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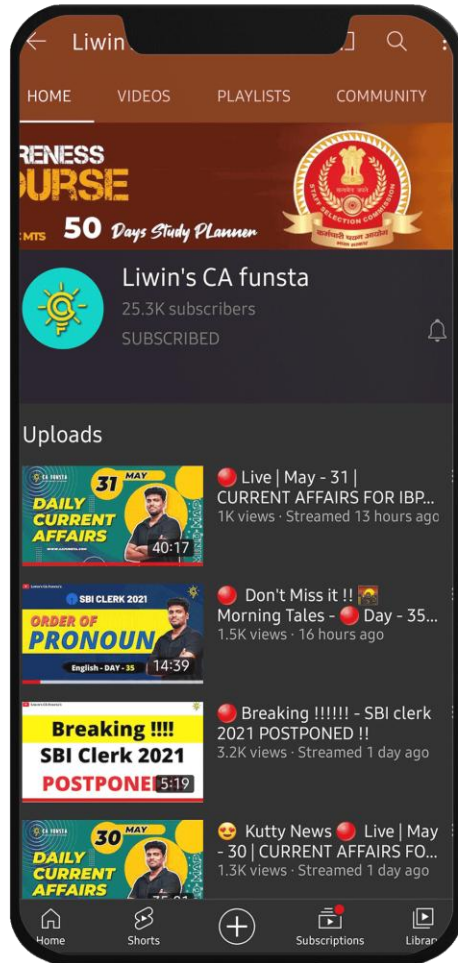
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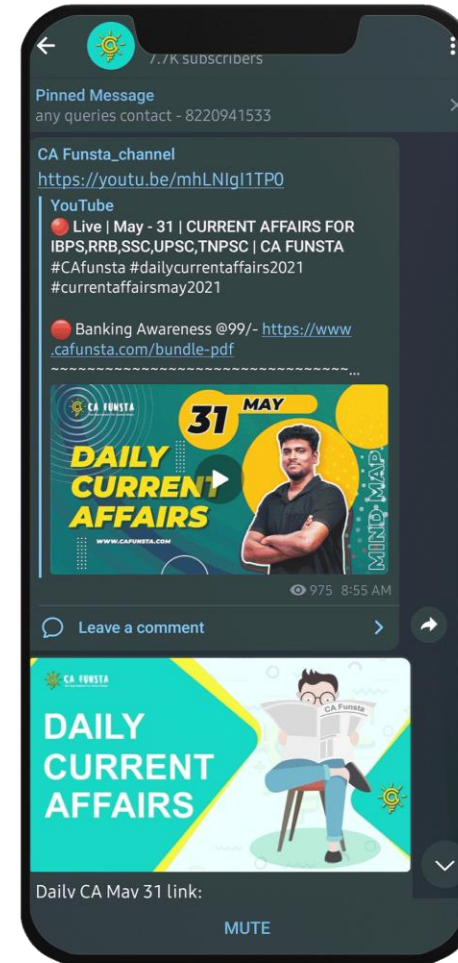
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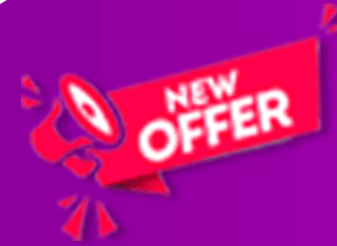
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Important Days



➤ National Commission for Protection of Child Rights celebrated its 18th Foundation Day on _____?

- A) January 11th
- B) January 12th
- C) January 13th
- D) January 14th
- E) None of these

Answer

B) January 12th



Important Days



Explanation

- **National Commission for Protection of Child Rights is celebrating its 18th Foundation Day.**
- To fully dedicate this occasion to the children, a Quiz was launched by the Commission on the occasion of National Youth Day (Swami Vivekananda Jayanti) on 12th January, **2023 to create awareness among children about child rights and make Child Rights champions through this Quiz.**
- Wide participation of children has been invited from school students, children living in hostels, children living in Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and street children across the country through online and offline mode to participate in the quiz.
- **It is a platform to empower children for their rights, where the quiz covers all the topics that are very important for children to know.**



Important Days

➤ Lohri Festival is observed on _____?

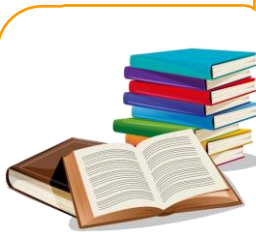


- A) January 11th
- B) January 12th
- C) January 13th
- D) January 14th
- E) None of these



Answer

C) January 13th

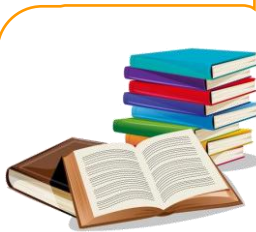


Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **Lohri Festival**
- DATE : **13th January 2023**
- OTHERS : **This day marks the harvest festival in the Indian states of Punjab and Haryana.**



OBITUARY



➤ PM Modi condoled death of _____ who was aveteran politician and founder-member of Bihar's ruling Janata Dal-United?

- A) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- B) Sharad Yadav
- C) Kapil Sibal
- D) Dayanidhi Maran
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Sharad Yadav



OBITUARY



Explanation

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed condolences over the demise of veteran politician and founder-member of Bihar's ruling Janata Dal-United (JD-U) Sharad Yadav.**
- Taking to Twitter, PM Modi said, "Pained by the passing away of Shri Sharad Yadav Ji. In his long years in public life, he distinguished himself as MP and Minister.
- He was greatly inspired by Dr Lohia's ideals.
- **I will always cherish our interactions. Condolences to his family and admirers. Om Shanti."**



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Which of the following bank sanctioned 150 agri drone loans for Garuda Kisan drones?

- A) Union Bank of India
- B) Indian Bank
- C) UCO Bank
- D) Canara Bank
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Union Bank of India



Explanation

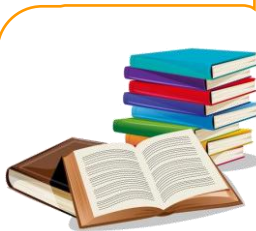
- India's leading drone startup **Garuda Aerospace** has announced its **partnership with the Union Bank of India (UBI)**.
- Under the partnership, about **150 Garuda Agri Kisan drones** have **received sanction for drone loans under the Kisan Pushpak Scheme**.
- The drone loan will help farmers to digitise land record operations for crop production, spraying of fertilisers, chemicals, growth promoters, pesticides, etc., with the help of drones.
- The partnership will be useful for lead generation, customer acquisition, sourcing of applications, and due diligence of customers for credit deployment.
- **Garuda Kisan drone is the first to receive the Agri drone loan in July 2022 from Union Minister of Agriculture and farmer welfare Narendra Singh Tomar.**
- Agri Infra Fund (AIF) has about **1 lakh crore out of which 1,000 crores** have been allocated to drones.



Titbits

Union Bank of India

- Founded : **11/11/1919**
- HQ : **Mumbai**
- MD & CEO : **A Manimekhalai**
- Tagline : **Good People to Bank With**



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Who among the following allowed mutual funds with active ELSS to launch passive schemes?



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

Answer
B) SEBI



Explanation

- Capital markets regulator **Sebi** has allowed mutual funds with **active Equity-Linked Savings Schemes (ELSS)** to launch **passive schemes**, a move that will provide a **cost-effective and tax-saving alternative to individual investors**.
- Earlier, **mutual funds were allowed to either launch an actively-managed ELSS scheme or a passively-managed one but not in both categories**.
- In a communication to asset management companies (AMCs), Sebi said, "Mutual funds having existing actively managed open-ended ELSS scheme may launch passively managed open-ended ELSS schemes after stopping fresh inflows/ subscription to existing actively managed open-ended ELSS scheme".
- The **regulator has also specified the procedure for launching a passive ELSS scheme by a mutual fund house**, which already has an actively-managed ELSS scheme.



Titbits

Securities and Exchange Board of India

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



➤ Ind-Ra upgraded issuer rating for which of the following bank, cites capital position?

- A) Union Bank of India
- B) Indian Bank
- C) Bank of India
- D) Canara Bank
- E) None of these



Answer

C) Bank of India



Explanation

- India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has upgraded **Bank of India's (BoI) long-term issuer rating from "AA" from "AA+",** reflecting the state-owned lender's capital position and operating buffer.
- The outlook is stable, said Ind-Ra in a statement.
- BoI, since FY21, has reported consistent profitability which, along with timely capital raise, has largely led to an improvement in its **Common Equity Tier 1 to 12.97 per cent at end-2QFY23.**
- This has resulted in a **total capital adequacy ratio (CAR) of 15.51 per cent** and both CET1 and CAR compare favorably with peer banks.
- The rating action considered the BoI's ability **to absorb the impact of any expected or unexpected credit costs.**
- BoI's provision cover is improving without any significant deterioration in its credit profile and market position.



Titbits

Bank of India

- Founded : **7 September 1906**
- Founder : **Ramnarain Ruia**
- Headquarters : **Mumbai**
- Customer service : **1800 103 1906**
- Tagline : **Relationship Beyond Banking**



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ ESAF SFB hiked FD rates up to _____% on 999 days of tenor?

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



Answer

A) 8%



Explanation

- ESAF Small Finance Bank (SFB) has hiked interest rates on fixed deposits of less than ₹2 Cr.
- As per the official website of the bank, the new rates are effective as of 12/01/2023.
- Following the revision, the bank is currently offering interest rates on deposits maturing in **7 days to 10 years that range from 4.00% to 5.25% for the general public and 4.50% to 5.75% for senior citizens.**
- **ESAF SFB is now giving a maximum return of 8.00% for the general public and 8.50% for senior citizens on a deposit tenor of 999 days (2 years 8 months & 25 days).**



Titbits

ESAF Small Finance Bank

- Founded : 10 March 2017
- Headquarters : Mannuthy, Thrissur
- Chairperson : P. R. Ravi Mohan
- MD & CEO : K. Paul Thomas



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



➤ Govt get in-principle nod from _____ for listing NMDC Steel?

- A) NSE
- B) BSE
- C) RBI
- D) SIDBI
- E) None of these

Answer
B) BSE



Explanation

- **The government said it received in-principle approval from the BSE on December 30, 2022, for listing of NMDC Steel Ltd (NSL).**
- **Currently, the government holds a 60.79 per cent stake in NSL,** which is the steel manufacturing facility of India's largest iron ore producer NMDC located in Nagarnar, Chhattisgarh.
- **NSL is up for privatisation with the government looking to sell 50.79 per cent of its shareholding, along with management control.**
- **The last date for putting in preliminary bids or Expression of Interest (Eoi) is January 27.**
- **In response to pre-bid queries received from interested bidders, the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) said the Ministry of Corporate Affairs on October 6, 2022, approved the demerger of the steel manufacturing unit at Nagarnar from NMDC.**
- **The demerged entity would be NMDC Steel Ltd (NSL).**



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Cognizant appointed whom as CEO?**

- A) Sudipta Bhattacharya
- B) Ajay Srinivasan
- C) Campbell Wilson
- D) S Ravi Kumar
- E) None of these



Answer

D) S Ravi Kumar



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Cognizant named former Infosys President S Ravi Kumar as CEO and a member of the Board**, effective immediately.
- He succeeds Brian Humphries in both roles.
- **To facilitate a smooth transition**, Humphries will remain with the company as a special advisor until March 15, 2023, the company said .
- **Kumar joins Cognizant after a 20-year career at Infosys, where he held various leadership roles**, most recently serving as President from January 2016 to October 2022.



AWARDS



➤ India Honoured Best Agripreneurs with Awards on _____ ?

- A) National Youth Day
- B) National Science Day
- C) International Labour Day
- D) National Girl Day
- E) None of these

Answer

A) National Youth Day



AWARDS



Explanation

- **Vivekananda Jayanti, was celebrated in New Delhi in a befitting manner by giving National Awards to 82 best Agripreneurs** who were trained under the **Central Sector Scheme – Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business (AC&ABC)** of Govt. of India for their significant contribution to farmers through agri-clinic and agribusiness services.
- Besides, **8 Nodal Training Institutes (NTIs) who impart AC&ABC training efficiently also received Awards for their best training, handholding and facilitation activities.**
- **The AC&ABC Scheme is being implemented by National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE),** Hyderabad in different states in the country with a network of **136 Nodal Training Institutes (NTIs)** spread across all the states.
- For more information, please visit: **www.agriclinics.net**



AWARDS



Titbits

National Youth Day

- DAY : National Youth Day
- DATE : 12 January
- OTHERS : The birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda also called Swami Vivekananda Jayanti is celebrated every year on 12 January.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ India's first solar car debuts at Auto Expo 2023 in _____ ?

- A) Varanasi
- B) Chennai
- C) Noida
- D) Bengaluru
- E) None of these

Answer
C) Noida



Explanation

- The **16th edition of the Auto Expo in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, introduced India's first 'solar car' Eva.**
- Developed by the Pune-based EV startup, Vayve Mobility, Eva targets urban commuters with a **2+1 seating capacity.**
- Eva is a battery-driven single door car that looks familiar to the Tata Nano.
- Interestingly, riders can opt for a **solar roof panel which can be fitted on top of the car.**
- The solar roof helps in charging while the car is kept isolated in the open.
- The solar roof will be sold separately.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Jaishankar congratulated whom on becoming COP 28 President?

- A) UAE
- B) USA
- C) UK
- D) China
- E) None of these

Answer
A) UAE



Explanation

- External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** congratulated **UAE Minister Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber** on being appointed as the **President-designate for the 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28)**.
- Al Jaber's appointment came under the directive of President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Presidential court, especially at a time when **the world is dealing with difficulties related to energy, food, and water security**.



Titbits

United Arab Emirates

- Capital : **Abu Dhabi**
- Currency : **UAE Dirham**
- President : **Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan**
- Prime Minister : **Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum**
- Language : **Arabic**



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which edition of ministerial-level meeting of the India-United States Trade Policy Forum (TPF) in Washington, DC?

- A) 13th
- B) 14th
- C) 15th
- D) 16th
- E) None of these

Answer
A) 13th



Explanation

- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry **Shri Piyush Goyal visited Washington D.C. between 10-11 January 2023 to participate in the 13th Ministerial Meeting of the India-U.S. Trade Policy Forum.**
- Before the delegation level talks, **CIM also held a one to one meeting with USTR Ambassador Katherine Tai.**
- The Ministers underlined the significance of the TPF in forging robust bilateral trade ties and enhancing the bilateral economic relationship to benefit working people in both countries.
- Highlights of the 13th India – USA TPF 2023 discussions are as follows: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1890613>



Titbits

Ministry of Commerce; and Industry

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Piyush Goyal** (Maharashtra)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who among the following inaugurated Tent City in Varanasi?

- A) Mansukh Mandaviya
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) None of these



Answer

B) Narendra Modi



Explanation

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi inaugurated the Tent City in Varanasi** and also laid foundation stones for several inland waterways **projects worth more than Rs 1,000 crore**.
- The Tent City, developed on the banks of the Ganga opposite the famed ghats of the holy city, **aims to tap the tourism potential of the region**.
- **Developed by the Varanasi Development Authority in public-private partnership mode**, the Tent City will provide accommodation facilities to tourists along with live classical music and yoga sessions among others.
- **Tourists can reach Tent City by boats from different ghats of Varanasi**.
- It will be operational from October to June and will be dismantled for three months due to the rise in river water level in the rainy season.



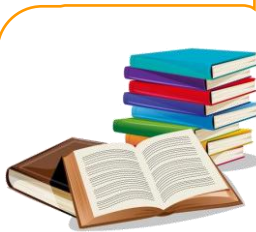
NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits Uttar Pradesh



- Capital: **Lucknow**
- CM: **Yogi Adityanath (21st)**
- Governor: **Anandiben Patel (28th)**
- Language: **Hindi**
- National Park: **Dudhwa National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **National Chambal Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary, Parvati Agra Bird Sanctuary , Saman Bird Sanctuary , Samaspur Bird Sanctuary , Sandi Bird Sanctuary , Sarsai Nawar Jheel , Sur Sarovar , Upper Ganga River, Haiderpur Wetland, Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Tiger Reserve: **Pilibhit Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Panki Thermal Power Statio**
- Dams: **Adwa Dam**
- RRB: **Aryavart Bank (BOI), Baroda UP Bank (BOB), Prathama UP Gramin Bank (PNB)**
- UNESCO Site: **Agra Fort,Taj Mahal,Fatehpur Sikri**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who among the following unveiled Surakshit Safar initiative, aim to reduce accidents by 50%?

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

Answer

B) Nitin Gadkari



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari on Thursday unveiled 'Surakshit Safar'**, an initiative by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) in association with Rosmerta Technologies Limited.
- **The end-to-end mobility solutions showcased in the Surakshit Safar pavilion by Rosmerta** varied from production and commercial stage to eco-friendly scrapping.
- Credited **to launch the very first Automated Testing Centre (ATS) in India**, Rosmerta staged the established ATS model on the floor showcasing an automated inspection design integrating the test equipment as a holistic digital road safety solution along with specialized vehicle test lane management software for vehicle fitness certification, without human intervention.
- **This model is already executed in 9 states.**



Titbits

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

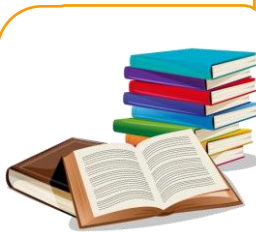
- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari** (Nagpur, Maharashtra)



QUICK RECALL



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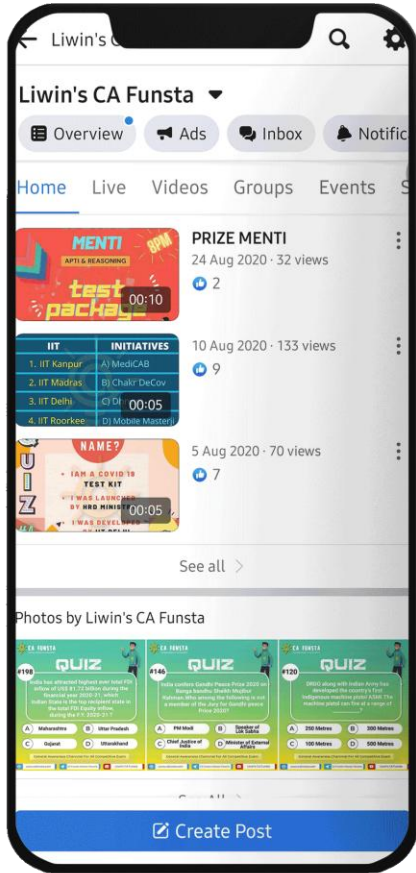
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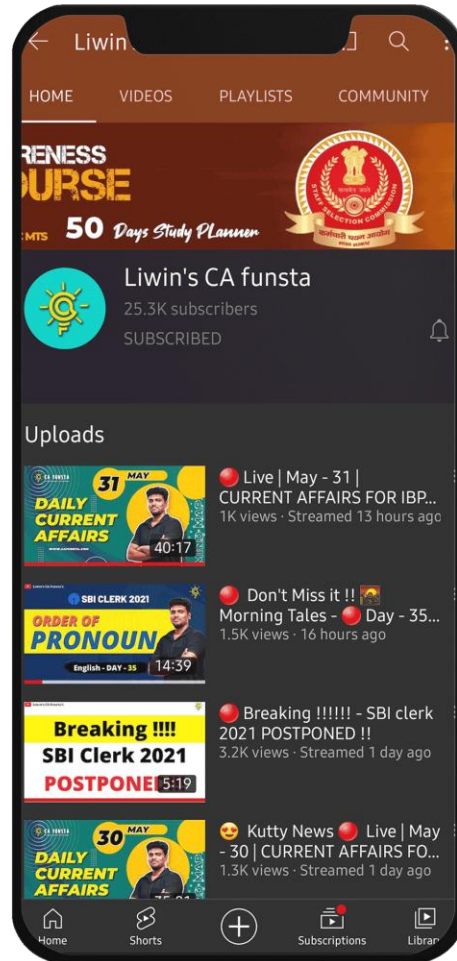
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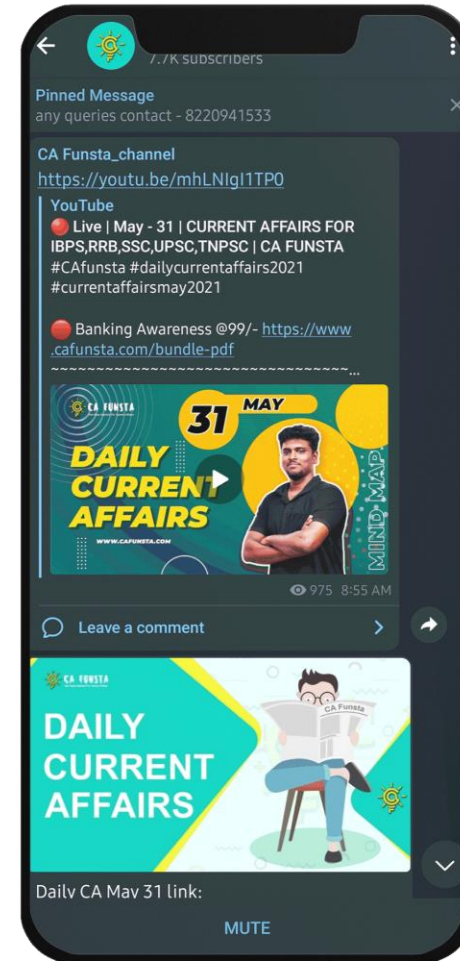
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