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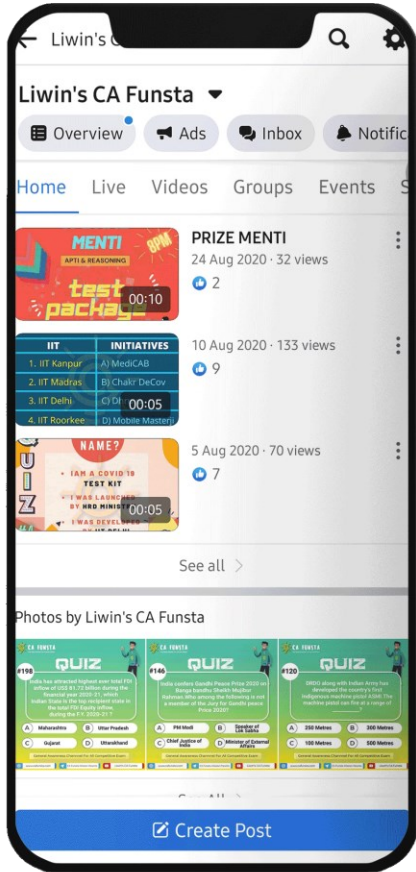


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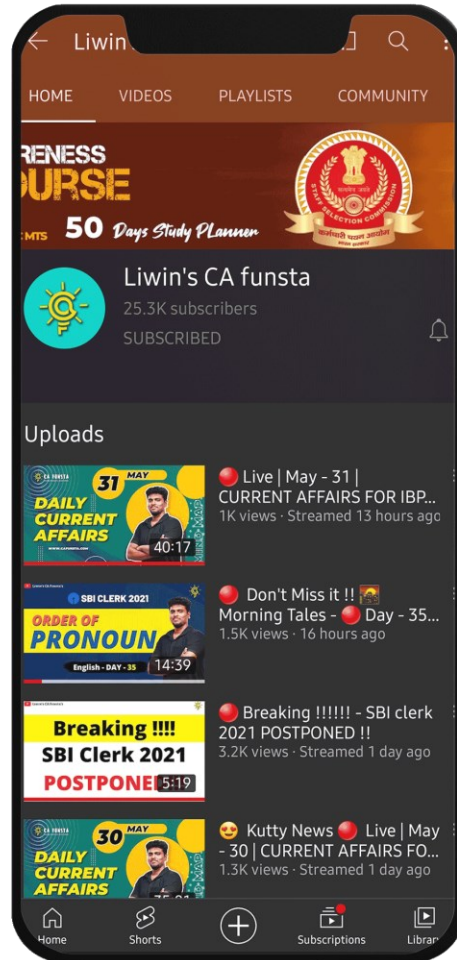
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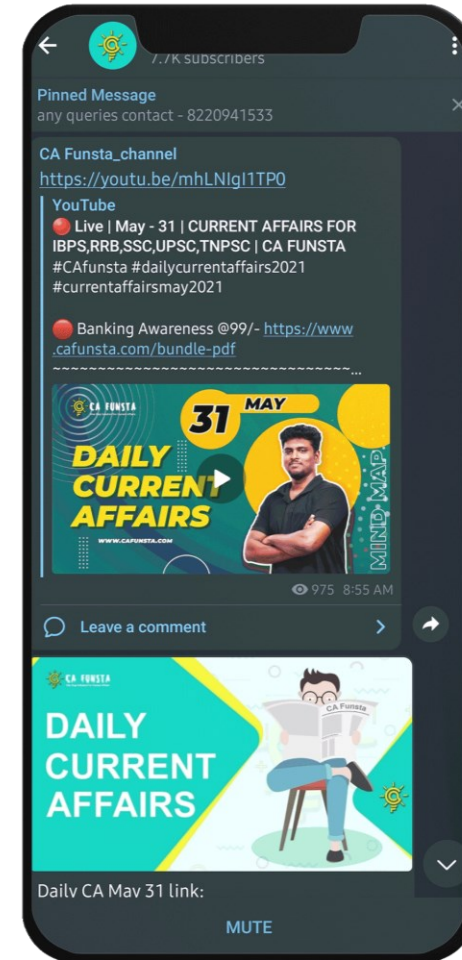
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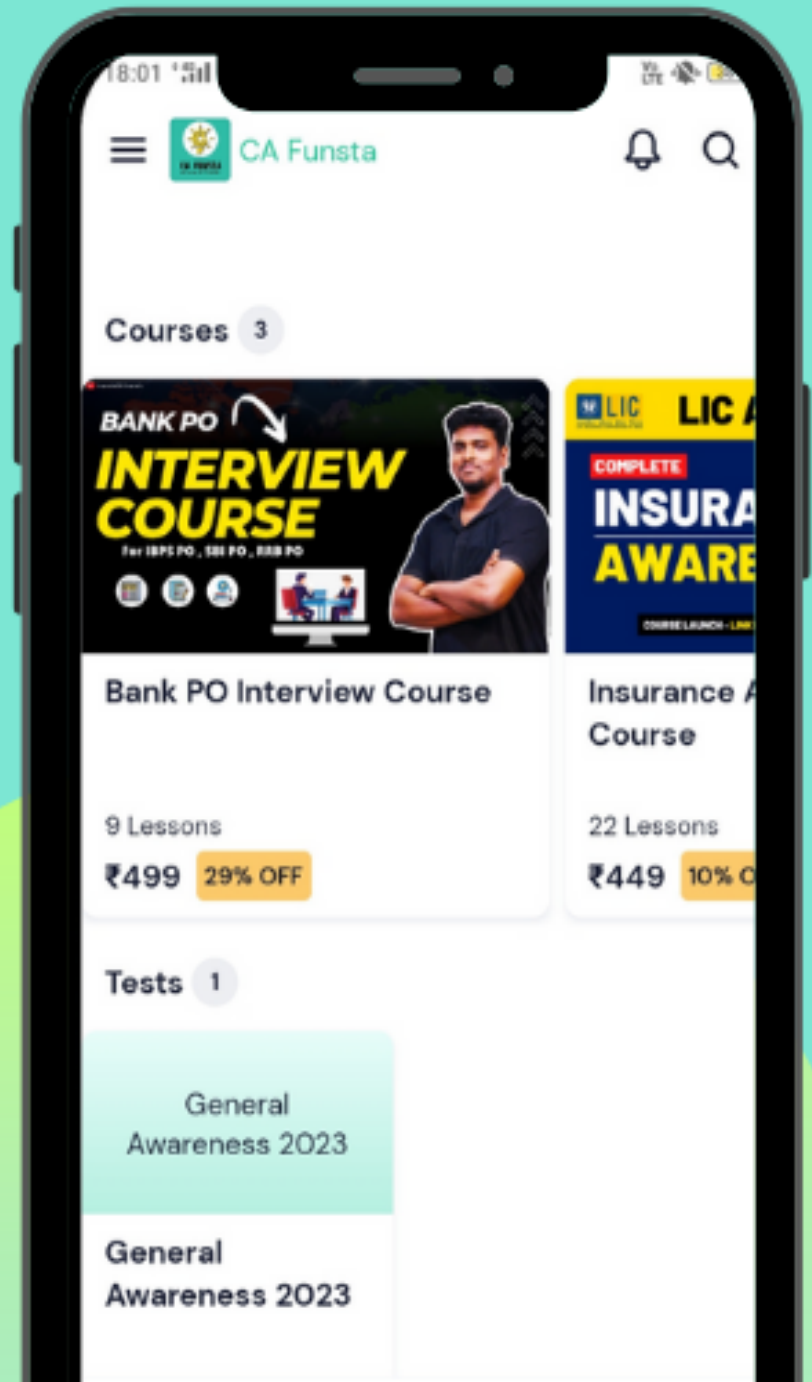
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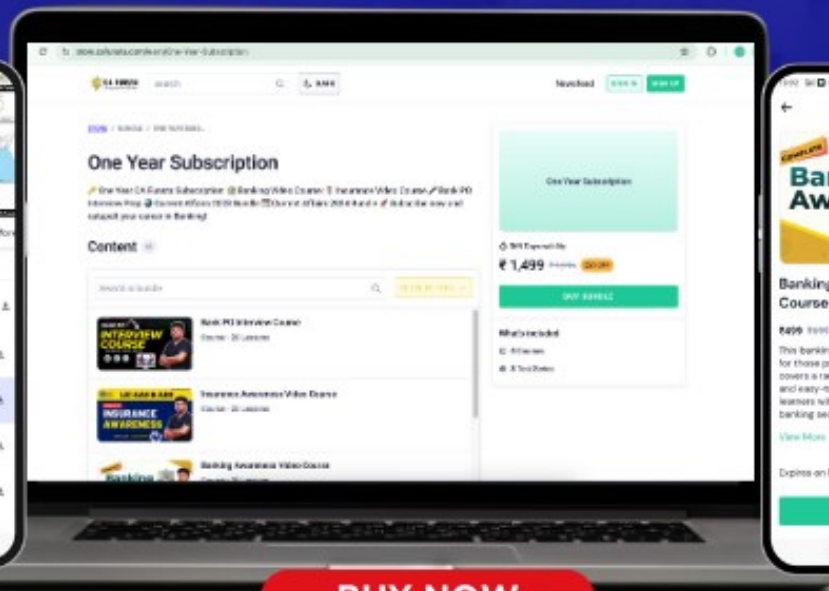
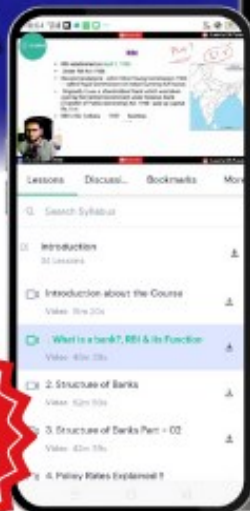
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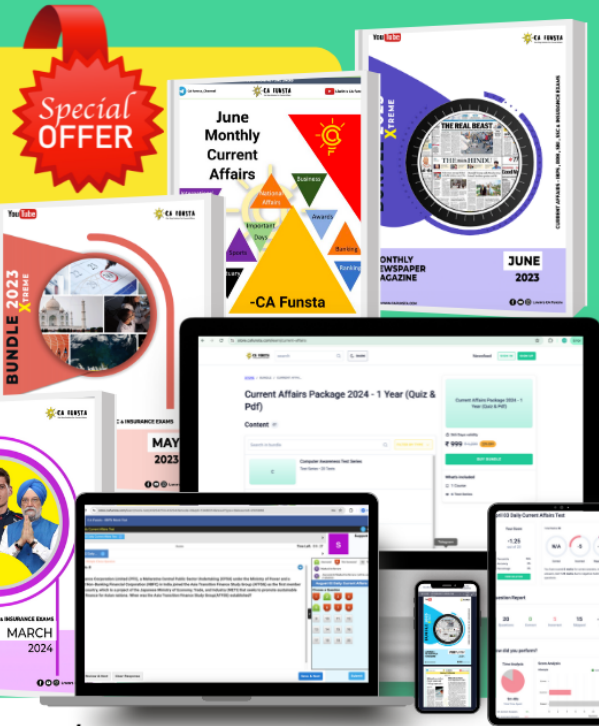
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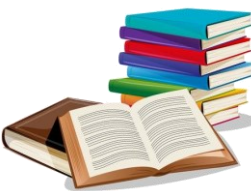
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➤ What was the theme of World First Aid Day 2026?

- A) First Aid and Climate Change
- B) First Aid and Sports
- C) First Aid in Migration Contexts
- D) First Aid throughout Life
- E) First Aid and Road Safety

Answer

C) First Aid in Migration Contexts.

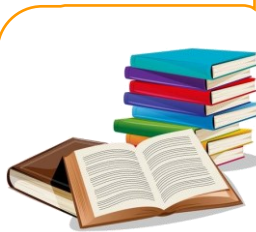


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Event and Location:

- **Event: World First Aid Day 2026** was observed to promote awareness of basic lifesaving first-aid skills and their role during emergencies.
- **Location:** The observance was held worldwide, with special emphasis on migrants, refugees, and displaced populations.

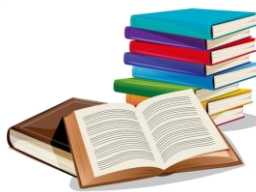


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Event and Location:

- **Date: World First Aid Day 2026** was observed on September **12, 2026**, the second **Saturday of September**.

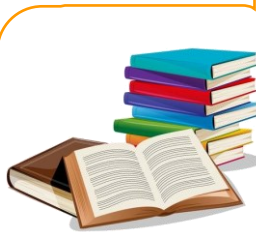


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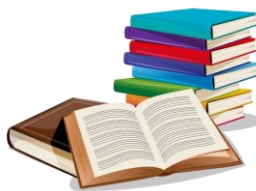
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The annual observance promotes first-aid awareness and training, with the **2026** theme “**First Aid in Migration Contexts**” focusing on emergency care during different phases of migration.



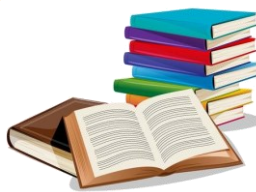
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The observance aims to encourage people to acquire basic first-aid knowledge so they can provide immediate assistance, help save lives, prevent further deterioration, and support recovery before professional medical help arrives.



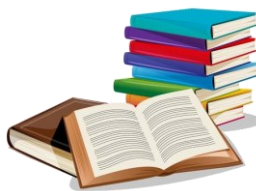
Important Terms Explained:

- **First Aid:** First aid refers to immediate assistance provided to a person who is injured or suddenly becomes ill before professional medical treatment is available.



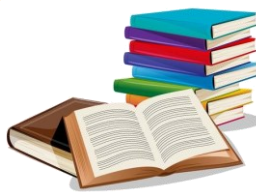
Important Terms Explained:

- **International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC):** The **IFRC** is the organisation that initiated **World First Aid Day** in **2000** to promote first-aid awareness and training globally.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Migration Contexts:** Migration contexts refer to circumstances involving migrants, refugees, and displaced people during different stages of movement, where access to timely emergency care and first-aid knowledge can be particularly important.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World First Aid Day 2026.
Date	September 12, 2026.
Frequency	It is observed annually on the second Saturday of September.
2026 theme	"First Aid in Migration Contexts".
Initiating organisation	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.
Year initiated	World First Aid Day was initiated in 2000.
Primary focus	Promoting lifesaving first-aid knowledge, particularly among migrants, refugees, and displaced people in 2026.
Basic first-aid steps	Ensure safety, assess the person's condition, call for help when required, and provide necessary first aid.



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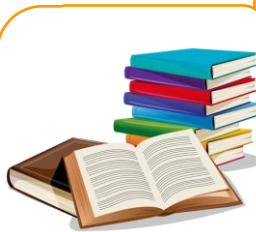
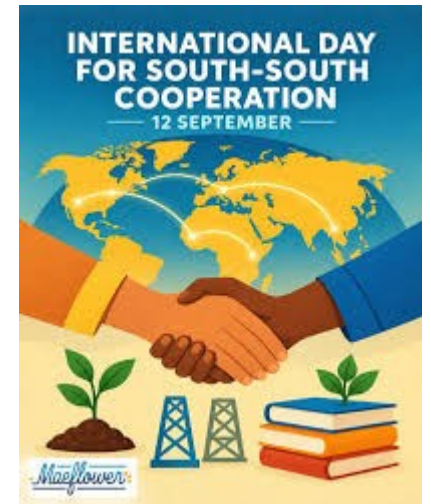


► What was the theme of the International Day for South-South Cooperation 2026?

- A) Partnerships for Sustainable Development
- B) Solidarity Rising: Global Alliance for Inclusive and Innovative Development
- C) Cooperation for Global Prosperity
- D) Innovation for Developing Nations
- E) Building a Shared Global Future

Answer

B) Solidarity Rising: Global Alliance for Inclusive and Innovative Development.

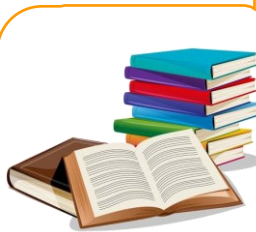


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Event and Location:

- **Event: International Day for South-South Cooperation 2026** highlighted cooperation among developing countries through knowledge exchange, technology sharing, innovation, and partnerships.

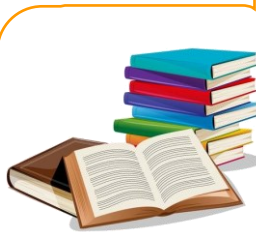


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Event and Location:

- **Location:** The observance had global relevance, particularly for developing countries participating in South-South and triangular cooperation.
- **Date: International Day for South-South Cooperation 2026** was observed on September 11, 2026.

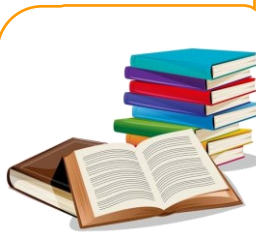


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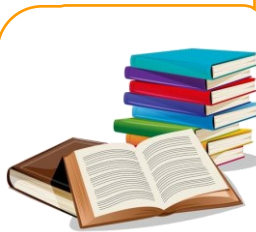
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **2026** observance focused on the theme “**Solidarity Rising: Global Alliance for Inclusive and Innovative Development**” and marked the launch of the **Global Alliance for South-South and Triangular Cooperation**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to strengthen knowledge sharing, innovation, technology transfer, capacity building, economic cooperation, and collaborative solutions to common development challenges.

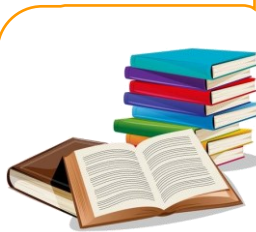


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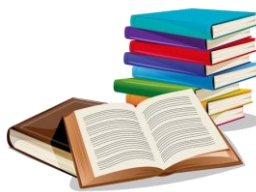
Important Terms Explained:

- **South-South Cooperation:** It refers to cooperation among developing countries through the exchange of knowledge, experience, technologies, resources, and development solutions.



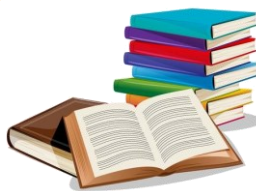
Important Terms Explained:

- **Triangular Cooperation:** It is a collaborative model in which developing countries work together with developed countries or international organisations that provide additional technical, financial, or institutional support.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Global Alliance for South-South and Triangular Cooperation:** It is a voluntary alliance facilitated by the **United Nations** and initiated by the **United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation** to connect countries seeking development solutions with those able to provide knowledge, technology, and resources.

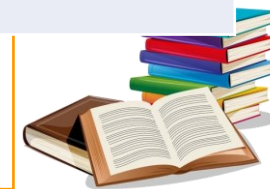


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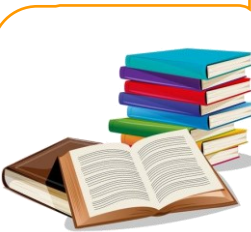
Parameter	Details
Event name	International Day for South-South Cooperation 2026.
Date	September 11, 2026.
2026 theme	"Solidarity Rising: Global Alliance for Inclusive and Innovative Development".
Major development	The year 2026 marked the launch of the Global Alliance for South-South and Triangular Cooperation.
Initiating body	The alliance was initiated by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation.
Nature of alliance	It is a voluntary alliance facilitated by the United Nations.
Key areas of cooperation	Knowledge exchange, innovation, technology, capacity building, trade, and investment.
Purpose	To connect countries seeking solutions with partners capable of providing technology, knowledge, resources, and institutional support.



➤ Who won the US Open women's singles title in 2026 by defeating Aryna Sabalenka in the final?

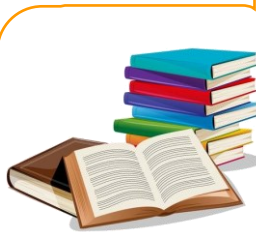
- A) Iga Swiatek
- B) Coco Gauff
- C) Elena Rybakina
- D) Jessica Pegula
- E) Naomi Osaka

Answer
C) Elena Rybakina.



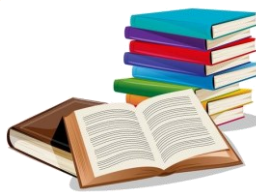
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Elena Rybakina** won the US Open **2026** women's singles title by defeating top seed **Aryna Sabalenka 6-4, 5-7, 6-2** in the final.
- **Location:** The title was won at the US Open in the **United States**.



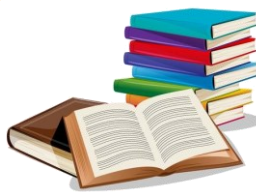
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The women's singles title was won during the US Open **2026**, as reported on September **13, 2026**.



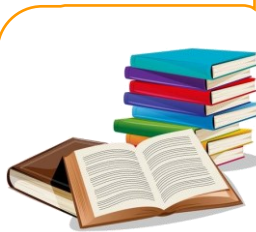
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Rybakina defeated two-time defending champion **Aryna Sabalenka** in a three-set final to secure her third **Grand Slam** singles title and rise to the world No. **1** position.



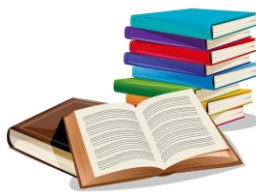
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The victory strengthened Rybakina's **Grand Slam** record, completed her major hard-court sweep across the **Australian Open** and US Open, and ended Sabalenka's **99**-week consecutive reign as world No. **1**.



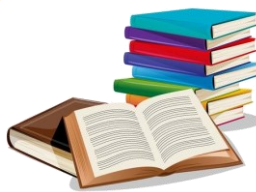
Important Terms Explained:

- **Grand Slam:** A **Grand Slam** refers to one of tennis's four major tournaments, namely the **Australian Open**, **French Open**, Wimbledon and US Open.



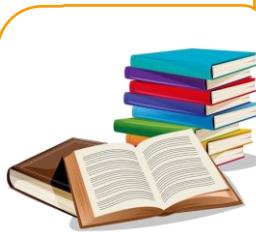
Important Terms Explained:

- **World No. 1:** It is the highest position in the official women's tennis rankings, achieved by Rybakina following her US Open **2026** victory.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Career Grand Slam:** It refers to winning all four **Grand Slam** singles titles during a player's career, with the **French Open** remaining the only major Rybakina still needs to win.



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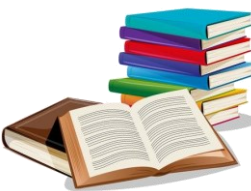
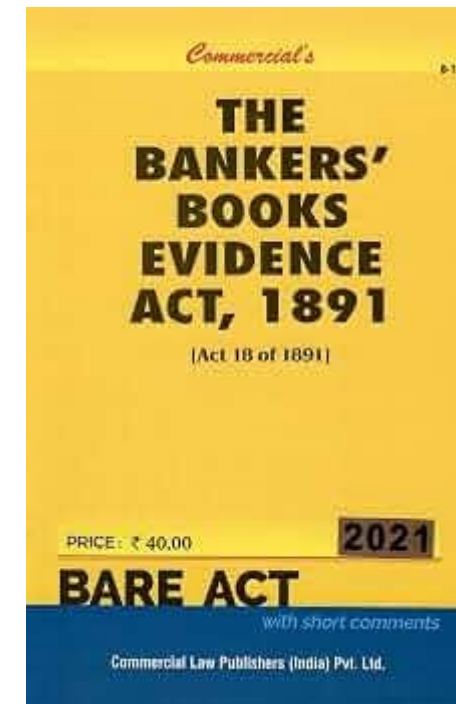
Parameter	Details
Champion	Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan won the US Open 2026 women's singles title.
Runner-up	Aryna Sabalenka finished as runner-up.
Final score	Rybakina won 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.
Grand Slam tally	The victory gave Rybakina her third Grand Slam singles title.
Ranking impact	Rybakina became the women's world No. 1 after the victory.
Previous majors	She had previously won Wimbledon and the Australian Open.
Deciding moment	Rybakina sealed the final with her 12th ace.
Sabalenka streak	The defeat ended Sabalenka's 99-week consecutive reign as world No. 1.



➤ From which date will the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 come into force?

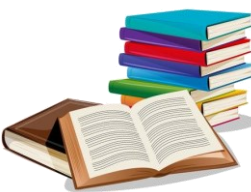
- A) August 13, 2026
- B) September 10, 2026
- C) September 30, 2026
- D) October 1, 2026
- E) January 1, 2027

Answer
D) October 1, 2026.



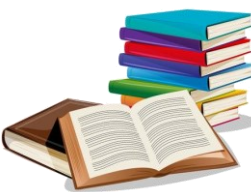
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 will come into force, replacing the Bankers' **Books Evidence Act, 1891** and modernising the legal treatment of banking records.
- **Location:** The legislation applies in India and provides a contemporary framework for using banking records in legal proceedings.



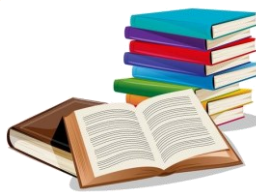
Event and Location:

- **Date: The Act** will take effect from October **1, 2026**, after receiving presidential assent on August **13, 2026**, and its commencement being announced by the **Central Government** on September **10, 2026**.



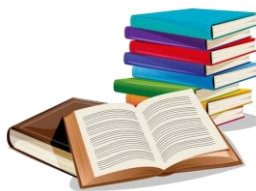
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The new law recognises physical, electronic, digital, virtual, cloud-based, and other contemporary banking records and permits their certification through manual, digital, or electronic signatures.



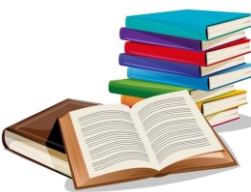
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives: The Act** aims to modernise banking evidence law, facilitate the use of technology-enabled banking records in court proceedings, standardise certification, and adapt the legal framework to evolving banking and financial practices.



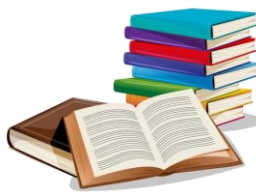
Important Terms Explained:

- **Technology-Neutral Approach:** It refers to a legal framework designed to recognise records irrespective of the particular technology or format used to create, store, or maintain them.



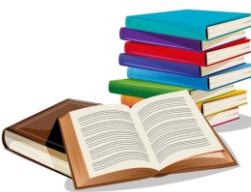
Important Terms Explained:

- **Certification of Banking Records:** It is the process of authenticating banking records for use in legal proceedings, which under the new Act may be completed through manual, digital, or electronic signatures.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Special Cause:** It refers to a specific reason that must be recorded in writing by a court before summoning a bank official when the bank is not itself a party to the legal proceedings.



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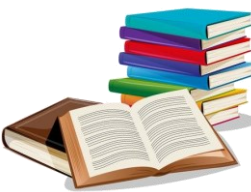
Parameter	Details
Legislation	Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026.
Effective date	October 1, 2026.
Presidential assent	President Droupadi Murmu granted assent on August 13, 2026.
Commencement notification	The Central Government announced the commencement on September 10, 2026.
Law replaced	The Act replaces the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891.
Recognised records	Physical, electronic, digital, virtual, cloud-based, and other contemporary banking records are covered.
Certification method	Banking records may be certified through manual, digital, or electronic signatures.
Summoning provision	Courts must record a special cause in writing before summoning bank officials when the bank is not a party to the proceedings.



► India's foreign exchange reserves rose to what record level in the week ended September 4, 2026?

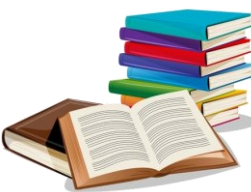
- A) \$648.168 billion
- B) \$740.803 billion
- C) \$785.706 billion
- D) \$136.377 billion
- E) \$113.816 billion

Answer
C) \$785.706 billion.



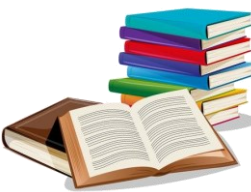
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's **Foreign Exchange Reserves** surged by a record **\$44.903 billion** to reach **\$785.706 billion**, mainly due to a sharp rise in foreign currency assets and strong foreign currency inflows.
- **Location:** The development relates to India's foreign exchange reserves managed by the **Reserve Bank of India**.



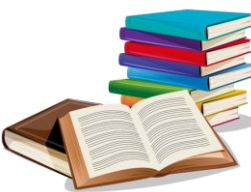
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The reserve data relates to the week ended September 4, 2026.



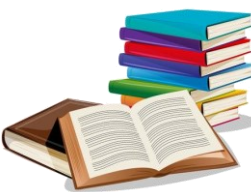
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) used measures including a concessional forex swap policy and a special foreign currency deposit window to encourage foreign currency inflows and improve liquidity in the foreign exchange market.



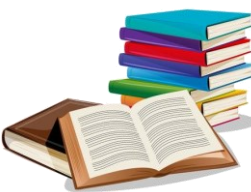
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The measures aimed to strengthen foreign exchange liquidity, support reserve accumulation, and ease pressure arising from rupee depreciation and external geopolitical tensions.



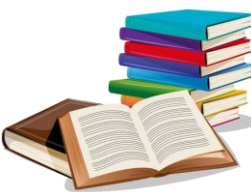
Important Terms Explained:

- **Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs):** FCAs are the largest component of foreign exchange reserves and include foreign currency-denominated assets whose US dollar value can change with movements in currencies such as the euro, pound, and yen.



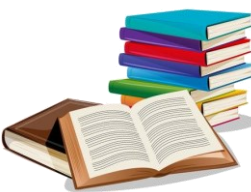
Important Terms Explained:

- **Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) Deposit [FCNR(B)]:** FCNR(B) deposits are foreign currency-denominated term deposits that eligible non-resident Indians can maintain with Indian banks.



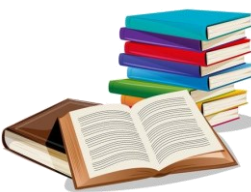
Important Terms Explained:

- **Special Drawing Rights (SDRs):** SDRs are international reserve assets created by the **International Monetary Fund** and allocated to member countries as a supplementary reserve resource.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Forex Swap:** A forex swap is a transaction involving the exchange of one currency for another with an agreement to reverse the transaction later, often used by central banks to manage foreign exchange liquidity.



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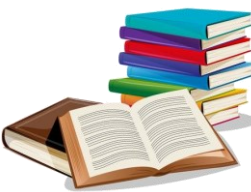
Parameter	Details
Total forex reserves	India's reserves reached a record \$785.706 billion.
Weekly increase	Reserves surged by \$44.903 billion in the week ended September 4, 2026.
Foreign currency assets	FCAs increased by \$47.498 billion to \$648.168 billion.
FCNR(B) deposits	The special deposit window received \$127.226 billion by August 31, 2026.
Total foreign currency inflows	Including overseas borrowings and external commercial borrowings, inflows reached \$136.377 billion.
Gold reserves	Gold reserves declined by \$2.594 billion to \$113.816 billion.
SDR holdings	SDR reserves declined by \$4 million to \$18.806 billion.
RBI measure	The special FCNR(B) window opened on June 8 and was closed early on August 31 after its objective was achieved.



► How many initiatives were honoured under the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2026?

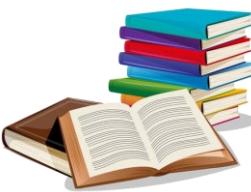
- A) Four
- B) Five
- C) Six
- D) Seven
- E) Eight

Answer
C) Six.



Event and Location:

- **Event: UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2026** honoured six innovative literacy programmes from Colombia, Lebanon, Mexico, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Nigeria, and Thailand.
- **Location:** The awards were presented during **International Literacy Day 2026** celebrations held in Chiapas, Mexico.

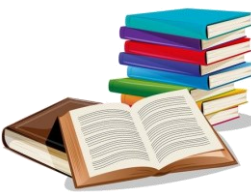


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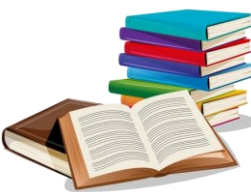
Event and Location:

- **Date: The International Literacy Day 2026**
celebrations were held on September 8–9, 2026.



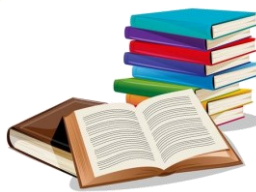
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** UNESCO recognised six programmes through the **King Sejong Literacy Prize** and the **Confucius Prize for Literacy** for innovative contributions to inclusive, multilingual, digital, and community-based literacy.



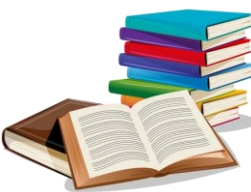
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The prizes aim to recognise effective literacy initiatives and advance inclusive and multilingual learning under the **2026** theme “Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity”.



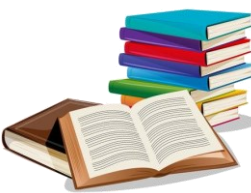
Important Terms Explained:

- **UNESCO International Literacy Prizes:** These prizes have been awarded since **1967** to recognise individuals, organisations, and institutions making significant contributions to literacy worldwide.



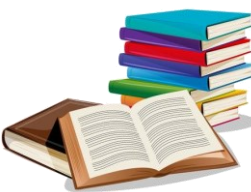
Important Terms Explained:

- **King Sejong Literacy Prize:** Supported by the Government of the **Republic of Korea**, this prize particularly recognises literacy programmes that promote mother-tongue-based education and learning.



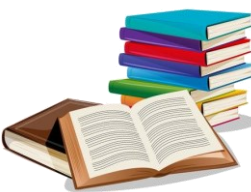
Important Terms Explained:

- **Confucius Prize for Literacy:** Sponsored by the Chinese government, this prize recognises innovative literacy programmes, including initiatives involving digital literacy, adults, and out-of-school youth.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Teaching at the Right Level:** It is an educational approach in which learners are grouped and taught according to their actual learning level rather than only their age or grade.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2026.
Number of recipients	Six literacy programmes were honoured.
Countries represented	Colombia, Lebanon, Mexico, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Nigeria, and Thailand.
Award occasion	The prizes were presented during International Literacy Day 2026 celebrations in Chiapas, Mexico.
2026 theme	"Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity".
Prize categories	King Sejong Literacy Prize and Confucius Prize for Literacy.
Prize amount	Each laureate receives US\$30,000 along with a medal and diploma or certificate.
Global literacy concern	UNESCO reported that more than 739 million youth and adults lack basic literacy skills, of whom 63% are women.

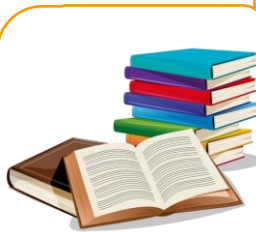


➤ **Which four states achieved 100% target coverage under India's HPV Vaccination Drive within the first six months?**

- A) Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram
- B) Bihar, Assam, Gujarat and Kerala
- C) Karnataka, Telangana, Odisha and Sikkim
- D) Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Assam
- E) Gujarat, Kerala, Karnataka and Mizoram

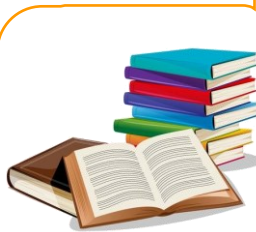
Answer

A) Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram.



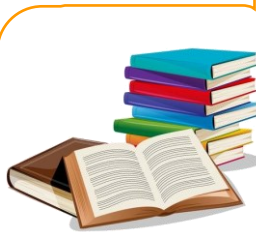
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India crossed **80 lakh HPV** vaccine doses within six months of launching its cervical cancer vaccination programme for adolescent girls.



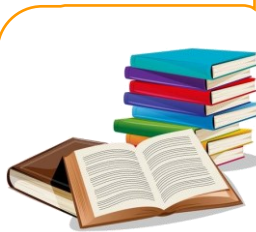
Event and Location:

- **Location:** The vaccination programme is being implemented across India, with Gujarat, **Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram** achieving **100%** coverage of their identified target groups.
- **Date:** The programme was launched in February **2026**, and the **80**-lakh-dose milestone was reported in September **2026**.



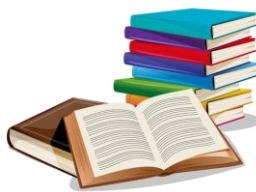
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The programme provides a single dose of the **Human Papillomavirus (HPV)** Vaccine free of cost and voluntarily to **14-year-old** girls at government health facilities after parental consent.



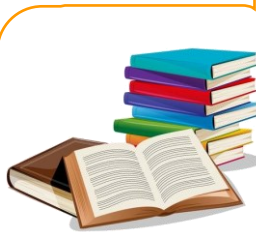
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The vaccination drive aims to protect adolescent girls against **HPV** infection, which causes most cervical cancer cases, while complementing continued awareness and cervical cancer screening efforts.



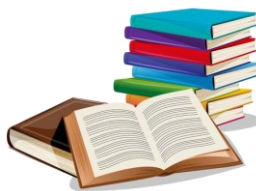
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cervical Cancer:** It is a cancer affecting the cervix and is strongly associated with persistent infection by certain types of human papillomavirus.



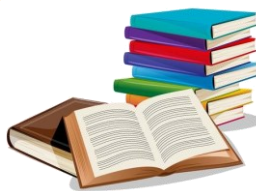
Important Terms Explained:

- **Target Group:** Under the programme, the primary target consists of **14**-year-old girls, with around **1.2 crore** girls estimated to enter this age group in India every year.



Important Terms Explained:

- Catch-up Vaccination: It refers to **HPV** vaccination provided to individuals beyond the preferred routine age group when vaccination is considered appropriate based on individual need.



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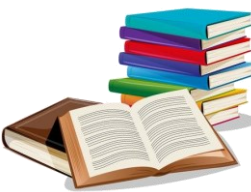
Parameter	Details
Milestone	India administered more than 80 lakh HPV vaccine doses within six months.
Programme launch	Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the vaccination programme in February 2026.
Primary beneficiaries	The programme targets 14-year-old girls.
Dose and cost	A single HPV vaccine dose is provided voluntarily and free of cost at government health facilities.
100% coverage states	Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram achieved full target coverage.
Largest numerical coverage	Uttar Pradesh vaccinated more than 22 lakh adolescent girls.
Annual target population	Around 1.2 crore girls attain the age of 14 years in India every year.
Health significance	Vaccination helps prevent HPV infection associated with most cervical cancer cases.



➤ Which advanced engine has Russia offered India as a potential upgrade for the Indian Air Force's Su-30MKI fleet?

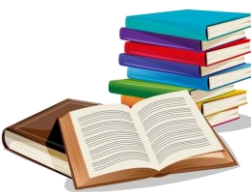
- A) AL-31FP
- B) Izdeliye 177S
- C) RD-33MK
- D) AL-41F1
- E) Saturn 117S

Answer
B) Izdeliye 177S.



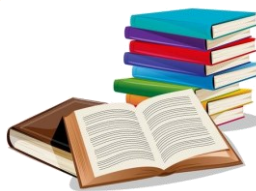
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Russia offered **India the Izdeliye 177S** engine as a potential upgrade for the **Indian Air Force's Su-30MKI** fighter aircraft fleet.
- **Location:** The proposal was made in the context of India-Russia defence cooperation during **President Vladimir Putin's** visit to **New Delhi**.
- **Date:** The proposal was reported in September **2026**.



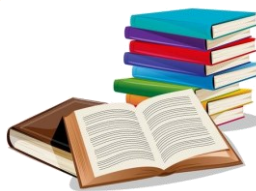
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Russian** proposal involves potentially replacing the existing AL-**31F/FP** engines of the Su-**30MKI** fleet with the advanced **177S** engine, which offers higher thrust, improved fuel efficiency and a longer service life.



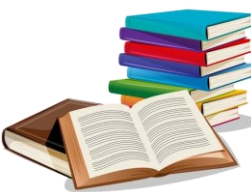
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The proposed upgrade aims to improve aircraft performance, reduce fuel consumption, enhance engine durability and strengthen long-term operational effectiveness of the Su-30MKI fleet.



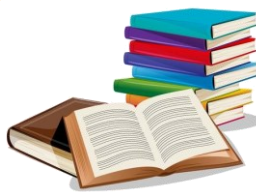
Important Terms Explained:

- **Su-30MKI**: It is a multirole fighter aircraft operated by the **Indian Air Force** and forms a major component of India's combat aviation fleet.



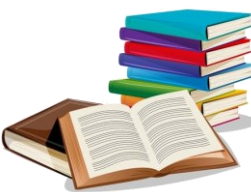
Important Terms Explained:

- **Thrust:** Thrust is the forward force generated by an aircraft engine, with the proposed **177S** engine capable of producing about **14.5** tonnes of thrust.



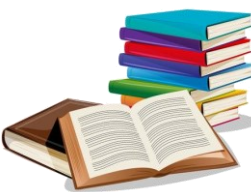
Important Terms Explained:

- **Engine Service Life:** It refers to the total operational duration for which an engine is designed to function, with the **177S** claimed to have a service life of up to **6,000** hours.



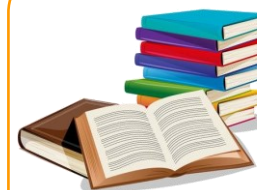
Important Terms Explained:

- **Su-57E**: It is the export version of Russia's **Su-57** fighter aircraft and is also part of ongoing India-Russia defence discussions.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Proposed engine	Russia has offered the Izdeliye 177S engine to India.
Target aircraft	The proposed upgrade is intended for the Indian Air Force's Su-30MKI fleet.
Existing engine	The Su-30MKI currently uses AL-31F/FP-series engines.
Maximum thrust	The 177S engine is claimed to produce about 14.5 tonnes of thrust.
Service life	The proposed engine can reportedly operate for up to 6,000 hours.
Fuel efficiency	The engine is claimed to reduce fuel consumption by about 7%.
Industrial link	Hindustan Aeronautics Limited currently produces and maintains AL-31FP engines.
Strategic context	The proposal forms part of wider India-Russia defence and technological cooperation.



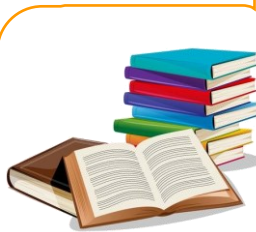
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➤ Under which initiative are India and the US strengthening cooperation on undersea cable security?

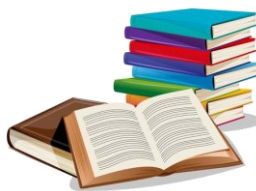
- A) QUAD Technology Mission
- B) TRUST Initiative
- C) Digital India Mission
- D) Indo-Pacific Connectivity Plan
- E) Global AI Partnership

Answer
B) TRUST Initiative.



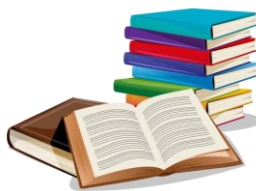
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India and the US expanded cooperation on undersea cable security and resilience under the US-India **TRUST** Initiative, with India emerging as a potential global hub for subsea digital infrastructure.



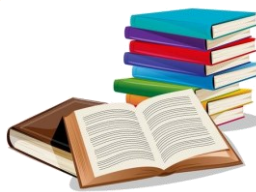
Event and Location:

- **Location:** The cooperation involves India and the **United States**, with India positioned strategically within global undersea communication networks.
- **Date:** The latest **Undersea Cables Workshop** was held in September **2026**.



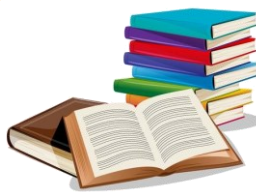
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The cooperation focuses on improving the security, resilience, and diversity of global undersea cable systems while strengthening collaboration among governments, industry, academia, and private-sector organisations in critical technologies.



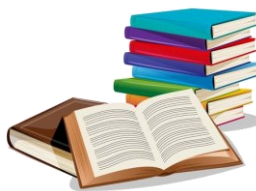
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The partnership aims to protect critical digital infrastructure, support secure international data transmission, expand AI and cloud infrastructure, and strengthen India's role in global subsea connectivity.



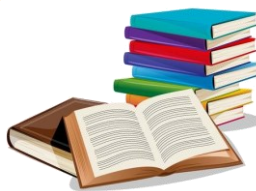
Important Terms Explained:

- **Undersea Cables:** Undersea or submarine cables are fibre-optic communication cables laid beneath oceans that carry international digital data and support cloud computing, e-commerce, data centres, and artificial intelligence services.



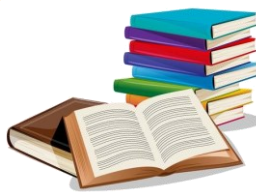
Important Terms Explained:

- **Transforming the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technologies (TRUST):** TRUST is a US-India technology cooperation initiative launched during **Prime Minister Narendra Modi's** visit to **Washington in February 2025** to deepen collaboration in critical and emerging technologies.



Important Terms Explained:

- **US-India Roadmap for Accelerating AI Infrastructure:**
It is a bilateral framework aimed at identifying barriers to financing, building, powering, and connecting AI infrastructure originating from the US in India.



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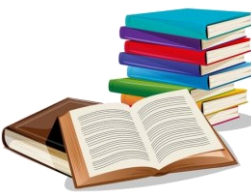
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Cooperation area	India and the US are strengthening security and resilience of global undersea cable systems.
Key initiative	The cooperation is being advanced through the US-India TRUST Initiative.
Recent engagement	Government and industry experts participated in an Undersea Cables Workshop in September 2026.
India's strategic role	The US has identified India as a potential major hub for global subsea digital infrastructure.
TRUST launch	The initiative was launched during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Washington in February 2025.
Technology focus	It covers artificial intelligence, semiconductors, quantum computing, biotechnology, energy, space, defence, and other critical technologies.
AI infrastructure link	Both countries are also developing a roadmap to accelerate AI infrastructure and next-generation data centres in India.
Strategic significance	Secure subsea connectivity will support cloud computing, data centres, AI deployment, e-commerce, and wider digital economic activity.

➤ Which Indian state passed the Ease of Doing Business Bill 2026 allowing eligible shops and commercial establishments to operate 24×7?

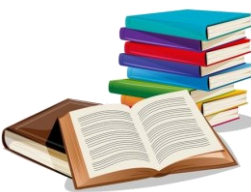
- A) Maharashtra
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Gujarat
- D) Karnataka
- E) Madhya Pradesh

Answer
C) Gujarat.



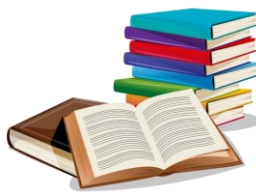
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Gujarat Assembly passed the **Ease of Doing Business Bill 2026**, introducing regulatory reforms including **24×7** commercial operations, self-declaration, risk-based fire safety, and faster delivery of public services.
- **Location:** The reforms apply across Gujarat.



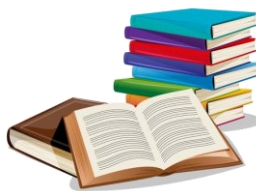
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The **Bill** was reported as passed by the **Gujarat Assembly in September 2026.**



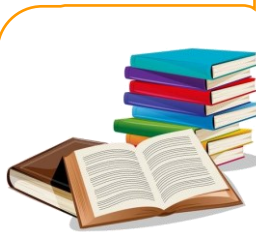
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Bill** amends **12** provisions across five state Acts and introduces measures such as round-the-clock operations for eligible establishments, self-declaration for new businesses, risk-based fire safety regulation, expanded **MSME** facilitation, automatic appeals for delayed public services, and simplified registration for doctors from other states.



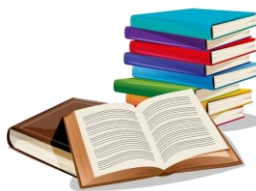
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives: The Bill** aims to improve ease of doing business by reducing regulatory burdens, simplifying approvals and compliance, increasing the use of technology, strengthening **MSME** support, and accelerating government service delivery.



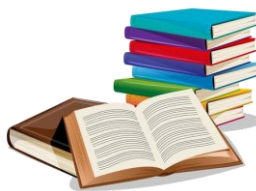
Important Terms Explained:

- **24×7 Commercial Operations:** This provision permits eligible shops and commercial establishments to operate throughout the day and on all days of the week, subject to prescribed conditions.



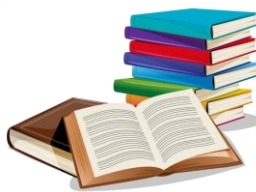
Important Terms Explained:

- Self-Declaration: It is a compliance mechanism allowing eligible applicants to provide declarations themselves instead of undergoing extensive verification at the initial stage of registration or approval.



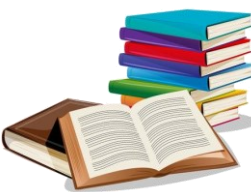
Important Terms Explained:

- **Risk-Based Fire Safety Regulation:** It is an approach in which fire-safety requirements and regulatory scrutiny are determined according to the level of risk associated with an establishment.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Automatic Appeal:** It is a mechanism under which an unresolved application or grievance can be automatically escalated to a higher authority when the prescribed service-delivery period expires.



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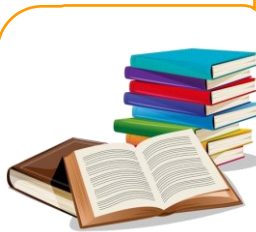
Parameter	Details
Bill name	Gujarat Ease of Doing Business Bill 2026.
Passing authority	The Gujarat Assembly passed the Bill.
Proposed by	Minister of State for Industries Dr Jayram Gamit.
Legislative changes	The Bill amends 12 provisions across five state Acts.
24×7 provision	Eligible shops and commercial establishments may operate round the clock subject to specified conditions.
MSME support	Eight additional state Acts have been brought within the MSME facilitation framework.
Public services reform	Delayed applications or grievances can be automatically escalated to a higher authority.
Medical registration	Eligible doctors registered in other states can obtain registration in Gujarat through self-declaration.



➤ Which railway zone achieved 100% electrification of its 5,068-km broad gauge network in September 2026?

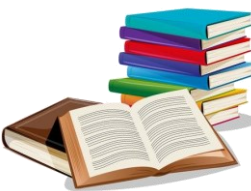
- A) Central Railway
- B) Southern Railway
- C) Eastern Railway
- D) Western Railway
- E) South Central Railway

Answer
B) Southern Railway.



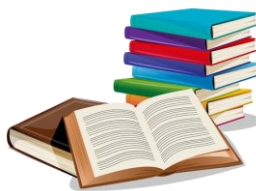
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Southern Railway** achieved **100%** electrification of its entire **5,068** route-kilometre broad gauge network after completion of the Pattukkottai-Karaikkudi section.
- **Location:** The final **71-km** Pattukkottai-Karaikkudi section is located in **Tamil Nadu**.
- **Date:** The statutory inspection of the final electrified section was completed on September **9, 2026**.



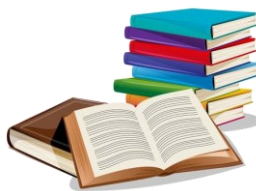
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The final stretch was electrified through installation and commissioning of **Overhead Electrical Equipment (OHE)**, completing electric traction coverage across all broad gauge sections of **Southern Railway**.



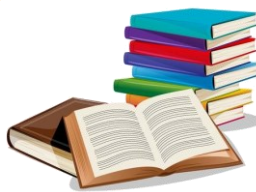
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** Full electrification aims to eliminate diesel-to-electric locomotive changes, improve operational efficiency and locomotive utilisation, enable better acceleration and deceleration, and reduce carbon emissions.



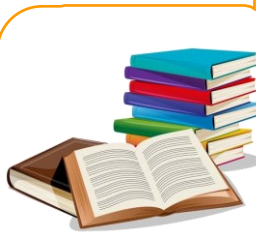
Important Terms Explained:

- **25 kV AC Traction:** It is an electric railway traction system using **25-kilovolt** alternating current to supply power to electric trains through overhead equipment.



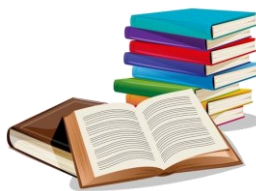
Important Terms Explained:

- **Electric Traction:** It refers to the use of electrical power to propel trains instead of diesel-powered locomotives.



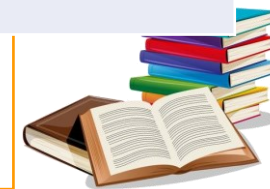
Important Terms Explained:

- **Statutory Inspection:** It is a mandatory technical and safety examination conducted by an authorised railway official before newly electrified infrastructure is cleared for operation.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Achievement	Southern Railway completed 100% electrification of its broad gauge network.
Total network	The electrified broad gauge network covers 5,068 route kilometres.
Final section	Pattukkottai-Karaikkudi was the last section to be electrified.
Final stretch length	The Pattukkottai-Karaikkudi section covers 71 km.
Inspection date	The statutory inspection was completed on September 9, 2026.
Inspecting official	Shri Ganesh, Principal Chief Electrical Engineer of Southern Railway, conducted the statutory inspection.
Traction system	The entire broad gauge network now operates with 25 kV AC electric traction.
Key benefit	Full electrification reduces locomotive changes, improves efficiency, and supports lower carbon emissions.



➤ Which Indian temple was featured prominently in the backdrop during the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi?

- A) Brihadeeswarar Temple
- B) Meenakshi Temple
- C) Ramanathaswamy Temple
- D) Shore Temple
- E) Jagannath Temple

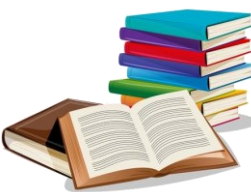
Answer

C) Ramanathaswamy Temple.



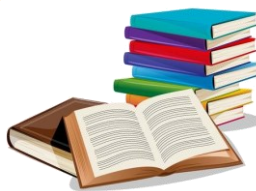
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Ramanathaswamy Temple in Rameswaram featured prominently in the welcome backdrop as **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** received leaders at the **18th BRICS Summit**.
- **Location:** The summit was hosted at **Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi**, while the featured temple is located on **Rameswaram Island in Tamil Nadu**.



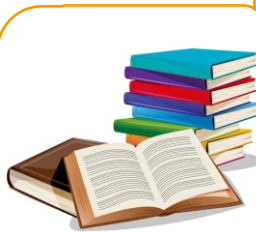
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The **18th BRICS** Summit was held on September **12–13, 2026**.



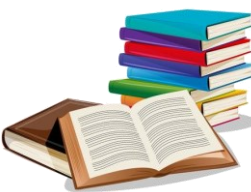
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India hosted **BRICS** leaders under its **2026** Chairmanship for discussions on global governance, multilateralism, trade, technology, energy, security and other areas of cooperation.



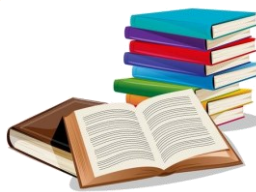
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The summit aimed to strengthen multilateral cooperation, promote more inclusive global governance and facilitate bilateral and collective engagement among participating countries.



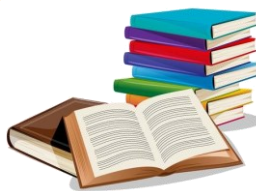
Important Terms Explained:

- **BRICS: BRICS** is a grouping of major emerging economies that promotes cooperation on economic, political, developmental and global governance issues.



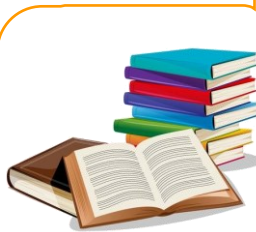
Important Terms Explained:

- **Jyotirlinga:** A Jyotirlinga is a sacred representation of **Lord Shiva**, and the **Ramanathaswamy Temple** is recognised as one of the **12** Jyotirlinga temples.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Inclusive Global Governance and Multilateralism:** It refers to efforts to make international institutions and decision-making processes more representative, cooperative and inclusive of a wider range of countries.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	18th BRICS Summit.
Host country	India hosted the summit under its 2026 Chairmanship.
Dates	The summit was held on September 12–13, 2026.
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
Cultural backdrop	The Ramanathaswamy Temple in Rameswaram was featured during the leaders' welcome.
Temple significance	It is a major Lord Shiva temple and one of India's 12 Jyotirlinga shrines.
Key session	A closed session was titled "Inclusive Global Governance and Multilateralism".
Summit focus	Discussions covered multilateral cooperation, trade, technology, energy, security and global governance.

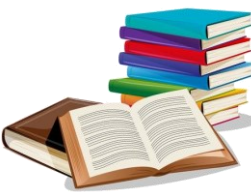


➤ What was unanimously adopted by BRICS member countries on the first day of the 18th BRICS Summit 2026?

- A) New Delhi Declaration
- B) Global South Charter
- C) BRICS Trade Accord
- D) Delhi Energy Compact
- E) Multilateral Reform Treaty

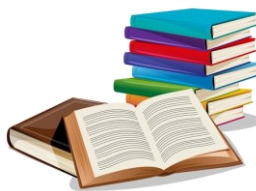
Answer

A) New Delhi Declaration.



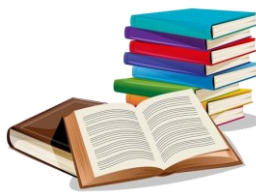
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **BRICS** member countries unanimously adopted the **New Delhi Declaration 2026** on the first day of the **18th BRICS Summit**, covering terrorism, global governance, trade, energy security, conflict prevention, women empowerment and financial cooperation.
- **Location:** The **18th BRICS Summit** was held in **New Delhi, India**.



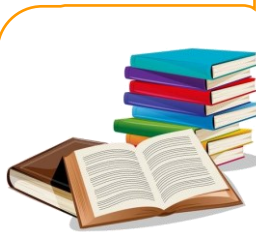
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The declaration was adopted on the first day of the summit in September **2026**.



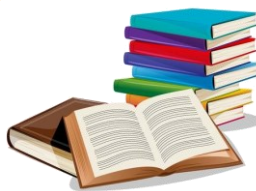
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **45**-page declaration containing **140** points reaffirmed commitments on counter-terrorism, peaceful dispute resolution, multilateral trade, energy security, women's participation, local-currency transactions and reforms in international institutions.



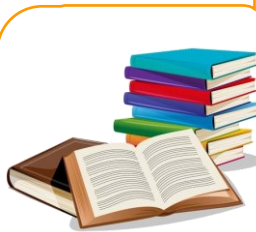
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The declaration aims to strengthen **BRICS** cooperation, increase representation of the **Global South** in global governance, promote inclusive multilateralism and improve coordination in trade, finance, energy and international security.



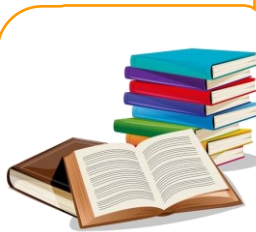
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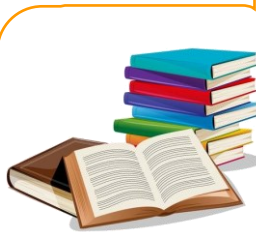
Important Terms Explained:

- **Local Currency Settlement:** It refers to conducting cross-border trade and financial transactions using the currencies of participating countries instead of relying exclusively on major international currencies.



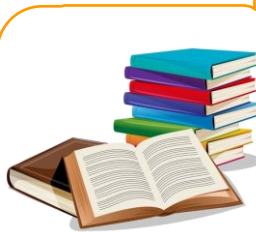
Important Terms Explained:

- **Two-Tiered WTO Dispute Settlement System:** It refers to the **World Trade Organization** framework involving an initial dispute panel and an appellate mechanism for reviewing trade disputes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Technology-Neutral Approach:** It is an approach that does not favour one particular energy technology and allows different sources such as renewables, nuclear energy, hydropower, hydrogen and fossil fuels to contribute according to national circumstances.



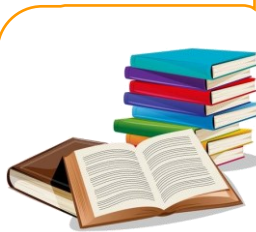
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Declaration	The New Delhi Declaration 2026 was adopted unanimously by BRICS members.
Summit	It was adopted during the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi.
Document size	The declaration contains 140 points across 45 pages.
India's 2026 theme	"Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability".
Key security position	BRICS condemned terrorism in all forms, including cross-border terrorism, terror financing and safe havens.
Global governance reform	The declaration supported reform of the United Nations system, including the UN Security Council.
Trade position	BRICS backed a WTO-led multilateral trading system and restoration of a two-tier binding dispute-resolution mechanism.
Financial cooperation	Members encouraged local-currency settlements and greater interoperability of payment and messaging systems.

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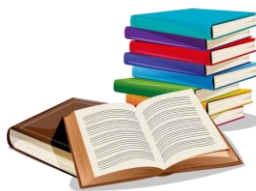
- **World First Aid Day 2026** was observed worldwide on September 12 under the theme “First Aid in Migration Contexts” to promote lifesaving emergency-care knowledge, particularly for migrants and displaced people.
- **International Day for South-South Cooperation 2026** was observed on September 11 under the theme “Solidarity Rising: Global Alliance for Inclusive and Innovative Development,” alongside the launch of a UN-facilitated alliance to strengthen cooperation among developing countries.
- **Elena Rybakina** defeated Aryna Sabalenka 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 to win the US Open 2026 women’s singles title, claim her third Grand Slam crown and become world No. 1.
- **The Bankers’ Books Evidence Act, 2026** will take effect in India from October 1, replacing the 1891 law and creating a modern evidence framework for physical and technology-enabled banking records.
- **India’s foreign exchange reserves** surged by a record \$44.903 billion to \$785.706 billion in the week ended September 4, 2026, driven mainly by higher foreign currency assets and strong inflows facilitated by RBI measures.



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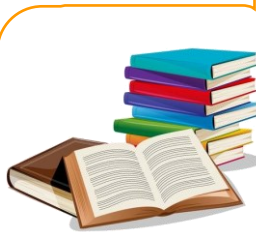
- **UNESCO honoured six initiatives from Colombia, Lebanon, Mexico, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Nigeria, and Thailand with its 2026 International Literacy Prizes for advancing inclusive, multilingual, and innovative literacy.**
- **India administered more than 80 lakh HPV vaccine doses within six months of the February 2026 launch, with Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Mizoram achieving 100% target coverage under the cervical cancer prevention programme.**
- **Russia offered India the Izdeliye 177S engine for the Indian Air Force's Su-30MKI fleet, promising higher thrust, improved fuel efficiency and a service life of up to 6,000 hours.**
- **India and the US expanded cooperation on undersea cable security under the TRUST Initiative, strengthening secure digital connectivity and positioning India as a potential global hub for subsea infrastructure.**



QUICK RECALL



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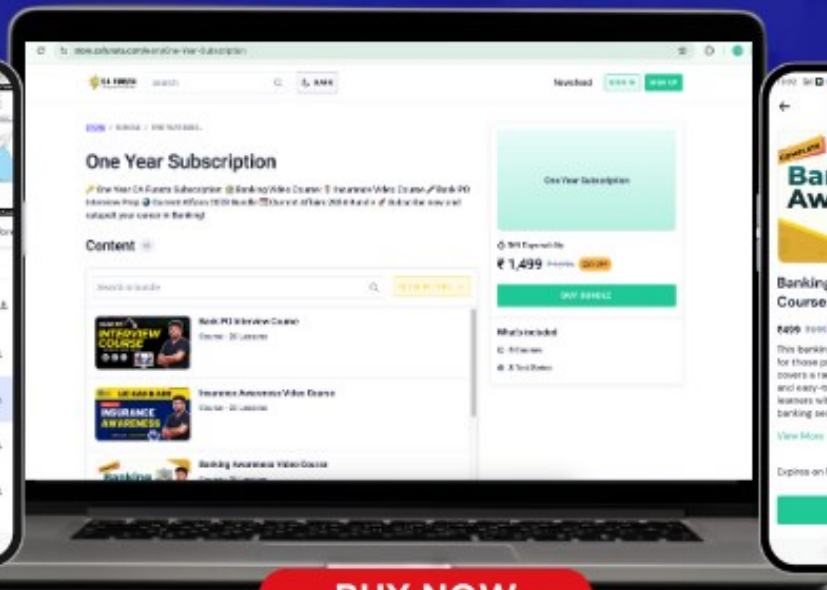
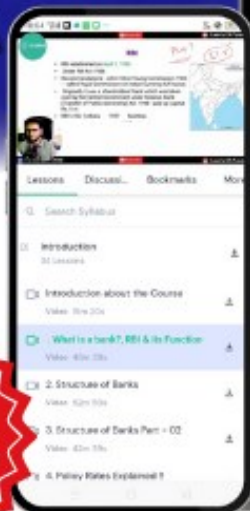
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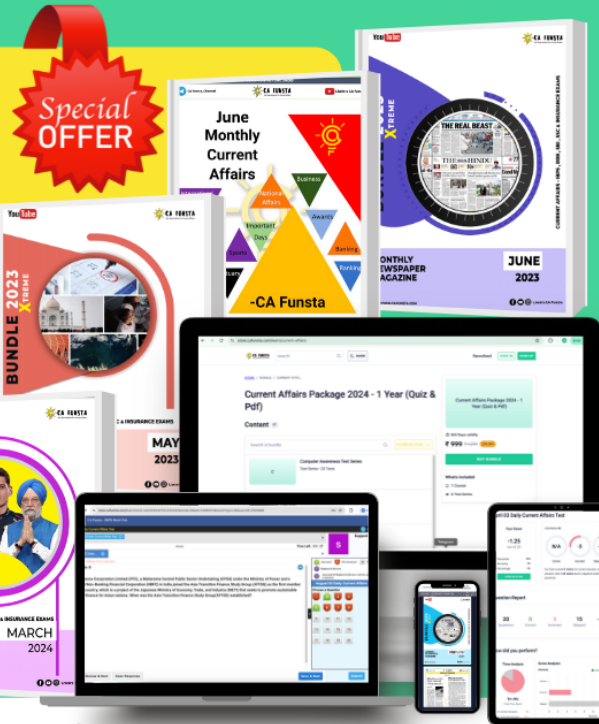


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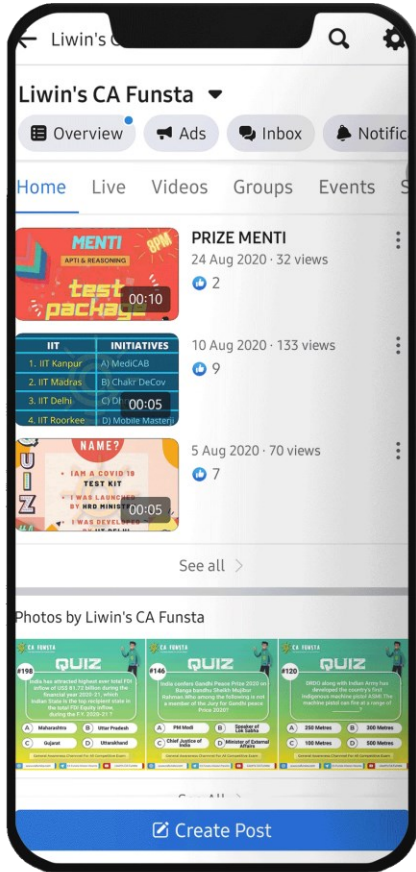
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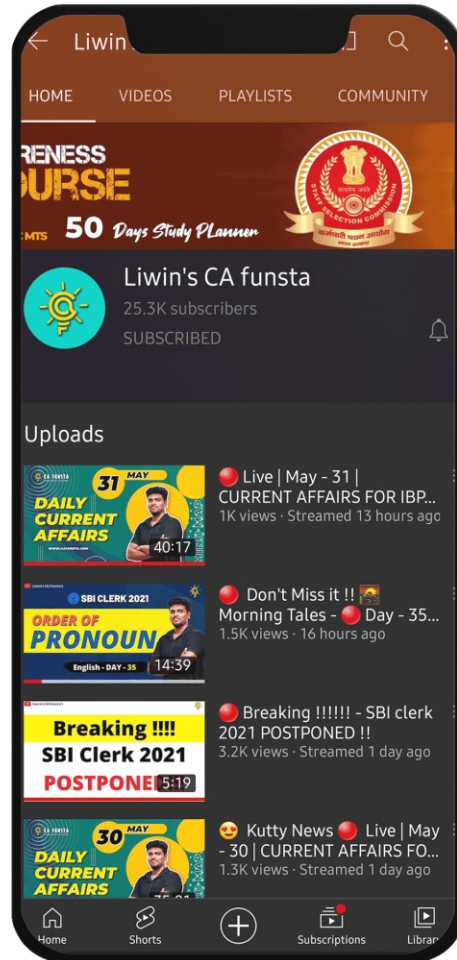


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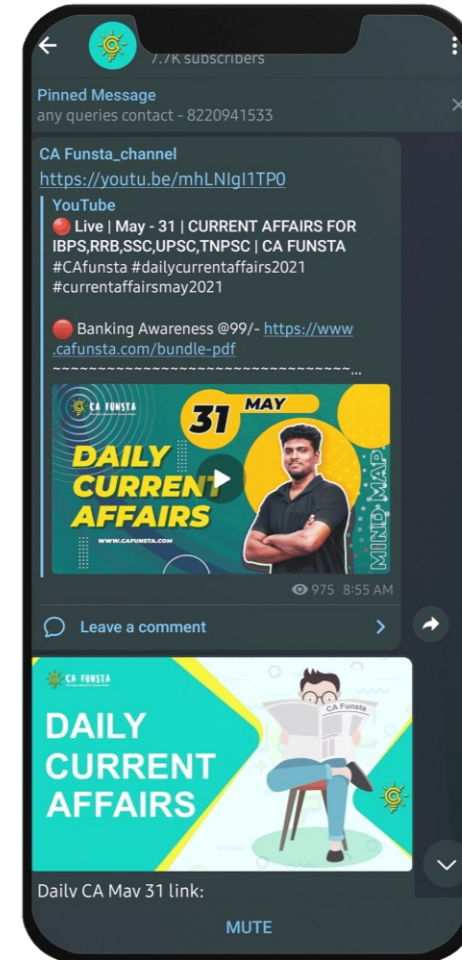
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