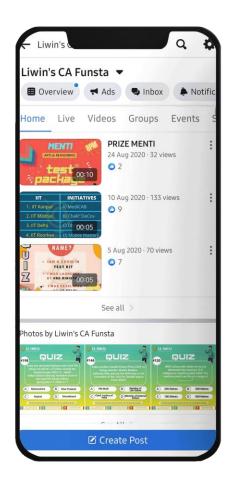
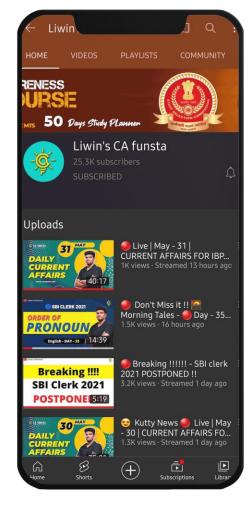
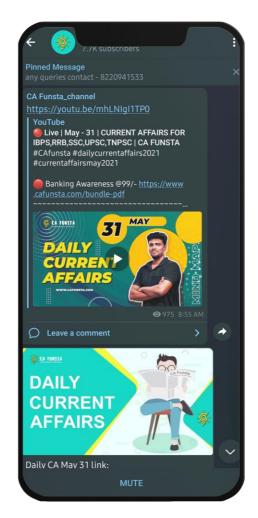


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Important Days



➤ World Blood Donation Day has been celebrated in which date?

- A) June 14
- B) June 12
- C) June 13
- D) June 10
- E) June 15

Answer

A) June 14











Important Days



Explanation

- World Blood Donation Day is celebrated every year on June 14.
- The first World Blood Donation Day was observed by WHO in 2004.
- The day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Austrian biologist and physician, Karl Landsteiner.
- In the 58th World Health Assembly, 2005 it was declared as an annual global event to raise awareness of the importance of blood donation.

Theme

"Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join the effort and save lives".





SPORTS



➤ Which state become as the champion at the Khelo India Youth Games 2021?



- A) Delhi
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Haryana
- D) Jammu Kashmir
- E) Odisha



Answer

C) Haryana





SPORTS



- The **4th edition Khelo India Youth Games 2021** concluded, with **Haryana** grabbed the **top** position in the medal tally with **52 gold, 39 silver and 46 bronze** medals.
- Maharashtra got second position by winning 125 medals including 45 gold, 40 silver and 40 bronze medals.
 Karnataka remained at third place with 22 gold,17 silver and 28 bronze medals
- In the closing ceremony organised at Indradanush Auditorium in Panchkula, Chief Guest Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya said that he is sure the Khelo India Youth games will produce international level players. He said that the players from different states did hard work and won the medals.







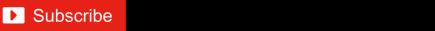
SPORTS



- Addressing the sportspersons on this occasion Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur congratulated the Chief Minister Manohar Lal and Haryana Sports Minister Sandeep Singh for organizing the fourth edition of Khelo India youth Games 2021 and providing all the facilities to the participating sportspersons.
- The **fourth edition** of the Khelo India Youth Games saw athletes from over **36 states** and Union Territories compete in 25 different sports.
- Mascot: 'Dhakad'.







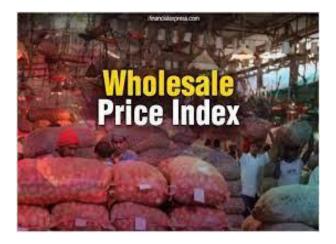


> India's WPI inflation surged to what percentage in May?

- A) 13.12%
- B) 15.08%
- C) 13.98%
- D) 15.88%
- E) 10.74%

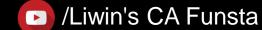
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D) 15.88%



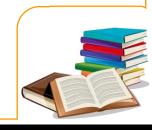


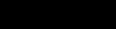






- Wholesale price-based inflation surged to a record high of 15.88
 per cent in May as crude prices rose and heatwave brought about
 a spike in prices of vegetables and fruits, strengthening the
 possibility of a further interest rate hike by the Reserve Bank.
- The Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation maintained its increasing trajectory for the third month in a row, and remained in double digits for the 14th consecutive month since April last year.
- The high rate of inflation in May 2022 is primarily due to rise in prices of mineral oils, crude petroleum and natural gas, food articles, basic metals, non-food articles, chemicals and chemical products and food products etc. as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.
- The Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation was 15.08 per cent in April and 13.11 per cent in May last year.







> As per CEA report, India would become USD 5-trillion economy by which year?

- A) 2025-27
- B) 2026-27
- C) 2020-27
- D) 2022-27
- E) 2023-27



Answer

B) 2026-27







- Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) V Anantha Nageswaran said India would become a USD 5 trillion economy by 2026-27 and USD 10 trillion by 2033-34.
- Addressing an event organised by **UNDP India**, Nageswaran said India is relatively better placed than other emerging economies. "On the face of it, looks optimistic, even ambitious, but if we get to **USD 5 trillion** by **2026-27**.
- We are now **USD 3.3 trillion**, it is not such a difficult target to reach. Then if you simply assume **10 per cent** nominal GDP growth in dollar terms, then you get to USD 10 trillion by 2033-34 and another doubling with the same rate.
- In 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi envisioned to make India a USD 5 trillion economy and global powerhouse by 2024-25.









- The CEA said there is a need for climate tagging of the budget. India's economy grew **8.7 per cent** in the last fiscal (**2021-22**) against a **6.6 per cent** contraction in the previous year.
- In its **third monetary policy** of 2022-23, **the Reserve Bank** retained its **GDP** growth forecast at **7.2 per cent** for the current fiscal but cautioned against negative spillovers of geopolitical tensions and a slowdown in the global economy.







➤ Microsoft's Internet Explorer to retire after how many years of service?

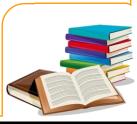


- A) 26 years
- B) 27 years
- C) 25 years
- D) 24 years
- E) 30 years

Answer

B) 27 years



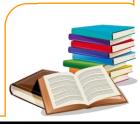






- Tech company Microsoft is pulling the plug on its oldest Internet Explorer after 27 years of service. Released in 1995, the search browser came as an add-on for Windows 95.
- The versions that came after this were available for free or as in-service packs.
- Known as the OG search browser, the Internet Explorer saw its major jump in 2003 before falling and becoming the least favourite after new browsers entered the market.
- However, since 2016, the company hasn't released any new major upgrades or fresh versions of Internet Explorer.



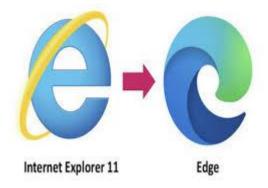






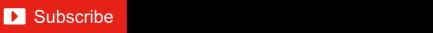
Explanation

- Internet Explorer 11, released in 2013, happens to be the last and final version released by Microsoft.
- The tech company announced the Internet Explorer's retirement by saying that the future of the search engine on Windows 10 is in Microsoft Edge.
- Microsoft Edge comes with in-built Internet Explorer mode, so users can access those legacy IE-based websites and applications.





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Titbits

Microsoft

- Founded: 04/04/1975
- **HQ: Redmond, Washington, United States**
- Head: Satya Narayana Nadella
- Latest windows: Windows 11, version 21H2







Which organization provided \$150 million to Afghanistan for lifeline to stem rural hunger?

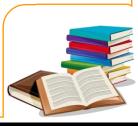


- A) Asian Development Bank
- B) European Union
- C) World Bank
- D) IMF
- E) World Economic Forum

Answer

C) World Bank









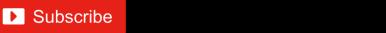
Explanation

- \$150 million dollar lifeline for rural families in Afghanistan was announced by the World Bank, part of an overall package of \$195 million, for critical livelihood and life-saving assistance, the UN agriculture agency **FAO**.
- Some 19.7 million people—almost half of Afghanistan's population—are facing acute hunger, meaning that they are unable to feed themselves on a daily basis, according to the latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis released last month by the UN and aid partners, including **FAO** and the World Food Programme (**WFP**).





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Titbits

Afghanistan

- Capital: Kabul ·
- Currency: Afghani
- Prime Minister: Mikhail Mishustin
- President: Mohammad Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai
- Language : **Afghanistan**

World Bank

- Founded: July, 1944
- **HQ: Washington D.C., U.S**
- Head: David Malpass
- Members: 189









Which country has been celebrated the Mango festival?



- A) Bahrain
- B) Bangladesh
- C) China
- D) Russia
- E) Nepal

Answer

A) Bahrain









- The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) had organized an eight-day long mango festival in Bahrain to boost the **export** of Mangoes.
- Commerce and Industry Ministry said, **34 varieties** of mangoes from eastern states of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar **Pradesh and Odisha**, are being displayed at **eight different** locations of Bahrain's Al Jazira group supermarket.
- All the varieties of mangoes have been directly procured from farmers and two Farmer Producer Organizations.
- The mango show will continue till the **20th** of this month.
- The mango show in Bahrain is part of APEDA's new initiatives to explore international markets for Indian mangoes under the **Mango** Festival 2022.







Titbits

Bahrain

- Capital: Manama·
- Currency: Bahraini Dinar
- President: Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa
- Language : Arabic









12th WTO Ministerial Conference to be held in which place?

- A) Bahrain
- B) Bangladesh
- C) China
- D) Russia
- E) Geneva

Answer

E) Geneva

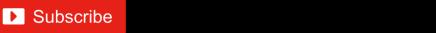






- The **12th** World Trade Organisation, **WTO** Ministerial Conference will begin in Geneva, Switzerland after a gap of almost five years.
- Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will lead the Indian delegation in the Conference.
- The key areas of discussions and negotiations in this year's conference include WTO's response to the **pandemic**, **Fisheries** subsidies negotiations and Agriculture issues including Public Stockholding for Food security.
- India has a vital stake in protecting the interests of all stakeholders in the country and interests of the developing and poor nations that look up to the leadership of India at multilateral forums including WTO.







Titbits

World Trade Organization

Founded: 01/01/1995

HQ: Geneva, Switzerland

Head: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Members: 164







PM inaugurates 'Kranti Gatha' a newly created Gallery of Indian Revolutionaries inside an underground British-era bunker at which place?

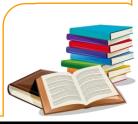


- A) Chandrapur, Maharashtra
- B) Nagpur, Maharashtra
- C) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- D) Pune, Maharashtra
- E) Nashik, Maharashtra

Answer

C) Mumbai, Maharashtra











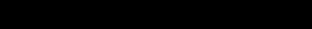
Explanation

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that Mumbai's Raj **Bhavan** has been a witness to the democratic incidence in **past decades**.
- It has also been a **testimony** to the resolutions which were taken as oaths for the well-being of the country
- The Prime Minister inaugurated the 'Kranti Gatha' a newly created **Gallery** of **Indian Revolutionaries** inside the underground British-era bunker at Raj Bhavan Mumbai and Jal Bhushan, the new residence and office of the Governor of **Maharashtra**.
- This place also saw the downfall of colonial rule and the hoisting of the tricolor with pride.
- The **revolutionaries** who have got a place in the gallery of revolutionaries will further strengthen the patriotic values.

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- Maharashtra had inspired the country in various fields. Talking about social reform; from **Sant Tukaram** to Babasaheb Ambedkar there is a prosperous heritage of social reformers.
- Maharashtra had given innumerable freedom fighters that the ashes could have been immersed on the second day when the country got independence way back in 1947.
- However, it took **73 long years**, adding that he was fortunate enough to bring his ashes back in 2003 from London and immersed at his birthplace in Gujarat.







Titbits

Maharastra

- Capital: Mumbai
- CM: Uddhav Thackeray
- Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- Language: Marathi
- National Park : Sanjay Gandhi National Park
- Wildlife Sanctuary : Amba Barwa WLS
- Ramsar Site: Nandur Madhmeshwar Bird Sanctuary
- Tiger Reserve : Malghat
- Power Station : Chandrapur Super Thermal Power
 Station
- Dams : Mahur
- RRB: Maharastra Gramin Bank (BOM)
- UNESCO Site : Ellora Caves







Union Cabinet approved the development of new Dholera greenfield airport in which place?



- A) Delhi
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Gujarat
- D) Jammu Kashmir
- E) Odisha

Answer

C) Gujarat

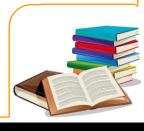








- Union Cabinet approved the development of a **new Dholera greenfield airport** in **Gujarat**.
- The Airport is planned for operationalization from **2025**-**26**.
- **Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur** said, this airport will be connected through multi-model connectivity like railways and highways.
- Over one thousand 305 crore rupees will be spent on the first phase and it will be completed within 48 months.
- The initial passenger traffic is estimated at three lakh passengers per annum.
- The passenger traffic is expected to grow up to 23 lakh in 20 years.







Titbits

<u>Gujarat</u>

- Capital: Gandhinagar
- **CM: Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel**
- Governor: Acharya Devvrat
- Language : Gujarati
- National Park: Vansda National Park
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Gir WLS**
- Ramsar Site: Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary
- Tiger Reserve: -
- Power Station : Gandhinagar Thermal Power Station
- Dams : Aji
- RRB: Baroda Gujarat Gramin Bank (Bank of Baroda) Saurasjtra Gramin Bank (SBI)
- **UNESCO Sites: Rani ki Vav**







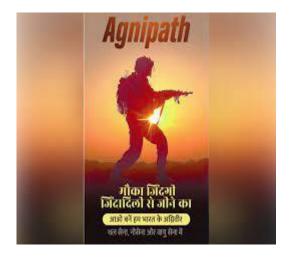
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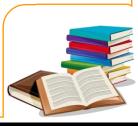


- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Ram Nath Kovind
- D) R.K. Singh
- E) Amit Shah

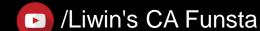
Answer

A) Rajnath Singh











- The Centre cleared the **AGNIPATH Scheme** for recruitment of youth in the Armed Forces.
- Three Serivce Chiefs, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said, the youth selected under this scheme will be known as Agniveers.
- The **Agniveers** will be getting attractive **monthly package** with **Risk and Hardship** allowances as applicable in the three services.
- Agniveers will be also paid one-time Seva Nidhi package upon completion of engagement period of four years.
- The AGNIPATH Scheme cleared by Cabinet Committee on Security allows patriotic and motivated youth to serve in the **Armed Forces** for a period of four years.
- Over **forty six thousand** Agniveers to be recruited this year.
- This is a major **defence policy** reform introduced by the Government to usher in a new era in the **Human Resource policy** of the three services.

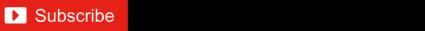






- Agniveers will get a salary of 30,000 rupees to 40,000 rupees per month and allowance as applicable.
- The **Seva Nidhi** will be **exempt** from **Income Tax**.
- There shall be no entitlement to gratuity and pensionary benefits.
- Agniveers will be provided non-contributory **Life Insurance Cover** of 48 lakh rupees for the duration of their engagement period in the **Indian Armed Forces**.
- Enrolment will be based on All India All Class basis and the eligible age will be in range from **17.5 to 21 years**.
- For entry into General Duty soldier, the educational qualification is **Class 10**. The service period, they will get **over 11 lakh rupees** tax-free service fund package which will empower them financially.
- This will also build capabilities and **skills in youth** as well as **strengthen** the **defense system** of the country.







Titbits

Ministry of Defence

- Union Ministry: Raj Nath Singh (Lucknow, UP)
- Ministry of State: Ajay Bhatt (Uttarakhand)

Highlights

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had directed to recruit ten lakh people in government jobs in a mission mode in the next 18 months.







Prime Minister Narendra Modi had inaugurated "Jagatguru Sreesant Tukaram Maharaj Shila Mandir" at which place?

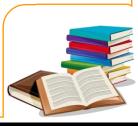


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- E) Nashik, Maharashtra

Answer

D) Pune, Maharashtra

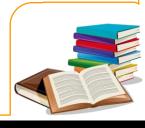








- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Sant Tukaram became not only a ray of hope for the present society but for the future also.
- The Prime Minister said this while addressing devotees after inaugurating the Shila Mandir of Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj at Dehu village near Pune.
- **Veer Savarkar sang abhangs** (devotional poetry in praise of Lord Vitthal) of Sant Tukaram while in jail during India's freedom struggle.
- Sant Tukaram was a **Warkari saint** and **poet**, famously known for Abhanga devotional poetry and communityoriented worship through spiritual songs known as Kirtans. He lived in **Dehu**. A Shila Mandir was built after his demise, but it was not formally structured as a Temple.







- It has been **rebuilt** in stone masonry with **36 peaks**, and also carries an idol of Sant Tukaram.
- Earlier, the Prime Minister visited the statues of Vitthal-Rukmini in the main temple of Dehu.
- He also worshiped the **symbolic pillar** of **Bhagwat** Dharma built in front of the Shila Mandir.







➤ Which state government recently launched online driving license facility?



- A) Delhi
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Punjab
- D) Jammu Kashmir
- E) Odisha

Answer

C) Punjab

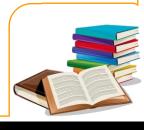


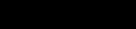






- Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann launched the online driving license facility to facilitate people in the state to get their learner's driving license in a smooth and hassle-free manner.
- This is a revolutionary decision which will save the time, money, and energy of the people desirous of getting learner's driving license in the comfort of their homes round the clock, while launching the portal.
- According to an official statement, the Chief Minister said that the Punjab government has taken this "path-breaking" initiative to facilitate masses and check corruption in the state.
- With the launch of this facility, people will now be able to get a learner's driving license just with a single click of their computer, mobile phone, and other gadgets, adding that they can apply for licenses at 'Suvidha' center too.





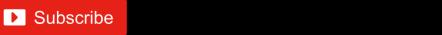


Explanation

- An applicant can apply for the learner's driving license by uploading their **Aadhaar card** after which they can appear in the online test.
- The driving license was issued to **5.21 lakh applicants** in in 2021-22.
- The online service will facilitate people in getting their licenses in a smooth and hassle-free manner without even going to the **Regional Transport Authority offices.**



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Titbits

<u>Punjab</u>

- Capital: **Chandigarh**
- CM: Bhagwant Mann
- Governor: Banwarilal Purohit
- Language : Punjabi
- National Park : Bir Moti Bagh National Park
- Wildlife Sanctuary: Abohar WLS
- Ramsar Site: Kanjli Lake
- Tiger Reserve: -
- Power Station : Rajpura Thermal Power Station
- Dams: Damsal
- RRB: Punjab Gramin Bank (PNB)
- **UNESCO Site: Lahore Fort**







'Lokarpana' of Iskcon temple is located in which place?



- A) Bengaluru
- B) Mumbai
- C) Srinagar
- D) Delhi
- E) Bhopal

Answer

A) Bengaluru

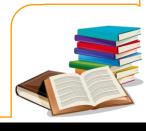








- President Ram Nath Kovind attended the 'Lokarpana' of ISKCON
 Sri Rajadhiraja Govinda Temple in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot and Chief Minister
 Basavaraj Bommai were among those who graced the occasion.
- According to ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness), Sri Rajadhiraja Govinda Temple on Vaikuntha hill on Kanakapura Road is a traditional, stone-carved structure and a replica of the famous Sri Venkateshwara temple in Tirumala in Andhra Pradesh.
- The dimensions, stone carvings and aesthetics are also similar, he deity of Lord Srinivasa is nearly the sameheight and has been named Sri Rajadhiraja Govinda, which means He is the king of kings.







Titbits

Karnataka

- Capital: Bangalore
- CM: Basavaraj Bommai
- Governor: Thawar Chand Gehlot
- Language : Kannada
- National Park: Anshi National Park
- Wildlife Sanctuary: Cavery WLS
- Ramsar Site: -
- Tiger Reserve : Bandipur
- Power Station : **Udupi Thermal Power Station**
- Dams: Bhadra
- RRB: Karnataka Gramin Bank (Canara Bank)
- UNESCO Site: Hampi







Which state government to celebrate Raja festival?

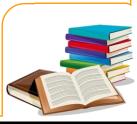


- A) Delhi
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Answer

E) Odisha







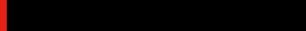


Explanation

- In **Odisha**, the Annual **Raja Festival** is being celebrated with traditional gaiety and fervour.
- The three days' festival celebrated to mark the symbolic menstruation of **Mother Earth**.
- On the occasion, people from all walks of life and from villages to the cities, observe merry-making by wearing new dresses, enjoying swinging and singing and of course, relishing a wide variety of local delicacies.
- After a **two years** gap, this year people have got a chance to celebrate Raja, when the pandemic is fairly down.
- While people are agog with joy for the Raja celebration, devotees of Lord Jagannath are elated to have the blessings of the Trinity at the **Snana Bedi** inside the temple premises in the holy city of Puri.

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- Named as **Snana Yatra**, the festive occasion marks one of the very important rituals of the Sri Jagannath Temple, just a few days before the famous Rath Yatra.
- On the occasion, the deities are taken out in a ceremonial procession to the **Snana Mandap** or the bathing altar where they are bathed in 108 pots of holy water.
- Even as the rituals are now being live telecast by almost all the local channels, devotees are lined up to have a **soulful glimpse** of their dearest deities









Titbits

Odisha

- Capital: **Bhubaneswar**
- CM: Naveen Patnaik
- Governor: Ganeshi Lal
- Language : Odia
- National Park : Vansda National Park
- Wildlife Sanctuary : Chilika WLS
- Ramsar Site : Chilka Lake
- Tiger Reserve : Similipal
- Power Station : Talcher Super Thermal Power Station
- Dams: Hirakud
- RRB: Odisha Gramya Bank (IOB)
- UNESCO Site : Jagannath Temple





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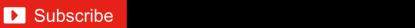
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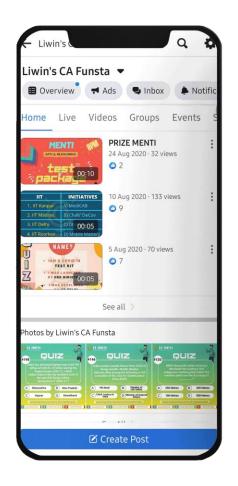
- 11. Centre clears AGNIPATH Scheme to recruit youth in Armed Forces for a period of four years
- 12. PM inaugurates Jagatguru Sreesant Tukaram Maharaj Shila Mandir at Dehu in Pune
- 13. Punjab CM launches online driving license facility
- 14. President Kovind attends 'Lokarpana' of Iskcon temple in Bengaluru
- 15. Snana Yatra of Lord Jagannath being held in Puri; Annual Raja festival also being celebrated with traditional gaiety & fervour

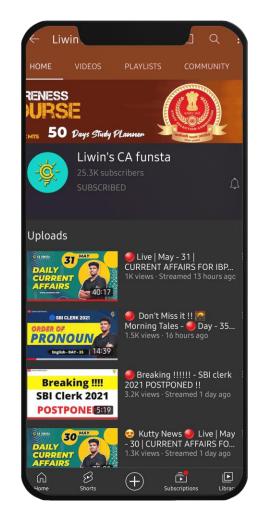


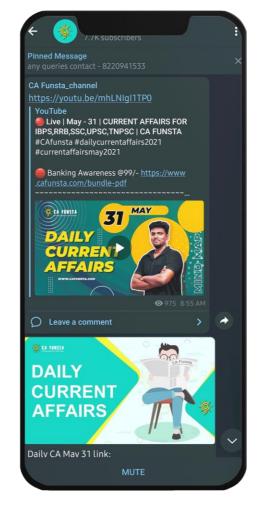




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