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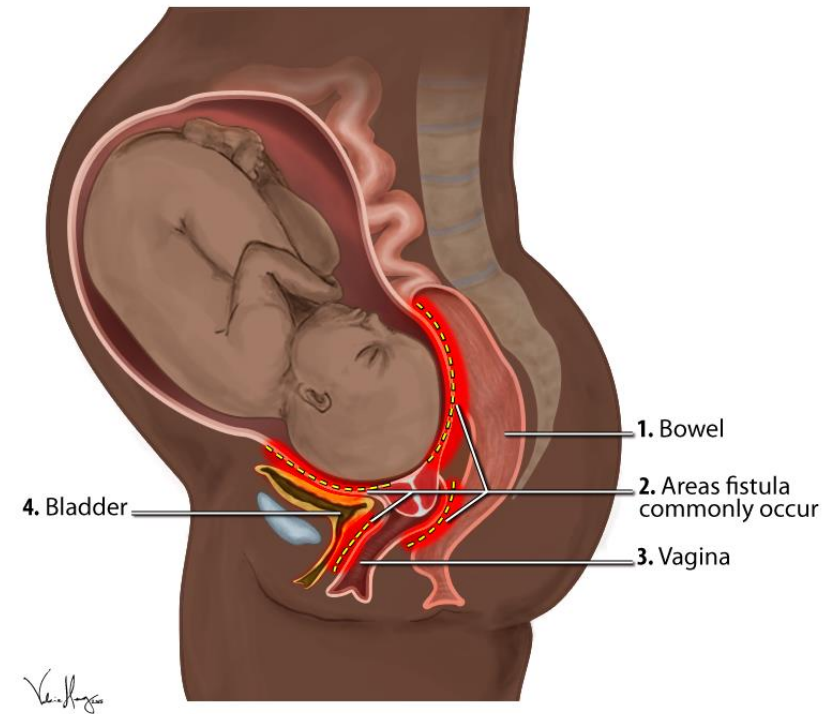


# Important Days

➤ **International Day to End Obstetric Fistula is observed on?**

- A) May 23
- B) May 25
- C) May 20
- D) May 24
- E) May 22

**Answer**  
**A) May 23**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- United Nations (UN) **International Day to End Obstetric Fistula** is marked on **23rd May** since **2013** to promote action towards treating and preventing obstetric fistula, a condition that affects many girls and women during childbirth in developing countries.
- In 2003 the **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)** and its partners launched the global Campaign to End Fistula, a collaborative initiative to prevent fistula and restore the health of those affected by the condition.
- The day was officially recognised in **2012**.





# Important Days



➤ **International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories is observed on?**

- A) May 08 to 14
- B) May 21 to 28
- C) May 25 to 31
- D) May 01 to 07
- E) May 19 to 25

**Answer**  
**C) May 25 to 31**

International Week of Solidarity with  
the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing  
Territories

25-31 May

Non-Self-Governing Territories



# Important Days



## Explanation

- United Nations is observing “**International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories**” from **May 25 to 31**.
- On **December 06, 1999**, the **UN General Assembly** called for the annual observance of the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories.
- The week was first observed in **2000**.



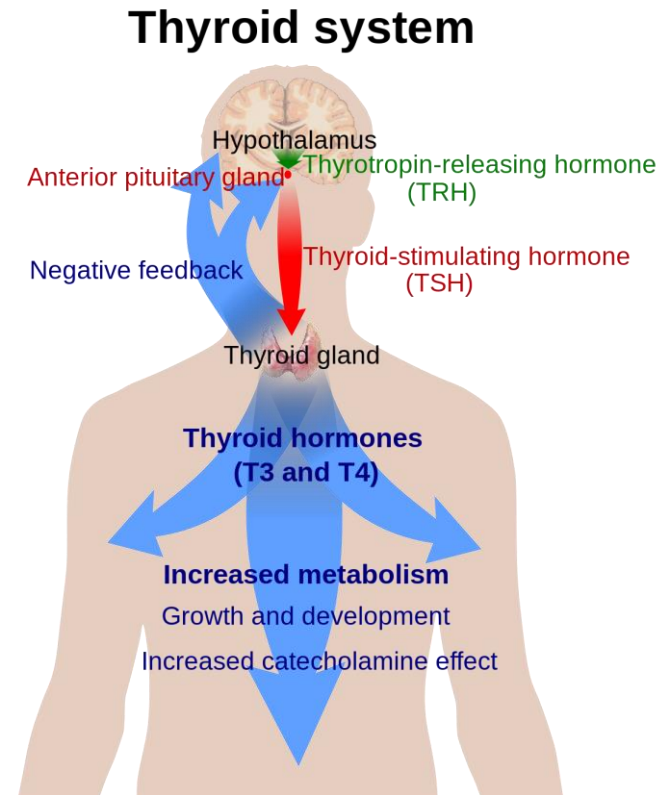
# Important Days



➤ **World Thyroid Awareness Day is observed on?**

- A) May 23
- B) May 25
- C) May 20
- D) May 24
- E) May 22

**Answer**  
**B) May 25**





# Important Days



## Explanation

- **World Thyroid Day** is observed on **May 25** to promote awareness and understanding of thyroid diseases, their symptoms, prevention, and treatments.
- The day came into existence in **2008** on a proposal by the **European Thyroid Association (ETA)**.
- The date of May 25 also marks the anniversary of ETA's foundation in **1965**.



# RANKING



➤ India beats China to become the world's \_\_\_\_ strongest air force in the Global Air Powers Ranking for 2022?

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

**Answer**  
**C) 3<sup>rd</sup>**

1		United States Air Force (5,091)	TvR: 242.9
2		United States Navy (2,626)	TvR: 142.4
3		Russian Air Force (3,829)	TvR: 114.2
4		United States Army Aviation (4,328)	TvR: 112.6
5		United States Marine Corps (1,211)	TvR: 85.3
6		Indian Air Force (1,645)	TvR: 69.4
7		People's Liberation Army Air Force (2,040)	TvR: 63.8
8		Japan Air Self-Defense Force (779)	TvR: 58.1
9		Israeli Air Force (581)	TvR: 58.0
10		French Air Force (658)	TvR: 56.3



# RANKING



## Explanation

- According to the **Global Air Powers Ranking of 2022** by the **World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA)**, the Indian Air Force has emerged as the **third** strongest Air Force in the world after **America** and **Russia**.
- The Indian Air Force has not only overtaken the **Chinese Air Force** but also the **Japan Air Self-Defense Force**, the **Israeli Air Force**, and the **French Air and Space Force** in terms of strength, as per the report.
- Presently, the WDMMA tracks **98 countries**, covering **124 air services** and following a total of **47,840 aircraft**.



# BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Credit card spending online nearly how many crore higher than swipes in March: RBI data?

- A) 30,000
- B) 50,000
- C) 40,000
- D) 60,000
- E) 80,000

**Answer**  
**A) 30,000**





## Explanation

- **Credit card** spending online was nearly **Rs 30,000 crore** more than the spending done through swipes at points of sale in March, indicating an increased preference among people for e-commerce purchases.
- Latest data from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** showed that 7.3 crore credit card holders spent about **Rs 68,327 crore** for buying online while the amount spent through swipes at Point of Sale (PoS) machines stood at **Rs 38,377 crore** in March.
- For the first time, the RBI has provided separate data on spending through online versus **PoS payments**.
- In terms of the number of transactions, credit card transactions were marginally lower online at **11 crore** as against **11.1 crore offline** or at PoS machines.
- The trend also indicates that cardholders are making **higher value transactions** online on an average than through offline means.



## Explanation

- Overall, spending through credit cards was over **Rs 1 lakh crore** in March.
- In value terms, the cardholders spent **Rs 107100 crore** through online and PoS spending.
- As far as cash withdrawal through credit cards is concerned, it stood at **Rs 343.71 crore** during the month, as per the data.
- Further, more than **19 lakh credit cards** were added in March, the highest for a month in FY'22, taking the total number to **7.36 crore** at the end of the financial year.
- **HDFC Bank** had the highest number of credit cards at 1.67 crore in March even though the lender had faced a ban on issuance of new credit cards.
- In terms of credit cards, HDFC Bank was followed by **State Bank of India** (1.37 crore) and **ICICI Bank** (1.29 crore) at the end of March 2022.



## Explanation

- RBI had imposed a ban on HDFC Bank in December 2020 asking the lender to stop all launches of its upcoming **digital business-generating activities** and sourcing of new credit card customers after repeated outages at its data centre which impacted operations.
- The **ban was partially lifted** in August last year and fully in March this year.



## Titbits

### Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

- Establishment : **April 1, 1935**
- Headquarters : **Mumbai, Maharashtra**
- Governor : **Shaktikanta Das**
- Deputy Governors : **Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra, M. Rajeshwar Rao, T. Rabi Sankar**





➤ Which of the following Bank to begin co-lending in agriculture loan?

- A) Axis Bank
- B) SBI
- C) Indian Bank
- D) UCO Bank
- E) Bank of Baroda

**Answer**  
**D) UCO Bank**



## Explanation

- **UCO Bank** signed a co-lending agreement with **NBFC Paisalo Digital Limited** for agriculture business to capitalize on the huge **Rs 8 lakh crore** market of small-ticket loans for the **365 million underbanked and under-serviced population**.
- **Co-lending** is an emerging area in priority sector financing and due focus is given by the Government of India to help agriculture and other small borrowers who are the backbone of the Indian economy.
- Co-lending arrangement is one of the **new avenues of lending**.
- The tie-up will give a boost to the **agriculture advance of the bank** and it is a win-win situation for the bank as well as the **NBFC with benefits** reaching to those at the bottom of the society.



## Titbits

### UCO Bank

- Founded : **06/01/1943**
- HQ : **Kolkata**
- MD & CEO : **Soma Sankara Prasad**
- Tagline : **Honours your Trust**



➤ Which of the following Small Finance Bank introduced new services for the affluent segment?

- A) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- B) Jana Small Finance Bank
- C) ESAF Small Finance Bank
- D) Capital Small Finance Bank
- E) AU Small Finance Bank

**Answer**

**E) AU Small Finance Bank**





## Explanation

- **AU Small Finance Bank** has launched two new products under its affluent banking programme, AU Royale – ‘**AU Royale Salary**’ and ‘**AU Royale Business**’ current account.
- It had launched the **Royale programme** designed to cater to the everyday banking requirements of the affluent segment.
- While the bank has been already offering customized premium products for **HNIs and NRIs**, now it has launched niche products, ‘AU Royale Salary’ and ‘AU Royale Business’, specially curated for the **salaried and business class** respectively.
- The AU Royale Salary Savings account offers family banking for up to five family members and cashback of up to **1% on signature debit card spends**, as per the bank.



## Explanation

- The bank also added that there will be benefits like complimentary movie tickets on **BookMyShow**, low currency mark-up on international transactions and **75% discount** on lockers and a dedicated relationship manager for banking support.
- The **AU Royale Business Current Account** offers family banking, which allows the grouping of business and family accounts.
- The account is said to offer a card called - **Rich Royale Business Signature Debit Card**.
- Other offers include merchant solutions (**QR, PoS, Payment gateway**); preferential pricing on banking products; choice of account number and domestic airport lounge access.



## Titbits

### AU Small Finance Bank

- Founded : **1996**
- HQ : **Jaipur,Rajasthan**
- Chairman : **Raj Vikash Verma**
- MD & CEO : **Sanjay Agarwal**
- Tagline : **Badlaav Humse Hai**



# BOOKS AND AUTHORS



➤ **THE VORTEX** book was published by whom?

- A) Random House India
- B) S.Chand Publishing
- C) Westland Publication
- D) Macmillan India Ltd
- E) HarperCollins



**Answer**  
**E) HarperCollins**



# BOOKS AND AUTHORS



## Explanation

- Book – **THE VORTEX: The True Story of History's Deadliest Storm and the Liberation of Bangladesh by History's Deadliest Storm.**
- Author – **Scott Carney and Jason Miklian**
- Publisher – **HarperCollins**



# APPOINTMENTS



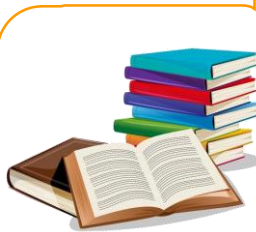
- **Tedros re-elected to lead the World Health Organization, he was first elected in which year?**

- A) 2013
- B) 2015
- C) 2016
- D) 2017
- E) 2019

**Answer**  
**D) 2017**



**World Health  
Organization**





# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- The Member States of the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, re-elected **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** to serve a second five-year term as **Director-General** of the world's leading public health agency.
- First elected in **2017**, his re-election by secret ballot, was confirmed during the **75th World Health Assembly in Geneva**.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### World Health Organization (WHO)

- Founded : **07/04/1948**
- HQ : **Geneva,Switzerland**
- DG : **Tedros Adhanom**



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Meenakshi Lekhi participated in \_\_\_ BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting?

- A) 7<sup>th</sup>
- B) 4<sup>th</sup>
- C) 3<sup>rd</sup>
- D) 8<sup>th</sup>
- E) 10<sup>th</sup>

**Answer**  
A) 7<sup>th</sup>



## Explanation

- **Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi**, Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs participated in the **7th BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting** on 24 May 2022 hosted by the People's Republic of China through video conference with participation from all **BRICS Member Nations**.
- Discussion was held on advancement and expansion of cultural activities amongst BRICS countries under the theme "**Establishing a Cultural Partnership Featuring Inclusiveness and Mutual Learning among BRICS**".



## Explanation

- The areas of focus of the discussion were promoting the **development and cooperation on cultural digitalization, strengthening cooperation** on cultural heritage protection, and advancing the building of cultural exchange platforms of BRICS countries.
- The Ministers adopted the **BRICS Action Plan 2022-2026** to further strengthen the cultural cooperation and implement the **BRICS Cultural Cooperation Agreement signed in 2015.**



## Titbits

### BRICS

- **Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa**
- **Founded : June 2006**
- **HQ : Shanghai**





# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Govt wheat procurement down by how many percent to 182 lakh tn in 2022-23?

- A) 39%
- B) 79%
- C) 53%
- D) 46%
- E) 67%

**Answer**  
**C) 53%**



## Explanation

- The government's wheat procurement fell by **53 per cent** to **182 lakh tonnes** so far in the current 2022-23 marketing year compared to the year-ago period on aggressive buying by private players for export purposes, according to official sources.
- The rabi marketing year runs from **April to March** but the bulk of procurement ends by June.
- An all-time high of **433.44 lakh tonnes of wheat** was procured in the previous marketing year.
- **State-owned Food Corporation of India (FCI)** and state agencies undertake procurement at the minimum support price to meet the requirement under the **public distribution system (PDS)** and other welfare schemes.



## Explanation

- The wheat procurement target has been revised downward to **195 lakh tonnes** for the current year from the earlier **444 lakh tonnes** due to a fall in wheat output and increased exports.
- According to official sources, wheat procurement by government agencies remained lower in all key growing states of **Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh**.
- The government's wheat procurement declined to **96 lakh tonnes** so far in the 2022-23 marketing year, when compared with **132 lakh tonnes** in the year-ago period.



## Titbits

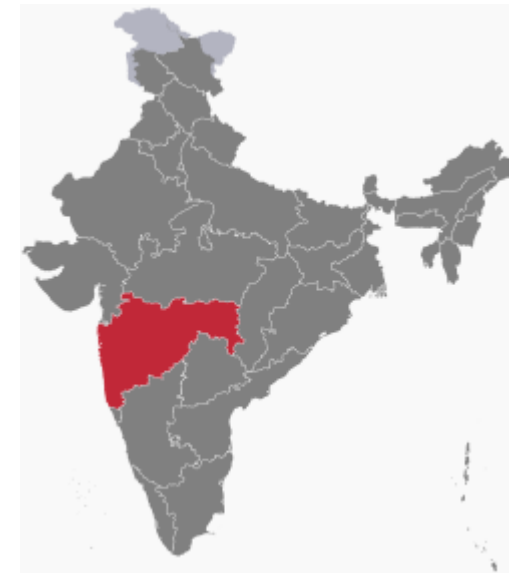
### Food Corporation of India (FCI)

- Founded : **14/01/1965**
- HQ : **New Delhi**
- Chairman & MD : **Atish Chandra**
- Under : **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**



➤ Lighthouse learning partnered with which of the following state govt for Project Adarsh Anganwadi?

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



**Answer**  
**E) Maharashtra**



## Explanation

- **Lighthouse Learning Group** (formerly known as **EuroKids International**) has signed an agreement with the Maharashtra government's **Women and Child Development (WCD) Department** to implement the Project **Adarsh Anganwadi**.
- Under the MoU, Lighthouse Learning will transform some existing Anganwadis, **expand infrastructure**, bring in high-quality content and curriculum, teaching aids and conduct training sessions to enhance the skills of the staff.
- This project would commence from **Mumbai** and would be taken to other major parts of Maharashtra.
- Lighthouse Learning will also help to ensure that each **Anganwadi** has hygienic and safe surroundings for children.





## Titbits

### Maharashtra

- Capital: **Mumbai , Nagpur** (Winter)
- CM: **Uddhav Thackeray**
- Governor: **Bhagat Singh Koshyari**
- Language : **Marathi**
- National Park : **Tadoba National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary : **Thane Creek Flamingo WLS**
- Ramsar Site : **Nandur Madhameshwar**
- Tiger Reserve : **Nawegaon- Nazgira**
- Power Station : **Koyna Hydro Electric Power Plant, Tarapur Nuclear power plant, Nashik Thermal power Station**
- Dams : **Warna Dam in Warna River**
- RRB : **Maharashtra Gramin Bank (Bank of Maharashtra), Vidharbha Konkan Gramin Bank (Bank of India)**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ NICSI signed MoU with \_\_\_ School of Management for R&D and Consultancy in e-Governance?

- A) Delhi
- B) Mumbai
- C) Kolkata
- D) Chennai
- E) Bangalore



**Answer**  
**A) Delhi**



## Explanation

- **National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated (NICSI)**, a Government of India Enterprise under National Informatics Centre, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), and Delhi School of Management (DSM), Delhi Technological University (DTU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 24th May 2022 in the presence of Dr. Rajendra Kumar, Additional Secretary MeitY and Chairman NICSI, Shri Prashant Kumar Mittal, MD NICSI, Dr. Archana Singh.
- HoD, DSM DTU and Prof P. K. Suri DSM DTU for Research & Development (R&D) and Consultancy in area **of e-Governance by synergizing resources / capabilities** with each other.



## Explanation

- MeitY is working with other Ministries to extend use of technology to facilitate them with understanding of specific domains like **agriculture, education, healthcare** etc. with problem solving approach in team effort by utilizing knowledge of academicians.
- This MoU may be helpful to **MeitY & DTU ecosystem** in coming years by exploration of technology and involvement of students in collaborative ways in maturing new areas like **IoT, Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain** etc.
- The expertise of DSM in area of management will also facilitate NICSI for development of **business strategies and planning**.



## Titbits

### National Informatics Centre (NIC)

- Founded : **1976**
- HQ : **New Delhi**
- DG : **Dr. Neeta Verma**
- Under : **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which of the following country joined First Movers Coalition to decarbonise carbon-heavy sectors?

- A) Ukraine
- B) Myanmar
- C) Srilanka
- D) India
- E) Pakistan



**Answer**  
**D) India**





## Explanation

- India has joined the **First Movers Coalition**, a global initiative aimed at decarbonising the heavy industry and long-distance transport sectors responsible for 30 per cent of global emissions, **US Special Presidential Envoy** for Climate John Kerry.
- Launched by US President Joe Biden and the WEF at **COP26** as a flagship public-private partnership to clean up the most carbon-intensive sectors, also saw 50 new corporate members with collective market cap of **USD 8.5 trillion** joining the force.



## Explanation

- Besides **India, Denmark, Italy, Japan, Norway, Singapore, Sweden and the United Kingdom** have also joined the US as government partners to create early markets for clean technologies through policy measures and private sector engagements.
- India, along with Japan and Sweden, has also joined the **steering board of the coalition.**



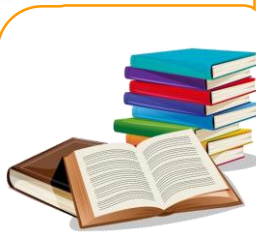
# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ PM will inaugurate how many houses constructed under 'Light House Project -- Chennai'?

- A) 1,125
- B) 1,152
- C) 1,521
- D) 1,512
- E) 1,251

**Answer**  
**B) 1,152**



## Explanation

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate **1,152 houses** constructed as part of the '**Light House Project -- Chennai**' built at a cost of **Rs 116 crore** under the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban**.
- This project makes use of the precast concrete construction system as used in the **US and Finland**.
- It uses the best of new-age global technologies, materials and processes in the construction sector for the **first time in the country** at such a large scale.
- Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of **Light House Projects at six sites** across the country on January 1, 2021.



## Explanation

- Prime Minister Modi will participate in an event on May 26 to celebrate 20 years of the **Indian School of Business (ISB) in Hyderabad** and will also dedicate to the nation and the foundation stone of **11 projects** worth over **Rs 31,400 crore** in Chennai.



## Titbits

### Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana(PMAY)

- Launched : **25/06/2015**
- Under : **Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation**



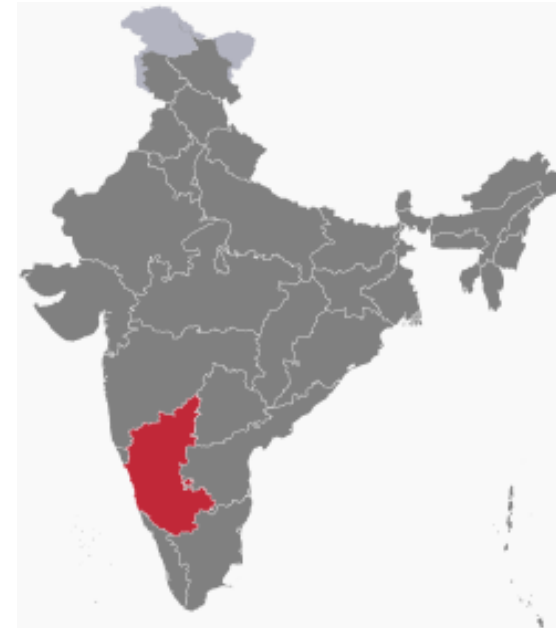
# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ ReNew Power signed MoU to invest how many crores in 7 years in Karnataka?

- A) 40,000
- B) 10,000
- C) 50,000
- D) 60,000
- E) 80,000

**Answer**  
**C) 50,000**





## Explanation

- **Karnataka government** has entered into an agreement with renewable energy firm **ReNew Power**, wherein the company will be expanding and establishing **solar, wind, green hydrogen and renewable energy plants** in Karnataka.
- The company will be investing **₹50,000 crore** in **seven years**, creating around **30,000 jobs**.
- The agreement was signed on the sidelines of the **World Economic Forum (WEF)** meeting in Swiss ski resort town.
- In the first phase, Renew Power will be investing **₹11,900 crore** on the ongoing projects in the state and they would be operationalised in the next **2 years**, and in the second phase the company plans to invest **₹37,500 crore** to set up **Renewable Energy and Green Hydrogen units** over the next **5 years**.



## Titbits

### Karnataka

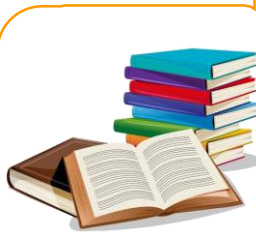
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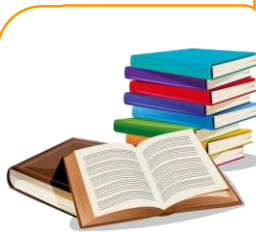
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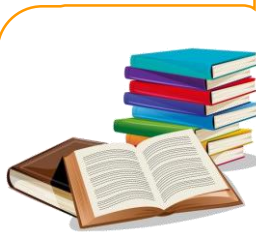
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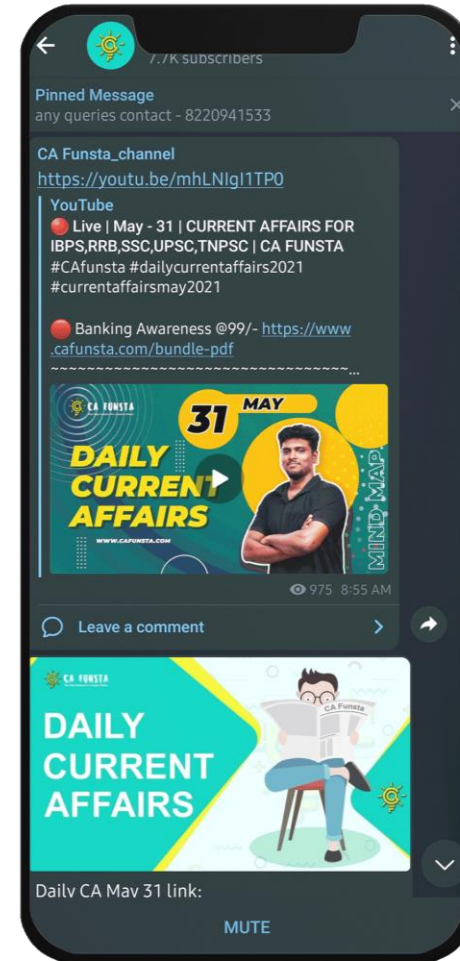
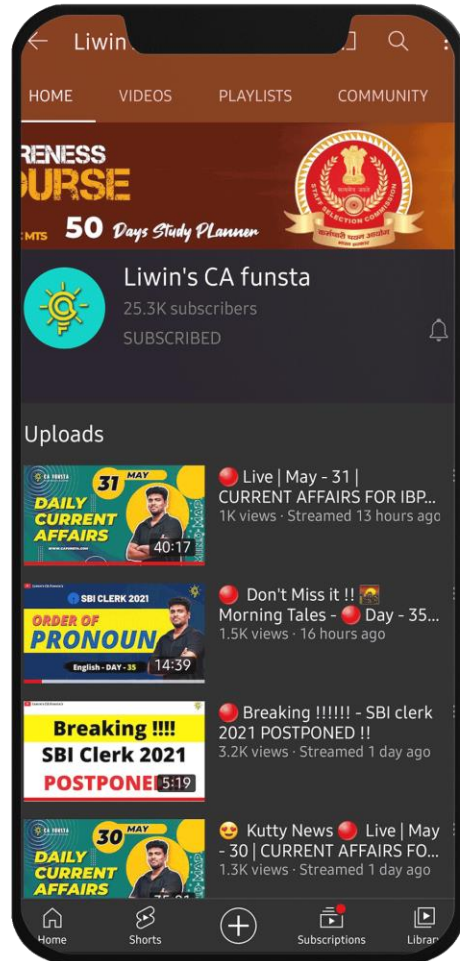
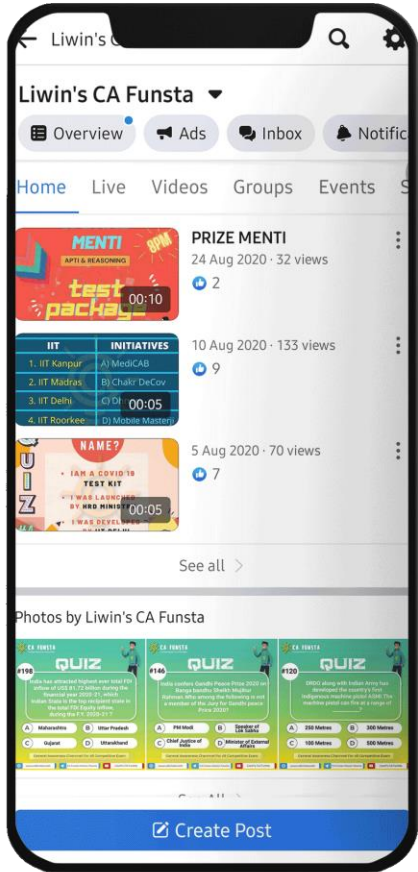
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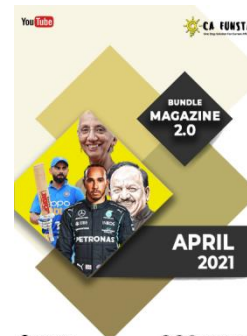
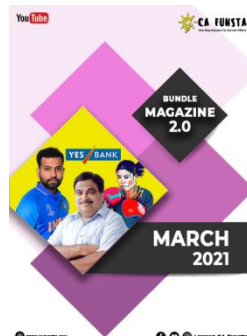
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