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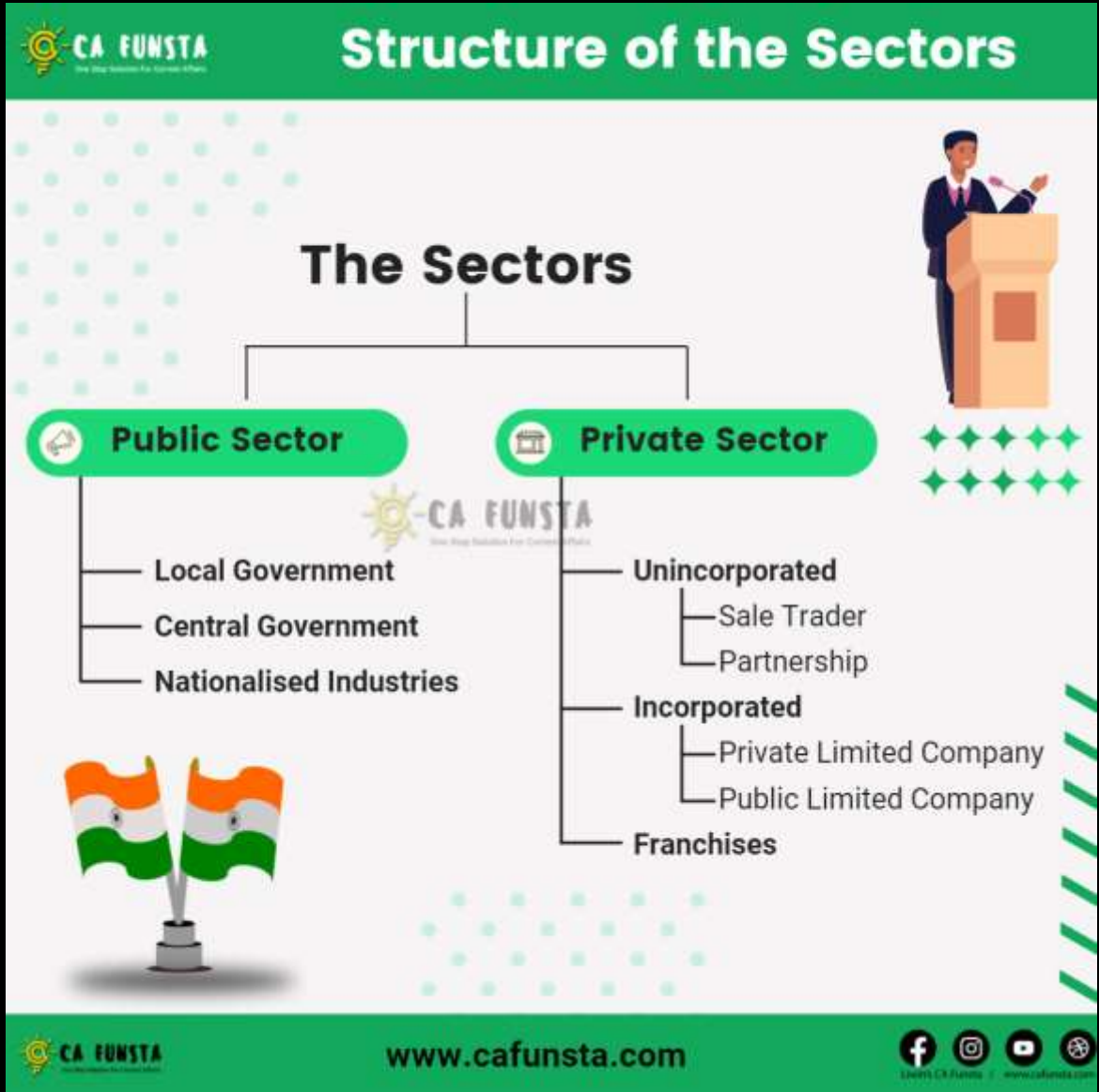
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LIST OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTS IN INDIA



1972

WILDLIFE PROTECTION ACT

Providing protection to wild animals and birds.



1974

WATER (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT

Provides maintenance and restoration and quality of all types of surface and groundwater.



1980

FOREST (CONSERVATION) ACT

Check deforestation and encourage afforestation of non-forest areas.



1986

THE ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTION) ACT

Providing for the protection and improvement of the environment.



2002

BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY ACT

To provide for conservation of biological diversity.



2010

NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL ACT

Environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources.



Important Days



➤ **World Children's Day is observed on which date?**

- A) November 13
- B) November 18
- C) November 20
- D) November 16
- E) November 17

Answer

C) November 20



Important Days



Explanation

- World Children's Day is observed annually on November 20 to commemorate the day of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child by the UN General Assembly on the same day in 1959.
- The day is celebrated globally to promote the rights of children besides improving their standard of living.
- It also promotes international togetherness and raises awareness among children to improve their welfare.
- Though Children's Day is celebrated on different dates in different countries, International Children's Day is a global observance that is marked on November 20.



Important Days



World Children's Day 2021: History

- The UN General Assembly, on December 14, 1954, had asked all the countries to observe the Universal Children's Day as a day of worldwide fraternity and understanding between children.
- It also urged other countries to observe the day and promote the efforts of the UN for the welfare of the children.
- General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, in 1959, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, in 1989 on November 20 and hence World Children's Day is celebrated on this day.



Important Days



World Children's Day 2021: Theme

- The theme this year by UNICEF is to help children to recover from interruptions and learning losses experienced through the pandemic in the last two years.



Important Days



World Heritage Week:

- World Heritage Week is celebrated every year from November 19 to 25.
- At present, 3,691 monuments across India are protected by the ASI, with the highest number, 745, in Uttar Pradesh.
- Among these 143 sites and monuments are ticketed.



➤ **The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) announced Para-badminton will have a total of how many medal events at Paris 2024?**

A) 13

B) 14

C) 16

D) 18

E) 19

Answer

C) 16



Explanation

- After a successful Paralympic debut this September, the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) announced Para-badminton will have a total of 16 medal events at Paris 2024, two more than at Tokyo 2020.
- The introduction of women's singles SL3, women's singles SH6, and mixed doubles SH6 for the first time will see an equal number of singles events for men and women, and equal athlete representation with 60 players across each gender.
- Women's doubles SL3-SU5 drops from the programme.



Explanation

- The change is in keeping with the IPC's quest to increase the number of competition opportunities for women and athletes with high support needs.
- Something BWF supports strongly.
- BWF President Poul-Erik Hoyer said this was a positive step for the growth of Para badminton moving forward
- The IPC announced a raft of quota changes for the next Paralympic Games following lengthy consultations with International Federations.
- In total, the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games will feature a maximum of 4,400 Para athletes who will compete in 549 medal events across 22 Para sports.



Explanation

- The Games will include a record 235 medal events for women, eight more than at Tokyo 2020.
- This number also represents a 28 per cent increase on the 183 medal events for female athletes at the Athens 2004 Paralympic Games.
- In addition to more medal events, there will be at least 1,859 slots for female athletes, 77 more than Tokyo 2020.
- This record number is almost double the 990 women that took part at the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games.



Explanation

- The overall number of participating females at Paris 2024 could increase further as there are 339 gender-free slots for the Games.
- Badminton has two gender-free events with SL3-SU5 mixed doubles and SH6 mixed doubles.



➤ **For the fifth consecutive year, which city was awarded the title of India's Cleanest City under Swachh Survekshan?**

- A) Indore
- B) Lonavala
- C) Sasvad
- D) Surat
- E) Vijayawada

Answer

A) Indore



Explanation

- The President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind today felicitated the awardees of the cleanest cities of India at the 'Swachh Amrit Mahotsav' hosted as part of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.
- The award ceremony, organized to recognize the good work done for Swachhata by towns/ cities, States and Union Territories under various initiatives of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban), viz. Swachh Survekshan 2021, Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge, and certifications for Garbage Free Star rating for cities – saw more than 300 awards under various categories being given away through the day.



Explanation

- For the fifth consecutive year, Indore was awarded the title of India's Cleanest City under Swachh Survekshan
- In the category of 'Fastest Mover', Hoshangabad (Madhya Pradesh) emerged as the 'Fastest Mover City' (in the 'more than 1 lakh population' category) with a jump of 274 ranks from 361st position in the 2020 rankings to the 87th position this year, thus securing a place among the top 100 cities.
- Karnataka and Mizoram became the 'Fastest Mover States' in the big (more than 100 ULBs) and small (less than 100 ULBs) state category respectively.



AWARDS



SS2021 NATIONAL RANKING (1L - 10L CITIES)

Rank	City Name	Score
1	NEW DELHI (NDMC)	5300.24
2	AMBIKAPUR	5148.64
3	TIRUPATI	4945.33

SS2021 NATIONAL RANKING (> 10L CITIES)

Rank	City Name	Score
1	INDORE	5618.14
2	SURAT	5559.21
3	VIJAYAWADA	5368.37



AWARDS



SS2021 TOP CITIES RANKING (LESS THAN 1L CITIES)

Position	State	ULB Name	Score
1	MAHARASHTRA	VITA	4954.32
2	MAHARASHTRA	LONAVALA	4941.69
3	MAHARASHTRA	SASVAD	4863.30

SS2021 NATIONAL RANKING (> 10L CITIES)

Position	State	ULB Name	Score
1	MADHYA PRADESH	INDORE	5618.14
2	GUJARAT	SURAT	5559.21
3	ANDHRA PRADESH	VIJAYAWADA	5368.37



AWARDS



SS2021 CANTONMENT BOARDS (CITIES)

Rank	City Name	Score
1	AHMEDABAD CANTT	4337.56
2	MEERUT CANTT.	3480.45
3	DELHI CANTT.	3290.73



AWARDS



Ganga Towns

Less than 1 L

Position	State Name	Town Name	Score
1	UTTAR PRADESH	KANNAUJ (NPP)	80.00
2	UTTAR PRADESH	BIJNOR (NPP)	79.85
3	UTTAR PRADESH	GANGAGHAT (NPP)	79.72

More than 1 L

Position	State Name	Town Name	Score
1	UTTAR PRADESH	VARANASI (M. Corp)	70.67
2	BIHAR	MUNGER	68.19
3	BIHAR	PATNA	61.07



AWARDS



SS2021 DISTRICT RANKING

Position	State	District	Score
1	GUJARAT	SURAT	93.70
2	MADHYA PRADESH	INDORE	92.60
3	DELHI	NEW DELHI	90.00



AWARDS



Swachh Survekshan 2021 STATES RANKING

STATES WITH LESS THAN 100 ULBS

Position	State Name	Score
1	JHARKHAND	1880.00
2	HARYANA	1745.00
3	GOA	1350.00

STATES WITH LESS THAN 100 ULBS

Position	State Name	Score
1	CHHATTISGARH	4175.00
2	MAHARASHTRA	2845.00
3	MADHYA PRADESH	2570.00



➤ **Who will receive the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award 2021 from the Badminton World Federation?**

- A) Pullela Gopichand
- B) PV Sindhu
- C) Deepika Padukone
- D) Saina Nehwal
- E) Prakash Padukone

Answer

E) Prakash Padukone



Explanation

- Indian badminton great Prakash Padukone will receive the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award this year from the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- The BWF Council shortlisted the Indian legend based on the award commission's recommendation. Badminton Association of India (BAI) had submitted his name for this award.
- The former world no 1 and the first-ever Indian world championships medallist, Padukone has contributed immensely to the game.
- In 2018, he was also honoured with the BAI's Lifetime Achievement Award.



Explanation

- For the Meritorious Service Award, BWF Council has nominated Devender Singh, President of Haryana Badminton Association, SA Shetty, Secretary General of Maharashtra Badminton Association, Dr OD Sharma, Vice President of BAI and Chairperson of Tournament Committee and former BAI Vice President Manik Saha.
- Alaknanda Ashok, who is the President of Uttarakhand Badminton Association, will receive the Women & Gender Equity Award. She has been associated with badminton administration for many years.
- Sunrise Sport (India) Pvt Ltd and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd will be awarded with the Certificate of Commendation for their continuous support to badminton.



Explanation

- Sunrise Sport, the title sponsors of BAI for the last four years, has been a supporter and key stakeholder in the growth of Indian badminton for more than two decades now.
- Indian Oil Corporation Ltd has also been the leading name when it comes to supporting the sport in the country and has also played a vital role in badminton's development across the country.
- The certificates and plaques will be given to all the awardees during the India Open.



➤ **'Boita Bandana' festival celebrated in which state?**

- A) Karnataka
- B) Odisha
- C) Jharkhand
- D) Himachal Pradesh
- E) Goa

Answer

B) Odisha



Explanation

- People congregated in large numbers at sea beaches, river ghats and near other water bodies to float miniature boats on the occasion of 'Boita Bandana' festival in Odisha despite the restrictions imposed by the state government on mass gatherings at public places to prevent transmission of COVID-19.
- On this day, small boats made of the banana stem are floated by people to commemorate the rich maritime glory of the state.



Explanation

- Kalinga's sea-facing regions had major trading ports for which 'boitas' (boats) were used. Ancient 'sadhavas' (mariner merchants) sailed from Kalinga to distant lands for trade.
- Though the administration had imposed restrictions to curb gatherings near water bodies, people were seen thronging waterbodies before sunrise for the boat-sailing ritual.



➤ Which state govt partners with United Nations World Food Programme to strengthen public distribution system, improve food security?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Meghalaya
- C) Jharkhand
- D) Himachal Pradesh
- E) Goa

Answer

B) Meghalaya



Explanation

- In a first in the northeast region, the Meghalaya government has signed an MoU with the United Nations World Food Programme to streamline and strengthen the public distribution system in the state, an official said.
- The partnership will help the WFP authorities and the state government work together towards Sustainable Development Goal two - Zero Hunger.
- The MoU was signed at a programme organised by the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumers Affairs Department as part of the “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava”.



Explanation

- The agreement was signed here between state Food and Civil Supplies Secretary Dr P Shakil Ahammed and Eric Kenefick, Deputy Country Director, WFP in India.
- As part of the partnership, the WFP and the department will undertake supply chain optimisation of the entire targeted public distribution system in the state, and introduce innovative solutions and technologies, the official said.
- The government also signed another agreement with Common Service Centre to improve the PDS system, he said.



Explanation

- Food and Civil Supplies Minister James PK Sangma, who was present at the event, termed the MoUs as a “landmark achievement” which will go a long way for food security in the state.
- Meghalaya is the first state in the northeast region to have entered into an agreement with the UN-World Food Programme for strengthening the supply chain management, creating an automatic system and ensuring transparency, Ahammed said.
- The minister also said the state government had recently initiated the formation of Commission for Consumer Dispute and Grievances Redressal that will help people resolve social issues, especially with their entitled benefits from the state.



Explanation

- In line with the Digital India Mission, the Food and Civil Supplies Department had implemented the FPS Automated Project by installing electronic point of sale devices in over 4,500 fair price shops across the state and this has helped bring transparency and efficiency to the PDS system and enhanced food security, the official said.
- Ahammed said India has the largest food security system in the world, which proved its efficacy during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- More than 79 per cent of households, particularly in rural areas, depend on fair price shops, he said.



Titbits

Meghalaya
Capital: Shillong
CM: Conrad Sangma
Governor: Satya Pal Malik

UNWEP

Abbreviation: United Nations World Food Programme
Founded: 1961
Headquarters: Rome, Italy
ED: David Muldrow Beasley



➤ **Who hands over indigenously-built light combat helicopters to IAF?**

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

Answer

B) Narendra Modi



Explanation

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over to the armed forces indigenously-developed light combat helicopters (LCHs), unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and electronic warfare systems for the warships, in reflection of India's focus to boost its domestic defence industry.
- At an event in Jhansi, the prime minister also laid the foundation stone of a Rs 400-crore project of Bharat Dynamics Ltd, a premier defence public sector undertaking
- Modi also launched an alumni association of the National Cadet Corps and a 'National Programme of Simulation Training for NCC Cadets at the 'Rashtra Raksha Samparpan Parv'.



Explanation

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath, Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat and several top military officials were among those present at the event.
- The light combat helicopter handed over by the prime minister to Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari has been designed and developed by state-run aerospace major Hindustan Aeronautics Limited,.
- The LCH, a twin-engine helicopter in the 5.8-tonne class, has advanced technologies and stealth features for effective combat roles.



Explanation

- The chopper is designed to carry out multiple roles such as destruction of enemy air defence, counter-insurgency, search and rescue and anti-tank operations etc.
- Post-1999 Kargil war, the need to have an effective combat helicopter to deliver precision strikes at high altitudes was felt by the IAF.
- The design and development of LCH were sanctioned by the government in October 2006.
- Subsequently, the Indian Army joined the programme in December 2013 leading to a total projected requirement of 160 LCHs.



Explanation

- The prime minister also handed over drones, designed and developed by Indian startups, to the Indian Army.
- The Indian Army has decided to procure these drones after detailed testing and trials.
- The electronic warfare systems were designed by the DRDO and manufactured by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).
- They have been manufactured for naval ships including that for Indian Aircraft Carrier Vikrant.



Explanation

- The prime minister also launched kiosks for paying tributes to the fallen heroes at National War Memorial (NMW).
- The kiosks have been installed at the National War Memorial (NWM) to encourage visitors to register their presence and pay virtual homage to the fallen heroes.



➤ **Rural Housing Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin, PMAY-G completed ___ years?**

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

Answer

A) 5



Explanation

- Rural Housing Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin, PMAY-G completed five years.
- Ministry of Rural Development along with States and UTs have undertaken various activities like Bhoomi Pujan, Gruh Pravesh, visit of beneficiaries to demonstration houses, and sensitization of beneficiaries about PMAY-G to celebrate Awaas Diwas.
- To achieve the objective of providing Housing to All by 2022, the Centre rolled out the revamped rural housing scheme, PMAY-G was launched on 20th November 2016.



Explanation

- The programme envisages the completion of 2.95 crore PMAY-G houses with all basic amenities by 2022.
- Rural Development Ministry said the total release made to the States and UTs in Financial Year 2021-22 under the PMAY-G scheme is over seven thousand seven hundred 75 crore rupees.
- Apart from focusing on providing houses to the eligible beneficiaries, PMAY-G also addresses the basic needs of households through convergence with other government schemes.



Explanation

- The beneficiary is entitled to 90 to 95 person-days of unskilled labour from MGNREGS.
- The assistance for the construction of the toilet shall be leveraged through convergence with Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin.
- Convergence for piped drinking water, electricity connection, LPG gas connection, etc. under different Government programmes is also an inherent thematic component.



➤ ___ International Film Festival of India (IFFI) received 624 films from 95 countries to open the platform Goa's Panaji?

A) 51

B) 53

C) 54

D) 55

E) 52

Answer

E) 52



Explanation

- The 52nd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) received 624 films from 95 countries to open the platform Goa's Panaji.
- Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the IFFI is the first international event to be held in Goa.
- IFFI is being conducted jointly by the state government of Goa and the Directorate of Film Festivals that works under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- In view of the current COVID-19 situation and to ensure compliance with all the protocols, the film festival will be held in a hybrid format.



Explanation

- The Indian panorama segment will be opened by featuring Semkhor, a Dimasa dialect and directed by Aimee Baruah.
- Four sports films are also to be filmed at IFFI.
- IFFI will also pay homage to veteran actor Dilip Kumar, and filmmakers Buddhadeb Dasgupta and Sumitra Bhave.
- Founded in 1952 IFFI is one of the most significant film festivals in Asia that provides a genuine platform for exchanging ideas between young minds and established figures in film industries from around the world.



Explanation

- As per the schedule, the film festival will conclude on November 28 after screening Asghar Farhadi's 'A Hero', which won the Grand Prix at the Cannes Film Festival.
- IFFI jury comprises renowned Iranian filmmaker Rakhshan Banietemad, Sri Lankan filmmaker Vimukthi Jayasundara, British film producer Stephen Woolley, Indian producer-director Nila Madhab Panda and Colombian filmmaker Ciro Guerra.





November 20 Overall Review





IMPORTANT DAYS

November 19 to 25

World Heritage Week

November 20

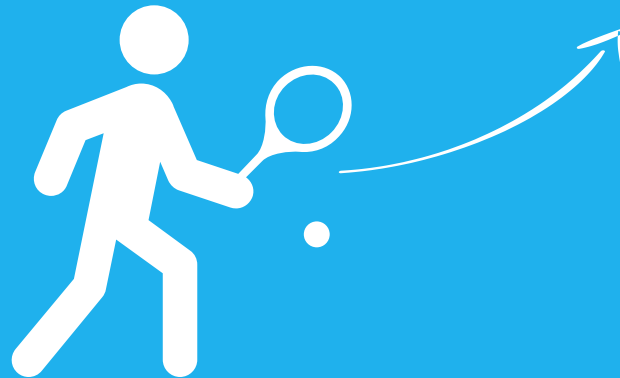
World Children's Day



Sports

Paris 2024 Paralympics

Feature 16 para-badminton medal events



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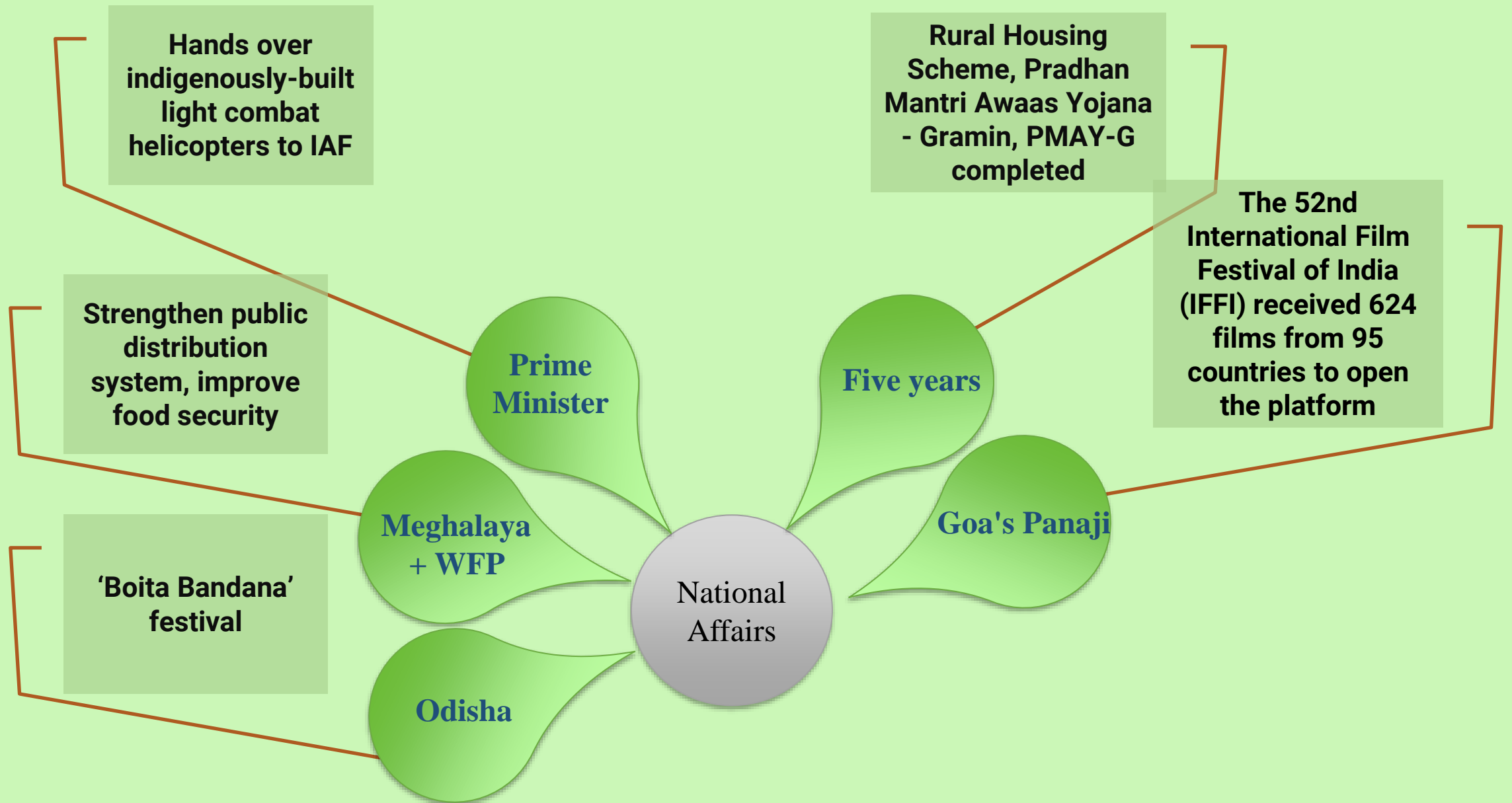
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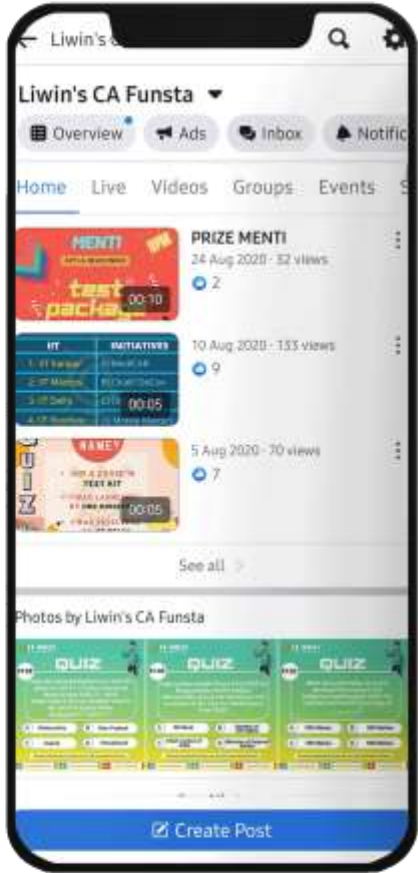
BWF

Prakash Padukone lifetime
achievement award

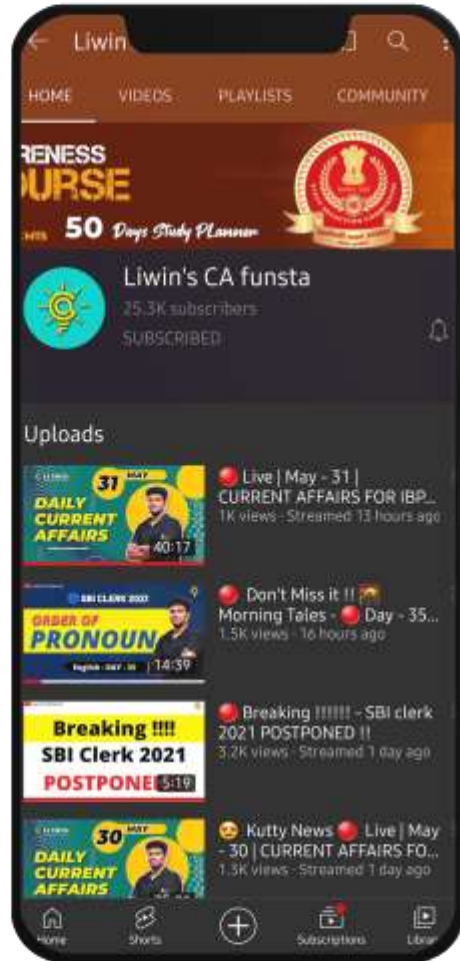




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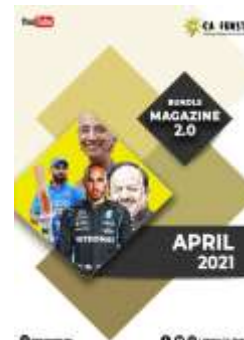
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