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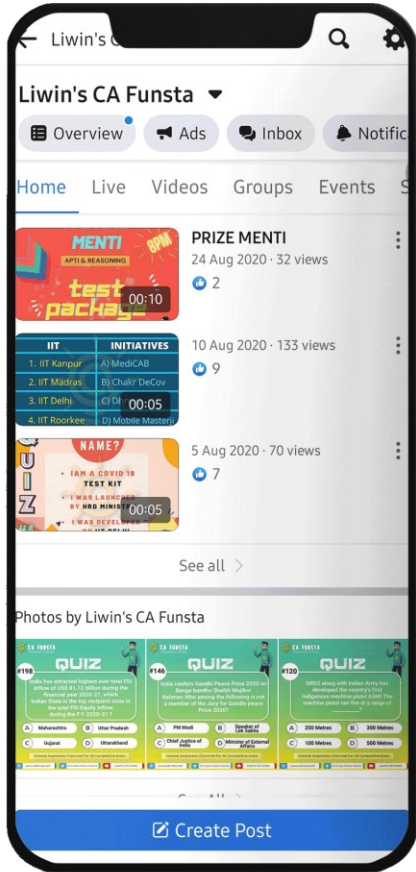


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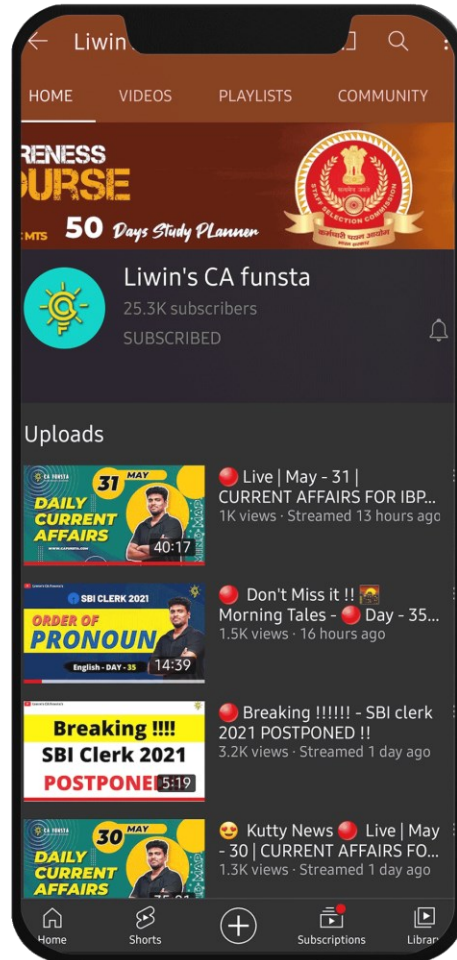
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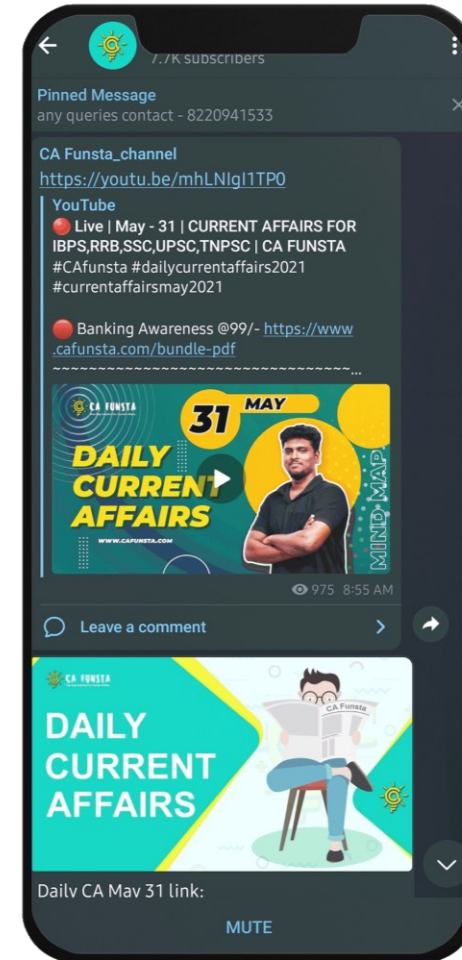
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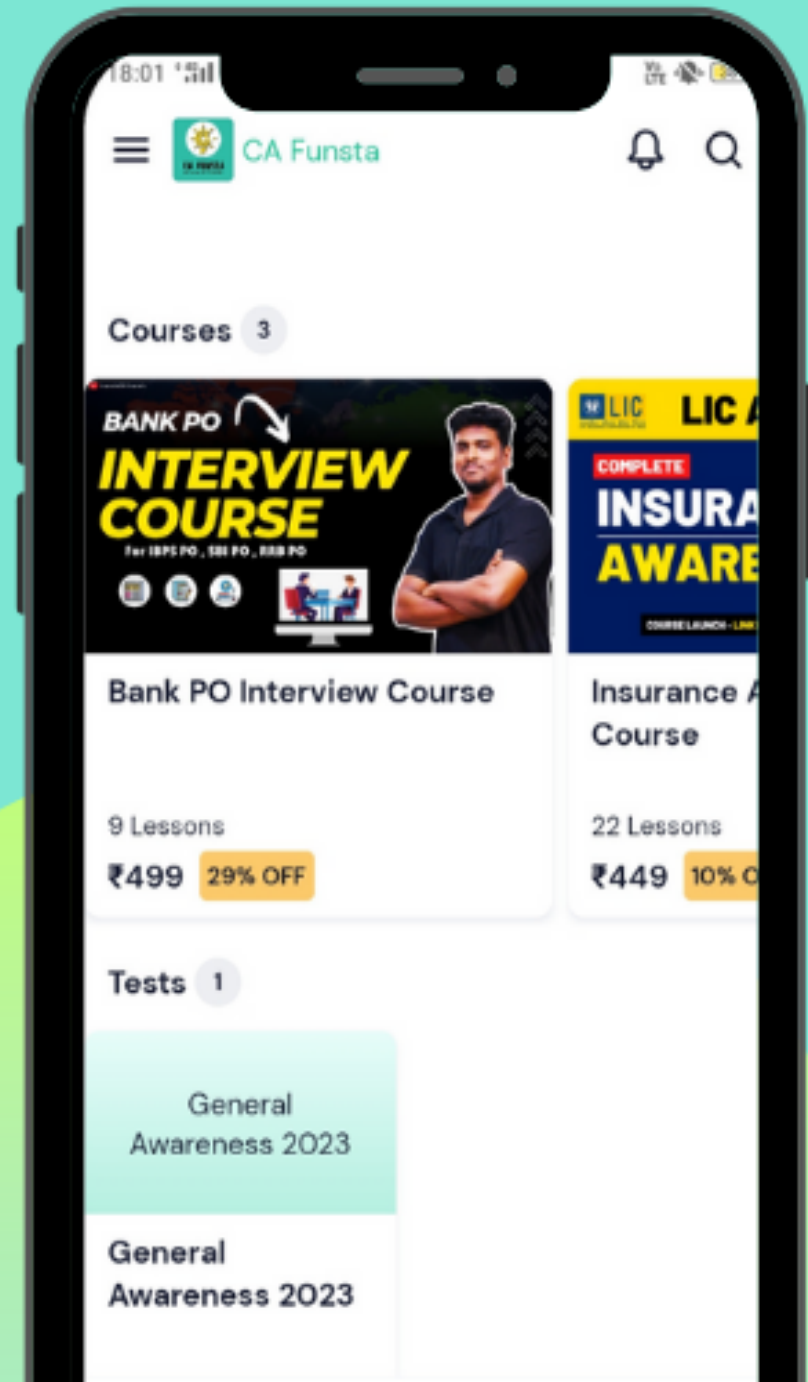
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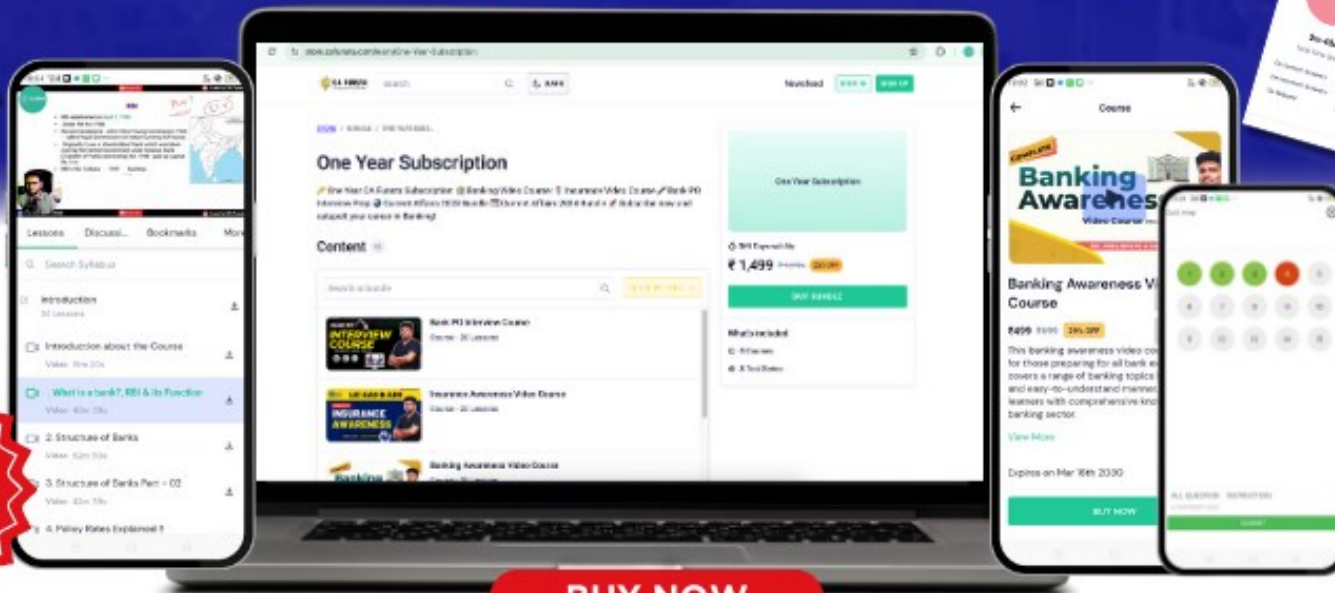
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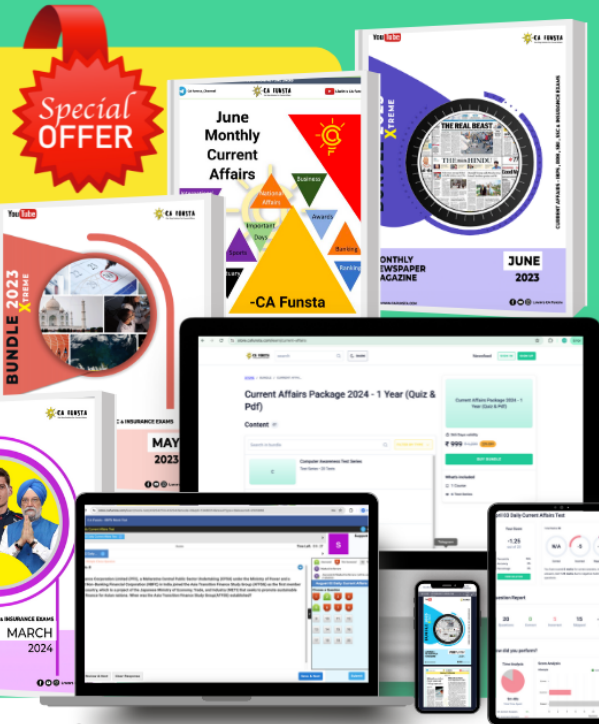


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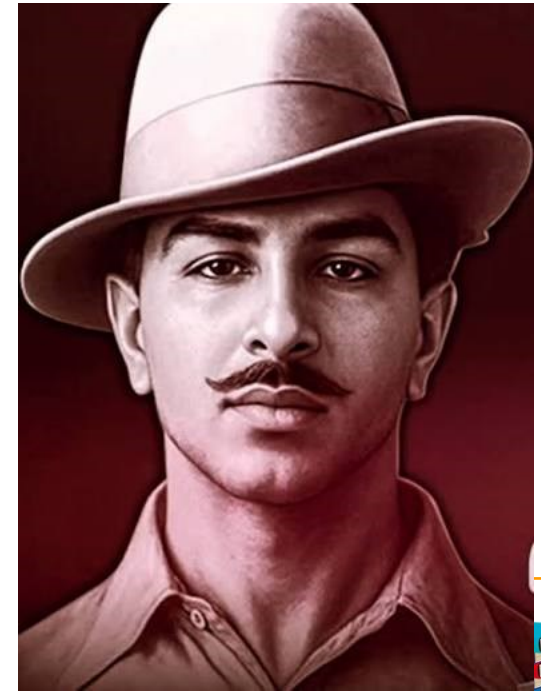


➤ Which revolutionary organisation was Bhagat Singh associated with after the reorganisation of the Hindustan Republican Association in 1928?

- A) Indian National Congress
- B) Ghadar Party
- C) Hindustan Socialist Republican Association
- D) Swaraj Party
- E) Forward Bloc

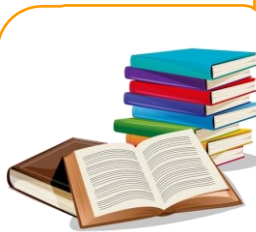
Answer

C) Hindustan Socialist Republican Association.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Bhagat Singh's 119th** birth anniversary was observed to commemorate the life, revolutionary activities, political thought and legacy of the Indian freedom fighter.
- **Location:** The commemoration relates to India, while **Bhagat Singh** was born in Banga, Lyallpur district, **Punjab Province of British India**, now in Pakistan.

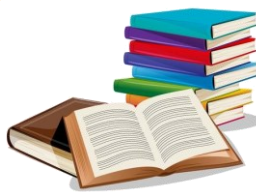


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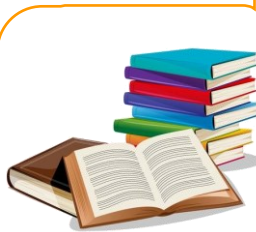
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The **119th** birth anniversary was observed on **28 September 2026**.



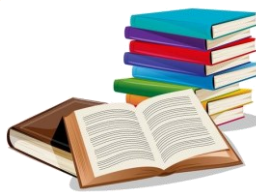
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The observance commemorates **Bhagat Singh**'s contribution to the Indian independence movement, including his revolutionary activities, political writings, association with the **HSRA** and resistance to British colonial rule.



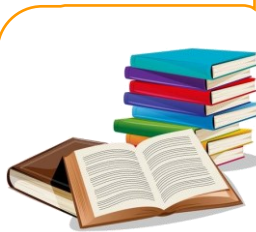
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The commemoration highlights his role in the freedom struggle and recalls his ideas concerning socialism, equality, secularism, exploitation and revolutionary political change.



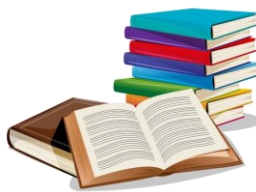
Important Terms Explained:

- **Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA):**
It was a revolutionary organisation associated with **Bhagat Singh** and other revolutionaries, formed after the reorganisation of the **Hindustan Republican Association** at a meeting at **Feroz Shah Kotla in Delhi** in **1928**.



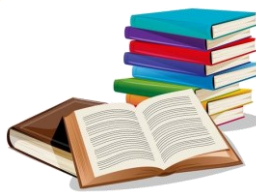
Important Terms Explained:

- **Central Legislative Assembly Bombing: Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt** threw bombs in the **Central Legislative Assembly in Delhi** on **8 April 1929** during the discussion of the **Public Safety Bill** as a political protest against the British legislative process.



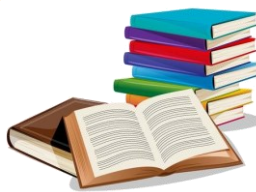
Important Terms Explained:

- **Lahore Conspiracy Case:** It was the case in which **Bhagat Singh** was awarded capital punishment and subsequently executed along with **Shivaram Rajguru** and **Sukhdev Thapar**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Inquilab Zindabad:** The slogan, meaning “**Long Live the Revolution,**” became closely associated with **Bhagat Singh** and the revolutionary movement.



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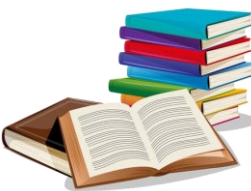
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Commemoration	Bhagat Singh's 119th birth anniversary was observed on 28 September 2026.
Birth	Bhagat Singh was born on 28 September 1907 in Banga, Lyallpur district, Punjab Province of British India, now in Pakistan.
Revolutionary organisation	He was associated with the HSRA, which emerged from the reorganisation of the Hindustan Republican Association in 1928.
Saunders killing	Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru and their associates killed Lahore policeman J.P. Saunders on 17 December 1928 in a case of mistaken identity.
Assembly bombing	Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt threw bombs in the Central Legislative Assembly in Delhi on 8 April 1929.
Political writings	His notable work "Why I am an Atheist" was written during his imprisonment and discussed religion, faith and atheism.
Political ideas	His political thought included socialism, equality, secularism and opposition to exploitation and colonial rule.
Execution	Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar were hanged in Lahore on 23 March 1931 following the Lahore Conspiracy Case.

➤ Which country won the gold medal at the 2026 Chess Olympiad in Samarkand?

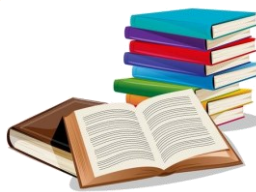
- A) India
- B) Germany
- C) Hungary
- D) Uzbekistan
- E) Ukraine

Answer
D) Uzbekistan.



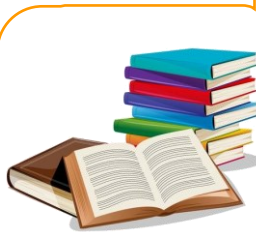
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India won the silver medal in the **2026 Chess Olympiad** after finishing second with **18** match points and **28.5** game points.
- **Location:** **The Chess Olympiad** was held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- **Date:** India secured the silver medal after the final round on **27 September 2026**.



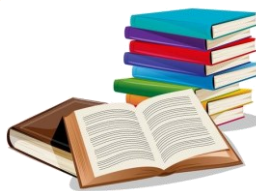
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India completed the **11**-round competition with a **2-2** draw against Hungary in the final round, while Uzbekistan defeated Ukraine to secure the gold medal.



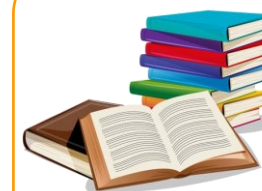
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The competition determined the leading international chess team, with India finishing ahead of Germany on the TB2 tiebreak after both teams ended with equal match points and game points.



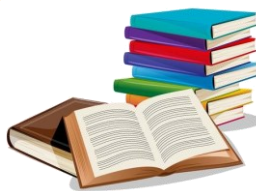
Ranking Table:

Rank	Team / Match Points / Remarks
1	Team: Uzbekistan Match Points / Remarks: 20 match points and gold medal.
2	Team: India Match Points / Remarks: 18 match points and silver medal, finishing ahead of Germany on TB2 tiebreak.
3	Team: Germany Match Points / Remarks: 18 match points and bronze medal.



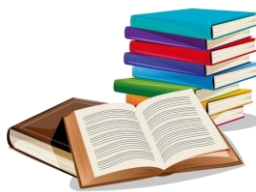
Important Terms Explained:

- **Match Points:** These are points awarded to teams according to their overall results in each team match and are used to determine standings in the competition.



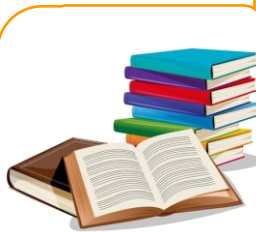
Important Terms Explained:

- **Game Points:** These represent the combined points earned from individual games played by team members across different boards.



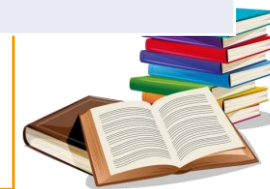
Important Terms Explained:

- **TB2 Tiebreak:** It was the tiebreak criterion that placed India ahead of Germany after both teams finished with **18** match points and **28.5** game points.



Tabular Summary:

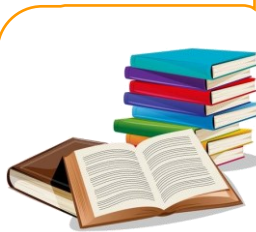
Parameter	Details
Tournament	The 2026 Chess Olympiad was held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
Gold medal	Uzbekistan finished first with 20 match points.
Silver medal	India finished second with 18 match points and 28.5 game points.
Bronze medal	Germany finished third with 18 match points.
India's final-round result	India drew 2-2 with Hungary in the 11th and final round.
Key Indian victory	Arjun Erigaisi defeated Peter Leko in the final round.
Tiebreak result	India finished ahead of Germany on the TB2 tiebreak after both had equal match points and game points.
Recent Indian achievement	India had previously won the open section of the 2024 Chess Olympiad in Budapest for the first time.



➤ Who became the first Indian woman to win a singles squash silver medal at the Asian Games?

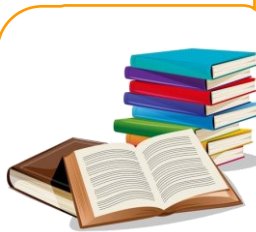
- A) Joshna Chinappa
- B) Dipika Pallikal
- C) Tanvi Khanna
- D) Anahat Singh
- E) Satomi Watanabe

Answer
D) Anahat Singh.



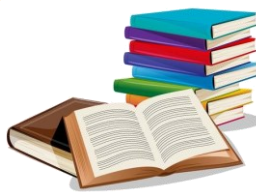
Event and Location:

- **Event:** Anahat Singh and Abhay Singh won silver medals for India in the women's and men's singles squash events respectively at the **Asian Games 2026**.
- **Location:** The **Asian Games 2026** squash competition was held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.



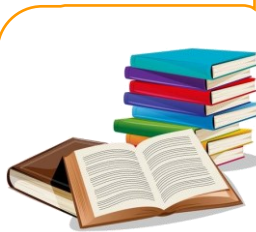
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The singles squash medal results were reported on **28 September 2026**.



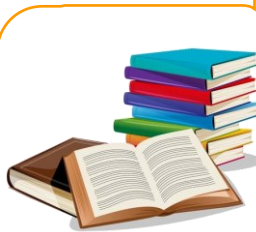
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** **Anahat Singh** faced Malaysia's defending champion **Sivasangari Subramaniam** in the women's singles final, while **Abhay Singh** faced Malaysia's defending champion **Ng Eain Yow** in the men's singles final.



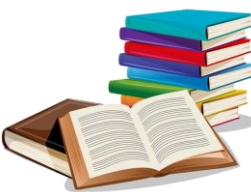
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The singles competition determined the **Asian Games** squash medalists and provided the individual winners an opportunity to secure LA **2028** Olympic quota places, subject to prescribed eligibility requirements.



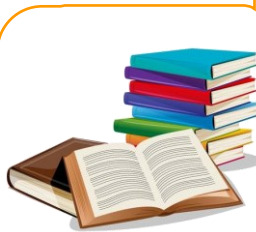
Important Terms Explained:

- **LA 2028** Olympic quota: The individual squash winners received an opportunity to obtain quota places for the **Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games**, subject to meeting qualification requirements, including the specified **PSA** world-ranking criterion.



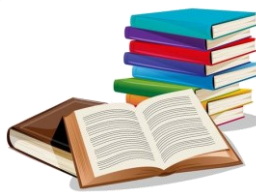
Important Terms Explained:

- **Professional Squash Association (PSA):** The **PSA** world ranking is used for professional squash players and forms part of the eligibility criteria mentioned for the LA **2028** quota opportunity.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mixed doubles squash:** It is a squash event featuring a male and a female player as a pair, in which **Joshna Chinappa and Velavan Senthilkumar** secured a bronze medal for India.



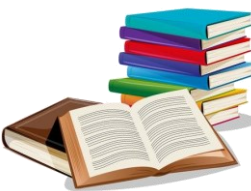
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Competition	India secured two singles squash silver medals at the Asian Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
Women's silver	Anahat Singh won silver and became the first Indian woman to achieve this result in Asian Games singles squash.
Women's gold	Malaysia's Sivasangari Subramaniam defeated Anahat Singh 11-4, 11-4, 11-7 in the final.
Men's silver	Abhay Singh won the men's singles silver medal and became the second Indian to achieve the feat after Saurav Ghosal.
Men's gold	Malaysia's Ng Eain Yow defeated Abhay Singh 11-9, 11-5, 11-5 in the final.
Anahat's semi-final	Anahat defeated Japan's Satomi Watanabe 9-11, 11-13, 12-10, 11-6, 11-3 after losing the opening two games.
Olympic quota significance	The Malaysian singles winners received an opportunity to secure LA 2028 Olympic quota places, subject to eligibility conditions.
India's mixed doubles medal	Joshna Chinappa and Velavan Senthilkumar secured a bronze medal in the mixed doubles event.

► What was India's overall position at the WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 competition?

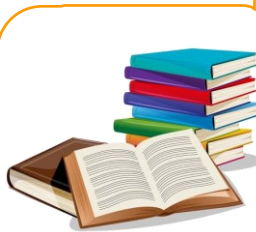
- A) 8th
- B) 9th
- C) 10th
- D) 11th
- E) 13th

Answer
C) 10th.



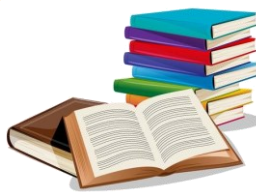
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India achieved its best-ever performance at WorldSkills Shanghai **2026**, finishing **10th** with six silver medals and **20 Medals for Excellence**.
- **Location:** WorldSkills Competition **#48** was hosted in Shanghai, China.



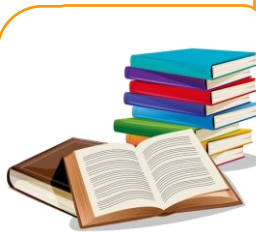
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The competitions were held from **23 to 26** September **2026**, followed by the closing ceremony on **27** September **2026**.



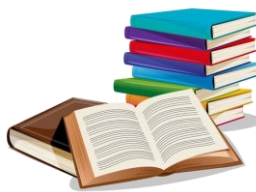
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India fielded its largest-ever WorldSkills delegation of **70** contestants across **63** skills and secured six silver medals along with **20 Medals for Excellence**.



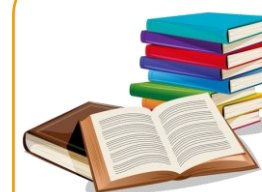
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The competition provides an international platform for participants to demonstrate professional and technical skills at world-class standards across traditional, service-oriented, industrial and emerging technology disciplines.



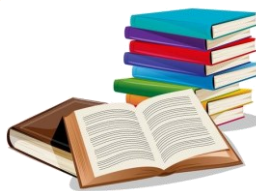
Ranking Table:

Rank	Edition / Remarks
10th	Edition: Shanghai 2026 Remarks: India won six silver medals and 20 Medals for Excellence.
13th	Edition: Lyon 2024 Remarks: India won four bronze medals and 12 Medals for Excellence.
13th	Edition: Kazan 2019 Remarks: India participated with 48 contestants across 44 skills.
19th	Edition: Abu Dhabi 2017 Remarks: India continued its improvement in the global competition.
29th	Edition: São Paulo 2015 Remarks: India finished 29th overall.
33rd	Edition: Leipzig 2013 Remarks: India finished 33rd overall.
39th	Edition: London 2011 Remarks: India participated with 16 contestants across 15 skills.



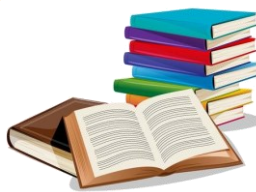
Important Terms Explained:

- **WorldSkills Competition:** It is a global skills competition where contestants demonstrate professional expertise across technical, vocational, digital, creative and service-oriented disciplines.



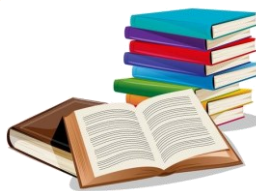
Important Terms Explained:

- **Medals for Excellence:** These recognitions are awarded to competitors who demonstrate specified world-class standards of performance in their respective skills.



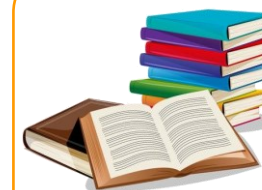
Important Terms Explained:

- **Best of Nation:** It is a distinction awarded to a country's standout competitor, with Bakery silver medallist **Smriti Nambiar** receiving India's **Best of Nation** title at Shanghai **2026**.



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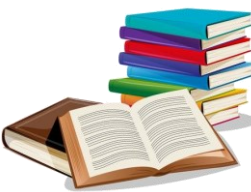
Parameter	Details
Competition	WorldSkills Competition #48 was hosted in Shanghai, China.
India's position	India finished 10th, improving from 13th at Lyon 2024.
Medal performance	India secured six silver medals and 20 Medals for Excellence.
Indian delegation	India sent its largest-ever delegation of 70 contestants across 63 skills.
Best of Nation	Bakery silver medallist Smriti Nambiar received India's Best of Nation title.
New disciplines	India made its first appearance in 11 emerging skill categories at Shanghai.
Global participation	Around 1,400 contestants from more than 70 countries participated in the competition.
Performance significance	The 10th-place finish marked India's best performance to date in the global skills competition.



➤ Who won the silver medal in the women's 25m pistol individual event at the Asian Games 2026?

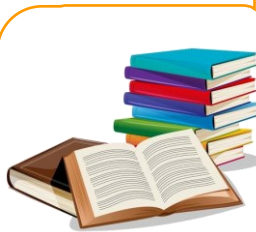
- A) Manu Bhaker
- B) Rahi Sarnobat
- C) Esha Singh
- D) Xiao Jiaruixuan
- E) Kim Hyon Suk

Answer
C) Esha Singh.



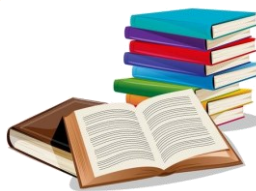
Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Esha Singh** won the silver medal in the women's **25m** pistol individual event at the **Asian Games 2026** after a gold-medal shoot-off against China's **Xiao Jiaruixuan**.
- **Location:** The women's **25m** pistol competition was held in Nagoya, Japan.
- **Date:** **Esha Singh** secured the silver medal on **28 September 2026**.



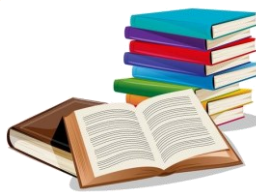
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** **Esha Singh** qualified for the final with **580** points and competed through multiple shoot-offs before finishing second to **Xiao Jiaruixuan**, while **North Korea's Kim Hyon Suk** secured bronze.



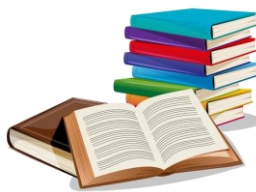
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The women's 25m pistol event tests competitors across precision and rapid-fire shooting phases, with the top eight shooters from qualification advancing to the individual final.



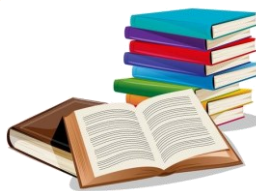
Important Terms Explained:

- **25m Pistol:** It is a shooting event combining precision and rapid-fire phases during qualification, followed by a separate hit-and-miss scoring format in the individual final.



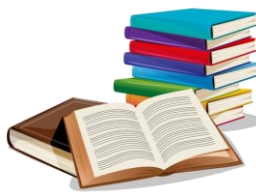
Important Terms Explained:

- Shoot-off: It is a tiebreaking procedure used when shooters are level at crucial stages, with **Esha Singh** participating in multiple shoot-offs during the final.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Inner Ten (X):** It represents a shot landing in the innermost section of the ten-point scoring area and can help distinguish shooters with otherwise identical qualification scores.



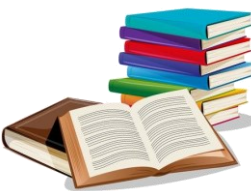
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event	Esha Singh won silver in the women's 25m pistol individual event at the Asian Games 2026.
Date and location	The medal was secured on 28 September 2026 in Nagoya, Japan.
Qualification score	Esha qualified for the final with 580 points and 22 inner tens.
Final result	Esha and Xiao Jiaruixuan were tied at 38 points at the end of the regular final before the gold-medal shoot-off.
Gold medal	China's Xiao Jiaruixuan won the gold medal after defeating Esha in the shoot-off.
Bronze medal	North Korea's Kim Hyon Suk secured the bronze medal.
Manu Bhaker	Manu Bhaker finished 11th in qualification with 579-18x and did not advance to the individual final.
Team result	India finished fifth in the women's 25m rapid fire pistol team event with a combined score of 1727-56x.

➤ Which Indian athlete broke PT Usha's 42-year-old national record in the women's 400m hurdles at the Asian Games 2026?

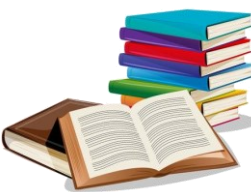
- A) Parul Chaudhary
- B) Anu Raghavan
- C) Vithya Ramraj
- D) Esha Singh
- E) Pincky Balhara

Answer
C) Vithya Ramraj.



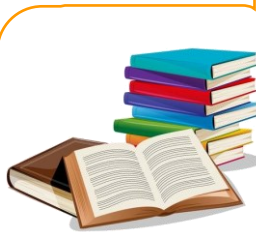
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India recorded its most successful day of the **Asian Games 2026** so far on Day **9**, winning eight medals comprising four silver and four bronze medals.
- **Location:** The **Asian Games 2026** is being held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- **Date:** India's Day **9** medal results were reported on **28 September 2026**.



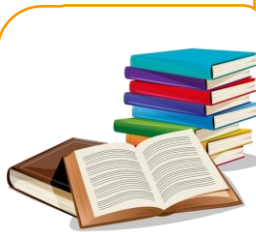
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India secured eight medals across athletics, shooting and kurash, with **Yash Vir Singh, Gulveer Singh, Murali Sreeshankar and Esha Singh** winning silver, while **Rohit Yadav, Parul Chaudhary, Vithya Ramraj and Pincky Balhara** won bronze.



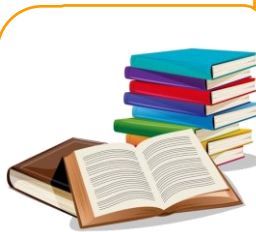
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** India's performances contributed to its overall **Asian Games** medal tally, while athletes also targeted personal bests, national records and advancement in individual and team competitions.



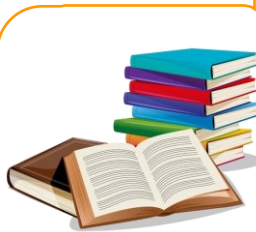
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Record:** It is the best officially recognised performance achieved by an athlete representing a country in a particular event, with **Vithya Ramraj** setting a new Indian women's **400m** hurdles record of **54.75** seconds.



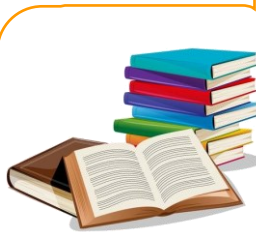
Important Terms Explained:

- **Personal Best:** It refers to an athlete's best performance achieved in a particular event, with **Yash Vir Singh** recording **85.72m** in javelin and **Gulveer Singh** clocking **3:36.72** in the **1500m**.



Important Terms Explained:

- Shoot-off: It is a tiebreaking procedure used in shooting when competitors are level, with **Esha Singh** losing the gold-medal shoot-off **4-3** to China's **Xiao Jiaruixuan**.



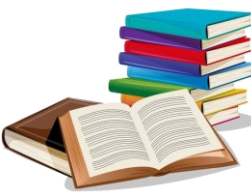
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Day 9 medal haul	India won eight medals, comprising four silver and four bronze medals.
Overall medal tally	India reached 38 medals, comprising four gold, 16 silver and 18 bronze medals.
Javelin medals	Yash Vir Singh won silver with 85.72m, while Rohit Yadav secured bronze with 84.35m.
Other athletics silvers	Gulveer Singh won men's 1500m silver in 3:36.72, while Murali Sreeshankar won long jump silver with 8.07m.
Athletics bronzes	Parul Chaudhary won women's 5000m bronze, while Vithya Ramraj secured women's 400m hurdles bronze.
National record	Vithya Ramraj clocked 54.75 seconds to break PT Usha's 42-year-old women's 400m hurdles national record.
Shooting medal	Esha Singh secured silver in the women's 25m pistol after a shoot-off against China's Xiao Jiaruixuan.
Kurash medal	Pincky Balhara won bronze in the women's 78 kg kurash event.

► How many artists were selected for the Lalit Kala Akademi Awards at the 65th National Exhibition of Art?

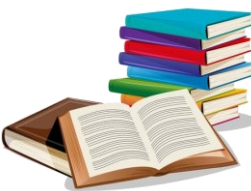
- A) 15
- B) 20
- C) 25
- D) 27
- E) 30

Answer
B) 20.



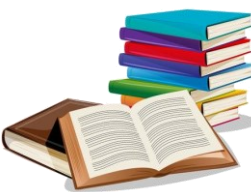
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Lalit Kala Akademi announced **20** awards at the **65th National Exhibition of Art**, with winners selected from **270** shortlisted artworks.
- **Location:** The **National Exhibition of Art** represented artists from **27 States and Union Territories** across India.



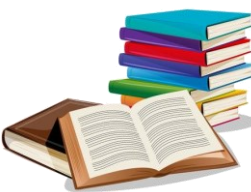
Event and Location:

- **Date: The Lalit Kala Akademi Awards** for the **65th National Exhibition of Art** were announced in September **2026**.



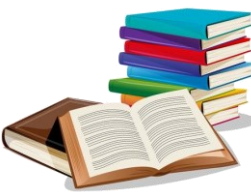
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The **Lalit Kala Akademi** conducted a two-tier selection process in which the **First-Tier Jury** selected **270** artworks for exhibition from **6,175** submissions, while the **Second-Tier Jury** chose **20** artworks for awards.



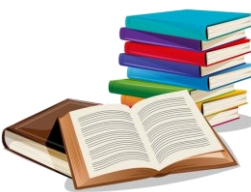
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The National Exhibition of Art aims to promote visual arts, provide a national platform for artists, recognise outstanding works and connect artists with audiences, collectors and cultural organisations.



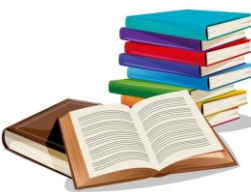
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Exhibition of Art (NEA):** It is an annual platform organised by the **Lalit Kala Akademi** to showcase and recognise visual artworks from across India.



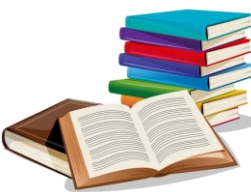
Important Terms Explained:

- **First-Tier Jury:** It was the jury panel responsible for selecting **270** artworks for display at the **65th National Exhibition of Art** from the total submissions received.



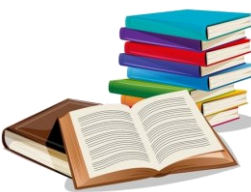
Important Terms Explained:

- Second-**Tier Jury**: It was the jury panel that selected **20** award-winning artworks from the **270** works shortlisted for exhibition.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Visual Arts:** These encompass creative forms such as painting, sculpture, drawing and printmaking, represented through diverse materials and techniques at the exhibition.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	The Lalit Kala Akademi announced 20 awards at the 65th National Exhibition of Art.
Organising institution	The exhibition was organised by the Lalit Kala Akademi, India's National Academy of Fine Arts.
Total submissions	A total of 6,175 artworks were submitted for the 2026 exhibition.
Participating artists	The submissions came from 2,495 artists representing 27 States and Union Territories.
Shortlisted works	The First-Tier Jury selected 270 artworks for display at the exhibition.
Award winners	The Second-Tier Jury selected 20 artworks to receive Lalit Kala Akademi Awards.
Art forms	Awarded works represented painting, sculpture, drawing, printmaking and other artistic mediums.
Significance	The exhibition provides a national platform for promoting visual arts and recognising artists from across India.

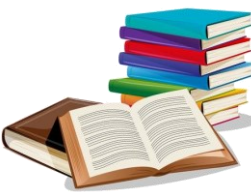


➤ Which three recipients were recognised with the inaugural Cool Leaders Award in 2026?

- A) Singapore, India and Dong Mingzhu
- B) Singapore, UAE and Dong Mingzhu
- C) UAE, China and Singapore
- D) Singapore, UNEP and Gree Electric
- E) UAE, Japan and Dong Mingzhu

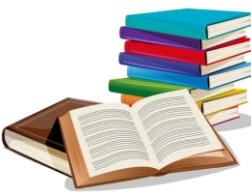
Answer

B) Singapore, UAE and Dong Mingzhu.



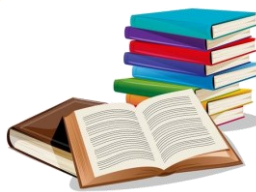
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The inaugural **Cool Leaders Award** recognised Singapore, the **United Arab Emirates and Dong Mingzhu** for leadership in sustainable cooling and heat resilience.
- **Location:** The awards were announced at the **Global Cooling Pledge Assembly 2026** in Singapore.
- **Date:** The **Global Cooling Pledge Assembly** was held from **15 to 18 September 2026**.



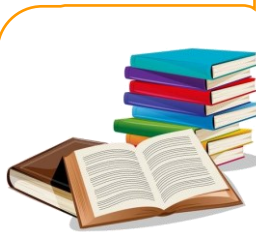
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: The Cool Leaders Awards** were established by the **UNEP-led Cool Coalition** to recognise leadership in sustainable cooling, including heat resilience, district cooling and ultra-efficient low-carbon cooling technologies.



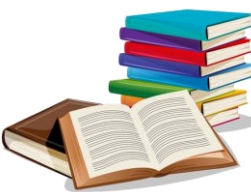
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to promote sustainable cooling solutions, improve protection from heatwaves, enhance energy efficiency and encourage approaches that reduce the climate impact of cooling.



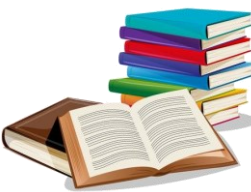
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cool Coalition:** It is a **UNEP**-led international multi-stakeholder network established in **2019** to promote sustainable cooling, improve energy efficiency and expand access to cooling while reducing climate impacts.



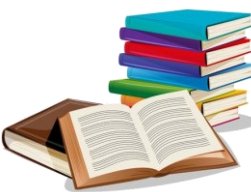
Important Terms Explained:

- **Global Cooling Pledge:** It is a global commitment launched during COP28 in **2023** by the **UAE** Presidency and **UNEP's Cool Coalition** to reduce the climate impact of cooling and expand access to sustainable cooling.



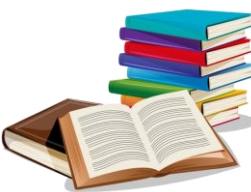
Important Terms Explained:

- **District Cooling:** It is a cooling approach highlighted through the **UAE's** recognition, involving centralised cooling practices designed to support more sustainable and efficient cooling systems.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Sustainable Cooling:** It refers to cooling solutions that expand access to protection from heat while improving energy efficiency and reducing associated emissions and climate impacts.



AWARDS



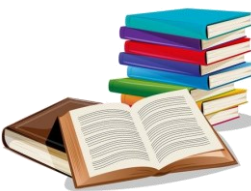
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Award	The inaugural Cool Leaders Award recognised leadership in sustainable cooling and heat resilience.
Venue	The awards were announced at the Global Cooling Pledge Assembly 2026 in Singapore.
Recipients	Singapore, the United Arab Emirates and Dong Mingzhu were the first three recipients.
Singapore's recognition	Singapore was recognised for heat resilience and sustainable cooling practices in a dense tropical urban environment.
UAE's recognition	The UAE was recognised for district cooling and linking sustainable cooling with international climate and development policy.
Dong Mingzhu's recognition	Dong Mingzhu was recognised for leadership in ultra-efficient and low-carbon cooling technologies.
Award term	The Cool Leaders serve for one year and use their experience and recognition to promote sustainable cooling.
Global Cooling Pledge goal	The pledge targets a 68% reduction in cooling-related emissions by 2050 and a 50% improvement in air-conditioner energy efficiency by 2030 compared with 2022 levels.

► What is the planned production capacity of India's first port-based e-methanol facility at Kandla?

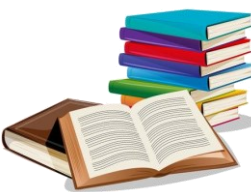
- A) 50 TPD
- B) 100 TPD
- C) 150 TPD
- D) 200 TPD
- E) 250 TPD

Answer
C) 150 TPD.



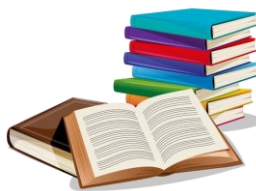
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's first port-based e-methanol facility is being developed through cooperation between **Deendayal Port Authority and Assam Petro-Chemicals Ltd** with a planned production capacity of **150 tonnes per day**.
- **Location:** The facility is being developed at Kandla in the Kutch district of Gujarat.



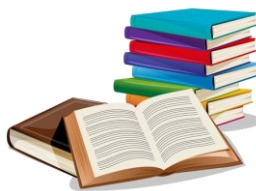
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The development was reported in September **2026**, following earlier project-related developments during **2026**.



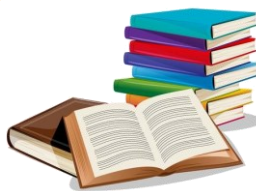
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** **Deendayal Port Authority** will provide port-side infrastructure such as pipeline connectivity and fuel-handling facilities, while **Assam Petro-Chemicals Ltd** will establish the e-methanol production unit in two phases.



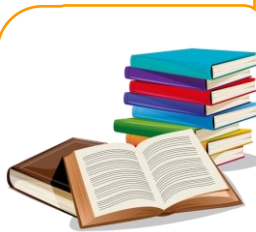
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The project aims to create an integrated green-fuel ecosystem at Kandla, provide an alternative marine fuel for international shipping and support the transition towards cleaner maritime operations.



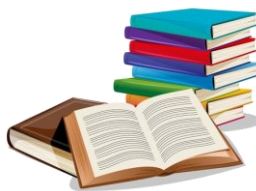
Important Terms Explained:

- E-Methanol: E-methanol, or electro-methanol, is produced using green hydrogen and captured CO₂, with renewable electricity powering the production process, and can serve as an alternative fuel for suitable ships and industrial applications.



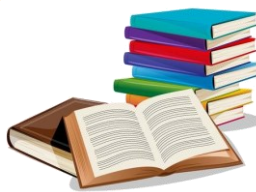
Important Terms Explained:

- **Methanol Bunkering:** It refers to the process and infrastructure used to transfer methanol fuel to ships, with Kandla conducting a shore-to-ship methanol-bunkering demonstration in April **2026**.



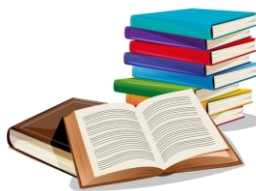
Important Terms Explained:

- **Renewable Fuels of Non-Biological Origin (RFNBO):**
The project envisages the availability of **RFNBO**-compatible e-methanol at Kandla to support deep-sea dual-fuel vessels operating on international shipping routes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Green Hydrogen Hub: Deendayal Port** has been designated for development as a **Green Hydrogen Hub** under the **National Green Hydrogen Mission**, supporting green hydrogen and related clean-fuel projects.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Project	India's first port-based e-methanol production facility is being developed at Kandla.
Project partners	Deendayal Port Authority and Assam Petro-Chemicals Ltd are collaborating on the project.
Planned capacity	The facility will have a total planned production capacity of 150 TPD.
Project phases	Phase I will have 50 TPD capacity, followed by an additional 100 TPD under Phase II.
Planned investment	The project information states a total planned investment of ₹2,300 crore.
Investment ratio	The investment ratio between DPA and APCL is planned at 76:24.
Infrastructure roles	DPA will provide port-side infrastructure, while APCL will establish the production facility.
Strategic significance	The facility is intended to support cleaner marine fuels, green shipping and international maritime operations.

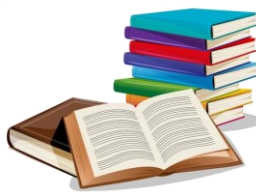


➤ What is the theme of Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026 being conducted at Jodhpur?

- A) Unity Through Air Power
- B) Power in Partnership
- C) Wings of Cooperation
- D) Strength Through Unity
- E) Air Power for Peace

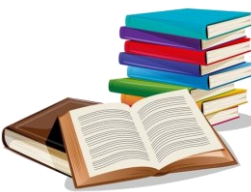
Answer

B) Power in Partnership.



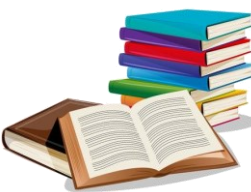
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Indian Air Force began **Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026**, a multinational air exercise involving the **IAF** and air forces of seven friendly foreign countries under the theme “**Power in Partnership.**”
- **Location:** The exercise is being conducted at **Air Force Station Jodhpur in Rajasthan, India.**
- **Date:** **Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026** is being conducted from **26 September to 12 October 2026.**



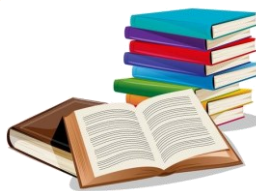
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The exercise brings together the **Indian Air Force** and air forces from Australia, the **United States**, the **United Arab Emirates**, France, Germany, **Sri Lanka and Bangladesh** for joint flying, operational activities and professional interactions.



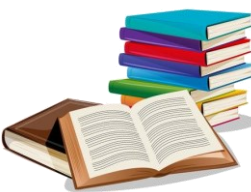
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The exercise aims to enhance interoperability among participating air forces, improve understanding of operational procedures, facilitate experience-sharing and strengthen cooperation in mission planning, aerospace safety and joint air operations.



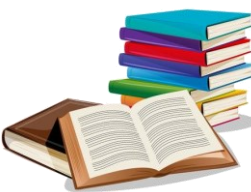
Important Terms Explained:

- **Exercise Tarang Shakti:** It is a multinational air exercise hosted by the **Indian Air Force**, with the **2026** edition being the second iteration following the inaugural exercise in **2024**.



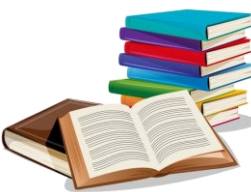
Important Terms Explained:

- **Interoperability:** It refers to the ability of different military forces, personnel and systems to operate effectively and coordinate with one another during joint missions.



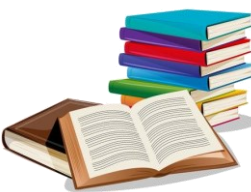
Important Terms Explained:

- **F-35 Lightning II**: It is a fifth-generation stealth fighter participating in **Tarang Shakti 2026**, marking the first time that the **Indian Air Force** is exercising with the **F-35**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Aerial Refuelling:** It refers to transferring fuel from one aircraft to another during flight, enabling aircraft to extend their operational range and endurance.



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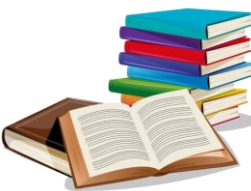
Parameter	Details
Exercise name	Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026 is a multinational air exercise hosted by the Indian Air Force.
Venue	The exercise is being conducted at Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
Duration	The exercise runs from 26 September to 12 October 2026.
Theme	The theme of the exercise is "Power in Partnership."
Foreign participants	Australia, the United States, the UAE, France, Germany, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh are participating with their air forces.
Major aircraft	Participating foreign platforms include F-35 Lightning II, Rafale, F-16, A400M, MRTT, C-130, C-130J and KC-30A aircraft.
Key objective	The exercise focuses on interoperability, joint operations, mission planning, aerospace safety and professional exchanges.
Special significance	Tarang Shakti 2026 marks the first time that the Indian Air Force is exercising with the F-35.

➤ Which Indian Army regiment forms the main component of the Indian contingent participating in KAZIND-2026?

- A) Rajputana Rifles
- B) Garhwal Rifles
- C) Sikh Regiment
- D) Gorkha Rifles
- E) Kumaon Regiment

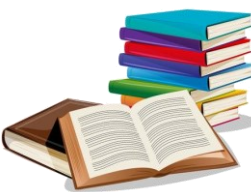


Answer
B) Garhwal Rifles.



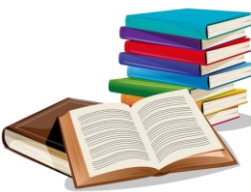
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The ninth edition of **KAZIND-2026**, the India-Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise, began with a **60**-member Indian contingent participating in joint counter-terrorism training.
- **Location:** The exercise is being conducted at **Oskemen in Kazakhstan**.



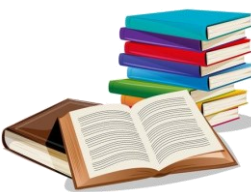
Event and Location:

- **Date:** **KAZIND-2026** is scheduled from **28** September to **11** October **2026**.



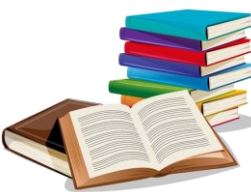
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Indian contingent, primarily comprising personnel from a battalion of the **Garhwal Rifles** along with personnel from other Army arms and services and the **Indian Air Force**, will undertake joint operational training with Kazakhstan's forces.



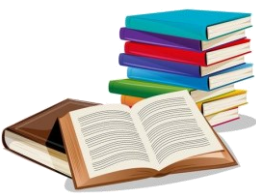
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The exercise aims to enhance interoperability and joint counter-terrorism capabilities in semi-urban and mountainous environments under a UN mandate while facilitating the exchange of tactics, techniques and operational experience.



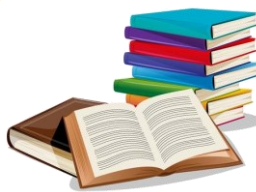
Important Terms Explained:

- **KAZIND:** It is the India-**Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise** focused on interoperability and counter-terrorism cooperation, with the **2026** edition being its ninth iteration.



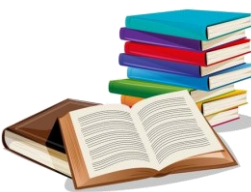
Important Terms Explained:

- **Special Heliborne Operations:** These are military operations involving the deployment and movement of personnel by helicopters for rapid access to operational areas.



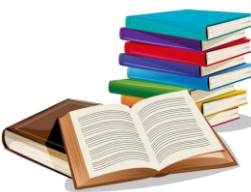
Important Terms Explained:

- **UAV Operations:** These involve the use of unmanned aerial vehicles for functions such as surveillance, reconnaissance and operational support during military missions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Joint Command Post:** It is a coordinated command facility through which participating forces undertake joint planning, information-sharing and implementation of operations.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Exercise name	KAZIND-2026 is the ninth edition of the India-Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise.
Venue	The exercise is being conducted at Oskemen, Kazakhstan.
Duration	KAZIND-2026 is scheduled from 28 September to 11 October 2026.
Indian contingent	India has deployed a 60-member contingent comprising mainly Garhwal Rifles personnel along with other Army and Indian Air Force personnel.
Operational focus	The exercise focuses on joint counter-terrorism operations in semi-urban and mountainous terrain under a UN mandate.
Training activities	Training covers raids, search-and-destroy missions, cordon-and-search operations, air mobility, heliborne operations and UAV and anti-UAV operations.
Joint infrastructure	A Joint Command Post and an Intelligence Surveillance Centre will support planning, information-sharing and coordinated operations.
Final activity	The exercise will conclude with a validation exercise involving a simulated terrorist threat and application of jointly learned tactics, techniques and procedures.

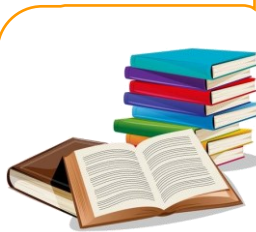
➤ **Which department launched the Livestock Insurance Portal in New Delhi on 28 September 2026?**

- A) Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- B) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- C) Department of Rural Development
- D) Department of Financial Services
- E) Department of Fisheries



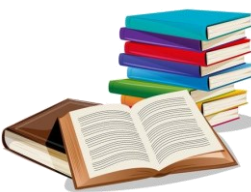
Answer

B) Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.



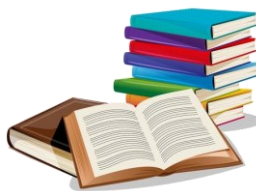
Event and Location:

- **Event: The Livestock Insurance Portal** was launched to provide livestock insurance services through a single digital platform covering policy issuance, claims, monitoring and reporting.
- **Location:** The portal was launched in **New Delhi, India.**
- **Date: The Livestock Insurance Portal** was launched on **28 September 2026.**



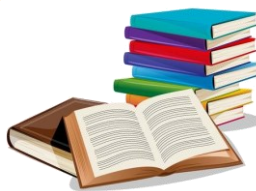
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched the portal through **Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh** alias **Lalan Singh** to integrate livestock insurance policy issuance, claim processing and tracking, monitoring, reporting and insurance-related information.



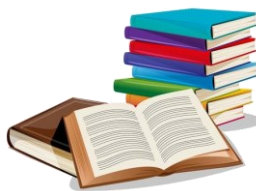
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The portal aims to digitise livestock insurance services, improve coordination among stakeholders, enable data-based monitoring and protect farmers against financial losses arising from the death of insured animals.



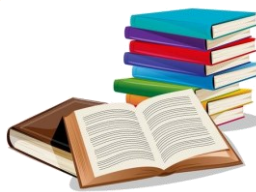
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Livestock Mission (NLM):** The **Livestock Insurance** activity is covered under the Sub-Mission on Research & Development, **Livestock Insurance**, Extension, and Innovation of **NLM** to promote livestock insurance and protect farmers against financial losses.



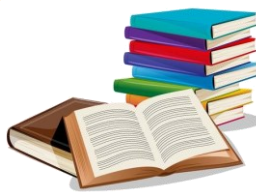
Important Terms Explained:

- **Cattle Unit:** For the insurance component, one cattle unit is equivalent to **10** small animals such as sheep, goats, pigs and rabbits.



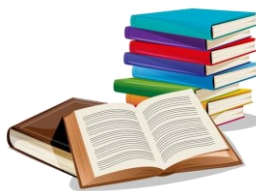
Important Terms Explained:

- **Radio Frequency Identification (RFID):** RFID has been approved as an additional method for identifying animals covered under the livestock insurance scheme.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Premium Sharing:** Under the current provision, the beneficiary bears **15%** of the insurance premium, while the government supports the remaining **85%**.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Key initiative	The Livestock Insurance Portal was launched as a single digital platform for livestock insurance services.
Launch date and place	The portal was launched on 28 September 2026 in New Delhi.
Launching authority	The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched the portal through Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh.
Portal services	It integrates policy issuance, claim processing and tracking, monitoring, reporting and online insurance information.
Language availability	The portal is available in Hindi, English and 11 regional languages.
Premium sharing	Beneficiaries bear 15% of the insurance premium, while the government supports 85%.
Insurance limit	Subsidy entitlement covers up to 10 cattle units per beneficiary family, while the limit for pigs and rabbits remains five cattle units.
Implementation and identification	The insurance component is implemented across all districts, and RFID has been approved as an additional animal identification method.

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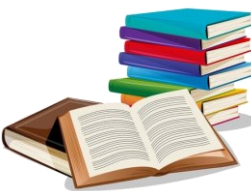


➤ Under the Thaaaimaman Thanga Mothiram Scheme, what is provided to eligible newborns in Tamil Nadu government hospitals?

- A) One-gram 22-carat gold ring
- B) Two-gram 24-carat gold ring
- C) ₹10,000 cash assistance
- D) One-gram silver ring
- E) Gold savings certificate

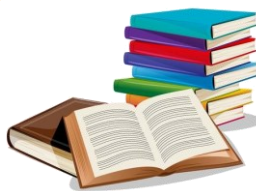
Answer

A) One-gram 22-carat gold ring.



Event and Location:

- **Event:** **Tamil Nadu** introduced the **Thaaimaman Thanga Mothiram Thittam**, or **Maternal Uncle Gold Ring Scheme**, to provide eligible newborns with a one-gram, **22-carat** gold ring.
- **Location:** The scheme was launched in Madurai and applies to eligible births in government hospitals across **Tamil Nadu**.

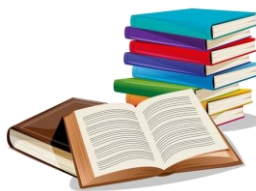


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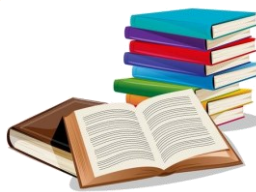
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The scheme was launched on **28 September 2026**, with eligibility extended retrospectively to babies born from **22 June 2026** onwards.



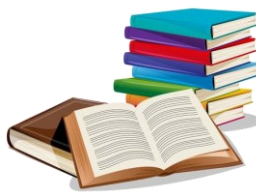
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Under the scheme, eligible babies born in **Tamil Nadu** government hospitals receive a one-gram, **22**-carat gold ring, subject to requirements including the mother's **Tamil Nadu** residency, **PICME** enrolment and possession of the requisite **RCH** ID.



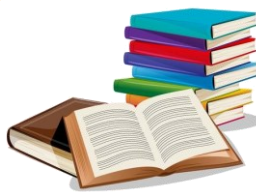
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The scheme aims to encourage institutional deliveries, strengthen public confidence in government hospitals and support **Tamil Nadu's** maternal and child healthcare objectives while reflecting the cultural tradition of **Thaaimaman Seer**.



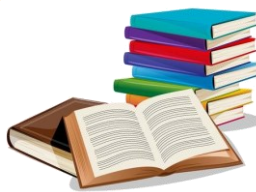
Important Terms Explained:

- **Thaaimaman Seer:** It refers to the Tamil cultural tradition in which a maternal uncle, known as Thaaimaman, presents gifts to a newborn baby.



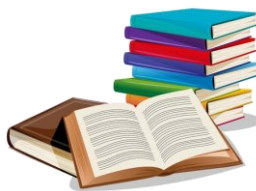
Important Terms Explained:

- **PICME:** It is the pregnancy and infant health tracking programme through which eligible mothers must be enrolled to receive benefits under the scheme.



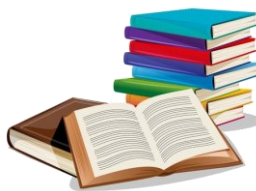
Important Terms Explained:

- **RCH ID:** It is the identification associated with reproductive and child health tracking and is required for beneficiaries under the scheme.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Institutional Delivery:** It refers to childbirth taking place in a recognised healthcare institution, with the scheme specifically encouraging deliveries in government hospitals.



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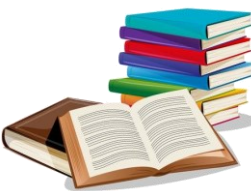
Parameter	Details
Scheme name	Thaaimaman Thanga Mothiram Thittam, also called the Maternal Uncle Gold Ring Scheme.
Launch date and place	The scheme was launched in Madurai on 28 September 2026.
Eligibility date	Babies born in Tamil Nadu government hospitals from 22 June 2026 onwards are eligible subject to prescribed conditions.
Benefit	Each eligible newborn receives a one-gram, 22-carat gold ring.
Annual allocation	The scheme has an annual allocation of ₹755.83 crore.
Annual target	Around 4.41 lakh one-gram gold rings are intended to be supplied annually.
Initial procurement	The Tamil Nadu government initially procured 1.28 lakh gold rings for implementation.
Identification and security	Each ring carries a unique serial number and is supplied in tamper-proof packaging.



► What percentage of diesel consumption can be replaced by LNG in India's first LNG-diesel dual-fuel train?

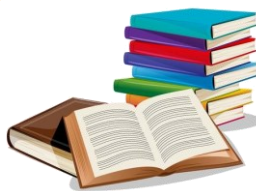
- A) 20%
- B) 30%
- C) 40%
- D) 50%
- E) 60%

Answer
C) 40%.



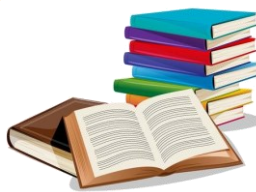
Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's first **LNG**-powered train was flagged off with an **LNG**-diesel dual-fuel system designed to reduce diesel consumption and fuel costs.
- **Location:** The train was flagged off from **Sabarmati Railway Station in Ahmedabad**, Gujarat, and has reportedly been operating between **Sabarmati and Mahesana Junction**.



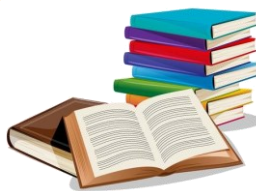
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The train was flagged off on **27 September 2026**.



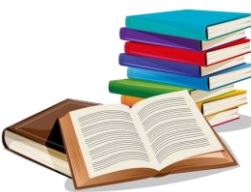
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates: Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah** flagged off the train, whose two **1,400 HP Driving Power Cars** were converted to operate using both **LNG** and diesel.



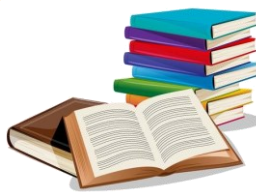
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to replace up to **40%** of diesel consumption with **LNG**, lower fuel expenditure, reduce emissions and promote cleaner alternative-fuel technologies in **Indian Railways**.



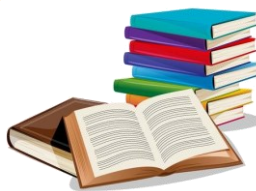
Important Terms Explained:

- **Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG):** LNG is natural gas cooled to approximately -162°C , converting it into liquid form for easier storage and transportation.



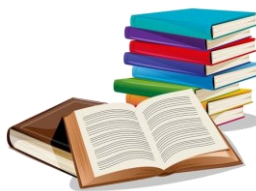
Important Terms Explained:

- Dual-fuel **LNG**-diesel system: It is a system that enables the train's modified **Driving Power Cars** to use both **LNG** and diesel, allowing continued operation even when **LNG** is unavailable.



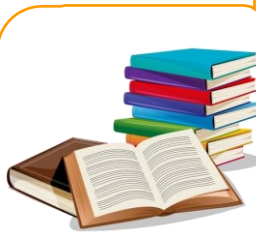
Important Terms Explained:

- **Driving Power Car (DPC):** It is the powered unit used to propel the train, with two **1,400** HP DPCs converted for **LNG**-diesel dual-fuel operation under this project.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Compressed Natural Gas (CNG):** CNG is natural gas stored under high pressure and differs from **LNG**, which is natural gas converted into liquid form through extreme cooling.



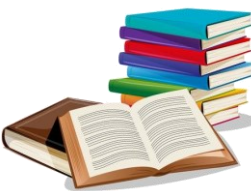
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Key development	India's first LNG-powered train was flagged off from Sabarmati Railway Station on 27 September 2026.
Flagged off by	Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah flagged off the train.
Fuel system	The train uses an LNG-diesel dual-fuel system capable of replacing up to 40% of diesel consumption.
Power configuration	Two Driving Power Cars of 1,400 HP each were converted for dual-fuel operation.
Field trials	The train covered more than 2,000 kilometres during field trials before introduction.
LNG capacity	Each DPC has an LNG tank capacity of approximately 2,200 litres, with around 950–1,000 kg of usable LNG per tank.
Estimated savings	Indian Railways estimated annual savings of about ₹11.9 lakh per DPC and approximately ₹23.9 lakh for an eight-coach rake.
Environmental significance	The system is expected to reduce CO ₂ , NO _x and particulate matter emissions while supporting alternative-fuel railway operations.

- Which two organisations reached an understanding that led to the deferment of the proposed nationwide bank strike from September 28 to 30, 2026?

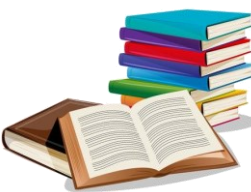
- A) RBI and SBI
- B) IBA and UFBU
- C) RBI and UFBU
- D) IBA and NABARD
- E) DFS and RBI

Answer
B) IBA and UFBU.



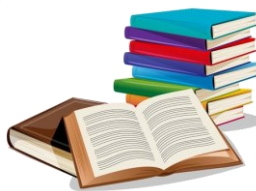
Event and Location:

- **Event:** The proposed three-day nationwide bank strike was deferred after the **Indian Banks' Association (IBA)** and **United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU)** reached an understanding on pending demands.
- **Location:** The proposed strike and related banking issues had nationwide coverage across India.



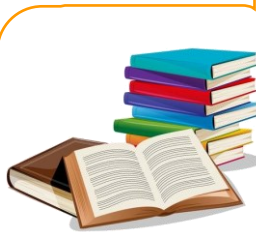
Event and Location:

- **Date:** The understanding was reached on **27** September **2026**, while the proposed strike was scheduled from **28** to **30** September **2026**.



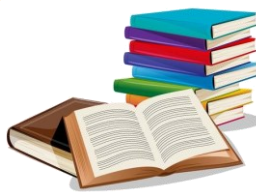
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** **IBA** and **UFBU** agreed to constitute a high-level committee to examine the demand for declaring the remaining Saturdays as bank holidays, while continuing discussions on **PLI** and other pending issues.



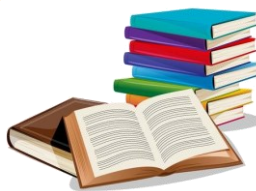
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objectives:** The discussions aim to examine the demand for a five-day banking week, consider alternative proposals, address pending employee-related issues and arrive at a solution that also protects customer interests.



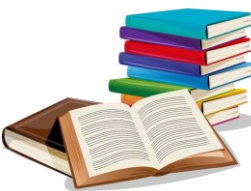
Important Terms Explained:

- Five-day banking week: It refers to the unions' demand for banks to operate for five working days per week, with the remaining Saturdays being declared bank holidays.



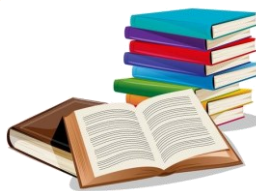
Important Terms Explained:

- **Performance Linked Incentive (PLI):** The discussions include the **PLI** scheme applicable to Scale IV and above officers, which forms part of the pending issues between the banking organisations and unions.



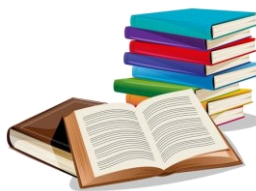
Important Terms Explained:

- **National Pension Scheme (NPS):** It is the pension system mentioned in the unions' demand seeking an option for enrolled employees to switch to the **Old Pension Scheme**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Old Pension Scheme (OPS):** It is the pension arrangement to which unions have sought an option for eligible employees currently enrolled under **NPS** to switch.



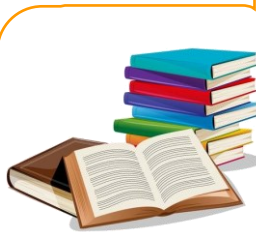
Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Key development	The proposed nationwide bank strike from 28 to 30 September 2026 was deferred.
Organisations involved	IBA and UFBU reached an understanding following discussions on 27 September 2026.
Main demand	The principal demand was the introduction of a five-day banking week by declaring the remaining Saturdays as bank holidays.
High-level committee	A committee comprising members of IBA and UFBU will examine the demand concerning Saturday holidays.
PLI issue	Further discussions will be held regarding the PLI scheme for Scale IV and above officers.
Other demands	Pension improvements, a common dearness allowance rate formula for pensioners and an NPS-to-OPS option were among the demands raised.
Pending matters	Residual issues recorded in the minutes dated 8 March 2024 will also be considered.
Bank operations	With the strike deferred, normal banking activities were expected to continue from 28 to 30 September 2026, subject to individual bank notices.

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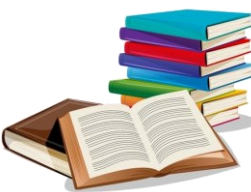
- **Bhagat Singh's 119th birth anniversary was observed on 28 September 2026 to commemorate the revolutionary freedom fighter's contribution to India's independence movement and his enduring political legacy.**
- **India won the silver medal at the 2026 Chess Olympiad in Samarkand after finishing with 18 match points and 28.5 game points, while Uzbekistan claimed gold with 20 match points.**
- **Anahat Singh and Abhay Singh won women's and men's singles squash silver medals for India at the Asian Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, with Anahat becoming the first Indian woman to secure a singles squash silver at the Games.**
- **India recorded its best-ever WorldSkills performance at Shanghai 2026 by finishing 10th with six silver medals and 20 Medals for Excellence, improving from 13th place at Lyon 2024.**
- **Esha Singh won silver for India in the women's 25m pistol at the Asian Games 2026 in Nagoya after a dramatic gold-medal shoot-off against China's Xiao Jiaruixuan.**
- **India recorded its most successful day of the Asian Games 2026 so far by winning eight medals on Day 9, including four silver and four bronze medals, taking its overall tally to 38 medals.**



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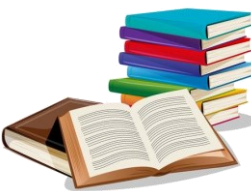
- The Lalit Kala Akademi honoured 20 artists at the 65th National Exhibition of Art after a two-tier jury process evaluated submissions from artists representing 27 States and Union Territories.
- The UNEP-led Cool Coalition recognised Singapore, the UAE and Dong Mingzhu as the inaugural Cool Leaders at the 2026 Global Cooling Pledge Assembly in Singapore for their contributions to sustainable cooling and heat resilience.
- Deendayal Port Authority and Assam Petro-Chemicals Ltd are developing India's first port-based e-methanol facility at Kandla with a planned capacity of 150 TPD to support green shipping and alternative marine fuels.
- The Indian Air Force commenced Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026 at Jodhpur with seven foreign air forces under the theme "Power in Partnership" to strengthen interoperability and joint operational cooperation.
- India and Kazakhstan began the ninth edition of KAZIND at Oskemen on 28 September 2026 to strengthen interoperability and joint counter-terrorism capabilities through military training under a UN mandate.



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- **The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched the Livestock Insurance Portal in New Delhi on 28 September 2026 to digitise policy issuance, claims, monitoring and reporting under livestock insurance.**
- **Tamil Nadu launched the Thaaaimaman Thanga Mothiram Thittam in Madurai on 28 September 2026 to provide eligible newborns in government hospitals with one-gram, 22-carat gold rings and encourage institutional deliveries.**
- **India's first LNG-powered train was flagged off by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah from Sabarmati Railway Station on 27 September 2026 to reduce diesel consumption, fuel costs and emissions through dual-fuel technology.**
- **The proposed nationwide bank strike from 28 to 30 September 2026 was deferred after IBA and UFBU reached an understanding to examine five-day banking and other pending demands through further discussions.**




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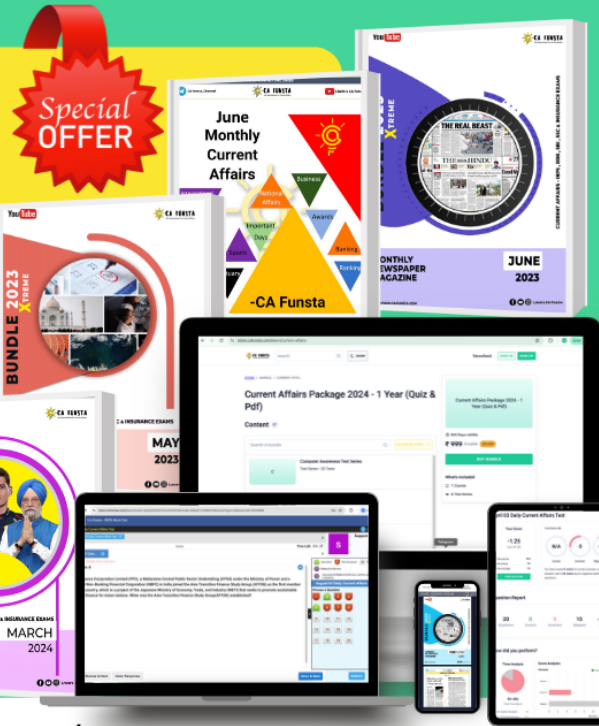


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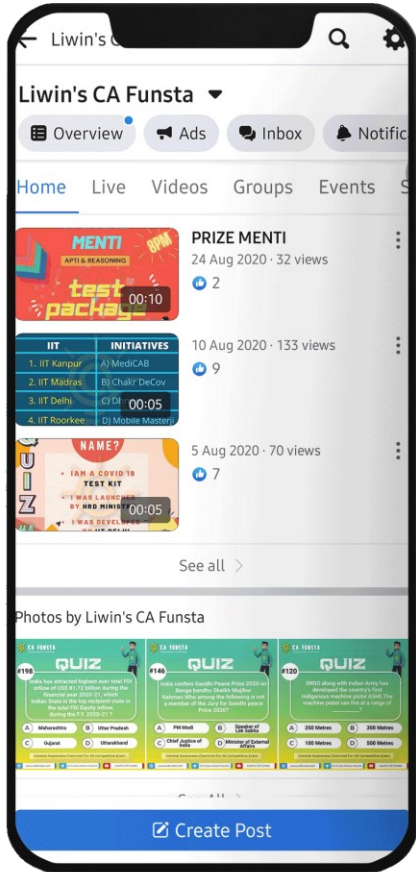
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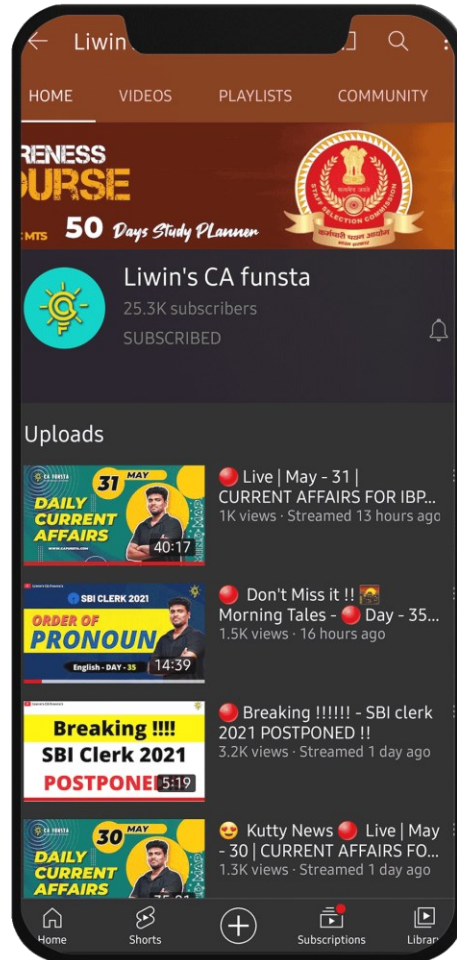


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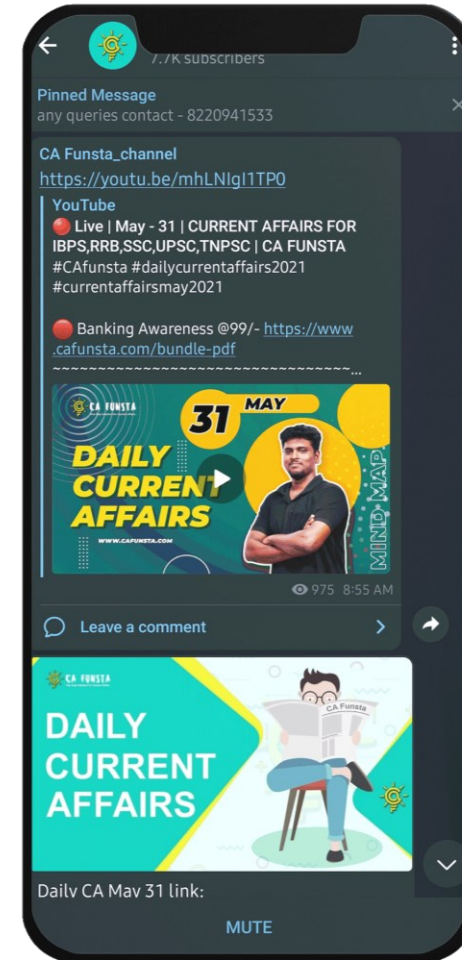
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