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A) Uttar Pradesh B) Jharkhand

C) Tamil Nadu D) Maharashtra

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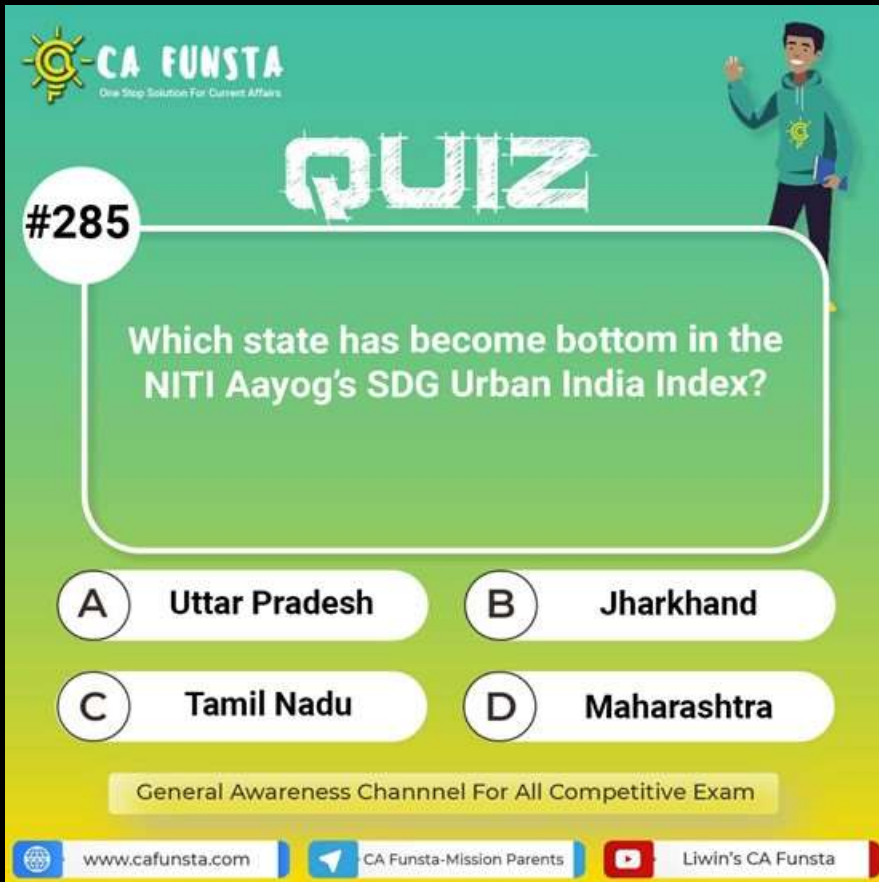
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B) Jharkhand



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- The NITI Aayog has developed the SDG Urban index and dashboard in collaboration with GIZ and BMZ under the umbrella of Indo-German Development Cooperation.
- Out of 56 urban areas ranked in the index, 44 are with population of above one million, 12 are state capitals with a population of less than a million.
- Shimla, Coimbatore and Chandigarh have topped the NITI Aayog's first Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Urban India Index.
- Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog- Rajiv Kumar.



POVERTY ERADICATION SCHEMES

- 1975 → 20 Point Programme
- ◆ ● 1977 → Food for Work Programme (FWP) 
- 1978 → Integrated Rural development Programme (IRDP)
- ◆ ● 1979 → Training Rural Youths for Self- Employment (TRYSEM) 
- 1980 → National Rural Employment Programme (NREP)
- 1983 → Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP)
- 1989 → Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) 
- ◆ ● 2006 → Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)





HEAT ZONES OF THE WORLD

#Funstatitbits

Frigid Zone

Arctic Circle (66° 30')

Temperature Zone

Tropic of Cancer (23° 30')

Torroid Zone

Equator (0°)

Torroid Zone

Tropic of Capricon (23° 30')

Temperature Zone

Antarctic Circle (66° 30')

Frigid Zone



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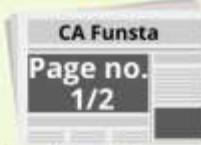


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1. November 25 – **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.**
2. **Mahmudullah** – Bangladesh all-rounder has retired from Test cricket.
3. **RuPay** – Title sponsorship rights of **Prime Volleyball League for three years.**
4. RBI – Penalty of **Rs 2 crore** has been imposed on **TCPSL** for deficiencies in regulatory compliance.
5. **PayU** – Fully certified token requestor and token service provider for **Mastercard and Visa.**
6. ADB – **USD 1.5 bn loan to India** for purchasing COVID-19 vaccines.
7. Yes Bank + Amazon Pay, AWS – Offer **UPI services.**

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November 24, 2021



8. **HSBC India** – India's first credit card made from recycled PVC plastic.
9. IIT Varanasi – Develop India's first device for **on-site production of ultra-pure Hydrogen.**
10. **Skyroot Aerospace** – Successfully tests Cryogenic engine.
11. TRIFED – **7 new GI tagged products** from Uttarakhand.
12. Indian Navy – Submarine **INS Vela** commissioned.
13. Pralhad Joshi – **E-portal of accreditation scheme** for minerals exploration.
13. Ashwini Vaishnaw + Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar – **India Internet Governance Forum 2021.**

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Important Days



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

- A) November 22
- B) November 23
- C) November 24
- D) November 26
- E) November 25

Answer

D) November 26



Important Days



Explanation

- November 26, 2021, marks the 100th birth anniversary of Dr Verghese Kurien, who is also known as the 'Father of White Revolution' in the country.
- Every year since 2014, Kurien's birth anniversary has been observed as the National Milk Day.



Important Days



Explanation

- These, along with further contributions to the dairy industry, earned Kurien the moniker of the 'Father of White Revolution' and the 'Milkman of India.'
- He was thus a recipient of several awards, including the Padma Vibhushan (1999), World Food Prize (1989), Krishi Ratna (1986), Padma Bhushan (1966), Padma Shri (1965), Ramon Magsaysay Award (1963) etc.



Important Days



Constitution Day:

- November 26 is observed as Constitution Day or 'Samvidhan Diwas' every year, which commemorates the adoption of the Constitution of India.
- On November 26, 1949, the Constitution was adopted and it came into effect on January 26, 1950.
- In 2015, the Union ministry of social justice notified the decision of the Centre to celebrate November 26 as Constitution Day to promote constitutional values among citizens, according to a government website.



➤ **Which small finance Bank has announced “Go Green” range of electric vehicle loan schemes?**

- A) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank.
- B) Janalakshmi Small Finance Bank.
- C) ESAF Small Finance Bank.
- D) A U Small Finance Bank.
- E) Capital Small Finance Bank.



Answer

C) ESAF Small Finance Bank



Titbits

ESAF Small Finance Bank
Headquarters: Thrissur, Kerala
MD & CEO: Mr. K. Paul Thomas



➤ **Export-Import Bank of India has committed loans worth _____ for domestic manufacturers of Covid-19 vaccines or related products?**

- A) \$200 million
- B) \$300 million
- C) \$400 million
- D) \$500 million
- E) \$100 million



Answer

E) \$100 million



Titbits

EXIM Bank

Abbreviation: Export Import Bank of India

Founded: 1982

Headquarters: Mumbai

MD: Harsha Bhupendra Bangari



➤ **Which insurance company announced its association with TropoGo for the distribution of one-of-its-kind drone insurance products in India?**

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



Answer

B) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance



Explanation

- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance announced its association with TropoGo, a deep-tech start-up, for the distribution of one-of-its-kind drone insurance products in India.
- The product will cover damage to the drone and payload it carries, third-party liability along with additional covers for **BVLOS (Beyond Visual Line of Sight)**, endorsement and night flying endorsement.



Titbits

Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
Hq: Pune, Maharashtra
MD & CEO: Tarun Chugh



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Petr Fiala is appointed as Prime Minister of which country?**

- A) New Zealand
- B) Czech Republic
- C) Malaysia
- D) Kenya
- E) Iran



Answer

B) Czech Republic



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Czech Republic

Capital: Prague

Currency: Czech Koruna



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Which country was elected to the World Heritage Committee of the UN's cultural organisation for a four-year term?

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



Answer

E) India



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- India was elected to the World Heritage Committee of the UN's cultural organisation for a four-year term, a week after the country was re-elected to the UNESCO Executive Board.
- The Committee is responsible for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention, defines the use of the World Heritage Fund and allocates financial assistance upon requests from States parties.



➤ **CESL signed a Letter of Association with which IIT to implement electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the country?**

- A) IIT Mumbai
- B) IIT Kanpur
- C) IIT Kharagpur
- D) IIT Delhi
- E) IIT Bombay

Answer

E) IIT Bombay



Explanation

- State-owned CESL signed a Letter of Association with the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B) to implement electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the country.
- **Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL)** is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Ltd.
- Under this association, both parties will collaborate to work on technological advancements in the electric vehicle charging domain by development of **flagship products, standardization of technical specifications, solutions for meeting EV charging capabilities, and customized solutions for Indian EV charging ecosystem.**



➤ Which institution develops multimodal brain imaging data and analytics 'SWADESH'?

- A) DBT-NHC
- B) DBT-CRRI
- C) DBT-NAL
- D) DBT-CMP
- E) DBT-NBRC

Answer

E) DBT-NBRC

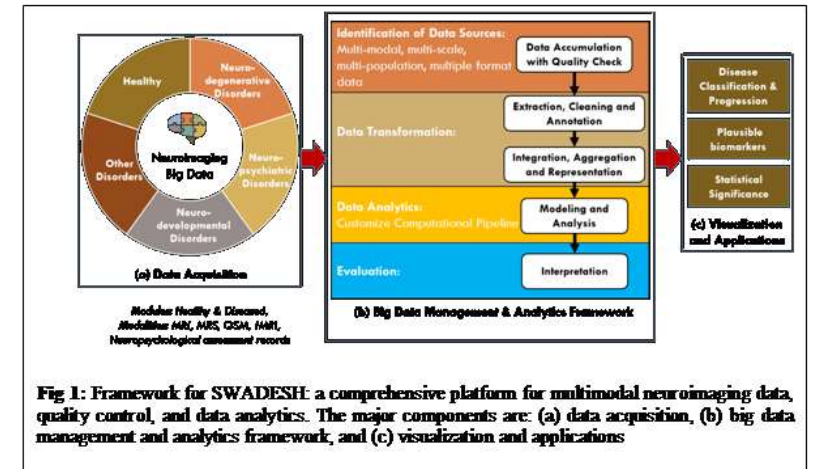


Fig 1: Framework for SWADESH: a comprehensive platform for multimodal neuroimaging data, quality control, and data analytics. The major components are: (a) data acquisition, (b) big data management and analytics framework, and (c) visualization and applications



Explanation

- **DBT-National Brain Research Centre (DBT-NBRC)** have recently developed project **SWADESH**, a unique brain initiative focusing on certified **neuroimaging, neurochemical, neuropsychological data and analytics** that are made accessible to researchers for managing brain disorders.
- **SWADESH** was inaugurated by **Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Science and Technology** on **19th November 2021**.



About DBT:

- **The Department of Biotechnology (DBT)**, under the Ministry of Science and Technology, promotes and improves biotechnology development in India through its development and implementation in agriculture, healthcare, animal sciences, the environment, and industry.



About NBRC:

- National Brain Research Centre is the only institute in India dedicated to Neuroscience Research and Education.
- Scientists and students at NBRC come from diverse academic backgrounds, including biological, computational, mathematical, physical, engineering and medical sciences, and use multidisciplinary approaches to unravel secrets of the brain.



➤ Which country-India inaugural '2+2' dialogue announced for Dec 6 in New Delhi?

- A) New Zealand
- B) Russia
- C) Malaysia
- D) Kenya
- E) Iran

Answer

B) Russia



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Russia

Capital: Moscow

Currency: Russian Ruble

President: Vladimir Putin

Prime Minister: Mikhail Mishustin



➤ **Which country conducted a successful flight test of the Shaheen-1A surface-to-surface ballistic missile?**



- A) New Zealand
- B) Pakistan
- C) Malaysia
- D) Kenya
- E) Iran



Answer

B) Pakistan



Explanation

- The flight test was witnessed by Lieutenant General Nadeem Zaki Manj, Director General Strategic Plans Division; Lieutenant General Muhammad Ali, Commander Army Strategic Forces Command and the scientists and engineers of strategic organisations.
- In March, the armed forces had conducted the successful test launch of the **nuclear-capable Shaheen 1-A** medium-range ballistic missile. It had a range of **900 kilometres**.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Pakistan

Capital: Islamabad

Currency: Rupee

President: Arif Alvi

Prime Minister: Imran Khan



➤ **The three-day Cherry Blossom Festival was celebrated in which state?**

- A) Karnataka
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Mizoram
- D) Assam
- E) Meghalaya

Answer

E) Meghalaya



Explanation

- The three-day Cherry Blossom Festival was inaugurated by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma and Ambassador of Japan to India Satoshi Suzuki at the scenic Wards Lake here.
- The festival coincides with the blooming of pink cherry blossom flowers that dot the state capital here and across the state at this time of the year.



➤ **Who virtually inaugurated the Ayurveda Parv-2021 in New Delhi?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Narendra Singh Tomar
- C) Arjun Ram Meghwal
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) Munjpara Mahedrabbhai

Answer

E) Munjpara Mahedrabbhai



Explanation

- Minister of State for Ayush Munjpara Mahedrabhai on Friday virtually inaugurated the Ayurveda Parv-2021 in New Delhi.
- The three-day event has been organised to promote Ayurveda.
- An exhibition has been arranged with 40 stalls and participation of Pharmaceutical companies.
- Ayurveda Parv has been organized for proper utilization of Ayurvedic health care and also for coordination and better utilization of Ayurvedic research, education and manufacturing of medicines.
- Secretary of Ministry of Ayush Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha was also present on the occasion.



➤ **The Bharat Gaurav scheme launched by which Ministry for private players?**

- A) Defence Ministry
- B) Home Ministry
- C) Mines Ministry
- D) Railways Ministry
- E) Women Ministry

Answer

D) Railways Ministry



Explanation

- To promote and attract tourism business, the Indian Railways launched Bharat Gaurav trains that will be operated by private players and run on theme-based circuits.
- Through this policy, which offers operators the “Right of Use” of its rakes and infrastructure, the Railways has liberalised and simplified a part of operations that was otherwise carried out mostly by the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC).
- While any entity can run these trains, including state governments, it is implied that the policy is targeted at tour operators.



What is the Bharat Gaurav policy?

- According to the Bharat Gaurav policy, any operator or service provider, or virtually anyone, can lease trains from Indian Railways to run on a theme-based circuit as a special tourism package.
- The tenure of the arrangement is a minimum of two years and maximum of the codal life of the coach.
- The operator has the freedom to decide the route, the halts, the services provided, and, most importantly, the tariff.
- The IRCTC runs such theme-based tourist trains, for instance, the Ramayana Express, which goes on a tour of several places connected to Lord Ram.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ **Who has launched two schemes named 'Tejasvini & Hausala schemes' of J&K Bank for girls?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Narendra Singh Tomar
- C) Nirmala Sitharaman
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) Munjpara Mahedrabbhai



Answer

C) Nirmala Sitharaman



Explanation

- Tejasvini scheme focuses on providing financial assistance of Rs. 5 lakh to girls between 18-35 years for starting their business. Shikhar scheme focuses on meeting credit requirements up to Rs. 2 crore for hotel, tour & tourism industry. Under Shikara scheme credit up to Rs. 15 lakh for purchase/repair of Shikaras is provided in Kashmir valley.
- Sitharaman attended a number of events organized by the Banker's Committee of the Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory (UTLBC of J&K) at the General Zorawar Singh Auditorium Complex, University of Jammu.



Titbits

Finance & Corporate Affairs
Minister: Nirmala Sitharaman
Constituency: Rajya Sabha MP, Karnataka





November 26 Overall Review





IMPORTANT DAYS

November 26

National Milk Day

November 26

Constitution Day or
'Samvidhan Diwas'



BANKING AND FINANCE

\$100 million loan for
Covid vaccines in FY 22

Exim Bank



The latest “ESAF Go Green” range
of electric vehicle loan schemes

**ESAF Small Finance
Bank Limited**

The distribution of one-of-its-kind
drone insurance products in India.

**Bajaj Allianz General Insurance +
TropoGo**



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India

UNESCO World Heritage
Committee for four-year term

Petr Fiala

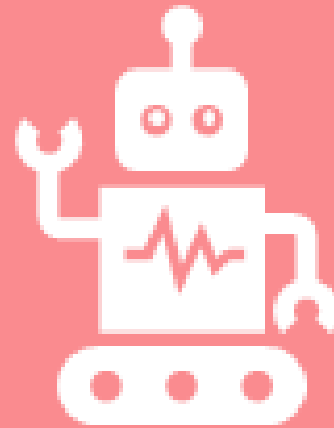
Prime Minister of Czech Republic



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

World's First Multimodal Brain
Imaging Data and Analytics,
Developed at DBT-National Brain
Research Centre, Haryana

SWADESH



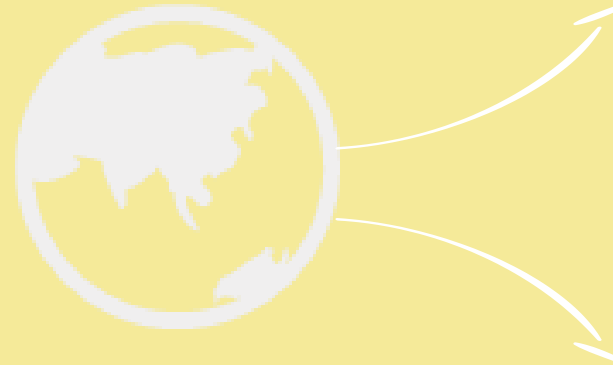
Establish
EV charging
infrastructure
CESL + IIT Bombay



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

'2+2' dialogue announced for
Dec 6 in New Delhi

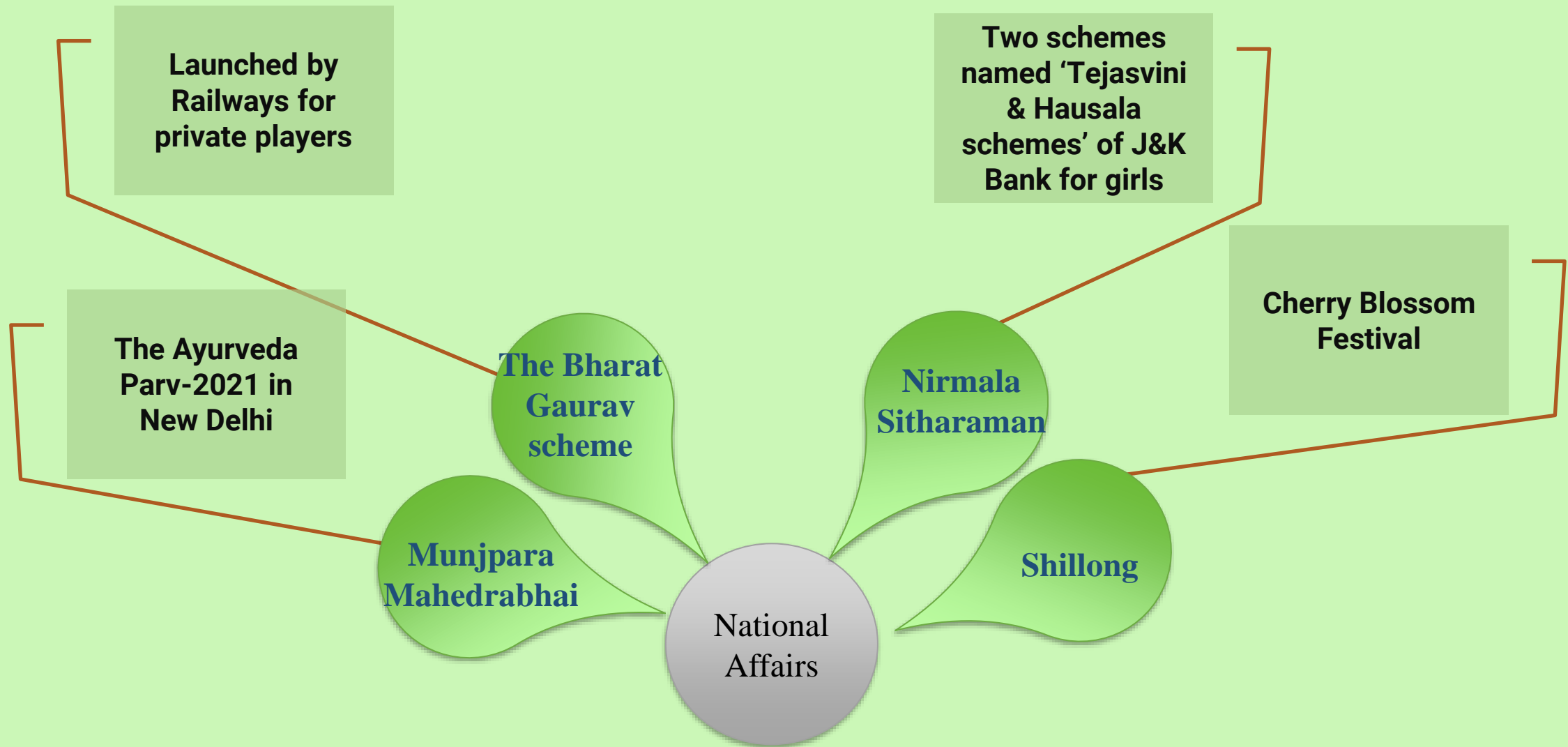
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Successful flight test of
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Pakistan





Launched by Railways for private players

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The Ayurveda Parv-2021 in New Delhi

The Bharat Gaurav scheme

Nirmala Sitharaman

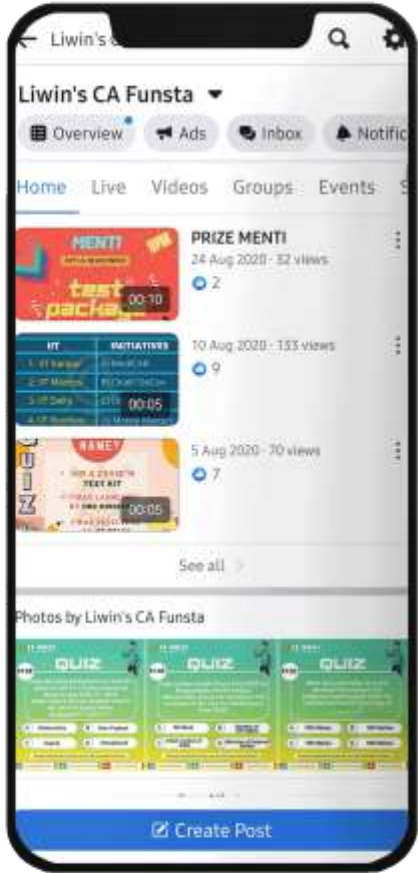
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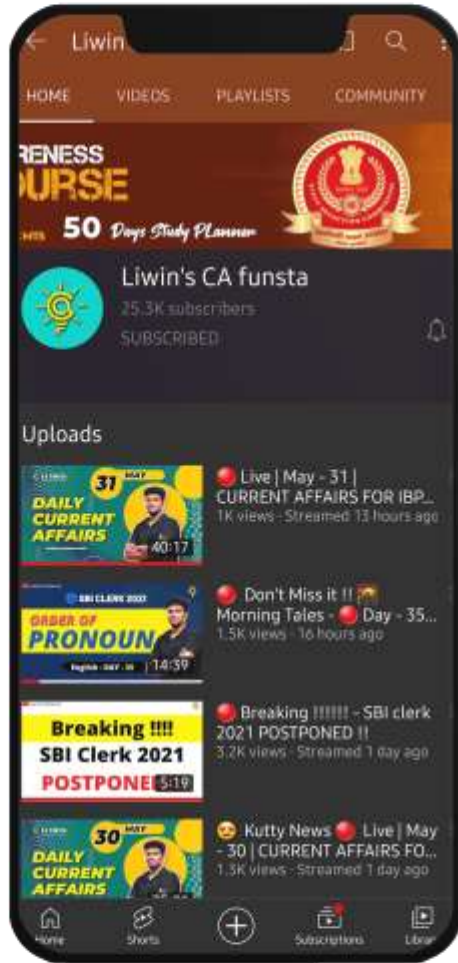
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