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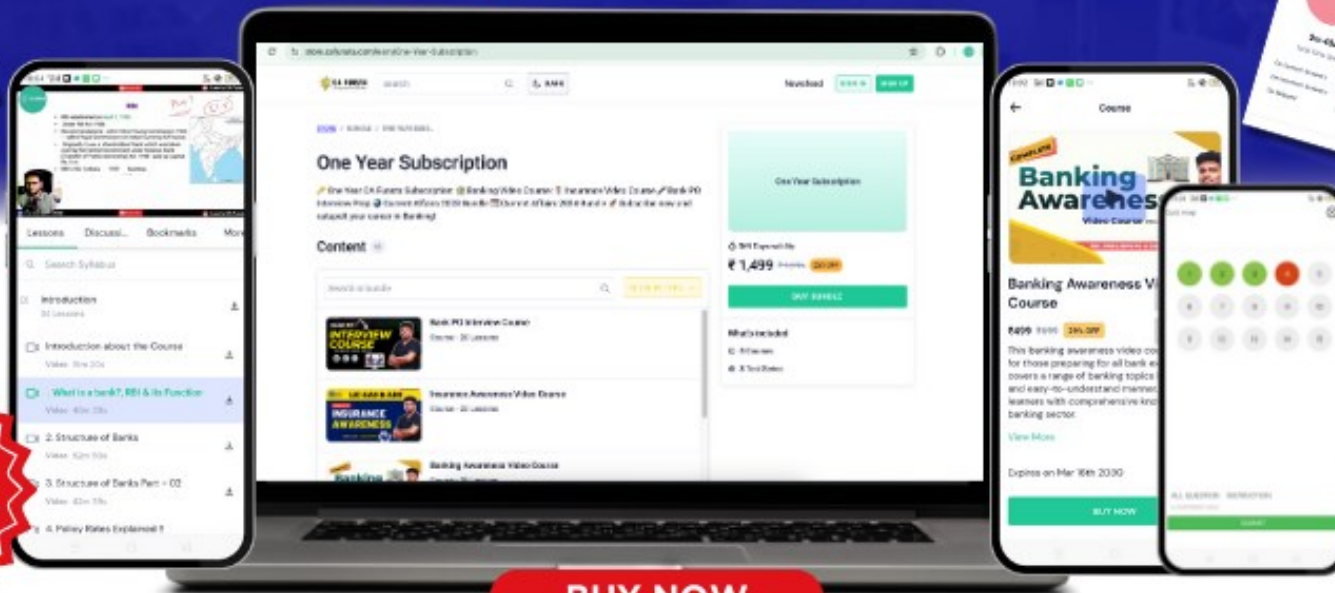
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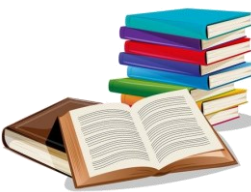


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➤ Which film earned Bengali filmmaker Raja Sen the National Film Award for Best Children's Film?

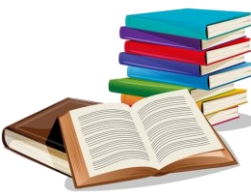
- A) Desh
- B) Laboratory
- C) Debipaksha
- D) Damu
- E) Maya Mridanga

Answer
D) Damu.



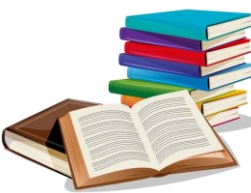
Event and Location:

- **Event: National Award**-winning Bengali filmmaker **Raja Sen** passed away at the age of **71** after suffering from multiple health complications.
- **Location: Raja Sen** died in Kolkata, **West Bengal**, where he had been undergoing treatment at **SSKM Hospital**.



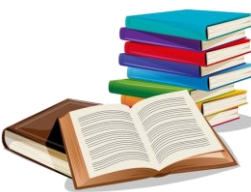
Event and Location:

- **Date: Raja Sen** passed away on August 16, 2026.



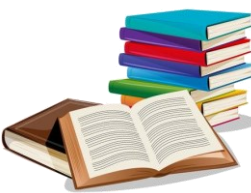
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Raja Sen's career spanned feature films, television serials, and documentaries, with his debut feature film Damu becoming his most celebrated work.
- **Objectives:** His filmmaking focused on children, literature, human relationships, and Bengali cultural themes while contributing across cinema, television, and documentary formats.



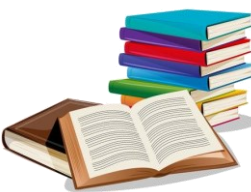
Important Terms Explained:

- **Damu:** It was **Raja Sen's** first feature film and won the **National Film Award for Best Children's Film** in **1996**.



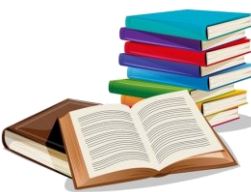
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Film Award:** It is one of India's major film honours recognising excellence in different categories of Indian cinema, including feature films, non-feature films, and performances.



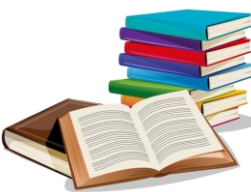
Important Terms Explained:

- **Rabindra Sangeet:** It refers to the songs written and composed by **Rabindranath Tagore** and forms an important part of Bengali music and cultural heritage.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Documentary Film:** It is a non-fiction form of filmmaking that presents real people, events, subjects, or cultural themes through factual visual storytelling.



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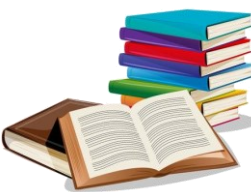
Parameter	Details
Person	Raja Sen, veteran Bengali filmmaker.
Date of death	August 16, 2026.
Age	He was 71 years old.
Place of death	Kolkata, West Bengal.
Notable achievement	His debut feature film Damu won the National Film Award for Best Children's Film in 1996.
Major films	His notable works included Damu, Atmiyo Swajan, Desh, Debipaksha, Krishnakant er Will, Laboratory, and Maya Mridanga.
Other work	He also directed television programmes and documentaries, including a documentary on Suchitra Mitra.
Career significance	He contributed extensively to Bengali cinema, television, and documentary filmmaking over a long career.

➤ Which two companies plan to collaborate on developing and manufacturing an aero-engine for India's AMCA stealth fighter programme?

- A) Reliance Industries and Safran
- B) HAL and Rolls-Royce
- C) Reliance Industries and Rolls-Royce
- D) GTRE and General Electric
- E) Tata Advanced Systems and Safran

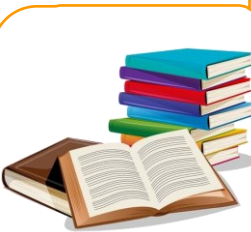
Answer

C) Reliance Industries and Rolls-Royce.



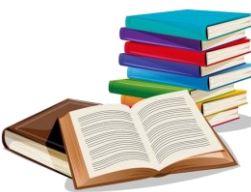
Event and Location:

- **Event: Reliance Industries** plans to partner with Rolls-Royce to develop and manufacture aero-engines for India's **Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA)** programme.
- **Location:** The proposed aerospace gas turbine complex and aero-engine manufacturing ecosystem will be established in India.



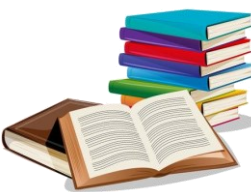
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The proposed collaboration was reported on August **17, 2026**.



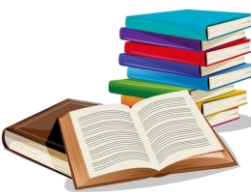
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The proposed partnership will explore the establishment of a dedicated aerospace gas turbine complex in India for the joint development and manufacturing of advanced fighter aircraft engines.



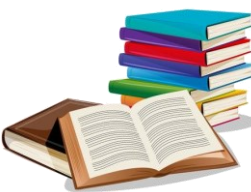
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to create an indigenous aero-engine ecosystem, reduce India's dependence on foreign-made defence equipment, and strengthen domestic aerospace manufacturing capabilities.



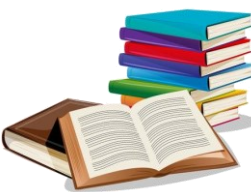
Important Terms Explained:

- **Aerospace Gas Turbine Complex:** It refers to a specialised facility for developing and manufacturing gas turbine engines used in aerospace applications, including advanced military aircraft.



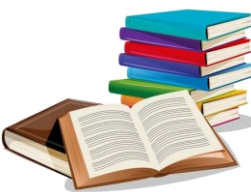
Important Terms Explained:

- **Stealth Fighter:** It is a combat aircraft designed using technologies that reduce its detectability by radar and other surveillance systems.



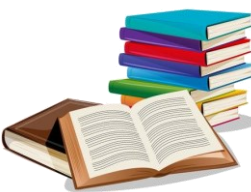
Important Terms Explained:

- **Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE):** It is an Indian state research entity involved in the development of gas turbine engines and is pursuing a separate engine collaboration with French company Safran for future **AMCA** variants.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tejas Fighter Aircraft:** It is India's **4.5-generation** fighter aircraft manufactured by **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited**, whose production has faced delays related to the supply of **General Electric** engines.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Proposed Reliance Industries-Rolls-Royce partnership for AMCA fighter engines.
Date	The collaboration was reported on August 17, 2026.
Location	India.
Partner companies	Reliance Industries and UK-based Rolls-Royce.
Key figure	Anant Ambani, Executive Director of Reliance Industries, highlighted the goal of building an indigenous aero-engine ecosystem.
Main proposal	The companies will explore establishing a dedicated aerospace gas turbine complex for joint engine development and manufacturing.
AMCA timeline	The AMCA execution plan was approved in 2025, while its prototype is expected in 2028.
Strategic significance	The initiative seeks to reduce dependence on imported military aircraft engines and strengthen India's aerospace manufacturing capability.

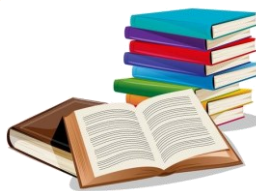
➤ **Who chairs the 12-member high-powered committee constituted to review the Teesta Barrage Project?**

- A) Chairman of NITI Aayog
- B) Chairman of Central Water Commission
- C) Union Water Resources Secretary
- D) Chief Secretary of West Bengal
- E) Chairman of Central Electricity Authority



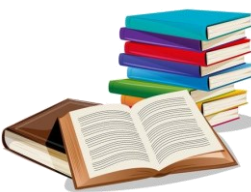
Answer

B) Chairman of Central Water Commission.



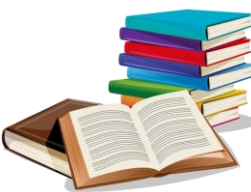
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India constituted a **12**-member high-powered committee to assess the restoration, management, infrastructure, water availability, and climate resilience of the **Teesta Barrage Project**.



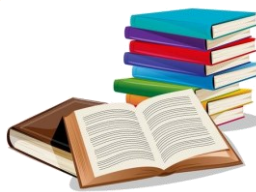
Event and Location:

- **Location:** The review focuses on the **Teesta River** basin and **Teesta Barrage Project in West Bengal**, with the river also flowing through **Sikkim and Bangladesh**.
- **Date:** The committee was constituted on **July 10, 2026**, while the **Joint Detailed Technical Study** commenced on **August 6, 2026**.



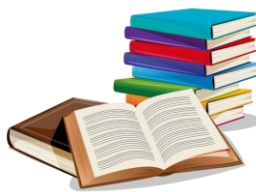
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The committee will examine existing and future water requirements, siltation, river-channel capacity, barrage infrastructure, upstream storage, water-release mechanisms, drainage capacity, and the effects of climate change.



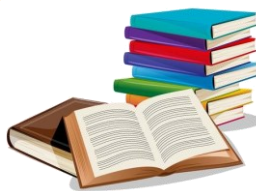
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The review aims to prepare measures for restoring and strengthening the **Teesta Barrage Project**, improving river-basin management, enhancing climate resilience, and addressing future water-resource requirements.



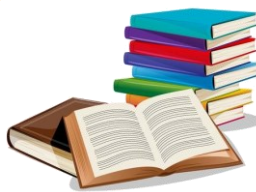
Important Terms Explained:

- **Teesta Barrage Project (TBP):** It is a water-resource infrastructure project in **West Bengal** associated with managing **Teesta River** water for purposes such as irrigation and broader river management.



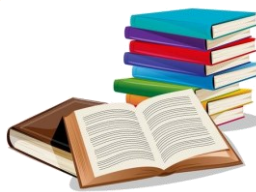
Important Terms Explained:

- **Central Water Commission (CWC):** It is India's central technical organisation dealing with water-resource planning, development, and management, and its Chairman heads the newly constituted committee.



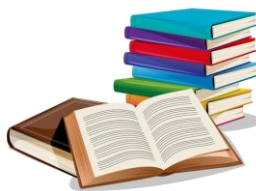
Important Terms Explained:

- **Joint Detailed Technical Study:** It is the technical assessment initiated on August **6, 2026**, to develop a comprehensive management plan for the wider **Teesta River** basin.



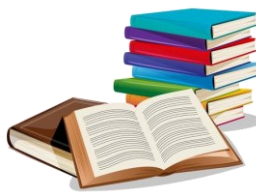
Important Terms Explained:

- **Climate Resilience:** It refers to the ability of infrastructure and natural systems to prepare for, withstand, and adapt to climate-related changes such as altered rainfall, water availability, and extreme weather.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Siltation:** It is the accumulation of sediment in rivers, reservoirs, or channels, which can reduce water-carrying and storage capacity.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Review and restoration assessment of the Teesta Barrage Project.
Committee size	A 12-member high-powered committee has been constituted.
Committee chairman	The Chairman of the Central Water Commission heads the committee.
Report timeline	The committee has been given six months to submit its report.
State representation	Representatives from Sikkim and West Bengal at Joint Secretary level or equivalent are included.
Key areas of review	Water availability, demand, siltation, barrage infrastructure, upstream storage, release mechanisms, and climate impacts will be examined.
Technical study	A Joint Detailed Technical Study for comprehensive Teesta basin management began on August 6, 2026.
Strategic significance	The review comes amid growing Bangladesh-China engagement over restoration and management of the Teesta River.

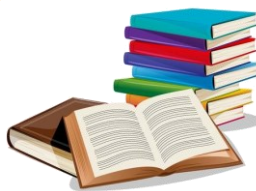


➤ Which two countries agreed on a shipping route map for safe navigation in the Strait of Hormuz in August 2026?

- A) Iran and Qatar
- B) Iran and Oman
- C) Oman and UAE
- D) Iran and Saudi Arabia
- E) Oman and Bahrain

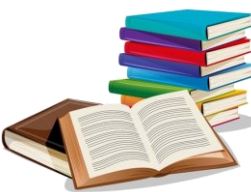
Answer

B) Iran and Oman.



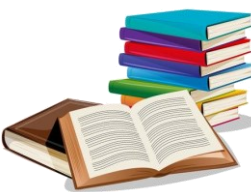
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Iran and Oman agreed on a shipping route map to facilitate safe navigation through the **Strait of Hormuz**.
- **Location:** The agreement concerns the **Strait of Hormuz**, the strategic waterway connecting the **Persian Gulf** with the **Gulf of Oman** and the **Arabian Sea**.



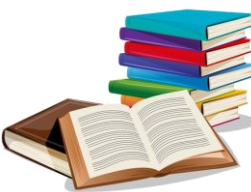
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The agreement was reported by **Iranian Foreign Ministry** spokesperson **Esmaeil Baghaei** on August 15, 2026.



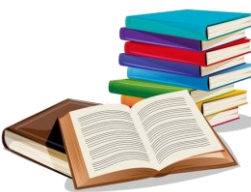
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The agreement establishes coordinated navigational routes for ships passing through the **Strait of Hormuz** following technical negotiations between **Iran and Oman**.



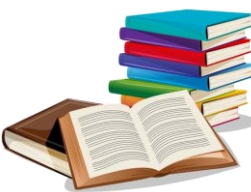
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The arrangement aims to ensure safer passage of vessels through the strategic waterway while preserving the sovereignty of **Iran and Oman** and facilitating international trade and energy transportation.



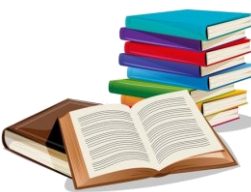
Important Terms Explained:

- **Strait of Hormuz:** It is a strategically important maritime passage connecting the **Persian Gulf** with the **Gulf of Oman** and the **Arabian Sea** and is a major route for global energy transportation and international trade.



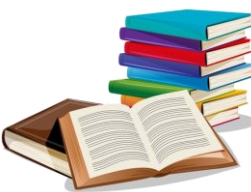
Important Terms Explained:

- **Memorandum of Understanding:** It is a formal arrangement expressing an understanding between parties and, in this case, refers to the June **18, 2026** memorandum linked to the development of a new navigational system in the **Strait of Hormuz**.



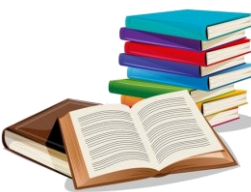
Important Terms Explained:

- **Navigational System:** It refers to the framework of designated maritime routes and related arrangements intended to facilitate the safe and orderly movement of vessels through a waterway.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Naval Blockade:** It refers to the use of naval forces to restrict or prevent maritime movement into or out of a specified area.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Iran-Oman shipping route agreement for the Strait of Hormuz.
Date	The agreement was reported on August 15, 2026.
Location	Strait of Hormuz between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.
Participating countries	Iran and Oman.
Key official	Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmaeil Baghaei reported the development.
Purpose	The agreement seeks to ensure safe passage of ships through the strategically important waterway.
Negotiation background	Technical negotiations followed the memorandum signed on June 18, 2026 and progressed positively during the preceding three weeks.
Key condition	Iran stated that a complete return to normal commercial shipping remains dependent on broader security issues and US-related conditions.



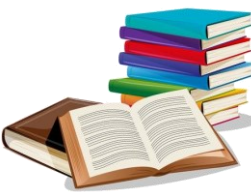
➤ **Which technology will India and Nepal use to map cross-border land occupation along their shared boundary?**

- A) Satellite radar
- B) Unmanned aerial vehicles
- C) Sonar mapping
- D) Ground-penetrating radar
- E) LiDAR satellites



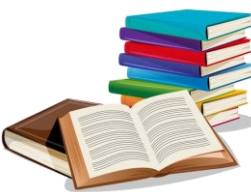
Answer

B) Unmanned aerial vehicles.



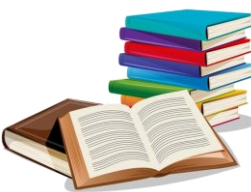
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India and Nepal agreed on a three-year target to map cross-border land occupation using **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)**.
- **Location:** The mapping will cover relevant areas along the approximately **1,880-km** India-Nepal border.



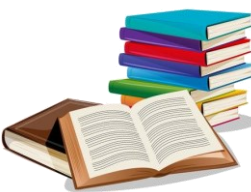
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The decision was finalised at the **13th** meeting of the **Survey Officers'** Committee, which concluded in Lucknow on August **14, 2026**.



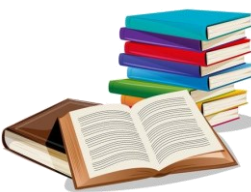
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The two countries agreed on an annual plan and budget to capture aerial images of cross-border occupied or cultivated areas and jointly analyse them through bilateral survey mechanisms.



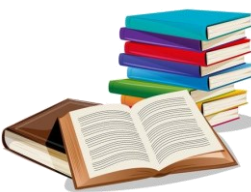
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The exercise aims to generate credible technical information on cross-border land occupation, improve boundary management, and support the resolution of technical issues arising from changes in river courses and land use.



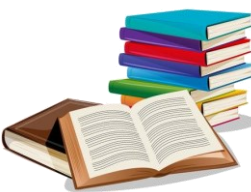
Important Terms Explained:

- **Survey Officers' Committee (SOC):** It is a bilateral technical mechanism involved in coordinating survey-related work and boundary mapping between **India and Nepal**.



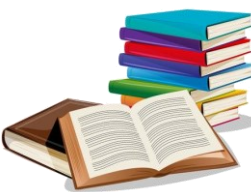
Important Terms Explained:

- **Boundary Working Group (BWG):** It is a bilateral mechanism responsible for technical boundary-related tasks, including maintenance, repair, and reconstruction of boundary pillars.



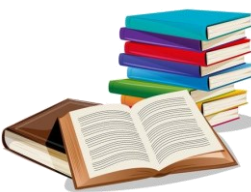
Important Terms Explained:

- **Joint Field Survey Teams:** These are field-level bilateral teams that carry out survey and boundary-related technical work on the ground.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cross-Border Land Occupation:** It refers to situations where residents of one country cultivate or occupy land that technically lies on the other side of the demarcated international boundary.



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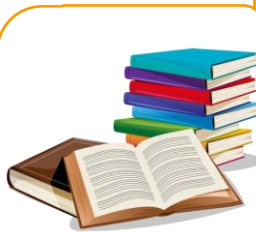
Parameter	Details
Event name	India-Nepal three-year cross-border land mapping initiative.
Decision date	The 13th Survey Officers' Committee meeting concluded on August 14, 2026.
Meeting location	Lucknow, India.
Technology used	UAV-based aerial photography will be used to identify occupied or cultivated areas.
Expected commencement	The survey is expected to begin after the 2026 monsoon, around September or October.
Border length	India and Nepal share a border of approximately 1,880 kilometres across 27 districts.
Boundary pillar status	Nepal's Department of Survey states that 8,554 pillars exist, while 1,325 are missing and 1,956 are damaged.
Purpose	The exercise will create jointly verified technical data for better management of cross-border occupation and boundary issues.



► What is the annual health cover provided per eligible family under Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY in West Bengal?

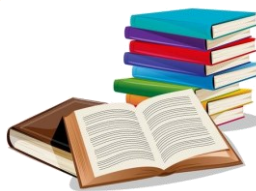
- A) ₹2 lakh
- B) ₹3 lakh
- C) ₹4 lakh
- D) ₹5 lakh
- E) ₹10 lakh

Answer
D) ₹5 lakh.



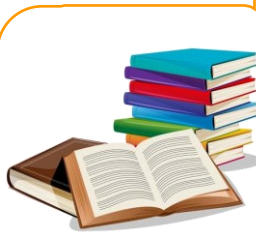
Event and Location:

- **Event: West Bengal** implemented the **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana**, providing eligible families with annual cashless and paperless health coverage of up to **₹5 lakh**.



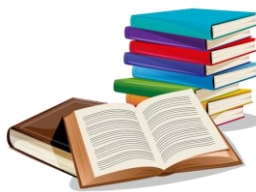
Event and Location:

- **Location:** The scheme has been implemented in **West Bengal**, with portability allowing eligible beneficiaries to receive treatment at empanelled hospitals across India.
- **Date:** **Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY** became operational in **West Bengal** on August **16, 2026**.



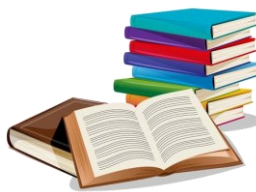
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The scheme provides eligible beneficiaries with **₹5 lakh** per family per year on a family-floater basis for eligible secondary and tertiary hospitalisation at empanelled government and private hospitals.



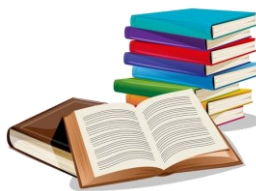
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The implementation aims to reduce the financial burden of hospitalisation, expand access to cashless healthcare, provide nationwide treatment portability, and extend health protection to eligible families and specified beneficiary groups.



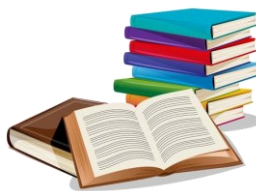
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY):** It is a **Government of India** health assurance scheme providing eligible families with annual family-floater coverage of up to **₹5 lakh** for specified hospitalisation and medical procedures.



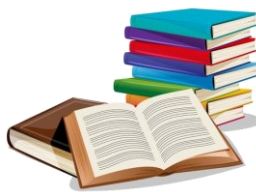
Important Terms Explained:

- **Family Floater Health Cover:** It is a health coverage arrangement in which the insured amount is shared among eligible members of a family rather than being separately allocated to each individual.



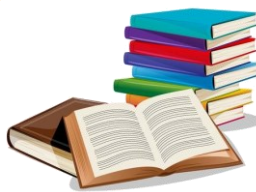
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cashless Treatment:** It allows eligible beneficiaries to receive covered treatment at empanelled hospitals without making advance payment for approved healthcare services.



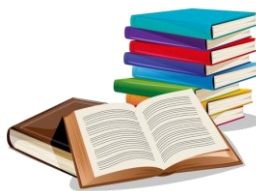
Important Terms Explained:

- **Portability:** It enables eligible PM-**JAY** beneficiaries to receive covered treatment at empanelled hospitals outside their home state and across India.



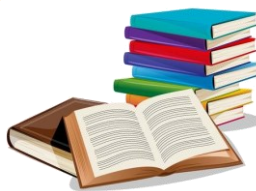
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ayushman Vay Vandana Card:** It is the card provided under the relevant scheme provisions to eligible citizens aged **70** years and above, giving them health coverage of up to **₹5 lakh** annually.



Important Terms Explained:

- **e-KYC**: It is the electronic **Know Your Customer** verification process used to authenticate beneficiary identity through methods such as Aadhaar **OTP**, biometrics, or facial authentication.



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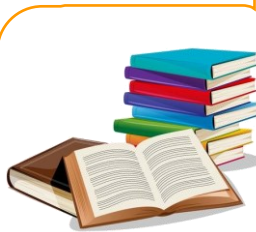
Parameter	Details
Scheme name	Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
Implementation date	The scheme became operational in West Bengal on August 16, 2026.
Health cover	Eligible families receive up to ₹5 lakh per year on a family-floater basis.
Nature of treatment	Eligible treatment is provided on a cashless and paperless basis.
Hospital network	Benefits are available at empanelled government and private hospitals.
National portability	Eligible beneficiaries from West Bengal can receive treatment at empanelled hospitals across India.
Special beneficiaries	Relevant provisions cover citizens aged 70 years and above and specified frontline health workers such as ASHA workers, AWWs, and AWHs.
State scheme linkage	Swasthya Sathi beneficiary data can assist in identifying persons who satisfy PM-JAY eligibility criteria.



- What is the maximum ceiling for undisclosed and never-taxed foreign income or assets eligible under the FAST-DS Scheme?

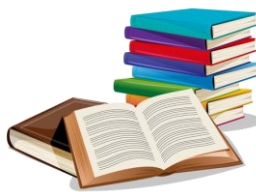
- A) ₹25 lakh
- B) ₹50 lakh
- C) ₹1 crore
- D) ₹2 crore
- E) ₹5 crore

Answer
C) ₹1 crore.



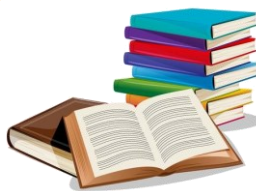
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Income Tax Department** introduced the **Foreign Assets of Small Taxpayers – Disclosure Scheme (FAST-DS)** as a one-time voluntary facility for eligible taxpayers to disclose certain previously undisclosed foreign assets and income.



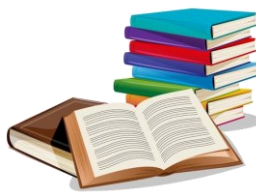
Event and Location:

- **Location:** The scheme applies to eligible taxpayers in India with qualifying undisclosed foreign income or assets.
- **Date:** FAST-DS is available from August **16, 2026**, to December **31, 2026**.



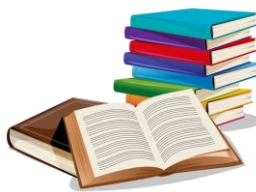
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The scheme permits eligible taxpayers to electronically disclose specified foreign assets or income within prescribed ceilings, pay the applicable tax, penalty, or fee, and regularise qualifying past reporting omissions.



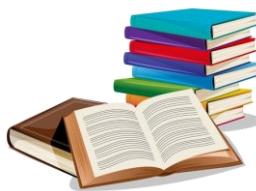
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** FAST-DS aims to provide a one-time compliance opportunity for eligible taxpayers to correct past non-disclosure of foreign assets and income amid increasing international exchange of financial information.



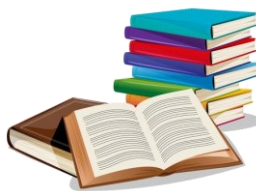
Important Terms Explained:

- **FAST-DS: The Foreign Assets of Small Taxpayers – Disclosure Scheme** is a one-time voluntary disclosure facility covering specified foreign assets or income that were not properly reported earlier, subject to prescribed eligibility conditions and monetary ceilings.



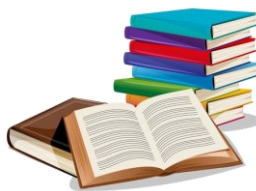
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fair Market Value (FMV):** It generally refers to the value of an asset based on its acquisition cost or the price it could reasonably fetch in the open market, subject to applicable valuation rules.



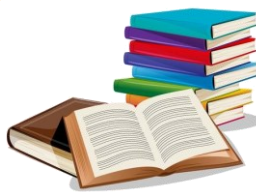
Important Terms Explained:

- **Black Money Act, 2015: The Black Money (Undisclosed Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015** deals with taxation and penalties relating to undisclosed foreign income and assets.



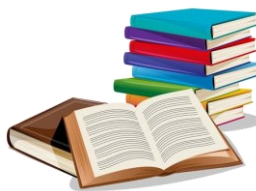
Important Terms Explained:

- **Common Reporting Standard (CRS):** It is an international framework under which participating jurisdictions automatically exchange specified financial account information for tax compliance purposes.



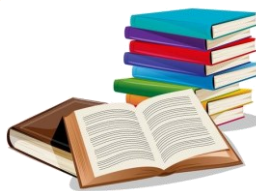
Important Terms Explained:

- **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA):** It is a US law that facilitates reporting of specified foreign financial accounts and contributes to cross-border exchange of financial information.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Annual Information Statement (AIS):** It is a statement available on the income-tax e-filing portal containing various financial information reported in relation to a taxpayer.



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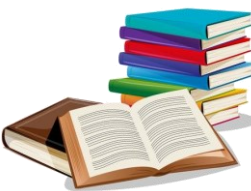
Parameter	Details
Scheme name	Foreign Assets of Small Taxpayers – Disclosure Scheme (FAST-DS).
Scheme period	The disclosure window runs from August 16 to December 31, 2026.
First category ceiling	Undisclosed and never-taxed foreign income or assets can be declared up to ₹1 crore.
Second category ceiling	Previously taxed foreign assets or qualifying assets acquired while non-resident can be covered up to ₹5 crore.
Tax and penalty	The first category attracts 30% of FMV as tax and an additional 30% of FMV as income tax penalty.
Flat fee	The second category requires payment of a flat fee of ₹1 lakh.
Valuation date	Foreign assets are to be valued as on March 31, 2026.
Filing process	The declaration must be filed electronically in Form 1 with the income-tax authority.



► What age group will be covered under the nationwide sports talent hunt announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

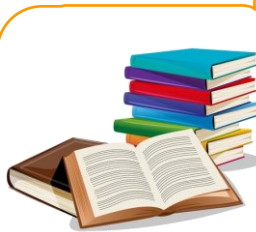
- A) 5–10 years
- B) 6–14 years
- C) 5–15 years
- D) 8–16 years
- E) 10–18 years

Answer
C) 5–15 years.



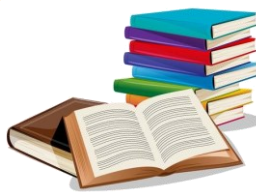
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a nationwide sports talent hunt for children aged **5–15** years to identify and nurture potential athletes for India's long-term sporting ambitions.
- **Location:** The talent hunt will cover villages, towns, cities, and schools across India.



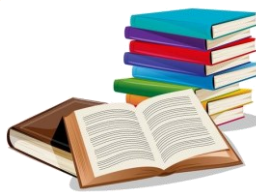
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The initiative was announced during the **80th Independence Day** address from the **Red Fort** on August **15, 2026**.



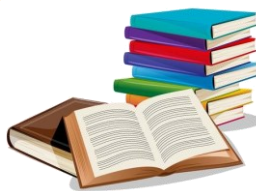
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Government** will conduct a nationwide talent identification programme for children aged **5–15** years, including those from rural and remote areas, to discover sporting ability at an early age.



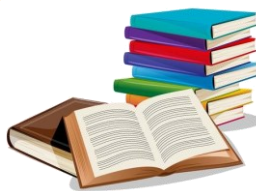
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to broaden India's pool of young athletes, provide long-term training and scientific coaching, improve participation across Olympic disciplines, and support India's ambition to host the **2036 Olympic Games**.



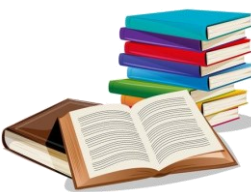
Important Terms Explained:

- **KIRTI (Khelo India Rising Talent Identification):** It is a talent identification initiative under the **Khelo India** programme that uses technology, scientific assessment, and talent assessment centres to identify promising young sportspersons.



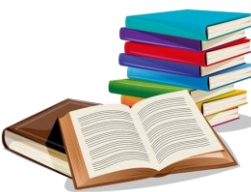
Important Terms Explained:

- **Khelo India Programme:** It is a **Government of India** initiative aimed at strengthening the sports ecosystem by promoting grassroots participation, talent identification, training, and competitive opportunities.



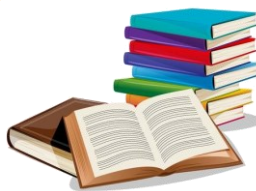
Important Terms Explained:

- **Grassroots Sports Development:** It refers to identifying, training, and supporting athletes from an early stage at the school, community, village, and local levels to build a strong long-term sporting base.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Long-Term Athlete Development:** It is a structured approach in which young athletes progressively develop physical fitness, technical skills, psychological resilience, and competitive experience over several years.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Nationwide sports talent hunt for children aged 5–15 years.
Date	The initiative was announced on August 15, 2026.
Location	Villages, towns, cities, and schools across India.
Announcing authority	Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the initiative during his Independence Day address from the Red Fort.
Target age group	Children between 5 and 15 years of age.
Main purpose	The programme seeks to identify and nurture sporting talent at an early age across the country.
Olympic linkage	The initiative supports India's long-term sporting preparations and its ambition to host the 2036 Olympic Games.
Existing support programme	KIRTI under the Khelo India programme already uses technology and scientific methods for talent identification.

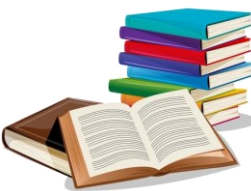
► How many States and Union Territories were asked by the Supreme Court to consider declaring cancer a notifiable disease?

- A) 15
- B) 17
- C) 18
- D) 19
- E) 21



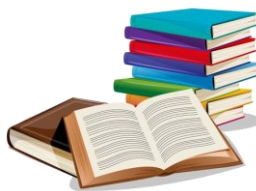
Answer

D) 19 States and Union Territories.



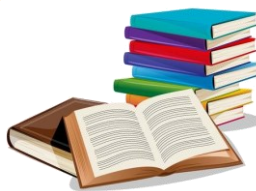
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Supreme Court asked **19 States and Union Territories** to consider declaring cancer a notifiable disease to strengthen cancer surveillance, reporting, and patient care.
- **Location:** The direction applies to the **19 States and Union Territories of India** that had not yet declared cancer a notifiable disease.



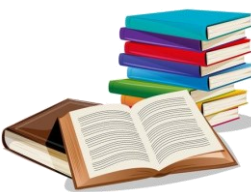
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The Supreme Court direction was reported on August 17, 2026.



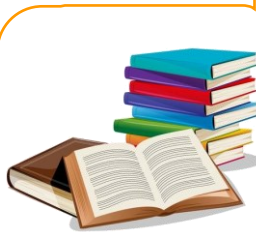
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** A bench led by **Chief Justice of India Surya Kant** directed the **19** concerned **States and Union Territories** to consider notifying cancer and to submit compliance affidavits detailing the action taken.



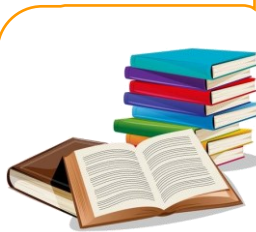
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The direction aims to improve systematic cancer reporting, strengthen surveillance and early detection, support screening, create more consistent disease data, and enable better planning of healthcare resources.



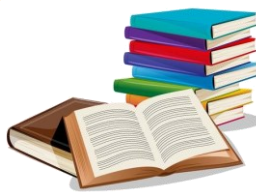
Important Terms Explained:

- **Notifiable Disease:** It is a disease whose suspected, probable, or confirmed cases, as applicable under relevant rules, are required to be reported by healthcare professionals or institutions to designated public health authorities.



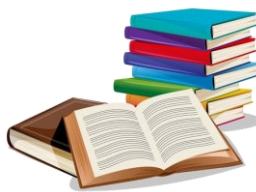
Important Terms Explained:

- **Compliance Affidavit:** It is a sworn statement submitted before a court explaining the actions taken by a government or authority to comply with judicial directions.



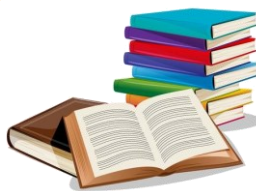
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cancer Screening:** It refers to the use of medical tests or examinations to detect certain cancers or precancerous conditions at an early stage, including before symptoms become evident.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Public Interest Litigation (PIL):** It is a legal proceeding initiated to seek judicial intervention on an issue affecting the public or a broader section of society rather than only a private individual interest.



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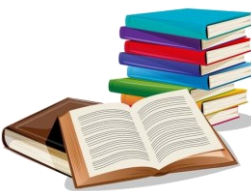
Parameter	Details
Event name	Supreme Court direction on considering cancer as a notifiable disease.
Date	The direction was reported on August 17, 2026.
Coverage	The direction concerns 19 States and Union Territories that had not yet notified cancer.
Bench	The matter was heard by a Supreme Court bench led by CJI Surya Kant.
Existing status	Seventeen of India's 36 States and Union Territories had already declared cancer a notifiable disease.
Court requirement	The concerned governments were asked to consider notification and file compliance affidavits before the Supreme Court.
Purpose	Systematic reporting can improve cancer surveillance, trend identification, screening, diagnosis, treatment planning, and resource allocation.
Additional direction	The Court also sought measures to strengthen cancer screening and early diagnosis across the country.

➤ How many blackbucks were released into Gujarat's Banni Grasslands on August 15, 2026?

- A) 10
- B) 15
- C) 20
- D) 25
- E) 30

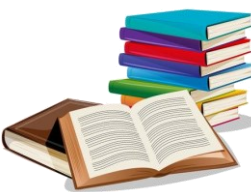


Answer
C) 20 blackbucks.



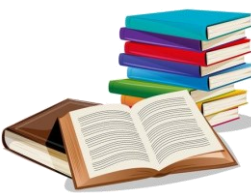
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Gujarat Forest Department and Vantara released **20** blackbucks into the **Banni Grasslands** as part of a wildlife restoration initiative.
- **Location:** The release took place in the **Banni Grasslands of Kutch, Gujarat.**



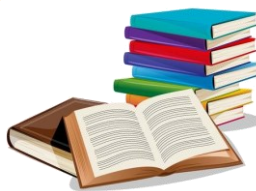
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The blackbucks were released on August **15, 2026**, coinciding with India's **80th Independence Day**.



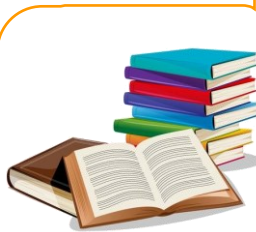
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The initiative involved relocating **20** blackbucks, comprising **5** males and **15** females, from **Vantara in Jamnagar** after obtaining permission from the **Chief Wildlife Warden of Gujarat** and the **Central Zoo Authority**.



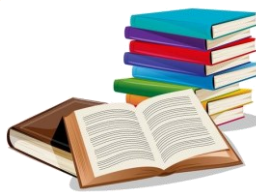
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to restore native wildlife, strengthen the population of indigenous herbivores, revive ecological interactions, and support the long-term conservation of the Banni grassland ecosystem.



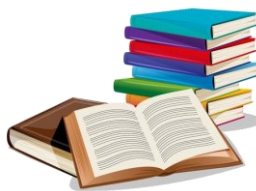
Important Terms Explained:

- **Blackbuck:** It is a native Indian antelope and herbivore whose presence contributes to grassland food chains and ecological balance.



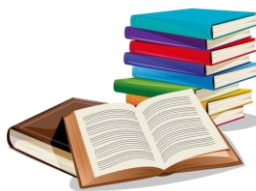
Important Terms Explained:

- **Wildlife Reintroduction:** It is the process of releasing a native species into an area where its population has declined or disappeared, with the objective of restoring ecological functions.



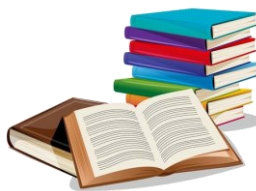
Important Terms Explained:

- **Greens Zoological Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (GZRRC):** It is the institution that provided technical support for the relocation and release of the blackbucks into the **Banni Grasslands**.



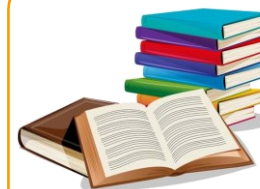
Important Terms Explained:

- **Grassland Ecosystem:** It is an ecosystem dominated by grasses and associated vegetation that supports herbivores, predators, birds, insects, and other forms of biodiversity.



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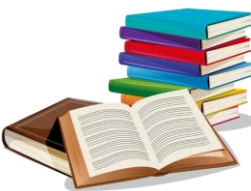
Parameter	Details
Event name	Release of 20 blackbucks into the Banni Grasslands.
Date	August 15, 2026.
Location	Banni Grasslands, Kutch, Gujarat.
Implementing bodies	Gujarat Forest Department and Vantara carried out the release.
Blackbuck composition	The released group consisted of 5 males and 15 females.
Source location	The blackbucks were relocated from Vantara, Jamnagar.
Technical support	The initiative received technical support from GZRRC.
Conservation purpose	The project seeks to restore native herbivore populations and strengthen the ecological functioning of the grassland.



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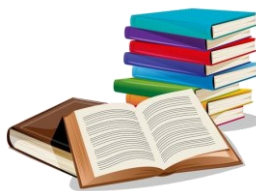
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- The nationwide talent hunt will focus on children aged 5–15 years from all parts of India.
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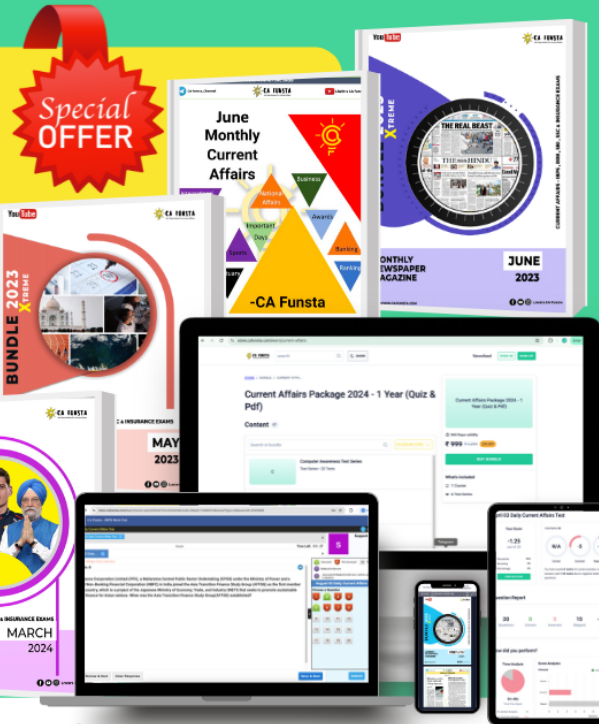


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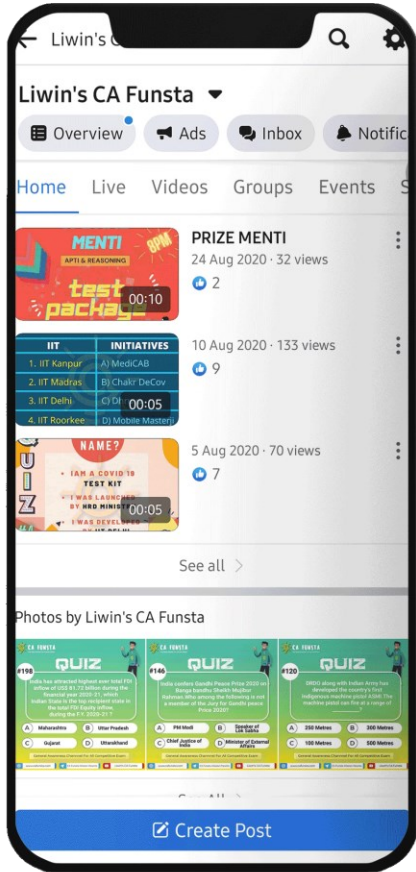
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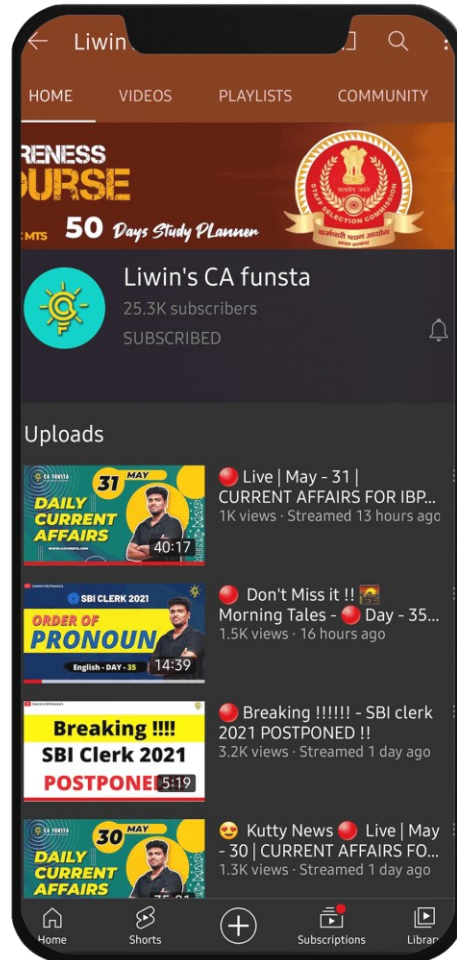


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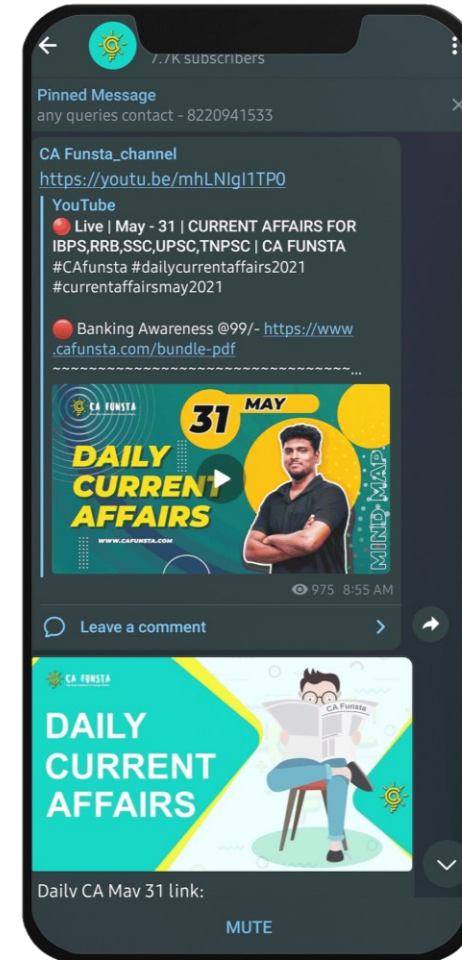
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