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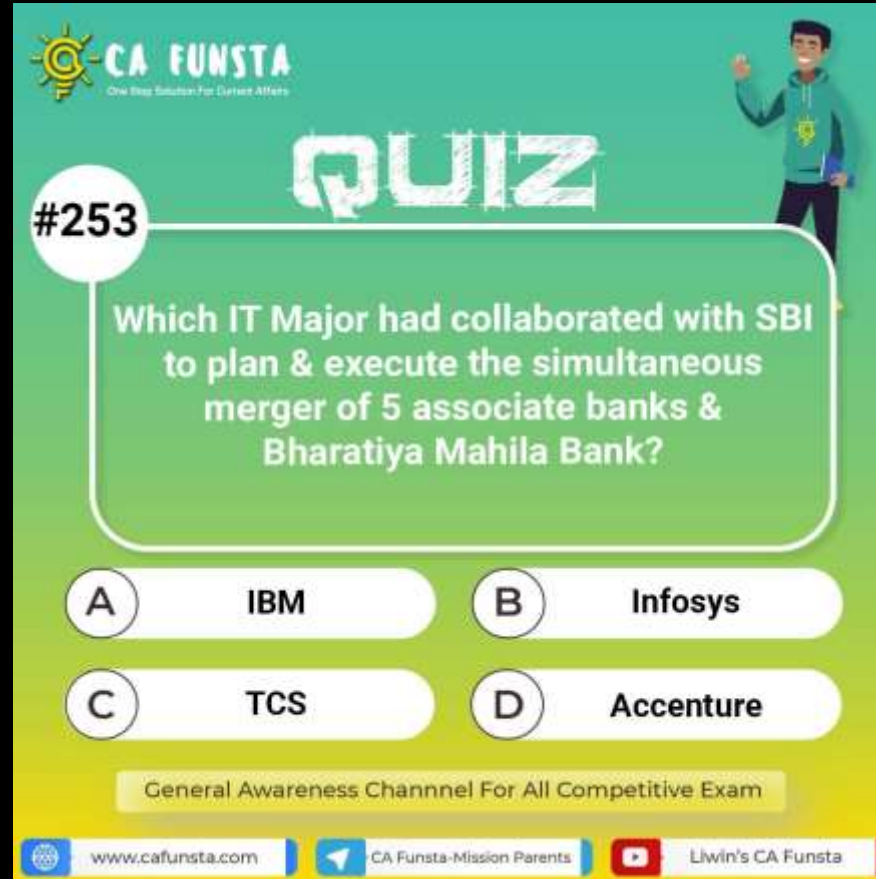
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# QUIZ



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Which IT Major had collaborated with SBI to plan & execute the simultaneous merger of 5 associate banks & Bharatiya Mahila Bank?

**A** IBM      **B** Infosys  
**C** TCS      **D** Accenture

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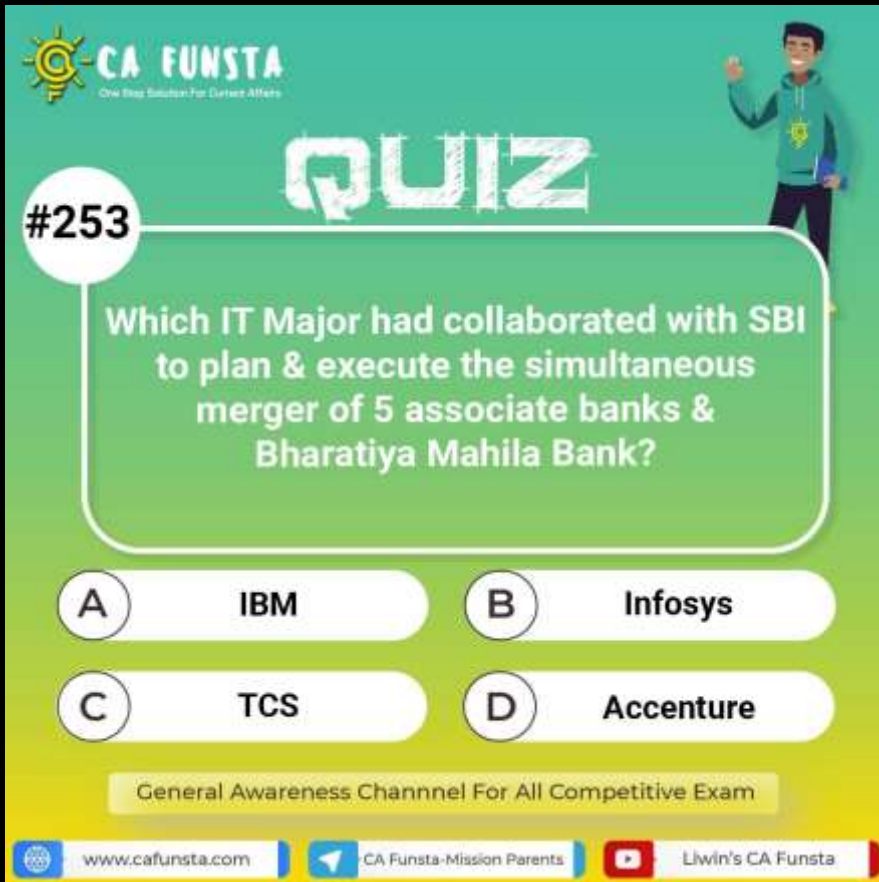
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### SBI extends contract with TCS for 5 years

- TCS had collaborated with SBI to plan & execute the simultaneous merger of 5 associate banks & Bharatiya Mahila Bank.
- The extended partnership builds on a two-decade long relationship
- TCS Country Head" India - Ujjwal Mathur



# Important Days



➤ **World Cotton Day is observed on which date?**

- A) October 5
- B) October 1
- C) October 6
- D) October 7
- E) October 2

**Answer**

**D) October 7**





# Important Days



## Explanation

- The globe marks World Cotton Day on October 7th every year since 2019.
- The purpose of the international day is to maximize the importance of cotton, which range from its attributes as a natural fibre to the benefits people gain from its production, transformation, commerce, and consumption.
- World Cotton Day also strives to emphasise the problems that the world's cotton economies experience, as cotton is important for the world's least developed, emerging, and developed economies.



# Important Days



## World Cotton Day: History

- The inaugural World Cotton Day was held in Geneva in 2019.
- The International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) established the day.
- The Cotton-4 nations, Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, and Mali, made an official proposal to the United Nations General Assembly on August 30, for the establishment of a World Cotton Day, which underlines the importance of cotton as a worldwide resource.





## World Cotton Day: History

- The Bremen Cotton Exchange, as one of the world's largest cotton organisations, also supported the idea of World Cotton Day.
- Cotton is also one of India's most important commercial crops, providing a living for around 6.00 million cotton farmers.
- Being the world's second-largest cotton producer and largest consumer, India introduced its very first label and logo, "Kasturi Cotton." on the occasion of the second World Cotton Day in 2020.



# Important Days



## World Cotton Day: History

- The trademark will stand for brightness, whiteness, softness, shine, purity, and individuality.
- India had also built the “Cott-Ally” smartphone application. Cotton Corporation of India developed the app to offer the most recent information on weather conditions, agricultural methods, and crop situations.



# Important Days



## World Cotton Day: Theme

- The theme for World Cotton Day 2021 is “There’s more to cotton than you think”. This year the event will be organised virtually.



➤ The Indian women's team of Manu Bhaker, Rhythm Sangwan and Naamya Kapoor won gold in the \_\_\_\_\_ pistol event at the International Shooting Sport Federation's (ISSF) Junior World Championship?

- A) 23m
- B) 24m
- C) 22m
- D) 21m
- E) 25m

**Answer**

**E) 25m**



## Explanation

- The Indian women's team of Manu Bhaker, Rhythm Sangwan and Naamya Kapoor struck gold in the 25m pistol event to continue the country's domination at the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation's (ISSF) Junior World Championship here.
- The Indian team beat USA 16-4 in the gold medal match.
- The country's 20th medal came in the men's trap team event in which the Indians secured a silver, going down to Italy 4-6.



## Explanation

- The trio of Bakhtyaruddin Malek, Shardul Vihan and Vivaan Kapoor had qualified for the match after being placed second out of seven teams in qualification, with a combined score of 473 out of 525.
- Italy was strong throughout the competition having topped qualification with a huge 486.
- Earlier, Bhaker secured her fourth gold of the competition to go with one bronze, while it was the 14-year-old Kapoor's second gold of the championship.
- She had become the newly-crowned world junior champion in the individual 25m pistol event.



## Explanation

- India also picked up a silver medal in the men's 25m rapid fire pistol event when Adarsh Singh lost to USA's Henry Turner Leverett in the six-man final.
- At the end of day eight of the championship on Wednesday, India topped the medal tally with nine gold, seven silver and three bronze. USA were second with five gold and a total of 16 medals.
- The troika of Manu, Rhythm and Naamyra, faced little competition throughout as they took a commanding lead of 10-4 before the beginning of the eighth series of rapid-fire shots and then closed out at 16-4.
- They had finished on top of round one qualification with a combined effort of 878, which was six points clear of the second placed French team.





## Explanation

- Later that day, they topped round two as well to ease into the gold medal match with a score of 446.
- USA joined them in the final with a score of 437.
- In the men's 25m rapid fire, India had three finalists out of six with the twins Udhayveer and Vijayveer Sidhu making it through along with Adarsh Singh.
- Udhayveer was the best Indian in qualification with a score of 577 and finished fourth, while Adarsh was fifth with 574 and Vijayveer took the sixth and final qualification spot with 572.
- Udhayveer and Vijayveer were the first to go out in the final.
- Udhayveer got nine hits in the first 20-shots to finish sixth.



## Explanation

- Vijayveer finished fifth, going out in the next series with 13 hits out of 25.
- Adarsh, however, started the final on a strong note with a perfect 10 out of 10 in the first two series.
- However, USA's Henry Turner Leverett turned out to be the most accurate in this match and finished with 32 hits out of 40 to win gold, while Adarsh finished with 28 to win silver.
- In the 50m rifle prone mixed team event, India finished outside the medal bracket.
- The pair of Sift Kaur Samra and Surya Pratap Singh made it to the second qualification round, eventually finishing sixth with a combined score of 409.5.



## Explanation

- Ashi Chouksey and Sanskar Havelia finished ninth out of 11 pairs in round one of qualification with a combined score of 604.0. The first eight pairs made it to round two.
- The junior women's trap team missed out on a medal when Kirti Gupta, Aadya Tripathi and Divya Singh went down 2-6 to Germany in the bronze medal match.
- India will begin on top of the medals tally with nine gold, eight silver and three bronze medals already in their kitty.
- The USA are second with six gold, eight silver and five bronze medals.



# RANKING



➤ What is the rank of Mukesh Ambani in Forbes India Rich List 2021?

- A) 4
- B) 5
- C) 3
- D) 2
- E) 1

**Answer**

**E) 1**



## Explanation

- Indian business tycoon and Reliance Chairman Mukesh Ambani retained the top spot in the list of richest Indians as he added \$4 billion to his net worth (making it to \$92.7 billion) in the year 2021, as per Forbes magazine top 100 list, released.
- This makes it the 14th year in a row since 2008 that Ambani has been named the wealthiest man in the entire country.



# RANKING



## Full list of the top ten richest Indians

| Rank | Person             | Amount         |
|------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1    | Mukesh Ambani      | \$92.7 billion |
| 2    | Gautam Adani       | \$74.8 billion |
| 3    | Shiv Nadar         | \$31 billion   |
| 4    | Radhakishan Damani | \$29.4 billion |
| 5    | Cyrus Poonawalla   | \$19 billion   |
| 6    | Lakshmi Mittal     | \$18.8 billion |
| 7    | Savitri Jindal     | \$18 billion   |
| 8    | Uday Kotak         | \$16.5 billion |
| 9    | Pallonji Mistry    | \$16.4 billion |
| 10   | Kumar Birla        | \$15.8 billion |



# RANKING



## Explanation

- According to Forbes, the cumulative wealth of the richest Indians witnessed a 50 per cent surge in the year two of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Magazine mentioned that India's 100 richest are now worth \$775 billion.





➤ **The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) has sanctioned an assistance of \_\_\_\_\_ to the Odisha government for construction of 24 bridges in the state?**

- A) Rs 303 crore
- B) Rs 203 crore
- C) Rs 103 crore
- D) Rs 403 crore
- E) Rs 603 crore

**Answer**

**A) Rs 303 crore**



## Explanation

- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) said it has sanctioned an assistance of Rs 303 crore to the Odisha government for construction of 24 bridges in the state.
- The rural infrastructure projects will improve connectivity for 24.13 lakh people in 823 villages across 13 districts.
- These projects have been approved under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), Nabard said in a statement.



## Titbits

### NABARD

Abbreviation: National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

Recommendation Committee: B.Sivaramman Committee

Act: National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Act 1981

Founded: 12 July 1982

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman : Govinda Rajulu Chintala

### Odisha

Capital : Bhubaneswar

Chief Minister - Naveen Patnaik

Governor - Ganeshi Lal



➤ **Which housing company has joined hands with CSC e-Governance Services India to provide last-mile home loan facilities to individuals living in tier 2 and 3 cities?**

- A) Religare Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited
- B) Shriram Housing Finance Limited
- C) Orange City Housing Finance Limited
- D) PNB Housing Finance Limited
- E) Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited

**Answer**

**D) PNB Housing Finance Limited**



## Explanation

- PNB Housing Finance announced that it has joined hands with CSC e-Governance Services India to provide last-mile home loan facilities to individuals living in tier 2 and 3 cities.
- CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, a Special Purpose Vehicle, has been set up by the Ministry of Electronics and IT under the Companies Act, 1956, to oversee the implementation of the CSC scheme.
- It is a strategic cornerstone of the Digital India programme.
- PNB Housing Finance Limited is promoted by state-owned Punjab National Bank and is a registered Housing Finance Company with National Housing Bank (NHB).



## **Titbits**

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



➤ **Which Securities Unveils A New Brand Tagline: "Choice Of The Wize"?**

- A) Yes Securities
- B) ICICI Securities
- C) SBI Securities
- D) MAX Securities
- E) PNB Securities

**Answer**

**A) Yes Securities**





## Explanation

- YES SECURITIES, the wholly-owned subsidiary of YES BANK, has launched its new tagline, “Choice of the Wize”
- The launch of this new tagline is the culmination of extensive research and consultation with staff, dealers, sub-brokers and other important stakeholders.
- It also represents an important strategic step in YES SECURITIES' transformation journey to achieve our goal of becoming the 1st choice investment solutions partner.



➤ **Which bank executed its first term loan and cross currency swap derivative transactions linked to Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR)?**

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) Bank of Baroda
- C) Central Bank of India
- D) Canara Bank
- E) YES Bank

**Answer**

**A) ICICI Bank**



## Explanation

- ICICI Bank executed its first term loan and cross currency swap derivative transactions linked to Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR), the bank said in a release.
- The transactions were carried out with a corporate client through the Bank's International offices.
- The value of the transaction will be a tiny one going by the industry trend.



## Explanation

- These transactions pointed to the bank's preparedness towards smooth transition from USD LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate) to transactions linked to Alternative Reference Rates (ARR).
- In January 2021, the Bank had executed its first interbank money market transaction linked to SOFR, which has been identified as the replacement for USD LIBOR.



## **Titbits**

ICICI Bank

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO: Sandeep Bakshi

Tagline: Hum Hai Na, Khayal Apka



➤ **CoinSwitch Kuber is India's 2nd crypto unicorn.  
What is headquarters of CoinSwitch Kuber?**

- A) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- B) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- C) Hyderabad, Telangana
- D) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- E) Bangalore, Karnataka

**Answer**

**E) Bangalore, Karnataka**



## Explanation

- Notwithstanding the regulatory uncertainty over the legality of cryptocurrencies, India now has two crypto unicorns.
- CoinSwitch Kuber announced raising over \$260 million in Series C funding round from a clutch of investors, valuing the company at \$1.9 billion.
- This makes the Bengaluru-based start-up more valuable than rival CoinDCX, which became India's first cryptocurrency unicorn after it raised \$90 million in August.



➤ **Which bank conducts 'customer outreach programme' in J-K's Srinagar?**

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) Bank of India
- C) Central Bank of India
- D) Canara Bank
- E) YES Bank

**Answer**

**B) Bank of India**





## Explanation

- With an aim to take mainstream banking to the people of Kashmir valley, the Bank of India (BOI) organised a "Customer Outreach Programme" at Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar.
- As per the nationalised Public Sector Bank's (PSB) official release, the outreach programme marked the beginning of a series of similar programmes planned pan-India during the upcoming festival season.



## **Titbits**

Bank of India

Hq: Mumbai

MD and CEO: Atanu Kumar Das

Tagline: Relationship Beyond Banking



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ **Indiabulls Housing Finance has exited from UK-based OakNorth Holdings for about \_\_\_\_?**

- A) Rs 3,049 crore
- B) Rs 6,049 crore
- C) Rs 1,049 crore
- D) Rs 7,049 crore
- E) Rs 9,049 crore

**Answer**

**A) Rs 3,049 crore**



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Explanation

- Indiabulls Housing Finance said it has exited from UK-based OakNorth Holdings for about Rs 3,049 crore.
- In November 2015, Indiabulls Housing Finance acquired a 39.76 per cent stake in OakNorth Holdings Limited for Rs 663 crore (USD 100 million), the company said in a regulatory filing.



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Titbits

Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited

Headquarters: Gurugram

Vice-Chairman, Managing Director & CEO : Mr. Gagan Banga



# AWARDS



➤ **Which country writer Abdulrazak Gurnah was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature for works that explore the legacies of imperialism on uprooted individuals?**

- A) Australia
- B) India
- C) Tanzania
- D) Nepal
- E) USA

**Answer**

**C) Tanzania**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- Tanzanian writer Abdulrazak Gurnah was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature for works that explore the legacies of imperialism on uprooted individuals.
- The Swedish Academy said the award was in recognition of his “uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents”
- Born in Zanzibar in 1948 and based in England, Gurnah is a professor at the University of Kent.
- He is the author of 10 novels, including “Paradise,” which was shortlisted for the Booker Prize in 1994.



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- Anders Olsson, chairman of the Nobel Committee for literature, called him “one of the world’s most prominent post-colonial writers.”
- The prestigious award comes with a gold medal and 10 million Swedish kronor (over \$1.14 million).
- The prize money comes from a bequest left by the prize’s creator, Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel, who died in 1895.
- Last year’s prize went to American poet Louise Glück for what the judges described as her “unmistakable poetic voice that with austere beauty makes individual existence universal.”





➤ **India handovers Koshi Corridor power transmission line to which country Electricity Authority?**

- A) Australia
- B) UAE
- C) UK
- D) Nepal
- E) USA

**Answer**

**D) Nepal**



## Explanation

- India handed over a 106-km Koshi Corridor transmission line to Nepal Electricity Authority.
- The Koshi Corridor transmission line, costing a total of NRs 10.40 billion (USD 86.8 million) is being built under the Government of India's Line of Credit of USD 550 million, extended by the EXIM Bank of India.
- Package 1 of this project, worth NRs 4.5 billion (USD 37.3 million), was executed by India's Kalpataru Power Transmission Ltd (KPTL) and handed over to Nepal Electricity Authority after successful completion and charging of the line, read the official press release.



## Explanation

- Once the remaining two packages are completed, the project will ensure smooth power evacuation from the generation projects coming up in the Arun and Tamor river basins, with power output totalling about 2000 MW.
- A ceremony was held today in Hile, Dhankuta, Nepal to mark the completion of construction of the 220 kV Double Circuit Koshi Corridor power transmission line (Inarwa-Basantpur-Baneshwar-Tumlingtar) and its handover to Nepal Electricity Authority, added the release.



## Explanation

- The project was handed over by KPTL and EXIM Bank of India to MD, Nepal Electricity Authority in presence of Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) Namgya Khampa.
- Also present were administration representatives from Dhankuta and Hile, in addition to executives and personnel of KPTL and representatives from the local community.
- In addition to Koshi Corridor, India is supporting the construction of two other domestic power transmission lines in Nepal - the Modi-Lekhnath line and the Solu Corridor line, both 132 kV, the release added.



## Explanation

- India is also supporting the construction of several cross-border transmission links between the two-nation as well state grids.
- This is a key element of India's emphasis on enhancing cross-border economic connectivity as part of our larger "Neighbourhood First" policy.





## **Titbits**

Nepal

Capital: Kathmandu

Currency: Rupee

President: Bidya Devi Bhandari

Prime Minister: Sher Bahadur Deuba



➤ **Mahalaya festival was celebrated in which country?**

- A) Australia
- B) Bangladesh
- C) UK
- D) Nepal
- E) USA

**Answer**

**B) Bangladesh**



## Explanation

- Mahalaya festival was celebrated across Bangladesh with devotion and piety. Special puja programmes were organised across temples in the capital city Dhaka and other cities of Bangladesh.
- Mahanagar Sarbajanin Puja Committee organised a programme marking the Mahalaya at Dhakeshwari National temple to observe Mahalaya.







## Titbits

Bangladesh

Capital: Dhaka

Currency: Bangladeshi Taka

President: Mohammad Abdul Hamid

Prime Minister: Sheikh Hasina



➤ **India exports first consignment of Jackfruit, Passion fruit and Nutmeg products to which country?**

- A) Australia
- B) Bangladesh
- C) UK
- D) Nepal
- E) USA

**Answer**

**A) Australia**



## Explanation

- Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has facilitated exports of the first consignment of various value-added and nutri-rich products derived from jackfruit, Passion fruit and Nutmeg sourced from farmers in Thrissur, Kerala to Melbourne, Australia.
- These products have a shelf-life of more than one year. APEDA is promoting exports of value-added and health products as part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's aim for achieving 400-billion dollar merchandise exports by 2021-22.
- In the current fast-food era, consumers' preference is shifting towards healthy food.



## Explanation

- The gluten-free products prepared from healthy options like Jackfruit and Passion fruit are providing a viable alternative against the consumption of fast food.
- Jackfruit, originated in Western Ghats, was declared the State Fruit of Kerala in March, 2018.
- The largest tree-borne fruit is dense in fiber, protein, vitamins and minerals.
- The tropical fruit is the popular meat substitute among vegans due to its protein content.
- In addition to the use of fruit, seed and pulp, Jackfruit leaves, bark, inflorescence and latex are used in traditional medicines too.



➤ **Which organisation has recommended the use of the first-ever malaria vaccine for children?**

- A) WTO
- B) UNEP
- C) UNDP
- D) UNICEF
- E) WHO

**Answer**

**E) WHO**



## Explanation

- In a landmark announcement, the World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended the use of the first-ever malaria vaccine for children. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus endorsed the RTS,S/AS01 malaria or Mosquirix - a vaccine developed by British drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline (GSK).



## Titbits

WHO

Abbreviation: The World Health Organization

Director-General: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

Founded: 7 April 1948



➤ Centre releases \_\_\_\_\_ to states as back-to-back loan for GST shortfall?

- A) Rs 30,000 cr
- B) Rs 20,000 cr
- C) Rs 10,000 cr
- D) Rs 50,000 cr
- E) Rs 40,000 cr

**Answer**

**E) Rs 40,000 cr**





## Explanation

- The Centre released Rs 40,000 crore to states and UTs to compensate for the shortfall in GST revenues, taking the total amount released as loan so far this fiscal year to Rs 1.15 lakh crore
- It said that the Centre has frontloaded the release of assistance under the back-to-back loan facility with more than 72 per cent of the total estimated shortfall for the entire year of Rs 1.59 lakh crore being released so far.
- The balance amount will be released in due course.
- This release of funds as back-to-back loans is in addition to the bi-monthly GST compensation being released out of cess collection.



## Explanation

- The 43rd GST Council meeting on May 28, 2021 had decided that the central government would borrow Rs 1.59 lakh crore in 2021-22 and release it to states and UTs with legislature on a back-to-back basis to meet the resource gap due to the short release of compensation on account of inadequate amount collected in the compensation fund.
- This amount is as per the principles adopted for a similar facility in 2020-21, where an amount of Rs 1.10 lakh crore was released to states under a similar arrangement.



➤ Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) said the "heaviest" Semi-Cryogenic propellant tank (SC120- LOX) ever fabricated by it has been delivered to

\_\_\_?

- A) JAXA
- B) NASA
- C) CII
- D) CCI
- E) ISRO

**Answer**

**E) ISRO**



## Explanation

- State-run aerospace behemoth Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) said the "heaviest" Semi-Cryogenic propellant tank (SC120- LOX) ever fabricated by it has been delivered to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- The semi cryo-liquid oxygen (LOX) tank – the first developmental welded hardware is a part of the SC120 stage, intended for payload enhancement by replacing the L110 stage in the existing Mk-III launch vehicle, the company said.
- Last year, HAL had delivered the biggest ever cryogenic Liquid Hydrogen tank (C32-LH2) which is four meters in diameter and eight meters in length, much ahead of the contractual schedule.



## Explanation

- Stating that it has mastered the skills and technologies required for fabricating welded propellant tanks, HAL said, till date, its Aerospace Division has delivered 244 propellant tanks and 95 water tanks to ISRO for the space programs of PSLV, GSLV Mk-II, and GSLV Mk-III of diameter 2.1, 2.8 and 4 meters where the length of the tank varies from 2.5 meters to 8.0 meters.



## Titbits

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited  
Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka  
Chairman & MD: R Madhavan

## ISRO

Abbreviation: Indian Space Research Organisation  
Founded: 1969  
Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka  
Chairman: Kailasavadivoo Sivan



➤ **Which state/UT govt launches web portal for self-assessment of dust control norms?**

- A) Assam
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Delhi
- D) Odisha
- E) Tamil Nadu

**Answer**

**C) Delhi**



## Explanation

- Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai launched a web portal for self-monitoring of compliance of dust control guidelines at construction and demolition sites in the capital.
- The city government also launched the anti-dust campaign. It will continue till 29 October, he said.





# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

Delhi

Capital: New Delhi

CM: Arvind Kejriwal

Governor: Anil Baijal



➤ Which state announces 'Mission Kavach Kundal' scheme to boost up COVID-19 vaccination in state?

- A) Assam
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Delhi
- D) Odisha
- E) Tamil Nadu

**Answer**

**B) Maharashtra**



## Explanation

- With a target to administer 15 lakh COVID-19 vaccine doses daily, the Maharashtra government announced Mission Kavach Kundal from October 8-14.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

Maharashtra

Capital: Mumbai

CM: Udhav Thackarey

Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari



➤ Which organization, Électricité de France ink pact for international power project development opportunities?

- A) NHAI
- B) NHPC
- C) CCI
- D) CII
- E) NTPC

**Answer**

**E) NTPC**



## Explanation

- State-run power giant NTPC has inked a pact with Électricité de France S.A. (EDF) for cooperation in the international power sector. "EDF, one of the world's leading power sector companies headquartered in Paris, France, and NTPC have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to explore potential power project development opportunities in the Middle East, Asia, Europe, and Africa," a statement said.
- The two companies will also collaborate for knowledge sharing, research and development, technical services, and consultancy assignments globally.



## Explanation

- EDF and NTPC will jointly explore the possibility of power project development in the countries of mutual interest, as well as exchange knowledge and technical expertise.
- The parties will also explore collaboration around technical services, including international consultancy assignments, and will consider the possibility of pursuing pilot programs in the clean energy sector together.



## Titbits

NTPC Limited

Abbreviation: National Thermal Power Corporation Limited

Founded: 1975

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Chairman: Shri Gurdeep Singh





➤ **Which cabinet approves SGST Reimbursement Scheme for Majuli bridge project?**

- A) Assam
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Delhi
- D) Odisha
- E) Tamil Nadu

**Answer**

**A) Assam**



## Explanation

- The Assam cabinet approved the SGST Reimbursement Scheme for the Majuli bridge project and decided to waive stamp duty waiver on loans under PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) in certain cases and set up a Space Application Centre, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said.
- The SGST Reimbursement Scheme under which a part of State Goods & Service Tax (SGST) will be reimbursed for the Majuli-Jorhat bridge project has been approved by the Cabinet keeping in view a request from the Union Road Transport and Highways Ministry, Health Minister Kesab Mahanta said after the meeting.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## **Titbits**

Assam

Capital: Dispur

CM: Himanta Biswa Sarma

Governor: Jagdish Mukhi



➤ **ICMR launches MUDRA Toolbox for dementia patients in how many Indian languages?**

- A) 7
- B) 6
- C) 5
- D) 4
- E) 3

**Answer**

**C) 5**



## Explanation

- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) released the Multilingual Dementia Research and Assessment (MUDRA) Toolbox in five Indian languages - Hindi, Bengali, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam.
- It is a collective effort by seven leading centres in India NIMHANS (Bengaluru), AIIMS (New Delhi), SCTIMST (Thiruvananthapuram), NIMS (Hyderabad), Apollo Hospital (Kolkata), Manipal Hospital (Bengaluru) and Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College.
- According to the Dementia India Report 2010 by Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Society of India (ARDSI), there are approximately 5.29 million people living with dementia in India and this number is expected to increase to 7.61 million by 2030.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## **Titbits**

Assam

Capital: Dispur

CM: Himanta Biswa Sarma

Governor: Jagdish Mukhi



➤ **The Department of Telecom has slashed performance and financial bank guarantee requirement of telecom operators by \_\_\_\_ per cent?**

- A) 30
- B) 20
- C) 50
- D) 60
- E) 80

**Answer**

**E) 80**



## Explanation

- The Department of Telecom has slashed performance and financial bank guarantee requirement of telecom operators by 80 per cent, according to a licence amendment note issued.
- Under the amended norms, telecom operators will be required to provide a performance bank guarantee of up to Rs 44 crore for each service for the telecom licence compared to Rs 220 crore mandated under the old rule.
- Similarly, telecom operators will need to provide a financial bank guarantee of maximum Rs 8.8 crore per circle now, against the previous requirement of Rs 44 crore.





➤ Which state has developed the country's first smartphone-based eVoting solution considering the Covid-19 pandemic that has rushed the world into all-digital operations?

- A) Assam
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Telangana
- D) Odisha
- E) Tamil Nadu

**Answer**

**C) Telangana**



## Explanation

- Telangana has developed the country's first smartphone-based eVoting solution considering the Covid-19 pandemic that has rushed the world into all-digital operations.
- The initiative has been driven by Telangana State Election Commission (TSEC) with the implementation support of Emerging Technologies Wing of Telangana ITE&C Department and the technical development by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC).
- The technical development has also been guided by an expert committee comprising Prof. Rajat Moona, Director of IIT Bhilai and Technical advisor to ECI, and professors from IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi.



## Explanation

- The initiative originated from the State Election Commission's plan to enable 'e-Voting' facility to certain sections of voters such as Persons with Disabilities (PWD), Senior Citizens, citizens employed in notified essential services, sick people, polling personnel, IT Professional.
- TSEC partnered with Emerging Technologies Wing, whose mandate is to support GovTech projects, to initiate the development and deployment of projects on a pilot basis by leveraging emerging technologies to ensure it meets the strict requirements of the voting process.



## Explanation

- The solution has been successfully developed and tested, and it's dry run in the form of a dummy election is being conducted in the Khammam district with the registration on the application open from Oct 8 to 18 and the dummy voting on Oct 20.



## Titbits

Telangana

Capital: Hyderabad

CM: K. Chandrashekar Rao

Governor: Tamilisai Soundararajan



➤ Which organization, Mastercard Launches 'Digital Gyaan Se Vyapaar Nirmaan'?

- A) NHAI
- B) NHPC
- C) CAIT
- D) CII
- E) NTPC

**Answer**

**C) CAIT**



## Explanation

- The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) and Mastercard, , launched 'Digital Gyaan Se Vyapaar Nirmaan,' a joint campaign to help small businesses across India acquire digital skills that are critical for their post-pandemic recovery and revival.
- The two organisations will work jointly to enable access to digital learning for 1 crore Indian traders in remote areas across 300 cities by 2022, via a series of virtual knowledge sessions allowing for a personalized learning experience.



## Titbits

### Mastercard

Headquarters: New York, United States

Executive Chairman: Ajay Banga

Chief Executive Officer: Michael Miebach

### The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT)

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi





➤ **Who addresses inaugural session of ICRIER's 13th Annual International G-20 Conference?**

- A) Ram Nath Kovind
- B) Piyush Goyal
- C) Gopal Rai
- D) Parshottam Rupala
- E) Rajeev Chandrasekhar

**Answer**

**B) Piyush Goyal**



## Explanation

- Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said that the pandemic has remodelled several G20 priorities.
- Addressing the Inaugural Session of the ICRIER's 13th Annual International G-20 Conference yesterday, Mr Goyal Goyal called for pursuing a more inclusive and equitable agenda at the G20.
- The G20 is the international forum that brings together the world's major economies. Its members account for more than 80 per cent of world GDP, 75 per cent of global trade and 60 per cent of the population of the planet.
- The Union Minister said that the entire world understands that in this Interconnected and Interdependent World, no one is safe until everyone is safe.



## Titbits

Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs,  
Food and Public Distribution & Textiles  
Minister: Piyush Goyal  
Constituency: Rajya Sabha MP, Maharashtra



➤ **Which organisation assesses 41 Industrial Parks as "Leaders" in Industrial Park Ratings System?**

- A) NHAI
- B) DPIIT
- C) CAIT
- D) CII
- E) NTPC

**Answer**

**B) DPIIT**



## Explanation

- 41 Industrial Parks have been assessed as "Leaders" in the Industrial Park Ratings System Report released by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, DPIIT.
- As per the report, 90 Industrial Parks have been rated as under Challenger category while 185 have been rated as under Aspirers.
- These ratings are assigned on the basis of key existing parameters and infrastructure facilities.
- The 2nd edition of the Industrial Park Rating System Report was launched by the Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Som Prakash in New Delhi.



## **Titbits**

DPIIT

Abbreviation: Department for Promotion of Industry and  
Internal Trade

Chairman: Asit Kumar Tripathy



➤ **Who dedicated 35 Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) Oxygen Plants established under PM CARES, across 35 States and Union Territories?**

- A) Ram Nath Kovind
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Gopal Rai
- D) Parshottam Rupala
- E) Rajeev Chandrasekhar

**Answer**

**B) Narendra Modi**



## Explanation

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated 35 Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) Oxygen Plants established under PM CARES, across 35 States and Union Territories, in an event held at All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) Rishikesh, Uttarakhand.
- With this, all districts of the country will have commissioned PSA Oxygen Plants, as per a government's statement.





➤ **Bathukamma festival is held in \_\_\_\_\_?**

- A) Assam
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Telangana
- D) Odisha
- E) Tamil Nadu

**Answer**

**C) Telangana**



## Explanation

- Hundreds of women dressed up in colourful attire and carrying flowers thronged the streets and temples of Warangal, Hanamkonda and Kazipet tri-cities to offer prayers on the first day of Bathukamma festival.



## Titbits

Telangana

Capital : Hyderabad

CM : K. Chandrashekar Rao

Governor : Tamilisai Soundararajan



➤ **Which organisation to sign MoU with the Government of Jammu and Kashmir for the implementation of Van Dhan Yojana?**

- A) TRIFED
- B) DPIIT
- C) CAIT
- D) CII
- E) NTPC

**Answer**

**A) TRIFED**



## Explanation

- As a part of its mission to improve the livelihoods of the tribals (both forest dwellers and artisans) and work towards tribal empowerment, TRIFED has been carrying out several programmes and initiatives.
- One such initiative is the Van Dhan programme, which TRIFED is spearheading in 25 States and 307 Districts with availability of Minor Forest Produces as well as significant forest dwelling tribal population.
- TRIFED and Government of Jammu and Kashmir will soon enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the implementation of the Van Dhan Yojana and to promote tribal enterprise in the region.



## Explanation

- 11.91% of the total population of Jammu & Kashmir constitutes of Scheduled Tribes according to 2011 Census.
- The tribal dominated districts in J & K include Kupwara, Baramulla, Badgam, Rajauri, Udhampur and Kathua.
- Most of the tribal areas consist of dense forests and hills which also provides for the availability of MFPs in abundance.
- Apart from this the valley is also known for its richness in art and craft.
- The tribals residing in this region are skilled in making traditional artefacts with limited reach to the market.



## **Titbits**

### TRIFED

Abbreviation: Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development  
Federation of India

Managing Director – Pravir Krishna  
Headquarters – New Delhi

Jammu and Kashmir  
Capital: Srinagar (summer), Jammu (winter)  
Governor: Manoj Sinha



➤ \_\_\_ National Conference of Heads of Prisons of all States/Union Territories, was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State, for Home Affairs, Shri Ajay Kumar Mishra, in New Delhi?

A) 9

B) 7

C) 5

D) 4

E) 3

**Answer**

**B) 7**





## Explanation

- The two day 7th National Conference of Heads of Prisons of all States/Union Territories, was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State, for Home Affairs, Shri Ajay Kumar Mishra, in New Delhi. In his inaugural address the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs emphasized on the following points:
  1. The gathering in the Conference, i.e., 75 Senior Prison Officers from 25 States and 4 Union Territories, is the right platform to deliberate on the issues and frame a policy which will have a wider perspective and wider acceptability.
  2. The main challenge for reintegrating inmates into the mainstream of society is providing a safe environment to them.



## Explanation

3. Jail systems must have provisions for providing training and skill development for people living inside prisons and aftercare programmes.
4. The concept of e-prisons saves time and makes the process easier for further associating with the courts. Another important aspect of e-prisons is e-mulakaat, which has made the process easy for inmates to contact their families.



## Explanation

- DG, BPR&D, Shri Balaji Srivastava, said the deliberations in the Conference will be useful for preparing short term, mid-term and long-term policies. He also briefed about different initiatives undertaken by the BPR&D on Prisons/Correctional Administration, such as:
  - Developing Parameters for Ranking of Prisons.
  - Preparation of 50 Prison Training Manuals for various categories of Staff and Officers in Jails.
  - Formulation of Model Prison Legislation.



## Explanation

- On the first day of the Conference, the following themes were deliberated upon:
- Panel Discussion on “Correctional Services in India: A Perspective”.
- Presentation on Research Projects on Prisons/Correctional Administration.
- Syndicate discussions on Preparing a Decadal Road Map for Prisons and Correctional Services.





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# IMPORTANT DAYS

World Cotton Day

October 7



# Sports

## **Manu Bhaker + Rhythm Sangwan + Naamya Kapoor**

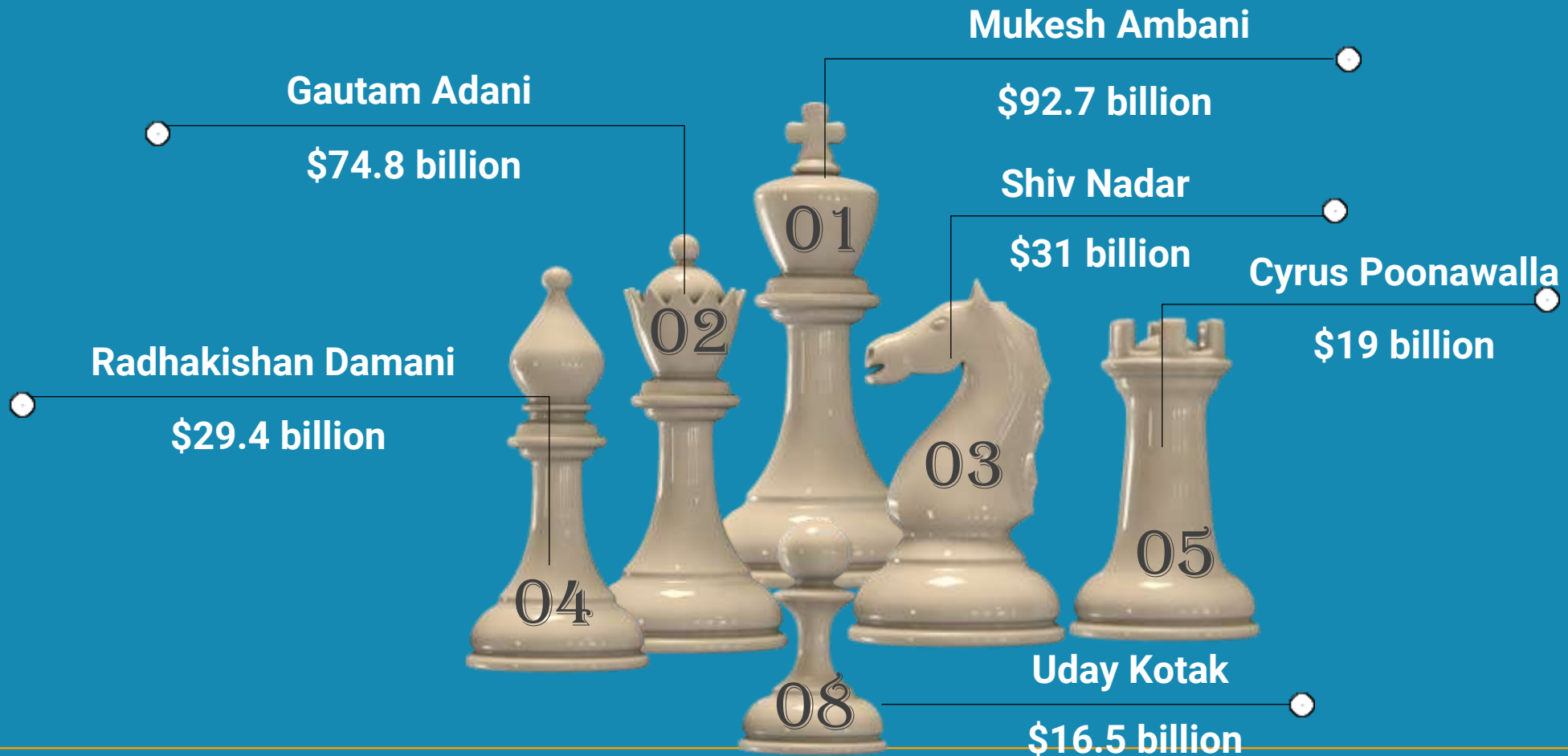


Gold in the 25m pistol event at the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation's (ISSF) Junior World Championship



# Ranking

## THE TOP TEN RICHEST INDIANS





# BANKING AND FINANCE

Provide home loan  
in tier-2, 3 towns

**PNB Housing +  
CSC e-Governance**

Execute first term  
loan derivative deal  
linked to SOFR

**ICICI Bank**



Rs 303 crore for construction of  
24 bridges in Odisha

**Nabard**

A new brand tagline:  
"Choice of the Wize"

**YES SECURITIES**



# BANKING AND FINANCE

'Customer outreach programme'  
in J-K's Srinagar

**Bank of India**



India's 2<sup>nd</sup> crypto unicorn

**CoinSwitch Kuber**



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS

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Exit OakNorth Holdings  
**Indiabulls Housing Finance**



# AWARDS

Tanzanian novelist  
Abdulrazak Gurnah

Nobel literature prize



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Mahalaya festival

Koshi Corridor power transmission line  
to Nepal Electricity Authority

**Bangladesh**

**India**



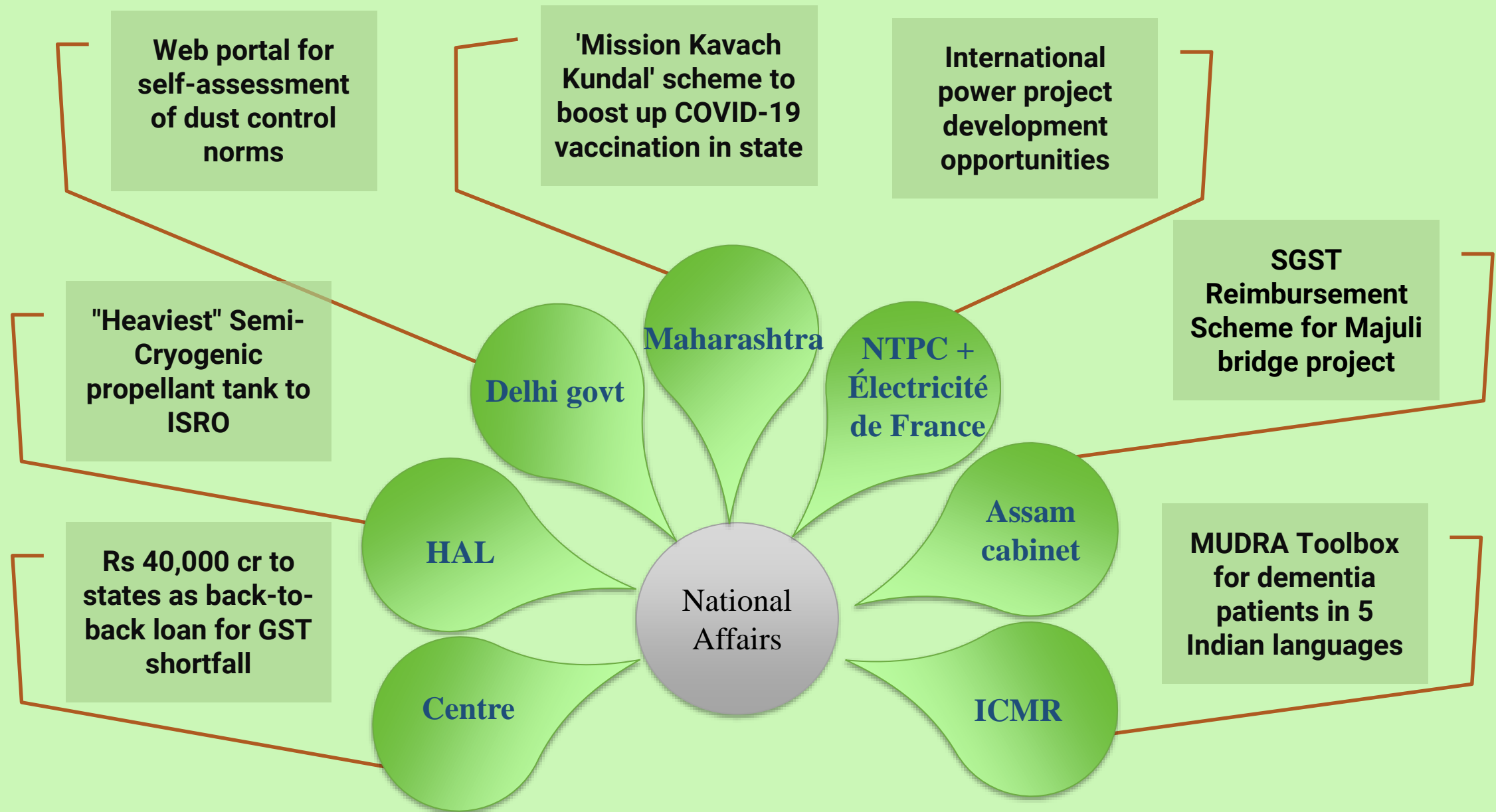
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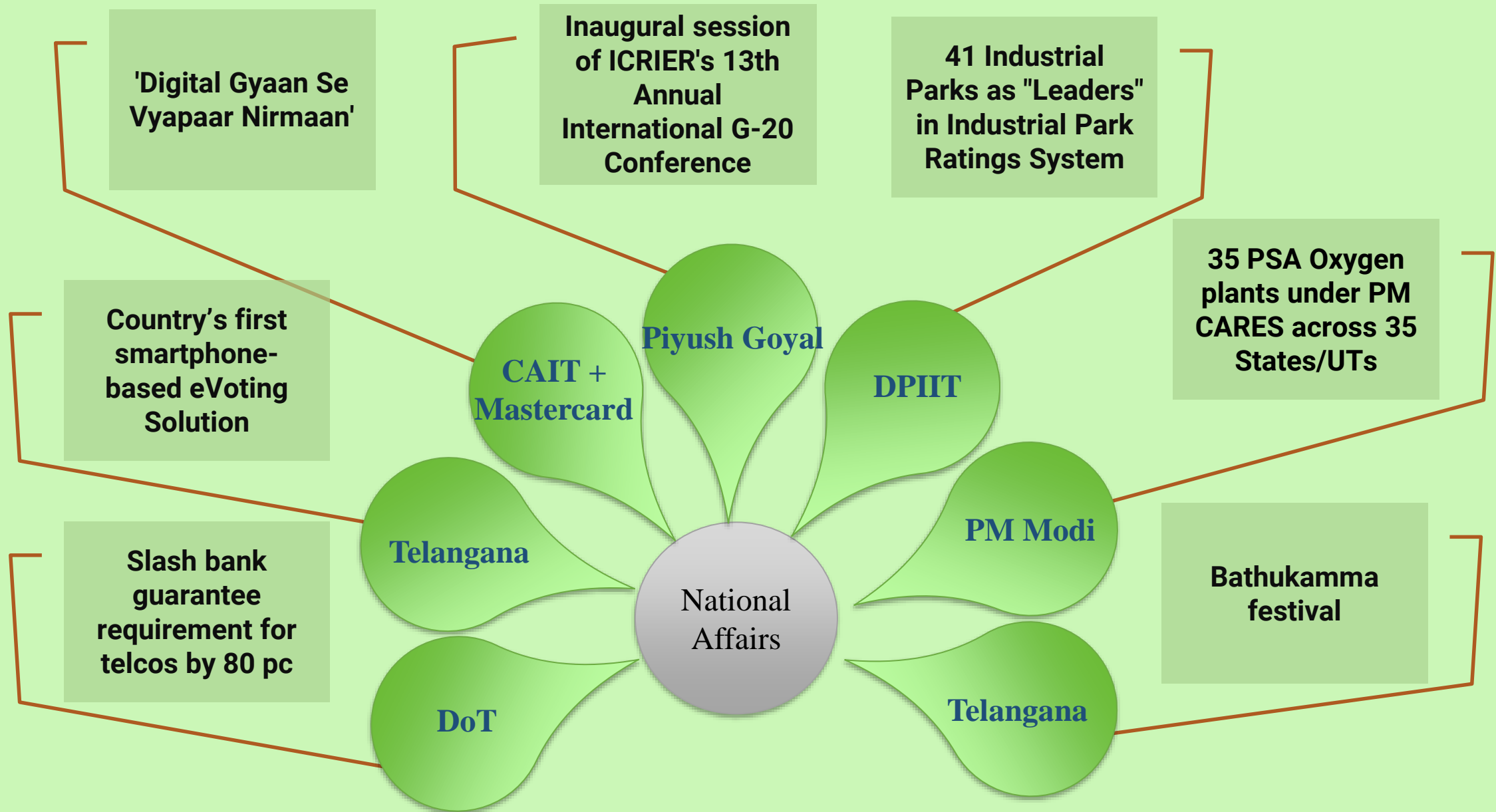
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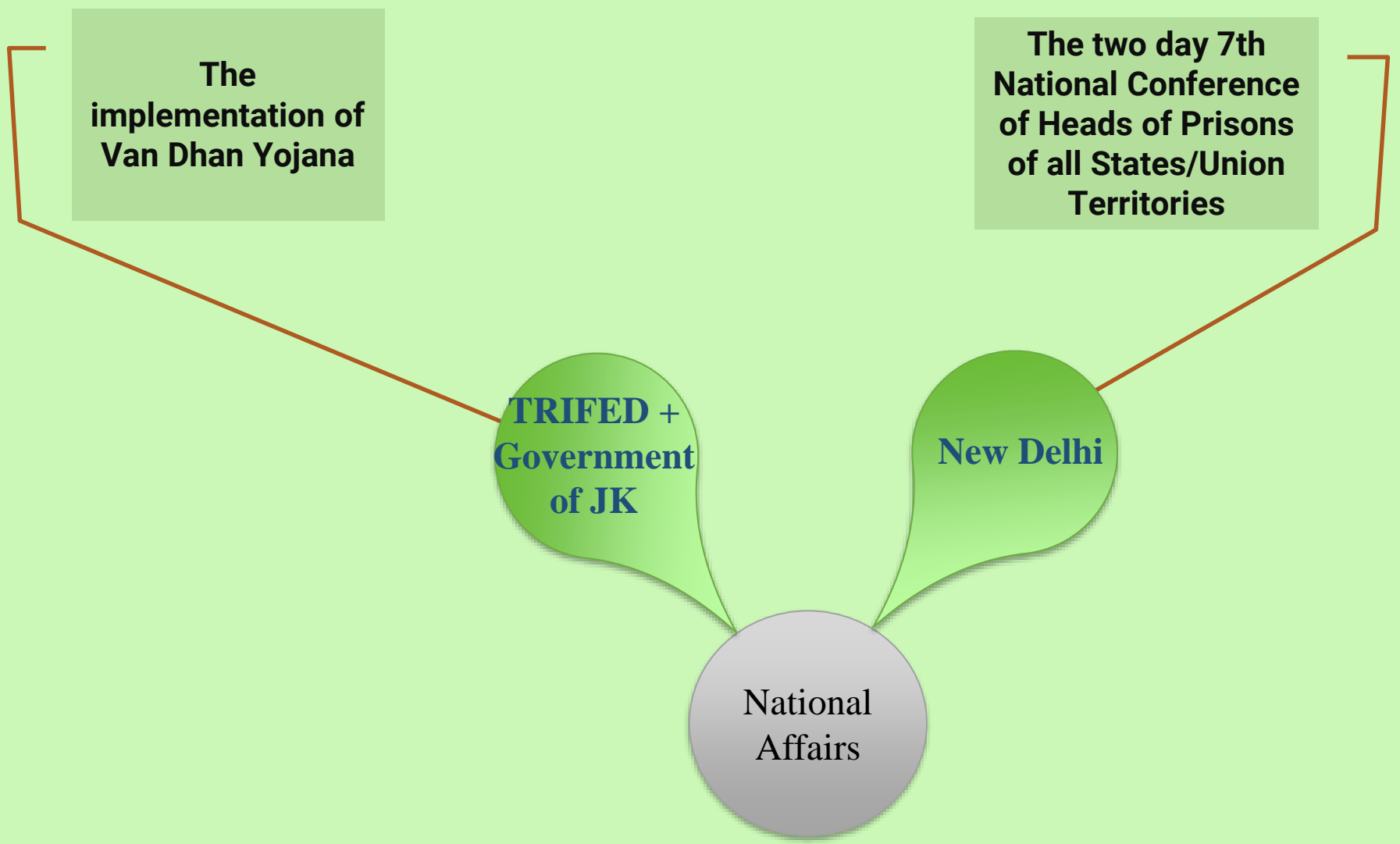
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The implementation of Van Dhan Yojana

The two day 7th National Conference of Heads of Prisons of all States/Union Territories

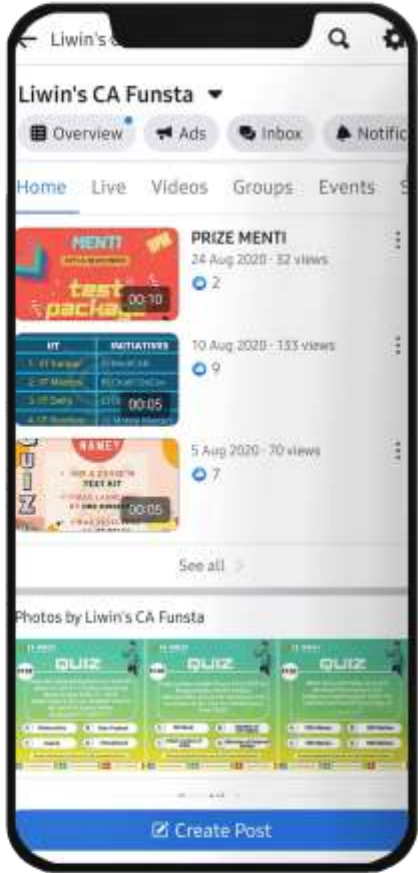
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New Delhi

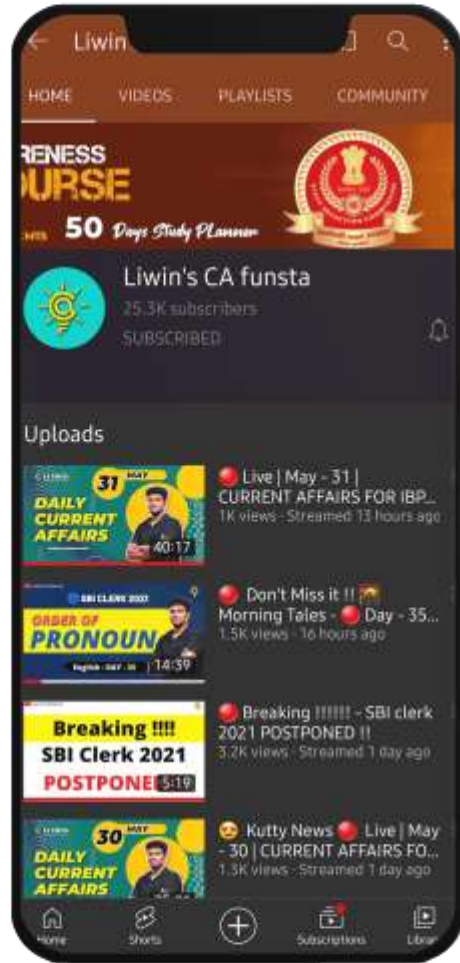
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