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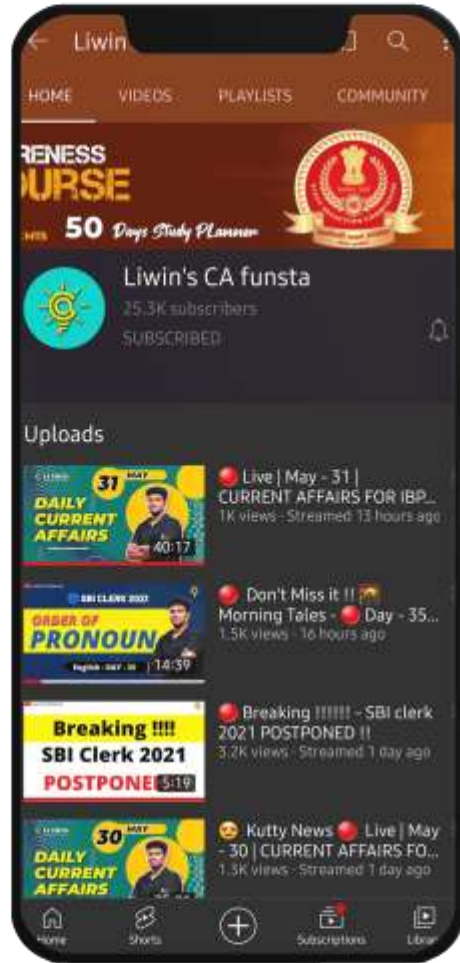
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A) Tamil Nadu B) Telangana
C) Haryana D) Uttar Pradesh

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A) Tamil Nadu



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- Tamil Nadu stood second in the implementation of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) that was launched four years ago **to stimulate local economic development, enhance basic services and create well planned clusters.**
- In the Ranking of the Cluster, among the 295 clusters, the **Ryakal cluster of Sangareddy and the Jukkal cluster of Kamareddy** in Telangana has secured the 1st and 2nd position respectively.
- **The Aibawk cluster of Aizawl** in Mizoram has secured the 3rd position.



Important Days



2nd Edition of National Funsta Foundation Day – Entering 3rd Year



Important Days



➤ **World Braille Day is observed on which date?**

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

Answer

C) January 4



Important Days



Explanation

- January 4 every year is internationally observed as World Braille Day to commemorate the birthday of **French educator Louis Braille.**
- Braille is a system created by Louis Braille, who used a sensory military code called night writing developed by Charles Barbier, to create words that a blind person can decipher by touching.



Important Days



Who was Louis Braille? How did he lose his eyesight?

- Louis Braille was a French educator who invented braille.
- Louis Braille was blinded in **one eye at the age of three** after an accident with a stitching awl in his father's harness-making shop.
- Braille was trying to make holes in a piece of leather with an awl when he pressed down too hard to drive the sharp point in.
- As he was working with partially closed eyes, the awl went through the leather and stabbed in one of the eyes.



Important Days



Who was Louis Braille? How did he lose his eyesight?

- Braille was essentially a representation of alphabetic and numerical symbols using **six dots** to represent each letter and number.
- Historically, the system is based on a tactile military code **called night writing** that was developed by Charles Barbier in response to Napoleon's demand for a means for soldiers to communicate silently at night without any source of light.



OBITUARY



➤ **Ambapratasinhji Jadeja passed away. He was related to which sports?**

- A) Athlete
- B) Tennis
- C) Table Tennis
- D) Hockey
- E) Cricket

Answer

E) Cricket



OBITUARY



Explanation

- Former Saurashtra cricketer Ambapratasinhji Jadeja died of COVID-19 infection, the Saurashtra Cricket Association (SCA) said.
- Hailing from **Jamnagar**, Jadeja was a prominent right-arm medium pacer and right-handed batsman.
- He played eight Ranji Trophy matches representing Saurashtra.
- He was a retired DSP, Gujarat Police.



OBITUARY



➤ **S H Sarma passed away. He was related to which field?**

- A) Businessman
- B) Vice Admiral
- C) Writer
- D) Artist
- E) Singer



Answer

B) Vice Admiral



OBITUARY



Explanation

- **The Indian Navy's 1971 Indo-Pak war** veteran Vice Admiral S H Sarma passed away in Bhubaneswar, officials said. Sarma, who turned 99 last December, was the Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet during the 1971 war, they mentioned.
- Officials said Sarma also served as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Naval Command.



RANKING



- Which state stood first in the country in the list of highest number of open defecation free (ODF Plus) villages under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II programme?



- A) Mizoram
- B) Assam
- C) Kerala
- D) Manipur
- E) Telangana

Answer

E) Telangana



RANKING



Explanation

- As many as 13,737 out of 14,200 villages in the State are in the ODF Plus list, which is 96.74%.
- This was followed by Tamil Nadu with 4,432 villages (35.39%) and Karnataka with 1,511 villages (5.59%).
- Gujarat took the 17th position with only 83 villages (0.45%).



RANKING



List of highest number of open defecation free (ODF Plus) villages under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II programme

Rank	State
1	Telangana
2	Tamil Nadu
3	Karnataka



➤ Which organisation has introduced the 'Unified Presentment Management System' (UPMS) for recurring bill payments?

- A) IRDAI
- B) SIDBI
- C) NBBL
- D) SEBI
- E) RBI

Answer

C) NBBL



Explanation

- NPCI Bharat BillPay (NBBL), the wholly-owned subsidiary of **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**, has introduced the 'Unified Presentment Management System' (UPMS) for recurring bill payments.
- **The bills will be automatically fetched from the billers and presented to customers for their action, in terms of auto-debit and bill payment management.**



SBI, ICICI, HDFC Bank continue to remain systemically important banks: RBI

- The RBI said state-owned SBI, along with private sector lenders ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank continue to be Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) or institutions which are **'too big to fail'**.
- SIBs are perceived as banks that are 'too big to fail (TBTF)'. This perception of TBTF creates an expectation of government support for these banks in times of distress. Due to this perception, these lenders enjoy certain advantages in the funding markets.



Titbits

RBI

Abbreviation: Reserve Bank of India

Act: Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Governor– Shaktikanta Das

Deputy Governors– 4 (T Rabi Sankar, Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra, M. Rajeshwar Rao)



➤ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the inclusion of which payments bank in **the second schedule** of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934?

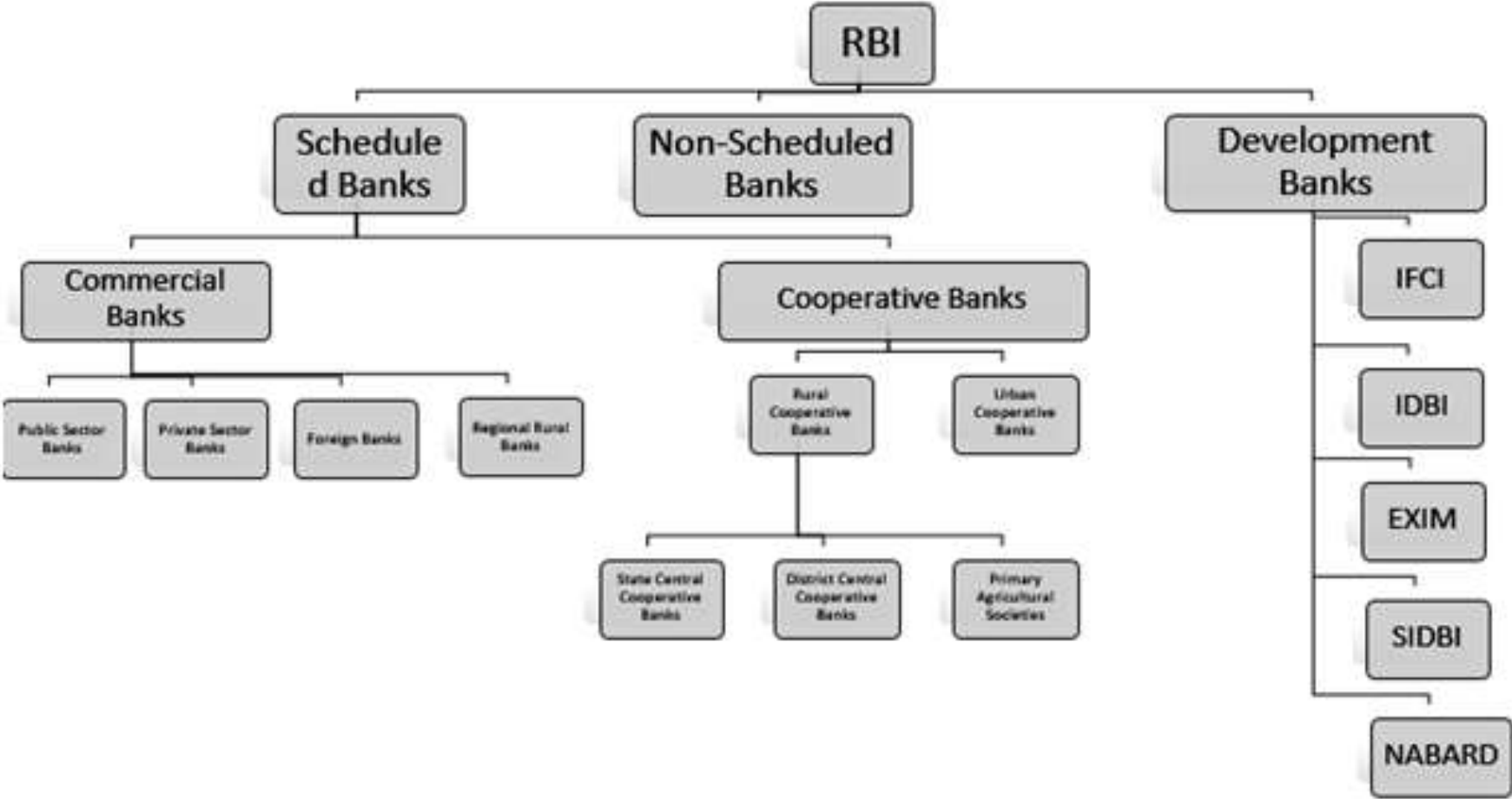
- A) Airtel Payments Bank Ltd.
- B) India Post Payments Bank Ltd.
- C) Fino Payments Bank Ltd.
- D) Paytm Payments Bank Ltd.
- E) Jio Payments Bank Ltd.

Answer

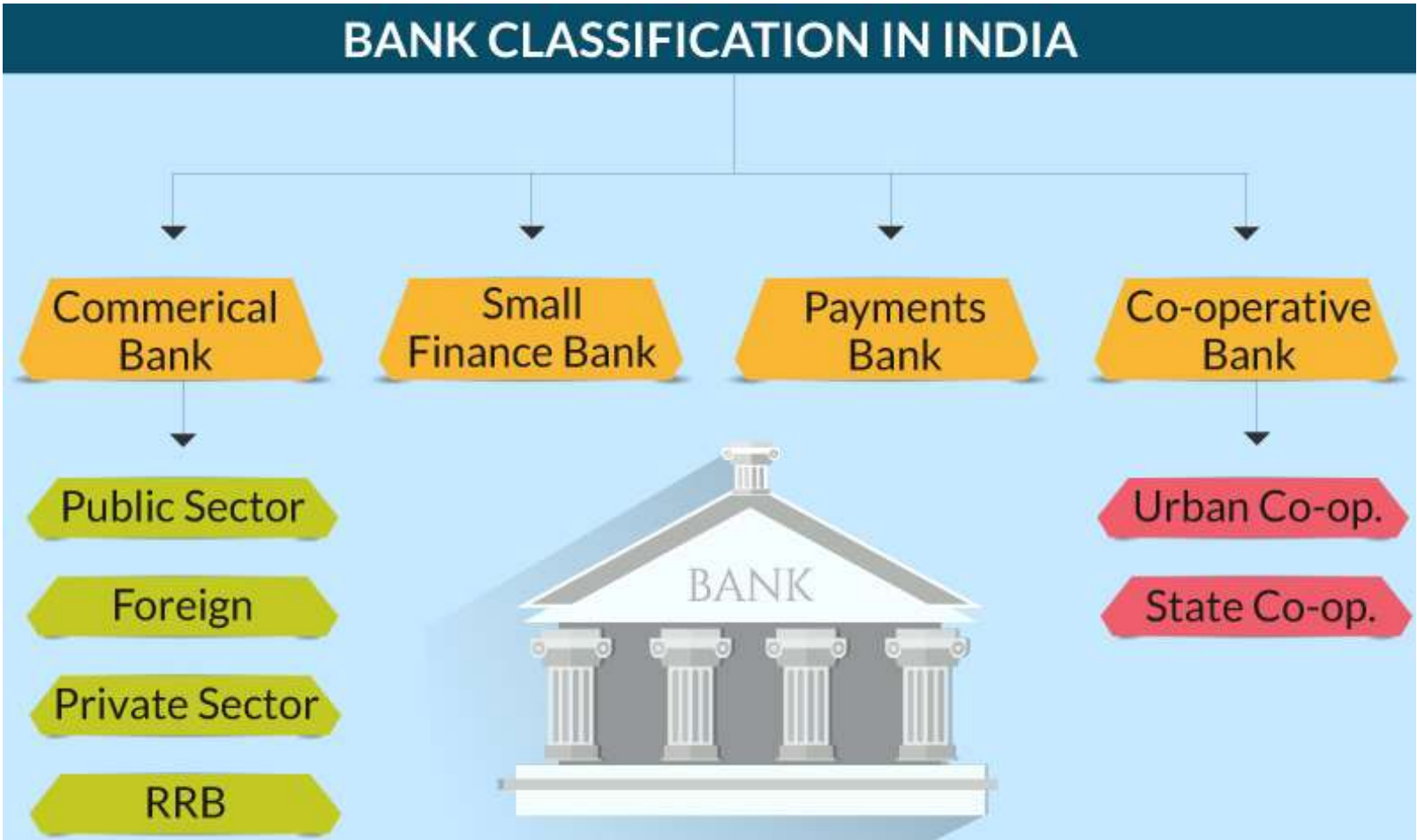
A) Airtel Payments Bank Ltd



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Titbits

Airtel Payments Bank

Hq: New Delhi, India.

CEO: Anubrata Biswas

Tagline: Banking Is Now At Your Fingertips India's First
Payment Bank



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Alka Mittal has been appointed an interim chairman and managing director of which organisation?**

- A) CII
- B) CCI
- C) NHAI
- D) NTPC
- E) ONGC

Answer

E) ONGC



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Alka Mittal has been appointed an interim chairman and managing director of **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)**, the first woman to head the country's largest oil and gas producer.
- Mittal replaces **Subhash Kumar**, another interim head who retired after reaching superannuation age on December 31.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

ONGC

Abbreviation: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

CMD: Alka Mittal(Interim)

Founded: 14 August 1956

Headquarters: Vasant Kunj, Delhi



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Which bank Ropes in cricket sensation Shafali Verma as Brand Endorser?

- A) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- B) Bank of Baroda
- C) Indian Bank
- D) ICICI Bank
- E) HDFC Bank



Answer

B) Bank of Baroda



APPOINTMENTS



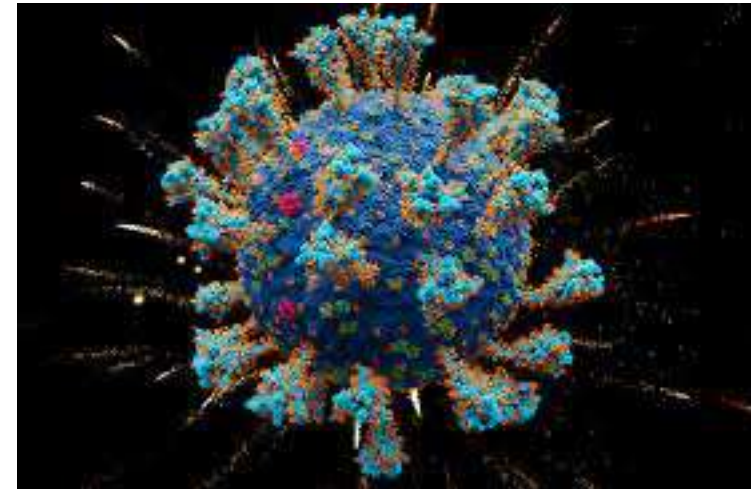
Titbits

Bank of Baroda
Hq: Vadodara, Gujarat
MD and CEO: Sanjiv Chadha
Tagline: India's International Bank



➤ **New COVID-19 variant named 'IHU' discovered in which country?**

- A) Italy
- B) UK
- C) France
- D) Iceland
- E) Costa Rica



Answer

C) France



Explanation

- Scientists and experts in France have reportedly identified a new variant of COVID-19 termed 'IHU'.
- The new variant is said to be a more mutated strain **than Omicron.**
- Nearly 12 cases of this new variant have been reported near Marseilles and has been linked to the African country Cameroon.
- **The B.1.640.2 or IHU variant** was first identified by the academics at institute IHU Mediterranee Infection and contains 46 mutations, which is more than Omicron.



➤ Who inaugurated the New Integrated Terminal Building at Maharaja Bir Bikram Airport in Tripura's Agartala?



- A) Ram Nath Kovind
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- D) Venkaiah Naidu
- E) Subhas Sarkar



Answer

B) Narendra Modi



➤ **Who has launched the Web Portal for PM's Excellence Award?**

- A) Ram Nath Kovind
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- D) Venkaiah Naidu
- E) Dr. Jitendra Singh

Answer

E) Dr. Jitendra Singh



Explanation

- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has launched the Web Portal for PM's Excellence Award.
- The registration for the Award began yesterday. Speaking after the launch, the Minister said, the entire concept and format of the PM's Excellence Award has undergone a revolutionary change since 2014.
- PM's Award for Excellence in Public Administration portal for the year 2021-2022 is www.pmawards.gov.in.



Explanation

- He asserted that officers must become a facilitator to bring the “Ease of Life” for the common man.
- The Minister also added that the prize money was also doubled this year from 10 lakh rupees to 20 lakh rupees to the awarded District or Organization.
- He informed that it is now mandatory for all District Collectors to apply for the Award.



Titbits

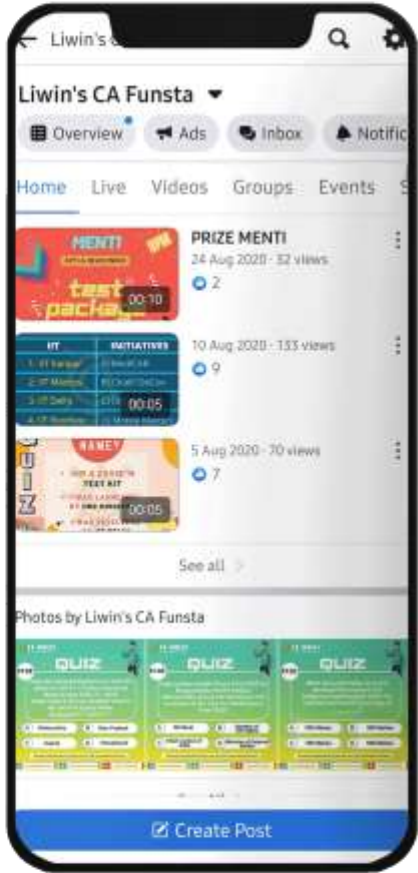
Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy; and Minister of State in the Department of Space

Minister: Dr. Jitendra Singh

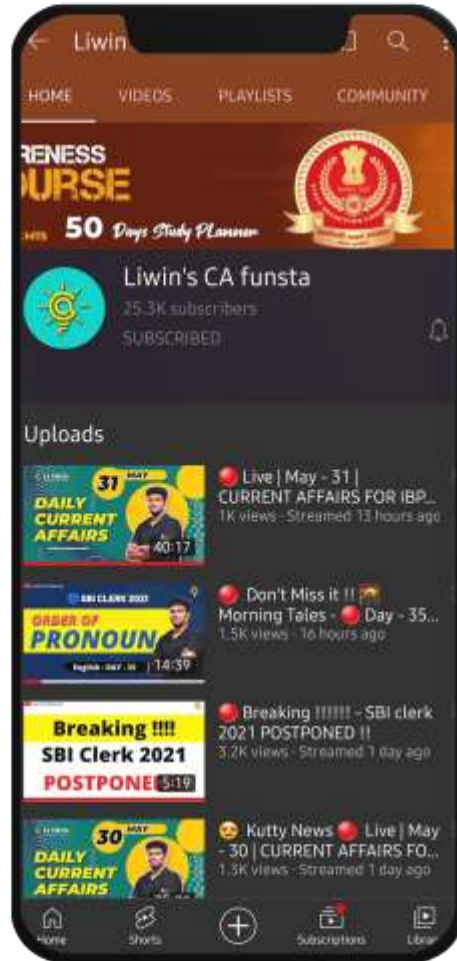
Constituency: Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir



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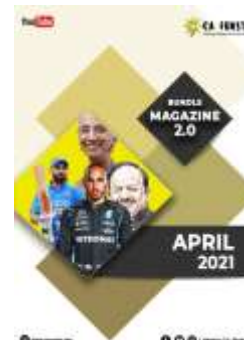
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