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# Important Days



➤ **National Education Day is observed on which date?**

A) 13 November

B) 11 November

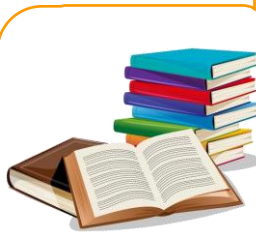
C) 15 November

D) 16 November

E) 17 November

**Answer**

**B) 11 November**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- National Education Day is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.
- He served the country from 1947 to 1958 as the first Education Minister in Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet.
- The day is usually observed by schools with various functions and programs.
- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad was a reformer and freedom fighter.
- He was not merely a scholar but committed to building the nation through education.



# Important Days



## National Education Day 2021: Date

- National Education Day is observed on November 11 every year since 2008.
- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad was the first education minister of independent India.
- He served the nation from August 15, 1947, to February 2, 1958.



## National Education Day 2021: History

- The Ministry of Human Resources Development on September 11, 2008, announced that they have decided to commemorate the birthday of this great son of India by recalling his contribution to the cause of education in India.
- Since then, from 2008 onwards to November 11, National Education Day has been celebrated without declaring it a holiday.



# Important Days



## **International Week of Science and Peace (IWOSP)**

- International Week of Science and Peace (IWOSP) is a global observance celebrated every year from November 9 to 14.
- The event is celebrated to encourage people to develop better technology and cultivate peace in their countries.
- Events and activities are organized for the full week as a non-governmental initiative to encourage big international participation in the ceremony.
- It is also celebrated to maintain and develop social as well as economic stability in every country.
- Know about the history and significance of this global observance.





# Important Days



## International Week of Science and Peace 2021: History

- The International Week of Science and Peace was first observed in 1986 and the event was quite successful.
- Keeping in view the success and impact of this event, the celebration started to take place continuously by the efforts of the organizers in the successive years.
- It was proclaimed as an International Week of Science and Peace by the UN General Assembly in the month of December 1988.



# Important Days



## World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2021

- The World Health Organization annually hosts the World Antibiotic Awareness Week (WAAW), also known as World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WHO).
- WAAW will be observed this year from November 18 to November 24.
- The event's major objective is to raise global awareness of antibiotic or antimicrobial resistance.
- It also emphasizes the significance of adhering to appropriate healthcare practises in order to avoid the establishment and spread of drug-resistant diseases.



# Important Days



## Theme for World Antibiotic Awareness Week 2021

- WAAW 2021 will have the theme 'Spread Awareness, Stop Resistance.'
- While World Antimicrobial Awareness Week's primary tagline is 'Antimicrobials: Handle with Care.'



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## History and Significance of World Antibiotic Awareness Week

- In 2007, this concept was proposed for the first time in Europe. Following this resolution, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) convened meetings to explore the issue and develop a plan.
- They also planned to create resources and equipment that would be sent to various countries.
- The European Antibiotics Awareness Day was the name given to this project (EAAD).



➤ **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) announced the tie-up of its subsidiary NPCI Bharat BillPay with \_\_\_\_\_ to provide the latter's customers the facility of ClickPay?**

- A) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- B) Aegon Life Insurance
- C) SBI General Insurance
- D) Bharti AXA Life Insurance
- E) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

**Answer**

**E) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance**



## Explanation

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) announced the tie-up of its subsidiary NPCI Bharat BillPay with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance to provide the latter's customers the facility of ClickPay.
- Under ClickPay, a payment link is sent to customers to enable them to make easy bill payments towards utility bills, EMIs, insurance premiums etc.
- The link is generated by the biller and clicking on it redirects the customer to the payments page.
- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance claimed it is the first insurance company to offer the facility of ClickPay to its customers, helping them make payments of renewal premium with ease.



## Titbits

NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)

Establishment: April 3, 2020

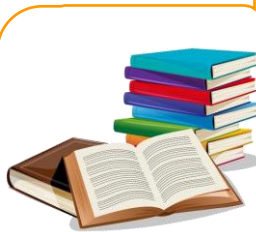
Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

CEO: Ritesh Shukla

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO: N. S. Kannan



➤ **Which company launches service for NRIs to open trading, demat accounts?**

- A) Geojit
- B) Microsoft
- C) TCS
- D) BharatPe
- E) PhonePe

**Answer**

**A) Geojit**





## Explanation

- In a first-of-its-kind initiative by a brokerage in India, Geojit Financial has launched a platform for Non-Resident External (NRE) and Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) categories of investors to open online trading and demat account services through Central Depository Services Ltd (CDSL).
- So far, brokerages were offering trading and demat account opening facilities to NRI account holders only as a single category.



## Explanation

- An NRE account is a bank account opened in India for an NRI to park his foreign earnings while an NRO account is to manage the income earned by him in India.
- NRE and NRO account holders can now open trading and demat accounts in five minutes through the platform [hello.geojit.com](https://hello.geojit.com), enhancing wider participation by the Indian diaspora in the country's stock market.
- At present, NRIs in the US and Canada will be unable to avail this online facility.



➤ **Which bank launched a vaccine-linked deposit scheme for customers?**

- A) Arunachal Pradesh Rural Bank
- B) Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank
- C) Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank
- D) Aryavart Bank
- E) Kerala Gramin Bank

**Answer**

**E) Kerala Gramin Bank**



## Explanation

- Even as government bodies are exploring options to encourage people to take Covid jobs, a regional rural bank in Kerala has come out with a novel motivational incentive by offering an additional interest rate on the deposits for its customers.
- The product – KGB Kavacham – introduced by the Malappuram-headquartered Kerala Gramin Bank in this regard has started receiving overwhelming customer response since its launch on July 1 that helped the bank to garner additional ₹500 crore deposits till September.



## Explanation

- The cumulative deposits opened under the scheme, according to bank officials, will fetch an interest rate of 5.55 per cent, which is higher than the prevalent rate of interest for the same period for normal deposits opened for 15 months by 0.25 per cent.



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Daniel Bruhl appointed Goodwill Ambassador by UN World Food Programme. He is related to which sports?**

- A) Actor
- B) Writer
- C) Novelist
- D) Journalist
- E) Film Maker

**Answer**

**A) Actor**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- Spanish-German actor Daniel Bruhl has been named a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP).
- As per the WFP, without urgent global action, the world could face an exponential increase in hunger fuelled by the climate crisis.



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ \_\_\_\_\_ will launch its new digital campaign **Agar taiyaari sahi ho, toh jeet pakki hai**, featuring Olympic medallist Lovlina Borgohain?

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**Answer**

**E) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance**





# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance will launch its new digital campaign Agar taiyaari sahi ho, toh jeet pakki hai, featuring Olympic medallist Lovlina Borgohain.
- The campaign talks about being prepared for challenges that life throws up.
- The brand has set up a microsite displaying snippets that narrate the story of Borgohain's preparedness to win a medal for the country at the Tokyo Olympics 2020.
- The microsite also allows users to click an augmented reality selfie with the Olympic medallist.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- Borgohain, who clinched the bronze medal in the women's boxing (69kg) also received the Arjuna Award in August this year.
- The campaign aims to reinforce that being prepared in life and planning at the right time is essential to defeat adversities and achieve life goals.
- "We support women in maximising their potential in every sphere of life and also in enabling their financial independence, autonomy and supporting their families," the company said in a statement.



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Daniel Ortega is appointed as President of which country?**

- A) Spain
- B) Portugal
- C) Qatar
- D) Nicaragua
- E) Nepal

**Answer**

**D) Nicaragua**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

Nicaragua

Capital: Managua

President: Daniel Ortega

Currency: Nicaraguan córdoba



➤ **Which organisation & India sign Host Country Agreement to enhance collaborative environmental action?**

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

**Answer**

**E) UNEP**



## Explanation

- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and India signed a Host Country Agreement on the sidelines of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) here, with an aim to enhance collaborative environmental action.
- India was represented by Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, while UNEP by its Executive Director Inger Andersen. They signed the agreement.
- The Host Country Agreement comes as Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced his commitment to climate change by presenting his five key agendas at the COP26 key climate summit on November 1.
- The agreement was approved on September 15 by the Cabinet



➤ **Which state cabinet approves proposal to implement 'Mathrubhumi Yojana'?**

- A) Karnataka
- B) Haryana
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- E) Assam

**Answer**

**D) Uttar Pradesh**



## Explanation

- The Uttar Pradesh cabinet here approved the proposal for implementation of 'Mathrubhumi Yojana' to facilitate individuals or private institutions to contribute in the development of any village.
- A large number of people from the rural background successfully working in cities and abroad or other privileged people wanted to contribute in the development of their village but were not able to do so due to lack of any systematic platform, a press release issued, post the cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, said.





## Explanation

- If any such person or private institution wants to contribute in development works or improving infrastructure facilities in any Gram Panchayat and is willing to bear 60 per cent of the cost of the work, then the remaining 40 per cent amount will be arranged by the state government under this scheme, it said.
- For the effective implementation of the scheme, 'Uttar Pradesh Mathrubhumi Society' will be set up, which will have a governing council and empowered committee under it.



## Explanation

- The Chief Minister will be the president of the governing council and the Minister of Panchayati Raj will be its Vice President.
- Under the scheme, the amount of grant given by the state government – the remaining 40 per cent or less – will be arranged from the budget provisions of the departments related to the works that will be undertaken, according to the statement.
- A Corpus Fund of Rs 100 crore will be made available to the society, which will be used in case of non-availability of state share budget for any scheme and will be reimbursed when the budget is available.



## Explanation

- In another decision, the cabinet approved the proposal regarding free distribution of iodised salt, pulses/whole gram, edible oil (like mustard oil/refined oil) and food grains to the Antyodaya and eligible household card holders of the state.
- Through the Public Distribution System, Antyodaya and eligible household card holders will be given iodised salt (one kg per card); dal or whole gram (one kg per card); edible oils like mustard oil, refined oil (one litre per card); and free distribution of food grains from the month of December, 2021 to the month of March, 2022.



## Explanation

- Because of this decision, a total expenditure of Rs 4,801.68 crore is estimated at the rate of Rs. 1200.42 crore per month, the release said.
- The cabinet has approved the proposed rehabilitation plan for 63 Hindu Bengali families displaced from East Pakistan (Bangladesh) in 1970 on 121.41 hectares of land available in the name of Rehabilitation Department in village Bhainsaya, Tehsil Rasulabad, and District Kanpur Dehat.



➤ **Who has launched the online portal for submitting applications to avail interest-free loans up to Rs 10,000 from the Revolving Fund?**

- A) Ram Nath Kovind
- B) Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy
- C) Arjun Munda
- D) Anurag Singh Thakur
- E) PA Mohamed Riyas

**Answer**

**E) PA Mohamed Riyas**



## Explanation

- Kerala Tourism Minister PA Mohamed Riyas has launched the online portal for submitting applications to avail interest-free loans up to Rs 10,000 from the Revolving Fund set up by the state government for the employees of the pandemic-hit tourism sector.
- Noting that tourism was seriously impacted by the staggered pandemic, Mr Riyas said on the occasion that Kerala was the only state in the country to come out with a loan scheme to give a handholding to the employees in the sector as part of the government's initiatives to revive tourism.



## Explanation

- Mr V K Prasanth MLA presided over the function. Corporation Councillor Dr. Reena KS and Kerala Travel Mart Society President, Baby Mathew were present.
- Tourism Director, VR Krishna Teja welcomed the gathering and State Responsible Tourism Mission Coordinator, K Rupeshkumar, proposed the Vote of Thanks.
- The Revolving Fund, with an initial corpus of Rs 10 crore, has been set up as part of a set of government initiatives to reactivate the tourism industry, which provides jobs to hundreds across the state.



## Explanation

- Under the scheme, the beneficiaries can avail up to Rs 10,000 without furnishing any collateral security.
- The loan needs to be repaid within two years after a one- year moratorium period.
- Those seeking loan under the scheme can apply by accessing the portal [www.keralatourism.org/revolving-fund](http://www.keralatourism.org/revolving-fund) and give the required details like name, e-mail id, mobile phone number, bank account and other relevant personal information.





## Explanation

- Employees in a range of enterprises or activities related to travel and hospitality industry will be eligible for the loan.
- Those engaged in units registered under the Responsible Tourism (RT) mission are also entitled for the loan.
- As per the provisions of the fund, the applicant should be working in an entity which has membership of a recognized tourism sector organization such as the Kerala Travel Mart (KTM) Society and other similar trade organisations.



## Explanation

- The recognized organisation to which the business entity is affiliated will ensure that the loans availed by the employees are repaid promptly.
- The beneficiary will have to repay the loan within two years after the one-year moratorium period.
- Kerala Travel Mart (KTM) Society recently entered into an agreement with the Tourism Department in this regard.



## Explanation

- The fund seeks to support employees in a wide range of businesses like travel agencies, tour operators, tourist taxi services, houseboats and shikara boats, hotels, resorts, restaurants, homestays and serviced villas, Ayurveda resorts and spas, adventure tourism ventures, micro units under RT mission, members of performing and martial arts troupes and licensed tour guides.
- A panel, constituted by the Government of Kerala with Tourism Director as Chairman and RT Mission State Coordinator as Convener and representatives of the travel and tourism trade organisations as members, has been formed to look into the applications and sanction the loans.



➤ **The Wangala Festival is celebrated on which state?**

- A) Karnataka
- B) Haryana
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- E) Assam

**Answer**

**C) Meghalaya**



## Explanation

- The Wangala Festival, also known as the 100 drum festival is celebrated with much zeal and enthusiasm in India's north-eastern state of Meghalaya.
- Celebrated since 1976, it's the most important festival of the Garo tribe and attracts a lot of tourists.



## Explanation

- During the Wangala, tribals offer sacrifices to please their deity Saljong, the Sun God.
- While the celebration usually lasts for two days, it sometimes can continue for even a week.
- This year the festival celebration will begin on November 12 and will be held while following the COVID-19 guidelines laid down by the government.
- The festival is celebrated in honour of the Sun God and marks the end of the long harvest season.
- The celebration also signifies the end of a long toil period in the field for the Garo tribe before the start of the winters.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

Meghalaya

Capital: Shillong

CM: Conrad Sangma

Governor: Satya Pal Malik



➤ **Minister of State Civil Aviation General Vijay Kumar Singh (Rtd) launched India's first research centre in drone technology and artificial intelligence at \_\_\_?**

- A) Indian Institute of Technology Varanasi
- B) Indian Institute of Technology Kozhikode
- C) Indian Institute of Technology Mumbai
- D) Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
- E) Indian Institute of Technology Madras

**Answer**

**D) Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati**





## Explanation

- Minister of State Civil Aviation General Vijay Kumar Singh (Rtd) launched India's first research centre in drone technology and artificial intelligence at the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati.
- The department, officially named as 'Centre for Excellence in Research on Drone Technology, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) and Artificial Intelligence', will have a skill development centre and a nodal centre for all of the northeast within it.



## Explanation

- The nodal centre will focus on the overall administrative drone data management.
- It will also function as a policy drafting centre for state governments to build the UAV industry in India.
- The centre will have 'AXOMdroneports' – which will be used to support cargo drones delivering urgent goods, medical and emergency supplies, and valuable supplies to remote areas of the northeast region.



# November 11 Overall Review





# IMPORTANT DAYS

November 18 to November 24      World Antimicrobial Awareness Week

November 11      National Education Day

November 9 to 14      International Week of Science and Peace



# BANKING AND FINANCE

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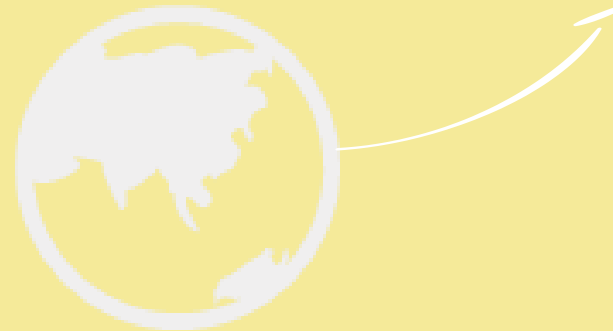
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President of Nicaragua



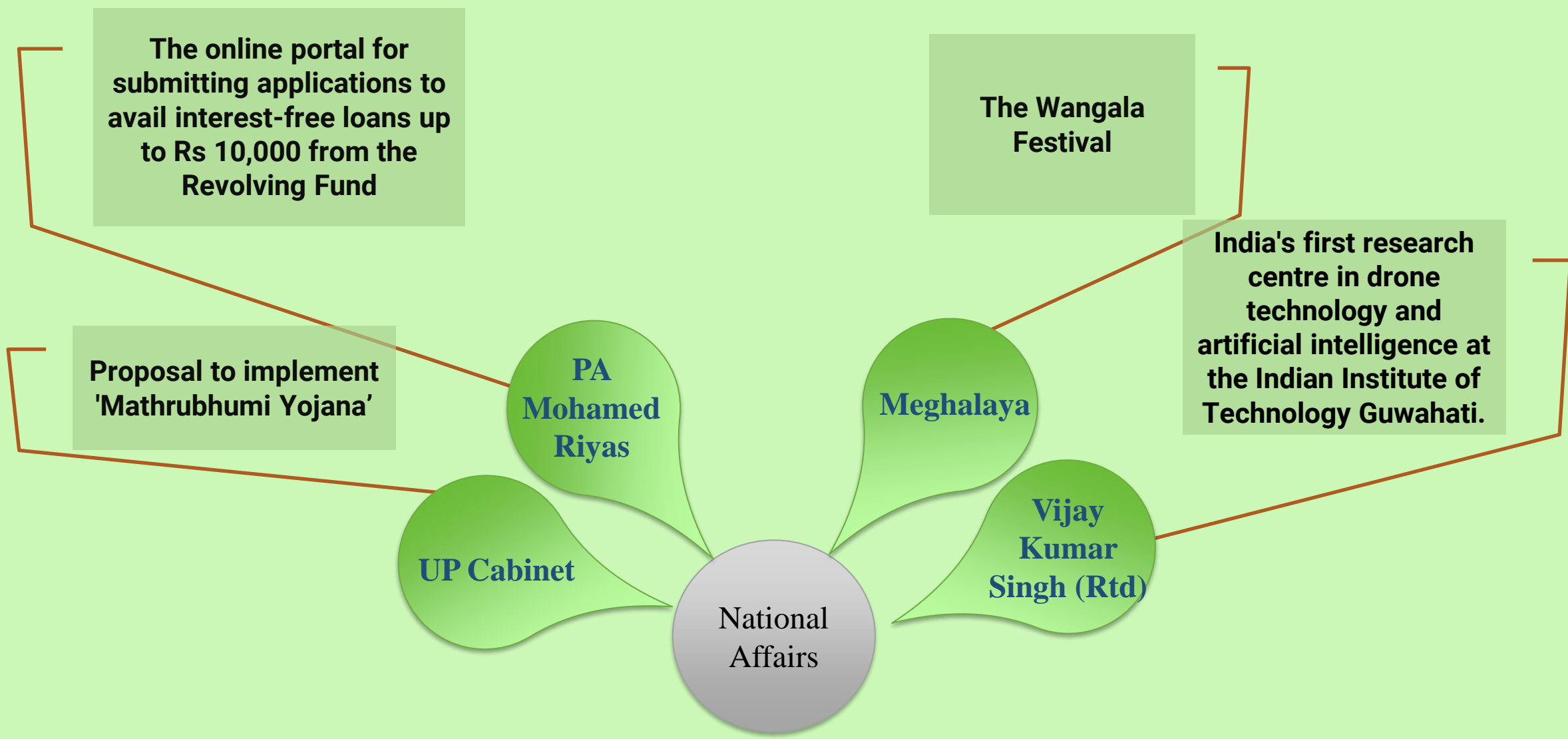
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Host Country Agreement to enhance collaborative environmental action



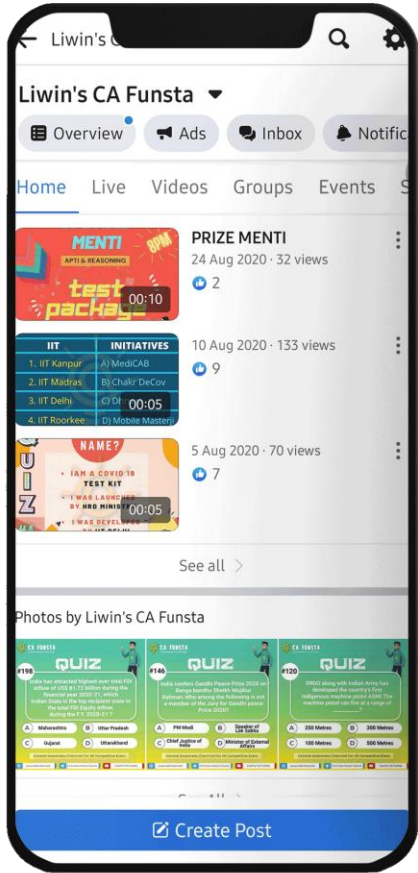
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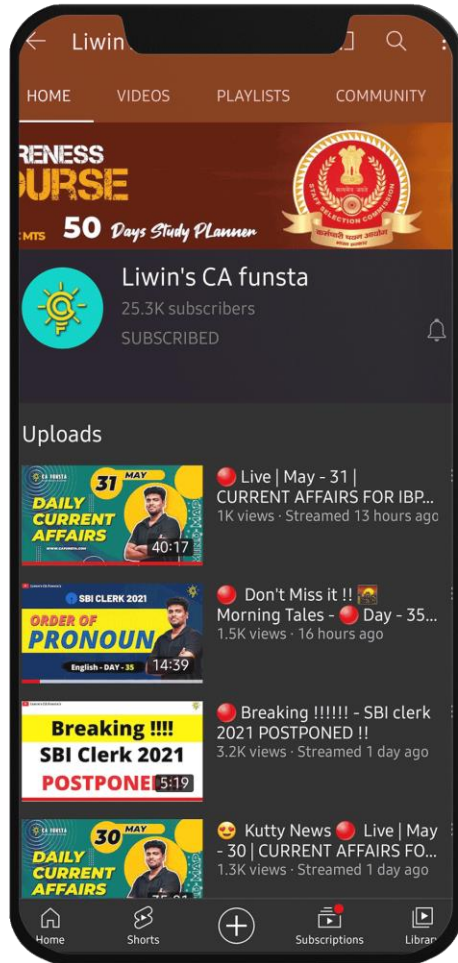




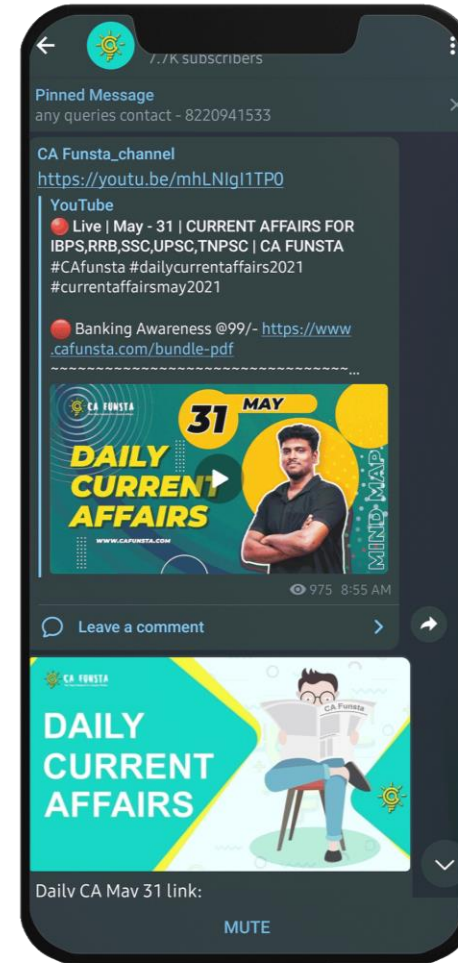
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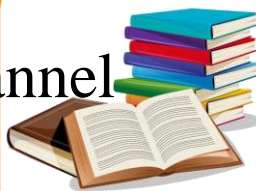


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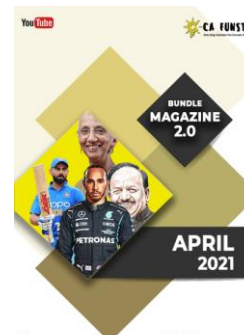
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