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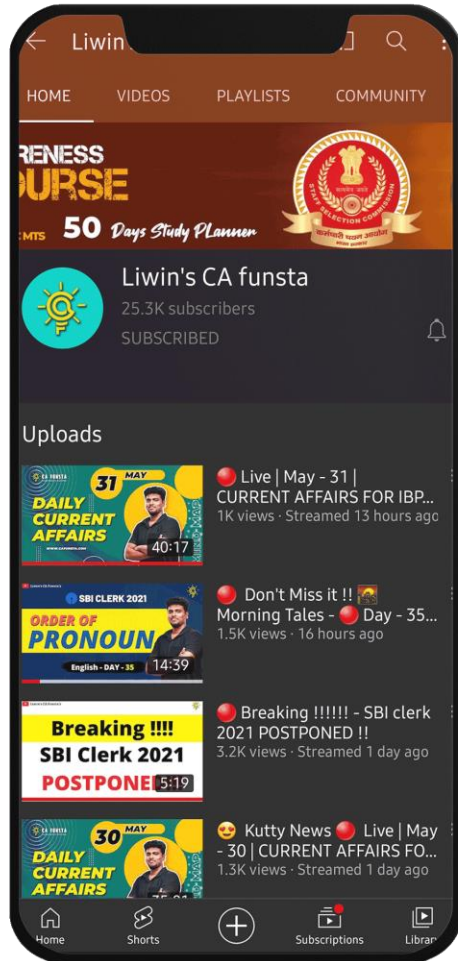
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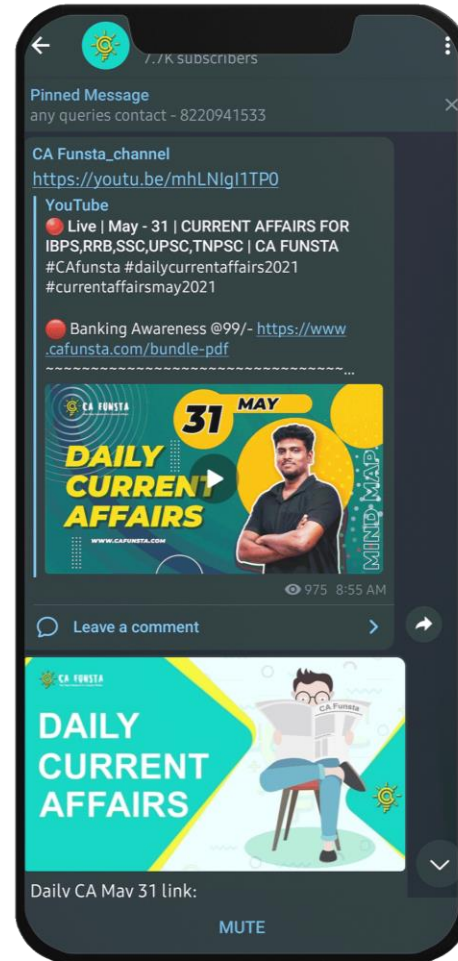
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➤ Which of the following city topped severe rise in PM2.5?

- A) Beijing
- B) Tokyo
- C) London
- D) New York
- E) New Delhi

Answer
A) Beijing



RANKING



Explanation

- The report summarizes data on air pollution exposures and associated health impacts in **7,239 cities (with minimum population of 50,000) from 2010 to 2019.**
- It combines **ground-based air quality** data with **satellites and models** to produce air quality estimates for cities around the world.
- Of 7,239 cities analysed, all the **20 cities** with the largest increase in **PM2.5-attributable** death rates from 2010 to 2019 are located in **Southeast Asia**, including **19 cities in Indonesia** and **one in Malaysia.**
- All 20 cities reported increase of **more than 10 microgram per cubic metre** in PM2.5 exposures in 2019 compared with 2010.
- In 2019, 1.7 million deaths linked to PM2.5 exposure occurred in the 7,239 cities, with cities in **Asia, Africa, and Eastern and Central Europe** seeing the greatest health impacts.



RANKING



Explanation

US-based Health Effects Institute		
Position	City	Death per lakh in 2019
1	Beijing, China	124
6	Delhi	106
8	Kolkata	99



➤ Which of the following bank launched special deposit schemes offering higher interest rates up to 6 %?

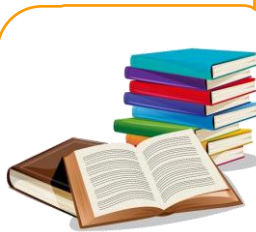
- A) Axis Bank
- B) State Bank of India
- C) Bank of Baroda
- D) RBL Bank
- E) HDFC Bank



बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा
Bank of Baroda



Answer
C) Bank of Baroda



Explanation

- The '**Baroda Tiranga Deposit Scheme**' marks the 75th Independence Day of India, which is a special term deposit scheme offering higher interest rates.
- The scheme, to be available till **December 31, 2022**, has two tenor buckets of **444 days and 555 days**, offering interest rates of **5.75 per cent per annum** and **6 per cent per annum**, respectively.
- The scheme was applicable on retail deposits below **Rs 2 crore**.
- Senior citizens will get **additional interest rates** on their deposits under the scheme.



Titbits

Bank of Baroda

- Founded: **20/07/1908**
- HQ: **Vadodara, Gujarat**
- Chairman: **Hasmukh Adhia**
- MD & CEO: **Sanjiv Chadha**
- Tagline: **India's International Bank**



➤ Which of the following bank opened first all-women branch in north Kerala?

- A) Axis Bank
- B) State Bank of India
- C) Bank of Baroda
- D) RBL Bank
- E) HDFC Bank

Answer
E) HDFC Bank



Explanation

- Private sector bank major **HDFC** has opened its first all-women branch in north Kerala region in **Kozhikode**.
- The branch, located in **Cherootty Road**, the hub of traders in the district, will have **4 women bankers**.
- This adds to **all-women branches** opened by the Bank in southern India and takes forward the bank's inherent values of diversity and inclusion.
- The branch was inaugurated by city Corporation Mayor **Beena Philip**.



Titbits

HDFC Bank

- Founded: **August 1994**
- HQ: **Mumbai**
- Chairman: **Atanu Chakraborty**
- CEO: **Sashidhar Jagdishan**
- Tagline: **We Understand Your World**



➤ How many million wearable devices imported in April-Jun 2022?

- A) 25.6 mn
- B) 23.9 mn
- C) 27.8 mn
- D) 22.9 mn
- E) 26.1 mn

Answer
B) 23.9 mn



Explanation

- Shipment of **wearable devices** more than doubled to **23.9 million** in the second quarter of 2022 year-on-year, **International Data Corporation's India Monthly Wearable Device Tracker report**.
- Around **11 million units of wearable** were shipped in India in the same period a year ago.
- The shipments increased by **65.8 per cent** in the first half of 2022 to **38 million units** on account of new launches, discounts and marketing.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ For how many million USD Razorpay acquired Ezetap?

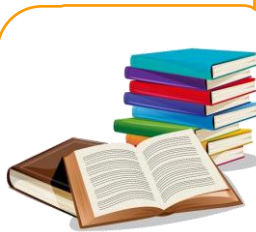


- A) \$ 500 million
- B) \$ 400 million
- C) \$ 300 million
- D) \$ 200 million
- E) \$ 100 million



Answer

D) \$ 200 million



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- Fintech unicorn **Razorpay** has acquired **Ezetap**, India's leading offline Point-Of-Sale (POS) company which was founded with the aim of simplifying the in-person offline payments experience.
- The value of the transaction is around **\$200 million**.
- The acquisition enables Bengaluru-based Razorpay's foray into **offline payments**.
- With this acquisition, Razorpay will be one of the **few companies across the world** with a significant online and offline presence in payments.
- This marks Razorpay's **sixth and biggest acquisition** thus far.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Titbits

Razorpay

- Founded: **2013**
- HQ: **Bengaluru**
- CEO: **Harshil Mathur**



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Which of the following bank offloaded over 12% stake in Kilburn Engineering?

- A) Axis Bank
- B) State Bank of India
- C) Bank of Baroda
- D) RBL Bank
- E) HDFC Bank



Answer
D) RBL Bank



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- **RBL Bank** has offloaded **over 12 per cent stake** in **Kilburn Engineering** since May for a total consideration of over **Rs 17 crore**.
- The private sector lender had acquired **67,50,000 equity shares** of Kilburn Engineering (Kilburn) under a debt recast plan.
- This represented **19.67 per cent** share capital of the company, as part of conversion of loans outstanding under debt restructuring plan by RBL Bank in February 2021, and subject to lock-in for one year.
- The bank has further sold **22,00,000 equity shares** representing **6.41 per cent** of the paid-up share capital of Kilburn Engineering.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Titbits

RBL Bank

- Founded: **1943**
- HQ: **Mumbai**
- MD & CEO: **R Subramaniakumar**
- Tagline: **Apno Ka Bank**



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Rohit Kapoor appointed as CEO for its Food Marketplace business in which of the following company?

- A) Domino's Pizza
- B) Swiggy
- C) Mc Donald's
- D) Zomato
- E) Uber

Answer
B) Swiggy



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

Company/Country/ State/Organization/ Financial Institution/Others	Posting	Appointed	Succeeded	Appointed By	Tenure Period	Others
Swiggy	Chief Executive Officer, Food Marketplace	Rohit Kapoor				OYO – Indian CEO 4 years & Global CMO



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

Vice President	Secretary	IAS officer Sunil Kumar Gupta				Gupta had earlier worked with Dhankhar when he was the West Bengal governor.
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APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Swiggy

- Founded: **July 2014**
- HQ: **Bengaluru**
- CEO: **Sriharsha Majety**
- CFO: **Rahul Bothra**
- CTO: **Dale Vaz**



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ How many crores DoT got from telecom operators as upfront payment for 5G spectrum?

- A) Rs 17687 crores
- B) Rs 17768 crores
- C) Rs 17867 crores
- D) Rs 17786 crores
- E) Rs 17876 crores

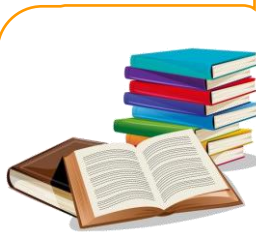
Answer

E) Rs 17876 crores



सत्यमेव जयते

Department of Telecommunications
Ministry of Communications
Government of India



Explanation

- The **Department of Telecom** has received upfront payment of around **Rs 17,876 crore** from **Bharti Airtel, Reliance Jio, Adani Data Networks and Vodafone Idea** for spectrum they won in a recent auction.
- While all telecom operators have opted to make payments in **20 annual installments**, Bharti Airtel has paid **Rs 8,312.4 crore** equivalent to four annual installments.
- Reliance Jio has made payment of **Rs 7,864.78 crore**, Vodafone Idea **Rs 1,679.98 crore** and Adani Data Networks **Rs 18.94 crore**.



➤ Which edition of India-Philippines Strategic Dialogue held in Manila?

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

Answer
C) 4th



Explanation

- The **4th India-Philippines Strategic Dialogue** was held in **Manila** in which the two sides discussed **Defence and Security Cooperation**.
- They also exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest as well as **ASEAN-related matters**.
- It was co-chaired by Secretary (East) **Saurabh Kumar** and Under Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippines, **Theresa Lazaro**.
- External Affairs Ministry in a statement said, both sides co-chaired the **13th Foreign Office Consultations**.
- They reviewed the multi-faceted relations between **India and Philippines**.
- The two sides also expressed their desire to advance bilateral relations and expand engagement in areas including **agriculture, trade, pharmaceuticals, fintech, education, defence and security, and people to people ties**.



Titbits

Philippines

- Capital: **Manila**
- Currency: **Philippine Peso**
- President: **Bongbong Marcos**
- Language: **Filipino, Peso**



➤ In which of the following country Hindustan Aeronautics opened their office?

- A) Malaysia
- B) Myanmar
- C) Singapore
- D) Philippines
- E) Thailand

Answer
A) Malaysia



Explanation

- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** signed an MoU for establishing an office in **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** in the presence of the Secretary of Defence, **Dr Ajay Kumar**.
- **Ravi K**, GM, LCA, HAL, the official representative of HAL in Malaysia, Major (R) **Mohd Husairi Bin Mat Zain of Forte Drus**, High Commissioner of India in Malaysia, **BN Reddy**, Additional Secretary (Defence Production), **Sanjay Jaju** and others were also present on the occasion.
- The office in Malaysia will help HAL in tapping the new business opportunities for **Fighter Lead-in Trainer (FLIT) LCA** and other requirements of the **Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) like Su-30 MKM** and Hawk upgrades.
- It will reinforce the commitment of India to supporting the Malaysian Defence Forces and industry for sustainable aerospace and defence landscape in Malaysia.



Titbits

Malaysia

- Capital: **Putrajaya** (administrative), **Kuala Lumpur**(ceremonial,legislative,judicial)
- Currency: **Ringgit (MYR)**
- King: **Abdullah**
- Prime Minister: **Ismail Sabri Yaakob**
- Language: **Malay**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ In which of the following city Union Minister Nitin Gadkari unveiled India's first E-Double Decker airconditioned bus?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Chennai
- C) Kolkata
- D) New Delhi
- E) Pune

Answer
A) Mumbai



Explanation

- Highways and Road Transport Minister **Nitin Gadkari** said that ethics, economy, ecology and environment are the four important pillars of the country.
- Mr. Gadkari said this while unveiling **India's first E-Double Decker air-conditioned bus in Mumbai.**
- Switch mobility limited a subsidiary of **Ashok Leyland** has manufactured this unique electric double-decker bus called as **Switch EiV 22.**
- The bus is equipped with the **latest technology**, ultra-modern design and highest safety and best in class comfort features.
- Stressing on prioritising pollution-free country, he said **35 percent pollution** in the country takes place because of petrol and diesel.



Explanation

- He underlined that the size of the automobile industry is **7.5 lakh crore**, and it is an important industry for the country as it has huge employment potential.
- Besides, he mentioned that automobile industry gives **highest GST** to state and central governments.
- He pointed out at **import of crude oil** as a main challenge which country faces at present.
- Mr Gadkari highlighted the most important thing for India is **knowledge is power and conversion of knowledge into wealth is future.**



Titbits

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

- Union Minister: **Nitin Gadkari** (Nagpur, Maharashtra)
- Minister of State: **Gen VK Singh**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ From which year Government will stop import of thermal coal?

- A) 2025
- B) 2027
- C) 2023
- D) 2026
- E) 2024

Answer
C) 2023



Explanation

- **Minister for Coal and Mines** Pralhad Joshi has said that Government will stop the import of thermal Coal from **next year**.
- Inaugurating a workshop on Coking Coal Strategy for Indian Steel Sector in New Delhi, he said, Ministry of Coal is targeting production of **900 million tonnes** this financial year and the target of Coal India Limited comes to **700 million tonnes**.
- By 2030, India's coal requirement will be of **1.5 billion tonnes**.
- Indian economy is growing at a very fast pace and there has been a record coal-based power generation.
- The Minister said, domestic coal production has gone up by **22 percent**.
- Coking coal production marked **15 percent growth**.
- With Mission Coking Coal, production will improve and move towards **Aatmanirbhar Bharat in Coking Coal arena**.



Titbits

Ministry for Coal

- Union Minister: **Prahlad Joshi** (Dharwad, Karnataka)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ How many percent of vaccines used worldwide were supplied by India?

- A) 40%
- B) 75%
- C) 50%
- D) 35%
- E) 60%

Answer
E) 60%



Explanation

- Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** said nearly **60 percent** of all the vaccines used in the world are produced in India and over the decades, the country has made a remarkable contribution to vaccinating the world.
- India is **double dosing every citizen** and producing COVID-19 vaccines even during the lockdown period.



Titbits

Ministry of Finance

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



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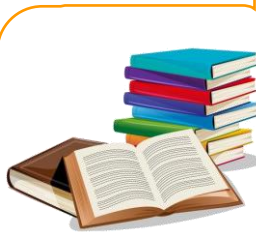


➤ How many crores were approved by Union Cabinet towards interest subvention scheme for agriculture loans?

- A) Rs 34865 crores
- B) Rs 34856 crores
- C) Rs 34586 crores
- D) Rs 34568 crores
- E) Rs 34658 crores

Answer

B) Rs 34856 crores



Explanation

- The Union Cabinet on earmarked **Rs 34,856 crore** towards the **interest subvention scheme** to help banks provide short term agriculture loans of up to **Rs 3 lakh at a rate of 7 per cent.**



Titbits

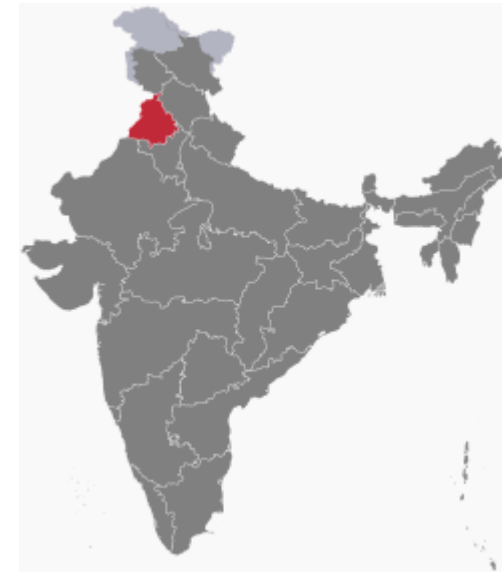
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

- Union Minister: **Anurag Thakur** (Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh)
- Minister of State: **L Murugan** (Rajya Sabha MP, Madhya Pradesh)



➤ Which of the following state planned to promote fermented organic manure in agriculture?

- A) Chhattisgarh
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Assam
- D) Punjab
- E) Rajasthan



Answer
D) Punjab



Explanation

- The **Punjab government** is planning to promote the utilisation of fermented organic manure, produced by **compressed biogas (CBG)** plants, in agriculture, horticulture and floriculture sectors.
- It was stated by New and Renewable Energy Sources Minister **Aman Arora** here.
- Arora and his cabinet colleague **Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal** asked senior officers of the state government to create a mechanism which will enable utilisation of **fermented organic manure (FOM)**.
- Arora said the **Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA)** has already allocated **42 CBG projects** of total capacity of **492.58 tonnes per day (TPD)** based on paddy straw and other agro-residue and Asia's largest CBG plant with a total capacity of **33.23 TPD** has also been commissioned at village **Bhuttal Kalan (Sangrur)** recently.



Titbits

Punjab

- Capital: **Chandigarh**
- CM: **Bhagwant Mann**
- Governor: **Banwarilal Purohit**
- Language: **Punjabi**
- National Park: -
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Kathlaur Kushlian WLS**
- Ramsar Site: **Beas Conservation Reserve , Harike Lake, Kanjli Lake, Keshopur-Miani Community Reserve, Nangal Wildlife Sanctuary, Ropar Lake**
- Tiger Reserve: -
- Power Station: **Rajith Sagar Dam, Guru Nanak Dev Thermal Power Station**
- Dams: **Damsal Dam in Damsal River**
- RRB: **Punjab Gramin Bank (PNB)**
- UNESCO Site: -



➤ How many crores Government announced for financial support to startup firm Kritsnam Technologies?

- A) Rs 3.29 crores
- B) Rs 4.29 crores
- C) Rs 3.92 crores
- D) Rs 4.92 crores
- E) Rs 5.29 crores



Answer

A) Rs 3.29 crores



Explanation

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science and Technology **Jitendra Singh** announced financial support of **Rs 3.29 crore to Kritsnam Technologies**, a startup company incubated at **IIT Kanpur** to develop smart water management technologies.
- Singh said the technology, initially focused on commercial users, can be a game changer in effectively monitoring and controlling groundwater exploitation across the country in the future.
- An MoU has been signed between **Technology Development Board (TDB)** under the Department of Science and Technology and **Kritsnam Technologies Private Limited, Ranchi, Jharkhand**, for production and commercialisation of Dhaara Smart Flow Meter.



Explanation

- The agreement was signed in the presence of **Jitendra Singh**.
- The minister was apprised that the startup is developing '**Dhaara Smart Flowmeter**' - an integrated system for online monitoring using **two beam ultrasonic flowmeters** that is designed to track the water distribution in real-time for applications such as **drinking water supply, groundwater extraction, industrial water usage and precision irrigation**.



Titbits

Ministry of Science and Technology

- Prime Minister: **Narendra Modi** (Varnasi, Uttar Pradesh)
- Minister of State (Independent Charge): **Dr Jitendra Singh** (Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which of the following state inked MoU with CPRI to set up regional testing laboratory?

- A) Chhattisgarh
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Assam
- D) Punjab
- E) Rajasthan



Answer
A) Chhattisgarh



Explanation

- The Bengaluru-based **Central Power Research Institute (CPRI)** signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with the **Chhattisgarh government** for setting up a regional testing laboratory in **Raipur district**.
- As per the agreement, the national-level testing unit will be established on an area of **10 acres in sector-30** of **Nava Raipur Atar Nagar** which will have test facilities for transformers, energy meters, transformer oil, switch fuse unit and other electricity-related equipment.
- Power companies will get a **20 per cent** rebate in the testing of equipment.



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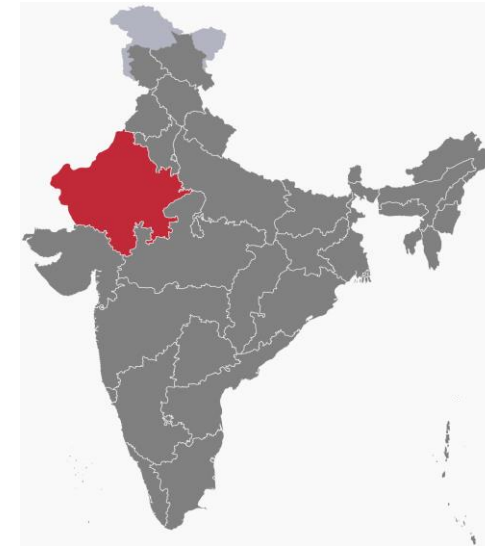
Chhattisgarh

- Capital: **Raipur**
- CM: **Bhupesh Baghel**
- Governor: **Anusuiya Uikey**
- Language: **Hindi**
- National Park: **Indravati (Kutru) National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Bhoramdev WLS**
- Ramsar Site: -
- Tiger Reserve: **Achanakmar**
- Power Station: **Bhillai Expansion Power Plant**
- Dams: **Dudhawa dam** in **Mahanadi River**
- RRB: **Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: -



➤ Which of the following state government will inaugurate tech centre for graduates?

- A) Chhattisgarh
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Assam
- D) Punjab
- E) Rajasthan



Answer
E) Rajasthan



Explanation

- **Rajiv Gandhi Centre of Advance Technology or R-CAT** inaugurated by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on August 20 during a **two-day DigiFest-2022**.
- R-CAT will conduct training programs on advanced and emerging information technologies with a duration ranging from one week to six months for professional graduates like **BE/BTech, BCA, MCA, MBA, MSc (IT) and so on**.
- The school will issue industry **standard certificates** for the courses to the successful candidates.



Titbits

Rajasthan

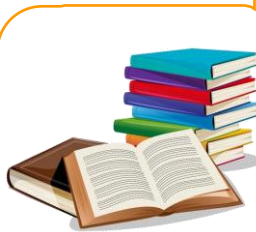
- Capital: **Jaipur**
- CM: **Ashok Gehlot (14th)**
- Governor: **Kalraj Mishra (22nd)**
- Language: **Hindi**
- National Park: **Mukundra hills (Darrah) National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Sariska WLS**
- Ramsar Site: **Keoladeo Ghana National Park, Sambar Lake**
- Tiger Reserve: **Mukandra Hills**
- Power Station: **Giral Lignite Thermal Power Station**
- Dams: **Jawai Dam in Jawai River**
- RRB: **Baroda Rajasthan Kshetriya Gramin Bank (BOB), Rajasthan**
Marudhara Gramin Bank (SBI)
- UNESCO Site: **Keoladeo National Park, The Jantar Mantar, Hillforts of Rajasthan, Jaipur City**



QUICK RECALL



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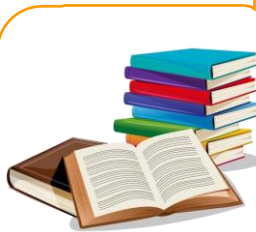
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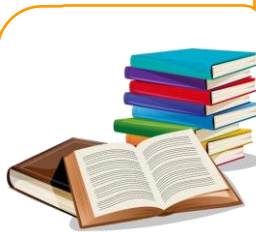
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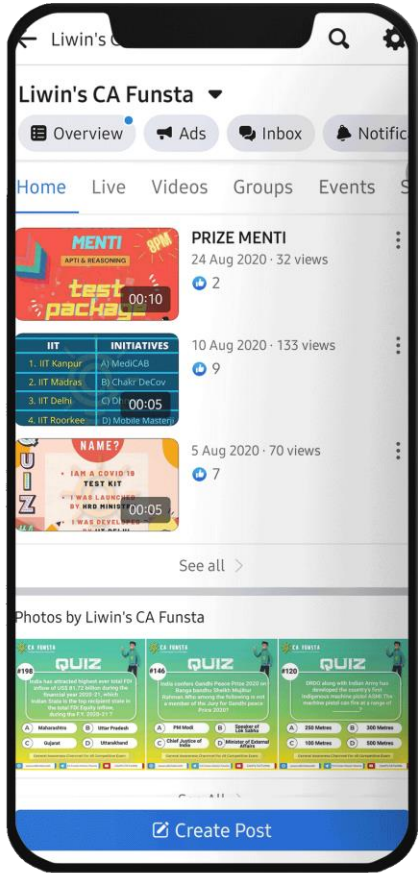
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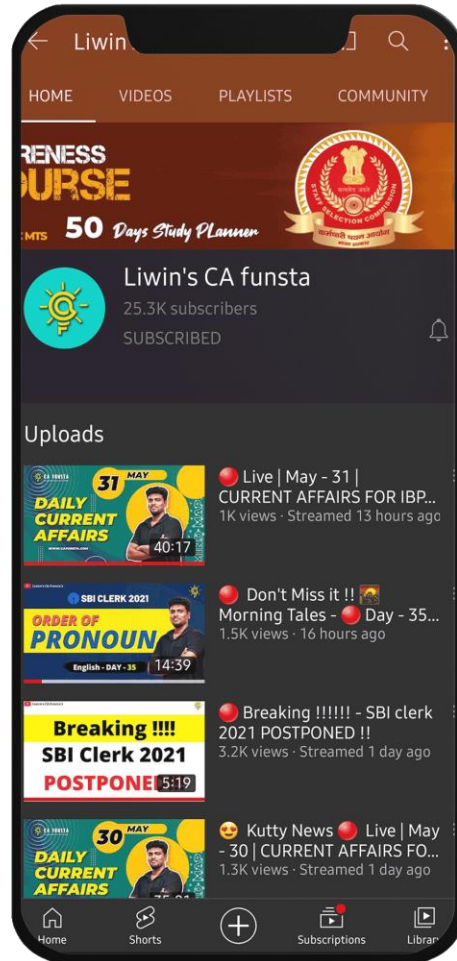
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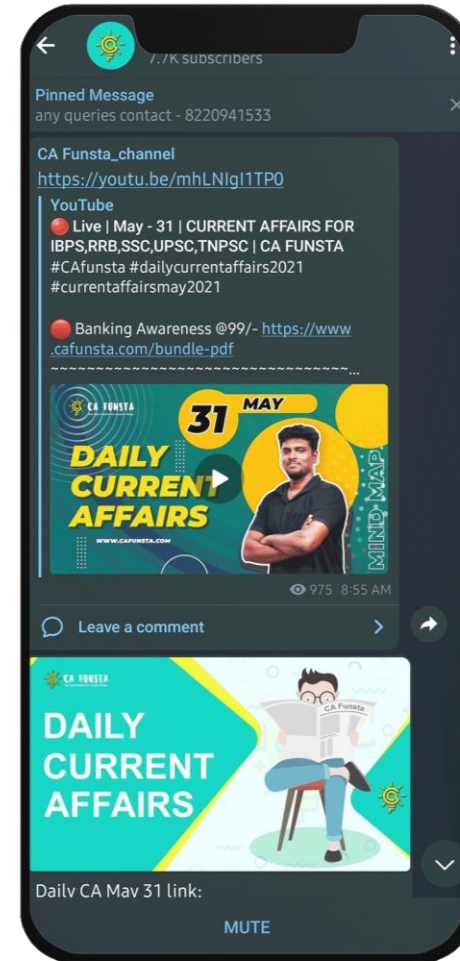
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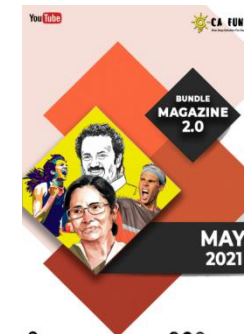
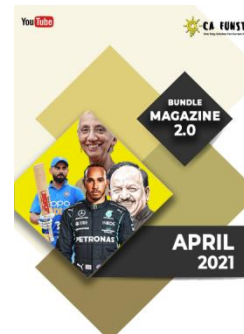
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