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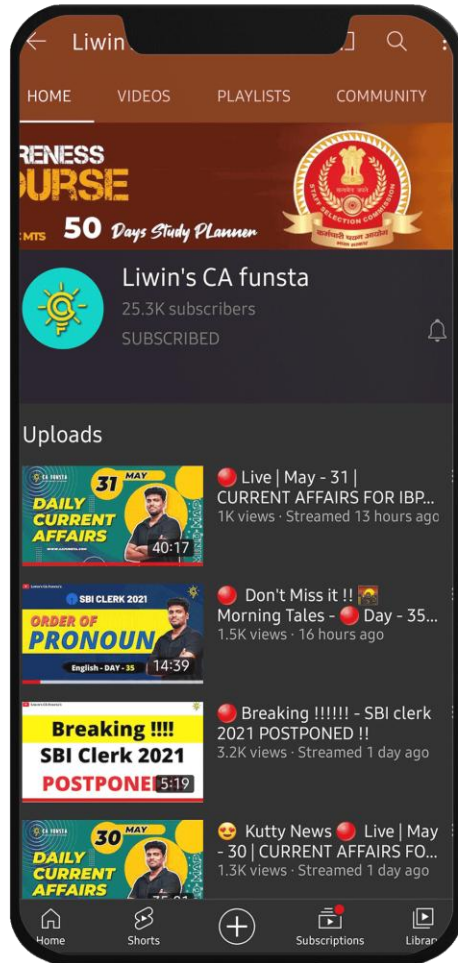
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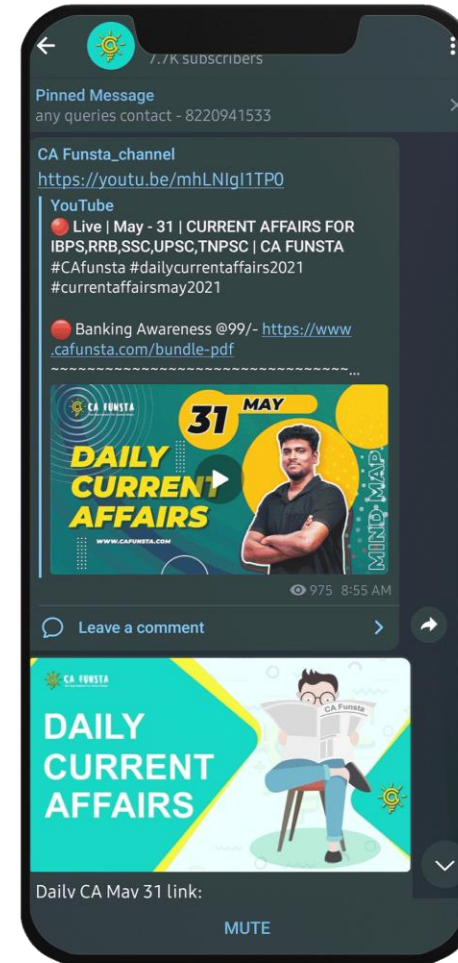
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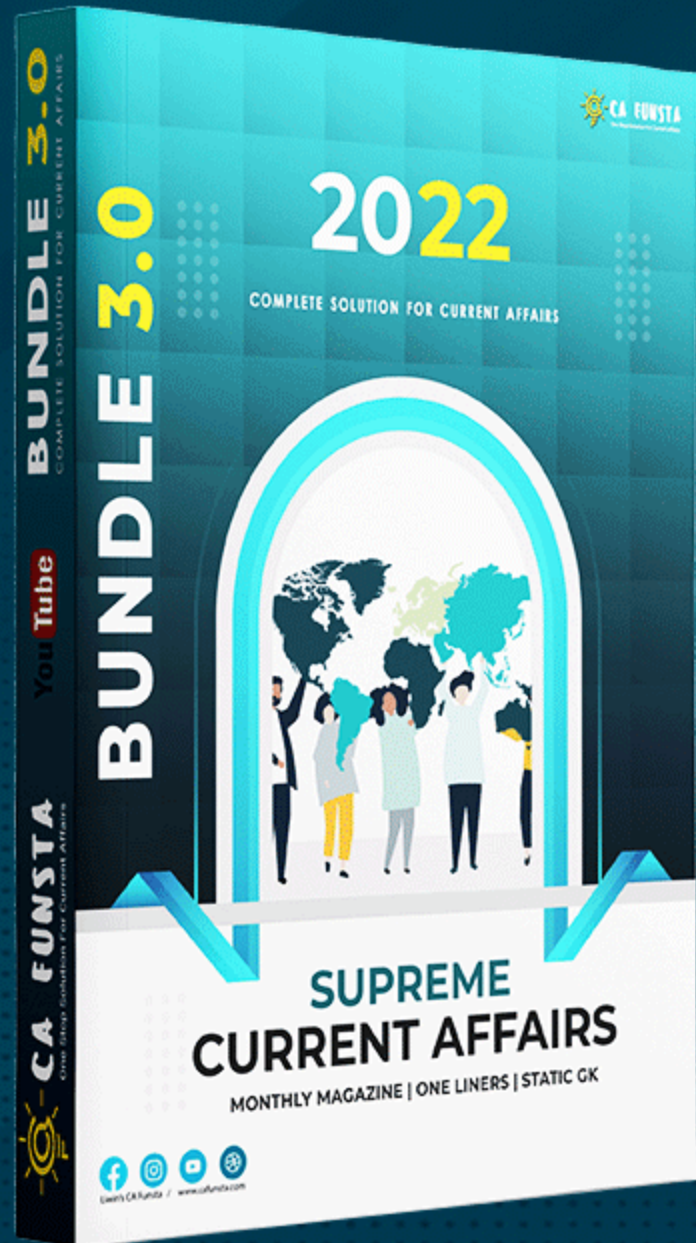


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Important Days

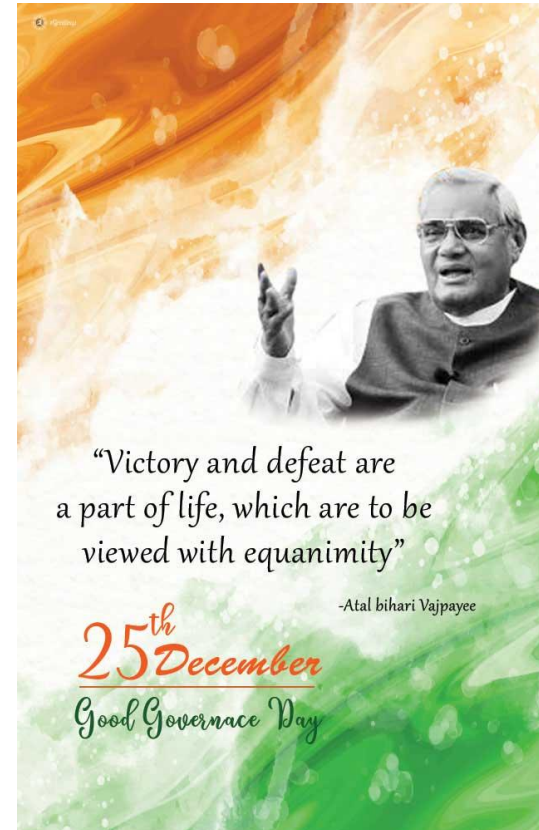


➤ **Good Governance Day (India) is observed on _____?**

- A) December 24
- B) December 25
- C) December 26
- D) December 27
- E) None of these

Answer

B) December 25

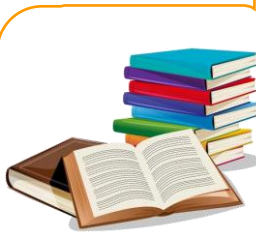
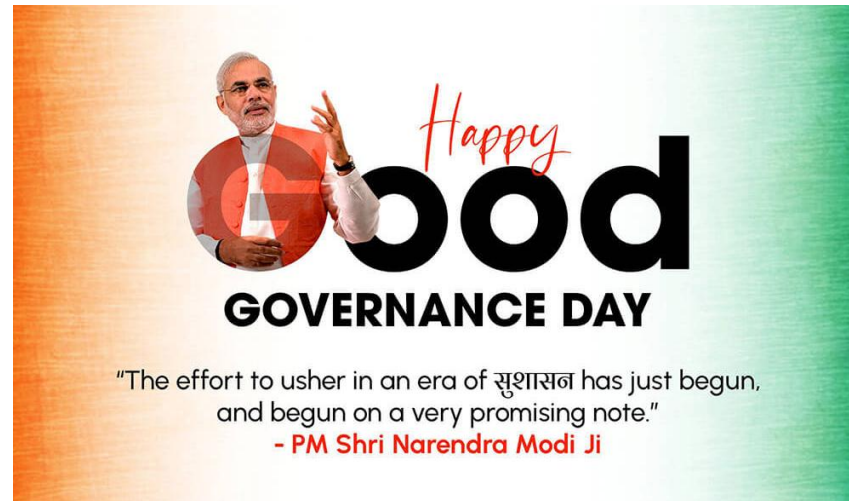


Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **Good Governance Day (India)**
- DATE : **25th December**
- OTHERS : **Observed on 25th December every year as it is the birth anniversary of former-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee**



SPORTS



➤ Who among the following won gold at National Wrestling Championship?

- A) Sarita Mor
- B) Sangeeta Phogat
- C) Sushil Kumar
- D) Only A & B
- E) Only A & C

Answer

D) Only A & B



Explanation

- **Sarita Mor (59 kg) and Sangeeta Phogat (62 kg)** retained their respective championships on the last day of the National Wrestling Championships 2022, which lasted three days and took place at the Rajiv Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi.
- While **Sangeeta Phogat, the wife of Tokyo Olympic medalist Bajrang Punia, triumphed against Delhi wrestler Sumitra in her gold medal contest, Sarita Mor, a bronze medalist from the world championships, upset Simran in the women's freestyle 59kg final.**
- Sangeeta Phogat made her comeback to the ring after a six-month absence at the event in the Indian capital.
- **The youngest of the well-known Phogat sisters had to miss the game because of an ACL tear as per the Olympic website.**



RANKING



➤ Who is the highest-paid female athlete in world, only Indian and badminton player in top 25

- A) Lakshya Sen
- B) Saina Nehwal
- C) P.V Sindhu
- D) Gao Ling
- E) None of these



Answer
C) P.V Sindhu



RANKING



Explanation

- **India's badminton star PV Sindhu is the only Indian player in the top 25 in Forbes' annual list of the highest-paid female athletes in the world.**
- Sindhu, the 2016 Rio Olympics silver medallist, occupies the 12th spot in the list.
- Japanese tennis star Naomi Osaka tops the list.
- The 27-year-old made 7 million US Dollars of her earnings, having won a singles gold and doubles silver at the Commonwealth Games earlier this year in Birmingham.
- For the third straight year, Osaka tops Forbes' annual list of the World's highest-paid female athletes. The list is dominated by tennis players once again.
- **The list's Top 10, includes Serena Williams, Emma Raducanu, Iga Swiatek, Venus Williams, Coco Gauff and Jessica Pegula.**
- For the record, **Osaka and Serena are the only two women who are placed in the Top 50 of Forbes' list of the world's highest-paid athletes.**



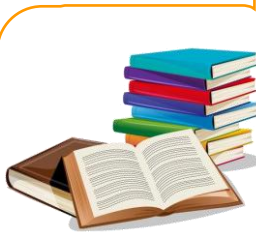
➤ Who became first drone company to get DGCA approval for type certification?

- A) Garuda Aerospace
- B) BrahMos Aerospace
- C) Hindustan Aeronautics
- D) Boeing India
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Garuda Aerospace



Explanation

- By Ashoke Raj Former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni backed India's leading drone manufacturer, **Garuda Aerospace on becoming India's first drone startup to receive both Type Certification and Remote Pilot Training Organization (RTPO) approvals by DGCA for their indigenously designed Kisan Drones.**
- DGCA Type certification is provided on the basis of the quality check of the drones and is issued after a rigorous testing process for the UAVs. Garuda founder and CEO Agnishwar Jayprakash said, "**The Elusive Double certification status for GARUDA AEROSPACE by DGCA is a testament to our indigenous make in India Drone Manufacturing capacities & strong technology background,**" said Agnishwar Jayaprakash.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



➤ Who among the following presented book titled 'India: The Mother of Democracy' to PM Modi?

- A) Dharmendra Pradhan
- B) Jitendra Singh
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Dharmendra Pradhan



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Explanation

- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan presented a book titled '**India: The Mother of Democracy**' to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The book was presented in the presence of ministers of state for Education, Dr Rajkumar Ranjan Singh and Subhas Sarkar, chairman and member secretary, ICHR, Prof. Raghuvendra Tanwar and Prof. Umesh Ashok Kadam, as per an official statement.
- **The book, published by the ICHR, is an evidence-based account of the origin of democracy in India,** stated an official statement.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi appreciated the book, the hard work put into it and the intellectual endeavour of the ICHR.**
- He further wished the Member Secretary and Chairman, ICHR for their future academic endeavours.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **P N Vasudevan will continue as which Bank's MD, CEO?**

- A) Au Small Finance Bank
- B) Capital Small Finance Bank
- C) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- D) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- E) None of these



Answer

C) Equitas Small Finance Bank



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- After announcing earlier this year that he would step down from his post, **P.N. Vasudevan, founder of Equitas said that he decided to continue as managing director and chief executive officer of Equitas Small Finance Bank.**
- **“Equitas Small Finance Bank is happy to announce that Mr PN Vasudevan in response to the suggestions of the Board has decided to stay on as MD and CEO of the Bank,”** the lender informed exchanges.
- **“The Board believes that continuity of management and his leadership would help the Bank sustain its growth in a stable, scalable and inclusive manner.**
- **Accordingly the present ongoing process of identifying a successor to him will stand terminated,”** the bank said.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Equitas Small Finance Bank

- Founded : **2007**
- Headquarters : **Chennai, India**
- MD & CEO : **Vasudevan P N**



AWARDS



➤ Who get DSCI AISS Award for 'Best Security Practices in Government Sector'?

- A) UIDAI
- B) Driving License
- C) PAN
- D) Voter ID
- E) None of these

Answer
A) UIDAI

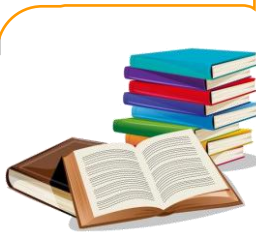


AWARDS



Explanation

- The **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** has bagged a **top data security award for best practices in the government sector**.
- Data Security Council of India (DSCI), a not-for-profit, industry body on data protection in India, setup by NASSCOM awarded UIDAI for its significant role in securing national critical '**Aadhaar**' infrastructure that provides digital identity based welfare services to residents.
- The jury recognized the forward looking security strategy, good security practices for safeguarding residents' demographic and biometric data and the proactive approach in addressing new age cyber security risks and threats through effective and efficient security governance and state of art security infrastructure deployment.
- This award is another feather in the cap for **UIDAI, which takes pride to be the first Government Organization to be Privacy Certified on leading industry standard (ISO27701) and one of the leading government institutions** that is ahead in innovation and incubation of indigenized technology implementation.



AWARDS



- Who won 'Best Globally Competitive Power Company of India – Hydropower and Renewable Energy Sector' at PRAKASHmay '15th Evertia Awards 2022'?

- A) NHPC
- B) BPCL
- C) ONGC
- D) CPCL
- E) None of these

Answer
A) NHPC



AWARDS



Explanation

- **NHPC Limited** has been awarded as Winner of ‘**Best Globally Competitive Power Company of India – Hydropower and Renewable Energy Sector**’ at **PRAKASHmay ‘15th Enertia Awards 2022’**.
- Shri U.S. Sahi, Executive Director (EMS/CC/CSR), NHPC received the award on behalf of NHPC at a glittering function held at New Delhi Institute of Management, New Delhi on 22nd December 2022.
- **The Award has been conferred to NHPC in recognition of its leadership in the hydropower sector with a gross asset class renewable energy capacity of more than 7000 MW.**
- The award also recognizes that NHPC has more than 5000 MW of projects under construction and an ambitious 7000 MW plus plan for Solar capacity addition.
- **The award was given by Shri V.M. Bansal, Chairman, New Delhi Institute of Management.** During the event Shri K. Vijayanand, Special Chief Secretary, Energy, Government of Andhra Pradesh and Shri A.K. Singh, former CMD, NHPC were also present.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which of the following state to launch first online audit application for its line departments?

- A) Ladakh
- B) J&K
- C) Assam
- D) Mizoram
- E) None of these

Answer
B) J&K



Explanation

- **Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta launched the online application for conducting a statutory audit of accounts of its line departments.**
- Chief Secretary commended the local Audit department for developing this facility.
- He observed that it will make the process easy and more focused.
- He advised the department to keep a balance between post-audit and concurrent audit of accounts.
- **The chief secretary remarked that the system should be made more reliable and productive in terms of outcome.**
- He asked them to forward the new audit manual which includes e-audit to all the offices so that they are aware of the new systems.
- **The chief secretary also asked them to link the same with the e-office so that officers have an insight into the relevant reports and pending audit paras.**



Titbits

Jammu and Kashmir

- Capital: **Srinagar, Jammu**
- Lieutenant Governor: **Manoj Sinha**
- Language: **Kashmiri, Dogri, Urdu, Hindi, English**
- National Park: **Dachigam National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary.**
- Ramsar Site: **Hokera Wetland, Surinsar-Mansar Lakes, Wular Lake**
- Power Station: **Baglihar Stage- I Hydroelectric Project**
- Dams: **Baglihar Dam (River: Chenab)**
- RRB: **Ellaquai Dehati Bank (SBI), J&K Grameen Bank (J&K Bank)**



➤ Which of the following ministry will inaugurate 28 different BRO infrastructure projects?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture
- B) Ministry of Textiles
- C) Ministry of Education
- D) Ministry of Defence
- E) None of these

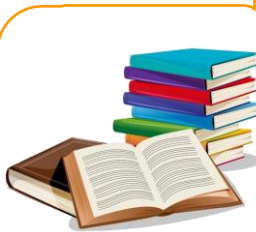


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MINISTRY OF
DEFENCE

Answer

D) Ministry of Defence



Explanation

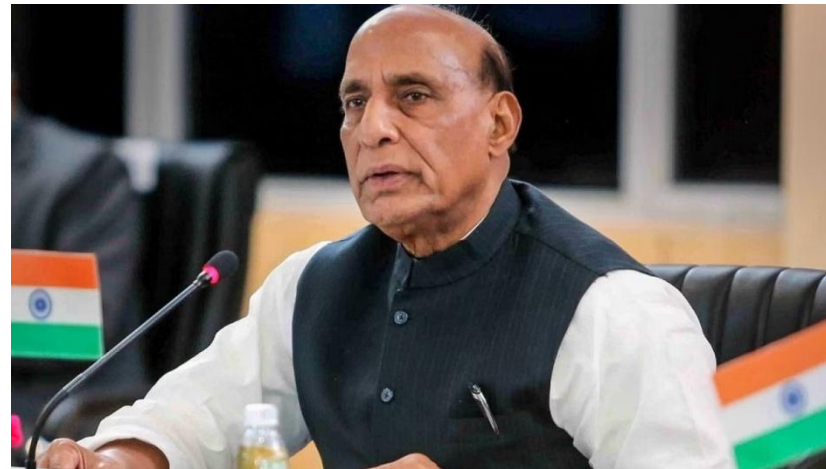
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate 28 different Border Roads Organisation, BRO, infrastructure projects worth over 700 crore rupees.**
- Out of 28 projects, four are in Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Eight in Ladakh, Two in Rajasthan and Three each in Punjab and Uttarakhand. With these new projects, **the BRO will be completing 103 infrastructure projects during this year.**
- Among the new projects, five bridges of various spans are on the strategic Durbuk -Shyok -Daulat Beg Oldie Road and 240 feet Jhula Suspension Bridge on Ramban Old Alignment and a telemedicine node in the remotest location close to DBO in Ladakh.



Titbits

Ministry of Defence

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Rajnath Singh** (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare successfully conducted Nation-wide campaign for adoption of Digital Life Certificates in _____?

- A) NOV 2022
- B) DEC 2022
- C) JAN 2023
- D) FEB 2023
- E) None of these

Answer

A) NOV 2022

Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare
**NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN
on DIGITAL LIFE CERTIFICATE**

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Explanation

- The **Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare** successfully conducted the **Nation-wide campaign for adoption of Digital Life Certificates** which was launched.
- **The campaign was conducted from 1st to 30th of November** which was the mandated period for submission of Life Certificates by pensioners and family pensioners.
- The Department said that **the Digital Life Certificate campaign was widely accepted by the pensioners with 30.85 lakh Central government pensioners using the certificate till 30th of November this year.**
- Further, 2.88 lakh Digital Life Certificates were generated through Face Authentication this year.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which edition of North East Festival began at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi?

- A) 9th
- B) 10th
- C) 11th
- D) 12th
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 10th



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- **The 10th Edition of the North East Festival began at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi yesterday, December 23.**
- **The festival aims to promote the North East region's diverse life, culture, traditions, and tourism.**
- **Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Minister Narayan Rane inaugurated the MSME Exhibition at the North East Festival.**
- **Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Rane said that the festival will provide an opportunity to entrepreneurs from North East regions especially women and SC/ST entrepreneurs to showcase their skills, products and create new opportunities for growth.**
- **The Minister reiterated the vision and commitment of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for rapid development of the North East Region.**



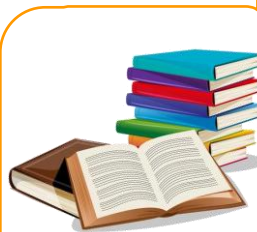
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➤ Which of the following place celebrated Losar Festival?

- A) Ladakh
- B) J&K
- C) Assam
- D) Mizoram
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Ladakh



Explanation

- **Ladakh is celebrating Losar Festival, December 24, to mark the Ladakhi New Year.**
- **Ladakhi New Year is the major socio-religious festival of Ladakh celebrated in winter.**
- **AIR correspondent reports, the lighting of prayer lamps, illumination of buildings, houses, religious places like monasteries, stupas, and other business establishments making appear that the entire Ladakh is lit in lights are part of celebrations of the Losar Festival.**
- **The Losar festivities continue for nine more days from the new year with the offering of prayers in the name of God and Goddess, dances and songs in honour of Ibex and the pilgrimage of Mount Kailash.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who released Consultation Paper on 'Licensing Framework and Regulatory Mechanism for Submarine Cable Landing in India'?

- A) TRAI
- B) DGCA
- C) IRDAI
- D) NCW
- E) None of these

Answer
A) TRAI



Explanation

- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has today issued the Consultation Paper on '**Licensing Framework and Regulatory Mechanism for Submarine Cable Landing in India**'.
- Submarine cables are vital communication infrastructure of the digital age and critical to the today's fast-paced data driven economy.
- **The global extensive network of submarine communication cables traverses the maritime zones of several countries connecting people and businesses across the globe.**
- According to data received from owners of Cable Landing Station, India has around seventeen submarine cables terminating at fourteen distinct cable landing stations.
- In addition, a **number of new submarine cables are in pipeline for rollout, which will make landfall at different coastal cities of India.**



Titbits

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

- Formed : **20 February 1997**
- Headquarters : **New Delhi**
- Chairperson : **Dr. PD Vaghela**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ **India estimated will produce how many ton millet in 2022-23?**

- A) 105 lakh tonnes
- B) 235 lakh tonnes
- C) 205 lakh tonnes
- D) 200 lakh tonnes
- E) None of these

Answer

C) 205 lakh tonnes



Explanation

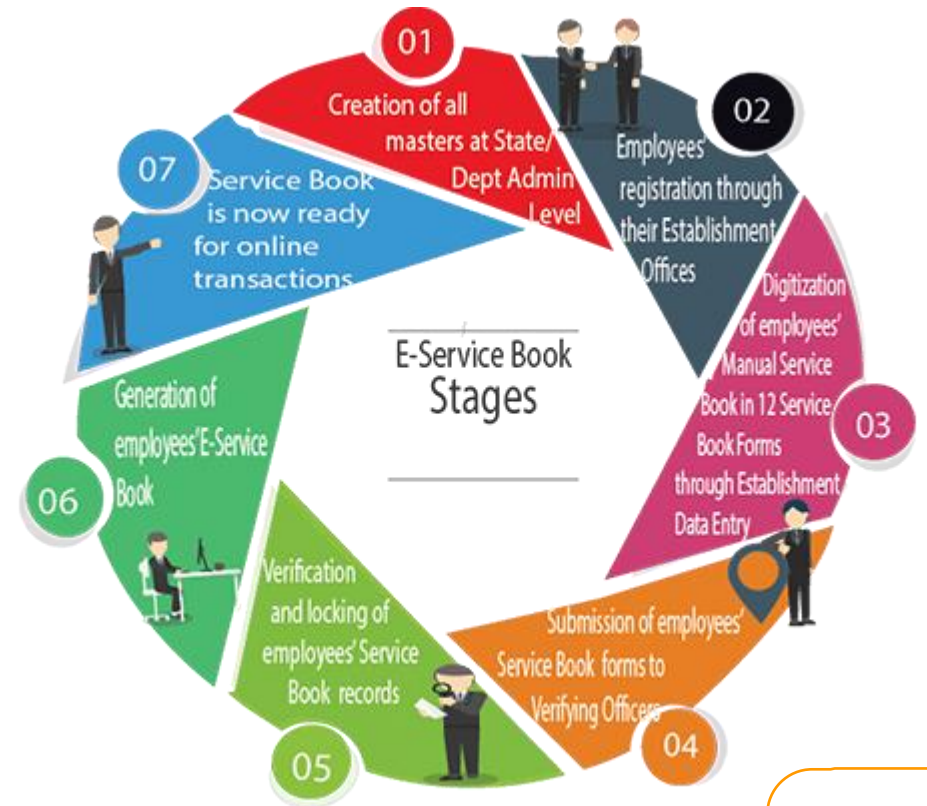
- **India is estimated to grow 205 lakh tonne nutri cereals during the year 2022-23**, Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti informed Lok Sabha earlier this week.
- The Government has planned to increase millet production.
- For increasing the production of nutri cereals under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) program, **the NFSM-Nutri Cereals is being implemented in 212 districts of 14 states**, the minister informed the parliament in a written reply.
- **Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh** are some of the major growers of nutri cereals.



➤ Who among the following launched revamped probity portal?

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Jitendra Singh
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) None of these

Answer
B) Jitendra Singh



Explanation

- Union Minister Jitendra Singh will launch a revamped probity portal and e-books on major initiatives and achievements of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions on Sunday to mark Good Governance Day.
- Good Governance Day is celebrated on December 25 to mark the birth anniversary of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- "The new and revamped probity portal and capturing of real-time information using such platform will send a clear signal that **'non-performance' and 'inefficiency' of the government employees** will not be tolerated and that the right attitude towards public service with **'integrity' and 'probity' are expected from every government servant**".



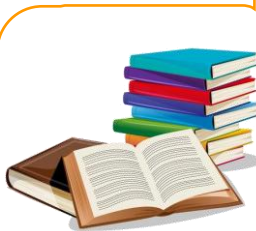
NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated Sports Science Centre in _____ ?

- A) Udupi
- B) Kochi
- C) Kozhikode
- D) Thiruvananthapuram
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Udupi



Explanation

- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, **Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the Sports Science Centre in Udupi.**
- Speaking on the occasion, he said that **the government is making efforts to transform India into a sporting soft power.**
- It has increased the **sports budget from 854 crores before 2014 to 3,100 crore rupees this year and spent 2700 crore rupees to enhance sporting infrastructure as against 630 crore rupees earlier.**
- For Khelo India Games, **the government is spending 3,136 crore rupees for a period of five years.**



Titbits

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

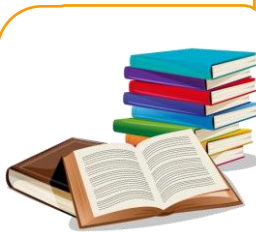
- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Anurag Singh Thakur** (Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh)



QUICK RECALL



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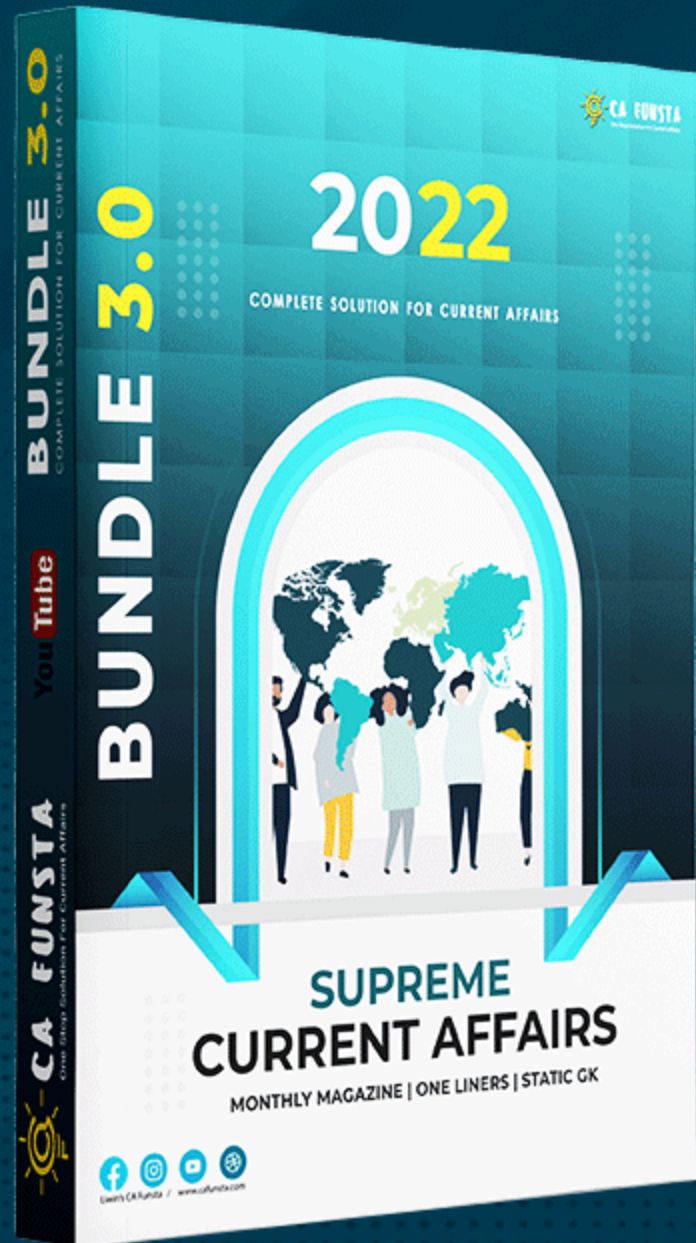
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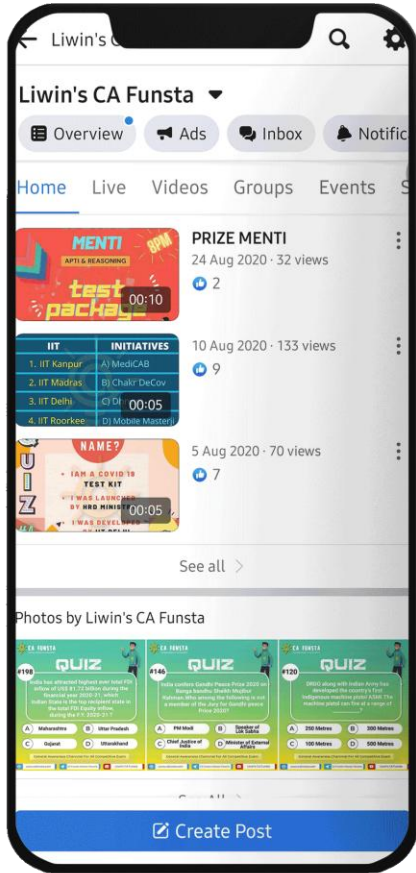
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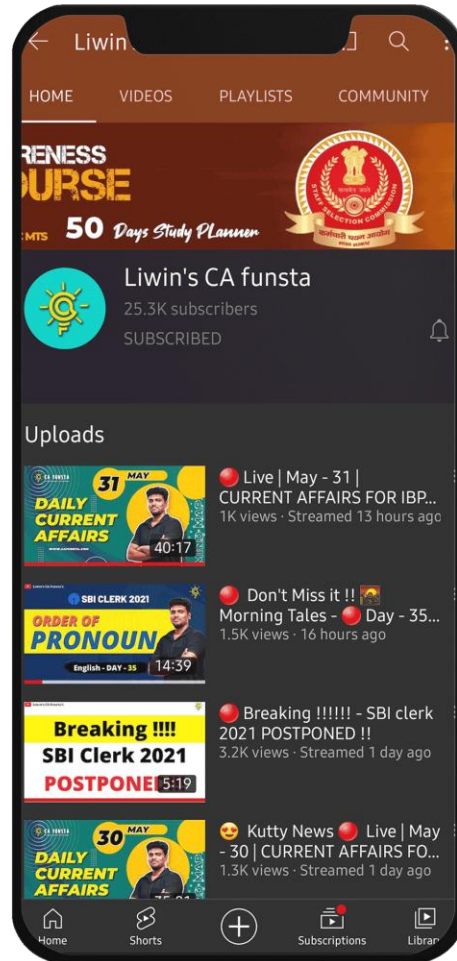
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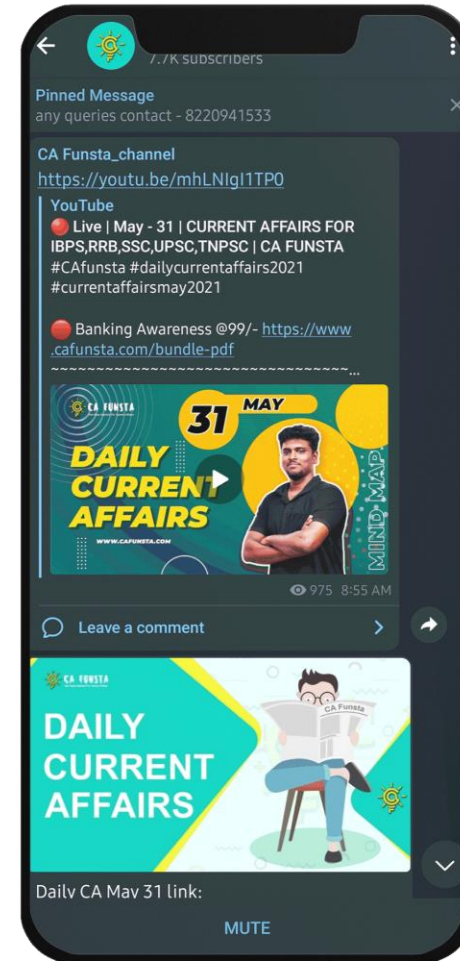
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