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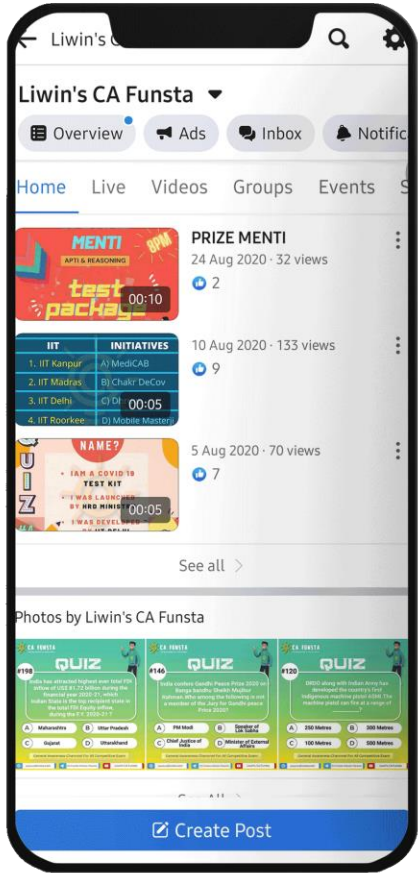
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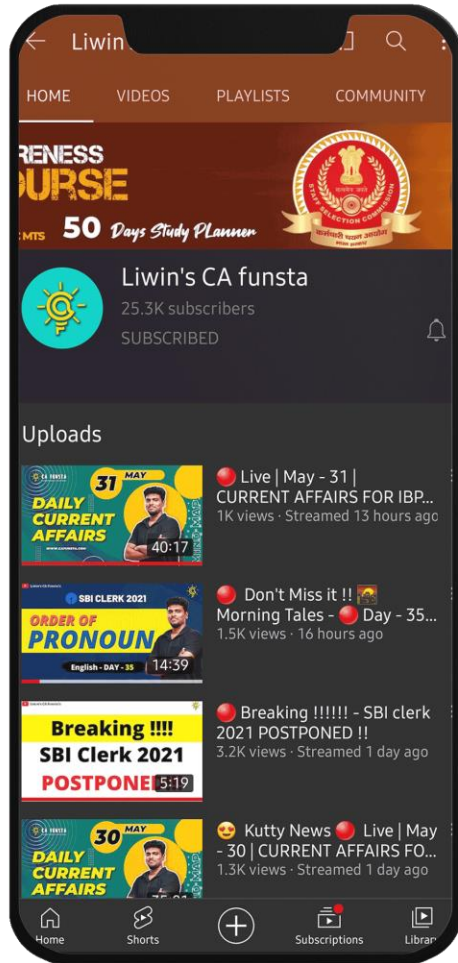
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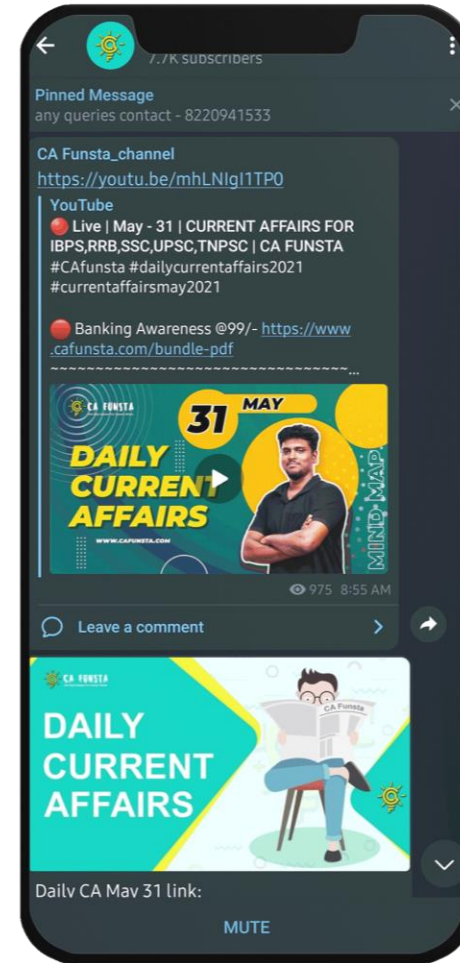
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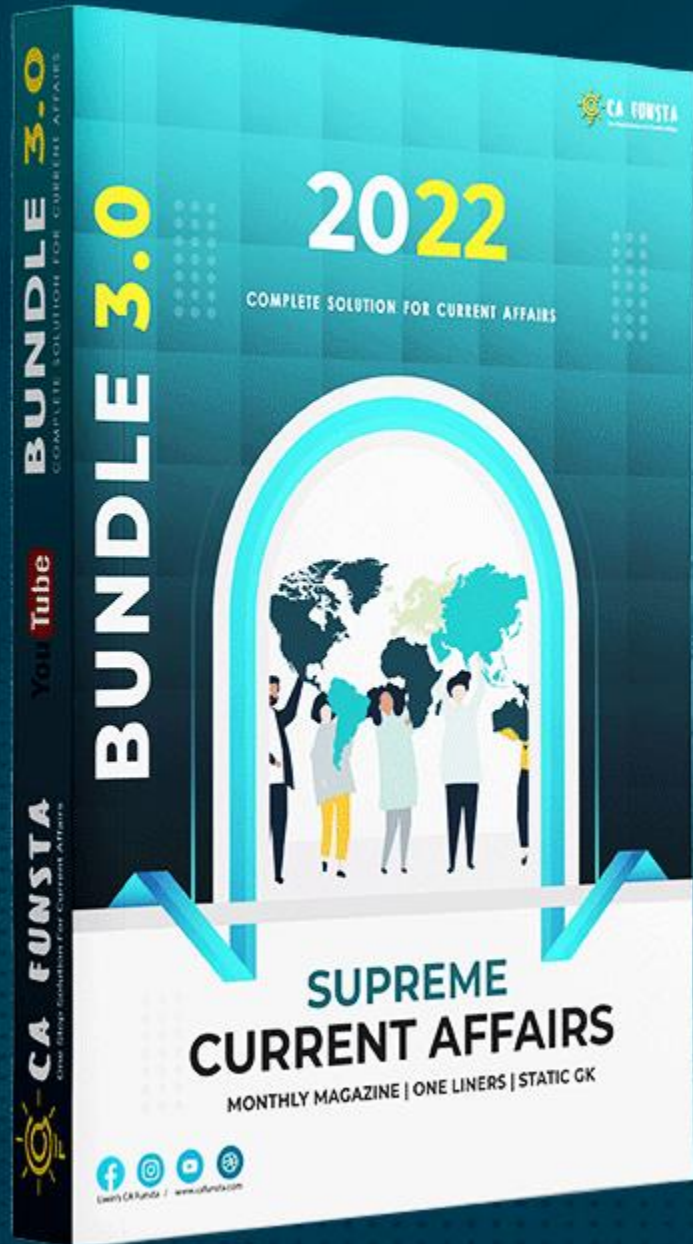


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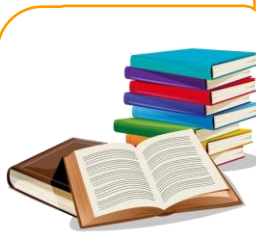


➤ Who among the following has launched the WADA Athlete Biological Passport Symposium-2022?

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Amitabh Kant
- C) Nirmala Sitharaman
- D) Anurag Singh Thakur
- E) Vinodh Kumar Paul

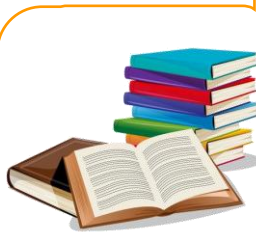
Answer

D) Anurag Singh Thakur



Explanation

- Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Anurag Singh Thakur** launched the **World Anti-doping Agency (WADA) Athlete Biological Passport Symposium - 2022** in New Delhi.
- The event is being jointly organized by the **National Anti-Doping Agency and National Dope Testing Laboratory** for the first time in India.
- Government has tied up with the **National Forensic Science University and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India** for nutrition supplements can be tested and its information can be shared with the athletes.



SPORTS

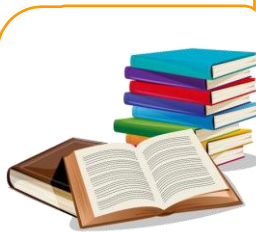


Titbits

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports:

Union Minister: **Anurag Thakur** (Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh)

Minister of State: **Nisith Pramanik** (Cooch Behar, West Bengal)



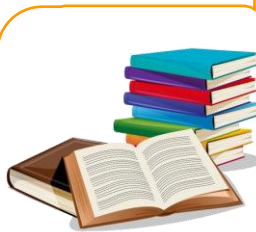
➤ **Paytm partners with which SFB for the deployment of card devices?**

- A) Jana Small Finance Bank
- B) ESAF Small Finance Bank
- C) Suryoday Small Finance Bank
- D) AU Small Finance Bank
- E) Equitas Small Finance Bank



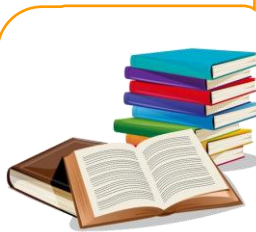
Answer

A) Jana Small Finance Bank



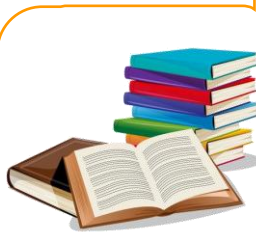
Explanation

- **Paytm** has partnered with **Jana Small Finance Bank** to **deploy card machines** to further drive digitisation among merchants across the country.
- This partnership will enable Jana Small Finance Bank to **extend Paytm's All-in-one EDC machines** to its existing and potential customers and providing a one-stop solution for all their digital payment needs.
- Paytm's EDC devices and All-in-One POS devices have revolutionised digital payments in India with their flexibility of **accepting multiple payment methods, integrated billing and instant settlement.**



Explanation

- Paytm's card machines provide multilingual support to its merchant partners to accept payments through **UPI, credit/debit cards, net banking, international cards, Paytm Postpaid, PaytmWallet, EMI** and also offer instant voice alerts, instant settlement, which makes merchant partners convenient.



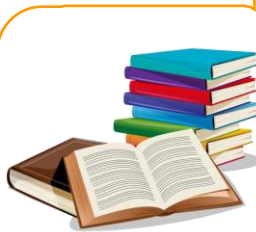
BANKING AND FINANCE



Titbits

Paytm:

Founded: August 2010
HQ: Noida, Uttar Pradesh
CEO: Vijay Shekhar Sharma
President: Amit Nayyar



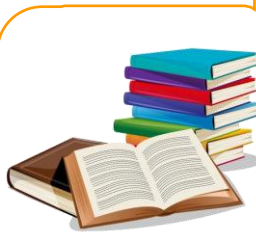
ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ _____ sells over 2% stake in Power Grid for Rs 3,079 crore in 5 months?

- A) SBI Life Insurance
- B) LIC
- C) Max Life Insurance
- D) Kotak Life Insurance
- E) Reliance Life Insurance

Answer
B) LIC

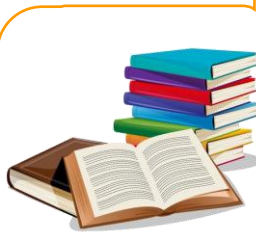


ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- **LIC sold 2.003 per cent** of its holding in **Power Grid Corporation for Rs 3,079.43 crore** during the period from May 18, 2022 to October 11, 2022.
- As per regulatory requirement by **SEBI**, listed companies have to disclose about change in shareholding of **2 per cent and above**.
- Corporation's shareholding in Power Grid Corporation has diluted from 36,99,02,170 to 23,01,82,028 equity shares decreasing its shareholding from 5.303% to 3.3% of the paid-up capital.
- The shares were sold at an average price of **Rs 220.40 per share** during the period through an open market sale in an ordinary course of transaction.
- LIC's shares closed at **Rs 615.40 apiece on BSE, down by 0.69 per cent**.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



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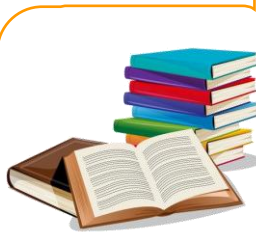
LIC:

Life Insurance Corporation of India

Founded: 01/09/1956

HQ: Mumbai

Chairman: MR Kumar



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS

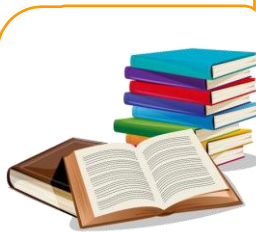


➤ NSDL acquires how much percentage of stake in ONDC?

- A) 12%
- B) 7.4%
- C) 2.2%
- D) 9.8%
- E) 5.6%



Answer
E) 5.6%

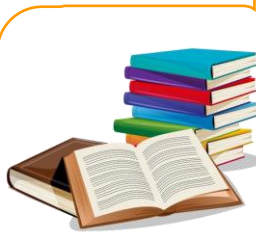


ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- Leading depository **National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL)** has acquired a **5.6 per cent stake** in the Union government's **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)** for **Rs 10 crore**.
- NSDL invested an amount of Rs 10 crore in ONDC under the private placement route **to strengthen the digital ecosystem in India**.
- ONDC is an initiative of the Commerce Ministry to create an open public digital infrastructure and NSDL transforming the Indian securities market by facilitating, holding and transfer of securities in dematerialised form.



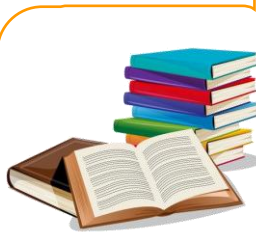
APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Adarsh Swaika appointed as the India's new envoy to which country?**

- A) Republic of Guinea
- B) Japan
- C) Kuwait
- D) Nepal
- E) Russia

Answer
C) Kuwait

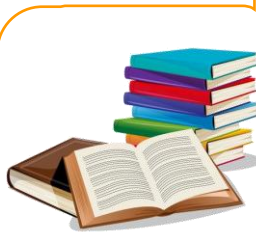


APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Dr Adarsh Swaika**, a joint secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs has been appointed **India's next Ambassador to Kuwait**.
- He will **succeed Sibi George** as the Indian envoy in Kuwait.
- **Avtar Singh**, a Director in the Ministry of External Affairs has been appointed as **India's next Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea**.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Kuwait:

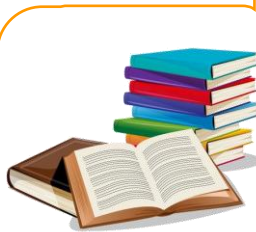
Capital : Kuwait City

Currency : Hryvnia

Emir : Nawaf Al-Ahmad- Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

Crown Prince : Mishal Al-Ahmad- Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

Language : Arabic



DEFENCE

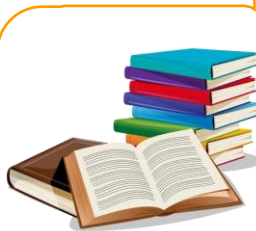


➤ Indian Army conduct military exercise in which place?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Western Front
- C) Udaipur
- D) New Delhi
- E) Eastern Front

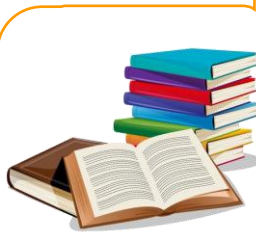
Answer

B) Western Front



Explanation

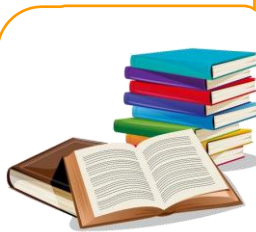
- Offensive formations of the **Indian Army** are preparing to take part in a **military exercise in Western Front**.
- It is one of the biggest exercises in recent times and will be **witnessed by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command**.
- The exercise will put into practice the synergy between all arms and services including attack helicopters in a semi desert terrain.
- The exercise is planned **to validate newly converted mechanised formations**, also known as Reorganised Plains Infantry Division, test efficacy of latest induction and upgrades in weapons and equipment, and **also test the enhanced force ratios accrued post rebalancing of forces on entire Western Front**.



➤ Which edition of India-Norway Joint Working Group on Higher Education meeting held in New Delhi?

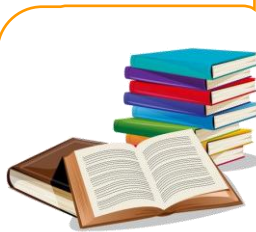
- A) 6th
- B) 4th
- C) 5th
- D) 8th
- E) 7th

Answer
A) 6th



Explanation

- **India hosted the 6th meeting of the India-Norway Joint Working Group on Higher Education in New Delhi.**
- **Chaired by Ms. Neeta Prasad**, Joint Secretary, International Cooperation, Ministry of Education from the Indian side and by Ms. Anne Line Wold, Director General, Ministry of Education and Research from the Norwegian side.
- **The Ambassador of Norway to India also participated in the meeting.**
- The Joint Working Group monitor the implementation of the **MoU on Cooperation in the field of Higher Education signed between India and Norway on 25th April, 2022.**



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Ministry of Education;

Union Minister: **Dharmendra Pradhan** (Rajya Sabha
MP, Madhya Pradesh)

Minister of State: **Subhas Sarkar** (Bankura, West
Bengal), **Annapurna Devi**

Yadhav (Kodarma, Jharkhand), **Rajkumar Ranjan Singh** (Inner
Manipur, Manipur)

Norway:

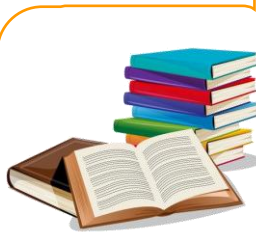
Capital : Oslo

Currency : Norwegian Krone (NOK)

Monarch : Harald V

Prime Minister : Jonas Gahr Store

Language : Norwegian, Sami

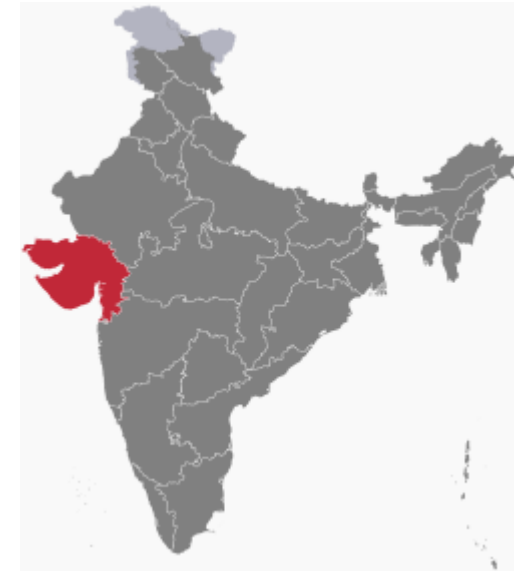


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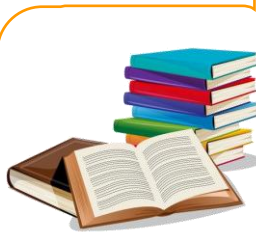


➤ 12th edition of DefExpo begin in which of the following state?

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

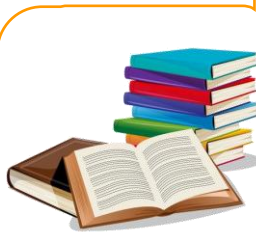


Answer
C) Gujarat



Explanation

- **Defence Ministry** organised the **12th edition of prestigious Biennial Defence Exhibition - DefExpo 2022 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat** starting from October 18 to 22 to focusing on **Land, Air, Naval and Homeland Security systems**.
- During the event **seminars** will be held at **Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar**.
- The seminars will be **conducted by the leading Industry Associations, Think Tanks, Indian Defence Public Sector Entities, Service Headquarters, DRDO, Directorate General of Quality Assurance, Ministry of Civil Aviation and State Government**.

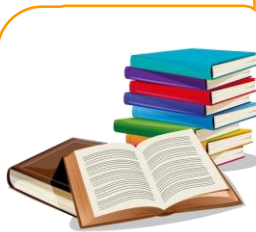


Titbits

Ministry of Defence:

Union Minister: **Rajnath Singh** (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh)

Minister of State: **Ajay Bhatt** (Nainital-
UdamsinghNagar, Uttarkhand)

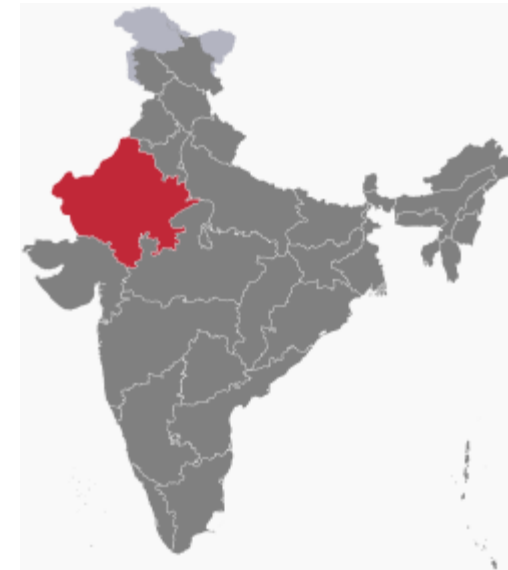


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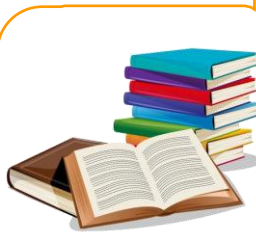


➤ Two day conference of Power and renewable energy ministers of States, UTs held in which state?

- A) Tamilnadu
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Uttarakhand
- D) Bihar
- E) Kerala

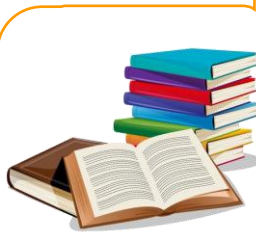


Answer
B) Rajasthan



Explanation

- **Power Ministry inaugurated the two day conference of Ministers of Power and New & Renewable Energy of States and UT in Udaipur, Rajasthan** to discuss the emerging issues in power sector.
- The conference is expected to witness deliberation on strengthening power sector with focus **on energy conservation, renewable energy and reforms in power sector.**
- Chief Minister of Rajasthan Ashok Gehlot, Minister of State for Power and Heavy Industries Krishan Pal Gurjar, Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy and Chemical and Fertilizers Bhagwanth Khuba and senior officials from the Ministries of Power and New & Renewable Energy are attend the conference.

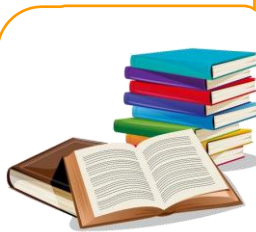


Titbits

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy:

Union Minister: **Raj Kumar Singh** (Arrah, Bihar)

Minister of State: **Bhagwanth Khuba** (Bidar, Karnataka)



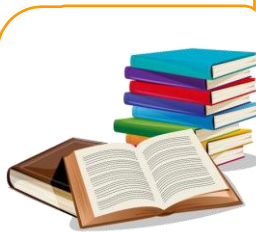
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➤ Indian Railways set to operate _____ versions of Vande Bharat trains?

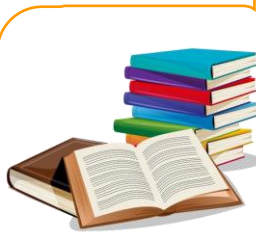
- A) Automated People Mover
- B) Freight
- C) Passenger
- D) Bogies
- E) Locomotive

Answer
B) Freight



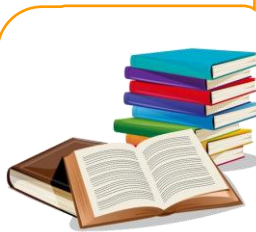
Explanation

- **Railways Ministry** announced that the **Indian Railways** is set to **operate freight versions of Vande Bharat trains** to capture additional high value sensitive cargo.
- These services are being planned through new freight **Electric Multiple Unit (EMU)** rolling stock built on Vande Bharat platform.
- The **first service is being introduced between Delhi-NCR and Mumbai region.**
- **Freight EMU** rakes have the potential to operate at a speed of **160 EMU** rolling stock.



Explanation

- Under the Make in India initiative, a target has been set to **manufacture 400 Vande Bharat trains in the coming years.**
- This new **Vande Bharat Express train can achieve the speed of 0 to 100 km per hour in just 52 seconds.**
- This train has the capability to run at a **speed of 180 km/hr.**



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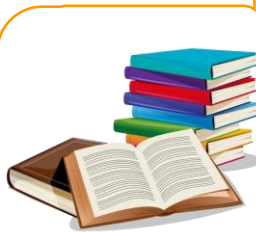
Ministry of Railways:

Union Minister: **Ashwini Vaishnaw**(Rajya Sabha MP,Odisha)

Minister of State:

Raosaheb Danve(Jalna,Maharashtra),**Darshana**

Jardosh(Surat,Gujarat)



➤ Who among the following approved the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022?

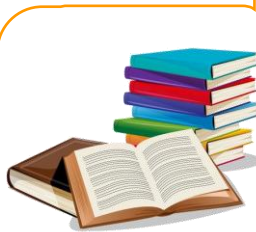
- A) Narendra Modi
- B) RBI
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) Droupadi Murmu
- E) Cabinet Union

Answer
E) Cabinet Union

Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022

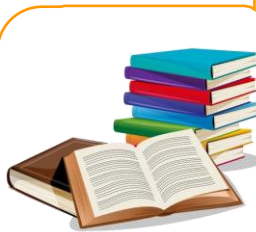
Cabinet approves Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022

- Will incorporate the provisions of the 97th Constitutional Amendment
- Setting up of Cooperative Election Authority, Cooperative Information Officer, Cooperative Ombudsman, etc. have been proposed
 - › Election Authority will ensure that elections are held in a fair, free and timely manner
 - › Cooperative Ombudsman will provide for a mechanism for redressal of member grievances
 - › Cooperative Information Officer will enhance transparency



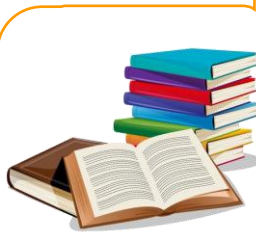
Explanation

- Union **Cabinet** has **approved** the **Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022** to amend the **Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002**.
- Information and Broadcasting Minister **Anurag Thakur** stated that this will **improve governance, enhance transparency and accountability in the Multi State Cooperative Societies**.
- The proposed amendments cover major areas of operation and management in **strengthening the co-operative movement in the country**.
- India has more than **1500 multi state co-operative societies** serving as an important tool to promote economic and social betterment of their members.



Explanation

- In order to make the governance of these multi-State Cooperative societies more **democratic, transparent and accountable, provisions** for setting up of the **Cooperative Election Authority, Cooperative Information Officer and Cooperative Ombudsman** have been proposed in the amendment.
- The amendment has also proposed to enhance **ease of doing business** by reducing the period of registration with a provision for the applicants to seek additional time of two months for rectification of mistakes.

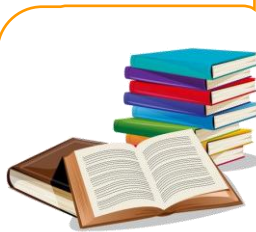


➤ Which of the following ministry addressed the National Conference on "Enhancing Agricultural Productivity: Integration of Improved Seeds and Agri Inputs"?

- A) Health and Family welfare Minister
- B) Home Minister
- C) Agriculture Minister
- D) MSME Minister
- E) Rural Development Minister

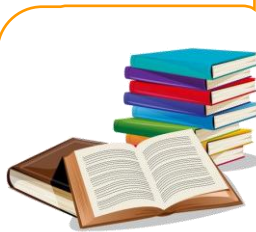
Answer

C) Agriculture Minister



Explanation

- **Agriculture Minister** virtually addressing the **National Conference on "Enhancing Agricultural Productivity: Integration of Improved Seeds and Agri Inputs"** in New Delhi.
- National Conference was **organised by ASSOCHAM** in which **eminent agriculture experts, professionals and academia participated**.
- Tomar highlighted the role of agri-infrastructure and announced that the **government will setting up ten thousand Farmer Productivity Organisations with the cost of over six thousand eight hundred crore rupees for the development of agri-infrastructure** across the country.
- The government has **exported agriproduce** of worth **three lakh 75 thousand crore rupees** even **during the testing time of pandemic**.

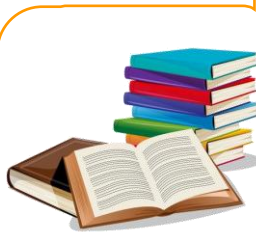


Titbits

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare:

Union Minister: **Narendra Singh Tomar**(Morena, Madhya Pradesh)

Minister of State: **Shobha Karandlaje**(Udupi Chikmagalur, Karnataka), **Kailash Choudhary** (Barmer, Rajasthan)



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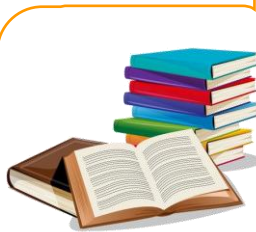


➤ Cabinet extends _____ crore as one time grant to oil PSUs to cover losses in domestic LPG?

- A) Rs.22,000 crore
- B) Rs.18,000 crore
- C) Rs.15,000 crore
- D) Rs.12,000 crore
- E) Rs.10,000 crore

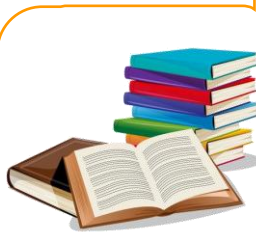
Answer

A) Rs.22,000 crore



Explanation

- Union Cabinet has approved **payment of a Productivity Linked Bonus equivalent to 78 days to railway employees for the financial year 2021-22.**
- The Cabinet has approved **22,000 crore rupees** as one time grant to **Public Sector Undertakings, Oil Marketing Companies for losses in Domestic LPG.**
- Union Cabinet has also approved a new Scheme - **Prime Minister's Development Initiative for the North East Region for the remaining four years of the 15th Finance Commission from 2022-23 to 2025-26,** implemented by the **Ministry of Development of the North Eastern Region.**



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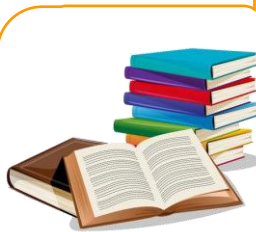
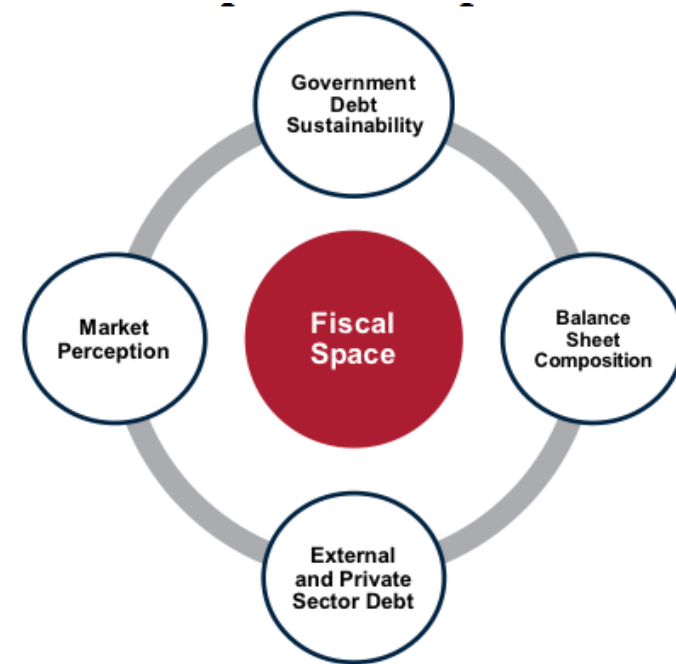


➤ 13 major states have fiscal space for _____ capital spending in FY23?

- A) Rs.3.4 lakh crore
- B) Rs.6.8 lakh crore
- C) Rs.5.2 lakh crore
- D) Rs.9.5 lakh crore
- E) Rs.7.4 lakh crore

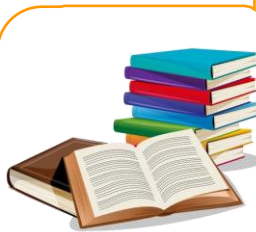
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E) Rs.7.4 lakh crore



Explanation

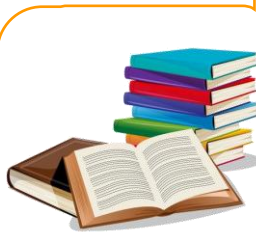
- **13 major states** have a massive **fiscal space of Rs 7.4 lakh crore** for capital spending in the current fiscal 81 per cent higher than the last fiscal as per the report of **ICRA**.
- The 13 states, having nearly **85 per cent share in India's GDP in 2020-21**, had made a capital expenditure of Rs 4.1 lakh crore last fiscal and their **Budget estimate for capex spending this fiscal is Rs 5.8 lakh crore**.
- The agency's analysis is based on 13 states including **Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal**.
- ICRA estimates the combined **revenue deficit** of these 13 states will be at **Rs 2.1 lakh crore, higher than the Rs 1.8 lakh crore budgeted**.



➤ Which among the following state govt notifies India's first 'Slender Loris Sanctuary'?

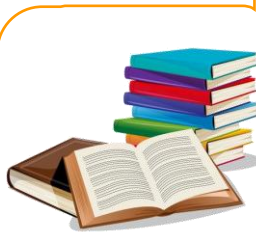
- A) Karnataka
- B) Telangana
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Tamilnadu
- E) Uttar Pradesh

Answer
D) Tamilnadu



Explanation

- **Tamil Nadu** government notified **India's first Slender Loris Sanctuary** name **“Kadavur Slender Loris Sanctuary”**.
- The sanctuary covers an **area of 11,806 hectares** in **Karur and Dindigul** districts.
- Slender Loris is a **small nocturnal animals**, classified as **endangered by the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature)** and scheduled **under the Wildlife (Protection) Act of India, 1972**.



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Tamil Nadu:

Capital: **Tamil**

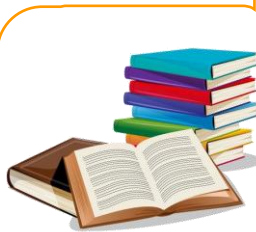
CM: **MK Stalin**

Governor: **RN Ravi**

Language: **Tamil**

RRB: **Tamil Nadu Grama Bank (Indian Bank)**

UNESCO Site: **Western Ghats, Mountain Railways, Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram, Great Living Chola Temples**

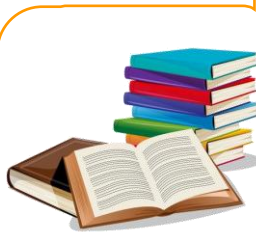


Titbits

Tamil Nadu:

Ramsar Site: **Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary, Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve, Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary, Karikili Bird Sanctuary, Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary, Pallikarnai Marsh Reserve Forest, Pichavaram Mangrove, Point Calimere Wildlife and Bird Sanctuary, SuchindramTheroor Wetland Complex, Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary, Vadavur Bird Sanctuary, Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary, Vellode Bird Sanctuary, Vembannur Wetland Complex**

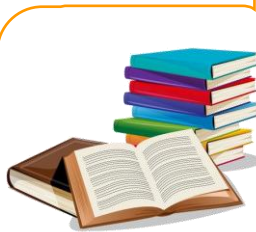
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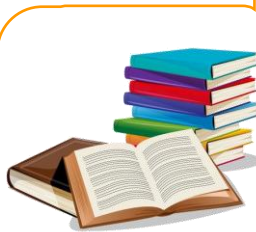
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2. Paytm partners with Jana Small Finance Bank for deployment of card devices.
3. LIC sells over 2% stake in Power Grid for Rs 3,079 crore in 5 months.
4. NSDL acquires 5.6% stake in ONDC.
5. Adarsh Swaika appointed as India's new envoy to Kuwait.



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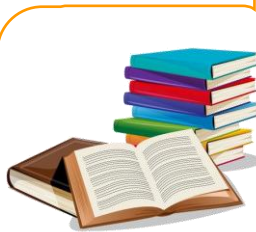
6. Indian Army to conduct military exercise in Western Front.
7. India hosts 6th meeting of India-Norway Joint Working Group on Higher Education in New Delhi.
8. 12th DefExpo to begin from October 18 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
9. Two day conference of Power and renewable energy ministers of States, UTs to begin in Rajasthan.
10. Indian Railways set to operate freight versions of Vande Bharat trains.



QUICK RECALL



11. Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022 gets Cabinet approval.
12. Govt is setting up 10,000 Farmer Productivity Organisations for development of agri-infrastructure in India.
13. Cabinet extends Rs 22,000 crore as one time grant to oil PSUs to cover losses in domestic LPG.
14. 13 major states have fiscal space for Rs 7.4 lakh cr capital spending in FY23.
15. Tamil Nadu govt notifies India's first 'Slender Loris Sanctuary'.



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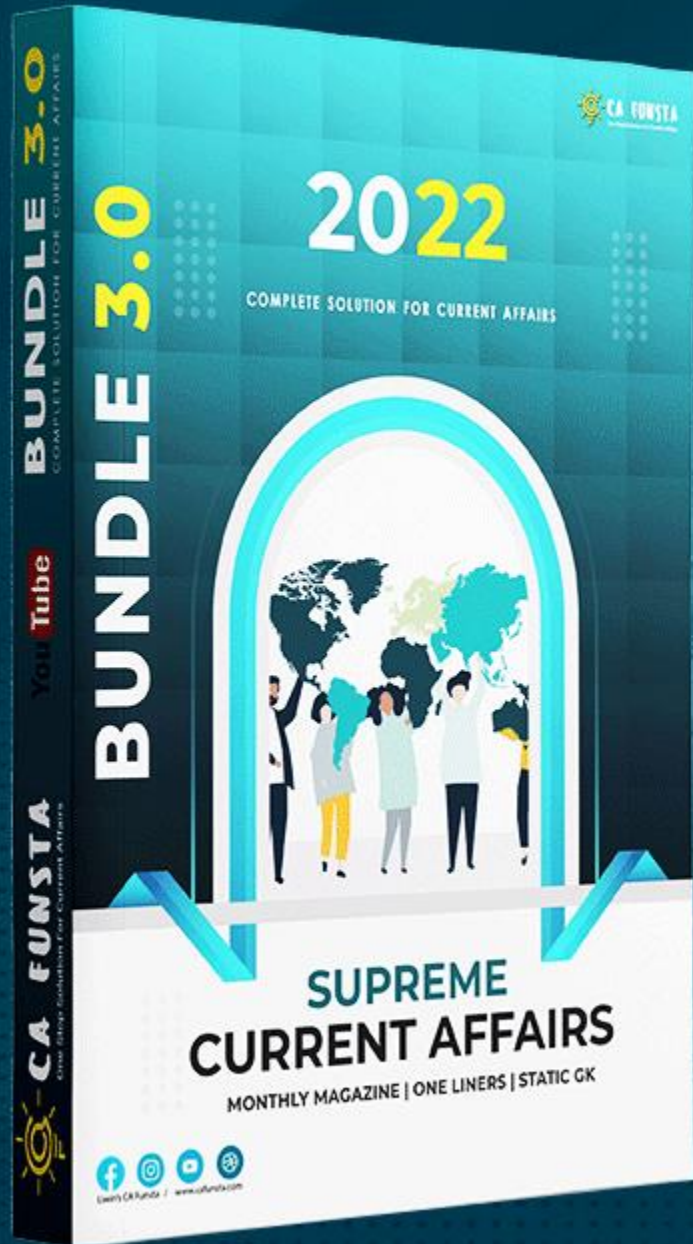
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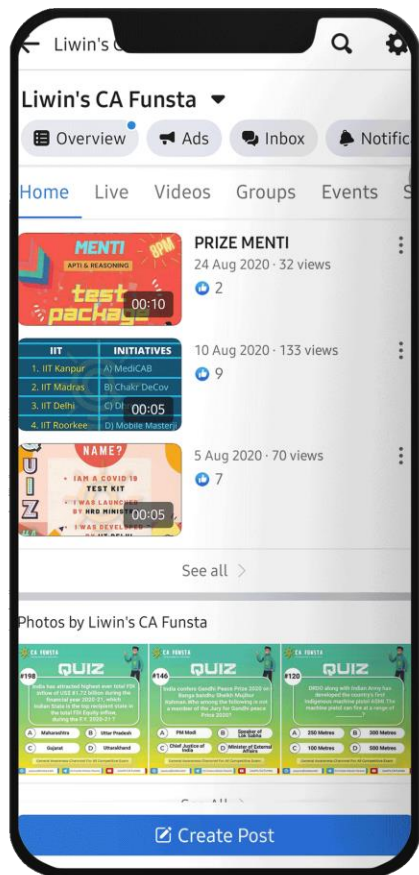
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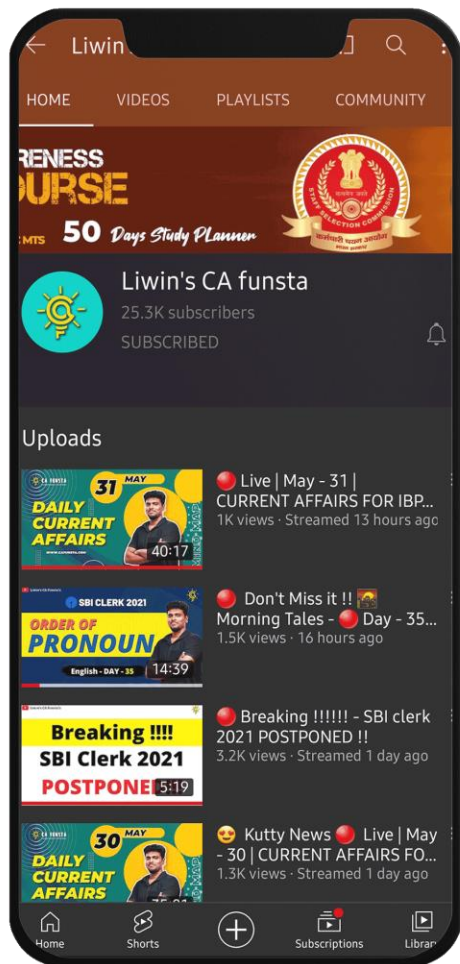
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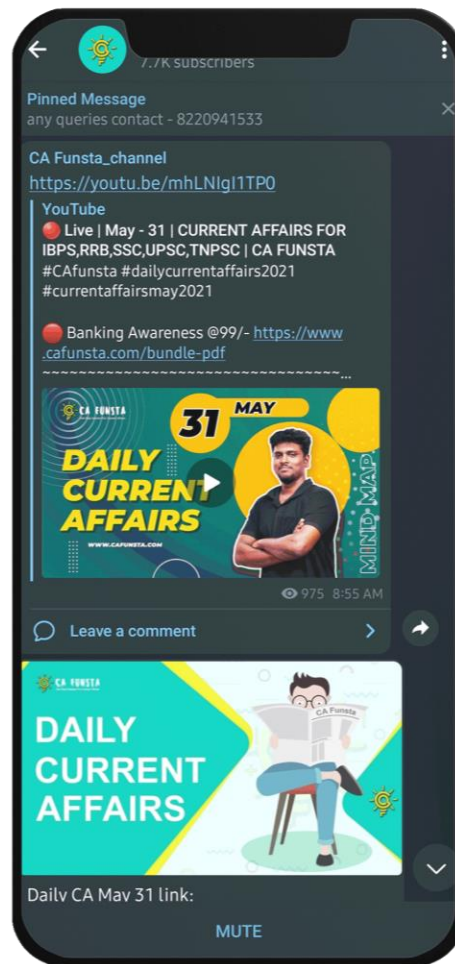
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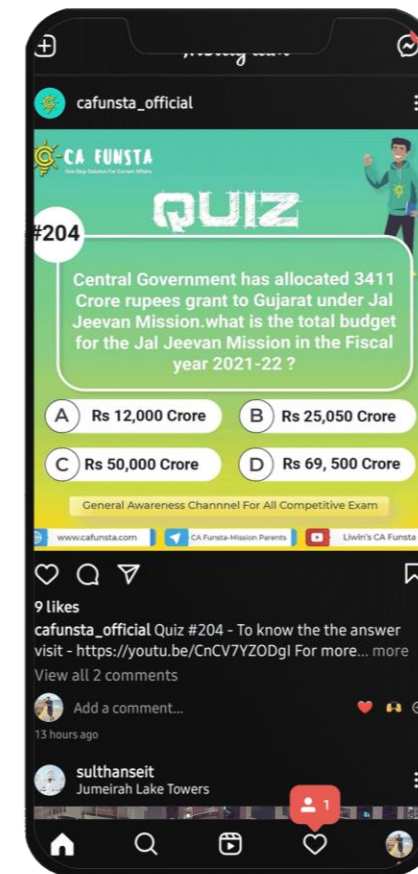


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