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**A) Feature Films**



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- 2022 JFF included feature films also in the competition besides the short films and documentaries.
- Competent jury headed by noted actor & director Mushtaq Kak.
- K L Saigal award Instituted from this edition.





## 1) \*HATHEI CHILLI (SIRARAKHONG CHILLY)

- LOCAL NAME –UMOROK
- FOUND ONLY IN MAHADEV HILLS, NEAR TANGKHUL NAGA INHABITED SIRARAKHONG VILLAGE, UKHRUL DISTRICT.

## 2) \* TAMENGLONG ORANGE

- SCIENTIFIC NAME - CITRUS RETICULATE
- "TAMENGLONG DISTRICT" KNOWN AS "ORANGE BOWL"



## 3) CHAK-HAO - BLACK RICE

## 4) SHAPHEE LANPHEE

## 5) WANGKHEI PHEE

## 6) MOIRANG PHEE

## 7) KACHAI LEMON



## Centre released ₹40,000 crore to states/UTs

- Under the back-to-back loan facility to meet the shortfall in GST compensation.
  - Funded from borrowings of the Centre in 5-year securities, totaling ₹23,500 cr
  - And 2-year securities for ₹16,500 cr issued in the current financial Year
  - At a weighted average yield of 5.69 % and 4.16% per annum respectively.
- Normal GST compensation being released every 2 months out of actual cess collection.



➤ Ace Indian fencer Bhavani Devi has won the **Women's Sabre Individual** event at the Charlellville National Competition in which country?



- A) France
- B) Australia
- C) Germany
- D) Russia
- E) Guinea

**Answer**

**A) France**





## Explanation

- Bhavani thanked **coach Christian Bauer, Arnaud Schneider,** and all the teammates for her victory.
- Earlier in July, Bhavani had also participated in the Tokyo Olympics 2020.
- The Indian started her Olympic journey by dominating Tunisia's Ben Azizi Nadia 15-3 in just 6 minutes and 14 seconds but went down while competing against the French athlete.
- By winning against the Tunisian, she became the first Indian to win the match in fencing at the Games.



➤ Which country all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan became the highest wicket-taker in T20 International cricket?



- A) France
- B) Bangladesh
- C) Germany
- D) Russia
- E) Guinea

**Answer**

**B) Bangladesh**



## Explanation

- Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan became the highest wicket-taker in T20 International cricket when he pipped Lasith Malinga's tally of 107 wickets during their T20 World Cup game against Scotland here.
- Shakib, the greatest ever cricketer from his country, finished with figures of 2/17 in four overs and in the process surpassed the Sri Lankan great's tally of T20 International wickets.
- Shakib now has 108 scalps from 89 T20 International games and is also the only cricketer to have a double of 100 wickets and 1000 plus runs in this format.



# SPORTS



➤ **Cameron Norrie won BNP Paribas Open.  
He was related to which country?**



- A) France
- B) Bangladesh
- C) Germany
- D) Russia
- E) United Kingdom

**Answer**

**E) United Kingdom**



# SPORTS



## BNP Paribas Open

	Winner	Runner
<b>Men's Singles</b>	Cameron Norrie(UK)	Nikoloz Basilashvili(Georgia)
<b>Women's Singles</b>	Paula Badosa(Spain)	Victoria Azarenka (Belarusia)
<b>Men's Doubles</b>	John Peers(Australia)and Filip Polasek(Slovakia)	Andrey Rublev (Russia)and Aslan Karatsev (Russia)
<b>Women's Doubles</b>	Elise Mertens(Belgia) & Hsieh Su-Wei(Taiwan)	Veronika Kudermetova(Russia) & Oksana Selekhmeteva (Russia)



➤ **Which insurance company introduced Saral Bachat Bima Plan, a savings and protection cover for the entire family?**

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

**Answer**

**E) IndiaFirst Life Insurance**



## Explanation

- IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Ltd (IndiaFirst Life), promoted by **Bank of Baroda and Union Bank of India**, introduced IndiaFirst Life Saral Bachat Bima Plan, a savings and protection cover for the entire family.
- This non-linked, non-participating, individual, limited premium policy provides a shorter pay commitment of **five or seven years while keeping the entire family protected for 12-15 years.**



## Key highlights:

- Flexibility to receive death benefit as a lump sum or regular income for 5 years.
- Option to opt for waiver of premium rider.
- No medical tests and shortened application form.





## Titbits

IndiaFirst Life Insurance  
Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra  
MD & CEO: R. M. Vishakha



➤ Which insurance company the launch of Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) insurance and distribution tie-up with TropoGo?



- A) Cholamandalam MS General Insurance
- B) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance.
- C) ICICI Lombard General Insurance
- D) Apollo Munich Health Insurance
- E) Tata AIG General Insurance

**Answer**

**E) Tata AIG General Insurance**



## Explanation

- Tropogo has established an integrated marketplace providing a **one-stop shop for the complete drone ecosystem.**
- With the influx of new and exciting drone technologies and the recent policy changes in India, the already highly active community of drone manufacturers, tech startups, and enthusiasts are excited to make India a drone hub by 2030.
- Ministry of civil aviation foresees an **investment of over ₹5,000 crore in the drone manufacturing industry** over three years leading to annual sales **turnover reaching over ₹900 crore in FY 2023-24.**



## **Titbits**

Tata AIG Insurance  
Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra  
MD & CEO: Neelesh Garg



➤ Which company teams up with Larsen and Toubro for trials of 5G-based smart city solutions?



- A) Tatacomm
- B) Airtel
- C) BSNL
- D) Jio
- E) Vodafone Idea

**Answer**

**E) Vodafone Idea**



## Explanation

- Telecom operator Vodafone Idea (VIL) and smart world and communication business of engineering and construction conglomerate Larsen and Toubro (L&T) have joined hands for a pilot project to test 5G-based smart city solutions, according to a statement.
- This is part of the ongoing 5G trials on government-allocated spectrum.





## Titbits

Larsen & Toubro Ltd  
CEO: Sekharipuram Narayan Subrahmanyam  
Headquarters: Mumbai  
Founded: 7 February 1938



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Jonas Gahr Stoere is appointed as Prime Minister of which country?**



- A) France
- B) Australia
- C) Norway
- D) Russia
- E) Guinea

**Answer**

**C) Norway**





# APPOINTMENTS



## **Titbits**

Norway

Capital: Oslo

Currency: Norwegian Krone



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has taken over as Chairman & Managing Director of **National Research Development Corporation?**

- A) Ashok Rastogi
- B) Amit Rastogi
- C) Aravind Rastogi
- D) Varun Rastogi
- E) Sathish Rastogi

**Answer**

**B) Amit Rastogi**



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# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Commodore Amit Rastogi (Retd)**, after an illustrious career of **34 years** in Indian Navy has taken over as Chairman & Managing Director of National Research Development Corporation on 18 October, 2021.



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# AWARDS



➤ Which state/UT based entrepreneur's agricultural waste recycling project was named among the winners of Prince William's inaugural Earthshot Prize?



- A) Karnataka
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Delhi
- E) Manipur

**Answer**  
**D) Delhi**



## Explanation

- Delhi-based entrepreneur's agricultural waste recycling project was named among the winners of Prince William's inaugural Earthshot Prize, dubbed the "Eco Oscars", at a gala ceremony in London.
- Vidyut Mohan led Takachar was named the winner of the GBP 1 million prize for its cheap technology innovation to convert crop residues into sellable bio-products in the "clean our air" category.



## ➤ ICC And which organisation Partner to help Break Stigma Around Mental Health?

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

Answer

E) UNICEF



“Cricket has the incredible power and reach to raise awareness and effect change and we're proud to partner with UNICEF to help break the stigma around mental health. #OnYourMind encourages us all to talk more openly about this with our children to promote and protect their mental health.”



## Explanation

- The partnership will amplify UNICEF's global campaign **#OnYourMind** which calls for commitment, communication and action to promote good mental health for every child.
- The ICC and UNICEF are aiming to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing amongst children and **adolescents and encourage greater conversation and understanding of it throughout** the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 beginning.
- The event – the biggest ever in the UAE and Oman – begins on 17 October and comprises 45 matches across four venues and features cricket's biggest names and best teams.



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### ICC

Abbreviation: The International Cricket Council

Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Founded: 15 June 1909

Deputy Chairman: Imran Khwaja

Chairman: Greg Barclay

CEO: Geoff Allardice (Interim)

### UNICEF

Abbreviation: The United Nations Children's Fund

Founded: 1946

Headquarters: New York, United States

Head: Henrietta H. Fore





➤ India, which country agree to resume negotiations on FTA from next month, conclude by June, 2022?



- A) Australia
- B) Italy
- C) Iran
- D) UK
- E) Israel

**Answer**

**E) Israel**



## Explanation

- India and Israel agreed to resume negotiations on a **Free Trade Agreement (FTA)** from next month as the two sides are confident to conclude the long-pending deal by June next year.
- **Israel has also joined the International Solar Alliance**, a global initiative that India has spearheaded, with Jaishankar and Israel's Energy Minister Karine Elharrar signing on the agreement.
- In order to ease **travel between the two countries amidst the COVID pandemic**, India and Israel have also agreed to mutually recognise vaccination certificates.



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

Israel

Capital: Jerusalem

Currency: Israeli new shekel



➤ **NAB Sanrakshan Trustee Pvt Ltd (NTPL), a subsidiary of Nabard, and the Government of India signed a trust deed for \_\_\_\_\_ of the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Farmers Producer Organisations?**

- A) Rs 2,000 crore
- B) Rs 1,000 crore
- C) Rs 3,000 crore
- D) Rs 4,000 crore
- E) Rs 5,000 crore

**Answer**

**B) Rs 1,000 crore**



## Explanation

- NABSanrakshan Trustee Pvt Ltd (NTPL), a subsidiary of Nabard, and the Government of India on Monday signed a trust deed for the Rs 1,000 crore of the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Farmers Producer Organisations (CGFTFPO).
- This credit guarantee fund is part of the government's scheme for 'Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Produce Organisations (FPOs)' across the country.



➤ Who unveiled the "Bhoodan Grove" plaque at the Jerusalem Forest?



- A) Ram Nath Kovind
- B) S Jaishankar
- C) Amit Shah
- D) N. Biren Singh
- E) Rajeev Chandrasekhar

**Answer**

**B) S Jaishankar**



## Explanation

- With an objective of keeping Mahatma Gandhi's concept of the **village as the basic unit of development**, Indian leaders who were exploring ways to implement the socialist ideals of the **Sarvodaya movement namely, 'Bhoodan and Gramdan'**, made several visits to Israel to study the social structure of different forms of Israel's communal and cooperative institutions -- 'Kibbutzim and Moshavim'.
- Jayaprakash Narayan, the leader of the Sarvodaya movement, visited Israel in September 1958 on a nine-day visit as the guest of Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labour.



## Titbits

External Affairs

Minister: Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Constituency: Rajya Sabha MP, Gujarat

Israel

Capital: Jerusalem

Currency: Israeli new shekel





➤ Which state/UT kicked off its month-long 'Red Light On, Gaadi Off' campaign across 100 crossings in the city to reduce vehicular emissions?



- A) Karnataka
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Delhi
- E) Manipur

**Answer**

**D) Delhi**



## Explanation

- The 'Red Light On, Gaadi Off' campaign will continue for a month till November 18.
- As many as 2,500 civil defence volunteers will be deployed in two shifts of 8 am to 2 pm and 2 pm to 8 pm across 100 traffic junctions in the city for the campaign.
- According to officials, these civil defence volunteers will hand out pamphlets carrying information on Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's three appeals to the public.
- To help fight the pollution in Delhi, Kejriwal had last week appealed to the people to actively participate in the campaign, avoid using their cars at least one day a week, and report any case of violation of pollution norms on the Green Delhi app



## Delhi govt. launches online registration for e-auto permits with 33% reservation for women

- In the first phase, 4,261 e-auto permits, including 1,406 for women applicants, will be issued.
- Those eligible can apply through the website of the Delhi government's transport department, he said
- The Delhi government, under its EV policy, provides financial assistance of ₹30,000 on the purchase of e-auto.
- Any person having an Aadhaar number with Delhi address, valid driving licence of a light motor vehicle or a TSR driving license can apply for an e-auto permit.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

Delhi

Capital: New Delhi

CM: Arvind Kejriwal

Governor: Anil Baijal



➤ **Which Edition of Naval Commanders' Conference to be held from October 18-22?**



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

**Answer**

**D) 2**



## Explanation

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the Naval Commanders' Conference that took off in the national capital amid rising security concerns following the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, and continuing disturbance at both northern and western borders.
- At the five day-long conference, top Naval commanders will be discussing important maritime matters at the military-strategic level, as well as interact with Senior Government Officials through an institutionalised forum.



➤ **Which city to Become First Indian City to Start Ropeway Service in Public Transportation?**



- A) Bangalore
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Chennai
- D) New Delhi
- E) Varanasi

**Answer**

**E) Varanasi**



## Explanation

- The world's third and India's first public transport ropeway is proposed to be constructed from Cantt Railway Station (Varanasi Junction) to Church Square (Godauliya) to ease the traffic congestion.
- Soon, with the start of this ropeway project worth Rs 424 crore, Kashi Vishwanath Temple and Dashashwamedh Ghat will be easily accessible.
- Covering an aerial distance of 4.2 km, the ropeway is expected to save time and money for the tourists who have to face traffic jams en route to one of the oldest cities in the world, also known as the Gateway of Eastern India.





➤ Which administration signs MoU with Dubai for real estate development, industrial parks?

- A) J & K
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Delhi
- E) Manipur

**Answer**

**A) J & K**

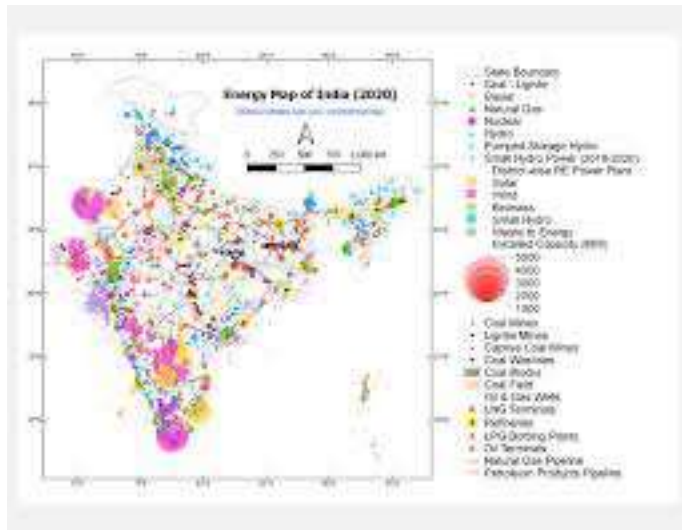


## Explanation

- In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, the J&K administration and the Dubai Government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Srinagar and entered into an agreement that will help Jammu and Kashmir union territory to scale new heights in Industrialization and sustainable growth.
- The MoU covers many fields and areas including real estate development, industrial parks, IT towers, multipurpose towers, logistics, medical college and super speciality hospital.



➤ Which organisation unveils geospatial energy map of India?



- A) CII
- B) CCI
- C) ICAR
- D) C-DOT
- E) NITI Aayog

**Answer**

**E) NITI Aayog**



## Explanation

- Federal policy think tank NITI Aayog unveiled a geospatial energy map of the country capturing data on all sources of energy, making it a key tool for policymakers, investors, conservationists, financial institutions and disaster management authorities.
- NITI Aayog said that so far, the energy maps available in the country were fragmented and scattered across multiple departments or ministries.



## Titbits

NITI Aayog

Abbreviation: National Institution for Transforming India Aayog

Founded: 2015

Hq: New Delhi, Delhi

CEO: Amitabh Kant



➤ Who inaugurates Capacity Building Program for IDES Officers and Technical Staff of DGDE?



- A) Ram Nath Kovind
- B) S Jaishankar
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Ajay Kumar
- E) Rajeev Chandrasekhar

**Answer**

**D) Ajay Kumar**



**Indian Defence Estates Service**



## Explanation

- Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar inaugurated a training program on the latest survey technologies and mapping of defence land boundaries using Remote Sensing and **Geographic Information System (GIS)** for officers of Indian Defence Estates Services (IDES) and Technical Staff of Directorate General Defence Estates (DGDE) on 18th October 2021.
- The first batch of the training started at **National Remote Sensing Center (NRSC)**, Hyderabad, while the program was inaugurated via video conference from New Delhi.



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# October 18 Overall Review



# Sports

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# BANKING AND FINANCE

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Life Insurance Company Ltd**



# BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

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Trials of 5G-based  
Smart City solutions

**VIL + Larsen and Toubro**



# APPOINTMENTS

Commodore Amit Rastogi  
(Retd)

New Chairman & Managing  
Director of National Research  
Development Corporation



Jonas Gahr Stoere

Prime Minister of Norway



# AWARDS

Indian agri waste recycling project

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# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

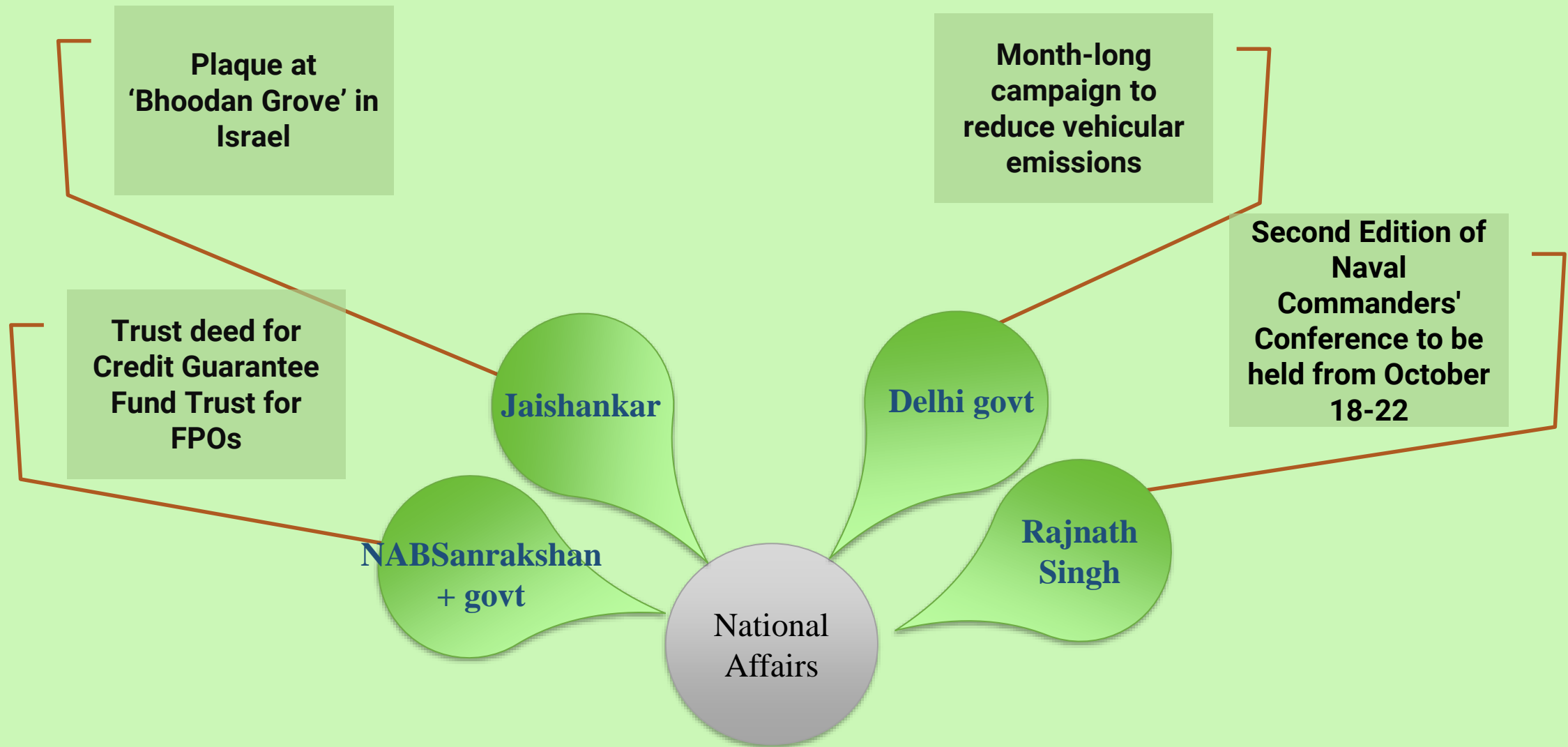
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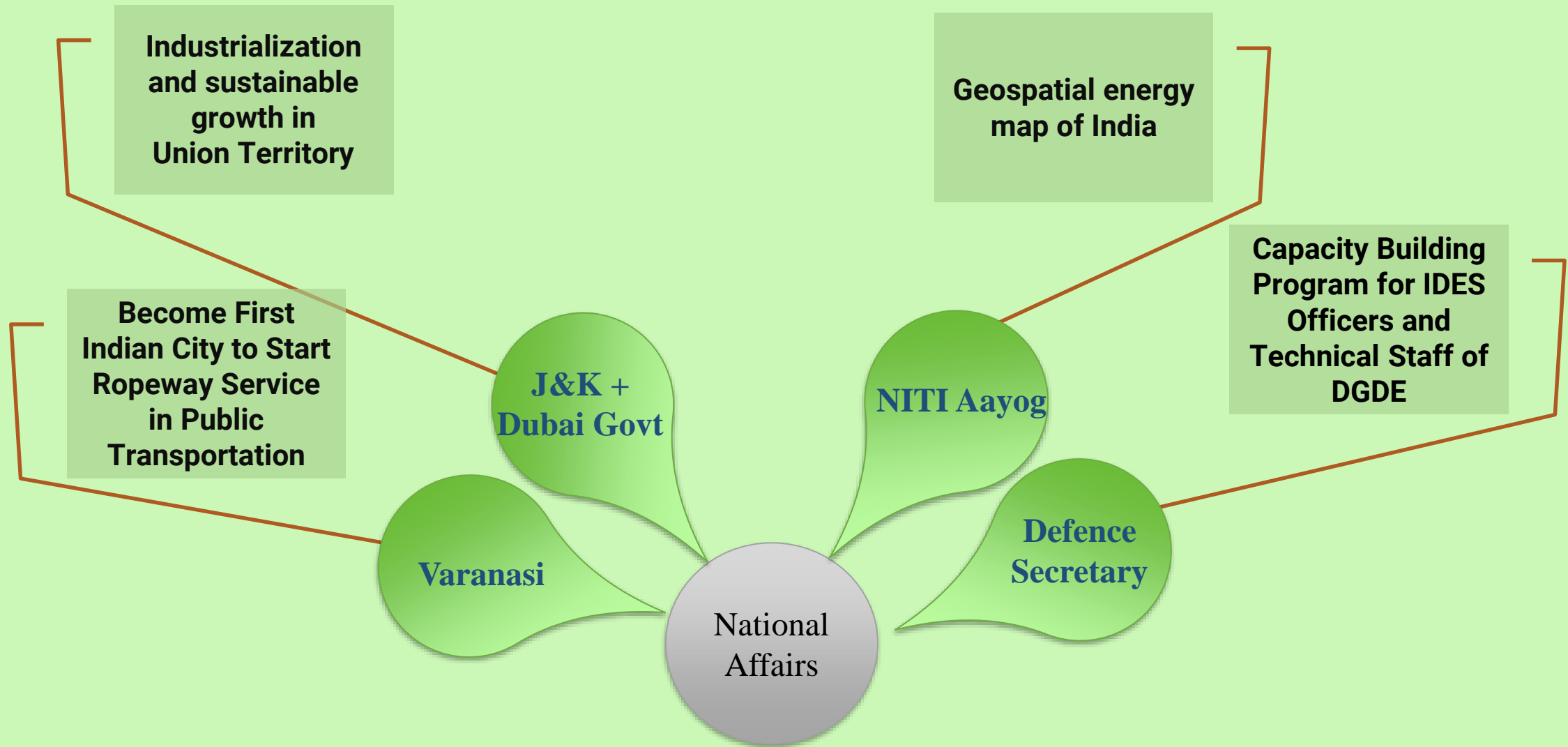
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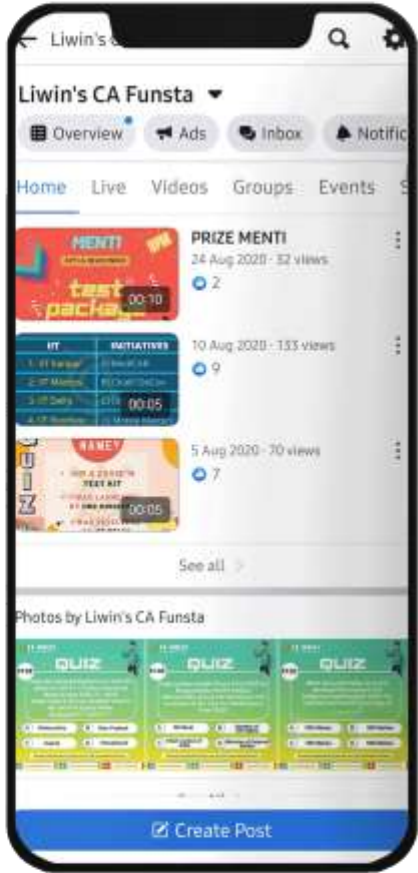




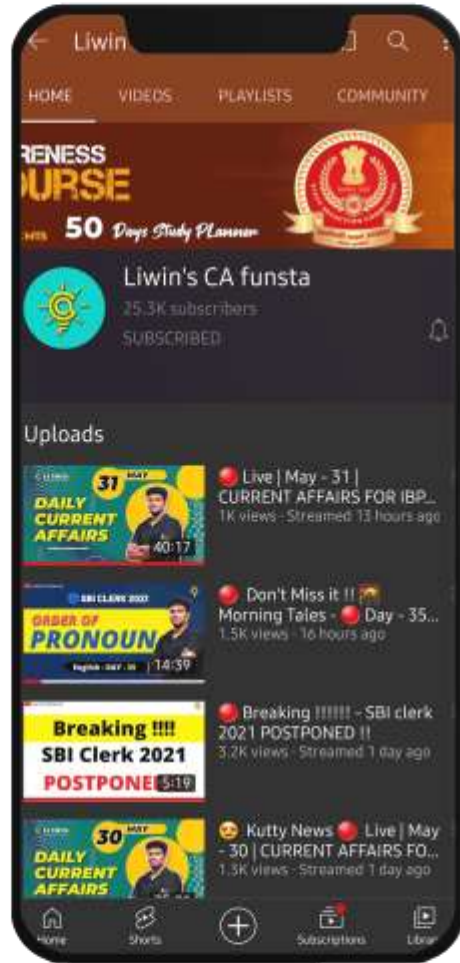




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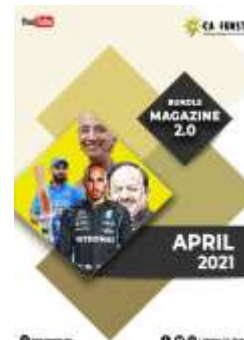
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