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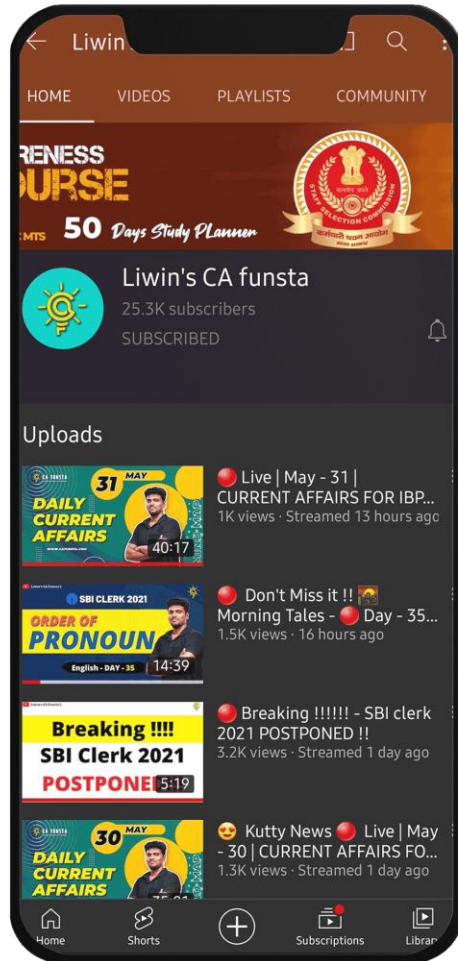


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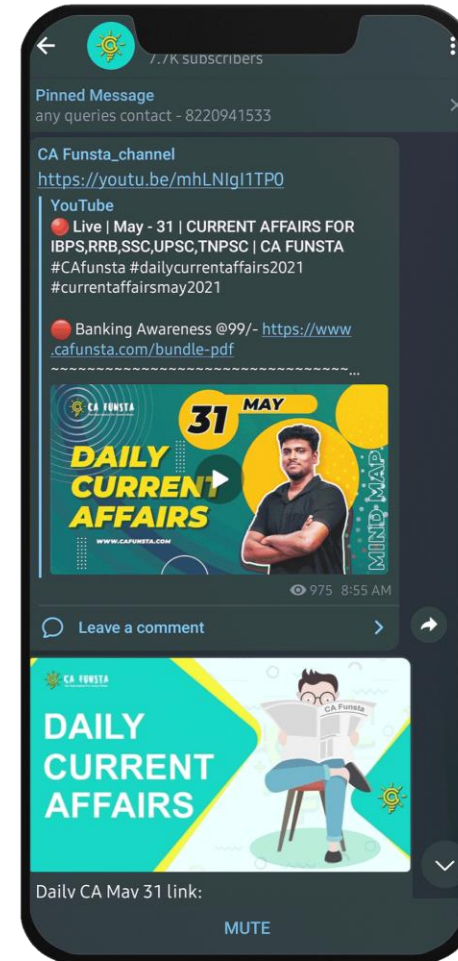
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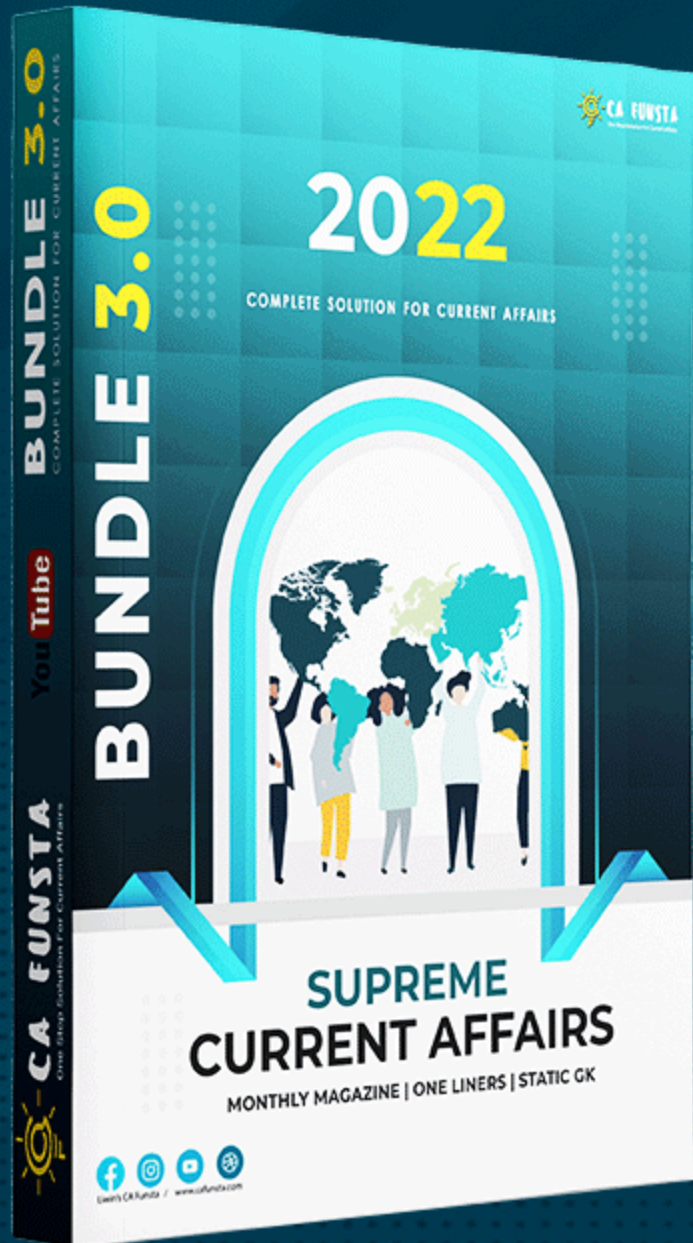


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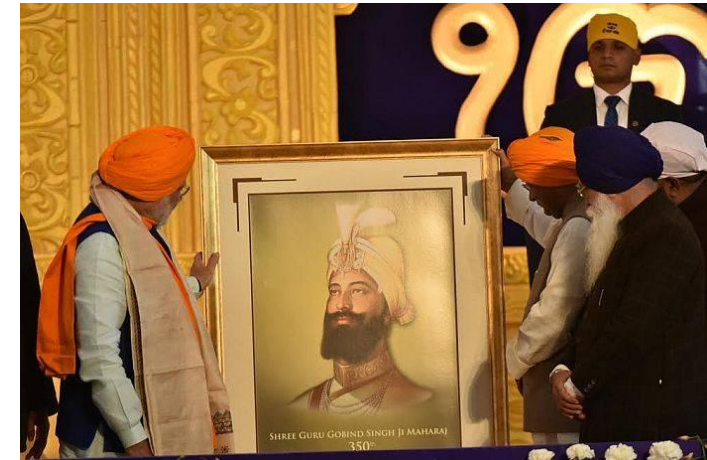


# Important Days



➤ 356th Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj was celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) 26th December 2022
- B) 27th December 2022
- C) 28th December 2022
- D) 29th December 2022
- E) None of these



**Answer**

**D) 29th December 2022**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- The **356th Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj** is being celebrated across the country with **religious fervor and gaiety on 29th December 2022.**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid **tribute to Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji** and recalled his contribution towards **servicing humanity.**
- In a tweet, Mr Modi said that his unparalleled courage will continue **to motivate people for years to come.**



# SPORTS



➤ Who won a gold medal in the 39th International Women's Bodybuilding Competition held in Thailand?

- A) Laura Binetti
- B) Priya Singh Meghwal
- C) Deepika Chowdhury
- D) Karuna Waghmare
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**B) Priya Singh Meghwal**



## Explanation

- Rajasthan's first female **bodybuilder Priya Singh Meghwal, who is also a mother of two has brought laurels to the country by winning a gold medal in the 39th International Women's Bodybuilding Competition held in Thailand.**
- While expressing her joy after winning the Golden Priya told ANI, "**I am very happy. I have contributed a little to my nation.**
- **I have won a gold medal as well as a PRO card".**
- Hailing from Bikaner, a deeply conservative village, where brides have to wear veils in front of their inlaws throughout their life, Priya said, "**I am facing challenges.**
- **when I am on the stage performing people taunt me when they see me in my sports outfit. But I am following my tradition as well.**
- **I have to wear sports outfit during my game".**
- "If people comment on my sports outfit, then it is not right," Priya said.

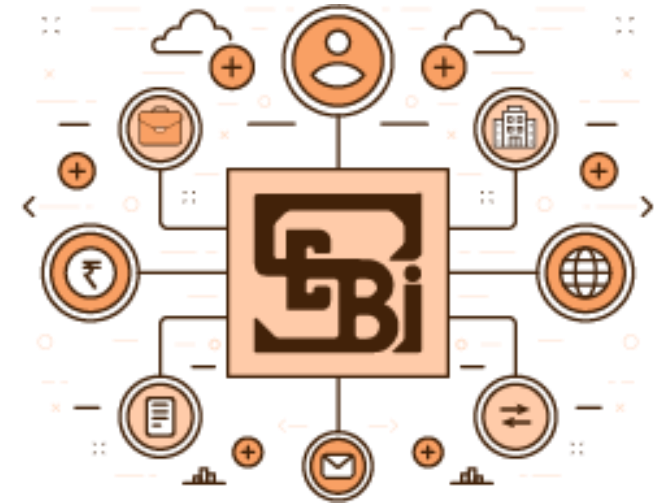




➤ Sebi imposed how much fine on ICCL, NCL in Karvy Stock Broking case?

- A) Rs.65 lakh
- B) Rs.75 lakh
- C) Rs.85 lakh
- D) Rs.95 lakh
- E) None of these

**Answer:**  
**B) Rs.75 lakh**



## Explanation

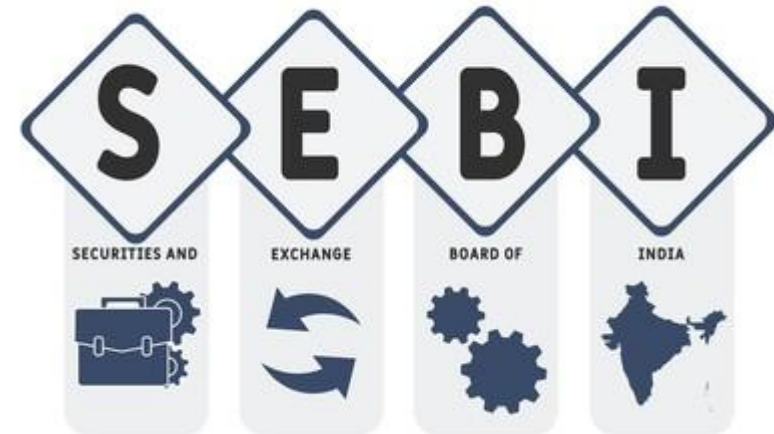
- **75 lakh on Indian Clearing Corp Ltd (ICCL) and NSE Clearing Corp Ltd (NCL) for violating norms in the matter of Karvy Stock Broking Ltd (KSBL).**
- **In two separate orders, the regulator slapped a fine of Rs 50 lakh on ICCL and Rs 25 lakh on NSE Clearing Corporation.**
- **The order came after market watchdog initiated adjudication proceedings against ICCL and NSE Clearing Corp** for alleged violation of provisions of Sebi's early warning mechanism (EWM) circular issued on December, 2018.
- Under the EWM circular, alerts triggered at one stock exchange / clearing corporation/ depository through early warning mechanism shall be immediately shared with other stock exchanges / depositories with respect to the stock broker / depository participant.



➤ Who fined clearing and settlement arms of NSE and BSE in Karvy Broking case?

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

**Answer**  
**A) SEBI**



## Explanation

- Market regulator **SEBI** has held **Indian Clearing Corporation (ICCL)** and **NSE Clearing Corporation (NCCL)**, the trade clearing and settlement arms of the BSE and the NSE, responsible for violation of norms in the matter involving **Karvy Broking's funds mismatch**.
- SEBI has imposed a fine of **₹50 lakh** and **₹25 lakh** against **ICCL** and **NCCL** for not adhering to the **early warning mechanism (EWM)** rules.
- On March 22, 2019, NSE had observed that in 70 per cent of cases of (client) running accounts, they were receiving alerts of mismatches from depositories and they were finding it difficult **to act on such a large number of alerts**.
- This mismatch was nothing but client security deposited with the broker and the broker's deposit with the exchange.



## Titbits

### Securities and Exchange Board of India

- Formed : **April 12, 1988**
- Headquarters : **Mumbai, Maharashtra**
- Chairman : **Madhabi Puri Buch**
- Parent department : **Ministry of Finance**



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Sri Balaji University, Pune collaborated with National HRD Network (NHRDN) will organise the which edition of National L&D Summit?

- A) 6th
- B) 7th
- C) 8th
- D) 9th
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**B) 7th**



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Explanation

- **National HRD Network (NHRDN) recently organised the flagship 7th National L&D Summit in collaboration with Sri Balaji University, Pune.**
- **The core objective of the event was to provide a platform for leveraging some of the deepest reserves of knowledge and experience in the Learning and Development (L&D) space by various eminent leaders across industries & geographies in an impactful Masterclass mode of deliberation.**
- **Further, the event aimed to bring bureaucrats, corporate leaders, and sector specialists to discuss matters related to the advancement of L&D across organisations.**
- **This was a national platform to discuss and debate Human vs Technology in training along with other significant facets like pedagogies, new and innovative learning methods, and channels.**
- **Appropriately, the theme for the event this year was "L&D Reinvented: Refresh, Restart & Re-Energize".**



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Who among the following joined YouTube, Apple in investing on live sports content?

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



**Answer:**  
**A) Amazon**





# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Explanation

- **Amazon has joined the bandwagon of incorporating sports content in its operations.**
- According to a report by US-based tech portal, TechCrunch, citing The Information, **the e-commerce giant is developing an app dedicated to sports content.**
- The move hints at Amazon's focused action towards investing in Prime Video and live sports content
- The report follows the multinational company's CEO, Andy Jassy referring to live sports as '**a unique asset**' at an event in New York.
- Currently, the technological giant holds the exclusive rights for NFL's Night Football.
- **It also showcases some Premier League soccer matches and Yankees baseball games, as per TechCrunch.**
- The company recently also **launched some talk-shows on sports which are featured on both Prime Video and its ad-supported streaming platform Freevee.**



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Who among the following hailed historic Memorandum of Understanding between Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Central TB Division for states of Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh?

- A) Mansukh Mandaviya
- B) Hardeep Singh Puri
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) A & B
- E) A & C

**Answer**  
**D) A & B**



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Explanation

- In a historic milestone that underscores **India's commitment to counter the menace of Tuberculosis**, IndianOil (Indian Oil Corporation Limited) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), as part of its corporate Social responsibility (CSR) with the Central TB Division (CTD) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the states of Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh **to undertake intensified TB elimination project.**
- The MoU was signed in presence of Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri. Hardeep Singh Puri.
- **Uttar Pradesh and Chhatisgarh share the highest burden of TB cases among large states in India.**



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



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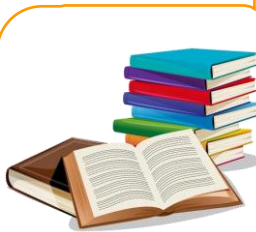
### Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

- UNION MINISTER : **Mansukh Mandaviya** (Gujarat)



### Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

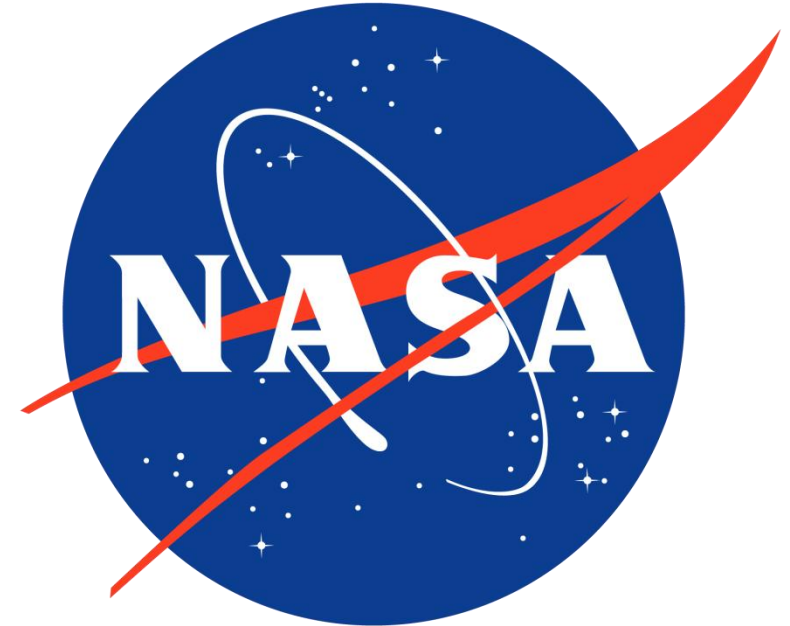
- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Hardeep Singh Puri** (UttarPradesh)



➤ Who launched SWOT satellite which was one step closer to science as it unfolds in space?

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

**Answer**  
**A) NASA**



## Explanation

- **NASA's Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) spacecraft has successfully deployed its large mast and antenna panels - a process that was captured by the two cameras aboard the satellite on December 22, 2022.**
- **The satellite launched into Earth orbit from Vandenberg Space Force Base in central California on a mission to track nearly all the water on Earth's surface.**
- **It was jointly developed by NASA and the French space agency Centre National d'Études Spatiales (CNES), with contributions from the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) and the UK Space Agency.**



# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Election Commission develops prototype of RVM for domestic migrant voters. RVM stands for \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A) Remote Electronic Voting Machine
- B) Remote Voting Machine
- C) Relative Voters Machine
- D) Recorded Voters Machine
- E) None of these



**Answer**

**A) Remote Electronic Voting Machine**



## Explanation

- In a major move to increase voter participation, **the Election Commission of India said it has developed a prototype of a remote electronic voting machine (RVM) for domestic migrant voters and has invited political parties for a demonstration on January 16.**
- If implemented after stakeholder consultations, migrant voters do not need to travel to their home district to exercise their franchise.
- **Based on feedback from various stakeholders and the demonstration of the prototype, the Election Commission (EC) will appropriately carry forward the process of implementing remote voting,** according to a statement.





# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ 'India and which of the following country's FTA will help bilateral trade cross USD 70 bn in next 5 years?'

- A) Australia
- B) Nepal
- C) Bangladesh
- D) China
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**A) Australia**



## Explanation

- The free trade agreement (FTA) between India and Australia, which comes into effect, **will help boost bilateral trade in goods and services to cross USD 70 billion in the next five years, according to economic think tank GTRI.**
- The **India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) has come into force from December 29.**
- Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said **trade of value USD 23 billion would become duty-free from day one.**
- **"This is 93 per cent of merchandise trade of USD 25 billion in 2021-22 between India and Australia. This creates opportunities for more trade in tough times. GTRI estimates suggest that the bilateral trade will cross USD 70 billion in the next five years due to buoyant trade relations and Australia's gradual weaning away from China,"** GTRI Co-founder Ajay Srivastava said.



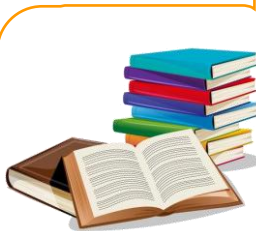
# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### Australia

- Capital : **Canberra**
- Currency : **Australian Dollar (AUD)**
- Monarch : **Charles III**
- Prime Minister : **Anthony Albanese**
- Language : **English**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Army inaugurated first 3D-printed dwelling unit for soldiers in \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Ahmedabad
- D) Maharashtra
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**C) Ahmedabad**



## Explanation

- The **Army has inaugurated its first 3D-printed dwelling unit for soldiers at Ahmedabad Cantonment**, the defence ministry said.
- 3D printing technology uses complex software and a robotic unit that helps in creating a structure through multiple stages from a digital model.
- **"The Indian Army inaugurated its first 3D-printed house dwelling unit (with ground-plus one configuration) for soldiers at Ahmedabad Cantonment on December 28,"** the ministry said in a statement.
- **"The dwelling unit has been constructed by the Military Engineering Services (MES) in collaboration with MiCoB Pvt Ltd incorporating the latest 3D rapid construction technology,"** it said.
- Construction work of the dwelling unit measuring 71 sqm with garage space was completed in just 12 weeks by utilising the 3D-printed foundation, walls and slabs, officials said.
- **The disaster-resilient structures comply with zone-3 earthquake specifications and green building norms.**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who among the following will inaugurate bridge on Zuari river in Goa?

- A) Nitin Gadkari
- B) Jitendra Singh
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**A) Nitin Gadkari**



## Explanation

- Union Road Transport and Highways Minister **Nitin Gadkari will inaugurate the first phase of a new bridge constructed on the Zuari river in Goa**, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has said.
- The **cable-stayed structure**, termed by the government to be the country's widest bridge once fully completed, is **located on the Zuari river at Cortalim village on Margao-Panaji National Highway, about 15 km from the state capital.**
- The bridge is considered as an important link between North and South Goa.
- CM Sawant told that Union minister **Gadkari will inaugurate the first phase of the bridge during a function scheduled at the site.**



## Titbits

### Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari** (Nagpur, Maharashtra)





➤ Which of the following ministry was looking to replace 'minimum wage' by 'living wage'?

- A) Ministry of labour
- B) Ministry of Defence
- C) Ministry of Finance
- D) Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs
- E) None of these



**Answer**

**A) Ministry of labour**



## Explanation

- In a bid to pull people out of poverty, the **labour ministry is considering a shift from the minimum wage to a living wage**, a report in the Economic Times (ET) said.
- The move may play a significant role in helping India meet its Sustainable Development Goal to eliminate extreme poverty by 2030.
- **"Initial discussions have begun within the labour ministry. India could seek help from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to arrive at living wages if the idea gets a political backing,"** a senior government official told ET on the condition of anonymity.
- The ministry has asked officials to weigh the pros and cons of such a step.
- They have also been asked **to look at its economic, social and financial implications.**



## Titbits

### Ministry of Labour and Employment

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Bhupender Yadav** (UttarPradesh)



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who among the following emphasized on need to dismantle ecosystem aiding and abetting terrorist-separatist campaign?

- A) Anurag Thakur
- B) Jitendra Singh
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Amit Shah
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**D) Amit Shah**



## Explanation

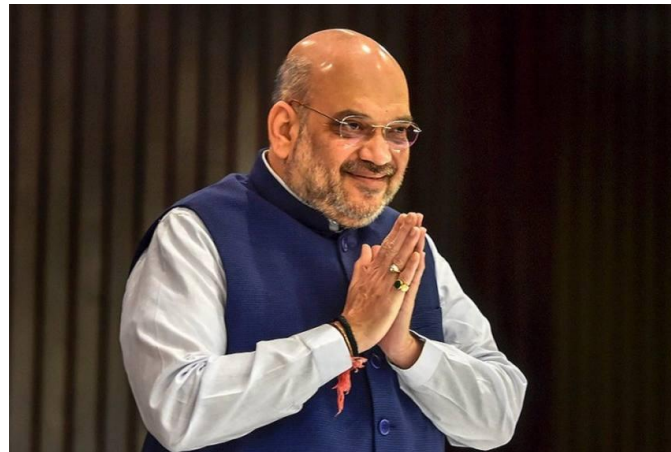
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has emphasized the need to **dismantle terror ecosystem comprising elements that aid, abet and sustain the terrorist-separatist campaign to the detriment of the well-being of common man.**
- The Minister said this while holding a review meeting in New Delhi yesterday, on the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir and the development aspects of the region.
- During the meeting, **Mr Shah directed officials to follow the policy of zero tolerance against terrorism.**



## Titbits

### Ministry of Home Affairs

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Amit Shah** (Gandhinagar, Gujarat)

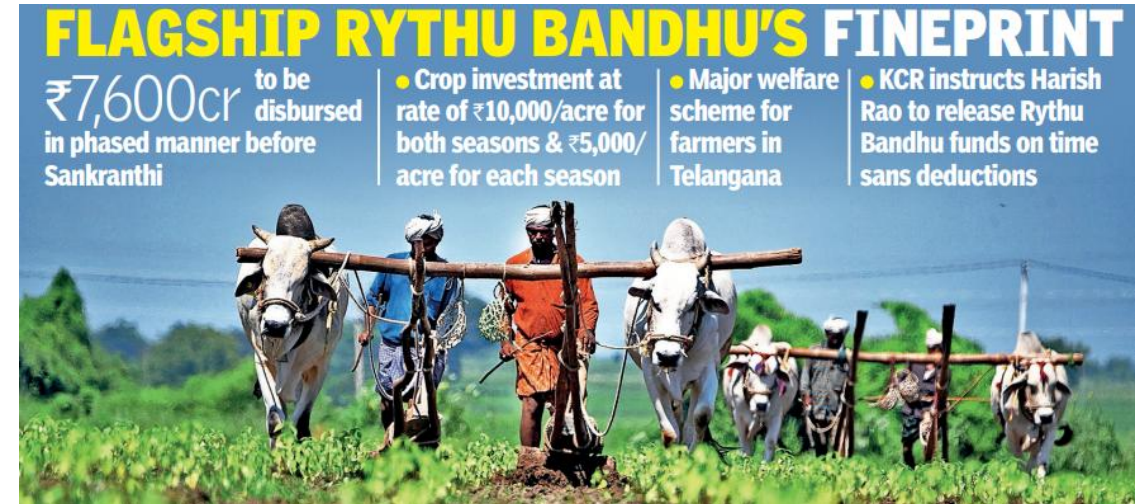


# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which state govt launched 10th phase of Rythu Bandhu, the investment support scheme for farmers?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Telangana
- D) Maharashtra
- E) None of these



**Answer**  
**C) Telangana**



## Explanation

- **Telangana government has launched the 10th phase of Rythu Bandhu, the investment support scheme for farmers.**
- **Under this phase, 7,676 crores will be deposited in the bank accounts of over 70 lakh 54 thousand farmers towards investment support for the Rabi crop season.**
- State Finance minister, T. Harish Rao said on the first day over 607 crore rupees was deposited in the accounts of over 21 farmers holding up to one acre of land.
- **The investment support is being disbursed at a rate of 5000 rupees per acre.**
- Farmers holding up to two acres of land will receive the money and those owning up to three acres will get the money in their accounts.

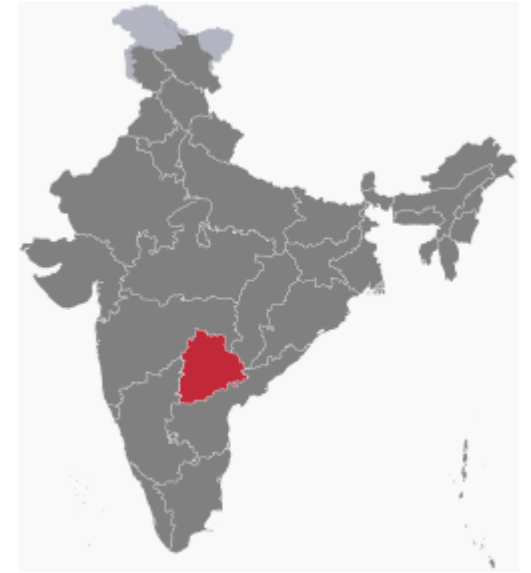




## Titbits

### Telangana

- Capital: **Hyderabad**
- CM: **K Chandrashekar Rao**
- Governor: **Tamilisai Soundararajan**
- Language : **Telugu**
- National Park: **Mrugavani National Par**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Pakhal Lake And Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site : **Bhitarkanika Mangroves**
- Tiger Reserve: **Nagarjunsagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Singareni TPP**
- Dams: **Pocharam Dam**
- RRB: **Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank & Telangana Grameena Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Kakatiya Rudreshwara Temple**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who among the following launched 'Stay Safe Online' Campaign and 'G20 Digital Innovation Alliance' as part of India's G20 presidency?

- A) Anurag Thakur
- B) Jitendra Singh
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**D) Ashwini Vaishnaw**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Explanation

- Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw launching "**Stay Safe Online**" campaign and G20 Digital Innovation Alliance
- The event was graced by Shri Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa, dignitaries from Union Ministries and Departments, representatives of Embassies and Consulates, invited guests from the Government, Industry associations, social media platforms, start-ups, and civil society organisations.
- **MeitY, the Nodal Ministry for the G20 Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG), has represented India in numerous working groups and Ministerial sessions during previous presidencies.**
- During India's G20 presidency, MeitY will focus on three priority areas, namely Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), Cyber Security, and Digital Skill Development, together with the Stay Safe Online campaign and DIA programme under the DEWG.
- **MeitY aims to carry forward the vision of the digital transformation of the global digital economy for public service delivery through innovation and a future-ready digitally skilled workforce in a secure cyber environment.**



## Titbits

### Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Ashwini Vaishnav**(Odisha)



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who among the following unveiled Official Government of India Calendar for 2023?

- A) Anurag Thakur
- B) Jitendra Singh
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Droupadi Murmu
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) Anurag Thakur**



## Explanation

- **Union Minister Shri Anurag Thakur released the Official Government of India Calendar for the year 2023.**
- Speaking on the occasion the Minister said that the calendar is a reflection of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's belief of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas. He commended the calendar for being an impressive collection of 12 images depicting a dynamically growing India.
- **He further highlighted that the 12 themes for the 12 months are a glimpse into the strenuous efforts made by the Government towards public welfare.**



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### Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

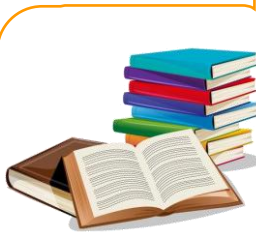
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# QUICK RECALL



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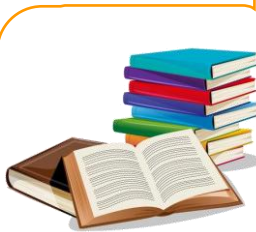




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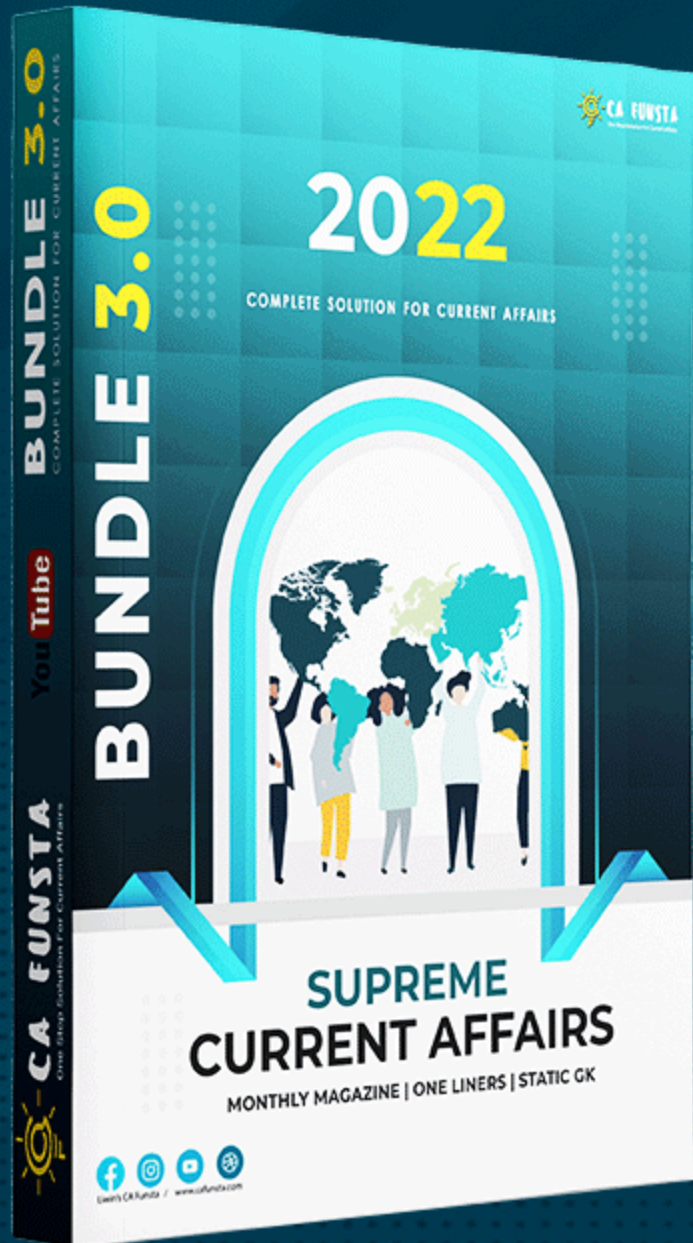
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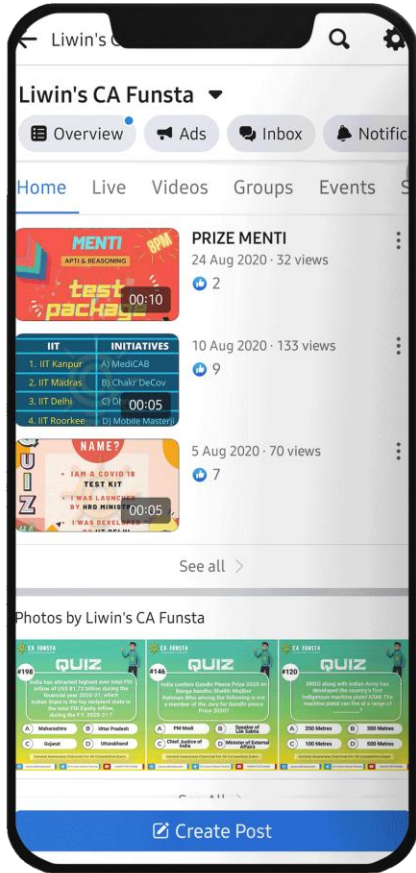
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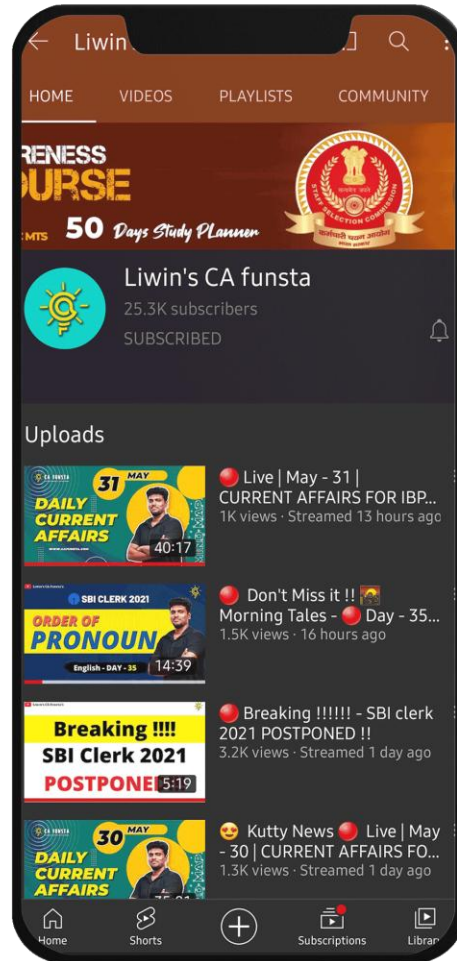
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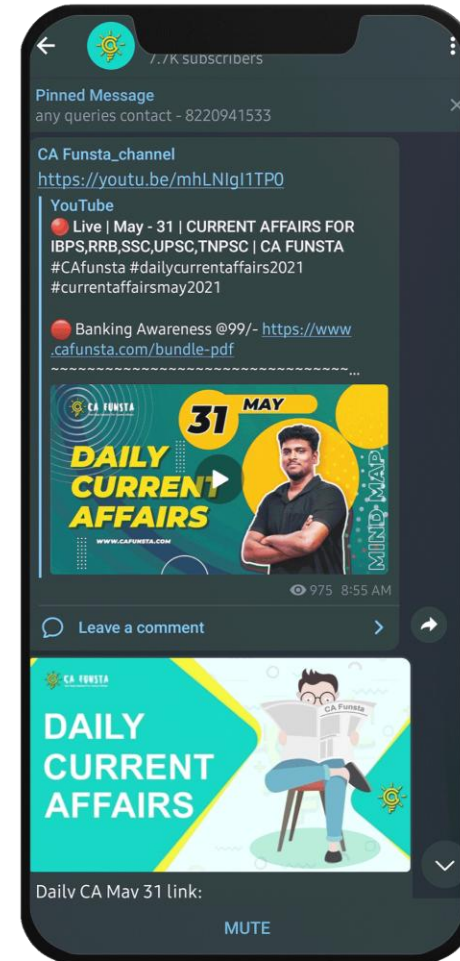
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