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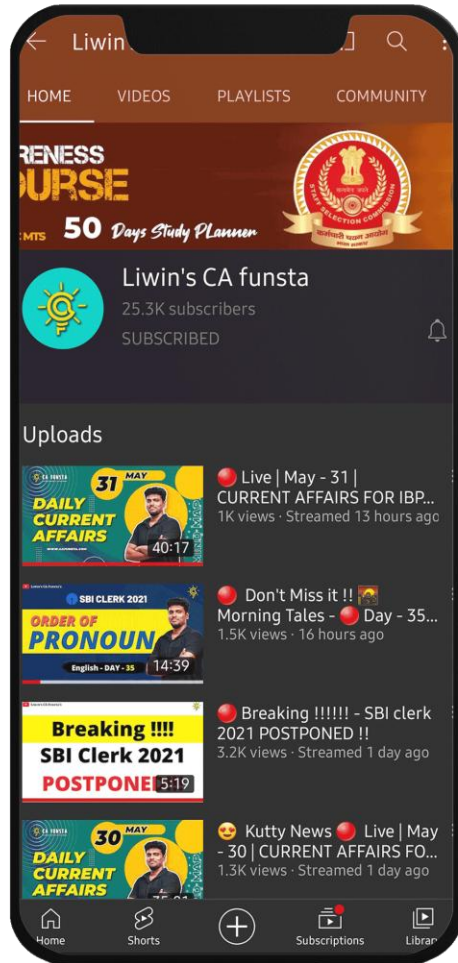
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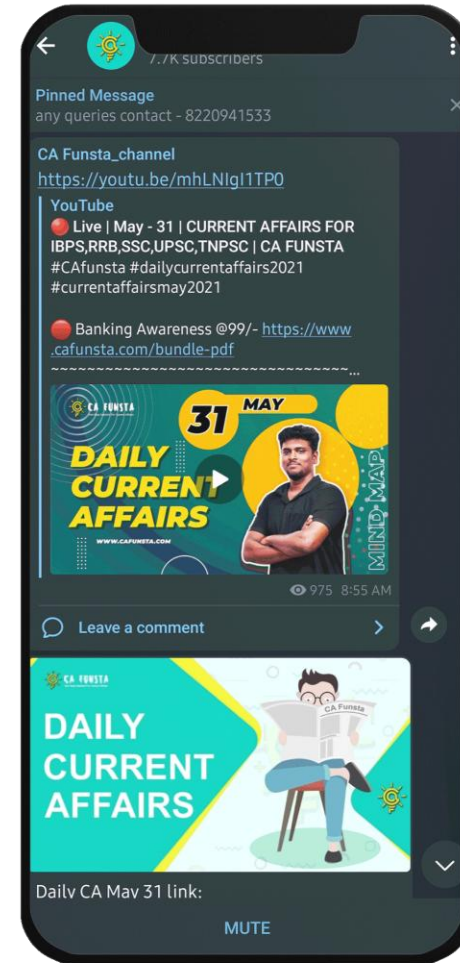
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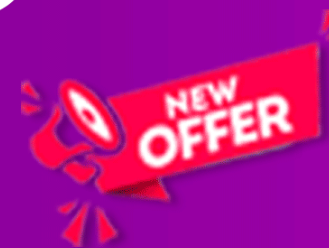
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Important Days

➤ Seventh Armed Forces Veterans' Day celebrated on _____?

- A) January 17th
- B) January 16^h
- C) January 15th
- D) January 14th
- E) None of these



Answer
D) January 14th



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **7th Armed Forces Veterans' Day**
- DATE : **14 January**
- OTHERS : **The Armed Forces Veterans' Day is celebrated on 14th January every year, as on this day in 1953, the First Indian Commander-in-Chief of Indian Army Field Marshal KM Cariappa, who led the Indian forces to victory in the 1947 war, formally retired from the Service.**



Important Days

➤ 75th Army Day being celebrated on _____?

- A) January 17th
- B) January 16^h
- C) January 15th
- D) January 14th
- E) None of these

Answer

C) January 15th



Important Days

Explanation

- DAY : 75th Army Day
- DATE : 15 January
- OTHERS : It is observed every year to mark the achievement of the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army - Field Marshal K M Cariappa.



SPORTS



➤ **Who shattered Sachin's record, becomes player with most centuries in home country?**

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) KL Rahul
- D) Hardik Pandya
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Virat Kohli



Explanation

- Star Indian batter **Virat Kohli overtook compatriot and legendary Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar to score the most centuries in home conditions.**
- The batter reached the milestone during India's third ODI against Sri Lanka at the Greenfield International Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram.
- On the final ball of the 43rd over bowled by Chamika Karunaratne, Virat took a single towards long-on to bring up his 46th ODI century, which was also his 74th international cricket century.
- With this, he also brought up his 21st century in his home country, the most by any cricketer in his/her home nation. Sachin had hit 20 centuries in home conditions.
- **He also became the first-ever player to complete 10 ODI centuries against a particular opponent.**
- Virat has ten ODI tons against Sri Lanka.
- **Sachin Tendulkar has 9 centuries in ODIs against Australia but failed to touch the 10-century mark against them.**



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ India let banks use _____ & _____ for transactions?

- A) Facial recognition
- B) Iris scan
- C) Thumb impression
- D) Only A & B
- E) Only A & C

Answer
D) Only A & B



Explanation

- **The Indian government is allowing banks to verify individual transactions that exceed a certain annual limit using facial recognition and an iris scan in some cases, in a bid to reduce fraud and tax evasion, three sources told Reuters.**
- A few large private and public banks have begun using the option, said one of the sources, a banker, who declined to name the banks.
- The advisory allowing the verification is not public and has not previously been reported.
- **The verification is not mandatory and is intended for cases where another government identification card used for tax purposes, the Permanent Account Number (PAN) card, is not shared with banks.**
- The prospect of banks using facial recognition has concerned some privacy experts

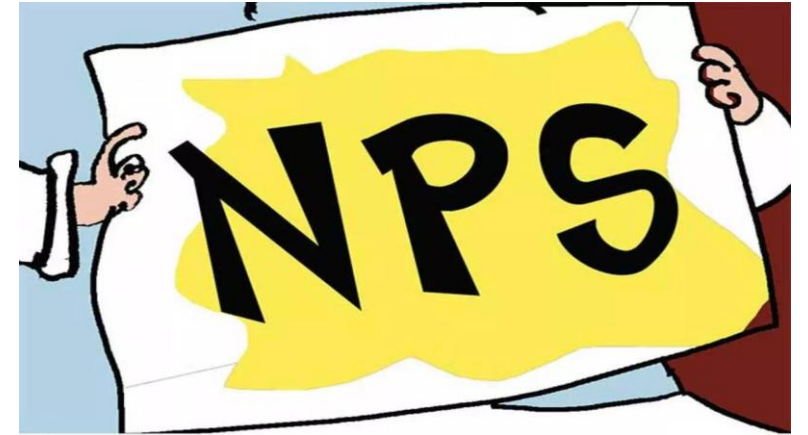


BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ PFRDA debuts new bank account and name/PAN authentication process for _____ subscribers?

- A) NPS
- B) SBI Life Saral Retirement Saver
- C) Atal Pension Yojana
- D) Employee Pension Scheme
- E) None of these



Answer
A) NPS



Explanation

- **A much more high-tech method of bank account verification and name/PAN matching utilising PRAN-PAN-VPA(UPI) using NPCI Framework has been introduced by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).**
- Through a circular dated Jan 12, 2023, the regulatory body announced that “As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) and to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence, **PFRDA is pleased to introduce an advanced mode of Bank Acct Verification of the Subscribers (PAN-PRAN- VPA(UPI)) with elegant features where the joint holder details, PAN and UPI Ids are verified through NPCI and matched with Permanent Retirement Acct Number (PRAN).**”
- PFRDA claimed that the PAN-PRAN- VPA(UPI) feature has been made available by CAMS CRA to its associated subscribers as of now.
- The regulatory body has said in its circular that it has encouraged all CRAs and other intermediaries **to integrate the digital journey of subscribers with emerging technology like PAN-PRAN- VPA(UPI) verification thus provided by NPCI.**



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



➤ GST not payable on Govt incentive to _____ & _____?

- A) Govt incentive to banks for promoting RuPay card
- B) low value BHIM-UPI transactions
- C) Online transactions for Govt subsidies
- D) Only A & B
- E) Only A & C



Answer
D) Only A & B



Explanation

- **Incentives paid by the government to banks for promoting RuPay debit cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions will not attract GST**, the Finance Ministry said.
- Last week the **Cabinet cleared a Rs 2,600-crore incentive scheme for banks** to promote RuPay debit cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions in the current fiscal.
- **Under the Incentive scheme for the promotion of RuPay Debit Cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions**, the government pays banks an incentive as a percentage of the value of RuPay Debit card transactions and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions up to Rs 2,000.
- **The Payments and Settlements Systems Act, 2007 prohibits banks and system providers from charging any amount from a person making or receiving payments through RuPay Debit cards or BHIM.**



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Govt extended tenure of Bank of Baroda MD Sanjiv Chadha for_____?

- A) 5 months
- B) 6 months
- C) 7 months
- D) 8 months
- E) None of these



Answer

A) 5 months



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- The **government has extended the tenure of managing director (MD) and CEO of Bank of Baroda (BoB) Sanjiv Chadha for about five months till June 30.**
- The order dated January 14, 2023 comes ahead of his three-year tenure that ends on January 19.
- **The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the proposal of the Department of Financial Services for extending the term of Chadha till June 30, 2023, when he attains 60 years, the retirement age, sources said.**



AWARDS



➤ Google honoured Khashaba Dadasaheb Jadhav on his 97th birth anniversary who is a/an _____ ?

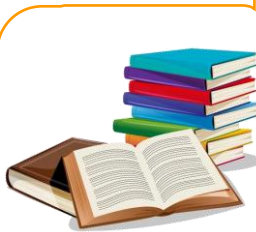


- A) Wrestler
- B) Sprinter
- C) Cricketer
- D) Boxer
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Wrestler



AWARDS



Explanation

- **Google on January 15, 2023 honoured Indian wrestler Khashaba Dadasaheb Jadhav**, who won India her first individual Olympic medal after Independence at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, on his 97th birth anniversary.
- Known as '**Pocket Dynamo**' Jadhav was born on January 15, 1926 in Maharashtra's Goleshwar village, where he started training with his father, who was also one of the village's wrestlers.



DEFENCE

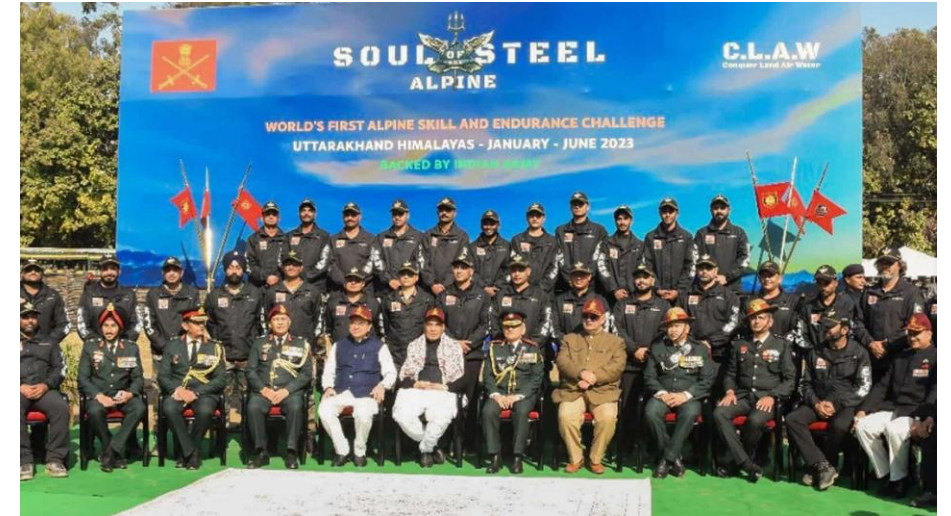


➤ Who among the following launched 'Soul of Steel' initiative to promote high-altitude endurance and adventure?

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

Answer

C) Rajnath Singh



DEFENCE



Explanation

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched an initiative called **'Soul of Steel'** that seeks **to promote high-altitude endurance and adventure in Uttarakhand's Garhwal Himalayas.**
- The idea behind the adventure challenge, spearheaded by a group of veterans, is also **to ensure tourism and boost the economy in the mountainous region of Uttarakhand.**
- A total of 12 Indian participants and six international teams are going to participate in the around-three-month challenge.
- During his visit to Uttarakhand, the **defence minister also launched a website for volunteers to sign up for various adventure activities under the 'Soul of Steel' challenge.**
- The Indian Army is supporting the adventure challenge.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ India's 'Mini-England' is known as _____?

- A) Mooluk
- B) McCluskieganj
- C) Wembley
- D) Jersey City
- E) None of these

Answer

B) McCluskieganj



Explanation

- Crumbling colonial-era bungalows, clubs and a grand church form what was once billed as a **'paradise'** by Kolkata-based realtor **T E McCluskie** when he leased some 10,000 acres of land from a local Raja in Chota Nagpur in the 1930s to form an Anglo-Indian settlement or **'Mooluk'**.
- **Barely 65 km from state capital Ranchi this once thriving abode of Anglo-Indians - McCluskieganj - used to boast of 400 families who had dreamt of a land of their own - 'Mini England', a 'safe haven' when India was nearing Independence, worried over their fate.**
- Lack of employment opportunities for the young, healthcare and educational facilities, has seen **most migrating to countries like Britain, Australia and Canada besides different parts of the country.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Over 13 lakh people to do yoga in _____ to create new Guinness Book of World Records?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Kerala
- C) Punjab
- D) Haryana
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Karnataka



Explanation

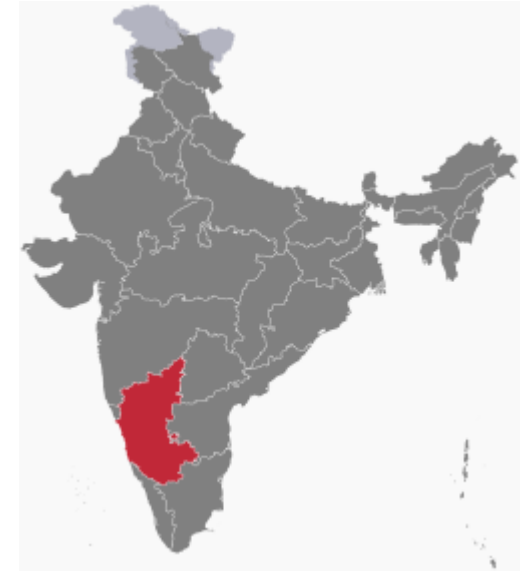
- During the ongoing National Youth Festival in Hubballi-Dharwad in Karnataka, **an attempt will be made to organise a statewide mega Yogathon, to set a new Guinness Book of World Records.**
- So far 13 lakh students, 12000 teachers and over 8000 educational institutions have registered on www.yogathon.com portal .
- The Sports minister of Karnataka **Dr. Narayanagowda has said that over 13 lakh people will do yoga to create a new Guinness book of world record.**
- **Governor Thawarchand Gehlot will inaugurate Yogathon in Kanteerava stadium in Bengaluru.**



Titbits

Karnataka

- Capital: **Bangalore**
- CM: **Basavaraj Bommai**
- Governor: **Thawar Chand Gehlot**
- Language: **Kannada**
- National Park: **Bandipur National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **MOOKAMBIKA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**
- Ramsar Site: **Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary**
- Tiger Reserve: **Bandipur National park**
- Power Station: **Kaiga Atomic Power Station**
- Dams: **Tungabhadra Dam (River : Tungabhadra)**
- RRB: **Karnataka Gramin Bank & Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (Canara Bank)**
- UNESCO Site: **Group of Monuments of Hampi**



➤ Which organization host Think20 inception conference under India's G20 Presidency?

- A) Observer Research Foundation
- B) Research Foundation of India
- C) AICTE
- D) Command Area Development Authority
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Observer Research Foundation



Explanation

- **Think20 Inception Conference, the first key T20 convening under India's G20 presidency** which was hosted by Observer Research Foundation (ORF), concluded with the participants giving suggestions **for making engagement groups of the international body more effective to tackle challenges like climate change and food security.**
- The T20, which serves as an "**ideas bank**" for the G20, has constituted seven task forces that will delve into issues ranging from digital public infrastructure to macroeconomic policy.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who among the following launched Geospatial Hackathon to promote Innovation and Start-Ups in India's Geospatial ecosystem?

- A) Jitendra Singh
- B) Bhupender Yadav
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Jitendra Singh

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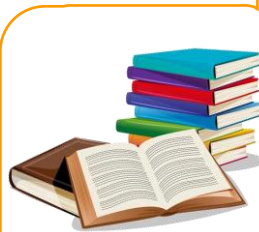
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Explanation

- Union Minister for Science and Technology **Dr. Jitendra Singh** launched **Geospatial Hackathon to promote Innovation and Start-Ups in India's Geospatial ecosystem.**
- Speaking on the occasion in New Delhi, Dr. Singh said that the aim of the hackathon is **to promote partnerships not only among the public and private geospatial sectors but also to strengthen country's geospatial Start-Up ecosystem.**
- There will be Two Sets of Challenges which are Research Challenge and Startp-Up Challenge **to find out four winners for the Best Solutions to the Geospatial Select Problem Statements.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ In which state the festival of Uttarayan being celebrated with zeal, fervor?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Kerala
- C) Punjab
- D) Haryana
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Gujarat



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

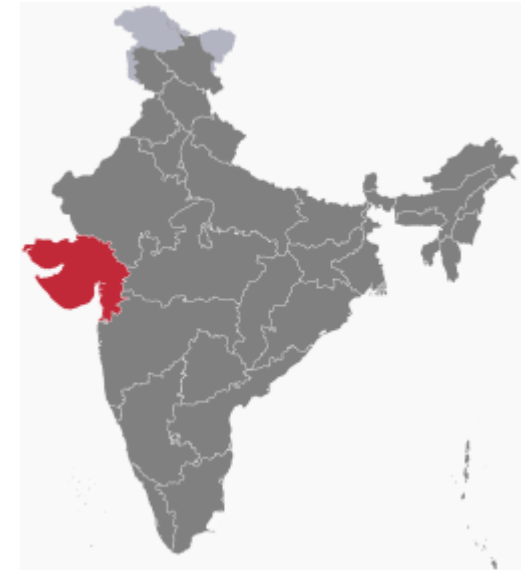
- In **Gujarat**, the festival of **Uttarayan** is being celebrated with **zeal and fervor**.
- The day which marks the beginning of the sun's journey northwards, is celebrated by flying kites in Gujarat.
- Union Home and cooperation Minister Amit Shah will celebrate Uttarayan with family in Ahmedabad.
- AIR correspondent reports, Mr Shah will also fly kites in his Lok Sabha assembly constituency Gandhinagar.
- **People in Gujarat celebrate Uttarayan with great enthusiasm for two full days by flying colourful kites in the sky.**
- The first day is celebrated as Uttarayan while the second one as Basi Uttarayan.
- On this day, Skies are dotted with colorful, attractive kites, balloons and terraces are filled with people from all ages.
- People enjoy the festival with **traditional spicy winter dish called undhiyu, and delicious local sweet dishes such as Chikki, Tal Sakli.**



Titbits

Gujarat

- Capital: **Gandhinagar**
- CM: **Bhupendrabhai Patel**
- Governor: **Acharya Dev Vrat**
- Language: **Gujarati**
- National Park: **Gir Forest National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Kutch Desert Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Thol Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary, Wadhvana Wetland, Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Power Station: **Kutch Lignite Thermal Power Station**
- Dams: **Abhalwad Dam**
- RRB: **Baroda Gujarat Gramin Bank (BOB), Saurashtra Gramin Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Champaner Pavagadh Archaeological Park, Rani-ki-Vav, Historic City of Ahmadabad, Dholavira (Harappan City)**



➤ Which state became first State to implement blindness control policy?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Kerala
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Haryana
- E) None of these

Answer
C) Rajasthan



Explanation

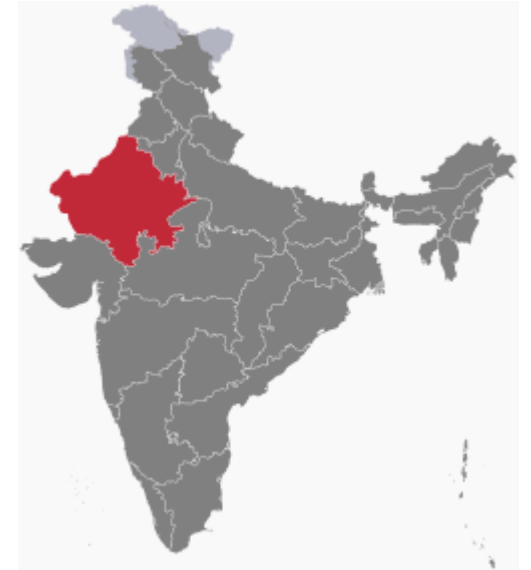
- **Rajasthan has become the first State to implement a policy to control blindness**, with the objective of ensuring the “**right to sight**”.
- A massive drive will be undertaken in the State **to reduce the rate of blindness, and bring light into the lives of over 3 lakh people suffering from visual impairment.**
- The State government’s Medical & Health Department released the policy document here over the week-end.
- The prevalence rate of blindness, which was 1.1% in 2020, will be brought down to 0.3%, through the policy.



Titbits

Rajasthan

- Capital: **Jaipur**
- CM: **Ashok Gehlot (14th)**
- Governor: **Kalraj Mishra (22nd)**
- Language: **Hindi**
- National Park: **Keoladeo National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Gajner Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Keoladeo Ghana National Park, Sambar Lake**
- Tiger Reserve: **Sariska Tiger Reserve.**
- Power Station: **Chhabra Thermal Power Plant**
- Dams: **Alnia Dam (River: Alnia)**
- RRB: **Baroda Rajasthan Kshetriya Gramin Bank (BOB), Rajasthan Marudhara Gramin Bank (SBI)**
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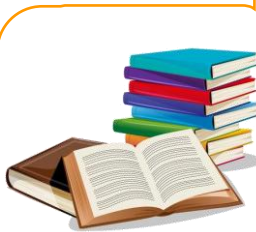
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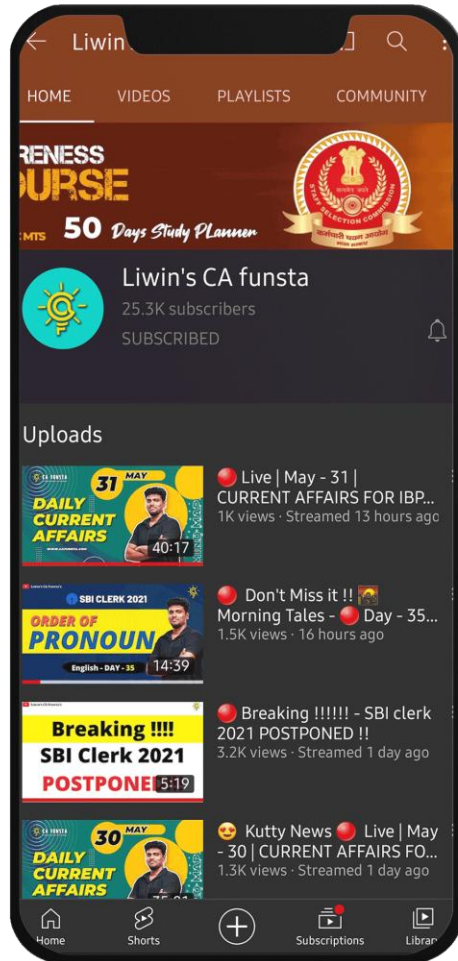
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