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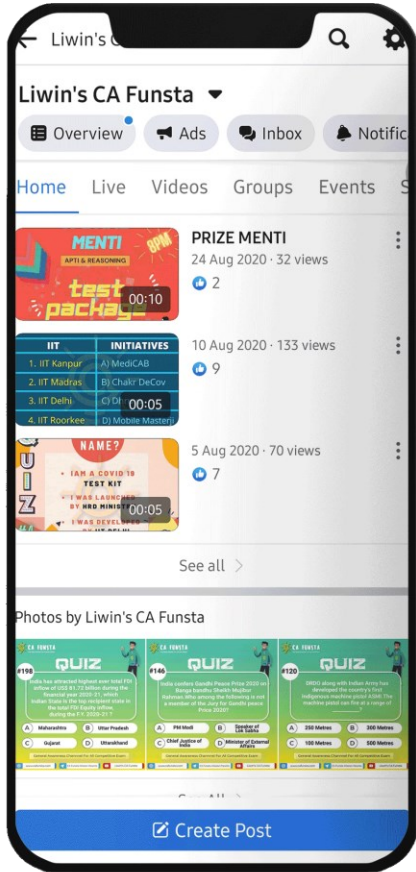


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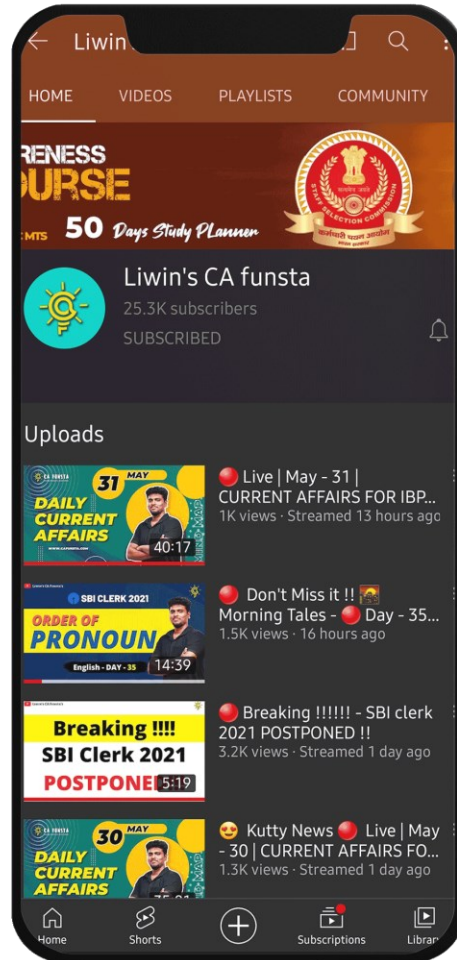
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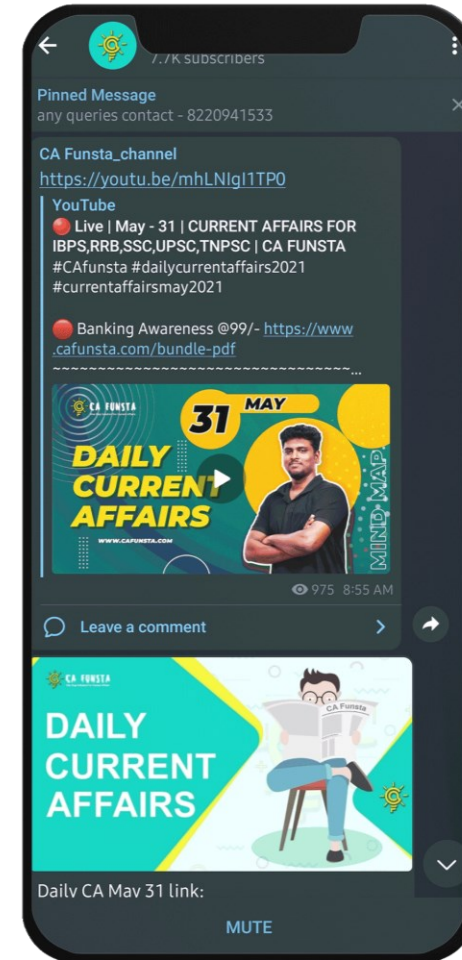
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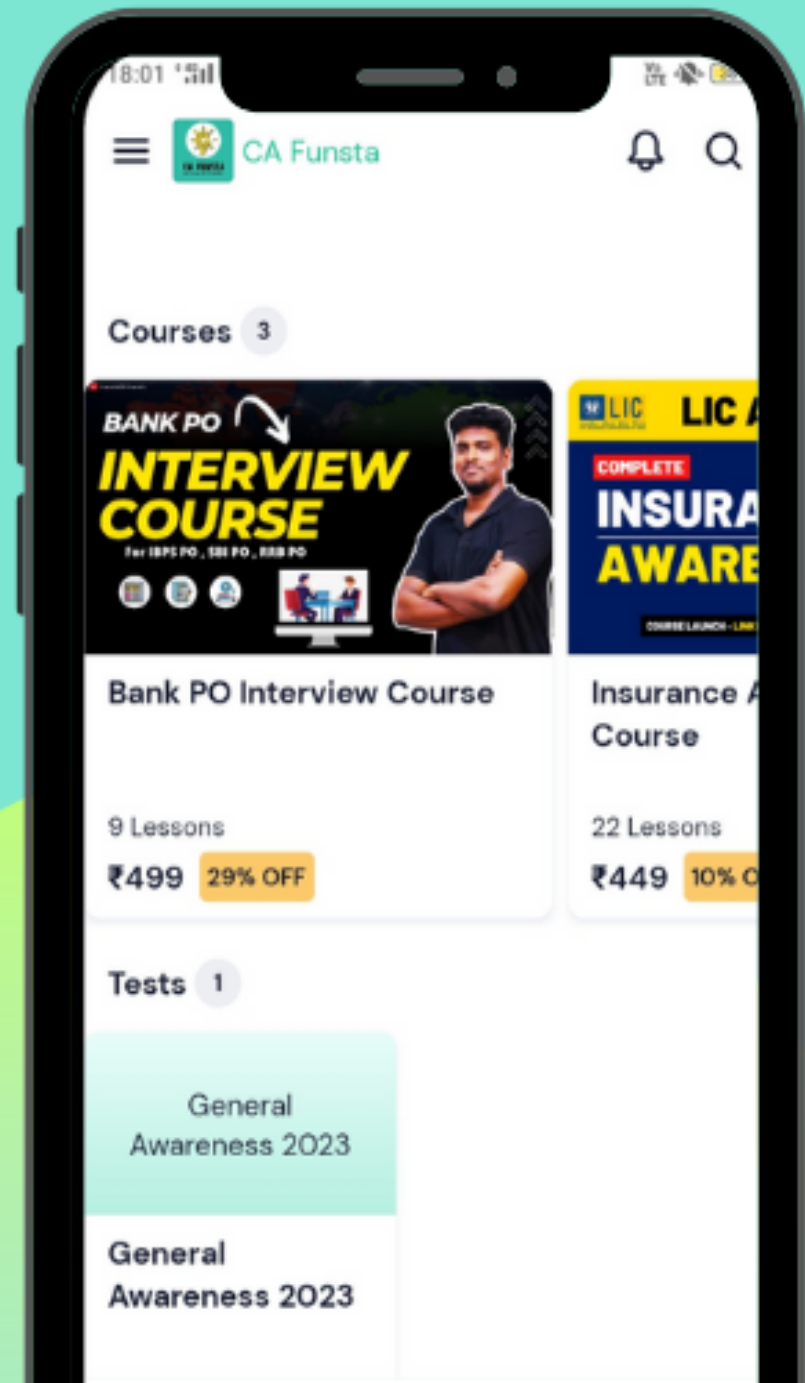
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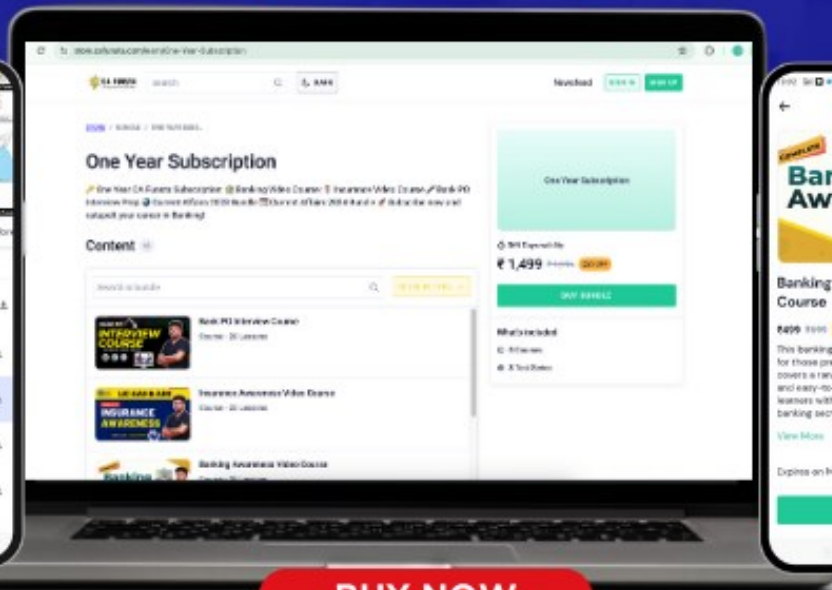
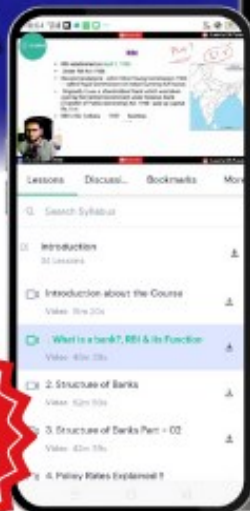
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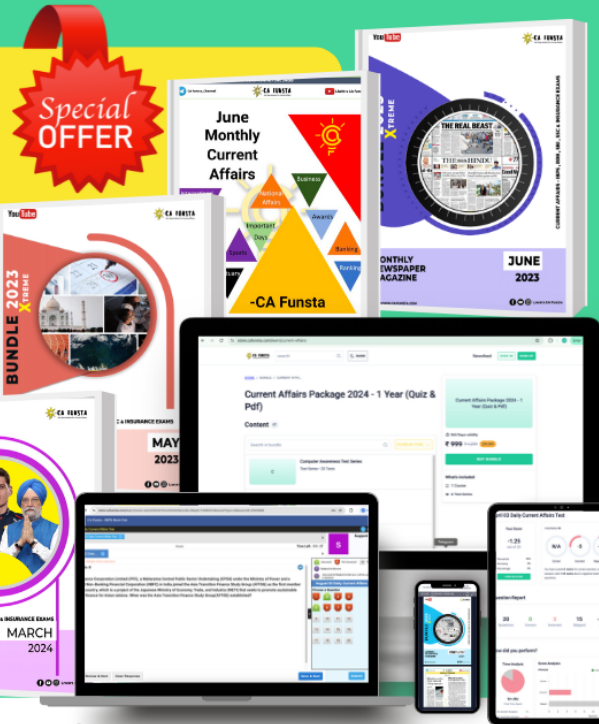
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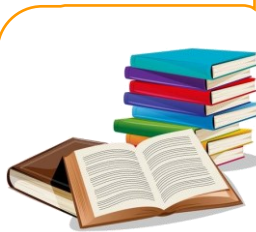


➤ On which date was Samvatsari Parva 2026 observed by Shwetambara Jains?

- A) 8 September 2026
- B) 10 September 2026
- C) 12 September 2026
- D) 15 September 2026
- E) 18 September 2026



Answer
D) 15 September 2026.

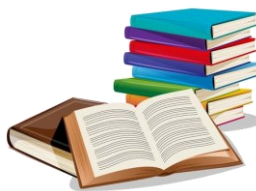


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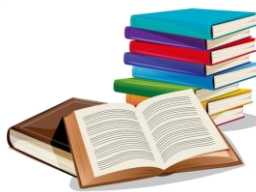
Event and Location:

- **Event: Samvatsari Parva 2026** was observed as the eighth and final day of the **Shwetambara Jain Paryushan** festival.
- **Location:** The observance is associated with **Shwetambara Jain** communities.
- **Date: 15 September 2026.**



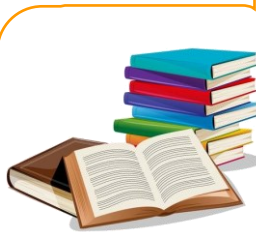
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance involves self-introspection, repentance, seeking forgiveness, Pratikraman, prayer, meditation, fasting and other spiritual practices.



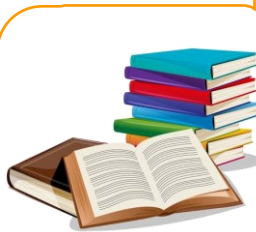
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** It aims to encourage devotees to reflect on their thoughts, words and actions, seek and grant forgiveness, remove grudges and strengthen the Jain principles of compassion and non-violence.



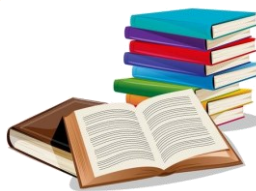
Important Terms Explained:

- **Samvatsari Parva:** It is the concluding day of the eight-day **Shwetambara Paryushan** festival and is centred on repentance, self-examination and forgiveness.



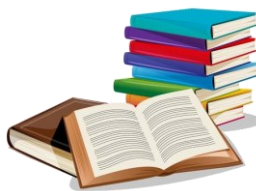
Important Terms Explained:

- **Samvatsari Pratikraman:** It is a spiritual practice in which devotees review their conduct, recognise mistakes, express repentance and resolve to improve themselves.



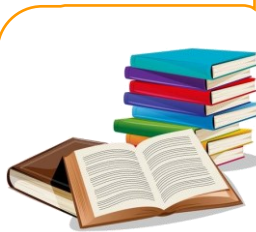
Important Terms Explained:

- **Micchami Dukkadam:** It is a Jain expression used to seek forgiveness for harm caused knowingly or unknowingly through thoughts, words or actions.



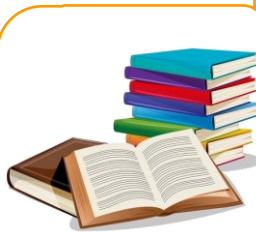
Important Terms Explained:

- **Paryushan Parva:** It is an important Jain festival associated with fasting, prayer, religious study, penance, introspection and spiritual purification.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ahimsa:** It refers to the Jain principle of non-violence and minimising harm to all forms of life through thoughts, speech and actions.



Important Days



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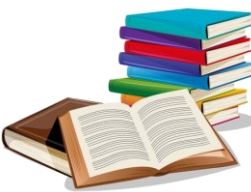
Parameter	Details
Event name	Samvatsari Parva 2026.
Date	15 September 2026.
Day	Tuesday.
Community	Shwetambara Jains.
Associated festival	It marked the eighth and final day of Paryushan Parva.
Main theme	Forgiveness, repentance and self-introspection.
Major ritual	Samvatsari Pratikraman involving reflection on conduct and repentance.
Key expression	Micchami Dukkadam is used to seek forgiveness for intentional or unintentional wrongs.



➤ Who became the first Indian man to win the Archery World Cup Final in the men's recurve category?

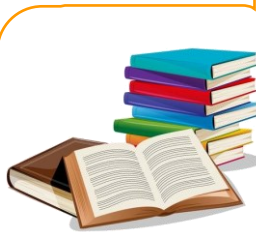
- A) Atanu Das
- B) Tarundeep Rai
- C) Jayanta Talukdar
- D) Dhiraj Bommadevara
- E) Pravin Jadhav

Answer
D) Dhiraj Bommadevara.



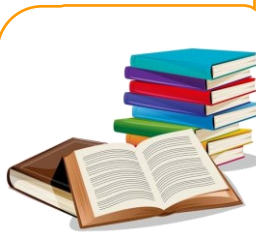
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Dhiraj Bommadevara** became the first Indian man to win the **Archery World Cup Final** in the men's recurve category after defeating Japan's **Nakanishi Junya** in a shoot-off.
- **Location:** Saltillo, Mexico.
- **Date:** 15 September 2026.



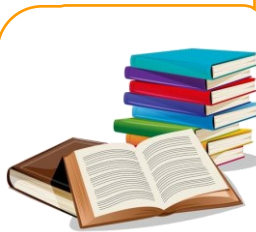
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** **Dhiraj Bommadevara** competed in the men's recurve final, which ended **5-5** after five sets and was decided through a one-arrow shoot-off.
- **Objectives:** The victory secured India's first-ever men's recurve gold medal at the **Archery World Cup Final** and marked the biggest individual title of **Dhiraj Bommadevara's** career.



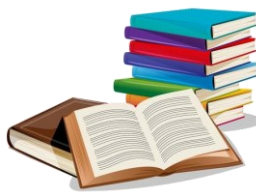
Important Terms Explained:

- **Recurve Archery:** It is an archery discipline in which competitors use recurve bows, with match-play contests decided through set points and, if required, a shoot-off.



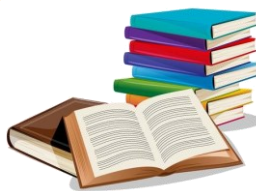
Important Terms Explained:

- Shoot-off: It is a tie-breaking procedure in which archers shoot an additional arrow after the match remains level, with the better-scoring arrow determining the winner.



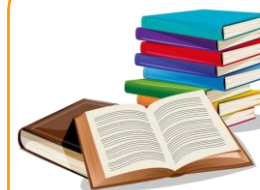
Important Terms Explained:

- **Archery World Cup Final:** It is the season-ending championship featuring leading archers who qualify through performances during the **Archery World Cup** circuit.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Winner	Dhiraj Bommadevara of India.
Category	Men's recurve.
Opponent	Nakanishi Junya of Japan.
Location	Saltillo, Mexico.
Final score	The match was tied 5-5 after five sets.
Shoot-off result	Dhiraj scored 10, while Nakanishi scored 9.
Historic achievement	Dhiraj became the first Indian man to win the Archery World Cup Final.
Previous Indian men's medal	Jayanta Talukdar won bronze at the 2010 edition in Edinburgh.

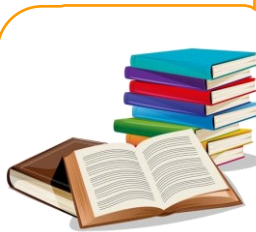


► Which team won its maiden title at the Global Chess League 2026?

- A) Alpine APL Pipers
- B) Ganges Grandmasters
- C) FYERS American Gambits
- D) CheQ Mumba Masters
- E) Triveni Continental Kings

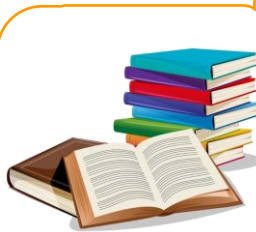
Answer

B) Ganges Grandmasters.



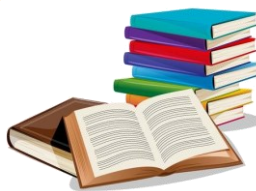
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Ganges Grandmasters** won their maiden **Global Chess League** title by defeating Alpine **APL** Pipers **7-5** on aggregate in the **2026** final.
- **Location:** The final was played at **The Lalit Ashok**, Bengaluru, Karnataka.



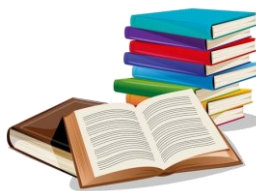
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The fourth edition of the tournament was held from **5 to 13 September 2026**.



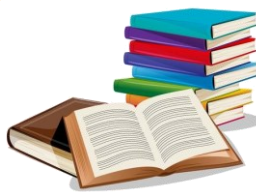
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The final was contested in a two-leg knockout format, with the first leg ending **3-3** and **Ganges Grandmasters** winning the second leg **4-2** to secure a **7-5** aggregate victory.
- **Objectives:** **The Global Chess League** brings leading international chess players together in a team-based competition featuring icon, superstar and prodigy boards.



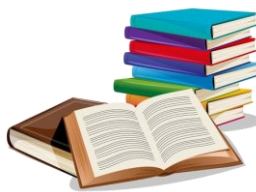
Important Terms Explained:

- **Global Chess League (GCL):** It is a team-based chess competition featuring leading international players competing across multiple board categories.



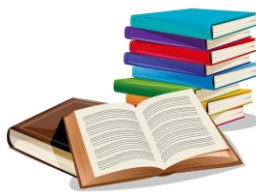
Important Terms Explained:

- Two-leg **Knockout Format**: It is a format in which two teams compete across two separate matches, with the combined result determining the overall winner.



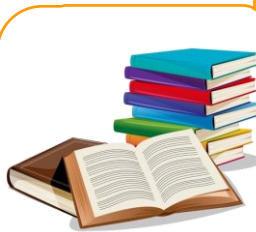
Important Terms Explained:

- **Icon Board:** It is the board category featuring marquee players of the competing teams, with **Ian Nepomniachtchi** defeating **Magnus Carlsen** in the decisive second leg.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Prodigy Board:** It is the Under-**21** board category designed for young chess players within the team competition.



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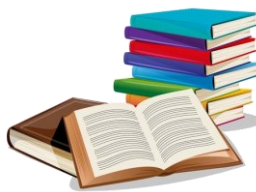
Parameter	Details
Tournament	Global Chess League 2026, fourth edition.
Dates	5 to 13 September 2026.
Final venue	The Lalit Ashok, Bengaluru.
Champions	Ganges Grandmasters won their maiden title.
Runners-up	Alpine APL Pipers finished second.
Final result	Ganges Grandmasters won 7-5 on aggregate after a 3-3 first leg and 4-2 second-leg victory.
Key victories	Ian Nepomniachtchi defeated Magnus Carlsen, while Stavroula Tsolakidou defeated Koneru Humpy in the second leg.
Champion prize money	Ganges Grandmasters received \$250,000.



➤ Up to what transaction value will UPI payments remain free of bank charges under the government clarification?

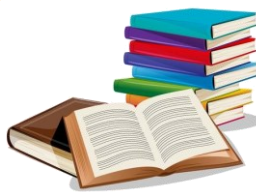
- A) ₹500
- B) ₹1,000
- C) ₹2,000
- D) ₹5,000
- E) ₹10,000

Answer
C) ₹2,000.



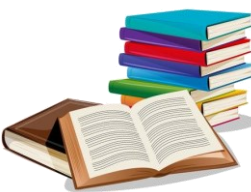
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The government clarified that **UPI** payments and RuPay debit card transactions up to **₹2,000** will remain free of charges for users.
- **Location:** The clarification applies across India.
- **Date:** 15 September 2026.



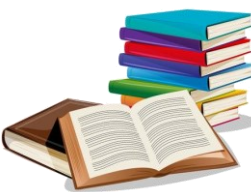
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Banks and payment system providers cannot levy charges on either the payer or payee for eligible **UPI** and RuPay debit card transactions up to **₹2,000**.



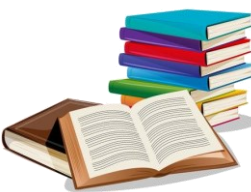
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The clarification aims to keep small-value digital payments affordable, promote continued adoption of cashless transactions and protect users from additional transaction costs.



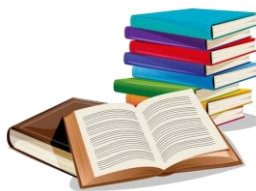
Important Terms Explained:

- **Unified Payments Interface (UPI):** It is a real-time digital payment system that enables instant transfer of funds between bank accounts through participating applications.



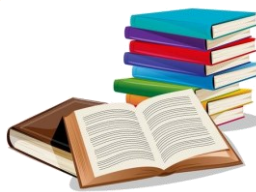
Important Terms Explained:

- **RuPay Debit Card:** It is an Indian domestic card payment network used for debit card transactions at ATMs, point-of-sale terminals and online platforms.



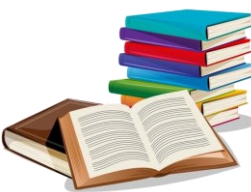
Important Terms Explained:

- **Merchant Discount Rate (MDR):** It is a fee generally charged to merchants by payment service providers for processing digital payment transactions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007:** It is the legal framework governing payment and settlement systems in India.



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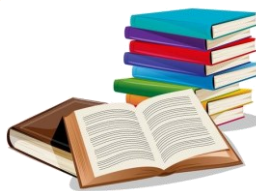
Parameter	Details
Key decision	UPI transactions up to ₹2,000 will remain free of bank charges.
Transaction limit	The charge-free threshold is ₹2,000.
RuPay provision	RuPay debit card transactions up to ₹2,000 are also exempt from charges.
Charge restriction	Banks and payment system providers cannot levy fees on the payer or payee for eligible transactions.
P2P transactions	Person-to-person UPI transactions will remain free for consumers.
MDR position	No fixed Merchant Discount Rate has been imposed on UPI transactions.
Legal context	The clarification came amid discussions concerning amendments to the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
Significance	The measure supports continued adoption of low-value digital payments by consumers and small businesses.



➤ Which organisation launched an official WhatsApp Channel to provide members and pensioners with updates on provident fund accounts, schemes and notifications?

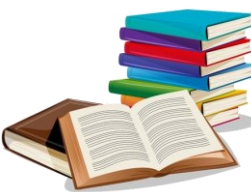
- A) RBI
- B) PFRDA
- C) EPFO
- D) ESIC
- E) SEBI

Answer
C) EPFO.



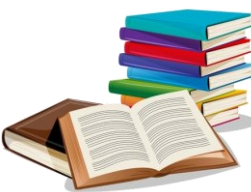
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (**EPFO**) established its official WhatsApp Channel to provide members and pensioners with updates on provident fund accounts, schemes, services and notifications.
- **Location:** The service is intended for **EPFO** members and pensioners across India.



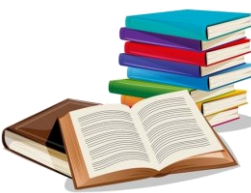
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The WhatsApp Channel currently functions as an information-broadcast service, while facilities such as PF balance checks, recent transaction details and **EPF** claim-status tracking are expected to be added as interactive services in the future.



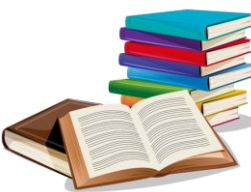
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to improve digital accessibility, simplify communication with members and expand convenient access to provident fund and pension-related information.



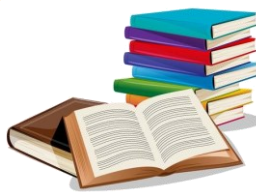
Important Terms Explained:

- **WhatsApp Channel:** It is a broadcast-based communication feature through which **EPFO** can directly share official announcements, alerts, scheme information and service updates with members.



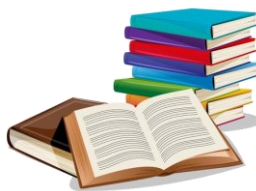
Important Terms Explained:

- Employees' **Provident Fund (EPF)**: It is a retirement savings mechanism under which eligible employees and employers make contributions toward a provident fund account.



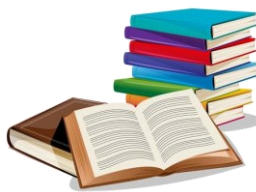
Important Terms Explained:

- **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT):** It is a system through which government benefits or payments are transferred directly into beneficiaries' bank accounts.



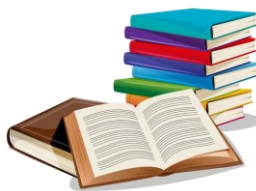
Important Terms Explained:

- **UMANG:** It is a digital platform that provides access to multiple government services, including existing **EPFO**-related facilities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Aadhaar Authentication:** It is the process of verifying a person's identity using Aadhaar-linked credentials for secure access to digital services.



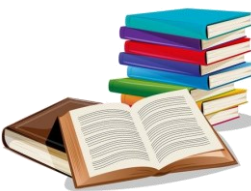
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Initiative	EPFO Official WhatsApp Channel.
Organisation	Employees' Provident Fund Organisation.
Current function	It presently serves mainly as an official information and update channel.
Expected services	PF balance, last five EPF transactions, claim status, passbook support, Aadhaar authentication and DBT-related facilities.
Existing alternatives	EPFO Member Portal, passbook facility and UMANG application continue to remain available.
Service model	Future interactive facilities may use authenticated, menu-driven WhatsApp interactions.
Digital objective	The initiative seeks to improve accessibility and reduce dependence on multiple portals for basic account information.
Safety precaution	Members should use only verified EPFO channels and must not share OTPs, passwords or banking credentials.

► What was India's retail inflation rate based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in August 2026?

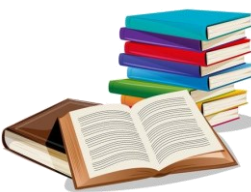
- A) 4.31%
- B) 4.45%
- C) 4.60%
- D) 4.82%
- E) 5.23%

Answer
D) 4.82%.



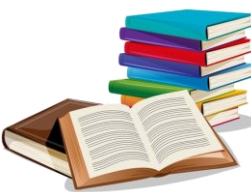
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's retail inflation rose to **4.82%** in August **2026** from **4.45%** in July **2026**, according to provisional **CPI** data released by the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation**.
- **Location:** India, covering rural and urban areas across all **States and Union Territories**.



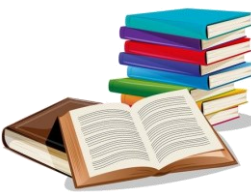
Event and Location:

- **Date: The August 2026 CPI** data was reported on **15 September 2026**.



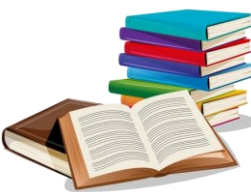
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released provisional **CPI** and food inflation data for August **2026** based on the new **2024=100** base year.
- **Objectives:** The **CPI** data measures changes in retail prices faced by consumers and tracks inflation trends across rural, urban, food and other consumption categories.



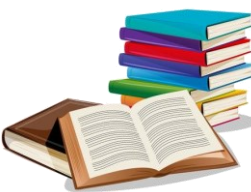
Important Terms Explained:

- **Consumer Price Index (CPI):** It measures changes over time in the retail prices of a representative basket of goods and services consumed by households.



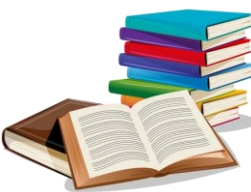
Important Terms Explained:

- **Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI):** It measures price changes specifically for food items consumed by households and showed combined food inflation of **5.95%** in August **2026**.



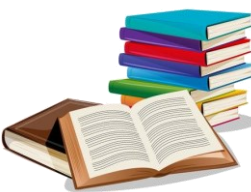
Important Terms Explained:

- **Retail Inflation:** It refers to the rate of increase in prices paid by consumers and is measured in the article through the **CPI**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Base Year 2024=100:** It is the reference year used for the **CPI** series in which the index value for the base period is set at **100** for comparison with subsequent price levels.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Combined CPI inflation	Retail inflation rose to 4.82% in August 2026 from 4.45% in July 2026.
Combined food inflation	Food inflation increased to 5.95% from 5.52% in July 2026.
Rural CPI inflation	Rural retail inflation stood at 5.23% in August 2026.
Urban CPI inflation	Urban retail inflation stood at 4.31% in August 2026.
Rural and urban food inflation	Rural food inflation was 6.13%, while urban food inflation was 5.64%.
CPI index movement	The all-India combined CPI index increased from 107.95 in July to 108.74 in August.
Highest category inflation	Personal care, social protection and miscellaneous goods and services recorded inflation of 15.17%.
Next CPI release	CPI data for September 2026 was scheduled for release on 12 October 2026, or the next working day if it was a holiday.



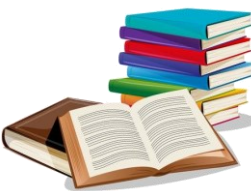
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➤ Which television series won the Best Drama Series award at the 78th Primetime Emmy Awards in 2026?

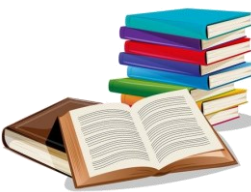
- A) Pluribus
- B) Slow Horses
- C) The Pitt
- D) The Diplomat
- E) Paradise

Answer
C) The Pitt.



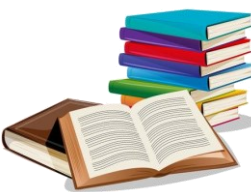
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The **78th Primetime Emmy Awards** honoured outstanding television productions and performances, with **The Pitt** winning **Best Drama Series**, **Widow's Bay** winning **Best Comedy Series** and **DTF St Louis** winning **Best Limited or Anthology Series**.
- **Location:** The awards ceremony was held in **Los Angeles, United States**.



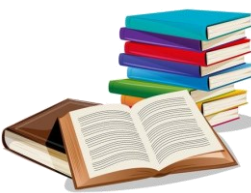
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Primetime Emmy Awards** recognised achievements across drama, comedy, limited series, acting, directing, writing, reality, variety, animation and television movie categories.



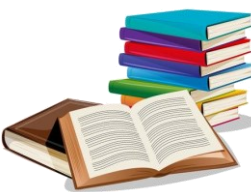
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The awards aim to recognise outstanding creative and performance achievements in television programming across major categories.



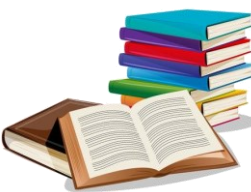
Important Terms Explained:

- **Primetime Emmy Awards:** These are major television awards presented to recognise excellence in primetime television programming and performances.



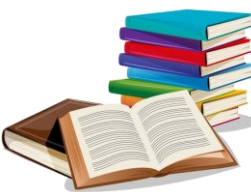
Important Terms Explained:

- **Best Drama Series:** This category recognises an outstanding television series in the drama genre, with **The Pitt** winning the award in **2026**.



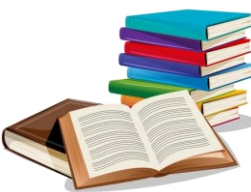
Important Terms Explained:

- **Best Comedy Series:** This category honours an outstanding comedy television series, with Widow's Bay receiving the award in **2026**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Limited or Anthology Series:** It refers to a television production with a limited story arc or an anthology format, with **DTF St Louis** winning the category in **2026**.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Edition	The ceremony was the 78th Primetime Emmy Awards.
Date	The awards were held on 14 September 2026.
Location	Los Angeles, United States.
Best Drama Series	The Pitt won the award.
Best Comedy Series	Widow's Bay won the award.
Best Limited or Anthology Series	DTF St Louis won the award.
Major acting winners	Noah Wyle won Lead Actor in Drama, Rhea Seehorn won Lead Actress in Drama and Jean Smart won Lead Actress in Comedy.
Other major winners	The Traitors won Reality Competition Series, while South Park won Outstanding Animated Program.



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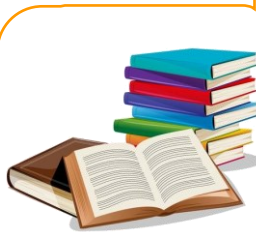
➤ Which department won the First Prize under the Rajbhasha Kirti Award for 2025-26 in the category of ministries and departments with fewer than 300 personnel?

- A) Department of Revenue
- B) Department of Expenditure
- C) Department of Financial Services
- D) Department of Economic Affairs
- E) Department of Commerce



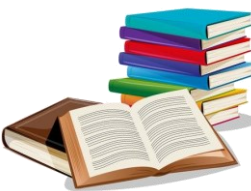
Answer

C) Department of Financial Services.



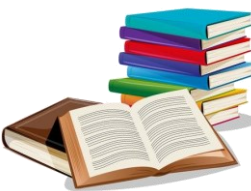
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Department of Financial Services (DFS) received the **First Prize** under **Rajbhasha Kirti** for **2025-26** for outstanding implementation and innovative use of **Official Language Hindi**.
- **Location:** CIDCO Exhibition Centre, Vashi, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- **Date:** 14-15 September 2026.



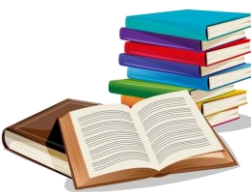
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The award recognised **DFS** for promoting extensive use of Hindi in official work and introducing innovative practices for its implementation during **2025-26**.
- **Objectives:** The **Rajbhasha Kirti** awards aim to encourage ministries, departments and institutions to effectively implement and promote Hindi in official functioning.



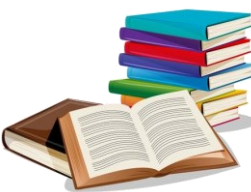
Important Terms Explained:

- **Rajbhasha Kirti Award:** It is an award presented by the **Department of Official Language** under the **Ministry of Home Affairs** for outstanding implementation and promotion of Hindi in official work.



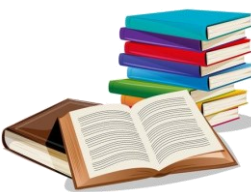
Important Terms Explained:

- **Official Language Hindi:** It refers to the use of Hindi for official purposes of the Union in accordance with India's official language framework.



Important Terms Explained:

- **All India Official Language Conference:** It is a national-level conference bringing together ministries, departments and institutions involved in implementing and promoting **Official Language Hindi**.

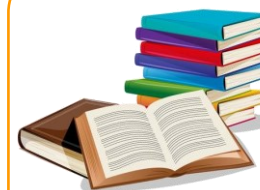


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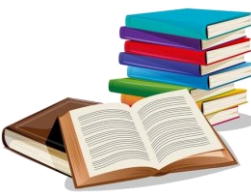
Parameter	Details
Award winner	Department of Financial Services.
Award	First Prize under Rajbhasha Kirti for 2025-26.
Award category	Ministries and departments with fewer than 300 personnel.
Recognition for	Outstanding implementation and innovative use of Official Language Hindi.
Awarding authority	Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs.
Conference	6th All India Official Language Conference and Hindi Diwas.
Venue and dates	CIDCO Exhibition Centre, Vashi, Navi Mumbai, on 14-15 September 2026.
Award received by	Additional Secretary Hari Har Mishra received the award on behalf of DFS.



➤ **Where is the IAF Dronathon 2026 being conducted to test unmanned and drone technologies?**

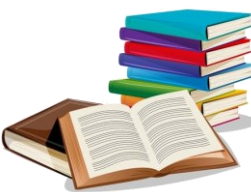
- A) Chandipur
- B) Pokhran
- C) Balasore
- D) Leh
- E) Pune

Answer
B) Pokhran.



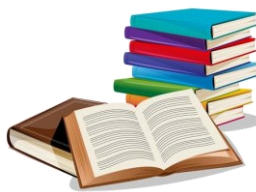
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Indian Air Force began **IAF Dronathon 2026** to evaluate advanced unmanned systems and drone technologies under realistic operational conditions.
- **Location:** Pokhran Field Firing Range, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- **Date:** 14 September to 16 September 2026.



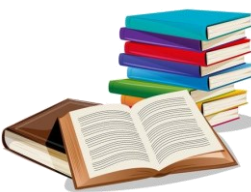
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The three-day event brings together defence firms, startups, MSMEs, DPSUs and innovators to demonstrate and assess unmanned aircraft systems, autonomous platforms, swarm technologies, electronic warfare capabilities and counter-drone systems.



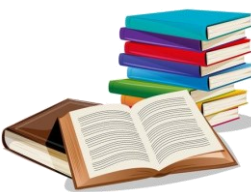
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to test unmanned technologies in complex operational environments, align industry development with **Indian Air Force** requirements and strengthen indigenous capability in unmanned aviation.



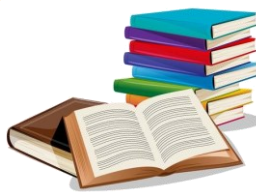
Important Terms Explained:

- **Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS):** These are aircraft platforms operated without an onboard human pilot and supported by control, communication and associated systems.



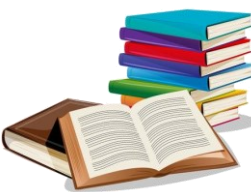
Important Terms Explained:

- **Swarm Technology:** It enables multiple unmanned platforms to coordinate and operate collectively to perform missions with greater efficiency and flexibility.



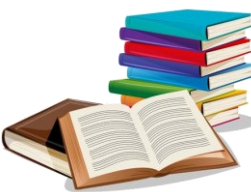
Important Terms Explained:

- Counter-**Unmanned Aircraft Systems (CUAS)**: These are technologies designed to detect, track, identify and counter hostile, unauthorised or rogue drones.



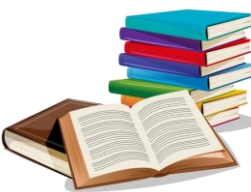
Important Terms Explained:

- **Electronic Warfare (EW):** It involves the use of the electromagnetic spectrum to detect, disrupt, protect or gain an operational advantage over adversary systems.



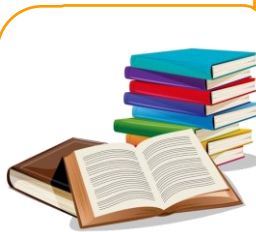
Important Terms Explained:

- **Vayu UTtaM:** It is an indigenous multi-mode **Unmanned Traffic Management** system demonstrated at Pokhran for detecting and tracking both military and civilian unmanned aircraft.



Important Terms Explained:

- **IAF UAS Roadmap:** It outlines the **Indian Air Force's** capability priorities for unmanned airborne systems and guides industry, academia and research organisations toward future requirements.



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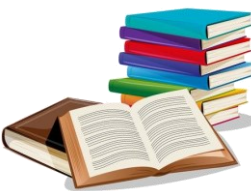
Parameter	Details
Event name	IAF Dronathon 2026.
Dates	14 September to 16 September 2026.
Location	Pokhran Field Firing Range, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
Inaugurated by	Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, Vice Chief of the Air Staff.
Participants	More than 20 defence firms, startups, MSMEs, DPSUs and innovators.
Technology focus	UAS, autonomy, swarm technology, electronic warfare and counter-drone systems.
Major release	The IAF UAS Roadmap was unveiled to communicate future capability priorities.
Key demonstration	Vayu UTtaM demonstrated detection and tracking of military and civilian UAS.



- Where was the memorandum of understanding on greater self-determination and constitutional change for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland signed?

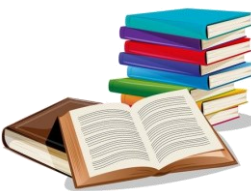
- A) London
- B) Edinburgh
- C) Belfast
- D) Cardiff
- E) Dublin

Answer
D) Cardiff.



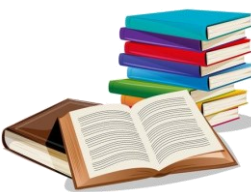
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Political leaders from Scotland, **Wales and Northern Ireland** signed a memorandum of understanding calling for greater self-determination and constitutional changes within the **United Kingdom**.
- **Location:** The memorandum was signed in Cardiff, Wales.
- **Date:** 15 September 2026.



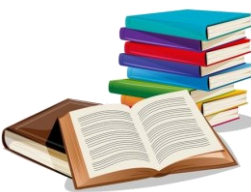
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The agreement calls on the British government to prepare, plan and implement constitutional changes that would allow people in Scotland, **Wales and Northern Ireland** to decide their political futures democratically.



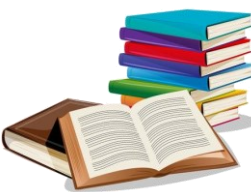
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The pact seeks greater self-determination, stronger cooperation among the three devolved nations and closer collaboration in areas such as the economy and energy resources.



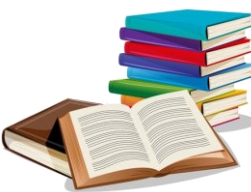
Important Terms Explained:

- Self-determination: It is the principle that people should be able to determine their own political status and constitutional future through democratic processes.



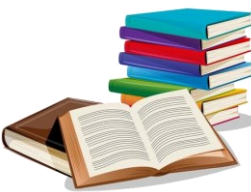
Important Terms Explained:

- **Westminster:** It is commonly used to refer to the central political institutions of the **United Kingdom**, including the UK Parliament and government based in London.



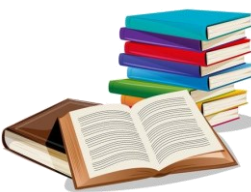
Important Terms Explained:

- **Devolved Governments:** These are the administrations of Scotland, **Wales and Northern Ireland** that exercise powers transferred from the central UK government in specified areas.



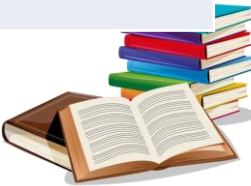
Important Terms Explained:

- **Constitutional Change:** It refers to changes in the legal and political arrangements governing the distribution of powers and relationships among different parts of the **United Kingdom**.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Memorandum on greater self-determination and constitutional change.
Signing location	Cardiff, Wales.
Scottish signatory	John Swinney, Scottish First Minister.
Welsh signatory	Rhun ap Iorwerth, Welsh First Minister.
Northern Irish signatory	Michelle O'Neill, Northern Ireland First Minister.
Additional signatory	Mary Lou McDonald, Sinn Féin President.
Key demand	The pact calls for democratic determination of the political futures of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
Wider cooperation	The agreement seeks increased collaboration in economic and energy matters and reflects a shared vision involving the European Union.



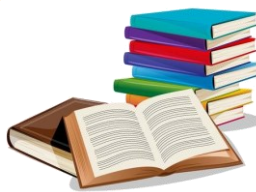
► What is the duration of the Seva Sankalp Abhiyan 2026?

- A) 15 August to 15 September 2026
- B) 2 September to 2 October 2026
- C) 17 September to 17 October 2026
- D) 1 October to 31 October 2026
- E) 2 October to 17 October 2026



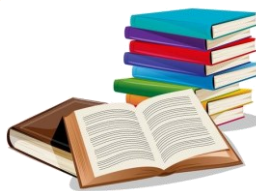
Answer

C) 17 September to 17 October 2026.



Event and Location:

- **Event: Seva Sankalp Abhiyan 2026** is a nationwide public service and outreach campaign focused on citizen participation, social welfare, youth engagement and awareness of government schemes.
- **Location:** The campaign will be conducted across India.

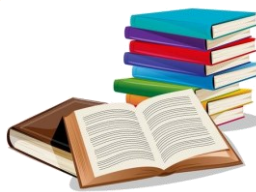


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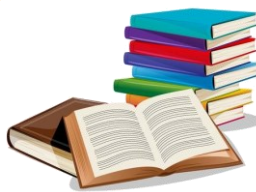
Event and Location:

- **Date: 17 September to 17 October 2026.**



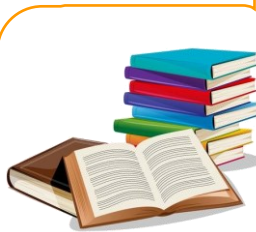
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The campaign will organise public-service activities such as blood donation camps, cleanliness drives, health programmes, awareness camps, good governance seminars and initiatives for vulnerable sections.



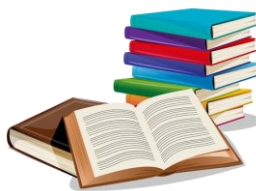
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** It aims to promote **Jan Bhagidari**, increase awareness of government welfare schemes, encourage youth participation and entrepreneurship, strengthen grassroots community service and contribute to the vision of **Viksit Bharat @2047**.



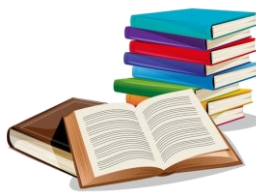
Important Terms Explained:

- **MY Bharat: Mera Yuva Bharat** is a platform through which young people can register and participate as volunteers in local community-service activities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Viksit Bharat @2047:** It is a vision aimed at developing India into a developed nation by **2047** through economic growth, social development, innovation and citizen participation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Seva Pakhwada:** It is a **15-day** period of service activities observed from **17 September** to **2 October** during the campaign.
- **Antyodaya:** It refers to the principle of uplifting and ensuring welfare for the poorest and most vulnerable sections of society.



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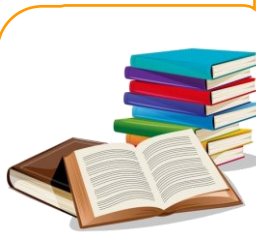
Parameter	Details
Campaign name	Seva Sankalp Abhiyan 2026.
Duration	17 September to 17 October 2026.
Coverage	Nationwide across India.
Main focus	Public service, social welfare, citizen participation and youth engagement.
Youth platform	Mera Yuva Bharat enables young volunteers to identify and participate in local service activities.
Major activities	Blood donation, cleanliness drives, health programmes, awareness camps and good governance seminars.
Linked initiative	Seva Pakhwada will be observed from 17 September to 2 October 2026.
Long-term vision	The campaign connects citizen participation and community development with the goal of a developed India by 2047.



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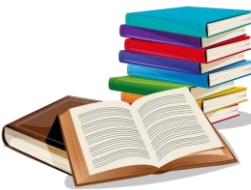
- **Samvatsari Parva 2026** was observed by Shwetambara Jains on 15 September 2026 as the concluding day of Paryushan, emphasizing forgiveness, repentance and self-introspection.
- **Dhiraj Bommadevara** became the first Indian man to win the Archery World Cup Final by defeating Japan's Nakanishi Junya in a dramatic men's recurve shoot-off in Saltillo, Mexico.
- **Ganges Grandmasters** won their maiden Global Chess League title by defeating Alpine APL Pipers 7-5 on aggregate in the 2026 final at Bengaluru.
- The government clarified that UPI and RuPay debit card transactions up to ₹2,000 will remain free of bank charges, protecting users from additional costs on small digital payments.
- **EPFO** launched its official WhatsApp Channel to give members and pensioners easier access to verified updates on provident fund schemes, services and notifications, with more interactive facilities expected in future.
- India's retail inflation rose to 4.82% in August 2026, according to MoSPI's provisional CPI data, while food inflation increased to 5.95%.



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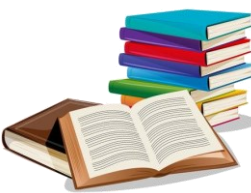
- **The 78th Primetime Emmy Awards were held in Los Angeles on 14 September 2026, with The Pitt, Widow's Bay and DTF St Louis winning the top drama, comedy and limited-series honours respectively.**
- **The Department of Financial Services won the First Rajbhasha Kirti Prize for 2025-26 for outstanding implementation and innovative use of Official Language Hindi.**
- **The Indian Air Force launched IAF Dronathon 2026 at Pokhran from 14 to 16 September to test advanced unmanned systems and strengthen indigenous drone capabilities under realistic operational conditions.**
- **Political leaders from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland signed a Cardiff memorandum seeking greater self-determination, constitutional change and closer cooperation among the three devolved nations.**



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- **Seva Sankalp Abhiyan 2026 will run nationwide from 17 September to 17 October, mobilising citizens and youth for public service, welfare outreach and grassroots participation linked with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.**





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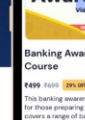
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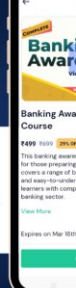


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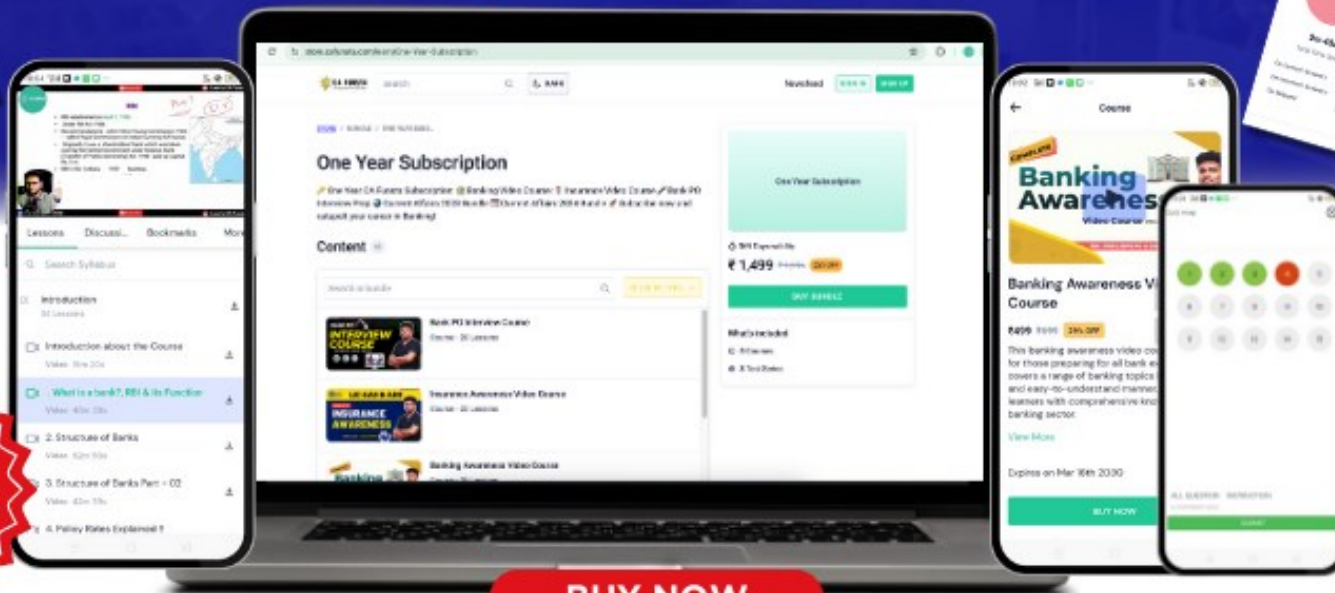
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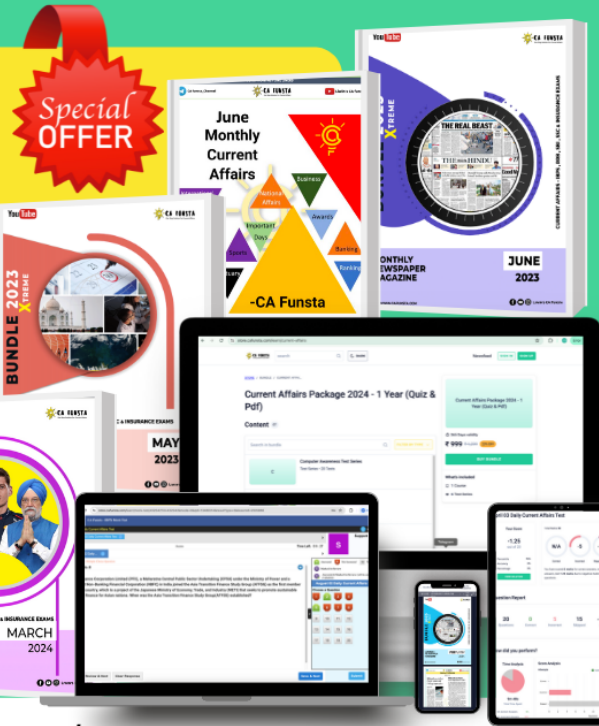
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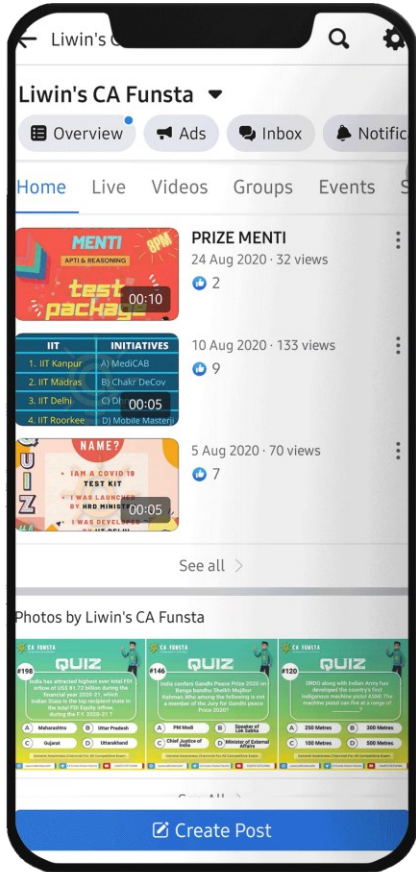
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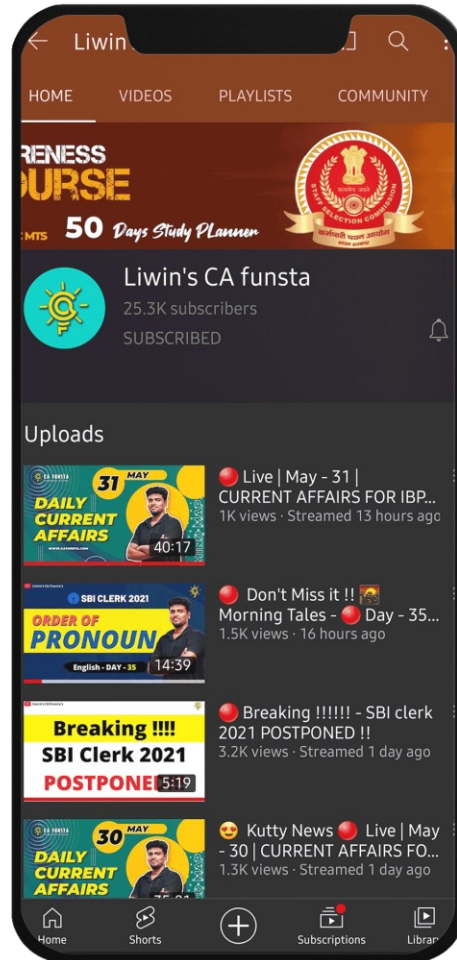


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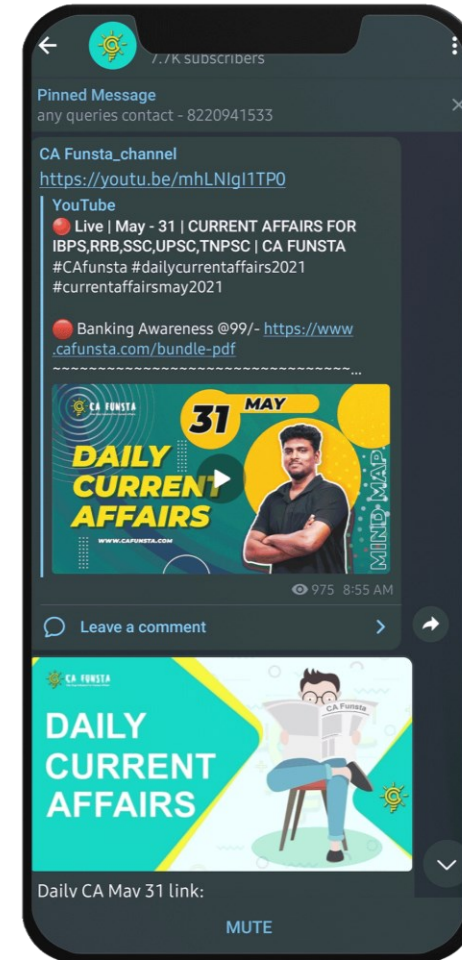
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