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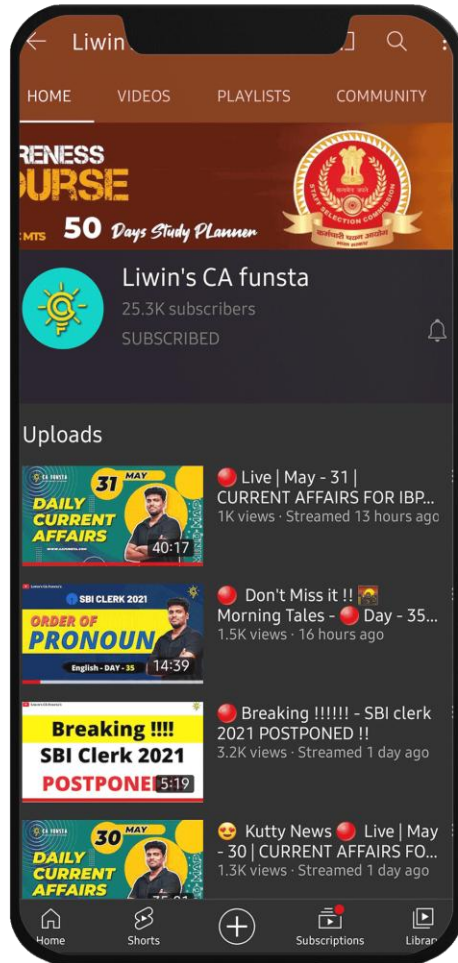
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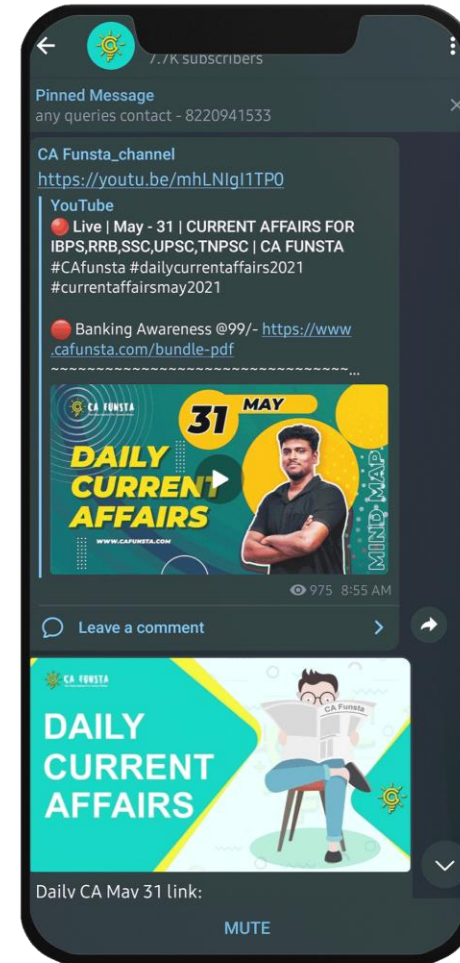
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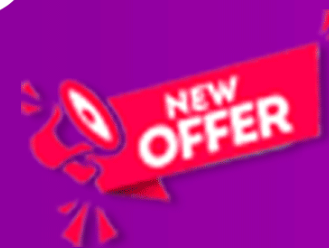
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SPORTS



➤ Which stadium will host ICC World Test Championship 2023 final from June 7?

- A) Eden Gardens
- B) The Oval
- C) Brabourne Stadium
- D) Headingley
- E) None of these



Answer
B) The Oval



Explanation

- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** confirmed that **the second edition of the ICC World Test Championship Final will be played between June 7 to 11**, as two years of Test cricket reaches its conclusion in the Ultimate Test at The Oval in England.
- The **final of the second edition of the ICC World Test Championship will be played at The Oval, London from June 7 to 11** with a reserve day in place on 12 June.
- New Zealand had won the inaugural edition, defeating India by eight wickets in the 2021 final in Southampton.



SPORTS



➤ Which country launched official joint bid to host FIFA World Cup 2030?

- A) Argentina
- B) Chile
- C) Uruguay
- D) Paraguay
- E) All of these

Answer
E) All of these



Explanation

- **Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay launched their official joint bid to host the Football World Cup in 2030, exactly 100 years after the event was first held, in Montevideo.**
- **"We are convinced that FIFA has an obligation to honor the memory of those who organized the first World Cup,"** Alejandro Dominguez, president of the Conmebol South American federation, said in Argentina.



SPORTS



➤ ICC T-20 Women's World Cup kick starts in where from Feb 10?

- A) South Africa
- B) Australia
- C) Pakistan
- D) England
- E) None of these

Answer

A) South Africa



Explanation

- The **ICC T-20 Women's World Cup** kick starts in **South Africa from 10th of this month**, with the opening match between the hosts team and Sri Lanka.
- This is the **first time that the tournament is taking place in an African nation**.
- The Harmanpreet Kaur-led Indian team will play their first match against Pakistan on Sunday, 12th of February.



➤ Which bank launched app to ease banking access for 'digitally challenged'?

- A) Au Small Finance Bank Limited
- B) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited
- C) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited
- D) ESAF Small Finance Bank Limited
- E) None of these

Answer

C) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited



Explanation

- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank on Wednesday launched '**Hello Ujjivan**', a mobile banking application with **three Vs – voice, visual, and vernacular-enabled features** – to provide banking access to individuals who have limited reading and writing skills.
- 'Hello Ujjivan', co-created with Navana.AI, is accessible by voice in **eight languages -- Hindi, Marathi, Bengali, Tamil, Gujarati, Kannada, Odia, and Assamese**.
- "The app is designed **to instil banking habits in our micro-banking and rural customers** who are digitally challenged,".



Titbits

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

- Founded : **1 February 2017**
- Headquarters : **Bangalore, Karnataka.**
- MD & CEO : **Ittira Davis**



➤ RBI MPC raised repo rate by _____ bps to 6.5 pc?

- A) 15 basis points
- B) 25 basis points
- C) 35 basis points
- D) 45 basis points
- E) None of these

Answer

B) 25 basis points



BANKING AND FINANCE



Explanation

- The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India decided to raise the key benchmark **interest rate by 25 basis points to 6.5 per cent.**
- Shaktikanta Das-headed Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) started its three-day meeting on February 6 amid the rate hiking spree that started in May last year to check inflation.
- The Reserve Bank projected retail inflation to **ease to 5.3 per cent in next fiscal from 6.5 per cent this year** on assumptions of lower imported inflation, even though core inflation remains sticky.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has projected **India's real GDP growth to be at 6.4 per cent** for the next financial year 2023-24.
- "**Broad-based credit growth, improving capacity utilisation, government's thrust on capital spending and infrastructure should bolster investment activity,**".
- Average retail inflation in India is projected to be at 5.3 during the next financial year 2023-24, the Reserve Bank of India governor Shaktikanta Das said while announcing monetary policy outcomes.
- The Reserve Bank of India is planning **to permit lending and borrowing of Government Securities (G-secs)** as part of its ongoing endeavour to further develop the G-Secs market.



➤ RBI proposed to launch pilot project for QR code-based coin vending machine in how many cities?

- A) 11
- B) 12
- C) 13
- D) 14
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 12



Explanation

- The Reserve Bank of India's Governor Shaktikanta Das said that the central bank would launch a pilot project on **QR code-based coin vending machine (QCVM) in 12 cities in the country.**
- These vending machines will dispense coins against debit to the customer's account using Unified Payments Interface (UPI) instead of physical tendering of banknotes.
- **"This will enhance the ease of accessibility to coins.**
- **Based on the learnings from the pilot, guidelines will be issued to banks to promote the distribution of coins using these machines,"** the governor said.
- Addressing the outcome of the Monetary Policy outcome for calendar year 2023, the central bank's governor said that the RBI will launch the QR code-based coin vending machine to enhance ease of access to coins.



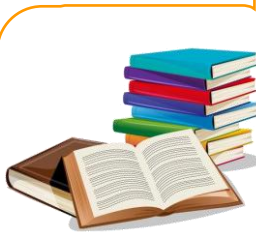
Titbits

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



➤ Who partnered with Vayana to provide GST compliance services, finance facilities to MSMEs?

- A) IRIS Business Services
- B) Infosys
- C) Microsoft
- D) All the above
- E) None of these



Answer

A) IRIS Business Services



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- **Fintech firm IRIS Business Services said it has partnered with Vayana** to help MSMEs in their GST compliance burden and meet other financial needs through a mobile application.
- The partnership aims to combine the strengths of both companies -- IRIS' compliance expertise and Vayana's ability to offer affordable credit and cash management solutions -- thus **making IRIS Peridot Plus a reliable solution for businesses**, the company said in a regulatory filing.
- The one-stop solution -- IRIS Peridot Plus -- will help small businesses manage their finances better, and will also help in meeting cash, commerce, compliance and credit requirements of all businesses, particularly small and medium enterprises.



AWARDS

➤ Who bagged 'ATD Best Awards 2023' for 6th consecutive year?

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

Answer
A) NTPC



AWARDS



Explanation

- NTPC Limited, the country's largest power generating company has been honoured with '**ATD Best Awards 2023**' by the Association for Talent Development (ATD), USA.
- This is the **sixth time that NTPC Limited has won this award for demonstrating enterprise success in the field of talent development.**
- The foundation of NTPC's culture has always been to engage employees through creative techniques.
- The award is testimony to NTPC's contemporary HR practices.
- The ATD Best Awards recognises organisations that demonstrate enterprise through talent development. NTPC has been successful in creating an ecosystem, which empowers employees to enhance their skill sets.
- **The award includes small and large private, public, and not-for-profit organizations from across the globe.**
- The Association for Talent Development, USA is the world's largest association in the field of talent development and **ATD's BEST AWARD is most coveted recognition in Learning and Development.**



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ IISc will collaborate with whom in advanced nano electronics device research?

- A) Samsung
- B) Nokia
- C) Microsoft
- D) Apple
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Samsung



Explanation

- **Samsung Semiconductor India Research (SSIR) announced a new partnership with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to promote research and development in the field of on-chip Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) protection.**
- The partnership seeks to build cutting-edge ESD device solutions to protect ultra-high-speed serial interfaces in advanced Integrated Circuits (ICs) and system-on-chip (SoC) products, a joint statement said.
- The related research will be carried out by Prof Mayank Shrivastava's group at the Department of Electronic Systems Engineering (DESE), IISc. Solutions arising from this research will be deployed in Samsung's advanced process nodes.



Titbits

Samsung Group

- Formed : **1 March 1938**
- Founder : **Lee Byung-chul**
- Headquarters : **South Korea**



➤ Which country and IEA will work together to enhance global energy security, stability, sustainability?

- A) Indonesia
- B) Malaysia
- C) Thailand
- D) India
- E) None of these

Answer
D) India



ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



Explanation

- By Shailesh Yadav The government of India and the International Energy Agency (IEA) will work together to strengthen cooperation in the field of data and research and **enhance global energy security, stability, and sustainability.**
- The **Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC), under the ministry of petroleum and natural gas (MoPNG), has signed a statement of intent (Sol) with IEA.**
- **This partnership will lead to an extensive exchange of knowledge.**
- The Sol was signed by P Manoj Kumar, Director-General, PPAC, and Fatih Birol, Executive Director, IEA, during the ongoing India Energy Week at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre.
- **The Sol was signed in the presence of Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, and Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri.**



➤ Who introduced E20 blended petrol?

- A) Jio
- B) Airtel
- C) TATA
- D) Adani
- E) None of these



Answer:
A) Jio



ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



Explanation

- **Jio-BP, a fuels and mobility joint venture between Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) and BP, announced the rollout of E20 blended petrol.**
- **The E20 fuel is a 20% blend of ethanol and 80% of fossil-based fuel.**
- **“In line with the roadmap set by the government, Jio-bp has become one of the first fuel retailers in India to make E20 blended petrol available.**
- **Customers with E20 petrol compatible vehicles will be able to opt for this fuel at select Jio-bp outlets, and the offering will soon be expanded across the network,"** the company said in a statement.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 6 February, rolled out petrol blended with 20% ethanol across 11 states and union territories in the country.**
- **The move comes as part of the government’s programme to increase the use of biofuel and lower emissions and cut down on oil imports.**



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ India signed MoU with which country's Growth Business Council to promote adoption of energy efficiency?

- A) Indonesia
- B) Malaysia
- C) Thailand
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

Answer

D) All of these



Explanation

- The **three days Working group meeting of G20 on energy transition concluded in Bengaluru.**
- On the sidelines, **India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle Joint Business Council (IMT-GT JBC),** Malaysia to further promote the adoption of energy efficiency and sustainable practices in the region.
- Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Power, signed the (MoU) with the IMT-GT JBC Malaysia coinciding with the India Energy Week celebrations.
- The next meeting of the working group will be held in Gujarat.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which state inaugurated Smart Siksha, Solar lighting in school, Anganwadi center?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Arunachal Pradesh
- C) Jammu and Kashmir
- D) Assam
- E) None of these

Answer
D) Assam



Explanation

- **Assam Governor Professor Jagdish Mukhi inaugurated a Smart Shiksha (Mobile Digital Bus) and solar lighting services in Nartap ME school and Anganwadi centre in Sonapur in Assam's Kamrup district.**
- While said inaugurating this the Governor said that education is the only tool which can help in cherishing the values of human society and take it forward.
- "Assam's history is a priceless heritage of India's cultural journey. It is an **amalgamation of thoughts, ideology, society, culture, beliefs, and traditions**. Only Education can preserve this priceless culture and take our Assamese society forward,".



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)**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which state launched GPS-based teachers' attendance app, to take feedback from students about educators' performance?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Arunachal Pradesh
- C) Jammu and Kashmir
- D) Bihar
- E) None of these

Answer

C) Jammu and Kashmir



Explanation

- Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is **first in India to introduce GPS-based attendance for teachers and take online feedback from students about their educators'** performance, officials said.
- **"J-K became first in the country to take online monthly feedback from students of Class 6 and above about the performance of their teachers and carry out the GPS-based attendance of teachers on daily basis,"** the official said.
- The project was rolled out with the launch of two applications by Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta.
- "These applications would ensure that authentic feedback comes from the grassroots level from the ones who are directly involved in the learning process,"



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)**



➤ Who inaugurated Haldwani-Kathgodam Sewage Treatment Plant?

- A) Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy
- B) Pushkar Singh Dhami
- C) Pema Khandu
- D) Himanta Biswa Sarma
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Pushkar Singh Dhami



Explanation

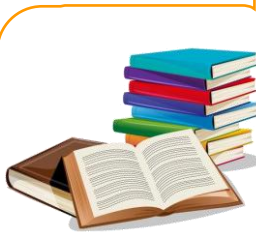
- **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the Sewage Treatment Plant of the Municipal Corporation of Haldwani-Kathgodam.**
- The plant with a capacity of **28 MLD costs Rs 35.58 crore** and the Legacy Waste Processing Plant costs Rs 3 crore. Chief Minister Dhami also announced the approval of funds as required for the International Zoo to be built for tourism and wildlife identification.
- Along with this, he said that the **year 2025 will be the silver jubilee of the drug-free Devbhoomi state to keep the youth away from drugs.**
- **Also announced to open Mukti Kendra. Announcing the establishment of a modern Cathlab in the Sushila Tiwari Hospital,** the Chief Minister said that with the opening of Cathlab at the hospital, heart patients would be able to get treatment easily.



QUICK RECALL



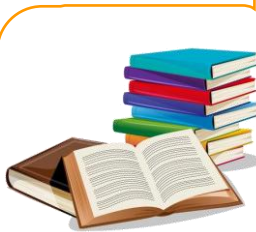
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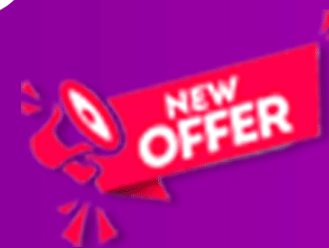


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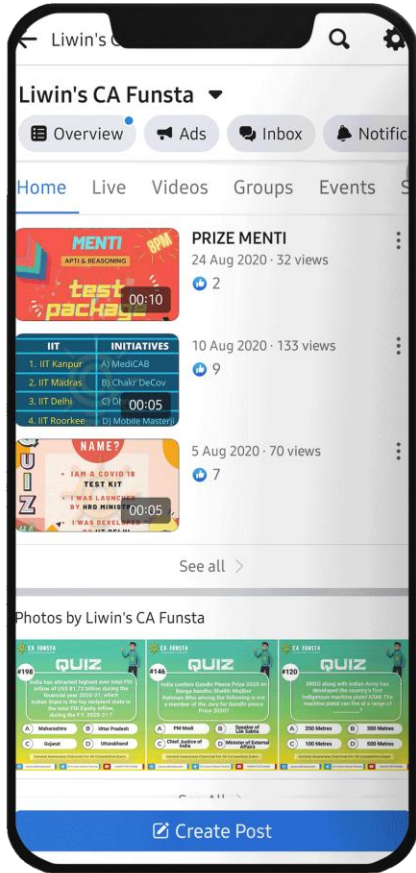
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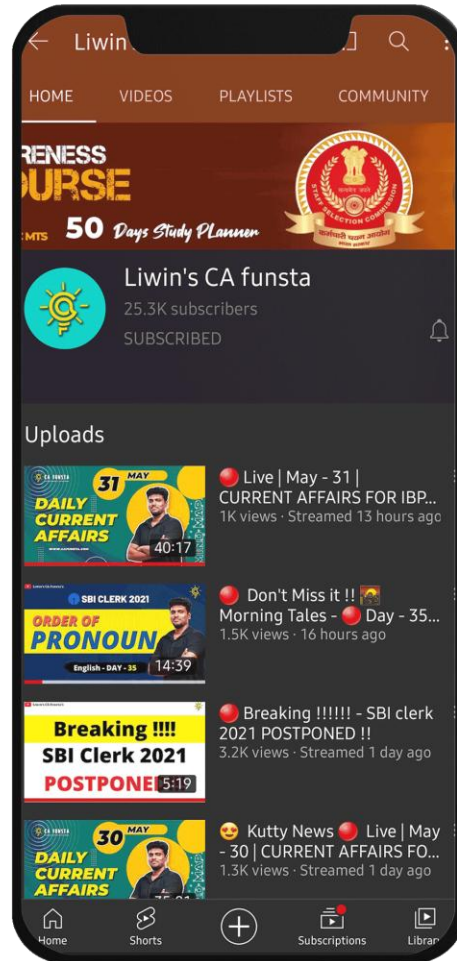
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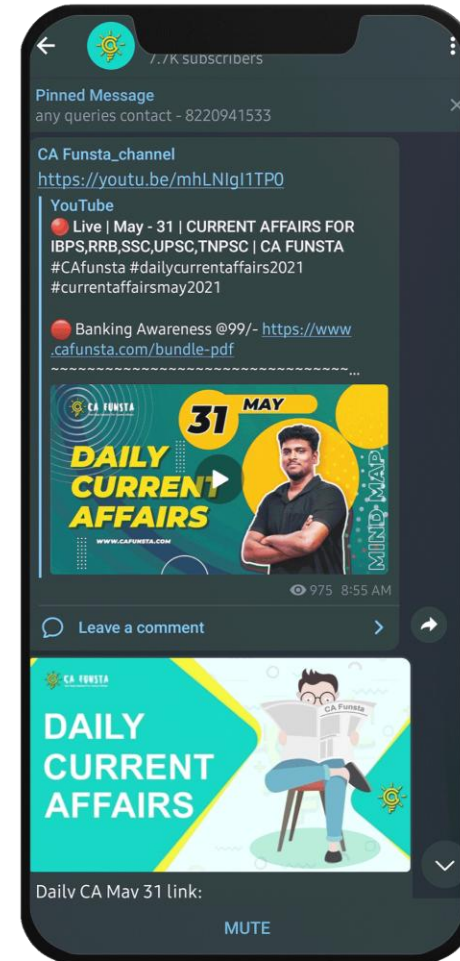
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