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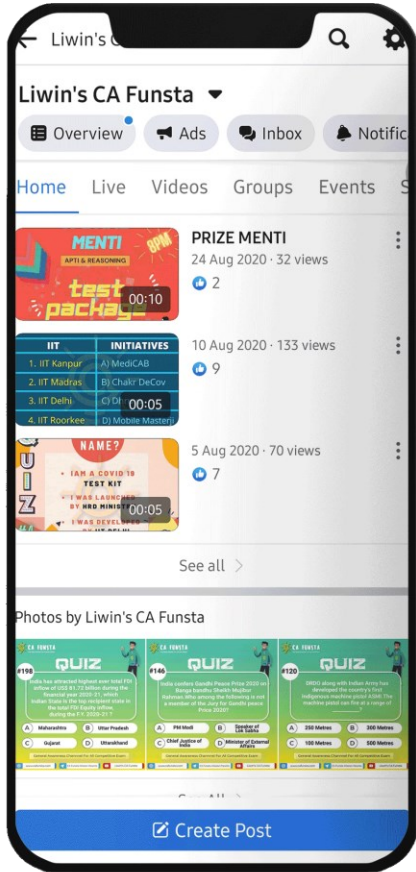


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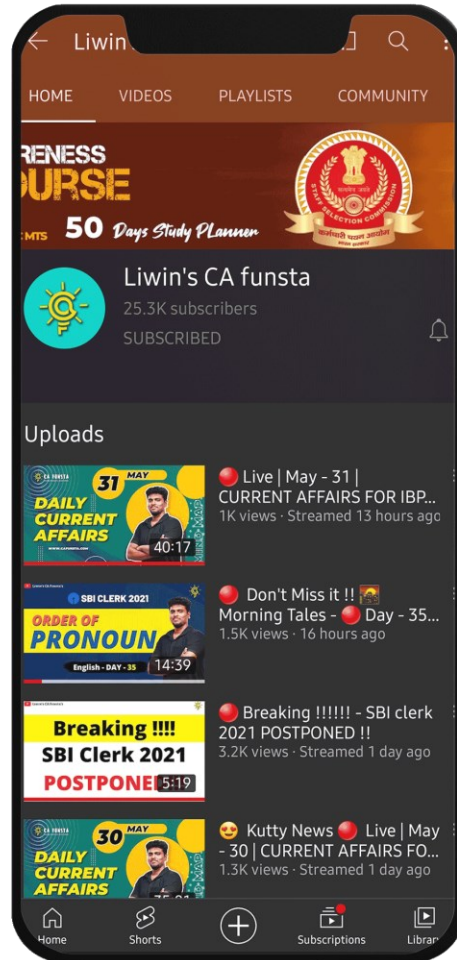
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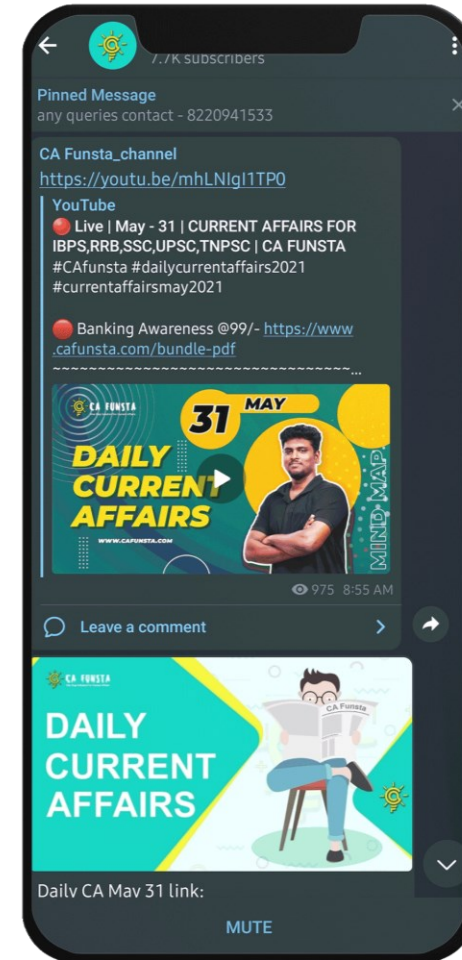
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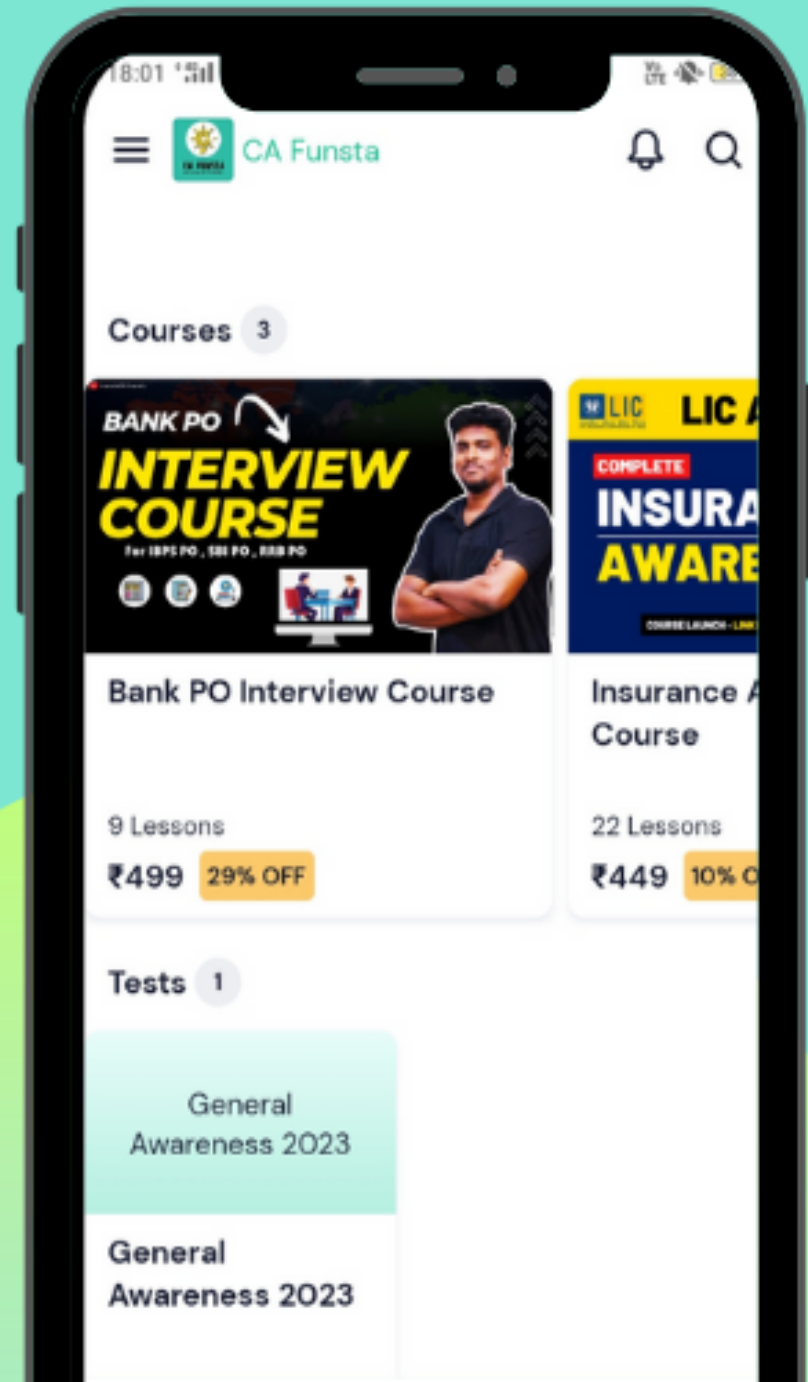
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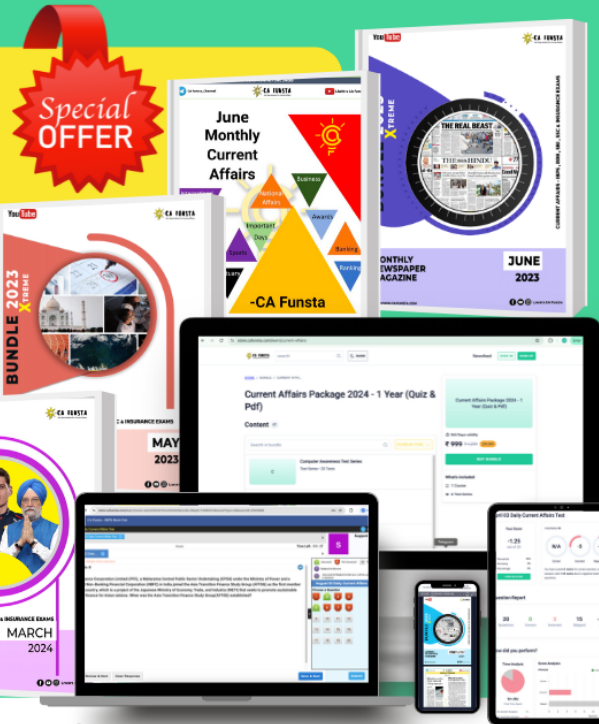


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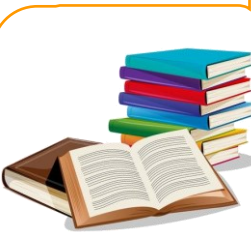


➤ What was the theme of World Rhino Day 2026 observed on 22 September 2026?

- A) Protect the Rhinos
- B) Keep the Five Alive
- C) Save Wildlife Together
- D) Rhinos for the Future
- E) Protect Nature and Wildlife

Answer

B) Keep the Five Alive.

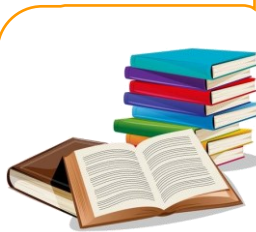


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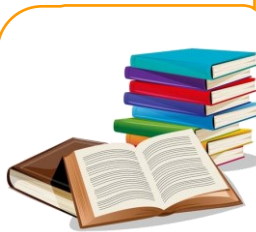
Event and Location:

- **Event: World Rhino Day 2026** was observed to raise global awareness about conserving the world's five surviving rhinoceros species.
- **Location:** The observance was global, with **India and Nepal** particularly significant for the conservation of the **Greater One-Horned Rhino**.
- **Date: 22 September 2026.**



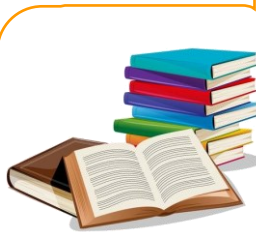
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance highlighted conservation efforts for all five rhino species and threats including poaching, illegal rhino-horn trade, habitat loss, and habitat degradation.



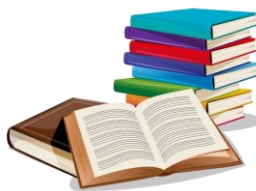
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** It aimed to secure viable rhino populations and habitats over the long term while strengthening global awareness and conservation action.



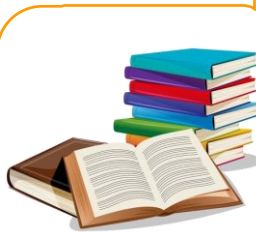
Important Terms Explained:

- **Keep the Five Alive:** The official theme for **World Rhino Day 2026**, referring to the protection and long-term survival of all five existing rhino species.



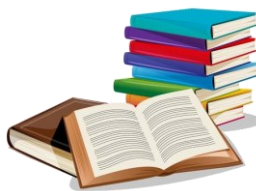
Important Terms Explained:

- **Greater One-Horned Rhino:** A rhinoceros species scientifically known as *Rhinoceros unicornis*, found mainly in **India and Nepal** and classified as Vulnerable on the **IUCN Red List**.



Important Terms Explained:

- State of the Rhino **2026**: A report released by the **International Rhino Foundation** that estimated the global rhino population at approximately **26,700** and provided population trends for different species.

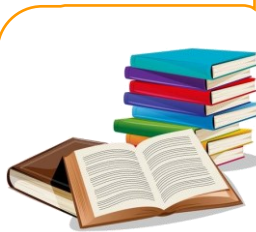


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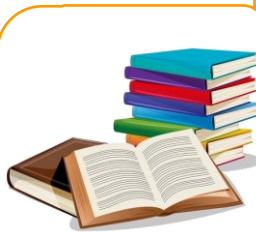
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ecosystem Engineers:** Species that modify their surroundings through activities such as grazing, movement, and wallowing, thereby influencing habitats used by other organisms.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Poaching:** The illegal hunting or killing of wildlife, which remains one of the major threats to rhinoceros populations because of demand for rhino horn.

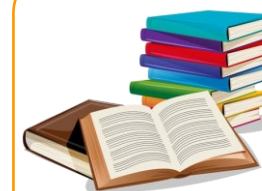


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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Rhino Day 2026.
Date	22 September 2026.
Theme	"Keep the Five Alive".
First announced	WWF-South Africa first announced World Rhino Day in 2010.
International observance	The international observance began in 2011.
Surviving species	Five rhinoceros species survive worldwide.
Global population	The estimated global rhino population is approximately 26,700.
Indian significance	Assam is a major conservation area for the Greater One-Horned Rhino, particularly through Kaziranga National Park.



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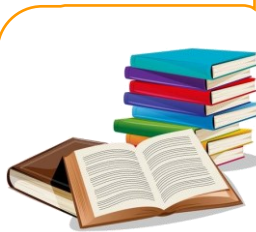


► What is the theme of the 11th Ayurveda Day 2026 observed on 23 September 2026?

- A) Ayurveda for Global Wellness
- B) Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow
- C) Ayurveda for One Health
- D) Ayurveda for Sustainable Living
- E) Ayurveda for Preventive Healthcare

Answer

B) Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow.

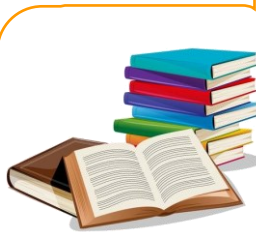


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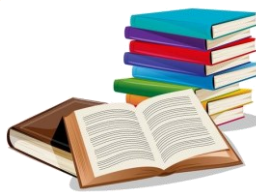
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India observed the **11th Ayurveda Day** to promote the country's traditional healthcare system and its integration with research, public health, education, insurance, and digital healthcare.
- **Location:** India, with national-level observance and international outreach through Ayush initiatives.
- **Date:** 23 September 2026.



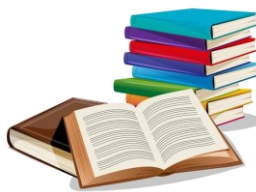
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance highlights expansion of Ayurveda through the **National Ayush Mission**, healthcare infrastructure, scientific research, telemedicine, insurance coverage, education, international cooperation, and medicine standards.



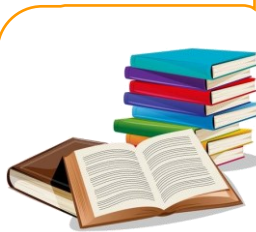
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** It aims to promote Ayurveda as part of an integrated healthcare ecosystem while expanding accessibility, evidence-based research, standardisation, education, and global cooperation in traditional medicine.



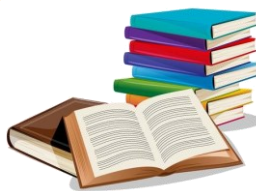
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Ayush Mission (NAM):** A government programme supporting the expansion and strengthening of Ayush healthcare services, institutions, infrastructure, and education across **States and Union Territories.**



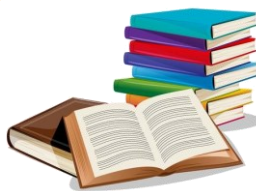
Important Terms Explained:

- **Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (Ayush):** Primary-level healthcare facilities delivering Ayurveda and other Ayush services, with **12,260** such centres functional as of **19 September 2026** against a target of **12,500**.



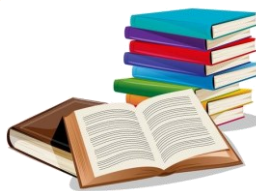
Important Terms Explained:

- **eSanjeevani:** The government's telemedicine platform that includes Ayush **OPD** services and enables patients to consult Ayurveda and other Ayush practitioners remotely.



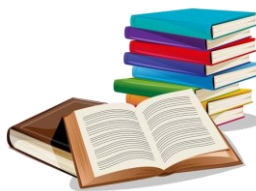
Important Terms Explained:

- **ICD-11: The World Health Organization's International Classification of Diseases, 11th Revision**, which includes standardised coding for Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani diagnoses.



Important Terms Explained:

- **AYURGYAN Scheme:** A research-support scheme launched in **2021-22** to promote research and development in traditional medicine.

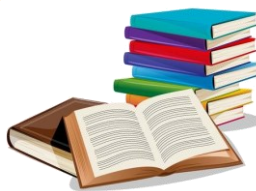


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Important Terms Explained:

- **SPARK: The Studentship Programme for Ayurveda Research Ken**, which promotes research aptitude among undergraduate Ayurveda students through short-term research projects.



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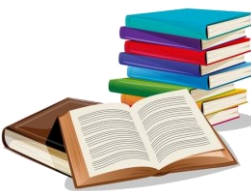
Parameter	Details
Observance	The 11th Ayurveda Day was observed in India.
Date	23 September 2026.
Theme	"Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow".
Nodal ministry	Ministry of Ayush.
Ayush healthcare network	12,260 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs were functional as of 19 September 2026.
Ayurveda education	India had 593 Ayurveda colleges, 45,245 undergraduate seats, and 5,673 postgraduate seats as of 13 March 2026.
Research and digital outreach	CCRAS partnered with Anuvadini AI to translate Ayurveda research and educational material into 13 regional Indian languages.
Budget support	The Union Budget 2026-27 allocated ₹4,408 crore to the Ministry of Ayush and announced three new All India Institutes of Ayurveda.



► By how many runs did India defeat Sri Lanka to win the Asian Games 2026 women's cricket gold medal?

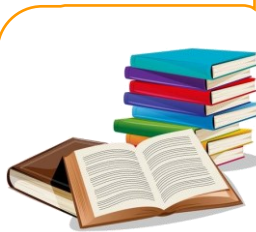
- A) 97 runs
- B) 112 runs
- C) 125 runs
- D) 147 runs
- E) 156 runs

Answer
D) 147 runs.



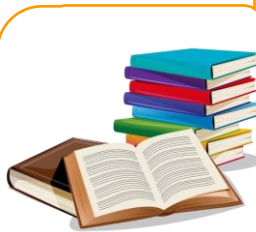
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India won the **Asian Games 2026** women's cricket gold medal by defeating **Sri Lanka** by **147** runs in the final.
- **Location:** **Korogi Sports Park**, Nisshin.
- **Date:** **22 September 2026**.



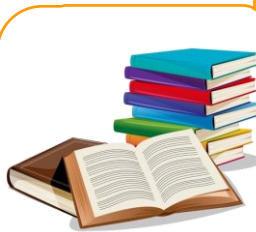
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India posted **216/3** in **20** overs after batting first and then bowled **Sri Lanka** out for **69** in **15.4** overs in the gold-medal match.
- **Objectives:** The victory secured India's first gold medal of the **Asian Games 2026** and allowed the women's cricket team to retain the title it had won at the **2023 Asian Games**.



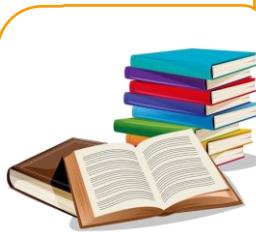
Important Terms Explained:

- Twenty**20** International (T**20**I): An international cricket format in which each team is normally permitted a maximum of **20** overs per innings.



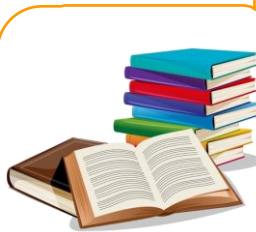
Important Terms Explained:

- **Olympic Council of Asia (OCA):** The continental sports body responsible for organising the **Asian Games** and promoting Olympic sports across Asia.



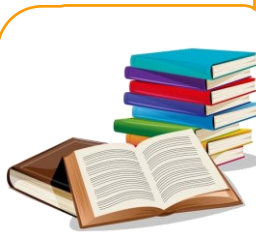
Important Terms Explained:

- **Winning Margin by Runs:** The difference between the winning team's total and the losing team's total when the team batting first wins, with India's **147**-run margin being its largest in Women's **T20**Is.



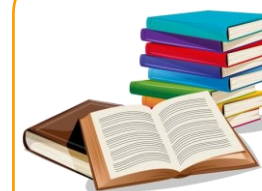
Important Terms Explained:

- **Gold-Medal Match:** The final contest of a sporting event that determines the champion and recipient of the gold medal.



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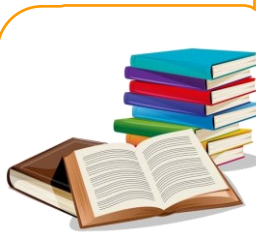
Parameter	Details
Winner	India.
Runner-up	Sri Lanka.
Final date	22 September 2026.
Venue	Korogi Sports Park, Nisshin.
India's score	216/3 in 20 overs.
Sri Lanka's score	69 all out in 15.4 overs.
Winning margin	India won by 147 runs.
Top scorer	Smriti Mandhana scored 79 runs.



➤ How many international wickets did Mark Wood take during his 11-year career for England?

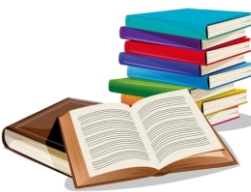
- A) 219
- B) 231
- C) 245
- D) 253
- E) 267

Answer
D) 253.



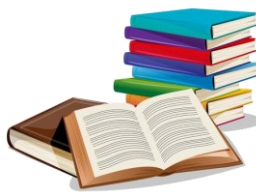
Event and Location:

- **Event:** England fast bowler **Mark Wood** announced his retirement from international cricket after an **11-year** career spanning Tests, ODIs and T**20**Is.
- **Location:** England.
- **Date:** 22 September **2026**.



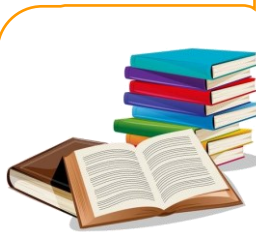
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Wood retired from international cricket at the age of **36** after recurring knee injury problems, ending a career in which he played **146** matches and took **253** wickets across all three formats.



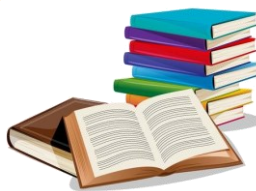
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The retirement ends Wood's international commitments while allowing him to continue playing domestic cricket for Durham and participate in franchise leagues.



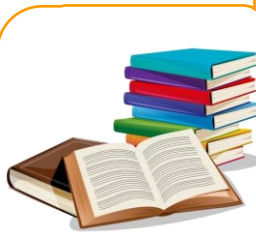
Important Terms Explained:

- **The Ashes:** The historic Test cricket series contested between **England and Australia**, with Wood's final international appearance coming during the **2025-26** series.



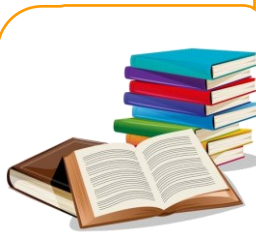
Important Terms Explained:

- **One Day International (ODI):** An international limited-overs cricket format in which each team normally plays up to **50** overs, with Wood taking **80** wickets in **70** matches.



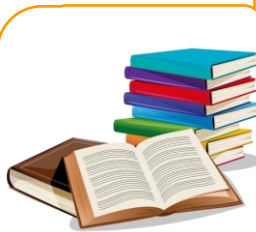
Important Terms Explained:

- **Twenty20 International (T20I)**: An international cricket format in which each team normally plays a maximum of **20** overs, with Wood taking **54** wickets in **38** matches.



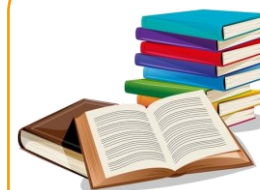
Important Terms Explained:

- **Franchise Cricket:** Professional cricket competitions in which privately operated teams contract players for domestic or international T**20** leagues outside national-team cricket.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Player	Mark Wood.
Country	England.
Retirement date	22 September 2026.
Career span	His international career lasted 11 years.
International record	He played 146 matches and took 253 wickets across all formats.
Test record	He took 119 wickets in 38 Test matches.
Limited-overs record	He took 80 ODI wickets and 54 T20I wickets.
Major achievements	He was part of England's 2019 ODI World Cup-winning squad and 2022 T20 World Cup-winning squad.



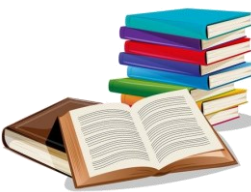
➤ Which approach has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) adopted under the Basel III Market Risk Directions 2026 for calculating commercial banks' market risk capital requirements?

- A) Internal Ratings-Based Approach
- B) Simplified Standardised Approach
- C) Advanced Measurement Approach
- D) Basic Indicator Approach
- E) Standardised Credit Risk Approach



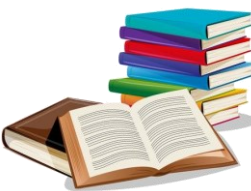
Answer

B) Simplified Standardised Approach.



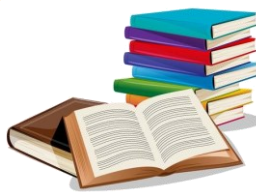
Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI issued the **Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Minimum Capital Requirements for Market Risk) Directions, 2026**, introducing revised capital requirements for market risk.
- **Location:** The **Directions** apply to commercial banks in India.
- **Date:** The revised framework will take effect from **1 April 2027**.



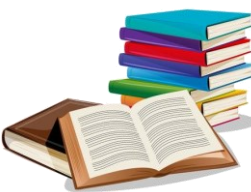
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Directions** adopt the **Simplified Standardised Approach (SSA)** and revise the treatment of trading-book exposures, foreign exchange risk, interest-rate risk, debt mutual funds, ETFs, and positions hedged through credit derivatives.



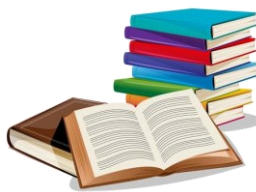
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The framework aims to align India's market-risk capital rules with revised Basel III standards while improving risk sensitivity, regulatory simplicity, implementation flexibility, and banks' resilience against market-related losses.



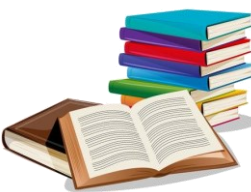
Important Terms Explained:

- **Market Risk:** The risk of financial losses arising from adverse movements in variables such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity prices, and other market prices.



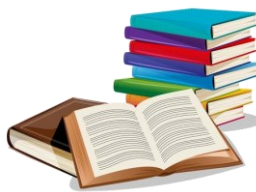
Important Terms Explained:

- **Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS):**
The international standard-setting body that develops global principles and standards for banking regulation, supervision, and risk management.



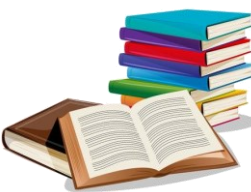
Important Terms Explained:

- **Held for Trading (HFT):** An accounting sub-classification covering financial instruments held primarily for trading purposes and forming an identifiable trading book under **RBI's Investment Directions**.



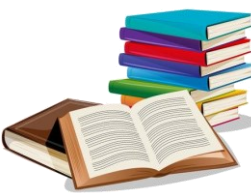
Important Terms Explained:

- **Net Open Position (NOP):** A bank's net exposure to foreign currencies after considering its assets, liabilities, and other foreign exchange positions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Total Return Swap (TRS):** A credit derivative contract through which the total economic return of an underlying asset is transferred between counterparties without necessarily transferring ownership of that asset.



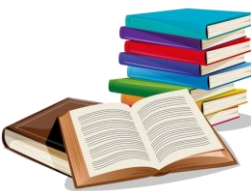
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Directions	Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Minimum Capital Requirements for Market Risk) Directions, 2026.
Effective date	The Directions will come into force on 1 April 2027.
Regulatory framework	The rules align India's market-risk capital regime with revised Basel III standards.
Method adopted	The framework uses the Simplified Standardised Approach for determining market-risk capital requirements.
Draft guidelines	RBI released the draft framework on 17 February 2023 for stakeholder feedback.
Transition arrangement	Intermediate transition scalars have been applicable since 1 April 2024.
Major revisions	Changes cover trading-book treatment, foreign exchange risk, interest-rate risk, debt mutual funds, ETFs, and credit derivatives.
Credit derivative treatment	The final framework includes positions hedged through Total Return Swaps permitted under RBI's Credit Derivatives Directions, 2026.

➤ Who has taken additional charge as Chairperson of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) from 13 September 2026?

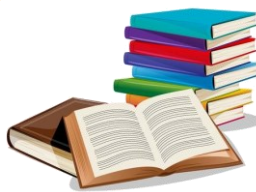
- A) Ravi Mital
- B) Jayanti Prasad
- C) M. S. Sahoo
- D) Ajay Tyagi
- E) Rajesh Sharma

Answer
B) Jayanti Prasad.



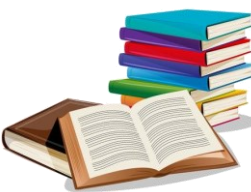
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Jayanti Prasad, a Whole-Time Member of IBBI, assumed additional charge as Chairperson following the retirement of **Ravi Mital**.
- **Location:** India.
- **Date:** 13 September 2026.



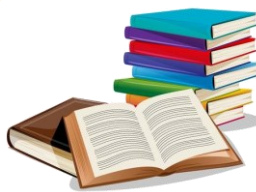
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Jayanti Prasad will discharge the responsibilities of **IBBI** Chairperson in addition to his existing role as Whole-Time Member until **20 November 2026**, the appointment of a new Chairperson, or further orders, whichever occurs first.



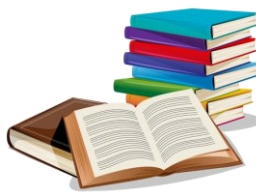
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The arrangement aims to ensure leadership continuity in the regulation and functioning of India's insolvency and bankruptcy framework following **Ravi Mital's** retirement.



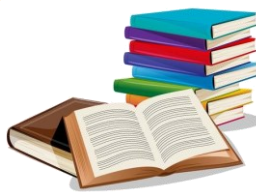
Important Terms Explained:

- **Whole-Time Member:** A full-time member of a regulatory body who participates in its administration, supervision, policy implementation, and decision-making functions.



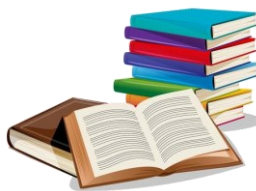
Important Terms Explained:

- **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016:** India's consolidated legal framework providing a time-bound and market-linked mechanism for resolving insolvency involving companies, partnership firms, and individuals.



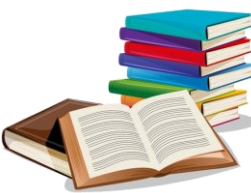
Important Terms Explained:

- **Insolvency Resolution:** A structured process for addressing the financial distress of a debtor by attempting to reorganise or resolve its obligations while preserving economic value.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Stressed Assets:** Loans or financial assets facing repayment difficulties or exhibiting signs of financial distress and potential default.

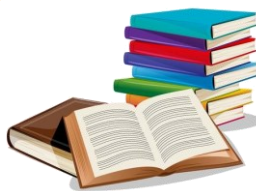


APPOINTMENTS



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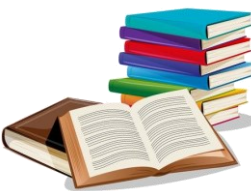
Parameter	Details
Appointee	Jayanti Prasad.
New responsibility	Additional charge as IBBI Chairperson.
Existing position	Whole-Time Member of IBBI.
Effective date	13 September 2026.
Predecessor	Ravi Mital.
Current tenure end	20 November 2026.
Regulatory framework	IBBI functions under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.
Significance	The arrangement ensures continuity in leadership of India's insolvency regulator.



► Until what date have ISRO and ESA extended their Cooperative Agreement on space collaboration?

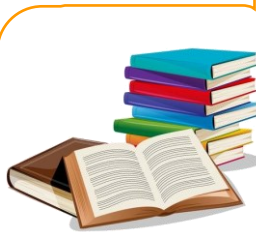
- A) 8 January 2029
- B) 8 January 2030
- C) 8 January 2031
- D) 8 January 2032
- E) 8 January 2035

Answer
D) 8 January 2032.



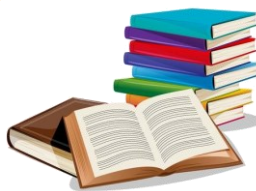
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Indian Space Research Organisation and European Space Agency extended their long-standing **Cooperative Agreement** to strengthen collaboration in space exploration, research and sustainable space activities.
- **Location:** Paris, France, during the **International Space Summit**.



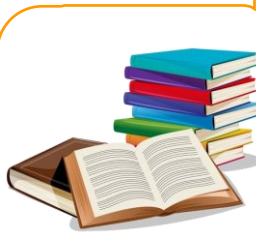
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The extension was formalised on **10 September 2026** and will remain valid until **8 January 2032**.



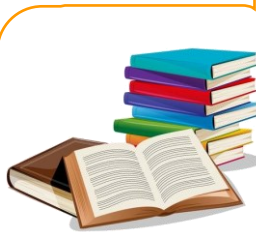
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The renewed framework covers human and robotic exploration, Earth observation, space weather, navigation, space science, mission support and sustainable outer space activities.



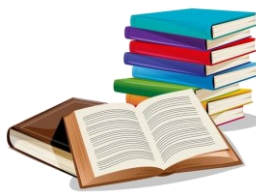
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The agreement aims to provide long-term continuity for India-Europe space cooperation and expand joint work in scientific research, exploration, satellite applications and responsible use of outer space.



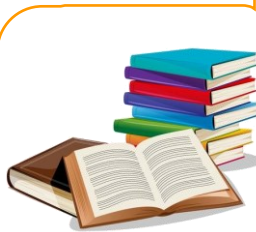
Important Terms Explained:

- **Space Weather:** Conditions in the space environment, largely influenced by solar activity, that can affect satellites, communications, navigation systems and power grids.



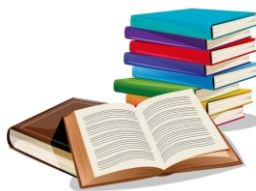
Important Terms Explained:

- **Earth Observation:** The collection of information about Earth using satellites for applications such as weather monitoring, agriculture, mapping, disaster management and environmental studies.



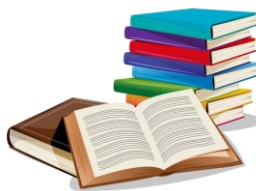
Important Terms Explained:

- **Calibration and Validation:** Processes used to ensure that satellite instruments and their observations are accurate, consistent and scientifically reliable.



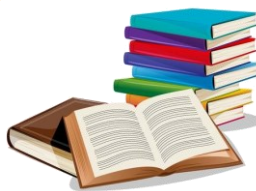
Important Terms Explained:

- **Human Space Exploration:** Space missions involving astronauts travelling beyond Earth, as distinct from uncrewed robotic exploration missions.



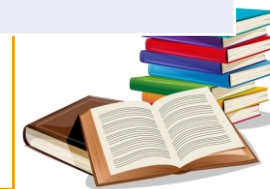
Important Terms Explained:

- **Sustainable Outer Space Activities:** Practices aimed at ensuring the safe, responsible and long-term use of outer space amid increasing numbers of satellites and missions.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Partner agencies	Indian Space Research Organisation and European Space Agency.
Extension date	10 September 2026.
Validity	The Cooperative Agreement will remain in force until 8 January 2032.
Venue	Paris, France, during the International Space Summit.
Original agreement	The Cooperative Agreement came into force in January 2002.
Signatories	ISRO Chairman Dr. V. Narayanan and ESA Director General Josef Aschbacher.
Major cooperation areas	Human and robotic exploration, Earth observation, space weather, navigation, space science and mission support.
Recent collaboration	The agencies signed an Earth observation agreement in March 2026 and a Joint Statement of Intent on human exploration in 2025.

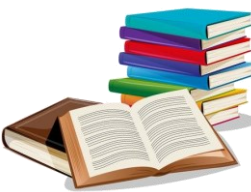


➤ The 18th edition of Nomadic Elephant 2026, a bilateral military exercise between India and Mongolia, began at which location?

- A) Leh, Ladakh
- B) Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand
- C) Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
- D) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- E) Dehradun, Uttarakhand

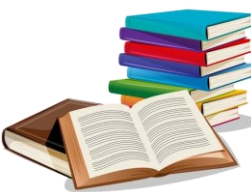
Answer

B) Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.



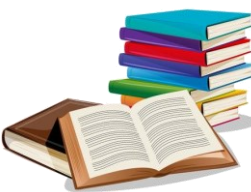
Event and Location:

- **Event: Nomadic Elephant 2026**, the **18th** edition of the annual bilateral military exercise between **India and Mongolia**, commenced with participation from the **Indian Army and Mongolian Armed Forces**.
- **Location: Foreign Training Node**, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, India.



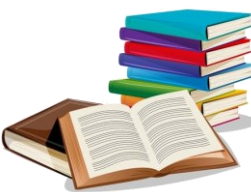
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The exercise began on **21 September 2026** and will continue until **3 October 2026**.



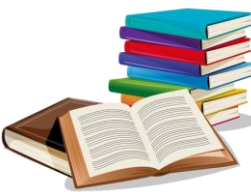
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The platoon-level exercise involves **45** troops each from the **Indian Army and Mongolian Armed Forces** undertaking counter-insurgency drills, tactical operations, heliborne activities, drone operations, counter-drone training, and cyber security exercises under a **United Nations** mandate.



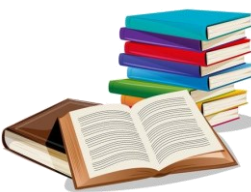
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The exercise aims to enhance interoperability, tactical coordination, joint operational capability, and the exchange of best practices for counter-insurgency operations in semi-urban and mountainous terrain.



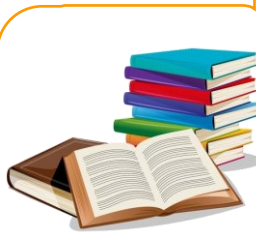
Important Terms Explained:

- **Counter-Insurgency Operations:** Military and security operations conducted to counter organised insurgent activities while restoring security and stability in affected areas.



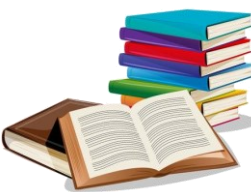
Important Terms Explained:

- **Interoperability:** The ability of military forces from different countries to operate together effectively through coordinated procedures, communication, and tactical methods.



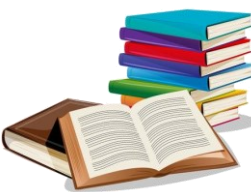
Important Terms Explained:

- **Special Heliborne Operations:** Military operations in which troops are transported or deployed by helicopters to conduct missions in difficult or strategically important areas.



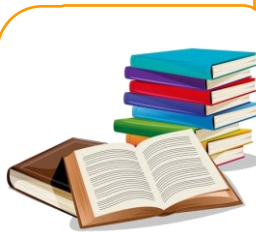
Important Terms Explained:

- Counter-**Drone Systems**: Technologies and operational measures used to detect, track, disrupt, or neutralise hostile unmanned aerial systems.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cordon and Search Operations:** Security operations in which an area is isolated to prevent movement while forces systematically search for suspects, weapons, or other threats.



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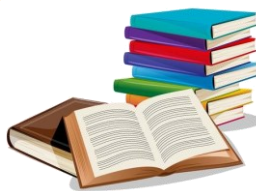
Parameter	Details
Exercise name	Nomadic Elephant 2026.
Edition	18th edition.
Participating countries	India and Mongolia.
Location	Foreign Training Node, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.
Duration	21 September to 3 October 2026.
Troop participation	45 personnel each from the Indian Army and Mongolian Armed Forces.
Primary focus	Counter-insurgency operations in semi-urban and mountainous terrain under a United Nations mandate.
Major training areas	Cordon and search operations, room intervention, heliborne operations, cyber security, drones, and counter-drone systems.



➤ Which air force will host the second edition of Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026 in Jodhpur, Rajasthan?

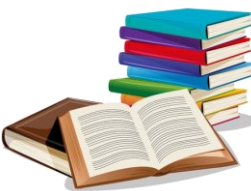
- A) Indian Air Force
- B) Royal Australian Air Force
- C) French Air and Space Force
- D) Japan Air Self-Defense Force
- E) United States Air Force

Answer
A) Indian Air Force.



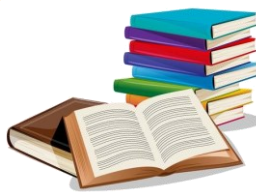
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Indian Air Force will host the second edition of **Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026** as a multinational air exercise involving joint aerial operations and tactical training.
- **Location:** Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India.
- **Date:** The exercise is expected to be held from **26** September to **12** October **2026**.



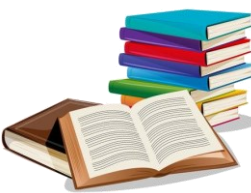
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The exercise will bring together air forces from multiple countries for complex aerial missions, joint tactical manoeuvres, mission planning, operational exchanges, and coordinated flying activities.



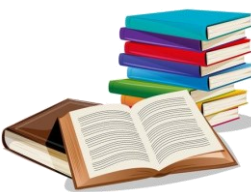
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The exercise aims to enhance interoperability, tactical coordination, multinational operational capability, and the exchange of operational experience among participating air forces.



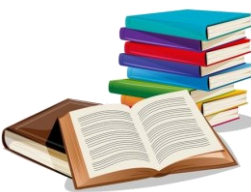
Important Terms Explained:

- **Interoperability:** The ability of armed forces from different countries to operate together effectively despite differences in aircraft, procedures, systems, and operational doctrines.



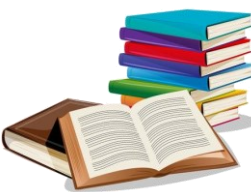
Important Terms Explained:

- **Joint Aerial Operations:** Coordinated air missions conducted by aircraft and personnel from multiple participating forces to achieve common operational and training objectives.



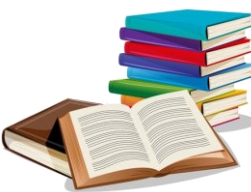
Important Terms Explained:

- **Tactical Coordination:** The organised planning and execution of military actions among participating units to improve effectiveness during operational missions.



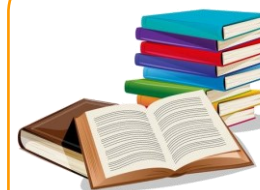
Important Terms Explained:

- **Veer Guardian:** A bilateral air combat exercise between **India and Japan**, with its **2026** edition conducted at Jodhpur before **Tarang Shakti 2026**.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Exercise name	Tarang Shakti 2026.
Edition	Second edition.
Host	Indian Air Force.
Venue	Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
Expected duration	26 September to 12 October 2026.
Type	Multinational air exercise.
First edition	The inaugural edition was conducted in 2024 in two phases at Sullur and Jodhpur.
Main focus	Joint aerial operations, tactical training, mission planning, and multinational interoperability.

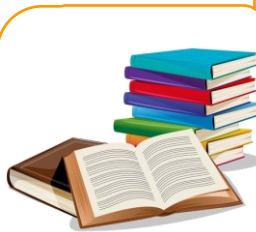


► What does P4M stand for in the summit co-sponsored by India on the sidelines of the 81st United Nations General Assembly?

- A) Partnership for Multilateral Peace and Markets
- B) Partners for Multilateralism, International Law, Peace and Prosperity
- C) Platform for Multilateral Markets and Prosperity
- D) Partnership for Modern International Peace
- E) Programme for Multilateral Institutions and Prosperity

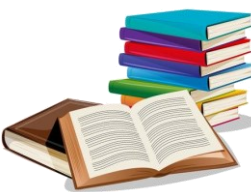
Answer

B) Partners for Multilateralism, International Law, Peace and Prosperity.



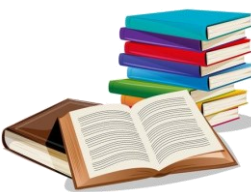
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India co-sponsored the inaugural **Partners for Multilateralism, International Law, Peace and Prosperity Summit**, where **External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar** advocated reforms to strengthen multilateral cooperation.
- **Location:** **United Nations, New York, United States**, on the sidelines of the **81st** session of the **United Nations General Assembly**.
- **Date:** **21 September 2026**.



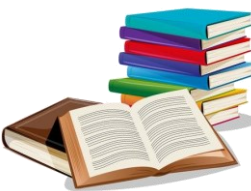
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The summit brought together countries and regional partners to promote dialogue, coalition-building, international law, institutional reform, and practical cooperation on global challenges.



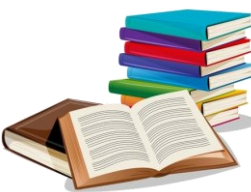
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative seeks to make multilateral institutions more effective, representative, inclusive, and fit for purpose while strengthening cooperation on peace, development, climate action, emerging technologies, finance, health, and resilient supply chains.



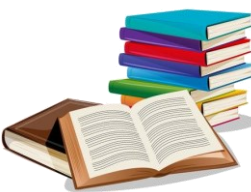
Important Terms Explained:

- **Reformed Multilateralism:** An approach advocating changes to international institutions and decision-making processes to make them more representative, participatory, transparent, and responsive to contemporary global realities.



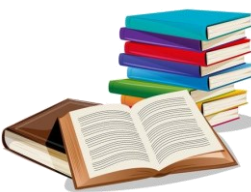
Important Terms Explained:

- **4F Crisis:** A term used for interconnected challenges involving Fuel, Food, Fertiliser, and Finance.



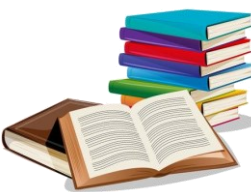
Important Terms Explained:

- De-risking and Diversification: Measures aimed at reducing excessive dependence on vulnerable supply chains, markets, or chokepoints by developing alternative sources and networks.



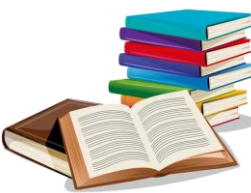
Important Terms Explained:

- **UN80**: An initiative associated with efforts to review, strengthen, and modernise the **United Nations** system as it marks **80** years since its establishment.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UN Charter:** The founding treaty of the **United Nations** that sets out its purposes, principles, institutional structure, and framework for international cooperation.

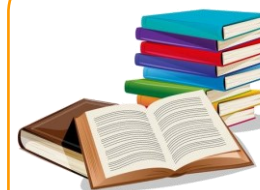


INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



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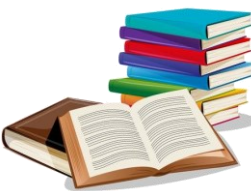
Parameter	Details
Summit	Partners for Multilateralism, International Law, Peace and Prosperity Summit.
Edition	Inaugural edition.
Date	21 September 2026.
Venue	United Nations, New York.
Held during	81st session of the United Nations General Assembly.
India represented by	External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.
Initial co-sponsors	Australia, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, European Union, India, and Kenya.
Main focus	Reforming and strengthening multilateral cooperation and international institutions.



➤ When will the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) come into effect?

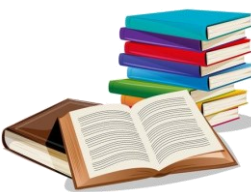
- A) 27 April 2026
- B) 1 September 2026
- C) 20 October 2026
- D) 1 January 2027
- E) 20 November 2026

Answer
C) 20 October 2026.



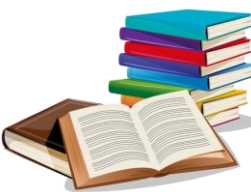
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India and New Zealand completed the required domestic processes for their **Free Trade Agreement**, which will provide duty-free access to Indian exports across **100%** of **New Zealand's** tariff lines from its commencement.
- **Location:** India and New Zealand.
- **Date:** The **FTA** will enter into force on **20 October 2026**.



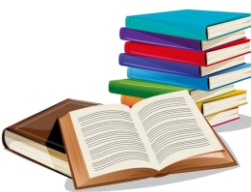
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The agreement covers trade in goods, services, investment, skilled mobility, and education while providing safeguards for sensitive Indian agricultural sectors.



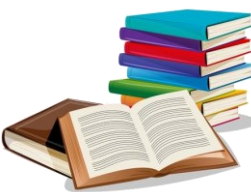
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The agreement aims to expand bilateral trade and investment, improve market access for exporters and MSMEs, facilitate professional mobility, and enhance the competitiveness of Indian products in **New Zealand**.



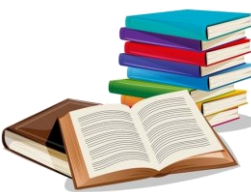
Important Terms Explained:

- **Duty-Free Access:** Market access under which eligible imported goods are exempted from customs duties, with **New Zealand** providing such access to Indian exports across all tariff lines from the **FTA's** commencement.



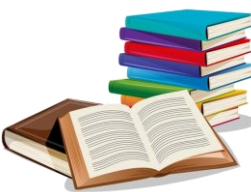
Important Terms Explained:

- **Tariff Rate Quota:** A trade mechanism under which a specified quantity of imports receives a lower tariff, while imports exceeding that limit may face a higher tariff.



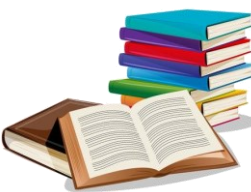
Important Terms Explained:

- **Minimum Import Price:** A trade condition requiring specified imported goods to enter the domestic market at or above a prescribed minimum price.



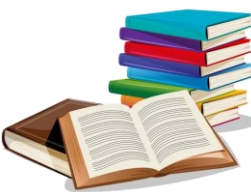
Important Terms Explained:

- **Agriculture Productivity Partnership:** A cooperation mechanism proposed under the agreement to support agricultural productivity, technology adoption, post-harvest management, and farmers' incomes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Working Holiday Visa:** A visa arrangement allowing eligible young people to temporarily stay in another country while undertaking limited employment, with **1,000** such visas annually provided for Indian youth.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Effective date	The FTA will take effect on 20 October 2026.
Signing date	The agreement was signed on 27 April 2026 in New Delhi.
Signatories	Piyush Goyal and New Zealand Trade and Investment Minister Todd McClay signed the agreement.
Export access	New Zealand will provide 100% duty-free access across tariff lines for Indian exports from the first day.
Protected sectors	India excluded sensitive products including dairy, livestock, sugar, edible oils, and selected agricultural goods from tariff concessions.
Investment commitment	New Zealand is expected to facilitate USD 20 billion in investments in India.
Skilled mobility	The agreement provides 5,000 temporary employment visas for skilled Indians and 1,000 working holiday visas annually for Indian youth.
Key beneficiaries	Exporters, MSMEs, professionals, students, and labour-intensive industries are expected to gain from expanded market access and mobility provisions.

SCHEMES & INITIATIVES



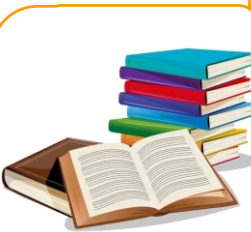
➤ Which institution plans to launch India's maiden Blue Bond issue on 28 September 2026?

- A) SIDBI
- B) NABARD
- C) Sagarmala Finance Corporation
- D) EXIM Bank
- E) IIFCL



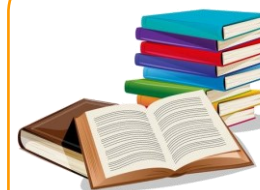
Answer

C) Sagarmala Finance Corporation.



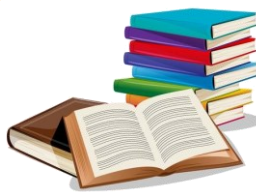
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Sagarmala Finance Corporation** plans to launch India's first blue bond issue to raise **₹600 crore** through **10-year** bonds for maritime and sustainable infrastructure financing.
- **Location:** India, with proposed financing focused on maritime infrastructure such as greenfield ports and coastal road projects.



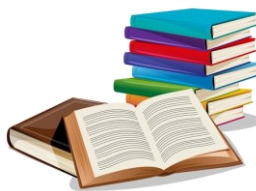
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The bond issue is scheduled for **28 September 2026**.



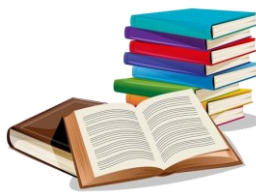
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The proposed issuance will raise long-term funds for lending to the maritime sector, including greenfield port development, coastal roads, and other water-linked sustainable infrastructure projects.



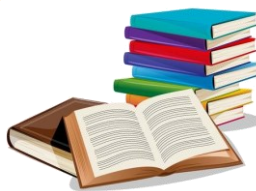
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The fund-raising aims to create a dedicated financing avenue for sustainable maritime infrastructure while expanding the use of thematic bonds in India's capital market.



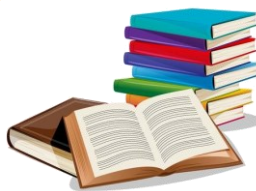
Important Terms Explained:

- **Blue Bond:** A debt instrument used to raise funds specifically for projects associated with sustainable use, protection, or development of marine and water resources.



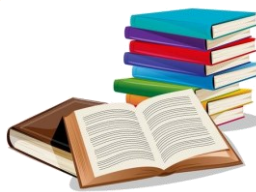
Important Terms Explained:

- **Greenshoe Option:** A provision that allows an issuer to raise additional funds beyond the base issue size when investor demand is strong.



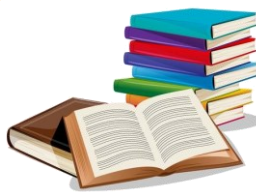
Important Terms Explained:

- **Coupon:** The interest rate paid periodically by a bond issuer to investors over the life of the bond.



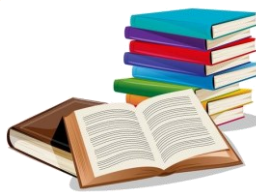
Important Terms Explained:

- **Greenfield Port:** A new port developed from the ground up at a previously undeveloped location rather than through expansion of an existing facility.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bond Maturity:** The period after which the bond issuer must repay the principal amount to investors, which is **10** years for the proposed issue.

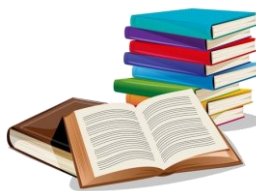


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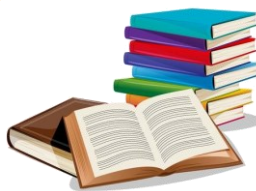
Parameter	Details
Issuer	Sagarmala Finance Corporation.
Issue date	28 September 2026.
Planned amount	₹600 crore.
Greenshoe option	₹500 crore.
Maturity	10 years.
Credit rating	AA+ from ICRA and CARE.
Arranger	SBI Capital Markets.
Primary purpose	Financing maritime projects, greenfield ports, and coastal road infrastructure.



➤ **Where will Starbucks establish its first Global Capability Centre in India?**

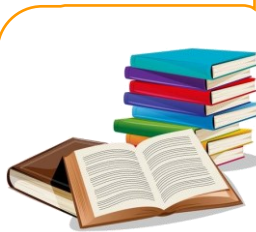
- A) Bengaluru
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Chennai
- D) Pune
- E) Gurugram

Answer
C) Chennai.



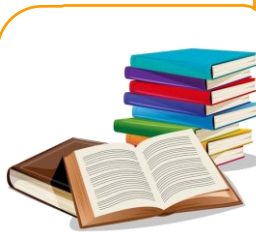
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Starbucks Coffee signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with the **Tamil Nadu** government to establish its first **Global Capability Centre in India**.
- **Location:** Chennai, **Tamil Nadu**, India.
- **Date:** 22 September 2026.



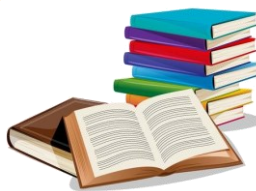
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The proposed Chennai technology hub will support Starbucks' global operations through high-value functions such as technology, software development, finance, product development, and research.



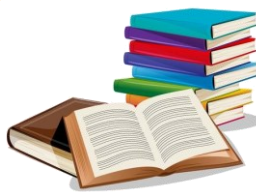
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The project aims to expand Starbucks' global technology capabilities, create around **800** high-value technology jobs in its first phase, and strengthen Chennai's position as a destination for global capability investments.



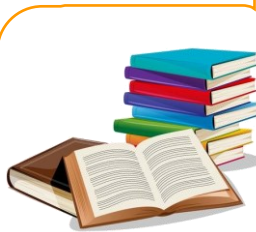
Important Terms Explained:

- **Global Capability Centre (GCC):** A specialised offshore or operational centre established by a multinational company to support global functions such as technology, finance, analytics, research, and business operations.



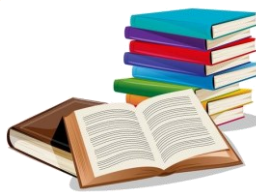
Important Terms Explained:

- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):** A formal agreement expressing the intentions and areas of cooperation between two or more parties.



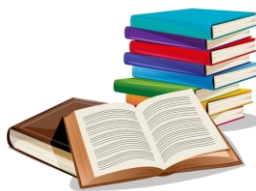
Important Terms Explained:

- **Guidance Tamil Nadu:** The Tamil Nadu government's investment promotion agency that facilitates investments and supports businesses establishing operations in the state.



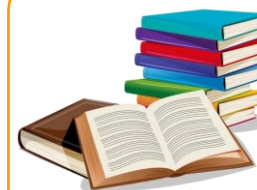
Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Transformation:** The use of digital technologies to improve business processes, products, services, and operational efficiency.
- **Employee Attrition:** The reduction in workforce when employees leave an organisation and are not immediately replaced.



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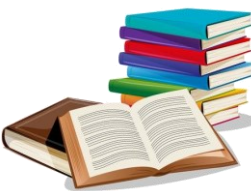
Parameter	Details
Company	Starbucks Coffee.
Project	First Starbucks GCC in India.
Location	Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
Employment	Around 800 technology jobs are expected in the first phase.
MoU partner	Tamil Nadu government through Guidance Tamil Nadu.
Key executive	Starbucks Chief Technology Officer Anand Varadarajan.
Major functions	Technology, software development, finance, product development, and research.
Operational structure	The GCC will operate independently of Starbucks' Indian retail joint venture with Tata Consumer Products.



► Under which constitutional provision was the Inter-State Council (Amendment) Order, 2026 issued?

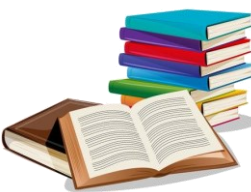
- A) Article 256
- B) Article 263
- C) Article 280
- D) Article 324
- E) Article 356

Answer
B) Article 263.



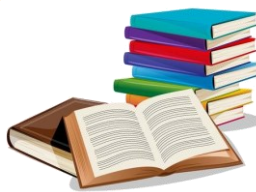
Event and Location:

- **Event:** President Droupadi Murmu amended the **Inter-State Council Order, 1990**, to specify conditions for participation of **Governors and Lieutenant Governors in Inter-State Council** meetings.
- **Location:** The amendment applies to States and specified **Union Territories of India**.



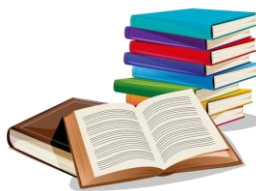
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The Ministry of Home Affairs issued the amendment order on **9 September 2026**, with effect from the date of issue.



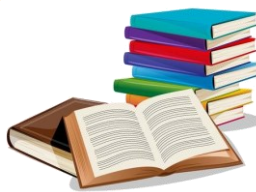
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The amended order provides four circumstances in which the concerned Governor or **Lieutenant Governor** may be invited to an Inter-**State Council** meeting when specified constitutional or statutory provisions are in operation.



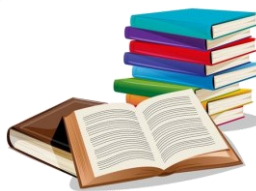
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The amendment aims to clarify representation in Inter-**State Council** meetings during specified constitutional arrangements affecting a State, Delhi, Puducherry, or **Jammu and Kashmir**.



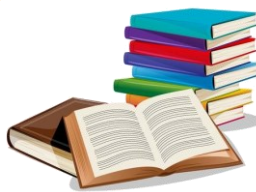
Important Terms Explained:

- **Inter-State Council:** A constitutional forum provided under Article **263** of the Constitution for discussing and coordinating matters relating to Union-State and inter-State relations.



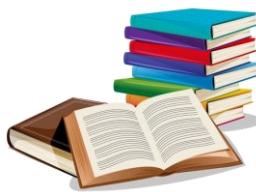
Important Terms Explained:

- Article **356**: A constitutional provision under which the President may issue a proclamation when the government of a State cannot be carried on in accordance with the Constitution.



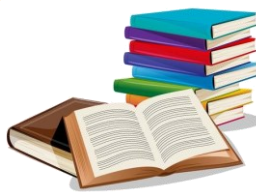
Important Terms Explained:

- Article **239AB**: A constitutional provision concerning failure of constitutional machinery in the **National Capital Territory of Delhi**.



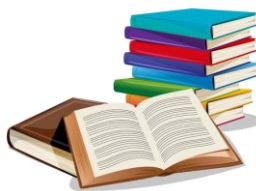
Important Terms Explained:

- **Government of Union Territories Act, 1963:** The law governing specified aspects of **Union Territories**, with Section **51** referred to for the relevant arrangement concerning Puducherry.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019:** The law that reorganised the former **State of Jammu and Kashmir**, with Section **73** referred to for the specified arrangement concerning the **Union Territory**.



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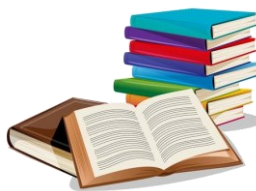
Parameter	Details
Order	Inter-State Council (Amendment) Order, 2026.
Issued by	Ministry of Home Affairs under the authority of the President.
Date of issue	9 September 2026.
Constitutional basis	Article 263 of the Constitution.
State condition	The Governor may be invited when a proclamation under Article 356 is in operation.
Delhi condition	The Lieutenant Governor may be invited when an order under Article 239AB is in force.
Puducherry condition	The Lieutenant Governor may be invited when an order under Section 51 of the Government of Union Territories Act, 1963, is in operation.
Jammu and Kashmir condition	The Lieutenant Governor may be invited when an order under Section 73 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, is in operation.



► How many flowering plant species were documented in the Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve in the comprehensive checklist published in September 2026?

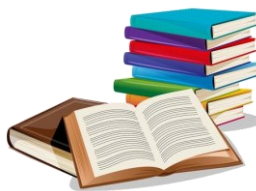
- A) 2,945
- B) 3,018
- C) 3,261
- D) 3,472
- E) 3,625

Answer
C) 3,261.



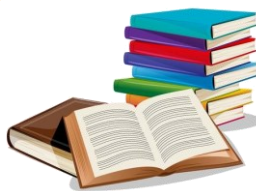
Event and Location:

- **Event:** A comprehensive checklist documented **3,261** flowering plant species, including **1,018** endemic taxa, in the **Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve**.
- **Location:** **Southern Western Ghats** across **Kerala and Tamil Nadu**.
- **Date:** September **2026**.



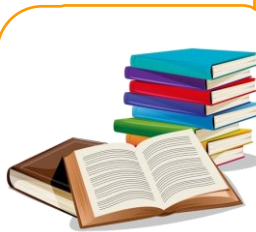
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Researchers from the **Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute** compiled a comprehensive inventory covering flowering plant species, subspecies, varieties, genera, families, and endemic taxa in the reserve.



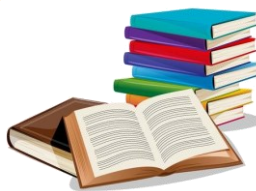
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The study aims to provide baseline biodiversity information for monitoring plant diversity, identifying vulnerable taxa, restoring habitats, and strengthening conservation planning in the southern **Western Ghats**.



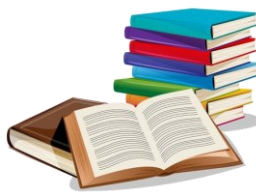
Important Terms Explained:

- **Endemism:** The condition in which a species or taxon occurs naturally only within a particular geographical region, with **1,018** endemic taxa recorded in the reserve.



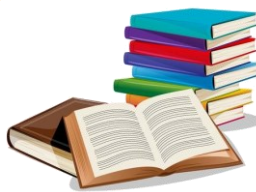
Important Terms Explained:

- Steno-endemic Taxa: Plants having an extremely restricted geographical distribution, making them particularly vulnerable to habitat loss and environmental change.



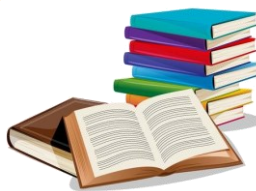
Important Terms Explained:

- **Fabaceae:** The legume or pea family, which emerged as the most species-rich plant family in the reserve with **349** taxa.



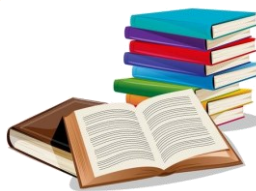
Important Terms Explained:

- Ex-situ Conservation: Conservation of threatened plants outside their natural habitats through measures such as seed banks, botanical gardens, and controlled propagation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Shola Grasslands:** High-altitude ecosystems of the **Western Ghats** characterised by patches of montane evergreen forest occurring alongside grasslands.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Flowering plant species	3,261 species were documented.
Genera and families	The checklist recorded 1,139 genera belonging to 190 families.
Endemic taxa	1,018 endemic taxa, representing around 31.2% of the checklist, were recorded.
Steno-endemic taxa	245 narrowly distributed taxa were identified.
Taxa shared with Sri Lanka	347 taxa were also recorded in Sri Lanka.
Most species-rich family	Fabaceae ranked first with 349 taxa, followed by Rubiaceae, Poaceae, and Orchidaceae.
Research institution	The checklist was compiled by JNTBGRI, Thiruvananthapuram, and published in Plant Science Today.
New plant discovery	Botanical Survey of India scientists identified Osbeckia ulotricha from shola grasslands at elevations of 1,200–1,500 metres.

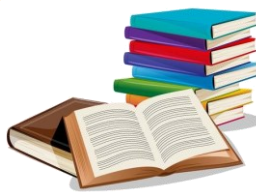


➤ Under which programme did Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) make its gas discovery in the deepwater Mahanadi Offshore Basin?

- A) Sagar Samridhi
- B) Samudra Manthan
- C) Deep Ocean Mission
- D) Urja Shakti
- E) Hydrocarbon Vision

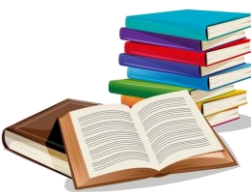
Answer

B) Samudra Manthan.



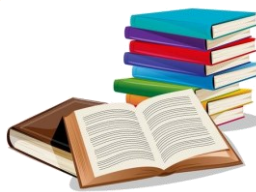
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **ONGC** discovered gas through well MN-DW 18-1-H-D, marking its first discovery from a well drilled under the **Samudra Manthan** programme.
- **Location:** **Deepwater Mahanadi Offshore Basin** off the Odisha coast, approximately **43 km** from Konark.



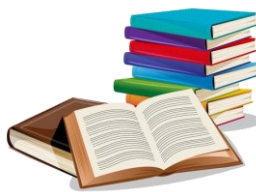
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The gas discovery was declared on **18 September 2026**.



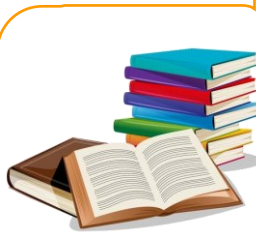
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The exploration involved drilling well MN-DW18-1-H-D to a targeted depth of **1,623** metres, where gas presence was identified between depths of **1,441** metres and **1,452** metres.



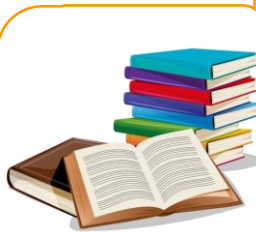
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The exploration programme aims to expand offshore hydrocarbon discoveries, reduce drilling costs and risks, strengthen domestic oil and gas production, and reduce India's dependence on energy imports.



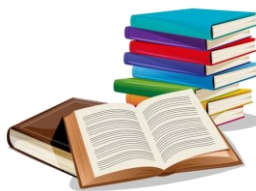
Important Terms Explained:

- **Samudra Manthan:** A **₹84,000**-crore offshore exploration initiative launched in July **2026** to promote oil and gas exploration while reducing drilling costs and associated risks.



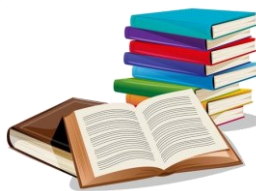
Important Terms Explained:

- **Gas-Bearing Interval:** The specific depth range within a drilled well where natural gas is detected, recorded at **1,441–1,452** metres in this discovery.



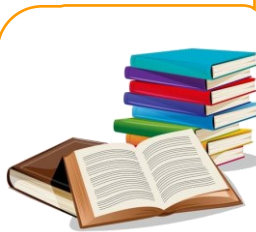
Important Terms Explained:

- **Deepwater Exploration:** Oil and gas exploration conducted in offshore areas with significant water depths, requiring specialised drilling technology and infrastructure.



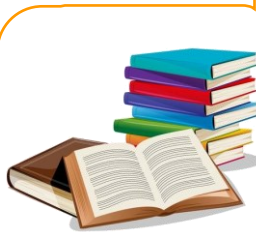
Important Terms Explained:

- **Appraisal:** The process of evaluating a hydrocarbon discovery to determine reservoir quality, recoverable resources, commercial viability, and development potential.



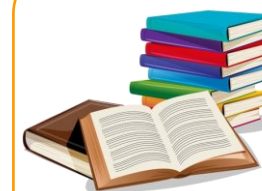
Important Terms Explained:

- **Million Tonnes of Oil Equivalent:** A standard unit used to express the energy content of different hydrocarbon resources in terms equivalent to one million tonnes of crude oil.



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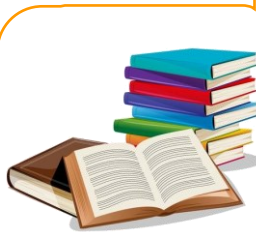
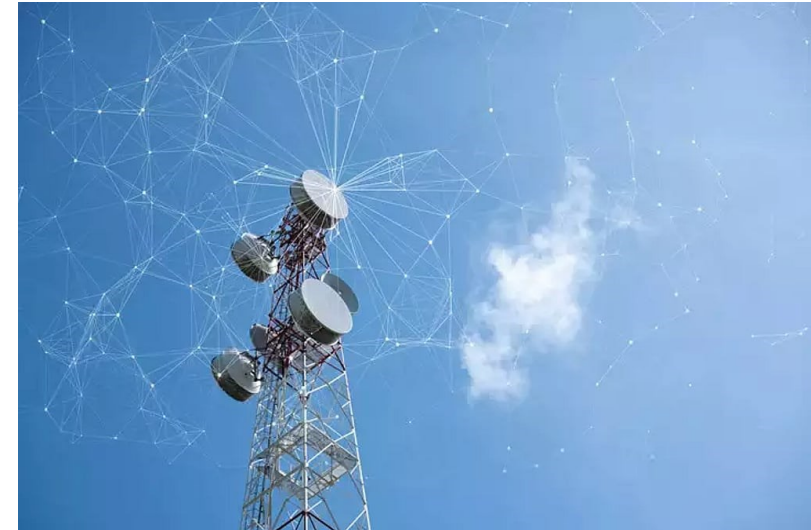
Parameter	Details
Company	Oil and Natural Gas Corporation.
Basin	Mahanadi Offshore Basin.
Location	Approximately 43 km off the Konark coast of Odisha.
Well	MN-DW18-1-H-D.
Discovery date	18 September 2026.
Target depth	1,623 metres.
Gas-bearing interval	Gas was identified between 1,441 metres and 1,452 metres.
Programme	The discovery was made under the ₹84,000-crore Samudra Manthan offshore exploration programme.



► In which year was the Digital Communications Commission (DCC) originally established as the Telecom Commission?

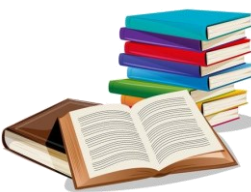
- A) 1985
- B) 1987
- C) 1989
- D) 1991
- E) 1995

Answer
C) 1989.



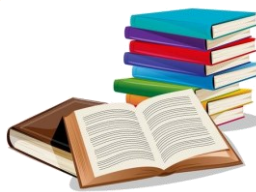
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Government of India dissolved the **Digital Communications Commission**, ending the nearly 37-year existence of the apex inter-departmental telecom decision-making body under the **Department of Telecommunications**.
- **Location:** India, under the **Department of Telecommunications**.



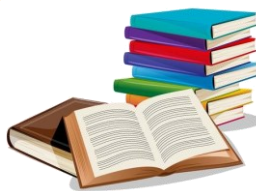
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The Union Cabinet approved the dissolution on **16 September 2026**, and the government resolution was dated **19 September 2026**.



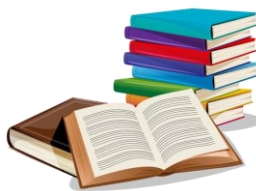
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Following the dissolution, matters previously handled through the Commission will be processed more directly by the **Telecom Secretary**, with approval from the **Communications Minister** or **Union Cabinet** wherever required.



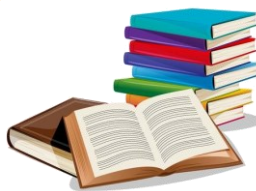
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The restructuring aims to reduce duplication in telecom decision-making, streamline administrative processes, and remove an institutional layer whose functions overlapped with departmental advisers and existing approval mechanisms.



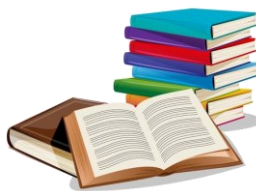
Important Terms Explained:

- **Telecom Commission:** The body established in April **1989** for policy formulation and administrative decision-making in India's telecommunications sector, which was renamed the **Digital Communications Commission** in **October 2018**.



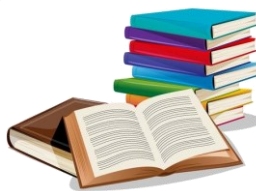
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Digital Communications Policy, 2018:** A policy introduced to address the expanding digital communications ecosystem, broadband growth, connectivity, and emerging communication technologies.



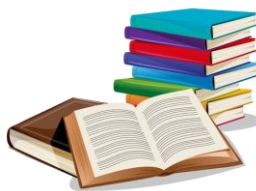
Important Terms Explained:

- **Spectrum Usage Charge (SUC):** A charge payable for the use of assigned spectrum, which the Commission fixed at **5%** of **Adjusted Gross Revenue** in one of its final decisions.



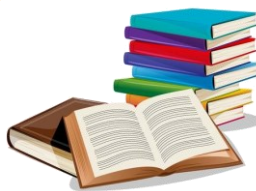
Important Terms Explained:

- **Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR):** A revenue measure used in India's telecom sector for calculating specified regulatory levies and charges payable by telecom service providers.



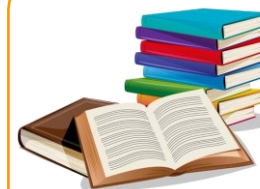
Important Terms Explained:

- **Administrative Spectrum Assignment:** A method of allocating spectrum through administrative approval rather than an auction, with the Commission approving a five-year assignment extendable by another two years for satellite communication spectrum.



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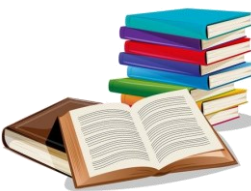
Parameter	Details
Body dissolved	Digital Communications Commission.
Parent department	Department of Telecommunications.
Original establishment	It was established as the Telecom Commission in April 1989.
Renaming	It was renamed the Digital Communications Commission in October 2018.
Cabinet approval	The Union Cabinet approved its winding up on 16 September 2026.
Government resolution	The dissolution was formalised through a resolution dated 19 September 2026.
Last meeting	The Commission held its final meeting on 3 September 2026.
Post-dissolution mechanism	Relevant matters will move through the Telecom Secretary and, where required, the Communications Minister or Union Cabinet.



➤ Who launched the 7th National Formulary of India (NFI) 2026 in New Delhi on 21 September 2026?

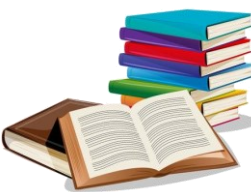
- A) J. P. Nadda
- B) Anupriya Patel
- C) Prataprao Jadhav
- D) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- E) Mansukh Mandaviya

Answer
B) Anupriya Patel.



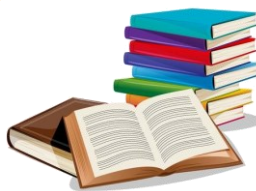
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The seventh edition of the **National Formulary of India 2026** was launched to promote the rational and safe use of medicines and strengthen medicine-safety practices.
- **Location:** Dr. **Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.**
- **Date:** 21 September 2026.



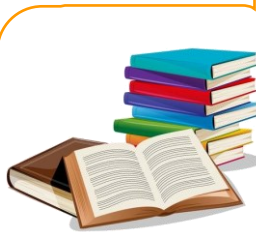
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The updated formulary provides standard and authoritative medicine information for doctors, pharmacists, healthcare professionals, teachers, and students and was launched during the **6th National Pharmacovigilance Week Campaign**.



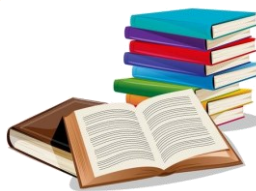
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The publication aims to support rational prescribing, appropriate medicine selection, safe medication practices, pharmacy education, and stronger pharmacovigilance in India.



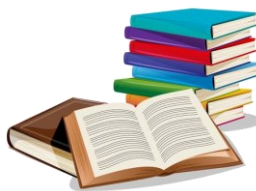
Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC):** The institution under the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** that publishes the **National Formulary of India**, establishes medicine standards, and supports pharmacovigilance activities.



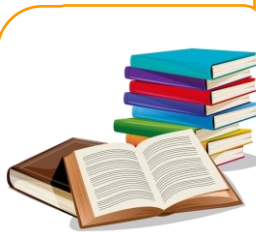
Important Terms Explained:

- **Pharmacovigilance:** The science and activities related to detecting, assessing, understanding, and preventing adverse effects or other medicine-related problems.



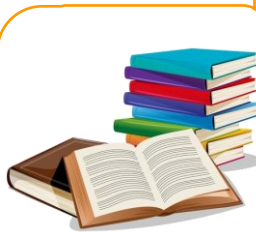
Important Terms Explained:

- **Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (PvPI):**
India's national programme for monitoring medicine safety and adverse drug reactions, coordinated through its **National Coordination Centre at IPC, Ghaziabad.**



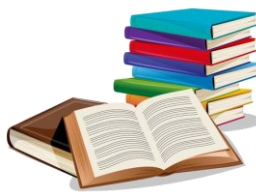
Important Terms Explained:

- **Rational Use of Medicines:** The appropriate selection and use of medicines according to a patient's clinical needs, suitable dosage, treatment duration, and safe prescribing practices.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PharmD:** A professional doctoral programme in pharmacy education regulated in India by the **Pharmacy Council of India**.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Publication	7th National Formulary of India 2026.
Launch date	21 September 2026.
Venue	Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
Launched by	Anupriya Patel, Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilisers.
Publisher	Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission.
Primary purpose	To promote rational prescribing and the safe use of medicines.
Related campaign	The launch took place during the 6th National Pharmacovigilance Week Campaign held from 17 to 23 September 2026.
Previous edition	The sixth edition of the National Formulary of India was launched in October 2021.

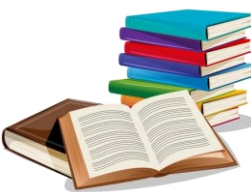


➤ **Which four areas were covered by the G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial consensus outcomes endorsed by India?**

- A) Coal, nuclear energy, hydrogen and biofuels
- B) LPG access, infrastructure approvals, water reuse and critical minerals
- C) Solar energy, hydropower, carbon markets and green bonds
- D) Electricity trade, nuclear safety, oil reserves and battery storage
- E) Bioenergy, offshore wind, methane control and climate finance

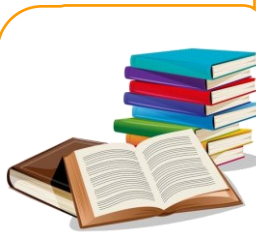
Answer

B) LPG access, infrastructure approvals, water reuse and critical minerals.



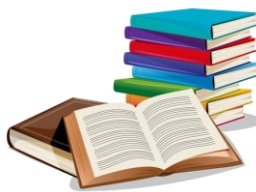
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India endorsed the consensus outcomes of the **G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial** focusing on energy access, infrastructure approvals, water reuse and critical-mineral supply chains.
- **Location:** Houston, **United States**.



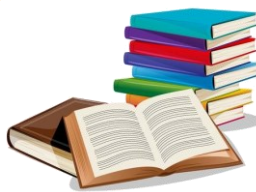
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The outcomes were reported in September 2026.



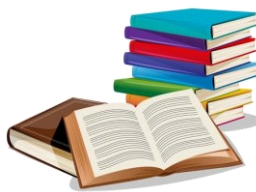
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The consensus covers affordable household energy access, streamlined infrastructure permitting, voluntary water reuse and diversified critical-mineral supply chains, with implementation remaining voluntary and non-binding.



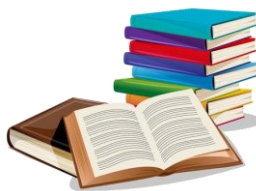
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The framework seeks to strengthen energy security, affordability and sustainability while allowing G20 members to implement the outcomes according to their domestic laws, policies and development priorities.



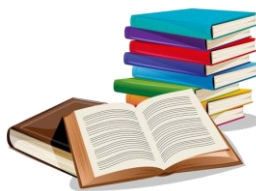
Important Terms Explained:

- **Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG):** A cleaner-burning household fuel recognised in the consensus as a transitional option for replacing traditional biomass where reliable infrastructure is available.



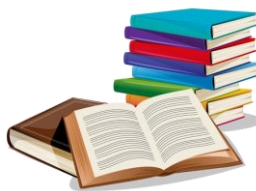
Important Terms Explained:

- **Critical Minerals:** Minerals essential for technologies such as renewable-energy systems, electric vehicles and advanced manufacturing, making secure and diversified supply chains strategically important.



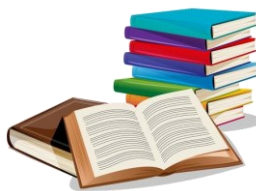
Important Terms Explained:

- **Water Reuse:** The treatment and reuse of water for suitable applications such as energy production, agriculture and manufacturing to improve resource efficiency.



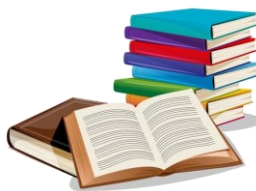
Important Terms Explained:

- **Permitting Efficiency:** The process of making regulatory approvals for infrastructure projects more streamlined, predictable and effective to reduce delays.



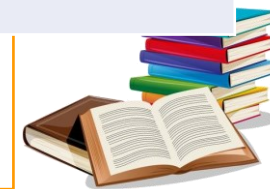
Important Terms Explained:

- **Non-Binding Agreement:** An arrangement that expresses common policy objectives without creating legally enforceable obligations for participating countries.



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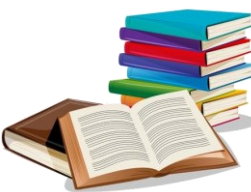
Parameter	Details
Forum	G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial.
Venue	Houston, United States.
India's role	India endorsed the Ministerial's consensus outcomes.
Household energy outcome	Affordable energy access was supported, with LPG recognised as a transitional fuel where appropriate.
Infrastructure outcome	Members supported more streamlined and predictable permitting processes.
Water outcome	A voluntary framework encourages safe and purpose-specific water reuse.
Critical-mineral outcome	The consensus supports diversified, secure and resilient supply chains.
Nature of agreement	The outcomes are voluntary and non-binding and may be implemented according to domestic priorities.



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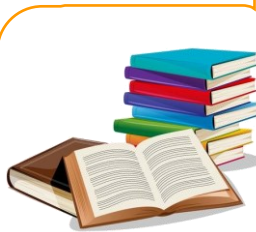
- **World Rhino Day 2026** was observed globally on 22 September with the theme “Keep the Five Alive” to promote conservation of the world’s five surviving rhinoceros species.
- India observed the 11th Ayurveda Day on 23 September 2026 under the Ministry of Ayush with the theme “Ayurveda for a Healthier Tomorrow”, highlighting the expansion of Ayurveda across healthcare, research, education, insurance, and global cooperation.
- India defeated Sri Lanka by 147 runs at Korogi Sports Park in Nisshin to win the Asian Games 2026 women’s cricket gold medal and secure India’s first gold of the Games.
- England fast bowler Mark Wood retired from international cricket on 22 September 2026 after an 11-year career in which he took 253 wickets and won two ICC World Cup titles.
- RBI issued new market-risk capital Directions for commercial banks under the revised Basel III framework, adopting the Simplified Standardised Approach with effect from 1 April 2027.



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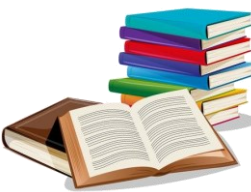
- Jayanti Prasad, Whole-Time Member of IBBI, assumed additional charge as its Chairperson from 13 September 2026 following Ravi Mital's retirement, ensuring continuity in the insolvency regulator's leadership.
- ISRO and ESA extended their Cooperative Agreement in Paris until 8 January 2032, strengthening long-term cooperation in exploration, Earth observation, space weather and sustainable outer space activities.
- India and Mongolia commenced the 18th edition of Nomadic Elephant 2026 in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, to strengthen joint counter-insurgency capabilities and military interoperability in challenging terrain.
- The Indian Air Force will host the second edition of Tarang Shakti 2026 in Jodhpur from 26 September to 12 October to strengthen multinational air-force interoperability and joint operational coordination.
- India co-sponsored the inaugural P4M Summit at the 81st UN General Assembly in New York, where S. Jaishankar called for more representative and effective multilateral cooperation.
- India and New Zealand will operationalise their FTA from 20 October 2026, providing Indian exports 100% duty-free access to New Zealand while expanding opportunities in services, investment, mobility, and education.



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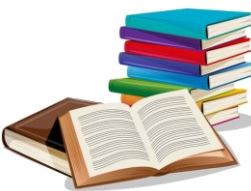
- **Sagarmala Finance Corporation plans to launch India's maiden blue bond issue on 28 September 2026 to raise ₹600 crore for maritime and sustainable infrastructure projects.**
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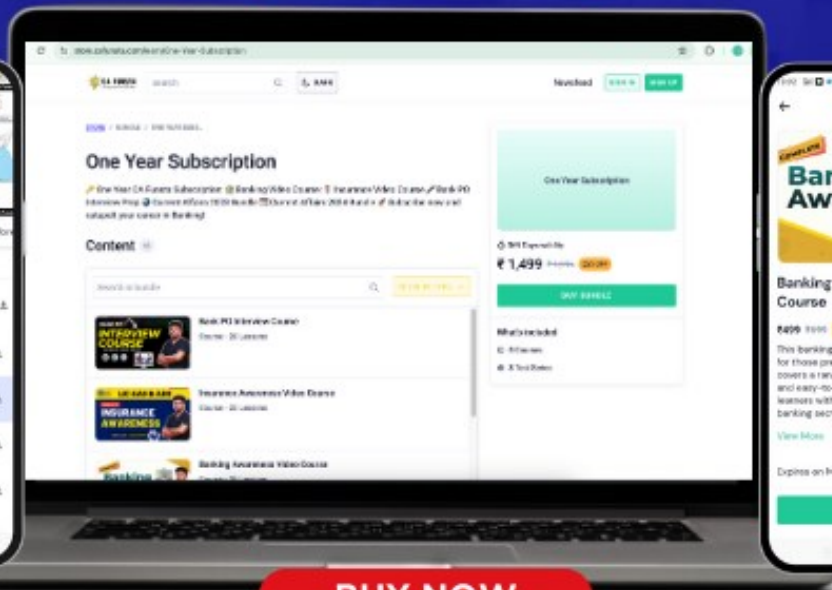
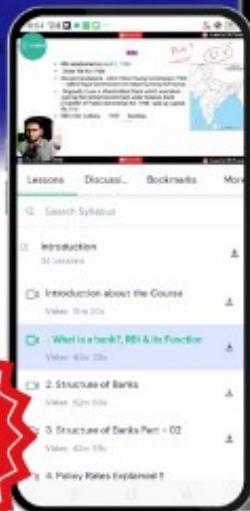
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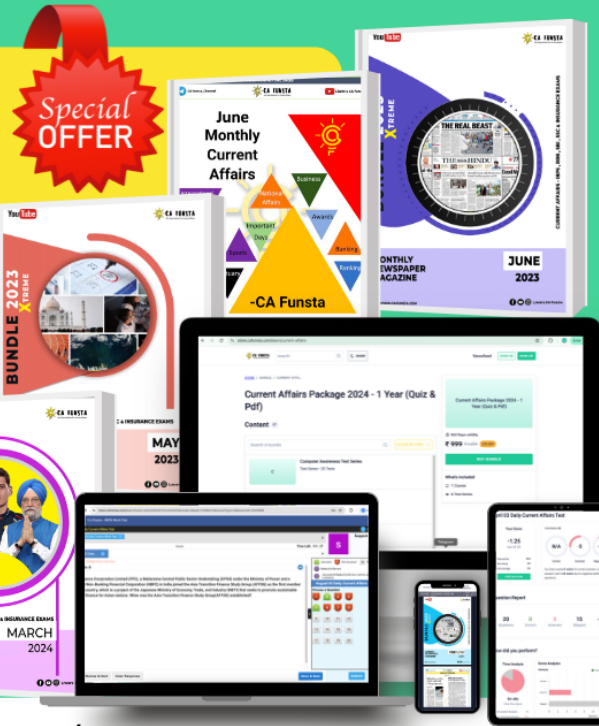
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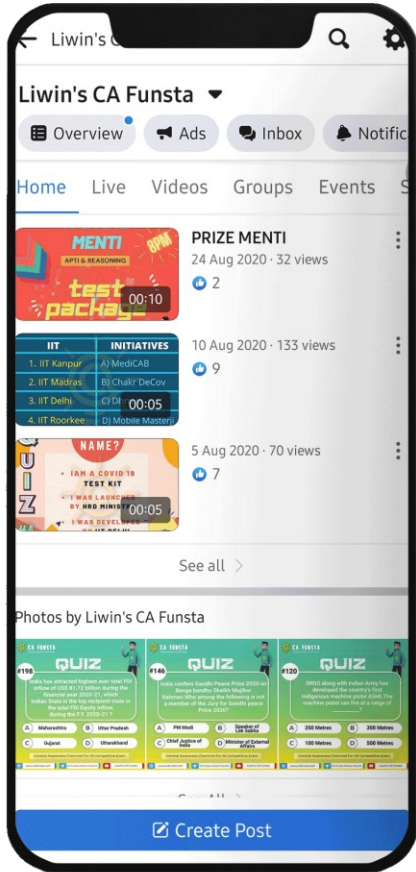
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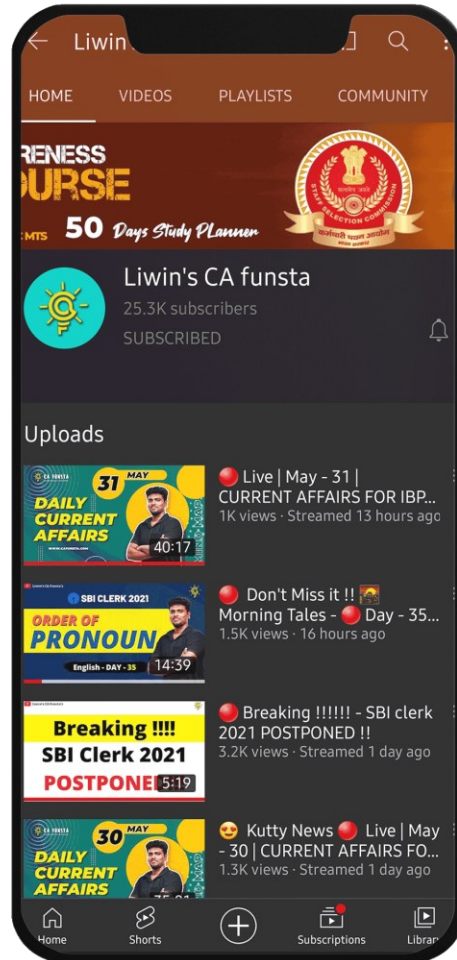


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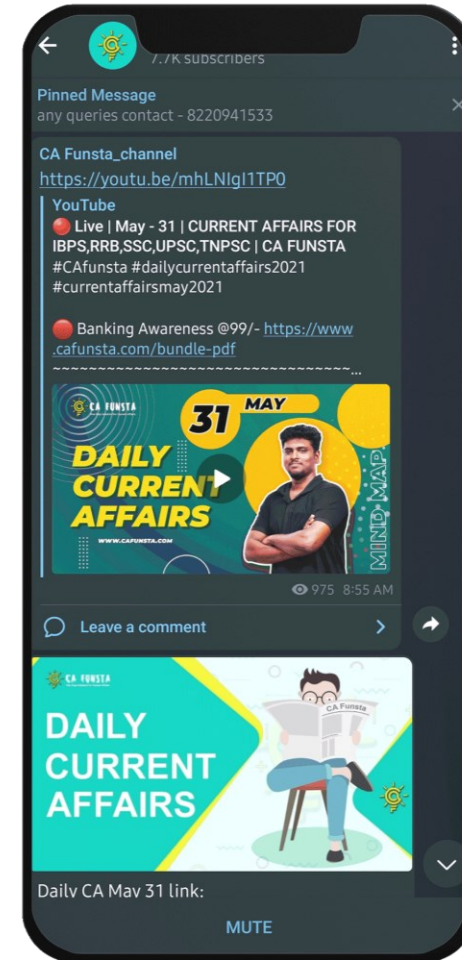
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