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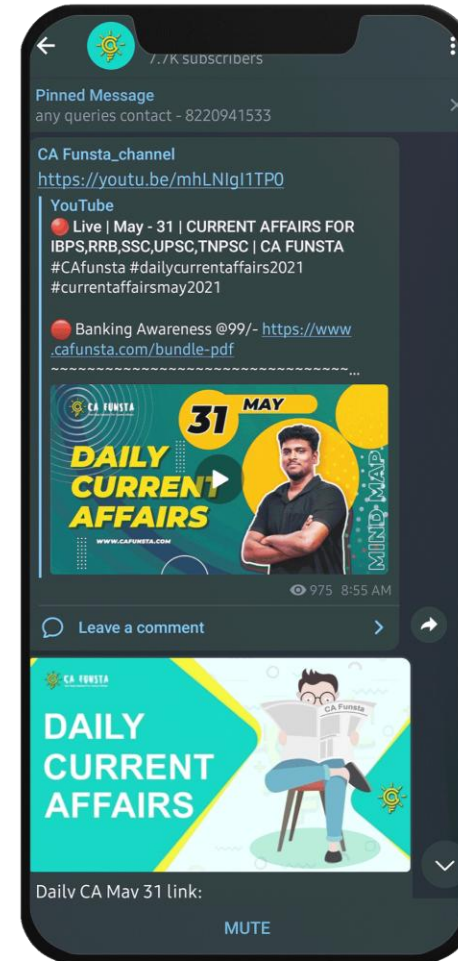
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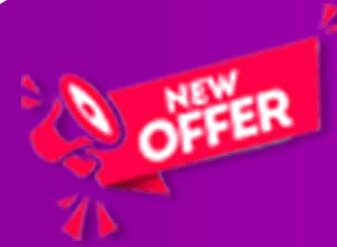
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# Important Days



➤ International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation observed on \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) February 5<sup>th</sup>
- B) February 6<sup>th</sup>
- C) February 3<sup>rd</sup>
- D) February 4<sup>th</sup>
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**B) February 6th**

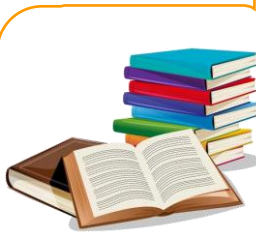
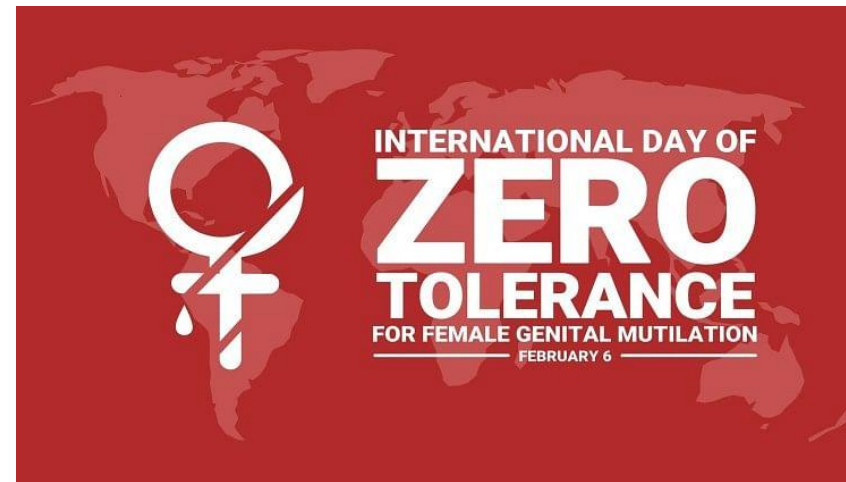


# Important Days



## Explanation

- DAY : **International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation**
- DATE : **6 February**
- OTHERS : To spread awareness and educate people about the consequences and problems that females faced due to genital mutilation. The theme for 2023 is **“Partnership with Men and Boys to transform Social and gender Norms to End FGM”**.



# Important Days



➤ International Development Week is observed from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) 5 February to 11 February
- B) 6 February to 12 February
- C) 7 February to 13 February
- D) 8 February to 14 February
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**B) 6 February to 12 February**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- **International Development Week (IDW) is celebrated from 6 February to 12 February** and this year marks the 30th anniversary of International Development Week in Canada.
- This day informs about different roles and career paths in the international development sector.





# SPORTS



➤ Which place set to host third edition of Khelo India Winter Games?

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



**Answer**

**C) Jammu and Kashmir**



## Explanation

- **Gulmarg** located in the northern region of Kashmir Valley, is all set to host the third edition of the "**Khelo India Winter Games.**"
- More than 1500 participants are **expected to participate in the mega sports event scheduled to commence on February 10, 2023.**
- Recently, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, **Anurag Thakur along with J&K Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, launched the 3rd Khelo India National Winter Games Anthem, mascot and jersey.**
- They expressed happiness over Gulmarg turning into a "**Sports City**" and it is in a position to host the largest ever contingent of 1500 players from across the country.



## 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)**



# OBITUARY



➤ Former Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf passed away in \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) Dubai
- B) Afghanistan
- C) Istanbul
- D) Punjab
- E) None of these



**Answer**  
**A) Dubai**



# OBITUARY



## Explanation

- **Pervez Musharraf, former President of Pakistan, passed away after a prolonged illness on Sunday at a hospital in Dubai.** He was 79.
- Musharraf had been undergoing treatment for an ailment at an American Hospital Dubai, reported Geo News.
- Musharraf has been declared a fugitive in the former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto murder case and Red Mosque cleric killing case.
- The former President, living in Dubai since 2016, was facing a treason case for suspending the Constitution in 2007.
- The former military ruler had left for Dubai in March 2016 for medical treatment and had not returned since.
- Musharraf was born on August 11, 1943, in Delhi and completed his early education at St Patrick's High School in Karachi.
- The former president pursued higher education at Forman Christian College in Lahore.



# OBITUARY



➤ Robert Dalva who is \_\_\_\_\_ passed away at 80?

- A) Singer
- B) Editor
- C) Director
- D) Photographer
- E) None of these



**Answer**  
**B) Editor**



# OBITUARY



## Explanation

- **Robert Dalva, the film editor** who earned an Oscar nomination for his work on the family adventure '**The Black Stallion**' has died.
- He collaborated with director Joe Johnston on five films, including '**Jumanji**' and '**Captain America: The First Avenger**'.
- He was 80. According to the Hollywood Reporter, Dalva died on Jan. 27 of lymphoma in Marin County, California.
- Born in New York on April 14, 1942, Robert John Dalva booked movies for a film program while attending Colgate University.
- He took a film class most Fridays at Syracuse University, where he learnt how to run a camera.
- After he graduated from Colgate in 1964, he spent three years at USC, where his classmates included Lucas, John Milius, Caleb Deschanel, Walter Murch and Randal Kleiser.



➤ **Who unveiled sustainable equity fund to offer stocks with high ESG scores?**

- A) Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Company
- B) Bajaj Finserv's life insurance
- C) HDFC Life Insurance Co. Ltd
- D) Max Life Insurance Co. Ltd.
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**B) Bajaj Finserv's life insurance**





## Explanation

- **Bajaj Finserv's life insurance arm, Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance has launched Sustainable Equity Fund for investors.**
- This equity fund will allow investment in companies that are socially responsible and have been evaluated on relevant **Environment (E), Social (S), and Governance (G) factors.**
- The fund will be available on the insurer's flagship ULIPs.
- Tarun Chugh, MD & CEO, of Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance, said, **"I believe the Bajaj Allianz Life Sustainable Equity Fund will strongly resonate with our customers."**
- Further, the fund offers them a strong proposition **to fulfil Life Goals** while ensuring the ESG quotient of their decisions remains strong.
- Chugh added, **"This will enable us to collectively contribute towards building a strong ESG eco-system."**



## Titbits

### Bajaj Finance Limited

- Founder : **Rahul Bajaj**
- Headquarters : **Pune, India**
- Chairman : **Sanjiv Bajaj**



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Who will sign MOU with LanzaJet for sustainable aviation fuel?

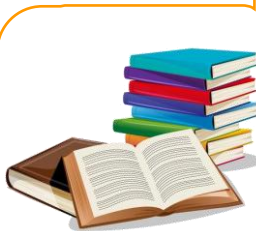


LanzaJet

- A) IOC
- B) BPCL
- C) CPCL
- D) ONGC
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) IOC**



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Explanation

- **Indian Oil Corp** will sign a memorandum of understanding with sustainable fuel tech provider **LanzaJet to produce sustainable aviation fuel at its Panipat refinery in northern India, its chairman told Reuters.**
- The company has a tie up with LanzaTech for converting waste gas to ethanol, and U.S.-based LanzaJet will be helping in upgrading ethanol to jet fuel.
- **By 2030, 2% of aviation fuel will be sustainable aviation fuel,** Chairman S. M. Vaidya told Reuters on the sidelines of India Energy Week in Bengaluru.



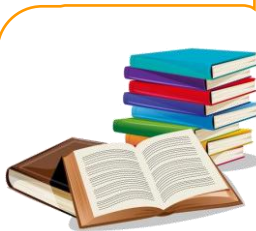
# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Titbits

### Indian Oil Corporation Limited

- Founded : **30 June 1959**
- Headquarters : **New Delhi, India**
- Chairman : **Shrikant Madhav Vaidya**



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Who collaborated with ISRO collaborate to develop astronaut training module?

- A) IIT Madras
- B) IIT Bombay
- C) IIT Patna
- D) All of these
- E) None of these



**Answer**

**A) IIT Madras**



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Explanation

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras announced a collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to curate a training module for Indian Spaceflight Programme.
- A MoU was signed between ISRO and IIT Madras for collaboration on the application of Extended Reality (XR) and other technologies in Indian Human Spaceflight Programme.
- This training module will be created on the basis of Augmented Reality (AR)/ Virtual Reality (VR) / Mixed Reality (MR).



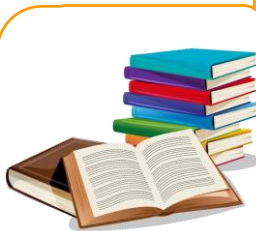
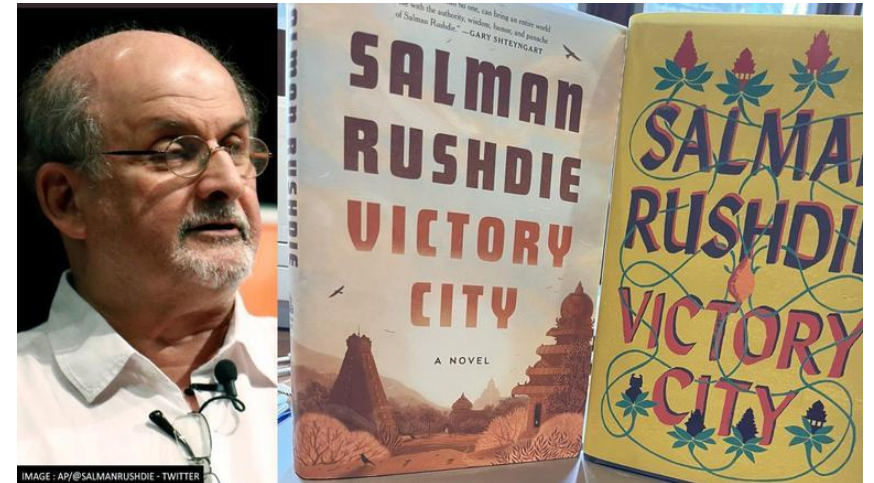
# BOOKS AND AUTHORS



➤ Salman Rushdie releases ‘\_\_\_\_\_ City’, first book after New York knife attack?

- A) Gift
- B) Smart
- C) Victory
- D) Developed
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**C) Victory**





# BOOKS AND AUTHORS



## Explanation

- Six months after being stabbed, British author Salman Rushdie published his new novel "**Victory City**", an "**epic tale**" of a 14th-century woman who defies a patriarchal world to rule a city.
- **Written before the US knife attack that nearly took the Indian-born author's life, the novel purports to be a translation of a historical epic originally written in Sanskrit.**
- The much-anticipated work tells the tale of young orphan girl Pampa Kampana who is endowed by a goddess with magical powers and founds the city, in modern-day India, of Bisnaga, which translates as Victory City.
- Rushdie, 75, will not promote his 15th novel due to his physical condition, although his agent Andrew Wylie told The Guardian that his "**recovery is progressing**".
- He was attacked as he was about to speak at a conference in Chautauqua in upstate New York, near Lake Erie, on August 12.
- The author had lived in hiding for years after Iran's first supreme leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini ordered his killing for what he deemed the blasphemous nature of "**The Satanic Verses**".



➤ Who started e-catering website and app Food on Track?

- A) IRCTC
- B) TNSTC
- C) APRTC
- D) SETC
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
A) IRCTC



## Explanation

- **Indian Railways' PSU, Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC) started e-catering services** through a specially developed website [www.catering.irctc.co.in](http://www.catering.irctc.co.in) as well its e-catering app Food on Track.
- In a step further towards the making its e-catering services more customer-centric, Indian Railways has recently started WhatsApp communication for the railway passengers to order food through e-catering services.
- Business **WhatsApp number +91-8750001323** has been started for the purpose.
- Initially, two stages implementation of e-catering services was planned through WhatsApp Communication.
- In the first phase, Business WhatsApp number will be sending a message to the customer booking e-ticket for opting for e-catering services through clicking the **link [www.ecatering.irctc.co.in](http://www.ecatering.irctc.co.in)**.



# DEFENCE



➤ **Naval Light Combat Aircraft operated from INS Vikrant for which time?**

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

**Answer**  
**A) 1st**



## Explanation

- **LCA (Navy) is only a technology demonstrator** but the development is significant as it showcases that **India has developed niche technologies specific to deck-based fighter operations, and this will pave the way to develop and manufacture the twin-engine deck-based fighter (TEDBF).**
- A prototype of the naval version of the locally made light combat aircraft (LCA) for the first time landed and took off from indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant, which was commissioned into the navy last September, marking **a pivotal point in the country's quest for self-reliance in the defence manufacturing sector**, officials familiar with the matter said.
- **“The development demonstrates India’s capability to design, develop, construct and operate indigenous aircraft carrier with locally made fighter aircraft,”** said one of the officials cited above, on the condition of anonymity.
- The LCA (Navy) has operated from INS Vikrant deck at a time when the aircraft carrier is in the midst of critical flight trials to become fully operational this year, said another official.



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which country unveiled plans for co-operation under trilateral framework?

- A) India
- B) France
- C) United Arab Emirates
- D) All of these
- E) None of these



**Answer**

**D) All of these**



## Explanation

- **India, France and the United Arab Emirates unveiled an ambitious roadmap for cooperation in a plethora of areas including defence, energy and technology** under a trilateral framework, a move that comes amid the geopolitical turmoil triggered by the conflict in Ukraine.
- **The plan was finalised during a phone conversation among External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, his French counterpart Catherine Colonna and UAE's Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan.**
- **A joint statement said it was acknowledged** that defence is an area of close cooperation between the three countries.
- "Therefore, efforts will be undertaken to further promote compatibility, and joint development and co-production, whilst seeking out avenues for further collaboration and training between the three countries' defence forces,".



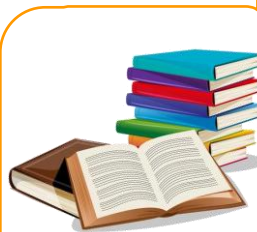
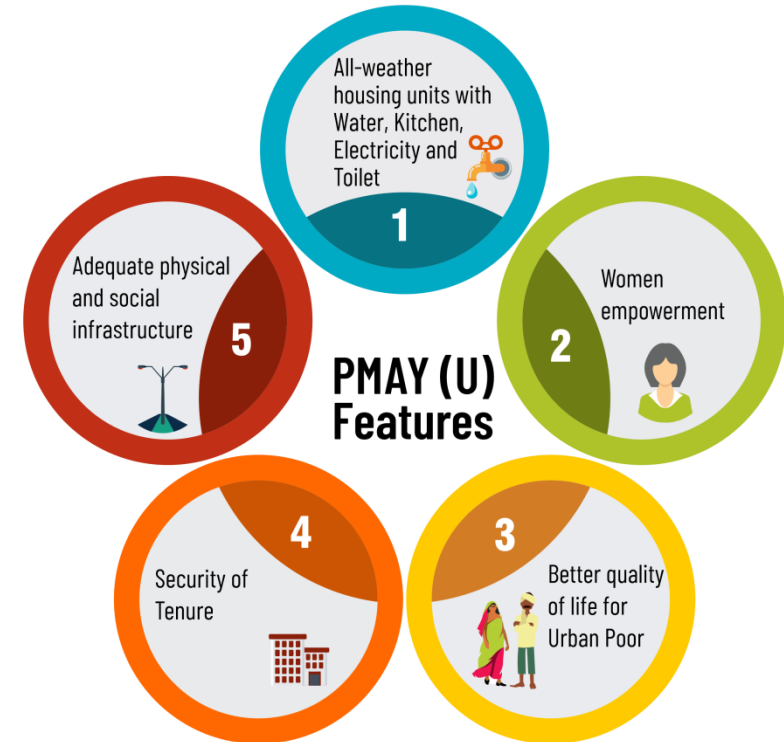
# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which scheme extended up to next year, to complete all houses sanctioned during last FY?

- A) PMAY-U
- B) PMJDY
- C) PMJJBY
- D) PMSBY
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**A) PMAY-U**





## Explanation

- Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs **Hardeep Singh Puri** has said that **around 123 lakh houses were sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U)** during the last fiscal, of which 68 lakh houses were completed and delivered till last month.
- In a written reply in the Rajya Sabha, he said the Centre has approved **two lakh crore rupees under the scheme, out of which 1.36 lakh crore rupees have been released so far.**
- The Minister said the PMAY-U scheme has been extended up to next year, to complete all the houses sanctioned during the last financial year.
- He said the demand survey undertaken by **the states and Union Territories shows demand for 112 lakh houses under PMAY-U in the country.**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ LG Manoj Sinha inaugurated SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2023 in \_\_\_\_\_?

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



**Answer**

**C) Jammu and Kashmir**



## Explanation

- Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha inaugurated the SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2023** at Aquaplex Crown at Bagh-e-Bahu, Jammu.
- The fair is witnessing participation of women Self Help Groups from around 25 States and UTs across the country.
- **The 11-day-long fair is first of its kind in the Union Territory of J&K.**
- The mega event will provide a platform for the rural SHG women to sell and promote their self-made products & create marketing linkages with various selling platforms.
- **Seventy-five stalls and 10 food courts have been set up at the exhibition site showcasing crafts, handicrafts, handloom and cuisine.**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which state will host first Youth20 Inception Meeting from February 6 to 8?

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

**Answer**  
**C) Assam**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Explanation

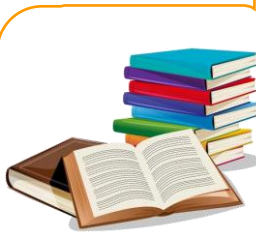
- **Guwahati is all set to host the first Youth20 (Y20) Inception Meeting 2023 from February 6 to 8, under G20.**
- The meeting will be held on the **IIT-Guwahati campus.**
- The Summit will provide an opportunity for the students to voice their opinions to the audience worldwide.
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur will hold a '**Youth dialogue**' with Y20 delegates followed by the launch of a white paper on various themes.
- Chief Minister of Assam, **Himanta Biswa Sarma will also present research papers from students and academicians of Assam.**
- In addition to this, Technical sessions and deliberations will be hosted at IIT Guwahati. Further, an Ice breaking session will be held with Y20 delegates at Brahmaputra Sandbar island and eminent Singer Papon will perform at the session.
- More than 150 Youth delegates from G20 countries are set to participate in three-day meetings. Over 12,000 college/university students are also expected to participate in these events.



## Titbits

### Assam

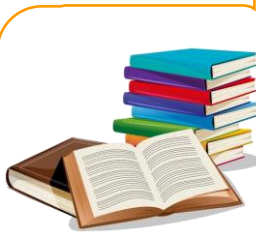
- Capital: **Dispur**
- CM: **Himanta Biswa Sharma**
- Governor: **Jagdish Mukhi**
- Language: **Assamese, Bodo**
- National Park: **Rajiv Gandhi (Orang) National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Amchang WLS**
- Ramsar Site: **Deepor Beel**
- Tiger Reserve: **Manas**
- Power Station: **Bongaigon Thermal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



# QUICK RECALL



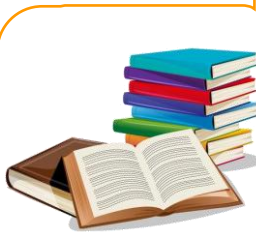
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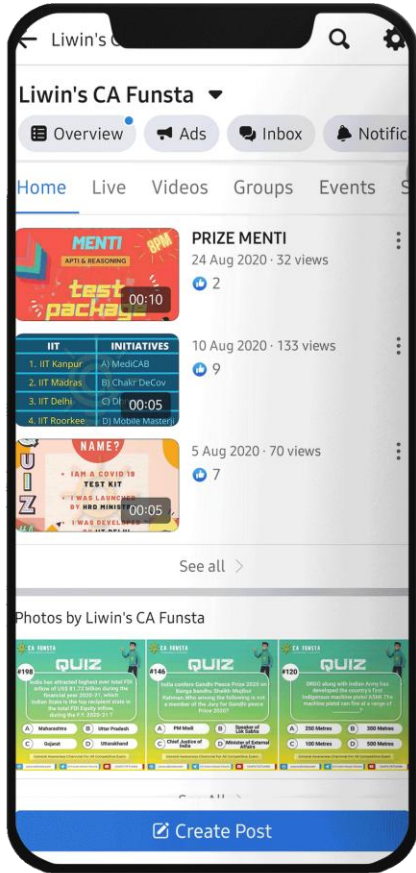
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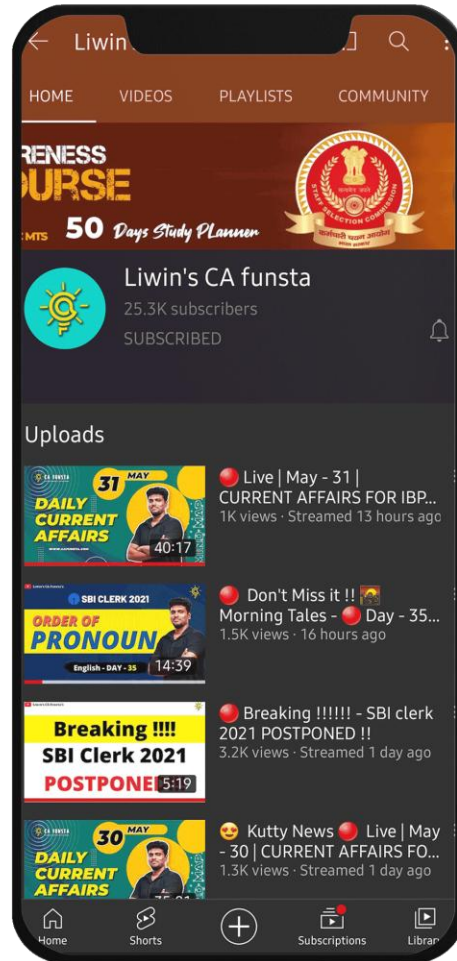
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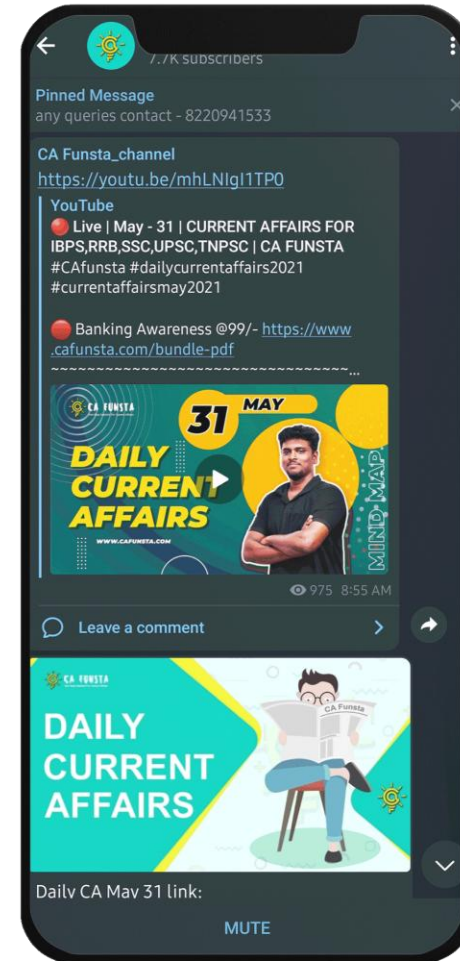
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