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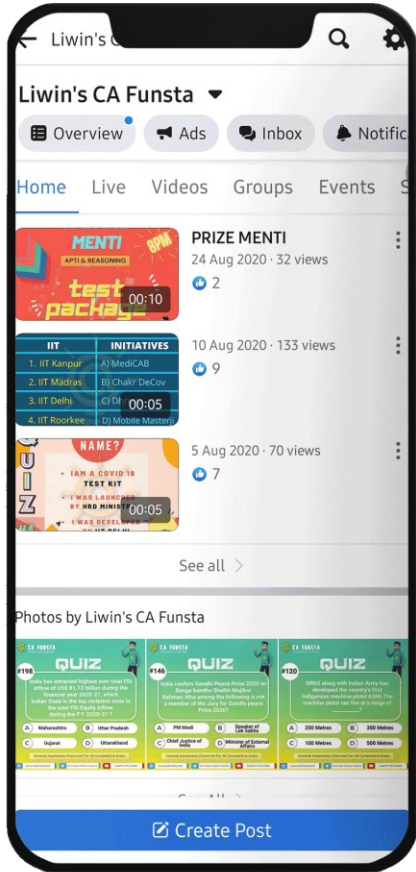


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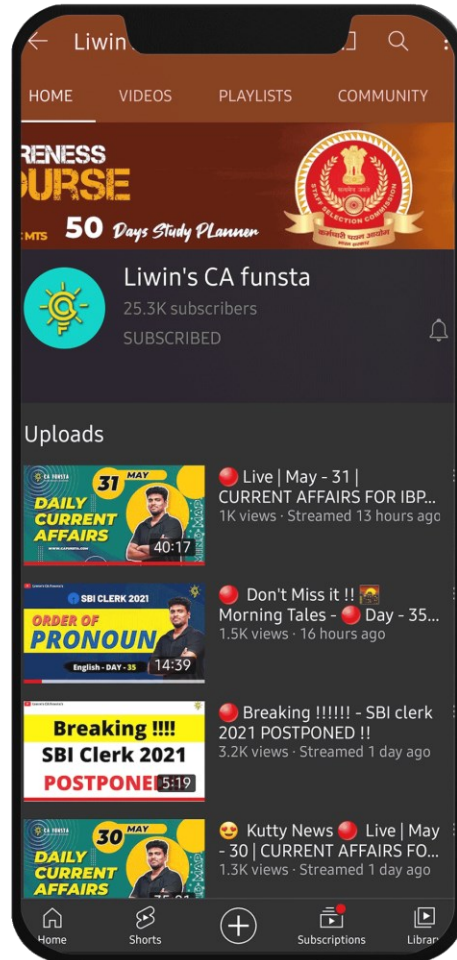
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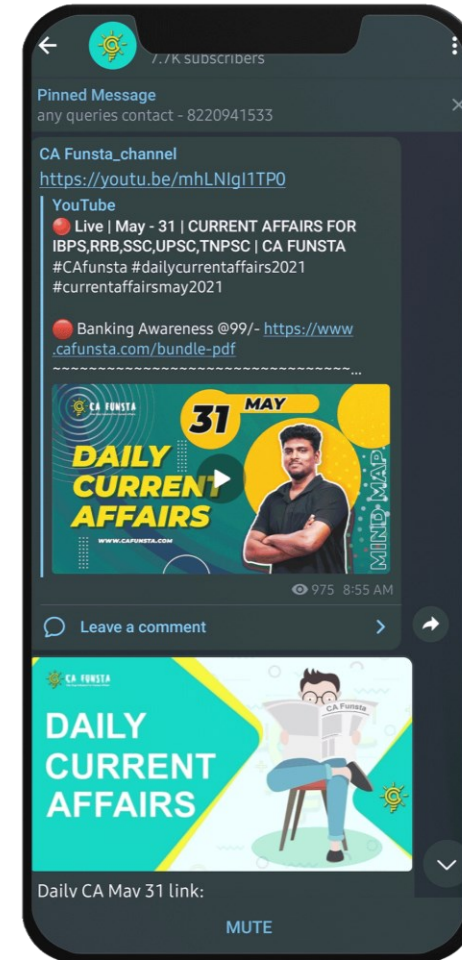
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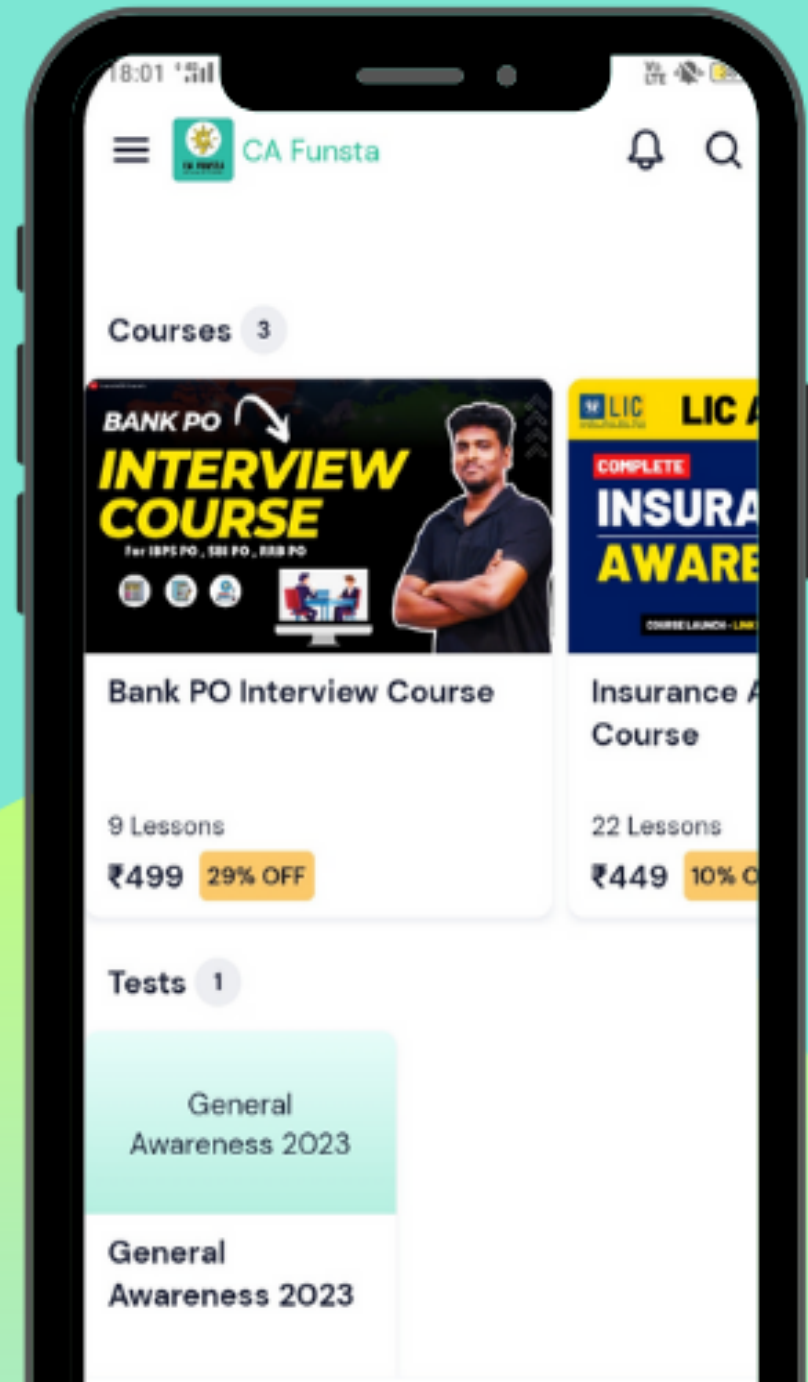
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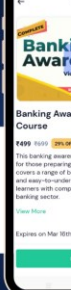


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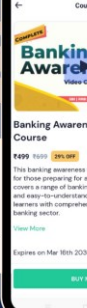


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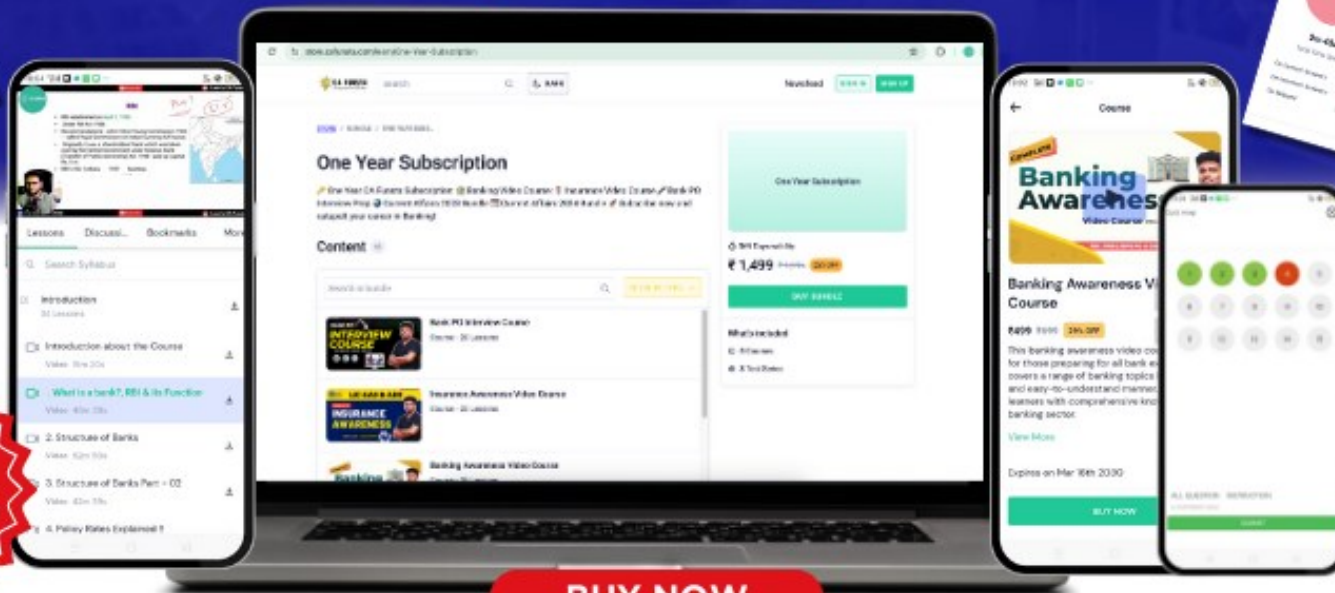
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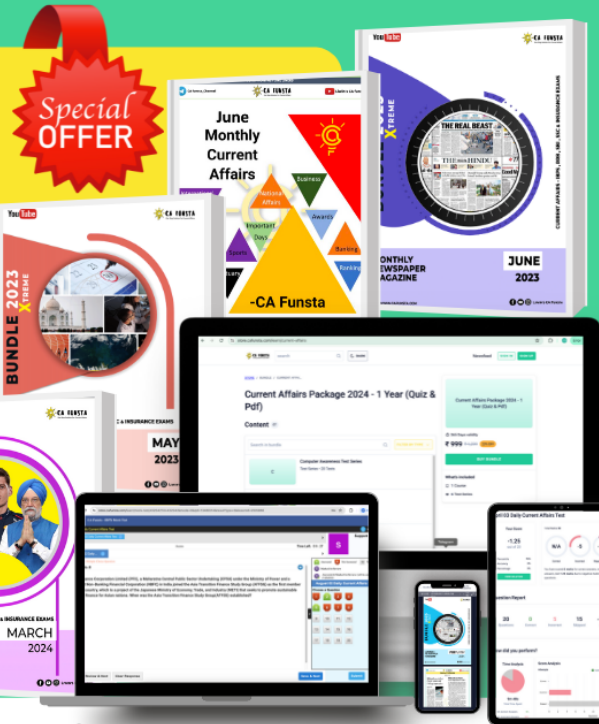


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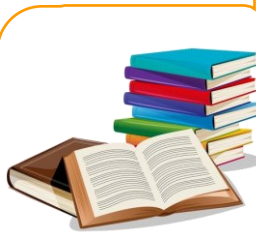
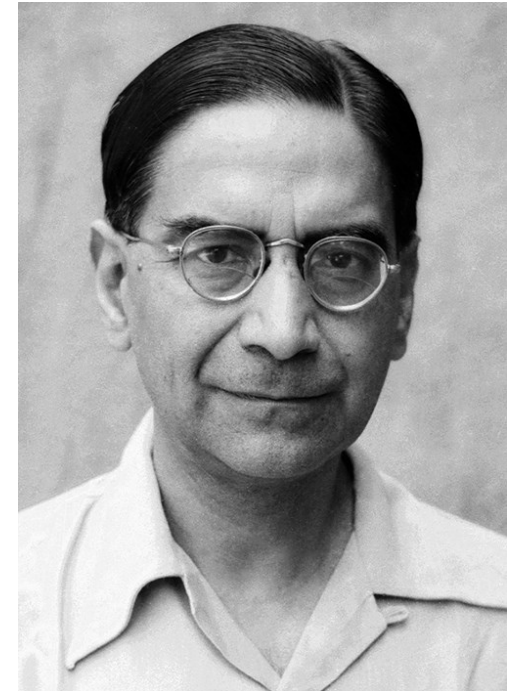
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➤ **What is the theme of Statistics Day 2026?**

- A) Data for Sustainable Growth
- B) Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data
- C) Statistics for Digital India
- D) Evidence Based Governance
- E) Innovation in Official Statistics

Answer

B) Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data.

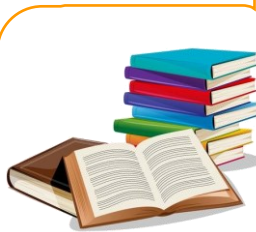


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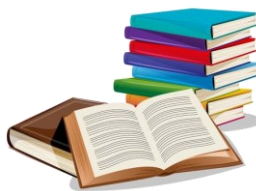
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India celebrates the **20th Statistics Day** to honour Prof. **Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis** and recognize the role of statistics in national development.
- **Location:** Dr. **Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.**
- **Date:** June **29, 2026.**



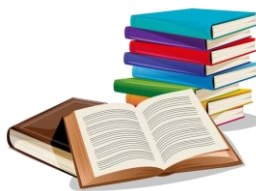
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)** and the **National Statistical Office** are organizing the observance to promote awareness about official statistics and evidence-based policymaking.



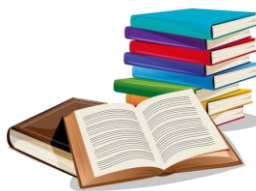
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The **2026** theme focuses on **Administrative Data** to improve policymaking, governance, public service delivery, data integration, and timely statistical outputs.



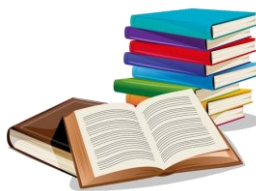
Important Terms Explained:

- Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis: He was a pioneering Indian statistician who founded the **Indian Statistical Institute**, developed the **Mahalanobis Distance**, and played a major role in India's statistical system and planning process.



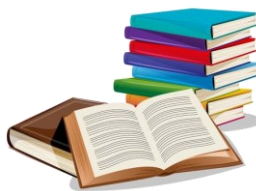
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Statistical Office:** It is the official statistical agency under MoSPI responsible for collecting, compiling, and disseminating key statistical data in India.



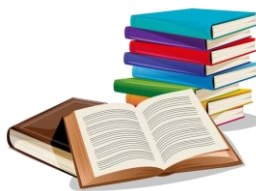
Important Terms Explained:

- **Administrative Data:** It refers to information generated through routine government operations such as taxation, healthcare, education, welfare delivery, transport, and digital governance.



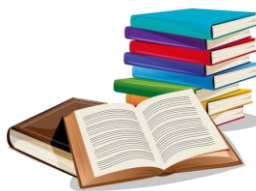
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sustainable Development Goals:** These are global development goals adopted under the **2030** Agenda to address poverty, inequality, health, education, climate action, and sustainable growth.



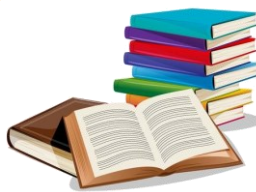
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sukhatme National Award in Statistics:** It is an award named after Prof. P.V. Sukhatme and recognizes outstanding contributions to statistics and official statistical systems in India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mahalanobis Distance:** It is a statistical measure developed by Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis to measure the distance between a point and a distribution.

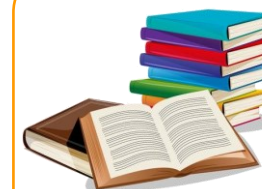


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Statistics Day 2026.
Date	June 29, 2026.
Location	Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
Organiser	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
Theme	Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data.
Chief guest	Dr. P.K. Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister.
Special address	Rao Inderjit Singh will deliver the special address.
Significance	The observance promotes data-driven governance, evidence-based planning, and stronger official statistical systems.



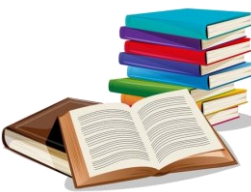
➤ **After which match did Ben Stokes announce his retirement from international cricket?**

- A) First Ashes Test
- B) Third Rothesay Test against New Zealand
- C) ICC World Test Championship Final
- D) T20 World Cup Final
- E) Second ODI against Australia



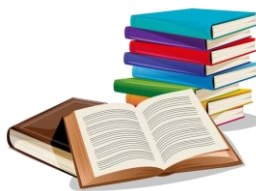
Answer

B) Third Rothesay Test against New Zealand.



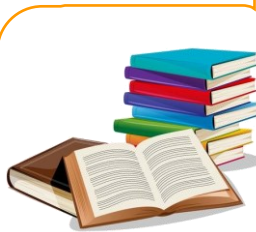
Event and Location:

- **Event: Ben Stokes** announced his retirement from international cricket after the **Third Rothesay Test** against **New Zealand**.
- **Location: Trent Bridge**, England.
- **Date: June 29, 2026.**



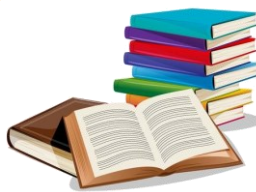
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The England and Wales Cricket Board confirmed that **Ben Stokes** will retire from international cricket and step down as **England Men's** Test captain after the **Trent Bridge Test**.



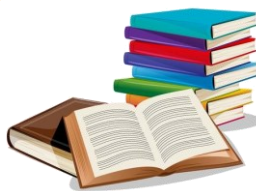
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The announcement marks the end of Stokes' international career and highlights his legacy as one of England's greatest all-rounders and most influential leaders.



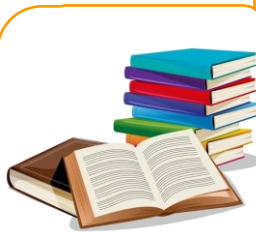
Important Terms Explained:

- **England and Wales Cricket Board:** It is the governing body responsible for cricket administration in **England and Wales**.
- **All-Rounder:** It refers to a cricketer who contributes significantly with both batting and bowling.



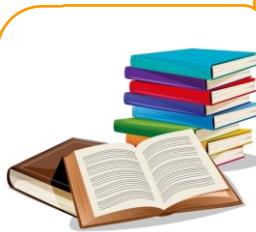
Important Terms Explained:

- **Rothsay Test:** It refers to the sponsored naming of the Test match series in which England played **New Zealand**.
- **Ashes Series:** It is a historic Test cricket rivalry played between **England and Australia**.



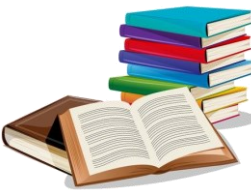
Important Terms Explained:

- **Super Over:** It is a tie-breaking method used in limited-overs cricket when a match ends in a tie.
- **Test Captain:** It refers to the player responsible for leading a national team in Test cricket matches.



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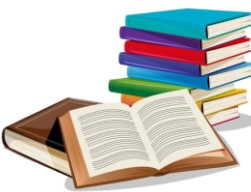
Parameter	Details
Event name	Ben Stokes' retirement announcement from international cricket.
Date	June 29, 2026.
Location	Trent Bridge, England.
Key person	Ben Stokes.
Confirmation by	England and Wales Cricket Board.
Final match	Third Rothesay Test against New Zealand.
Captaincy role	He will step down as England Men's Test captain.
Significance	The announcement ends a nearly 15-year international career marked by major World Cup, Ashes, and Test cricket achievements.



► Who broke Anju Bobby George's 22-year-old national long jump record at the 2026 Inter-State Championships?

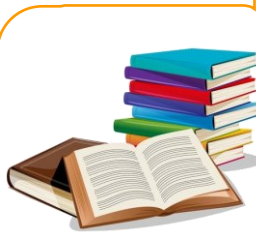
- A) Shaili Singh
- B) Ancy Sojan
- C) Neena Varakil
- D) Mayookha Johny
- E) Nayana James

Answer
B) Ancy Sojan.



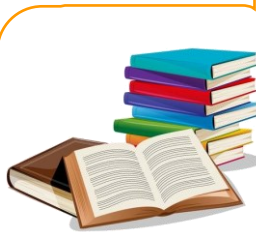
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Ancy Sojan broke Anju Bobby George's 22-year-old national long jump record with a **6.88**-metre jump.
- **Location:** Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- **Date:** June 29, 2026.



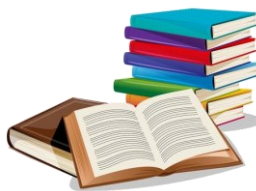
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The record was achieved at the **National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships 2026**, where **Ancy Sojan** won the women's long jump gold medal.
- **Objectives:** The achievement highlights India's growing strength in women's long jump and strengthens **Ancy Sojan's** position ahead of major continental competitions.



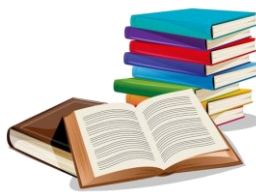
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships:**
It is a major domestic athletics competition where Indian athletes compete for national titles and qualification standards.



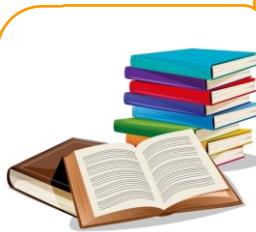
Important Terms Explained:

- **Long Jump:** It is a track and field event in which athletes attempt to jump the farthest distance from a take-off point after a sprint run-up.



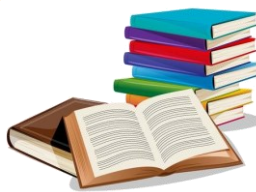
Important Terms Explained:

- **Anju Bobby George:** She is a legendary Indian long jumper whose **6.83**-metre national record from the **2004 Athens Olympics** stood for **22** years.



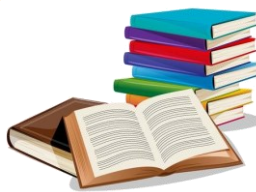
Important Terms Explained:

- **Athletics Federation of India:** It is the national governing body for athletics in India and sets qualification standards for major competitions.



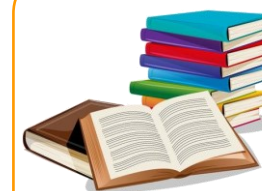
Important Terms Explained:

- **Asian Games:** It is a major multi-sport event held among Asian countries, where athletes compete across various Olympic and non-Olympic sports.



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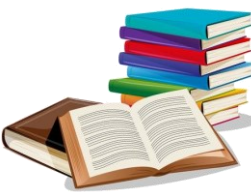
Parameter	Details
Event name	Ancy Sojan's national long jump record.
Date	June 29, 2026.
Location	Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
Athlete	Ancy Sojan from Thrissur, Kerala.
Record jump	She jumped 6.88 metres.
Previous record	Anju Bobby George held the earlier record of 6.83 metres.
Competition	National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships 2026.
Significance	The jump broke a 22-year-old national record and met the AFI qualification standard for the 2026 Asian Games.



➤ Who has been appointed as OpenAI's Managing Director for India?

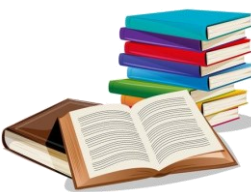
- A) Kiran Mani
- B) Prabhjeet Singh
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Dara Khosrowshahi
- E) Sam Altman

Answer
B) Prabhjeet Singh.



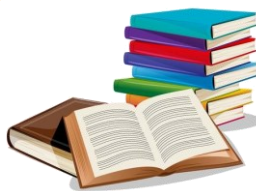
Event and Location:

- **Event:** OpenAI appointed **Prabhjeet Singh** as its **Managing Director for India** to lead its strategy and operations.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** June 29, 2026.



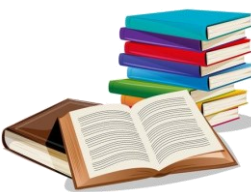
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** OpenAI named **Prabhjeet Singh** as its most senior executive in India, with his joining scheduled for September **2026**.
- **Objectives:** The appointment aims to strengthen OpenAI's India operations and support its expansion in one of the world's fastest-growing artificial intelligence markets.



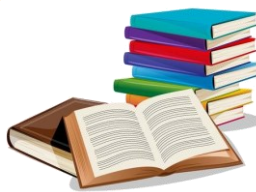
Important Terms Explained:

- **Prabhjeet Singh:** He is the former **President of Uber India and South Asia** and has been appointed as OpenAI's **Managing Director for India**.



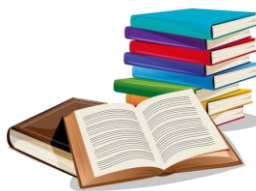
Important Terms Explained:

- **Managing Director:** It is a senior leadership role responsible for business strategy, operations, market growth, and organizational execution in a specific region.



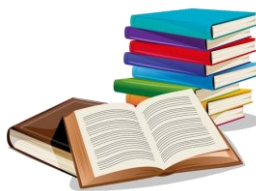
Important Terms Explained:

- **Artificial Intelligence:** It refers to technologies that enable machines and software systems to perform tasks requiring human-like reasoning, learning, automation, and decision-making.



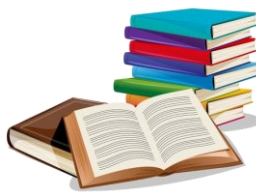
Important Terms Explained:

- **Asia Pacific:** It is a major business region covering several **Asian and Pacific** markets, and **Prabhjeet Singh** will report to **Kiran Mani, Managing Director for Asia Pacific**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital User Base:** It refers to the large number of people using online platforms, apps, and digital services, making India an important market for AI companies.

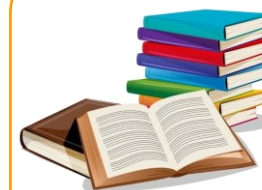


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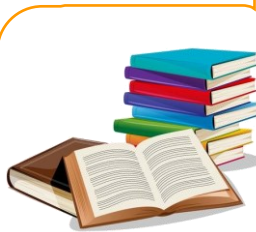
Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of OpenAI's Managing Director for India.
Date	June 29, 2026.
Location	India.
Appointed person	Prabhjeet Singh.
New role	Managing Director for India at OpenAI.
Joining timeline	He will join OpenAI in September 2026.
Reporting authority	He will report to Kiran Mani, Managing Director for Asia Pacific.
Significance	The appointment highlights India's growing importance in the global AI ecosystem.



➤ Who will step down as Kotak Mahindra Bank's MD and CEO after completing his term on 31 December 2026?

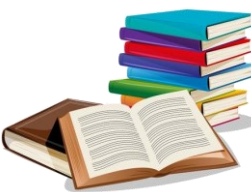
- A) Uday Kotak
- B) Ashok Vaswani
- C) Jaideep Hansraj
- D) Anup Kumar Saha
- E) Paritosh Kashyap

Answer
B) Ashok Vaswani.



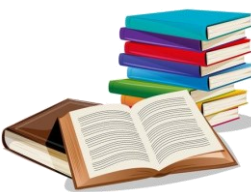
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Ashok Vaswani announced that he will step down as **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank** after completing his current term.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** 31 December 2026.



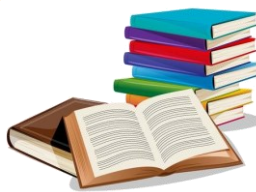
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Kotak Mahindra Bank's Board accepted **Ashok Vaswani's** decision not to seek reappointment and initiated the succession process for the next MD and **CEO**.
- **Objectives:** The transition aims to ensure leadership continuity, regulatory compliance, and stable strategic direction for the bank.



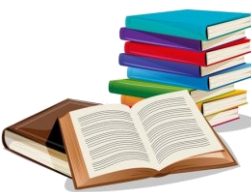
Important Terms Explained:

- **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer:** It refers to the top executive role responsible for overall management, business strategy, operations, and leadership of a company or bank.



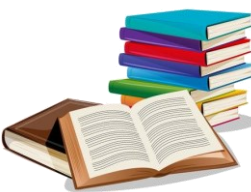
Important Terms Explained:

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank:** It is a private sector bank in India that announced **Ashok Vaswani**'s decision to step down after his three-year term.



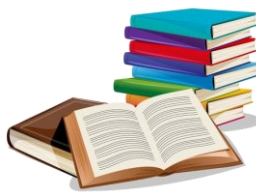
Important Terms Explained:

- **Reserve Bank of India:** It is India's central bank and its approval is required for the appointment of a new bank MD and **CEO**.
- **Succession Process:** It refers to the formal process of identifying and appointing a new leader to ensure continuity in management.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Whole-Time Director:** It refers to a full-time board-level executive involved in the regular management and operations of a company.

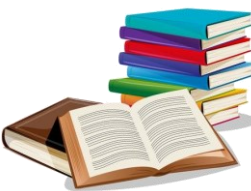


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Ashok Vaswani's decision to step down as Kotak Mahindra Bank MD and CEO.
Date	31 December 2026.
Location	India.
Key person	Ashok Vaswani.
Institution	Kotak Mahindra Bank.
Reason stated	He will step down for personal reasons and will not seek reappointment.
Succession requirement	The next MD and CEO appointment will require Reserve Bank of India approval.
Significance	The decision marks a major leadership transition at Kotak Mahindra Bank.

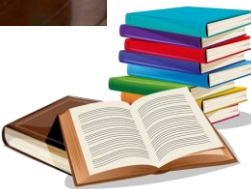


➤ **Which Presidential Distinction was conferred on Prime Minister Narendra Modi by Seychelles?**

- A) Champion of the Ocean Award
- B) Guardian of the Blue Horizon
- C) Global Climate Leadership Medal
- D) Blue Planet Honour
- E) Sustainable Islands Award

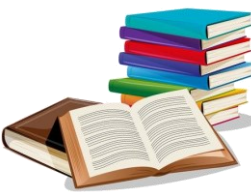
Answer

B) Guardian of the Blue Horizon.



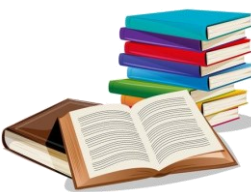
Event and Location:

- **Event: Prime Minister Narendra Modi** was conferred the Guardian of the **Blue Horizon Presidential Distinction by Seychelles.**
- **Location: India and Seychelles.**
- **Date: 28 June 2026.**



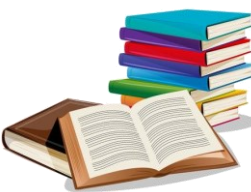
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Seychelles conferred the **Presidential Distinction** on **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** for his leadership in climate action, environmental conservation, **Blue Economy** promotion, and sustainable development.



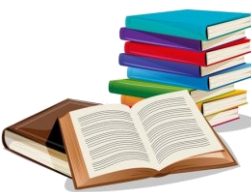
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The honour aims to recognize global leadership in protecting marine ecosystems, supporting **Small Island Developing States**, and promoting sustainable ocean resource management.



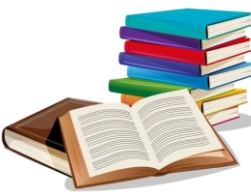
Important Terms Explained:

- **Blue Economy:** It refers to the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods, marine conservation, and environmental protection.



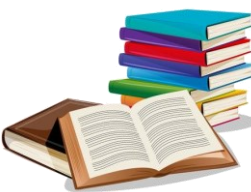
Important Terms Explained:

- **Small Island Developing States:** These are island nations facing unique development challenges such as climate vulnerability, limited resources, and exposure to rising sea levels.



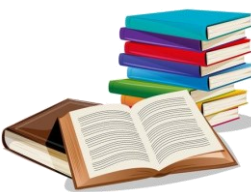
Important Terms Explained:

- **International Solar Alliance:** It is an India-backed global initiative that promotes solar energy cooperation among countries.
- **Mission LiFE:** It stands for **Lifestyle for Environment** and promotes sustainable living practices to reduce environmental damage.



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Big Cat Alliance:** It is an initiative focused on the conservation of big cats and their habitats across the world.

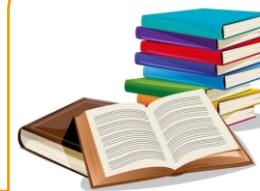


AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Guardian of the Blue Horizon Presidential Distinction.
Date	28 June 2026.
Location	India and Seychelles.
Award recipient	Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Conferred by	Seychelles President Dr. Patrick Herminie.
Recognition areas	Climate action, Blue Economy, environmental conservation, and sustainable development.
First recipient	Narendra Modi became the first recipient of this honour.
Significance	The honour strengthens India-Seychelles ties during 50 years of diplomatic relations.

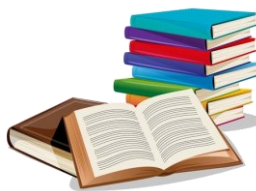


► **Brachybacterium netajii was discovered from which river in India?**

- A) Ganga River
- B) Yamuna River
- C) Hooghly River
- D) Brahmaputra River
- E) Narmada River

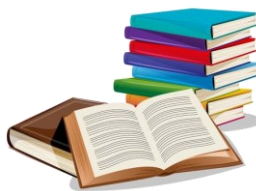
Answer

C) Hooghly River.



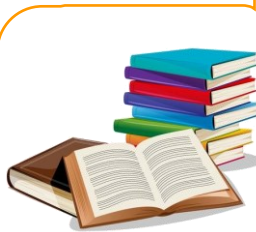
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Brachybacterium netajii was identified as a newly discovered bacterial species with pollution-control potential.
- **Location:** Hooghly River, West Bengal, India.
- **Date:** June 29, 2026.



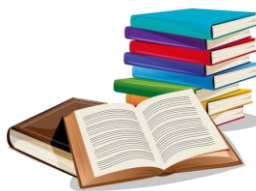
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Scientists isolated the bacterial strain DNPG3T from industrial runoff-contaminated river water and proposed it as a new species after taxonomic analysis.
- **Objectives:** The discovery aims to support bioremediation, industrial wastewater treatment, heavy metal remediation, and sustainable pollution management.



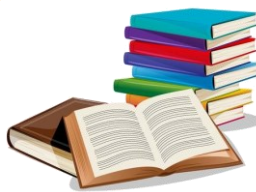
Important Terms Explained:

- **Brachybacterium netajii**: It is a newly identified bacterial species isolated from the **Hooghly River** and named after **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**.



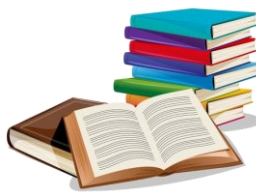
Important Terms Explained:

- **Actinobacteria:** It is a phylum of mostly Gram-positive bacteria found in soil and aquatic environments, with several species known for environmental and industrial importance.



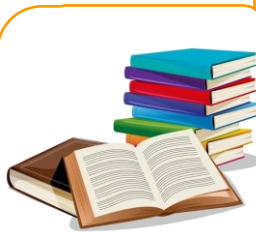
Important Terms Explained:

- **Bioremediation:** It is the use of microorganisms, plants, or enzymes to remove, degrade, or neutralize pollutants from contaminated environments.



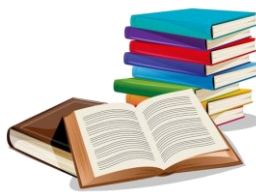
Important Terms Explained:

- p-Nitrophenol: It is a toxic industrial compound used in dyes, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, and chemical synthesis.
- **Halotolerant:** It refers to the ability of an organism to survive in high-salt environments.



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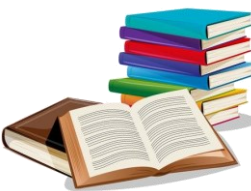
Parameter	Details
Event name	Discovery of Brachybacterium netajii.
Date	June 29, 2026.
Location	Hooghly River, West Bengal.
Proposed strain	DNPG3T.
Named after	Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.
Key feature	The bacterium can degrade toxic industrial pollutants.
Heavy metal tolerance	It can tolerate arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury.
Significance	The species has potential applications in bioremediation and wastewater treatment.



► At what thrust level did ISRO successfully conduct the latest semicryogenic engine hot test?

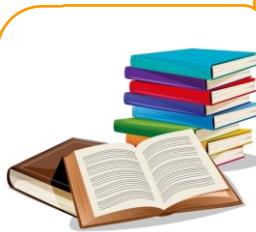
- A) 100 tonne
- B) 125 tonne
- C) 150 tonne
- D) 175 tonne
- E) 200 tonne

Answer
D) 175 tonne.



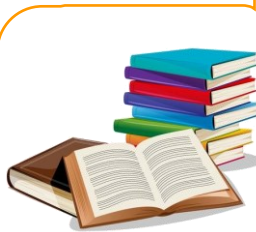
Event and Location:

- **Event:** ISRO successfully conducted a **175-tonne** hot test of its **Semicryogenic Engine Power Head Test Article**.
- **Location:** ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.
- **Date:** 24 June 2026.



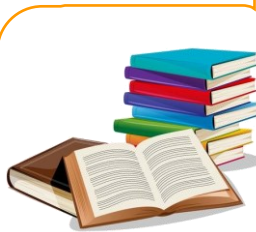
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Indian Space Research Organisation tested the **Power Head Test Article** as part of the development of its indigenous semicryogenic propulsion system.
- **Objectives:** The test aims to validate critical engine systems and support the development of the **200-tonne SE2000** engine for future launch vehicle upgrades.



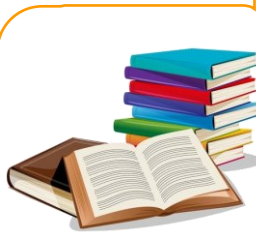
Important Terms Explained:

- **Semicryogenic Engine:** It is a rocket engine that uses liquid oxygen as the oxidizer and purified kerosene as the fuel to provide efficient and powerful propulsion.



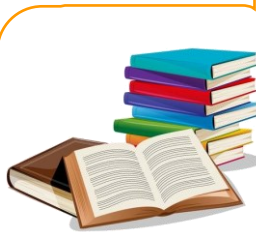
Important Terms Explained:

- **SE2000 Engine:** It is **ISRO**'s semicryogenic engine under development with a planned thrust capability of around **2,000** kilonewtons.
- **Liquid Oxygen:** It is a cryogenic oxidizer used in rocket engines to support combustion and generate thrust.



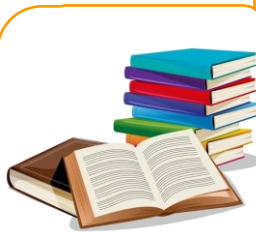
Important Terms Explained:

- **Isrosene:** It is purified kerosene used as fuel in **ISRO's** semicryogenic engine design.
- **SC120 Stage:** It is the planned semicryogenic propulsion stage that may replace the existing **L110** liquid core stage of the **LVM3** launch vehicle.



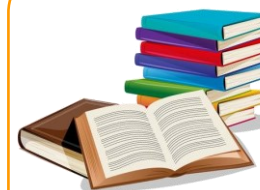
Important Terms Explained:

- **LVM3:** It is India's most powerful operational launch vehicle used for missions such as Chandrayaan, communication satellites, commercial launches, and Gaganyaan preparations.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	ISRO's 175-tonne semicryogenic engine hot test.
Date	24 June 2026.
Location	ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.
Test article	Semi-Cryogenic Engine Power Head Test Article.
Thrust achieved	The test achieved 175 tonnes of thrust, about 88% of the planned 200-tonne capacity.
Test series	This was the eighth hot test using the Power Head Test Article.
Key performance	Main turbopumps operated successfully at 400 bar and 500 bar outlet pressures.
Significance	The test strengthens India's future heavy-lift launch capability and indigenous propulsion development.

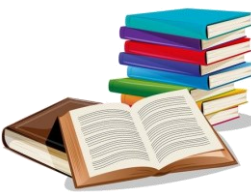


➤ Which bird species was studied to understand how habitat influences birdsong?

- A) House sparrow
- B) Bachman's sparrow
- C) American robin
- D) Pine warbler
- E) Song thrush

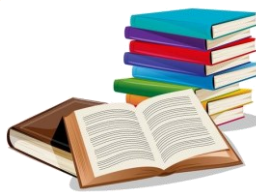


Answer
B) Bachman's sparrow.



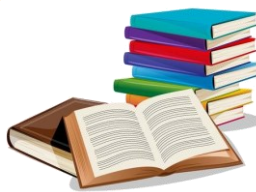
Event and Location:

- **Event:** New research highlighted how a bird's habitat can shape its song patterns over generations.
- **Location:** Southeastern United States.
- **Date:** June 29, 2026.



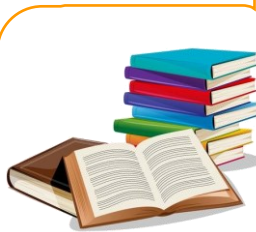
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Researchers studied Bachman's sparrows to understand how environmental conditions, social learning, and habitat types influence bird songs.
- **Objectives:** The study aims to explain how birds adapt their communication to different habitats and how birdsong changes can indicate ecological disturbances.



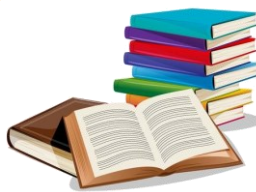
Important Terms Explained:

- **Birdsong:** It is a learned vocal communication system used mainly by male birds to attract mates, defend territory, identify species, and communicate within populations.



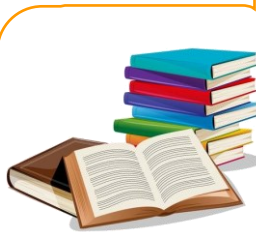
Important Terms Explained:

- Bachman's sparrow: It is a small brown songbird found in pine forests and grasslands of the southeastern **United States**.



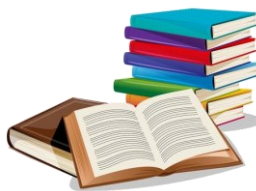
Important Terms Explained:

- **Habitat Influence:** It refers to the effect of surroundings such as forests, grasslands, and changing landscapes on how bird songs travel and evolve.



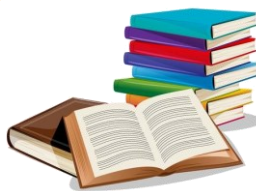
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cultural Transmission:** It is the process through which learned behaviours such as songs are passed from one generation to another through social interaction.



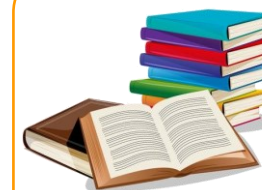
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ecological Disturbance:** It refers to environmental changes such as forest clearing, grassland loss, or urban expansion that can affect wildlife behaviour and survival.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Research on habitat influence on birdsong.
Date	June 29, 2026.
Location	Southeastern United States.
Species studied	Bachman's sparrow.
Key finding	Bird habitats can shape song patterns across generations.
Song diversity	A single Bachman's sparrow community can use up to 120 song types.
Learning pattern	A single bird usually learns around 48 songs from its population.
Significance	Birdsong studies help understand communication, habitat quality, environmental change, and species conservation.

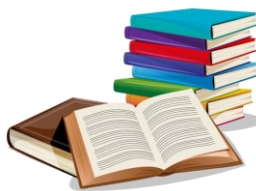


► What type of vessel is ICGS Akshay?

- A) Offshore Patrol Vessel
- B) Fast Patrol Vessel
- C) Missile Destroyer
- D) Survey Vessel
- E) Aircraft Carrier

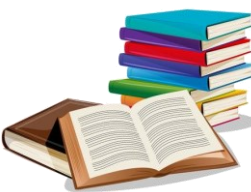
Answer

B) Fast Patrol Vessel.



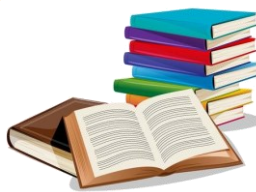
Event and Location:

- **Event:** ICGS Akshay was commissioned into the **Bharatiya Tatrakshak** fleet to strengthen India's maritime security.
- **Location:** Goa Shipyard Limited, Goa.
- **Date:** 27 June 2026.



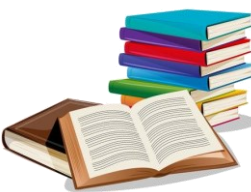
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Indian Coast Guard** commissioned the new-generation **Fast Patrol Vessel** for coastal surveillance, maritime law enforcement, search and rescue, and environmental protection.



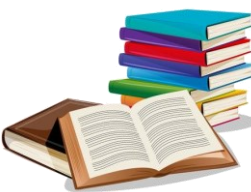
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The vessel aims to enhance India's coastal security, support rapid emergency response, protect maritime interests, and strengthen indigenous defence manufacturing.



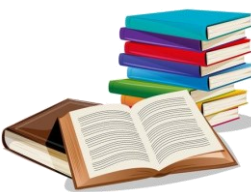
Important Terms Explained:

- **ICGS Akshay:** It is a new-generation **Fast Patrol Vessel** commissioned into the **Indian Coast Guard** fleet for coastal and offshore security missions.



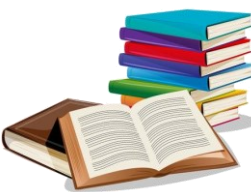
Important Terms Explained:

- **Bharatiya Tatrakshak:** It is the **Indian Coast Guard**, responsible for maritime law enforcement, coastal security, search and rescue, and protection of India's maritime zones.



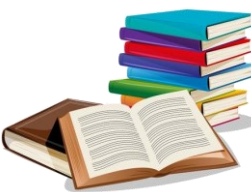
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fast Patrol Vessel:** It is a high-speed vessel designed for coastal patrolling, surveillance, interception, rescue operations, and maritime security duties.



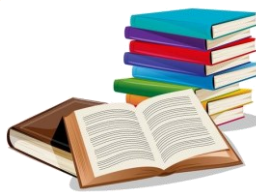
Important Terms Explained:

- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat:** It is India's self-reliance initiative that promotes indigenous manufacturing and domestic capability building in key sectors, including defence.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Exclusive Economic Zone:** It is a maritime area where a coastal country has rights over exploration, economic use, and resource management.



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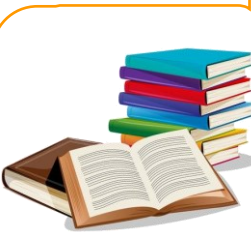
Parameter	Details
Event name	Commissioning of ICGS Akshay.
Date	27 June 2026.
Location	Goa Shipyard Limited, Goa.
Force involved	Bharatiya Tatrakshak or Indian Coast Guard.
Vessel type	New-generation Fast Patrol Vessel.
Commissioning led by	Smt. Parama Sen, Additional Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
Key roles	Coastal surveillance, maritime law enforcement, search and rescue, and environmental protection.
Significance	The vessel strengthens India's maritime security and reflects indigenous defence manufacturing.



➤ Which country holds the world's largest foreign exchange reserves in 2026?

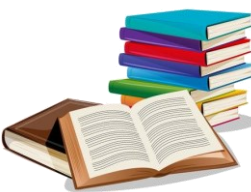
- A) Japan
- B) Switzerland
- C) China
- D) India
- E) United States

Answer
C) China.



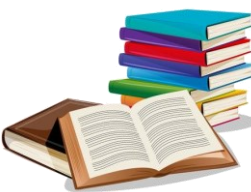
Event and Location:

- **Event:** China ranked first among countries with the largest foreign exchange reserves in **2026**.
- **Location:** Global.
- **Date:** June **29, 2026**.



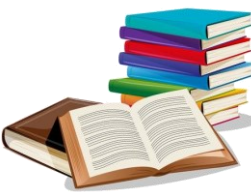
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The ranking lists countries holding the highest foreign exchange reserves based on **IMF International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity** data from mid-2025 to Q2 2026, excluding gold reserves.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The ranking highlights how foreign exchange reserves support currency stability, import financing, debt repayment, investor confidence, and protection against financial shocks.

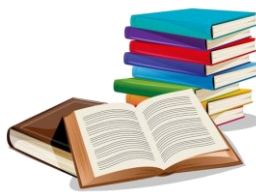


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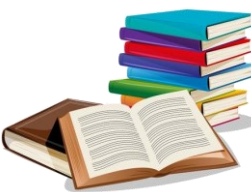
Ranking Table:

Rank	Entity
1.	China.
2.	Japan.
3.	Switzerland.
4.	Taiwan.
5.	India.
13.	United States.



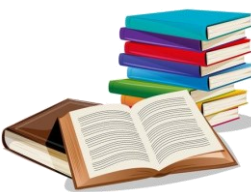
Important Terms Explained:

- **Foreign Exchange Reserves:** These are foreign currency assets held by a country's central bank to stabilize the currency, finance imports, repay debt, and manage financial crises.



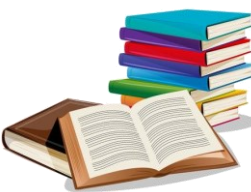
Important Terms Explained:

- **IMF International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity:** It is a data framework used to report reserve assets and foreign currency liquidity positions of countries.



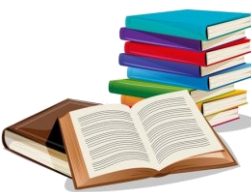
Important Terms Explained:

- **Balance of Payments:** It is a record of all economic transactions between a country and the rest of the world during a specific period.
- **Reserve Currency:** It is a foreign currency held widely by central banks for international trade, investment, and financial stability.



Important Terms Explained:

- **1997 Asian Financial Crisis:** It was a major financial crisis that pushed many Asian countries to increase reserve holdings for stronger economic resilience.



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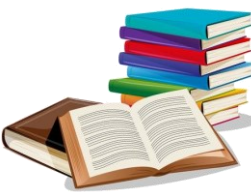
Parameter	Details
Event name	Countries with the largest currency reserves in 2026.
Date	June 29, 2026.
Location	Global.
Data source	IMF International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity data from mid-2025 to Q2 2026.
Top country	China ranked first with US\$3.41 trillion in reserves.
India's rank	India ranked fifth with US\$543.0 billion in reserves.
Asia's dominance	Seven of the top ten reserve-holding countries are located in Asia.
Significance	Foreign exchange reserves help countries manage shocks, stabilize currencies, and support international trade.



► Which country has become the UNESCO World Heritage Capital with 61 protected sites?

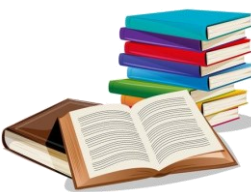
- A) France
- B) China
- C) Italy
- D) Spain
- E) Germany

Answer
C) Italy.



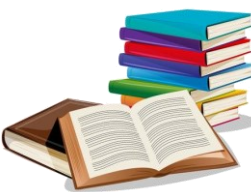
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Italy became the **UNESCO World Heritage Capital** after reaching **61 UNESCO World Heritage Sites**.
- **Location:** Italy.
- **Date:** June **29, 2026**.



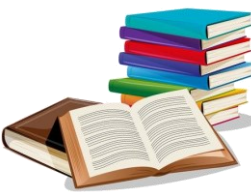
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: UNESCO World Heritage** recognition protects cultural and natural sites of **Outstanding Universal Value** for future generations.
- **Objectives:** The recognition highlights Italy's cultural heritage, ancient history, architecture, natural landscapes, and global importance in heritage tourism.



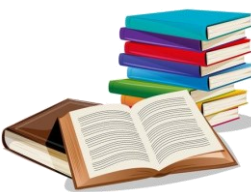
Important Terms Explained:

- **UNESCO World Heritage Sites:** These are cultural or natural places recognized by **UNESCO** for their exceptional global value and protected for future generations.



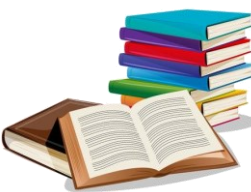
Important Terms Explained:

- **Outstanding Universal Value:** It refers to the exceptional cultural or natural significance of a site that is important for all humanity.



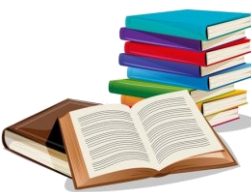
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cultural Heritage Sites:** These are heritage locations linked to history, architecture, archaeology, art, monuments, cities, and cultural traditions.



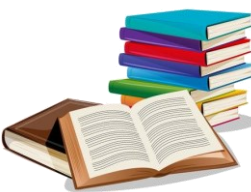
Important Terms Explained:

- **Natural Heritage Sites:** These are protected locations known for natural beauty, biodiversity, ecosystems, mountains, forests, volcanoes, or geological importance.



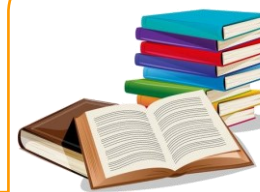
Important Terms Explained:

- **Domus de Janas:** It refers to the **Funerary Tradition** in the **Prehistory of Sardinia**, which became Italy's latest **UNESCO** site in **2025**.



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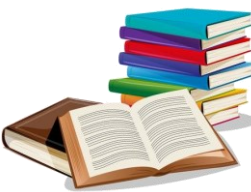
Parameter	Details
Event name	Italy becoming the UNESCO World Heritage Capital.
Date	June 29, 2026.
Location	Italy.
Total protected sites	Italy has 61 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
Cultural sites	Italy has 55 Cultural Heritage Sites.
Natural sites	Italy has 6 Natural Heritage Sites.
Latest UNESCO site	Funerary Tradition in the Prehistory of Sardinia – Domus de Janas was added in 2025.
Significance	Italy holds the highest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites globally.



➤ Which country mediated the Israel-Lebanon Trilateral Framework signed in Washington?

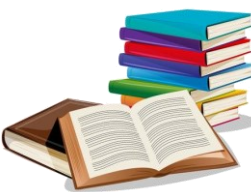
- A) France
- B) United States
- C) Russia
- D) United Kingdom
- E) Germany

Answer
B) United States.



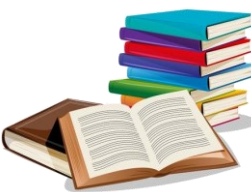
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Israel-Lebanon Trilateral Framework was signed to reduce border tensions and restore Lebanese state authority.
- **Location:** Washington, United States.
- **Date:** 26 June 2026.



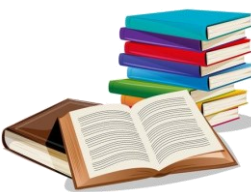
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The United States** brokered the political and security framework with **Israel and Lebanon** to create a phased roadmap for border stability, military redeployment, and Lebanese security control.



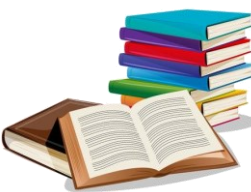
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The agreement aims to reduce hostilities, strengthen Lebanese sovereignty, disarm non-state armed groups, support humanitarian recovery, and prevent further regional escalation.



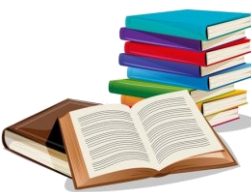
Important Terms Explained:

- **Trilateral Framework:** It is a US-mediated agreement involving the **United States**, Israel, and Lebanon to reduce hostilities and improve border security.



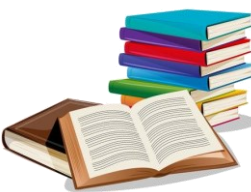
Important Terms Explained:

- **Lebanese Armed Forces:** It is Lebanon's national military force expected to gradually assume control of conflict-affected areas under the framework.



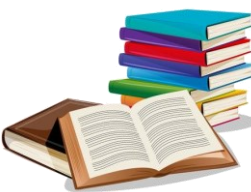
Important Terms Explained:

- **Non-State Armed Groups:** These are armed organizations that operate outside formal government military control and are identified in the agreement as a security concern.



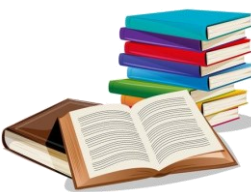
Important Terms Explained:

- **Pilot Security Zones:** These are initial areas where Israeli forces will withdraw and Lebanese security forces will take control under monitored conditions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Humanitarian Assistance:** It refers to emergency aid provided to affected communities for relief, recovery, shelter, food, healthcare, and reconstruction support.

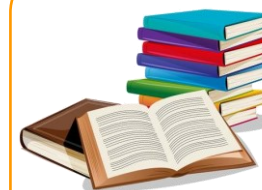


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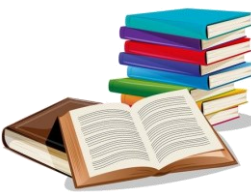
Parameter	Details
Event name	Israel-Lebanon Trilateral Framework.
Date	26 June 2026.
Location	Washington, United States.
Parties involved	United States, Israel, and Lebanon.
Mediator	The United States brokered the agreement.
Key provision	Israel will gradually redeploy forces after specific security conditions are met.
Humanitarian support	The United States pledged \$100 million in humanitarian assistance to Lebanon.
Significance	The framework seeks to reduce border violence, restore Lebanese authority, and support regional stability.



► What is the monthly financial assistance provided under the UP Berojgari Bhatta Yojana 2026?

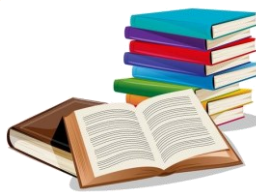
- A) ₹500 to ₹1,000
- B) ₹1,000 to ₹1,500
- C) ₹2,000 to ₹2,500
- D) ₹3,000 to ₹4,000
- E) ₹5,000

Answer
B) ₹1,000 to ₹1,500.



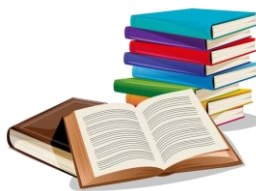
Event and Location:

- **Event:** UP Berojgari Bhatta Yojana 2026 provides financial assistance and employment support to educated unemployed youth.
- **Location:** Uttar Pradesh.
- **Date:** June 29, 2026.



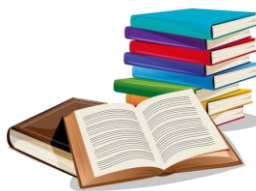
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Government of Uttar Pradesh provides monthly unemployment allowance and employment-related services through the Sewayojan UP portal.
- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to support educated unemployed youth financially, connect them with suitable jobs, and reduce unemployment in **Uttar Pradesh**.



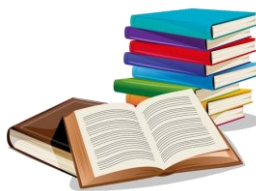
Important Terms Explained:

- **UP Rojgar Sangam Yojana:** It is the popular name of the UP **Berojgari Bhatta Yojana** that supports educated unemployed youth through financial aid and job opportunities.



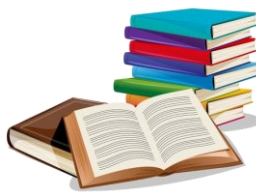
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sewayojan UP Portal:** It is the official employment portal of **Uttar Pradesh** that offers job seeker registration, job fairs, vacancies, career guidance, and placement support.



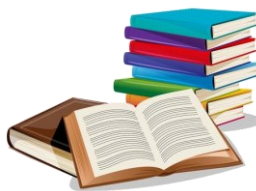
Important Terms Explained:

- **Unemployment Allowance:** It is temporary financial assistance given to eligible unemployed candidates until they secure suitable employment.



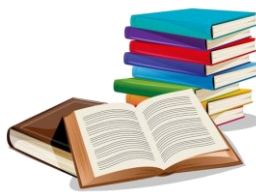
Important Terms Explained:

- **Employment Exchange Registration:** It is a mandatory registration process that allows job seekers to access employment services, job notifications, and placement support.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Job Seeker Registration:** It is the online registration process through which unemployed candidates create their profile on the Sewayojan UP portal.

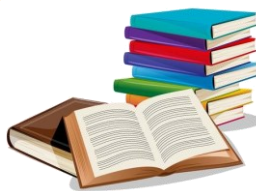


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	UP Berojgari Bhatta Yojana 2026.
Date	June 29, 2026.
Location	Uttar Pradesh.
Launched by	Government of Uttar Pradesh.
Launch year	2015.
Beneficiaries	Educated unemployed youth of Uttar Pradesh.
Financial assistance	Eligible candidates receive ₹1,000 to ₹1,500 per month.
Application platform	Applications are submitted through the Sewayojan UP portal.



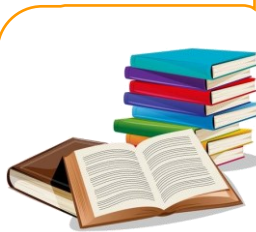
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➤ Which cooperative ride platform was launched by Amit Shah in Gujarat?

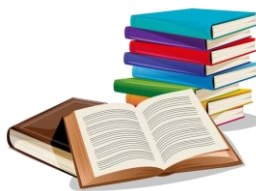
- A) Bharat Mobility
- B) Bharat Taxi
- C) Sahakar Ride
- D) Gujarat Sarathi
- E) Cooperative Cab

Answer
B) Bharat Taxi.



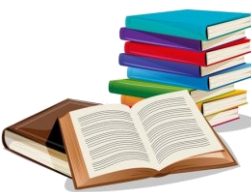
Event and Location:

- **Event: Bharat Taxi** was launched as a cooperative ride platform to empower drivers and improve urban mobility services.
- **Location: Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Centre**, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- **Date: 27 June 2026.**



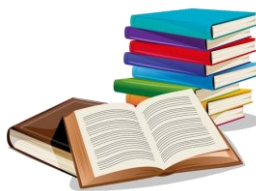
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Cooperation launched the platform to create a cooperative-based mobility system where drivers become shareholders and service partners.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to reduce driver exploitation, increase financial security, improve commuter services, and expand cooperative mobility across Indian cities.



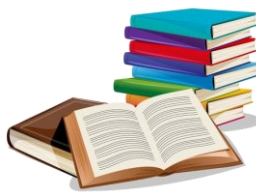
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sahakar Se Samriddhi:** It means prosperity through cooperation and reflects the government's vision of using cooperative models for economic empowerment.



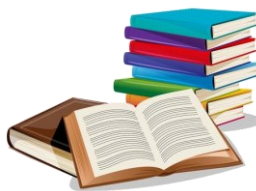
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sarathis:** It refers to the drivers associated with **Bharat Taxi** who are treated as partners and shareholders instead of contract workers.



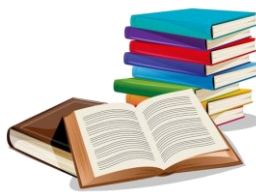
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cooperative Mobility Platform:** It is a transport service model where drivers share ownership and benefits rather than working only for commission-based private platforms.



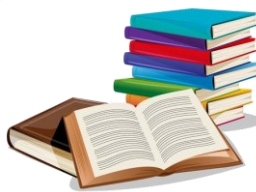
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ministry of Cooperation:** It is the central ministry supporting cooperative institutions and cooperative-based economic initiatives in India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Memorandum of Understanding:** It is a formal agreement between organizations to cooperate on specific objectives or operational activities.

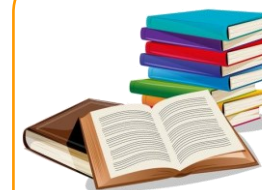


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Bharat Taxi in Gujarat.
Date	27 June 2026.
Location	Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
Launched by	Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah.
Platform model	Bharat Taxi operates as a cooperative-based mobility platform.
Key beneficiaries	Drivers called Sarathis will gain ownership, financial security, and dignity.
Current reach	More than 7 lakh Sarathis have joined and around 37 lakh customers have used the services.
Expansion plan	Bharat Taxi aims to expand to more than 500 cities and towns within two years.



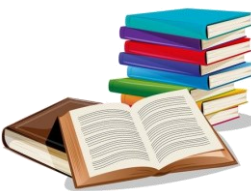
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➤ **How many major initiatives were unveiled by India and Seychelles during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit?**

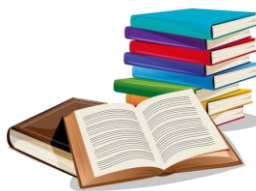
- A) 10
- B) 15
- C) 19
- D) 25
- E) 34

Answer
C) 19.



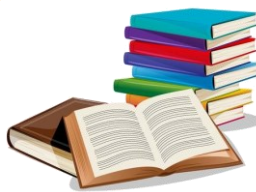
Event and Location:

- **Event: India and Seychelles** unveiled **19** major initiatives to strengthen maritime security, defence, digital payments, healthcare, space, education, and trade cooperation.
- **Location:** Victoria, Seychelles.
- **Date:** 28 June 2026.



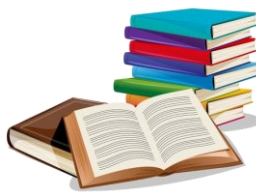
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: India and Seychelles** announced agreements and assistance measures across strategic sectors during bilateral talks between **Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Patrick Herminie**.



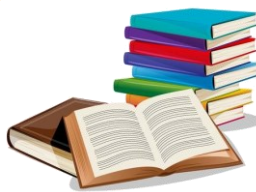
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiatives aim to deepen bilateral relations, enhance maritime security, support infrastructure development, promote digital connectivity, and strengthen India's role as a **Net Security Provider** in the **Indian Ocean**.



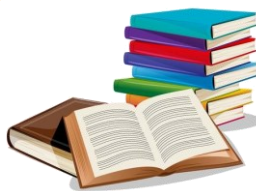
Important Terms Explained:

- **MAHASAGAR:** It stands for **Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions** and reflects India's vision for maritime security, regional growth, and cooperation in the **Indian Ocean**.



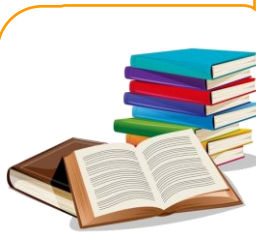
Important Terms Explained:

- **Net Security Provider:** It refers to India's role in supporting regional peace, maritime stability, disaster response, and security cooperation in the **Indian Ocean Region**.



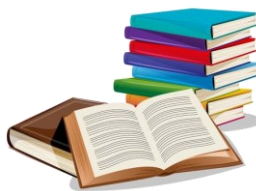
Important Terms Explained:

- **Unified Payments Interface:** It is India's digital payment system that enables instant bank-to-bank transactions through mobile platforms.



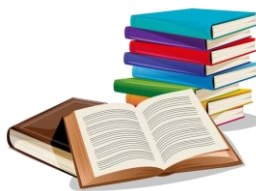
Important Terms Explained:

- **Line of Credit:** It is a financial arrangement through which one country or institution provides credit support for development, infrastructure, or trade-related projects.



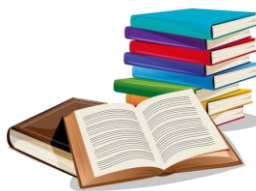
Important Terms Explained:

- **Colombo Security Conclave:** It is a regional security grouping involving India, Bangladesh, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, and **Sri Lanka** for cooperation in the **Indian Ocean Region**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Guardian of the Blue Horizon:** It is an honorary title conferred by Seychelles on **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** for leadership in climate action, environmental conservation, and sustainable ocean governance.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India-Seychelles announcement of 19 major initiatives.
Date	28 June 2026.
Location	Victoria, Seychelles.
Key leaders	Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Seychelles President Patrick Herminie.
Major sectors	Maritime security, defence, digital payments, healthcare, space, education, infrastructure, and trade.
Defence support	India announced a Fast Patrol Vessel, utility vehicles, sailing boats, aircraft upgrade, and refit support.
Humanitarian assistance	India handed over 500 metric tonnes of rice and 8,500 metric tonnes of cement.
Significance	The initiatives strengthen India-Seychelles strategic partnership and India's Indian Ocean outreach.



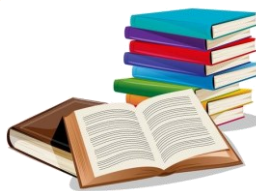
► **What is the purpose of the PM Family Care Tracker launched in Gujarat?**

- A) Digital tracking of maternal and child health benefits
- B) Online registration of farmers
- C) Monitoring industrial investments
- D) Digital tax collection
- E) Tracking urban transport services



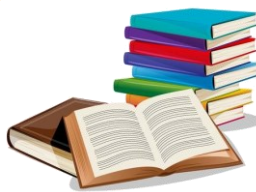
Answer

A) Digital tracking of maternal and child health benefits.



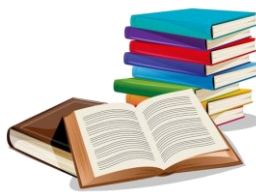
Event and Location:

- **Event:** PM **Family Care Tracker** was launched as a pilot digital health passport initiative for maternal and child welfare.
- **Location:** Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- **Date:** June 29, 2026.



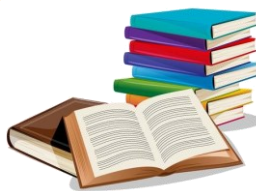
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Union Home and Cooperation Minister launched the PM Family Care Tracker to digitally monitor beneficiaries from pregnancy to 18 years of age.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to ensure timely delivery of health, nutrition, education, and welfare benefits through real-time tracking and automated alerts.



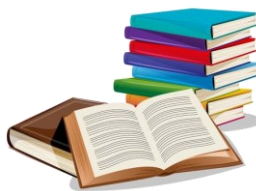
Important Terms Explained:

- **PM Family Care Tracker:** It is an integrated digital platform that tracks maternal and child health, nutrition, education, and welfare benefits from pregnancy to **18** years of age.



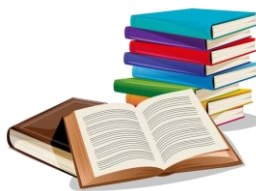
Important Terms Explained:

- **ABHA ID:** It stands for **Ayushman Bharat Health Account** ID and helps create a digital health identity for beneficiaries.
- **Birth Registration Number:** It is a unique official record used to identify children and link them with eligible government benefits.



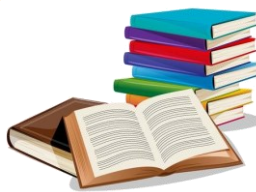
Important Terms Explained:

- **Risk Alert Mechanism:** It is an automated system that alerts officials about missed vaccinations, high-risk pregnancies, malnutrition, school dropouts, and missed health services.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Viksit Bharat @2047:** It is India's long-term development vision to become a fully developed nation by **2047**.



SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	PM Family Care Tracker pilot project.
Date	June 29, 2026.
Location	Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
Launched by	Union Home and Cooperation Minister.
Coverage	The platform tracks beneficiaries from pregnancy to 18 years of age.
Unique identification	Beneficiaries are linked through Birth Registration Number or ABHA ID.
Schemes integrated	Around 18 government welfare schemes are integrated into the platform.
Significance	The initiative supports maternal and child health, nutrition, education, and welfare delivery under Viksit Gujarat @2047 and Viksit Bharat @2047.



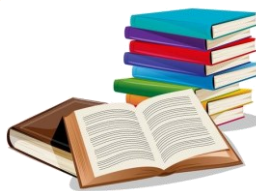
➤ **Who is Jonathan, whom Prime Minister Narendra Modi met during his Seychelles visit?**

- A) Oldest living land animal
- B) Oldest living bird
- C) Oldest marine mammal
- D) Oldest national park mascot
- E) Oldest zoo elephant



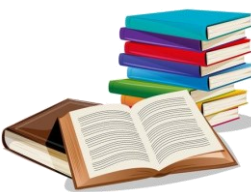
Answer

A) Oldest living land animal.



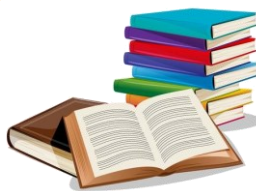
Event and Location:

- **Event: Prime Minister Narendra Modi** met Jonathan, the world's oldest living land animal, during his official visit to Seychelles.
- **Location: Seychelles National Botanical Gardens,** Seychelles.
- **Date: 28 June 2026.**



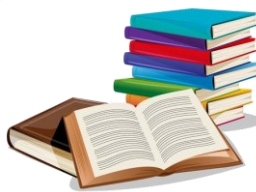
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The visit included **Prime Minister Narendra Modi's** meeting with Jonathan, a tree plantation, participation in Seychelles' **National Day** celebrations, and commemoration of **50** years of India-Seychelles diplomatic relations.



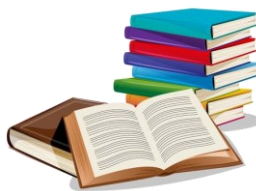
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The event aimed to highlight environmental conservation, sustainable development, biodiversity protection, and India-Seychelles cooperation.



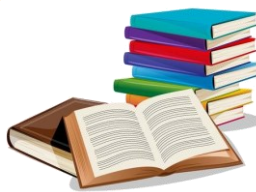
Important Terms Explained:

- **Jonathan:** He is a Seychelles giant tortoise born around **1832** and recognized by **Guinness World Records** as the world's oldest known living land animal.



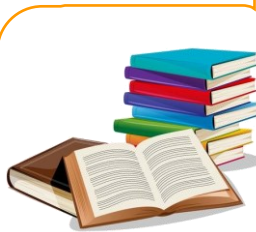
Important Terms Explained:

- **Seychelles Giant Tortoise:** It is one of the largest tortoise species in the world and is known for its long lifespan and ecological importance.



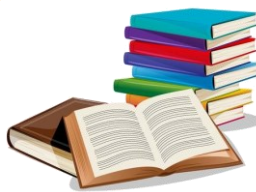
Important Terms Explained:

- **Guinness World Records:** It is a global authority that records and certifies extraordinary human, natural, and scientific achievements.
- **Mission LiFE:** It stands for **Lifestyle for Environment** and promotes sustainable living practices to reduce environmental damage.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam:** It is an environmental campaign that encourages people to plant trees as a tribute to their mothers and to support ecological conservation.



Tabular Summary:

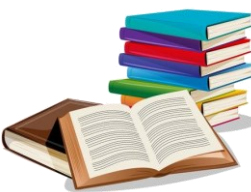
Parameter	Details
Event name	PM Modi's meeting with Jonathan during Seychelles visit.
Date	28 June 2026.
Location	Seychelles National Botanical Gardens, Seychelles.
Key person	Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Animal in focus	Jonathan, the world's oldest living land animal.
Species	Seychelles giant tortoise.
Record status	Jonathan is recognized by Guinness World Records as the oldest known living land animal.
Significance	The visit highlighted environmental conservation, biodiversity protection, and India-Seychelles diplomatic ties.



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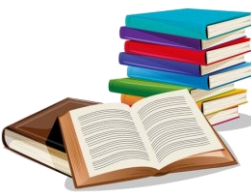
- **Statistics Day is observed every year on June 29 in India.**
- **Ben Stokes will retire from international cricket after the Third Rothesay Test against New Zealand at Trent Bridge.**
- **Ancy Sojan broke the national women's long jump record with a 6.88-metre leap.**



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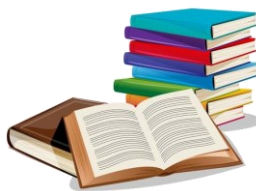
- **OpenAI appointed Prabhjeet Singh as its Managing Director for India.**
- **Ashok Vaswani will step down as Kotak Mahindra Bank's MD and CEO after completing his term on 31 December 2026.**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi received Seychelles' Guardian of the Blue Horizon Presidential Distinction on 28 June 2026.**
- **Brachybacterium netajii is a newly discovered bacterial species from the Hooghly River in West Bengal.**
- **ISRO conducted the successful hot test on 24 June 2026 at Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu.**
- **Birdsong is a learned form of communication used by birds for mating, territory defence, and species identification.**
- **ICGS Akshay was commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard fleet on 27 June 2026.**
- **China holds the world's largest foreign exchange reserves in 2026.**



QUICK RECALL



- Italy has become the UNESCO World Heritage Capital with 61 protected sites.
- The Israel-Lebanon Trilateral Framework was signed in Washington on 26 June 2026.
- UP Berojgari Bhatta Yojana 2026 is also known as UP Rojgar Sangam Yojana.
- Bharat Taxi was launched in Gujarat on 27 June 2026.
- India and Seychelles unveiled 19 initiatives during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's three-day visit.
- The PM Family Care Tracker was launched as a pilot project in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Jonathan during his official state visit to Seychelles.



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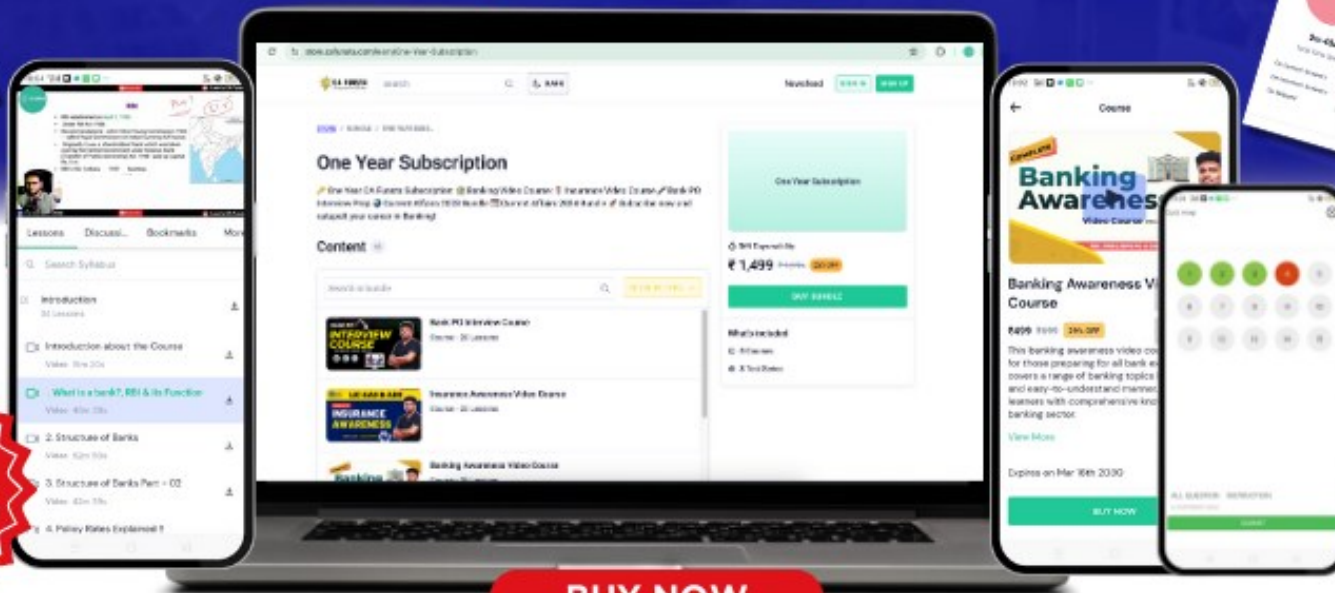
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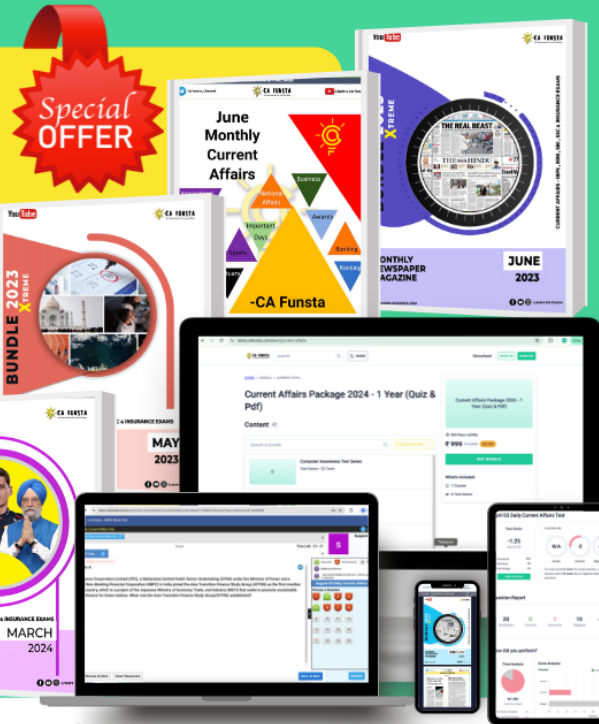
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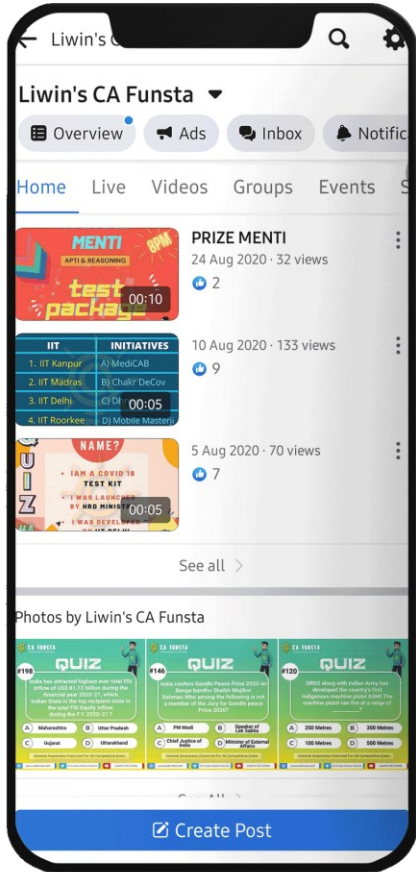
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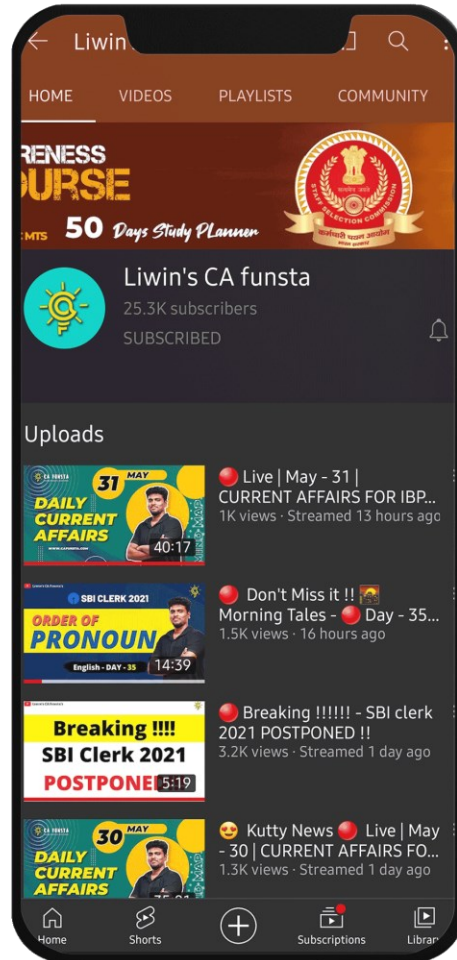


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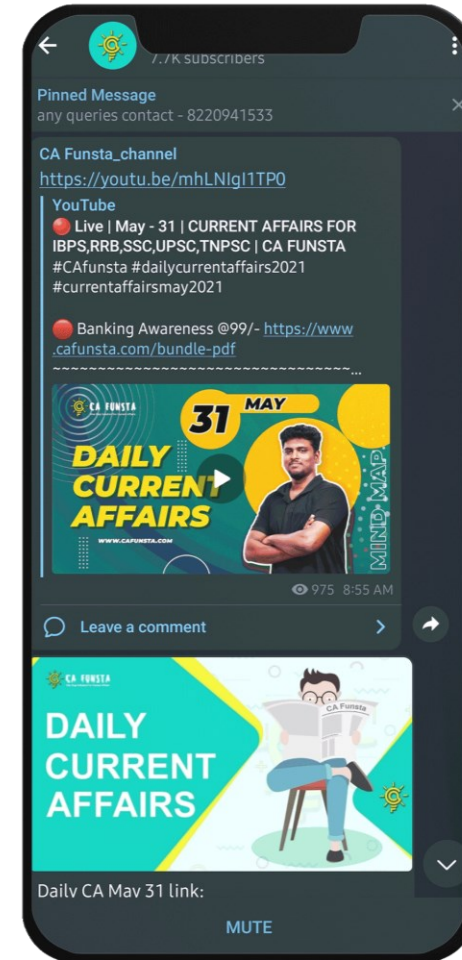
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