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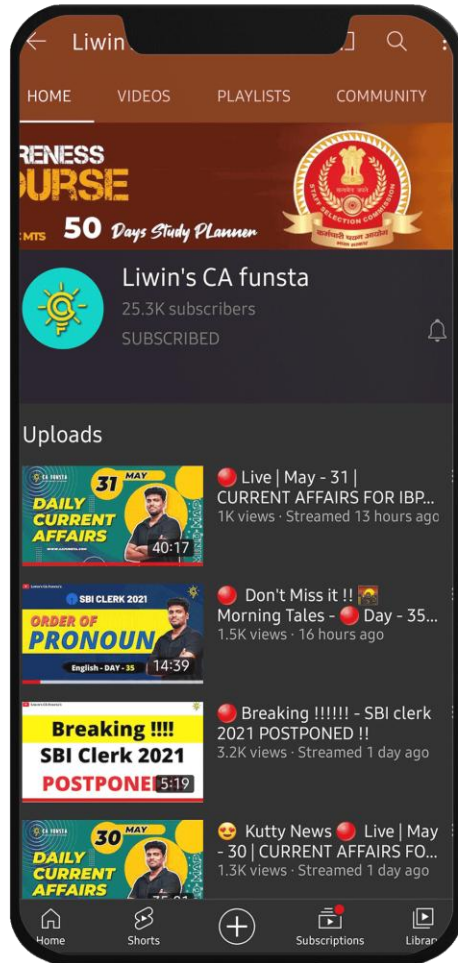
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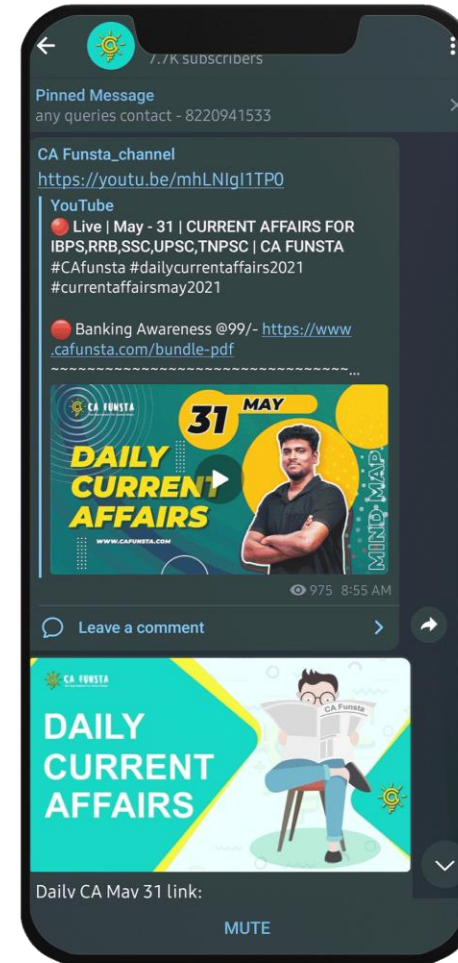
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Important Days



➤ National Birds Day observed on _____?

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



National Bird Day

Answer
B) January 5

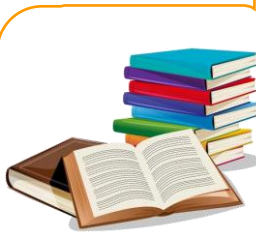


Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **National Birds Day**
- DATE : **5 January**
- OTHERS : **National Bird Day is celebrated to raise awareness of the value of tiny tweets in the ecosystem.**



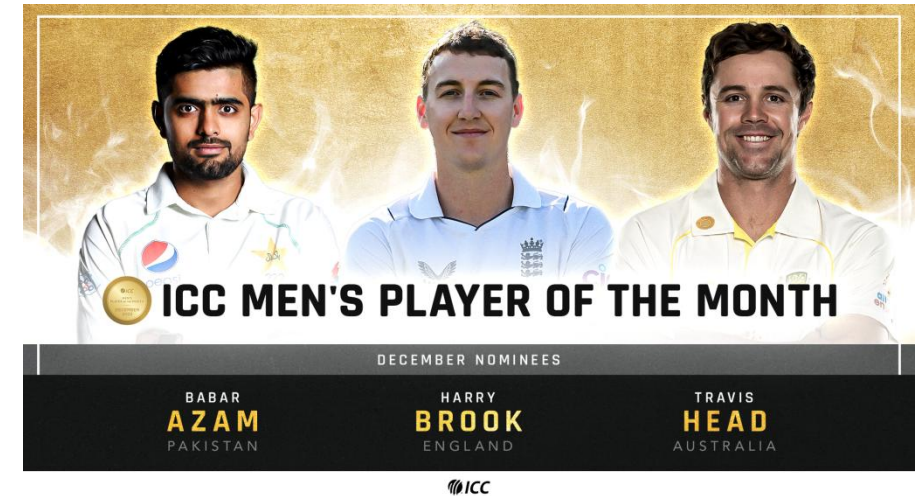
SPORTS



➤ Who among the following nominated for ICC Men's Player of the Month for December 2022?

- A) Babar Azam
- B) Harry Brook
- C) Travis Head
- D) All the above
- E) None of these

Answer
D) All the above



Explanation

- Pakistan captain **Babar Azam**, England's star batter **Harry Brook** and Australia batter **Travis Head** have been nominated for ICC Men's Player of the Month December 2022, the International Cricket Council announced.
- **Three countries are represented in the shortlist for the ICC Men's Player of the Month Award**, as batting reigned supreme.
- The Pakistan skipper Babar Azam continues to enjoy a fine run of form with bat in hand, filling his boots against England and the start of the New Zealand series.
- Making runs in all four Tests he played, Babar showcased his consistency even with the burden of captaincy, making a pair of hundreds and three scores of half-centuries in eight knocks.



SPORTS



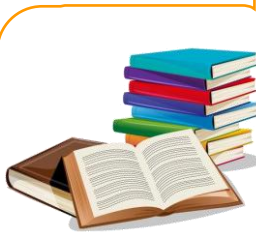
- Which of the following minister inaugurated "Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium" in Rourkela ahead of Hockey WC 2023



- A) Jitendra Singh
- B) Naveen Patnaik
- C) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Naveen Patnaik



Explanation

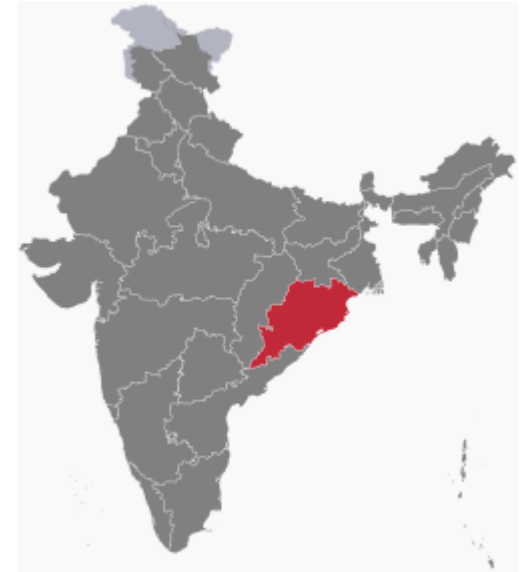
- **Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the much-awaited Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, amidst much fanfare and in the presence of the National Men's Hockey Team.**
- **Both the stadium and the Hockey Practice Centre have been certified Level 1 by FIH which is the highest in its category.**
- **As a tribute, the stadium has been named after legendary tribal leader Birsa Munda.**
- **Prior to the inauguration, CM Naveen Patnaik met the Indian Hockey Team and committed to award Rs. 1 Crore for each member of the Indian Hockey Team if they win the Hockey World Cup 2023.**



Titbits

Odisha

- Capital: **Bhubaneshwar**
- CM: **Naveen Patnaik**
- Governor: **Ganeshi Lal**
- Language: **Odia**
- National Park: **Bhitarkanika National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Bhitarkanika Magroves, Chilka Lake**
- Tiger Reserve: **Satkosia Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Odisha Power Generation Corporation Limited**
- Dams: **Indravati (RIVER: Indravati)**
- RRB: **Odisha Gramya Bank (IOB), Utkal Grameen Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Sun Temple Konark**



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ **Sebi nod to reclassify govt holding in which bank as 'public' after sale?**

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



Answer
A) IDBI Bank



Explanation

- In a major dispensation, capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)** acceded to the central government's request to reclassify its **shareholding in IDBI Bank** after its disinvestment as “**public holding**”, the lender told the stock exchanges.
- **This is subject to the condition that the government's voting rights in the bank will not exceed 15 per cent of the total voting rights after the sale.**
- **Also, the government must specify its intention to reclassify its shareholding in the bank as “public holding” in the letter of offer dispatched to the shareholders of the bank in connection with the open offer made by the acquirer.**
- Further, after disinvestment, the bank must make an application to the stock exchanges for reclassification of the government holding under the public category.
- And, the new acquirer must ensure compliance with the minimum public shareholding (MPS) requirements within one year of the sale.



Titbits

IDBI Bank

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



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Which bank partnered Qatar and British Airways to launch co-branded credit card?

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

Answer

C) IndusInd Bank



BANKING AND FINANCE



Explanation

- **IndusInd Bank, British Airways Executive Club and Qatar Airways Privilege Club announced a partnership to introduce a multi-branded credit card, powered by Visa.**
- **The multi-branded credit card is slated to be launched and made available to consumers in the first quarter of the financial year 2023-24.**
- **Through this, members will be able to collect Avios, the rewards currency for British Airways Executive Club and Qatar Airways Privilege Club, by signing up and choosing their preferred loyalty programme.**
- **Oliver Currell, Head of Financial Partnerships, IAG Loyalty, said, "We are delighted to launch the new British Airways and Qatar Airways credit card with IndusInd Bank, a unique multibrand credit card.**
- **The Avios currency will give Indian consumers great value rewards and opportunities to do more when it comes to global travel and experiences."**



Titbits

IndusInd Bank Limited

- Founded : April_1994
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Sumant Kathpalia



➤ Flipkart e-store for sustainable products launched_____?

- A) Flipkart Green
- B) Flipkart ecology
- C) Organic Flipkart
- D) e-Flipkart
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Flipkart Green



Explanation

- E-commerce major Flipkart has launched '**Flipkart Green**', a virtual store offering sustainable products to attract customers looking to adopt a sustainable lifestyle.
- **Flipkart Green aims to provide access to information and better availability of globally certified sustainable brands and products.**
- **To begin with, fashion, beauty and makeup, grooming, healthcare, food, home, and lifestyle products** are being made available from over 40 brands.
- The store will further expand **to include products from other categories, including healthcare, food, sports and fitness, toys, stationery, electronics, and appliances as well.**



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ ISRO and which of the following collaborated to support space-tech startups in India?

- A) Microsoft
- B) Google
- C) TCS
- D) Wipro
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Microsoft



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Microsoft have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to fuel the growth of space technology startups in India.**
- **The partnership is aimed to empower space tech start-ups across the country with technology tools and platforms and help them scale and become enterprise ready.**
- **The collaboration seeks to strengthen ISRO's vision of harnessing the market potential of the most promising space tech innovators and entrepreneurs in India.**
- **Through this tie-up, the space tech startups identified by ISRO will be onboarded onto the Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub platform, which supports startups at every stage of their journey -- from idea to unicorn.**
- **Through Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub, space-tech startup founders in India will have free access to the tech tools, and resources they need to build and run their businesses.**



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ International Hockey Federation signed whom as global World Cup partner?

- A) JSW Group
- B) TATA Group
- C) Jio ltd
- D) Dream 11
- E) None of these



Answer

A) JSW Group



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- The **International Hockey Federation (FIH)** has signed a **partnership with the JSW Group** for the upcoming **FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela**, which will kick-off later this month.
- The group supports and promotes Olympics in India and has created an Olympic Training Institute in the Inspire Institute of Sport as well as has Olympic training centres across the country.
- Parth Jindal, founder of the conglomerate, said, **"Hockey is a sport that is in the heart of every Indian and to see it happening in the very state that has revived the game in our country, Odisha, makes it all the more special.**
- **To have the opportunity to be associated with the Hockey World Cup in India is a matter of great pride for us.**
- I am certain the tournament will set the benchmark for future Hockey world cups and will be truly world class".



APPOINTMENTS

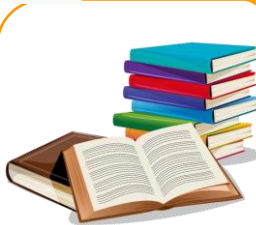


➤ **Who took charge as MD, CEO of BSE?**

- A) Sundararaman Ramamurthy
- B) Mukesh Ambani
- C) Sandeep Kumar Gupta
- D) Kalyan Krishnamurthy
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Sundararaman Ramamurthy



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Sundararaman Ramamurthy has assumed charge as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of leading stock exchange BSE.**
- In a regulatory filing last year, BSE said that markets regulator **Sebi has approved the appointment of Ramamurthy as its Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer.**
- **"Sundararaman Ramamurthy has assumed charge as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of BSE".**
- The appointment is subject to acceptance of the offer made to Ramamurthy and fulfillment of terms and conditions, it added.
- The appointment comes after BSE's erstwhile **MD & CEO Ashishkumar Chauhan resigned from the bourse in July 2022 and moved to NSE.**



AWARDS



➤ Which Railway Station awarded a 5- star 'Eat Right Station' certification?

- A) Varanasi Cantt Railway Station
- B) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus
- C) Sealdah Railway Station
- D) Howrah Junction Railway Station
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Varanasi Cantt Railway Station



AWARDS



Explanation

- Indian Railways' **Varanasi Cantt Railway Station** has been awarded a **5- star 'Eat Right Station'** certification for **providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers.**
- This certification is granted by FSSAI to railway stations adhering to standard food storage and hygiene practices.
- The **'Eat Right Station' certification is awarded by FSSAI** to railway stations that set benchmarks in providing safe and wholesome food to passengers.
- The station is awarded a certificate upon a conclusion of an FSSAI-empanelled third-party audit agency with ratings from 1 to 5.
- The 5-star rating indicates full compliance by the station **to ensure safe and hygienic food is available to passengers.**



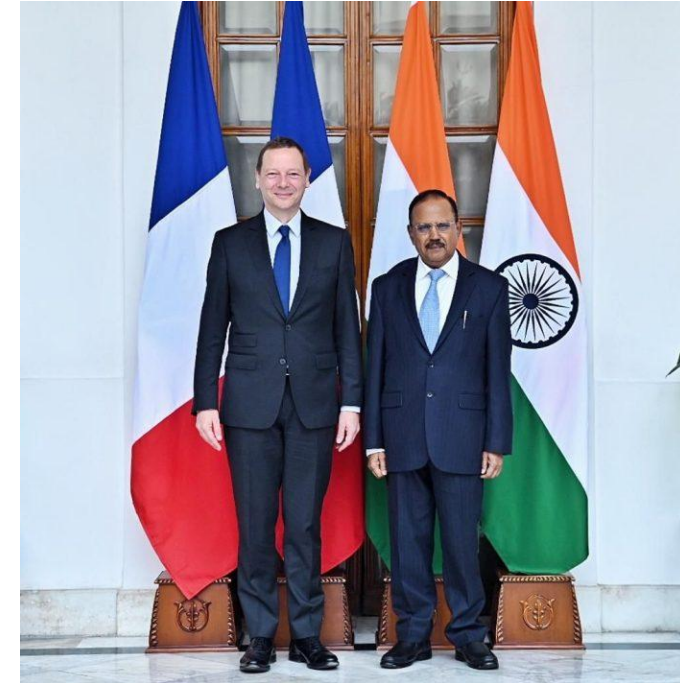
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ India and France held which edition of Strategic Dialogue in New Delhi?

- A) 34th
- B) 35th
- C) 36th
- D) 37th
- E) None of these

Answer
C) 36th



Explanation

- **India and France today held the 36th Strategic Dialogue in New Delhi.**
- The Indian delegation was led by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, while the French delegation was led by French President Emmanuel Macron's diplomatic advisor Emmanuel Bonne.
- Briefing media in New Delhi, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India and France held **discussions on various issues including the current global security situation in the context of conflict of Ukraine, regional security in the context of Afghanistan, counter-terrorism, defence cooperation in the Indo Pacific and cyber security.**



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

France

- Capital : **Paris**
- Currency : **Euro (EUR)**
- President : **Emmanuel Macron**
- Prime Minister : **Elisabeth Borne**
- Language : **French**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which of the following minister will flag off Ganga Vilas Cruise on January 13?

- A) Shri Parshottam Rupala
- B) Shri Rajnath Singh
- C) Shri Narendra Modi
- D) Shri Piyush Goyal
- E) None of these



Answer

C) Shri Narendra Modi



Explanation

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off '**Ganga Vilas Cruise**' on January 13 and preparations for the programme have started.
- **"Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off the world's longest cruise tour from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh to Dibrugarh in Assam via Bangladesh on January 13,"** the Information and Public Relations Department of Uttar Pradesh said in a tweet in Hindi.
- The department said that the cruise after leaving Varanasi will pass through Ghazipur, Buxar and Patna before reaching Kolkata.
- **The cruise will stay on Bangladesh rivers for a fortnight and thereafter will return to India via Guwahati and reach Dibrugarh,** the department said.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which of the following minister inaugurated mobile Veterinary Units and Centralised call center in Thiruvananthapuram?

- A) Shri Parshottam Rupala
- B) Shri Rajnath Singh
- C) Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- D) Shri Piyush Goyal
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Shri Parshottam Rupala



Explanation

- **Shri Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying inaugurated 29 Mobile Veterinary Units and centralised call center in Thiruvananthpuram** in a significant step for the benefit of the livestock farmers in Kerala.
- These MVUs will be operated through **a centralised call centre with a uniform Helpline No. 1962.**
- It will receive calls from livestock rearers/animal owners and Veterinarian will prioritize all cases on the basis of emergency nature and will transmit them to the nearest MVU for attending at farmer's doorstep.
- **Kerala is deploying 50 MVUs in different districts.**



Titbits

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

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



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ World's first palm-leaf manuscript museum came up in _____?

- A) Travancore
- B) Ramanathapuram
- C) Thiruvananthapuram
- D) Aluva
- E) None of these

Answer

C) Thiruvananthapuram



Explanation

- A treasure house of both obscure and celebrated tales of the erstwhile **Travancore kingdom that became Asia's first to defeat any European power on Indian soil**, the recently opened Palm leaf Manuscript Museum in the Kerala capital has further brightened the state's cultural and academic space.
- Billed as **the world's first palm leaf manuscript museum, the facility is essentially a repository of curious nuggets of administrative**, socio-cultural and economic facets of Travancore spanning a **period of 650 years till the end of the 19th century**, besides documents relating to territories of Kochi in the state's middle and Malabar further north.
- Besides brightening the state's culture space, **the museum also serves as a reference point for historical and cultural research for academic and non-academic scholars.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which of the following minister will inaugurate National Genome Editing and Training Centre in Mohali?

- A) Jitendra Singh
- B) Rajnath Singh
- C) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Jitendra Singh



Explanation

- Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh will be inaugurating the '**National Genome Editing and Training Centre (NGETC)**' and '**International Conference on Food and Nutritional Security-2023 (iFANS-2023)**' in Mohali.
- According to the Ministry of Science and Technology, NGETC is a one-roof state-of-the-art facility that will **serve as a national platform to cater to the regional needs to adapt different genome editing methods, including CRISPR-Cas mediated genome modification.**
- In the current climatic scenario, improving crops for better nutrition and tolerance to the changing environmental condition is a significant challenge.
- **Genome editing could be a promising technology that Indian research could adapt to offer the desired tailor-made traits in crops.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Union Minister Anurag Thakur will launch themes, logo, & website of which summit in New Delhi?

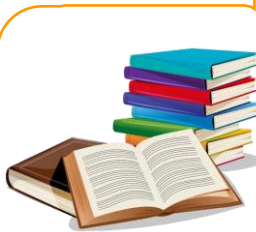
- A) G20
- B) T20
- C) Y20
- D) A20
- E) None of these



Y20 SUMMIT INDIA

Answer

C) Y20



Explanation

- Youth Affairs and Sports Minister **Anurag Singh Thakur will launch the themes of Y20 summit, logo, and website** in the curtain raiser event of Y20 Summit India, January 6, in New Delhi.
- Panel discussions of young achievers will also take place in the second session of the event.
- It will be anchored around how India can harness its youth population to be a superpower and discuss the personal success stories of the panelists.
- **India is hosting the Y20 summit for the first time.**
- In Youth 20 Engagement Group, **India's key focus is to bring young leaders from all across the globe together and discuss ideas for a better tomorrow and draft an agenda for action.**



Titbits

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

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



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which of the following minister inaugurated three-day 'North East Krishi Kumbha-2023' in Meghalaya?

- A) Shri Narendra Singh Tomar
- B) Shri Rajnath Singh
- C) Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- D) Shri Piyush Goyal
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Shri Narendra Singh Tomar



Explanation

- In Meghalaya, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare **Narendra Singh Tomar** inaugurated the **three-day 'North East Krishi Kumbha-2023'** and took part in the **49th Foundation Day celebration of the ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam.**
- The Minister also inaugurated the administrative cum academic block office and Girls Hostel of the College of Agriculture at Kyrdemkulai, Ri Bhoi district.
- During his address, the Union Minister said that **Northeast is the heaven of our country and Meghalaya's geographical scenario is such that we can develop it if we try with all our efforts.**



Titbits

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

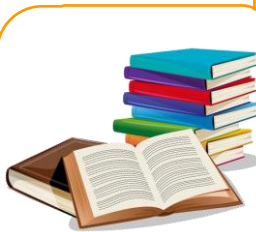
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QUICK RECALL



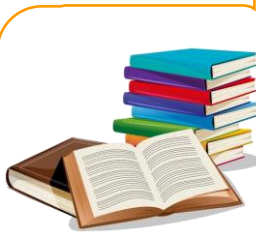
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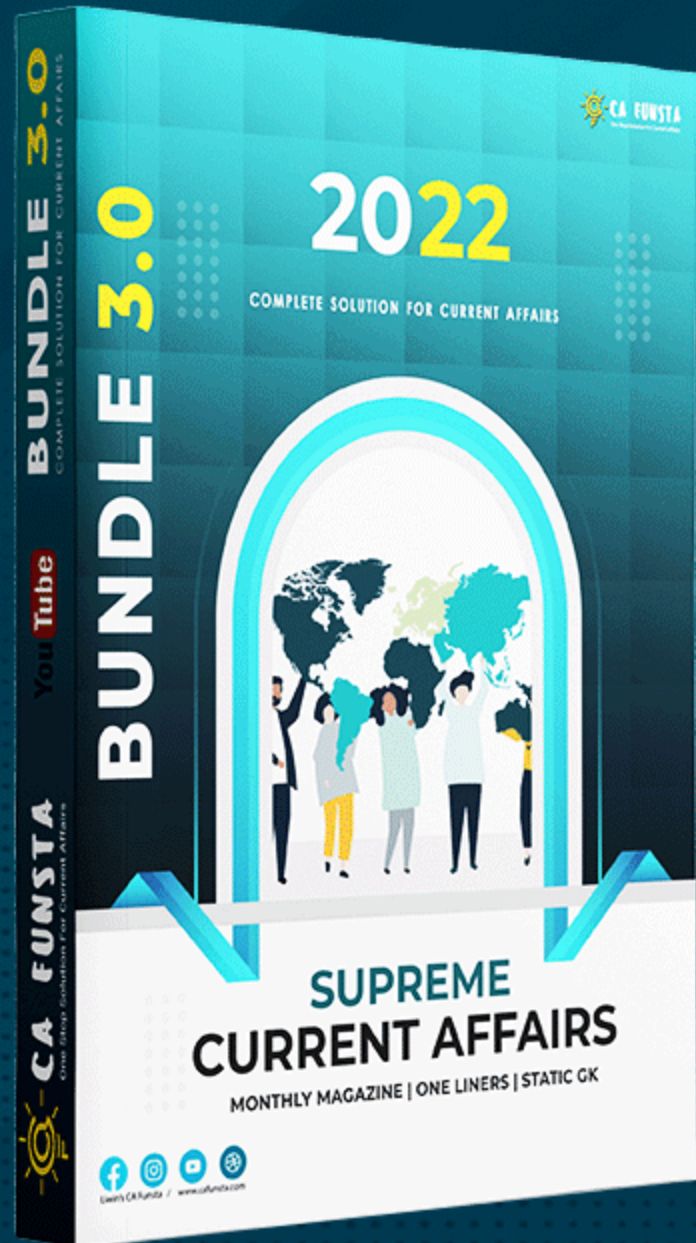
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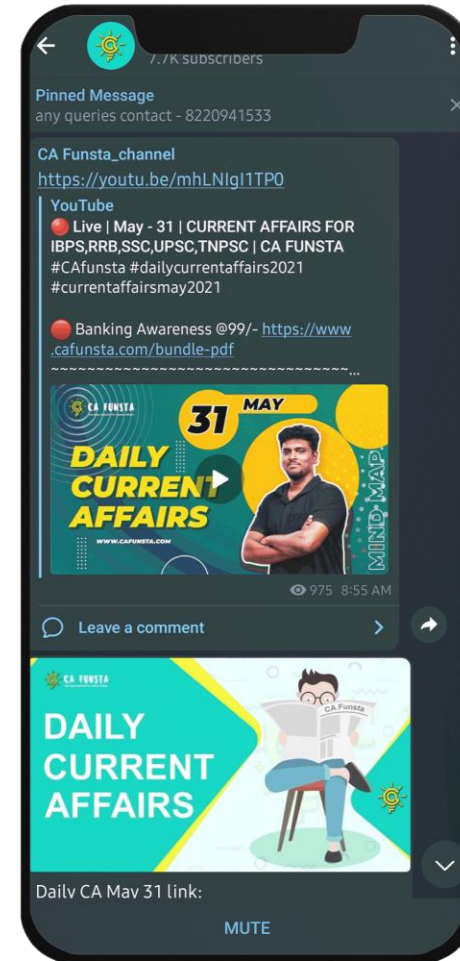
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