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World First Aid Day 2026

- The World First Aid Day in 2026 widely celebrated on Saturday, September 12. This day marks the significance of having basic lifesaving skills when there are emergencies.
- This year's theme is **"First Aid in Migration Contexts"** which emphasizes the need for the emergency care among the migrants and displaced people.
- World First Aid Day comes every year on the second Saturday of the month of September and it serves to remind people of the basic first aid procedures that can save lives and promote recovery.
- Modern-day idea of first aid was formed in the 19th century even though basic remedies for any injury or sickness existed throughout history.
- Colonel Francis Duncan and Surgeon-Major Peter Shepherd from the Royal Herbert Military Hospital in Woolwich initiated first-aid classes for civilians in 1878. Shepherd created training modules on such first-aid techniques as bandaging and splinting.
- First-aid certificates and classes became increasingly popular by the end of the 19th century.



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International Day for South-South Cooperation 2026

- International Day for South-South Cooperation will be celebrated on September 11, 2026, as this day will help to demonstrate how countries can cooperate by exchanging knowledge, technologies, and other tangible ways.
- On September 11, International Day for South-South Cooperation 2026 to be celebrated under the theme of **“Solidarity Rising: Global Alliance for Inclusive and Innovative Development.”**
- **Knowledge exchange:** The countries exchange their successful approaches, experience and development models.
- **Innovation and technology:** Low-cost innovations developed locally may be applicable to other countries.
- **Development issues:** Cooperation helps to deal with climate change, health care, food and energy problems.

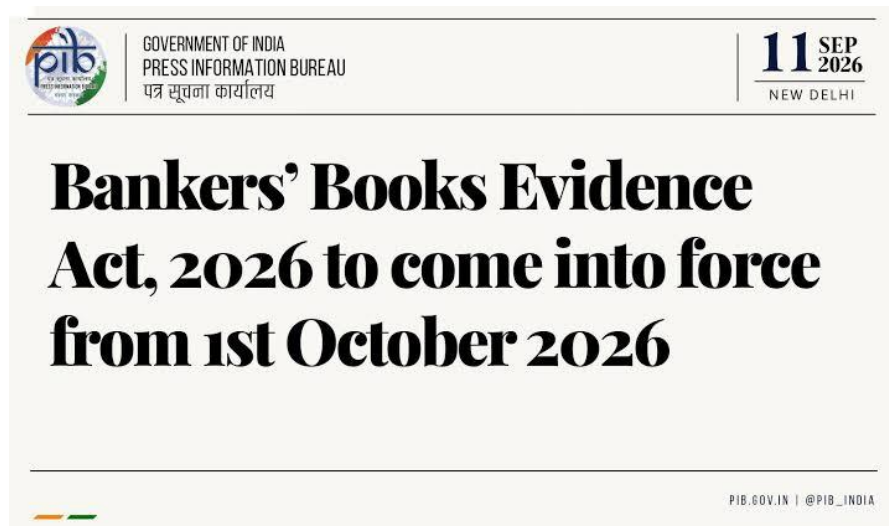
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Bankers' Books Evidence Act 2026 Takes Effect From October 1

- The Bankers Books Evidence Act, 2026 will come into force from October 1st, 2026, will replace the Act of 1891. This new legislation will provide a contemporary legal framework which will allow the use of the banking books in court processes.
- President Droupadi Murmu granted assent to the Act on August 13, 2026, while the Central Government announced on September 10 that the new Act will come into effect from October 1.

- The older Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891 had been made at a time when the banking records existed only in physical form.
- The new Act takes a technology neutral approach and ensures that the legal framework accommodates banking records kept in various forms.
- These include,
 - Physical records
 - Electronic records
 - Digital records
 - Virtual records
 - Cloud-based records
 - Contemporary banking records



UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2026

- The UNESCO has named six recipients of the International Literacy Prizes 2026, for their outstanding contributions to literacy through innovative projects from Colombia, Lebanon, Mexico, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Nigeria and Thailand.
- The prize was awarded during the International Literacy Day 2026, celebrated worldwide on September 8–9 in Chiapas, Mexico.
- The theme for this year's award ceremony is "Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity," which emphasizes the requirement to ensure that literacy systems become more inclusive and multilingual."
- Escuelas LEO Programme – Colombia
- Language Friendly School Programme – Netherlands
- Project PAL – Nigeria

- The UNESCO International Literacy Prizes have been awarded since 1967 and have recognized over 600 individuals, organizations, and institutions for their efforts to promote literacy.
- This year's prizes are coming amid widespread global literacy disparities. UNESCO indicates that over 739 million youth and adults have not attained basic literacy skills, and 63% of them are women.



Ancient Tamil Classic Gifted by PM Modi to Vladimir Putin

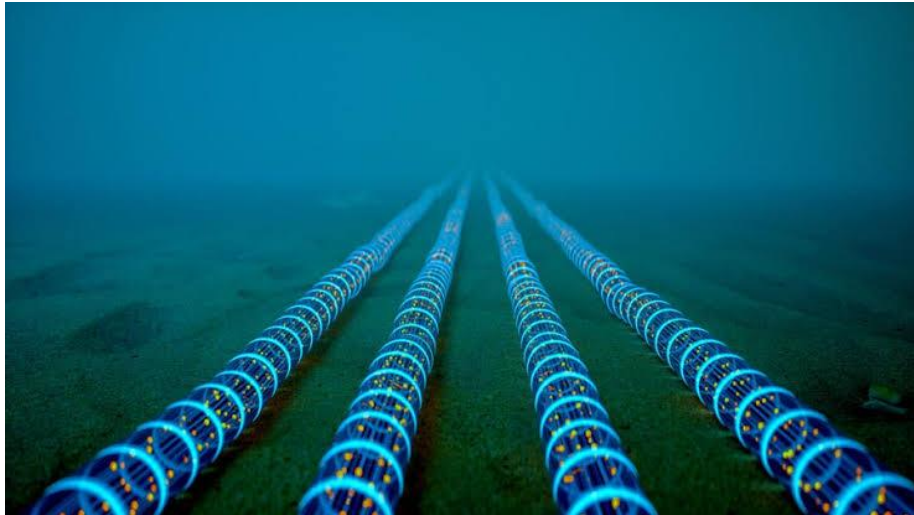
- PM Narendra Modi presented Russian President Vladimir Putin with a Russian translation of the **Thirukkural** while hosting him in New Delhi prior to the BRICS Summit. This has led to increased interest in one of the most important books in Tamil literature, traditionally credited to poet philosopher Thiruvalluvar.
- Written in Old Tamil, the Thirukkural consists of 1,330 kurals spread out in 133 chapters, which teach ideas related to ethics, behavior, administration, justice, money, friendships, family life, and love; hence it is not limited to any religion or philosophy.
- The Thirukkural, also known as the Kural, is an ancient Tamil text traditionally written by Thiruvalluvar. The book consists of 1,330 couplets that contain one idea or lesson.
- This text is made up of 133 chapters, each consisting of 10 couplets. Instead of focusing on one area, it addresses a wide variety of aspects of human life.
- The 133 chapters of the Thirukkural are divided into three major sections:



India and US Strengthen Undersea Cable Security Cooperation

- The technology collaboration between India and the US has been furthered to increase the resilience of global submarine cables, which act as an artery for the world's digital communication systems.
- This move is part of the effort of both nations to secure key infrastructure that serves as the backbone for cloud computing, data centers, e-commerce, and artificial intelligence.
- Through the US-India TRUST (Transforming the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technologies) Initiative, experts from the government and industry sectors recently attended an Undersea Cables Workshop.
- The US has designated India as a future major center of subsea digital infrastructure due to its robust digital economy and geographical position.
- The most recent form of cooperation revolves around enhancing the security, resilience, and diversity of global undersea cable systems. This was reported by the US Embassy in India, which revealed that both nations held a conference called the Undersea Cables Workshop in September.
- The US-India TRUST Initiative is a program that was started during the visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Washington in February 2025. The initiative aims at increasing the cooperation among government, academia, and private sector organizations on critical and emerging technologies.
- These technologies includes the,
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Semiconductors

- Quantum computing
- Biotechnology
- Energy
- Space



India-Russia Trade Target Set at \$100 Billion by 2030

- India and Russia have set a bilateral trade target of 100 billion by 2030, with current trade at around 60 billion. The two countries are also pursuing a new Bilateral Investment Treaty and a bilateral investment target of \$50 billion by 2030.
- India and Russia discussed expanded industrial cooperation in New Delhi in September 2026 ahead of the 18th BRICS Summit.
- The agenda covered railways, the steel value chain, civil nuclear energy, critical minerals, advanced manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, information technology, artificial intelligence, services, engineering, and auto components.
- INNOPROM India 2026 was held in New Delhi around 10–11 September 2026. The exhibition brought together India's Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Russia's Industry and Trade Minister Anton Alikhanov for discussions on industrial and trade cooperation.
- India and Russia also discussed defence cooperation, including S-400 deliveries, BrahMos upgrades, and talks on joint production of Su-57 fighter jets. Energy cooperation covered oil and gas supplies, fertiliser procurement, and a possible second site for Russian-constructed nuclear power plants in India.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. World First Aid Day 2026 was observed on which date?

- A. 8 September 2026
- B. 10 September 2026
- C. 12 September 2026
- D. 15 September 2026

Answer: C. 12 September 2026

Explanation: World First Aid Day is observed annually on the second Saturday of September. In 2026, it falls on 12 September. The 2026 theme is "First Aid in Migration Contexts."

2. What is the theme of World First Aid Day 2026?

- A. First Aid for a Safer World
- B. First Aid in Migration Contexts
- C. First Aid for Global Health
- D. First Aid for Disaster Resilience

Answer: B. First Aid in Migration Contexts

Explanation: The theme highlights the importance of basic emergency-care knowledge and access to first aid for migrants and displaced populations, particularly during humanitarian emergencies.

3. The International Day for South-South Cooperation is observed annually on:

- A. 10 September
- B. 11 September

- C. 12 September
- D. 15 September

Answer: C. 12 September

Explanation: The International Day for South-South Cooperation is observed every year on 12 September. It promotes cooperation among developing countries through the sharing of knowledge, technology, expertise and development experiences.

4. What is the theme associated with the International Day for South-South Cooperation 2026?

- A. Together for Sustainable Development
- B. Solidarity Rising: Global Alliance for Inclusive and Innovative Development
- C. Partnership for a Better Future
- D. Innovation for Global Prosperity

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

Explanation: The 2026 theme emphasises solidarity, inclusiveness and innovation as tools for accelerating development through South-South cooperation.

5. The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 will replace which earlier legislation?

- A. Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- B. Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
- C. Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891
- D. Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881

Answer: C. Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891

Explanation: The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 is intended to replace the 1891 Act and provide a modern legal framework for the use of banking records as evidence.

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

- A. 13 August 2026
- B. 1 September 2026
- C. 1 October 2026
- D. 1 January 2027

Answer: C. 1 October 2026

Explanation: President Droupadi Murmu gave assent to the legislation on 13 August 2026, and the Central Government announced that it would come into force from 1 October 2026.

7. The Thirukkural, traditionally attributed to Thiruvalluvar, contains how many couplets?

- A. 1,000
- B. 1,230
- C. 1,330
- D. 1,430

Answer: C. 1,330

Explanation: The Thirukkural consists of 1,330 couplets (kurals) arranged into 133 chapters, with 10 couplets in each chapter. It is a major work of classical Tamil literature.

8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented a Russian translation of the Thirukkural to which Russian leader?

- A. Dmitry Medvedev
- B. Vladimir Putin
- C. Mikhail Mishustin
- D. Sergey Lavrov

Answer: B. Vladimir Putin

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented Russian President Vladimir Putin with a Russian translation of the Thirukkural, highlighting the cultural dimension of India-Russia relations.

9. India and the United States are cooperating to strengthen the security and resilience of which critical infrastructure?

- A. Satellite communication networks
- B. Undersea cable systems
- C. Railway networks
- D. Nuclear power grids

Answer: B. Undersea cable systems

Explanation: India and the US are working together on the security and resilience of global undersea/submarine cable networks, which carry a major share of international digital communications and support cloud computing, data centres and other digital services.

10. India and Russia have set what bilateral trade target for 2030?

- A. \$75 billion
- B. \$80 billion
- C. \$100 billion
- D. \$125 billion

Answer: C. \$100 billion

Explanation: India and Russia have set an ambitious target of increasing bilateral trade to \$100 billion by 2030. The two countries are also discussing greater investment cooperation, defence, energy, nuclear power, critical minerals and advanced manufacturing.