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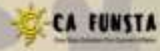
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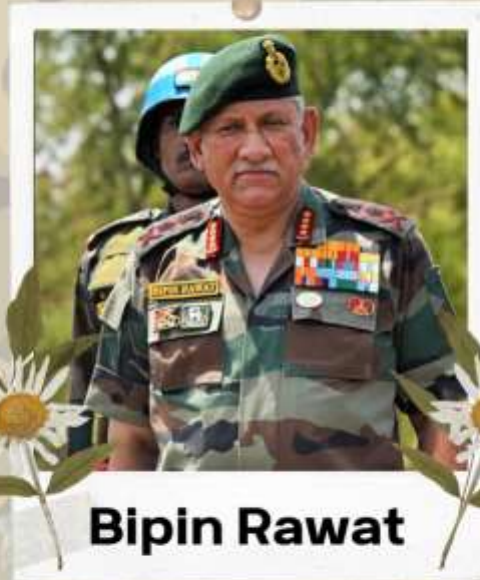
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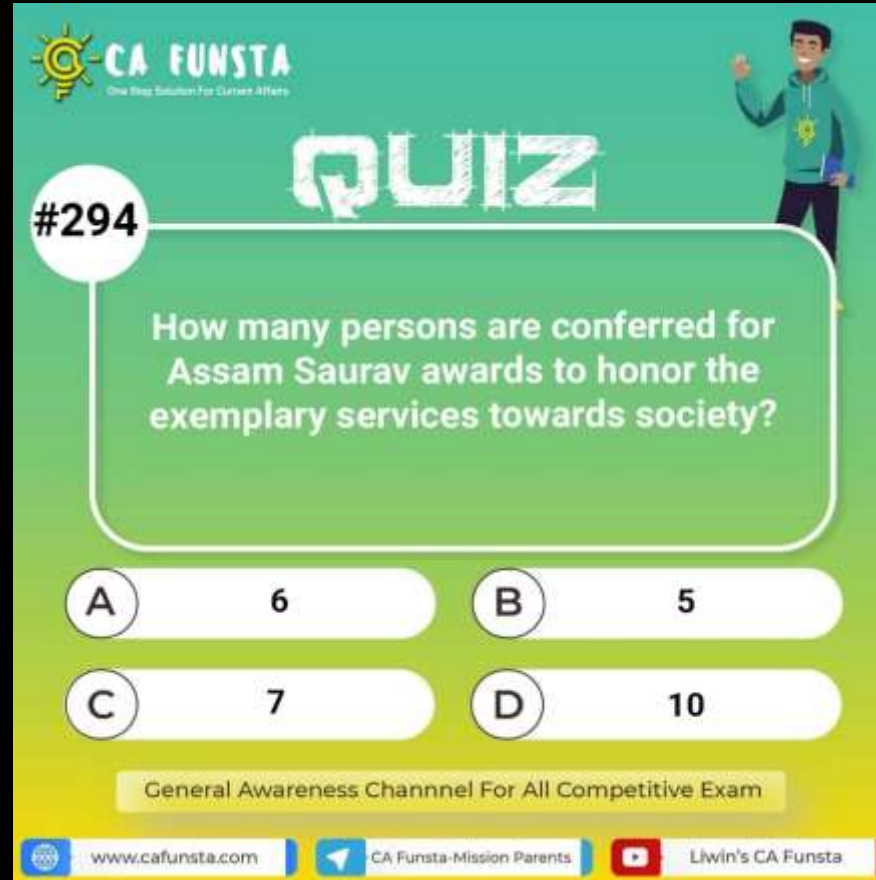


Chief of Defence Staff of  
the Indian Armed Forces

March 16, 1958 - December 08, 2021



# QUIZ



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**C** 7      **D** 10

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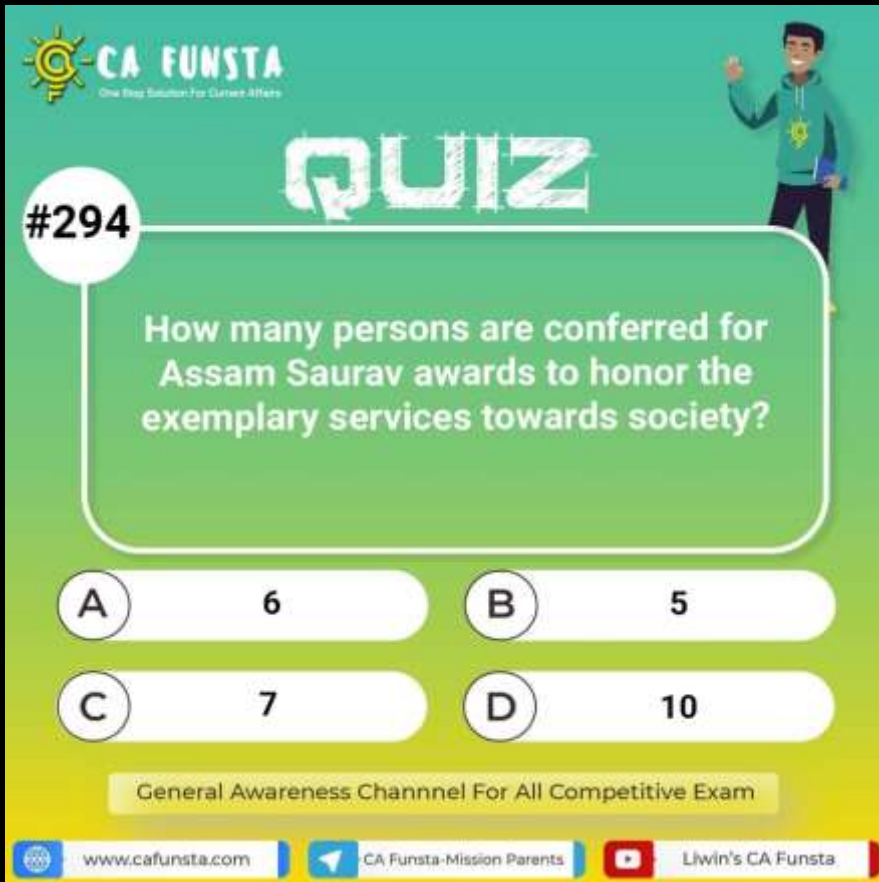
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**B) 5**



# QUIZ



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- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced 19 personalities for 3 newly instituted awards Assam Baibhav, Assam Sourav and Assam Gourav.
- The chief minister said the awards will be given to honour their exemplary services towards society.
- Industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata will be conferred Assam's highest civilian award 'Assam Baibhav'.
- The Assam Baibhav, Assam Saurav and Assam Gaurav awards will carry cash of Rs.5 Lakh, Rs.4 Lakh and Rs.3 Lakh respectively.



# Important Days



➤ **South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Charter Day is observed on which date?**

- A) December 2
- B) December 8
- C) December 4
- D) December 5
- E) December 1

**Answer**

**B) December 8**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- As mentioned in its charter, the prime focus of SAARC is to work collectively to promote the welfare of people in the region and to improve their standard of living through social progress and economic development.
- The aim of SAARC members is to promote stability, peace and progress in the region. SAARC has organised **18 summits since 1985.**
- These specialised bodies promote regional cooperation by SAARC members in various fields.





➤ Which state to host Para-Badminton National championship?

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

**Answer**

**A) Odisha**



## Explanation

- Bhagat, who won India's first-ever badminton gold at the Paralympics and was also awarded the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, will be the star attraction in the event.
- The tournament will also see the participation of Tokyo gold medallist Krishna Nagar from SH 6 category, Tokyo silver medallist Suha Yathiraj, Paralympic bronze winner Manoj Sarkar, Sukant Kadam, Parul Parmar, Manasi Joshi, Palak Kohli, Tarun Dhillon, Prem Kumar Ale, Raj Kumar among others.



# OBITUARY



➤ **Bipin Rawat passed away. He was related to which field?**

- A) Defence Staff General
- B) Politician
- C) Dancer
- D) Singer
- E) Writer



**Answer**

**A) Defence Staff General**



# OBITUARY



**Our correspondent takes a look at illustrious career of General Bipin Rawat:**

- General Bipin Rawat was an alumnus of **National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College and National Defence College.**
- He was commissioned on 16th December in 1978 into the Fifth Battalion of the Eleventh Gorkha Rifles of the Infantry, the Battalion which was Commanded by his father.



# OBITUARY



## Our correspondent takes a look at illustrious career of General Bipin Rawat:

- Bipin Rawat had also commanded a Multinational Brigade in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- As an Army Commander, he commanded a theatre of operations along the Western Front and was appointed the Vice Chief of the Army Staff before assuming office of Chief of the Army Staff.
- The General was the Chief of the Army Staff from 31st December 2016 to 31st December 2019.
- As a first Chief of Defence Staff Bipin Rawat assumed the charge on 1st January 2020.



# RANKING



➤ **What is the rank of Nirmala Sitharaman in the Forbes' rankings of 100 most powerful women of the world?**

- A) 32
- B) 33
- C) 35
- D) 37
- E) 39

**Answer**

**D) 37**



# RANKING



## Explanation

- This year, Sitharaman is ranked at 37th position, up from 41 last year.
- In 2019, she held the 34th spot in the Forbes ranking of 100 most powerful women.
- This year she was two spots ahead of her American counterpart, Janet Yellen.
- Besides Sitharaman, the Indians who made it to the list include HCL Corporation CEO Roshni Nadar Malhotra (52); Biocon Executive Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar Shaw (72), and Nykaa Founder Falguni Nayar made her debut and was featured at number 88.



# RANKING



## Forbes' rankings of 100 most powerful women of the world

Rank	Person
1	Mackenzie Scott
2	Kamla Harris
3	Christine Lagarde
37	Nirmala Sitharaman
52	Roshni Nadar Malhotra
72	Kiran Mazumdar Shaw
88	Falguni Nayar



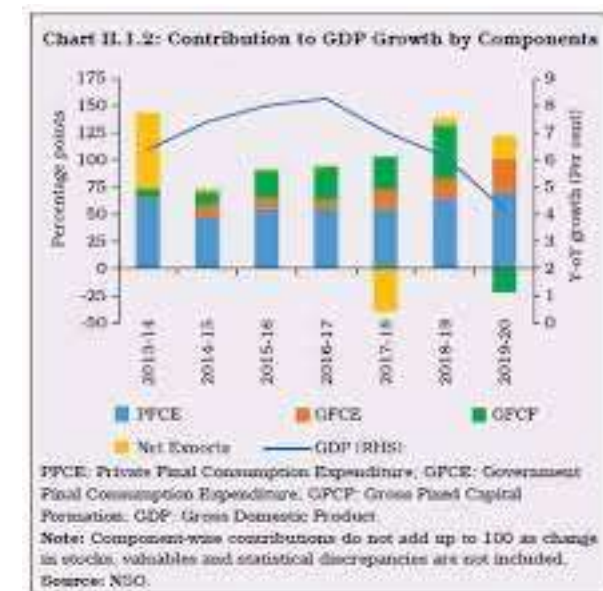


➤ India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is expected to grow by \_\_\_\_\_ per cent and consumer price inflation is projected to remain at \_\_\_\_\_ per cent in the current financial year, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said?

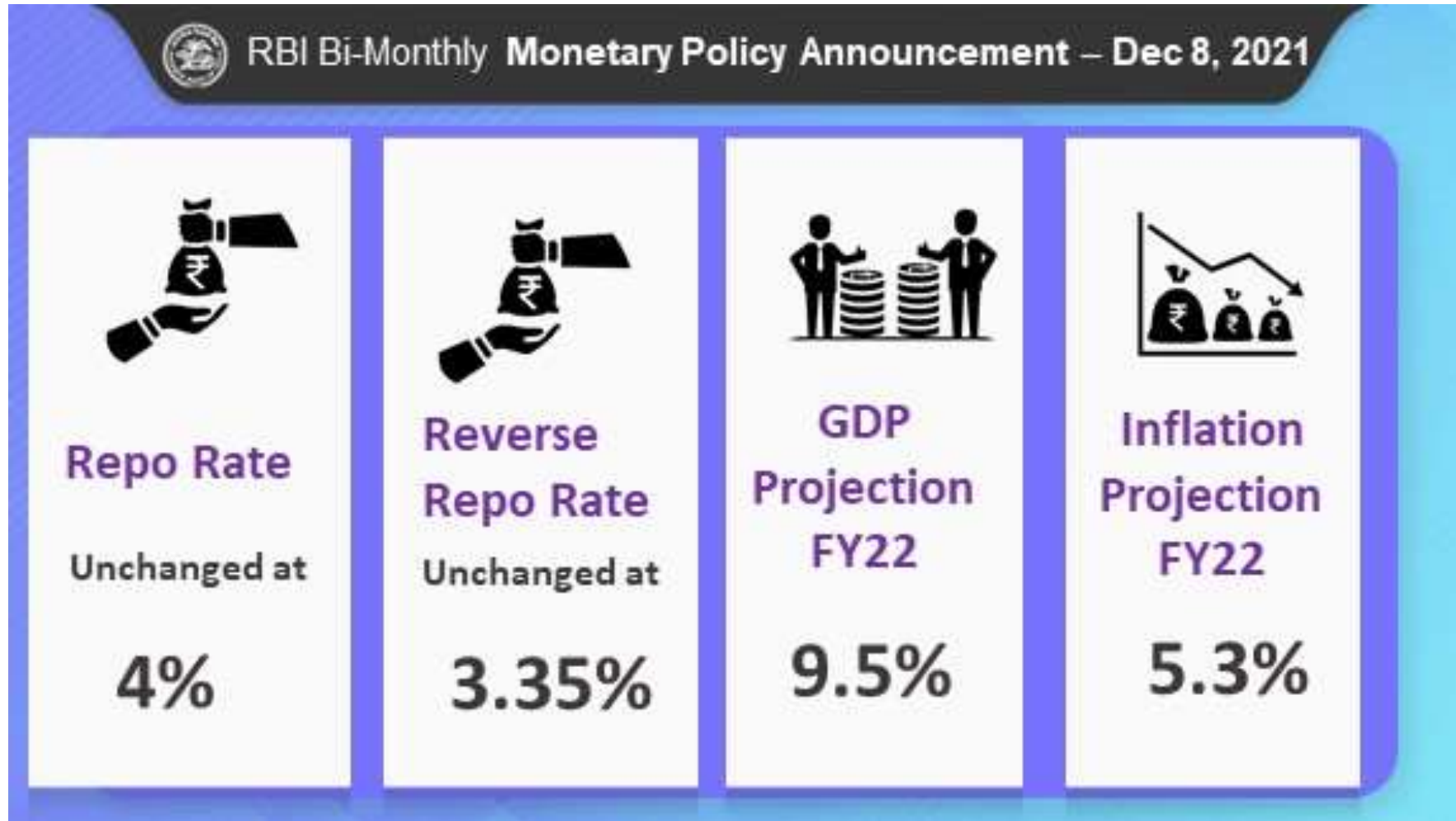
- A) 9.5, 5.3
- B) 9.5, 8.3
- C) 7.5, 3.3
- D) 9.5, 5.3
- E) 3.5, 2.3

**Answer**

**A) 9.5, 5.3**



# BANKING AND FINANCE





RBI Bi-Monthly **Monetary Policy Announcement** – Dec 8, 2021

## Key Policy Announcements

- ▶ Launch of UPI-based payment products for feature phone users
- ▶ Process flow for small value transactions to be made simpler through a mechanism of 'on-device' wallet in UPI applications
- ▶ Enhancement of transaction limit for payments through UPI for the Retail Direct Scheme for investment in G-secs and Initial Public Offering (IPO) applications from ₹2 lakh to ₹5 lakh.





RBI Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Announcement – Dec 8, 2021

## Key Policy Announcements



- 14 day VRRR auction to be re-established as the main liquidity management operation
- VRRR auction of Rs 6.5 lakh crore on December 17, 2021 and Rs 7.5 lakh crore on December 31, 2021
- To release discussion paper on charges on digital payments in India



➤ **In pact with NPCI, which bank launches 'On-the-Go' wearable keychain for debit card customers?**

- A) SBM Bank India
- B) IndusInd Bank
- C) City Union Bank
- D) HDFC Bank
- E) Kotak Mahindra Bank

**Answer**

**C) City Union Bank**



# BANKING AND FINANCE



## Explanation

- City Union Bank (CUB), in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and its manufacturing partner **Seshaasai**, has announced the launch of RuPay On-the-Go contactless wearable keychain for its debit card customers.



## Payments on-the-go:

- This On-the-Go solution allows the bank's customers to carry payment cards on their keychains, making for fast and convenient payments **up to ₹5,000** at all Rupay-enabled point of sale devices (PoS) without entering a PIN.
- Customers would be required to hold the keychain in front of the PoS devices during payment, similar to tapping the card.





## Titbits

City Union Bank

Headquarters: Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu

MD & CEO: Dr. N. Kamakodi

Tagline: Trust and Excellence since 1904

## NPCI

Abbreviation: National Payments Corporation of India

Founded: 2008

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO: Dilip Asbe



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Xiomara Castro is appointed as first female president of which country?**

- A) Spain
- B) Honduras
- C) Qatar
- D) Sweden
- E) Nepal

**Answer**

**B) Honduras**





**Honduras**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

Honduras

Capital: Tegucigalpa

President: Xiomara Castro

Currency: Honduran lempira



# AWARDS



➤ **Ash Barty win WTA Player of the Year for the second time. She won this award first time in which year?**

- A) 2011
- B) 2012
- C) 2013
- D) 2014
- E) 2019

**Answer**

**E) 2019**



# AWARDS



➤ **Who won Bharat Ratan DR APJ Abdul Kalam Award 2021?**

- 1) Udit Narayan
- 2) Krishna Kumar
- 3) Anu Malik
- A) Only 1
- B) Only 2
- C) Only 3
- D) Only 1 & 2
- E) Only 1 & 3



**Answer**

**E) Only 1 & 3**



## Explanation

- The two stalwarts of music world, composer **Anu Malik** and singer **Udit Narayan**, have said they felt 'honoured' on receiving the Bharat Ratan DR APJ Abdul Kalam Award 2021
- Known for his velvety voice, singer Udit Narayan also said, "I have been a recipient of Bharat Nirmaan Foundation, and now Bharat Ratan by the name of AJP Abdul Kalam Ji, I am honoured and privileged to receive this. Thank you everyone."



➤ Konkani writer Damodar Mauzo conferred with \_\_\_ Gyanpeeth Award?

- A) 56th
- B) 55th
- C) 57th
- D) 59th
- E) 58th

**Answer**

**C) 57th**





# AWARDS



## Explanation

- Renowned Konkani writer Damodar Mauzo has been conferred with **57th Gyanpeeth Award for the year 2022.**
- Noted Assamese poet Nilmani Phookan has bagged 56th Gyanpeeth award for the year 2021.



➤ Which organisation selects Indian-origin physician Anil Menon as one of astronauts for future missions?



- A) NEAT
- B) ECS
- C) JAXA
- D) ISRO
- E) NASA

**Answer**

**E) NASA**





## Titbits

### NASA

Abbreviation: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Establishment – 1958

Administrator – Bill Nelson

Chief Scientist – Jim Green

Headquarter – Washington D.C, United States



➤ **Air version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile was successfully test-fired from the supersonic fighter aircraft \_\_\_\_\_ from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha?**



- A) Sukhoi 20 MK-I
- B) Sukhoi 30 MK-I
- C) Sukhoi 40 MK-I
- D) Sukhoi 50 MK-I
- E) Sukhoi 70 MK-I

**Answer**

**B) Sukhoi 30 MK-I**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



- Which organisation announced the launch of 'e-Sawaari India Electric Bus Coalition' in partnership with Convergence Energy Service Ltd (CESL) and World Resources Institute, India (WRI India), with support from Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI)?



- A) IRDAI
- B) NHAI
- C) CCI
- D) CSC
- E) NITI Aayog

**Answer**

**E) NITI Aayog**



## Titbits

NITI Aayog

Abbreviation: National Institution for Transforming India Aayog

Founded: 2015

Hq: New Delhi, Delhi

CEO: Amitabh Kant



➤ **Which state govt inks 2 MoUs with TANSIDCO, TAICO bank to support MSMEs?**

**The Tamil Nadu Small Industries Development Corporation Limited (TANSIDCO)**

**Tamilnadu Industrial Cooperative Bank**

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

**Answer**

**B) Tamil Nadu**





## Titbits

Tamil Nadu

Capital: Chennai

CM: Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin

Governor: RN Ravi



➤ **The Union Cabinet approved continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Rural) for another \_\_\_\_ years?**

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

**Answer**

**C) 3**



## Explanation

- A government spokesperson said the extension of the scheme will help in construction of remaining **155.75 lakh houses.**
- It will help achieve target of **2.95 crore 'pucca' houses.**



# Types of Houses



**Kutchha house**



**Pucca house**



➤ **Who releases report on Localization of SDGs through Panchayati Raj Institutions?**

- A) Sandhosh Kumar
- B) Dharmendra Pradhan
- C) Devusinh Chauhan
- D) Giriraj Singh
- E) Jitendra Singh

**Answer**

**D) Giriraj Singh**



## Titbits

Rural Development & Panchayati Raj  
Minister: Giriraj Singh  
Constituency: Begusarai, Bihar



➤ **Ministry of Rural Development, which company sign agreement to empower SHGs producers through Samarth programme?**

- A) Amazon
- B) Flipkart
- C) Microsoft
- D) TCS
- E) Tata Motors

**Answer**

**B) Flipkart**



## Explanation

- In a written reply in Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Rural Development Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti said, as on 30th of last month, 36 SHGs have been registered on Flipkart and 11 products are listed for sale.
- The minister said, SHG members and Clusters will be provided training support for on-boarding products and also will get waiver of all commission charges for selling on the platform for a period of 6 months.





## Titbits

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➤ NMCG and c-Ganga organize \_\_\_ India Water Impact Summit in hybrid mode?

- A) 5th
- B) 6th
- C) 7th
- D) 8th
- E) 9th

**Answer**

**B) 6th**



## Explanation

- The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) alongwith the Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (c-Ganga) are organizing the 6th edition of the India Water Impact Summit (IWIS) from 9th December to 14th December 2021.
- The summit is being organized in a hybrid mode - online and physically at the NMCG office, New Delhi and IIT, Kanpur.
- The IWIS 2021 is a five-day event and this year's theme is 'River Resources Allocation "Planning and Management at the Regional Level"'.



➤ The Kazhuveli wetland located near Villupuram in which state has been declared a bird sanctuary by the Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, and will henceforth be called the 'Kazhuveli Birds Sanctuary'?

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

**Answer**

**B) Tamil Nadu**



## Explanation

- The 5,151.60 hectares of land in Vanur and Marakkanam taluks will be the 16th bird sanctuary in Tamil Nadu.
- According to a notification issued by the government, the proposal by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Chief Wild Life Warden Shekar Kumar Niraj was accepted by Environment and Forest Secretary Surpiya Sahu.

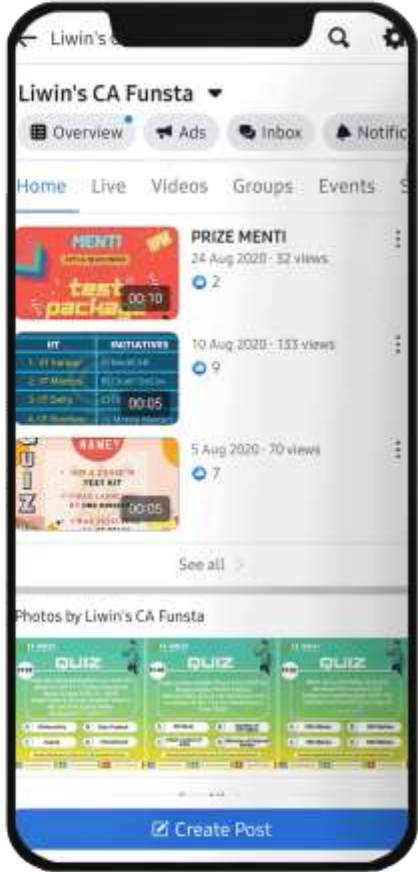


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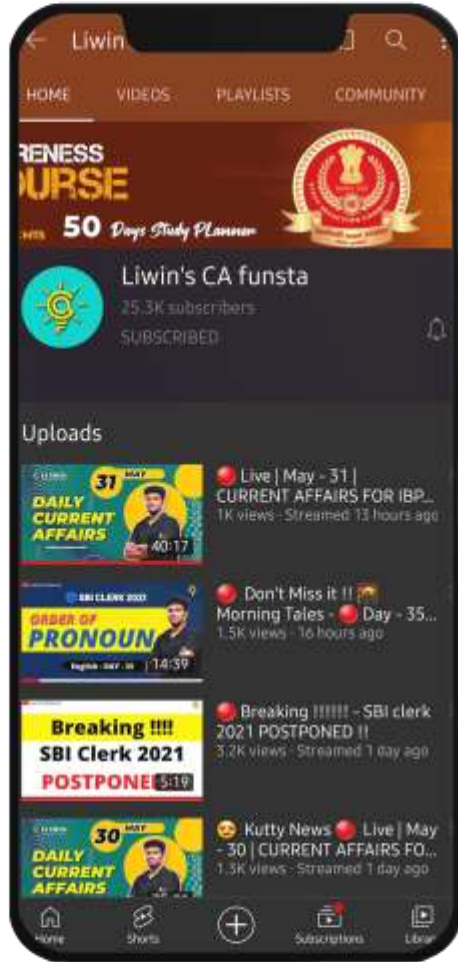
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