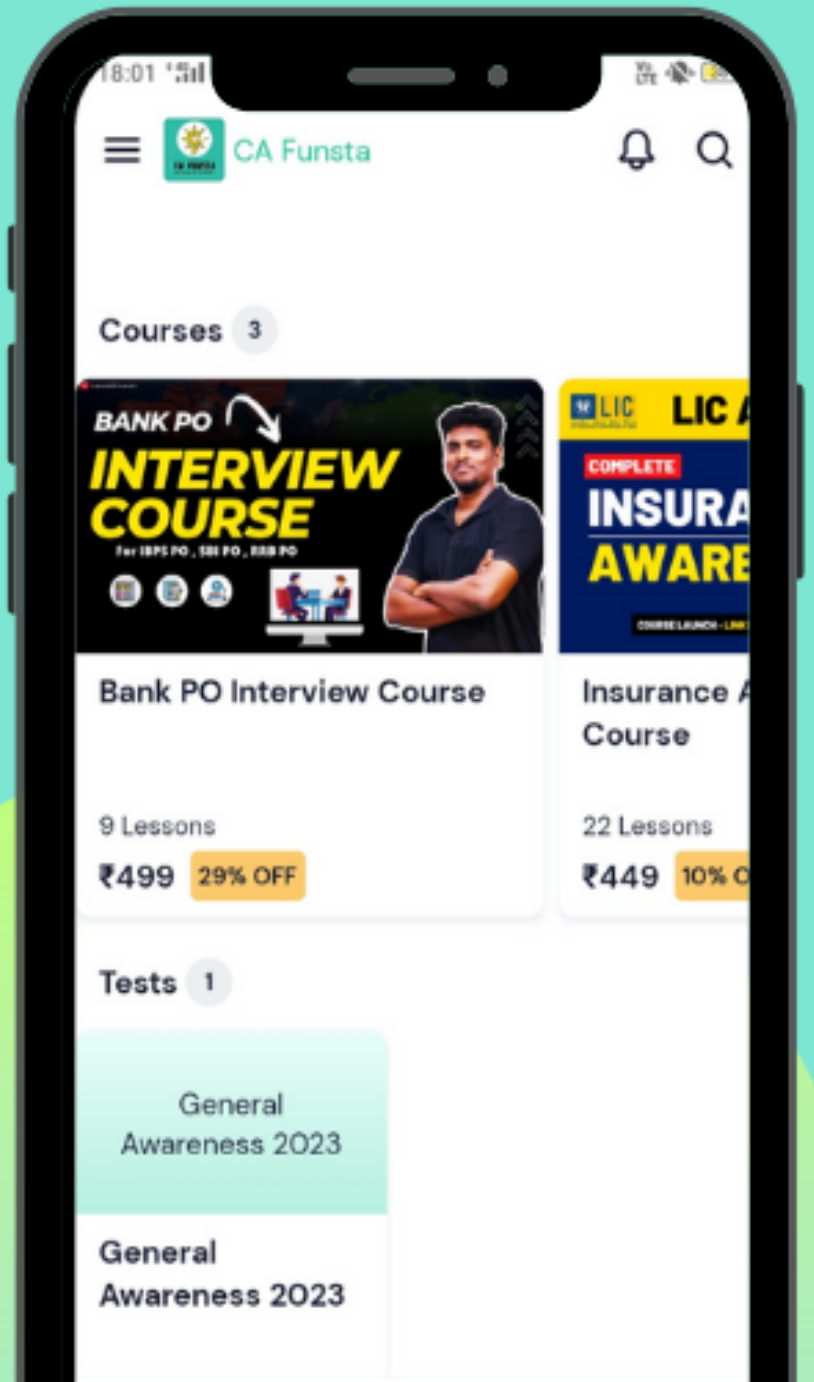
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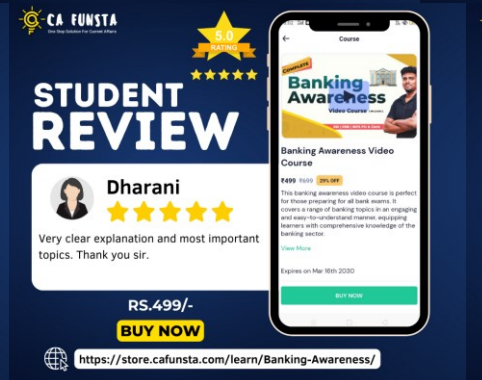

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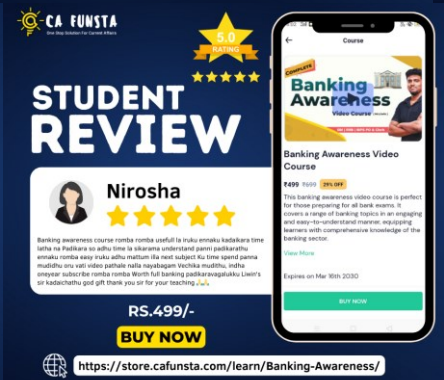

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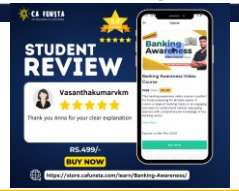

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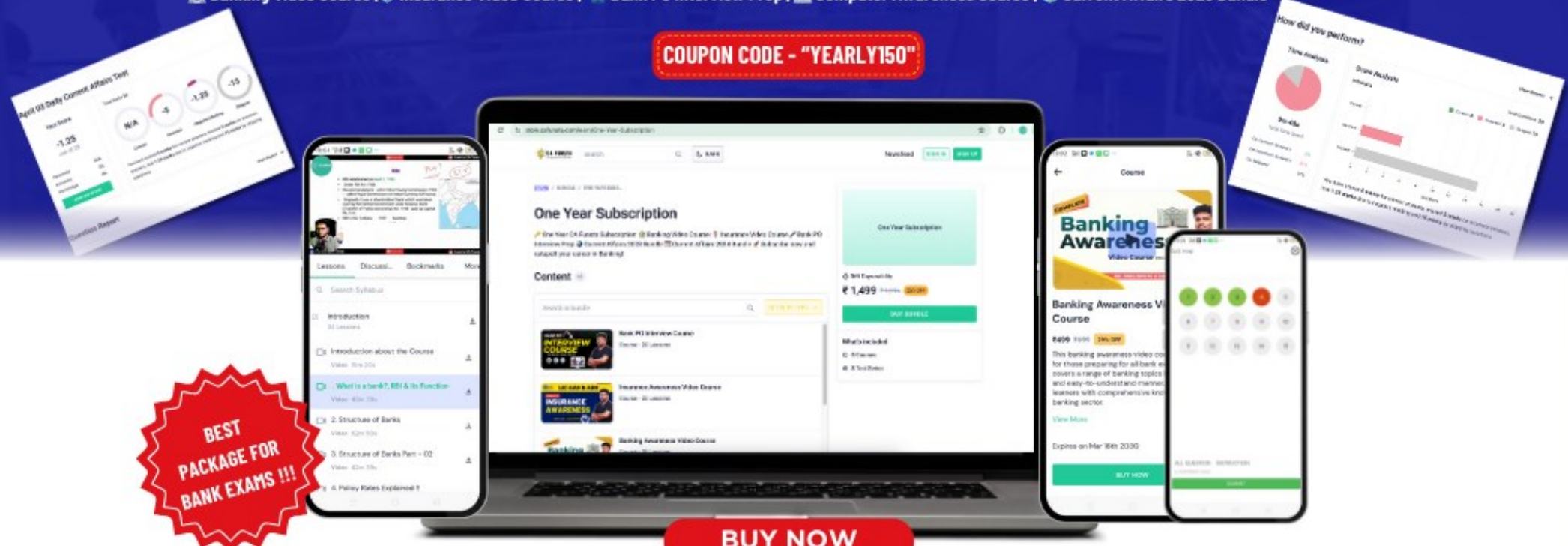
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Important Days

➤ **Which birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was observed as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on October 31, 2026?**

A) 149th Birth Anniversary
B) 150th Birth Anniversary
C) 151st Birth Anniversary
D) 152nd Birth Anniversary
E) 153rd Birth Anniversary

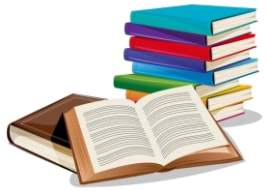


Answer
C) 151st Birth Anniversary.

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Event and Location:

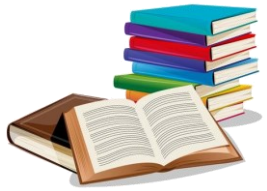
- **Event:** India observed the **151**st birth anniversary of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,** popularly known as the **Iron Man of India,** as **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas** (**National Unity Day**) to honour his contributions to national integration.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** October **31, 2026**.



Important Days

Mandates and Objectives:

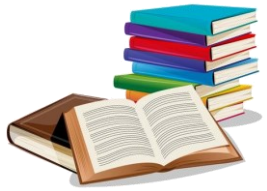
- **Mandates: The Government of India** observes **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas** annually on October **31** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,** India's first **Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister**. Introduced in **2014,** the observance recognises Patel's contributions to the Indian freedom struggle**,** integration of over **560** princely states**,** strengthening of the **All India Services,** and consolidation of India's administrative structure after independence.



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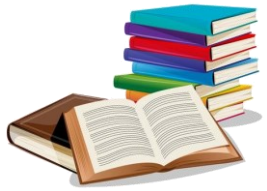
- **Objectives:** To commemorate **Sardar Patel**'s contributions to nation-building, promote national unity, integrity, and solidarity, recognise his leadership in integrating princely states, and encourage citizens to uphold India's unity despite its cultural, linguistic, and regional diversity.



Important Days

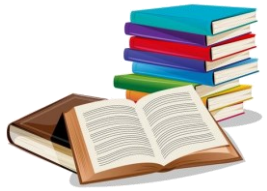
Important Terms Explained:

- **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas: National Unity Day,** observed annually on October **31** since **2014** to commemorate **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**'s birth anniversary and promote national integration.



Important Terms Explained:

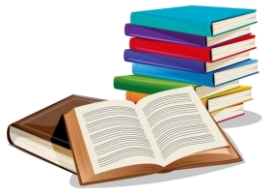
- **Integration of Princely States:** The political and administrative process of incorporating more than **560** princely states into the **Indian Union** after independence in **1947,** led primarily by **Sardar Patel** with the assistance of V. P. Menon.



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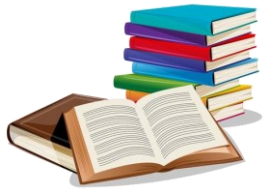
Important Terms Explained:

- **Kheda Satyagraha** (**1918**): A farmers' movement in Gujarat led by **Mahatma Gandhi** with significant support from **Vallabhbhai Patel,** demanding relief from land revenue collection following crop failures.



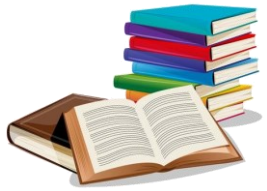
Important Terms Explained:

- **Bardoli Satyagraha** (**1928**): A non-violent farmers' movement led by **Vallabhbhai Patel in Gujarat** against increased land revenue assessments, following which he became widely known by the title Sardar.



Important Terms Explained:

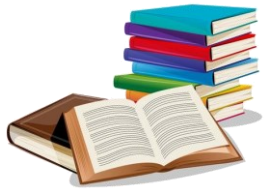
- **All India Services:** Civil services, including the **Indian Administrative Service** (**IAS**) and **Indian Police Service** (**IPS**), that serve both the **Union and State Governments**. Patel advocated their development as the administrative steel frame of India.



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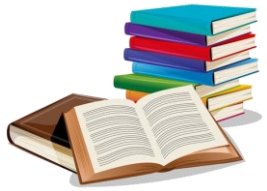
Important Terms Explained:

- **Karachi Session** of the **Indian National Congress** (**1931**): A Congress session presided over by **Sardar Patel,** during which important resolutions concerning **Fundamental Rights** and the **National Economic Programme** were adopted.



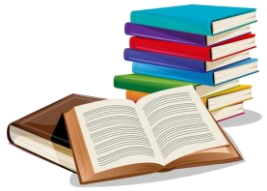
Important Terms Explained:

- **Statue of Unity:** A **182**-metre-tall statue of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** located at **Ekta Nagar** (formerly Kevadia), Gujarat, inaugurated on October **31, 2018,** to commemorate his contributions to national integration.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bharat Ratna:** India's highest civilian award, conferred posthumously on **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** in **1991** in recognition of his contributions to the freedom struggle and nation-building.



Important Days

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Observance	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Jayanti and Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2026.
Date and Anniversary	October 31, 2026, marking the 151st birth anniversary.
Birth Details	October 31, 1875, in Nadiad, Gujarat.
National Unity Day Initiated	2014, by the Government of India.
Major Government Positions	First Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of independent India.
Major Contributions	Integration of over 560 princely states, leadership of farmers' movements, and strengthening of the All India Services.
Major Honours and Memorial	Bharat Ratna in 1991 and Statue of Unity inaugurated in 2018.
Death Details	December 15, 1950, in Bombay, now Mumbai.



➤ **Who won India's only gold medal at the World Boxing U19 Championships 2026 held in Montenegro?**

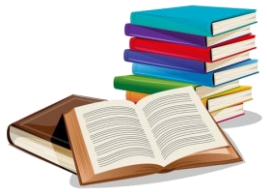
A) Harshika
B) Megha Sheokand
C) Prachi Tokas
D) Aditya
E) Yashua Flemming



Answer
D) Aditya.

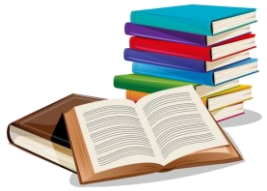
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India won four medals (one gold, one silver, and two bronze) at the **World Boxing** U**19** Championships **2026,** with Aditya securing the country's only gold medal in the men's **55kg** category.
- **Location:** Budva, Montenegro.



Event and Location:

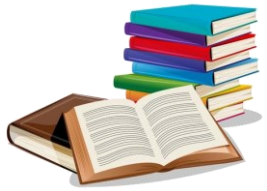
- **Date:** October **2026** (reported on October **30, 2026**).



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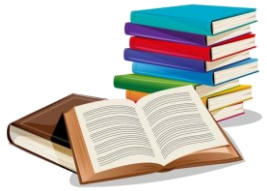
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The World Boxing** U19 Championships **2026,** organised under **World Boxing,** featured **474** athletes competing across **20** weight categories. India secured four medals**,** with Aditya winning gold in the men's **55kg** category by defeating Russia's **Islam Magomedov 4–1** in the final. **Megha Sheokand** claimed silver in the women's **80kg** category**,** while **Harshika and Prachi Tokas** won bronze medals. Russia led the gold-medal standings with five titles**,** followed by Uzbekistan with four.



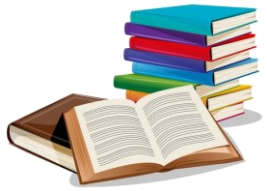
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To provide international competitive opportunities for boxers under **19** years of age, identify emerging boxing talent, promote youth participation in the sport, and strengthen international competition across men's and women's weight categories.



Mandates and Objectives:

- The positions above follow the reported gold-medal standings; countries with equal gold totals cannot be conclusively ordered without complete silver- and bronze-medal counts.

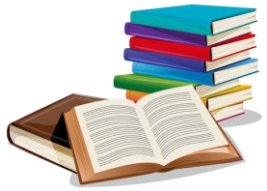


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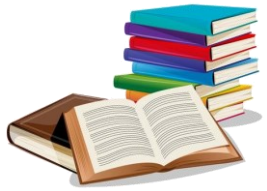
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1	Country: Russia. | Gold Medals / Remarks: 5 gold medals.
2	Country: Uzbekistan. | Gold Medals / Remarks: 4 gold medals.
3	Country: United States. | Gold Medals / Remarks: 2 gold medals.
4	Country: Kazakhstan. | Gold Medals / Remarks: 1 gold medal.
5	Country: China. | Gold Medals / Remarks: 1 gold medal.
6	Country: Ireland. | Gold Medals / Remarks: 1 gold medal.
7	Country: India. | Gold Medals / Remarks: 1 gold, 1 silver, and 2 bronze medals.



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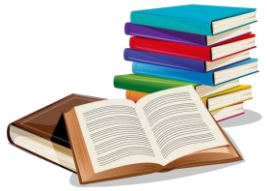
Important Terms Explained:

- **World Boxing:** An international boxing federation responsible for organising and governing boxing competitions, including international championships and youth-level events.



Important Terms Explained:

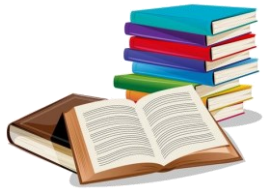
- U**19** Championships: International competitions for athletes below **19** years of age, designed to develop emerging talent and provide experience at the world level.



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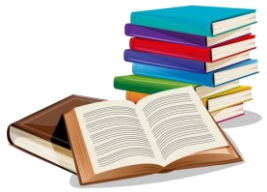
Important Terms Explained:

- **55kg Weight Category**: A boxing division in which competitors must satisfy the prescribed weight limit of **55** kilograms to participate.



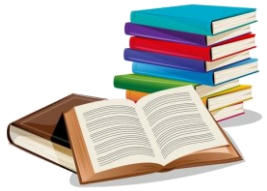
Important Terms Explained:

- **Referee Stops Contest (RSC):** A boxing result declared when the referee stops a bout because a boxer cannot safely continue or is being outclassed under the applicable competition rules.



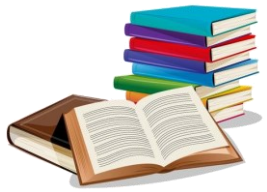
Important Terms Explained:

- **Standing Eight Count:** A protective procedure in amateur boxing in which the referee temporarily pauses the contest to assess a boxer following a significant blow or difficulty continuing.



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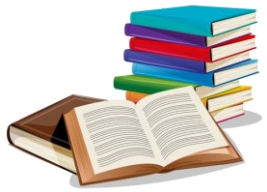
- Judges' Decision: A boxing result determined through the judges' scoring of the contest, with scores such as **5–0** indicating a unanimous decision and **4–1** indicating a split decision.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	World Boxing U19 Championships 2026.
Host Location	Budva, Montenegro.
Organising Federation	World Boxing.
India's Medal Tally	4 medals comprising 1 gold, 1 silver, and 2 bronze.
Gold Medallist	Aditya, men's 55kg category, defeated Islam Magomedov of Russia 4–1.
Silver Medallist	Megha Sheokand, women's 80kg category, lost to Ekaterina Frolova of Russia 0–5.
Bronze Medallists	Harshika and Prachi Tokas.
Tournament Highlights	474 athletes participated, 20 world champions were crowned, and Russia led with 5 gold medals.



OBITUARY

➤ **Which British actor, famous for portraying Captain Jean-Luc Picard in Star Trek and Professor X in X-Men, was reported to have died at the age of 86 in October 2026?**

A) Ian McKellen
B) Michael Caine
C) Patrick Stewart
D) Anthony Hopkins
E) Christopher Lee



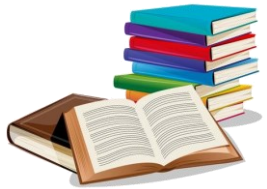
Answer
C) Patrick Stewart.

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Event and Location:

- **Event: Renowned British** actor **Sir Patrick Stewart,** best known for portraying **Captain Jean-Luc Picard in Star Trek and Professor Charles Xavier** (Professor X) in X-Men**,** was reported to have died at the age of **86**.
- **Location: United Kingdom** (nationality); place of death not specified.

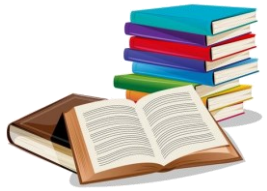


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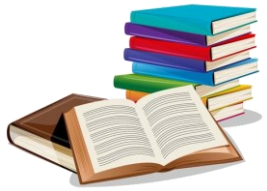
Event and Location:

- **Date:** October **28, 2026** (reported date of death, independently unverified).



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The report states that **Patrick Stewart** died following complications associated with Alzheimer's disease and Lewy body dementia, as disclosed by his spokesperson. His career spanned Shakespearean theatre, television, and cinema, with internationally recognised performances in **Star Trek**: **The Next Generation** and the X-Men film franchise.

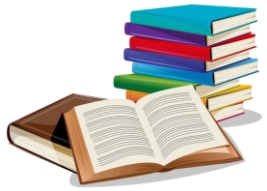


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To recognise **Patrick Stewart**'s contributions to British theatre, science-fiction television, and superhero cinema, including his celebrated portrayals of **Captain Picard and Professor** X, and his achievements in dramatic performance.

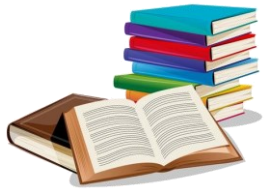


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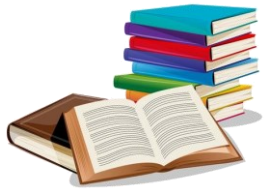
- **Star Trek: The Next Generation**: **An American** science-fiction television series broadcast from September **28, 1987,** to **1994** across seven seasons**,** featuring **Patrick Stewart** as **Captain Jean-Luc Picard,** commander of the **USS** Enterprise-D.



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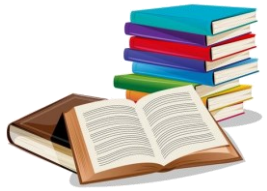
- X-Men: A **Marvel Comics** superhero franchise featuring mutants with extraordinary abilities**,** in which **Patrick Stewart** portrayed **Professor Charles Xavier,** the founder and mentor of the X-Men**,** beginning with the **2000** film.



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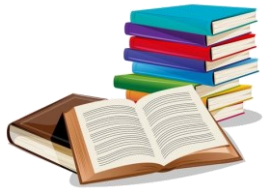
- **Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC):** A major British theatre organisation dedicated to performing works by **William Shakespeare** and other playwrights. **Patrick Stewart** joined the company in **1966**.



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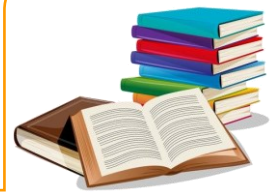
Important Terms Explained:

- Alzheimer's Disease: A progressive neurodegenerative disorder that primarily affects memory, thinking, and cognitive functioning and is a leading cause of dementia.



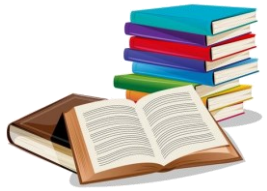
Important Terms Explained:

- **Lewy Body Dementia:** A neurodegenerative condition associated with abnormal deposits of alpha-synuclein protein in the brain, causing cognitive fluctuations, movement difficulties, and visual hallucinations.



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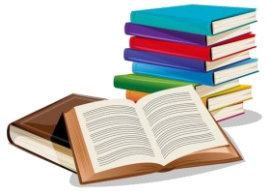
- **Laurence Olivier Awards: Prestigious British** theatre awards recognising outstanding achievements in professional theatre, with **Patrick Stewart** receiving two awards during his career.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Knight Bachelor:** A British honour awarded for distinguished personal achievements or public service. **Patrick Stewart** was knighted by **Queen Elizabeth** II in **2010** for his services to drama.

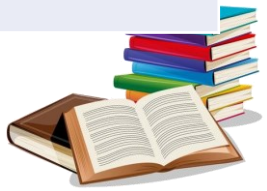


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Person	Sir Patrick Stewart, British actor.
Reported Date of Death	October 28, 2026, at the age of 86 (unverified).
Birth Details	July 13, 1940, in Mirfield, West Yorkshire, England.
Reported Health Conditions	Alzheimer's disease and Lewy body dementia.
Theatre Career	Joined the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1966.
Famous Television Role	Captain Jean-Luc Picard in Star Trek: The Next Generation (1987–1994).
Famous Film Role	Professor Charles Xavier in the X-Men franchise, beginning in 2000.
Major Honours	Knighted in 2010, two Laurence Olivier Awards, a Grammy Award, and a Hollywood Walk of Fame star in 1996.



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➤ **According to the World Bank's October 2026 Poverty and Equity Brief, India's extreme poverty rate declined to what percentage in 2023?**

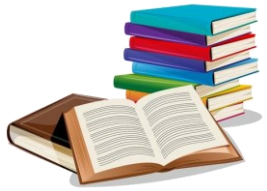
A) 16.1%
B) 12.1%
C) 14.2%
D) 2.6%
E) 15.5%



Answer
D) 2.6%.

Event and Location:

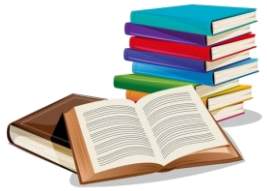
- **Event: The World Bank**'s **Poverty and Equity Brief** (October **2026**) reported that India's extreme poverty rate declined from **27.1%** in **2011** to **2.6%** in **2023,** lifting approximately **496 million** people out of extreme poverty.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** October **2026** (report release period).



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The World Bank** assessed India's poverty reduction between **2011** and **2023** using international poverty thresholds based on **2021 Purchasing Power Parity** (**PPP**). The findings showed a decline in extreme poverty from **27.1%** to **2.6%** and a reduction in poverty under the **USD 4.20**-per-day threshold from **57.7%** to **16.1%**. The report also examined household consumption, employment, social protection, multidimensional poverty, and projected poverty trends through **2028**.

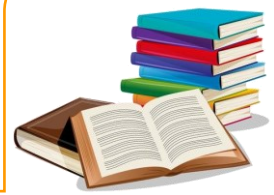


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Mandates and Objectives:

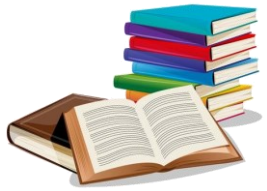
- **Objectives:** To evaluate India's progress in reducing monetary and multidimensional poverty, identify factors contributing to improved living standards, assess persistent challenges such as regional disparities and youth unemployment, and provide poverty projections to support economic and social policy planning.



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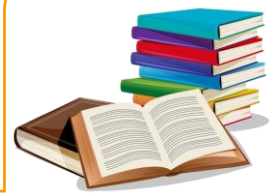
Important Terms Explained:

- **Extreme Poverty:** A condition in which individuals live below the **World Bank**'s international extreme poverty line of **USD 3.00** per person per day**,** measured using **2021 PPP** prices.



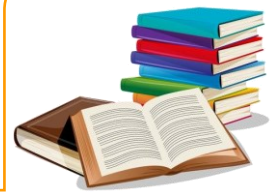
Important Terms Explained:

- **Poverty and Equity Brief:** A **World Bank** publication presenting country-level assessments of poverty, inequality, living standards, employment conditions, and poverty projections.



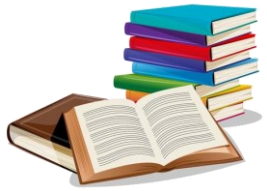
Important Terms Explained:

- **Purchasing Power Parity (PPP):** An economic measurement that adjusts for differences in price levels across countries, allowing more meaningful comparisons of purchasing power and living standards.



Important Terms Explained:

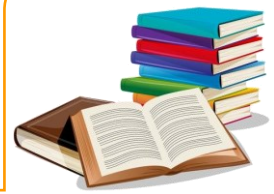
- **International Poverty Lines: World Bank** thresholds used to measure monetary poverty, including **USD 3.00** per day for extreme poverty, **USD 4.20** for lower-middle-income countries, and **USD 8.30** for upper-middle-income countries, based on **2021 PPP**.



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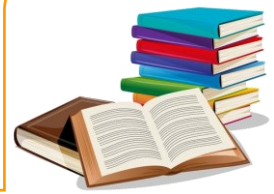
Important Terms Explained:

- **Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI):** A measure of poverty that considers overlapping deprivations in health, education, and living standards rather than relying only on income or consumption.



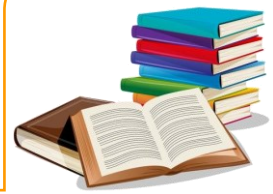
Important Terms Explained:

- **Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI):** A research centre at the **University of Oxford** that develops multidimensional poverty measurement methodologies and contributes to global poverty analysis.



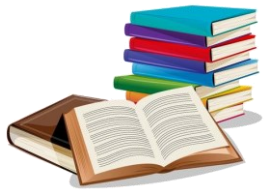
Important Terms Explained:

- **Social Protection:** Government-supported programmes and mechanisms designed to reduce economic vulnerability, provide assistance to disadvantaged households, and help individuals meet essential living requirements.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Microsimulation:** A statistical modelling technique used to estimate future poverty outcomes by simulating changes in household income, consumption, employment, and broader economic conditions.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Report	World Bank Poverty and Equity Brief, October 2026.
Country and Assessment Period	India, 2011–2023.
Extreme Poverty Reduction	Declined from 27.1% in 2011 to 2.6% in 2023.
Population Lifted Out of Extreme Poverty	Approximately 496 million people.
USD 4.20-Per-Day Poverty Rate	Declined from 57.7% in 2011 to 16.1% in 2023.
International Poverty Thresholds	USD 3.00, USD 4.20, and USD 8.30 per person per day at 2021 PPP.
Multidimensional Poverty	OPHI MPI declined from 53.8% in 2005–06 to 16.4% in 2019–21; World Bank estimate stood at 15.5% in 2022–23.
Poverty Projections	USD 4.20-per-day poverty rate projected at 14.2% in 2026 and 12.1% in 2028.

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➤ **According to the Finance Ministry's October 2026 economic report, what was India's estimated real GDP growth rate for Q2 FY27?**

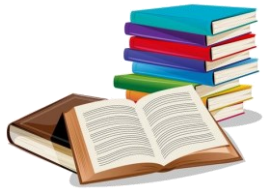
A) 7.8%
B) 6.9%
C) 7.35%
D) 7.5%
E) 6.75%



Answer
C) 7.35%.

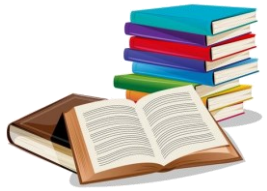
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Ministry of Finance** estimated India's real **Gross Domestic Product** (**GDP**) growth at **7.35%** in Q**2** FY**27,** compared with **7.8%** growth in the preceding quarter.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** October **29, 2026**.



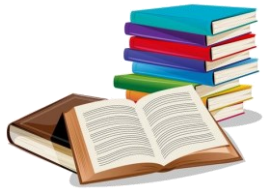
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Finance Ministry**'s **Department of Economic Affairs** (**DEA**) estimated India's real **GDP** growth for July–September **2026** using a nowcasting framework introduced in the **Economic Survey 2025–26**. The model incorporates high-frequency indicators such as industrial production, electricity and fuel consumption, **Goods and Services Tax** collections, port activity, and vehicle sales. **The Ministry** also assessed risks arising from global inflation, crude oil prices, geopolitical tensions, food inflation, and monetary conditions.



Mandates and Objectives:

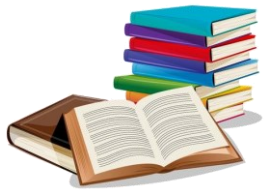
- **Objectives:** To provide an early assessment of India's economic performance before the publication of official **GDP** figures, evaluate domestic growth drivers, monitor inflationary pressures, identify external economic risks, and support informed economic policymaking.



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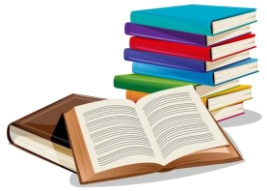
Important Terms Explained:

- **Nowcasting:** A statistical technique used to estimate current economic conditions before official data becomes available, using recently observed high-frequency economic indicators.



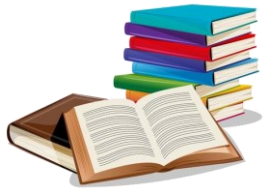
Important Terms Explained:

- **Real GDP:** The inflation-adjusted value of all final goods and services produced within a country during a specific period, reflecting changes in actual economic output.



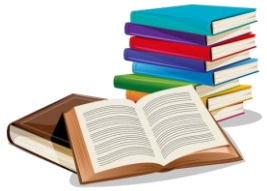
Important Terms Explained:

- Q**2** FY**27**: The second quarter of India's financial year **2026–27,** covering July **1** to September **30, 2026**.



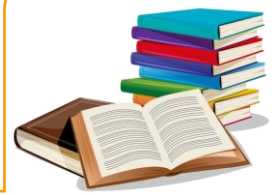
Important Terms Explained:

- High-**Frequency Indicators**: Economic data released at frequent intervals, such as electricity consumption, **GST** collections, automobile sales, and industrial production, used to assess economic activity.



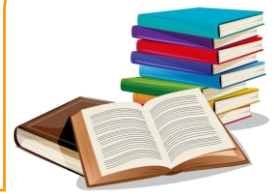
Important Terms Explained:

- **Goods and Services Tax (GST) Collections:** Government revenue received through the indirect tax levied on the supply of goods and services, serving as an indicator of economic transactions and consumption.



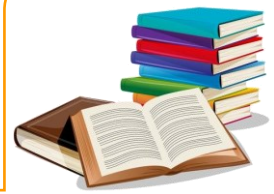
Important Terms Explained:

- El Niño: A climate phenomenon involving unusually warm sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern equatorial **Pacific Ocean,** potentially affecting Indian monsoon rainfall and agricultural production.



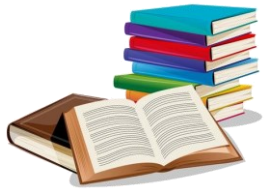
Important Terms Explained:

- **Kanda Express:** A government-supported arrangement for transporting onions to major consumption centres to improve supply availability and help manage onion prices.



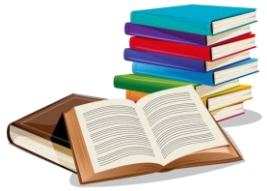
Important Terms Explained:

- **Basic Customs Duty (BCD):** An import duty imposed on goods entering India, which may be adjusted to influence import costs, domestic prices, and trade conditions.



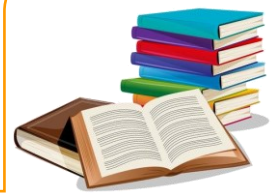
Important Terms Explained:

- **Monetary Policy:** Measures undertaken by the **Reserve Bank of India** to regulate interest rates, liquidity, inflation, and overall monetary conditions.



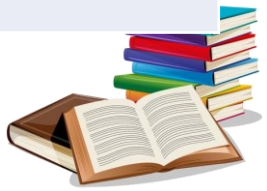
Important Terms Explained:

- **Liquidity Management:** The process through which the central bank manages the availability of funds in the financial system to maintain monetary stability and support effective transmission of policy rates.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Finance Ministry's real GDP growth nowcast for Q2 FY27.
Report Release Date	October 29, 2026.
Issuing Authority	Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs.
Q2 FY27 Growth Estimate	7.35% for July–September 2026.
Previous Quarter Growth	7.8% in Q1 FY27, April–June 2026.
Estimation Method	Nowcasting framework introduced in Economic Survey 2025–26.
Major Growth Indicators	Industrial production, GST collections, electricity and fuel consumption, port activity, and vehicle sales.
Major Economic Risks	Crude oil price volatility, West Asian geopolitical tensions, food inflation, El Niño, and monetary conditions.



APPOINTMENTS

➤ **Who has been elected as the President-Elect of FICCI for 2026–27?**

A) Anant Goenka
B) Vijay Sankar
C) Harsh Pati Singhania
D) Sanjiv Puri
E) Rajiv Memani

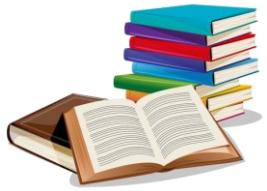


Answer
B) Vijay Sankar.

APPOINTMENTS

Event and Location:

- **Event: The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry** (**FICCI**) elected **Vijay Sankar, Chairman of The Sanmar Group,** as its President-Elect for **2026–27**.
- **Location: New Delhi,** India.
- **Date:** October **29, 2026**.

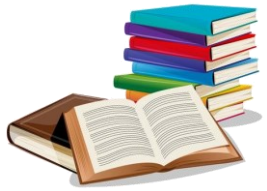


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: FICCI**'s **National Executive Committee** elected **Vijay Sankar** as President-Elect for **2026–27**. Currently serving as **FICCI Senior Vice President,** he is expected to succeed **Anant Goenka** as President following the **FICCI Annual General Meeting and Convention,** scheduled for November **18–19, 2026,** in **New Delhi**.

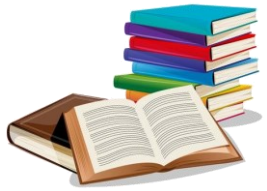


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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The leadership transition aims to ensure continuity in **FICCI**'s representation of Indian industry, policy engagement, industrial development, trade promotion, investment facilitation, and business collaboration.

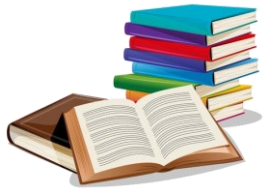


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Important Terms Explained:

- **FICCI:** Established in **1927, FICCI** is a non-governmental, non-profit industry association headquartered in **New Delhi** that represents Indian businesses and facilitates dialogue between industry and policymakers.

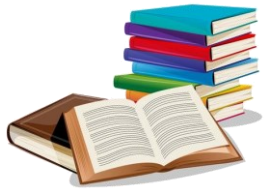


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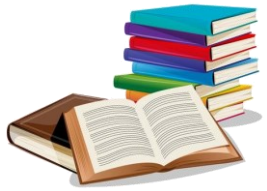
- President-Elect: A person elected to become the next President of an organisation, typically assuming office after the completion of the incumbent President's tenure or a designated transition event.



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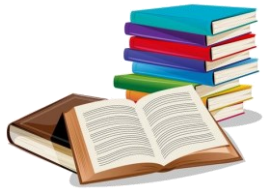
- **The Sanmar Group:** A Chennai-based industrial conglomerate operating in chemicals, specialty chemicals, engineering, steel foundries, and shipping.



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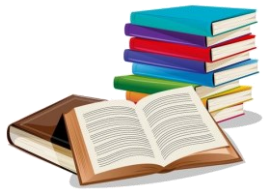
- **National Executive Committee:** A governing body responsible for major organisational decisions**,** including leadership-related decisions within **FICCI**.



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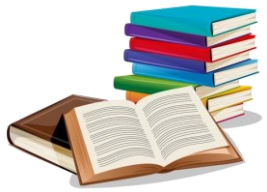
- **Annual General Meeting (AGM):** A formal annual meeting of an organisation where members review activities, discuss organisational matters, and conduct governance-related proceedings.



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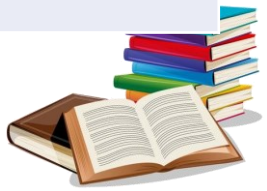
- **Chemplast Sanmar Limited:** A chemical manufacturing company associated with the **Sanmar Group,** chaired by **Vijay Sankar**.



APPOINTMENTS

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Election of FICCI President-Elect for 2026–27.
Election Date	October 29, 2026.
President-Elect	Vijay Sankar, Chairman of The Sanmar Group.
Electing Authority	FICCI National Executive Committee.
Current Position	Senior Vice President of FICCI.
Predecessor	Anant Goenka, current FICCI President.
Leadership Transition	Following the FICCI Annual General Meeting and Convention on November 18–19, 2026, in New Delhi.
Organisational Significance	Continuity in industry representation, policy dialogue, trade promotion, and investment facilitation.



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AWARDS

➤ **Who was awarded France's prestigious Legion of Honour for strengthening India–France economic relations in October 2026?**

A) Mukesh Ambani
B) Sunil Bharti Mittal
C) Kumar Mangalam Birla
D) Gautam Adani
E) N. Chandrasekaran

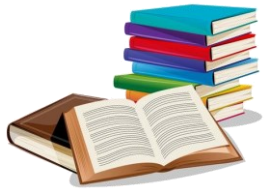


Answer
B) Sunil Bharti Mittal.

AWARDS

Event and Location:

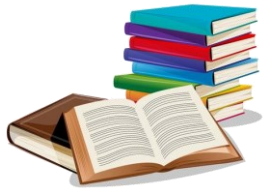
- **Event: Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises,** received France's prestigious Chevalier de l'Ordre national de la Légion d'honneur (Knight of the **National Order** of the **Legion of Honour**) for strengthening India–France economic relations.
- **Location:** India–France bilateral relations.



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Event and Location:

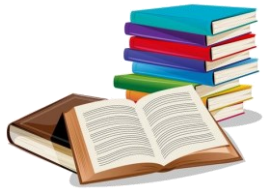
- **Date:** October **30, 2026** (news publication date).



AWARDS

Mandates and Objectives:

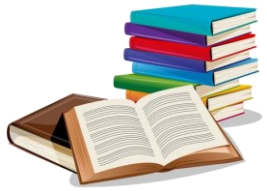
- **Mandates:** France conferred the **Legion of Honour** on **Sunil Bharti Mittal** through Dr. **Thierry Mathou, French Ambassador to India,** recognising his contributions to bilateral economic cooperation, particularly in telecommunications, digital infrastructure, and satellite communications. His partnerships with French companies, including **AXA,** Alcatel-Lucent, and Eutelsat, were highlighted as significant contributions.



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To recognise Mittal's role in strengthening India–France business relations, promoting cross-border investments, expanding telecommunications cooperation, and encouraging continued collaboration in digital connectivity and satellite communication technologies.

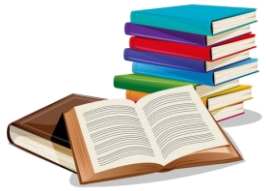


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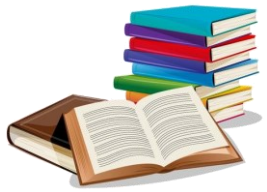
- **Legion of Honour:** France's highest national order of merit, established on May **19, 1802,** by **Napoleon Bonaparte** to recognise exceptional military and civilian services. It can be awarded to French citizens and foreign nationals.



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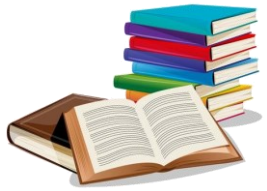
- **Chevalier (Knight):** The entry-level rank within the **Legion of Honour,** awarded to individuals for distinguished services and contributions. The order comprises five ranks: Chevalier, Officier, Commandeur, **Grand Officier,** and Grand-Croix.



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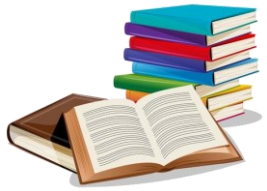
Important Terms Explained:

- India–**France Bilateral Relations**: Diplomatic, economic, technological, and strategic cooperation between **India and France**, encompassing trade, investment, telecommunications, defence, and infrastructure.



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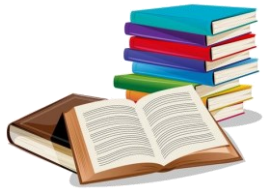
- **Eutelsat:** A Paris-headquartered satellite communications company providing satellite connectivity services, with **Sunil Bharti Mittal** serving as its **Vice Chairman**.



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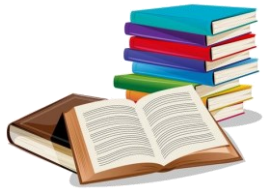
- **Bharti Airtel:** The flagship telecommunications company of **Bharti Enterprises,** providing mobile and digital connectivity services across **17** countries in the Indian subcontinent and Africa**,** with over **650 million** subscribers as reported.



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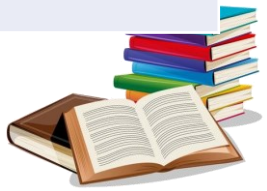
- Compagnie Générale des Eaux: A French company that partnered with Bharti in **1992** to support the introduction of mobile telephony services in India.



AWARDS

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Award	Chevalier de l’Ordre national de la Légion d’honneur.
Recipient	Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises.
Awarding Country	France.
Award Presented By	Dr. Thierry Mathou, French Ambassador to India.
Date	October 30, 2026 (news publication date).
Reason for Recognition	Strengthening India–France economic cooperation in telecommunications, digital infrastructure, and satellite communications.
Major French Partnerships	AXA, Alcatel-Lucent, Eutelsat, and Compagnie Générale des Eaux.
Award Background	France's highest national order of merit, established on May 19, 1802, by Napoleon Bonaparte.



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➤ **Which Indian-origin NASA astronaut was reported to have completed his fourth spacewalk on October 29, 2026, ranking behind Sunita Williams in the number of spacewalks?**

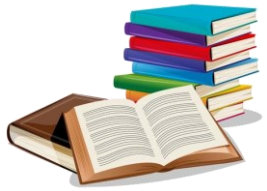
A) Raja Chari
B) Rakesh Sharma
C) Anil Menon
D) Kalpana Chawla
E) Shubhanshu Shukla



Answer
C) Anil Menon.

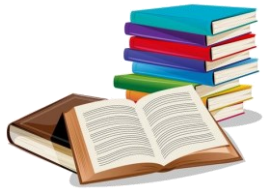
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian-origin **NASA** astronaut **Anil Menon** was reported to have completed his fourth spacewalk alongside **Canadian Space Agency** (**CSA**) astronaut **Joshua Kutryk,** ranking behind **Sunita Williams** among Indian-origin astronauts in the number of spacewalks.
- **Location: International Space Station** (**ISS**)**, Low Earth Orbit**.



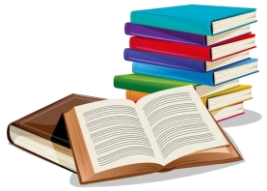
Event and Location:

- **Date:** October **29, 2026** (reported date, independently unverified).



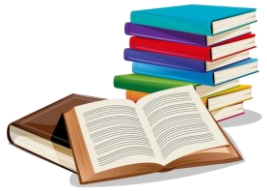
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Anil Menon** reportedly conducted his fourth **Extravehicular Activity** (**EVA**) with Canadian astronaut **Joshua Kutryk** to install a new roll-out solar array on the **ISS**. The mission was described as the **100**th US spacewalk at the space station. With four reported spacewalks**,** Menon ranked behind **Sunita Williams,** who had completed nine EVAs totalling **62** hours and **6** minutes.



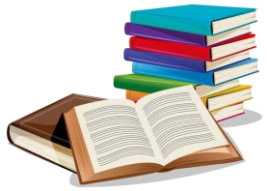
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To enhance the **ISS**'s electrical power generation capacity through solar array installation, support essential station operations, including life-support and communication systems, and maintain external space infrastructure through astronaut-led maintenance activities.



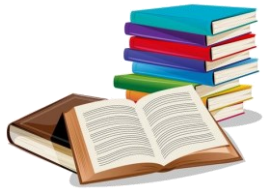
Ranking Table:

Rank	Astronaut / Number of EVAs / Total EVA Time
1	Astronaut: Sunita Williams. | Number of EVAs: 9 spacewalks. | Total EVA Time: 62 hours and 6 minutes.
2	Astronaut: Anil Menon. | Number of EVAs: 4 spacewalks, as reported. | Total EVA Time: 19 hours and 20 minutes before his reported fourth EVA.



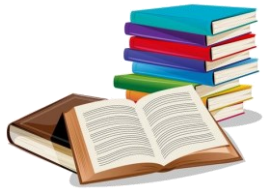
Important Terms Explained:

- **Extravehicular Activity (EVA):** An activity performed by an astronaut outside a spacecraft or space station while wearing a specialised spacesuit, commonly known as a spacewalk.



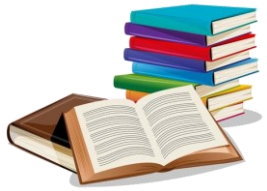
Important Terms Explained:

- **International Space Station (ISS):** A permanently inhabited orbital research laboratory used for scientific experiments, technology demonstrations, and international space cooperation.



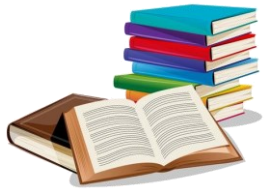
Important Terms Explained:

- Roll-**Out Solar Array** (**ROSA**): A flexible solar power system designed to deploy in space and convert sunlight into electrical energy for spacecraft and space station operations.



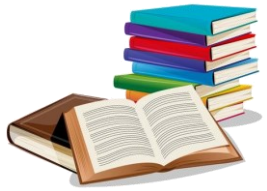
Important Terms Explained:

- **Photovoltaic Cells:** Semiconductor devices that directly convert sunlight into electrical energy through the photovoltaic effect.



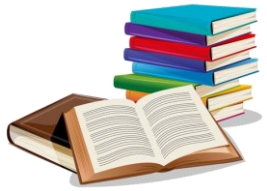
Important Terms Explained:

- **Low Earth Orbit (LEO):** The region of space relatively close to Earth, commonly considered to extend up to approximately **2,000** kilometres above the planet's surface.



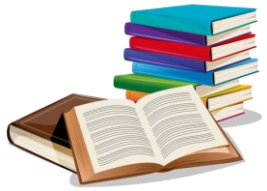
Important Terms Explained:

- **Aerospace Medicine:** A medical specialty focused on the health, safety, and performance of individuals working in aviation, spaceflight, and other extreme environments.



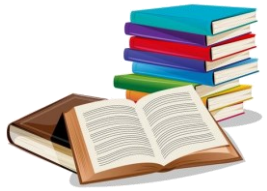
Important Terms Explained:

- **Critical Care Air Transport Team (CCATT):** A specialised US **Air Force** medical team responsible for providing intensive medical care to critically injured or ill patients during aeromedical evacuation.



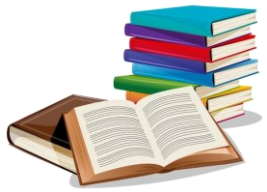
Important Terms Explained:

- **Operation Enduring Freedom:** A US-led military operation launched in **2001** following the September **11** attacks, primarily associated with military operations in Afghanistan.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Anil Menon's reported fourth spacewalk at the ISS.
Date	October 29, 2026.
Location	International Space Station, Low Earth Orbit.
Participating Astronauts	NASA's Anil Menon and CSA's Joshua Kutryk.
Mission Milestone	Reported as the 100th US spacewalk at the ISS.
Primary Objective	Installation of a new roll-out solar array to enhance electrical power generation.
Spacewalk Comparison	Sunita Williams with 9 EVAs and Anil Menon with 4 reported EVAs.
Education and Career	Studied at Harvard and Stanford; selected as a NASA astronaut candidate in 2021, with experience in emergency and aerospace medicine.



➤ **How many hospital admissions were authorised under the Ayushman Vay Vandana Scheme during its first two years, as reported in October 2026?**

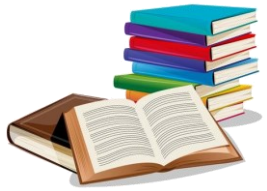
A) 20.15 lakh
B) 23.46 lakh
C) 25.60 lakh
D) 18.75 lakh
E) 30.40 lakh



Answer
B) 23.46 lakh.

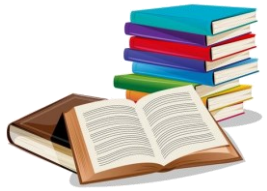
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Ayushman Vay Vandana Scheme** completed two years, recording **23.46 lakh** authorised hospital admissions worth **₹5,668.80 crore** as of October **20, 2026**.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** October **29, 2026**.



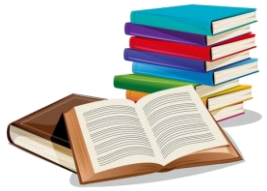
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on October **29, 2024,** the scheme extends **Ayushman Bharat–Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana** (AB PM-**JAY**) benefits to all senior citizens aged **70** years and above**,** irrespective of income or socio-economic status. Implemented by the **National Health Authority** (**NHA**) under the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,** it provides annual health coverage of **₹5 lakh** for secondary and tertiary hospitalisation. The initiative aims to benefit approximately **6 crore** senior citizens from **4.5 crore** families.



Mandates and Objectives:

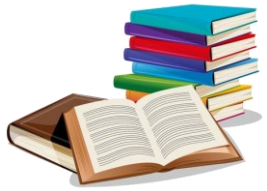
- **Objectives:** To provide financial protection against hospitalisation expenses for elderly citizens, ensure access to affordable secondary and tertiary healthcare, reduce out-of-pocket medical expenditure, and strengthen universal healthcare coverage for senior citizens without income-based eligibility restrictions.



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Important Terms Explained:

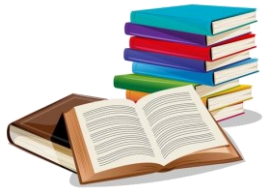
- **Ayushman Vay Vandana Card:** A beneficiary identification card issued to eligible senior citizens aged **70** years and above, enabling access to covered healthcare services under the expanded AB PM-**JAY** programme.



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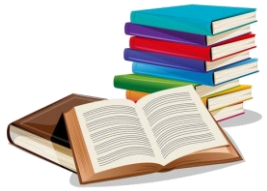
Important Terms Explained:

- AB PM-**JAY**: A government-funded health assurance programme launched in **2018** that provides eligible families with cashless hospitalisation coverage of up to **₹5 lakh** annually for specified secondary and tertiary healthcare services.



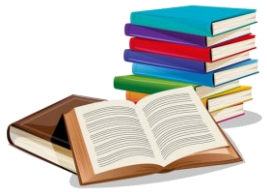
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Health Authority (NHA):** The government agency responsible for implementing AB PM-**JAY** and coordinating its operational, technological, and administrative functions.



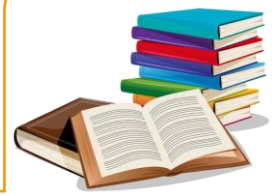
Important Terms Explained:

- **Secondary Healthcare:** Medical services involving specialised treatment, diagnosis, and hospital care generally provided after referral from primary healthcare facilities.



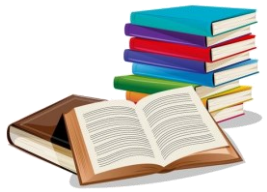
Important Terms Explained:

- **Tertiary Healthcare:** Advanced medical services requiring specialised doctors, sophisticated equipment, and complex treatments, including major surgeries and critical care.



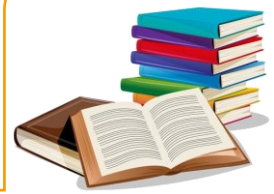
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cataract Surgery:** A surgical procedure involving the removal of a cloudy eye lens and its replacement with an artificial lens to restore vision.



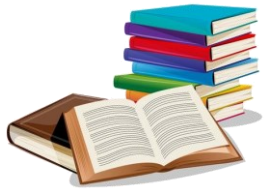
Important Terms Explained:

- **Haemodialysis:** A medical procedure that removes waste products, excess fluids, and toxins from the blood when the kidneys cannot adequately perform these functions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty (PTCA):** A minimally invasive cardiac procedure used to widen narrowed or blocked coronary arteries, generally involving balloon angioplasty and sometimes stent placement.



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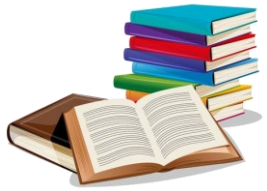
Parameter	Details
Scheme	Ayushman Vay Vandana Scheme, an extension of AB PM-JAY.
Launch and Second Anniversary	October 29, 2024, and October 29, 2026, respectively.
Launched By	Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Implementing Authority	National Health Authority, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
Eligibility and Coverage	All senior citizens aged 70 years and above, irrespective of income, with annual health coverage of ₹5 lakh.
Target Beneficiaries	Approximately 6 crore senior citizens from 4.5 crore families.
Hospitalisation Performance	23.46 lakh authorised admissions worth ₹5,668.80 crore as of October 20, 2026.
Major Treatments	Cataract surgery: 4.71 lakh procedures; haemodialysis: 2.90 lakh; PTCA: approximately ₹649 crore in authorised treatment value.

➤ **Which ministry notified the constitution of the National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers and Gig and Platform Workers in October 2026?**

A) Ministry of Finance
B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
C) Ministry of Labour and Employment
D) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
E) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

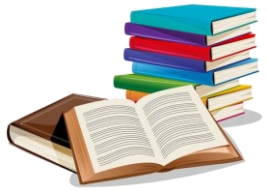
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श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय
Ministry of Labour & Employment
भारत सरकार (Government of India)

Answer
C) Ministry of Labour and Employment.



Event and Location:

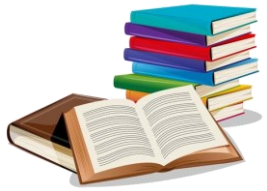
- **Event: The Ministry of Labour and Employment** notified the constitution of the **National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers and Gig and Platform Workers** under the Code on **Social Security, 2020**.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** October **30, 2026**.



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Mandates and Objectives:

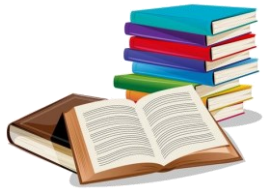
- **Mandates: The Central Government** constituted the **National Social Security Board** to recommend appropriate welfare schemes, advise on social security matters, monitor the implementation of government welfare programmes, review state-level record-keeping functions, and examine expenditure from relevant social security funds. **The Board** will be chaired by the **Union Minister of Labour and Employment** and include representatives from the **Central and State Governments,** employers, aggregators, trade unions, civil society organisations, and gig and platform workers. It is required to meet at least three times annually.



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Mandates and Objectives:

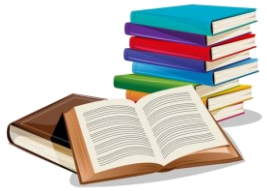
- **Objectives:** To strengthen social security coverage for unorganised, gig, and platform workers, improve access to welfare benefits, facilitate coordination among stakeholders, promote inclusive labour protection, and ensure effective monitoring and administration of social security schemes.



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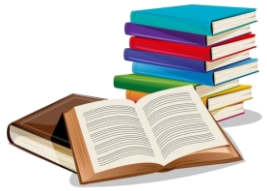
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Social Security Board:** A statutory body constituted under the Code on **Social Security, 2020,** to advise the **Central Government,** recommend welfare schemes, and monitor social security measures for unorganised, gig, and platform workers.



Important Terms Explained:

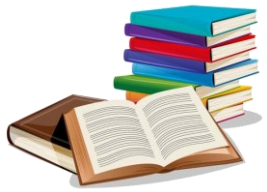
- Code on **Social Security, 2020**: **An Indian** labour legislation consolidating nine central social security laws into a unified framework covering benefits such as provident funds, employee insurance, maternity benefits, gratuity, and social protection for unorganised workers.



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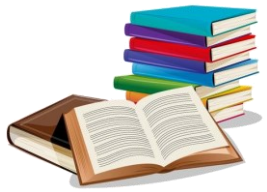
Important Terms Explained:

- **Gig Workers:** Individuals who earn income through work arrangements outside the traditional employer-employee relationship, including freelancers, independent contractors, and short-term service providers.



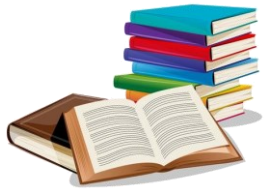
Important Terms Explained:

- **Platform Workers:** Individuals who undertake work through digital platforms that connect service providers with customers, such as app-based transport, food delivery, and online service platforms.



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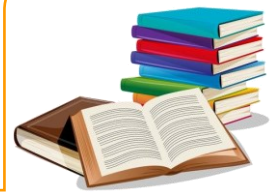
- **Unorganised Workers:** Workers employed in the unorganised sector or otherwise falling within the statutory definition, including many self-employed, home-based, and wage workers who may lack conventional employment-based social security protection.



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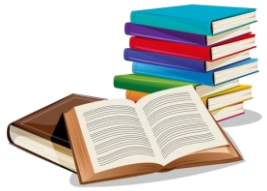
Important Terms Explained:

- **Aggregators:** Digital intermediaries or online marketplaces that connect customers with service providers, including ride-hailing, food delivery, and e-commerce platforms.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Social Security Schemes:** Government-supported programmes intended to provide financial and welfare protection against risks such as illness, disability, old age, maternity, and loss of livelihood.



SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Constitution of the National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers and Gig and Platform Workers.
Notification Date	October 30, 2026.
Notifying Authority	Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India.
Legal Framework	Code on Social Security, 2020.
Chairperson	Union Minister of Labour and Employment.
Beneficiaries	Unorganised workers, gig workers, and platform workers.
Major Responsibilities	Recommend social security schemes, advise the Central Government, monitor welfare programmes, and review records and expenditure.
Board Composition and Meetings	Representatives from governments, employers, aggregators, trade unions, civil society, and workers, with at least three meetings annually.

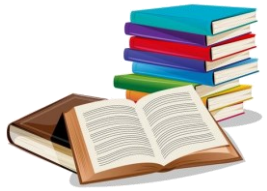


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➤ **Which institution was directed by the Supreme Court to include mandatory bank liability and victim compensation provisions in its proposed cyber-fraud framework in October 2026?**

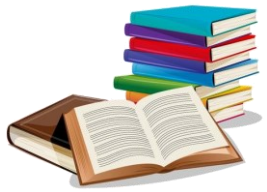
A) Securities and Exchange Board of India
B) Ministry of Finance
C) Reserve Bank of India
D) National Payments Corporation of India
E) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

Answer
C) Reserve Bank of India.



Event and Location:

- **Event: The Supreme Court of India** directed the **Reserve Bank of India** (**RBI**) to incorporate mandatory bank liability and victim compensation provisions into its proposed regulatory framework for combating digital arrest scams and cyber fraud.
- **Location:** India.



Event and Location:

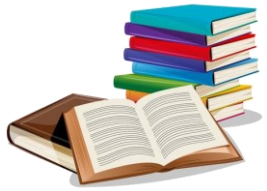
- **Date:** October **29, 2026**.





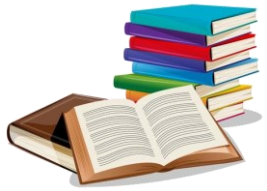
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** A three-judge **Supreme Court Bench** comprising **Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi** and V. Mohana asked the **RBI** to introduce enforceable provisions holding banks and financial institutions accountable for inadequate security safeguards or failure to exercise due diligence. **The Court** emphasised that compensation should be at least equal to the amount lost by a victim when institutional negligence is established. It also suggested suspending abnormal transactions, generating automatic alerts, verifying high-value transfers, notifying police authorities, and penalising non-compliant financial institutions.



Mandates and Objectives:

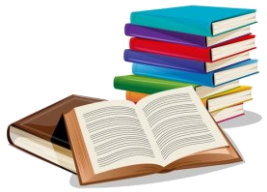
- **Objectives:** To strengthen customer protection against cyber fraud, ensure accountability of financial institutions, prevent suspicious financial transactions, facilitate timely intervention, and establish compensation mechanisms for victims suffering financial losses due to inadequate banking safeguards.



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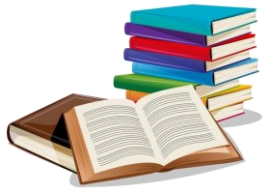
Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Arrest Scam:** A cyber fraud technique in which criminals impersonate police officers, investigating agencies, judges, or government officials through phone or video calls and use threats of arrest or fabricated legal documents to extort money. Digital arrest has no legal validity in India.



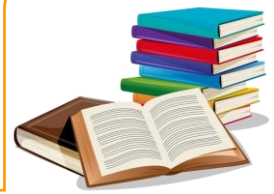
Important Terms Explained:

- **Bank Liability:** The legal or regulatory responsibility of a bank to compensate customers for financial losses arising from its negligence, security failures, or non-compliance with prescribed safeguards.



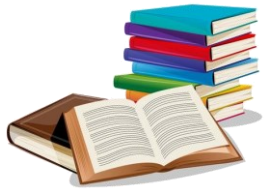
Important Terms Explained:

- **Due Diligence:** The process through which financial institutions verify customer identities, assess transaction legitimacy, monitor suspicious activities, and comply with regulatory requirements to prevent fraud and financial crimes.



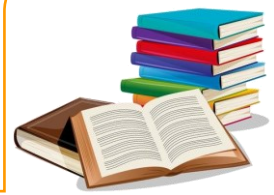
Important Terms Explained:

- **Suo Motu Cognisance:** The power of a court to initiate legal proceedings on its own initiative without requiring a formal petition from an affected party.



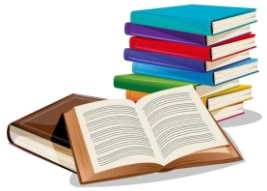
Important Terms Explained:

- **Suspicious Transaction Monitoring:** A banking security mechanism that identifies unusual financial activities, including abnormally large transfers or transactions inconsistent with a customer's established banking behaviour.



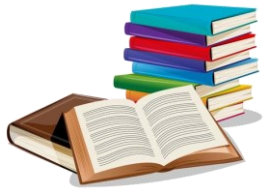
Important Terms Explained:

- **Mule Accounts:** Bank accounts used by criminals to receive, transfer, or conceal illegally obtained funds, often through individuals recruited or deceived into facilitating fraudulent transactions.



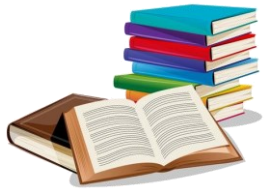
Important Terms Explained:

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Fraud Detection:** The application of AI-based systems to analyse transaction patterns, identify abnormal financial behaviour, generate risk alerts, and support preventive action against cyber fraud.



Important Terms Explained:

- Cyber-**Fraud Regulatory Framework**: A proposed **RBI** regulatory system intended to strengthen fraud prevention, transaction verification, financial institution accountability, and customer compensation mechanisms.



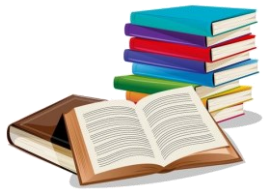
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Supreme Court directions to RBI concerning bank liability and compensation for cyber-fraud victims.
Hearing Date	October 29, 2026.
Judicial Bench	CJI Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V. Mohana.
Regulatory Authority	Reserve Bank of India.
Case Background	Suo motu proceedings involving an elderly couple allegedly defrauded of ₹1.05 crore through fake court documents.
Compensation Requirement	At least the amount lost by the customer if financial institution negligence is established.
Key Preventive Measures	Suspension of abnormal transfers, transaction alerts, verification, police notification, and institutional accountability.
Proposed Implementation Timeline	Regulatory directions by November 30, 2026, and proposed enforcement by December 31, 2026.

➤ **Which Indian conservation initiative was recognised among the 35 UN World Restoration Flagships in UNEP's Nature's Comeback report released in October 2026?**

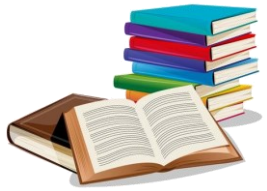
A) Project Tiger
B) Project Elephant
C) Ganges River Dolphin Conservation Programme
D) Green India Mission
E) National Afforestation Programme

Answer
C) Ganges River Dolphin Conservation Programme.



Event and Location:

- **Event: The United Nations Environment Programme** (**UNEP**) recognised India's **Ganges River Dolphin Conservation Programme** among **35** UN **World Restoration Flagships** in its report**,** Nature's Comeback: **Scaling Ecosystem Restoration for People and Planet**.
- **Location:** India**,** particularly the Ganges–Brahmaputra–Meghna river system.



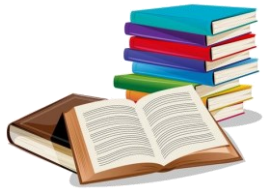
Event and Location:

- **Date:** October **2026**.



Mandates and Objectives:

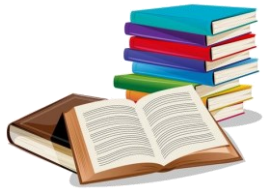
- **Mandates: UNEP,** in collaboration with the **Food and Agriculture Organization** (**FAO**) and the Convention on **Biological Diversity** (**CBD**) Secretariat, highlighted India's river dolphin conservation initiative as a model of biodiversity recovery, river ecosystem restoration, and livelihood generation. India's **Comprehensive Action Plan for Dolphin Conservation** (**2022–2047**) focuses on habitat protection, dolphin population monitoring, reduction of accidental fishing-related deaths, rescue infrastructure, community participation, and alternative livelihood development.



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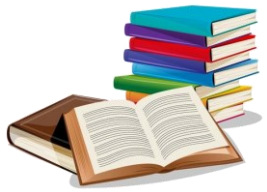
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** To conserve endangered river dolphins, restore degraded freshwater ecosystems, improve river biodiversity, reduce human-induced threats, promote sustainable livelihoods and green employment, and contribute to global restoration commitments under the UN Decade on **Ecosystem Restoration** (**2021–2030**).



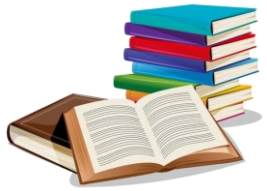
Important Terms Explained:

- **UN World Restoration Flagships:** Initiatives recognised under the UN Decade on **Ecosystem Restoration** for demonstrating significant progress and potential in restoring degraded ecosystems while benefiting biodiversity and local communities.



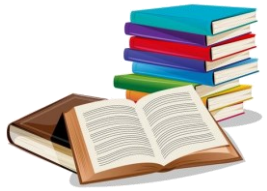
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- Nature's **Comeback Report**: **An October 2026** joint assessment by **UNEP, FAO,** and the **CBD** Secretariat examining global ecosystem restoration progress and highlighting the need to accelerate restoration activities to meet **2030** targets.



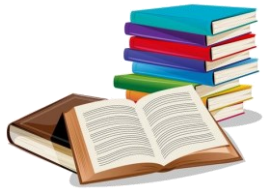
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ganges River Dolphin (Platanista gangetica):** An endangered freshwater dolphin native to **South Asian** river systems, commonly called the Gangetic dolphin, Ganges susu, or blind river dolphin. It was declared India's **National Aquatic Animal** in **2009**.



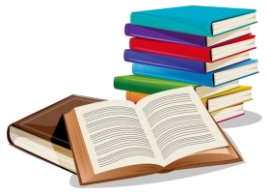
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- **Comprehensive Action Plan for Dolphin Conservation (2022–2047)**: India's long-term conservation framework for protecting riverine and marine dolphins through habitat identification, population surveys, rescue facilities, mitigation of fishing-related threats, and community engagement.



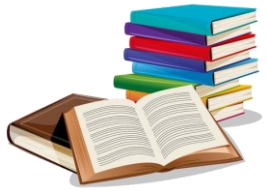
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ecosystem Restoration:** The process of assisting the recovery of degraded or damaged ecosystems to improve biodiversity, ecological functioning, and the benefits ecosystems provide to people.



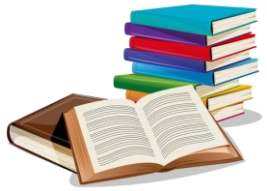
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- **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List:** A globally recognised system that assesses species according to their risk of extinction, with the Ganges river dolphin classified as Endangered.



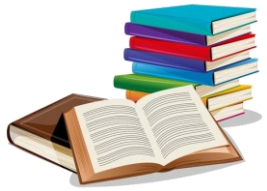
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- **Echolocation:** A biological navigation and hunting mechanism in which dolphins emit sound waves and interpret returning echoes to locate prey and obstacles in low-visibility water.



Important Terms Explained:

- Kunming–**Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**: A global biodiversity agreement adopted in **2022,** whose Target **2** seeks to ensure that at least **30%** of degraded terrestrial, inland water, coastal, and marine ecosystems are under effective restoration by **2030**.

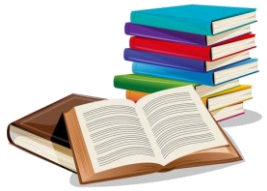


Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Recognition	India's Ganges River Dolphin Conservation Programme recognised among 35 UN World Restoration Flagships.
Report and Date	Nature's Comeback: Scaling Ecosystem Restoration for People and Planet, October 2026.
Issuing Organisations	UNEP, FAO, and CBD Secretariat.
Geographical Focus	India, particularly the Ganges–Brahmaputra–Meghna river system.
Conservation Action Plan	Comprehensive Action Plan for Dolphin Conservation, 2022–2047.
Species and Conservation Status	Ganges river dolphin (Platanista gangetica), classified as Endangered by IUCN.
Major Conservation Measures	Habitat protection, population monitoring, reduction of fishing-related deaths, rescue facilities, and alternative livelihoods.
Global Restoration Commitments	UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030) and restoration of at least 30% of degraded ecosystems by 2030 under CBD Target 2.

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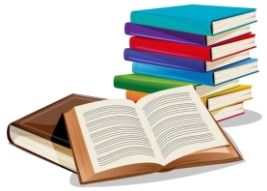
- India observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on October 31, 2026, to mark Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 151st birth anniversary and honour his role in integrating princely states and strengthening national unity.
- India secured four medals at the World Boxing U19 Championships 2026 in Budva, Montenegro, with Aditya winning the country's only gold medal and Russia leading the gold-medal standings.
- British actor Sir Patrick Stewart, celebrated for his roles as Captain Picard in Star Trek and Professor X in X-Men, was reported to have died at 86 on October 28, 2026, leaving a distinguished legacy in theatre, television, and cinema.
- The World Bank's October 2026 Poverty and Equity Brief reported that India's extreme poverty rate fell from 27.1% in 2011 to 2.6% in 2023, lifting approximately 496 million people out of extreme poverty.
- The Finance Ministry estimated India's real GDP growth at 7.35% for Q2 FY27 on October 29, 2026, using a nowcasting model to assess economic performance ahead of official GDP data.



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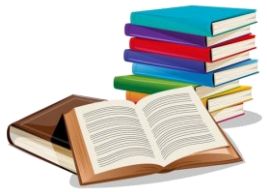
- **FICCI's National Executive Committee elected Sanmar Group Chairman Vijay Sankar as President-Elect for 2026–27 on October 29, 2026, positioning him to succeed Anant Goenka.**
- **France honoured Bharti Enterprises Founder and Chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal with the Chevalier rank of the Legion of Honour for strengthening India–France economic ties in telecommunications and satellite communications.**
- **NASA astronaut Anil Menon reportedly completed his fourth spacewalk with Canadian astronaut Joshua Kutryk on October 29, 2026, to install a solar array at the ISS, placing him behind Sunita Williams among Indian-origin spacewalkers.**
- **The Ayushman Vay Vandana Scheme completed two years on October 29, 2026, with the National Health Authority reporting 23.46 lakh authorised hospital admissions worth ₹5,668.80 crore, strengthening healthcare access for elderly citizens.**
- **The Ministry of Labour and Employment notified the National Social Security Board on October 30, 2026, under the Code on Social Security, 2020, to strengthen welfare and social protection for unorganised, gig, and platform workers.**



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- **The Supreme Court directed the RBI on October 29, 2026, to incorporate mandatory bank liability and victim compensation provisions into its proposed cyber-fraud framework to strengthen customer protection against digital arrest scams.**
- **UNEP recognised India's Ganges River Dolphin Conservation Programme among 35 UN World Restoration Flagships in its October 2026 Nature's Comeback report for integrating endangered species conservation, freshwater ecosystem restoration, and sustainable livelihoods.**



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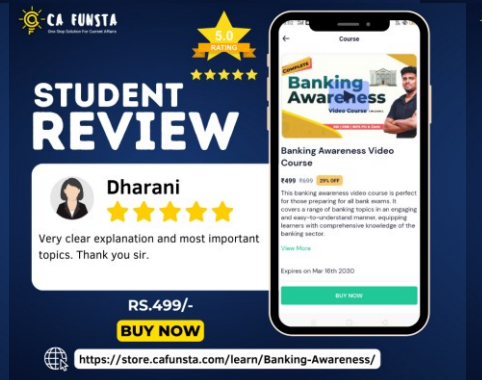

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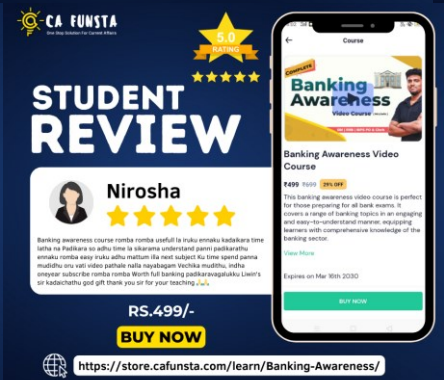

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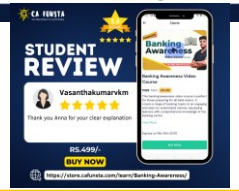

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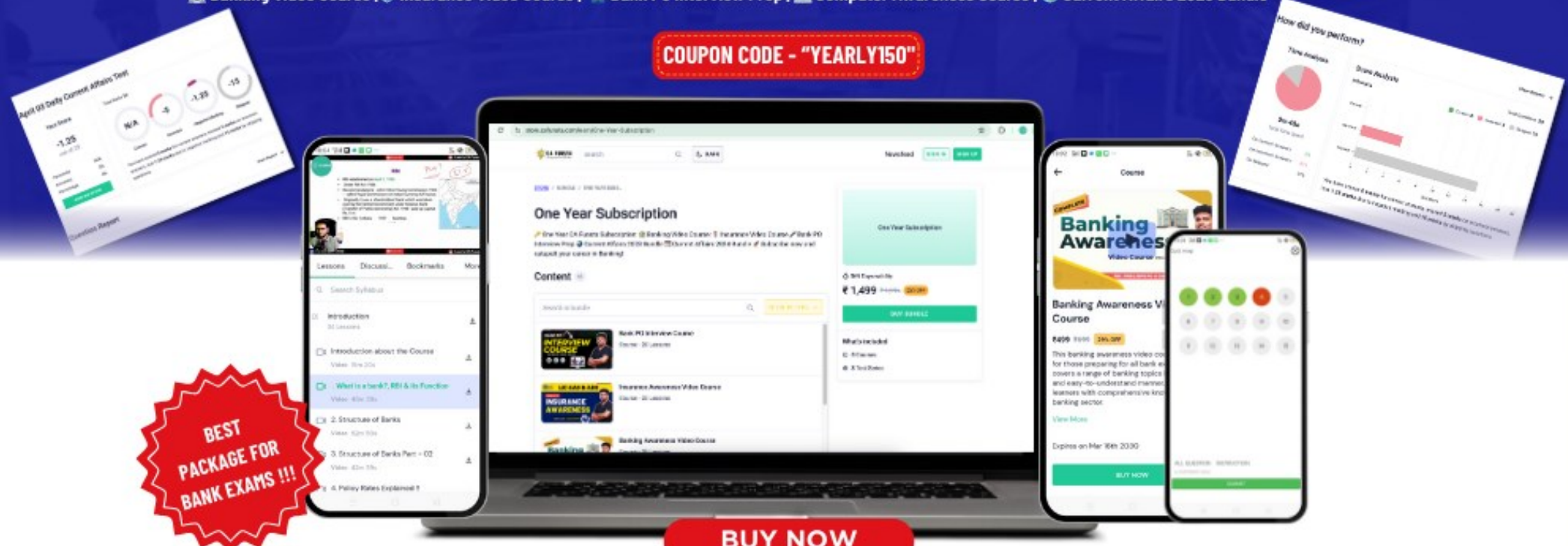
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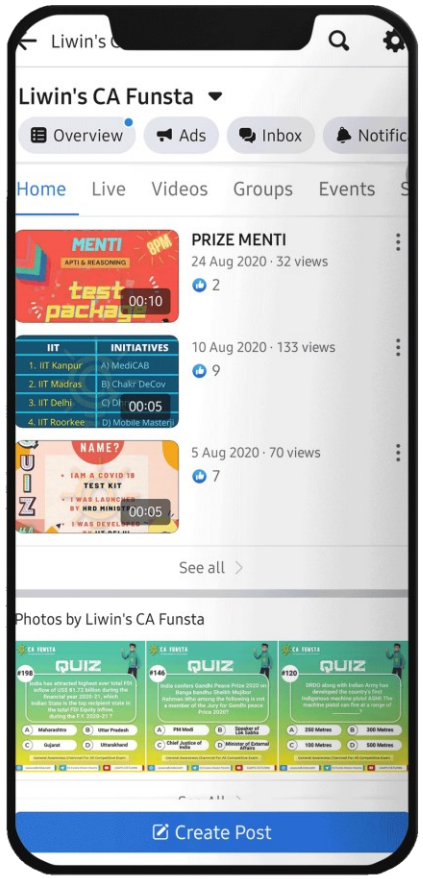
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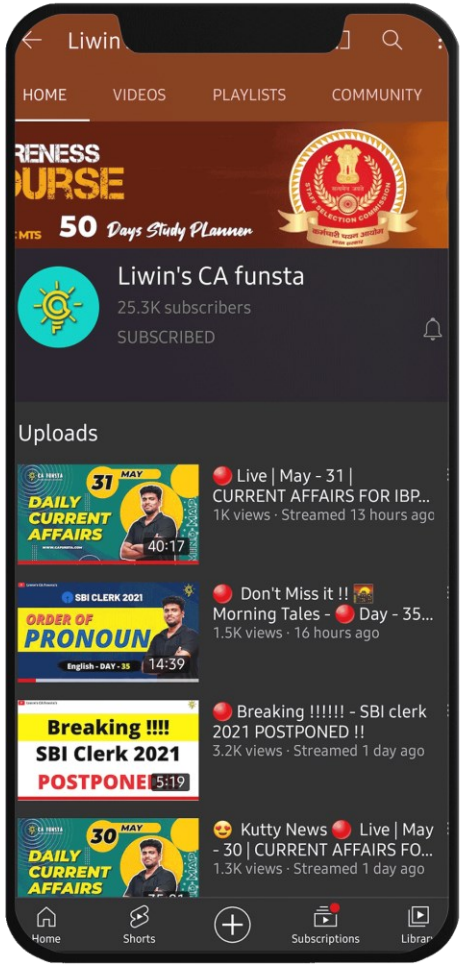


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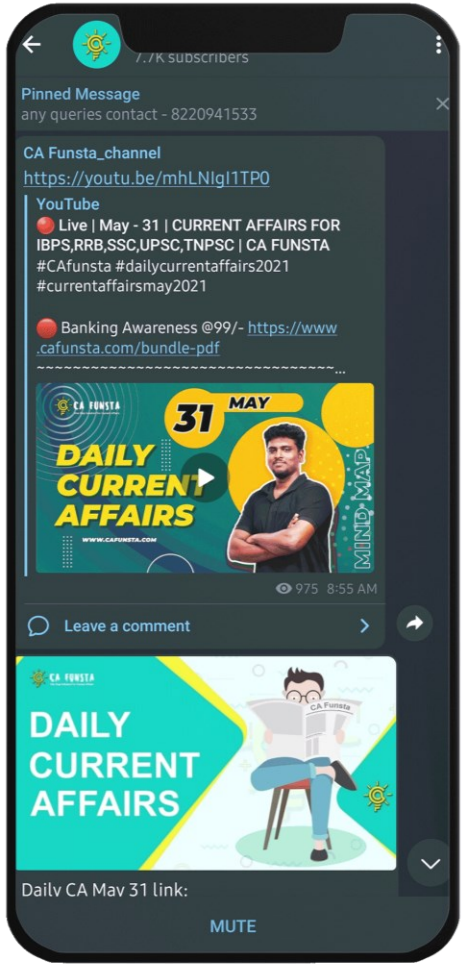
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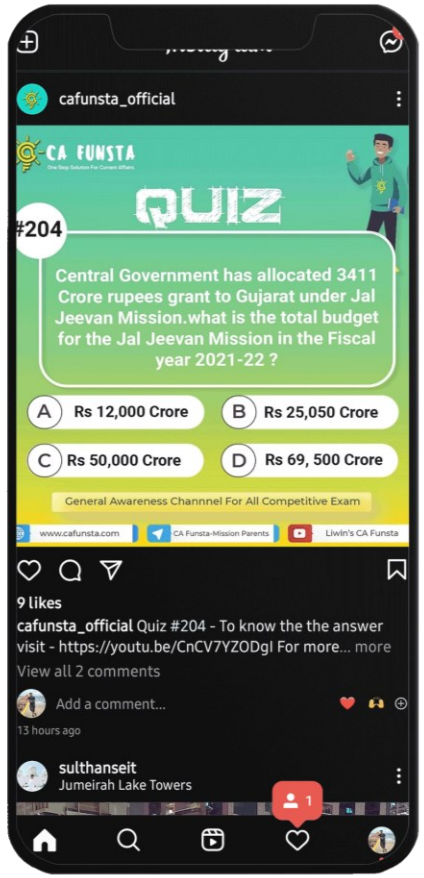


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