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SPORTS



➤ Para-canoeist Prachi Yadav bagged bronze in Paracanoe World Cup held in which of the following country?

- A) Russia
- B) Poland
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Srilanka
- E) Pakistan

Answer
B) Poland



Explanation

- Para-canoeist **Prachi Yadav** created history by becoming the first Indian to clinch a **bronze medal** in the women's VL2 200m event at the **Paracanoe World Cup at Poznan, Poland**.
- Prachi bagged the bronze with a timing of 1:04.71 seconds behind **silver medallist Brianna Hennessy of Canada** (1:01.58s) and **gold medallist Susan Seipel of Australia** (1:01.54s).



SPORTS



Titbits

Poland

- Capital : **Warsaw**
- Currency : **Polish Zloty (PLN)**
- President : **Andrzej Duda**
- Prime Minister : **Mateusz Morawiecki**
- Language : **Polish**



RANKING



➤ Who among the following topped the list of the most highly compensated CEOs on the Fortune 500 in 2021?

- A) Tim Cook
- B) Reed Hastings
- C) Elon Musk
- D) Jackma
- E) Satya Nadella



Answer
C) Elon Musk



RANKING



Explanation

- The list of the most highly compensated CEOs on the Fortune 500 in 2021.
- 1 – Tesla and spaceX (**Elon Musk**)
- 2 – Apple (**Tim Cook**)
- 3 – Netflix (**Reed Hastings**)
- 4 – Microsoft (**Satya Nadella**).

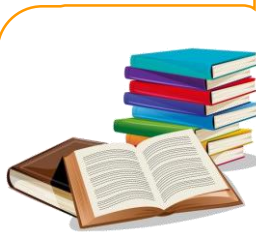


➤ Which of the following bank topped PSU lenders chart in loan growth in FY22?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Indian Bank
- C) Union Bank of India
- D) Bank of India
- E) Bank of Maharashtra

Answer

E) Bank of Maharashtra



Explanation

- State-owned **Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)** has emerged as the top performer among public sector lenders in **terms of loan and deposit growth** in percentage terms from 2021-to 22.
- The Pune-headquartered lender recorded a **26 percent** increase in gross advances at **Rs 135240 crore** at the end of March 2022, according to the BoM data.
- It was followed by the **State Bank of India and Union Bank of India** with **10.27 percent** and **9.66 percent** growth, respectively.
- However, in absolute terms, aggregate loans of SBI were nearly **18 times higher at Rs 24,06,761 crore** while Union Bank of India's **five times higher at Rs 6,99,269 crore** compared to that of Boms at the end of the fourth quarter.



Explanation

- Regarding deposit growth, BoM witnessed a **16.26 percent growth** and mobilized Rs 202294 crore at the end of March 2022.
- Union Bank of India was second with an **11.99 percent** growth in deposits (**Rs 1032102 crore**) while Indian Bank recorded a **10 percent increase at Rs 5,84,661 crore**, according to the published data.
- Total business growth of BoM was also the highest at **20 percent at Rs 337534 crore** followed by Union Bank of India at **11.04 percent at Rs 17,31,371 crore** at the end of FY'22.



Explanation

- In terms of the **RAM (retail, agriculture, and MSME)** segment, BoM registered the highest growth rate of 18.65 percent at Rs 80,669 crore.
- The bank's gross NPAs nearly halved to **3.94 percent** from 7.23 percent in March 2021, while net NPAs more than halved to **0.97 percent** from 2.48 percent in March 2021.
- For the full year to March, the lender saw its net profit rising two-fold to **Rs 1,152 crore** as against Rs 550 crore in FY21.
- BoM is eyeing a **25-30 percent growth** in its net profit in the current financial year, aided by healthy growth in net interest income (NII) and a fall in provisions for bad assets.
- NII grew by 23.42 percent on a year-on-year basis to **Rs 6,044 crore** in FY2022, as against Rs 4,897 crore in FY2021.



Titbits

Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)

- Founded : **16/09/1935**
- HQ : **Pune**
- MD & CEO : **AS Rajeev**
- Tagline : **One Family One Bank**



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ India and which of the following country train services resume after two years?

- A) Russia
- B) Poland
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Srilanka
- E) Pakistan

Answer
C) Bangladesh



Explanation

- Passenger train services between **India and Bangladesh** resumed after an over two-year gap owing to the pandemic with the flagging off of **Bandhan Express from Kolkata station** on way to Khulna in the neighbouring country.
- While the **Bandhan Express** between **Kolkata and Khulna** runs two days a week, **Maitree Express** connecting **Kolkata** with the Bangladesh capital is a five-day service.
- The trains have a capacity of around 450 passengers and have **air-conditioned chair car and executive class categories**.



Explanation

- India-Bangladesh train connectivity through West Bengal will receive another boost from June 1 with the inauguration of **Mitali Express** between **New Jalpaiguri and Dhaka**.
- The new service will also boost tourism in northern West Bengal as many travellers from Bangladesh show a keen interest in exploring the **Darjeeling Hills** and the forests and tea gardens of **Dooars** in the foothills.



Titbits

Bangladesh

- Capital : **Dhaka**
- Currency : **Bangladeshi Taka (BDT)**
- President : **Abdul Hamid**
- Prime Minister : **Sheik Hasina**
- Language : **Bengali**



➤ India aid distribution began in which of the following country?

- A) Russia
- B) Poland
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Sri Lanka
- E) Pakistan

Answer
D) Sri Lanka



Explanation

- The distribution of aid, including **rice and milk powder**, received under the Indian Line of Credit to low-income families in Sri Lanka has commenced, the Food Commissioner's Department.
- Food Commissioner JP Krishnamurthy said that distribution of the aid to low-income families in all 25 districts, including **Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Mullaitivu, Ampara, and others**, has already commenced.
- Krishnamurthy said that the Sri Lankan government will provide parcels containing **10 kg of rice** each to low-income families selected at the Divisional Secretariat level.
- Krishnamurthy said Sri Lanka "received this essential food and medicine stock worth around **Rs 2 billion** with the intervention of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.



Titbits

Sri Lanka

- Capital : **Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte** (Legislative), **Colombo** (Executive and Judicial)
- Currency : **Sri Lankan Rupee (LKR)**
- President : **Gotabaya Rajapaksa**
- Prime Minister : **Ranil Wickremesinghe**
- Language : **Sinhala,Tamil**



➤ Which of the following country test-fires its latest hypersonic Zircon missile?

- A) Russia
- B) Poland
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Srilanka
- E) Pakistan



Answer
A) Russia



Explanation

- The **Russian navy** conducted another test of a prospective hypersonic missile, a demonstration of the military's long-range strike capability amid the fighting in Ukraine.
- The Defense Ministry said the Admiral Gorshkov frigate of the Northern Fleet in the White Sea launched the Zircon cruise missile in the Barents Sea, successfully hitting a practice target in the **White Sea** about **1,000 km (540 nautical miles)** away.
- The launch was the latest in a series of tests of **Zircon**, which is set to enter service later this year.
- Zircon is capable of flying at **nine times** the speed of sound and has a range of 1,000 km (620 miles).



Titbits

Russia

- Capital : **Moscow**
- Currency : **Russian Ruble (RUB)**
- President : **Vladimir Putin**
- Prime Minister : **Mikhail Mishustin**
- Language : **Russain**



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which of the following country surpassed China as India's biggest trading partner in FY22 at \$119.42 bn?

- A) Russia
- B) Poland
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Srilanka
- E) United States



Answer
E) United States



Explanation

- The **US surpassed China** to become India's top trading partner in 2021-22, reflecting strengthening economic ties between the two countries.
- According to the data of the commerce ministry, in 2021-22, the bilateral trade between the US and India stood at **USD 119.42 billion** as against USD 80.51 billion in 2020-21.
- Exports to the US increased to **USD 76.11 billion** in 2021-22 from USD 51.62 billion in previous fiscal year, while imports rose to **USD 43.31 billion** as compared to about USD 29 billion in 2020-21.
- During 2021-22, India's two-way commerce with China aggregated at **USD 115.42 billion** as compared to USD 86.4 billion in 2020-21.



Titbits

United States of America

- Capital : **Washington DC**
- Currency : **US Dollar (USD)**
- President : **Joe Biden**
- Language : **English**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

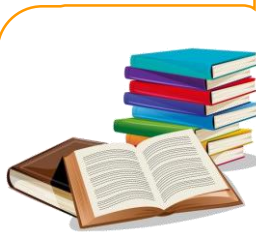


➤ Centre implementing infra projects worth how many crore in NE?

- A) Rs 132400
- B) Rs 123400
- C) Rs 124300
- D) Rs 134200
- E) Rs 142300

Answer

D) Rs 134200



Explanation

- Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** said the Centre is implementing various rail, road, and air connectivity projects worth **Rs 1,34,200 crore** in the northeast.
- We are carrying out 20 railway projects worth **Rs 74,000 crore for 2,011 km**, which are spread across the northeast.
- The Centre is also developing **4,000 km of roads** in the region at a total cost of **Rs 58,000 crore**.
- There are **15 ongoing air connectivity projects** in the northeast, costing around **Rs 2,200 crore**.
- She, however, **did not mention** the completion period of these projects.



Titbits

Ministry of Finance

- Union Minister : **Nirmala Sitharaman** (Rajya Sabha MP, Andhra Pradesh)
- Minister of State : **Bhagwat Karad** (Rajya Sabha MP, Maharashtra), **Pankaj Choudhary** (Maharajganj, UP)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Anurag Thakur inaugurated Takshashila Sports Complex in which of the following state?

- A) Punjab
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Haryana
- D) Rajasthan
- E) Gujarat

Answer
B) Maharashtra



Explanation

- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports **Anurag Thakur** inaugurated the **Takshashila Sports Complex built by the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) at Viman Nagar.**
- Underlining the importance of creating sports infrastructure at the grassroot level, Thakur appealed to the corporates in Pune to come forward and fund sports facilities through their **CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) funds.**



Titbits

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

- Union Minister : **Anurag Thakur** (Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh)
- Minister of State : **Nisith pramanik** (Cooch Behar, West Bengal)



➤ For 1st time, India Post delivers mail using drone in which of the following state?

- A) Punjab
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Haryana
- D) Rajasthan
- E) Gujarat



Answer
E) Gujarat



Explanation

- The **Department of Posts** has for the first time delivered mail using a drone as part of a pilot project in **Gujarat's Kutch district**, covering a distance of **46 km in 25 minutes**.
- The mail was sent by the drone from **Habay village in Bhuj taluka to Ner village in Bhachau taluka of Kutch district** by the postal department under the guidance of the Union Ministry of Communications, a release issued by the **Press Information Bureau (PIB) in Ahmedabad**.
- The pilot project specifically studied the cost of delivery by drones and the geographical location between the two centers, as well as possible coordination among staff during the delivery process, including possible roadblocks.
- If the experiment is commercially successful, the postal parcel delivery services **will be faster**.



Titbits

Gujarat

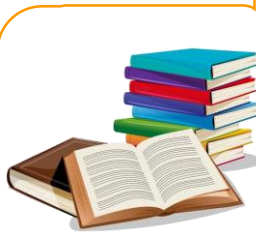
- Capital: **Gandhinagar**
- CM: **Bhupendrabhai Patel**
- Governor: **Acharya Dev Vrat**
- Language : **Gujarati**
- National Park : **Bluckbuck (Velavadar) National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary : **Narayan Sarovar (chinkara)WLS**
- Ramsar Site : **Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Tiger Reserve : -
- Power Station : **Sabarmathi Thermal Power Station, Mithi Viridi Nuclear Power plant, Sardar Sarovar Hydro Electric Power Plant**
- Dams : **Karjan dam in Karjan river**
- RRB : **Baroda Gujarat Gramin Bank (Bank of Baroda), Saurashtra Gramin Bank (State Bank of India)**



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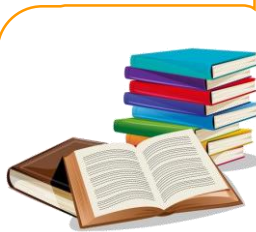
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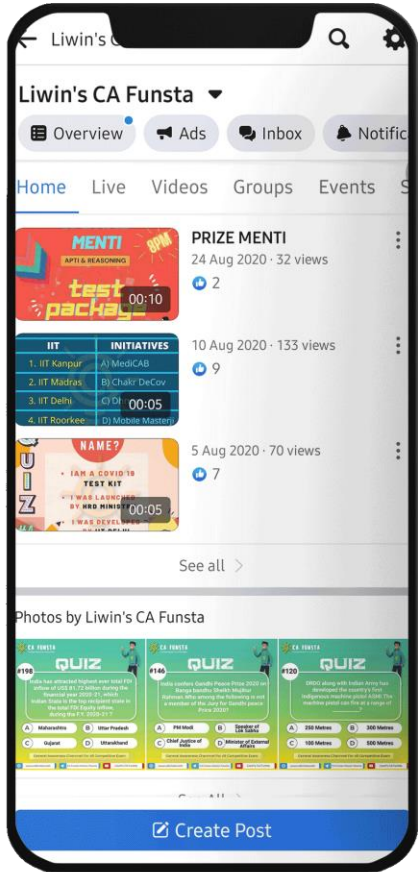
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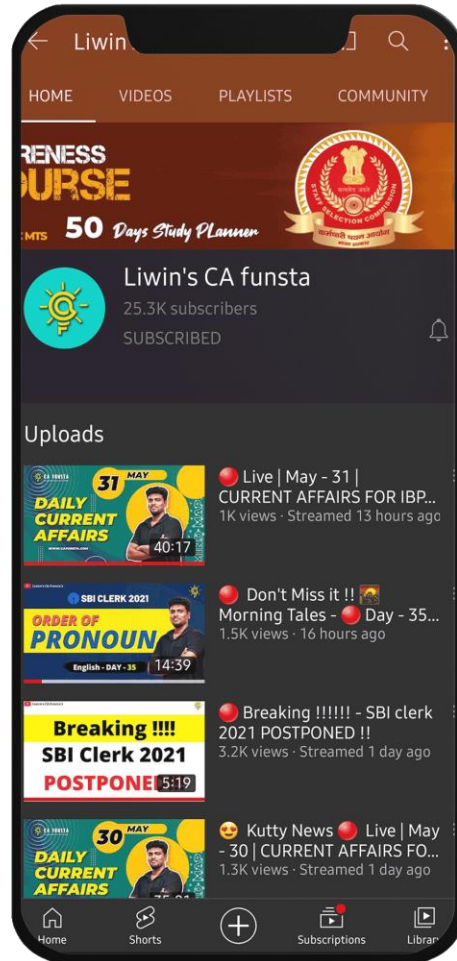
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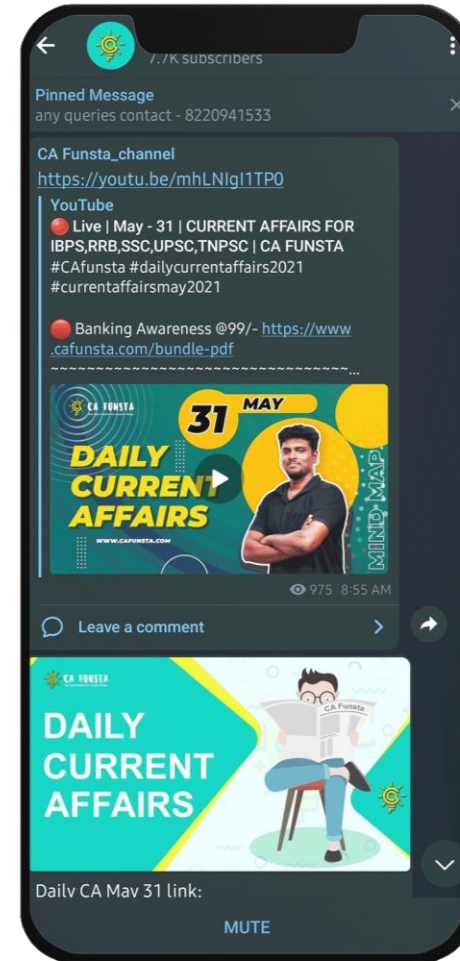
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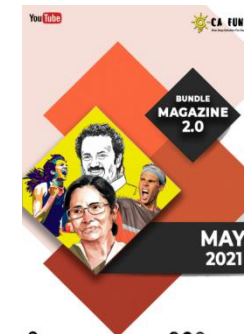
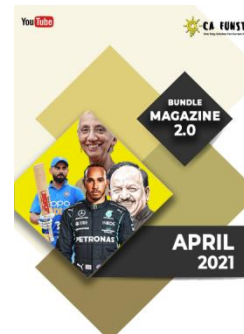
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