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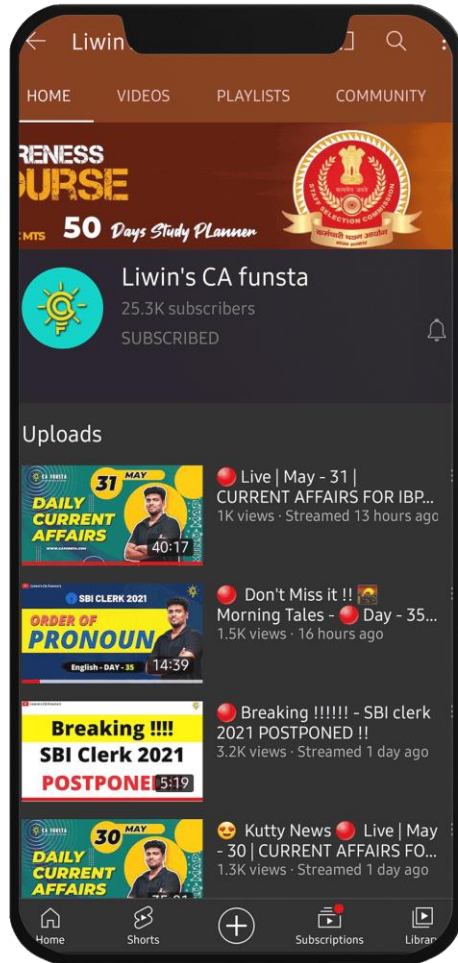
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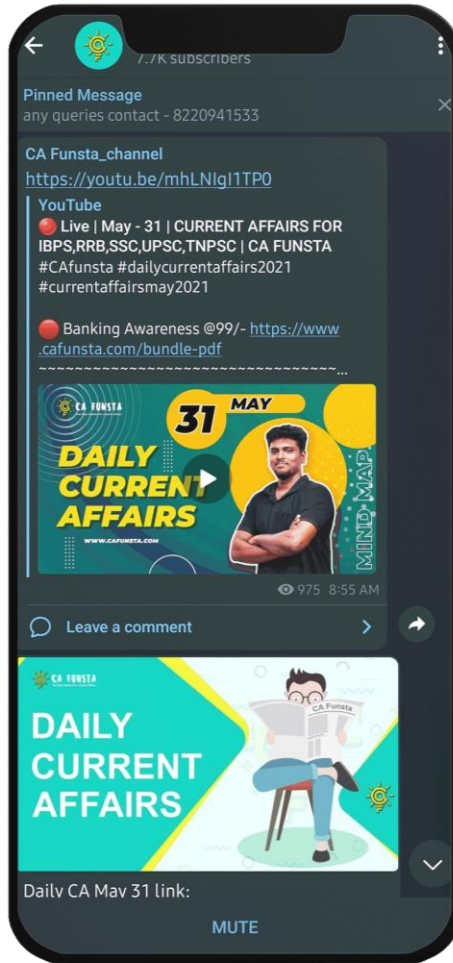
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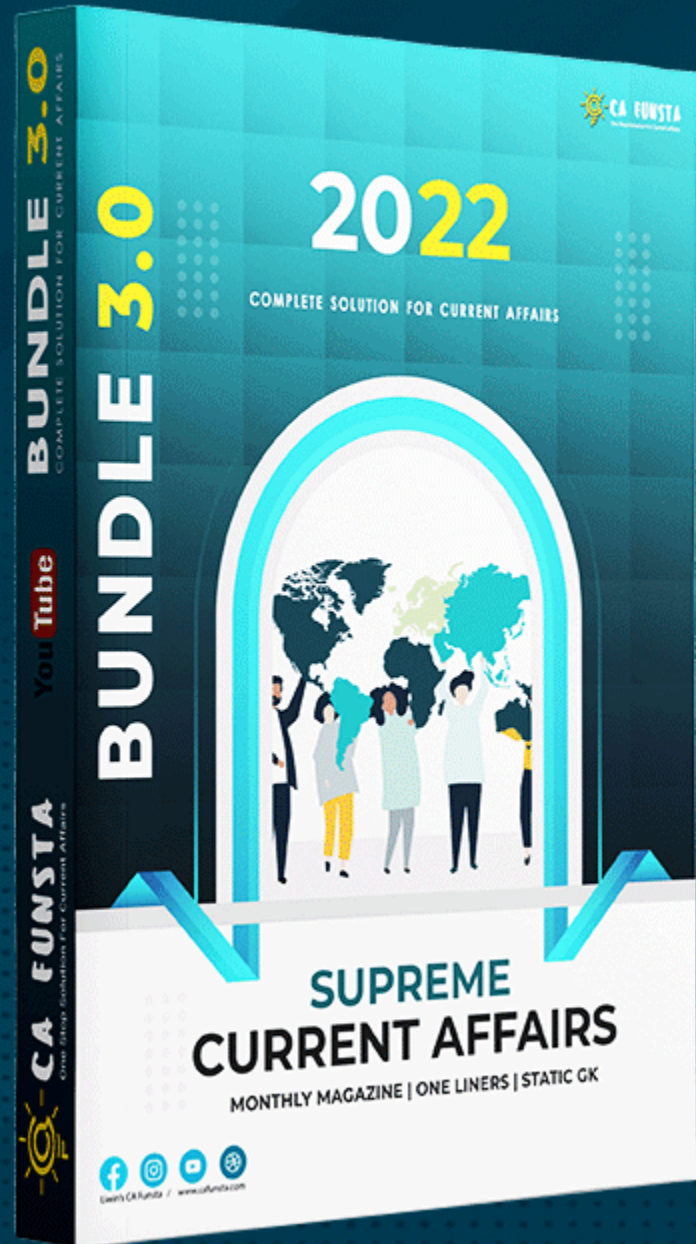


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Important Days



International Holocaust Remembrance Day is observed on which date?

- A) January 23
- B) January 26
- C) January 27
- D) January 29
- E) January 24

Answer
C) January 27



Important Days



Explanation

- The United Nations designated **January 27** as the **International Holocaust Remembrance Day** in honour of six million Jews killed in the Holocaust and millions of other Nazism victims under the Hitler regime between 1933 and 1945.
- **The Holocaust**, also called as the **Shoah**, was Hitler's "Final Solution" for eliminating Jews within Germany's grasp. By the end of the heinous act, around two-thirds of Europe's Jewish population had been killed, according to Holocaust encyclopedia
- The UN General Assembly in its **42nd plenary session** adopted the 60/7 resolution and declared **January 27** as International Holocaust Remembrance Day on **November 1, 2005**.
- The theme of this year's Holocaust remembrance and education is "**Home and Belonging**".



Which life insurance Policyholders Can Now Pay Premiums with NPCI's UPI 123PAY?

- A) Pramerica Life Insurance
- B) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- C) Bharti AXA Life Insurance
- D) HDFC Life Insurance
- E) Max Life Insurance

Answer

D) HDFC Life Insurance



Sar utha ke jiyoo!

Explanation

- **HDFC Life** has announced that it has collaborated with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to offer a first - **UPI 123PAY**.
- **UPI 123PAY** is a payment facility through a pre-defined IVR (Interactive Voice Response).
- This platform will enable customers to make financial transactions with or without an internet connection. Customers can avail this service in various regional languages such as **Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Punjabi, Kannada, Tamil, etc.**
- A voice based payment feature, **UPI 123PAY** was developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and launched by the **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) to increase the digital penetration of financial services.
- UPI 123PAY enables smart phone and feature phone users to digitally undertake a host of transactions based on four approaches, including voice payment based via IVR number, proximity sound-based payments, missed call-based payment approach, app based scan and pay on feature phone.

Titbits

HDFC Life Insurance

- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- CEO: Vibha Padalkar

APPOINTMENTS



Who has been nominated by US president Joe Biden for the post of Air Force brigadier general, the US State Department?

- A) Varun Chari
- B) Ravi Chari
- C) Ragu Chari
- D) Raja Chari
- E) Renuka Chari

Answer

D) Raja Chari



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Indian-American astronaut **Raja Chari** has been nominated by US president Joe Biden for the post of **Air Force brigadier general**, the US State Department said.
- Air Force Col. Raja J Chari for appointment to the grade of brigadier general. Chari is currently serving as the **Crew-3 commander and astronaut, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Johnson Space Center, Texas.**

AWARDS



Who was awarded the coveted Dr Ambedkar Award for Contribution to India?

- A) Sanjay Krishnan
- B) Sunil Krishnan
- C) Varun Krishnan
- D) Karthick Krishnan
- E) Nagaraj Krishnan

Answer

B) Sunil Krishnan



AWARDS



Explanation

- Global Entrepreneur **Sunil Krishnan** was awarded the coveted **Dr Ambedkar Award for Contribution to India** at the hands of **Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari**.
- The recent recipient of the prestigious Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Award for Contribution to India -- for Spreading Indian Cuisine Globally With Moksh, Sunil Krishnan is one of the most revered entrepreneurs and restaurateurs in South Africa, known for his tantalising cuisine that appeals to global taste buds.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



The Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru handed over the primary payload of the country's first mission named _____ to sun to ISRO for integration with the other payloads on board the satellite?

- A) Aditya-L2
- B) Aditya-L3
- C) Aditya-L4
- D) Aditya-L5
- E) Aditya-L1

Answer
E) Aditya-L1



Explanation

- **The Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru** handed over the primary payload of the country's first mission to sun to the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** for integration with the other payloads on board the satellite.
- Called **Aditya-L1**, the mission to observe the sun from a **vantage point 1.5 million kilometres** from the earth, is likely to be launched by June or July this year after being delayed repeatedly through the pandemic.
- The satellite will be carried by India's trusted rocket Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, said ISRO chairperson S Somanath at a ceremony where he was given a 3D model of the payload.
- The payload handed over called '**Visible Emission Line Coronagraph**' (**VELC**) will be the main payload among seven designed to study various aspects of the sun like its atmosphere, solar wind acceleration and the origin of coronal mass ejection.

DEFENCE



India flight-tested a hypersonic technology demonstration vehicle (HSTDV) from the Abdul Kalam Island off which state?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Tripura
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- E) Odisha

**Answer
E) Odisha**



Explanation

- India flight-tested a **hypersonic technology demonstration vehicle (HSTDV)** from the **Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast** paving way for development of hypersonic cruise missiles.
- Developed by the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**, the hypersonic air-breathing scramjet technology was put to test for the second time in the last three years.
- Mounted on a **solid rocket motor**, the cruise vehicle was tested to achieve the desired flight path at a velocity of six times the speed of sound (**nearly 02 km/second**) apart from the separation mechanism at hypersonic velocities.
- During the first test on **June 12, 2019**, the cruise vehicle was mounted on an **Agni-I solid rocket motor**, which took it to an altitude of **30 km**, where the aerodynamic heat shields were separated at hypersonic Mach number.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



The inaugural edition of the 16-day bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force and the Japan Air Self-Defence Force has concluded in Japan. What is the name of the exercise?

- A) Veer Suvendar 2023
- B) Veer Guardian 2023
- C) Veer Tharan 2023
- D) Veer Puraskar 2023
- E) Veer Kishore 2023

Answer

B) Veer Guardian 2023



Explanation

- The inaugural edition of the 16-day bilateral air exercise between the **Indian Air Force and the Japan Air Self-Defence Force** has concluded in **Japan**.
- The exercise, '**Veer Guardian 2023**', involved precise planning and skilful execution by both the air forces.
- It said the JASDF participated in the exercise with its **F-2 and F-15 aircraft**, while the IAF contingent participated with the **Su-30 MKI aircraft**. The IAF fighter contingent was complemented by **one IL-78 flight refuelling aircraft and two C-17 Globemaster strategic airlift transport aircraft**.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Japan

Capital : Tokyo

Currency : Japanese Yen

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



India and which country sign MoU on cultural cooperation?

- A)Canada
- B)Russia
- C)Australia
- D)Japan
- E)Egypt

Answer
E)Egypt

Explanation

- To strengthen the **cultural ties with the Arab Republic of Egypt**, Ministry of Culture signed Memorandum of Understanding on **cultural cooperation** between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt.
- Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Culture Minister of Republic of India participated in the delegation-level talks headed by Prime Minister of India **Shri Narendra Modi**, and **President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi** of the Arab Republic of Egypt on the occasion of the celebration of India's 74th Republic Day.
- The Memorandum of Understanding was signed and exchanged on 25.01.2023 by **Shri G. Kishan Reddy**, Culture Minister of Republic of India, and **Shri Sameh Hassan Shoukry**, Foreign Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt in the presence of Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi and President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Explanation

- For continued Cultural cooperation, the MoU for a **period of five years (05)** has been signed. Under the aegis of MoU on Cultural Cooperation signed between India and Egypt, both countries look forward to witnessing a host of cultural activities happening in due course in the realm of Music, Dance, Theatre, Literature, Library, Organising Festivals in respective countries and Research and Documentation etc.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Egypt

capital: Cairo

Currency: Egyptian pound

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Which country Elected as Vice-chair at the 12th session of Intergovernmental Technical Working Group?

- A)USA
- B)Japan
- C)Australia
- D)India
- E)Canada

**Answer
D)India**

Explanation

- In the recently concluded **12th Session of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group (ITWG) on Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR)** at **Rome** during 18 -20 January 2023, **India** was elected as Vice-chair and represented **Asia & Pacific region**.
- **Dr B N Tripathi**, Deputy Director General (Animal Sciences), ICAR, and the National Coordinator, Vice-chaired the Session and also act as Rapporteur.
- The Working Group was established by the FAO's Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA), functions to review technical issues; advise and make recommendations to the Commission and further implement the Commission's programme related to AnGR at the global level.
- Earlier to the **ITWG Session**, the **Global National Coordinators' Workshop** was held at **FAO Head Quarter**, from 16-17th January 2023.

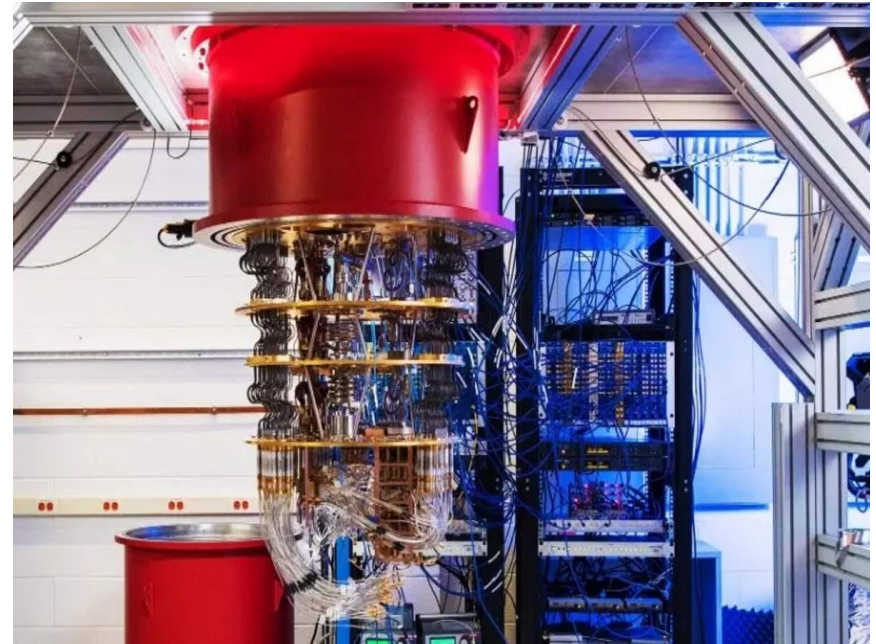
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Which country has announced a new federal investment to build and commercialise the world's first photonic-based, fault-tolerant quantum computer?

- A)Australia
- B)Myanmar
- C)Egypt
- D)Nigeria
- E)Canada

**Answer
E)Canada**



Explanation

- **Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau** has announced a new federal investment to build and commercialise the **world's first photonic-based, fault-tolerant quantum computer**.
- According to a news release from the Prime Minister's website, the **investment of 40 million Canadian dollars (\$32 million)** will enable Xanadu Quantum Technologies Inc.,
- Supported through the government's Strategic Innovation Fund, this project of **177.8 million Canadian dollars (\$142 million)** is expected to create 530 new highly skilled positions in the high-tech and quantum computing fields.
- Earlier this month, Canada launched its **National Quantum Strategy**, which invests an additional **360 million Canadian dollars (\$288 million)** to help solidify Canada as a global leader in quantum technologies.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Canada

Capital : Ottawa

Currency : Canadian Dollar



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



The Centre has notified how many grievance appellate committees that will address users' complaints against social media and other internet-based platforms?

- A)6
- B)5
- C)4
- D)3
- E)2

Answer
D)3

Explanation

- The Centre has notified **three grievances appellate committees** that will address users' complaints against social media and other internet-based platforms.
- According to the notification, each of the three GACs (grievances appellate committees) will have a **chairperson, two whole-time members** from different government entities and retired senior executives from the industry for a term of three years from the date of assumption of office.
- **The first panel** will be chaired by the **chief executive officer of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination** Centre under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Retired Indian Police Service (IPS) officer **Ashutosh Shukla** and Punjab National Bank's (PNB) former chief general manager and chief information officer **Sunil Soni** have been appointed as the **whole-time members** of the panel.

Explanation

- The **second panel** will be chaired by the **joint secretary in charge of the Policy and Administration Division in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**.
- Indian Navy's retired Commodore **Sunil Kumar Gupta and Kavindra Sharma**, former vice-president (consulting), L and T Infotech, have been appointed as the whole-time members of this panel.
- The third panel will be chaired by **Kavita Bhatia**, a senior scientist at the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- Former traffic service officer of the Indian Railways **Sanjay Goel** and former managing director and chief executive officer of IDBI Intech **Krishnagiri Ragothamarao** have been appointed as the whole-time members of the third panel.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Which edition of BRICS summit is all set to take place in South Africa's Durban in late August 2023?

- A)17
- B)16
- C)15
- D)14
- E)13

Answer
C)15



Explanation

- **The 15th BRICS summit** is all set to take place in **South Africa's Durban** in late August this year.
- The foreign ministers of Brazil, Russia, India, and China met for the first time on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in 2006, kicking off BRIC cooperation.
- **Later in April 2011, South Africa** participated, for the first time, in the **3rd BRICS Summit held in Sanya, China.**
- Since **2009**, the BRICS leaders have convened **14 formal meetings and 9 informal meetings.**
- **Earlier in 2013**, the fifth annual BRICS summit was held in **Durban, South Africa.** It was attended by the head of state or heads of government of the five member states Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- **In June 2009**, the BRIC leaders held their first meeting in **Russia**, upgrading BRIC cooperation to Summit level.
- The BRIC leaders met for the first time in Russia in June 2009, elevating BRIC cooperation to Summit status

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Which state has launched an initiative 'Mo Mobile, Mo Market' to facilitate products of women-led farmers producers organisations (FPOs) on the digital platform?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Tripura
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- E) Odisha

Answer
E) Odisha



Explanation

- **ORMAS** has launched an initiative '**Mo Mobile, Mo Market**' to facilitate products of women-led farmers producers organisations (FPOs) on the digital platform.
- The products of women led FPOs will be available in the **Market Mirchi platform** developed by **CTARA, IIT Bombay** to facilitate the rural farmers especially women to sell their agriculture and horticulture products directly to potential buyers across the country at a favourable price.
- The Market Mirchi platform will help the FPOs promote the products which will ease in achieving the business turnover as per the business plan for creating a sustainable channel for overall growth of the women farmers.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



TIDBITS

Odisha

Capital : Bhubaneswar
Chief Minister - Naveen Patnaik
Governor - Ganeshi Lal

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



'Athidhi' app for migrant workers in which state goes live in April?

- A)Gujarat
- B)Jharkhand
- C)Tamil Nadu
- D)Karnataka
- E)Kerala

Answer
E)Kerala



Explanation

- The government's '**Athidhi**' mobile app, which will link **migrant workers in the state** and **provide each with a unique identification number**, is being readied for launch in **April**.
- Proposed by Finance Minister K N Balagopal in the last Budget, the app is being developed by the **Comprehensive Health Insurance Agency of Kerala (CHIAK)**, a nodal agency under the ministry of labour.
- The government has allotted `40 lakh for the app. A 2021 State Planning Board study found that there are 31 lakh migrant workers in Kerala, with the majority working in building and construction. The government hopes to bring all of them under 'Athidhi'.
- For instance, the '**Aawaz**' card, a **health insurance scheme** to provide free medical treatment worth **Rs. 15,000 a year** and **insurance coverage of Rs. 2 lakh for accidental deaths**, was introduced in **2018**.

Explanation

- Furthermore, **last July, the Migrant Workers' Welfare Board** launched the '**Guest**' app for the registration of migrant workers. The app was developed by the **Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Fund Board**. But only around 1.5 lakh migrant workers across the state have registered on the mobile app.

TIDBITS

Kerala

- Capital : Thiruvananthapuram
- CM : Pinarayi Vijayan
- Governor : Arif Mohammed Khan

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



SAMEER, India's premier R&D institute under which ministry, has signed a pact with Siemens Healthineers to contribute towards the development of technologies for advancing healthcare and diagnostic access in the country?

- A) Commerce & Industry
- B) Defence
- C) Home
- D) IT
- E) Education

Answer
D) IT

Explanation

- **SAMEER**, India's premier R&D institute under the IT Ministry, has signed a pact with **Siemens Healthineers** to contribute towards the development of technologies for advancing healthcare and diagnostic access in the country, according to an official statement.
- Minister of State for Electronics and IT **Rajeev Chandrasekhar**, who was present on the occasion of the signing of the memorandum of understanding, noted that it will make available low-cost MRIs as part of the Prime Minister's vision of providing quality and affordable healthcare and diagnostic access for every Indian.
- **Digital India Programme** launched by the **Prime Minister in 2015** has paved way for the nation to move from being a consumer of technology to a producer of technology, devices and products.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Who virtually inaugurated the National Summit on Quality of Biologicals?

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Mansukh Mandaviya
- C) Narendra Modi
- D) Ram nath Kovind
- E) Piyush Goyal

Answer

B) Mansukh Mandaviya



Explanation

- Union Minister for **Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya**, virtually inaugurated the National Summit on Quality of Biologicals.
- **Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar**, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare and **Dr V K Paul**, Member (Health), NITI Aayog, also addressed the summit through video message.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



TIDBITS

Health and Family Welfare & Chemicals and Fertilizers

Minister : Mansukh L. Mandaviya

Constituency : Rajya sabha MP , Gujarat

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



INTERPOL Secretary General Jurgen Stock virtually addresses which edition of INTERPOL Young Global Police Leaders Programme?

- A)5
- B)4
- C)3
- D)2
- E)1

Answer
C)3

Explanation

- INTERPOL Secretary General **Jurgen Stock** virtually addressed the **3rd INTERPOL Young Global Police Leaders Programme (YGPLP)** being held in **New Delhi**.
- The event which is being organised by the **Central Bureau of Investigation(CBI)** began on the 25th of January and will conclude on the 2nd of February.
- As many as 59 participants from 44 countries are taking part in the programme.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Which organisation launched a massive outreach programme in all the districts through a revamped 'Nidhi Aapke Nikat' programme for expanding its presence across the country?

- A)NHPC
- B)NTPC
- C)NHAI
- D)ESIC
- E)EPFO

Answer
E)EPFO

Explanation

- **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, EPFO**, launched a **massive outreach programme in all the districts** through a revamped '**Nidhi Aapke Nikat**' programme for expanding its presence across the country.
- The aim of this programme is to reach **all the districts on 27th of every month** and strengthen the relationship between the organization and its stakeholders. In this direction, EPFO organized camps in 685 districts.
- The programme was e-launched by **Labour and Employment Secretary Arti Ahuja** from the EPFO Headquarters, in the presence of Central Provident Fund Commissioner and other officials.
- The event was attended online by more than 850 participants, including members of Parliament, members of Legislative Assemblies, CBT Members, Regional Committee members, District Collectors, officials from state and district administration, representatives from industrial bodies and officers from the field offices.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



TIDBITS

Employees Provident Fund Organisation

Headquarters: New Delhi

Head: Neelam S Rao

QUICK RECALL



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QUICK RECALL



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QUICK RECALL



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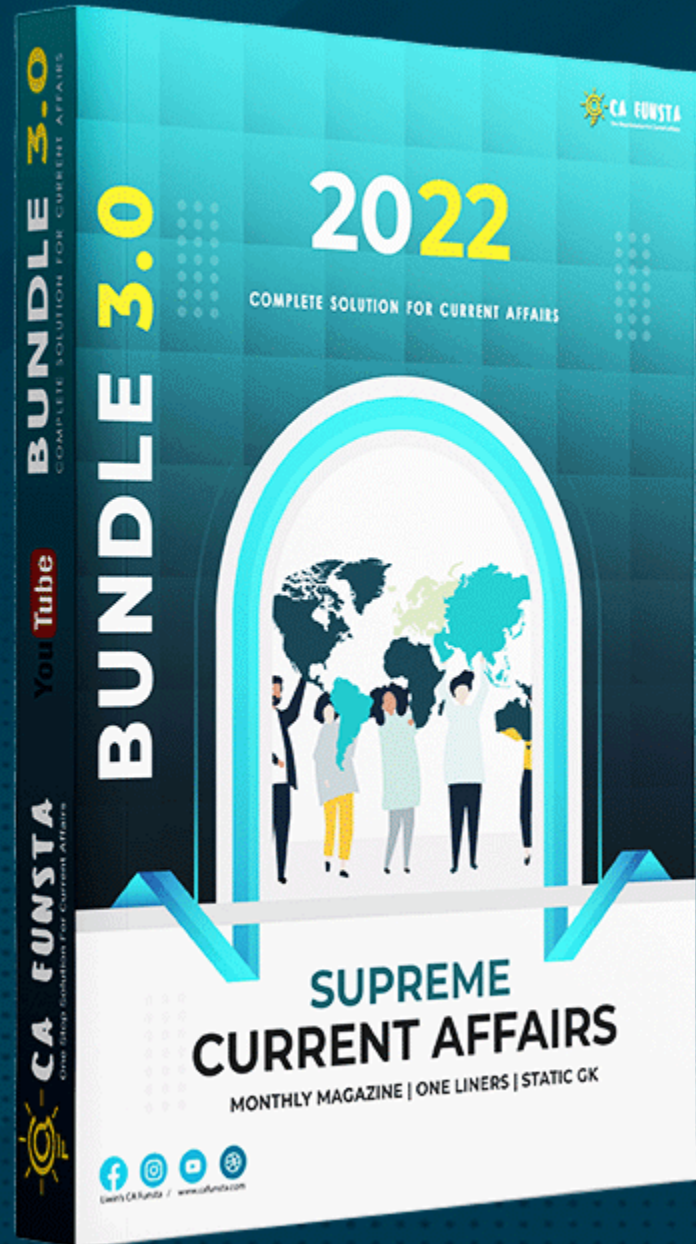
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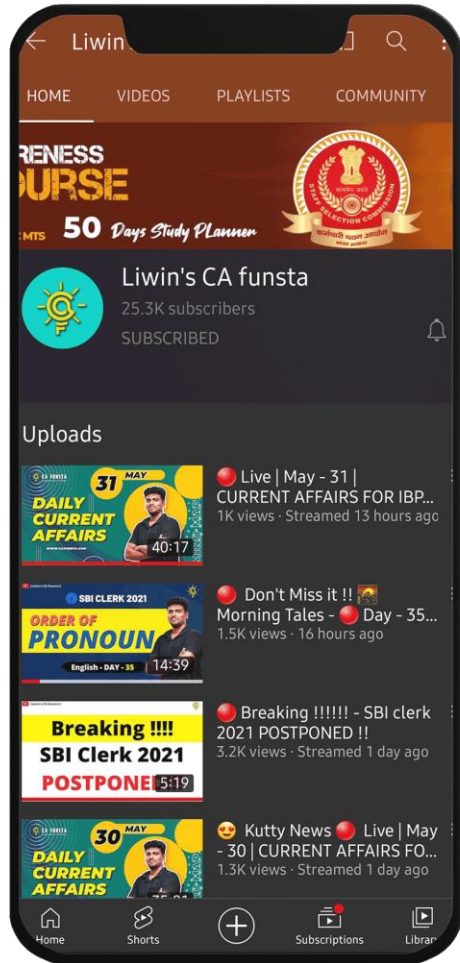
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