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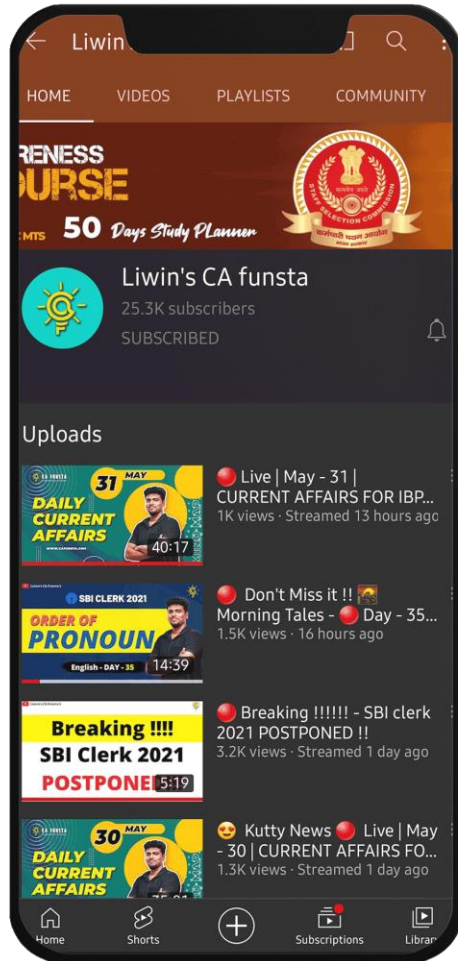


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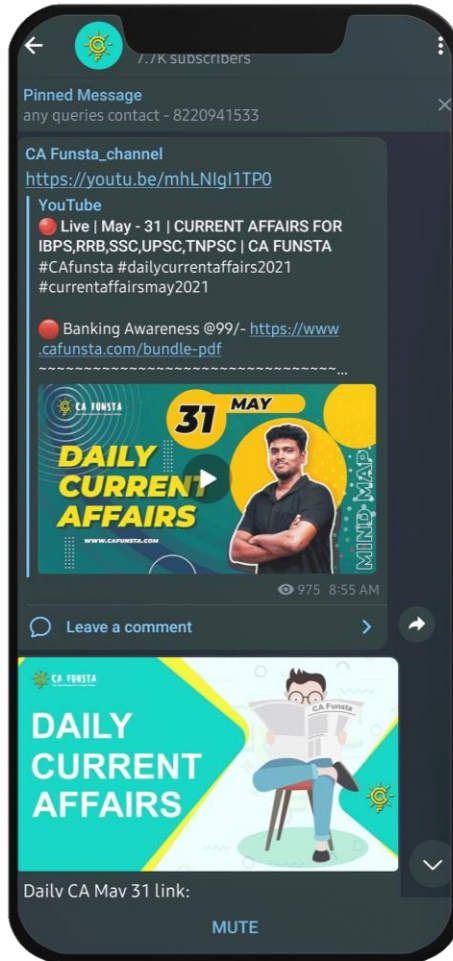
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World Theatre Day 2022:

- **March 27** is celebrated as World Theatre Day around the world.
- World Theatre Day is thus celebrated to preserve and promote dramas, which people enjoy even today.



Important Days



History and significance:

- Since **1962**
- The first message was written by French playwright **Jean Cocteau** on World Theatre Day.
- The first ITI conference was held in **Finland, Helsinki** and the second one was held in **Vienna**.



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Theme:

- The theme for World Theatre Day is **not set every year.**
- Every year, the theme for this day is **'Theatre and a Culture of Peace,.**

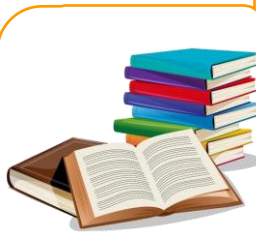


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Purple Day/ Epilepsy Awareness Day 2022:

- Purple Day is also known as **Epilepsy Awareness Day**
- It is celebrated on **26 March** every year
- To raise awareness and curb the fear and stigma attached to epilepsy.



Important Days



History:

- Epilepsy Awareness Day was first commemorated with an event organised by **Cassidy Megan** from **Nova Scotia, Canada**, on 26 March **2008**.
- Epilepsy is the cause of electrical disturbances in the brain that result in various types of seizures.
- It is the fourth common neurological condition after **migraines, strokes, and Alzheimer's**.
- In 2009, the Anita Kaufmann Foundation partnered with the Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia and started Purple Day with an aim to organise structured campaigns for epilepsy in the US and other countries in the world.
- The **Anita Kaufmann Foundation** trademarked Purple Day in the year **2011** and it has continued to gain appreciation and attention since then.





PV Sindhu claims Swiss Open 2022 crown after defeating Ongbamrungphan in final:

- Women's singles crown at **St. Jakobshalle** arena in Basel.
- This is Sindhu's **second Super 300 title** of the year.
- Battling it out at court 1, the double Olympic medallist Indian defeated **Busanan Ongbamrungphan of Thailand** by 21-16, 21-8 in 49 minutes.
- Sindhu now has a **head-to-head record of 16-1** against the Thai player.



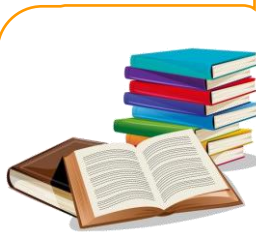


Shuttler Ajay Jayaram announces retirement:

- Ajay Jayaram was part of the Indian men's squad announced his retirement from **professional badminton** after enjoying a career spanning over two decades.

His achievement

- Bronze at the **Badminton Asia Team Championships** in 2016.
- The Dutch Open twice (**2014** and **2015**) and Czech International.
- Jayaram last played at the India Open 2022 in January, where he lost to Ireland's Nhat Nguyen in the round of 32.



★ SIDBI sanctions Rs 837 cr to Odisha for MSME cluster development:

- It has sanctioned a support of Rs 837 crore under its **SIDBI Cluster Development Fund Scheme (SCDF)** to the Odisha government, the development of **18 MSME infrastructure projects** to be implemented by **Odisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO)**.
- It include **five new MSME parks, 11 workers hostels** and **two projects for supporting infrastructure to MSMEs**.
- Under the SCDF scheme, the SIDBI has **extended moderately priced loan assistance** to state governments for upgrading various existing MSME clusters, as also for creation of new industrial infrastructure in the state.



★ Tata AIG, ICICI Lombard join race to buy insurance units of Reliance Cap:

- **Tata AIG, ICICI Lombard** and **Nippon Life** are among **54 prominent Indian and foreign financial companies** joining the race for the profit-making insurance arms of Reliance Capital, which was last year put under administration due to defaults and governance issues.
- To submit expression of interest (EOI) was extended by two weeks to give access to the latest information before they make financial bids.
- **HDFC Ergo, Bandhan Financial Holdings, Cholamandam Investment, Adani Finserv, Yes Bank, Edelweiss Alternative, International Asset Reconstruction Company** are among 54 companies to have submitted their EOI.



Tata AIG, ICICI Lombard join race to buy insurance units of Reliance Cap:

- According to the sources, the vast majority of the bidders have submitted EOIs bid for the entire company.
- Others have bid for **one or more subsidiaries** of Reliance Capital.
- Companies have two options: they can either bid for the entire Reliance Capital or any one or more of its eight clusters (subsidiaries of Reliance Capital).
- RBI subsequently filed an application for initiation of corporate insolvency resolution process against the company at the Mumbai bench of the **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)**.
- The RBI appointed administrator invited EOI for sale of Reliance Capital.





Bank of Maharashtra bags best bank award from Kerala bankers' body:

- To-**Bank of Maharashtra** (BoM)
- The best bank award
- Under-Public sector category
- By-**State Forum of Bankers' Clubs Kerala** (SFBCK).
- Kerala's Industries and Commerce Minister **P Rajeev** handed over the award to BoM Managing Director **A.S. Rajeev**.
- The award for 2020-21 was given upon analysing performance with a 360-degree view on various business parameters included growth in **deposits, advances, net profit, capital adequacy, credit deposit ratio, quality of assets, profit per employee and return on assets.**



Bank of Maharashtra bags best bank award from Kerala bankers' body:

- It has entered into the mid-sized bank category after declaring its Q3 FY22 results with a business mix of **Rs 3,15,620 crore**.
- Bank has registered a net profit of **Rs 325 crore** for Q3 FY22 with a growth of **111 per cent** over previous year along with the **highest ever net profit** of **Rs 796 crore** during this period.





India test-fires MRSAM off Odisha coast:

- India test fired an Army version of the Medium range surface to air missile (MRSAM) from **Chandipur Integrated Test Range (ITR)** in Odisha.
- MRSAM-Army missile system flight tested from ITR Balasore at around **1030 Hrs** intercepting a high speed Aerial Target at Long Range.
- The target was destroyed by the missile in a direct hit.





India, UAE to establish Investment Council as part of CEPA:

- India and the UAE have agreed to set up a technical council on **Investment, Trade Promotion and Facilitation**, as part of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (**CEPA**) signed between the two countries.
- To boosting bilateral trade to **USD 100 billion** over a **five-year** period and creation of **lakhs of jobs**.
- The pact covers areas including **goods, services, rules of origin, customs procedures, government procurement, intellectual property rights, and e-commerce**.
- **Reduce or eliminate customs duties** on the maximum number of goods traded between them.



India, UAE to establish Investment Council as part of CEPA:

- The UAE is India's **third-largest** trade partner.
- Bilateral trade between India and the UAE stood at **USD 43.3 billion in 2020-21**.
- Exports were worth USD 16.7 billion and imports aggregated at USD 26.7 billion in 2020-21.
- The two-way commerce stood at USD 59.11 billion in 2019-20.





Tripartite agreement signed to promote yak dairy enterprise in Nepal:

- The **International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)**
- The **Surketham Dairy Cooperative Limited (SDCL)**
- The **Nepal Dairy Private Limited (NDPL)** signed the pact.
- The initiative aims to develop a viable yak-based business model to generate attractive and sustainable employment opportunities for rural youth in the **Kangchenjunga landscape** of Nepal.
- Challenges imposed by climate change and socioeconomic drivers have reduced interest in yak herding.



Tripartite agreement signed to promote yak dairy enterprise in Nepal:

- In 2009, the Surketham Dairy Cooperative Limited, an institution formed by the yak and cattle farmers in Panchthar district, Nepal, ventured into yak dairy processing.





CISF conducts multi-agency counter-terrorist mock drill at Delhi Metro station:

- At Delhi Metro's **Dilli Haat INA station** to check the preparedness and response of various agencies.
- **More than 640 personnel** drawn from the **national disaster response force (NDRF)**, **Delhi police SWAT** (special weapons and tactics), **Delhi metro rail police**, **national security guard (NSG)**, **Delhi disaster management authority**, **fire department**, **civil defence**, **traffic police**, **district police** and **health services** reached the spot and conducted a joint operation with the CISF.
- The CISF is guarding **249 stations** of the rapid rail metro network in the national capital region and it has deployed about **12,500 personnel** to provide a counter terrorist cover to the facility that is used by about **26-30 lakh passengers daily**.





Khadi and Village Industries Commission rolls out major employment spree in Rajasthan:

- KVIC distributed 200 electric potter wheels to potters, 240 waste wood toolkits to Carpenters and 10 dona paper plate making machines to 450 local artisans in **Jodhpur**.
- KVIC Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena distributed the machines to these khadi artisans from **Jaisalmer**, **Barmer** and **Nagaur** districts that have been trained by KVIC.
- The distribution of machines will create **direct employment** for nearly **1100 people**, these beneficiaries also include **170 BPL families**.



Khadi and Village Industries Commission rolls out major employment spree in Rajasthan:

- These potters have been empowered under KVIC's flagship scheme "**Kumhar Sashaktikaran Yojana**" which aims at reviving the dying art of pottery and empowering the marginalized potter community.





Amit Shah inaugurates Integrated Command and Control Centre in Chandigarh:

- In Chandigarh under which **around 2,000 CCTV cameras** have been installed.
- The ICCC has been integrated with major citizen services such as **water, electricity, sewage, etc.**
- Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator **Banwarilal Purohit** was also attended the ceremony.
- ICCC is a step that will not only make Chandigarh safe but will also improve delivery of citizen-centric services.
- The Home Minister also inaugurated the new office building of Chandigarh Housing Board in Sector 17 here.





Anurag Thakur arrives in Dubai to participate in India Pavilion in Dubai Expo 2020:

- Thakur experienced **3D Augmented Reality (AR)** and also requested people to visit the **India Pavilion** at **Dubai Expo**.
- **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin**, who is in the United Arab Emirates to attend Dubai Expo 2022, invited UAE investors to invest in the state.
- Indian startups are leaping ahead in Dubai Expo and views on a **#MadeinIndia** drone exhibited at the **#IndiaPavilion** and also interacted with an artisan carving a statue out of wood at India Pavilion at @expo2020dubai **#IndiaAtDubaiExpo**.





Country's `first aluminium-body metro train' flagged off, to be used by Pune Metro:

- Was flagged off at an event held at **Uttarpara, Kolkata**.
- The train was flagged off by **Manoj Joshi**, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and Maha Metro MD Dr Brijesh Dixit.
- **Maha Metro** is the implementing agency for the metro project in Pune.
- **Two lines** of the Pune metro project have been recently launched and passenger services on remaining lines will soon start.





AP Governor inaugurates Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav at Rajahmundry:

- **12th Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav** at the **Arts college grounds** in Rajahmundry.
- Governor called upon the people to strive hard for preserving the national integrity and also promoting the cultural bond with the true spirit of freedom movement.
- **Ajadi ki Amrut Mahotsav** was reminding the people of the great sacrifices made by the people with patriotic spirit and inspire them to strive unitedly for the accelerated development of the country.





First Vision India @2047 commences in Hyderabad:

- Organised by **the Ministry of Science and Technology**, Government of India, and **Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA)**
- Commenced at the **CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology**.
- There is a need to remember our great scientists from pre-independent India, laid the road for progress of science in our country.
- the topics for discussion were selected with focus on five themes - **Climate Change, One Health, Energy Security, S&T for meeting Sustainable Development Goals, and Applications of Artificial Intelligence for Water, Agriculture and Environment Management** to develop a roadmap for **Atmanirbhar Bharat 2047**.



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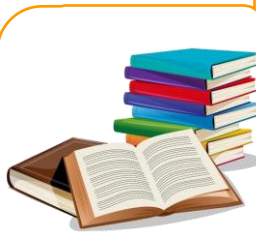
- Decisions for welfare of the society are taken at the ministerial level, the onus of delivering them depends on the national laboratories.
- Therefore, the laboratories have a major role in taking science forward in the country.
- Followed by inauguration, two thematic sessions where spoke on “**Contribution of scientists to freedom movement**” and “**The Science & Technology Achievements Since Independence**”.





Bihar to become the first state to implement dynamic map to track land ownerships:

- New technological interventions are leading to better management and ease of living.
- The dynamic map will **automatically get updated, each time land ownership changes hands.**
- Aim - **to reduce legal disputes.**



About the Initiative:

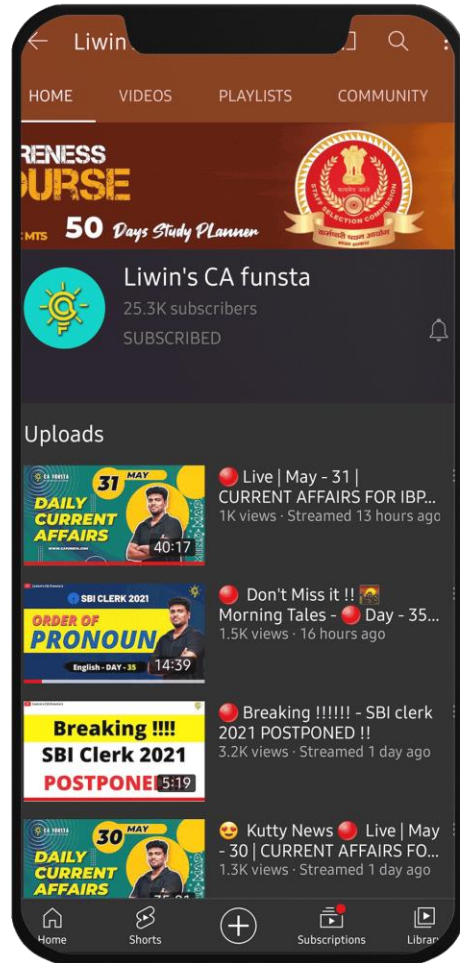
- The state has seen **almost 37,000 cases** of land disputes and others.
- The move aimed to implement dynamic maps is taken as the state government's initiative to resolve the issue of long-pending land reforms.
- It is pertinent to mention that the state Assembly has recently passed the **Bihar Land Mutation Amendment Bill, 2021**, that made the mutation of maps mandatory.



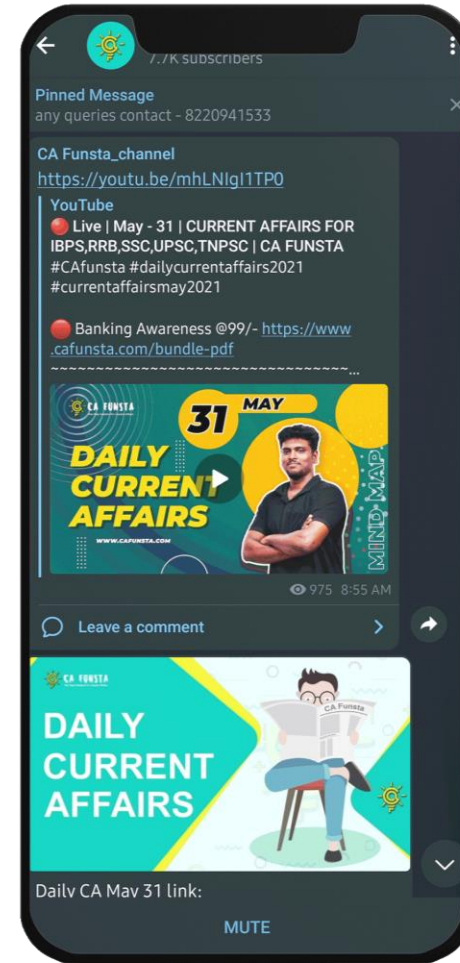
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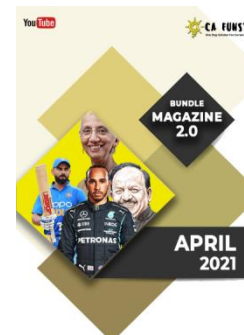
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