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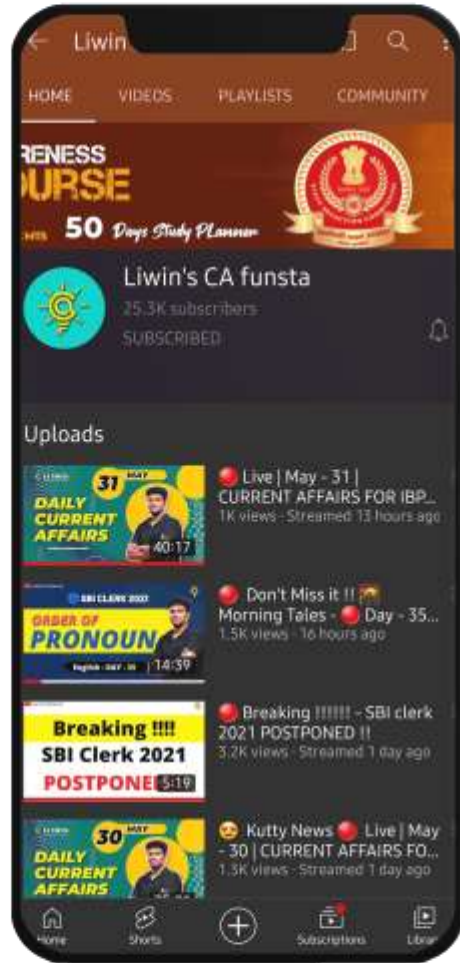


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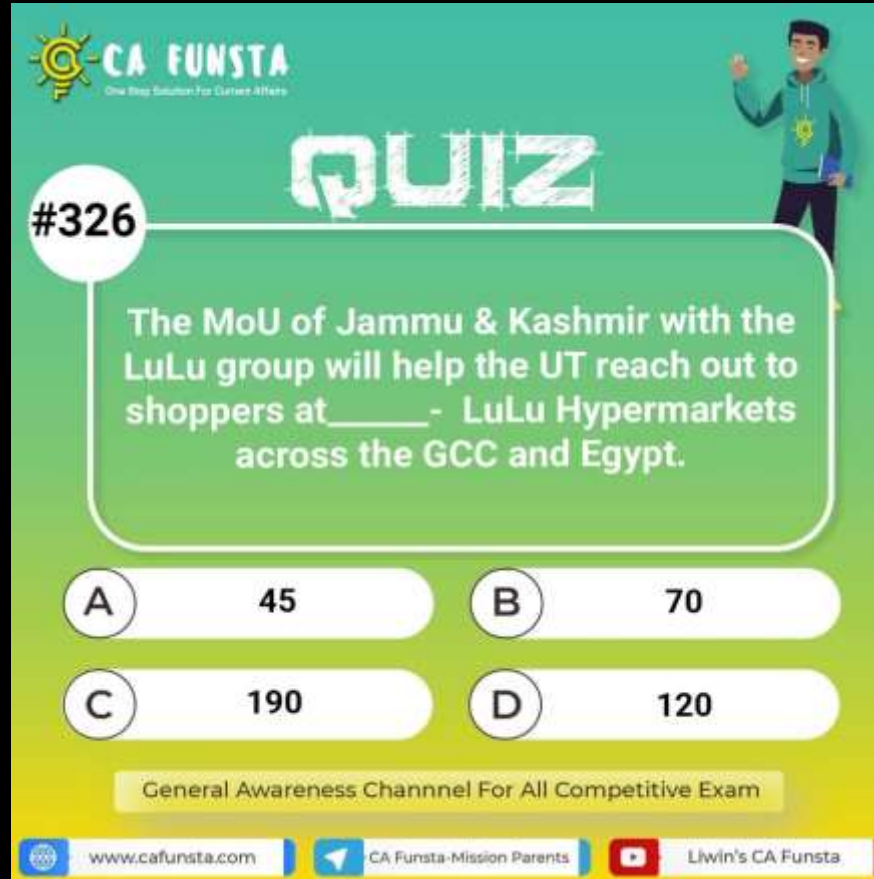
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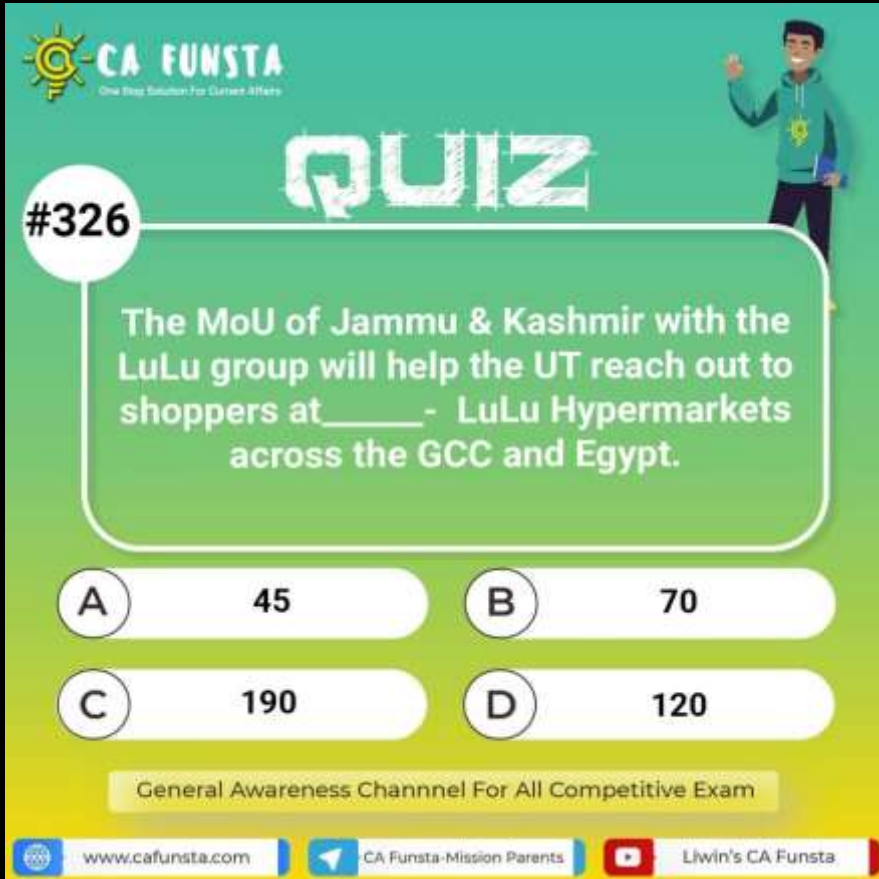
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- J & K is number one in the production of Saffron, Apple, Walnut and Almond in India



Important Days



➤ **Veer Baal Diwas is observed on which date?**



- A) December 23
- B) December 24
- C) December 25
- D) December 26
- E) December 27

Answer

D) December 26



Important Days



Explanation

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that December 26 starting this year will be observed as "Veer Baal Diwas" as a tribute to the 10th Sikh guru Gobind Singh's four sons who were executed by the Mughals.
- Modi's announcement came on the day of the birth anniversary of the Sikh guru.



Important Days



Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas:

- Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas is a day dedicated to the overseas Indian community and celebrated **once every two years.**
- The day has its roots from our 'Father of The Nation,' Mahatma Gandhi, who was the greatest Pravasi.
- He returned from **South Africa in 1915 and led the Indian freedom movement.**
- Therefore, marking this day, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has celebrated this day **since 2003** from January 07-09 every year.
- This practice will bring together the Indians abroad to enrich knowledge, expertise, and skills to be shared in a common platform.



➤ Rohan Bopanna, Ramkumar Ramanathan win **Adelaide International** tournament. Rohan Bopanna is related to which sports?

- A) Cricket
- B) Baseball
- C) Basketball
- D) Volleyball
- E) Tennis

Answer

E) Tennis



SPORTS



Explanation

- India men's doubles pair of Rohan Bopanna and Ramkumar Ramanathan defeated top-seeded Ivan Dodig and Marcelo Melo to win the Adelaide International tournament.
- The Indian pair defeated Dodig and Melo in straight sets to win the tournament.
- Bopanna and Ramanathan defeated Dodig and Melo 7-6, 6-1 here at the Centre Court.



➤ **KVG Bank joins hands with _____ to finance solar pump-sets for farmers?**

- A) NeoBank
- B) PhonePe
- C) Mecwin Technologies Ltd
- D) LoanTap
- E) BharatPe

Answer

C) Mecwin Technologies Ltd



**Karnataka Vikas
Grameena Bank**



Explanation

- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), the **Dharwad-headquartered regional rural bank**, and the Bengaluru-based Mecwin Technologies Ltd, which is involved in the manufacture and supply of solar-powered pump-sets for farmers, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on Saturday to introduce farmer-friendly solar-powered pump-sets using bank finance.
- **Chairman of KVGB, P Gopi Krishna**, said the MoU will benefit farmers since Mecwin Technologies Ltd is specialised in the production and management of solar irrigation pump-sets.



Titbits

Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank
Headquarters: Dharwad, Karnataka
Chairman: Puttaganti Gopi Krishna



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Urjit Patel appointed Vice President of AIIB.
He was served in which organisation?**

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

Answer

E) RBI



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- India is a founding member of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) with the second-highest voting share after China.
- It is headed by a former Chinese vice-minister for finance Jin Liqun.
- Patel, 58, will be one of the five Vice Presidents of the AIIB with a three-year tenure.
- He is expected to take over his posting next month.



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- The AIIB had recently granted a USD 356.67 million loan for the expansion of the Chennai metro rail system.
- It is also considering funding several other infrastructure projects for the development of Chennai city and its suburbs.
- The bank has also funded the Bengaluru metro rail project.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Navrang Saini is appointed as additional charge Chairperson of ____?

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

Answer

A) IBBI



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)
Headquarters: New Delhi
Chairperson: Navrang Saini
Founded: 2016



➤ **Which organisation fully deploys world's most powerful telescope in space?**

- A) SpaceX
- B) JAXA
- C) ESA
- D) ISRO
- E) NASA

Answer

E) NASA



Explanation

- The most powerful space telescope ever built completed a **tricky two-week-long deployment phase**, unfolding its final golden mirror panel, as it readies to study every phase of cosmic history.
- Engineering teams in the **James Webb Space Telescope's control room** cheered as confirmation came back that its final wing was deployed and latched into place.





Titbits

NASA

Abbreviation: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Establishment – 1958

Administrator – Bill Nelson

Chief Scientist – Jim Green

Headquarter – Washington D.C, United States



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ India's first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC)
_____ began another set of sea trials?



- A) Veer
- B) Gurav
- C) Vikram
- D) Vijay
- E) Vikrant

Answer

E) Vikrant



Explanation

- India's first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) Vikrant began another set of sea trials to carry out complex maneuvers in high seas ahead of its planned induction in August.
- The 40,000-tonne aircraft carrier, the largest and most complex warship to be built in India, successfully completed a five-day maiden sea voyage in August and underwent 10-day sea trials in October.
- The warship has been built at a cost of around Rs 23,000 crore and its construction propelled India into a select group of countries having capabilities to build state-of-the-art aircraft carriers.



Explanation

- President Ram Nath Kovind and Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu visited the ship recently in Kochi.
- Several scientists from the Naval Science and Technological Laboratory, a DRDO facility based at Visakhapatnam, are witnessing the third phase of sea trials of Vikrant.
- The warship will operate MiG-29K fighter jets, Kamov-31 helicopters, MH-60R multi-role helicopters.
- It has over 2,300 compartments, designed for a crew of around 1700 people, including specialized cabins to accommodate women officers.



Explanation

- Vikrant has a top speed of around 28 knots and a cruising speed of 18 knots with an endurance of about 7,500 nautical miles, officials said.
- The IAC is 262 meters long, 62 meters wide and it has a height of 59 meters.
- Its construction began in 2009.
- The warship has been built by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL).



Explanation

- India currently has only one aircraft carrier -- **INS Vikramaditya**, The Indian Navy has been focusing on significantly bolstering its overall capabilities in view of China's growing efforts to increase its military presence in the Indian Ocean Region.



➤ **National Health Mission** in which state in collaboration with **Piramal Swasthya** and **Cisco** launched project “Niramay” to demonstrate the integration of digital health technology to strengthen the public health care delivery in the state?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Assam
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Tamil Nadu

Answer

B) Assam



Explanation

- This initiative, aims to leverage the learnings of the pilot to facilitate Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission roll out in the state in-line with envisaged national guidelines to develop digital backbone on transforming healthcare delivery in the state and nation.
- This initiative is based on Piramal Swasthya's indigenous integrated health technology platform 'AMRIT'.



➤ Who addresses Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Conference 2022?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Jitendra Singh
- C) Arjun Munda
- D) V. Muraleedharan
- E) Subhas Sarkar

Answer

D) V. Muraleedharan



Explanation

- Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan has said that the youth, both from India as well as Diaspora community have made a remarkable journey in innovation, technology and creativity.
- Addressing the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Conference 2022 through video conferencing, he said, youth are playing a key role in determining the direction of where our society and the world is moving by bringing technological changes and using it in innovative ways.



➤ Which city has become India's first city to have a water metro project?



- A) Kolkata
- B) Mumbai
- C) Kozhikode
- D) Kochi
- E) Chennai

Answer

D) Kochi



Explanation

- With the launch of the first in a series of **battery powered electric boats, Kochi** has become India's first city to have a water metro project.
- Operated by Kochi Metro Rail Ltd, the project envisages an integrated water transport system with the development of **15 identified routes, connecting 10 islands along a network of routes that span 76 km** with a fleet of 78 fast, electrically propelled hybrid ferries plying to 38 jetties.
- More than **one lakh islanders** will benefit from the water metro, which is designed to be a socially inclusive transport system, rather than being just a transport service, with focus on improved livelihoods through commercial property development and tourism-based initiatives.





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IMPORTANT DAYS

Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas

January 09



"Veer Baal Diwas"

December 26



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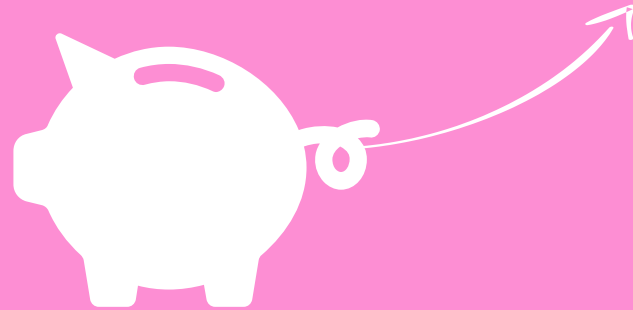




BANKING AND FINANCE

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APPOINTMENTS

Navrang Saini

Additional charge Chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).

Urjit Patel

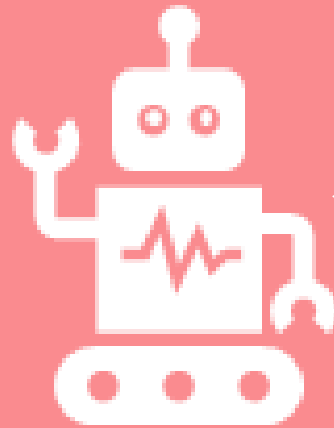
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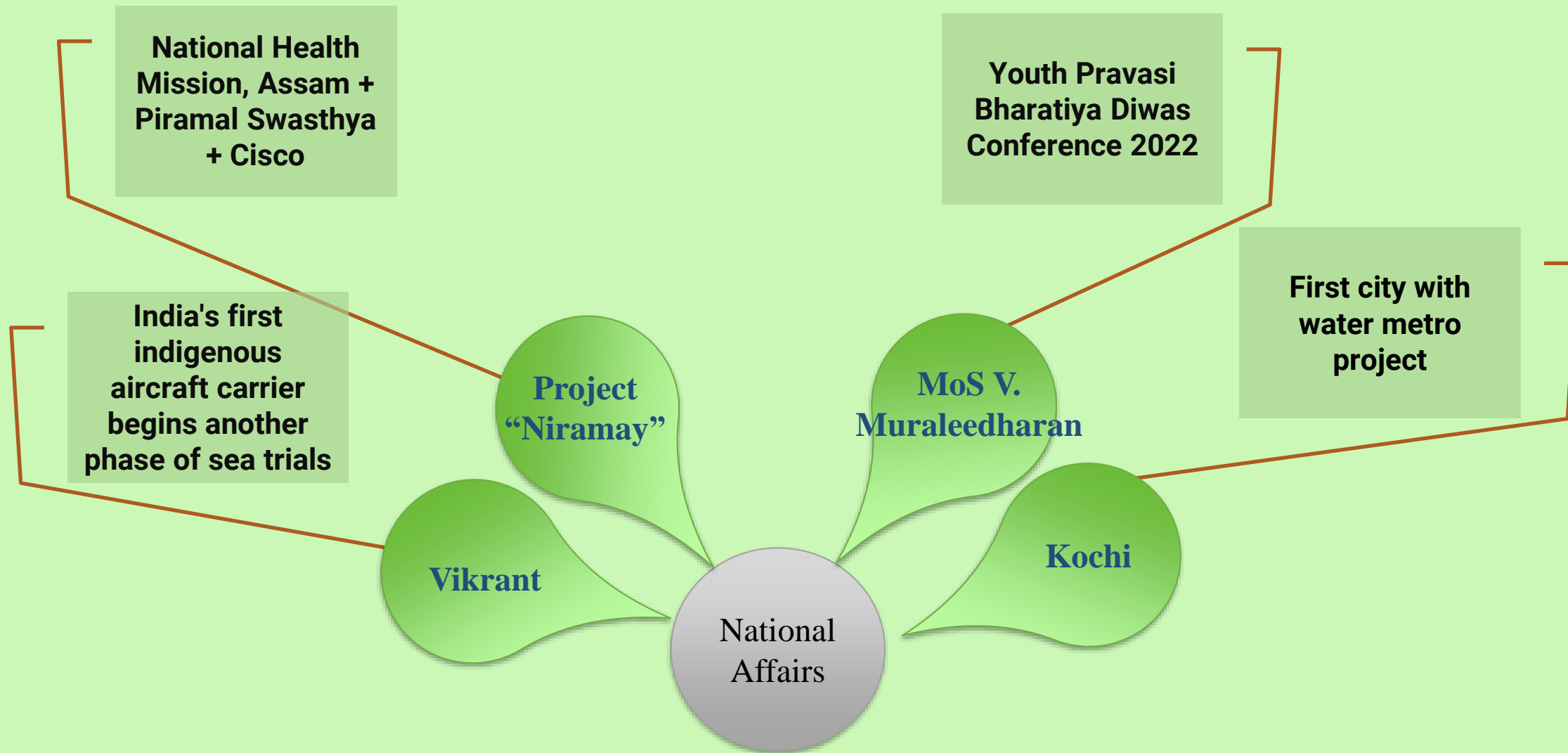


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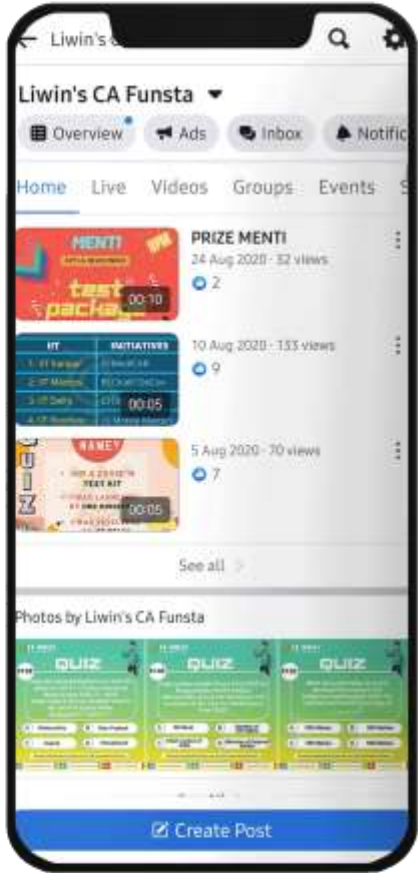
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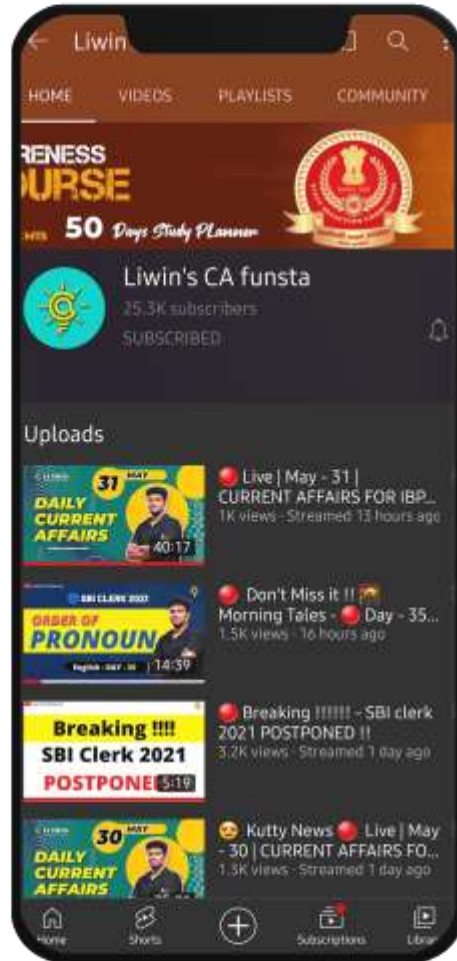




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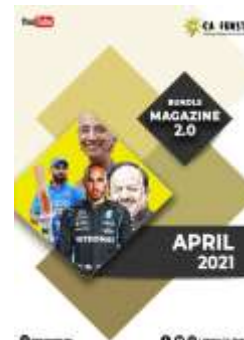
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