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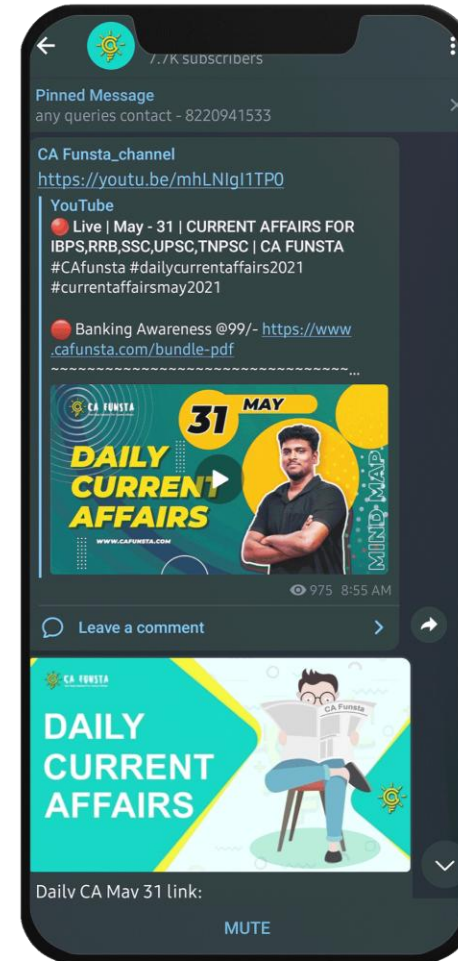
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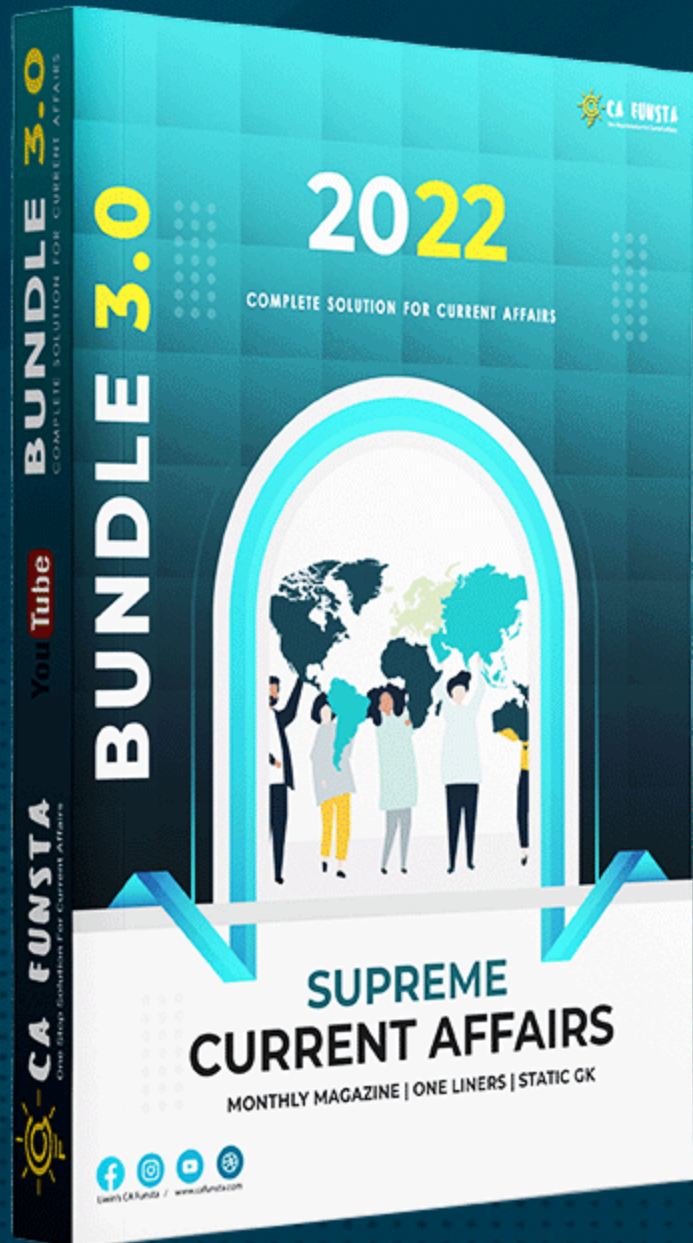
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Important Days

➤ National Monkey Day is observed on_____?

- A) December 14
- B) December 12
- C) December 10
- D) December 11
- E) None of these

Answer

A) December 14



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **Monkey Day2022**
- DATE : **December 14**
- OTHERS : The **holiday celebrates the unique characteristics of monkeys and focuses on other non-human primates such as tarsiers, apes, and lemurs.** Monkeys are considered a part of the human family tree. Interestingly, two college students, Casey Sorrow and Erik Millikin, are responsible for bringing this simian-centric celebratory day into existence. While studying art at Michigan State University, **the two students created National Monkey Day in 2000.**



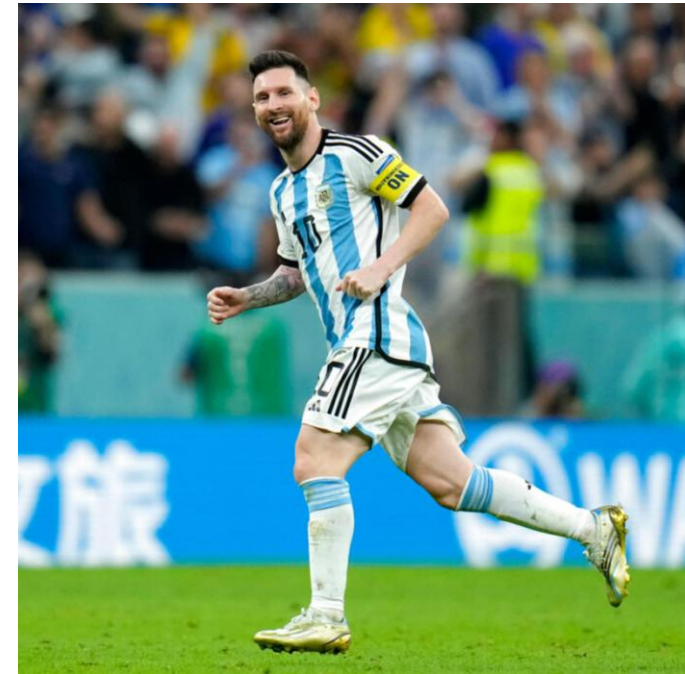
SPORTS



➤ Who among the following became highest goalscorer for Argentina in FIFA World Cup history?

- A) Lionel Messi
- B) Cristiano Ronaldo
- C) Neymar
- D) Sunil Chhetri
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Lionel Messi



Explanation

- **Lionel Messi broke Gabriel Batistuta's record to become the highest goalscorer** for Argentina in the history of the FIFA World Cup.
- This was Messi's 11th goal.
- The Argentina captain scored from the penalty kick to give his side a 1-0 lead against Croatia in the 34th minute in the first semi-final match at Lusail Stadium.
- **Messi has equalled Hungarian great Sandor Kocsis and German goal-machine Jurgen Klinsmann with 11 goals.**
- Only Pele (12), Just Fontaine (13), Gerd Muller (14), Brazil's Ronaldo (15) and Germany's Miroslav Klose (16) have scored more goals in FIFA World Cup than Messi.
- This match was also his 25th World Cup match, the most for any Argentinian player alongside Lothar Matthaus.



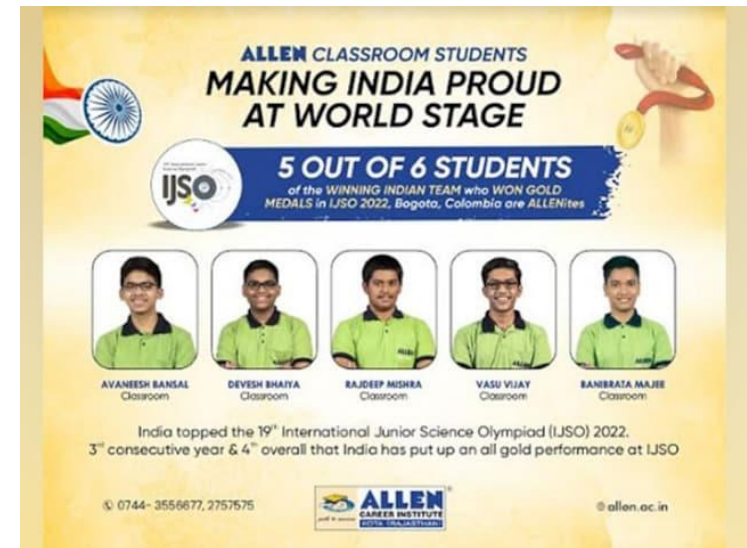
SPORTS



➤ India won how many gold medals at 19th International Junior Science Olympiad in Bogota?

- A) 4
- B) 5
- C) 6
- D) 7
- E) None of these

Answer
C) 6



Explanation

- **India secured the top rank at the 19th International Junior Science Olympiad (IJSO) 2022 held in Bogota, Colombia by winning 6 gold medals.**
- **This was the last international Olympiad of 2022.**
- India's nodal center for Olympiad programs, Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE), Mumbai informed that this year, of the 30 Indian students who participated in Mathematics and Science Olympiads, 12 have won Gold, 13 Silver, and 5 Bronze.
- **Arittra Malhotra, Rajdeep Mishra, Devesh Pankaj Bhaiya, Banibrata Majee, and Avaneesh Bansal** were the students who bagged gold medals at the IJSO 2022, Bogota.



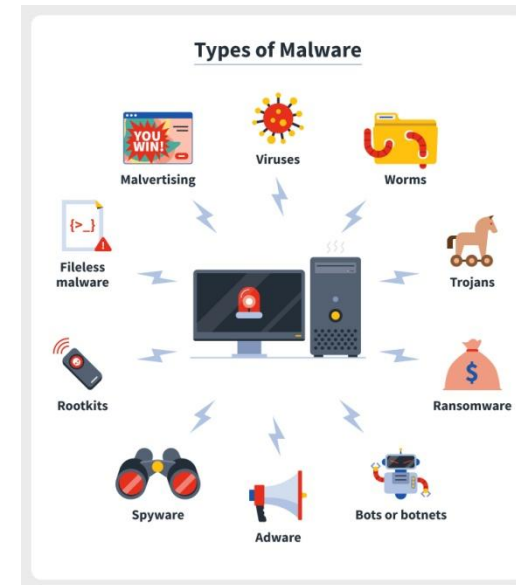
RANKING



➤ India ranked at _____ in most vulnerable nations with respect to malware infection?

- A) 1st
- B) 2nd
- C) 3rd
- D) 4th
- E) None of these

Answer
C) 3rd



RANKING



Explanation

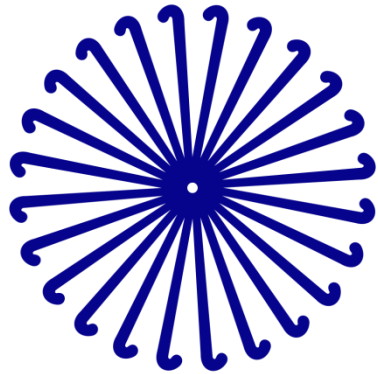
- As the digital landscape of the country is rapidly evolving, IT company Microsoft informed that **India is among the top 3 most vulnerable nations of the world with respect to malware infections for the internet of things (IoT).**
- The **other two nations, according to IT major are China and United States.**
- The company conducted research across the world and found that around 38% of all malware IoT originates from **China's large network footprint, the highest in the world.**
- The Microsoft Cyber Signals Report further added that infected servers in the **US put the country in second place and observe 18% of all observed malware.**
- **"Microsoft researchers found that India is amongst the top 3 countries originating IoT malware infection in 2022**



RANKING



➤ Which of the following signed MoU with Hockey India to become official partner of WC?



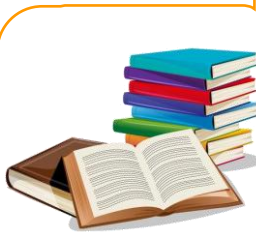
HOCKEY INDIA

- A) Tata Steel
- B) JSW
- C) Jio
- D) Dalmia
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Tata Steel



RANKING



Explanation

- **Tata Steel Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hockey India to become an Official Partner of the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 in Bhubaneswar-Rourkela.**
- **The 15th edition of the Hockey Men's World Cup will take place in Bhubaneswar-Rourkela from January 13 to January 29, 2023, a Tata Steel said.**



➤ Who among the following approved raising Rs 10,000 crore capital via bonds?

- A) RBI
- B) SBI
- C) SEBI
- D) SIDBI
- E) None of these



Answer

B) SBI



Explanation

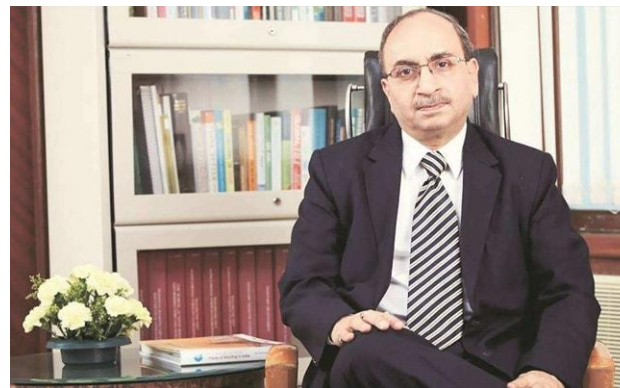
- **State Bank of India (SBI) said its board has approved Rs 10,000 crore capital raising plan through Tier I bonds.**
- **The fund raising through Additional Tier 1 (AT1) capital up to an amount of Rs 10,000 crore is subject to Government of India concurrence, the bank said in a regulatory filing.**
- **The Central Board accorded an approval for raising capital by way of issuance of Basel III compliant debt instrument in INR and/or any other convertible currency, up to FY24, it said.**
- **The fund would help the bank grow its loan book.**



Titbits

State Bank of India

- Founded : **01/07/1955**
- HQ : **Mumbai**
- Chairman : **Dinesh Kumar Khara**
- Tagline : **With You all the way, Pure Banking**
Nothing Else, The Nation Bank on Us, The Banker to Every Indian, A Bank of the Common Man



➤ Govt extended bid submission deadline till Jan 7 for which of the bank sale?

- A) IDBI Bank
- B) Axix Bank
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) HDFC Bank
- E) None of these



Answer

A) IDBI Bank



Explanation

- The **government extended the deadline to submit preliminary bids for the IDBI Bank privatisation till January 7.**
- The government and LIC together are looking **to sell 60.72 per cent of IDBI Bank** and had invited bids from potential buyers in October.
- The last date for submitting an Expression of Interest (EoI) or preliminary bids was December 16.
- Following that transaction advisors received requests for an extension of the deadline.
- In a notice, the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) said **the last date for submission of EoI is January 7, 2023, instead of December 16, 2022.**



Titbits

IDBI Bank

- Founded : **1 July 1964**
- Headquarters : **Mumbai**
- MD & CEO : **Rakesh Sharma**



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ ADB keeps India's GDP growth unchanged at _____percent?

- A) 5%
- B) 6%
- C) 7%
- D) 8%
- E) None of these



Answer

C) 7%



Explanation

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has kept its outlook for **India's economic growth unchanged at 7 per cent for the current fiscal year** while forecasting a weaker-than-previously expected pace for developing Asia.
- **ADB's 7 per cent growth projection for fiscal 2022-23 (April 2022 to March 2023)**, unchanged from its September forecast, compares to 8.7 per cent GDP growth in 2021-22.
- For 2023-24, the GDP growth has been kept unchanged at 7.2 per cent.
- **The Manila-based ADB in a report on Wednesday saw Asia expanding 4.2 per cent this year before accelerating to 4.6 per cent in 2023.**
- These projections compare to the previously estimated expansion of 4.3 per cent and 4.9 per cent, respectively.



➤ Kotak Mahindra Bank increased fixed deposit interest rates up to _____percent?

- A) 5%
- B) 6%
- C) 7%
- D) 8%
- E) None of these

Answer

C) 7%



Explanation

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank on Wednesday announced an increase in fixed deposit interest rates across various tenors.**
- On fixed deposits under Rs2 crore,
- Kotak Mahindra Bank has revised interest rates.
- The increase in rates on fixed deposits will come into effect on 15 December, 2022.
- **The bank will offer interest rate of 7% in the 390 Days (12 months 25 days), 391 Days-less than 23 months and the 23 months tenors.**
- On FDs maturing 365 days to 389 days the new interest rate will be at 6.75 per cent. Kotak Mahindra Bank increased the interest rate on fixed deposits maturing in 390 days (12 months 25 days) to less than 23 months to 7 per cent.
- **Similarly for 23 months the revised interest rate is at 7 per cent.**



Titbits

Kotak Mahindra Bank

- Founded : **February 2003**
- HQ : **Mumbai**
- MD & CEO : **Uday Kotak**
- Tagline : **Let's Make Money Simple**

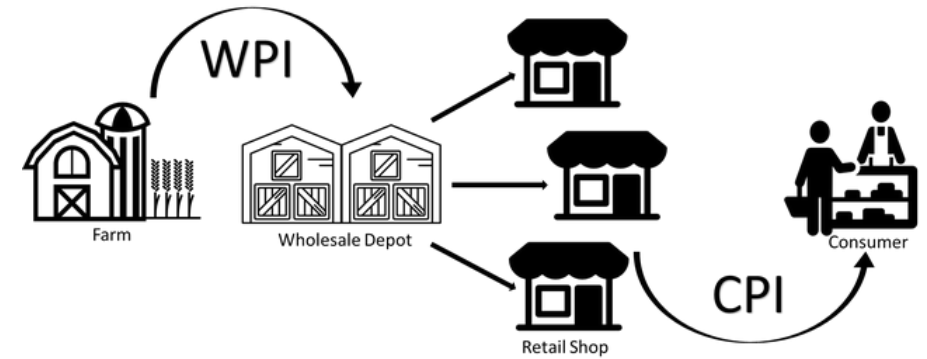


BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



➤ WPI inflation declined to 21-month low of _____percent in Nov?

- A) 6.65 %
- B) 5.85 %
- C) 7.80 %
- D) 4.95 %
- E) None of these



Answer
B) 5.85 %



Explanation

- **The wholesale price-based inflation declined to a 21-month low of 5.85 per cent in November** on easing prices of food, fuel and manufactured items.
- After remaining in double digits for 19 months, **the wholesale price index (WPI) based inflation declined to 8.39 per cent in October.**
- The inflation was 14.87 per cent in November 2021. **"Decline in the rate of inflation in November 2022, is primarily contributed by fall in prices of food articles, basic metals, textiles, chemicals & chemical products and paper & paper products as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year,"** the Commerce and Industry Ministry said.



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



➤ CBIC celebrates completion of 60 years of Customs Act in _____?

- A) 1862
- B) 1965
- C) 1962
- D) 1986
- E) None of these

Answer
C) 1962



Explanation

- **Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has lauded the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) for the robustness of their duty especially during the time of COVID-19.**
- **Attending celebrations of 60 years of Customs Act, 1962 in New Delhi, Ms Sitharaman said that robustness was not written in the act but it was how the officials took it.**
- **The Minister also underlined the need for making the Customs Act future ready and said that the Customs officers also have to be ready for newer technological challenges.**
- **She stressed on adapting more solution-oriented skills to cope with the rapid change that the world is going through currently.**



DEFENCE



➤ Which edition of Indo - Kazakhstan joint training exercise -KAZIND-22 will be conducted at Umroi (Meghalaya) from December 15?

- A) 4th
- B) 5th
- C) 6th
- D) 7th
- E) None of these

Answer
C) 6th



DEFENCE



Explanation

- The **6th edition of Indo - Kazakhstan joint training exercise - KAZIND-22 will be conducted at Umroi (Meghalaya).**
- The Defence Ministry said, the exercise will enhance the level of defence cooperation **between the Indian Army and the Kazakhstan Army** which will further foster the bilateral relations between the two nations.
- **Kazakhstan Army soldiers comprising troops from the Regional Command, and South and Indian Army soldiers from the 11 Gorkha Rifles will be participating in the exercise.**
- The aim of the exercise is **to build positive military relations, imbibe each other's best practices** and promote the ability **to operate together while undertaking counter-terrorist operations, under a UN peace enforcement mandate.**
- This joint exercise will enable the **two armies to train, plan and execute a series of combined tactical drills for neutralising threats.**



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



- Which of the following country and India signed joint declaration of Intent on migration and mobility between the two countries?

- A) Finland
- B) Scotland
- C) Mangolia
- D) Indonesia
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Finland



Explanation

- India and Finland have signed a joint declaration of Intent on **migration and mobility to arrive at a mutually beneficial arrangement on migration and mobility between the two countries.**
- The declaration was signed by Union Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan and Minister of Employment of Finland Ms. Tuula Haatainen.
- The External Affairs Ministry said, **the declaration underlines the resolve of both countries to work jointly towards developing a common framework of arrangement and cooperation.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who among the following inaugurated month-long centenary celebrations of BAPS's former head & noted spiritual leader Pramukh Swami Maharaj at Ahmedabad?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Narendra Modi



Explanation

- In Gujarat, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **month-long centenary celebrations of BAPS's former head and noted spiritual leader Pramukh Swami Maharaj at Ahmedabad.**
- Addressing a huge gathering of devotees, the Prime Minister said, **Pramukh Swami Maharaj touched countless lives all over the world with his impeccable service, humility, and wisdom.**
- **Mr. Modi recalled fond memories of Pramukh Swami Maharaj and his message of service to humanity.**
- **"Pramukh Swami believed in service of mankind and used to say that the ultimate goal of everyone's life should be 'seva,' he added.**
- Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat, Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, BAPS Head Mahant Swami were present on the occasion.

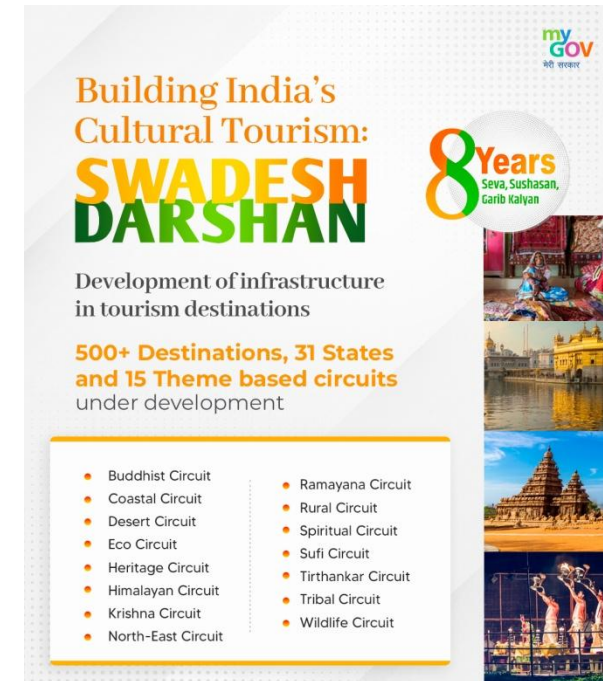


- Who among the following minister dedicated 4 projects to the nation in Puducherry sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan scheme?

- A) G Kishan Reddy
- B) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) None of these

Answer

A) G Kishan Reddy



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Explanation

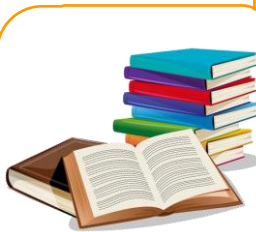
- The Union Minister for Tourism, Culture, and Development of the North Eastern Region (DoNER) Shri G Kishan Reddy, **dedicated several tourism projects during his visit to Puducherry on 13th December 2022.**
- The **projects were sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism under the SWADESH DARSHAN scheme.**
- The **projects that were inaugurated included the renovation of Aayi Mandapam and dynamic lighting at Bharathi Park at a cost of Rs. 1.33 Crore,** the Development of Pilgrim Facilities and Ghat along the sacred river at **Sri Gangai Varagha Natheeswarar Temple at Thirukanchi at a cost of Rs. 5.82 Crore,** development of Spiritual Park at **Thirunallar Karaikal at a cost of Rs 7.40 Crore** and the **Development of Eden Beach at Chinna Veerampattinam at a cost of Rs 3.51 Crore.**



QUICK RECALL



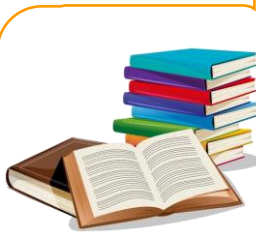
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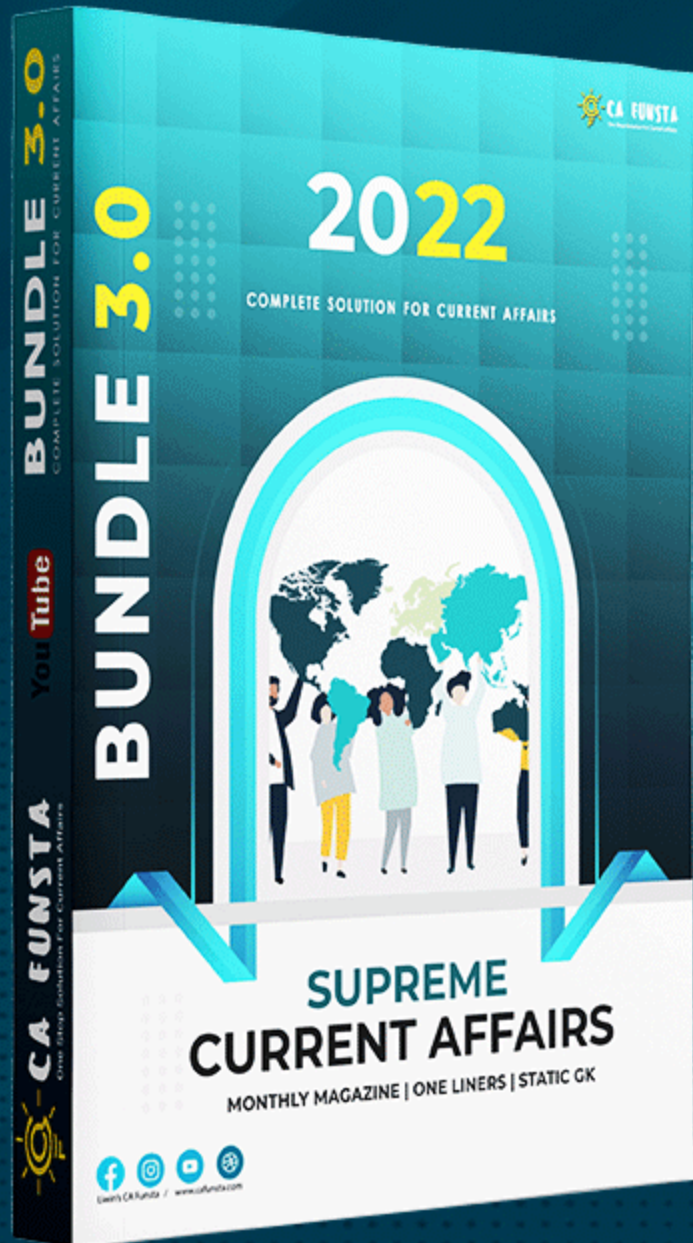


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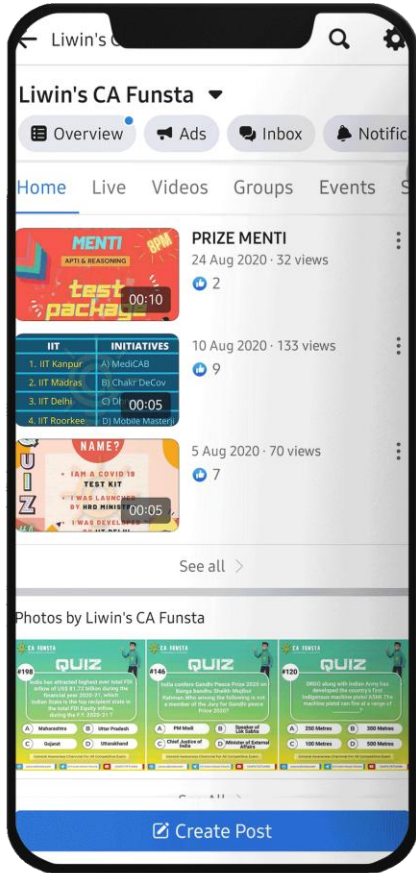
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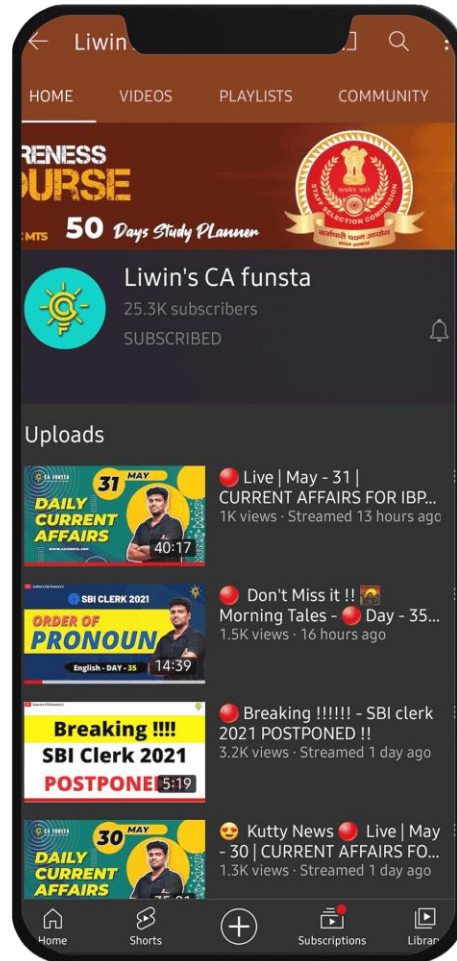
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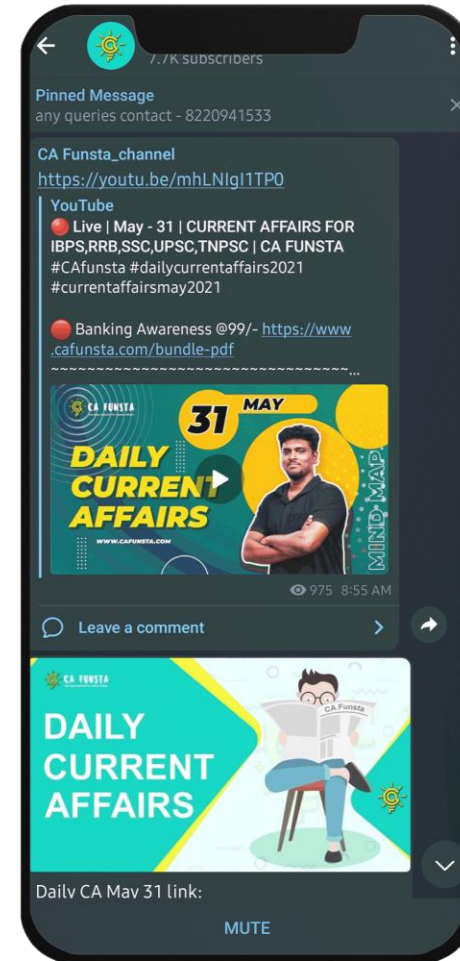
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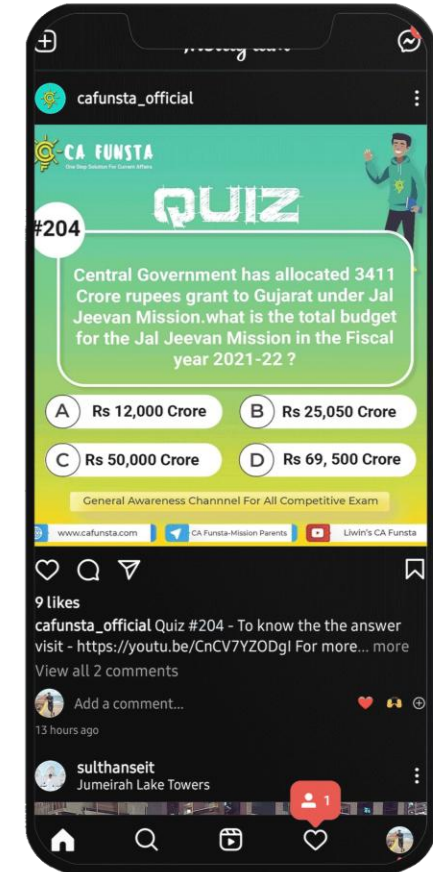
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