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Important Days



➤ **International Day of Sport for Development and Peace is observed on?**

- A) April 6
- B) April 5
- C) April 4
- D) April 7
- E) April 8

Answer
A) April 6



Important Days



Explanation

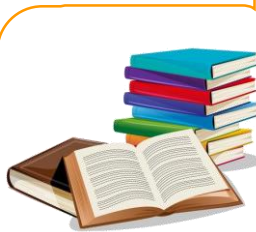
- The **International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP)** is observed on **April 6**.

History

- The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace saw its beginning in **2013** when the **United States General Assembly** declared April 6, the day the first-ever Modern Olympics took place in **1896 in Athens**, as the day of observance to highlight the importance of sport.
- The day has been annually observed on April 6 **since 2014**.

Theme

- **‘Securing a Sustainable and Peaceful Future for All: The Contribution of Sport.’**



Important Days



➤ **World Table Tennis Day was first observed on?**

- A) 2011
- B) 2012
- C) 2013
- D) 2014
- E) 2015

Answer
E) 2015



Important Days



Explanation

- World Table Tennis Day is annually observed on **April 6**.
- 1st observed on **2015**.



Important Days



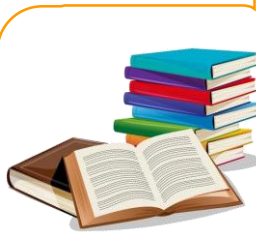
➤ **Prevention of Blindness Week 2022 is observed in which week?**

- A) Mar 25 to Mar 31
- B) Apr 1 to Apr 7
- C) Mar 27 to Apr 2
- D) Apr 3 to Apr 9
- E) Apr 4 to Apr 10



Answer

B) Apr 1 to Apr 7



Important Days



Explanation

- The **government of India** organizes a week-long campaign **Prevention of Blindness Week 2022** to raise awareness about blindness from **April 1 to April 7**.

History

- **National Society for the Prevention of Blindness** was founded in **1960** (Under the Societies Registration Act of 1860) with **Jawaharlal Nehru** and **Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur** being its founding patrons.



Important Days



➤ Army Ordnance Corps celebrated its _____ th raising day?

- A) 243
- B) 246
- C) 247
- D) 240
- E) 250

Answer
C) 247



Important Days



Explanation

- **Army Ordnance Corps** is celebrating its **247th raising day** on **April 08**.
- The Corps came into existence with the establishment of '**Board of Ordnance**' on 8th April **1775**.
- The Corps is entrusted with the onerous task of managing a large and complex inventory and providing logistic **support to the Army**.



RANKING

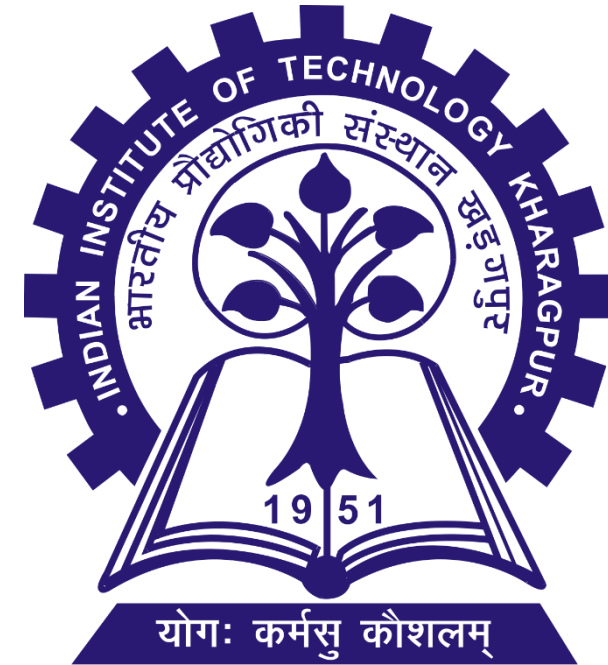


➤ Which of the following IIT ranked top 100 in QS Rankings?

- A) IIT Roorkee
- B) IIT Madras
- C) IIT Bombay
- D) IIT Kharagpur
- E) IIT Pune

Answer

D) IIT Kharagpur



RANKING



Explanation

- **Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT KGP)** has been named as one of the world's top 100 universities for studying **19 subjects**, according to the latest edition of the world's highest **QS University ranking**.
- The institute ranked **37th** in 2022 compared to **44th** in 2021 in **Mineral & Mining Engineering** and in **Electrical & Electronic Engineering** it ranked **80th** in 2022, improving its rank from **90th** in 2021.
- In Engineering & Technology, it ranked 101st in the world and 3rd in India, as per the 12th QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2022 announced recently.



RANKING



Explanation

- The Institute has been ranked at the **top three in India** for Agriculture & Forestry (1st rank), Statistics & Operational Research (1st rank), Mineral & Mining Engineering (2nd rank), Environmental Sciences (2nd rank), Economics & Econometrics (2nd rank), Engineering & Technology (3rd rank), Computer Science & Information Systems (3rd rank), Chemical Engineering (3rd rank) and Accounting & Finance (3rd rank).



BANKING AND FINANCE



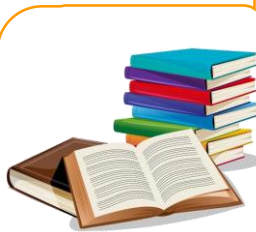
- **Axis Bank inks how many USD for partial guarantee pact with ADB to support supply chain financing?**



- A) \$500 mn
- B) \$300 mn
- C) \$150 mn
- D) \$200 mn
- E) \$100 mn



Answer
C) \$150 mn



Explanation

- **Axis Bank** has collaborated with **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** for a partial guarantee programme with initial outlay of **USD 150 million (Rs 1,139.85 crore)**, aimed at supporting supply chain financing for impact sectors.
- Special focus will be towards **ESG and priority sectors**.
- Axis Bank has signed a partial guarantee facility agreement (PGFA) with ADB to support **supply chain financing for impact sectors**, under which ADB will provide guarantees (variable) to the lending done by Axis Bank.



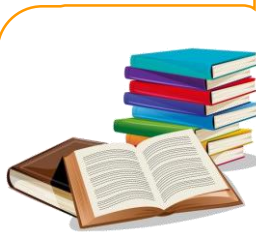
Titbits

Axis Bank

- Founded : **03/12/1993**
- HQ : **Mumbai**
- MD & CEO : **Amitabh Chaudry**
- Tagline : **Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi**

ADB

- Abbrevation : **Asian Development Bank**
- Founded : **19/12/1966**
- HQ : **Mandaluyong, Philippines**
- Prersident : **Masatsugu Asakawa**

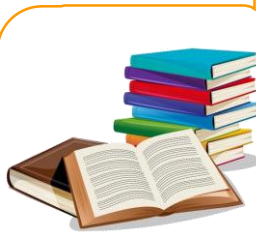


- World Bank, AIIB to Give Rs 7,500 Cr Loan For which of the following state Mission School of Excellence Project?



- A) Maharastra
- B) Gujarat
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Bihar
- E) Assam

Answer
B) Gujarat



Explanation

- **The World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** will provide a loan of **Rs 7,500 crore** for the **Gujarat government's Mission School of Excellence** project that aims to improve the quality of education in the state.
- Under the Mission School of Excellence project, the state government will spend **Rs 10,000 crore** in the next five years and cover all **35,133 government** and **5,847 grant-in-aid schools** in the state.
- The funds will be spent on building **50,000 new classrooms**, creating **1.5 lakh smart classrooms**, 20,000 new computer labs and 5,000 tinkering labs in 41,000-odd government and grant-in-aid schools across the state.



Titbits

World Bank

- Established : **July 1994**
- HQ : **Washington DC**
- President : **David Malpass**

AIIB

- Abbrevation : **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank**
- Formed : **16/01/2016**
- HQ : **Beijing,China**
- President : **Jin Liqun**



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Repo rate remained unchanged for _____ time in a row?

- A) 9th
- B) 10th
- C) 13th
- D) 11th
- E) 12th

Answer
D) 11th



Explanation

- Repo Rate: **4%**
- Reverse Repo Rate: **3.35%**
- Marginal Standing Facility: **4.25%**
- Bank Rate: **4.25%**
- GDP Forecast FY23: **7.2pc** (7.8pc previous)
- Inflation Forecast FY23: **5.7pc** (4.5pc previous)



Explanation

- Gradual withdrawal of **Rs 8.5 lakh crore** liquidity overhang to be undertaken over several years.
- The requirement of standard asset provision of **0.25 per cent** will also continue to apply to all such loans.
- RBI will come out with a discussion paper on **climate risk and sustainable finance**.
- Committee to be set up for **review of customer service standards** in RBI regulated entities.
- **Card-less cash withdrawal facility** to be extended to **all banks and ATM networks** using the **UPI**.



Rationalised housing loans norms extended till March 31, 2023.

- This will facilitate **higher credit flow** for individual housing loans.
- Such loans will continue to attract a risk weight of **35 per cent** where LTV is less than or equal to 80 per cent, and a risk weight of **50 per cent** where LTV is more than 80 per cent but less than or equal to 90 per cent.



To issue cyber resiliency guidelines for Payment system Operators

- The Reserve Bank of India said it will soon release directions on **cyber resilience and payment security controls** for Payment System Operators.
- These directions will cover robust governance mechanisms for **identification, assessment, monitoring and management of cybersecurity risks**.
- It will also include **information security risks and vulnerabilities and specify baseline security measures** for ensuring safe and secure digital payment transactions.
- The directions will be issued shortly.



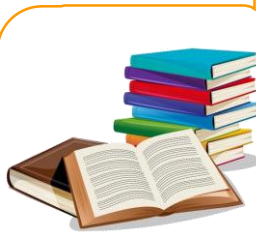
Titbits

RBI

- Abbrevation : **Reserve Bank of India**
- Founded : **01/04/1935**
- HQ : **Mumbai**
- Governor : **Shaktikanta Das**

Monetry Policy Committee

- Came into Force : **27/06/2016**
- **6** members Committee
- Purpose : **For Fixing benchmark interest rate**



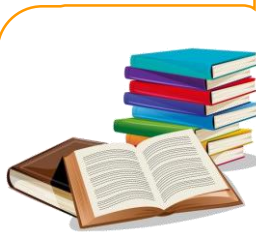
- NTPC to set up ultra-mega 2500-MW solar power park in which of the following state?



- A) Tamilnadu
- B) Kerala
- C) Karnataka
- D) Andra Pradesh
- E) Maharashtra



Answer
E) Maharashtra



Explanation

- The **Maharashtra State Power Generation Co (MAHAGENCO)** and **National Thermal Power Corporation** will form a joint venture to set up an "**ultra-mega solar park**" in the state to generate **2,500 MW green power**.
- The **Rs 1,727-crore** project proposal, kickstarted in 2020, was approved by the state Cabinet presided over by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray.
- 50 per cent each for developing the ultra-mega solar power park, and the **Energy Department** will be the **state nodal agency**.



Titbits

NTPC

- Abbreviation : **National Thermal Power Corporation**
- Founded : **07/11/1975**
- HQ : **New Delhi**
- Chairman : **Gurdeep Singh**



➤ Amazon partnered with how many firms to launch its satellite internet constellation?

- A) 3
- B) 4
- C) 5
- D) 6
- E) 1



Answer

A) 3



Explanation

- The tech giant has secured a total of up to **83 launches** over a five-year period, which according to the company, is the largest commercial procurement of launch vehicles in history.
- Amazon has announced agreements with three companies – **Arianespace, Blue Origin, and United Launch Alliance (ULA)**, to deploy the majority of its **Project Kuiper satellites** that aim to provide high-speed, low-latency broadband to a wide range of customers across the globe.
- The contracts include **18 launches** with Arianespace's Ariane 6 rockets, **12 launches** using Jeff Bezos-owned Blue Origin's New Glenn, with options for **up to 15 additional launches**, and **38 launches** on Vulcan Centaur, ULA's newest heavy-lift launch vehicle.



Titbits

Amazon

- Founded : **05/07/1994**
- HQ : **Seattle, Washington**
- Founder & Executive Chairman : **Jeff Bezos**
- CEO : **Andy Jassy**



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

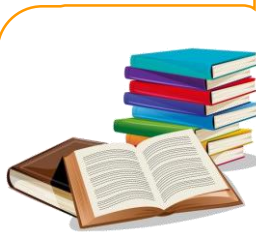


- Cabinet approved signing of bilateral MoU between SEBI and Financial Regulatory Commission of which of the following country?



- A) Mongolia
- B) Argentina
- C) Panam
- D) Jamaica
- E) Belgium

Answer
A) Mongolia



Explanation

- **Union Cabinet** has approved the proposal for signing a **bilateral Memorandum of Understanding** between **Securities and Exchange Board of India(SEBI)** and **Financial Regulatory Commission, Mongolia**.
- The MoU will in addition to contributing towards **strengthening the information sharing framework** leading to effective enforcement of securities laws, also help in establishing a **technical assistance programme**.
- The technical assistance programme will benefit the Authorities by way of consultations on matters relating to **capital markets**, capacity building activities and training programmes for the staff.



Titbits

Mongolia

- Capital : **Ulaanbaatar**
- Currency : **Mongolian togrog**
- President : **Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh**
- Prime Minister : **Luvsannamsrain Oyun-Erdene**
- Language : **Mongolian**



- Who among the following said the cabinet has approved the scheme to distribute fortified rice under govt programmes?

- A) Prashottam Rupala
- B) Mahendra Nath Pandey
- C) Narendra Singh Tomar
- D) Narendra Modi
- E) Anurag Thakur

Answer
E) Anurag Thakur

WHAT IS FORTIFIED RICE?

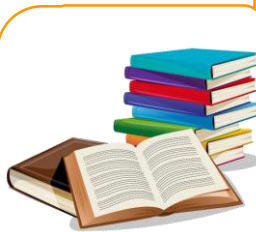
Fortification is the practice of deliberately increasing the content of an essential micronutrient, i.e. vitamins and minerals (including trace elements) in food to improve its nutritional quality and provide a public health benefit with minimal risk to health



➤ The fortification factor does not last for more than **45 days**, so it isn't advisable to store fortified rice for long

➤ According to National Family Health Survey, **78.7%** children and **75%** in the district are anaemic and suffer from malnutrition

➤ In the first phase, fortified rice will be distributed in Badangi, Bobbili, Ramabhadrapuram and Terlam mandals



Explanation

- The **Union Cabinet** approved a scheme to distribute **fortified rice** under government programmes in three phases, Information and Broadcasting Minister **Anurag Thakur**.
- FCI and state agencies have already procured **88.65 LMT** of fortified rice for supply and distribution.
- The first phase - under **ICDS** and **PM Poshan programmes**.
- The second phase will cover targeted public distribution system (TPDS) and other welfare schemes in all **aspirational and high-burden stunting districts** by March 2023.



Explanation

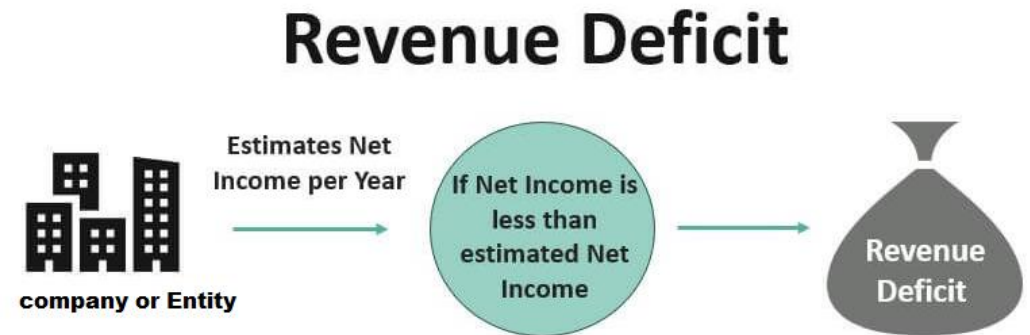
- In the final phase, **all remaining districts** will be covered by March 2024.
- The entire cost of rice fortification of about **Rs 2,700 crore per annum** and would be borne by the central government.



➤ Finance Ministry released Rs 7,183 cr revenue deficit grant to how many states?

- A) 5
- B) 34
- C) 10
- D) 14
- E) 25

Answer
D) 14



Explanation

- The Finance Ministry said it has released the **first instalment** of revenue deficit grant of **Rs 7,183 crore to 14 states**.
- The grant has been released as per the recommendations of the **15th Finance Commission** to **Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand and West Bengal**.
- The commission had recommended a total Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant of **Rs 86,201 crore** to 14 states for the financial year 2022-23, which will be released in **12 monthly instalments**.



Titbits

Ministry of Finance

- Union Minister : **Smt Nirmala Sitharaman(Rajya Sabha MP,Bangalore)**
- Minister of State : **Bhagwat Karad(Rajya Sabha MP,Maharastra)**
Pankaj Choudhary(Maharajganj,UP)



➤ **Atal Innovation Mission was introduced in the year?**

- A) 2020
- B) 2016
- C) 2014
- D) 2015
- E) 2019



Answer
B) 2016



Explanation

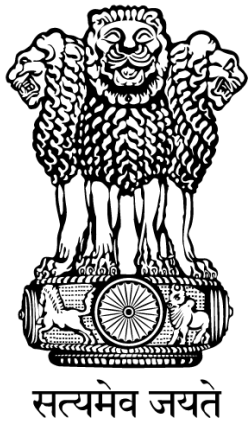
- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved continuation of **Atal Innovation Mission** till March 2023.
- The intended targets that will be achieved by the Mission are establishment of **10000 Atal Tinkering Labs, 101 Atal Incubation Centers, 50 Atal Community Innovation Centers** and **supporting 200 startups** via the Atal New India Challenges.
- The total budgeted expenditure of more than **Rs 2000 crore** shall be incurred in the process of the establishment and supporting the beneficiaries.
- The programmes of the Mission cover 34 states and Union Territories.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



- NHA launched new version of Health Benefit Package under AB-PMJAY adding how many new procedures?

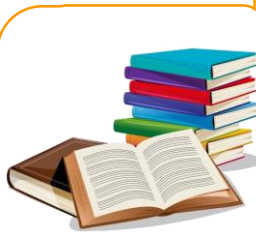


**national
health
authority**

**Ministry of Health
and Family Welfare**
Government of India

- A) 653
- B) 356
- C) 365
- D) 536
- E) 563

Answer
C) 365



Explanation

- The **National Health Authority** has launched a new version of the **Health Benefit Package, 2022**, under the **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana**, adding 365 new procedures which took the total to 1,949.
- With Health Benefit Package, 2022, differential pricing is being introduced under the scheme based on the type of city and level of care.
- The package was launched at a two-day meeting held at **Tamil Nadu's Mahabalipuram**.



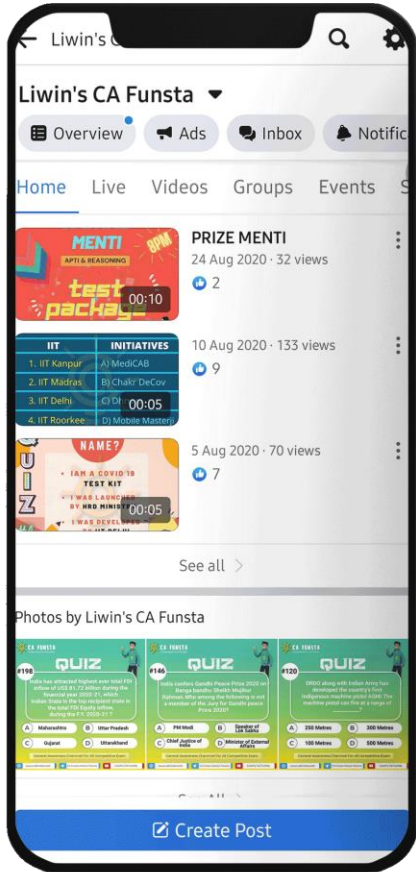
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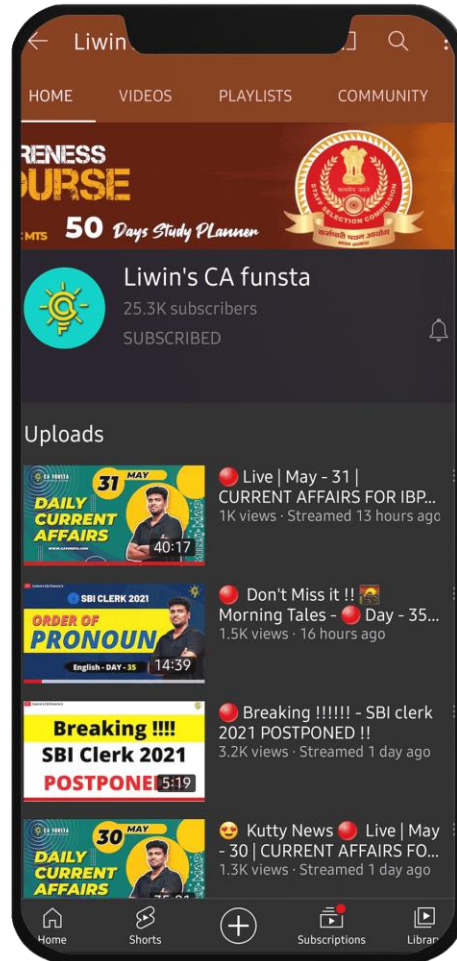
- Abbreviation : **National Health Authority**
- Founded : **02/01/2019** (Before National Health Agency)
- HQ : **New Delhi**
- CEO : **R.S.Sharma**



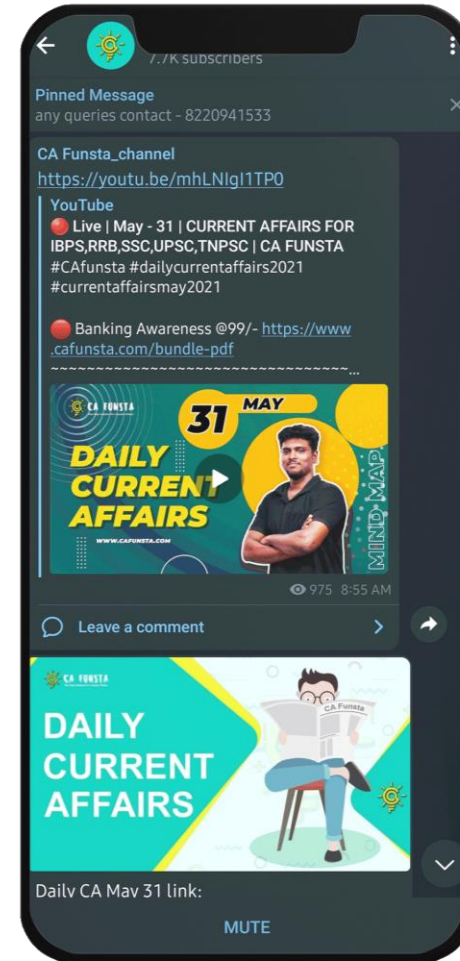
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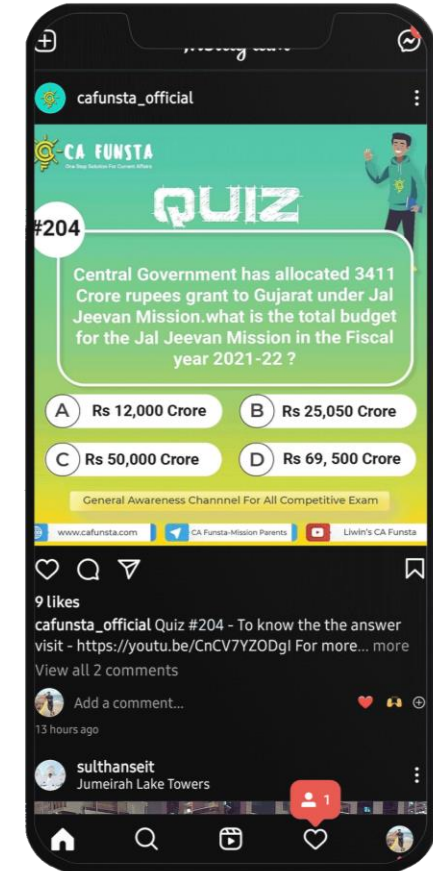
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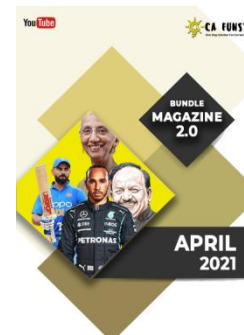
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