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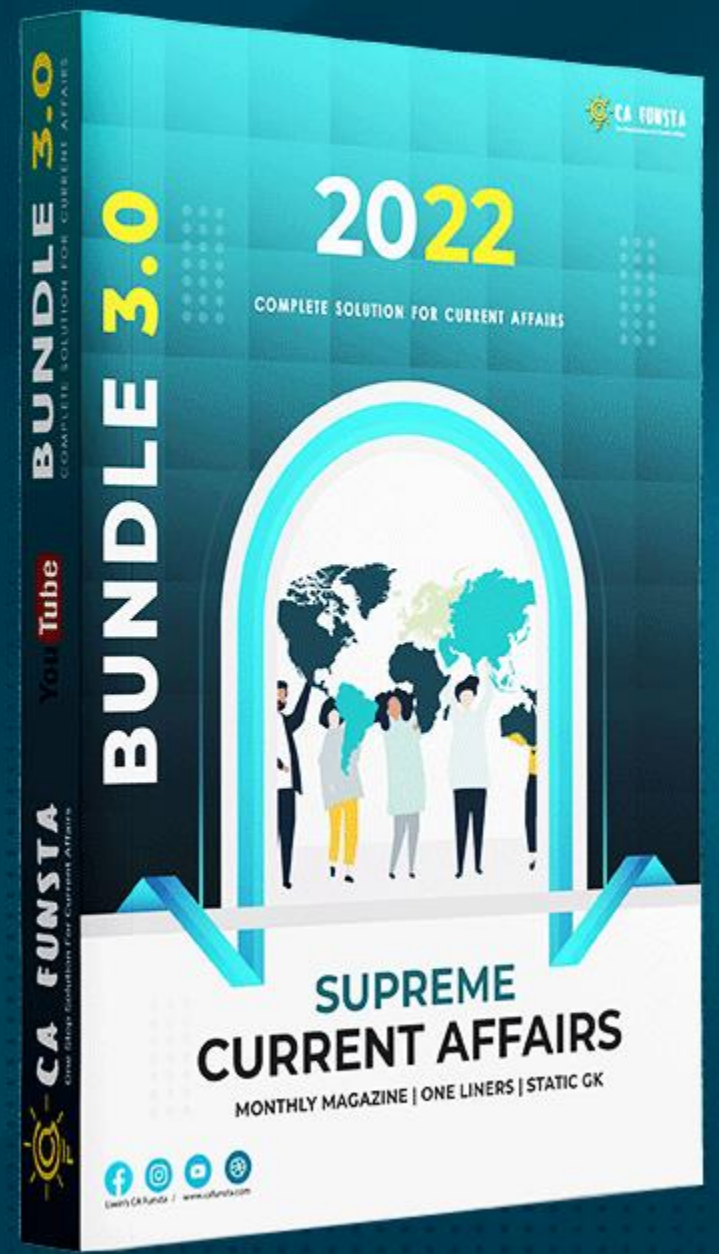


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Important Days



➤ **National Pension System Diwas was observed on?**

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

Answer

A) October 1



Important Days



Explanation

- Date: **October 1**
- Day: **National Pension System Diwas**
- Observed by: **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority**
- Others: PFRDA is organising this campaign under '**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**'.



Important Days



Other Important Days

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority

- Founded: **23/08/2003**
- HQ: **New Delhi**
- Chairman: **Supratim Bandyopadhyay**
- Under: **Ministry of Finance**



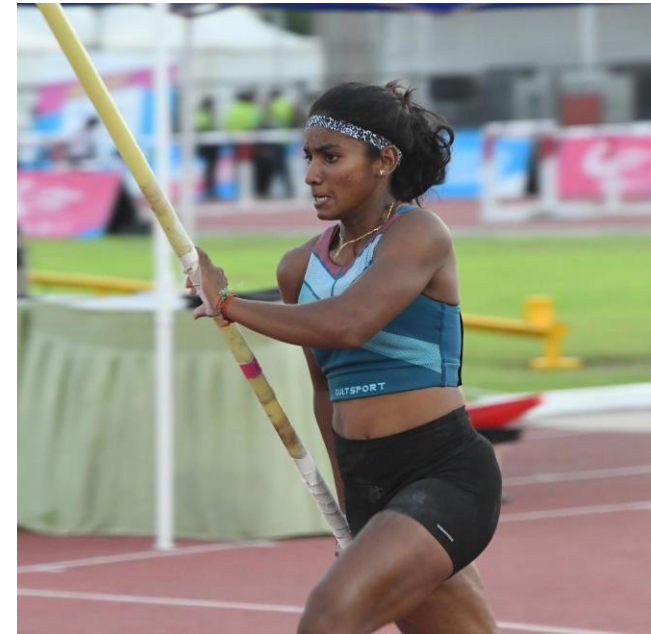
SPORTS



- Rosy Meena Paulraj set new pole vault national record at National Games, she belongs to which of the following state?

- A) Telangana
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Tamil Nadu
- E) Odisha

Answer
D) Tamil Nadu



Explanation

- In National Games, **Haryana** leads the medals tally with **29 medals** including **14 Gold, seven silver and eight bronze** followed by **Services** with nine gold, six silver and seven bronze.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has also won nine gold, four silver and seven bronze medals.
- In Women's Pole Vault, **Rosy Meena Paulraj** from Tamil Nadu set a new National Record with the jump of **4.20m**.
- She broke 8-year-old record that was set by **V. S. Surekha**.
- Long Jumper Jeswin Aldrin won the men's long jump gold medal with a meet record leap of **8.26 meter**, which also helped him qualify for the **2023 World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary**.



Explanation

- The Tamil Nadu long jumper's winning leap at the IIT Gandhinagar athletics track measured 0.1 meter above the automatic **World Athletics Championships 2023** qualifying standard of 8.25 meter.
- Andhra Pradesh's Jyothi Yarraji won the women's 100m gold medal.
- **Jyothi Yarraji** is the national record holder in the **women's 100m hurdles** but she scorched the track in **11.51 seconds** to take a memorable win.
- The **36th National Games 2022** is being held across six cities, **Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar**, in Gujarat.



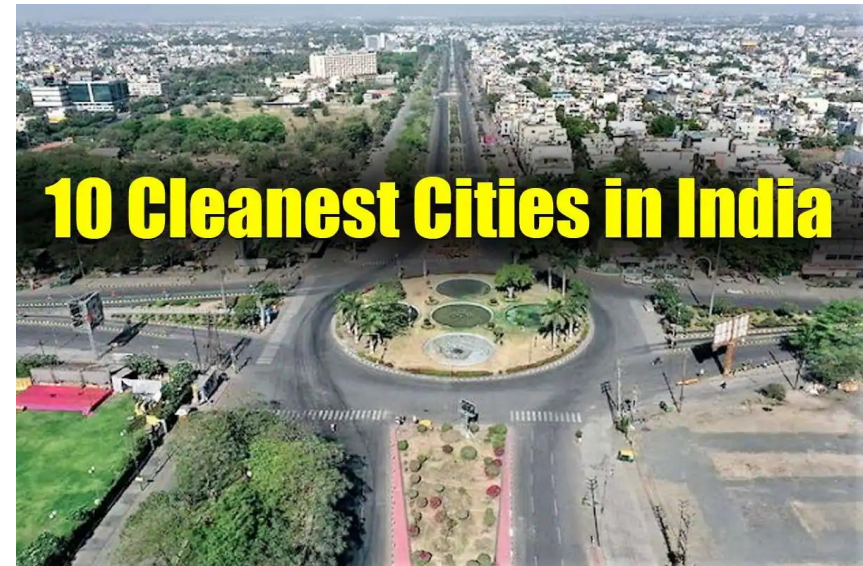
RANKING



➤ Indore ranked cleanest city for ____ time in a row?

- A) 4th
- B) 6th
- C) 2nd
- D) 5th
- E) 3rd

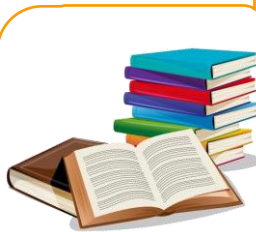
Answer
B) 6th



RANKING



Rank	City	State/UT
1	Indore (6 th time)	Madhya Pradesh
2	Surat	Gujarat
3	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra
4	Visakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh
5	Vijayawada	Andhra Pradesh
6	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
7	Tirupati	Andhra Pradesh
8	Mysore	Karnataka
9	New Delhi	Delhi
10	Ambikapur	Chhattisgarh



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ How many crore UPI transactions done in September?

- A) 647 crore
- B) 689 crore
- C) 656 crore
- D) 624 crore
- E) 678 crore

Answer

- E) 678 crore



Explanation

- UPI transactions grew by over **3 per cent** to **6.78 billion** in **September** from a month ago.

Month	Number of Transaction	Amount
January	461 Crore	₹ 8.32 lakh crore
February	452 Crore	₹ 8.26 lakh crore
March	545 Crore	₹ 9.60 lakh crore
April	558 Crore	₹ 9.83 lakh crore
May	594 Crore	₹ 10.41 lakh crore
June	586 Crore	₹ 10.14 lakh crore
July	628 Crore	₹ 10.63 lakh crore
August	657 Crore	₹ 10.72 lakh crore
September	678 Crore	₹ 11.16 lakh crore



Titbits

NPCI

- **National Payment Corporation of India**
- **Founded: 2008**
- **HQ: Mumbai**
- **Chairman: Biswamohan Mahapatra (Non-Executive)**
- **MD & CEO: Dilip Asbe**
- **Under: RBI, Ministry of Finance**



➤ Govt issued draft guidelines for RRBs listing; minimum net worth how many crores?

- A) Rs 500 crores
- B) Rs 700 crores
- C) Rs 300 crores
- D) Rs 600 crores
- E) Rs 400 crores

Answer

C) Rs 300 crores



Explanation

- In a bid to enable **regional rural banks (RRBs)** to raise resources by listing on stock exchanges, the government has issued draft guidelines that set certain basic criteria, including net worth of at least **Rs 300 crore** during the previous three years.
- They should also have capital adequacy above the regulatory minimum level of **9 per cent** in each of the preceding three years.
- The RRBs should have a track record of profitability and earned operating profit of **minimum Rs 15 crore** for at least three out of the previous five years, according to the draft guidelines issued by the finance ministry recently.
- Besides, there should not be any accumulated loss and the lender should have given return on equity of **minimum 10 per cent** in three out of the preceding five years.
- As per the draft norms, the responsibility of identifying suitable lenders for issuing **initial public offering (IPO)** has been left with the respective sponsor banks.



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)



➤ **GST collections rose by how many percent in September?**

- A) 26%
- B) 20%
- C) 24%
- D) 18%
- E) 25%

Answer
A) 26%



Explanation

- India's tax collection from the sale of goods and services soared **26 per cent to Rs 1.47 trillion in September.**

Month	GST Collection
January	₹ 1,40,986 lakh crore
February	₹ 1,33,026 lakh crore
March	₹ 1,42,095 lakh crore
April	₹ 1,67,540 lakh crore
May	₹ 1,40,885 lakh crore
June	₹ 1,44,616 lakh crore
July	₹ 1,48,995 lakh crore
August	₹ 1,43,612 lakh crore
September	₹ 1,47,686 lakh crore



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who among the following appointed as Director-Refineries of HPCL?

- A) L Patnaik
- B) S Dharshan
- C) S Bharathan
- D) K Deshmukh
- E) SP Dharkar

Answer

C) S Bharathan



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Organization: **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL)**
- Position: **Director - Refineries**
- Appointed: **S Bharathan**
- Others: Bharathan was serving as **Executive Director - Refineries Coordination** with Additional Charge of Research and Development (R&D).



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

HPCL

- **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited**
- **Founded: 1974**
- **HQ: Mumbai**
- **CMD: Pushpa Kumar Joshi**



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who among the following appointed as new chief of IAF Eastern Air Command?

- A) L Patnaik
- B) S Dharshan
- C) S Bharathan
- D) K Deshmukh
- E) SP Dharkar

Answer

E) SP Dharkar



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Air Marshal **S P Dharkar** took charge as **Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief** of the **Indian Air Force's Eastern Air Command**.
- Dharkar, the former **Director General of the Defence Space Agency**, succeeds **Air Marshal D K Patnaik**.
- Prior to his new posting as chief of the IAF Eastern Air Command, Dharkar was the **Senior Air Staff Officer** at South Western Air Command in Gandhinagar.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Indian Air Force

- Founded: **26/01/1950**
- HQ: **New Delhi**
- Motto: **Touch the sky with Glory**
- Air Force Day: **October 8**
- Chief of the Air Staff (CAS): **Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which of the following state CM laid foundation stones for developmental projects worth Rs 71 crore in Mandi?

- A) Telangana
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Himachal Pradesh
- E) Odisha

Answer

D) Himachal Pradesh



Explanation

- Chief Minister **Jai Ram Thakur** inaugurated and laid foundation stones of developmental projects worth **Rs. 71.38 crore** at Gandhi Chowk in Mandi town.
- Chief Minister inaugurated **Rs. 5.5 crore** new building of Municipal Corporation, **Rs. 6 crore** building of Residential Quarters IRBN 3rd Battalion at Pandoh, **Rs. 2.42 crore** Armory Store and Armory Building of IRBN 3rd Battalion at Pandoh, **Rs. 88 lakh** building of Veterinary Hospital Pandoh and **Rs. 72 lakh** Trekker Hut of Forest Department, in Mandi.
- Apart from this the foundation stone of **Rs. 28.94 crore** Water Supply Scheme for newly added areas of Municipal Corporation Mandi, **Rs. 3 crore** Municipal Corporation Parking and Red Cross shopping Complex Mandi, **Rs. 92 lakh** Parking in Zonal Hospital Mandi and **Rs. 23 crore** Regional Institute and Training Center of Health and Family Welfare Mandi were also laid by the CM.



Titbits

Himachal Pradesh

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



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Indian medical devices industry size may grow to \$50 billion by which year?

- A) 2035
- B) 2045
- C) 2030
- D) 2025
- E) 2040

Answer
C) 2030



Explanation

- The Indian medical devices industry has the potential to grow at an annual rate of **28 per cent to reach \$50 billion by 2030**, Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya.
- Indian medical devices industry has the power to emerge as the global leader in manufacturing and innovation in **next 25 years**.
- It has the potential to grow at **28 per cent p.a. to reach \$50 billion by 2030**, Mandaviya said while addressing an event to launch the website of India MedTech Expo 2022 (IMTE-22).
- MedTech Expo 2022 is the first ever expo being spearheaded by the Government in association with Indian medical devices industry.
- The **three-day IMTE-22** will start on 9th December 2022 at **Pragati Maidan, New Delhi**.



Titbits

Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

- Union Minister: **Mansukh L Mandaviya** (Rajya Sabha MP,Gujarat)
- Minister of State: **Bhagwanth Huba** (Bidar,Karnataka)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

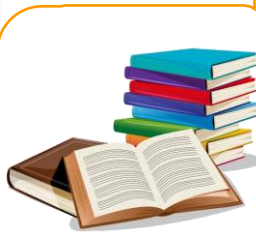
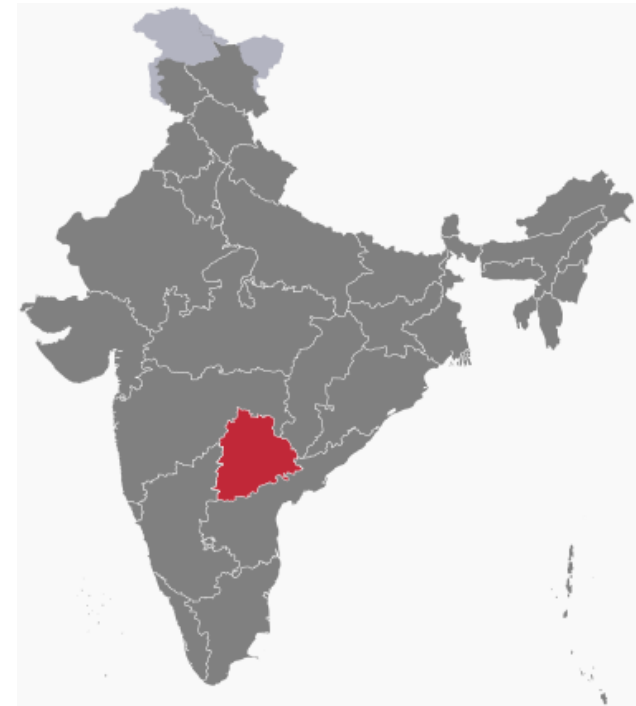


➤ Which of the following state attracted over Rs 2.5 lakh crore investments in 8 years?

- A) Telangana
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Himachal Pradesh
- E) Odisha

Answer

A) Telangana



Explanation

- **Telangana** has attracted over **2.5 lakh crore** in investment across various sectors in the **last 8 years** due to business-friendly policies and atmosphere, state Industries Minister **KT Rama Rao**.
- We gave more than **20,000 clearances (to business proposals)** in last 8 years through TS iPass attracting more than Rs 2.5 lakh crore of investment and created **1.6 million or 16 crore direct job opportunities**.



Titbits

Telangana

- Capital: **Hyderabad**
- CM: **K Chandrashekar Rao**
- Governor: **Tamilisai Soundararajan**
- Language : **Telugu**
- National Park: **Mahaveer Harina Vanasthali National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Manjeera crocodile WLS**
- Ramsar Site : -
- Tiger Reserve: **Nagarjunasagar Srisailam**
- Power Station: **Ramagundam Thermal Power Station**
- Dams: **Somasila Dam in Pennar River**
- RRB: **Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank & Telangana Grameena Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Kakatiya Rudreshwara Temple**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which of the following state extended free rice scheme for 9.05 lakh beneficiaries for 3 more months?

- A) Telangana
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Himachal Pradesh
- E) Odisha



Answer
E) Odisha



Explanation

- The **Odisha government** asked officials to extend the free distribution of rice among **9.05 lakh people** under its **State Food Security Scheme for three more months**.
- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik directed the officials to distribute **five kilograms of rice per month free of cost** to beneficiaries of the scheme till December end.
- Altogether **2.92 lakh families** will get benefit from it.
- The direction came two days after the Centre extended its programme to provide free rations to the poor at **Rs 44,762 crore** as it looked to ease pain from high inflation.



Titbits

Odisha

- Capital: **Bhubaneshwar**
- CM: **Naveen Patnaik**
- Governor: **Ganeshi Lal**
- Language: **Odia**
- National Park: **Simplipal National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Kapilash WLS**
- Ramsar Site: **Bhitarkanika Magroves, Chilka Lake**
- Tiger Reserve: **Satkosia**
- Power Station: **Hirakund Hydro Electric Power Plant, Talcher Super Thermal Power Station**
- Dams: **Muran Dam in Muran River**
- RRB: **Odisha Gramya Bank (IOB), Utkal Grameen Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Sun Temple Konark**



➤ NTPC clocked how many percent growth in power generation during Apr-Sep?

- A) 17.3%
- B) 19.5%
- C) 16.2%
- D) 18.4%
- E) 15.1%

Answer
E) 15.1%



Explanation

- **NTPC** group companies recorded a generation of **203.5 BU** from April to September 2022, registering an increase of **15.1% from 176.8 BU** generated in April to September 2021.
- **NTPC Rihand (3,000 MW) in Uttar Pradesh** was the top performing thermal power plant with **90.22 per cent** Plant Load Factor (PLF or capacity utilisation) between April to September 2022.
- Overall PLF of NTPC coal stations stood at **76.3 per cent** in the period under review.
- The total installed capacity of **NTPC is 70,234 MW.**
- NTPC is expanding its footprint in new business areas like green hydrogen, waste-to-energy and e-mobility.
- India's largest power producer is also aiming for a **10 per cent** reduction in net energy intensity by **2032.**



Titbits

NTPC

- **National Thermal Power Corporation**
- Founded: **07/11/1975**
- HQ: **New Delhi**
- Chairman & MD: **Gurdeep Singh**



➤ NMCG approved how many Projects worth Rs 1145 crore pertaining to sewerage management, and Decentralized Wastewater Treatment?

- A) 30
- B) 15
- C) 10
- D) 14
- E) 20

Answer
D) 14



Explanation

- **National Mission for Clean Ganga**, NMCG has approved **14 Projects** worth **one thousand 145 crore rupees** pertaining to sewerage management, industrial pollution abatement River Front Development and Decentralized Wastewater Treatment.
- These include eight projects of sewerage management in five main stem Ganga basin states - **Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal.**
- These projects were approved at the **45th meeting** of the Executive Committee of NMCG held under the chairmanship of Director General, NMCG **G. Asok Kumar.**
- Ministry of Jal Shakti in a statement said that for sewerage management, four projects in Uttar Pradesh were approved including tapping of Assi drain in Varanasi by constructing a 55 million litres per day Sewage Treatment Plant, STP, and other works costing around **308 crore rupees.**



Explanation

- The project was sanctioned with the objective of achieving zero untreated discharge from three drains **Assi, Sanme ghat, and Nakhha**.
- Other projects include the construction of **13 MLD STP**, and renovation of existing structures in Vrindavan City costing **over 77 crore rupees**.
- A big project for establishment of four Biodiversity Parks in four districts of Uttar Pradesh namely **Hapur, Bulandshahar, Badaun, and Mirzapur** has also been approved at an estimated cost of around **25 crore rupees**.
- The NMCG also approved indicative funds of **45 crore rupees** for the installation of decentralized wastewater treatment systems in the main stem Ganga basin States.



Titbits

Ministry of Jal Sakthi

- Union Minister: **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** (Jodhpur,Rajasthan)
- Minister of State: **Prahlad Singh Patel** (Damoh, Madhya Pradesh),
Bishweswar Tudu (Mayurbhanj, Odisha)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Swachh Bharat campaign was launched in which of the following state?

- A) Telangana
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Himachal Pradesh
- E) Odisha



Answer

B) Uttar Pradesh



Explanation

- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports **Anurag Singh Thakur** launched a month-long nationwide Swachh Bharat 2022 at **Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh** on 1st October.
- Speaking on the occasion Mr. Thakur said, Swachh Bharat will make Swachh Bharat and Youth will play a **very important role** in this campaign.
- The Minister informed that Prayagraj stood first in the **Indian Swachhta league** which was organised in 1850 towns of the country.
- Later, Mr. Thakur participated in the cleanliness drive in the **Sangam area** of the city.
- Many students, social, and political workers, members of **Nehru Yuva Kendras** along with general public participated in the drive along with the Minister.
- Swachh Bharat 2022 programme is being organised in **six lakh villages of 744 districts** across the country through the network of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) affiliated Youth Clubs and National Service Scheme Affiliated Institutions.



Explanation

- The Department of Youth Affairs has set a target of collecting and disposing of one crore kg plastic waste through Swachh Bharat 2022.
- The objectives of the Swachh Bharat programme are to organize the cleaning of public spaces and households across all the districts of the country from the 1st of October to the 31st of October 2022.
- Last year also the campaign has been started in Prayagraj city.
- Sports Minister attended the golden jubilee function of Amitabh Bachchan sports complex in Prayagraj and launch the eight-day long golden Jubilee sports festival.



Titbits

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

- Union Minister: **Anurag Thakur** (Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh)
- Minister of State: **Nisith Pramanik** (Cooch Behar, West Bengal)



➤ Govt launched ONDC, an alternative to Flipkart & Amazon what does O stands for in ONDC?

- A) Open
- B) Online
- C) Order
- D) Opened
- E) Ordered

Answer
A) Open



Explanation

- To reduce the dominance of e-commerce giants like **Flipkart and Amazon**, the government rolled out its big initiative -- **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)** -- for public in Bengaluru.
- With the help of ONDC, government plans to help small retailers and create an alternative to dominant global giants like **Amazon and Walmart**, who controls over half of India's fast-growing **e-commerce market**.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ PM Modi launched 5G services at ____ India Mobile Congress?

- A) 5th
- B) 3rd
- C) 6th
- D) 2nd
- E) 4th

Answer
C) 6th



Explanation

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **6th India Mobile Congress at Pragati Maidan in Delhi** and launched 5G services.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inspected the exhibition at **Pragati Maidan**.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ How many mobile manufacturing units where in India in 2014?

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

Answer
E) 2



Explanation

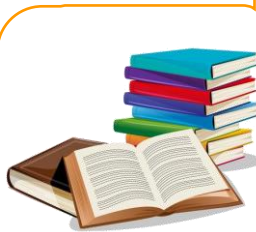
- From **2 mobile manufacturing units** in India in **2014**, country now has over **200 mobile factories**.



QUICK RECALL



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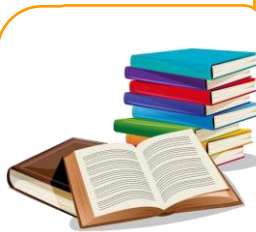
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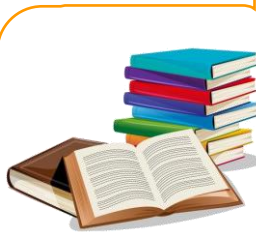
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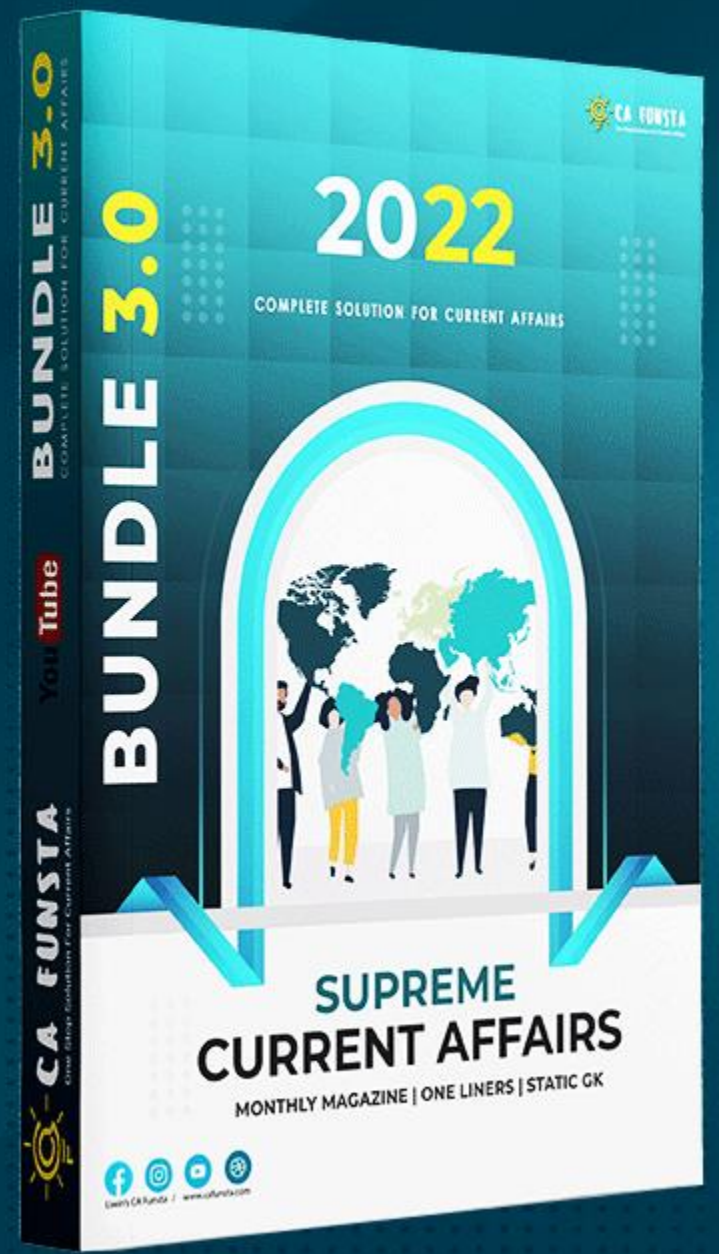
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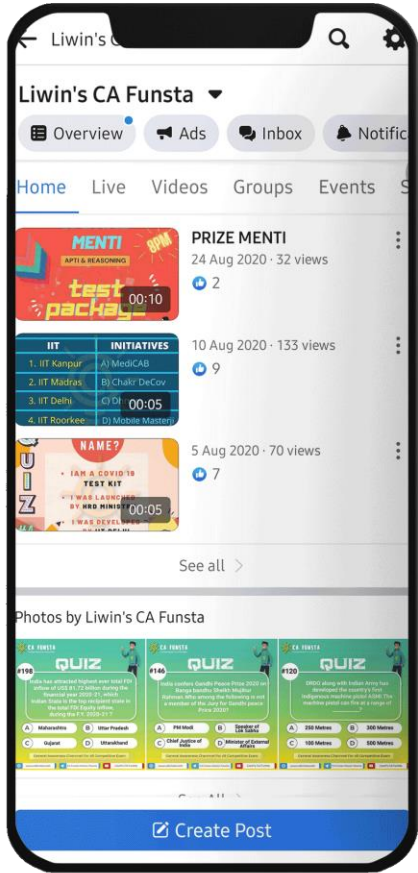
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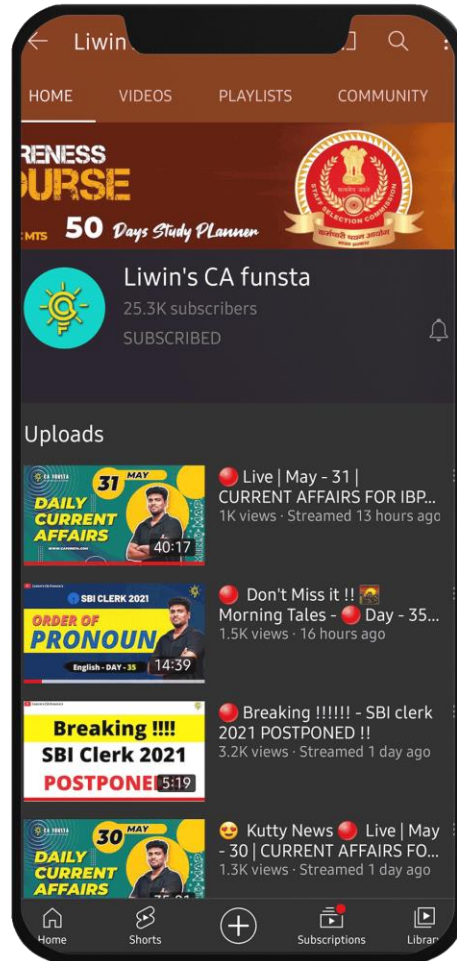
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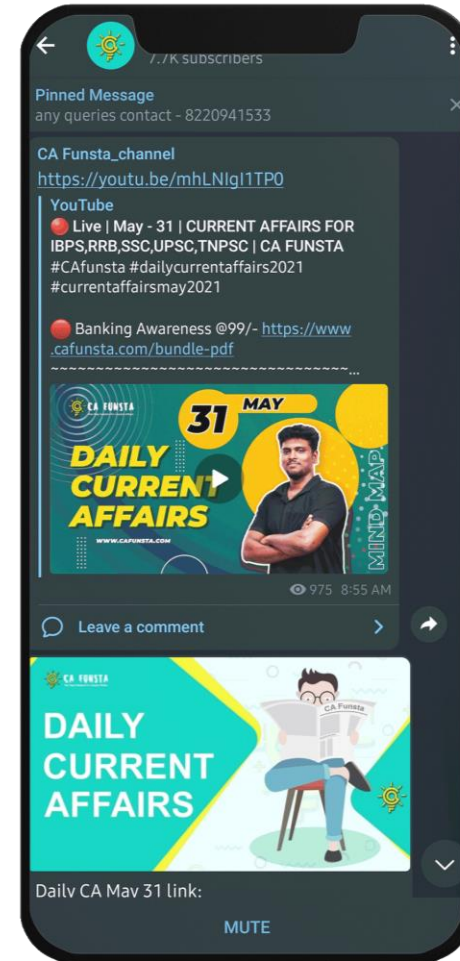
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