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- India + UN - Tech support Peace Keeping Mission
- EAM Jai Shankar - chaired UNSC High level Meeting
- jointly roll out - UNITE AWARE platform

Important Days



➤ **World Photography Day is celebrated every year on which date?**

- A) 13 August
- B) 14 August
- C) 15 August
- D) 16 August
- E) 19 August

Answer

E) 19 August



Important Days



World Photography Day: History

- History of World Photography Day can be traced back to late 1830s when Louis Daguerre developed the first-ever photographic process by inventing the 'daguerreotype'.
- According to Planeta.com, The French Academy of Sciences on 9 January, 1839, announced the process.
- Therefore, 19 August is celebrated every year is World Photography Day.



Important Days



World Humanitarian Day

- World Humanitarian Day is observed on August 19 every year to recognize humanitarian personnel and those who **have lost their lives working for humanitarian causes.**
- Humanitarian concerns with promoting human welfare.
- The theme of World Humanitarian Day this year is **#TheHumanRace.**



➤ The Indian mixed relay team won a bronze to clinch the country's _____ medal in the history of U-20 World Athletics Championships?

- A) Fourth
- B) First
- C) Third
- D) Second
- E) Fifth

Answer

E) Fifth



➤ **Which country to host 2022 Women's Cricket World Cup qualifiers?**

- A) New Zealand
- B) Singapore
- C) Zimbabwe
- D) Kenya
- E) India

Answer

C) Zimbabwe



Explanation

- Zimbabwe will host the women's World Cup qualifier between **November 21 to December 5**, the International Cricket Council announced.
- The **10-team tournament**, the schedule for which will be announced in due course, decides three qualifiers for **next year's women's World Cup to be held in New Zealand from March 4 to April 3.**
- They will join five sides who have already qualified through the ICC Women's Championship -- Australia, England, India, South Africa and hosts New Zealand.



RANKING



➤ **Which country ranked second in terms of crypto adoption globally amid a crypto bull run 2021?**

- A) New Zealand
- B) Singapore
- C) Malaysia
- D) Kenya
- E) India



Answer

E) India

Total - 154 countries
Released by – Chainalysis



RANKING



Crypto Adoption globally Amid A Crypto Bull run 2021

Rank	Country
1	Vietnam
2	India
3	Pakistan



Explanation

- India ranks second in terms of crypto adoption worldwide behind Vietnam, but ahead of countries such as the US, UK, and China, according to the 2021 Global Crypto Adoption Index by blockchain data platform Chainalysis.
- A report by US-based research platform Finder released this month corroborated that the top five countries in terms of crypto adoption were all from Asia.



➤ Which company has partnered with Razorpay to extend its BNPL (Buy Now Pay Later) solution - Walnut 369 - to all Razorpay-enabled online merchants?

- A) Mastercard
- B) Visa
- C) Neobank
- D) Innotivi
- E) Capital Float

Answer

E) Capital Float



➤ **Exim Bank has extended soft loans worth how much amount on behalf of the Indian government to Guinea to support various projects in the African country?**

- A) USD 110.73 million
- B) USD 210.73 million
- C) USD 310.73 million
- D) USD 410.73 million
- E) USD 510.73 million

Answer

B) USD 210.73 million



Explanation

- Exim Bank has extended soft loans worth USD 210.73 million on behalf of the Indian government to Guinea to support various projects in the African country.
- This agreement was inked in December 2019 between Exim Bank and the Government of Guinea.
- The agreement under the LOC is effective from August 11, 2021, it said.



Titbits

EXIM Bank

Abbreviation: Export Import Bank of India

Founded: 1982

Headquarters: Mumbai

CEO: David Rasquinha

Guinea

Capital: Conakry

President: Alpha Condé

Currency: Guinean franc



➤ **ADB approves \$235 million loan to upgrade national highway in which country?**

- A) Nepal
- B) Bhutan
- C) Pakistan
- D) Bangladesh
- E) Sweden

Answer

C) Pakistan



Explanation

- The project will expand the 222-kilometre Shikarpur–Rajanpur section of the National Highway 55 (N55) from two lanes into a four-lane carriageway.
- N55 is part of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Corridor 5 which links the ports of Karachi and Gwardar in southern Pakistan with national and international economic centres to the north.



Titbits

Pakistan

Capital: Islamabad

Currency: Rupee

President: Arif Alvi

Prime Minister: Imran Khan

Asian Development Bank

Member Countries: 68

Founded Year: 1966

Headquarters: Manila, Philippines

Head: Masatsugu Asakawa

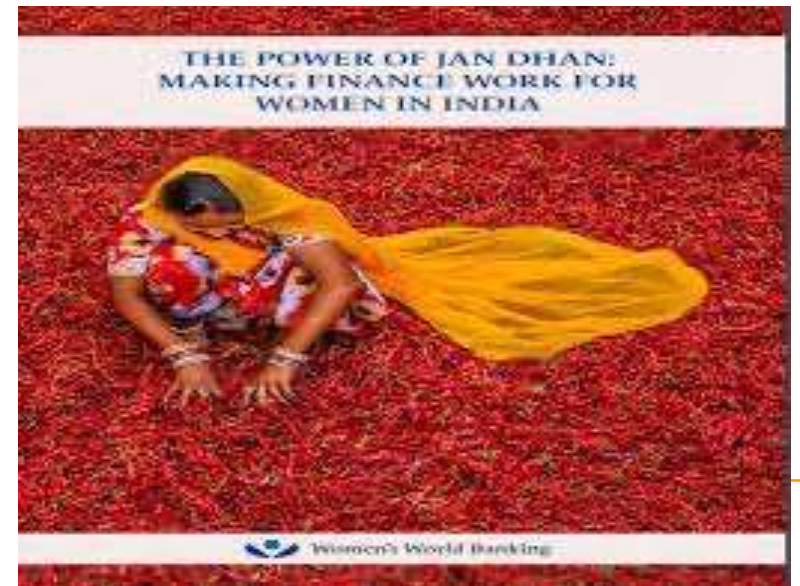


➤ The report titled 'The Power of Jan Dhan: Making Finance Work for Women in India' is launched by which bank and Women's World Banking?

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

Answer

B) Bank of Baroda



Explanation

- Public sector banks can attract about Rs 25,000 crore in deposits by serving 100 million low-income women while financially empowering 40 crore Indians, according to a new report published jointly by Bank of Baroda and global non-profit organisation Women's World Banking.
- The report titled 'The Power of Jan Dhan: Making Finance Work for Women in India' provides in-depth insights into savings behaviour and financial inclusion barriers of women.
- It underscores the need for sex-disaggregated data to design products for women that make them confident and comfortable in engaging with banks.





Titbits

Bank of Baroda

Hq: Vadodara, Gujarat

MD and CEO: Sanjiv Chadha

Tagline: India's International Bank



AWARDS



➤ **National Teachers Awards 2021 list released by Education Ministry.
How many persons won this award?**

- A) 45
- B) 44
- C) 43
- D) 42
- E) 41

Answer

B) 44



AWARDS



Explanation

- President Ram Nath Kovind will honour 44 selected meritorious teachers on Teacher's Day on **September 5 this year.**
- The Union Ministry of Education, Department of School Education and Literacy, has published a list of the selected teachers from across the country for the National Awards to Teachers, 2021.



Explanation

- Among the selected teachers are two each from Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Sikkim, Odisha, Bihar, Gujarat, and Rajasthan.
- Among CBSE schools, two teachers from Delhi's Bal Bharati Public School Dwarka and Rajasthan's Birla Balika Vidyapeeth, Jhunjhunu have made it to the national honours list.



➤ The Indian and which country navies signed a document that provides for consolidating shared commitment to promote peace, security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region?

- A) New Zealand
- B) Singapore
- C) Australia
- D) Kenya
- E) Iran

Answer

C) Australia



Explanation

- The defence ministry said the document, 'Joint Guidance for Australia -- India Navy to Navy Relationship', is aimed at ensuring a shared approach to regional and global security challenges.
- In June last year, India and Australia elevated their ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership and signed a landmark deal for reciprocal access to military bases for logistics support during an online summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Australia

Capital: Canberra

Currency: Australian Dollar



➤ Which member countries signed an agreement for cooperation in remote sensing satellite data sharing?

- A) IBSA
- B) G7
- C) G20
- D) SCO
- E) BRICS

Answer
E) BRICS



Explanation

- Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) signed an agreement for cooperation in remote sensing satellite data sharing, according to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- The pact inked enables building a virtual constellation of specified remote sensing satellites of BRICS space agencies and their respective ground stations will receive the data.
- The agreement was signed under India's BRICS Chairship, it was stated. Secretary (Consular, Passport, Visa & Overseas Indian Affairs) & India's BRICS Sherpa, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Sanjay Bhattacharyya, were present.



➤ **Who chaired the 5th meeting of BRICS Industry Ministers through video conferencing?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Piyush Goyal
- C) Arjun Munda
- D) Smriti Zubin Irani
- E) Ashwini Vaishnaw

Answer

B) Piyush Goyal



Explanation

- Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal chaired the 5th meeting of BRICS Industry Ministers through video conference.
- The Industry Ministers of BRICS Countries Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa attended the meeting.
- **India's efforts of channelizing technology towards good and smart governance thus increasing transparency and accountability were highlighted.**
- India has developed a vibrant and dynamic start-up ecosystem, leveraged existing platforms and digital technologies such as Aadhar and UPI payments for ensuring delivery of critical services to the last mile.



Jaishankar to chair high-level UNSC meeting

- Under India's August presidency, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar is set to chair high-level meetings at the **United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on August 18 and 19.**
- The first event slated will be an Open Debate on **'Protecting the Protectors: Technology and Peacekeeping'** while the second event on August 19, will be a high-level briefing on 'Threats to International Peace and Security caused by Terrorist Acts'.
- Jaishankar lays wreath at UN Peacekeepers Memorial in New York.



Titbits

Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and
Public Distribution & Textiles

Minister: Piyush Goyal

Constituency: Rajya Sabha MP, Maharashtra



➤ Which Ministry signs MOU with MakeMyTrip, Ibibo to strengthen hospitality industry?



- A) Defence Ministry
- B) Home Ministry
- C) Mines Ministry
- D) External Affairs Ministry
- E) Tourism Ministry

Answer

E) Tourism Ministry



Explanation

- The Ministry of Tourism has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MakeMyTrip (India) Private Limited and Ibibo Group Private Limited in a bid to strengthen the hospitality and tourism industry especially in the times of the pandemic.
- It has already signed MoUs with **Cleartrip and Yatra.com and Ease my Trip.**



Titbits

Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region

Minister: G. Kishan Reddy

Constituency: Secunderabad, Telangana



➤ Which organisation launched an innovative initiative called **'Train, Earn and Learn' (TAIL)** to provide employment and experience to students while developing their skills in studying Chartered Accountant?

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

Answer

D) ICAI



Explanation

- In a noble initiative, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) launched an innovative initiative called 'Train, Earn and Learn' (TAIL) to provide employment and experience to students while developing their skills in studying Chartered Accountant.



Titbits

ICAI

Abbreviation: The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

Formation: 1 July 1949

Headquarters: New Delhi

President: CA Nihar Niranjn Jambusaria



➤ Who inaugurated Arogya Dhara 2.0 to increase the reach of Ayushman Bharat - Jan Arogya Yojana and create more awareness about the scheme?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Piyush Goyal
- C) Arjun Munda
- D) Mansukh Mandaviya
- E) Ashwini Vaishnaw

Answer

D) Mansukh Mandaviya



Explanation

- Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated Arogya Dhara 2.0 to increase the reach of Ayushman Bharat - Jan Arogya Yojana and create more awareness about the scheme.
- The minister launched three initiatives – Adhikar Patra, Abhinandan Patra, and Ayushman Mitra.
- Adhikar Patra will be issued to the beneficiaries during their hospital admissions for treatment under the PM-JAY scheme to make them aware about their rights so that they can claim free and cashless health care services.



Titbits

Health and Family Welfare & Chemicals and Fertilizers

Minister: Mansukh L. Mandaviya

Constituency: Rajaya Sabha MP, Gujarat



➤ **Who inaugurates Centre for Research & Innovation in Artificial Intelligence set up at IIT-Hyderabad?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Piyush Goyal
- C) Arjun Munda
- D) Dharmendra Pradhan
- E) Ashwini Vaishnaw



Answer

D) Dharmendra Pradhan



Titbits

Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Minister: Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

Constituency: Rajya Sabha MP, Madhya Pradesh



➤ Which state has launched a 'drive-in' vaccination campaign in which a vehicle equipped with manpower and other resources pulls in at a specific location to administer the Covid-19 vaccine?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Kerala
- D) Assam
- E) Odisha

Answer
C) Kerala



Explanation

- The facility will work on a 24x7 basis, according to State Health Minister Veena George who visited the Government Women's College campus here where the vehicle is stationed.
- Inaugurating the programme, she said that the 'drive-in' vaccination is administered here on the basis of online registration.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Kerala

Capital: Thiruvananthapuram

CM: Pinarayi Vijayan

Governor: Arif Mohammed Khan



➤ Which state government bans use of term 'Gorakh Dhanda' after community takes offence in it?

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

Answer

C) Haryana



Explanation

- The Haryana government has banned in official communication the use of expression "Gorakh Dhanda", generally used to describe unethical practices.
- The decision was taken by CM Manohar Lal Khattar after a delegation of the Gorakhnath community met him.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Haryana

Capital: Chandigarh

CM: Manohar Lal Khattar

Governor: Bandaru Dattatraya





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IMPORTANT DAYS

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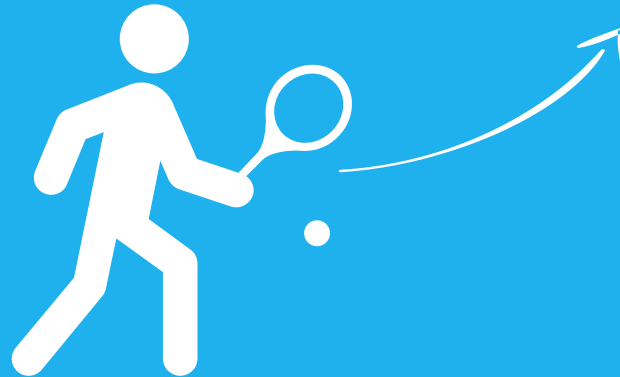
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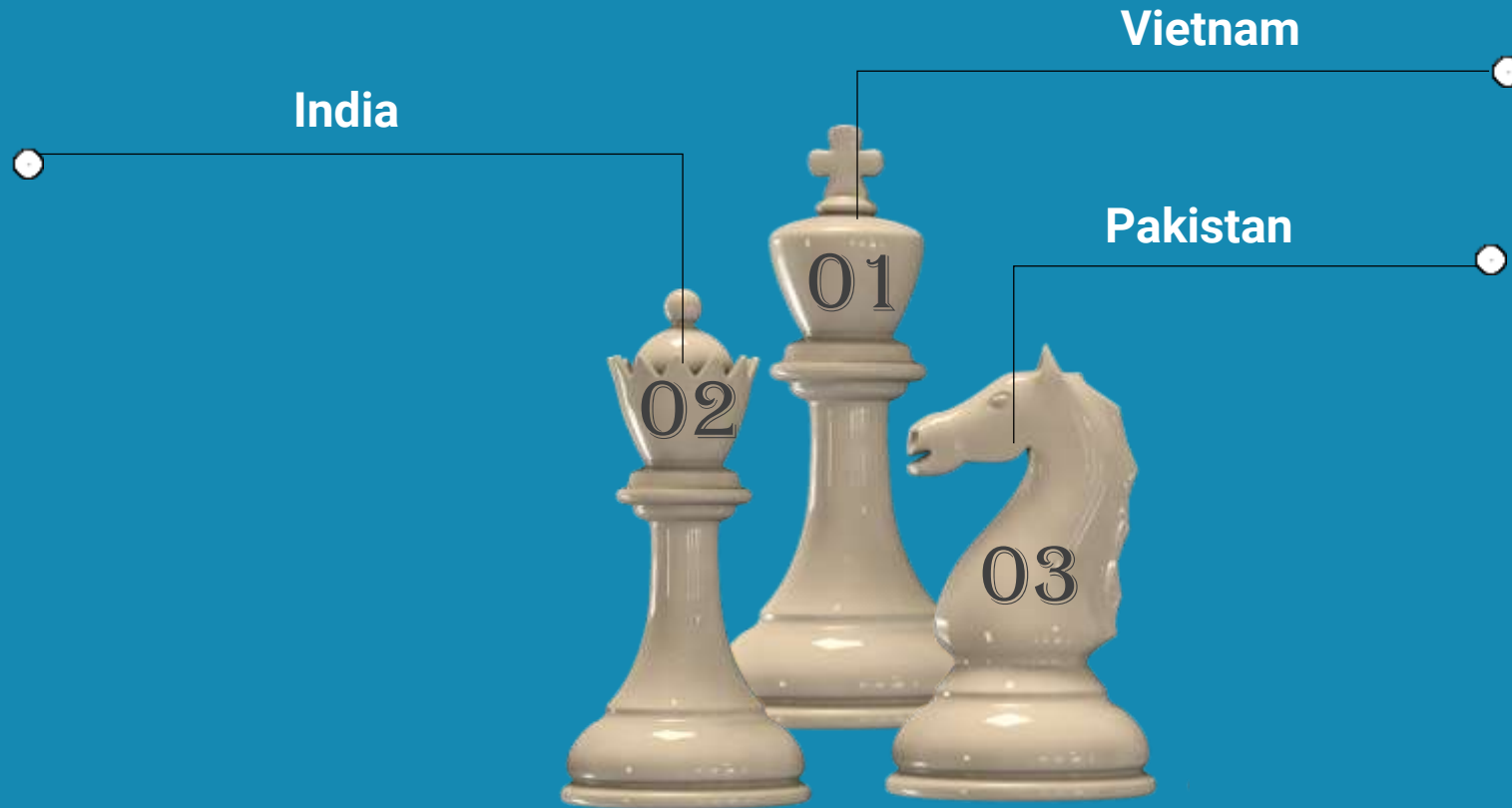
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Exim Bank



Expand BNPL solution to
1 lakh online businesses

Capital Float + Razorpay

\$235 million loan to upgrade
National Highway in Pakistan

ADB



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

Report recommends 'Jan Dhan Plus'
to catalyse formal savings behaviour



WWB + Bank of Baroda



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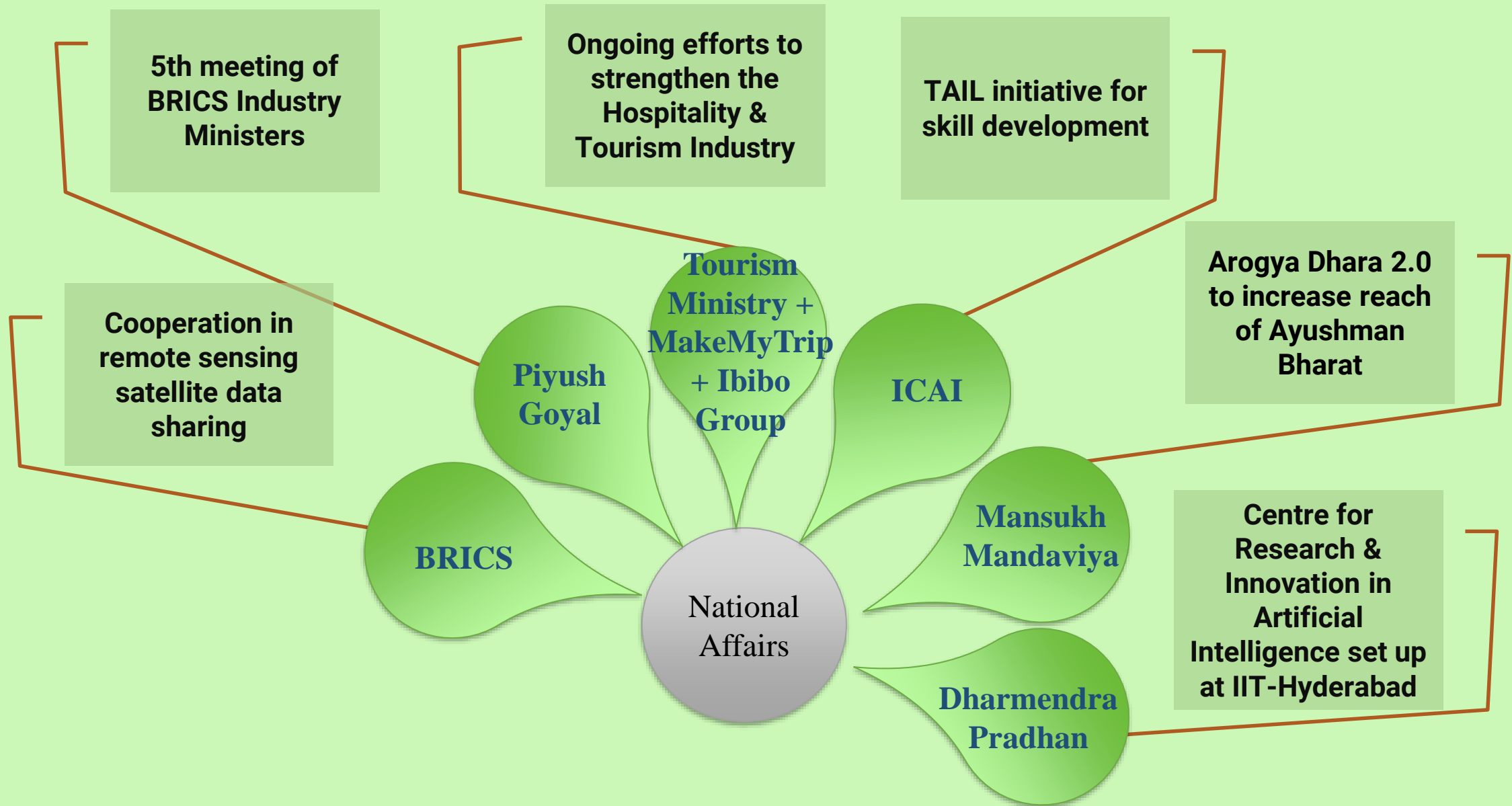
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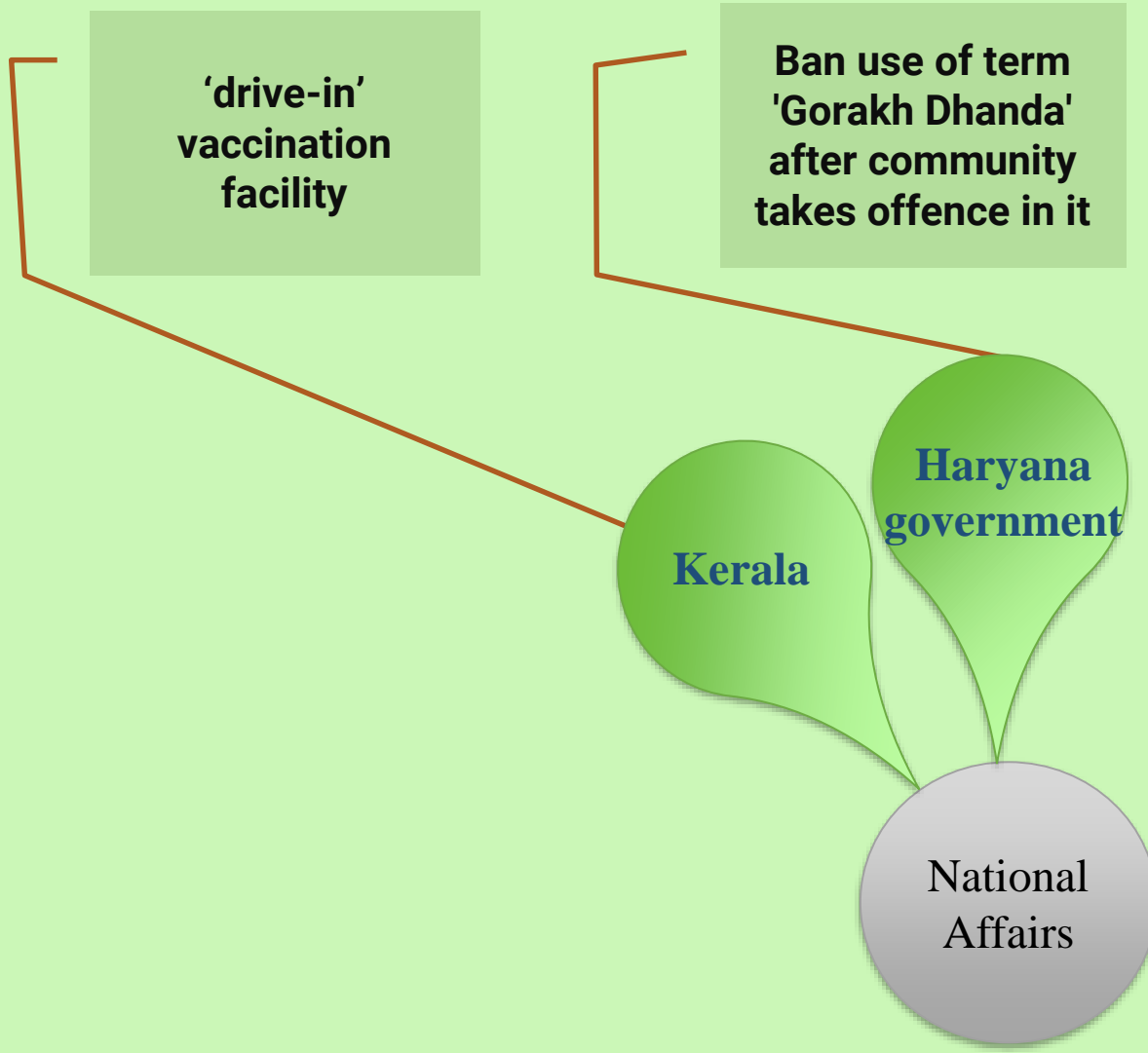
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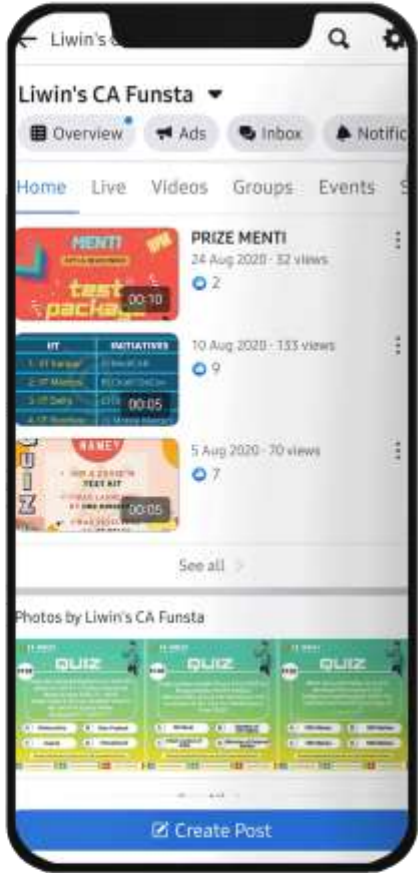
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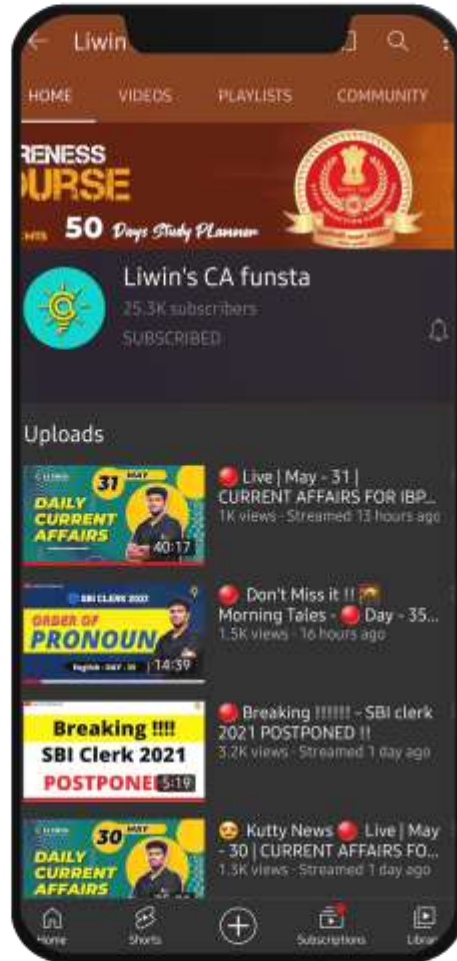
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