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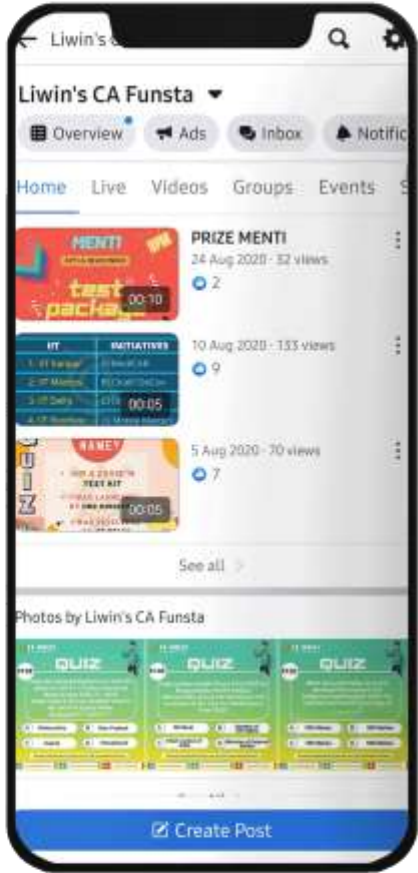
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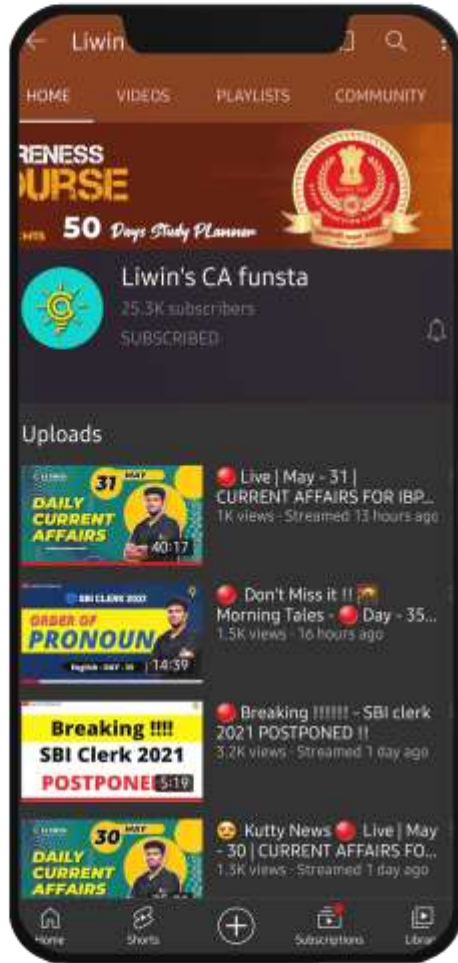
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Important Days



➤ Which edition Foundation Day of TRIFED is observed on August 6, 2021?

- A) 32
- B) 34
- C) 25
- D) 26
- E) 46

Answer

B) 34



जनजातीय कार्य मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



Important Days



Explanation

- As per TRIFED, over the past two years, procurement of **MFP** has gone up from Rs 30 cr to Rs 1843 crores.
- The Van Dhan tribal start-ups, a component of the same scheme, has emerged as a source of employment generation for tribal gatherers and forest dwellers and the home-bound tribal artisans.



Minor Forest Produce (MFP)



Important Days



Explanation

- In less than two years, **37,362 Van Dhan Self Help Groups (VDSHGs)**, subsumed into 2240 Van DhanVikas Kendra Clusters (VDVKCs) of 300 forest dwellers each, have been sanctioned by TRIFED out of which 1200 VDVK Clusters are operational.
- **This has secured employment for 6.77 lakh tribal forest gatherers.**
- Under Retail Marketing, a total number of **141 Tribes India Outlets** have been opened till date.
- This has gone up manifold from only 43 outlets in 2015-16.



Important Days



International Owl Awareness Day

- International Owl Awareness Day (IOAD) raises awareness about our beloved **nocturnal raptors** **annually on August 4.**
- International Owl Awareness Day not only celebrates the humble owl, but it also educates our community on how they can **join us in conserving and protecting these fantastic beasts.**



Important Days



Hiroshima Day

- Hiroshima Day is observed every year on August 6 to promote peace politics and raise awareness of the effects of the bomb attack on Hiroshima.
- Hiroshima city was attacked by an atomic weapon that killed thousands of lives instantly on August 6, 1945.
- August 6, 2021 is the 76th anniversary of the atomic bombing of the Japanese city.



SPORTS



➤ **Valentino Rossi is announced retirement of which sports?**



- A) Athlete
- B) Wrestling
- C) Weightlifting
- D) Hockey
- E) MotoGP

Answer
E) MotoGP



OBITUARY



➤ **SS 'Babu' Narayan passed away. He was related to which sports?**



- A) Athlete
- B) Wrestling
- C) Weightlifting
- D) Football
- E) MotoGP

Answer

D) Football



OBITUARY



Explanation

- Former India goalkeeper SS 'Babu' Narayan, who was part of the team which played in the 1956 and 1960 Olympics, died in Thane .
- Narayan made his debut against Yugoslavia at the Melbourne Olympics on December 4, 1956.
- He represented the country in nine matches and was part of the two Olympics 1956 (Melbourne) and 1960 (Rome).



RANKING



➤ **What is the rank of India in finding innovative solutions to fight Covid-19?**

- A) 31
- B) 32
- C) 33
- D) 34
- E) 35

Answer

B) 32



RANKING



Explanation

- The report features the top-ranked 40 countries and 100 cities in the world based on innovative solutions developed to face the pandemic.
- India has two cities featured – Bengaluru, 49th rank, New Delhi, 55th rank – among the top 100 and has 15 Covid-related innovations mapped this year – four in 'prevention', three in 'grants and support initiatives', one in 'information', three in 'treatment' and four in 'diagnostics'.

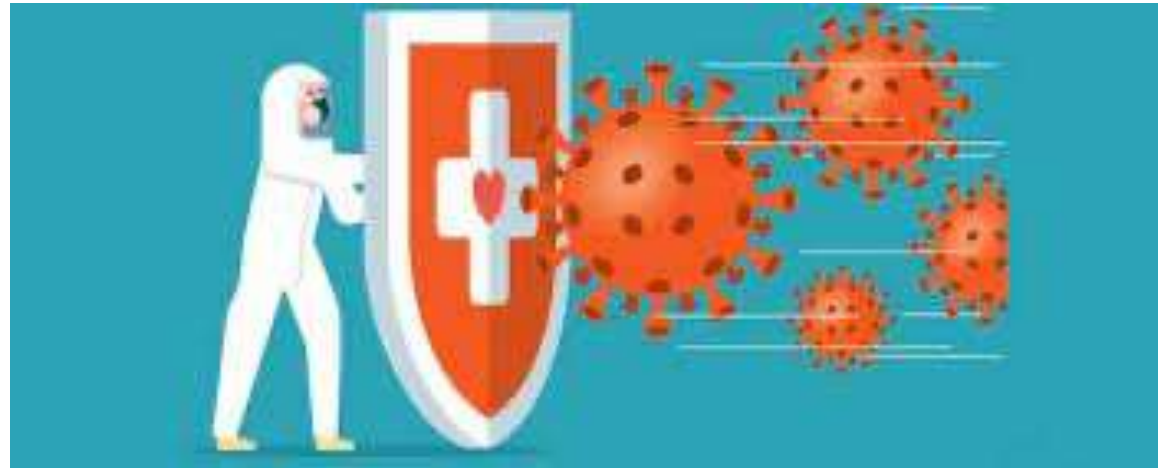


RANKING



Explanation

- The US remains on top of the list this year as well, with 405 mapped Covid-related innovations and five of its cities listed in the top 100.
- China, however, has slid two spots this year to the **15th rank.**



RANKING



➤ **According to Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List, who becomes richest person in the world?**



- A) De Beers
- B) Bernard Arnault
- C) Elon Musk
- D) Jeff Bezos
- E) Thomas Pink



Answer

B) Bernard Arnault



RANKING



Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List

Rank	Person	Company
1	Bernard Arnault	LVMH
2	Jeff Bezos	Amazon
3	Elon Musk	SpaceX
12	Mukesh Ambani	Reliance Industries Limited



RANKING



Explanation

- Before this, Bernard Arnault led the list of the world's wealthiest people in December 2019, January 2020, May 2021 and July 2021.
- Arnault holds a net worth of \$198.9 billion compared to Jeff Bezos' \$194.9 billion and Tesla owner Elon Musk's \$185.5 billion, according to Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List.

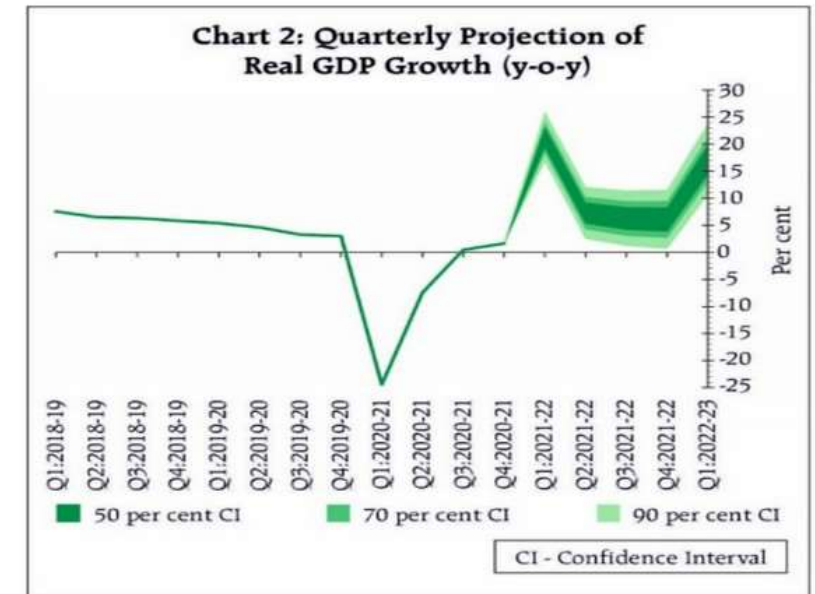


➤ RBI retains GDP growth projection for 2021-22 at how many Percent?

- A) 9.5 pc
- B) 6.5 pc
- C) 5.5 pc
- D) 2.5 pc
- E) 4.5 pc

Answer

A) 9.5 pc



Explanation

- Following are the highlights of announcements made by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das after the **third bi-monthly monetary policy** review by MPC:
 - ✓ Monetary Policy Committee keeps key interest rate (repo) unchanged at **4 pc for 7th consecutive time;**
 - ✓ Consequently, reverse repo rate too remains unchanged at **3.35 pc;**
 - ✓ Bank rate also remains same at 4.25 pc;
 - ✓ RBI to continue its accommodative stance to sustain growth amid COVID;
 - ✓ Retail inflation (CPI) projection at 5.7 pc during 2021-22; may drop to 5.1 pc in Q1 of next fiscal;
 - ✓ RBI retains GDP growth projection for 2021-22 at 9.5 pc;



RBI extends On Tap TLTRO deadline till 31st December 2021

- The RBI has extended the life of the On Tap **Targeted Long Term Repo** Operation, i.e. TLTRO, till 31st December, 2021.
- The On Tap TLTRO was introduced in October last year to inject liquidity into certain ailing sectors of the economy.
- This extension has come in as a measure to support the sectors that have been badly hit by the second wave of the Covid pandemic.



RBI extends On Tap TLTRO deadline till 31st December 2021

- This is a measure to ensure that there is sufficient liquidity support available to these ailing sectors.
- Initially, the scheme was targeted to just five sectors of the economy.
- Eventually, stressed sectors that were identified by the Kamath Committee were also brought into the scheme last December, following which, banks lending to NBFCs were also added.



Titbits

RBI

Abbreviation: Reserve Bank of India

Act: Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Governor– Shaktikanta Das

Deputy Governors– 4 (T Rabi Sankar, Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra, M. Rajeshwar Rao)



➤ Which organisation in partnership with Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UK to launch Swavalamban Challenge Fund to promote entrepreneurship culture?

- A) CCI
- B) IRDAI
- C) RBI
- D) SEBI
- E) SIDBI

Answer

E) SIDBI



Explanation

- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), the principal financial institution engaged in the promotion, financing and development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), in partnership with Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UK (FCDO UK) has launched 'Swavalamban Challenge Fund' (SCF).
- A challenge fund is a fund support mechanism to allocate funds for specific purposes using competition among organisations. Suppose there is an idea which needs to be piloted or scaled up, but funds are an issue, challenge fund provides solution platform to present the idea in prescribed theme, implement and validate it.



Explanation

- Later the same can be scaled up by leveraging other donor / financier support.
- SCF shall provide financial support to non-profit organizations/educational institutions/social startups which have focus on sustainable livelihood, financial inclusion, and access to financial services besides promoting the culture of entrepreneurship in the country.
- On select six themes of livelihood, women empowerment, financial literacy, responsible business etc. eligible entities can submit their proposal for award.



Explanation

- The SCF along with digital portal (<https://cf.udyamimitra.in>) was launched by Secretary, Ministry of MSME, B. B. Swain in the presence of Mr D. K. Singh, Development Commissioner of MSME, Mr Sivasubramanian Ramann, Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of SIDBI, Ms Mamta Kohli, Senior Social Development Advisor and Mr Gaurav Kapoor, senior official of FCDO UK.



Titbits

SIDBI

Abbreviation: Small Industries Development Bank of India

Establishment – 2nd April 1990

Headquarters – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Chairman & Managing Director – Sivasubramanian Ramann



➤ **National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) entered into an MoU with which Bank to extend financial assistance through the Bank to the Fisheries sector?**

- A) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- B) IndusInd Bank
- C) Punjab National Bank
- D) ICICI Bank
- E) Bank of Maharashtra

Answer

C) Punjab National Bank



Explanation

- National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) entered into an MoU with Punjab National Bank (PNB), premier bank in the country, to extend financial assistance through the Bank to the Fisheries sector.
- MoU was held here in the presence of NFDB Chief Executive Dr.Suvarna Chandrappagari, PNB MD and CEO, CH S S Mallikarjuna Rao, Executive Director (Infra) M Arul Bosco Prakash, PNB Zonal Head and General Manager Sanjeevan Nikhar and PNB Head Credit and Nodal In-charge (Hyderabad) Rajnish Kumar.



Explanation

- The Zonal Office in Hyderabad will be the Nodal Office for all the technically approved proposals received by NFDB across the country, the bank said in a release here.
- The Government created the Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) in 2018-19 and is being implemented with a total fund size of Rs.7522.48 crores comprising of Rs. 5266.40 crore to be raised by Nodal Lending Entities (NLE), like NABARD, NCDC and all scheduled banks.



Explanation

- The eligible entities will be the State Governments / Union Territories, Corporations/Undertakings/Govt. Sponsored, Supported Organizations, Fisheries Cooperative Federations (including FISHCOPFED), Cooperatives, Collective groups of fish farmers and fish produce groups .
- Panchayat Raj Institutions/Self Help Groups (SHGs)/ NGOs, SCs/STs/Marginal Farmers, Women & entrepreneurs, Self Help Groups, Private companies/entrepreneurs and Physically disabled.



Explanation

- FIDF will help in creation and modernization of Infrastructure of capture & culture fisheries Marine Aquaculture, Inland Fisheries, Reduce post-harvest losses and improve domestic marketing facilities and to bridge the resource gap and facilitate completion of ongoing infrastructure projects.
- So far 67 projects have been approved in the country. 14 from the individual/ private entrepreneurs under FIDF and 53 under Entrepreneur model of PMMSY scheme.



Titbits

Punjab National Bank

Headquarters: New Delhi

MD & CEO: S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao

Tagline: The Name You Can Bank upon



➤ **Who launches rural B2B travel tech platform Travel Union?**

- A) Masaba Gupta
- B) Salman khan
- C) Irrfan khan
- D) John Abraham
- E) Sonu Sood

Answer

E) Sonu Sood



Explanation

- Bollywood actor Sonu Sood launched Travel Union, a rural business to business (B2B) travel tech platform to democratise travel services.
- Travel Union members (travel agents) will work towards serving the travel needs of rural customers at every district, block and gram panchayat level.
- With a mission to support, digitally empower and build a leading travel agent business community in rural India at zero investment, Travel Union aims to be the largest rural digital travel services platform.
- At the rural level, the travel sector has been largely unorganised with no player focusing on the needs of Indians in tier-2 cities, towns and villages.



Explanation

- Travel Union addresses multiple unfulfilled needs of rural travel agents, small business owners and enterprises, called Travel Union Members, the primary one being the absence of travel-tech platforms designed for rural travel at the core.
- The platform aggregates all available price options for a particular offering and shows Travel Union members the lowest prices they can offer their customers.
- It provides inventory, competitive prices, and state-of-the-art technology directly from airlines, railways, hotels, trips, wholesalers and aggregators.



Explanation

- It also allows for online cancellations and refunds, eliminating the long wait customers usually have to endure.
- Members enjoy the benefit of earning high margins due to direct booking options available with multiple travel service partners.
- Travel Union is presently available in English and Hindi, and will be launched in 11 more Indian languages.



Explanation

- New and upcoming offerings on the platform also include domestic and international holiday packages, visa services, forex services as well as travel/ luggage accessories.
- Travel Union App is available to download on Google Play store



➤ Which company has joined hands with Common Service Centre Scheme CSC e-Governance Services India in order to expand sales of its commercial vehicles in the rural areas?

- A) Microsoft
- B) TCS
- C) TVS
- D) Tech Mahindra
- E) Tata Power

Answer

E) Tata Power



Explanation

- Tata Motors said it has joined hands with Common Service Centre Scheme (CSC) e-Governance Services India in order to expand sales of its commercial vehicles in the rural areas.
- The auto major has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CSC to strengthen its reach in rural geographies, including remote areas of the country.
- The CSC Village Level Entrepreneur (VLE) network would be instrumental in taking the proposition to the villages in the country.



Titbits

Tata Motors Limited
CEO: Guenter Butschek
Headquarters: Mumbai

Common Service Centres (CSC) e-Governance Services India Limited
Headquarters: New Delhi
Managing Director: Dinesh Tyagi



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Akhilesh Mishra has been appointed as the country's next High Commissioner to which country?**

- A) Germany
- B) Australia
- C) Hungary
- D) France
- E) Ireland

Answer

E) Ireland



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Senior diplomat Akhilesh Mishra has been appointed as the country's next High Commissioner to Ireland, External Affairs Ministry announced.
- Mishra was the 1989 IFS-batch officer and is on special duty in the foreign ministry at present.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Ireland

Capital: Reykjavik

Currency: Euro



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Ebrahim Raisi sworn in as president of which country?**

- A) Iran
- B) Australia
- C) Hungary
- D) France
- E) Ireland

Answer

A) Iran



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Iran

Capital: Tehran

Currency: Rial

President: Ebrahim Raisi



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Dhriti Banerjee has become the first woman to be appointed as director of Zoological Survey of India (ZSI). It is founded in which year?**

- A) 1913
- B) 1914
- C) 1915
- D) 1917
- E) 1916

Answer

E) 1916



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Zoological Survey of India
Founder: Government of India
Founded: 1 July 1916
Headquarters: Kolkata
Director: Dhriti Banerjee



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who is appointed as non-executive chairman of Mahindra & Mahindra?**

- A) Sadhish Mahindra
- B) Varun Mahindra
- C) Lakshman Mahindra
- D) Anand Mahindra
- E) Karthik Mahindra

Answer

D) Anand Mahindra



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Long-serving Mahindra & Mahindra group chairman, Anand Mahindra, will step down from his executive role to become the non-executive chairman from November 2021.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Mahindra & Mahindra Limited

CEO: Anish Shah

Founded: 2 October 1945

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra



➤ **The first Deputy National Security Adviser level meeting was held virtually between India, Sri Lanka and which country?**

- A) Germany
- B) Maldives
- C) Hungary
- D) France
- E) Ireland

Answer

B) Maldives



Explanation

- The first Deputy National Security Adviser level meeting was held virtually between India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives .
- The meet aims to forge closer cooperation on maritime and security matters among the three Indian Ocean countries.
- The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Sri Lanka's Army head General LHSC Silva.
- India's deputy NSA Pankaj Saran and Maldives' Secretary of NSA's office Aishath Nooshin Waheed participated in the meet.



Explanation

- Bangladesh, Mauritius and Seychelles also participated as observers in the meeting.
- The meet identified four pillars of cooperation under the Colombo Security Conclave.
- These included marine safety and security, terrorism and radicalization, trafficking and organised crime and cybersecurity.



Titbits

Sri Lanka

Capital: Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte (Legislative),
Colombo (Executive and Judicial)

Currency: Rupee

Maldives

Capital: Malé

Currency: Maldivian rufiyaa



➤ **Canada has joined the Coalition on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), an initiative that was launched by India in which year?**

A) 2012

B) 2013

C) 2014

D) 2016

E) 2019

Answer

E) 2019



Explanation

- Canada has joined the Coalition on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), an initiative that was launched by India in 2019.
- The international coalition was unveiled by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the UN Climate Action Summit in New York in September 2019 and now includes 22 countries, four international partners and two private sector organisations.
- Among its members are the United States, the United Kingdom, The European Union, France, Germany, Japan, Australia and Brazil.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Canada

Capital: Ottawa

Currency: Canadian Dollar



➤ The Finance Ministry has released how much amount to four states “Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand and Mizoram” to provide grants to urban local bodies (ULBs)?

- A) Rs 286 crore
- B) Rs 386 crore
- C) Rs 486 crore
- D) Rs 586 crore
- E) Rs 686 crore

Answer

E) Rs 686 crore



Explanation

- The Finance Ministry has released Rs 686 crore to four states --Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand and Mizoram -- to provide grants to urban local bodies (ULBs).
- The grants for urban local bodies have been released as per the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission, aimed at improving basic civic services, including fulfilling location-specific felt needs.
- These grants are intended for smaller (non-million plus) cities, including cantonment Boards.



Explanation

- The Department of Expenditure has released an amount of Rs 685.80 crore to 4 states for providing grants to the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).
- Out of this, an amount of Rs 494 crore has been released to Uttar Pradesh, Rs 110.20 crore to Gujarat, Rs 74.80 crore to Jharkhand and Rs 6.80 crore to Mizoram.
- The grants are meant to ensure the provision of additional funds to urban local bodies over and above the funds allocated by the Centre and state for sanitation and drinking water under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Finance & Corporate Affairs

Minister: Nirmala Sitharaman

Constituency: Rajya Sabha MP, Karnataka



➤ **Which state launched the Tamil Archanai scheme at Kapaleeswarar Temple in Mylapore, Chennai?**

- A) Karnataka
- B) Kerala
- C) Jharkhand
- D) Tamil Nadu
- E) Haryana

Answer

D) Tamil Nadu



Explanation

- Tamil Nadu Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments PK Sekar Babu launched the Tamil Archanai scheme at Kapaleeswarar Temple in Mylapore, Chennai.
- The minister also added that the present system of chanting archanai mantras in Sanskrit would not be disturbed.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Tamil Nadu

Capital: Chennai

CM: Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin

Governor: Banwarilal Purohit



➤ **Which state/UT inaugurated a sports week to celebrate the Independence Day of the nation?**

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

Answer

E) J & K



Explanation

- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor (LG) Manoj Sinha inaugurated a sports week to celebrate the Independence Day of the nation in Srinagar.
- In this sports week, various sporting events will be organised across Jammu and Kashmir to celebrate the "Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav" in connection with 75 years of Independence.



Titbits

Jammu and Kashmir

Capital: Srinagar(summer), Jammu(winter)

Governor: Manoj Sinha



➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the Khel Ratna award will be called the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award. Dhyan Chand is related to which sports?

- A) Athlete
- B) Wrestling
- C) Weightlifting
- D) Hockey
- E) MotoGP

Answer

D) Hockey



Explanation

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the Khel Ratna award will now be called the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.
- The award was earlier named after former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- This comes a day after the Indian men's hockey team won the Bronze medal after 41 years at the Olympic Games. Dhyan Chand was a legendary hockey player known for his magical hockey skills.
- He was part of the Indian hockey team which struck gold in the Olympics of 1928, 1932, and 1936.
- On August 29, India celebrates National Sports Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey wizard Dhyan Chand.



➤ **Who addresses the G20 Research Ministers' Meeting virtually?**

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

Answer

E) Subhas Sarkar



Explanation

- The Minister of State for Education Shri Subhas Sarkar participated in the G20 Research Ministers' meeting.
- The meeting was hosted in blended mode by Italy.
- G20 Education Ministers exchanged views on enhancing research collaborations and sharing digital space among G20 Countries for a strong, sustainable, resilient and inclusive recovery.
- MoS, Education, Smt. Annpurna Devi; MoS, Education, Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Secretary Higher Education Shri Amit Khare and senior officials of the Ministry were also present during the meeting.

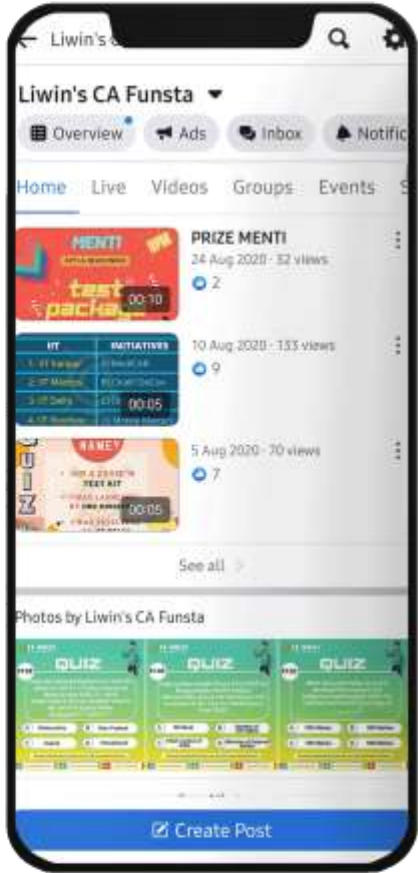


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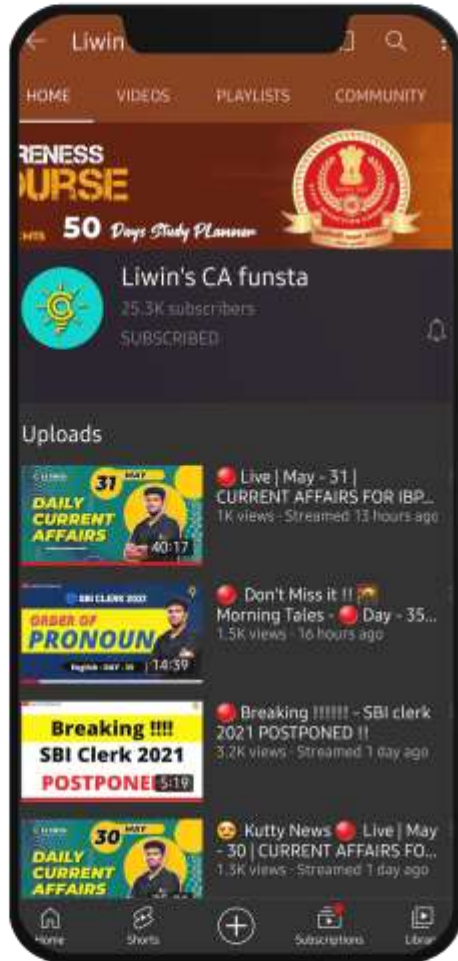
- Representing India, Shri Subhas Sarkar reiterated the country's commitment to promote research and to skill, reskill and upskill the youth and collaborating with other G-20 countries to achieve this objective.
- He said that India attaches great importance to work with G20 partners and find evidence-based solutions to common problems.



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