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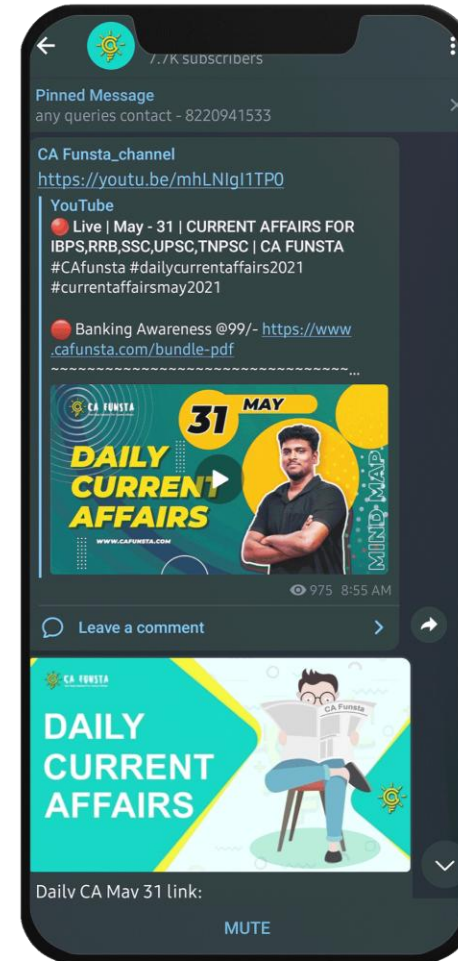
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Important Days

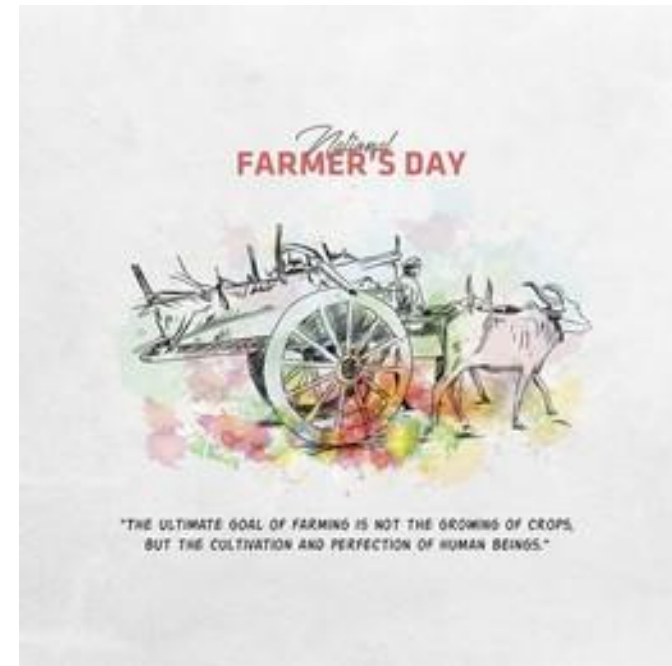


➤ National Farmer's Day is observed _____?

- A) December 22
- B) December 23
- C) December 24
- D) December 25
- E) None of these

Answer

B) December 23



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **National Farmer's Day**
- DATE : **December 23**
- OTHERS : **National Farmers Day, also known as Kisan Diwas, is celebrated on December 23 to commemorate and recognise farmers as the country's backbone.** This day was chosen to commemorate the birth anniversary of Choudhary Charan Singh, India's fifth Prime Minister.



SPORTS



➤ Curran broke IPL auction record and he belongs to which of the following teams?

- A) England
- B) South Africa
- C) Ireland
- D) Australia
- E) None of these



Answer
A) England



Explanation

- England all-rounder **Sam Curran** became the Indian Premier League's (IPL) most expensive ever buy in the players' auction as **the world's richest cricket league spent big ahead of the 2023 season.**
- **Curran returned to the Punjab Kings for the staggering sum of 185 million Indian rupees (\$2.23 million) following a fierce bidding war involving the Chennai Super Kings and Mumbai Indians.**



SPORTS



➤ Who nominated for United World Wrestling Rising Star of the Year honour?

- A) Antim Panghal
- B) Trish Stratus
- C) Geetika Jakhar
- D) Charlotte Flair
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Antim Panghal



Explanation

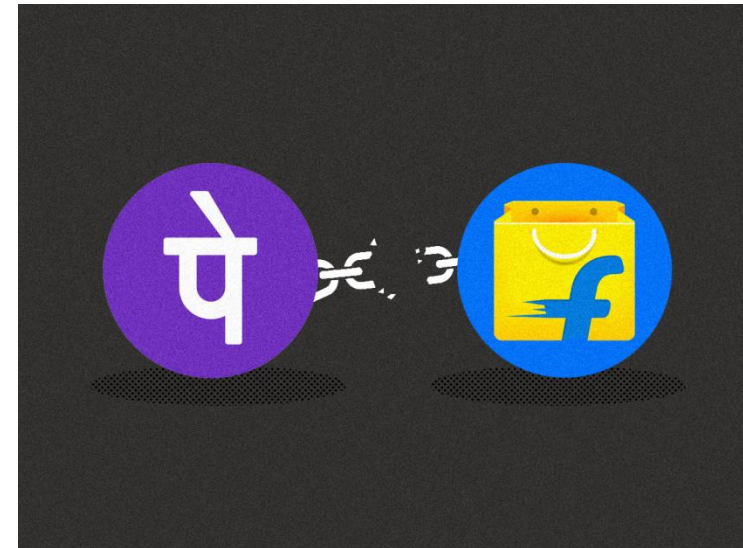
- **Indian female wrestler Antim Panghal has been nominated for the honour of United World Wrestling Rising Star of the Year.**
- **In addition to Panghal, the five women nominated for the award include Nonoka Ozaki of Japan, Amit Elor of the US, Emma Malmgren of Sweden, and Andreea Ana of Romania.**



➤ PhonePe completed separation from _____?

- A) Flipkart
- B) Amazon
- C) ebay
- D) Snapdeal
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Flipkart



Explanation

- **Flipkart and PhonePe announced the full-ownership separation of PhonePe**, India's leading digital payments platform, from the e-commerce giant.
- Establishing these businesses as individual entities will allow both to **chart their own growth paths, as they continue building industry-leading offerings that provide access and inclusion for Indians**, the joint statement of companies said.
- From starting in 2007 by selling books online, **the Flipkart Group pioneered several industry firsts through Flipkart.com, homegrown e-commerce marketplace along with several businesses such as Myntra, Cleartrip, Flipkart Health+ and more**, according to the joint statement.
- **Flipkart said it was focused on providing access through technology and delivering the best online shopping experience for over 450 million Indians**, while offering more than 1.1 million sellers.



➤ Who among the following launched Kisaan Vikas programme?

- A) Lakme
- B) OZiva
- C) Plum
- D) Asa
- E) None of these



Answer
B) OZiva

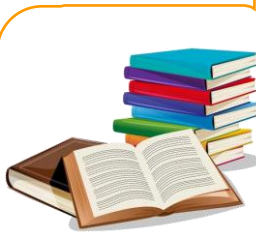


BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



Explanation

- OZiva, a certified plant-based holistic wellness brand, has launched the '**OZiva Kisaan Vikas**' programme.
- The brand aims to **empower farmers and families via various initiatives starting with the education of farmers' children through this programme.**



➤ Which of the following is India's first state-backed fund, faces questions from government?

- A) NIIF
- B) ADB
- C) World Bank
- D) RBI
- E) None of these

Answer
A) NIIF



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



Explanation

- **When India launched its first state-backed investment fund in 2015, the project was met with great enthusiasm.**
- **Officials hoped to raise billions of dollars to improve the nation's infrastructure and attract foreign manufacturers, angling for the success of funds started in places like Singapore.**
- **But India's lofty expectations for the National Investment & Infrastructure Fund are now in question.**
- **A chilly relationship has developed between NIIF's team and the government over investment choices, according to interviews with officials and fund managers.**
- **Critics inside and outside the government complain that NIIF — which handles about \$4.3 billion in assets — lacks vision, decisiveness and the ability to win over investors.**



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Who among the following signed loan agreement with KFW to finance 'Access to Clean Energy Projects' meant for decentralized solar applications?

- A) IREDA
- B) IRDAI
- C) DCGA
- D) NCW
- E) None of these



Answer
A) IREDA



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) has signed a loan agreement with KfW namely, KfW VI line of credit for financing '**Access to Clean Energy Projects**' meant for decentralized solar applications.
- **The total sanctioned amount of the agreement is EUR 20 million.**
- **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has signed loan agreements from multilateral agency – ADB and bilateral agency – KfW, for Decentralized Solar and Electric Mobility.**
- The total sanctioned amount of ADB's loan for '**Decentralized Solar, Electric Mobility and Smart Meters**' is **USD 296 million.**
- **As of 30th November, 2022, USD 73 million has been utilized for the programme.**
- The total sanctioned amount for KfW's loan of '**Decentralized Solar and lighting**' is Euro 200 million.
- As of 30th November, 2022, **Euro 9 million has been utilized for the programme.**
- **This information was given by Shri R.K Singh, Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy in a written reply in Lok Sabha.**



AWARDS



➤ Who among the following recognized as Best Brand 2022 by The Economic Times?

- A) Omaxe Ltd
- B) eXp Realty
- C) EXIT Realty
- D) NBCC India Ltd
- E) None of these



Answer
A) Omaxe Ltd



AWARDS



Explanation

- **Omaxe Ltd., one of India's leading real estate companies is recognised as Best Brand 2022 by The Economic Times.**
- **In a recently held fifth edition of The Economic Times Best Brands Conclave in Mumbai, Siddharth Katyal, Group Director, and Business Strategist, Omaxe Ltd., and Prateek Katyal, Chief Technology and Marketing Officer received the trophy.**
- **Leander Paes, the former Indian tennis legend felicitated the Omaxe team and presented the winning trophy.**



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Who signed 4 cooperative documents to collaborate in space exploration in last 5 years?

- A) ISRO
- B) NASA
- C) ESA
- D) SpaceX
- E) None of these



Answer
A) ISRO



Explanation

- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has said, **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed four cooperative documents specifically to collaborate in space exploration in the last five years.**
- He said, the agreement with the **USA is for accommodating USA instruments in India's Chandrayaan-2 and Chandrayaan-3.**
- The Minister said, the agreement with Japan is **to conduct feasibility study for a joint lunar polar exploration mission**, while with UK for conducting feasibility study for collaboration in future space science missions.
- **Dr. Singh said this in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha.**



Titbits

ISRO

- Formed : **15 August 1969**
- Chairman : **Sreedhara Panicker Somanath**
- Headquarters : **Bangalore, India**



DEFENCE



➤ India and which of the following country's air forces will hold joint fighter jet training from Jan 16 2023?

- A) Japan
- B) USA
- C) China
- D) Russia
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Japan



Explanation

- **Japan's Air Self-Defence Force has said that it will carry out joint fighter training along with Indian Air Force from January 16-26.**
- **According to officials, it will be the first such training with India to happen in Japan, NHK reported.**
- **The Indian Air Force is expected to involve four Sukhoi-30 and other aircraft in the joint fighter jet training in Japan.**
- **Furthermore, four F-2 and four F-15 fighter jets from Japanese side will participate in the training, as per the NHK World report.**
- **The sites for the joint fighter training of Japan and India will include the Hyakuri Air Base in Ibaraki Prefecture and its surrounding airspace.**



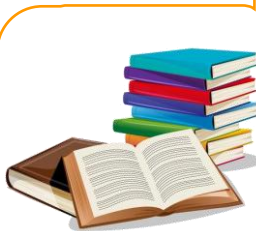
DEFENCE



Titbits

Japan

- Capital : **Tokyo**
- Currency : **Japanese Yen**
- Emperor : **Naruhito**
- Prime Minister : **Fumio Kishida**
- Language : **Japanese**



DEFENCE



- Which of the following country wrapped up UNSC presidency with focus on terrorism, Global South and maritime security?

- A) India
- B) USA
- C) China
- D) Russia
- E) None of these



Answer
A) India



DEFENCE



Explanation

- **India wrapped up its December Presidency of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) with a special focus on terrorism, Global South and maritime security.**
- Addressing the last scheduled meeting of UNSC of the year and India's term at the council, **India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ruchira Kamboj said that India did not hesitate to raise its voice against the common enemy of humanity, such as terrorism.**



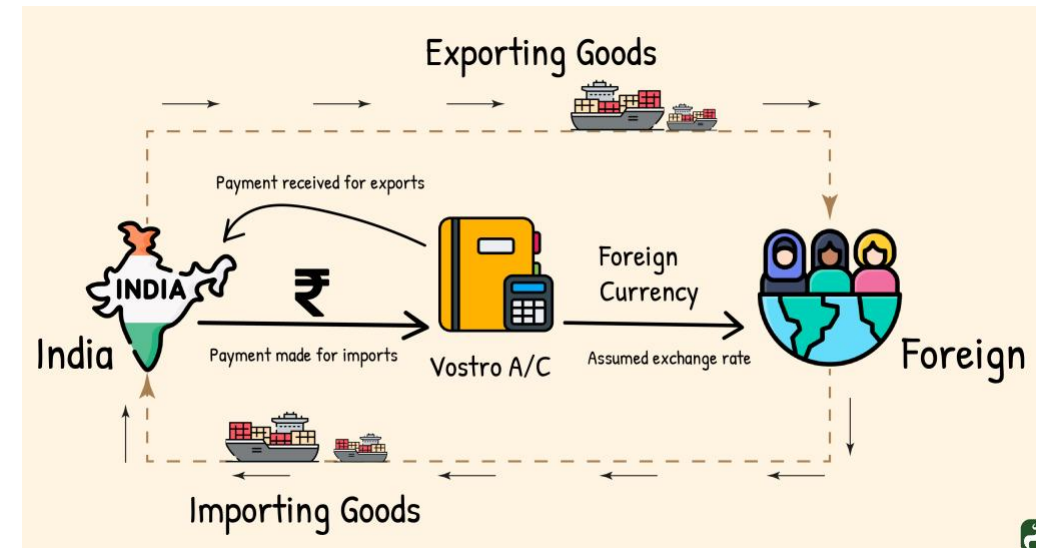
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ India and which of the following country discussed trade settlement in rupee, free trade agreement?

- A) Myanmar
- B) Bhutan
- C) Nepal
- D) Bangladesh
- E) None of these

Answer
D) Bangladesh



Explanation

- Union minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and his Bangladeshi counterpart **Tipu Munshi discussed the settlement of trade in Indian rupees in New Delhi.**
- The two countries will also likely develop a free trade agreement (FTA) soon.
- **"A joint feasibility study on a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) has been carried out after the two countries agreed to explore a bilateral FTA,"** said the commerce ministry.
- Under CEPA, **two countries either significantly reduce or eliminate customs duties on maximum numbers of goods traded between them.**
- Besides, they ease norms for promoting trade in services and attracting investments.



Titbits

Bangladesh

- Capital : **Dhaka**
- Currency : **Bangladeshi Taka (BDT)**
- President : **Abdul Hamid**
- Prime Minister : **Sheikh Hasina**
- Language : **Bengali**



➤ Which of the following state govt will set up 'star category industrial area'?

- A) TamilNadu
- B) Punjab
- C) Kerala
- D) Karnataka
- E) None of these

Answer

D) Karnataka



Explanation

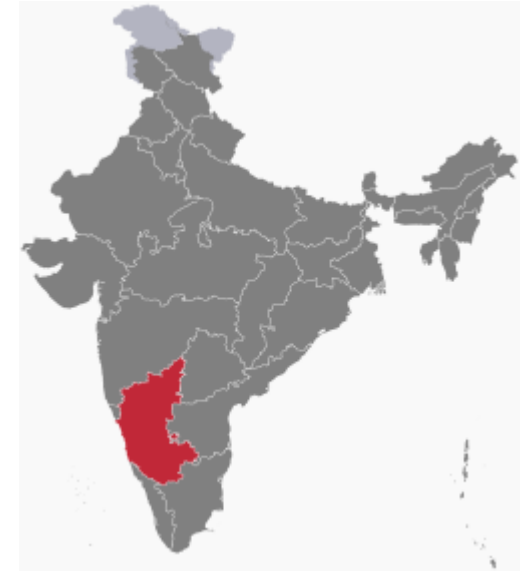
- Karnataka Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani assured setting up of a **'star category industrial area'** in **Belagavi**, as a **BJP MLA** from this border district expressed concerns about no mega industry coming here in recent times, and investments flowing into neighbouring Maharashtra, thanks to facilities there.
- Lamenting that such a questions arise in their mind whether **Belagavi is in Karnataka with no push for industrialisation here by the government**, Belagavi South MLA Abhay Patil, raising the issue during the question hour, said mere passing of resolutions and speeches asserting that the district belongs to the state, won't help.



Titbits

Karnataka

- Capital: **Bangalore**
- CM: **Basavaraj Bommai**
- Governor: **Thawar Chand Gehlot**
- Language: **Kannada**
- National Park: **Bandipur National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **MOOKAMBIKA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**
- Ramsar Site: **Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary**
- Tiger Reserve: **Bandipur National park**
- Power Station: **Kaiga Atomic Power Station**
- Dams: **Tungabhadra Dam (River : Tungabhadra)**
- RRB: **Karnataka Gramin Bank & Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (Canara Bank)**
- UNESCO Site: **Group of Monuments of Hampi**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who will issue norms to compensate passengers whose tickets are involuntarily downgraded by airlines?

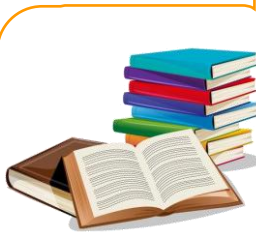
- A) DGCA
- B) Civil Aviation inistry
- C) IATA
- D) ICAO
- E) None of these



नागर विमानन महानिदेशालय
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF
CIVIL AVIATION

Answer

A) DGCA



Explanation

- Aviation regulator DGCA will put in place norms **to compensate a passenger whose ticket for a particular class has been involuntarily downgraded by an airline.**
- The move comes against the backdrop of rising complaints about airlines involuntarily downgrading tickets issued to passengers.
- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is in the process of amending the Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) pertaining to **'facilities to be provided to passengers by airlines due to denied boarding, cancellation of flights and delays in flights.'**
- **To protect the rights of air travellers affected by downgrading of their ticket.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which of the following state CM inaugurated GIS & UAV Centre?

- A) Assam
- B) Meghalaya
- C) Arunachal Pradesh
- D) Mizoram
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Meghalaya



Explanation

- **Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma inaugurated a Geographic Information System GIS and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle UAV centre** at the state secretariat here.
- The GIS and UAV centre will help the state to use this technology **to augment developmental planning across a range of sectors**, the CM said after inaugurating the centre.
- He said several pilot projects have already been conducted in the state, **demonstrating the wide range of capabilities this technology can bring.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



- Which of the following state Idol Wing Police launched initiative on blockchain technology to ensure anonymity of informants?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Punjab
- C) Kerala
- D) Karnataka
- E) None of these

Answer

A) TamilNadu



Explanation

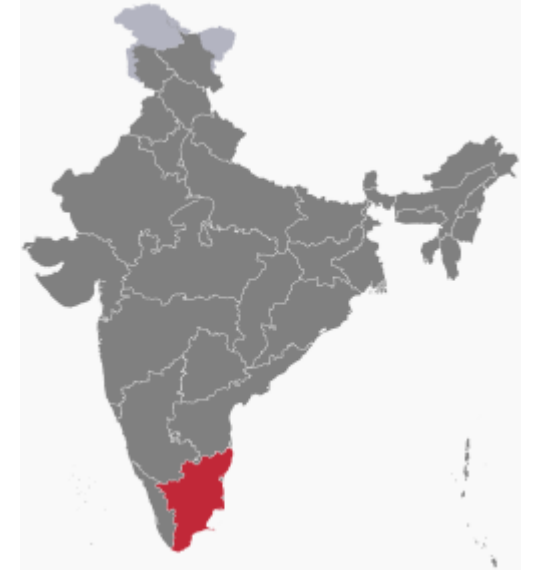
- **The Idol Wing CID of Tamil Nadu Police has launched an initiative on the blockchain** where informants who wish to pass inputs on idol smuggling or possession or sale of illicit antique idols can anonymously give information to the police.
- Besides, **the staff of Idol Wing can also submit their grievances on the blockchain, which is also the first of its kind.**
- The public wishing to lodge their complaints can also do so on the decentralised blockchain at **complaints.tnidols.com**



Titbits

Tamil Nadu

- Capital: **Tamil**
- CM: **MK Stalin**
- Governor: **RN Ravi**
- Language: **Tamil**
- National Park: **Guindy National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Tiger Reserve: **Anaimalai Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Ennore Thermal Power Station**
- Dams: **Amaravathi Dam**
- RRB: **Tamil Nadu Grama Bank (Indian Bank)**
- UNESCO Site: **Western Ghats, Mountain Railways, Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram, Great Living Chola Temples**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which of the following ministry administered the scheme of Scholarship and Fellowship Financial Support to protect Folklore Artists?

- A) Mines Ministry
- B) Culture Ministry
- C) Electronics and IT Ministry
- D) New and Renewable Energy Ministry
- E) None of these



Answer
B) Culture Ministry



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- Ministry of Culture administers the scheme of Scholarship and Fellowship for promotion of art and culture through which scholars and artists including folklore artists are provided financial assistance in the form of scholarships and fellowships **to pursue their respective forms of art and buy the specific art instruments etc.**
- Similarly, **Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture, also provides financial assistance to support folklore artists across the country on the recommendation of its Advisory Committees.**
- Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture, implements Cultural Talent Search Scholarship Scheme (CTSSS) which provides facilities **to young talented children in the age group of 10-14 years to study various art forms.**
- Under this scheme, **650 scholarships are awarded every year out of which 100 are reserved for Tribal Culture (ST candidates).**



Titbits

Ministry of Culture

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri G. Kishan Reddy** (Secunderabad,Telangana)



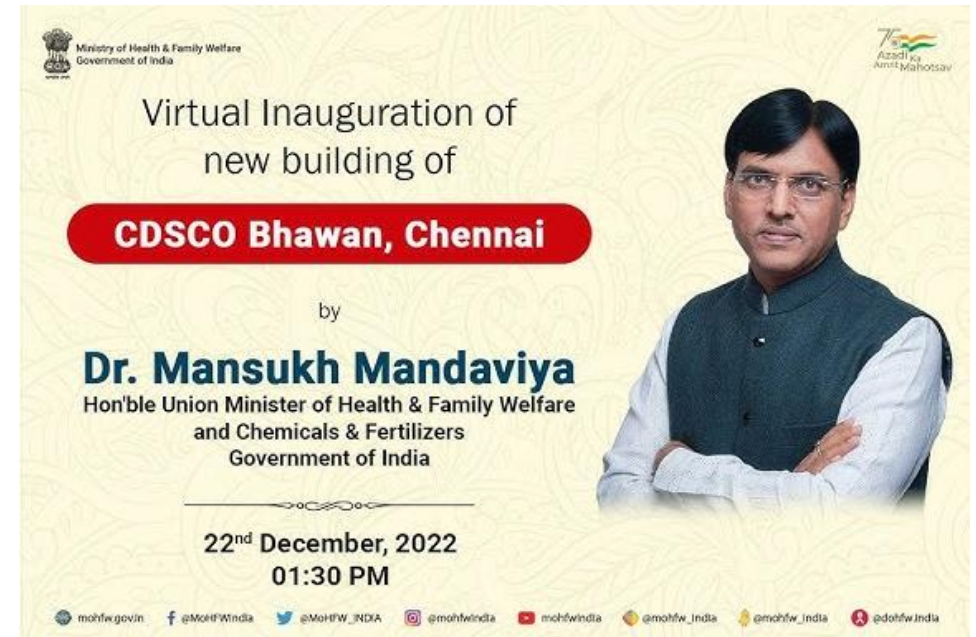
NATIONAL AFFAIRS



- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya virtually inaugurated new building of CDSCO Bhawan, South Zone in _____?

- A) Chennai
- B) Mumbai
- C) Delhi
- D) Bengaluru
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Chennai



Explanation

- **“Clubbing the spirit of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav along with expertise from the land of Saint Ramanuja, India is working towards a Swasthya and Samrudh Bharat.**
- **Government of India is on a mission to safeguard and enhance public health by ensuring top notch quality of drugs, cosmetics, and medical devices along with maintaining their safety and efficacy in the country.**
- **The new building of CDSCO, South Zone will further facilitate Government’s vision of providing safety and regulatory best practices, especially for the southern States/UTs including Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and Lakshadweep”.**
- **This was stated by Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya as he virtually inaugurated the new building of CDSCO Bhawan, South Zone at Chennai.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which of the following ministry approved Geological Survey of India Proposal to Procure Two Coastal Vessels?

- A) Mines Ministry
- B) Road Transport and Highways Ministry
- C) Electronics and IT Ministry
- D) New and Renewable Energy Ministry
- E) None of these



Answer
A) Mines Ministry



Explanation

- The Ministry of Mines has approved the proposal of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) **to procure two coastal vessels as a replacement to the existing vessels.**
- **The project is at an estimated cost of Rs.245.07 crore.**
- The induction of these two coastal vessels will augment the exploration activities of GSI in the marine domain which has already established huge resources of heavy minerals within the territorial waters of East and West coast of India.
- **The proposed vessels are intended to go further deep beyond the territorial waters for collecting baseline data as well as identifying mineral potential areas.**



Titbits

Ministry of Mines

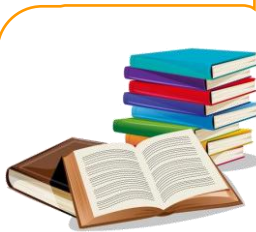
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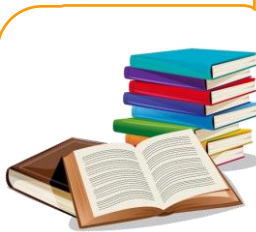
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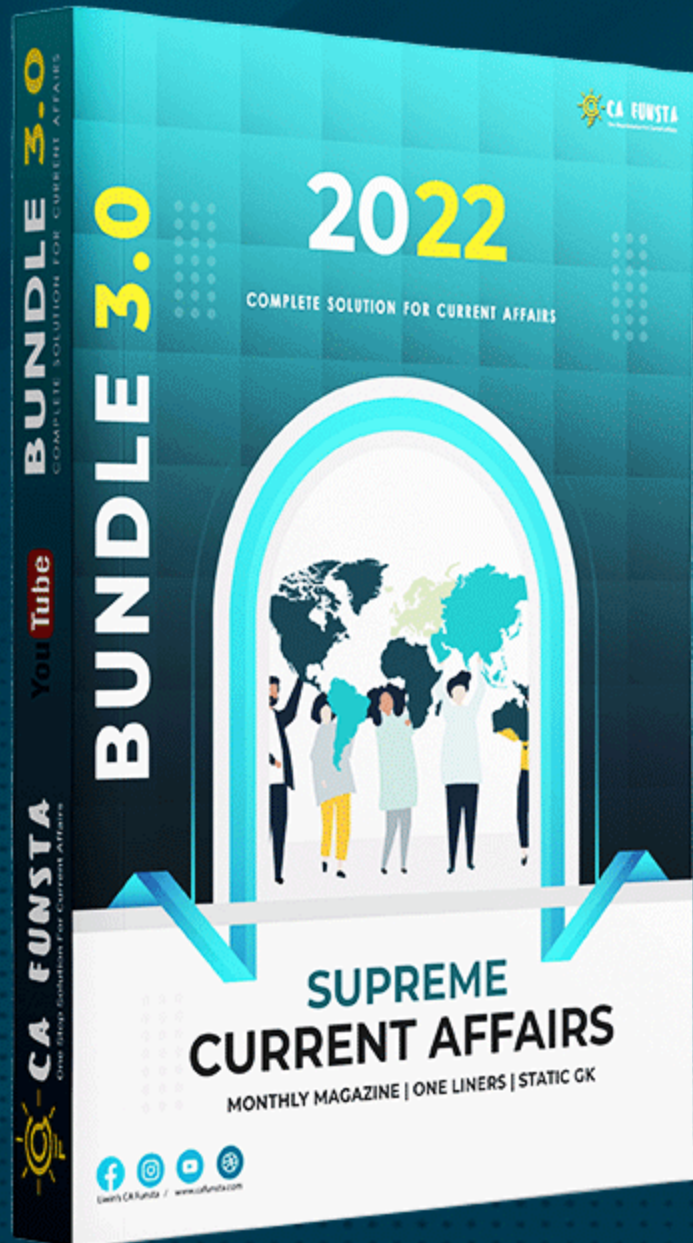
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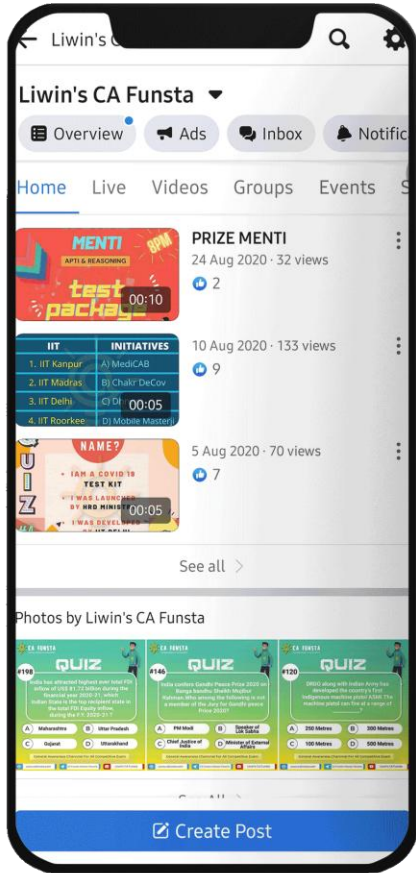
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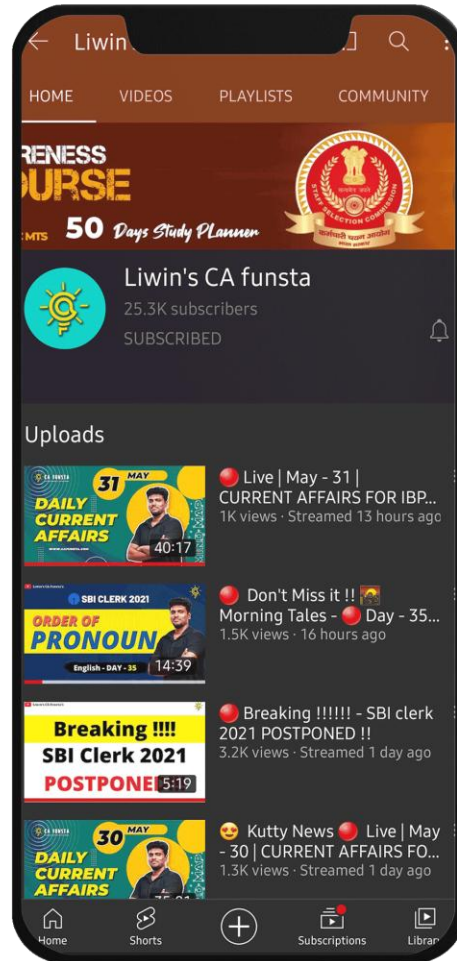
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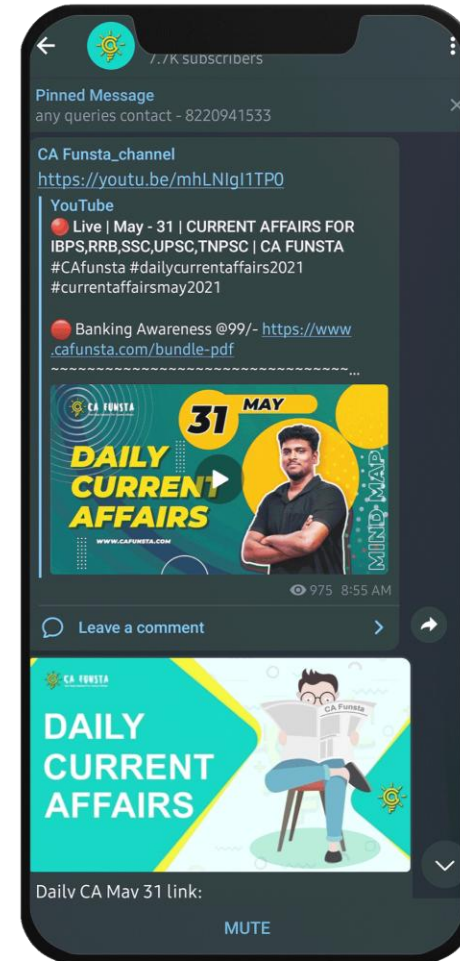
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