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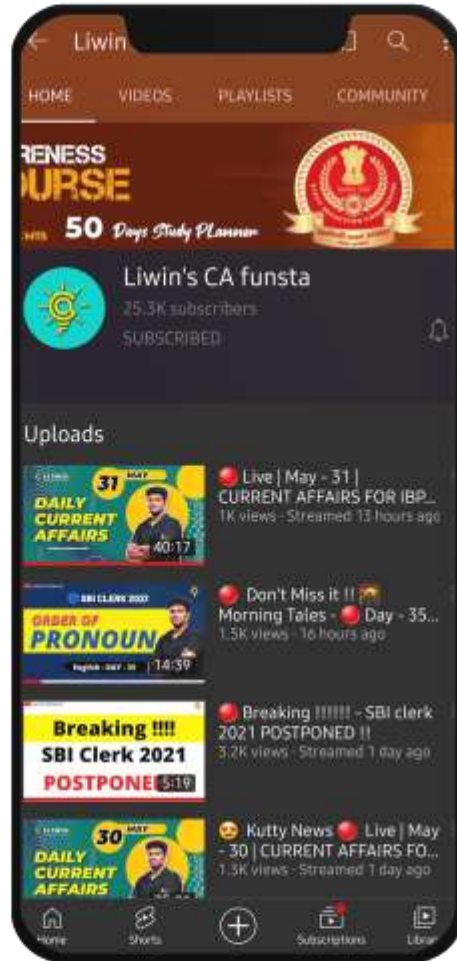
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A) 135



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- Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, a biennial event was conceptualized in 2003 under the visionary leadership of Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India (then the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat).
- The Summit has evolved into one of the most reputed global forums for business networking, knowledge sharing and strategic partnerships for inclusive socio-economic development.
- In this 10th edition, the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2022 with the central theme: 'From Aatmanirbhar Gujarat to Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.
- The Vibrant Gujarat Global Trade Show 2022 - Towards a Sustainable & Aatmanirbhar Bharat will be organized at the Helipad Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.



➤ **Quinton de Kock announced retirement from Test cricket.
He was related to which country?**



- A) Zimbabwe
- B) USA
- C) South Africa
- D) Russia
- E) Australia

Answer

C) South Africa



Explanation

- De Kock made his Test debut against Australia in 2014.
- In 54 matches, he scored 3300 runs with a high score of 141 not out, at an average of 38.82 and strike rate of 70.93.
- He also took the third-most catches in the inaugural ICC World Test Championship – 48 in 11 matches (47 catches and 1 stumping) and has a personal best of six dismissals in an innings, against England in Centurion in 2019.



OBITUARY



➤ **Kanai Sarkar passed away. He was related to which sports?**

- A) Shooting
- B) Tennis
- C) Table Tennis
- D) Football
- E) Paddler

Answer

D) Football



OBITUARY



Explanation

- Former India international goalkeeper Kanai Sarkar has died after a prolonged illness, All India Football Federation sources said.
- One of the prominent Indian custodians in the 1960s, Sarkar turned out for all three major clubs in the country then - Mohun Bagan, East Bengal and Mohammedan Sporting.
- He made his national team debut in September 1971 in a friendly match against the USSR and was also a part of the Bengal team which went to Tehran to participate in the Asian Club Cup in 1970.



➤ **ADB gets _____ grant from JFPR for Assam skill university?**

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



Japan
Fund for
Poverty
Reduction

Answer

B) USD 1 mn



Explanation

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has secured a **USD 1 million (about Rs 7.4 crore) grant** from Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR) to be utilized for knowledge and technical support for an ADB-funded skill university in Assam.
- The JFPR grant, **together with a technical assistance grant of USD 0.15 million from ADB's Climate Change Fund**, will support the USD 112 million Assam Skill University (ASU) Project.





Titbits

Asian Development Bank

Member Countries: 68

Founded Year: 1966

Headquarters: Manila, Philippines

Head: Masatsugu Asakawa



➤ Which company, Paytm join hands for card tokenisation to protect cardholders' data?

- A) NeoBank
- B) PhonePe
- C) Innoviti
- D) SBI Cards and Payment Services
- E) BharatPe



Answer

D) SBI Cards and Payment Services



Explanation

- Tokenisation refers to **masking the original card number by replacing it with a set of unique characters**, termed as token, which secures the customer's card details when a transaction is under process.
- SBI Card said the card tokenisation facility is available only on Android NFC (near field communication) devices.



Titbits

SBI Cards Payment Services Ltd
Headquarters: New Delhi
CEO: Rama Mohan Rao Amara



➤ **Paisabazaar.com and which bank Launch Pre-Qualified Program for Personal Loans?**

- A) Bank of Maharashtra
- B) DCB Bank
- C) Indian Bank
- D) ICICI Bank
- E) Axis Bank



Answer

E) Axis Bank



Explanation

- Axis Bank customers, both **salaried and self-employed**, who are eligible for pre-qualified personal loans from the bank, will now be able to view and apply for the same offers through the Paisabazaar platform as well.
- access to credit for these self-employed customers through an end-to-end digital process, which can be completed through the **click of a few buttons** on Paisabazaar.



Titbits

Axis Bank

Hq: Mumbai, Maharashtra

CEO: Mr Amitabh Chaudhary

Tagline: Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi



➤ **Which bank launched WhatsApp banking service for its customers as well as non-customers?**

- A) Bank of Maharashtra
- B) DCB Bank
- C) Indian Bank
- D) ICICI Bank
- E) Axis Bank



Answer

A) Bank of Maharashtra



Titbits

Bank of Maharashtra
Hq: Pune, Maharashtra
CEO: A S Rajeev
Tagline: One Family One Bank



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who is appointed India's Ambassador to UN Conference on Disarmament?**

- A) Dr. Anu Ray
- B) Dr. Sakthi Ray
- C) Dr. Suba Ray
- D) Dr. Krishnan Ray
- E) Dr. Anupam Ray

Answer

E) Dr. Anupam Ray



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Dr. Anupam Ray has been appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations Conference on Disarmament, Geneva.
- Dr. Ray, an **Indian Foreign Services (IFS) officer** of the 1994 batch is currently serving as a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).



AWARDS



➤ The Sahitya Akademi announced a list of ___ winners each of the Yuva Puraskar and the Bal Sahitya Puraskar for 2021?

- A) 21
- B) 23
- C) 24
- D) 25
- E) 22

Answer

E) 22



AWARDS



Sahitya Akademi Award 2021 (20)

- Anuradha Sarma Pujari (Assamese)
- Bratya Basu (Bengali)
- Mwdai Gahai (Bodo)
- Raj Rahi (Dogri)
- Namita Gokhale (English)
- Daya Prakash Sinha (Hindi)
- DS Nagabhushana (Kannada)
- Wali Mohd Aseer Kashtawari (Kashmiri)
- Sanjiv Verenkar (Konkani)
- George Onakkoor (Malayalam)
- Kiran Gurav (Marathi)
- Chhabilal Upadhyaya (Nepali)
- Hrushikesh Mallick (Odia)
- Khalid Hussain (Punjabi)
- Meethesh Nirmohi (Rajasthani)
- Vindeshwariprasad Mishr "Vinay" (Sanskrit)
- Niranjana Hansda (Santali)
- Arjun Chawla (Sindhi)
- Ambai (Tamil)
- Gorati Venkanna (Telugu)

- The Yuva Puraskar for Tamil will be declared at a later date, and there will be no award in Rajasthani this year, the statement said.



AWARDS



Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2021 (22)

- Mrinal Chandra Kalita (Assamese)
- Sunirmal Chakraborty (Bengali)
- Ratneshwar Narzary (Bodo)
- Narsingh Dev Jamval (Dogri)
- Anita Vaccharajani (English)
- Devendra Mewari (Hindi)
- Basu Bevinagida (Kannada)
- Majeed Majazi (Kashmiri)
- Sumedha Kamat Desai (Konkani)
- Anmol Jha (Maithili)
- Raghunath Paleri (Malayalam)
- Ningombam Jadumani Singh (Manipuri)
- Sanjay Wagh (Marathi)
- Sudarsha Ambatey (Nepali)
- Digaraj Brahma (Odia)
- Kirti Sharma (Rajasthani)
- Asha Agarwal (Sanskrit)
- Sova Hansda (Santali)
- Kishin Khubchandani "Ranjayal" (Sindhi)
- Mu. Muruges (Tamil)
- Devaraju Maharaju (Telugu)
- Kausar Siddiqui (Urdu)



AWARDS



Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2021 (22)

- Abhijit Bora (Assamese)
- Gourob Chakraborty (Bengali)
- Gautom Daimary (Bodo)
- Arun Akash Dev (Dogri)
- Megha Majumdar (English)
- Drashti Soni (Gujarati)
- Himanshu Vajpai (Hindi)
- L.Lakshmi Narayan Swamy (Kannada)
- Razi Tahir Bhagat (Kashmiri)
- Sharddha Garad (Konkani)
- Amit Mishra (Maithili)
- Mobin Mohan (Malayalam)
- Lenin Khmancha (Manipuri)
- Pranav Sakhadeo (Marathi)
- Mahesh Dahal (Nepali)
- Debabrata Das (Odia)
- Veerdavinder Singh (Punjabi)
- Swetapadma Satapathy (Sanskrit)
- Kuna Hansdah (Santali)
- Rakesh Shewani (Sindhi)
- Thagulla Gopal (Telugu)
- Umar Farhat (Urdu)



AWARDS



Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar 2021 (22)

- There are no awards in Gujarati and Punjabi this year.
- The recipients of both the awards will be given a casket containing an engraved copper plaque and a cheque of Rs 50,000 at a special function to be held at a later date.



➤ **Which country test-fires new hypersonic Tsirkon missiles from frigate, submarine?**

- A) Afghanistan
- B) Russia
- C) Iran
- D) UK
- E) USA

Answer

B) Russia



Explanation

- Russia test-fired around 10 new Tsirkon (Zircon) hypersonic cruise missiles from a frigate and two more from a submarine, Interfax news agency said citing northern fleet.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin has lauded the weapon as part of a new generation of unrivaled arms systems.



➤ Which ministry extended the validity of the FCRA registration of NGOs by three months till March 31?

- A) Finance
- B) Civil Aviation
- C) Sports
- D) Women & Child Development
- E) Home

Answer

E) Home

Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 2010.



Explanation

- The Union home ministry extended the validity of the FCRA registration of NGOs by three months till March 31.
- However, organizations such as the Missionaries of Charity will not be eligible for the extension benefits as their applications for a renewal of the **Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act** registration have already been rejected, according to a notice issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).



Govt approves 19th tranche of electoral bonds; sale opens on Jan 1:

- Ahead of assembly elections in **five states**, the government approved the issuance of the 19th tranche of electoral bonds, which will be open for sale from January 1 to 10.
- Electoral bonds have been pitched as an alternative to **cash donations** made to political parties as part of efforts to bring transparency in political funding. However, Opposition parties have been raising concerns about alleged opaqueness in funding through such bonds.



Govt approves 19th tranche of electoral bonds; sale opens on Jan 1:

- The 29 specified SBI branches are in cities, such as Lucknow, Shimla, Dehradun Kolkata, Guwahati, Chennai, Thiruvananthapuram, Patna, New Delhi, Chandigarh, Srinagar, Gandhinagar, Bhopal, Raipur, and Mumbai.
- Assembly elections for 5 states-- Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Goa-- are expected to be announced next month.
- The sale of the first batch of electoral bonds took place from March 1-10, 2018.
- The 18th tranche of the bond sale took place from September 1 to September 10, 2021.





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Sports

Quinton de Kock

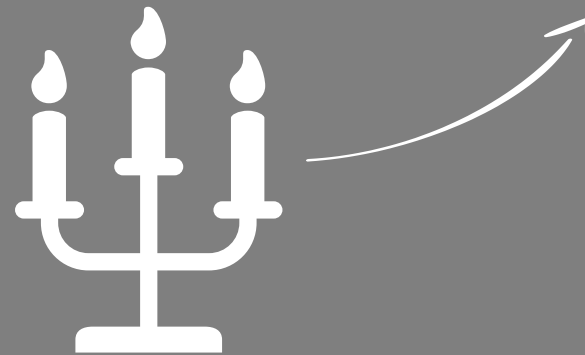
South Africa wicket-keeper batter announced his retirement from Test cricket with immediate effect



Obituary

Kanai Sarkar

Former India International
goalkeeper



BANKING AND FINANCE

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**SBI Cards and Payment Services
+ Paytm**



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ADB

WhatsApp banking service for its
customers as well as non-
customers.

Bank of Maharashtra

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APPOINTMENTS



Dr. Anupam Ray

Next Ambassador and
Permanent Representative of
India to the United Nations
Conference on Disarmament,
Geneva



AWARDS

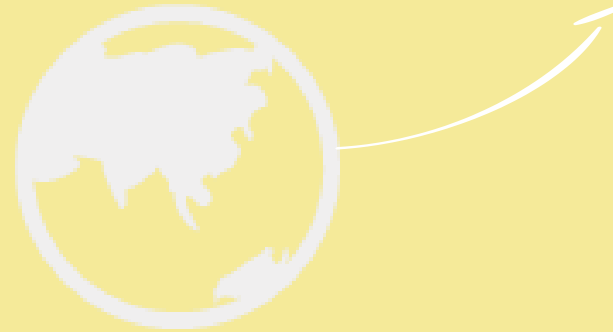
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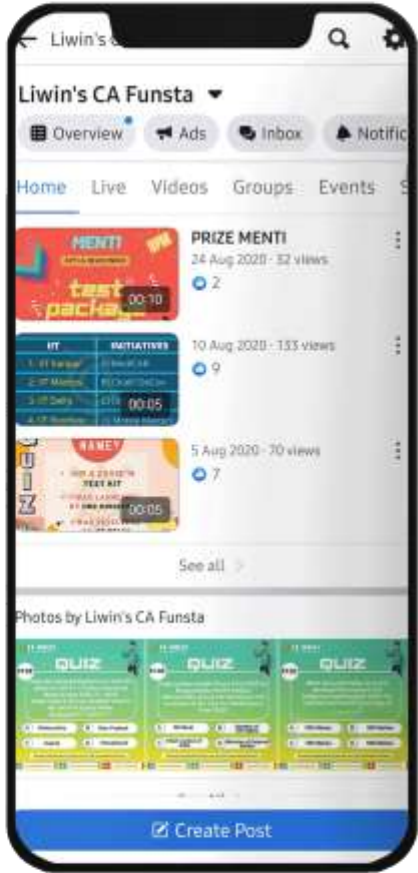
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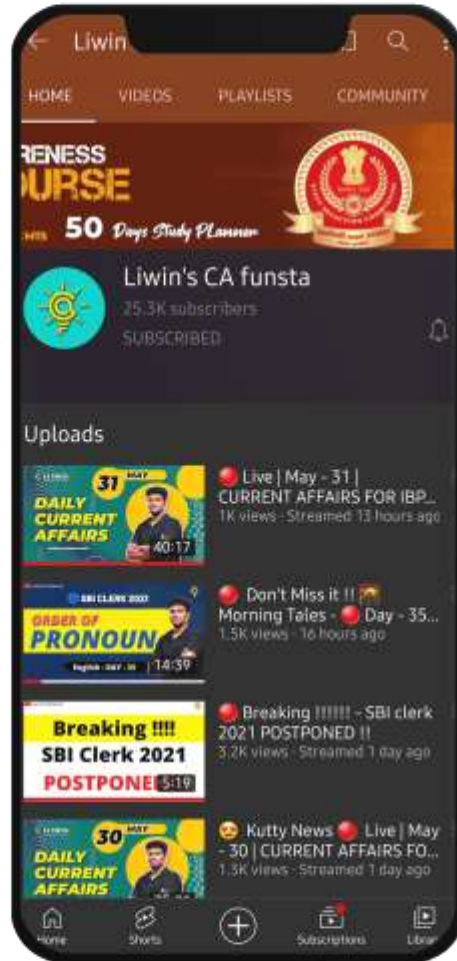
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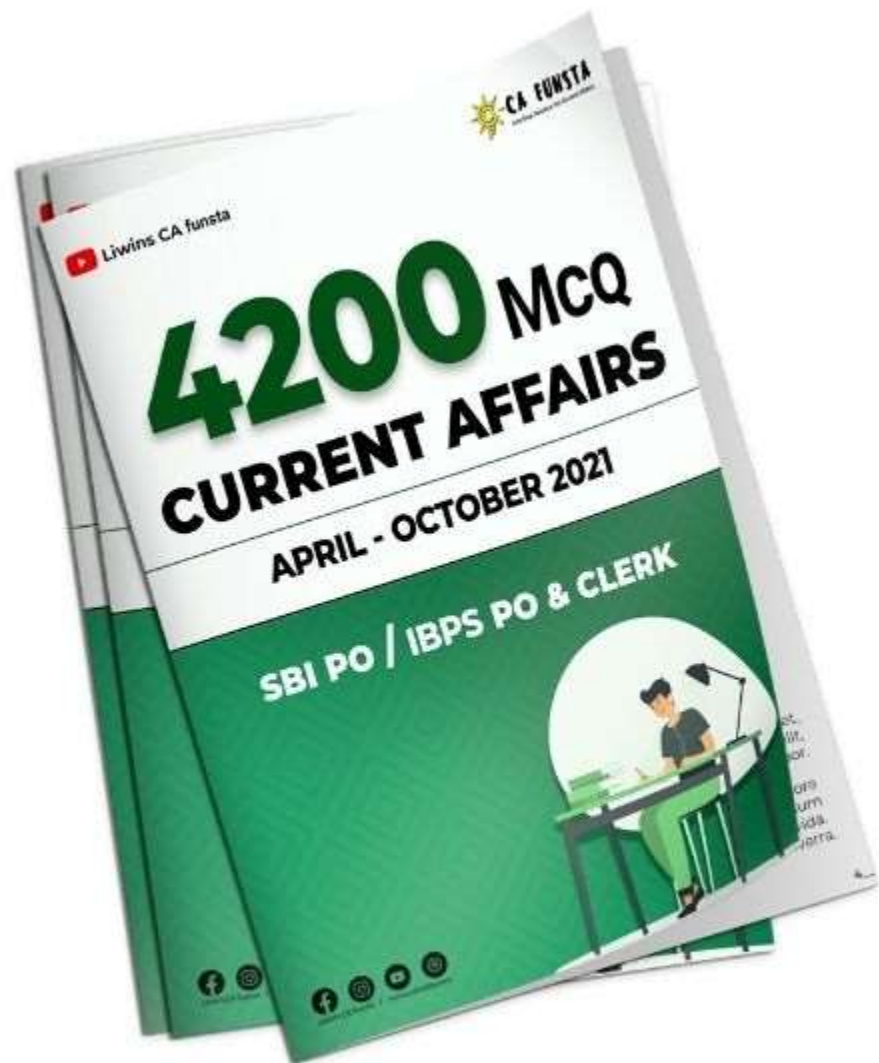
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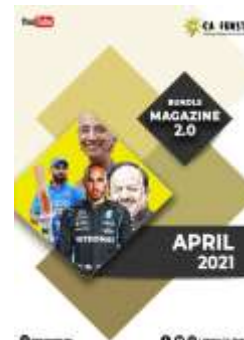
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