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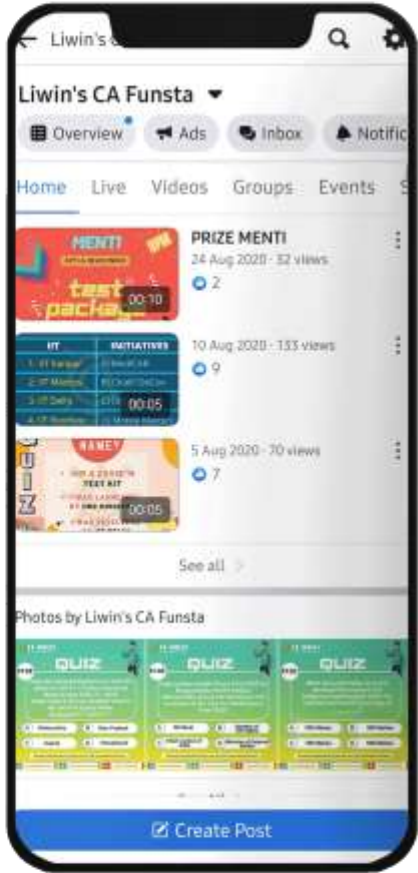
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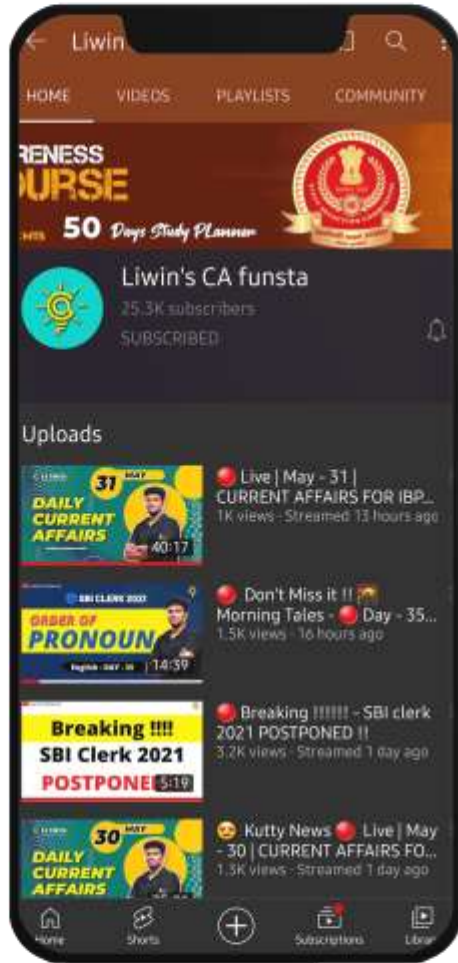
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➤ **Former captain of which team Paras Khadka announces retirement from international cricket?**

- A) Australia
- B) Iceland
- C) Zimbabwe
- D) England
- E) Nepal

Answer
E) Nepal



Explanation

- Khadka made his way to the national team after playing age-group cricket representing Nepal in three U-19 World Cups between 2004 and 2008 and winning the Plate Championship in 2006.
- He took over as captain of the national team in 2009, taking Nepali cricket from Division 5 to ODI status.
- One of his best achievements to date is taking Nepal to the 2014 T20 World Cup held in Bangladesh.
- He had resigned from his post as captain on October 15, 2019, and was replaced by Gyanendra Malla.



OBITUARY



➤ **Kalyani Menon passed away. She was related to which field?**



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

Answer
E) Singer



OBITUARY



Explanation

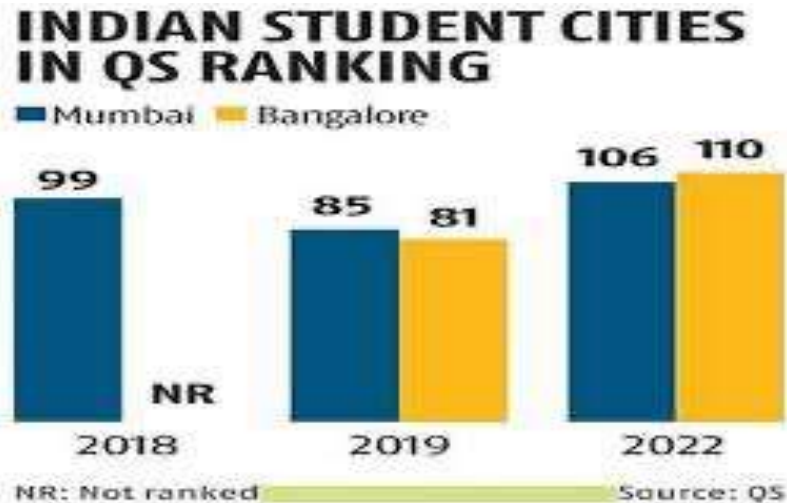
- who has sung some notable songs in Malayalam movies, passed away in Chennai.
- The veteran singer recently was in the limelight again after her song in the Tamil movie- '96', **Kathalee Kathalee, which she sang together with Chinmayi, became a smash hit.**
- Kalyani Menon was also the winner of the Kalaimani award of the Tamil Nadu Government.



RANKING



➤ What is the rank of Bangalore in the list of the best cities for students in India, as per the QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2022?



- A) 110
- B) 106
- C) 104
- D) 102
- E) 101

Answer

A) 110



RANKING



QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2022

| Rank | City | Country |
|------|-----------|-------------|
| 1 | London | UK |
| 2 | Munich | Germany |
| 3 | Seoul | South Korea |
| 3 | Tokyo | Japan |
| 106 | Mumbai | India |
| 110 | Bangalore | India |



➤ Which Bank has been **impaneled** by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to act as an 'Agency Bank' to facilitate transactions related to government businesses?

- A) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- B) IndusInd Bank
- C) Indian Bank
- D) ICICI Bank
- E) HDFC Bank

**IndusInd
Bank**

Answer

B) IndusInd Bank



Explanation

- It will strengthen the bank's presence within the government domain.
- The announcement comes close on the heels of a recent RBI guideline that authorizes scheduled **private sector banks as agency banks** of the regulator for the conduct of government business.



Titbits

IndusInd Bank

Hq: Pune, Maharashtra

CEO: Sumant Kathpalia

Tagline: We make You Feel Richer, We Care DilSe



➤ **RBI imposes how much amount penalty on Nashik-based Janalaxmi Co-operative Bank?**

- A) Rs 51.35 lakh
- B) Rs 52.35 lakh
- C) Rs 53.35 lakh
- D) Rs 54.35 lakh
- E) Rs 50.35 lakh

Answer

E) Rs 50.35 lakh



➤ **Which insurance has tied with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) With an aim to provide Unified Payments Interface (UPI) Autopay facility to its customers?**

- A) Cholamandalam MS General Insurance
- B) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance.
- C) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- D) Apollo Munich Health Insurance
- E) SBI General Insurance

Answer

C) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance



Explanation

- Customers can enable the UPI AUTOPAY feature on their favoured UPI apps such as Paytm, BHIM etc.
- This feature can also be enabled for ICICI Bank and other leading banks through an e-mandate.
- Additionally, customers have the flexibility to select their preferred frequency for making premium payments – one-time, monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, and yearly.



Titbits

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
MD & CEO: : N. S. Kannan

NPCI

Abbreviation: National Payments Corporation of India
Founded: 2008
Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
MD & CEO: Dilip Asbe



➤ **Which small finance bank launches 'Health and Wellness Savings Account'?**

- A) Au Small Finance Bank Limited.
- B) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited.
- C) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited.
- D) Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited.
- E) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited.

Answer

D) Suryoday Small Finance Bank Limited



Explanation

- Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SSFB) has launched a “Health and Wellness Savings Account,” offering top-up health insurance of ₹25 lakhs, annual healthcare package and on-call emergency ambulance medical care services.
- A resident individual (18 years to 65 years) can open the “Suryoday Health and Wellness Savings Account” either singly or jointly.
- The criteria for opening the premium savings account include maintenance of average monthly balance of ₹3 lakh and being eligible as per the key health declaration form.



Titbits

Suryoday Small Finance Bank
Headquarters: Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
MD & CEO: R Baskar Babu
Tagline: A Bank of Smile



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who is appointed as brand ambassador for Zandu Balm?**



- A) Rajinikanth
- B) Salman khan
- C) Irrfan khan
- D) Sonu Sood
- E) Akshay kumar

Answer

D) Sonu Sood



➤ Which country has approved the sale of Harpoon Joint Common Test Set (JCTS) and related equipment to India for an estimated cost of \$82 million?

- A) Japan
- B) UK
- C) Iran
- D) Iraq
- E) USA

Answer

E) USA



Explanation

- The US has approved the sale of Harpoon Joint Common Test Set (JCTS) and related equipment to India for an estimated cost of \$82 million, a decision which it said will help strengthen the bilateral strategic ties and improve the security of a major defensive partner in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The Pentagon's Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) delivered the required certification notifying the US Congress of this possible sale on Monday, according to an official statement. Harpoon is an anti-ship missile.
- The Government of India has requested to buy one Harpoon Joint Common Test Set (JCTS).



Explanation

- Also included is one Harpoon Intermediate Level maintenance station; spare and repair parts, support, and test equipment; publications and technical documentation; personnel training; US Government and contractor technical, engineering, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and programme support.
- The estimated total cost **is USD 82 million.**
- The Harpoon, first deployed in 1977, is an all-weather, over-the-horizon, anti-ship missile system.
- It has a low-level, sea-skimming cruise trajectory with active radar guidance.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

United States of America

Capital: Washington D.C

Currency: US Dollar

President: Joe Biden



➤ **The Government has approved Deep Ocean Mission (DOM) to be implemented by Ministry of Earth Sciences at a total budget of how much amount for 5 years?**

- A) Rs. 7077 Cr
- B) Rs. 2077 Cr
- C) Rs. 3077 Cr
- D) Rs. 4077 Cr
- E) Rs. 5077 Cr

Answer

D) Rs. 4077 Cr



➤ The report titled **Turning Around the Power Distribution Sector** is co-authored by which organisation, RMI and RMI India?

- A) NHAI
- B) NTPC
- C) CII
- D) CCI
- E) NITI Aayog

Answer

E) NITI Aayog



Explanation

- The report, titled Turning Around the Power Distribution Sector, is co-authored by NITI Aayog, RMI and RMI India.
- It was released by NITI Aayog ViceChairman Dr Rajiv Kumar in the presence of Dr VKSaraswat (Member, NITI Aayog), Amitabh Kant (CEO, NITI Aayog), Alok Kumar (Union Power Secretary), Dr Rakesh Sarwal (Additional Secretary, NITI Aayog) and AkshimaGhate (Principal, RMI India).



Titbits

NITI Aayog

Abbreviation: National Institution for Transforming India Aayog

Founded: 2015

Hq: New Delhi, Delhi

CEO: Amitabh Kant



➤ Which state launches 'Har Hith' store scheme to promote sale of quality products of daily needs?



- A) Karnataka
- B) Odisha
- C) Haryana
- D) Rajasthan
- E) Assam

Answer

C) Haryana



Explanation

- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched a scheme for opening stores that will sell quality products of daily needs, and said it will encourage entrepreneurship among the youth.
- Lunching the 'Har Hith' store scheme and inspecting an outlet in Panchkula, the chief minister said his government's target is to make Haryana free of unemployment by 2024.
- Under the sale provision made in the 'Har Hith' store scheme, the franchisee partner who sells products worth Rs 1,50,000 will earn a marginal profit of 10 per cent, that is Rs 15,000.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Haryana

Capital: Chandigarh

CM: Manohar Lal Khattar

Governor: Bandaru Dattatraya



➤ Which state launches 'Rangla Punjab' web channel to promote hidden talent?



- A) Karnataka
- B) Punjab
- C) Haryana
- D) Rajasthan
- E) Assam

Answer
B) Punjab



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Punjab

Capital: Chandigarh

CM: Captain Amarinder Singh

Governor: V P Singh Badnore



➤ Who unveiled a portrait of former Chief Minister M Karunanidhi in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly chamber?

- A) Ram Nath Kovind
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Arjun Munda
- D) Smriti Zubin Irani
- E) Shripad Yasoo Naik

Answer

A) Ram Nath Kovind



Explanation

- The President unveiled the life-size portrait during the centenary celebrations of the Tamil Nadu Legislature in the presence of Governor Banwarilal Purohit, Mr Karunanidhi's son and Chief Minister M K Stalin, Assembly Speaker M Appavu, Deputy Speaker K Pichandi, former Speakers, MPs, MLAs, Floor leaders of various parties, ruling DMK's alliance party leaders and special invitees, including Madras High Court Chief Justice Sanjib Banerjee.
- This is the first time in four decades that a portrait of an eminent leader of the State was unveiled by the President.



Explanation

- In August 1977, then President N.Sanjeeva Reddy had unveiled the portrait of former Chief Minister K.Kamaraj.
- The portrait of Mr Karunanidhi, who had served as Chief Minister five times and also as DMK President for five decades, will be the 16th portrait to be unveiled in the historic Assembly hall.
- Mr Karunanidhi was elected to the Assembly a record 13 terms and has never lost an election in his political career.



➤ **Who launched the theme song for Tokyo Paralympics in New Delhi?**

- A) Ram Nath Kovind
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Arjun Munda
- D) Smriti Zubin Irani
- E) Anurag Thakur

Answer

E) Anurag Thakur



Explanation

- Sports Minister Anurag Thakur launched the theme song for Tokyo Paralympics in New Delhi.
- The song “Kar De Kamaal Tu” is composed and sung by a Divyang cricket player Sanjeev Singh.
- Sports Secretary Ravi Mittal, Chief Patron of Paralympic Committee of India Avinash Rai Khanna, President of Paralympic Committee of India and former Paralympian Deepa Malik were present on the occasion among others.



Titbits

Information and Broadcasting; and Youth Affairs and Sports

Minister: Shri Anurag Singh Thakur

Constituency: Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh



➤ **Delhi CM Kejriwal launches initiative to make Delhi global city by which year?**

- A) 2042
- B) 2043
- C) 2044
- D) 2045
- E) 2047

Answer
E) 2047



Explanation

- Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal launched an initiative that aims to support partnerships of the government with corporates and citizen groups to work towards policies and strategies for the city's development.
- The sectors for development include public infrastructure, transport network, solid waste management and fighting air pollution.
- The initiative has been named “Delhi@2047”, which is in line with the Aam Aadmi Party's vision document incorporated in the state budget 2021-22.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Delhi

Capital: New Delhi

CM: Arvind Kejriwal

Governor: Anil Bajjal



➤ **Which Department Secretary launched a website on the 75th Independence Day Celebrations 2021 (IDC 2021)?**

- A) Sports
- B) Culture
- C) Education
- D) Defence
- E) Home

Answer

D) Defence



Explanation

- India is celebrating 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', marking the 75th year of Independence from the foreign rule.
- The whole country is gripped into patriotic fervour.
- To mark this momentous occasion, Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar launched a website on the 75th Independence Day Celebrations 2021 (IDC 2021), <https://indianidc2021.mod.gov.in>, in New Delhi on August 03, 2021.
- It is a platform to connect Indians from world over to celebrate the National Festival.
- The mobile app of the IDC 2021 platform will be launched in the coming days.



Explanation

- For the first time ever, the platform will live stream the Independence Day Celebrations from the majestic Red Fort on August 15, 2021 in Virtual Reality (VR) 360 degree format.
- People can use this feature with or without VR Gadget.





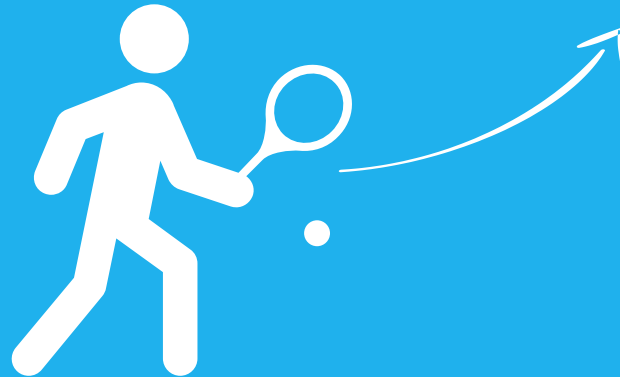
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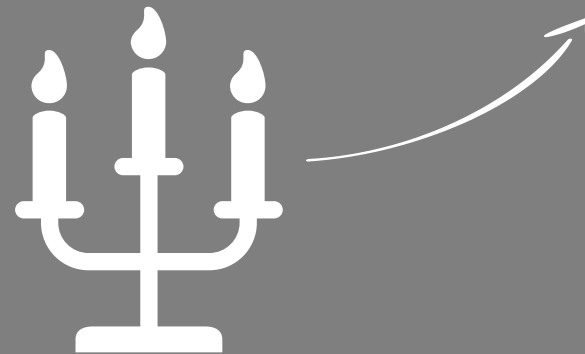
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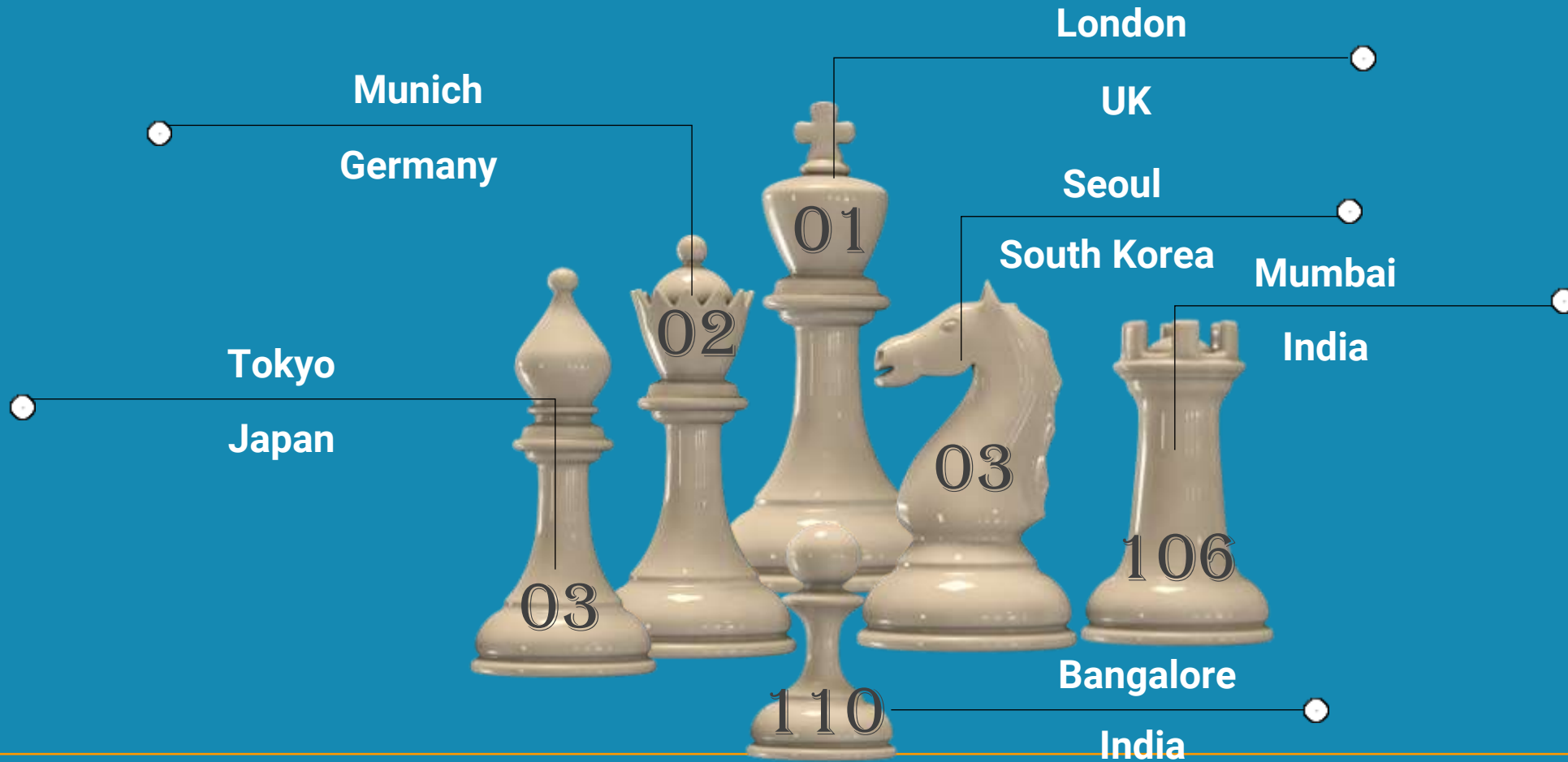
Kalyani Menon

Renowned playback singer of
yesteryear



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BANKING AND FINANCE

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Janalaxmi Co-operative Bank
RBI

Empanelled as Agency Bank
to RBI

IndusInd Bank

'Health and Wellness
Savings Account'

**Suryoday
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National Payments Corporation
of India (NPCI)**



APPOINTMENTS

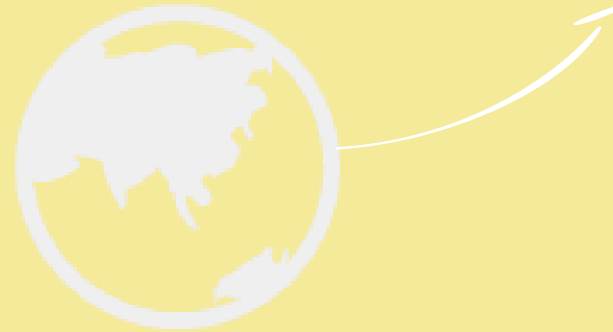
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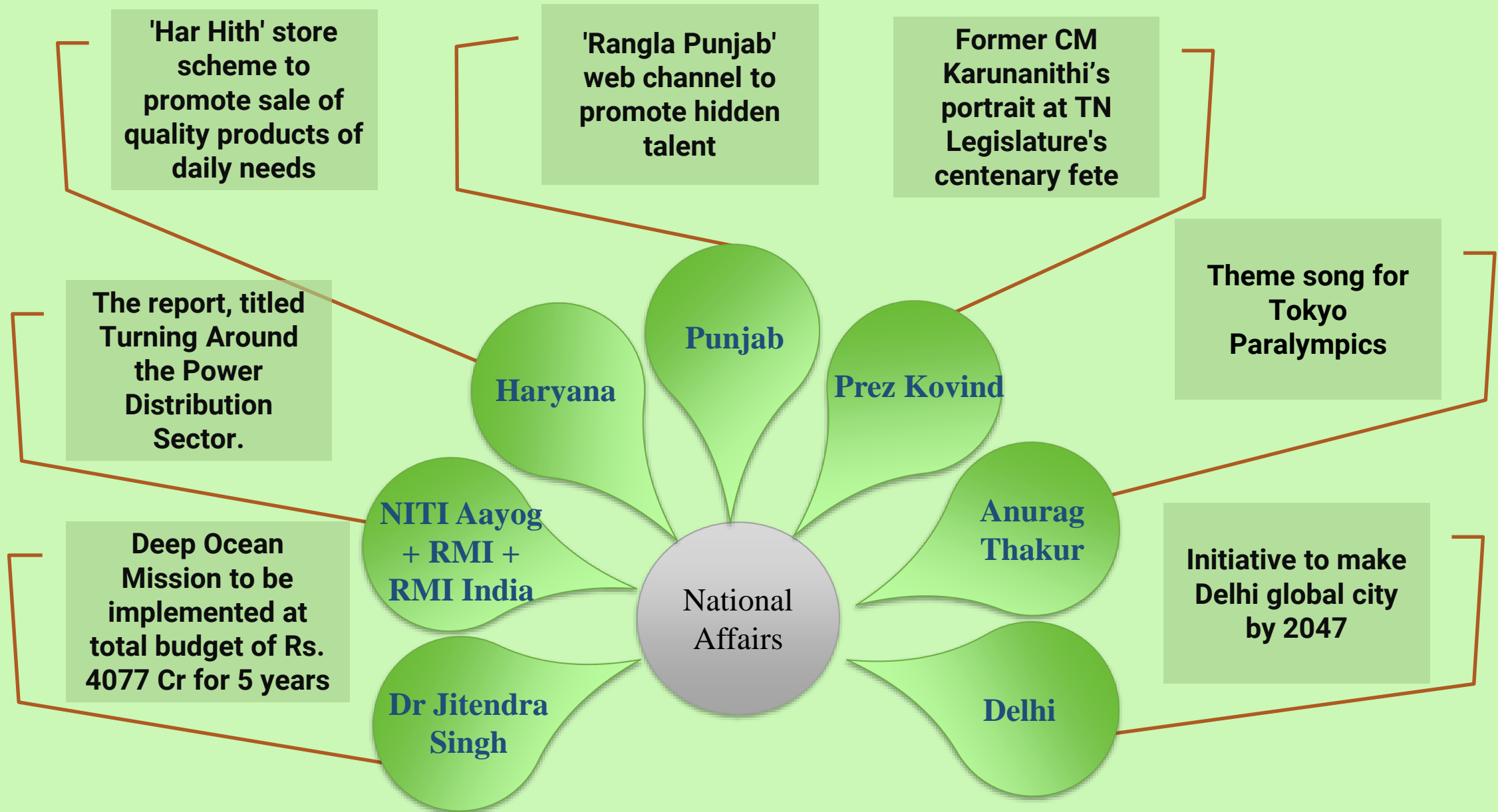
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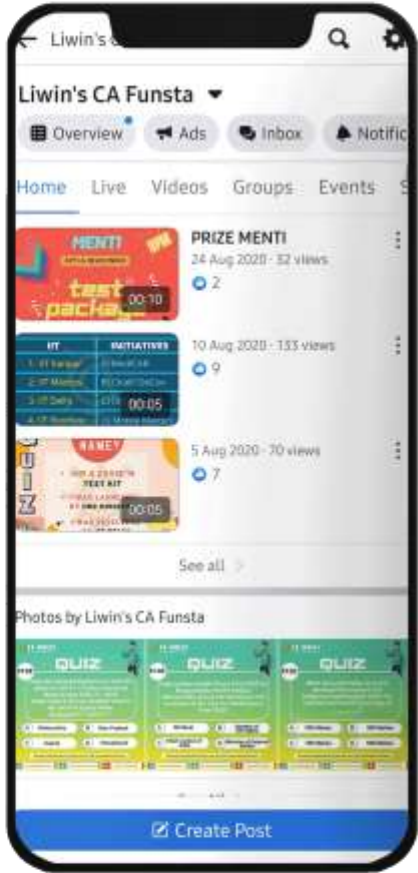
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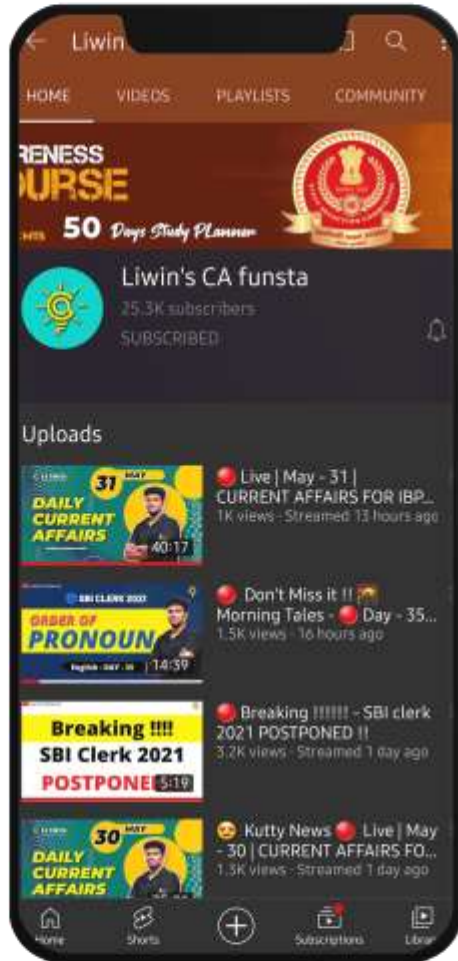
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