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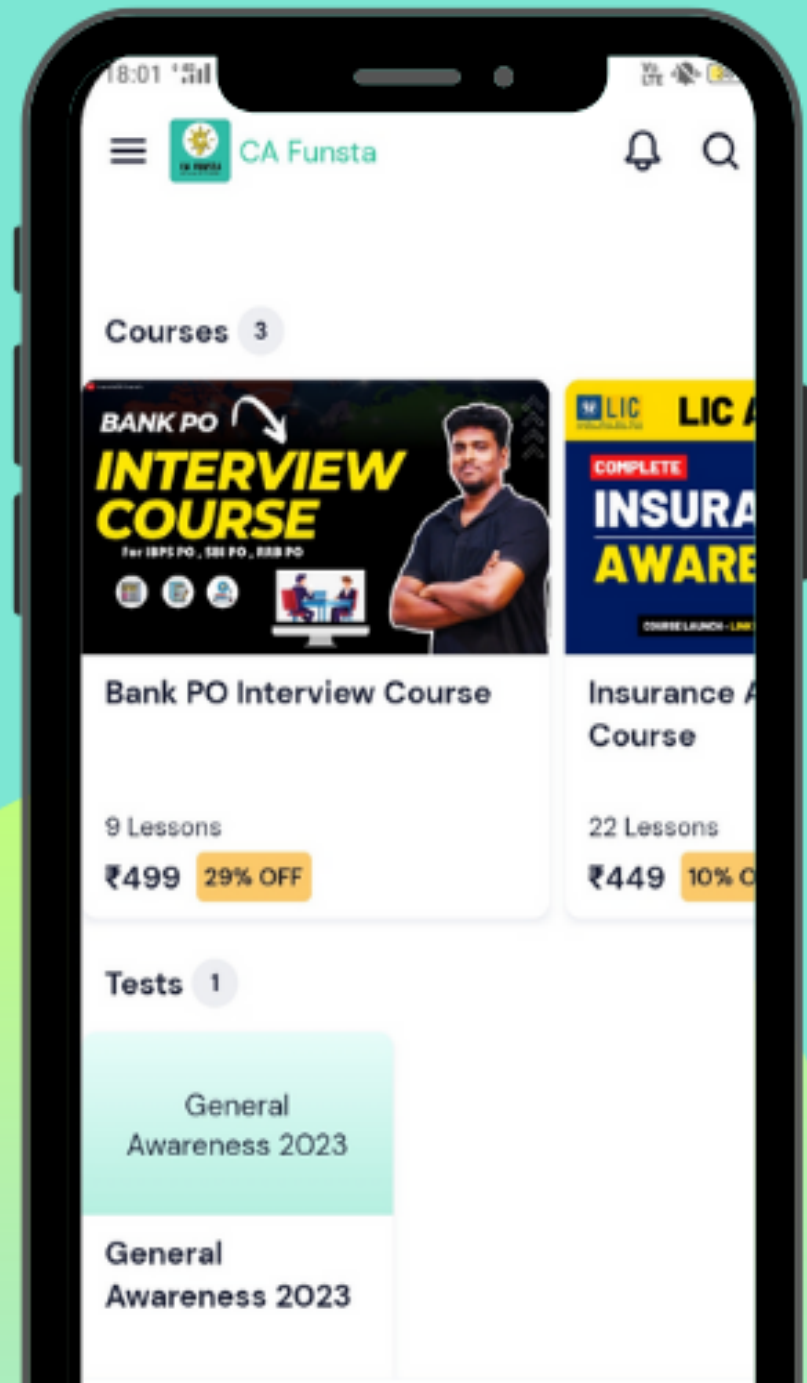
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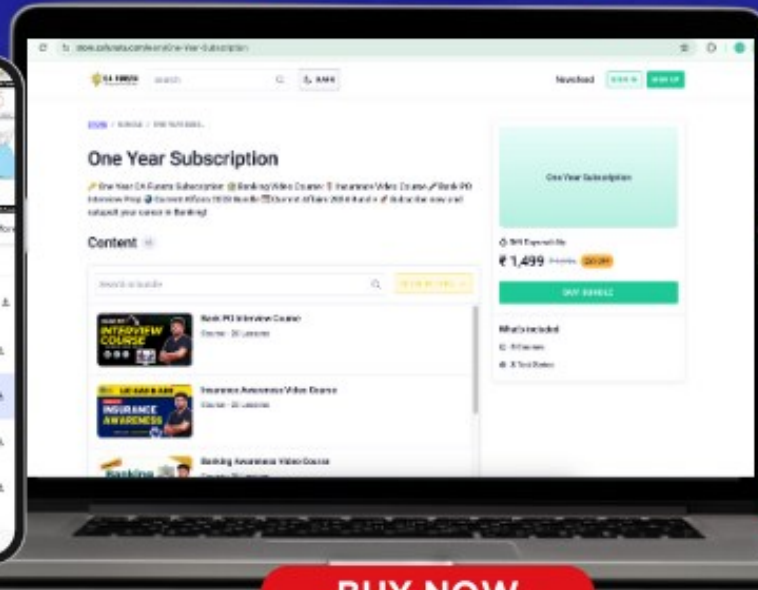


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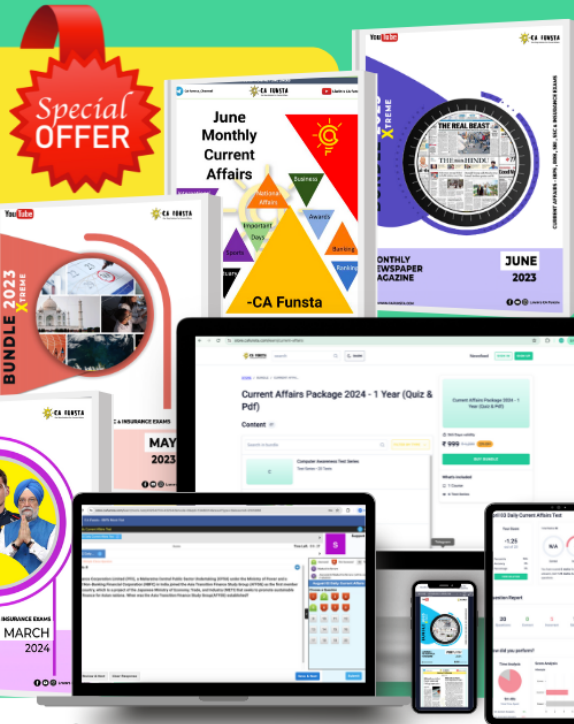
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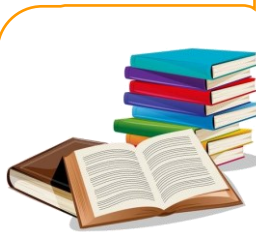
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➤ **Which British officer ordered troops to open fire at Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Day in 1919?**

- A) Michael O'Dwyer
- B) Reginald Dyer
- C) Lord Chelmsford
- D) Saifuddin Kitchlew
- E) Satyapal

**Answer**

**B) Reginald Dyer.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India commemorated Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Day to honour the victims of the 1919 massacre and remember its role in India's freedom struggle.
- **Location:** Jallianwala Bagh, Amritsar, Punjab, India.
- **Date:** April 13, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance marks the memory of civilians killed in the 1919 massacre at Jallianwala Bagh and recalls the historical events linked to colonial repression in Punjab.
- **Objectives:** It aims to honour the victims, preserve the legacy of their sacrifice, and highlight how the massacre became a turning point in India's independence movement.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Rowlatt Act:** A 1919 colonial law that allowed detention without trial and triggered widespread protests across India.
- **Satyagraha:** A method of non-violent resistance led by Mahatma Gandhi against unjust laws and colonial policies.
- **Hunter Commission:** An inquiry committee set up by the British government to investigate the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, though many Indians felt justice was not delivered.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Martial law:** A system of direct military control imposed in disturbed areas with severe restrictions on civil liberties and movement.
- **Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial Act, 1951:** The law under which the national memorial at Jallianwala Bagh was established to honour the victims of the massacre.



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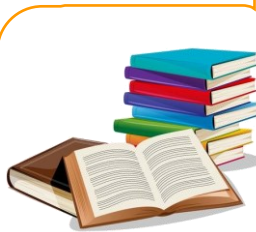
Parameter	Details
Event name	Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Day commemoration.
Date	April 13, 2026.
Location	Amritsar, Punjab, India.
Historical incident	The massacre took place on April 13, 1919, during Baisakhi gatherings at Jallianwala Bagh.
Key figure	Reginald Dyer ordered troops to fire on the unarmed crowd without warning.
Immediate trigger	Public anger had intensified due to the Rowlatt Act and the arrest of Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew and Dr. Satyapal.
Major impact	The massacre strengthened anti-British sentiment and transformed the freedom struggle into a mass national movement.
Memorial significance	The Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial preserves bullet-marked walls, Martyrs' Well, and museum galleries as symbols of sacrifice.



► Which player did Jannik Sinner defeat to win the Monte Carlo Masters 2026?

- A) Novak Djokovic
- B) Daniil Medvedev
- C) Alexander Zverev
- D) Carlos Alcaraz
- E) Stefanos Tsitsipas

**Answer**  
**D) Carlos Alcaraz.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Jannik Sinner won the Monte Carlo Masters 2026 and reclaimed the World No. 1 ranking with a straight-sets victory over Carlos Alcaraz.
- **Location:** Monte Carlo, Monaco.
- **Date:** April 13, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Monte Carlo Masters was held as a major ATP clay-court tournament featuring top-ranked men's singles players competing for an ATP Masters 1000 title.
- **Objectives:** Sinner's victory strengthened his position in elite men's tennis, added another ATP Masters 1000 title to his season, and improved his preparation for the clay-court phase leading to the French Open.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Monte Carlo Masters:** A prestigious ATP Masters 1000 clay-court tennis tournament held annually in Monte Carlo.
- **ATP Masters 1000:** A category of top-level tournaments on the ATP Tour that carry high ranking value below the Grand Slam level.
- **World No. 1:** The top position in the ATP singles rankings based on a player's performance and ranking points.
- **Clay court:** A tennis surface known for slower ball speed and longer rallies, testing endurance, movement, and tactical play.
- **Roland Garros:** The French Open Grand Slam tournament played on clay courts in Paris.



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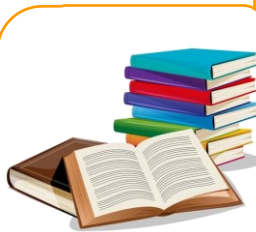
Parameter	Details
Event name	Monte Carlo Masters 2026.
Date	April 13, 2026.
Location	Monte Carlo, Monaco.
Winner	Jannik Sinner won the title.
Runner-up	Carlos Alcaraz finished as runner-up.
Final score	Sinner won in straight sets by 7-6(5), 6-3.
Key achievement	Sinner won his first Monte Carlo Masters title and reclaimed the World No. 1 ranking.
Season significance	The victory marked his third ATP Masters 1000 title of 2026 after Indian Wells and Miami.



► In which weight category did Sujeet Kalkal win gold at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2026?

- A) 57kg
- B) 61kg
- C) 65kg
- D) 70kg
- E) 74kg

**Answer**  
**C) 65kg.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian wrestlers Sujeet Kalkal and Abhimanyou Mandwal won gold medals in freestyle events at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2026.
- **Location:** Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- **Date:** April 13, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The championship brought together leading wrestlers from across Asia to compete in continental wrestling events across weight categories.
- **Objectives:** India's participation aimed to strengthen its competitive presence in continental wrestling, improve medal performance, and build momentum in international freestyle wrestling.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Asian Wrestling Championships:** A continental wrestling tournament featuring top wrestlers from Asian countries across freestyle, Greco-Roman, and women's categories.
- **Freestyle wrestling:** A style of wrestling in which athletes can use both their upper and lower body for attacking and defending.
- **Medal tally:** The total number of medals won by a country or team in a sporting competition.
- **Continental stage:** A regional level of competition involving countries from the same continent.



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Asian Wrestling Championships 2026.
Date	April 13, 2026.
Location	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
Indian gold medallists	Sujeet Kalkal and Abhimanyou Mandwal.
Sujeet's category	Sujeet Kalkal won gold in the 65kg freestyle category.
Abhimanyou's category	Abhimanyou Mandwal won gold in the 70kg freestyle category.
India's medal tally	India won 14 medals, including 2 gold, 4 silver, and 8 bronze.
Significance	The performances highlighted India's strong presence in continental freestyle wrestling.



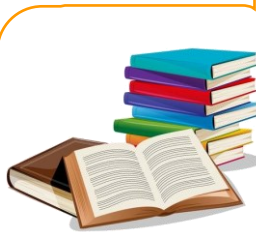
- Which two payment methods were proposed for digital-only toll collection on National Highways from April 11, 2026?

- A) NEFT and RTGS
- B) Debit card and credit card
- C) FASTag and UPI
- D) Cash and cheque
- E) Wallet and demand draft



**Answer**

**C) FASTag and UPI.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India proposed a shift to digital-only toll collection on National Highways using FASTag and UPI, while the rollout was temporarily paused due to elections.
- **Location:** National Highways across India, with implementation paused in selected states and one Union Territory.
- **Date:** April 11, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The initiative provides for toll payments at National Highway toll plazas to be processed only through digital modes such as FASTag and UPI instead of cash transactions.
- **Objectives:** It aims to reduce congestion, improve transaction transparency, cut waiting time at toll plazas, and promote wider adoption of digital payments in the transport sector.



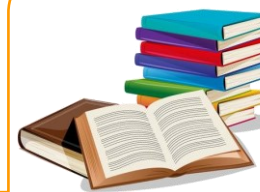
## Important Terms Explained:

- **FASTag:** An electronic toll collection system that uses Radio Frequency Identification technology to enable automatic toll payment directly from a linked account or wallet.
- **UPI:** Unified Payments Interface is a real-time digital payment system that allows instant money transfers between bank accounts through mobile applications.
- **Model Code of Conduct:** A set of guidelines enforced during elections that restricts governments from announcing or implementing certain new policy measures.
- **Digital toll collection:** A toll payment system in which transactions are completed electronically without the use of cash at toll plazas.



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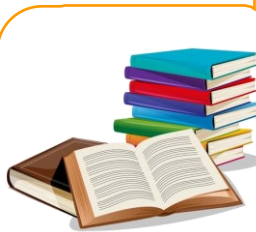
Parameter	Details
Event name	Shift to digital-only toll collection on National Highways.
Date	April 11, 2026.
Location	National Highways across India.
Payment modes	Toll payments were proposed to be accepted only through FASTag and UPI.
Policy change	The move marks a transition from a hybrid cash-and-digital model to a fully digital tolling system.
Purpose / reason	The initiative aims to improve efficiency, transparency, and convenience at toll plazas.
Implementation status	The rollout was temporarily paused due to elections and enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct.
Exempted areas	Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Assam, West Bengal, and Puducherry were mentioned as excluded from immediate rollout.



➤ **Which international institution released \$340 million for Phase-I of Andhra Pradesh's Amaravati Capital City Project?**

- A) International Monetary Fund
- B) World Bank
- C) New Development Bank
- D) BRICS Bank
- E) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

**Answer**  
**B) World Bank.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** The World Bank released \$340 million for Phase-I of the Amaravati Capital City Project under Andhra Pradesh's capital development plan.
- **Location:** Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh, India.
- **Date:** April 13, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The funding has been released for Phase-I development of Amaravati as part of a larger financial commitment by the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank for the capital city project.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to support infrastructure creation, urban governance, flood management, and inclusive urban development while promoting accountability through a results-based funding model.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Amaravati Integrated Urban Development Programme:** A development programme under which the Amaravati project is being implemented with a focus on infrastructure, governance, and urban systems.
- **Program-for-Results:** A financing framework in which funds are released based on the achievement of predefined results rather than only on project timelines or expenditure.



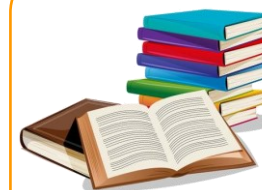
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Asian Development Bank:** A multilateral development finance institution that supports economic and social development projects in Asia and the Pacific.
- **Phase-I:** The first stage of a larger project implementation plan in which initial funding and infrastructure activities are undertaken.
- **Grace period:** The period after loan disbursement during which repayment of the principal amount does not begin.



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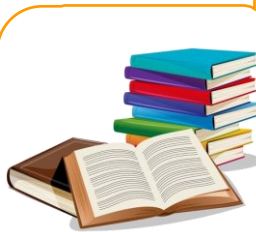
Parameter	Details
Event name	World Bank funding release for Amaravati Capital City Project.
Date	April 13, 2026.
Location	Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.
Funding released	The World Bank released \$340 million for Phase-I of the project.
Additional expected release	An additional \$130–150 million is expected later in April.
Total multilateral commitment	The World Bank and Asian Development Bank jointly pledged \$1.6 billion, with \$800 million each.
Implementation model	The project is being executed under AIUDP using the Program-for-Results framework.
Strategic / significant value	The funding supports urban infrastructure, flood management, governance systems, and inclusive capital city development.



- Which party secured a two-thirds parliamentary majority in Hungary's 2026 elections according to the article?

- A) Fidesz
- B) Tisza party
- C) Jobbik
- D) Democratic Coalition
- E) Momentum Movement

**Answer**  
**B) Tisza party.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Opposition leader Péter Magyar led the Tisza party to a decisive electoral victory, ending Viktor Orbán's 16-year tenure in power in Hungary.
- **Location:** Hungary, Central Europe.
- **Date:** April 13, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The 2026 Hungarian election resulted in a major political transition as the opposition secured a two-thirds parliamentary majority and prepared to replace the long-standing Orbán-led government.
- **Objectives:** The political shift aims to address public concerns over governance and corruption, pursue reforms, and strengthen Hungary's ties with the European Union.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Tisza party:** The political party led by Péter Magyar that won a decisive majority in Hungary's 2026 parliamentary elections.
- **Illiberal democracy:** A model of governance in which democratic elections exist but institutions, media freedom, and checks on executive power may be weakened.
- **Two-thirds majority:** A large parliamentary majority that enables a government to pass major laws and, in some systems, make constitutional changes more easily.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **NATO:** The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is a military alliance of member countries formed for collective defence and security cooperation.
- **European Union:** A political and economic union of European countries that coordinates policies on trade, governance, law, and regional cooperation.

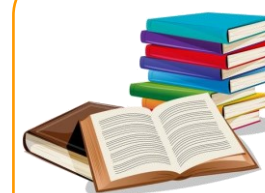


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## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Hungary's 2026 election results in a major opposition victory.
Date	April 13, 2026.
Location	Hungary.
Winning leader	Péter Magyar led the opposition victory.
Winning party	Tisza party secured a two-thirds parliamentary majority.
Defeated leader	Viktor Orbán was ousted after 16 years in power.
Main campaign themes	Corruption, governance failures, and stronger alignment with the European Union.
Strategic significance	The result could reshape Hungary's position on European policy, Ukraine, and relations with Russia.



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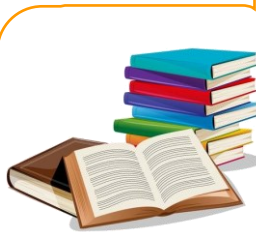


► Who has been appointed as the next head of Mossad?

- A) David Barnea
- B) Benjamin Netanyahu
- C) Roman Gofman
- D) Asher Grunis
- E) Herzi Halevi



**Answer**  
**C) Roman Gofman.**



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## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Roman Gofman was appointed as the next head of Mossad, succeeding David Barnea amid rising regional security concerns.
- **Location:** Israel.
- **Date:** April 13, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Roman Gofman has been appointed to lead Mossad, Israel's external intelligence agency, and will assume office on July 2, 2026 after the completion of David Barnea's tenure.
- **Objectives:** The appointment aims to strengthen Israel's intelligence leadership, improve strategic security coordination, and address evolving regional threats, counter-terror challenges, and external intelligence requirements.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Mossad:** Israel's external intelligence agency responsible for foreign intelligence collection, covert operations, counter-terror missions, and protection of national security interests abroad.
- **Counter-terrorism:** Security and intelligence measures undertaken to prevent, deter, and respond to terrorist threats and organisations.
- **Institute for Intelligence and Special Operations:** The official name of Mossad, which serves as a key pillar of Israel's security and intelligence framework.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Israel Defense Forces:** The military forces of Israel responsible for national defence across land, air, and sea domains.
- **Advisory committee:** A government-appointed body that reviews senior appointments to ensure compliance with legal and administrative standards.



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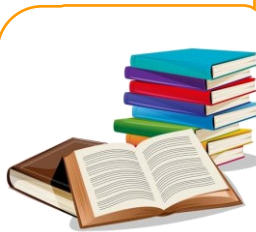
Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Roman Gofman as Mossad chief.
Date	April 13, 2026.
Location	Israel.
Appointed leader	Roman Gofman was appointed as the next head of Mossad.
Successor detail	He will succeed David Barnea.
Joining date	He is scheduled to assume office on July 2, 2026.
Previous role	Roman Gofman has been serving as military secretary to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.
Strategic significance	The appointment comes at a time of complex regional security, intelligence, and counter-terror challenges for Israel.



- **What is the main purpose of the first Commanders' Conference of the Indian Navy in 2026?**
- A) To launch a new submarine fleet
  - B) To review operational readiness and strengthen maritime security
  - C) To sign a trade pact with foreign navies
  - D) To announce civilian port reforms
  - E) To conduct naval recruitment exams

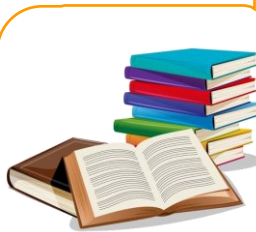
**Answer**

**B) To review operational readiness and strengthen maritime security.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Indian Navy will convene the first Commanders' Conference of 2026 to review operational preparedness and align naval strategy with national security priorities.
- **Location:** India, with participation from senior Indian naval leadership and national security officials.
- **Date:** April 13, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The three-day conference will bring together senior naval commanders to review the Navy's operational posture, maritime security preparedness, capability development, and strategic priorities.
- **Objectives:** It aims to strengthen India's maritime security framework, safeguard national maritime interests, improve readiness against emerging threats, and enhance coordination with broader national security mechanisms.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Commanders' Conference:** A high-level internal military meeting in which senior leadership reviews operational readiness, strategic priorities, and institutional planning.
- **Maritime security:** The protection of a nation's territorial waters, sea lanes, offshore assets, and broader maritime interests from military and non-military threats.
- **Operational readiness:** The ability of armed forces to respond effectively to assigned missions through preparedness, training, equipment, and deployment capability.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Op Sindoor:** An operation referred to in the article whose lessons are to be reviewed for improving inter-services coordination and joint operational planning.
- **Inter-services coordination:** Cooperation among the Army, Navy, and Air Force to improve joint planning, response, and execution in national security operations.



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	First Indian Navy Commanders' Conference of 2026.
Date	April 13, 2026.
Location	India.
Organiser	Indian Navy.
Duration	The conference will be held over three days.
Key focus	Operational readiness, maritime security, capability development, and strategic alignment with national security goals.
Special review	The conference will assess lessons from Op Sindoor to improve jointness and doctrine refinement.
Strategic significance	The event is intended to strengthen naval preparedness amid rising regional tensions and the need for secure sea lanes.

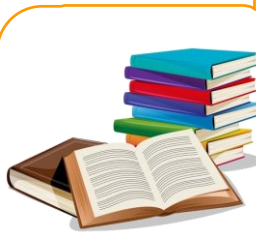


➤ **Exercise Dustlik is a joint military exercise between India and which country?**

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



**Answer**  
**C) Uzbekistan.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** The 7th edition of Exercise Dustlik between India and Uzbekistan began to strengthen joint military cooperation and operational coordination.
- **Location:** Gurumsaray Field Training Area, Namangan region, Uzbekistan.
- **Date:** April 13 to April 25, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The joint military exercise is being conducted with participation from the armed forces of India and Uzbekistan in a semi-mountainous terrain setting to improve combined operational preparedness.
- **Objectives:** The exercise aims to enhance interoperability, strengthen defence cooperation, improve joint counter-terrorism capabilities, and build better command and control coordination between the two countries.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Exercise Dustlik:** An annual joint military exercise conducted by India and Uzbekistan, with the name meaning friendship.
- **Interoperability:** The ability of armed forces from different countries to operate together effectively through compatible procedures, communication, and coordination.
- **Counter-terrorism operations:** Military or security actions conducted to prevent, contain, or neutralise terrorist threats and unlawful armed groups.



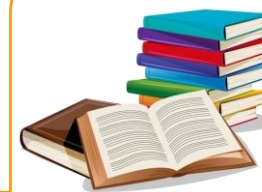
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Semi-mountain warfare:** Military operations carried out in hilly or semi-mountainous terrain requiring specialised movement, tactics, and coordination.
- **Reconnaissance:** A military activity involving observation and information-gathering about enemy positions, terrain, and operational conditions.



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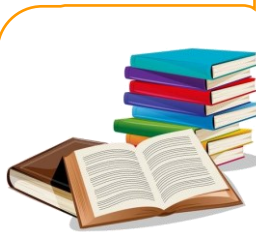
Parameter	Details
Event name	7th edition of Exercise Dustlik.
Date	April 13 to April 25, 2026.
Location	Gurumsaray Field Training Area, Namangan region, Uzbekistan.
Participating countries	India and Uzbekistan.
Indian contingent	Around 60 personnel, including 45 from the Indian Army and 15 from the Indian Air Force.
Main focus	Joint counter-terrorism operations, semi-mountain warfare, and interoperability enhancement.
Operational activities	Land navigation, reconnaissance, strike operations, seizure of enemy-held areas, and neutralisation of unlawful armed groups.
Strategic significance	The exercise reflects growing defence cooperation between India and Central Asia.



- **What was one of the main reasons for the collapse of the US–Iran peace talks in Islamabad?**
- A) Dispute over climate finance
  - B) Deep disagreements over Iran’s nuclear programme and the Strait of Hormuz
  - C) Failure to form a joint military alliance
  - D) Cancellation of Pakistan’s mediation role
  - E) Disagreement over trade tariffs with Europe

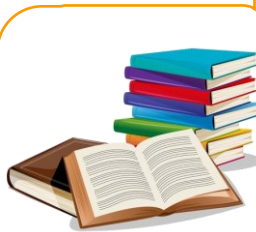
**Answer**

**B) Deep disagreements over Iran’s nuclear programme and the Strait of Hormuz.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Pakistan-mediated US–Iran peace talks ended without agreement, resulting in a diplomatic deadlock and heightened regional uncertainty.
- **Location:** Islamabad, Pakistan, with implications for the Middle East and the Gulf region.
- **Date:** April 13, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The talks were held between the United States and Iran in Islamabad with Pakistan acting as mediator to address rising tensions and key strategic disputes between the two sides.
- **Objectives:** The negotiations aimed to reduce tensions in the Middle East, improve dialogue on contentious issues, and prevent further escalation affecting regional stability and global energy security.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Strait of Hormuz:** A strategically important narrow waterway through which nearly one-fifth of the world's oil supply passes, making it vital for global energy trade.
- **Nuclear programme:** A country's policy and activities related to nuclear technology, which may include civilian energy use or sensitive enrichment capabilities with security implications.
- **Maritime traffic:** The movement of ships through sea routes used for trade, energy transport, and international navigation.



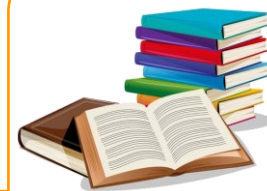
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Ceasefire talks:** Diplomatic discussions intended to stop hostilities, reduce conflict, and create conditions for further negotiations.
- **Energy supply chains:** The interconnected systems involved in the production, transport, and delivery of oil, gas, and other energy resources to global markets.



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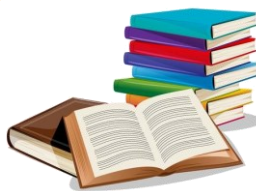
Parameter	Details
Event name	US–Iran peace talks collapse in Islamabad.
Date	April 13, 2026.
Location	Islamabad, Pakistan.
Mediator	Pakistan mediated the negotiations between the United States and Iran.
Main issues	Key disagreements involved Iran’s nuclear programme, navigation rights, and the Strait of Hormuz.
Immediate outcome	The talks ended in deadlock without any agreement, with both sides blaming each other.
Strategic concern	The crisis has raised fears over disruption to global energy supply chains and shipping routes.
Broader significance	The failure of the talks has deepened uncertainty in the Middle East and increased concerns about regional escalation.



- **Where was the first life-size statue of Swami Vivekananda in the United States unveiled?**

- A) Times Square
- B) Central Park
- C) Westlake Square
- D) Union Square
- E) Millennium Park

**Answer**  
**C) Westlake Square.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** The first life-size statue of Swami Vivekananda in the United States was unveiled to honour his legacy as a spiritual leader and philosopher.
- **Location:** Westlake Square, downtown Seattle, United States.
- **Date:** April 12, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The statue was installed in downtown Seattle as a cultural tribute to Swami Vivekananda and was unveiled in the presence of civic leaders, Indian diplomats, and community representatives.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to promote Indian philosophy and heritage abroad, strengthen India–US cultural engagement, and deepen people-to-people ties through cultural diplomacy.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Council for Cultural Relations:** A Government of India organisation that promotes India's cultural relations and exchange programmes with other countries.
- **Cultural diplomacy:** The use of culture, heritage, and values to strengthen international relations and mutual understanding between countries.
- **Vedanta:** A school of Indian philosophy based on the teachings of the Upanishads that emphasises spiritual knowledge and self-realisation.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Ramakrishna Mission:** A spiritual and service-oriented organisation founded by Swami Vivekananda to spread the teachings of Ramakrishna Paramahansa and promote social service.
- **World's Parliament of Religions:** An interfaith conference held in Chicago in 1893 where Swami Vivekananda gained global recognition through his historic address.



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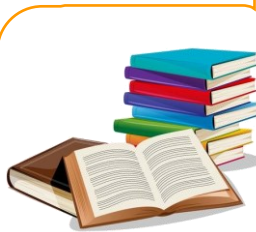
Parameter	Details
Event name	Unveiling of the first life-size Swami Vivekananda statue in the United States.
Date	April 12, 2026.
Location	Westlake Square, downtown Seattle, United States.
Artist	The bronze statue was sculpted by Naresh Kumar Kumawat.
Key dignitaries	The statue was unveiled by Seattle Mayor Katie Wilson and India's Consul General in Seattle, Prakash Gupta.
Issuing authority / organiser	The statue was gifted by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations.
Purpose / reason	The installation honours Swami Vivekananda's spiritual legacy and supports India's cultural outreach abroad.
Strategic / significant value	The initiative strengthens India-US cultural ties and highlights Seattle as the first US city to host a life-size statue of Vivekananda.



➤ Which mission highlighted in the commemorative stamps represents India's human spaceflight programme?

- A) Chandrayaan
- B) Aditya-L1
- C) Gaganyaan
- D) Mangalyaan
- E) Astrosat

**Answer**  
**C) Gaganyaan.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Karnataka Postal Circle released commemorative stamps and souvenir sheets to honour ISRO and highlight India's journey from satellite launches to human spaceflight ambitions.
- **Location:** Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.
- **Date:** April 13, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Department of Posts, Karnataka Postal Circle, unveiled commemorative postage stamps and souvenir sheets recognising ISRO's achievements in space exploration and its progress toward human spaceflight.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to celebrate India's scientific achievements, promote awareness of its expanding space programme, and honour milestones from early satellite missions to future crewed and orbital missions.



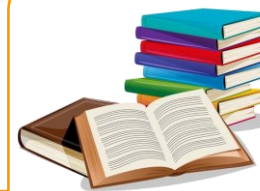
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Gaganyaan:** India's flagship human spaceflight programme led by ISRO to send Indian astronauts to Low Earth Orbit and bring them back safely.
- **Gaganyatris:** The term used for Indian astronauts selected for the Gaganyaan mission.
- **Low Earth Orbit:** A region of space relatively close to Earth where many satellites and short-duration human space missions operate.
- **Aryabhata:** India's first satellite, launched in 1975, marking the beginning of the country's space journey.
- **Indian Space Station:** A proposed orbital platform planned by ISRO to support long-duration space research and future advanced missions.



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Release of commemorative stamps honouring ISRO's space achievements.
Date	April 13, 2026.
Location	Bengaluru, Karnataka.
Organiser	Department of Posts, Karnataka Postal Circle.
Institution honoured	Indian Space Research Organisation.
Feature details	The stamps depict India's space journey from Aryabhata to the Gaganyaan programme and include Jantar Mantar imagery.
Purpose / reason	The release recognises India's progress in satellite launches, human spaceflight, and advanced space exploration.
Strategic / significant value	The tribute reflects India's growing ambition to emerge as a major global space power through crewed missions and future space station plans.

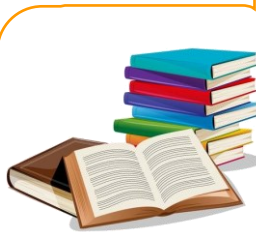


➤ **Which law governs the patent grant process in India?**

- A) Companies Act, 2013
- B) Patents Act, 1970
- C) Trade Marks Act, 1999
- D) Competition Act, 2002
- E) Information Technology Act, 2000

**Answer**

**B) Patents Act, 1970.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Patent applications in India rose to a historic high of 1,43,729 in FY 2025–26, reflecting strong growth in innovation and research activity.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** April 13, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The announcement highlighted the sharp rise in patent filings under the country's intellectual property ecosystem and reflected continued policy support for innovation, research, and patent protection.
- **Objectives:** The growth aims to strengthen the innovation ecosystem, encourage domestic inventors, expand intellectual property creation, and improve protection for new technologies and industrial ideas.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Patent:** A legal right granted for an invention that gives the inventor exclusive rights over its use, production, or sale for a specific period.
- **Intellectual Property Rights:** Legal protections given to creators and innovators over inventions, designs, artistic works, trademarks, and other original creations.
- **Patents Act, 1970:** The principal law governing patent filing, examination, grant, and opposition procedures in India.



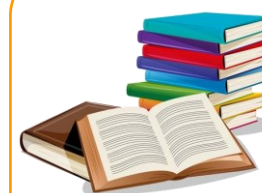
## Important Terms Explained:

- **Domestic applicants:** Individuals, institutions, companies, or entities from within India that file patent applications in the country.
- **Industrial applicability:** A condition for patentability which means an invention must be capable of being made or used in an industry.



## Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Patent applications in India reach a historic high in FY 2025–26.
Date	April 13, 2026.
Location	India.
Patent filings	Patent applications rose by 30.2% to 1,43,729 in FY 2025–26.
Domestic share	More than 69% of patent filings were from domestic applicants.
Global position	India ranked as the 6th largest patent filer in the world.
Leading states	Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Maharashtra emerged as major contributors.
Policy support	Reduced fees, faster examination, and pro bono support for startups helped strengthen the patent ecosystem.



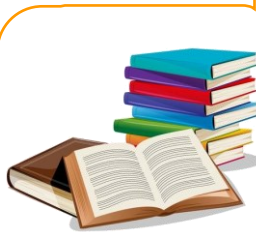
➤ **Which Acts were specifically mentioned by the Supreme Court as the legal basis of electoral rights in India?**

- A) Indian Penal Code and CrPC
- B) Representation of the People Act, 1950 and Representation of the People Act, 1951
- C) Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI Act, 1992
- D) Citizenship Act, 1955 and RTI Act, 2005
- E) Trade Unions Act, 1926 and Societies Registration Act, 1860



**Answer**

**B) Representation of the People Act, 1950 and Representation of the People Act, 1951.**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Supreme Court of India clarified that the right to vote and the right to contest elections are statutory rights, not fundamental rights.
- **Location:** India, in the context of a case arising from Rajasthan cooperative society elections.
- **Date:** April 11, 2026.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The judgment reaffirmed that electoral rights are created and regulated by legislation and remain subject to legal conditions, qualifications, and disqualifications.
- **Objectives:** The ruling aims to clarify the legal nature of voting and election participation rights, uphold valid eligibility norms in cooperative elections, and define the limits of judicial interference in such matters.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Statutory rights:** Rights created and governed by laws passed by Parliament or state legislatures rather than being directly guaranteed as fundamental rights under the Constitution.
- **Fundamental rights:** Rights guaranteed under Part III of the Constitution of India that are enforceable through constitutional remedies.
- **Representation of the People Act, 1950:** A law that deals mainly with matters such as electoral rolls and the qualifications of voters.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Representation of the People Act, 1951:** A law that governs the conduct of elections, qualifications and disqualifications of candidates, and electoral disputes.
- **Article 12:** A constitutional provision that defines the term State for the purpose of enforcing fundamental rights.
- **Article 226:** A constitutional provision that empowers High Courts to issue writs for enforcement of rights and for other legal purposes.



## Tabular Summary:

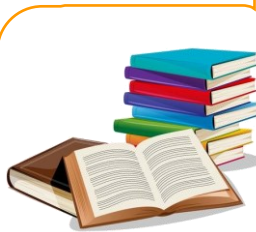
Parameter	Details
Event name	Supreme Court clarification on legal status of voting and election participation rights.
Date	April 11, 2026.
Location	India, arising from a Rajasthan cooperative society election dispute.
Court bench	The bench comprised Justice B V Nagarathna and Justice R Mahadevan.
Core ruling	The right to vote and the right to contest elections are statutory rights and not fundamental rights.
Legal basis	Electoral rights are governed by the Representation of the People Act, 1950 and the Representation of the People Act, 1951.
Case issue	The dispute involved eligibility conditions in Rajasthan cooperative society elections and the validity of related bye-laws.
Significance	The judgment clarified the legal framework of electoral rights and upheld the validity of eligibility-based bye-laws in cooperative elections.



# QUICK RECALL



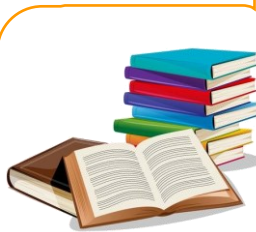
- **The Jallianwala Bagh massacre took place in Amritsar on April 13, 1919.**
- **Jannik Sinner won the Monte Carlo Masters for the first time in his career.**
- **Sujeet Kalkal defeated Umidjon Jalolov of Uzbekistan by 8-1 in the 65kg freestyle final.**
- **FASTag and UPI were identified as the two payment modes for toll collection under the new system.**
- **The World Bank released \$340 million for Phase-I of the Amaravati Capital City Project.**
- **Péter Magyar emerged as the central opposition figure in Hungary's 2026 election.**
- **Roman Gofman has been appointed as the next chief of Mossad.**
- **The Indian Navy will hold its first Commanders' Conference of 2026 as a three-day event.**
- **Exercise Dustlik 2026 is being held in Uzbekistan from April 13 to April 25.**
- **The US–Iran peace talks held in Islamabad failed to produce any agreement.**
- **Seattle became the first city in the United States to host a life-size statue of Swami Vivekananda.**



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- **Karnataka Postal Circle released commemorative stamps and souvenir sheets in Bengaluru to honour ISRO.**
- **Patent applications in India increased to 1,43,729 in FY 2025–26.**
- **The Supreme Court held that the right to vote is not a fundamental right.**



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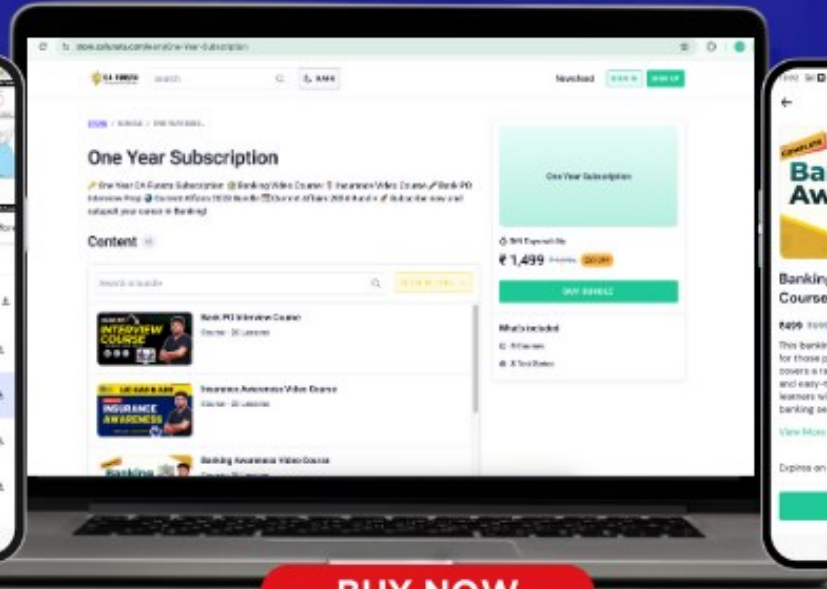
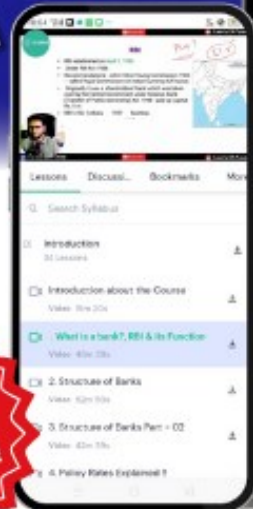


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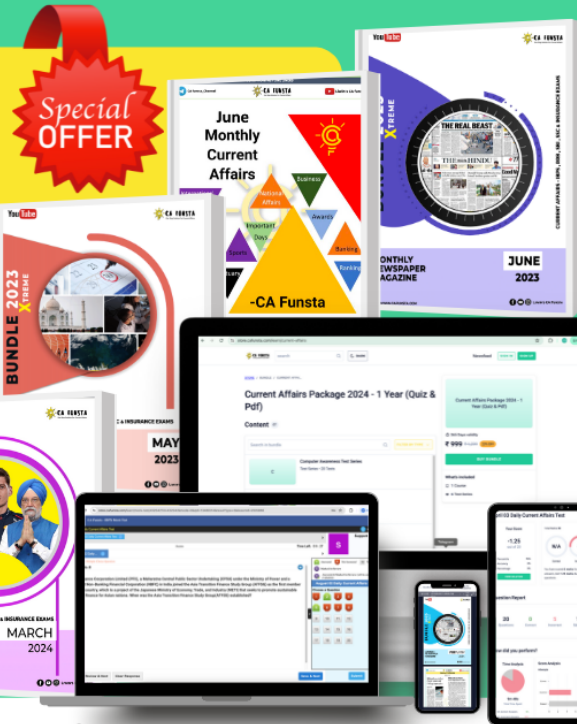
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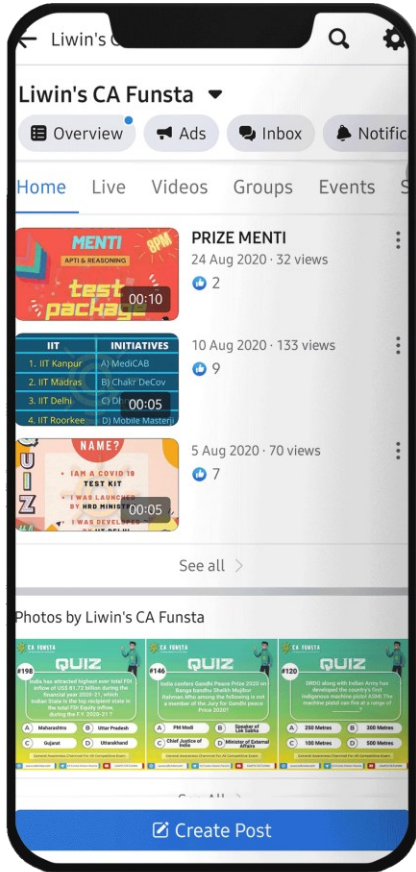
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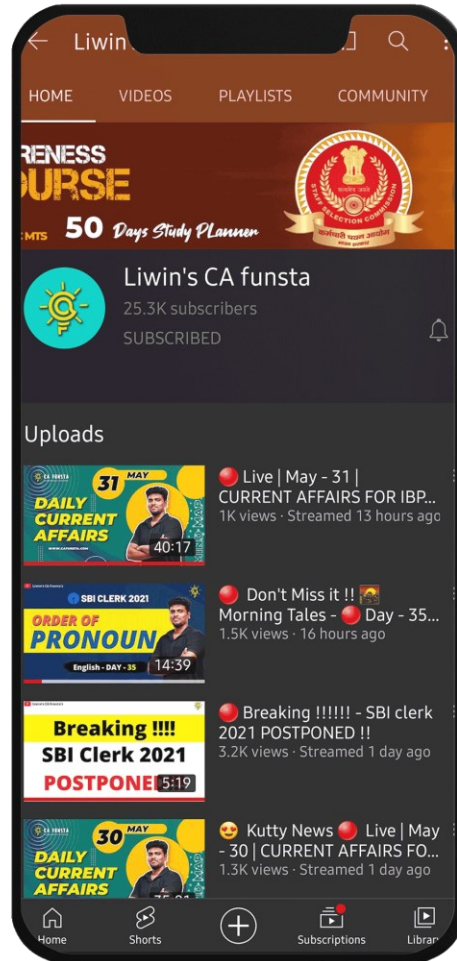


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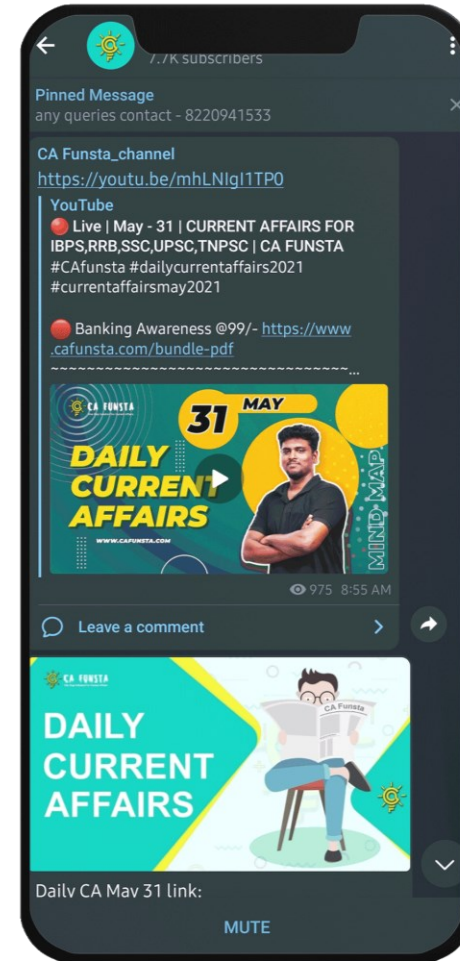
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