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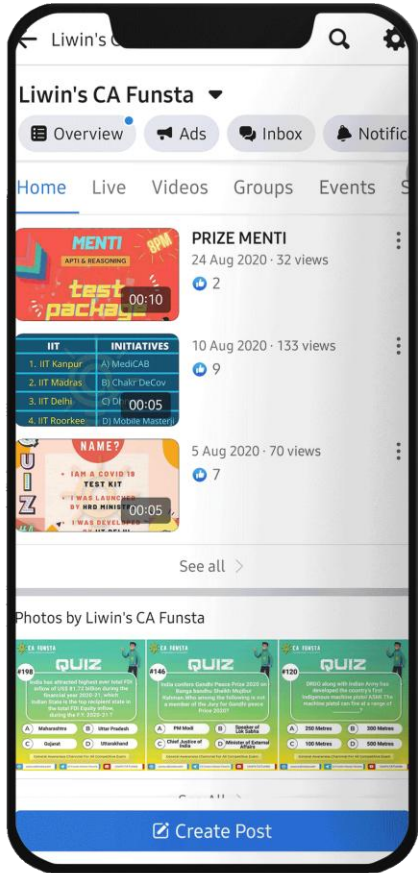
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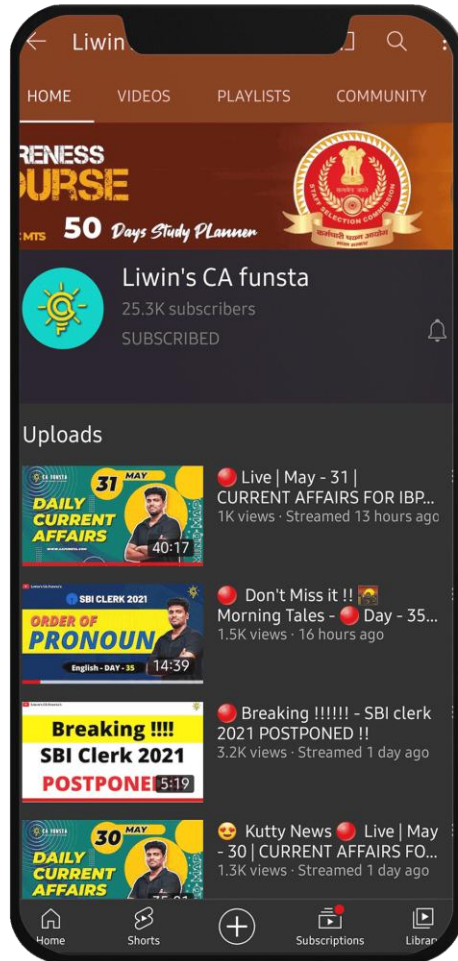
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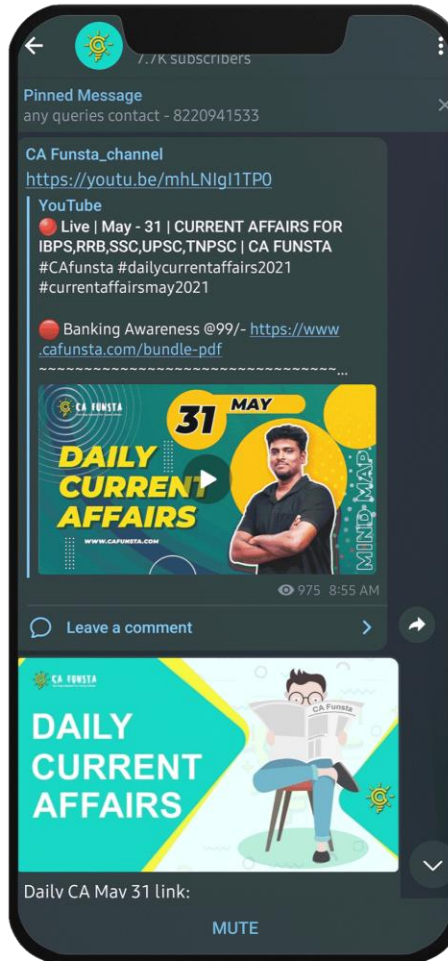
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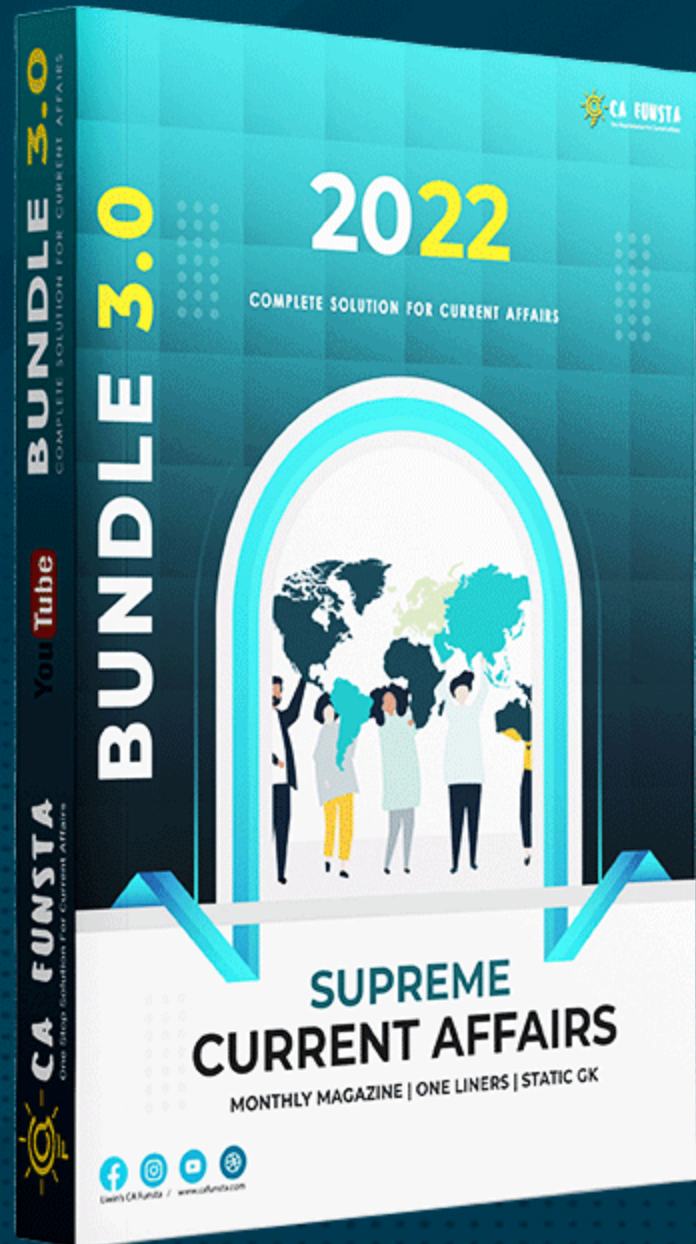
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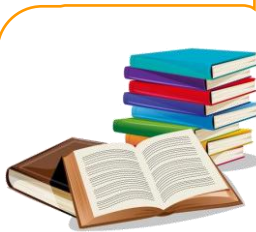


➤ Who won India's first ever Silver medal at World Blitz Chess Championship in Almaty, Kazakhstan?

- A) Tania Sachdev
- B) Padmini Rout
- C) Koneru Humpy
- D) Mary Ann Gomes
- E) None of these

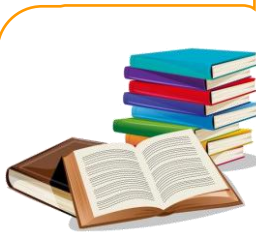
Answer

C) Koneru Humpy



Explanation

- Former world rapid champion **Koneru Humpy** has won **India's first-ever Silver medal in the FIDE World Blitz Chess Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan.**
- **Humpy defeated China's Zhongyi Tan to win Silver in the 17th and final round.**
- Fourth seeded Humpy scored an impressive 12.5 points, just half a point behind the gold medal winner Bibisara Balabayeva of Kazakhstan.
- **Humpy is the second Indian to win a medal at World Blitz, after Viswanathan Anand.**
- Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has congratulated Humpy for winning the Silver medal at the World Blitz Chess Championships.
- In a tweet, Mr. Thakur called this yet another feather in the grandmaster's illustrious cap.



SPORTS

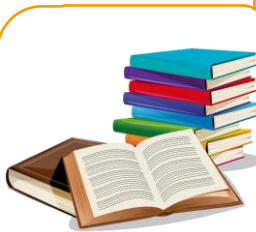


➤ Which state's Hockey Men's Under-18 team clinched Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Men's U-18 title?

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

Answer

D) Madhya Pradesh



Explanation

- In Hockey, **Madhya Pradesh defeated Odisha 6-5 to clinch Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Men's Under-18 Qualifiers title in Bhubaneswar, December 30.**
- In a thrilling final, Zameer Mohammad was the star of the final, scoring a hat-trick while Ali Ahmad, Mohammad Zaid Khan and Captain Ankit Pal netted one goal each for Madhya Pradesh.
- On the other hand, Anmol Ekka, Paulus Lakra, Deepak Minz, Akash Soreng and Anmol Ekka scored one goal each for Odisha.
- **Haryana claimed third place in the competition with a win against Jharkhand 2-0 in the 3rd and 4th place clash.**
- Amandeep and Roshan scored goals for Haryana.
- With this, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Haryana and Jharkhand have qualified for the Khelo India Youth Games to be held in Madhya Pradesh next year.



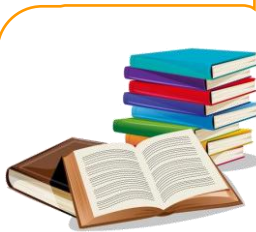
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➤ Which state's Hockey Women's U-18 team wins Khelo India Youth Games 2022?

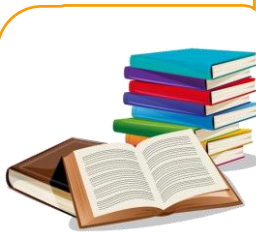
- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Haryana
- C) Ahmedabad
- D) Maharashtra
- E) None of these

Answer
B) Haryana



Explanation

- Hockey **Haryana's women's team won the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Women's Under 18 Qualifiers after defeating Madhya Pradesh 2-0 in the final at Bhubaneswar, December 30.**
- In the final match, Pooja and Gurmail Kaur scored a goal each for Haryana to end the contest in their favour.
- **Odisha stepped up to claim third place after beating Hockey Jharkhand 2-1 in the 3rd and 4th place encounter.**
- Sanjna Horo scored for Jharkhand but Odisha came back with goals from Puja Sahoo and Sunelita Toppo to complete a thrilling comeback.
- Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Jharkhand have qualified for the Khelo India Youth Games to be held in Madhya Pradesh next year.



BANKING AND FINANCE



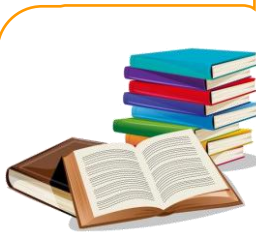
➤ ADB granted how many million USD to Shriram Finance for vehicle loans to women entrepreneurs?

- A) USD 100 million
- B) USD 150 million
- C) USD 200 million
- D) USD 150 million
- E) None of these



Answer

A) USD 100 million

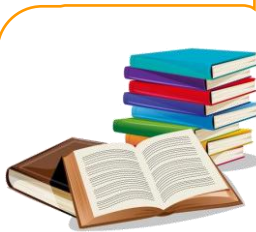


BANKING AND FINANCE



Explanation

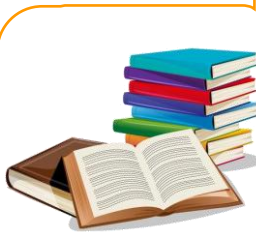
- **Multilateral funding agency Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned USD 100 million** (about Rs 830 crore) to Shriram Finance Limited (SFL) **to provide vehicle loans to women entrepreneurs.**
- **The USD 100 million External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) is a five-year loan and is under SFL's Social Finance framework to provide credit towards the purchase of new and used vehicles throughout India,** Shriram Finance said in a statement.
- Proceeds from ADB can be used for vehicle finance for commercial purposes for BS VI compliant vehicles and electric vehicles, specifically, finance women entrepreneurs, **cater to under-developed states of the country and empower and promote the social and economic status of the underserved communities,** it added.



➤ Who will introduce network-wide scoring of sellers, add 7-8 new categories?

- A) ONDC
- B) Amazon
- C) Quikr
- D) Samsung
- E) None of these

Answer
A) ONDC

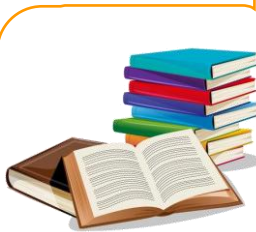


BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



Explanation

- The **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)**, which is in its **beta-testing phase in Bengaluru and Meerut**, is working on a mechanism for scoring sellers based on various parameters such as grievance resolution.
- The network is also in the **process of expanding its scope to new categories such as home decor, fashion, beauty & personal care among others**.
- **T Koshy, MD & CEO, ONDC**, told businessline, “By March, we will start with **network-wide scoring of sellers**.”



➤ Who among the following launched mobile App 'Prahari' and manual of Border Security Force

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


Answer
D) Amit Shah

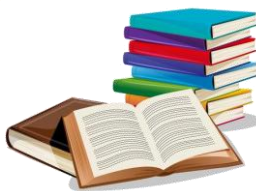


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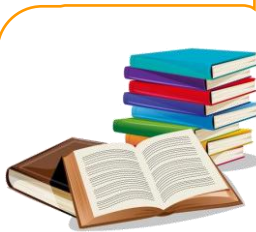
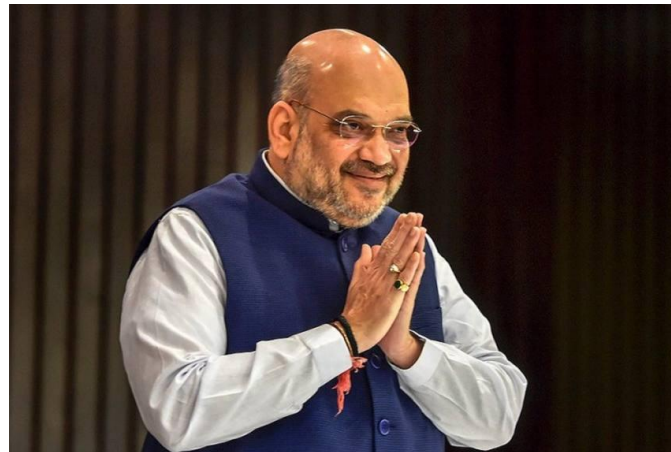
- Home Minister Amit Shah has said that the security of the border can be ensured only when the border villages are populated.
- He said, along with the deployment of Jawans on the borders, only the patriotic citizens living in the village can provide permanent security.
- **Mr Shah said this while launching the Mobile App 'Prahari' and Manual of Border Security Force in New Delhi.**
He said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently started the Vibrant Village programme.
- He urged **all the Border Security Forces that through the Vibrant Village program, they should make efforts towards increasing tourism in the village, making the village self-sufficient with complete facilities.**
- The Minister said that **the security of the borders of the country cannot be ensured by pillars or fencing, but by the bravery, patriotism and alertness of the soldiers standing on that border.**



Titbits

Ministry of Home Affairs

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



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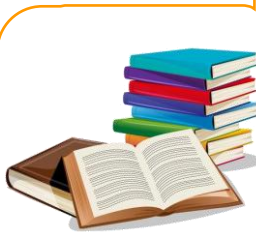


➤ Who organised outreach programme at Sholadamattam village near Wellington?

- A) Indian Army
- B) Indian Navy
- C) DRDO
- D) Indian Airforce
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Indian Army

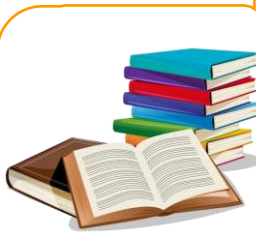


DEFENCE



Explanation

- **The Indian Army at the Wellington Cantonment in the Nilgiris organised an outreach programme at Sholadamattam village near Wellington.**
- **“A medical camp and football game for locals were part of the programme. A lecture on recently launched Agnipath scheme was also imparted to the local youth to spread awareness about Agniveer enrolment and its benefits,”** a press release from the Madras Regimental Centre (MRC) stated.
- **In addition, a Swachhta Abhiyan was organised to highlight the importance of keeping the environment clean.**
- **The event witnessed active participation from youth, locals and elders of the village.**
- **The elderly women of village were also felicitated during the event.**



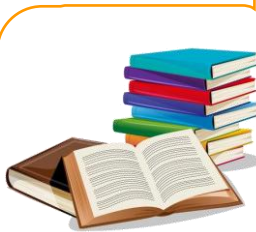
NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Mandya Mega Dairy inaugurated by_____?

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

Answer
D) Amit Shah



Explanation

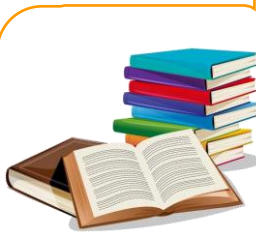
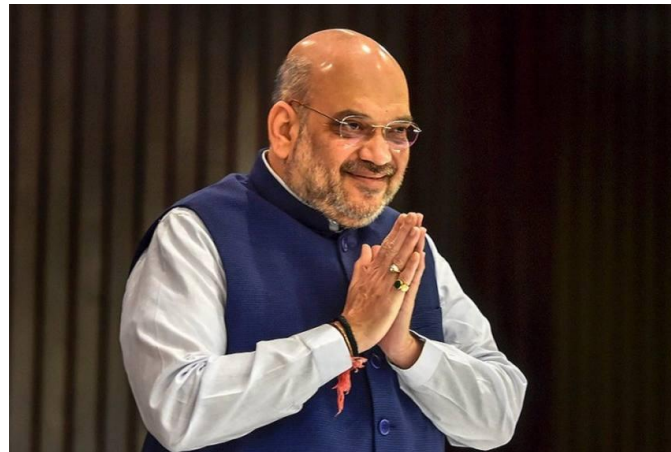
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister **Shri Amit Shah inaugurated Mega Dairy at Mandya in Karnataka.**
- Several dignitaries including Nirmalanandanatha Mahaswamiji, the 72nd Pontiff of Sri Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math, Mandya, Chief Minister of Karnataka, Shri Basavaraj Bommai, former Prime Minister Shri HD Deve Gowda and Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Coal and Mines Shri Pralhad Joshi were present on the occasion.
- Condoling the demise of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mother, Shri Amit Shah paid tributes to her and said that the whole country is standing with the Prime Minister in this hour of grief.
- The Union Home and Cooperation Minister said that since independence, **the farmers of the country had demanded a Ministry of Cooperation separate from the Ministry of Agriculture.**



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Ministry of Home Affairs

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



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



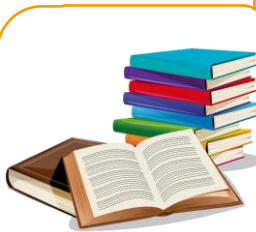
➤ Who virtually launched Joka-Taratala metro services?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Jitendra Singh
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Droupadi Murmu
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Narendra Modi



Explanation

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** morning virtually flagged **off metro services on the Joka-Taratala route in Kolkata.**
- The metro stations were decked up on the occasion.
- **A rake made a round trip from Joka to Taratala and back with many people, including students of various schools, enjoying the ride.**
- In a virtual address after the launch, the PM said, "**The Joka-Taratala metro train services will ensure ease of living for residents of Kolkata. Work on the rest of the route till Esplanade is underway.**"
- The metro route is scheduled to be extended to Esplanade in central Kolkata, connecting it with the east-west and north-south lines.



➤ Who released beta version of lightweight, robust, and ABDM-compliant HMIS?

- A) National Health Authority
- B) National Highway Authority
- C) ICMR
- D) AIIMS
- E) None of these



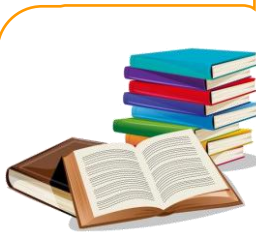
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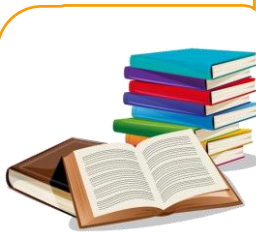
Answer

A) National Health Authority



Explanation

- **National Health Authority (NHA) has released a beta version of the lightweight, robust, and Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission-compliant Hospital Management Information System (HMIS).**
- It envisions providing a digital platform for healthcare providers, particularly focusing on private clinics and small health facilities.
- This beta version will allow doctors **to generate and fetch Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts for patients as well as to manage their calendars, appointments, and patient details in a single window.**
- It will also **facilitate e-prescription services and view previous health records and prescriptions for registered patients and take video consultations.**



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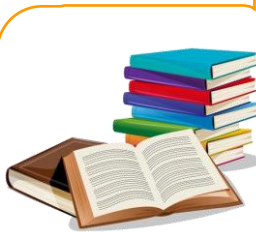


➤ International flower show held in _____?

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

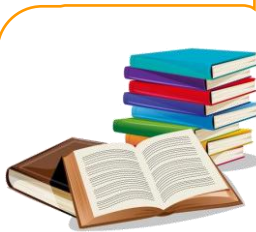


Answer
D) Wayanad



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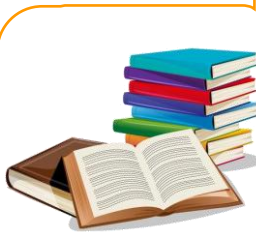
- All arrangements are in place for **the seventh edition of 'Poopoli', an international flower show and agri fest jointly organised by the Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) and the Department of Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare at Ambalavayal in Wayanad from January 1 to 15.**
- Forest Minister A.K. Saseendran will inaugurate the event at 3 p.m. on Jan 1.



Titbits

Kerala

- Capital: **Thiruvananthapuram**
- CM: **Pinarayi Vijayan**
- Governor: **Arif Mohammad Khan**
- Language: **Malayalam**
- National Park: **Eravikulam National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Asthamudi Wetland, Sasthamkotta Lake, Vembanad Kol Wetland**
- Tiger Reserve: **Periyar Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Kakkad Hydroelectric Project**
- Dams: **Malampuzha Dam (River : Bharathapuzha River)**
- RRB: **Kerala Gramin Bank (Canara Bank)**
- UNESCO Site: **Western Ghats**



➤ Which department conducted National Webinar on “Insurance Coverage for Fisheries and Aquaculture”?

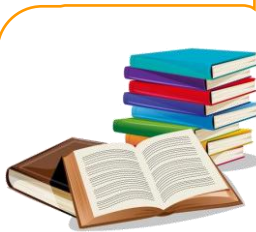
- A) Department of Fisheries
- B) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- C) Only A
- D) A & B
- E) None of these



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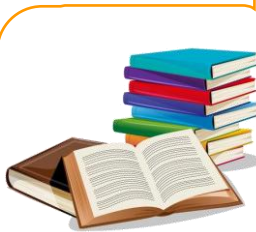
Dept. of Animal Husbandry,
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Answer
D) A & B



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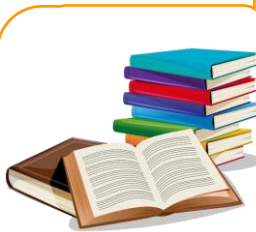
- Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India organized a National Webinar on “**Insurance Coverage for Fisheries and Aquaculture**” on 29th December, 2022 as a part of ongoing celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- The event was presided over by Shri Jatindra Nath Swain, Secretary, Department of Fisheries (DoF), Government of India (GOI) and well-attended by **more than 170 participants from across the country.**
- These included fishers, farmers, entrepreneurs, fisheries associations, officials of Department of Fisheries, GoI and fisheries officials of different States/UTs, faculties from State Agriculture, Veterinary and Fisheries universities, Fisheries research institutes, Fisheries cooperative officers, Scientists, students and stakeholders from fisheries across the country.



Titbits

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

- Union minister : **Shri Parshottam Rupala** (Gujarat)



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➤ Which of the following ministry launched Prajjwala Challenge inviting ideas, solutions and actions to transform rural economy?

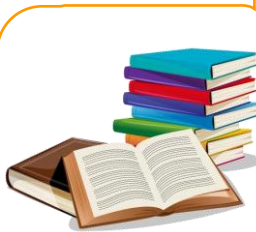
- A) Ministry of Rural Development
- B) Ministry of Defence
- C) Ministry of Finance
- D) Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs
- E) None of these



ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय
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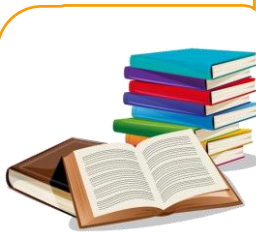
Answer

A) Ministry of Rural Development



Explanation

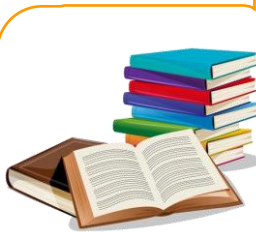
- **With an aim to invite ideas, solutions and actions that can transform rural economy, the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) has launched the Prajjwala Challenge.**
- It is one of the platforms where ideas are invited from individuals, Social Enterprises, Start up, Private Sector, Civil Society, Community Based Organization, Academic Institution, Start-ups, Incubation centres, Investors etc **having potential to transform the rural economy.**
- **The Prajjwala Challenge was launched by Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Shri. Shailesh Kumar Singh in New Delhi.**
- The Mission is looking for ideas and solutions around Innovative Technology Solution, Inclusive Growth, Value Chain Interventions, Enhanced Women Entrepreneurship, Cost effective Solutions, Sustainability, place-based employment, localised models etc.



Titbits

Ministry of Rural Development

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Giriraj Singh** (Begusarai, Bihar)



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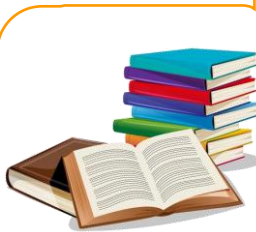
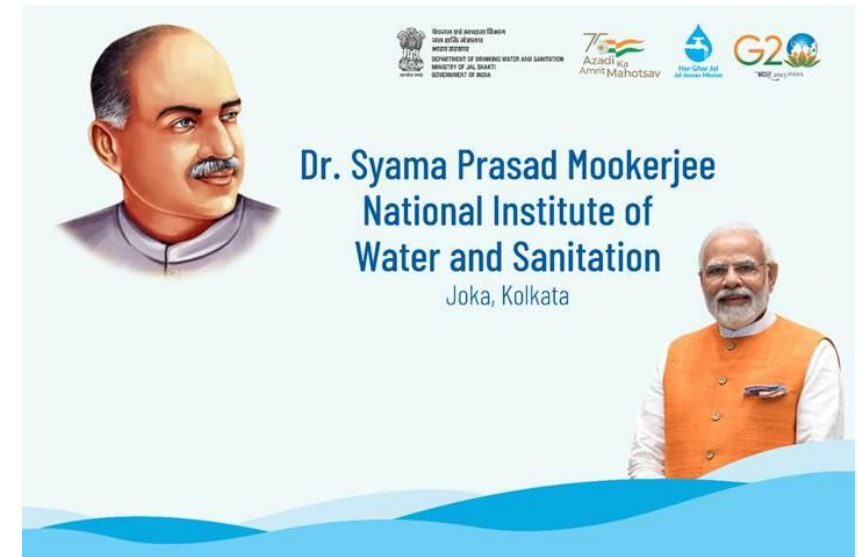


➤ Who inaugurated Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute of Water and Sanitation in Kolkata?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Jitendra Singh
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Droupadi Murmu
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Narendra Modi



Explanation

- Prime Minister, Shri **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute of Water and Sanitation (SPM-NIWAS)** at **Joka in Kolkata via video conferencing**.
- SPM – NIWAS has been set up at a **cost of around Rs. 100 Crore**, on **8.72 acres of land at Joka, Diamond Harbour Road, Kolkata, West Bengal**.
- Through this apex institute on Water and Sanitation, the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) **aims to bridge the knowledge and capacity building gap in the field of public health engineering, sanitation & hygiene, through short, medium & long-term courses** which are not just related to engineering but also cover aspects of management, health, accounting, law and public policies.
- The inauguration of SPM-NIWAS was followed by a day-long national conference on **‘Drinking Water Quality– Issues & Challenges’** organized by DDWS and supported by UNICEF, INREM Foundation, WaterAid.



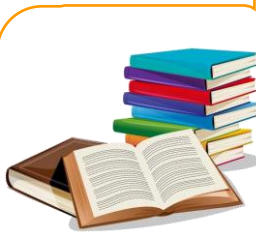
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➤ India's first underwater metro expected to ready by _____?

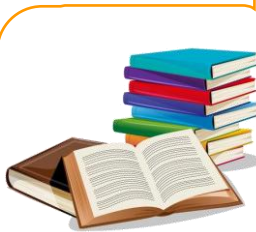
- A) SEP 2023
- B) OCT 2023
- C) NOV 2023
- D) DEC 2023
- E) None of these

Answer
D) DEC 2023



Explanation

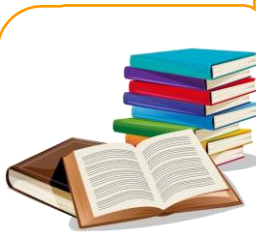
- **India's first underwater metro service, the East-West Metro Corridor project is expected to be completed by December 2023**, the Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation (KMRC) said.
- Shailesh Kumar, General Manager Civil KMRC said, **“The ongoing underwater tunnel project is likely to be completed by December 2023.**
- **Some rehabilitation works are in process and other issues are delaying the completion of the underwater metro project.”**



QUICK RECALL



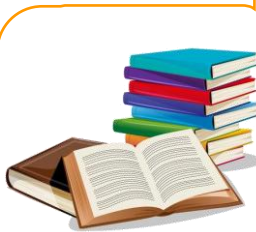
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- ❖ ADB grants USD 100 mn to Shriram Finance for vehicle loans to women entrepreneurs
- ❖ ONDC to introduce network-wide scoring of sellers, add 7-8 new categories
- ❖ Home Minister Amit Shah launches mobile App 'Prahari' and manual of Border Security Force
- ❖ Mandya Mega Dairy inaugurated today would process 10 lakh liters of milk per day
- ❖ PM Modi virtually launches Joka-Taratala metro services



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- ❖ National Health Authority release beta version of lightweight, robust, and ABDM-compliant HMIS
- ❖ Indian Army organises outreach programme at Sholadamattam village near Wellington
- ❖ International flower show in Wayanad
- ❖ Department of Fisheries conducts National Webinar on “Insurance Coverage for Fisheries and Aquaculture”
- ❖ Ministry of Rural Development launches Prajjwala Challenge inviting ideas, solutions and actions to transform rural economy
- ❖ Prime Minister Virtually Inaugurates Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute of Water and Sanitation in Kolkata
- ❖ India's first underwater metro expected to ready by Dec 2023



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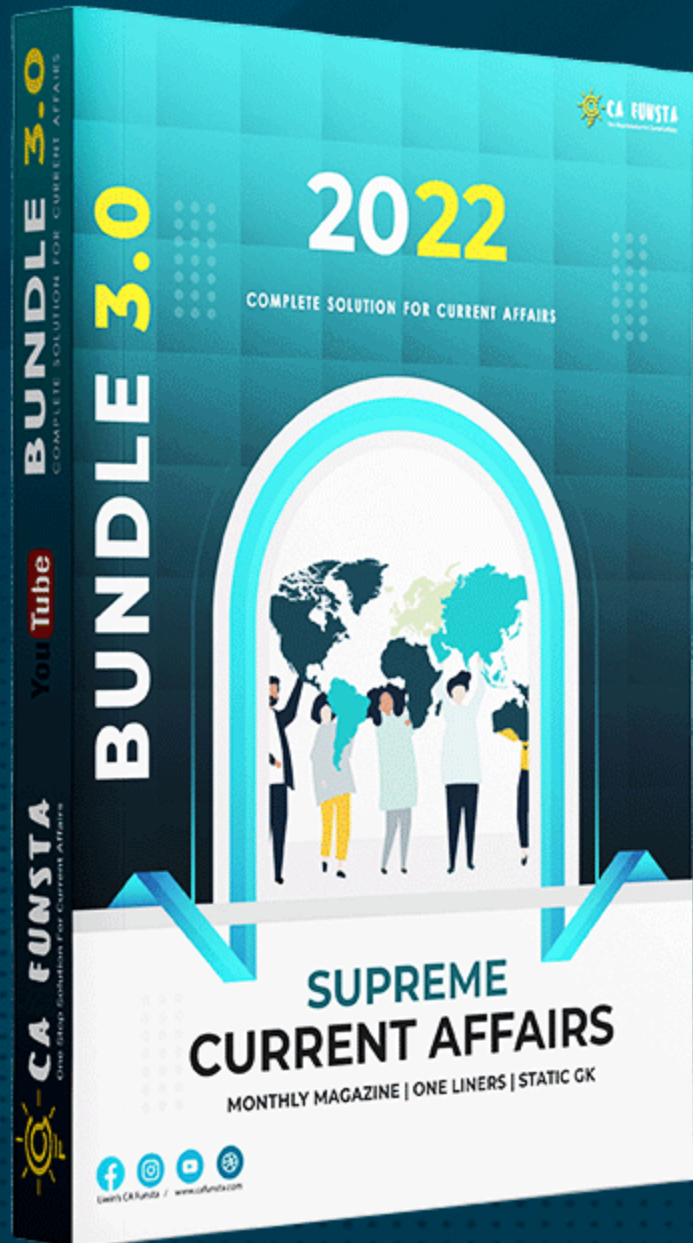
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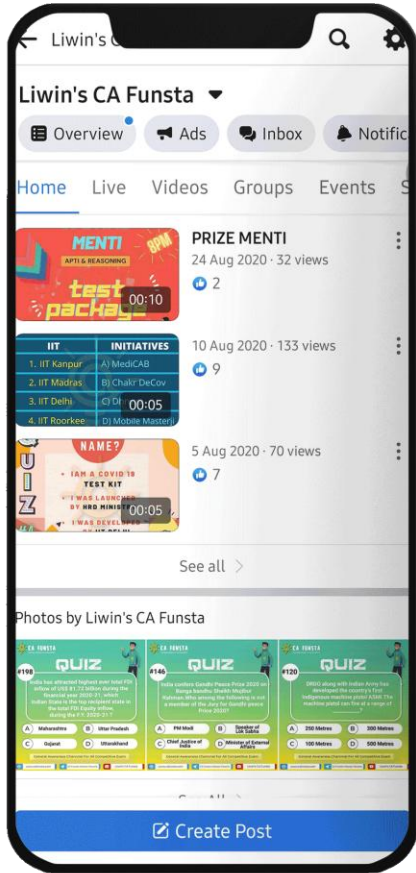
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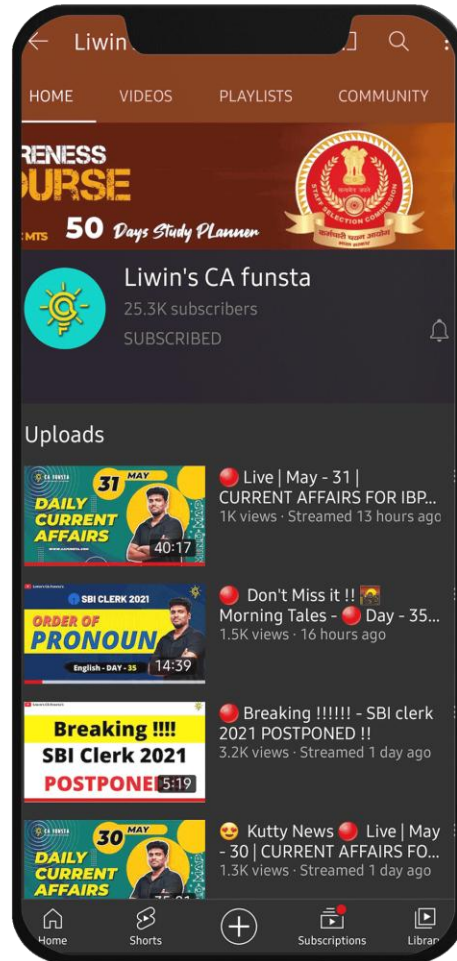
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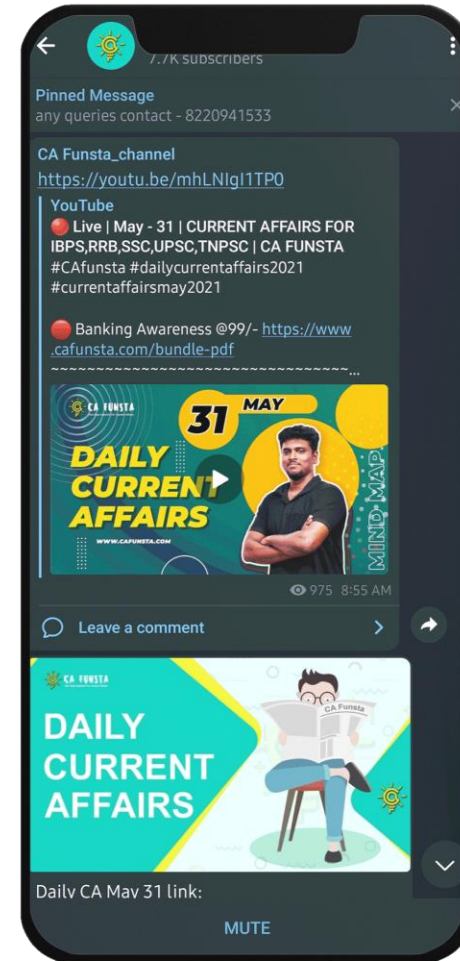
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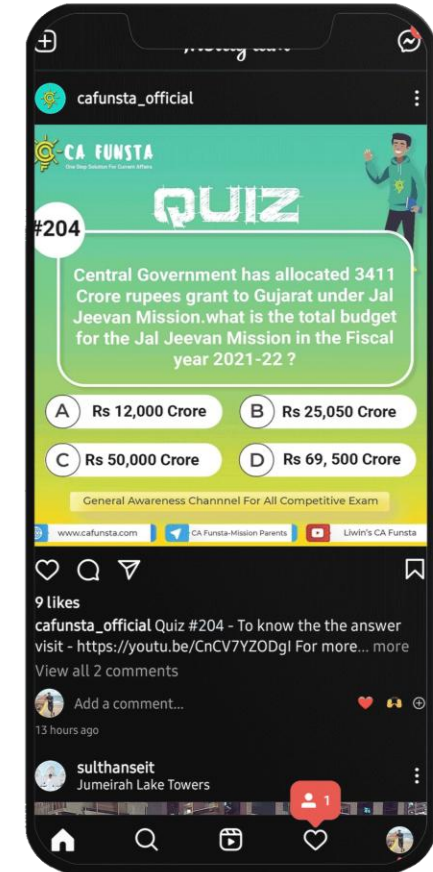
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