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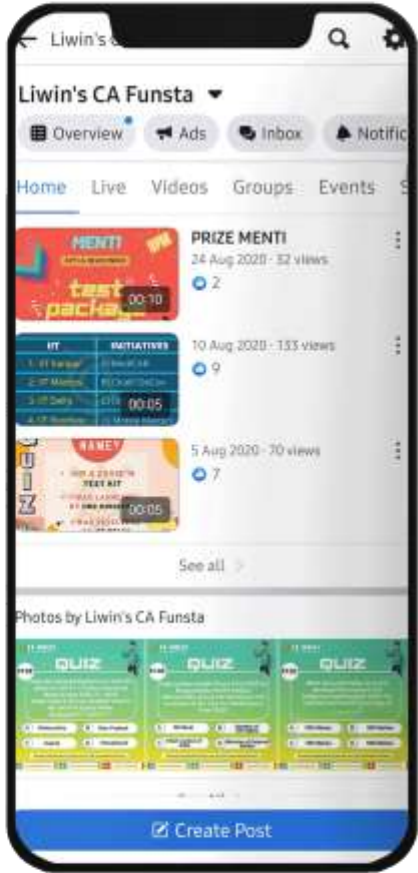
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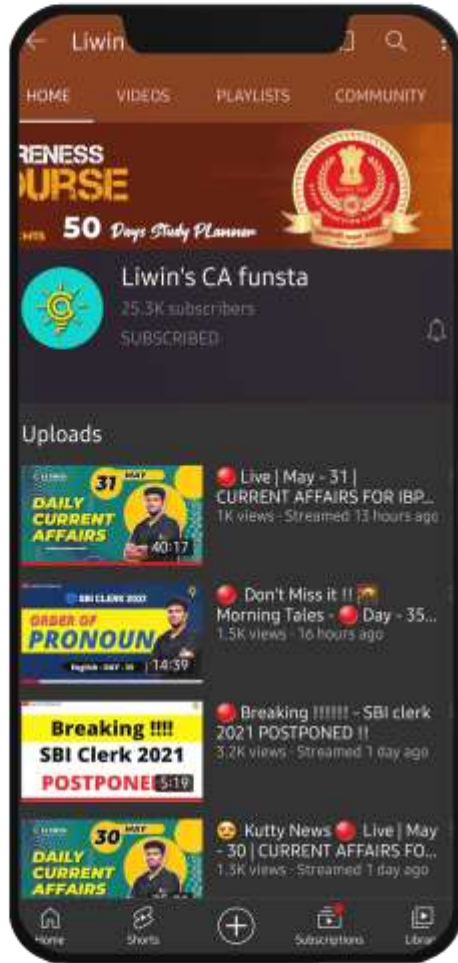
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➤ Which edition of Foundation Day of Indian Council of Agriculture Research celebrated virtually on July 16?



- A) 92
- B) 94
- C) 96
- D) 97
- E) 93

Answer

E) 93



Important Days



Explanation

- Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) celebrated its 93rd foundation day virtually.
- As part of the celebration, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and Union Minister of Electronics & Information Technology Shri Ashwini Vaishnav jointly launched 'Kisan Sarathi', a digital platform to facilitate farmers to get 'right information at right time' in their desired language.



Important Days



Explanation

- The dignitaries virtually felicitated about 60 Awardees in 16 different categories.
- The Awards included 4 ICAR Institutes, 1 All India Coordinated Research Project, 4 Krishi Vigyan Kendras, 39 Scientists and 11 Farmers.
- Apart from the Awards, the Hindi Rajbhasha Awards in the various categories were also conferred during the occasion.



➤ **Which state will host the second edition of Khelo India University Games (KIUG) in silicon city from March 5, 2022?**

- A) Chhattisgarh
- B) Karnataka
- C) Goa
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Tripura

Answer

B) Karnataka



Explanation

- 158 universities with 3182 sports persons besides technical officials, assistants, about 6000 persons are expected to participate in the event.



Explanation

- the expected budget of **Rs 40 cores** required for the second edition of Khelo India in which state government **share its part of Rs 20 cores.**
- The minister mentioned that for the purpose of holding events, a high level committee will be formed.



➤ **The Indian Olympic Association has roped in which company as a sponsor for the Indian contingent at the Tokyo Games?**

- A) YONOSBI
- B) 811
- C) NeoBank
- D) BharatPe
- E) SFA Pvt Ltd

Answer

E) SFA Pvt Ltd



Explanation

- The Indian Olympic Association has roped in SFA Pvt Ltd. as a sponsor for the Indian contingent at the Tokyo Games, which begins on July 23.
- As per the agreement between the two sides, the company has promised the IOA a sponsorship **amount of Rs one crore.**
- the IOA got Herbalife as nutrition partner for the Tokyo Olympics with the sponsorship deal worth over **Rs 2 crore.**
- The IOA had earlier entered into sponsorship deals with various private entities, including dairy giant Amul, mobile gaming platform MPL Sports Foundation, JSW Sports among others.
- **India is sending a 228-strong contingent, including 119 athletes, to the Tokyo Olympics.**



➤ In Women's Cricket, which country beat India by 8 wickets in the third and final T-20 International of the series at Chelmsford?



- A) Australia
- B) Pakistan
- C) New Zealand
- D) Zimbabwe
- E) England

Answer
E) England



Explanation

- Danni Wyatt scored brilliant unbeaten 89 in 56 balls while Nat Sciver made 42 runs in 36 balls.
- **Danni Wyatt named player of the match.** Earlier, India women won the toss and elected to bat and made 153 for the loss of 6 wickets in the stipulated 20 overs



OBITUARY



➤ **Surekha Sikri passed away. He was related to which field?**

- A) Businessman
- B) Scientist
- C) Writer
- D) Politician
- E) Actor

Answer

E) Actor



OBITUARY



Explanation

- Veteran film and TV actor Surekha Sikri, known for her impressive performances in "Mammo", "Badhaai Ho" and popular TV show "Balika Vadhu", died following a cardiac arrest Sikri was 75.
- The wheelchair-bound actor had turned up to accept her best supporting actress **National Film Award for "Badhaai Ho" in 2019.**



➤ **Which Bank launches AI-powered virtual assistant for customers?**

- A) Federal Bank
- B) DBS Bank India
- C) CSB Bank
- D) RBL Bank
- E) HDFC Bank

Answer

A) Federal Bank



Explanation

- The Federal Bank launched FEDDY, an Artificial Intelligence-powered virtual assistant to help customers with **banking-related queries anytime.**
- The bank said while most of the similar AI-powered virtual assistants are available only on its website, **FEDDY** can be accessed via Alexa, Google Assistant and WhatsApp.
- 'FEDDY is also integrated into Google Business Messaging, a first-of-its-kind feat by an Indian bank. On Google search, FEDDY can be accessed by clicking the 'message/chat' option available against the searched bank branch



Explanation

- FEDDY can be reached on WhatsApp by typing "FEDDY" and sending it to **8108030845**.
- The bank has recently come out with innovative and user-friendly facilities such as FedSelfie, under which individuals can open their accounts by merely taking a selfie, and Federal 24x7, which makes possible the opening of accounts through a video call to the bank.



Titbits

Federal Bank

Hq : Aluva, Kerala

CEO: Shri Shyam Srinivasan

Tagline: Your Perfect Banking Partner



➤ Pakistan and which country have signed an agreement for the construction of about 1,100-km gas pipeline from Port Qasim in Karachi to Lahore?



- A) Russia
- B) Iraq
- C) Republic of Nicaragua
- D) Kyrgyzstan
- E) USA

Answer
A) Russia



Explanation

- Pakistan and Russia have signed an agreement for the construction of about 1,100-km gas pipeline from Port Qasim in Karachi to Lahore at an estimated cost of USD 2.5-3 billion by the end of 2023



Titbits

Pakistan

Capital: Islamabad

Currency: Rupee

President: Arif Alvi

Prime Minister: Imran Khan

Russia

Capital: Moscow

Currency: Russian Ruble

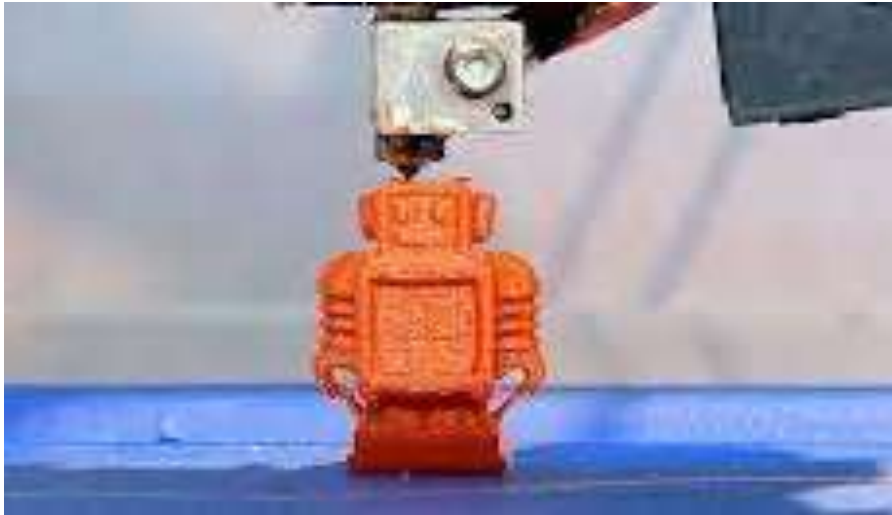


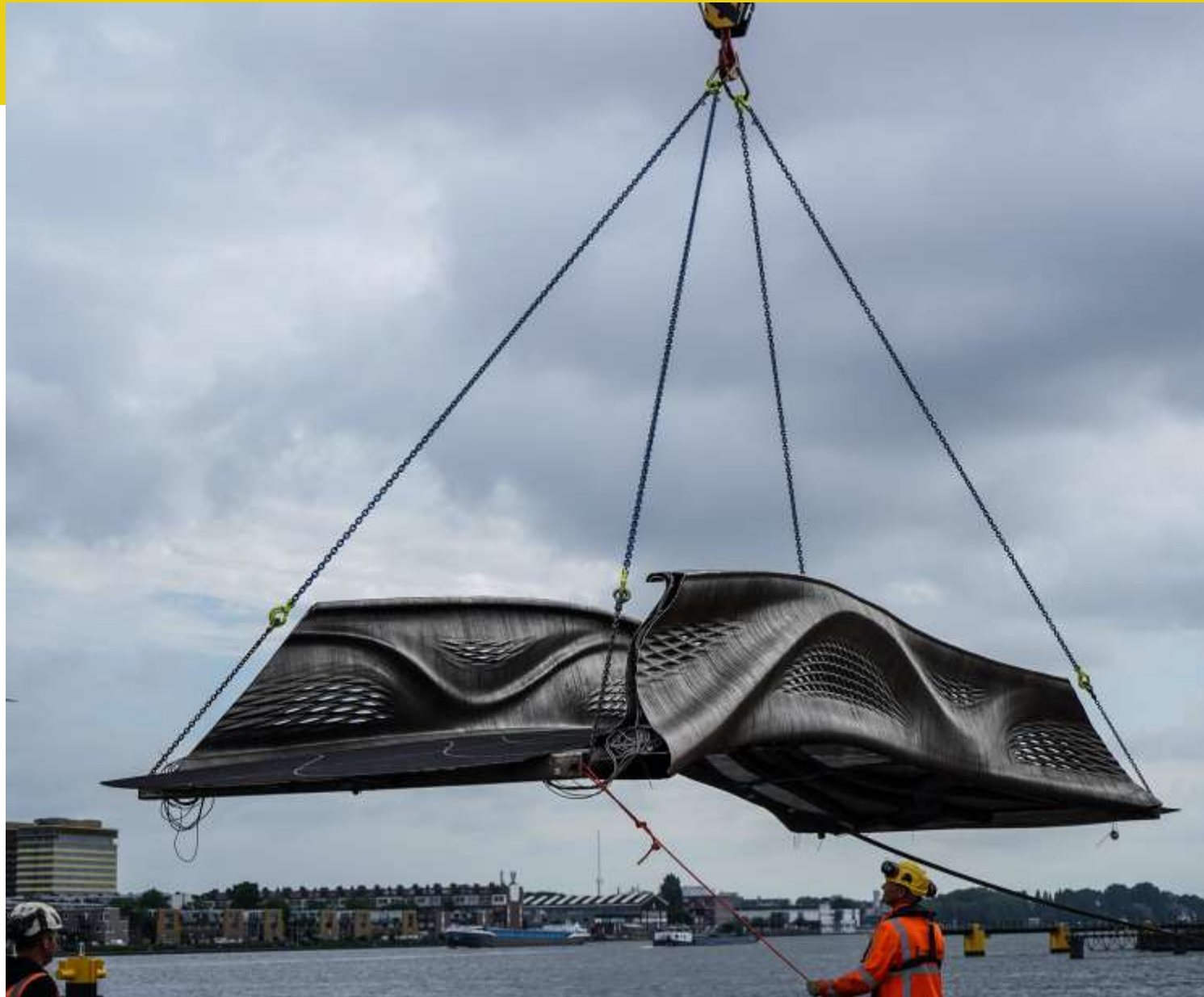
➤ **World's first 3D-printed steel footbridge unveiled in which country?**

- A) Russia
- B) Iraq
- C) Republic of Nicaragua
- D) Netherlands
- E) USA

Answer

D) Netherlands





Explanation

- Dutch Queen Maxima teamed up with a small robot to unveil a steel 3D-printed pedestrian bridge over a canal in the heart of Amsterdam's red-light district.
- Maxima pushed a green button that set the robot's arm in motion to cut a ribbon across the bridge with a pair of scissors.
- The distinctive flowing lines of the **12-meter (40-foot) bridge** were created using a 3D printing technique called wire and arc additive manufacturing that combines robotics with welding.





Titbits

The Netherlands
Capital: Amsterdam
Currency: Euro



➤ Who launched "School Innovation Ambassador Training Program" for 50,000 school teachers?

- A) Home Minister
- B) Education Minister
- C) Tribal Affairs Minister
- D) B & C
- E) All of these

Answer
D) B & C



Explanation

- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda launched "School Innovation Ambassador Training Program" for **50,000 school teachers**.
- The innovative and one-of-its-kind training program for school teachers aims at training 50,000 school teachers in innovation, entrepreneurship, IPR, design thinking, product development, idea generation, among others.
- The education minister stressed that technology is reshaping the world and students have the potential to not only address domestic but also the global challenges.



Titbits

Minister of Education; and Minister of Skill
Development and Entrepreneurship

Name: Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

Constituency: Rajya Sabha MP, Madhya Pradesh

Tribal Affairs

Minister: Arjun Munda

Constituency: Khunti, Jharkhand



➤ **MoU signed between ITRA and which state to strengthen education system in Ayurveda?**



- A) Gujarat
- B) Karnataka
- C) Goa
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Tripura

Answer
A) Gujarat



Explanation

- An MoU was signed between Jamnagar based **Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA)** under the Ministry of Ayush and the Government of Gujarat in the presence of the Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Nitinbhai Patel and Secretary, Ministry of AyushVaidya Rajesh Kotecha on 15th July 2021.
- Through this MoU, all the institutions functioning in the **Ayurveda campus in Jamnagar** have been brought under the umbrella of ITRA, the only institution under the Ministry of Ayush that has been accorded the status of Institute of National Importance (INI).



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Gujarat

Capital: Gandhinagar

CM: Vijay Rupani

Governor: Acharya Dev Vrat



➤ Which state came out with the 'Retail Parks Policy 2016-2021' with the objective of catalyzing growth and providing thrust to development of the retail sector in the state?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Karnataka
- C) Goa
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Tripura

Answer

D) Andhra Pradesh



Explanation

- The Andhra Pradesh government came out with the 'Retail Parks Policy 2016-2021' with the objective of catalyzing growth and providing thrust to development of the retail sector in the state.
- Through the new policy, the state expects to attract **new investments to the tune of Rs 5,000 crore** in the retail sector by the year 2026.
- This, the state expects, will create 50,000 direct employment opportunities in the retail industry by 2026, according to Special Chief Secretary (Industries, Infrastructure and Investments) R Karikal Valaven.



Titbits

Andhra Pradesh

Capital: Visakhapatnam (Executive),
Amaravati (Legislative), Kurnool (Judicial)

CM: Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy

Governor: Biswa Bhushan Harichandan



➤ Which state launches face recognition Mobile App for pensioners?



- A) Gujarat
- B) Karnataka
- C) Goa
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Meghalaya

Answer

E) Meghalaya



Explanation

- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma launched a Mobile App that will offer pensioners a hassle-free interface with the pension disbursing authority to prove that they are alive.
- This App will give information about a pensioner's life certificate using face recognition.
- The App is a safe, user-friendly citizen-centric service designed specifically to help the pensioners of the state to submit online the Life Certificate digitally using a smartphone with an internet connection.



Explanation

- For better end-to-end delivery of service, a chatbot called MEDA has also been incorporated in the App where the pensioners can ask queries and type the suggestions for improvement of the App which will be duly monitored.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Meghalaya

Capital: Shillong

CM: Conrad Sangma

Governor: Satya Pal Malik



➤ **Who inaugurated five-star hotel atop redeveloped Gandhinagar Railway Station?**



- A) Mansukh Mandaviya
- B) Piyush Goyal
- C) Nirmala Sitharaman
- D) Narendra Modi
- E) G Kishan Reddy

Answer

D) Narendra Modi



Titbits

Prime Minister and also in-charge of:
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions;
Department of Atomic Energy;
Department of Space;
All important policy issues; and
All other portfolios not allocated to any Minister
Name: Narendra Modi
Constituency: Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh



➤ Who launched two new Khadi Products- Khadi Babywear and Unique Handmade Paper Use and Throw Slippers in New Delhi?



- A) Mansukh Mandaviya
- B) Piyush Goyal
- C) Narayan Rane
- D) Narendra Modi
- E) G Kishan Reddy

Answer

C) Narayan Rane



Explanation

- Khadi and Village Industries Commission, KVIC has used 100 per cent hand-spun and handwoven cotton fabric that is soft on the tender and sensitive skin of the children and prevents them from any rashes or skin irritation.
- The cost of Khadi cotton babywear 599 rupees per piece.



Titbits

Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Name: Narayan Tatu Rane

Constituency: Rajya Sabha MP, Maharashtra

KVIC

Abbreviation: The Khadi and Village Industries Commission

Act: 'Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act of 1956

Founded Year: 1956

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman: Vinai Kumar Saxena



➤ A festival named Harela is celebrated in which state?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Karnataka
- C) Uttarakhand
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Meghalaya

Answer

C) Uttarakhand



Explanation

- Harela, the festival commemorating the new harvest in the **Kumaon region of Uttarakhand**, was celebrated in several areas.
- Harela is celebrated as the monsoon starts and is considered one of the most important festivals in the entire Kumaon region.
- Uttarakhand, which is believed to be the mythological abode of the Hindu deity **Lord Shiva**, celebrates Harela with much pomp and show as it falls on Lord Shiva's favourite month.



Titbits

Uttarakhand

Capital: Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain(Summer)

CM: Pushkar Singh Dhami

Governor: Baby Rani Maurya



➤ Which UT inaugurates Mahamaya-Peerkho ropeway project?



- A) Puducherry
- B) Chandigarh
- C) Ladakh
- D) Delhi
- E) J & K

Answer

E) J & K



Explanation

- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha dedicated the much awaited Mahamaya-Peerkho ropeway project to the people of this winter capital.
- Mr Singa on Friday inaugurated the Peerkho-Mahamaya ropeway which is **1184 meters long** and is installed on seven towers.
- Foreign state-of-the-art equipment has been installed in this ropeway, in which 16 cabins are also installed.



Titbits

Jammu and Kashmir

Capital : Srinagar(summer),Jammu(winter)

Governor : Manoj Sinha





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IMPORTANT DAYS



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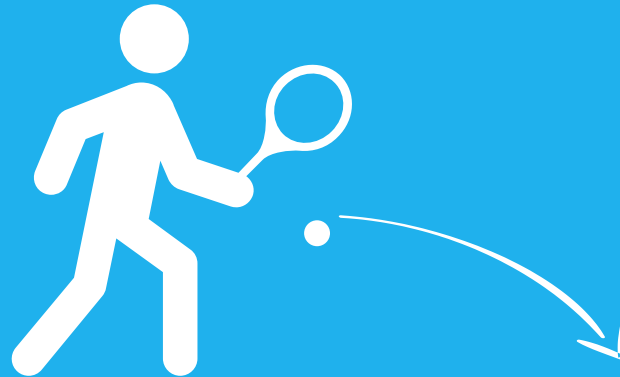
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Karnataka

Host 2nd edition of Khelo India University Games from Mar 5, 2022



Women's Cricket

England beat India by 8 wickets in 3rd T20 to clinch series 2-1

IOA

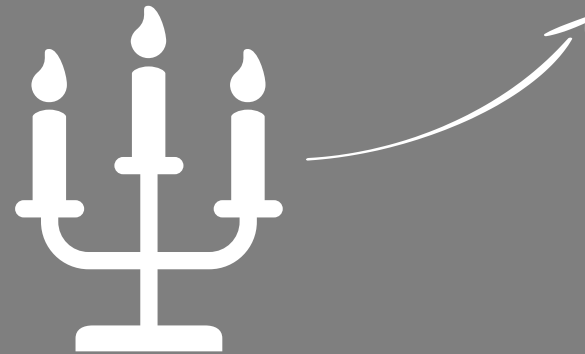
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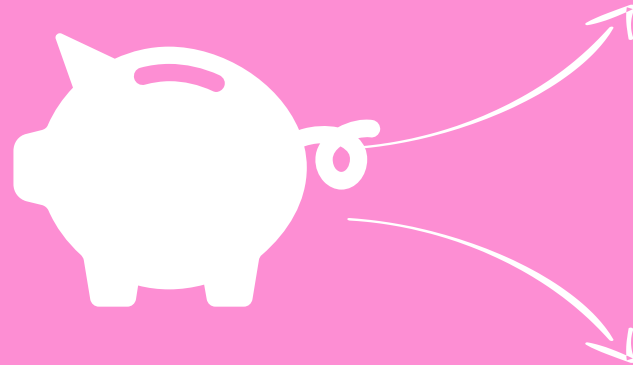
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Surekha Sikri

National Award-winner, Veteran
film and TV actor



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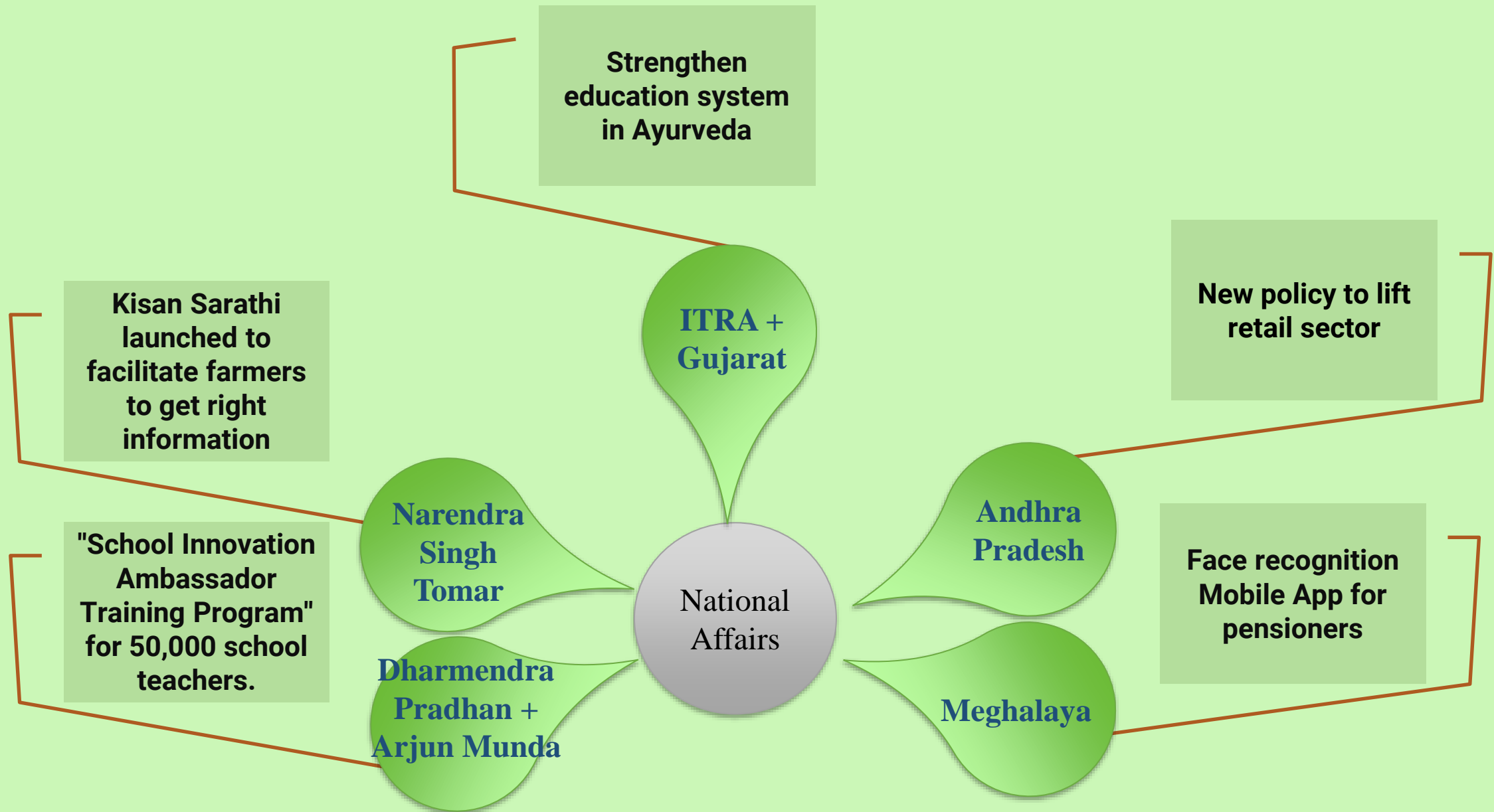
Amsterdam

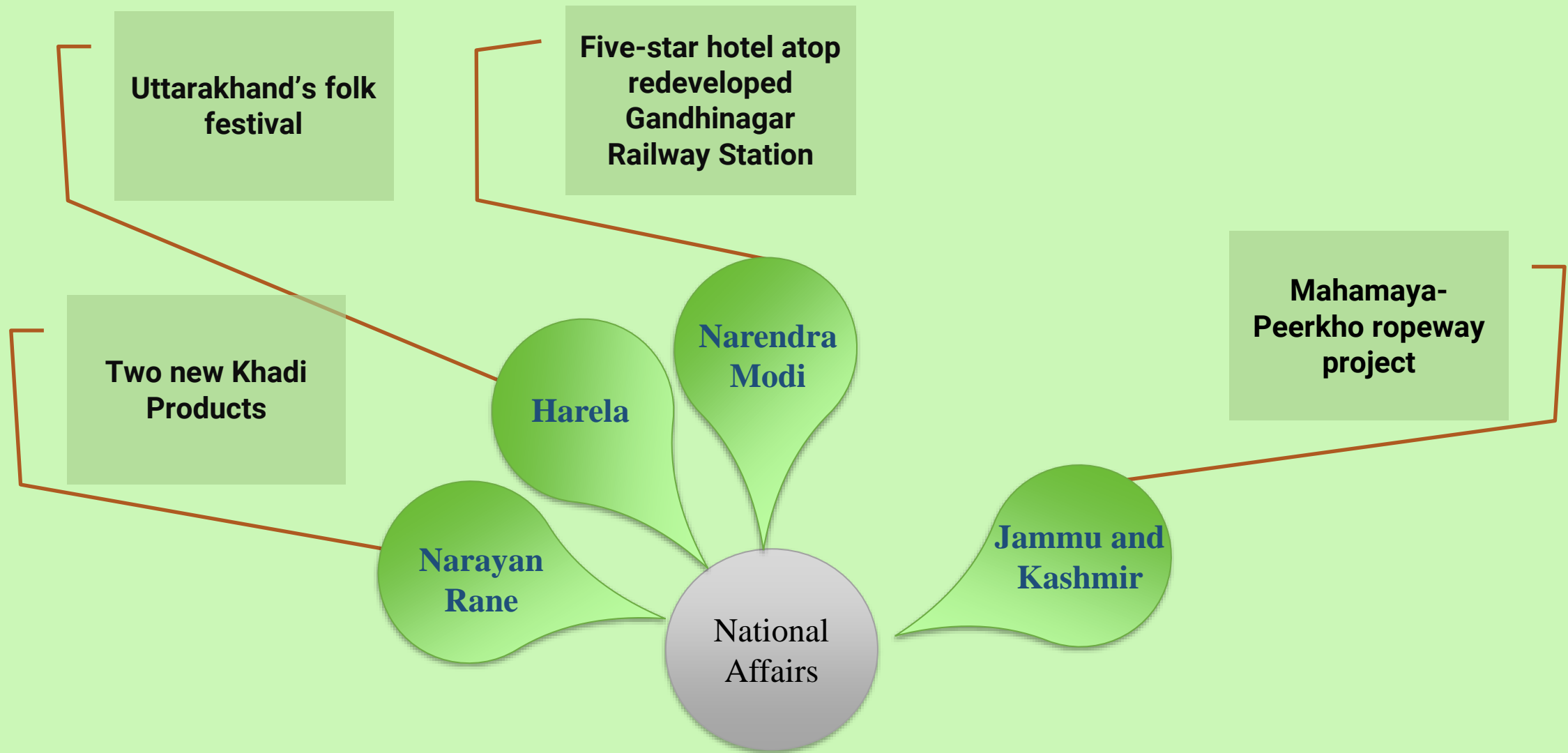


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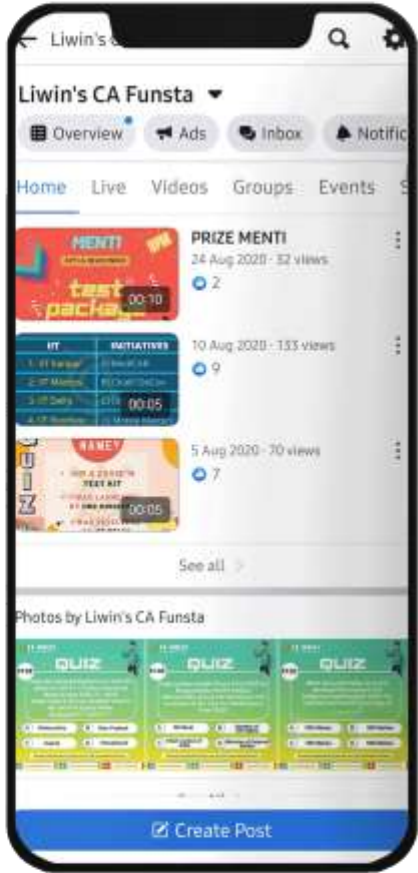
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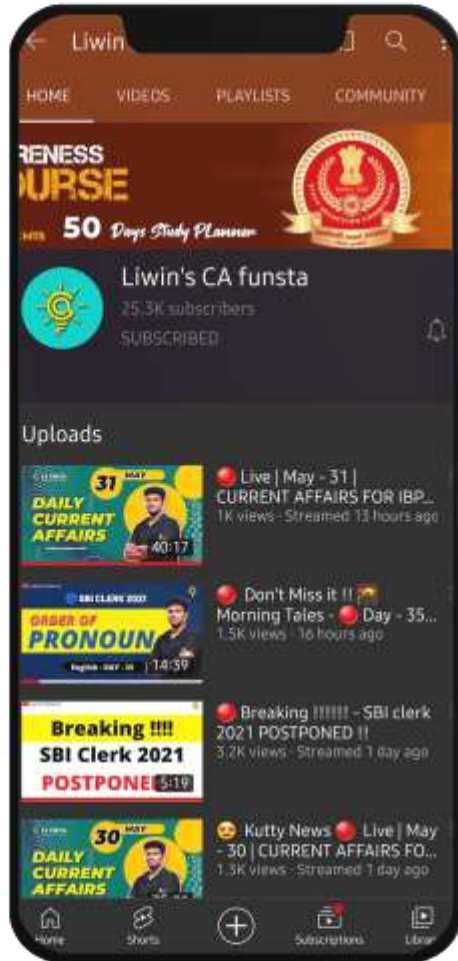




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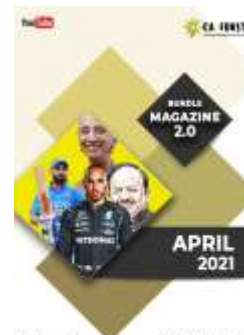
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