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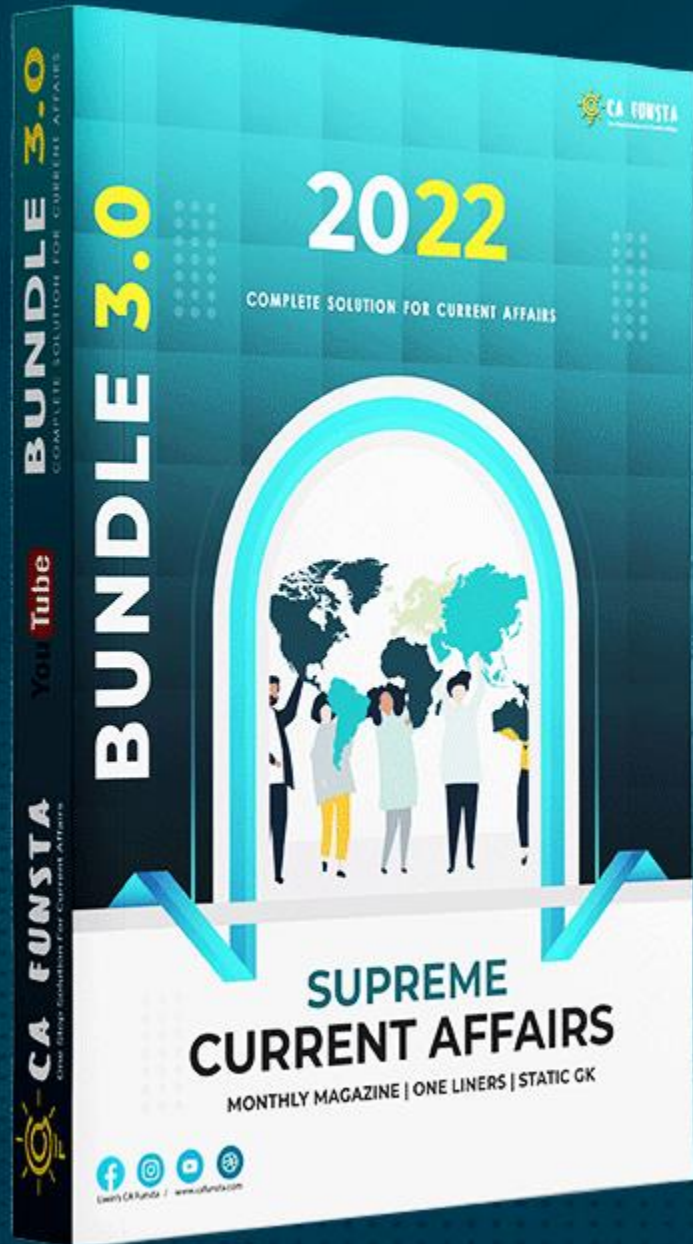


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➤ Which of the following Bank in process of opening special Vostro a/c with Russian Gazprombank to facilitate trade in rupee?

- A) UCO Bank
- B) SBI
- C) PNB
- D) Axis Bank
- E) HDFC Bank

Answer
A) UCO Bank



Explanation

- State-owned **UCO Bank** is in the process of opening a **special Vostro account** with **Russia's Gazprombank** for settlement of trade in Rupee against the backdrop of sanctions imposed by western countries on Russia following its invasion of Ukraine.
- Under the **Rupee Drawing Arrangements (RDAs)**, the bank of a partner country opens a special **INR VOSTRO account with a bank in India**.
- The bank is in the process of opening this special Vostro account with the **Russian lender**.



Titbits

UCO Bank

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



➤ Airtel Payments Bank will install how many micro ATMs this fiscal year?

- A) 300000
- B) 100000
- C) 150000
- D) 200000
- E) 250000

Answer
C) 150000



Explanation

- **Airtel Payments Bank** has started rolling out **1.5 lakh micro ATMS** in a phased manner across **tier 2 cities and semi-urban regions** to facilitate cash withdrawal for its customers.



Titbits

Airtel Payments Bank

- Founded: **2017**
- HQ: **New Delhi**
- MD & CEO: **Anubrata Biswas**



➤ Icra maintained how many percent GDP forecast for FY23?

- A) 7.4%
- B) 7.1%
- C) 7.3%
- D) 7.5%
- E) 7.2%

Answer
E) 7.2%



Explanation

- Icara retained its previous growth forecast of **7.2 per cent** for the current fiscal.



Titbits

ICRA limited

- Founded: **1991**
- HQ: **Gurgaon, Haryana**
- MD & CEO: **Ramnath Krishnan**



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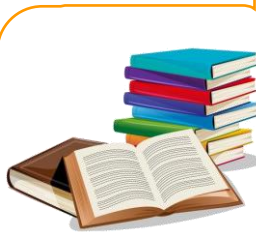


➤ Who among the following appointed as vice president of International Astronautical Federation?

- A) Venkataramani
- B) Anil Kumar
- C) Dinkar Asthana
- D) Anil Chaudhary
- E) Dinkar Chaudhary

Answer

B) Anil Kumar



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Senior Indian Space Research Organisation scientist **A K Anil Kumar** has been elected as the **Vice- President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF)**, according to ISRO.
- Anil Kumar is currently working as Associate Director, **ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC)** here.
- Founded in **1951**, IAF is world's leading space advocacy body with **433 members in 72 nations**.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

ISRO

- **Indian Space Research Organisation**
- Formed: **15/08/1969**
- HQ: **Bangalore**
- Chairman: **Sreedhara Panicker Somanath**



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Lt Gen Anil Chauhan appointment as ____ Chief of Defence Staff?

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

Answer
D) 2nd



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) - **Lt General Anil Chauhan.**
- Lt General Anil Chauhan (retired) will be the **second CDS** of the country after **Gen Bipin Rawat** who died in a helicopter crash in December last year in Tamil Nadu.
- Earlier, the officer had also served as a **United Nations mission to Angola.**
- He superannuated from the Indian Army on **31 May 2021.**



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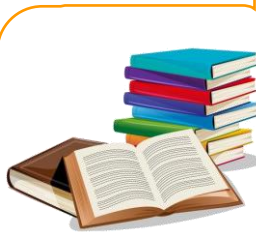
➤ Who among the following appointed as Attorney General of India?

- A) Venkataramani
- B) Anil Kumar
- C) Dinkar Asthana
- D) Anil Chaudhary
- E) Dinkar Chaudhary



Answer

A) Venkataramani



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Senior advocate **R Venkataramani** was appointed as the **Attorney General of India** for a term of **three years**.
- He will succeed **K K Venugopal**, whose term will end on September 30.



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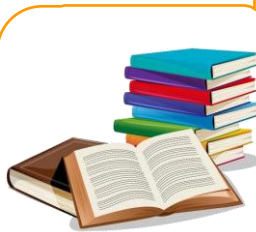


➤ **Who among the following appointed as Indian envoy to Senegal?**

- A) Venkataramani
- B) Anil Kumar
- C) Dinkar Asthana
- D) Anil Chaudhary
- E) Dinkar Chaudhary

Answer

C) Dinkar Asthana



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Dinkar Asthana** presently Ambassador of India to the **Lao People's Democratic Republic**, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the **Republic of Senegal**.
- He was **Deputy Director General in the Indian Council for Cultural Relations** from March 2014 to September 2015 and Joint Secretary (SAARC, BIMSTEC & Border Connectivity) from **October 2015 to January 2016**.
- From **February 2016**, he was Joint Secretary (Development Partnership Administration-II), before taking over as Additional Secretary (Development Partnership Administration) in **September 2018**.
- He has been the Ambassador of India to Lao PDR **since end-April 2019**.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Senegal

- Capital: **Dakar**
- Currency: **West African CFA Franc**
- President: **Macky Sall**
- Prime Minister: **Amadou Ba**
- Language: **French**



ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



➤ How many MW solar power project will be set-up in Dima Hasao district?

- A) 2000 MW
- B) 2500 MW
- C) 1500 MW
- D) 3000 MW
- E) 1000 MW

Answer

E) 1000 MW



Explanation

- Assam Chief Minister **Himanta Biswa Sarma** said that **1,000-Mw solar power project** will be set-up in **Dima Hasao district** and the **Skill Development Centre** will be able to provide skilled employees that would be required for running a project of such a huge magnitude.
- The skill centre, built at a cost of **Rs 36.60 crore**, has been established under a special financial package that was agreed upon as per the accord between the Government of India, the Government of Assam and both the factions of erstwhile militant group **Dima Halim Daogah (DHD)**.



Titbits

Assam

- Capital: **Dispur**
- CM: **Himanta Biswa Sharma**
- Governor: **Jagdish Mukhi**
- Language: **Assamese, Bodo**
- National Park: **Rajiv Gandhi (Orang) National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Amchang WLS**
- Ramsar Site: **Deepor Beel**
- Tiger Reserve: **Manas**
- Power Station: **Bongaigon Thermal Power Station**
- Dams: -
- RRB: **Assam Gramin Vikash Bank (United Bank of India)**
- UNESCO Site: **Kaziranga NP, Manas WLS**



DEFENCE



- DRDO, ITBP will manufacture 'Make In India' Scent Pads for security forces' dogs, what does B stands for in ITBP?

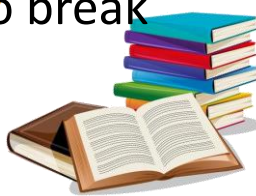
- A) Boarding
- B) Border
- C) Bordering
- D) Board
- E) Builder

Answer
B) Border



Explanation

- The **Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)** has been taking the help of the **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** in manufacturing '**Make in India**' **K9 Scent Pads** which will be produced at **1/100th of the cost** of those being procured from abroad.
- This initiative of ITBP to approach DRDO would help all **Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and State Police Organisations and Security Forces** including the Indian Army in having specific explosive and narcotic scent kits to enhance the olfactory conditioning of service of **K9s or police dogs** in the detection of explosives and narcotics.
- The K9 Scent Pads being used by the dog squad teams of all CAPFs and other police **organisations are still procured from foreign countries.**
- For the project, the DRDO has been roping in their world-renowned Biochemistry and Material Physics experts at the **DRDO HQ New Delhi** and **DRDO Gwalior** to conduct a pioneering Research and Development to manufacture K9 Target Odour Scent Pads.
- This would be a unique never before attempted "**Make in India for India**" project to break the foreign monopoly.



DEFENCE



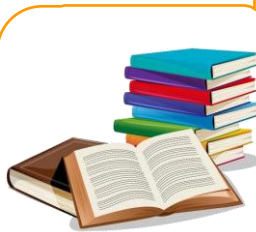
Titbits

DRDO

- **Defence Research and Development Organisation**
- **Founded: 1958**
- **HQ: New Delhi**
- **Chairman: Dr Sameer V Kamath**
- **Under: Ministry of Defence**

ITBP

- **Indo-Tibetan Border Police**
- **Formed: 1962**
- **HQ: New Delhi**
- **Director General: SL Thousen**
- **Under: Ministry of Home Affairs**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ _____ International Airport became 5G network-compliant?

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

Answer
D) Delhi



Explanation

- GMR group-run **Delhi Airport** has made its facility compliant for **5G network**, which the passengers can avail once these services are rolled out by the **Telecom Service Providers (TSPs)**.
- Most airports at present provide wireless service primarily through **Wi-Fi to passengers**.
- Wi-Fi relies on the unlicensed spectrum which is free for anyone to use, as per the **Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL)**.



Titbits

New Delhi

- Capital: **Delhi**
- CM: **Arvind Kejriwal**
- Lieutenant Governor: **Vinai Kumar Saxena**
- Language: **Hindi**
- National Park: -
- Wildlife Sanctuary: -
- Ramsar Site: -
- Tiger Reserve: -
- Power Station: -
- Dams: -
- RRB: -
- UNESCO Site: **Humayun's Tomb, Qutb Minar, Red Fort**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Maharashtra govt set target of fitting how many lakh solar agri pumps in state?

- A) 2 lakh
- B) 4 lakh
- C) 1 lakh
- D) 5 lakh
- E) 3 lakh

Answer
A) 2 lakh



Explanation

- Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis** said the government has fixed the target of installing **two lakh solar agricultural pumps in the state**.
- Fadnavis, who also holds the **charge of Energy Department**, held a review meeting at its headquarters in Mumbai.
- While one lakh will be set up by the **Maharashtra Energy Development Authority (MEDA)**, the remaining ones will come from the **Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd (MSEDCL)**.
- The **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (KUSUM)** will cover necessary parts of this programme of installing the solar agri pumps, he said, without giving details of how many pumps have been installed so far in the state.



Titbits

Maharashtra

- Capital: **Mumbai, Nagpur (Winter)**
- CM: **Ekanth Shinde**
- Governor: **Bhagat Singh Koshyari**
- Language: **Hindi**
- National Park: **Nawegaon National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Karanja Sohal Blackbuck WLS**
- Ramsar Site: **Lonar Lake, Nandur Madhameshwar**
- Tiger Reserve: **Bor**
- Power Station: **Tarapur Nuclear power plant, Khaperkheda Thermal Power Station**
- Dams: **Totladoh Dam in Pench River**
- RRB: **Maharashtra Gramin Bank (BOM), Vidharbha Konkan Gramin Bank (BOI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Ajanta Caves, Ellora Caves, Elephant Caves, Chhatrapati Shivajii Terminus, Western Ghats**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ **Government extended PMGKAY scheme for how many more months?**

- A) 2 months
- B) 5 months
- C) 3 months
- D) 6 months
- E) 4 months

Answer
C) 3 months



Explanation

- The government extended **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY)** for **three more months** so that poor and vulnerable sections are supported for the major festivals including **Navratri, Dussehra, Milad-un-nabi, Deepawali, Chhath pooja, Gurunanak Dev Jayanti and Christmas.**
- To provide free rations to the poor at a cost of **Rs 44,762 crore** as it looked to ease pain from high inflation.
- The scheme to provide **5 kg of wheat and rice free of cost to 80 crore** poor every month, which was ending on Friday, will now run through December 31, 2022, I&B Minister Anurag Thakur.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ How many percent DA hiked approved by Cabinet for central govt employees?

- A) 5 %
- B) 2 %
- C) 3 %
- D) 6 %
- E) 4 %

Answer
E) 4 %



Explanation

- Ahead of the Diwali festival, the Cabinet approved a **4 percent** additional installment of **Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief** to **central government employees and pensioners** with effect from July 1, 2022.
- The move will benefit about **41.85 lakh central government employees** and **69.76 lakh pensioners**.
- The central government employees and pensioners will become entitled to a higher amount of Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) respectively, with effect from **July 1, 2022, said I&B Minister Anurag Thakur**.
- The additional financial implications on account of the increase of DA to employees are estimated at **Rs 6,591.36 crore per annum, and Rs 4,394.24 crore in the financial year 2022-23 (8 months from July 2022 to February 2023)**.



Explanation

- The additional financial implications in the case of pensioners are estimated at **Rs 6,261.20 crore per annum**, and **Rs 4,174.12 crore in the financial year 2022-23**.
- The combined impact on the exchequer on account of both Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief would be of the order of **Rs 12,852.56 crore per annum** and **Rs 8,568.36 crore in the current financial year**.



Titbits

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

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



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Cabinet approved how many crores for redeveloping New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Mumbai's CSMT rail stations?

- A) Rs 20000 crores
- B) Rs 10000 crores
- C) Rs 30000 crores
- D) Rs 15000 crores
- E) Rs 25000 crores

Answer

B) Rs 10000 crores



Explanation

- The Union Cabinet has approved **Rs 10,000 crore** for the redevelopment of the **New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus railway stations**, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur.
- Briefing the media, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the design of these stations will be in tune with the cityscape so that it becomes an integral part of the city.
- As many as **199 stations** with a footfall of **50 lakh per day** are planned to be redeveloped in the first phase.
- While the tender for **47 stations is out**, work is underway at **32 stations**, Vaishnaw said, adding the target is to complete the redevelopment of the New Delhi station in **three-and-a-half years**.



Explanation

- The other two railway stations will be redeveloped in **two-and-half years**.
- The railway minister said the design will include a spacious roof plaza with all passenger amenities in one place along with **spaces for retail, cafeterias, and recreational facilities**.
- The stations in these cities will be connected on both sides of railway tracks.
- Facilities like a food court, waiting lounge, playing area for children and a **place to sell local products** will be made available.



Titbits

Ministry of Railways

- Union Minister: **Ashwini Vaishnaw** (Rajya Sabha MP, Odisha)
- Minister of State: **Raosaheb Danve** (Jalna, Maharashtra), **Darshana Jardosh** (Surat, Gujarat)

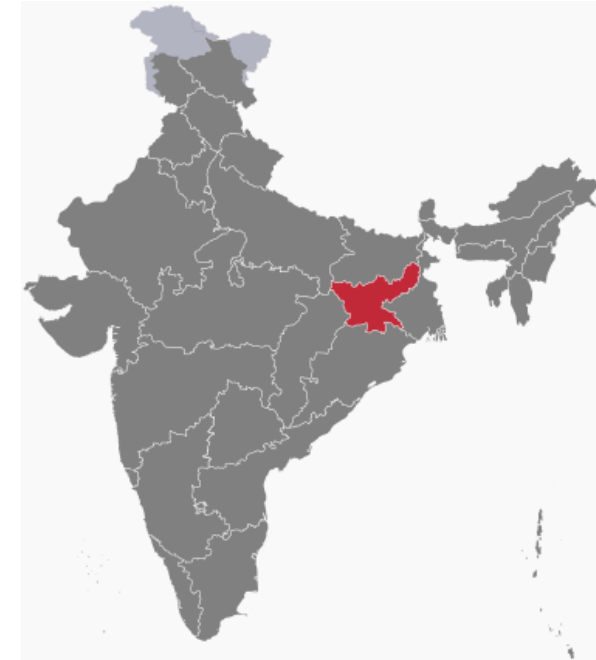


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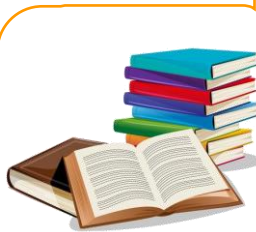
➤ Which of the following state aimed at covering over 25 lakh farmers under KCC scheme by Mar 2023?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Odisha
- C) Gujarat
- D) Jharkhand
- E) Madhya Pradesh



Answer

D) Jharkhand



Explanation

- The **Jharkhand government** has set a target to cover a total of **25.50 lakh farmers** under the **Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme** by March 2023.
- More than **19.50 lakh KCCs** have been approved so far.
- The state government also claimed that loans worth over **Rs 900 crore** were sanctioned under the scheme since the JMM-led dispensation came to power in **December 2019**.
- Since the formation of Jharkhand on November 15, 2000, only **Rs 409 crore** was disbursed under the programme till 2019-end.
- A target has been set to cover **25.50 lakh farmers** with KCC by March 2023.
- The number of KCC holders as on September 15, 2022 stood at **19.18 lakh**.



Titbits

Jharkhand

- Capital: **Ranchi**
- CM: **Hemant Soren**
- Governor: **Ramesh Bais**
- Language: **Hindi**
- National Park: **Betla National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Udhwa Lake WLS**
- Ramsar Site : -
- Tiger Reserve: **Palamau**
- Power Station: **Bokaro Thermal Power Station**
- Dams: **Maithon Dam** in **Barakar River**
- RRB: **Jharkhand Rajya Gramin Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: -



➤ NHA's InvIT planned to raise how many crores to acquire road assets?

- A) Rs 1500 crores
- B) Rs 2500 crores
- C) Rs 1000 crores
- D) Rs 3000 crores
- E) Rs 2000 crores

Answer

E) Rs 2000 crores



Explanation

- The **infrastructure investment trust (InvIT)** is planning to raise **Rs 2,000 crore** from investors to acquire two to three road assets from its parent firm the **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)**.
- Set up last year by the NHAI, InvITs are collective investment vehicles that allow direct investments from individual and institutional investors in infrastructure projects, and give them a small portion of the income in returns.
- InvIT was set up by the NHAI **to monetise its assets and raise funds to build highways**.
- NHAI has raised **Rs 6,000 crore** through its InvIT, in which CPP Investments and Ontario Teachers' Pension Fund picked up **25 per cent** each as anchor investors.



Titbits

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)

- Founded: **1995**
- HQ: **New Delhi**
- Chairperson: **Alka Upadhyaya**
- Under: **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways**

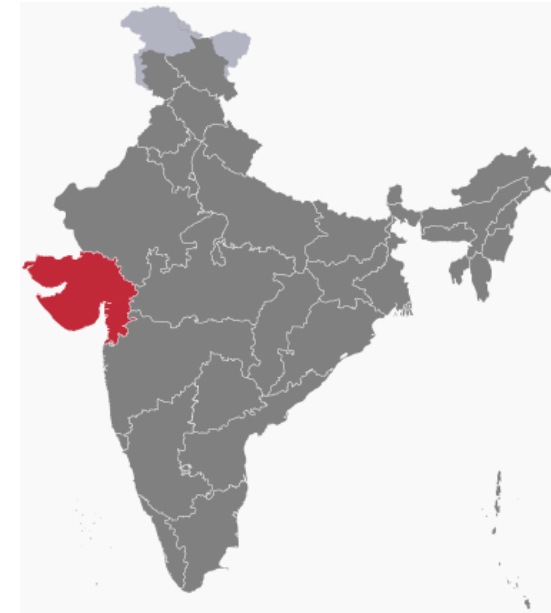


NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ PM will inaugurate world's first CNG terminal in Bhavnagar, it is located in which state?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Odisha
- C) Gujarat
- D) Jharkhand
- E) Madhya Pradesh



Answer
C) Gujarat



Explanation

- The **first compressed natural gas (CNG) Terminal** in the world will be built near **Gujarat's Bhavnagar port** for an estimated cost of **Rs 4,000 crore** by a consortium of the Mumbai-based **Padmanabhan Mafatlal Group** and the **UK's Foresight Group**.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will lay the foundation for the project.
- The massive CNG Terminal project has a cargo handling capacity of **1.5 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA)**.
- The **Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB)**, which is currently managing the Bhavnagar Port will also support the project as it would be developed using a **public-private partnership (PPP) approach**.



Titbits

Gujarat

- Capital: **Gandhinagar**
- CM: **Bhupendrabhai Patel**
- Governor: **Acharya Dev Vrat**
- Language: **Gujarati**
- National Park: **Marine (Gulf of Kachchh) National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Mitiyala WLS**
- Ramsar Site: **Thol Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary, Wadhvana Wetland, Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Tiger Reserve: -
- Power Station: **Sardar Sarovar Hydro Electric Power Plant, Mithi Viridi Nuclear Power plant, Mundra Thermal power Plant**
- Dams: **Dharoi Dam in Sabarmathi River**
- RRB: **Baroda Gujarat Gramin Bank (BOB), Saurashtra Gramin Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Champaner Pavagadh Archaeological Park, Rani-ki-Vav, Historic City of Ahmadabad, Dholavira (Harappan City)**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ India is the ___ country with a cooling action plan?

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

Answer
B) 1st



Explanation

- Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister **Bhupender Yadav** has said that India is the first country with a **cooling action plan based on energy efficiency and thermal comfort**, and has launched important initiatives including **UJALA Yojana** and schemes for industrial energy efficiency.
- Addressing the Ministerial Roundtable for Green Economy at the World Green Economy Summit at the **World Trade Center in Dubai** Bhupender Yadav said that accelerating low carbon transition across different economic sectors is the need of the hour.
- He also stressed the importance of addressing **environmental and climate objectives alongside economic development**.



Explanation

- After the Roundtable, the Minister also had a bilateral meeting with United Arab Emirates, UAE, Minister of State for Foreign Trade **Dr Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi**.
- In the meeting, both the leaders discussed issues relating to upcoming **Conference of Parties, COP 27, COP 28**, MoU on Climate Actions between India and UAE, and global initiatives spearheaded by these countries for combating climate change.



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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

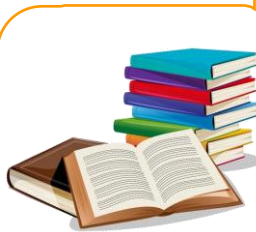
- Union Minister: **Bhupender Yadav** (Rajya Sabha MP, Rajasthan)
- Minister of State: **Ashwini Kumar Choubey** (Buxar, Bihar)



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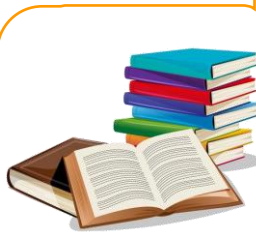
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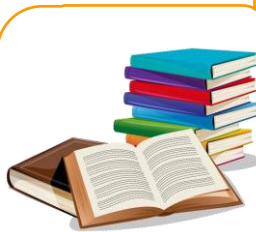
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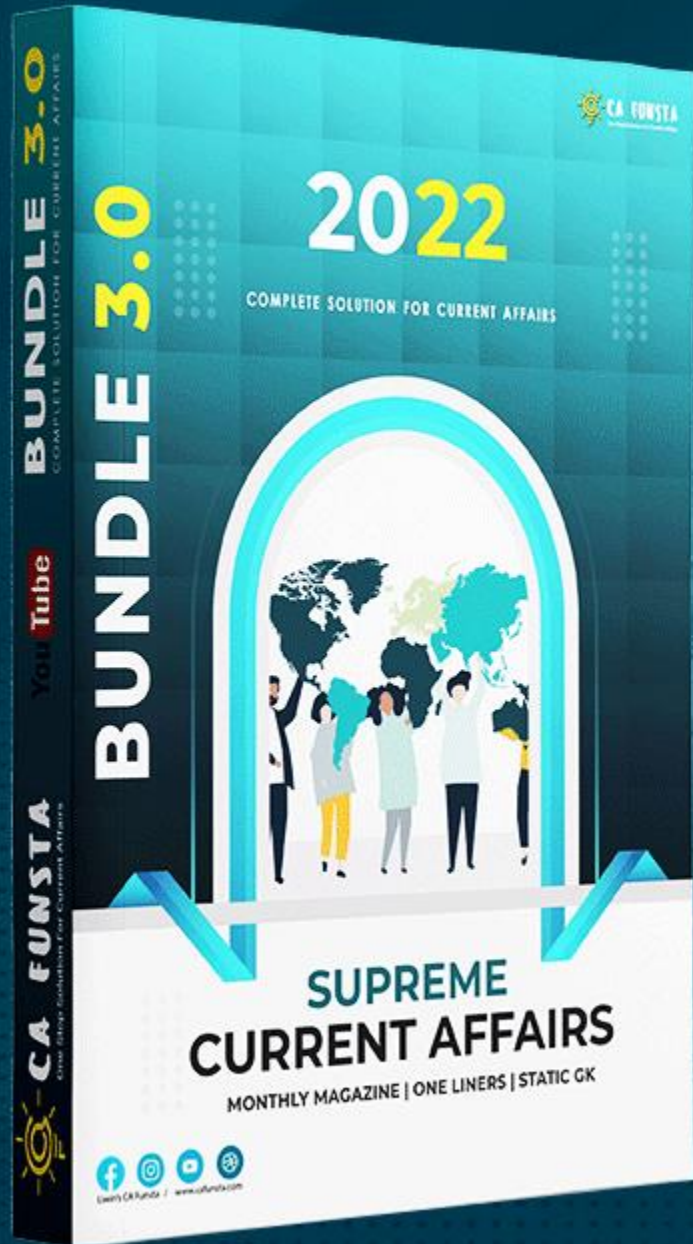
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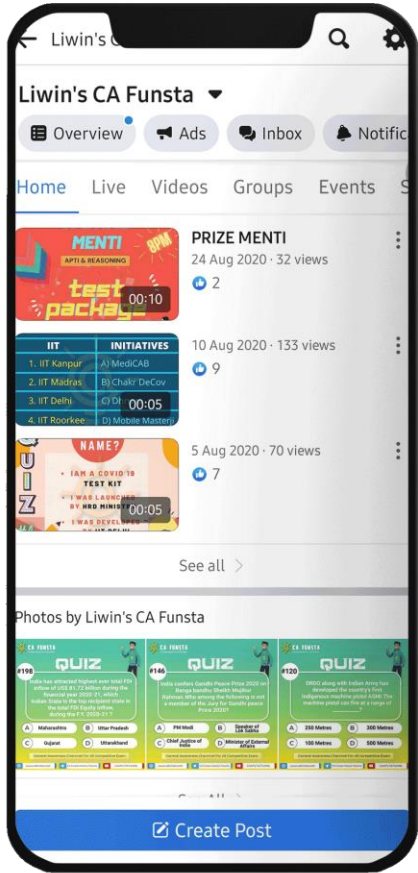
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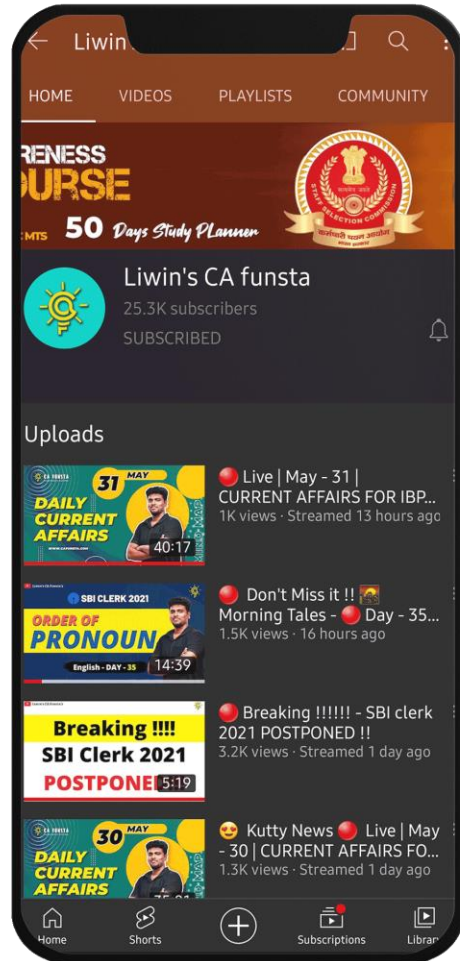
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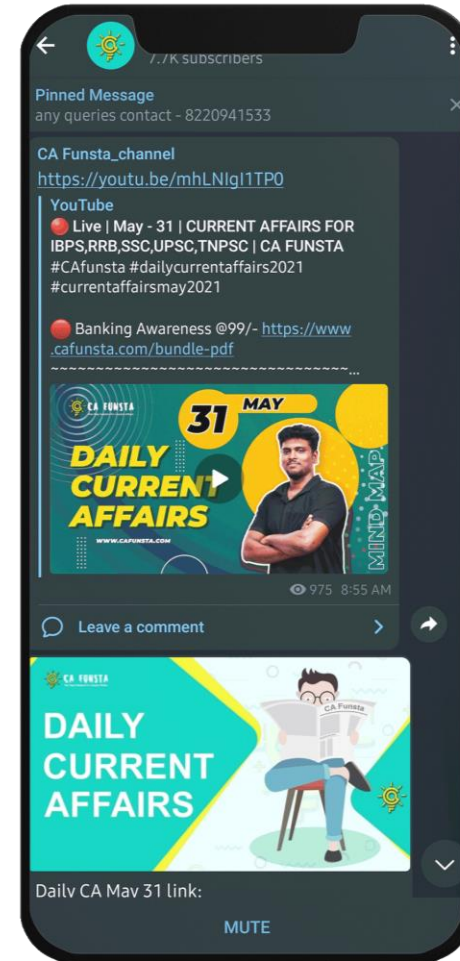
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