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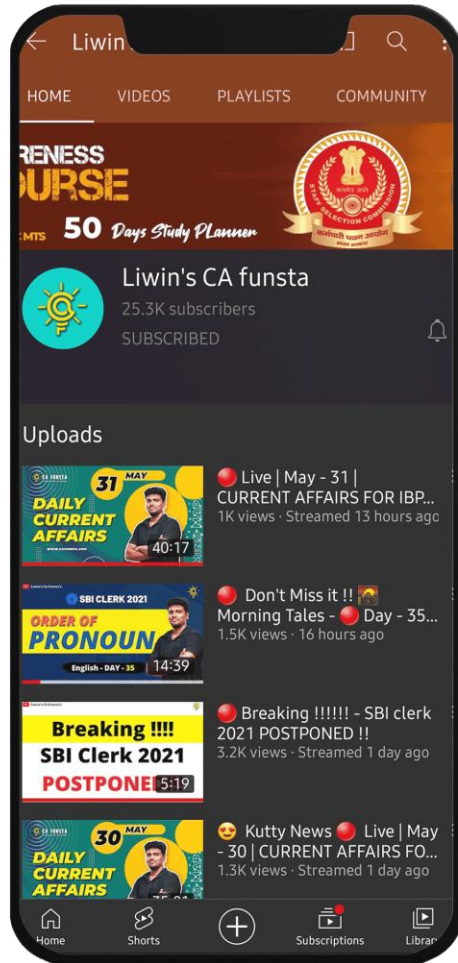
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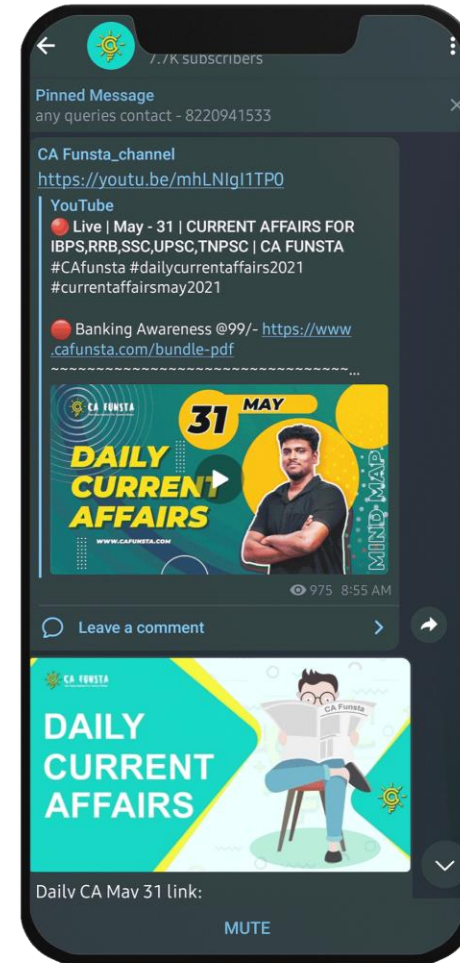
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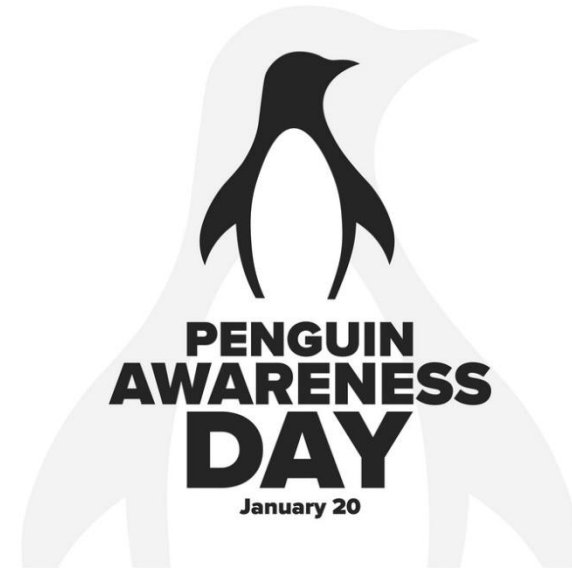
Important Days



➤ Penguin Awareness Day observed on _____?

- A) January 19th
- B) January 20th
- C) January 21st
- D) January 22nd
- E) None of these

Answer
B) January 20th



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **Penguin Awareness Day**
- DATE : **20 January**
- OTHERS : **Humans typically don't live in penguins' natural habitats, the species' annual population decline goes largely unnoticed. This day is a fantastic effort to increase awareness of this important issue.**



➤ Which place became first district in country to provide basic documents to all tribal people?

- A) Wayanad
- B) Chennai
- C) Bengaluru
- D) Cochin
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Wayanad

Wayanad becomes country's first district to provide basic documents to all tribal people

E.M. Manoj
KALPETTA

Wayanad becomes the first district in the country to provide basic documents and facilities such as Aadhaar card, ration card, birth/death certificates, election ID card, bank account and health insurance to all tribespeople.

The district administration has attained the achievement by providing 1,42,563 services to 64,670 tribal beneficiaries as part of the Akshaya Big Campaign for Document Digitisation (ABCD) campaign. These include ration card to 15,796 families, Aadhaar card to 31,252, birth certificate to 11,300, voters' identity card to 22,488 and digital locker facilities to 22,888 persons. The drive



Wayanad Sub-Collector R. Sreelakshmi collecting details of tribal persons at the campaign in Pozhuthana. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

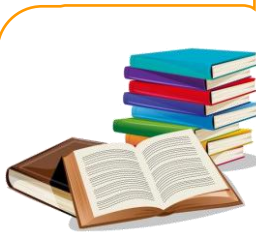
was launched in November 2021 at Thondarnadu grama panchayat.

Wide coverage

Since all the relevant departments are brought under one roof in a camp, each beneficiary gets all the needed services at the camp itself, saving them the time and effort of visit-

ing several offices, according to R. Sreelakshmi, Wayanad Sub-Collector.

Apart from these, other services such as income certificate, ownership certificate, age certificate, and applications for new pensions are also provided, said Ms. Sreelakshmi, also the nodal officer of the programme.



RANKING



Explanation

- **Wayanad becomes the first district in the country to provide basic documents and facilities such as Aadhaar cards, ration cards, birth/death certificates, election ID cards, bank accounts and health insurance to all tribes people.**
- **The Wayanad district administration has attained the meritorious achievement by providing 1,42,563 services to as many as 64,670 tribal beneficiaries as part of the Akshaya Big Campaign for Document Digitisation (ABCD) campaign.**
- **This includes ration cards to 15,796 families, Aadhar cards to 31,252, birth certificates to 11,300, voters' identity cards to 22,488 and digital locker facilities to 22,888 persons through the ABCD campaign.**
- **The drive was launched in November 2021 at Thondarnadu grama panchayat.**



RANKING



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 bank will sell its stake in Russian joint venture to SBI for Rs 114 crore?

- A) Yes Bank
- B) UCO Bank
- C) Canara Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) None of these



Answer

C) Canara Bank



Explanation

- **Canara Bank said it plans to sell its stake in Russian joint venture Commercial Indo Bank LLC (CIBL) to the other venture partner State Bank of India (SBI) for about Rs 114 crore.**
- CIBL, incorporated in 2003, is a joint venture in Russia between **SBI (60 per cent) and Canara Bank (40 per cent).**
- Canara Bank has entered into a share sale agreement in relation to sale of equity shares held by it in Moscow-based CIBL with SBI, the bank said in a regulatory filing.
- The Bengaluru-based state-owned bank entered into the agreement for sale on November 11, 2022, it said.
- **Based on share sale agreement and with the consent of Central Bank of Russia, entire shares held by Canara Bank have been transferred to SBI on November 30.**



Titbits

Canara Bank

- Formed : **01/07/1906**
- HQ : **Bangalore**
- MD & CEO : **Lingam Venkata Prabhakar**
- Tagline : **Together We Can**



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



➤ Chairman KVIC inaugurated various training programs at _____?

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

Answer
A) Karnataka



Explanation

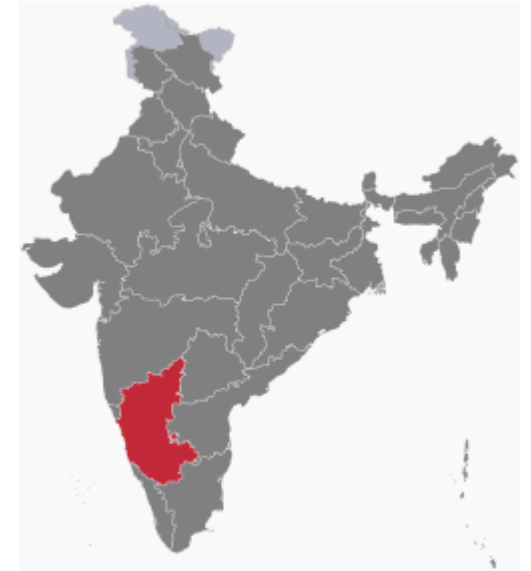
- Chairman, Khadi and Village Industries Commission **Shri Manoj Kumar inaugurated various training programs being run by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission under the Village Industries Development Scheme in Hubli** on the third day of his visit to Karnataka and disbursed margin money to the PMEGP Units through virtual medium.
- **Chairman KVIC also released margin money subsidy of Rs 165 Crores to 5046 beneficiaries from the states of East & South zone with the total bank loan of Rs 488 crores** for setting up of new micro enterprises under PMEGP scheme which is expected to create more than 40000 employment opportunities in these states.
- Financial assistance to Khadi artisans was also approved by Chairman Manoj Kumar under the work shed scheme for Khadi artisans of "**Khadi Vikas Yojana**".
- The Chairman visited CVPI, Khanpur a KVI training run by Khadi and Village Industries Commission, where he distributed hostel useful items to the trainees and launched MS Roof Truss Work .



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**



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Who signed MoU with ministry, setting annual performance target?

- A) IREDA
- B) NCW
- C) MOD
- D) All of these
- E) None of these



Answer
A) IREDA



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the ministry of new and renewable energy (MNRE) for **setting the annual performance target for the year 2022-23.**
- The government has set a target of **Rs 3,361 crore for revenue from operations, up by 18 per cent from the previous year's achievement, for 2022-23.**
- According to a statement from the ministry of new and renewable energy, the government has also set various performance-related key parameters such as return on net worth, return on capital employed, non-performing asset NPA to total loans, asset turnover ratio and earning per share, among others.



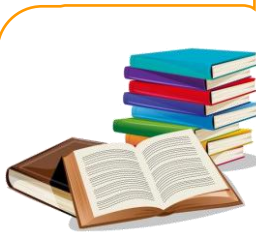
BOOKS AND AUTHORS



➤ **Who launched book on mental health among youth?**

- A) IREDA
- B) NCW
- C) MOD
- D) SCARF
- E) None of these

Answer
D) SCARF



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Explanation

- The project, supported by the Grand Challenges Canada, aims **to improve adolescents' mental health in the institutions by teaching them requisite skills to enhance their well-being and provide access to mental health services in childcare institutions.**
- The Schizophrenia Research Foundation (SCARF) launched a book on children's mental health, *Juveniles Accessing Mental Health (JAMS)*, for childcare institutions.
- **The JAMS book, containing information about youth's mental health and well-being, was released by S. Valarmathi, Director, Department of Social Defence.**



AWARDS

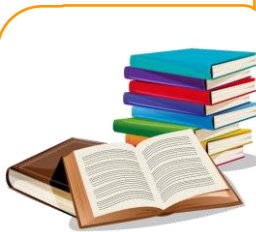


➤ Shah awarded whom as number 1 in the country?

- A) Aska police station
- B) Chennai B2 station
- C) Bengaluru police station
- D) Delhi police station
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Aska police station



AWARDS



Explanation

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** awarded **Aska police station in Odisha's Ganjam district as the number one police station in the country** in the annual ranking of police stations for 2022, an official release said.
- **The award was given during the DGsP/IGsP Conference – 2022 which began in National Agriculture Science Complex, New Delhi.**
- Prashanta Kumar Sahoo, the inspector in-charge of Aska police station received the prestigious award with the certificate of appreciation from Shah, the release said.
- **"A moment of great pride and honour for Odisha police,"** said DGP S K Bansal, who is attending the DGsP/IGsP Conference.



AWARDS



➤ Anurag Thakur awarded whom as the most distinguished scientist of the year 2022?

- A) RVishnu Prassad
- B) K. Chandrasekharan
- C) M. K. Vainu Bappu
- D) G. N. Ramachandran
- E) None of these

Answer

A) RVishnu Prassad



AWARDS



Explanation

- RVishnu Prassad was awarded **“The most distinguished scientist of the year 2022”** at Vigyan bhawan, delhi by shri Anurag thakur, Hon’ble minister of information & broadcasting.
- R Vishnu Prassad, a scientist with 69 patents has been honored with **the Indian Achievers Award as the most distinguished scientist of the year by shri Anurag thakur**, Hon’ble minister of information & broadcasting and Minister of sports & youth affairs, Govt. of India.
- The award, which recognizes individuals for their outstanding contributions in various fields, including culture, science, sports, and innovation, was presented to Vishnu during a ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on January 17th, 2023.



AWARDS



➤ Which international Airport won best sustainable greenfield airport award?

- A) Goa
- B) Chennai
- C) Delhi
- D) Bengaluru
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Goa



AWARDS



Explanation

- **GMR Goa International Airport (GGIAL)**, a subsidiary of GMR Airports Infrastructure, has won '**Best Sustainable Greenfield Airport**' award under aviation sustainability and environment at ASSOCHAM's 14th International Conference-cum-Awards for Civil Aviation 2023.
- The award was presented for "**excellent initiatives**" taken by GGIAL in implementing sustainability as one of core concepts.
- During the conference held yesterday, **Union Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia presented the award to the senior officials from GGIAL in the presence of industry dignitaries and participants.**
- The forum recognises the companies engaged in civil aviation initiatives that adopt best practices and technological advancement in their daily operations, a GMR Goa International Airport release said.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Which edition of India International Science Festival will be held in Bhopal?

- A) 7th
- B) 8th
- C) 9th
- D) 10th
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 8th



Explanation

- The **8th India International Science Festival-2022 (IISF)** will be held from **January 21 to 24** at the **Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT) in Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh**, an official said.
- It will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in the presence of Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh and the state's science and technology minister Om Prakash Saklecha.
- The theme of the event, which is being organised by the Union Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space and MP government in association with Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA), is '**Marching towards Amrit Kaal with Science, Technology and Innovation**'.



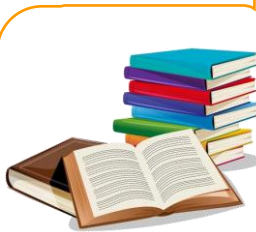
➤ Which is India's strongest brand, ranked ninth globally?

- A) Airtel
- B) BSNL
- C) Vodafone
- D) Reliance Jio
- E) None of these



Answer

D) Reliance Jio



Explanation

- **Reliance Jio has been ranked as the strongest brand in India and placed ninth among the world's strongest brands**, according to the latest report '**Global 500 - 2023**' published by Brand Finance.
- **'Jio' was placed ninth among the world's strongest brands** ahead of brands like EY, Coca Cola, Accenture and Porsche, and behind the likes of Google, YouTube, Deloitte and Instagram.
- This is the annual report on the world's most valuable and strongest brands.
- With a Brand Strength Index of 90.2, **Jio is the only brand among the world's strongest 25 brands**, according to the Brand Finance listing, a release said.



➤ Which species could be world's biggest toad?

- A) Toadzilla Toad
- B) American Spadefoot Toads
- C) Common midwife toad
- D) Fire-belly Toad
- E) None of these

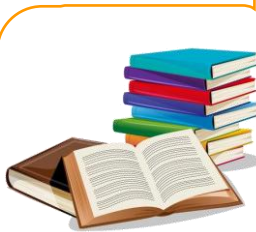
Answer

A) Toadzilla Toad



Explanation

- **Australian park rangers believe they have stumbled upon a record-breaking giant toad deep in a rainforest.**
- Dubbed "**Toadzilla**", the cane toad, an invasive species that poses a threat to Australia's ecosystem, was spotted by "**shocked**" park ranger **Kylee Gray** during a patrol in **Conway National Park in Queensland state on Jan. 12.**
- Gray and her colleagues caught the animal and brought it back to their office, where it weighed in at a 2.7 kg (6 pounds).



ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



➤ Himachal targets will be first Green Energy State by _____?

- A) 2024
- B) 2025
- C) 2026
- D) 2027
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 2025



Explanation

- The **Himachal Pradesh government intends to make the state as the first Green Energy State by the end of 2025** by harnessing hydro, hydrogen and solar energy and switching to green products, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said.
- Presiding over a meeting of senior officers of the energy department and HPSEBL, he directed all the concerned departments including **HPSEBL, HIMURJA, Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (HPPCL) and the Department of Energy to initiate action in this direction and make policy changes**, wherever required.



DEFENCE



➤ Which edition of Kalvari class submarine Vagir will be commissioned on 23 Jan 2023?

- A) 7th
- B) 8th
- C) 5th
- D) 10th
- E) None of these

Answer
C) 5th



Explanation

- **Indian Navy is set to commission the fifth Kalvari class submarine Vagir on 23 Jan 2023**, Adm R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff will be the Chief Guest for the ceremony.
- These submarines are being built in India by the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai, under collaboration with M/s Naval Group, France.
- **Four of the Kalvari class of submarines have already been commissioned into the Indian Navy.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

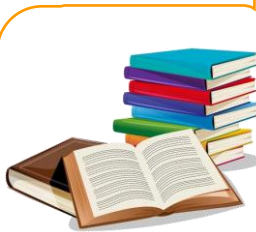


➤ Who launched skill training programmes for prison inmates, aims to ensure post-release rehabilitation?

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

Answer

B) VK Saxena



Explanation

- Delhi Lieutenant Governor **VK Saxena** launched a **skill-development programme for the training of 1,020 inmates**, informed the Raj Niwas.
- The skill training programme is being conducted under Innovative and Special Projects (ISP) of **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM)** and has been sanctioned by the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)**, Government of India.
- For this purpose, **Primer Skills and Training Pvt. Ltd.** has been selected as a training partner by the Ministry and the programme is being steered through the Mission Swaraj (State Urban Livelihood Mission).
- **This skill development programme has been envisaged to be of around 350 hours/3-4 months duration with a batch size of 30 inmates.**
- Those inmates who are going to be released in the next 6-9 months will be considered for this training.

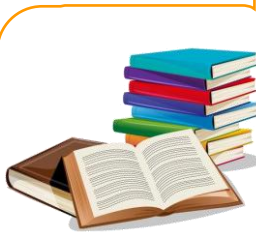


➤ Who inaugurated 'International Craft Summit'?

- A) Naveen Patnaik
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Naveen Patnaik



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

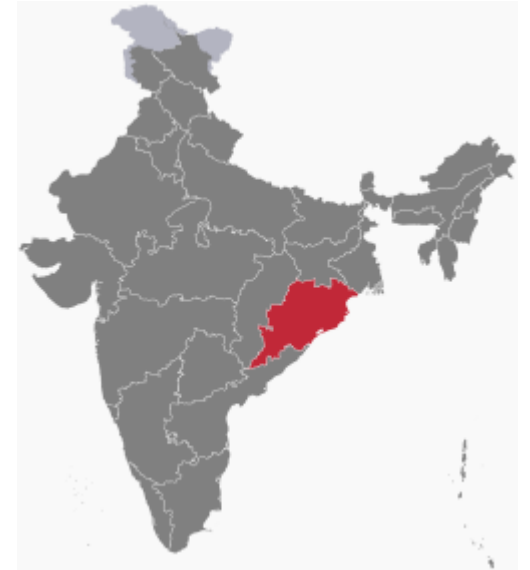
- Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** inaugurated an '**International Craft Summit**' in **Jajpur**.
- This is the first-of-its-kind craft summit featuring a confluence of pioneering craftspeople, culture, and art enthusiasts.
- **International delegates from 15 countries have arrived in Jajpur to engage with local artisans and other stakeholders, informed the government.**
- Four UN agencies and five UNESCO Creative Cities have partnered with the District **to realize this ambitious and forward-looking event on behalf of the State Government.**
- Joining the programme on a virtual platform, the Chief Minister said it is a historic occasion for Odisha. He said, "**Jajpur was the Ancient Capital of Odisha.**"
- **With its existing assets of religious tourism, urban tourism and Buddhist tourism, it has the potential to be a major tourist hub** The cultural heritage of Jajpur is reflected in its vibrant art forms."



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**



➤ Which govt will host its maiden SARAS Fair 2023 from February 4 to 14?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Kerala
- C) Punjab
- D) Jammu and Kashmir
- E) None of these

Answer

D) Jammu and Kashmir



Explanation

- The Government of **Jammu and Kashmir is going to host its maiden SARAS Fair 2023 from February 4 to 14** wherein artisans and women self help groups from across the country will showcase their crafts, handcrafts, handloom and foods.
- AIR Correspondent reports that the fair would be organised at Bagh-e-Bahu, Jammu.
- The fair is expected to witness the participation of women Self Help Groups from around 15 States and UTs across the country to sell their self made products.
- The fair will be the first of it's kind in the UT.
- **The eleven-day exhibition is going to witness several cultural events, aids and plays on several government schemes and campaigns.**



Titbits

Jammu and Kashmir

- Capital: **Srinagar, Jammu**
- Lieutenant Governor: **Manoj Sinha**
- Language: **Kashmiri, Dogri, Urdu, Hindi, English**
- National Park: **Dachigam National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary.**
- Ramsar Site: **Hokera Wetland, Surinsar-Mansar Lakes, Wular Lake**
- Power Station: **Baglihar Stage- I Hydroelectric Project**
- Dams: **Baglihar Dam (River: Chenab)**
- RRB: **Ellaquai Dehati Bank (SBI), J&K Grameen Bank (J&K Bank)**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ National AIDS Control Organisation formed Largest Human Red Ribbon Chain in _____?

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



Answer
B) Odisha



Explanation

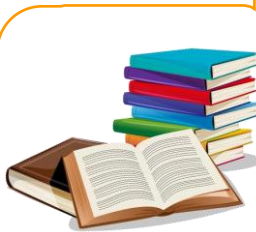
- The Odisha State AIDS Control Society, Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Odisha under the leadership of National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) in coordination with the Department of Sports & Youth Services & Hockey India organized an awareness programme on HIV AIDS by forming the '**largest human red ribbon chain**' in the East Gallery of Kalinga Stadium of Bhubaneswar, Odisha on 19th January 2023.
- **The spectators in the gallery included 4,800 students from various schools, Red Ribbon Club members from colleges, people from community, and participants from the Mission Shakti Department.**



QUICK RECALL



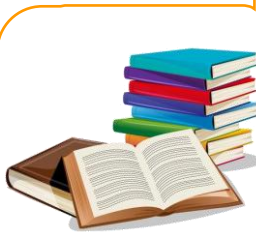
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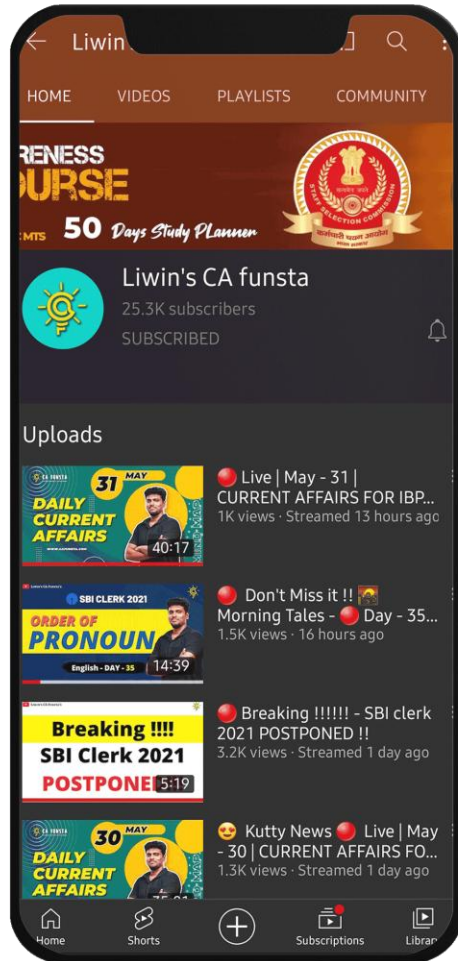
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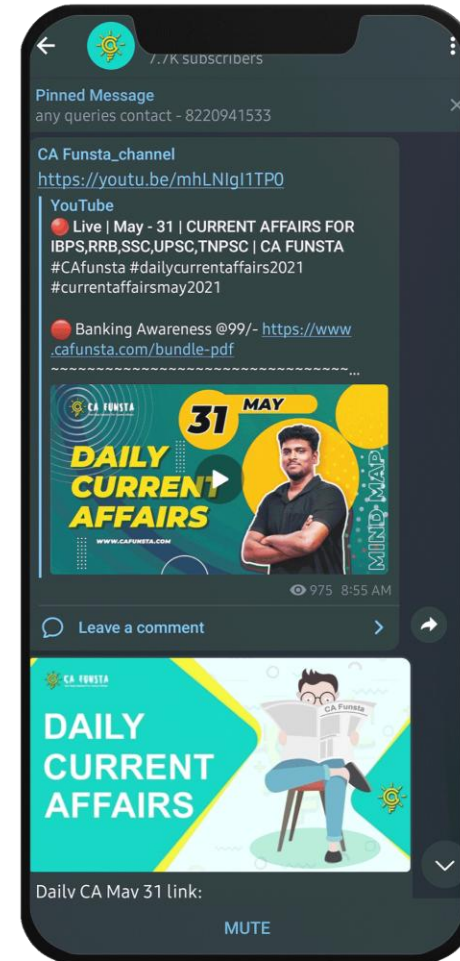
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