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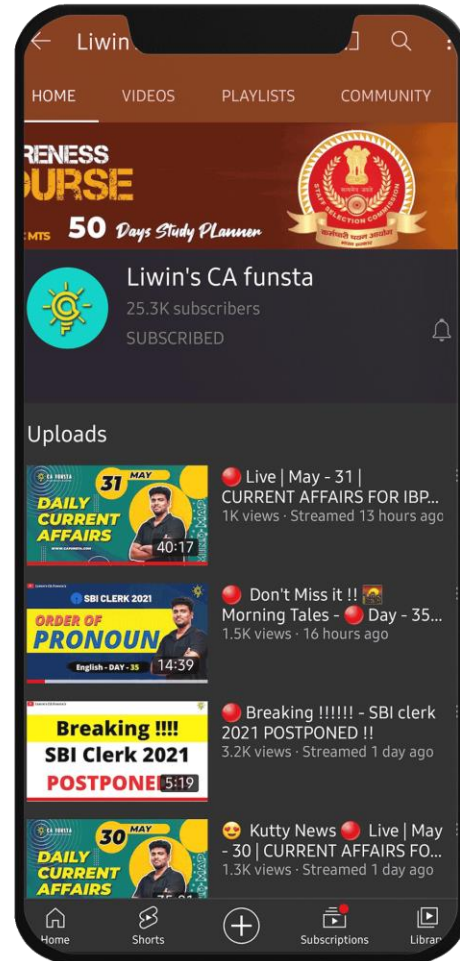
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Important Days



➤ **World Veterinary Day was declared in which year?**

- A) 1996
- B) 2010
- C) 2001
- D) 2020
- E) 1995

Answer
C) 2001



Important Days



Explanation

- **World Veterinary Day** is observed on the **last Saturday of April** to celebrate the work of veterinarians globally.
- The day highlights the **work and duties veterinarians** have towards the society and the responsibilities they shoulder at a local, national and international level.
- World Veterinary Day was declared in **2001**.

Theme

- **“Strengthening Veterinary Resilience”**.



Important Days

➤ International Dance Day is celebrated on?

- A) April 29
- B) April 27
- C) April 25
- D) April 28
- E) April 30

Answer
A) April 29



Important Days



Explanation

- To celebrate this incredible art form, **International Dance Day** is celebrated on **April 29** every year.
- It was first announced by the **International Dance Council** in **1982**.
- **To encourage participation and educate people** across the world about different dance forms.



SPORTS



➤ Sindhu won bronze medal and lost to which country player in Badminton Asia Championship?

- A) UK
- B) Italy
- C) France
- D) Germany
- E) Japan

Answer
E) Japan



Explanation

- **Indian ace PV Sindhu** settled for the **bronze medal** in the **Badminton Asia Championships** as she lost to **Japan's Akane Yamaguchi** in the women's singles semifinal.
- She had won her **first Asian medal in 2014** after losing to China's Wang Shixian in the semifinal.
- This was **Sindhu's ninth loss against** the Yamaguchi in 22 meetings.



➤ IRDAI hiked exposure limit for insurers in BFSI sector to ____ per cent?

- A) 16%
- B) 30%
- C) 50%
- D) 48%
- E) 29%

Answer

B) 30%



Explanation

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has permitted insurers to have exposure to **financial and insurance activities** up to **30 per cent** of their investment assets.
- The limit of **25 per cent** of investment assets mentioned in Note No 8 to Reg 9 of IRDAI (Investment) Regulations 2016 stands revised to a limit of **30 per cent** of investment assets.



Titbits

IRDAI

- **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India**
- **Founded : 1999**
- **HQ : Hyderabad**
- **Chairperson : Debasish Panda**



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who among the following to be new Vice Chief of Army?

- A) Lt Gen Mukund Naravane
- B) Lt Gen Mukund Pande
- C) Lt Gen Manoj Pande
- D) Lt Gen Baggavalli Somashekar Raju
- E) Lt Gen Manoj Naravane

Answer

D) Lt Gen Baggavalli Somashekar Raju



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Lt Gen Baggavalli Somashekar Raju** will take over as the next **vice chief of the Army Staff** on May 1.
- Lt Gen Raju will succeed incumbent **Lt Gen Manoj Pande**.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ L&T collaborated with which IIT to develop Green Hydrogen Technology?



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

Answer
C) IIT Bombay



Explanation

- **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** has signed an agreement with the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay** to jointly pursue research and development work in the **Green Hydrogen value chain**.
- Under the agreement, both the institutions would contribute towards development of the Green Hydrogen industry in India while **developing technology in this field**.



Titbits

L&T

- **Larsen & Toubro**
- **Founded : 07/02/1938**
- **HQ : Mumbai**
- **Chairman : Anil Manibhai Naik**



➤ Which Shipyard to develop, build first indigenous hydrogen-fuelled electric vessels?

- A) Visakh
- B) Kolkata
- C) Ennore
- D) Bombay
- E) Cochin



COCHIN SHIPYARD LIMITED

Answer
E) Cochin



Explanation

- Kick-starting efforts of the country towards green shipping, the **Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)** here will develop and build the **first indigenous hydrogen-fuelled electric vessels**, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal.
- The project will be carried out by the CSL in collaboration with Indian partners and unveiled the government's plan for building **hydrogen-fuelled electric vessels** keeping pace with the **Global Maritime Green Transitions**.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ SpaceX Falcon 9 launched ___ Starlink satellites to low-Earth orbit; deployment confirmed?

- A) 58
- B) 39
- C) 45
- D) 53
- E) 21

Answer
D) 53



Explanation

- **SpaceX's Falcon 9**, the world's first orbital class reusable rocket, launched **53 Starlink satellites** to low-Earth orbit.
- This was the **sixth flight of Falcon 9's first stage booster**, which previously launched Ax-1, the first all-private astronaut mission to **the International Space Station (ISS)**, on April 8, 2022, and other missions.
- The Falcon 9 rocket lifted off from Space Launch Complex 40 (SLC-40) at **Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida**.



Titbits

SpaceX

- Founded : **14/03/2002**
- HQ : **California**
- CEO : **Elon Musk**



➤ Which country hosted the world's largest cyber exercise?

- A) UAE
- B) Estonia
- C) Iran
- D) Turkey
- E) Uruguay

Answer
B) Estonia



Explanation

- The Tallinn-based **NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence**, abbreviated as CCDCOE, is organising the Locked Shields 2022, the largest and most complex annual **international live-fire cyber defence exercise in the world**.
- At the exercise, cyber experts practise the protection of national civilian and military IT systems and critical infrastructure in a **large-scale cyber-attack**.
- It is conducted under conditions of intense pressure, with teams countering series of **sophisticated cyberattacks**.



Titbits

Estonia

- Capital : **Tallinn**
- Currency : **Euro (EUR)**
- President : **Alar Karis**
- Prime Minister : **Kaja Kallas**
- Language : **Estonian**



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ China, Russia, India and how many others countries on US property rights 'Priority Watch List'?

- A) 5
- B) 6
- C) 7
- D) 2
- E) 4

Answer
E) 4



Explanation

- The **United States** placed **India, China, Russia** and four other countries on its annual '**Priority Watch List**' for intellectual property protection and enforcement.
- The other countries that have been put on the list issued by the Office of the US Trade Representative are **Argentina, Chile, Indonesia and Venezuela**.
- All seven countries on this year's list were on **last year's, too**.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

USA

- Capital : **Washington DC**
- Currency : **US Dollar**
- President : **Joe Bidin**
- Language : **English**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



- **Samba became first district in India to cover 100% households under ABPMJAY- SEHAT scheme it is located in which state/UT?**

- A) Assam
- B) Ladakh
- C) Jammu and Kashmir
- D) Meghalaya
- E) Mizoram



Answer

C) Jammu and Kashmir



Explanation

- The **Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir**, the **Samba district** of Jammu division has become the first district in India to cover 100% households **under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY)-SEHAT scheme**.
- The district achieved this milestone after the conclusion of special registration drive organized by **State Health Agency (SHA)**.
- The Samba district has a total of **62,641 families** with **304510 people eligible for ABPM-JAY SEHAT golden cards**.



Explanation

- However, 100% family coverage for the **Ayushman Bharat Golden card** in the district is a major achievement for the UT Government.
- Worth to mention, the ABPMJAY SEHAT scheme is the **world's largest health insurance scheme** fully financed by Government and the people with **Ayushman Bharat Golden Card** get free treatment up to **Rs. 5 lakh** in all government and empanelled private hospitals across India.



Titbits

Jammu and Kashmir

- Capital: **Srinagar** (May-Oct), **Jammu** (Nov-Apr)
- Lt Governor: **Manoj Sinha**
- Language : **Kashmiri, Dogri, Urdu, Hindi, English**
- National Park : **Kishwar National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary : **Limber WLS**
- Ramsar Site : **Wular Lake**
- Tiger Reserve : -
- Power Station : **Salal Hydro Electric Power Plant**
- Dams : **Baglihar Dam** in **Chenab River**
- RRB : **Ellaquai Dehati Bank** (State Bank of India), **J&K**
Grameen Bank (J&K Bank Ltd.)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ MoD procurement through GeM reaches all-time high of over _____ crore for Financial Year 2021-22?



- A) Rs 15000
- B) Rs 13000
- C) Rs 19000
- D) Rs 18000
- E) Rs 16000



Answer
A) Rs 15000



Explanation

- Procurement orders by **Ministry of Defence (MoD)** through **Government e-Market (GeM)** portal have reached an all-time high of **Rs 15,047.98 crore** for Financial Year 2021-22.
- It is a jump of **more than 250 percent** over the last financial year.
- The GeM was started in **August 2016** to revamp the old tender process and bring greater probity and **transparency in government procurement** through digitisation.



Explanation

- In a short span since its inception, the MoD has embraced the **digital drive** and embarked on this path with absolute resoluteness.
- Despite multiple challenges on ground, the results have been astounding.
- The MoD is committed to contribute significantly to the Government's vision of promoting **digitisation and transparency** in consonance with Digital India.



Titbits

Ministry of Defence

- Union Minister : **Rajnath Singh** (Rajya Sabha MP,Lucknow)
- Minister of State : **Ajay Bhatt** (Nainital-Udham Singh Nagar,Uttarkhand)



➤ Which Ministry signed MoU with ISRO to upskill technical staff?

- A) Agricultural Ministry
- B) Skill Ministry
- C) Defence Ministry
- D) Education Ministry
- E) MSME Ministry

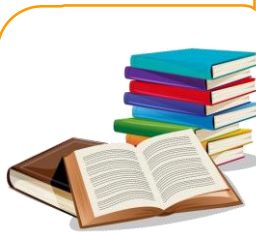
Answer

B) Skill Ministry



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MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT
& ENTREPRENEURSHIP



Explanation

- With an aim to upskill the technical staff at the Department of Space in the **Indian Space Research Organisation**, the **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** signs a **MoU (Memorandum of Understanding)** with the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**.
- The MoU was signed by Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary MSDE and **Shri S. Somanath**, Secretary Department of Space/ Chairman ISRO.



Explanation

- The programme is aimed at creating a formal framework for short-term courses **to provide training for the skill development and capacity- building** of the technical staff of ISRO as per the industry requirements, in the space domain in the country.
- **More than 4000 ISRO technical employees** will be trained in the programme over the course of the next 5 years.
- The location of the training will be the **National Skill Training Institutes (NSTI)** under **MSDE** located across India.
- The objective of the training programme is to boost the skills of various technical staff working across ISRO centres and units under **Department of Space (DOS)**.



Titbits

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

- Union Minister : **Dharmendra Pradhan** (Deogarh,Odisha)
- Minister of State : **Rajeev Chandrasekhar** (Rajya Sabha MP,Karnataka)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which country launched pilot phase of open e-commerce network?

- A) Australia
- B) Japan
- C) Pakistan
- D) India
- E) China

Answer
D) India



Explanation

- India launched the pilot phase of **open network for digital commerce (ONDC)**, a UPI-type protocol, in five cities with an aim to democratise fast growing **e-commerce sector**, help small retailers and reduce dominance of online retail giants.
- The initiative is also aimed at curbing the dominance of two large multinational e-commerce players, which control more than half of the **country's e-commerce trading**, limit access to the market, and give preferential treatment to certain sellers and squeeze supplier margins.



Explanation

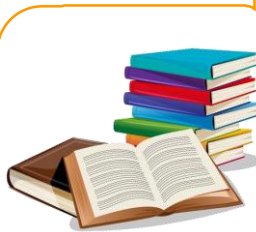
- The **ONDC** is a set of standards for voluntary adoption by sellers or logistics providers or payment gateways.
- **As many as 80 firms** are currently working with the ONDC and they are at different stages of integration.
- These companies are making their apps for **sellers or buyers or logistics or payment gateways**.
- At the pilot phase, the target is to onboard 150 retailers in five cities - **Delhi NCR, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Shillong and Coimbatore**.



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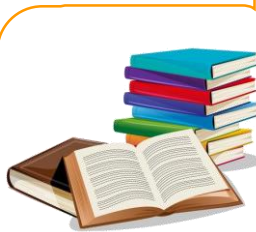
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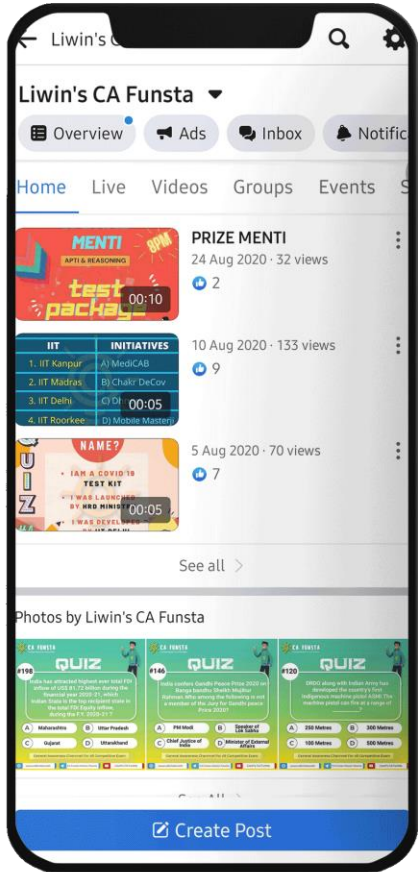
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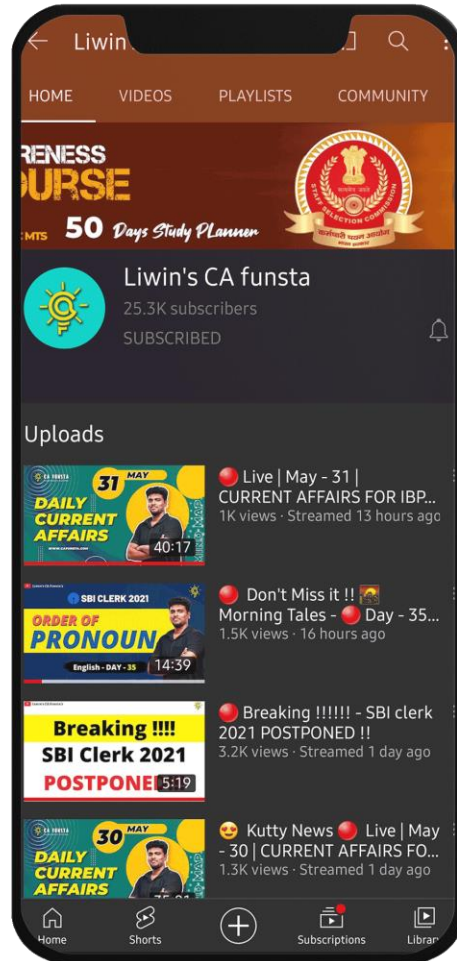
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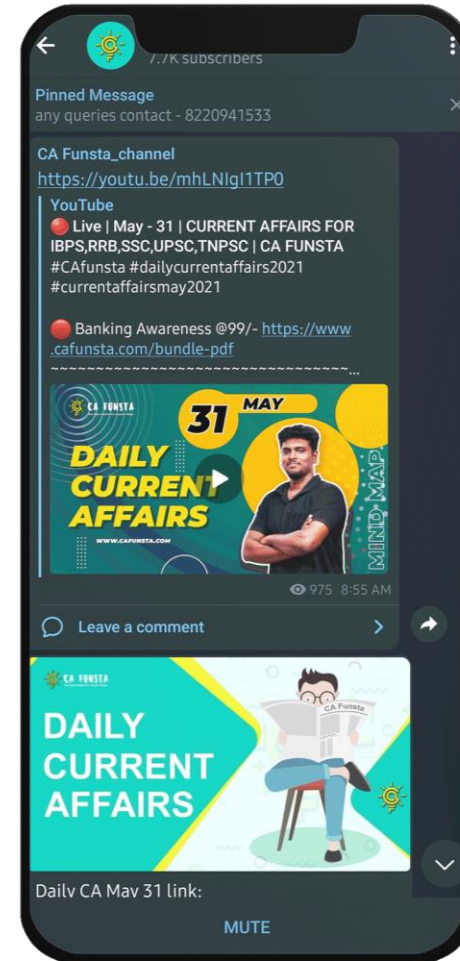
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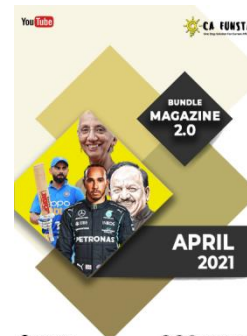
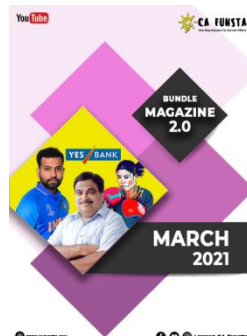
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