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# Important Days



➤ International Plant Health Day is first observed on which year?

- A) 2015
- B) 2009
- C) 2010
- D) 2022
- E) 2020

**Answer**  
D) 2022



# Important Days



## Explanation

- On **Thursday 12th May 2022**, the first International Day of Plant Health will be celebrated.
- By **United Nation**.
- The United Nations declared **2020** as the **International Year of Plant Health (IYPH)**.



# Important Days



➤ **International Nurses Day is observed on?**

- A) May 9
- B) May 12
- C) May 10
- D) May 8
- E) May 5

**Answer**  
**B) May 12**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- **International Nurses Day 2022** is being observed on Thursday, **12th May** across the world to honour their services towards humanity.
- It is the birth anniversary of **Florence Nightingale**, the English social reformer, statistician and founder of Modern Nursing.
- This day is dedicated to that strong pillar of health care system, who work day and night for the people.
- In **1974**, the **International Council of Nurses** declared 12th May every year to be celebrated as an International Nurses Day to be celebrated.



# RANKING



➤ Reliance top-ranked Indian firm on Forbes Global 2000 list, what is the rank?

- A) 39
- B) 15
- C) 24
- D) 45
- E) 53

**Answer**  
E) 53





# RANKING



## Explanation

- Reliance is the top-ranked Indian firm on the list at **53**.
- State Bank of India at **105** with market cap of **USD 56.12 billion**
- HDFC Bank at **153**
- ICICI Bank at **204**
- Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) at **228**
- Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd (HDFC) at **268**
- Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) at **357**
- Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS) at **384**
- Tata Steel at **407**
- Axis Bank at **431**
- Reliance, which recorded sales of **USD 104.6 billion** between April 2021 and March 2022, became the **first Indian company** to generate over USD 100 billion in annual revenue.



➤ RBI imposed how many lakh penalty on Unimoni Financial Services?

- A) Rs 92.97 lakh
- B) Rs 92.79 lakh
- C) Rs 29.79 lakh
- D) Rs 79.29 lakh
- E) Rs 29.97 lakh



unimoni

**Answer**  
**C) Rs 29.79 lakh**



## Explanation

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has imposed a penalty of **Rs 29.79 lakh** on **Unimoni Financial Services Limited** as it was non-compliant with norms on **small-PPI requirements**.
- The penalty, has been imposed for non-compliance with certain instruction contained in the master direction on **issuance and operation of Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI)**.



## Titbits

### Unimoni Financial Services Limited

- Launch of Operation : **1999**
- HQ : **Bangalore**
- CEO : **Sudhesh Giriyan**



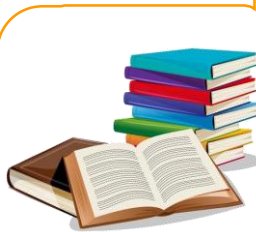
➤ Which of the following Bank tied up with Santander for India-UK business ease?

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) Axis Bank
- D) Bank of Baroda
- E) State Bank of India



**Answer**

**A) ICICI Bank**



## Explanation

- The **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** between **ICICI and Santander UK Plc**, signed in Mumbai, is designed to establish a framework of partnership between the banks to meet the **financial service requirements of corporate customers** operating within the India-UK corridor.
- ICICI Bank will provide banking solutions **across trade, cross-border payments, supply chain, treasury solutions and retail banking** to the UK corporates operating in India and Santander UK will support Indian corporates and new age businesses for their banking requirements in the UK.



## Titbits

### ICICI Bank

- Founded : **05/01/1994**
- HQ : **Vadodara,Gujarat**
- MD & CEO : **Sandeep Bakhshi**
- Chairman : **Girish Chandra Chaturvedi**
- Tagline : **Hum Hai Na,Khayal Apka**



- **AXA France India partnered to launch a 24X7 free mental health helpline with Manas Foundation, it belongs to which UT/State?**

- A) West Bengal
- B) Jammu and Kashmir
- C) Puducherry
- D) New Delhi
- E) Ladakh

**Answer**  
**D) New Delhi**





## Explanation

- **AXA France Vie's India** division joins hands with the New Delhi-based NGO - **Manas Foundation**, to launch a fully funded, completely **free-of-cost Mental Health Helpline**.
- AXA believes that in these unprecedented and uncertain times unleashed by the COVID-19 pandemic, mental illness and distress have emerged as a silent pandemic that has been brewing under the garb of the '**New Normal**'.
- The **24X7 PAN India Helpline** will provide mental health support and consultations from counsellors and psychologists. Anybody can call on '**080 6909 6909**' at any time and avail the benefits of this helpline, free of cost.



## Titbits

### AXA France Vie's India

- Operation in India : **14/09/2017**
- HQ : **New Delhi**
- CEO : **N Ankur**



# BOOKS AND AUTHORS



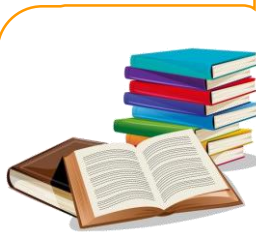
➤ Which publishing house will publish the book 'A Place Called Home'?

- A) Macmillan Ltd
- B) HarperCollins India
- C) Penguin Books
- D) Jaico Publishing House
- E) Roli Books



**Answer**

**B) HarperCollins India**



# BOOKS AND AUTHORS



## Explanation

- Book - **A Place Called Home**
- Author - **Preeti Shenoy**
- Publisher - **HarperCollins India**



# APPOINTMENTS

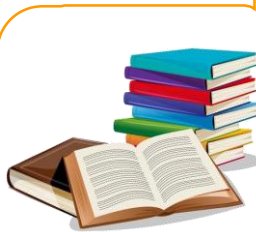


➤ Deepika Padukone became Louis Vuitton's \_\_\_\_\_ Indian brand ambassador?

- A) 2<sup>nd</sup>
- B) 4<sup>th</sup>
- C) 3<sup>rd</sup>
- D) 5<sup>th</sup>
- E) 1<sup>st</sup>

**Answer**

**E) 1<sup>st</sup>**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Deepika**, 36, has become **the first Indian** brand ambassador of luxury brand **Louis Vuitton**.
- Padukone is part of LV's new campaign for its **Dauphine bag**.
- For the new range, she will join stars like '**Cruella**' actress **Emma Stone**, and **Chinese actor Zhou Dongyu**.
- Before Deepika Padukone, these Indian stars were part of the **Cannes jury**.



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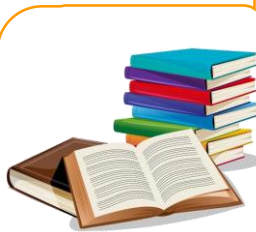
➤ Ranil Wickremesinghe took over as Prime Minister of which of the following country?



- A) Brunei
- B) Cambodia
- C) Srilanka
- D) Phillipines
- E) Malaysia



**Answer**  
**C) Srilanka**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Ranil Wickremesinghe** has taken over as **Prime Minister** of **Sri Lanka**.
- **President Gotabaya Rajapaksa** administered his oath to the United National Party leader in the President's office in Colombo.
- **Mahinda Rajapaksa** resigned as the Prime Minister.





# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### Sri Lanka

- Capital : **Colombo** (Executive and Judicial), **Sri Jayawardenepure Kotte** (Legislative)
- Currency : **Srilankan Rupee**
- President : **Gotabaya Rajapaksa**
- Language : **Sinhala, Tamil**



# APPOINTMENTS



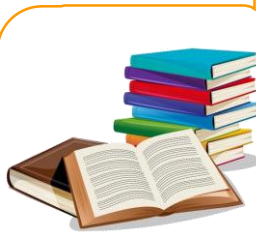
➤ Marcos Jr became president of which of the following country?



- A) Phillipines
- B) Indonesia
- C) Laos
- D) Vietnam
- E) Burma



**Answer**  
**A) Phillipines**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Ferdinand Marcos Jr's** presidential win in the **Philippines**, after the son of the country's former dictator declared victory and pledged to be a leader "for all Filipinos".



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### Philippines

- Capital : **Manila**
- Currency : **Philippine Peso (PHP)**
- Language : **Filipino,English**

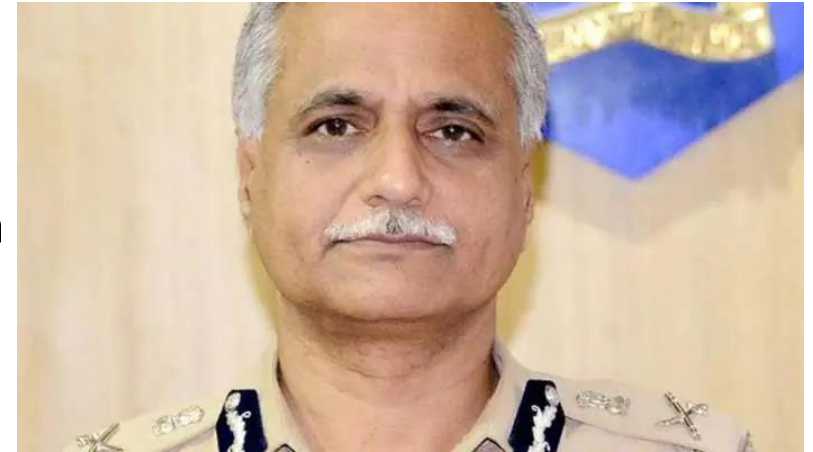


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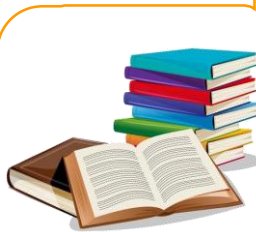
➤ Who among the following appointed as ADG, NIA?

- A) Ajay Tewari
- B) Atulchandra Kulkarni
- C) Pravir Pandey
- D) Kumar Anugreh Prasad Sinha
- E) Amar Nath



**Answer**

**B) Atulchandra Kulkarni**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- IPS officer **Atulchandra Kulkarni** was appointed as **Additional Director General (ADG)** of the **National Investigation Agency (NIA)** on deputation.
- Kulkarni, a 1990-batch IPS officer of Maharashtra cadre, is currently posted as **ADG Prisons in Pune**.
- Earlier he was chief of the **Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad**, state **Criminal Investigation Department (CID)** as well as joint commissioner of police (crime) in Mumbai.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### National Investigation Agency (NIA)

- Formed : **2009**
- HQ : **New Delhi**
- DG : **Kuldeep Singh**



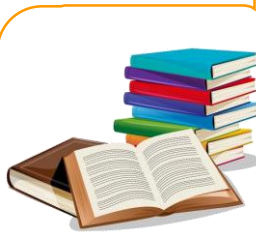
# APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who among the following appointed as CBSE chief?

- A) Aditi Das Rout
- B) S Gopalakrishnan
- C) Vivek Kumar Dewangen
- D) Nidhi Chibber
- E) Rakesh Sarwal

**Answer**  
**D) Nidhi Chibber**





# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- Senior IAS officer **Nidhi Chibber** has been appointed as the chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in a top-level bureaucratic.
- **Vivek Kumar Dewangen**, a 1993 batch IAS officer of Manipur cadre, has been named Chairman & Managing Director, REC Ltd., Ministry of Power.
- **S Gopalakrishnan**, Additional Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) has been appointed as Additional Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare.
- **Rakesh Sarwal**, Additional Secretary, NITI Aayog will be Managing Director, National Waqf Development Corporation Ltd., Ministry of Minority Affairs.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Aditi Das Rout**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development has been promoted as Additional Secretary in the same ministry.
- **Shyam Bhagat Negi**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Coal will be Additional Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat.
- **Manisha Sinha**, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance has been appointed as Additional Secretary, in the same department.
- **Kumar Anugreh Prasad Sinha** will be Additional Secretary of the National Disaster Management Authority.
- **Amar Nath**, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, has been posted as Additional Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Vikas Sheel**, Additional Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare has been named as Additional Secretary and Mission Director, Jal Jeevan Mission, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
- **Alok Shekhar**, who is presently working in his cadre state Punjab, will be Additional Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- **Rakesh Kumar Singh**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs will be Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Surendra Singh, Joint Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment has been appointed as Additional Secretary in the same department.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Pravir Pandey**, a 1992 batch officer of Indian Audit and Accounts Service, has been appointed as Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- **Vandana Kumar**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has been named as Additional Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- **Ajay Tewari**, currently Joint Secretary in Ministry of Labour & Employment will be Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power.
- **Alka Nangia Arora**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has been named as Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor, Department of Agricultural Research and Education by temporarily downgrading the post of Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor in the department.



# AWARDS



➤ Which of the following grameena Bank bags PFRDA awards?

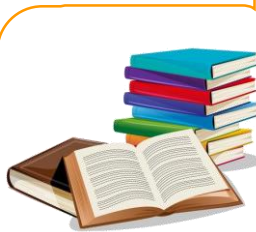
- A) Andra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank
- B) Assam Gramin Vikas Bank
- C) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank
- D) Telangana Grameena Bank
- E) Tamil Nadu Grama Bank



**Karnataka Vikas  
Grameena Bank**

**Answer**

**C) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)**, a regional rural bank **sponsored by Canara Bank**, has bagged six national awards in different categories from the **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** for its achievements under the enrolment of **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)**.
- P Gopi Krishna, Chairman of KVGB, received the awards from Supratim Bandyopadhyay, Chairman of PFRDA.
- Regional rural bank enrolled **58,603 Atal Pension Yojana accounts** in FY22 against the **target of 39,000**.



## Titbits

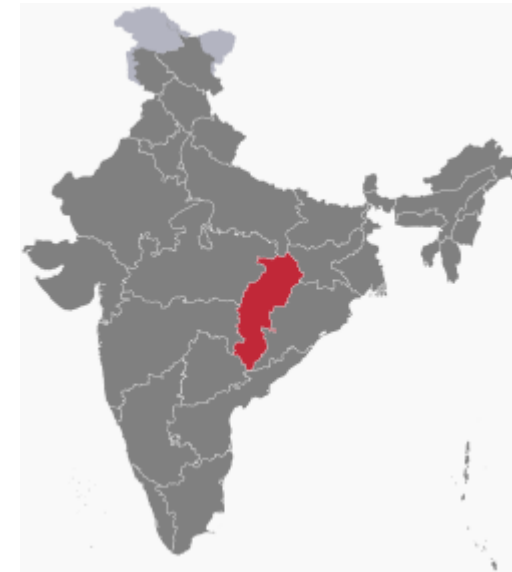
### Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)

- Formed : **12/09/2005**
- HQ : **Dharwad**
- Chairman : **P Gopi Krishna**
- Sponsore Bank : **Canara Bank**



➤ Which of the following is the first state to restore old pension scheme?

- A) Chhattisgarh
- B) Punjab
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Haryana
- E) Assam



**Answer**  
**A) Chhattisgarh**





## Explanation

- **Chhattisgarh** has become the **first state** to notify restoration of **old pension scheme (OPS)** to provide assured income to retired employees.
- The state has also sent a detailed proposal to **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** to withdraw '**17,000 crore** accrued under the market-driven **National Pension System (NPS)** since November 2004.
- The **10% deduction** for monthly contribution from the salary of government servants under the new contributory pension scheme will be abolished from April 1, 2022 and a minimum of **12% of the basic salary** will be deducted as per the General Provident Fund rule.
- Though **Rajasthan had announced restoration of OPS** in its Budget in February, the state has not issued a Gazette notification.



## Titbits

### Chhattisgarh

- Capital: **Raipur**
- CM: **Bhupesh Baghel**
- Governor: **Anusuiya Uikey**
- Language : **Hindi**
- National Park : **Kanger Valley National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary : **Achanakmar WLS**
- Ramsar Site : -
- Tiger Reserve : **Udanti- Sitanadi**
- Power Station : **Korba Super Thermal Power Plant**
- Dams : **Dudhawa dam** in **Mahanadi River**
- RRB : **Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank** (State Bank of India)



➤ India's first 'Amrit Sarovar' inaugurated in which of the following state?

- A) Punjab
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Odisha
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Uttar Pradesh



**Answer**  
**E) Uttar Pradesh**



## Explanation

- The country's **first "Amrit Sarovar"** was inaugurated by Union Minister **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi** and Uttar Pradesh Jal Shakti Minister **Swatantra Dev Singh** at Patwai in Rampur , with Singh asserting that work is on at a rapid pace to **construct 75 such ponds in every district** of the state.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had given a call for every district to have 75 ponds (Amrit Sarovar) during the 75th anniversary of India's independence, described as "**Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal**", to **give a boost to water conservation and environment.**



## Titbits

### Uttar Pradesh

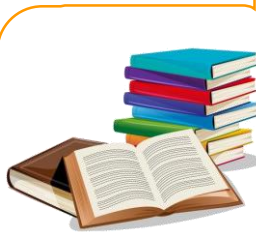
- Capital: **Lucknow**
- CM: **Yogi Adityanath**
- Governor: **Anandiben Patel**
- Language : **Hindi**
- National Park : **Dudhwa National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary : **Hastinapur WLS**
- Ramsar Site : **Samaspur Bird Sanctuary**
- Tiger Reserve : **Katerniaghat**
- Power Station : **Rihand Hydro Electric Power Plant, Narora Nuclear Power Plant, Auraiya Thermal Power Station**
- Dams : **Rajghat Dam in Betwa River**
- RRB : **Aryavart Bank (Bank of India), Baroda UP Bank (Bank of Baroda), Prathama UP Gramin Bank (Punjab National Bank)**



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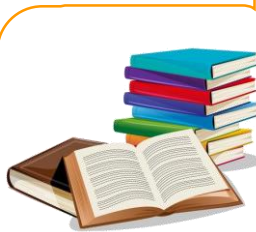
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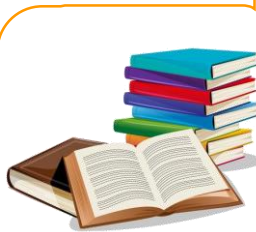
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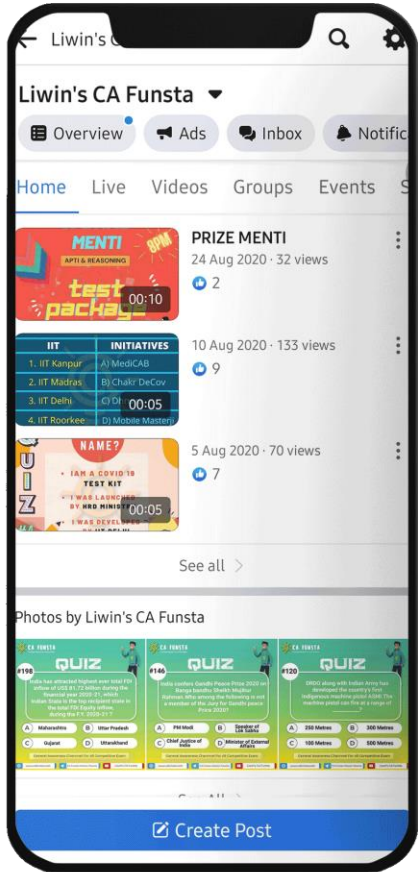


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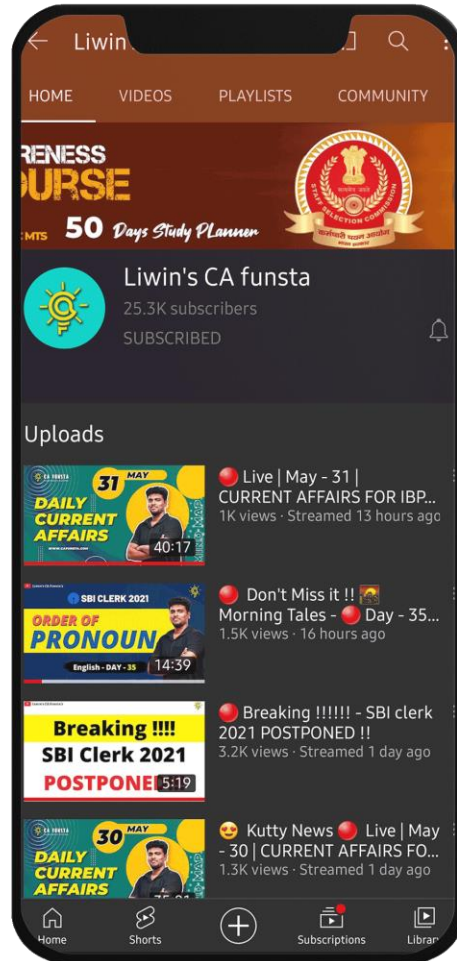




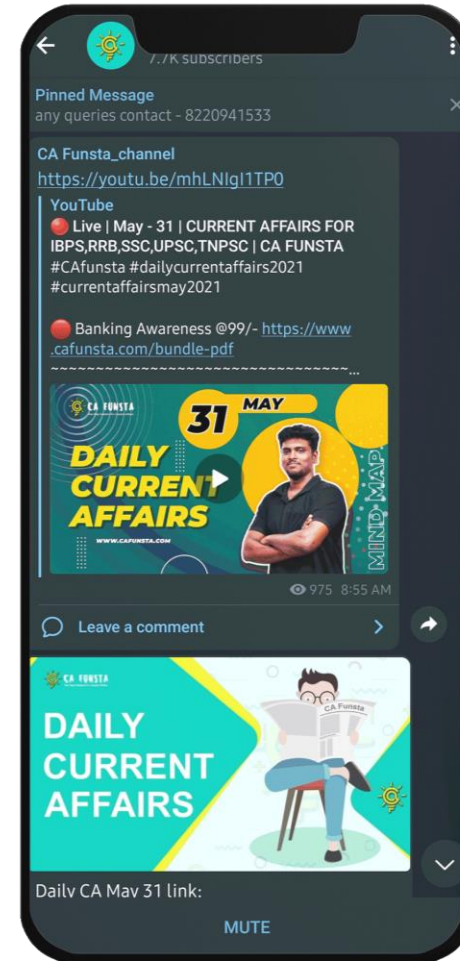
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