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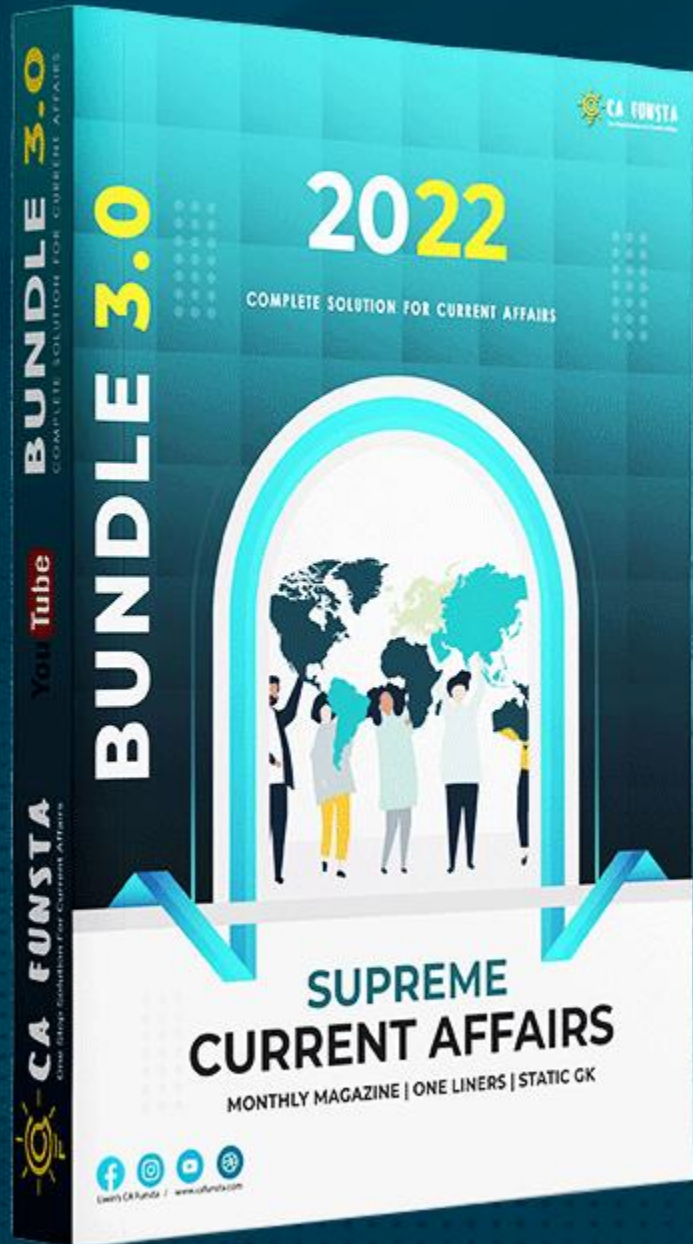
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Important Days

➤ **World Animal Welfare Day is observed on?**

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

Answer

E) October 4



Important Days



Explanation

- Date: **October 4**
- Day: **World Animal Welfare Day**
- 1st Observed: **24 March 1925**
- Observed by:
- Theme: **Shared world**
- Others: In **1929**, it was hosted on **October 4th**. The **International Animal Protection Congress** in **Florence, Italy**, adopted a resolution in May **1931** declaring 4 October as **World Animal Day**.



➤ ICICI Bank launched special account for Indian students in which of the following country?

- A) USA
- B) Canada
- C) UK
- D) France
- E) Germany



Answer

C) UK



Explanation

- **ICICI Bank UK**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Vadodara-headquartered ICICI Bank, announced the launch of a new account designed for Indian students headed for higher education in Britain.
- The **Home Vantage Current Account (HVCA)**, which comes with a **Visa debit card** valid for use anywhere in the world, can be activated digitally before the students leave India for the UK.
- As an equivalent to a savings account in India, the account holder can activate **internet banking and mobile banking** once it has been activated.



Titbits

ICICI Bank

- Founded: **05/01/1994**
- HQ: **Vadodara, Gujarat**
- Chairman: **Girish Chandra Chaturvedi**
- MD & CEO: **Sandeep Bakhshi**
- Tagline: **Khayal Apka**



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ India saw how many billion online transactions worth Rs 36.08 trillion in Q2FY22?

- A) 20.57 bn
- B) 20.47 bn
- C) 20.37 bn
- D) 20.27 bn
- E) 20.67 bn

Answer
A) 20.57 bn



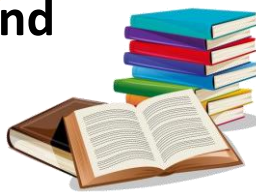
Explanation

- India saw **20.57 billion** online transactions worth **Rs 36.08 trillion** in the second quarter (Q2) this year.
- The online transactions were processed through debit and credit cards, prepaid payment instruments like mobile wallets and prepaid cards and UPI which includes P2M (person to merchant) and P2P (person to person) transactions.
- "UPI P2P accounted for **49 per cent in volume** and **67 per cent in value** but in terms of merchants' transactions, UPI P2M emerged as the preferred payment mode with a market share of **34 per cent in volume** and **17 per cent** in terms of value," said Worldline's 'India Digital Payments Report'.
- Payments through credit and debit cards accounted for **8 per cent in volume** and **14 per cent in value**.
- In Q2 2022, UPI clocked over **17.4 billion transactions in volume** and **Rs 30.4 trillion in terms of value**.



Explanation

- Transactions volume and value have seen an increase about **118 per cent** increase in volume and over **98 per cent** increase in value in Q2 2022 as compared to Q2 2021.
- UPI now has **346 partner banks** as a part of the ecosystem.
- It is now accepted in countries like the **UAE, Singapore, France and Bhutan**.
- As of June 2022, the total number of POS terminals deployed by merchant acquiring banks was **6.59 million**; it increased by **43 per cent growth** in Q2 2022 compared to Q2 2021.
- The total number of credit and debit cards in circulation by the end of Q2 2022 was 1 billion.
- In Q2 2022, credit cards volume and value stood at **688.65 million and Rs 3.28 trillion respectively**.
- In Q2 2022, debit card transactions volume and value stood at **973.12 million and Rs 1.91 trillion, respectively**.



➤ India's merchandise exports dipped how many per cent in September when compared to previous year?

- A) 3.54%
- B) 3.53%
- C) 3.57%
- D) 3.52%
- E) 3.56%

Answer
D) 3.52%



Explanation

- India's merchandise exports dip **3.52 per cent to USD 32.62 billion** in September against **USD 33.81 billion** in same month last year.
- India's Merchandise export in **April-September 2022-23 was USD 229.05 billion** with an increase of **15.54% over USD 198.25 billion** in April-September 2021-22.



Titbits

Ministry of Commerce and Industry

- Union Minister: **Piyush Goyal** (Rajya Sabha MP, Maharashtra)
- Minister of State: **Anupriya Patel** (Mirzapur, UP), **Som Prakash** (Hoshiarpur, Punjab)



➤ UNCTAD predicted how many percent India's GDP?

- A) 5.9%
- B) 5.7%
- C) 5.5%
- D) 5.8%
- E) 5.6%

Answer
B) 5.7%



Explanation

- India's economic growth is expected to decline to **5.7 per cent** this year from **8.2 per cent in 2021**, a top UN agency projected, citing higher financing cost and weaker public expenditures.
- India's GDP will further decelerate to **4.7 per cent** growth in 2023, according to the forecast by the **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** Trade and Development Report 2022.



Titbits

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

- Founded: **30/12/1964**
- HQ: **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Secretary General: **Rebeca Grynspan**



➤ L&T Metro Rail ____ launched WhatsApp eTicketing facility?

- A) Hyderabad
- B) Kolkata
- C) Bangalore
- D) New Delhi
- E) Lucknow



Answer

A) Hyderabad



Explanation

- **L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad** has rolled out an end-to-end digital payment-enabled metro ticket booking through **WhatsApp eTicketing facility** in association with its delivery partner **Billeasy, a Fintech platform.**



Titbits

Larsen and Turbo Ltd

- Founded: **07/02/1946**
- HQ: **Mumbai**
- Chairman: **Anil Manibhai Naik**



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Britannia acquired how many percent of equity share capital in Kenya's Kenafric Biscuits?

- A) 52%
- B) 54%
- C) 51%
- D) 55%
- E) 53%

Answer
C) 51%



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- **Britannia and Associates (Dubai) Pvt Co Ltd (BADCO)** – Britannia's wholly-owned arm – acquired Nairobi-based liability firm **Kenafriic Biscuits Ltd (KBL)** by subscribing to **51 per cent of the equity share** capital of the company, Britannia Industries.
- The cost of acquisition was Kenyan Shillings (KES) **13.87 crore (₹9.2 crore)**.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Titbits

Britannia Industries

- Founded: **1892**
- HQ: **Kolkata**
- Chairman: **Nusli Wadia**



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **BD Mishra became Meghalaya governor, he was previously governor of which of the following state?**

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Assam
- E) Arunachal Pradesh



Answer
E) Arunachal Pradesh



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- State: **Meghalaya**
- Position: **Governor**
- Appointed: **BD Mishra**
- Succeeded: **Satya Pal Malik**
- Others: He has been serving as the **Arunachal Pradesh** governor since 2017 and was given the additional charge of neighbouring Meghalaya.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Meghalaya

- Capital: **Shillong**
- CM: **Conrad Sangma**
- Governor: **BD Mishra**
- Language: **English**
- National Park: **Balphakram National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Nongkhyllem WLS**
- Ramsar Site: -
- Tiger Reserve: -
- Power Station: -
- Dams: -
- RRB: **Meghalaya Rural Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: -



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry got new office-bearers during ___ annual general meeting?

- A) 121st
- B) 125th
- C) 130th
- D) 123rd
- E) 120th

Answer
B) 125th



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- The **125th** annual general meeting of the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry elected **Arun David Mookken of Mookken Devassy Ouseph & Company** as president and **Job V Job of Indian Emporium** as its vice-president.
- The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Vikas Agarwal, president of the chamber. **Deepak Kumar Shetty, Dr Baiju Ramachandran, Akshay Agarwal, Kurian Jose and Rajesh Agarwal** were also elected members of the managing committee.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

- Founded: **1927**
- HQ: **New Delhi**
- President: **Sanjiv Mehta**



AWARDS



➤ Who among the following won 2022 Nobel prize for medicine?

- A) Mark Paabo
- B) Svante Mark
- C) Svente Paabo
- D) Svante Paabo
- E) Savante Paabo

Answer
D) Svante Paabo



AWARDS



Explanation

Field	Name	Contribution
Medicine	Scientist Svante Paabo	Concerning the genomes of extinct hominins and human evolution
Physics	Alain Aspect, John F. Clauser and Anton Zeilinger	For their work in quantum technology



ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



➤ Adani Greens incorporated how many new subsidiary companies for renewable energy biz?

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

Answer
A) 3



Explanation

- **Adani Renewable Energy Holding Four Limited** has incorporated three new subsidiary companies for renewable energy business.
- **Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL)** said Adani Renewable Energy Holding Four Limited is its own subsidiary and the newly incorporated entities are its step-down subsidiaries.
- The names of three new subsidiary companies are **Adani Renewable Energy Thirty Six, Adani Renewable Energy Forty Limited and Adani Renewable Energy Forty Seven Limited.**
- The subsidiaries were incorporated and registered with the Registrar of Companies, **Gujarat at Ahmedabad** on October 3, 2022 and are yet to commence its business operations.



Titbits

Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL)

- Founded: **2015**
- HQ: **Ahmedabad**
- MD & CEO: **Vneet S Jain**



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ EXIM Bank extended how many million USD LoC to Maldives for development projects?

- A) \$ 150 mn
- B) \$ 250 mn
- C) \$ 100 mn
- D) \$ 300 mn
- E) \$ 200 mn

Answer
C) \$ 100 mn



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- **Exim Bank** has extended a line of credit of **USD 100 million** to the **Maldives** for financing developmental projects.
- Exim Bank's overall commitment to the strategically important island nation located in close proximity goes to six lines of credit totalling **USD 1.43 billion**.
- Projects being funded through the LOCs include **Greater Male' Connectivity Project, Water and Sewerage Projects, Addu Development Project, International Cricket Stadium Project, Defence projects, Gulhifalhu Port Project, Hanimaadhoo Airport Project, Gan Airport Project, Fisheries Project, Road Construction Project and Sports Infrastructure**.
- An agreement was signed in Male on Sunday by Maldives' Minister of Finance **Ibrahim Ameer** and Exim Bank's general manager **Nirmit Ved**.
- India's Foreign Secretary **V M Kwatra** and his Maldivian counterpart **Ahmed Latheef** were also present.
- With the signing of this LOC agreement, Exim Bank has now **311 lines of credit covering 67 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America Oceania and the CIS**, with credit commitments of around **USD 32.31 billion**.



Titbits

Maldives

- Capital: **Male**
- Currency: **Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR)**
- President: **Ibrahim Mohamed Solih**
- Language: **Dhivehi**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Govt approved how many crores to install new 25k telecom towers in 500 days?

- A) Rs 24000 crores
- B) Rs 23000 crores
- C) Rs 25000 crores
- D) Rs 27000 crores
- E) Rs 26000 crores

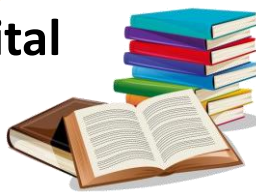
Answer

E) Rs 26000 crores



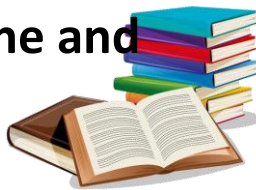
Explanation

- Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said **Rs 26,000 crore** has been approved by the government to install new **25,000 telecom towers** in the **next 500 days**.
- He said the measure was being taken as connectivity was vital for Digital India and its reach to every corner of the country, during the three-day Digital India Conference of State IT Ministers which concluded, according to an official statement of the **ministry of electronics and information technology (MeitY)**.
- The minister also congratulated all states and Union Territories (UTs) for their speedy on-boarding at **PM Gati Shakti**.
- Emphasising the motto of Sabka Saath and Sabka Vikas, he stated that the commitments from all states and UTs, large as well as small states, are vital in taking Digital India to higher level and in realising the **Aatmanirbhar Bharat and trillion-dollar Digital Economy**.
- MeitY had organised on Sunday three sessions on important aspects such as '**IT Rules, online gaming and data governance**', '**Digital India Bhashini and digital payment**', and '**MyScheme and Meri Pehchaan**'.



Explanation

- The demo on eligibility/profile-based service discovery at **MyScheme** was shown.
- The Ministry organised **five panel discussions**.
- These were -- Attracting Startups to Tier 2 Cities and Sustaining Them, Use of Emerging Tech in Public Services, Making India Talent Nation, Realization of Digital Government in States and Make-in-India for the Globe - India as Semiconductor Nation.
- Some of the speakers in these sessions were MapMyIndia chief executive officer **Rohan Verma**, Wadhvani CEO Prakash Kumar, Nasscom President Debjani Ghosh, Tata Sons Senior Government Affairs Officer **Tanmoy Chakravarty** and Texas Instruments **MD Santhosh Kumar**.
- On collaborations, MeitY Secretary **Alkesh Kumar Sharma** said start-up-friendly policies and incentives at the state level for creating a thriving start-up ecosystem.
- On emerging technology, he emphasised data-driven decision-making and data and process-driven innovations using **artificial intelligence (AI), blockchain, drone and Internet of Things (IoT)**.



Titbits

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

- Union Minister: **Ashwini Vaishnaw** (Rajya Sabha MP, Odisha)
- Minister of State: **Rajeev Chandrasekhar** (Rajya Sabha MP, Karnataka)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ President Murmu laid foundation stone for various projects in which of the following state?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Gujarat
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Assam
- E) Arunachal Pradesh



Answer
B) Gujarat



Explanation

- President Droupadi Murmu laid the foundation stones for various projects of the Government of Gujarat related to **health, irrigation, and water supply** and also the projects of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways related to **upgradation of Deendayal Port (250 crores), Kandla from GMERS, Gandhinagar, said President's Secretariat.**
- The project of Construction of New Dome Shaped Godowns inside Cargo Jetty Area with Project Cost of **Rs. 69.51 crore** will have extended working height, resulting in more cargo handling, further suitable for unloading the bulk cargo through hydraulic system by Trucks / Transport vehicles of fifth generation.
- The Upgradation of Plots & Storm Water Drains in 66 Hectare Area inside Cargo Jetty Area with Project Cost of **Rs. 80 crore** will upgrade the Plots/ Storage Area including utility services like Concrete Roads, Storm Water Drains network, pipe conduit for electrical cables, Paving and labour amenity, facilities like drinking water, toilets, and rest-shelters for workers.



Explanation

- The Upgradation of Plots, Roads and Storm Water Drains in another **40 Hectare Area** inside Cargo Jetty Area with Project Cost of **Rs. 47 Crore** will increase the handling & storage capacity inside Custom Bonded Area and help in boosting Import / Export of Dry Cargo with capacity of **8.8 lakhs MT.**
- The project of Upgradation of Tuna Road from Two Lane to Four Lane with Project Cost of **Rs. 87.32 Crore** will result into faster Cargo evacuation, looking to the increase in Traffic handling at Port and accommodate future Port Traffic seamlessly.
- It will provide much desired connectivity to the Port from the National Highway and provide a face–lift to the approach roads to the Port in line with **Gati Shakti.**
- The project will also benefit the proposed Jetties to be developed by the **DPA on PPP.**



Titbits Gujarat

- Capital: **Gandhinagar**
- CM: **Bhupendrabhai Patel**
- Governor: **Acharya Dev Vrat**
- Language: **Gujarati**
- National Park: **Marine (Gulf of Kachchh) National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Thol Lake 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: **Karjan dam in Karjan 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)**



➤ PM will inaugurate and lay foundation stone of projects worth over three thousand 650 crore rupees in which of the following state?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Gujarat
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Himachal Pradesh
- E) Arunachal Pradesh



Answer

D) Himachal Pradesh



Explanation

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit **Himachal Pradesh** inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of projects worth over **three thousand 650 crore rupees**.
- During the visit, he will inaugurate **AIIMS Bilaspur**, which foundation stone was also laid by the Prime Minister in October 2017.
- The AIIMS, constructed at a cost of over **one thousand 470 crore rupees**, is a state-of-the-art hospital with **18 specialty and 17 super specialty departments, 18 modular operation theaters and 750 beds**.
- Spread over **247 acres**, the hospital is equipped with 24 hours emergency and dialysis facilities.
- The hospital will admit one hundred students for MBBS Course and 60 students for nursing courses every year.
- During the visit, Mr. Modi will also lay the foundation stone of around **31 km** long project for four laning of the National Highway from Pinjore to Nalagarh on NH-105, worth over **one thousand 690 crore rupees**.



Explanation

- The project road is a major connecting link for the traffic from Ambala, Chandigarh, Panchkula and Shimla going towards **Bilaspur, Mandi and Manali.**
- The Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone of the Medical Device Park at Nalagarh, which will be built at a cost of about **350 crore rupees.**
- He will also inaugurate the **Government Hydro Engineering College at Bandla.**
- During the visit, the Prime Minister will participate in the **Kullu Dussehra** celebrations.
- The festival is unique in the sense that it is the congregation of more than **300 Deities of the Valley.**
- It will be the first time ever that the Prime Minister of the country is participating in the Kullu Dussehra celebrations.



Titbits

Himachal Pradesh

- Capital: **Shimla**(Summer),**Dharamshala**(Winter)
- CM: **Jai Ram Thakur**
- Governor: **Rajendra Arlekar**
- Language: **Hindi**
- National Park: **Khirganga National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Chandratal WLS**
- Ramsar Site: **Chandertal Wetland, Pong Dam Lake, Renuka Wetland**
- Tiger Reserve: -
- Power Station: **Dehar Hydro Electric Power Plant**
- Dams: **Panda Dam** in **Beas River**
- RRB: **Himachal Pradesh Gramin Bank (PNB)**
- UNESCO Site: **Great Himalayan NP Conservation Area**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who among the following commended Railways for Sculpture made from plastic & pet bottles at KSR Bengaluru Station?

- A) Prime Minister
- B) Home Minister
- C) President
- D) Vice President
- E) Railway Minister

Answer

A) Prime Minister



Explanation

- The Prime Minister has lauded **South Western Railways for Sculpture made from plastic & pet bottles** at KSR Bengaluru Station.



Titbits

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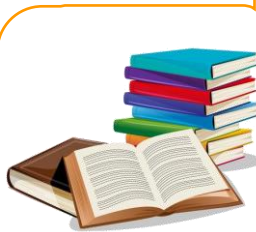
- Capital: **Dispur**
- CM: **Himanta Biswa Sharma**
- Governor: **Jagdish Mukhi**
- Language: **Assamese, Bodo**
- National Park: **Rajiv Gandhi (Orang) National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Amchang WLS**
- Ramsar Site: **Deepor Beel**
- Tiger Reserve: **Manas**
- Power Station: **Bongaigon Thermal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



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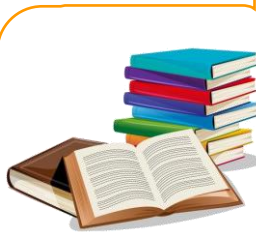
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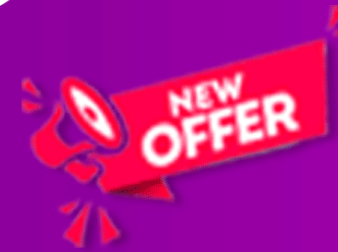


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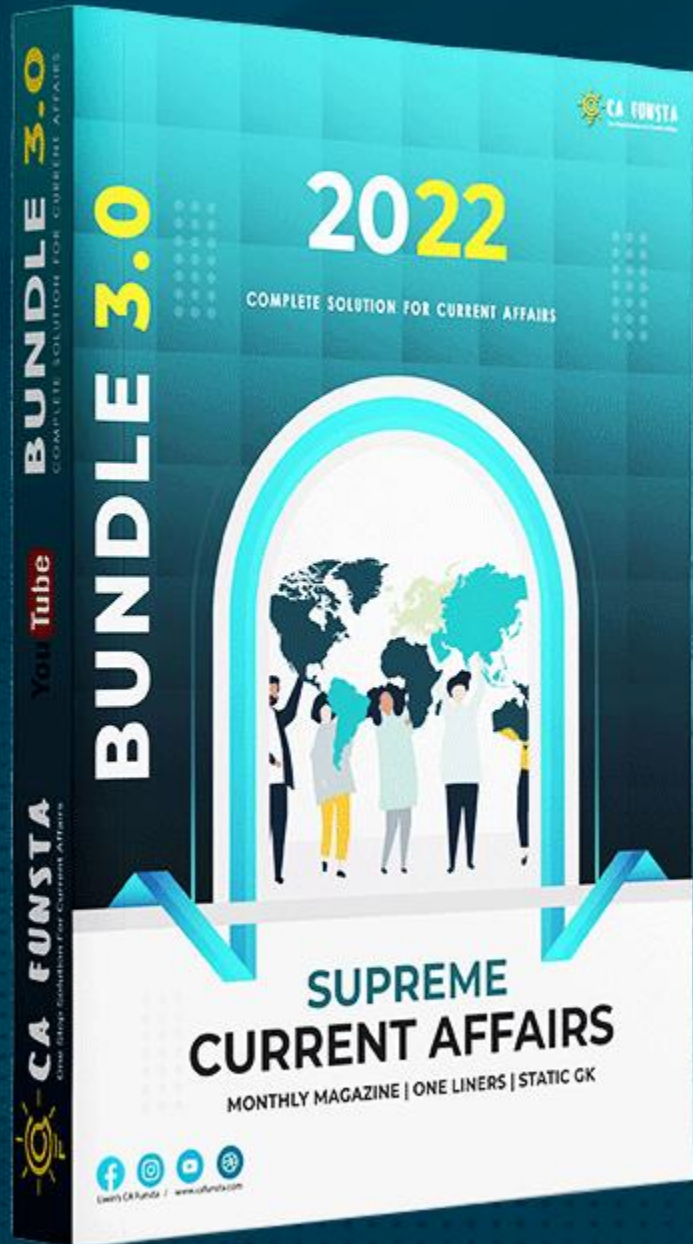
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