



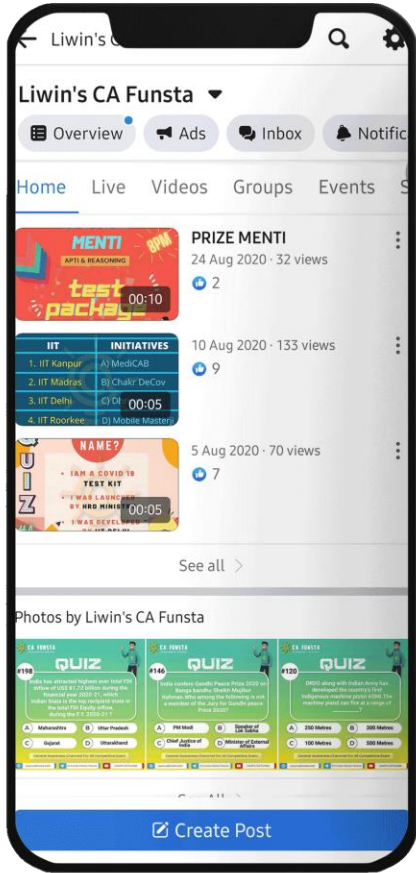
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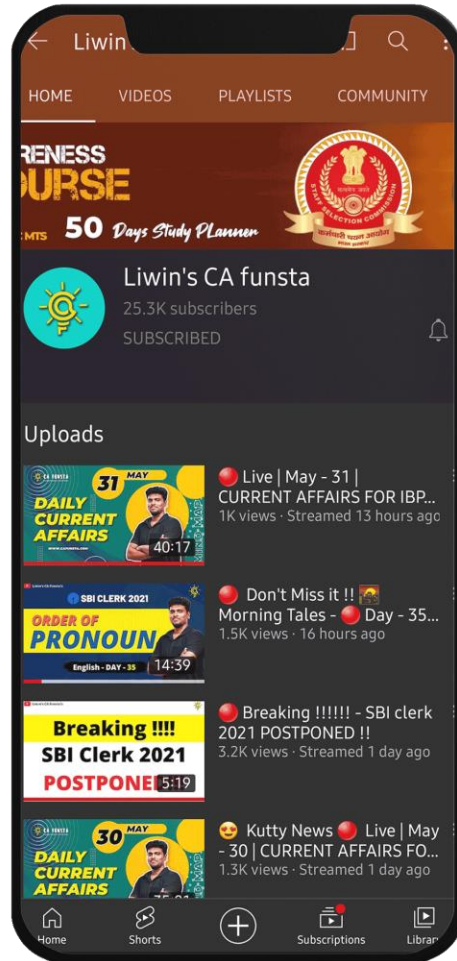


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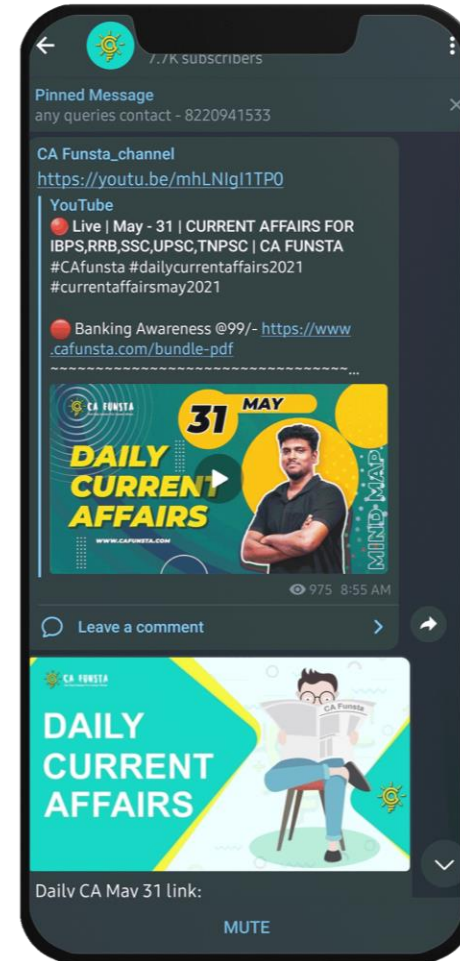
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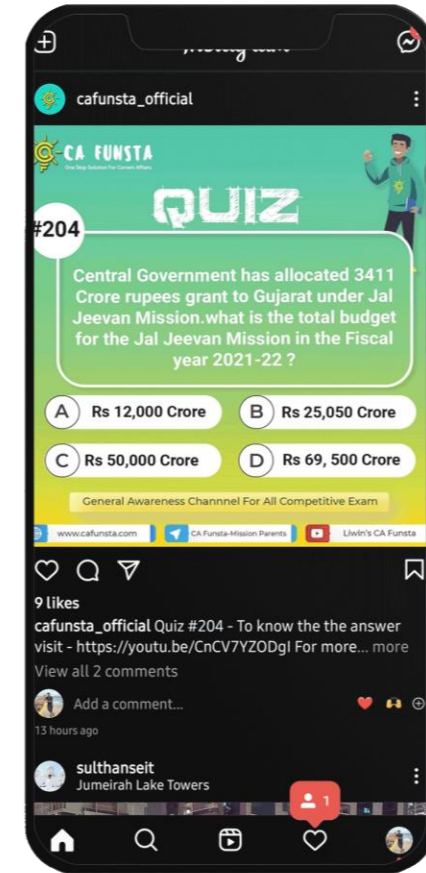
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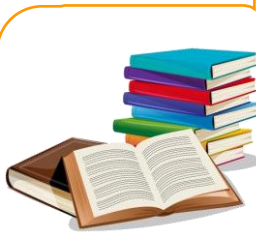
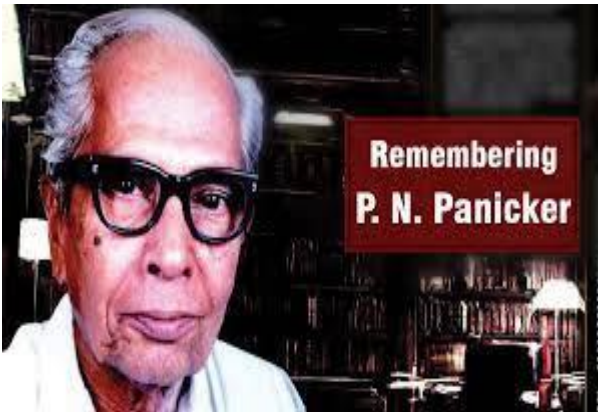


➤ Which day is celebrated as the National Reading Day?

- A) June 16
- B) June 15
- C) June 17
- D) June 18
- E) June 19

Answer

E) June 19

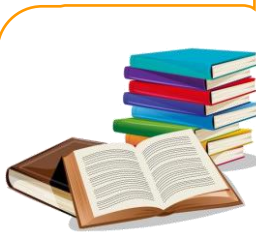


Important Days



Explanation

- The day is celebrated in honour of **P N Panicker**, considered the **Father of Kerala's Library and Literacy Movement**.
- It also marks the beginning of the month-long **Digital Reading celebrations**.
- **Started** as a Reading Day celebration on **June 19, 1996**, by the **Government of Kerala** in association with the **P N Panicker Foundation**, National Reading Day, became a mass movement to **promote literacy** and the **culture** of reading in the state.
- In 2017, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the National Reading / Digital Reading Month in **Kochi** and gave a clarion call to the country's citizens to propagate the message, **Read and Grow**.



Important Days

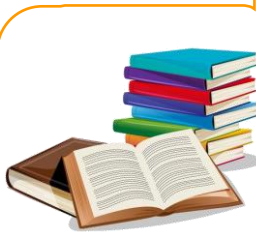


Explanation

- Several programmes are envisaged for the month-long celebrations by the **union and state governments, NITI Ayog, National Digital Library of India** in association with the **PN Panicker Foundation** and various other stakeholders.

Theme

- The theme of 27th National Reading Day 2022 is “**Read and Grow**”.



Important Days



➤ When does the UN observe International day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict?

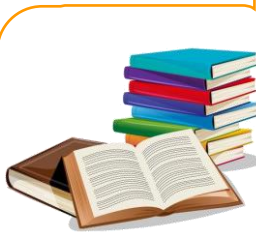


United Nations

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- D) June 18
- E) June 17

Answer

C) June 19



Important Days

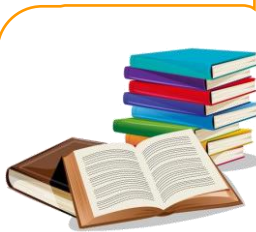


Explanation

- The International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is an international event conducted by the **United Nations** (UN) on **June 19**, each year, to raise awareness about **conflict-related sexual violence**.
- On **June 19, 2008**, the **15-member** United Nations Security Council adopted resolution **1820**, to condemn sexual violence and rape during wars as crimes against humanity and war crimes, equated with genocide.
- The date was declared **International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict**.

Theme

- ‘**Prevention as Protection: Enhancing structural and operational prevention of conflict-related sexual violence.**’
- The event is a ‘**Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic, United Nations.**’



SPORTS



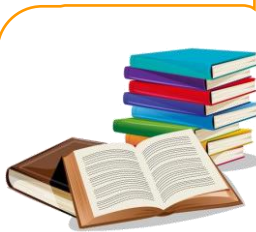
➤ Who has won gold medal at the Kuortane Games 2022 in Finland?

- A) Neeraj Chopra
- B) Avani Lekhara
- C) Manish Semwal
- D) Manisha Narwal
- E) Rubina Francis



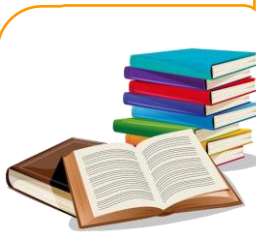
Answer

- A) Neeraj Chopra



Explanation

- Olympic champion **Neeraj Chopra** clinched his first top podium finish of the season by winning the **javelin throw** event at the **Kuortane Games** in **Finland**, beating reigning world champion **Anderson Peters** of **Grenada** for the second time.
- The **24-year-old** Chopra's opening throw of **86.69m** turned out to be the winning distance.
- **Trinidad and Tobago's** 2012 Olympics champion **Keshorn Walcott** was second with a first round throw of **86.64m**.
- **Peters** was third with a best throw of **84.75m**, which also came in the opening round.
- Chopra's earlier national record was **88.07m** which he had set in **Patiala** in March last year. He had won the Tokyo Olympics gold with a throw of **87.58m** on **August 7, 2021**.



- RBI aims to release which document to establish India as powerhouse of payments globally?



- A) Payments Vision 2030
- B) Payments Vision 2025
- C) Payments Vision 2022
- D) Payments Vision 2023
- E) Payments Vision 2024



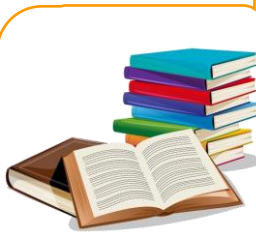
Answer

- B) Payments Vision 2025



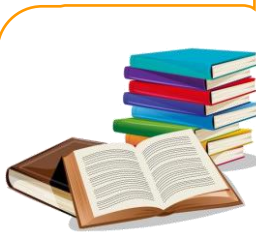
Explanation

- The Reserve Bank's '**Payments Vision 2025**' document, which seeks a three-fold jump in the number of **digital payments**, is progressive and aims to establish India as a **powerhouse of payments** globally, opined industry players.
- The RBI came out with its 'Payments Vision 2025' document which also talks about **ring-fencing of domestic payment systems**, including the need to **mandate domestic processing of payment** transactions, given the emerging geopolitical risks.
- The core theme of the vision documents is '**E-Payments for Everyone, Everywhere, Every time**' (4Es), with an overall objective to provide every user with **safe, security, fast, convenient, accessible, and affordable** e-payment options.



Explanation

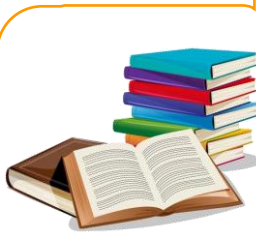
- Commenting on the document, **Rajesh Mirjankar**, MD and CEO, of **Kiya.ai**, said the **Payments Vision 2025** is progressive and has an outlook to establish India as a powerhouse of payments globally. '
- RBI came out with its Payments Vision 2025 document to check the flow of cash in distribution and enhance the overall **digital transactions** in the country.
- Overall, the RBI seems to be pushing digital transactions and reducing the **time taken** in various settlements.
- With the **UPI** on its side, the momentum is on the rise and the nation looks forward to having **multiple options** to **transact** irrespective of the **quantum** of the amount to be **transacted**.
- As per the RBI, total digital payments have increased by **216 percent** and **10 percent** in terms of volume and value, respectively, for **March 2022** when compared to March 2019



Titbits

Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

- **RBI Act,1934**
- **Founded : 01/04/1935**
- **HQ : Mumbai**
- **Governor : Shaktikanta Das**



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



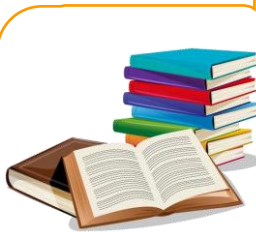
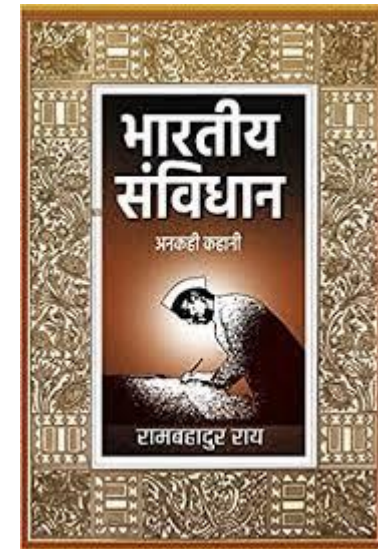
➤ Who has been released Ram Bahadur Rai's book 'Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani'?



- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Ram Nath Kovind
- C) Venkaiah Naidu
- D) Amish Shah
- E) Jaishankar

Answer

A) Narendra Modi

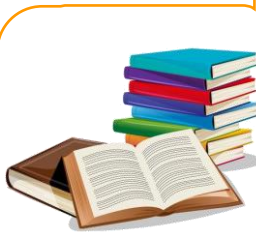


BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Explanation

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said, the constitution is not just a book but an idea, a commitment and a **belief in freedom**.
- He said, synergy of **rights** and **duties** make our **constitution so special**.
- The Prime Minister released **Ram Bahadur Rai's book 'Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani'** and addressed the event through a video message.
- He said that from the formation of the **Constituent Assembly** to its debates, from the adoption of the Constitution to its present stage, we have consistently seen a dynamic and progressive constitution.
- He noted that it was on **18 June** that the President **Rajendra Prasad** signed first amendment of the **constitution**.
- He said it marks the first day of the **democratic dynamism** of the Constitution, which is our **biggest strength**.
- We have **argued, raised questions, debated and made changes**. He expressed confidence that this will continue in our masses and in **the minds of the people**.



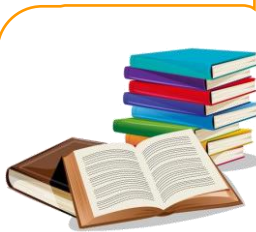
➤ **WTO's 12th Ministerial Conference held in Geneva, Switzerland and co-hosted by which country?**



- A) Tajikistan
- B) Kazakhstan
- C) Uzbekistan
- D) Kyrgyzstan
- E) Mangolia

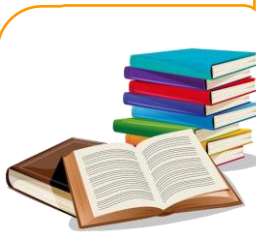


Answer
B) Kazakhstan



Explanation

- WTO's **12th Ministerial Conference** held in **Geneva, Switzerland** and **co-hosted** by **Kazakhstan**.
- After days of protracted negotiations, the 12th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization on **June 12-17**, agreed to a series of deals relating to the temporary waivers on **Covid-19 vaccines**, a moratorium on **e-commerce trade**, **food security** and setting limits on harmful fishing subsidies.
- It was supposed to end on 15 June, but with intensifying negotiations, the conference was extended by two days.
- Claiming that the conference had yielded an “unprecedented package of deliverables,” WTO Director-General **Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala** said, “Not in a long while has the WTO seen such a significant number of multilateral outcomes.”

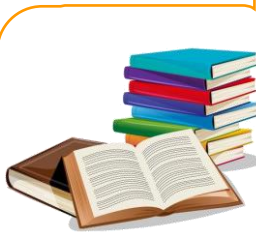


INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

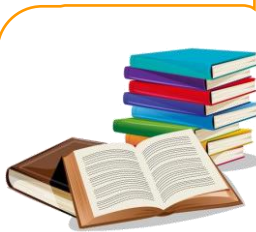
- The Ministerial Conference is the WTO's top decision-making body and usually meets every **two years**.
- All members of the WTO are involved in the MC and they can take decisions on all matters covered under any **multilateral trade agreements**.
- Its aim is to promote **free trade**, which is done through trade agreements that are discussed and signed by **the member states**.
- The WTO also provides a forum for countries to negotiate trade **rules and settle** economic disputes between them.



Titbits

World Trade Organization (WTO)

- Founded : **1995**
- HQ : **Geneva, Switzerland ,**
- Director General : **Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**
- Members : **164**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ **National Conference on Cyber Safety and National Security to begin in which place?**

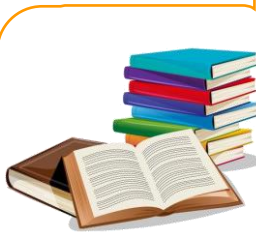


- A) Bangalore
- B) Kochin
- C) New Delhi
- D) Hyderabad
- E) Mangaluru



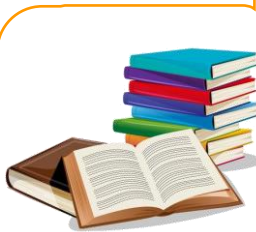
Answer

C) New Delhi



Explanation

- A National Conference on **Cyber Safety and National Security** will be held in **New Delhi**.
- The conference is part of the efforts to create mass awareness for the prevention of **cyber crimes** in the country.
- Home Minister **Amit Shah**, Culture Minister **G. Kishan Reddy**, Minister of State for Home **Ajay Kumar Mishra** and representatives from various organizations attend the conference.
- The conference is part of the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** to celebrate India's progress and achievements in the **75th year of India's Independence**.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

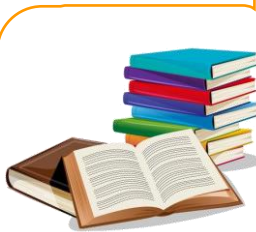


Which state government signed on agreement to skill 10,000 women SHG members in apparel sector?



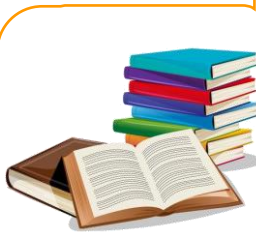
- A) Maharashtra
- B) Kerala
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Odisha
- E) Uttar Pradesh

Answer
D) Odisha



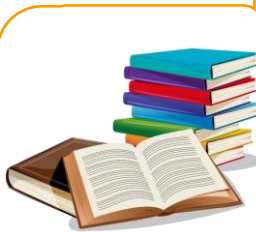
Explanation

- To promote entrepreneurship among women through the formation of **Micro Enterprises of Mission Shakti SHGs**, the Department of Mission Shakti, **Odisha** in collaboration with Apparel Made-ups and Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council (**AMHSSC**), **New Delhi** has signed an agreement to launch an initiative for **skill development of 10,000 Mission Shakti SHG members** on apparel manufacturing.
- This initiative has been titled "**Skill-based training of Mission Shakti Women Self Help Group Members as Sewing Machine Operators**".
- The initiative will ensure the generation of **skilled manpower** in the apparel sector, provide self-employment opportunities across the state and create organized **micro-enterprises** in the local apparel industry through active participation of skilled **Mission Shakti SHG members**," said a statement from the Department.



Explanation

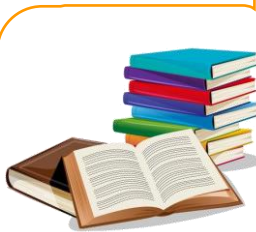
- Under the unique livelihood convergence model of **Mission Shakti**, SHGs/PGs have been engaged in stitching and supply of uniforms for pre-schools, schools and other academic institutions.
- This historic decision of the State Government under the current collaboration with **AMHSSC**, aims at improving **the livelihood opportunities of 10,000 SHG members** through **skilling on market-focused skills** and **entrepreneurship** promotion on apparel.



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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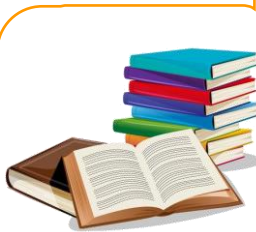


➤ PM Modi inaugurates Pragati Maidan tunnel and five underpasses in which place?



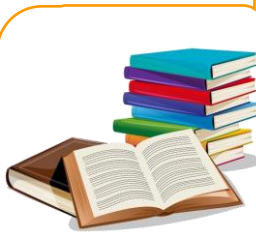
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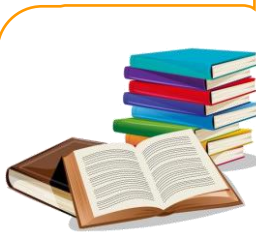
Explanation

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **1.3-km-long Pragati Maidan tunnel** and **five** underpasses on Mathura Road.
- The Pragati Maidan corridor has been built at a cost of more than **Rs 920 crore** and is funded entirely by the Union government.
- It is aimed at providing **hassle-free** and **smooth** access to the new world-class exhibition and convention centre being developed at **Pragati Maidan**.
- To develop and modernise Delhi, the Central Government is relentlessly working on the **state-of-art facilities**, exhibition halls to organise **world-class events**.
- A convention centre is also being constructed in **Dwarka**.
- Modi suggested that the tunnel be closed to traffic for four-five hours once a week and instead **educational tours** be organised for schoolchildren at the site to teach them **art, culture and festivals** of the country.



Explanation

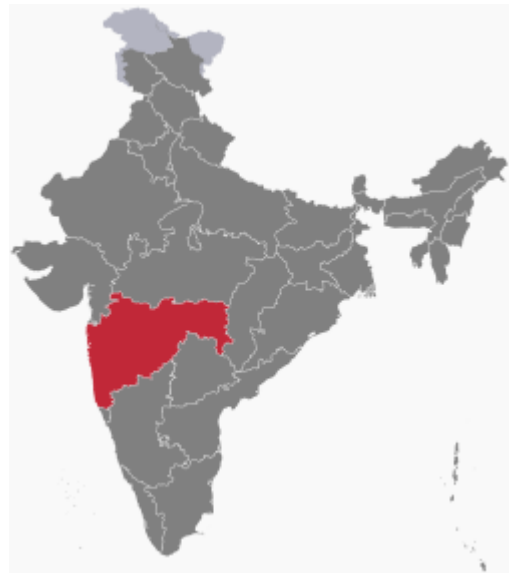
- Before inaugurating the integrated-transit corridor, the prime minister inspected the **six-lane tunnel** between **NSIC Purana Quila Road** and **Pragati Power Station**.
- The PM added that the Pragati Maidan Corridor will provide major **relief** to commuters travelling from **Noida, Ghaziabad** and people of **Delhi** and the Centre's main aim behind developing the **infrastructure** was to provide ease of living to people.
- Modi further said that the Pragati Maidan tunnel and the six underpasses will ease traffic for **lakhs** of commuters and help save **55 lakh litre petrol** on a **daily basis**.



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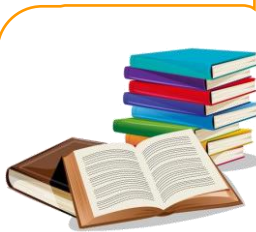
➤ **Maharashtra government: Marathwada Eco Battalion's tenure extended by how many years?**



- A) 2 years
- B) 5 years
- C) 3 years
- D) 10 years
- E) 4 years

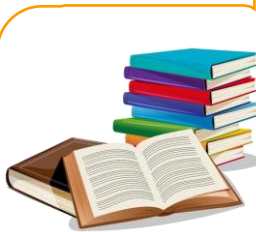
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B) 5 years



Explanation

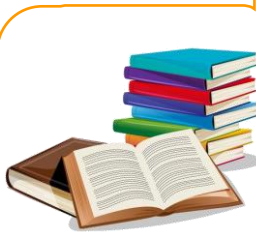
- The **Marathwada Eco Battalion**, tasked with **increasing green** cover in the region, has been given a **five-year** extension in tenure by the **Maharashtra** government.
- The Marathwada Eco Battalion will now be active till **December 2027**. Now we have a plan to plant nearly **two lakh saplings** per year till **2027**.
- The battalion was formed in **December 2017** and its term was to end in December this year. We have undertaken projects at **10 sites** in **Aurangabad**.
- The Eco Battalion was set up as part of plans to increase the forest cover in Maharashtra from **20 per cent** currently to an ideal **33 per cent**.
- A state government release said the Eco Battalion had undertaken plantation over an area of **662 hectares**, and has, so far, planted **8.71 lakh saplings** with a success rate of **89.54 per cent**.
- The forest cover in **eight districts** of Marathwada is **4.82 per cent** and is spread over the area of **3121 square kilometers**.



Titbits

Maharashtra

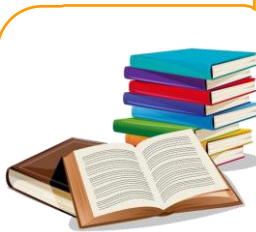
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- CM: **Uddhav Thackeray**
- Governor: **Bhagat Singh Koshyari**
- Language : **Marathi**
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- Power Station : **Chandrapur Super Thermal Power Station**
- Dams : **Mahur**
- RRB : **Maharashtra Gramin Bank (BOM)**
- UNESCO Site : **Ellora Caves**



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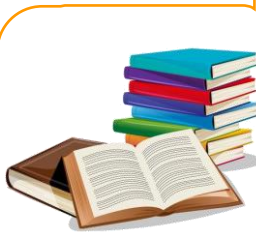
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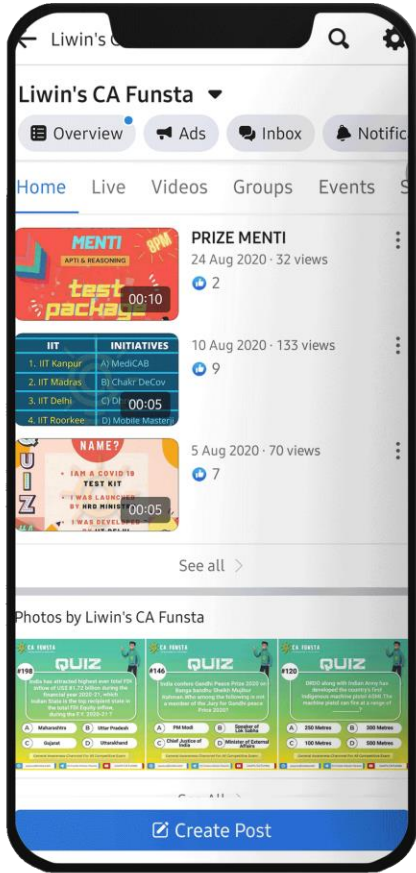
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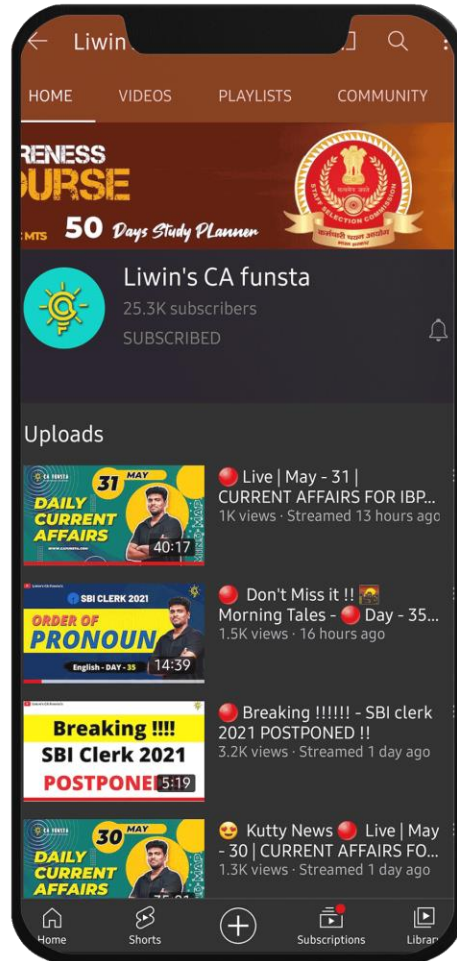
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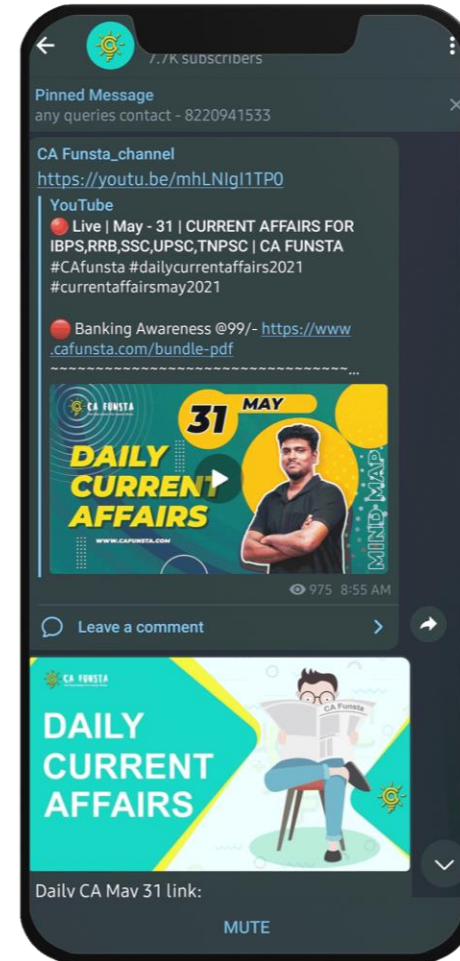
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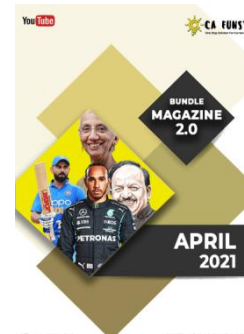
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