



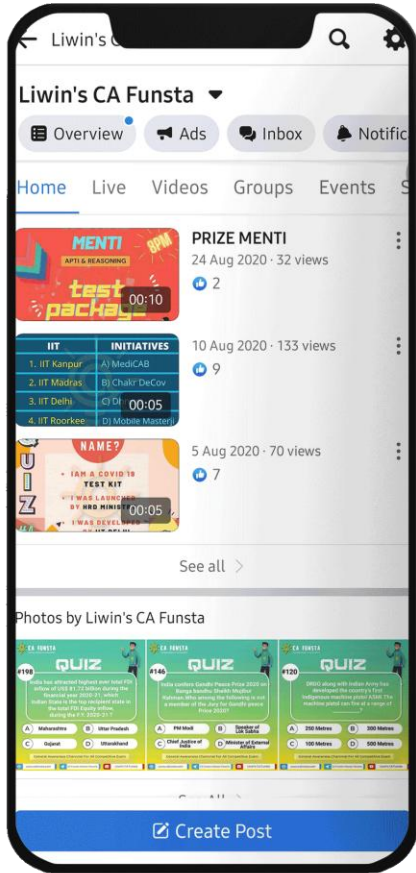
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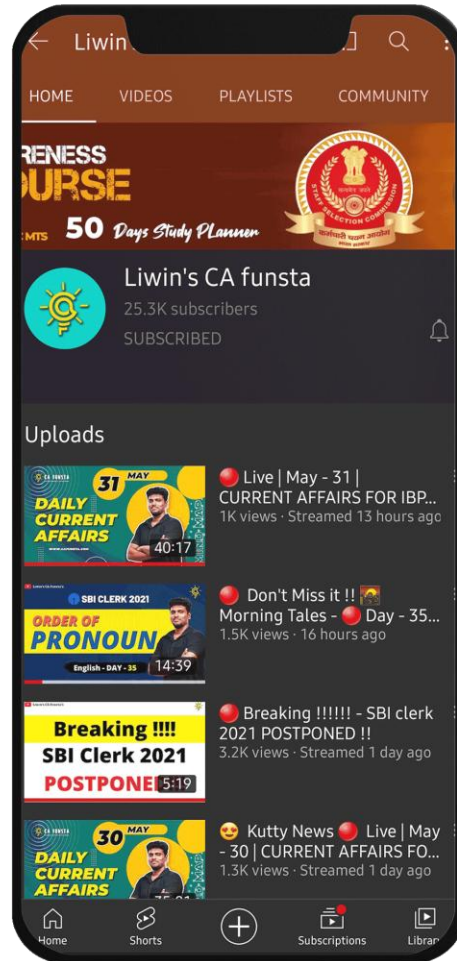
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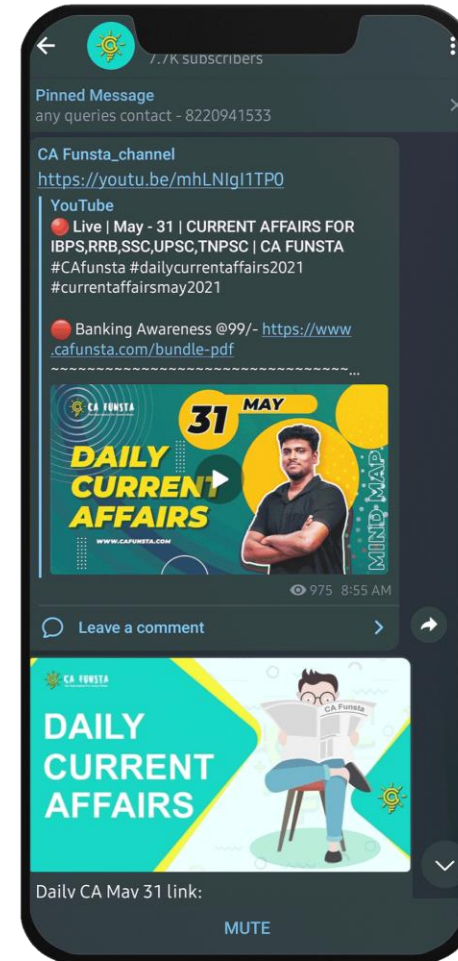
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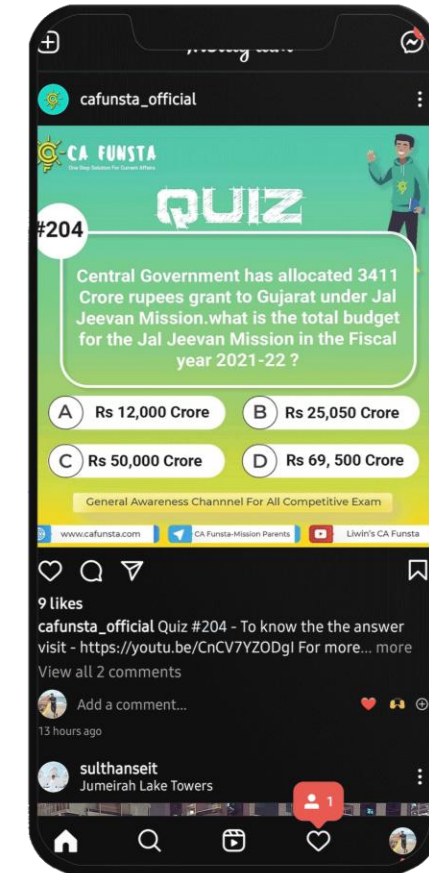
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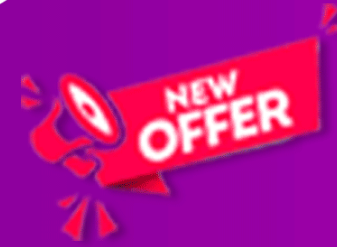
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Important Days

➤ Indian Coast Guard Day 2023 observed on _____ ?

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

Answer

- A) February 1st**



Important Days



Explanation

- Every year, **February 1 is observed as Indian Coast Guard Day.**
- It is the **fourth-largest coast guard in the world.**
- It might surprise you with the roles and responsibilities they take up for safeguarding the coastal borders of the country.
- Starting from the protection of artificial islands to saving the fisherman.
- **This multi-mission organisation conducts real-time operations for both surface and air operations.**
- They work to protect the maritime borders of the country.
- In addition to their responsibilities, they safeguard the offshore terminals with devices installed in the maritime zone.



SPORTS



➤ Volleyball Club World Championships will be held in India for which time?

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

Answer

A) 1st



Explanation

- **Volleyball World and Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) announced India as the host nation for the Men's Club World Championships for two years in partnership with the Prime Volleyball League**, India's top professional volleyball league.
- As the host nation, the winners of the **Prime Volleyball League in 2023 and 2024 will represent India in the tournaments**, where they will face fierce competition against established clubs from the top volleyball nations from around the globe like Italy, Brazil, Iran etc.
- **The championships will be staged between December 6 and 10, 2023.**
- The host city will be announced later this year.
- The tournament will bring the best of international volleyball to India, where the sport is seeing a rise since the commencement of the Prime Volleyball League in 2022, a release said.



➤ State Bank of India planned to raise _____million dollor via green bonds?

- A) \$400 million
- B) \$500 million
- C) \$600 million
- D) \$700 million
- E) None of these



Answer

B) \$500 million



BANKING AND FINANCE



Explanation

- The country's largest lender — **State Bank of India (SBI)** — is **planning to raise around \$500 million through green bonds to provide sustainable project finance.**
- This plan coincides with about **Rs 8,000 crore** (close \$1 billion) raised by the Government of India through maiden sovereign green bonds.
- Also early this month, Export Import Bank of India, a 100 per cent government-owned financial institution, mobilised \$1 billion via a 10-year sustainability bond offering.
- **It was the first Indian issuer to open the markets for dollar and sustainability bond issuances in 2023.**
- Senior SBI executives said the bank is looking to raise limited amounts through green bonds.
- It is more of an introductory nature.
- Although not large, it may be around \$500 million.
- While the bank is testing the waters, the actual issuance will depend on market conditions and pricing.



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



➤ RBI's Digital Payments Index jumps to _____ in Sept from 349.30 in March?

- A) 377.46
- B) 489.32
- C) 324.98
- D) 479.61
- E) None of these

Answer

A) 377.46



Explanation

- Reserve Bank of India's Digital Payments Index, a measure of the extent of **digitisation of payments across the country**, rose to **377.46 in September 2022** from **349.30 in March**.
- “The RBI-DPI index has increased across all parameters driven by significant growth in payment infrastructure and payment performance across the country over the period,” the central bank said in a release.
- **RBI introduced the composite Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) on January 1, 2021** with March 2018 as the base, to capture digitisation of payments.



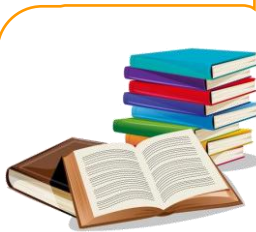
Titbits

Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

- Founded: **01/04/1935**
- **RBI Act, 1934**
- HQ: **Mumbai**
- Chairman: **Shaktikanta Das**
- 1926 - **Hilton Young Commission**
- 1937 – **Calcutta to Mumbai**
- 1949 – **Nationalisation**



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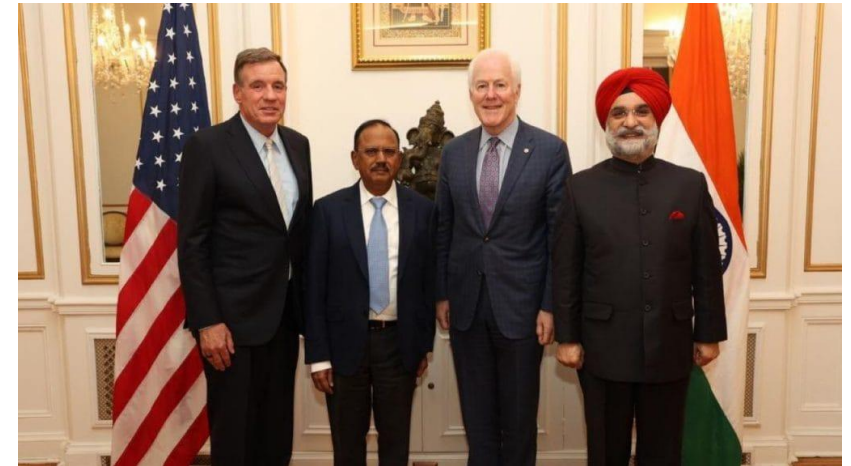


ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



- Which country and India signed implementation deal to streamline process of funding projects between two nations?

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



Answer
C) USA



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- The **United States National Science Foundation (NSF)** and **India** signed an **implementation arrangement that streamlines the funding process of research projects** between the two nations and also deepens connectivity across innovation ecosystems.
- Taking to Twitter, National Science Foundation said, "**At the @WhiteHouse yesterday, @NSF signed the U.S.-India implementation arrangement to streamline the process of funding projects between our two nations, deepening connectivity across innovation ecosystems to facilitate the creation of new technologies.**"
- India's Ambassador to the US, Taranjit Singh Sandhu, joined NSF officials, in the signing ceremony at the White House as part of the U.S.-India Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies dialogue.
- "**Deepening bilateral cooperation in S&T Delighted to sign the Implementation Arrangement between Dept of Science & Tech @IndiaDST and National Science Foundation @NSF, along with my good friend Panch @DrPanch and in the presence of NSAs Ajit Doval and @JakeSullivan46,**" the Indian envoy said in a tweet.



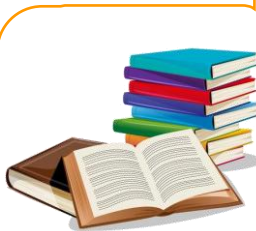
ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Titbits

United States of America

- Capital : **Washington DC**
- Currency : **US Dollar (USD)**
- President : **Joe Biden**
- Language : **English**



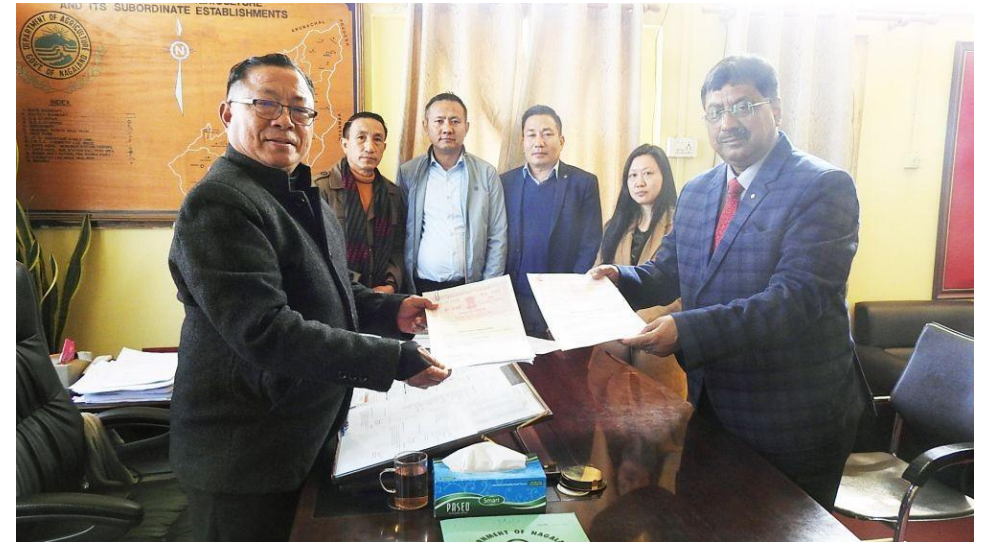
ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Which govt and Patanjali Foods Ltd. signed MoU on palm oil cultivation?

- A) Nagaland
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Kerala
- D) Punjab
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Nagaland



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- **Nagaland government and Patanjali Foods Limited** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) **for development and area expansion under palm oil cultivation and processing for Zone-II** (Mokokchung, Longleng and Mon districts) of Nagaland under the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP).
- The MoU was signed by the Director of Agriculture, Nagaland, M Ben Yanthan, and Patanjali Foods Ltd Head-NE Region, Oil Palm Subhas Bhattacharjee at the Directorate of Agriculture, Kohima on January 31.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Which of the following Indian-American Congressman appointed Ranking Member of House China Committee?

- A) Raja Krishnamoorthi
- B) Manuela Roka Botey
- C) Elisabeth Domitien
- D) Milka Planinc
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Raja Krishnamoorthi



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Indian-American Congressman **Raja Krishnamoorthi** has **been made Ranking Member of a newly created House committee on China** that will look into various aspects of Chinese behaviour, its threat being posed to the US and the world.
- US House of Representatives Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries announced the appointment of Krishnamoorthi as Ranking Member of the House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Equatorial Guinea appointed whom as first female PM?**

- A) Golda Meir
- B) Manuela Roka Botey
- C) Elisabeth Domitien
- D) Milka Planinc
- E) None of these



Answer

B) Manuela Roka Botey



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Equatorial Guinea has appointed Manuela Roka Botey as prime minister.**
- She became the first woman in the country to hold the position.
- **President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, who has ruled the country since 1979, made the announcement in a decree read on state television.**
- Ms Rotey was previously the education minister and joined the government in 2020.
- She replaces former premier Francisco Pascual Obama Asue, who has been in the position since 2016.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ How many avian species observed in Ladakh under Asian Waterbird Census-2023?

- A) 51
- B) 52
- C) 53
- D) 54
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 52



Explanation

- **Fifty-two avian species** were observed in the '**Asian Waterbird Census-2023**' conducted in the **Union Territory of Ladakh**, officials said.
- The Gol-UNDP Himalaya project and department of wildlife protection had organised the census between January 17 and January 19 in collaboration with Ladakh biodiversity council, they said.
- **Of the 52 bird species observed in the census, 11 were sighted in Chumathang, 10 in Puga, 21 in Shey, and 10 in Phey along the Indus river**, they said.
- **The observations were recorded on the eBird app**, which is an online database of bird observations providing scientists, researchers, and amateur naturalists with real-time data about bird distribution and abundance, they said.
- The total number of species recorded across all the birding sites were 35, out of which 13 species were waterbirds, they added.
- The Himalaya project and department of wildlife protection have been at the forefront of promoting citizen-science based bird surveys in the Changthang region of Ladakh.



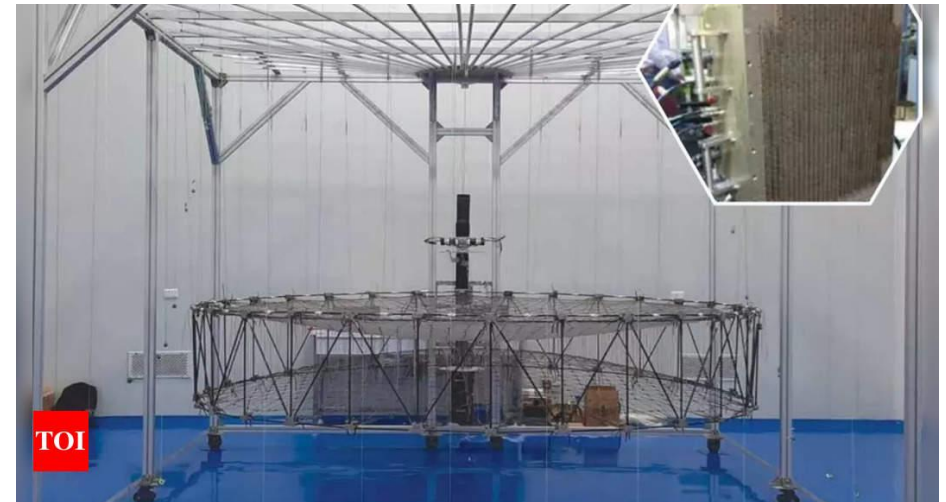
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Who developed unfurlable antenna for space radar?

- A) DRDO
- B) ISRO
- C) NASA
- D) ESA
- E) None of these

Answer
A) DRDO



Explanation

- In a key development, **Electronics and Radar Development Establishment (LRDE)**, a Bengaluru lab of the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**, has developed a major subsystem for a space radar, which holds significant potential not only for the Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro), but also for the military.
- **LRDE, which has been involved in the development of space-borne imaging radar** — mainly consisting of electronic radar subsystems and antenna deployment mechanisms — **for installation on satellites has completed the development of an UnFurlable Reflector Antenna (UFRA).**



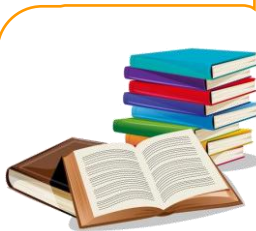
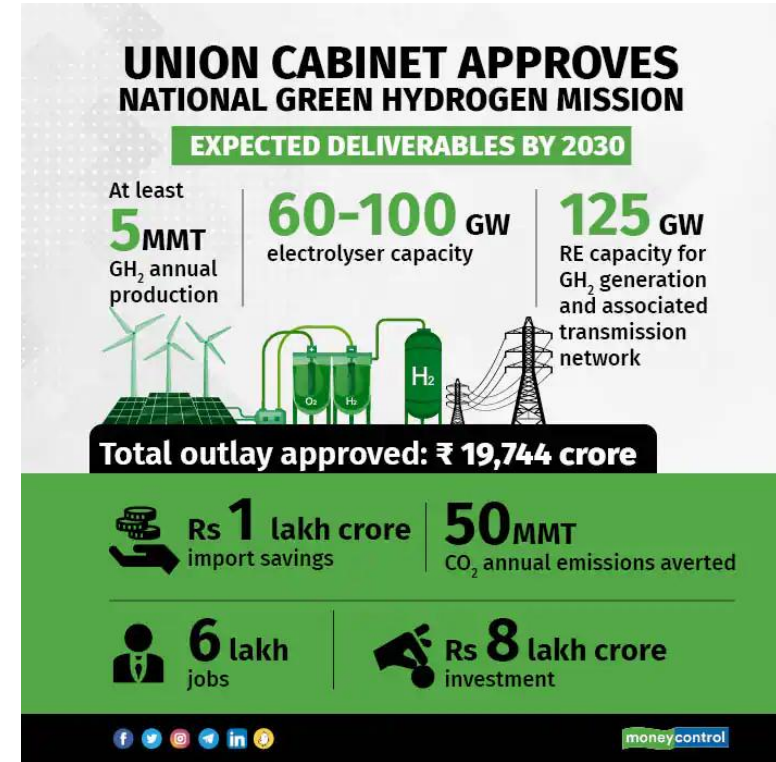
ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



➤ India set target of 5 MMT annual green hydrogen production by _____?

- A) 2025
- B) 2030
- C) 2035
- D) 2040
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 2030



ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



Explanation

- **"India is moving forward firmly for the '*panchamrit*' and net-zero carbon emission by 2070 to usher in green industrial and economic transition"**, said Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman while presenting the Union Budget in Parliament.
- **Sitharaman also announced India's target to reach an annual production of 5 MMT by 2030.**
- While mentioning the recently announced National Green Hydrogen Mission, she explained that it will facilitate the transition of the economy to a low carbon intensity and reduce dependence on fossil fuel imports.
- **"It will also make country assume technology and market leadership in this sunrise sector"**, she added.
- The Finance Minister also proposed an **allocation of Rs 35,000 crore for priority capital investments** towards energy transition and net zero objectives, and energy security by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Inception meeting of Startup20 concluded in _____ ?

- A) Chennai
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Vizag
- D) Hyderabad
- E) None of these

Answer
D) Hyderabad



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- **The inception meeting of Startup20, a new engagement group initiated under India's G20 presidency, was concluded in Hyderabad, an official statement said.**
- G20 is a grouping of developed and developing nations. India is holding its presidency for this year.
- The aim of the Startup20 Engagement Group is **to create a global narrative for supporting startups and enabling synergies between startups, corporates, investors, innovation agencies and other key ecosystem stakeholders.**
- The engagement group comprises three task forces - **Foundation and Alliance; Finance; and Inclusion and Sustainability**, where delegates will come together to discuss efficient policy frameworks to promote scaling up of startups in G20 nations.
- **"The primary objective is to harmonise the global startup ecosystem through a collaborative and forward-looking approach,"** it said.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

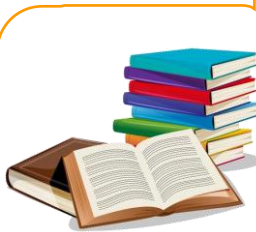


➤ Who hosted 'Me-Dam-Me-Phi' festival; pays respects to ancestors?

- A) Sarbananda Sonowal
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Nitin Jairam Gadkar
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Sarbananda Sonowal



Explanation

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal hosted "**Me-Dam-Me-Phi**", a festival of Assam's Tai Ahom community to worship and pay respect to the ancestors, at his official residence here.
- Several Union Ministers, MPs, diplomats of Thailand and Laos besides hundreds of Assamese community members living in Delhi-NCR attended the day-long event.
- Speaking on the occasion, Sonowal said the pious occasion gives an opportunity to pay respect to the ancestors and express gratitude for the rich heritage that they left behind, according to a press release.
- **"It is a wonderful occasion when we have all gathered here to celebrate this wonderful festival of Tai Ahom community for the peace and prosperity of the humanity.**
- **I extend my sincere gratitude to all who came to join this prayer.**
- **I also take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all of you, including everyone in Assam where it is celebrated widely by people from all communities,"** he said.



Titbits

Ministry of AYUSH

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Sarbanada Sonowal** (Assam)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ First-ever G20 meet in Assam began at _____?

- A) Guwahati
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Vizag
- D) Hyderabad
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Guwahati



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- The **first-ever G20 meeting in Assam began with Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurating the two-day event**, which will deliberate on sustainable financing solutions.
- More than 100 delegates, including 95 foreign officials, comprising representatives of G20 nations, guest countries and international organisations have assembled in Guwahati for the discussions of the influential world grouping.
- **"Today's meeting being held in the vicinity of this magnificent land of Guwahati has a special meaning to it as communities from diverse ethnicity and culture, socially coexist in harmony with nature through sustainable practices,"** Sonowal said during his inaugural speech.
- The G20 group through the **'1st Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting'** (SFWGM) in Guwahati is sharing a timely message of sustainable finance to maximise sustainable investment, the Union Shipping, Ports and Waterways Minister said.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



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)**



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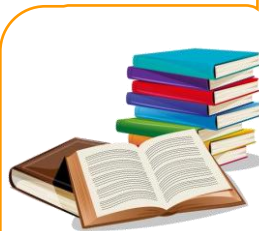
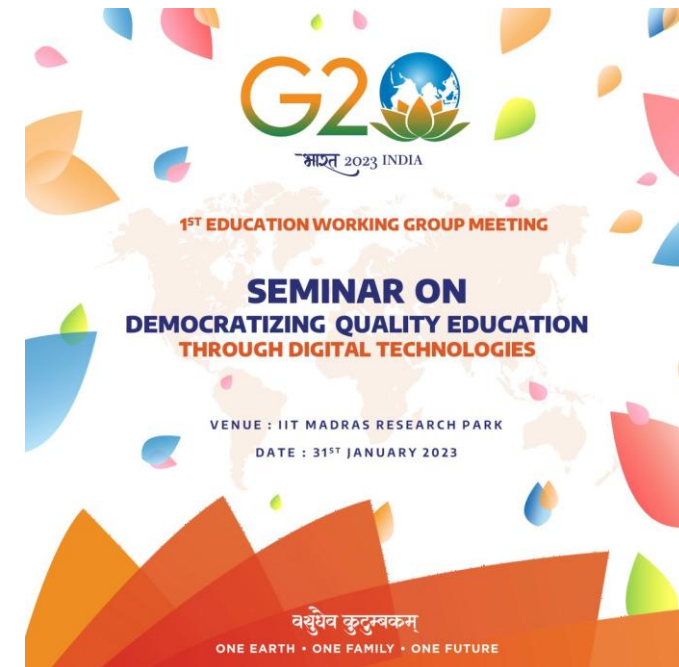


➤ 1st G20 Education working group meeting began in _____?

- A) Chennai
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Vizag
- D) Hyderabad
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Chennai



Explanation

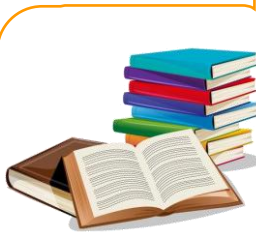
- **The G 20 education working group began its deliberations at Chennai this morning.**
- The meeting was inaugurated by Union Minister of State Dr L.Murugan.
- The focus of the deliberations will be on ensuring foundational literacy and numeracy, especially in the context of blended learning.
- Making tech-enabled learning more inclusive, qualitative and collaborative at every level.
- **The remarks will be made by Indonesia, Brazil, and other countries.**
- **Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and the United Arab Emirates** will be the guest countries attending the education working group.



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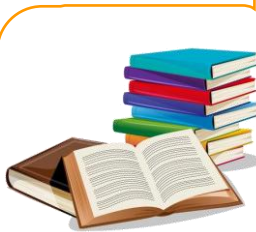
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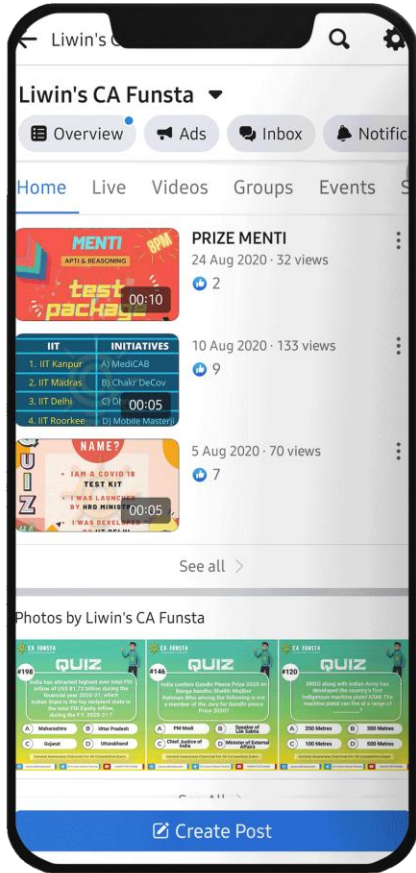
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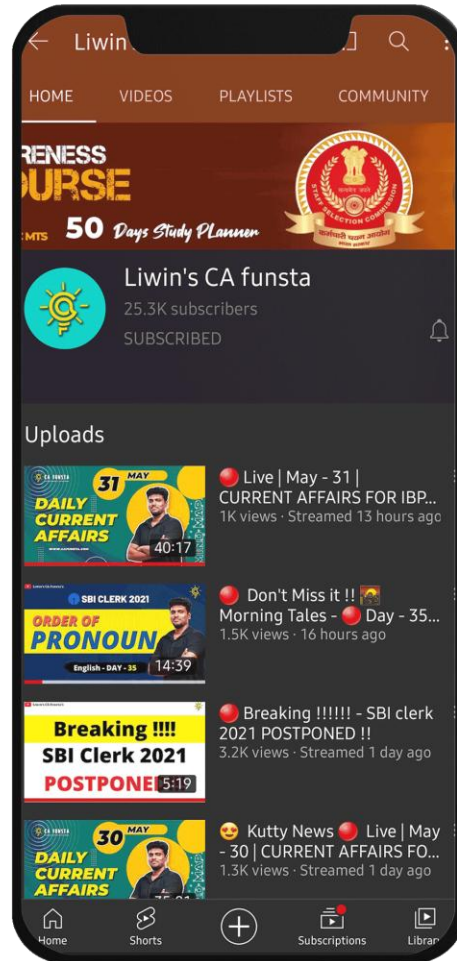
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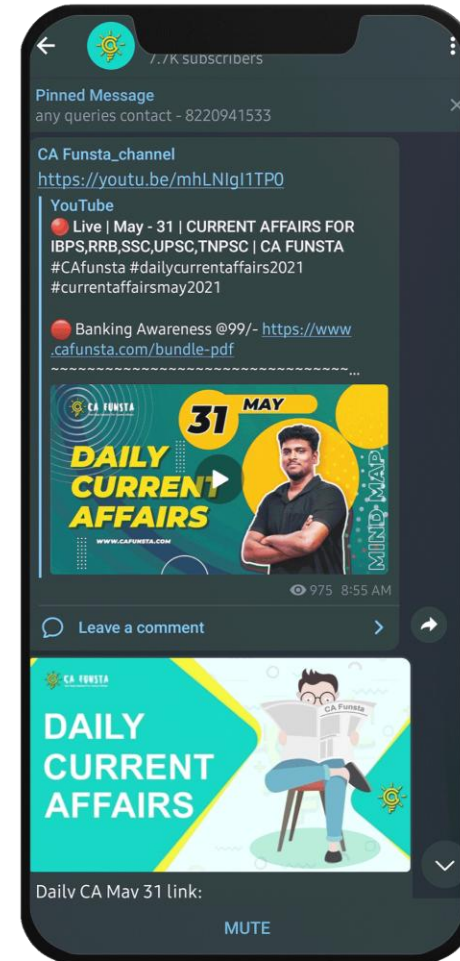
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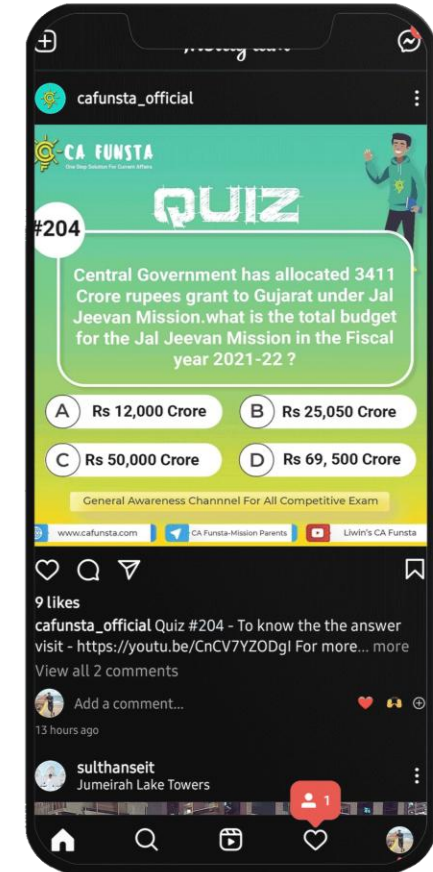
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