



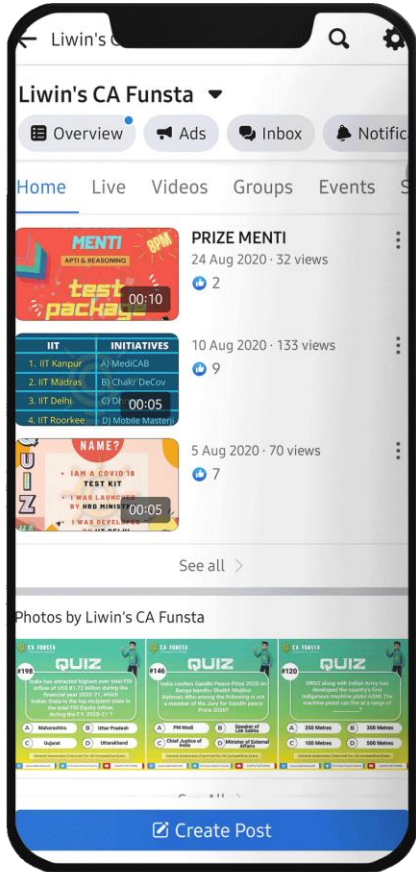
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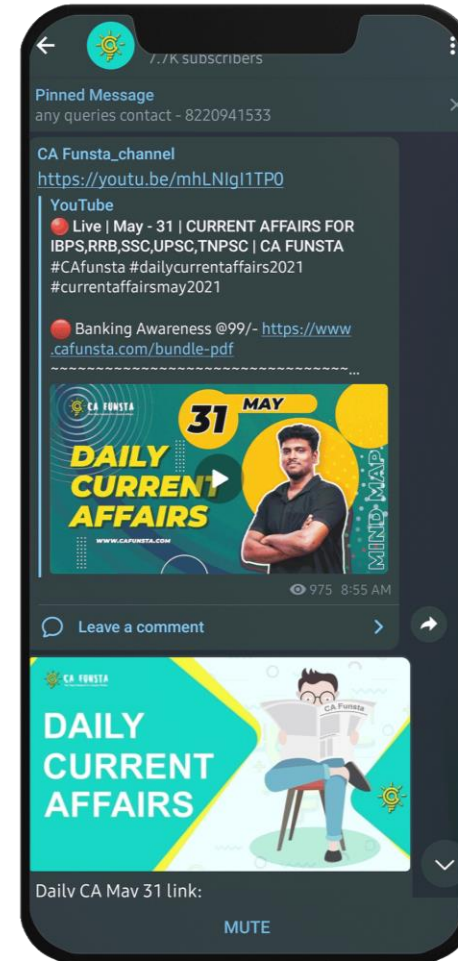
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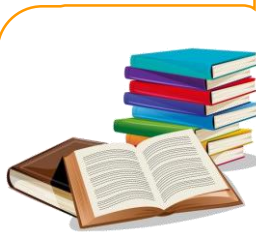


➤ India beat which of the following country to lift maiden Thomas Cup trophy?

- A) Singapore
- B) Italy
- C) France
- D) Australia
- E) Indonesia



Answer
E) Indonesia



Explanation

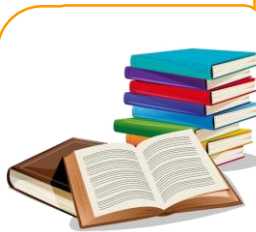
- A determined **Indian men's team** etched its name in the history books by lifting the **Thomas Cup title** for the first time with a dominant 3-0 win over 14-time champions **Indonesia**.
- Host : **Bangkok, Thailand**



Titbits

Indonesia

- Capital : **Jakarta**
- Currency : **Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)**
- President : **Joko Widodo**
- Language : **Indonesian**



OBITUARY



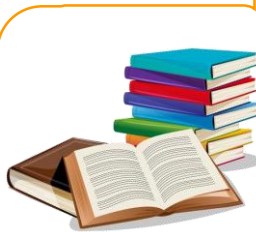
➤ Andrew Symonds dies in car crash he belongs to which country?



- A) New Zealand
- B) South Africa
- C) Australia
- D) England
- E) Srilanka



Answer
C) Australia



OBITUARY



Explanation

- Former Australia cricketer **Andrew Symonds**, one of the **finest all-rounders and a two-time World Cup winner**, has died in a tragic car accident, leaving the cricketing world in shock.
- Symonds featured in **26 Tests, 198 ODIs, and 14 T20Is** in a successful career between **1998 and 2009**.
- He helped Australia win the ODI world Cups in **2003** and **2007** and was one of the key members of Australia's Test side in the **2000s**.



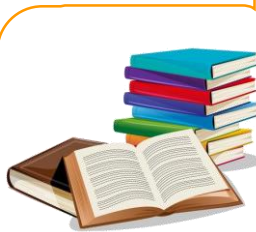
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Titbits

Australia

- Capital : **Canberra**
- Currency : **Australian Dollar**
- Monarch : **Elizabeth II**
- Prime Minister : **Scott Morrison**
- Language : **English**



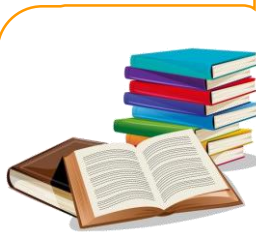
BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Frauds in PSBs dipped how many percent?

- A) 45%
- B) 51%
- C) 56%
- D) 36%
- E) 69%

Answer
B) 51%



Explanation

- Public sector banks reported over a **51 percent dip** in the amount involved in frauds to **Rs 40,295.25 crore** during the financial year ended March 2022.
- The 12 PSBs (Public Sector Banks) had reported frauds worth **Rs 81,921.54 crore** in the preceding fiscal 2020-21, the Reserve Bank has said in response to an application under the **Right to Information (RTI) Act**.
- However, the number of fraud cases didn't fall at the same pace as a total of **7,940 frauds** reported by the PSBs in 2021-22, against **9,933 incidents** reported in FY21, said the RBI's reply to Madhya Pradesh-based RTI activist **Chandrashekhar Gaur**.



Explanation

- According to the RBI data on frauds reported by PSBs in all categories during FY22, the highest amount of **Rs 9,528.95 crore** was reported by the city-based **Punjab National Bank (PNB)**, involving 431 such incidents.
- The country's largest lender **State Bank of India** reported frauds worth **Rs 6,932.37 crore** in as many as **4,192 cases** -- reflecting incidents of a large number of small value frauds.
- **Bank of India** reported frauds worth **Rs 5,923.99 crore** (209 incidents), followed by **Bank of Baroda** at **Rs 3,989.36 crore** (280); **Union Bank of India** **Rs 3,939 crore** (627), while **Canara Bank** reported frauds worth **Rs 3,230.18 crore** in just 90 cases -- showing that the transactions were of high-value frauds.



Explanation

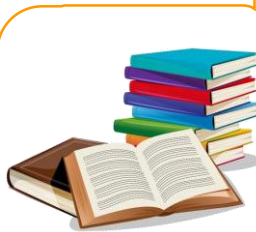
- Among others, **Indian Bank** customers faced frauds amounting to **Rs 2,038.28 crore** in 211 cases; **Indian Overseas Bank** Rs **1,733.80 crore** (312); **Bank of Maharashtra** Rs **1,139.36 crore** (72 cases); **Central Bank of India** Rs **773.37 crore**; **UCO Bank** Rs **611.54 crore** (114 crores) and **Punjab & Sind Bank** reported frauds of Rs **455.04 crore** in as many as 159 incidents.



Titbits

RBI

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



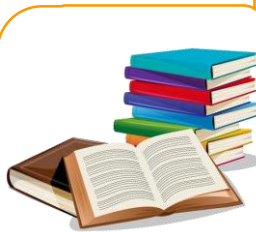
➤ **Toyota to invest how many million to make EV parts in India?**

- A) \$ 462 million
- B) \$ 264 million
- C) \$ 246 million
- D) \$ 646 million
- E) \$ 624 million



Answer

E) \$ 624 million



Explanation

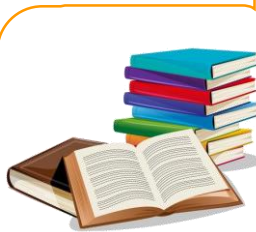
- **Toyota Group** plans to invest **Rs 4,800 crore (\$624 million)** to make electric vehicle components in India, as the **Japanese carmaker** works toward carbon neutrality by 2050.
- **Toyota Kirloskar Motor and Toyota Kirloskar Auto Parts** signed a memorandum of understanding with **Karnataka** to invest **Rs 4,100 crore**.
- The rest will come from Toyota Industries Engine India.
- Indian automakers could generate **\$20 billion** in revenue from electric vehicles between now and fiscal year 2026, according to forecast by Crisil.
- By 2040, **53%** of new automobile sales in India will be electric, compared with **77%** in China, according to BloombergNEF.



Titbits

Toyota

- Founded : **28/08/1937**
- HQ : **Japan**
- Chairman : **Takeshi Uchiyamada**

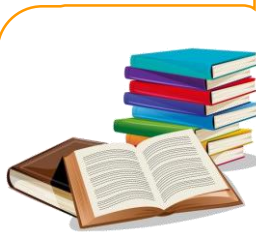


➤ INCOIS signs MoU with Indian Navy, headquarters of INCOIS?

- A) Hyderabad
- B) Chennai
- C) Kolkata
- D) Bangalore
- E) Visakh



Answer
A) Hyderabad



DEFENCE



Explanation

- **Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad** under the administrative control of the **Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)**, government of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Indian Navy**.
- **Dr T Srinivasa Kumar**, Director INCOIS and Commodore **AA Abhyankar**, Cmde (NOM), Directorate of Naval Oceanology and Meteorology, Integrated Headquarters, Ministry of Defence (Navy).
- Under this MoU, INCOIS through its state of the art International Training Centre for Operational Oceanography (ITCOO) would provide the best possible **training services and support to the School of Naval Oceanology & Meteorology** in conduct of various courses related to Operational Oceanography.



DEFENCE



Explanation

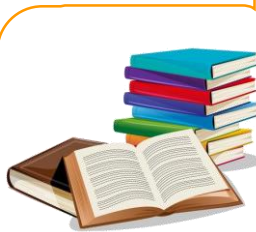
- ITCOO, the training arm of INCOIS was set up in **2013**.
- It was recognized as a **Category 2 Centre (C2C)** of UNESCO and has been designated as one of the Regional Training Centres (RTC) by the Ocean Teacher Global Academy (OTGA) of International Oceanographic Data Exchange (IODE).
- ITCOO is aimed at **promoting capacity development and optimization of scientific base, technology and information system** for operational oceanography at regional, national and global scales.
- On the other hand SNOM of the Indian Navy is the Centre of Excellence in Atmospheric Sciences recognised by **Cochin University of Science and Technology**.



Titbits

Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)

- Founded : **1999**
- HQ : **Hyderabad**
- Chairman : **Dr Sathish R Shetye**

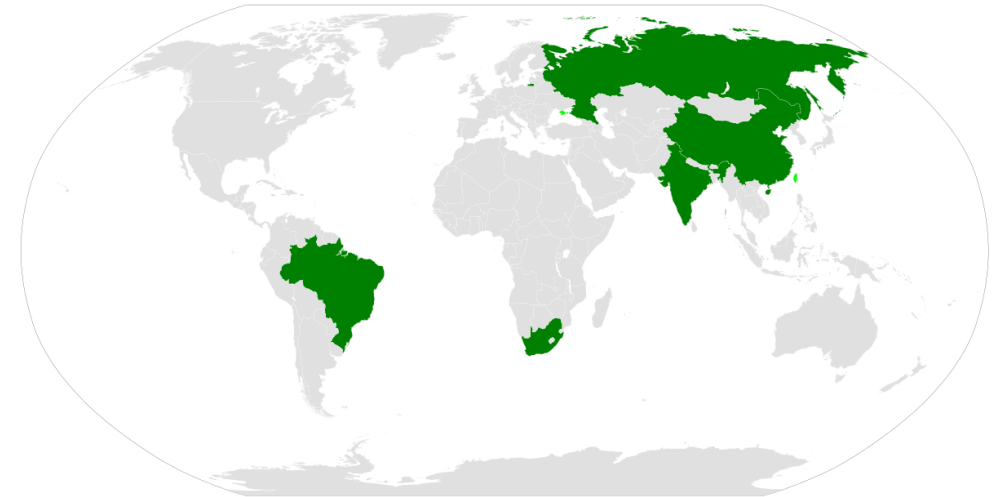


INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

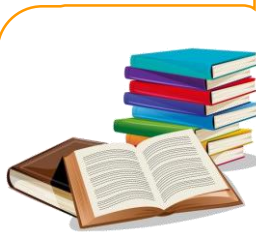


➤ **BRICS countries mull pandemic early warning system, BRICS founded in the year?**

- A) 2005
- B) 2008
- C) 2010
- D) 2000
- E) 2006



Answer
E) 2006



Explanation

- The **12th meeting of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa)** health ministers has agreed that BRICS countries will launch an early warning system for large-scale pandemics.
- Hosted by China virtually, the meeting was joined by more than **70 attendees including health ministers** from BRICS countries and the deputy director-general of the **World Health Organization**.
- During the meeting, representatives had in-depth discussions on a range of topics such as COVID-19 **pandemic prevention and control, building new health systems and digital health**, as per Xinhua News Agency.



Explanation

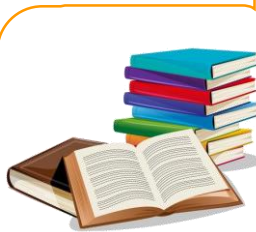
- **Ma Xiaowei**, head of China's National Health Commission, introduced China's counter-epidemic policies including the **dynamic zero-COVID approach** and talked about China's efforts to maintain a balance between epidemic prevention and economic development.
- A joint declaration was adopted at the meeting.
- China is scheduled to host the BRICS summit in **Xiamen** in June this year.



Titbits

BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa)

- Founded : **June 2006**
- 2022 Host : **China (14th Summit)**
- 2021 Host : **India (13th Summit)**



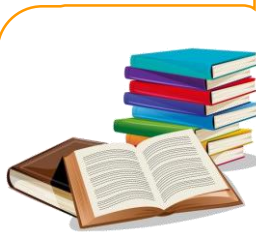
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ How many agreements to be signed during PM Modi's visit to Lumbini?

- A) 3
- B) 1
- C) 5
- D) 2
- E) 4

Answer
C) 5



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- The **five agreements** are aimed to deepen the centuries-old educational and cultural ties between the two countries and would be signed in the presence of **Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Nepal's Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba**, the Nepalese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- The **Indian Educational and Cultural Foundation** will sign one MoU each with **Lumbini Buddhist University and Tribhuvan University** and **three MoUs with Kathmandu University**.
- Lumbini Buddhist University and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Tribhuvan University Nepal and Center for Asian Studies (CNAS) and ICCR, Kathmandu University and ICCR, the KU and the **Indian Institute of Technology in Chennai** are scheduled to sign two other MoUs.



Explanation

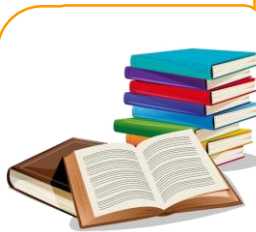
- The visit to **Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Buddha**, on the auspicious occasion of Buddha Jayanti, would start with darshan at the sacred Maya Devi Temple.
- The temple marks the site of the birth of Lord Buddha, which is established through the epigraphic evidence provided by the pillar erected by **Emperor Ashoka** commemorating his visit there about two millennia ago in **249 BC**.
- He would then visit the adjacent **Lumbini Monastic Zone site** and participate in the shilanyas ceremony (ground breaking) for the construction of a Center Buddhist Culture and Heritage.
- The project is being developed and built by the India based **International Buddhist Confederation** and is located in the west monastic zone of Lumbini.



Titbits

Nepal

- Capital : **Kathmandu**
- Currency : **Nepalese Rupee (NPR)**
- President : **Bidya Devi Bhandari**
- Prime Minister : **Sher Bahadur Deuba**
- Language : **Nepali**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

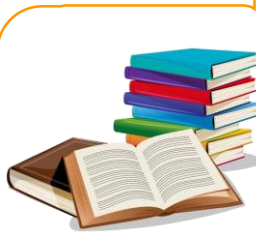


➤ India contributed ____ USD to promote Hindi language at UN?

- A) 500,000
- B) 800,000
- C) 600,000
- D) 900,000
- E) 700,000

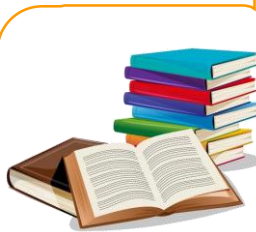


Answer
B) 800,000



Explanation

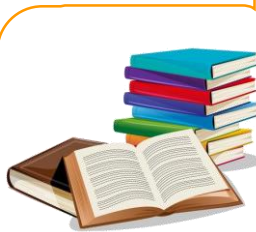
- **India** has contributed **USD 800,000** to the **United Nations** as part of the initiative to enhance public outreach of the organisation in Hindi, Trend reports citing **NDTV**.
- Country's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, **R Ravindra** handed over a cheque for the UN project launched by India in 2018 to disseminate information about the UN to the Hindi-speaking population across the world.



Titbits

United Nations

- Founded : **24/10/1945**
- HQ : **New York**
- Secretary General : **Antonio Guterres**
- Official Language : **6**
- Member Countries : **193**
- Observer Countries : **2**



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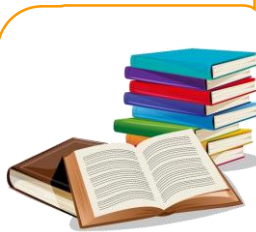
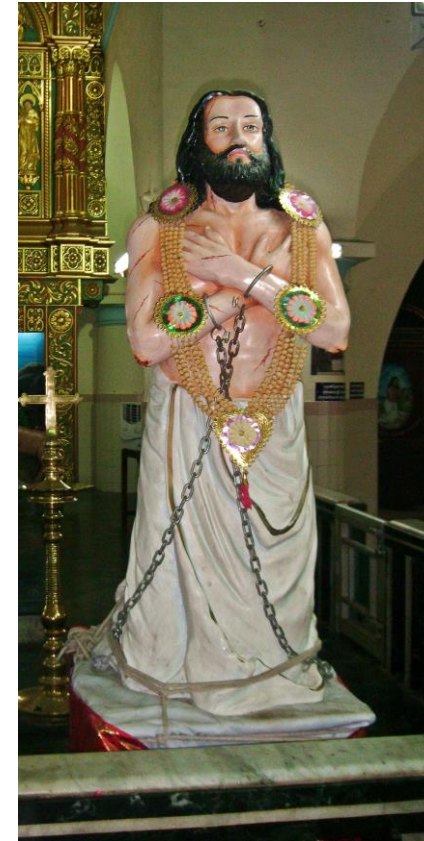


➤ Devasahayam Pillai became ___ Indian layman to be declared saint by Pope?

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

Answer

B) 1st



Explanation

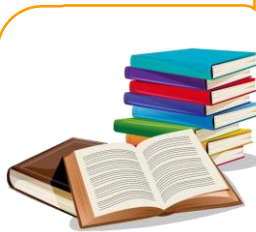
- **Devasahayam Pillai**, who embraced Christianity in the 18th century, declared a saint by **Pope Francis** at the **Vatican**, becoming the first Indian layman to be canonized.
- Devasahayam was recommended for the process of Beatification by the Vatican in 2004, at the request of the **Kottar diocese, Tamil Nadu Bishops' Council**, and the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India.
- Pope Francis canonized **Blessed Devasahayam Pillai** along with nine others during a Canonisation Mass in St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican.



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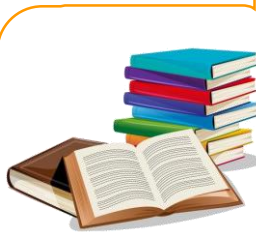
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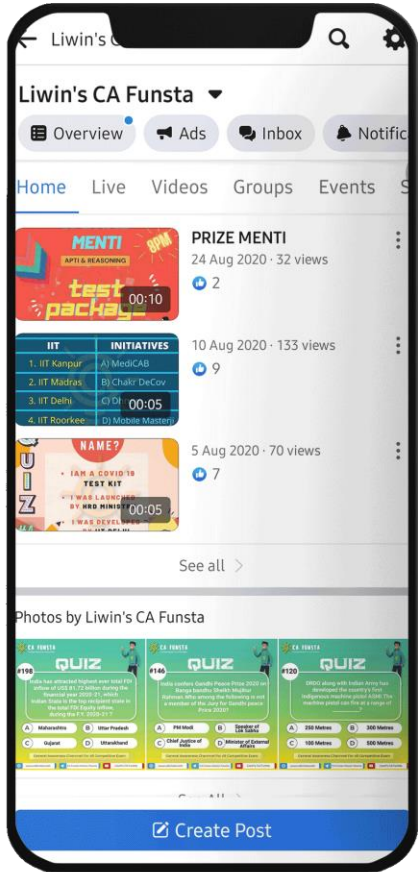
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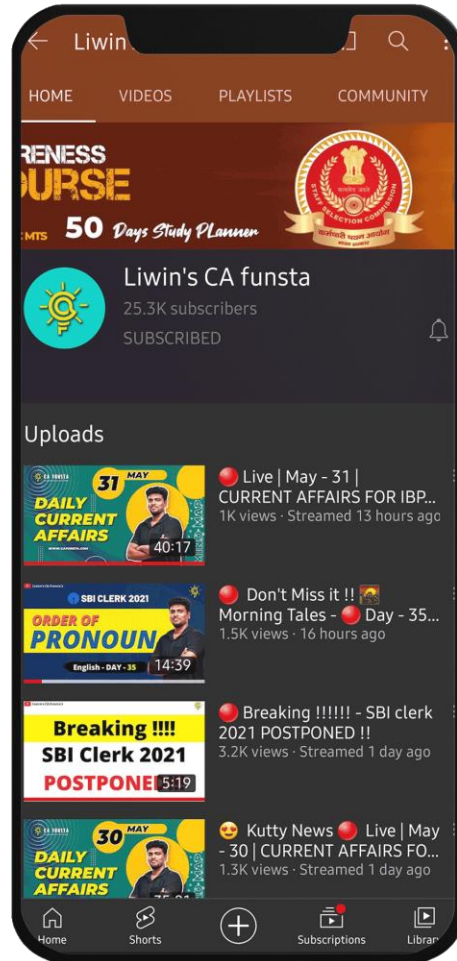
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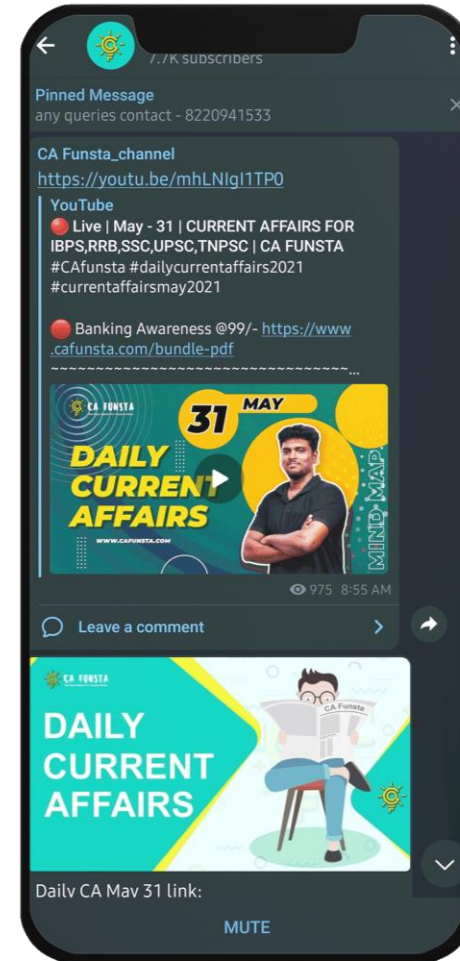
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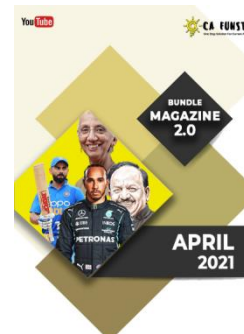
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