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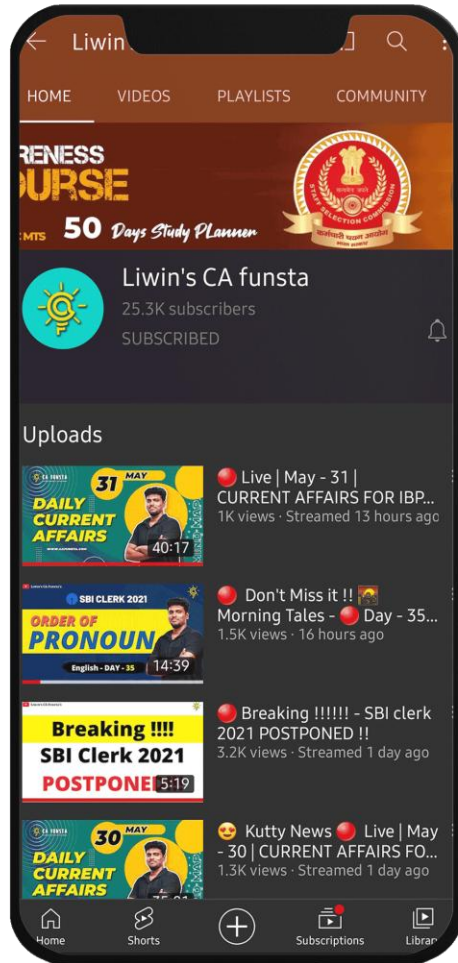
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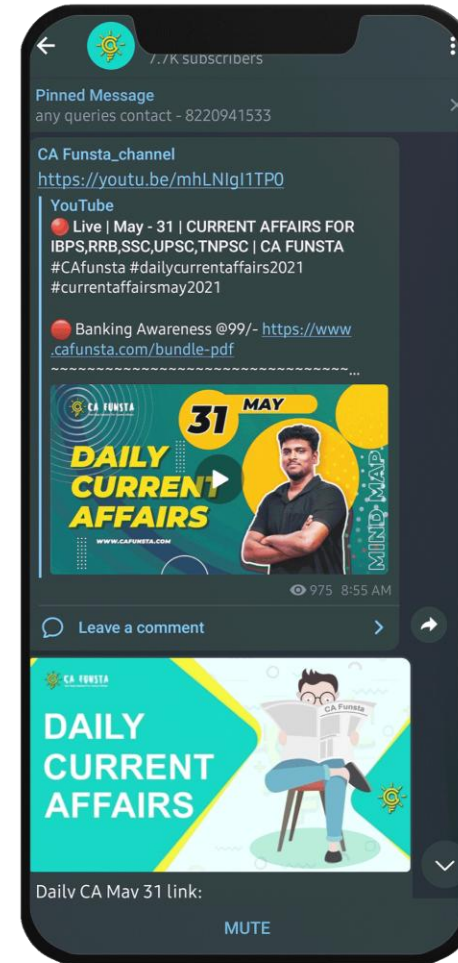
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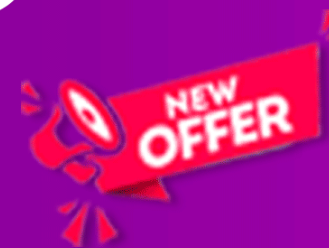
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Important Days



➤ **Weedless Wednesday** observed on _____?

- A) January 18th
- B) January 16^h
- C) January 15th
- D) January 14th
- E) None of these



Answer

A) January 18th



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **Weedless Wednesday**
- DATE : **18 January**
- OTHERS : The third full week of January, beginning on Sunday in the midst of Canada's annual National Non-Smoking Week is when Weedless Wednesday is observed. It falls on January 18 this year. On this day, smokers of tobacco and recreational cannabis are urged to abstain from their habit for a full day.



SPORTS



➤ Who completed 1,000 ODI runs, fastest Indian to reach the landmark?

- A) RG Sharma
- B) V Kohli
- C) Ishan Kishan
- D) Shubman Gill
- E) All of these

Answer

D) Shubman Gill



Explanation

- **Indian batter Shubman Gill completed 1,000 ODI runs, becoming the fastest Indian** and joint second-fastest international player to do so.
- The batter accomplished this landmark during India's first ODI against New Zealand at Hyderabad.



SPORTS



➤ Who among the following player scored double century in ODI format?

- A) RG Sharma
- B) V Sehwag
- C) Ishan Kishan
- D) Shubman Gill
- E) All of these

Answer

E) All of these



Explanation

- Shubman Gill continued his fine form and slammed his maiden double century in the format, to power India to an imposing 349 for eight against New Zealand in the first ODI of the three-match series.
- Opting to bat, **Gill blazed his way to 208 off 149 balls with the help of 19 boundaries and nine sixes to ensure India post a big total.**
- Along with skipper Rohit Sharma (34), Gill shared 60 runs for the opening wicket before going ballistic.
- Daryl Mitchell (2/30) and Henry Shipley (2/74) picked up two wickets each for the visitors. Brief Scores: India: 349 for 8 in 50 overs (Shubman Gill 208; Daryl Mitchell 2/30).



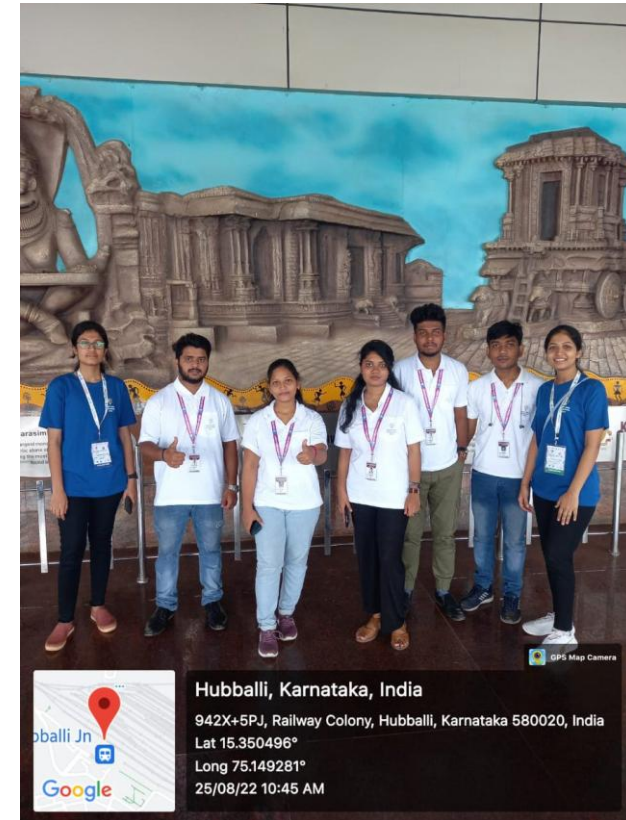
SPORTS



➤ How many km Hubballi Marathon with the theme, Run for Incredible India?

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

Answer
B) 14-km



Explanation

- Nearly 5,000 athletes and people from different walks of life are expected to participate in a **14-km Hubballi Marathon-2023** being organised by **KLE Technological University in Hubballi**.
- Addressing presspersons in Hubballi, Vice-Chancellor of KLE Technological University Ashok Shettar said that the Hubballi Marathon is being organised with the theme, **Run for Incredible India**, and it will coincide with the platinum jubilee of BV Bhoomaraddi College of Engineering and Technology (BVBCET).



RANKING



➤ India Rankd ____ Globally for Tech VC Investments in 2022, According to New Report from Dealroom?

- A) 1st
- B) 2nd
- C) 3rd
- D) 4th
- E) None of these

Answer

D) 4th



RANKING



Explanation

- Global tech investors continue **to put large sums of money into Indian tech companies despite a challenging global economic climate**, with a recent report conducted by Dealroom and London & Partners revealing that **India ranked 4th globally with USD 24.1B worth of VC investments in 2022.**
- Further analysis from the research showed that **USD 10.7bn of that investment went into companies based in Bengaluru-with the Indian tech city** joining the likes of London and New York in the top 5 hubs for tech VC investment last year.
- **The leading sectors that contributed to India's strong VC funding performance were education, food, media, fin-tech and transportation.**
- Bengaluru accounted for five of the top 10 deals for Indian tech companies in 2022-Byju's (USD 800m) Swiggy (USD 700m), Dailyhunt (USD 805m), Polygon (USD 450m) and ShareChat (USD 225m).
- Maharashtra produced two mega deals for: ElasticRun (USD 300m) and Xpressbees (USD 300m), with Gurugram based, Delhivery (USD 300m) making up the top 10.



➤ SBI raised Rs 9,718 cr in which tranche of infra bonds?

- A) 1st
- B) 2nd
- C) 3rd
- D) 4th
- E) None of these

Answer

B) 2nd



Explanation

- **State Bank of India (SBI) said it has raised Rs 9,718 crore through its second infrastructure bond issuance at a coupon rate of 7.70 per cent per annum for the 15-year money.**
- This is the second fund-raising since early December when it had mopped up Rs 10,000 crore via infra bonds.
- The fund proceeds will be utilised for enhancing long-term resources for funding infrastructure and affordable housing, the bank said in a statement.
- The issue attracted good response from investors with bids of **Rs 14,805 crore, indicating an oversubscription of 2.96 times from 118 bidders**, SBI said, adding investors were mutual funds, provident and pension funds, and insurers.



Titbits

State Bank of India

- Founded : **01/07/1955**
- HQ : **Mumbai**
- Chairman : **Dinesh Kumar Khara**
- Tagline : **With You all the way, Pure Banking**
Nothing Else, The Nation Bank on Us, The Banker to Every Indian, A Bank of the Common Man



BANKING AND FINANCE



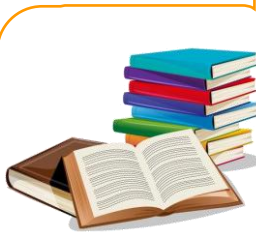
- Who launched India's First Affordability Widget; Aims to Reduce Customer Drop-offs and Boost Revenue by 40 percent?

- A) Paytm
- B) GooglePay
- C) PhonePe
- D) Razorpay
- E) None of these

Answer
D) Razorpay



Card, Wallets, UPI & Netbanking



Explanation

- **Razorpay, India's Leading Full-Stack Payments and Banking Platform for Businesses, announced the launch of an industry-first solution, the Affordability Widget.**
- Currently, 1 out of 4 customers shopping online drop off before the checkout page because of high upfront costs and lack of discoverability of affordable payment and credit options and offers.
- To address this issue faced by millions of businesses, **the Affordability Widget aims to solve for high customer drop-offs by showing affordable payment options on the product page itself**, thereby making high-value orders a lot more affordable for customers and thereby helping increase revenue for businesses.



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Who allowed Zero To One to set up ₹300 cr category-1 AIF to fund start-ups?

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



Answer
B) SEBI



Explanation

- Market regulator **Sebi** has granted approval to angel network **Zero To One** for setting up a **Category-1 Alternative Investment Fund** to the tune of **₹300 crore** which will be **infused into startups**.
- In a statement, Zero To One founder and Director Praveen Kaushik said, "**We believe the AIF would not only fund the young startups but also fuel them with the synergy, support, and mentorship from the ecosystem we have created**", as reported by PTI.
- Kaushik revealed that the idea behind founding Zero To One was not only to fund startups but also **to create an ecosystem that is capable of assisting and supporting startups to achieve new heights**.
- Through the category-1 AIF, the angel network plans to invest across sectors in early-stage technology companies, with a key focus in edtech, health tech, agritech, medtech, and cleantech spaces.
- Under its ambit, **Zero To One has a community of early-stage investors comprising over 500 Angels, High Networth Individuals (HNIs), and Venture Capitalists (VCs)** across India, Singapore, Dubai, the US, and the UK.



Titbits

Securities and Exchange Board of India

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



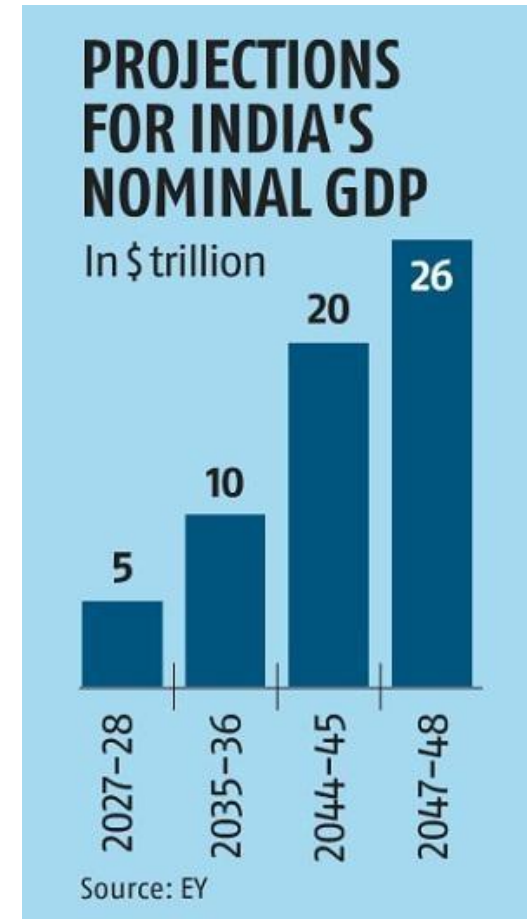
BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



➤ WEF 2023, India to become a \$26 trillion economy by _____?

- A) 2045
- B) 2046
- C) 2046
- D) 2047
- E) None of these

Answer
D) 2047



Explanation

- **India is likely to become a \$26-trillion economy in 100th year of its Independence in 2047** with per capita GDP growing six times from current level to over \$15,000 during the period, EY said in a report released **at the sidelines of the World Economic Forum at Davos.**
- The report, titled **“India@100: Realising the potential of a \$26 trillion economy”**, says India is most likely to overtake Germany and Japan to become the third largest economy after China and the US by 2030.
- Carmine Di Sibio, global Chairman and CEO at EY, said India offers a unique investment opportunity as the world struggles, with increased geo-political pressures.
- “With the biggest talent pool, an accelerated pace of economic reforms, breakthroughs in energy transition, and rapid digital transformation, the long-term growth trajectory is clearly positive.
- **India shows immense potential and is positioned to make a truly transformative impact on the world stage,”** he said.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Which ministry launched new tech system to monitor air quality?

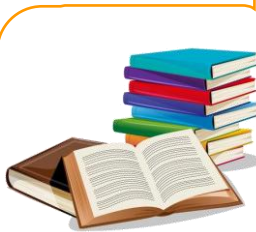
- A) Ministry of culture
- B) Ministry of Tourism
- C) Ministry of Defense
- D) Ministry of Electronics and information technology
- E) None of these



Ministry of Electronics and
Information Technology
Government of India

Answer

D) Ministry of Electronics and information technology



Explanation

- Electronics and information technology secretary Alkesh Kumar Sharma has launched the technology for **Air Quality Monitoring System (AI-AQMS v1.0)**, developed under MeitY-supported projects, the Ministry of Electronics & IT said.
- “The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Kolkata, in collaboration with TeXMIN, ISM, Dhanbad, under the national programme on electronics and ICT applications in Agriculture and Environment (AgriEnIcs) has developed an outdoor air quality monitoring station to monitor environmental pollutants which include **parameters like PM 1.0, PM 2.5, PM 10.0, Sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), carbon monoxide (CO), oxygen (O₂), ambient temperature, relative humidity, etc**, for continuous air quality analysis of the environment,"



DEFENCE



➤ Who organised Sainya Ranakshetram 2.0 - A Cyber Threat Seminar Cum Workshop?

- A) Indian Army
- B) Indian Navy
- C) DCGA
- D) All the above
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Indian Army



Explanation

- The Indian Army under the aegis of HQ Army Training Command (ARTRAC) organised the second edition of Hackathon aptly named **“SAINYA RANAKSHETRAM 2.0”** from October 2022 to January 2023 with an aim **to seek solutions to operational cyber challenges and to jump start and telescope the development time for innovative solutions in the field of Cyber Security.**
- The prize winners of the event were felicitated by Gen Manoj Pande, Chief of the Army Staff during a virtual function on 17 January 2023.
- The event was aimed at providing a platform to identify indigenous talent in niche domains and enhance the standard of training in domains of Cyber Deterrence, Security Software Coding, Electro Magnetic Spectrum Operations (EMSO) and Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning (AI/ ML).



Titbits

INDIAN ARMY

- Founded : **26 January 1950**
- Headquarters : **New Delhi**
- Motto : **"Service Before Self"**
- Anniversaries : **Army Day (15 January)**
- Commander-in-Chief President : **Droupadi Murmu**
- Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) : **General Anil Chauhan**
- Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) : **General Manoj Pande**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which state inaugurated photo exhibition on unsung heroes of the Northeast ?

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

Answer
A) Assam



Explanation

- Assam Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi inaugurated a **photo exhibition on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Assam Engineering Institute playground in Chandmari, Guwahati.**
- The event was organised by the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Guwahati, under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- In his inaugural address, Prof. Mukhi said that the **photo exhibition on the unsung heroes of the Northeast is a great opportunity for the public to come and learn about the sacrifices of our revered freedom fighters.**
- "We are privileged to celebrate 75 Years of Independence of this great nation and in the history of India's freedom struggle, the brave hearts of the Northeast will always be remembered with great admiration and respect".



Titbits

Assam

- Capital: **Dispur**
- CM: **Himanta Biswa Sharma**
- Governor: **Jagdish Mukhi**
- Language: **Assamese, Bodo**
- National Park: **Rajiv Gandhi (Orang) National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Amchang WLS**
- Ramsar Site: **Deepor Beel**
- Tiger Reserve: **Manas**
- Power Station: **Bongaigon Thermal Power Station**
- RRB: **Assam Gramin Vikash Bank (United Bank of India)**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ 'Namasthe World', Made-in-India Toy Brand Launched by _____?

- A) Hamley's & Rowan
- B) Funskool (India) Ltd
- C) Mattel
- D) Rubik's Cube
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Hamley's & Rowan



Explanation

- Hyderabad, Telangana, India Inks deal with Hamley's & Rowan for distribution Unveils plans to further Prime Minister's vision of making India a toy exporting superpower In line with the Government's "**Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan**", **Namasthe World**, a newly formed **children's toy & gaming brand** based out of Hyderabad announced its launch promising to offer a holistic 360-degree experience in physical toys, digital content, edutainment centric games and casual games for kids.
- **Namasthe World will focus on creating interesting and international standard IP's** on different platforms of entertainment alongside plush toys, wooden toys, block puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, digital and mobile gaming, AI, AR/VR and animation content creation completing the ecosystem.



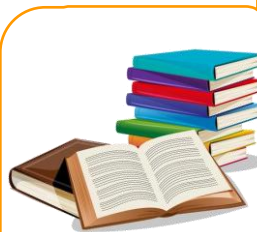
NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which state will launch conservation plan to protect 'Marcha rice', 'Govind Bhog', 'Sona Chur'?

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

Answer
A) Bihar



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- Concerned with a sharp decline in farming of traditional varieties of rice in certain districts, the **Bihar government** has decided to conduct a preliminary survey and also **to launch a conservation plan to protect rare varieties such as 'Marcha rice', 'Govind Bhog' and 'Sona Chur' in the state.**
- The Bihar State Biodiversity Board (BSBB) has also decided to conduct a study to find out the reason behind the sharp decline in the cultivation of India's famous **'Magahi paan'** (betel leaf), which received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2018, in four districts - **Aurangabad, Gaya, Nawada and Nalanda** - in the state.
- "We are really concerned with the decline in cultivation of rare varieties of rice that includes 'Marcha rice', 'Govind Bhog' and 'Sona Chur' in the state.
- These are rare varieties of rice cultivated in certain districts in Bihar.
- A preliminary survey/study will soon be conducted to find out the reason behind decline in cultivation of these varieties of rice", Ashutosh, Chairman of the BSBB told PTI.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which ministry will organize 1st Global Tourism Investors Summit from 10th to 12th April 2023?

- A) Ministry of culture
- B) Ministry of Tourism
- C) Ministry of defense
- D) Ministry of Sports
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Ministry of Tourism



Explanation

- The **Ministry of Tourism** is organizing the **1st Global Tourism Investors Summit** from **10th to 12th April 2023** at **Pragati Maidan in New Delhi**.
- The aim of the summit is to bring together global business leaders, and policymakers **to understand and explore Tourism Business opportunities in India**.
- In this regard, **Ministry of Tourism** organized a **Roadshow for the Northern region yesterday in Chandigarh**.
- The event focused on promoting **India as an investment destination for travel, tourism, and hospitality** by identifying **State-Specific investment possibilities** and discuss avenues to promote sustainable tourism.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ **Military Tattoo & Tribal Dance Festival will be held in _____ on 23rd & 24th January to celebrate Parakram Diwas on birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose?**

- A) New Delhi
- B) Kerala
- C) Punjab
- D) Haryana
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Answer
A) New Delhi



Explanation

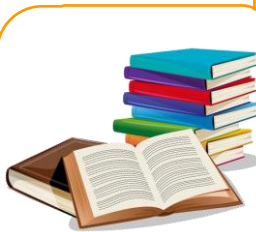
- As part of the **Republic Day Celebrations 2023** and to mark the **126th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose (celebrated as Parakram Diwas)**, a Military Tattoo & Tribal Dance Festival '**Aadi Shaurya - Parv Parakram Ka**' will be held at Jawaharlal Nehru stadium, New Delhi on January 23 & 24, 2023.
- The two-day festival will showcase the prowess of the Armed Forces and the ethnic beauty of India's tribal culture.
- Free tickets are available through www.bookmyshow.com.
- The Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Shri Arjun Munda said "It is a unique initiative which has been taken **to celebrate Parakram Diwas on the birth anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose.**"



QUICK RECALL



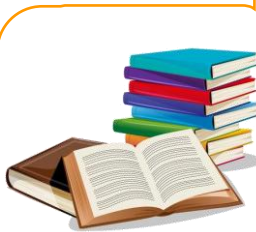
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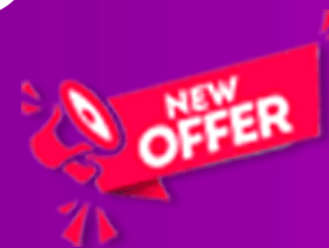


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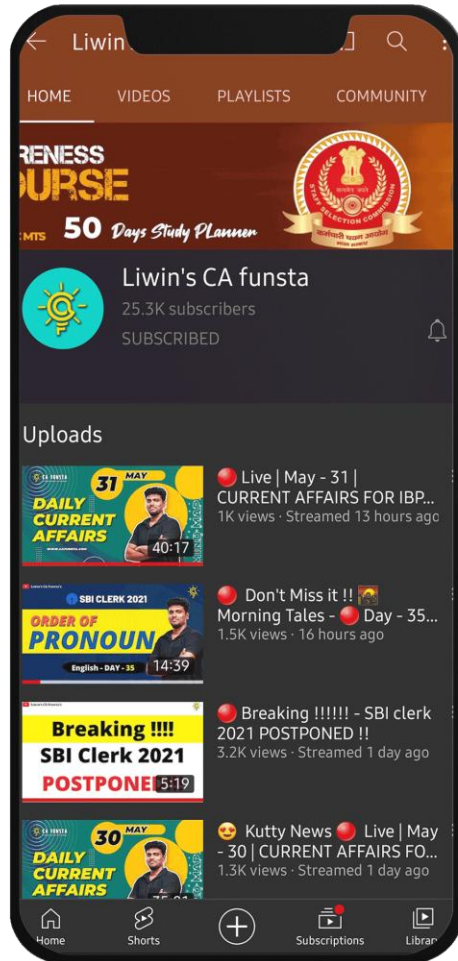
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