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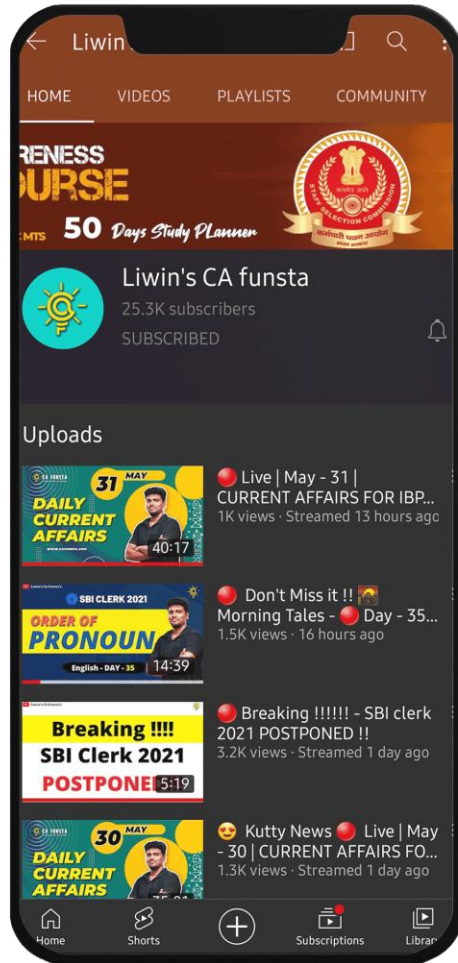
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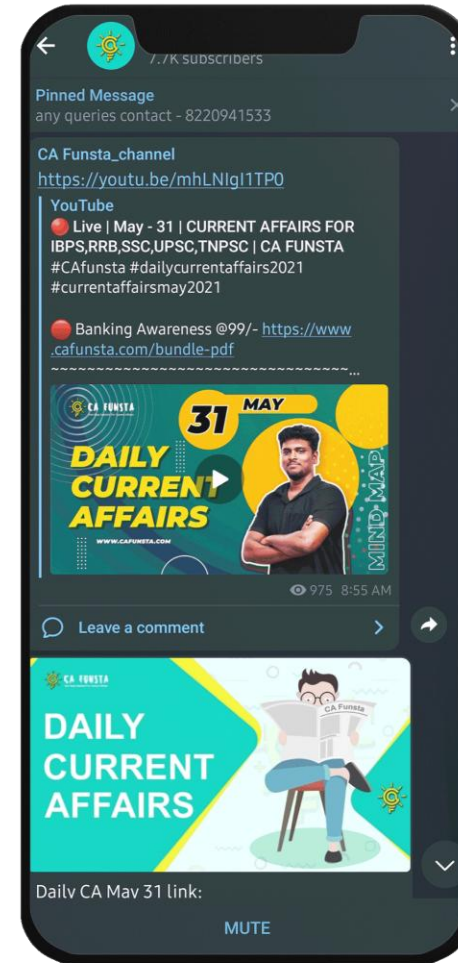
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Important Days



➤ **World Wetlands Day 2023 observed on_____?**

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



Answer

B) February 2nd

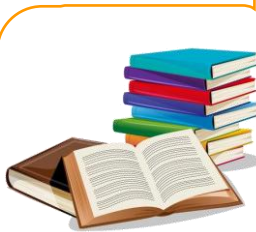


Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **World Wetlands Day 2023**
- DATE : **February 2**
- OTHERS : **Aims to raise global awareness about the crucial role of wetlands for people and the planet.**



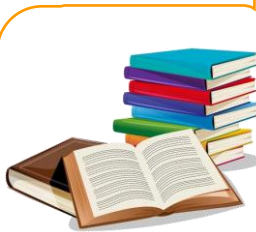
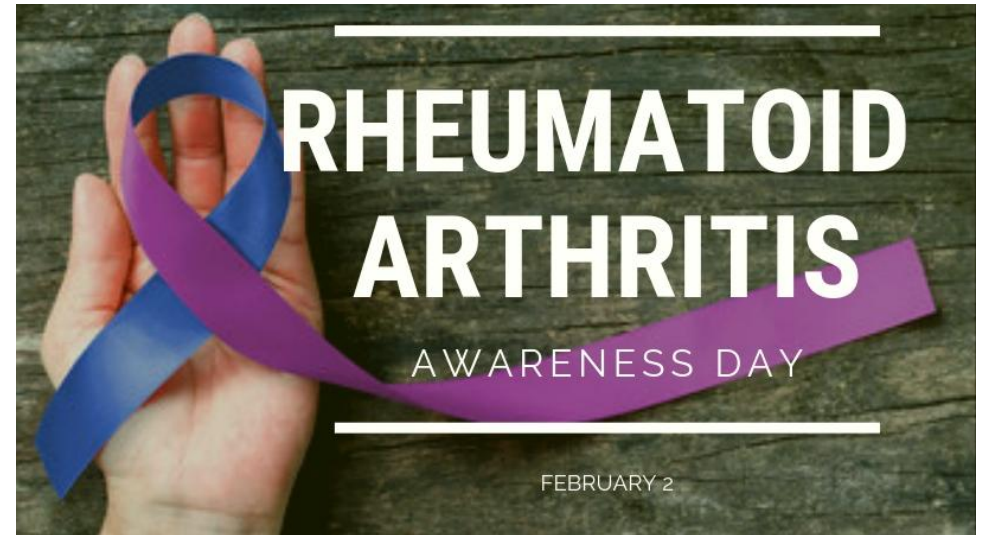
Important Days

➤ RA Awareness Day observed on _____?

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

Answer

B) February 2nd

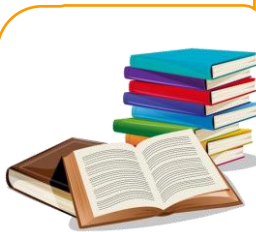


Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : RA Awareness Day
- DATE : February 2
- OTHERS : To spread awareness for patients suffering from rheumatoid arthritis.



SPORTS

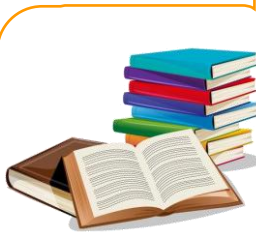


➤ **Who won bronze at Zagreb Open wrestling?**

- A) Mikey Whipwreck
- B) Aman Sehrawat
- C) Crybaby Cannon
- D) Chris Jericho
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Aman Sehrawat



SPORTS



Explanation

- India's **Aman Sehrawat** clinched a bronze medal at the Zagreb Open wrestling championships here.
- **The 17-year-old Aman defeated Zane Raye Rhodes Richards of USA 10-4 on points in the bronze medal contest to finish on the podium of the ranking tournament.**
- Aliabbas Rzazade of Azerbaijan bagged the gold, beating Yuto Nishiuchi of Japan 2-0 in the final.
- The other bronze was won by Beka Bujiashvili of Georgia, who beat Islam Bazarganov of Azerbaijan.
- Aman had earlier defeated Roberti Dingashvili of Georgia in the quarterfinals, before losing to Nishiuchi in the semifinals, to qualify for the repechage round as his Japanese opponent went on to reach the final.



SPORTS



➤ Which team clinched all four gold medals in water sports at Khelo India Youth Games 2022?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Punjab
- D) New Delhi
- E) None of these

Answer
B) Madhya Pradesh



Explanation

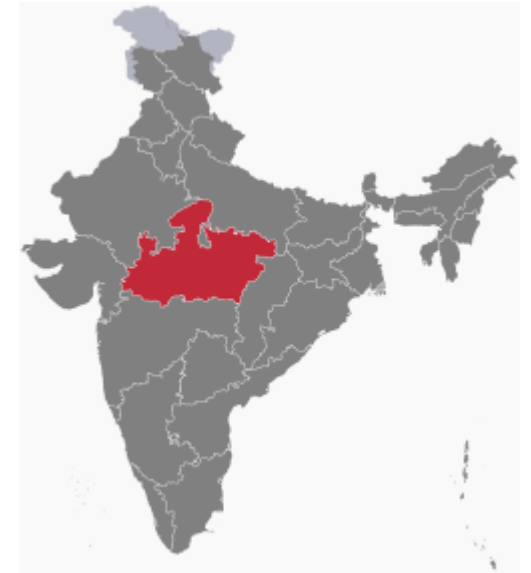
- **Madhya Pradesh has made history by clinching all the four gold medals in the water sports Canoeing and Kayaking at Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2022**, which was held at Upper Lake area in the state capital Bhopal.
- Madhya Pradesh's Nitin Verma bagged the first medal for the state with a gold medal in water sports which included in the KIYG for the first time.
- Nitin won the gold in Kayaking's K-1 1000m event with a timing of 4.21.185 minutes.
- On the other hand, Harshvardhan Shekhawat of Rajasthan won the silver with a timing of 4.28.520 minutes while T. Gasepam of Odisha won the bronze with a timing of 4.30.430 minutes.



Titbits

Madhya Pradesh

- Capital: **Bhopal**
- CM: **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**
- Governor: **Mangubhai Patel**
- Language: **Hindi**
- National Park: **Kuno National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary : Bagdara Wildlife Sanctuary
- Ramsar Site: **Bhoj Wetlands, Sirpur Wetland**
- Tiger Reserve: **Panna Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Satpura Thermal Power Station**
- RRB: **Madhya Pradesh Gramin Bank (BOI), Madhyanchal Gramin Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Khajuraho Group of monuments, Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi, Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka**



RANKING



➤ Who is the world's largest derivatives exchange for fourth straight year in 2022?

- A) NSE
- B) BSE
- C) RBI
- D) SEBI
- E) None of these

Answer
A) NSE



RANKING



Explanation

- The **National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)** has again emerged as the **world's largest derivatives exchange in 2022**, in terms of the number of contracts traded, according to the Futures Industry Association (FIA).
- This is the fourth consecutive year when the exchange earned the top spot, the NSE said in a statement.
- In addition, **the exchange was ranked third in the equity segment by the number of trades (electronic order book) in 2022**, an advancement from the previous year when it was in the fourth position, as per statistics maintained by the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE).
- The calendar year witnessed the benchmark equity index the Nifty 50 touching lifetime high of 18,887.60. Further, significant strengthening in liquidity was seen in several product categories, including equity, equity derivatives and currency derivatives.



➤ **SBM Bank India Raises _____ Cr From LIC Via Tier II Bonds' Issuance?**

- A) Rs 96 crore
- B) Rs 97 crore
- C) Rs 98 crore
- D) Rs 99 crore
- E) None of these



Answer

D) Rs 99 crore



BANKING AND FINANCE



Explanation

- SBM Bank (India) said that it has **raised Rs 99 crore through the issuance of the second tranche of Basel-III compliant tier II bonds on 24 January 2023.**
- The bank has raised the entire corpus from the country's largest financial institution, the LIC of India.
- With this fresh round of capital raising from multiple investors, SBM Bank India now has raised a total of Rs 224 crore to date through Basel III compliant tier II bonds, the company stated in a statement.
- Mandar Pitale, Head- Treasury, SBM Bank India said, **"We are extremely proud to have India's largest public sector insurance company the LIC of India as the investor in our fund-raising exercise through bonds."**
- Pitale added that LIC is a very respected name in the insurance space and its decision to subscribe to the entire tranche of our bonds shows its faith in the Bank's overall ability to perform in a tight-leash private banking space.
- **"The funds will definitely help us in our business expansion plans and allow us to capture the emerging growth opportunities in the country,"** added Pitale.



Titbits

SBM Bank India

- Founded : **1st December 2018**
- Headquarters : **Mumbai**
- MD and CEO : **Sidharth Rath**



➤ Which bank implemented RBI's first phase of Digital Rupee?

- A) SBM Bank
- B) IDFC Bank
- C) UCO Bank
- D) KMBL Bank
- E) None of these

Answer

D) KMBL Bank



Explanation

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) announced that it has implemented the first phase of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Digital Rupee (eRs).**
- KMBL is among the eight banks shortlisted by RBI to implement a pilot project for issuance of Digital Rupee, a legal tender that is similar to bank notes and coins, issued in a digital form by RBI.
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank today rolled out the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) to a Closed User Group (CUG) of customers, which includes retail consumers and businesses.**



Titbits

Kotak Mahindra Bank

- Founded : **February 2003**
- HQ : **Mumbai**
- MD & CEO : **Uday Kotak**
- Tagline : **Let's Make Money Simple**



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



➤ Indian Oil Chairman flagged off the first export consignment consisting of _____ kilo litres of AVGAS 100 LL in 80 barrels?

- A) 15 kilo litres
- B) 16 kilo litres
- C) 17 kilo litres
- D) 19 kilo litres
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 16 kilo litres



Explanation

- **State-run Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has started the export of its special aviation fuel for small aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicles (drones), AVGAS 100 LL.**
- “IOC Chairman S M Vaidya, flagged off the first export consignment of AVGAS 100 LL to Papua New Guinea from GTI Terminal of JNPT.
- **The consignment consisted of 16 kilo litres (KL) of AVGAS packed in 80 barrels.**
- This is the first ever instance of India exporting AVGAS,” the PSU oil marketing company (OMC) said in a statement.
- By exporting the special aviation fuel, which was launched in September last year, the country’s largest auto fuel retailer aims to tap the \$1.92 billion aviation gasoline (AV Gas) market.
- AV Gas market is expected **to grow from the current \$1.92 billion to \$2.71 billion by 2029.**



APPOINTMENTS



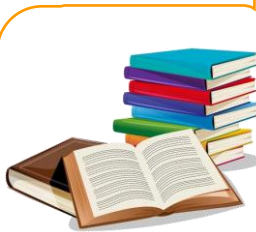
➤ Who appointed as India's High Commissioner to Namibia?

- A) M Subbarayudu
- B) Prashant Agrawal
- C) Elisabeth Domitien
- D) Milka Planinc
- E) None of these



Answer

B) Prashant Agrawal



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Prashant Agrawal**, currently serving as **High Commissioner of India to Namibia** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Laos, the Ministry of External Affairs announced in a statement.
- Prashant Agrawal is expected to take up the assignment shortly. He joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1998, according to the High Commission of India in Namibia.
- **"Shri Prashant Agrawal (IFS: 1998), presently High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Namibia has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Lao People's Democratic Republic. He is expected to take up the assignment shortly,"** the Ministry of External Affairs announced in a statement.
- Previously, he has served in India's Missions in Paris, Port Louis and Bangkok where he served as Deputy Chief of Mission and India's Deputy Permanent Representative to UNESCAP.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who appointed next ambassador of India to Laos?**

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

Answer

A) M Subbarayudu



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **M Subbarayudu, currently serving as Ambassador of India to Peru,** has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Namibia, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced in a statement.
- Subbarayudu is expected to take up the assignment shortly. According to the MEA, he joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1994.
- **"Shri M. Subbarayudu, presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of Peru, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Namibia. He is expected to take up the assignment shortly,"** the Ministry of External Affairs announced in a statement.
- Earlier in November, India and Namibia held the fourth round of Foreign Office Consultations (FOCs) in Windhoek, Namibia where the two sides carried out a comprehensive review of the existing bilateral ties.



AWARDS



➤ Who received CII Food Safety Award 2022 for Outstanding Laboratory Performance – Food Testing Laboratories?

- A) SGS
- B) NABCB
- C) ISO
- D) FSSAI
- E) None of these

Answer
A) SGS



AWARDS



Explanation

- **SGS is proud to have been awarded the 13th Food Safety Award 2022 for Outstanding Laboratory Performance – Food Testing Laboratories** by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) – Food and Agriculture Center of Excellence (FACE) – India's leading resource center for driving food safety and nutrition in the food processing industry.
- The award was **presented to the SGS Food Testing laboratory based in Ambattur, Chennai.**
- Launched by CII in 2010, the CII Award for Food Safety promotes internationally benchmarked practices in food safety in small, medium and large food businesses and encourages building capacity in the food value chain.
- **The award is based on a food safety maturity assessment of all participating organizations in India.**
- Food testing laboratories are evaluated on their performance based on ISO 17025:2017 standards, best practices, leadership initiatives and statutory and social compliance.

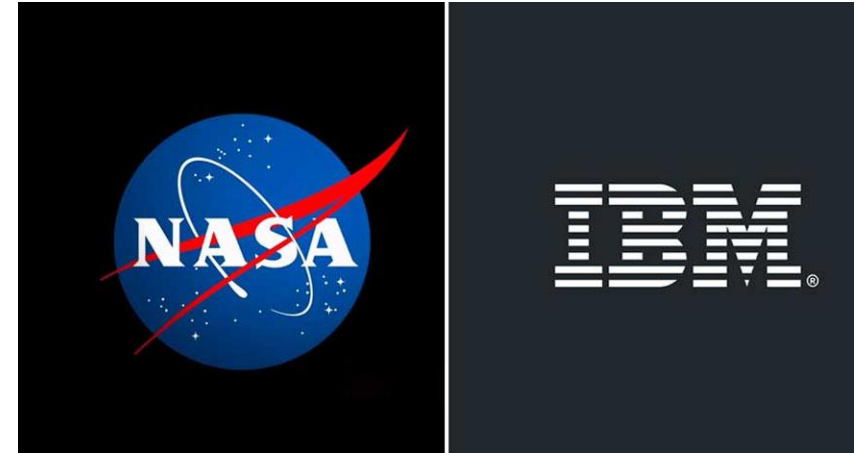


SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Who among the following and IBM team up to spur new discoveries about Earth?

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



Answer
C) NASA



Explanation

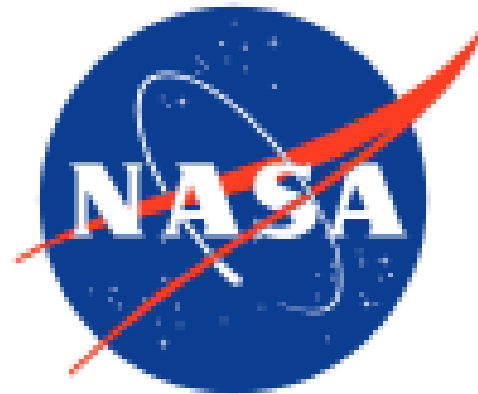
- **NASA and IBM have collaborated to develop artificial intelligence (AI) based models** that will make it easier to mine vast datasets to advance scientific knowledge about Earth, and help the world to adapt to a changing environment.
- The joint work will apply AI foundation model technology to NASA's Earth-observing satellite data for the first time, NASA said in a statement.
- Foundation models are types of AI models that are trained on a broad set of unlabelled data, can be used for different tasks, and can apply information about one situation to another.
- **"The beauty of foundation models is they can potentially be used for many downstream applications,"** said Rahul Ramachandran, a senior research scientist at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center.
- **"Building these foundation models cannot be tackled by small teams; you need teams across different organisations to bring their different perspectives, resources, and skill sets,"** Ramachandran said in a statement.



Titbits

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

- Formed : **July 29, 1958**
- Headquarters : **Washington, D.C**
- Motto : **"Exploring the secrets of the universe for the benefit of all"**



DEFENCE

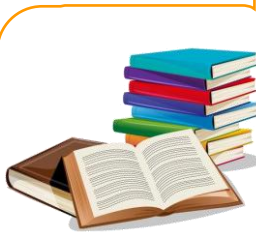


➤ Quad Senior Cyber Group Met in _____ to Strengthen Cybersecurity Cooperation?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Punjab
- D) New Delhi
- E) None of these

Answer

D) New Delhi



Explanation

- **The Quad Senior Cyber Group Principals**, Mr Michael Pezzullo AO, Secretary of Australia's Department of Home Affairs, Lt General Rajesh Pant, National Cyber Security Coordinator of India, Mr Masataka Okano, Deputy National Security Adviser of Japan and Ms Anne Neuberger, Deputy National Security Adviser of USA, along with their inter-agency delegations, met in New Delhi on 30-31 January 2023 **to discuss the collective approach to enhance the cybersecurity cooperation and resilience.**
- **Cybersecurity is one of the key areas identified by the Quad Leaders in advancing a free and open Indo-Pacific that is inclusive and resilient.**
- During the meeting, participants discussed sharing threat information, identifying and evaluating potential risks in supply chains for digitally enabled products and services, and aligning baseline software security requirements to improve the broader software development ecosystem for the benefit of the Indo-Pacific region.
- The Group also **discussed building cybersecurity capacity for Quad members and for partners in the Indo-Pacific region.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ G20 Employment Working Group meeting began in _____?

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

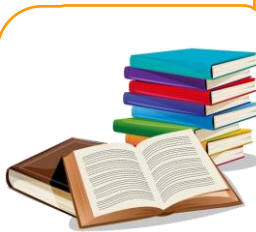


Answer
B) Jodhpur



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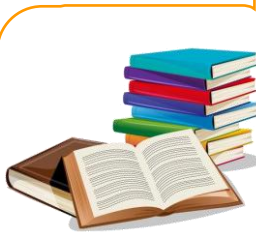
- A panel discussion with focus on developing collaborative road map for global skills was **organised as part of the first Employment Working Group meeting under India's G20 presidency.**
- The meeting is being held **at Jodhpur from February 2 to 4.**
- The panel discussion focused on global trends on skill shortages, surpluses and mismatches, and deliberated on the means to plug these skills deficits.
- It also deliberated on development of a collaborative road map for global skills and qualifications harmonization, according to an official statement.
- The discussion was chaired and **moderated by Atul Kumar Tiwari**, Secretary of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, the statement said.



QUICK RECALL



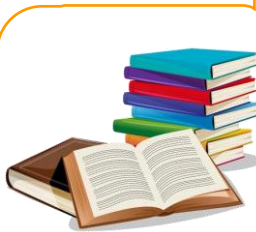
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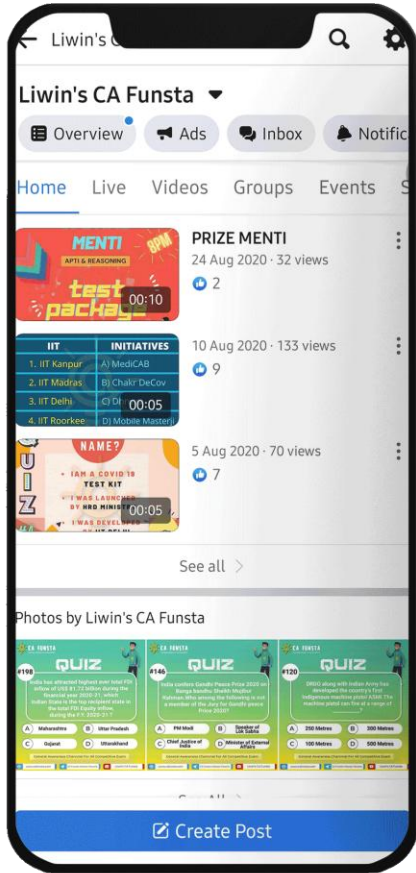
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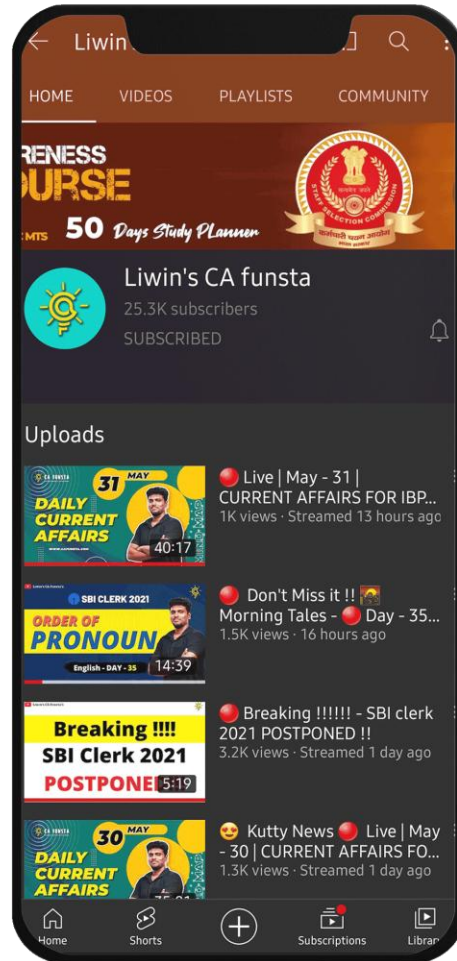
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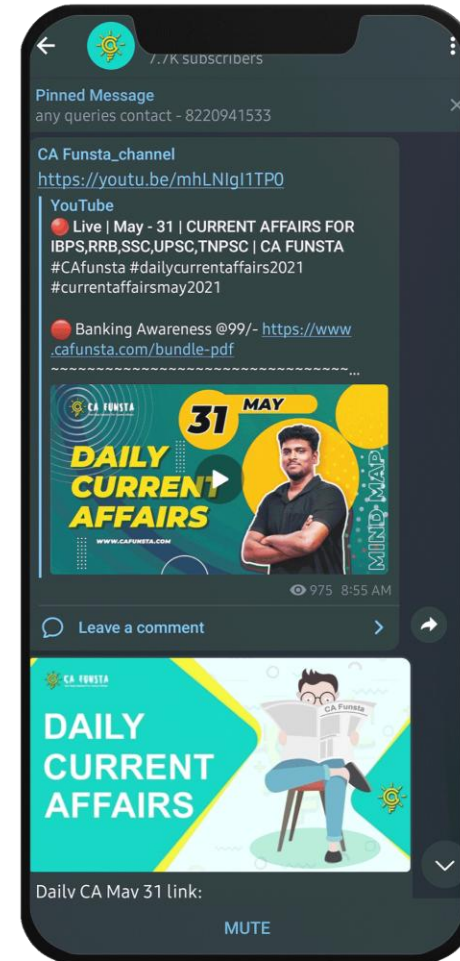
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