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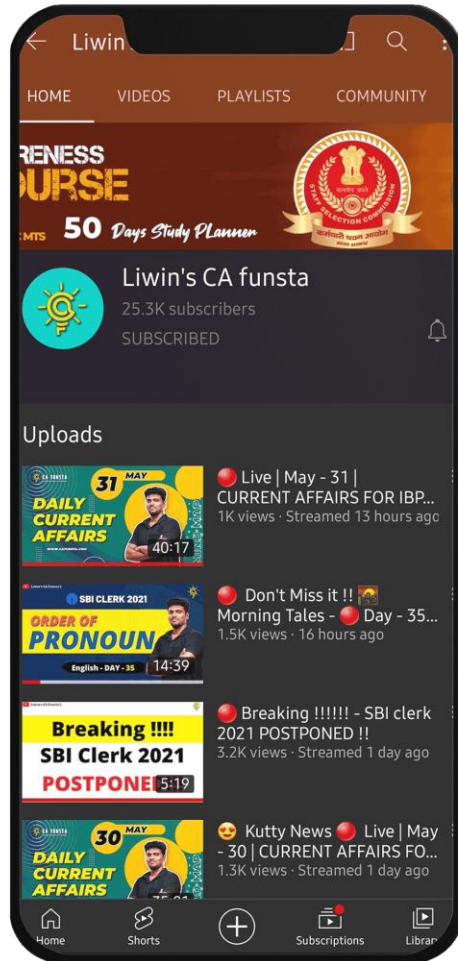
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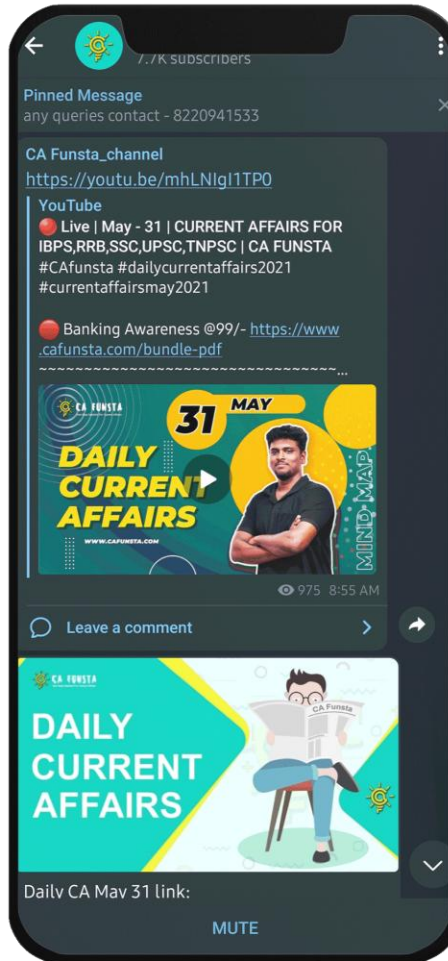
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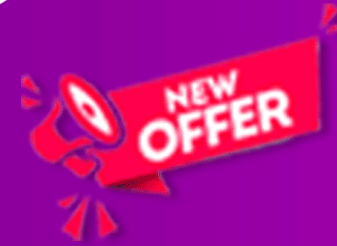
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Important Days

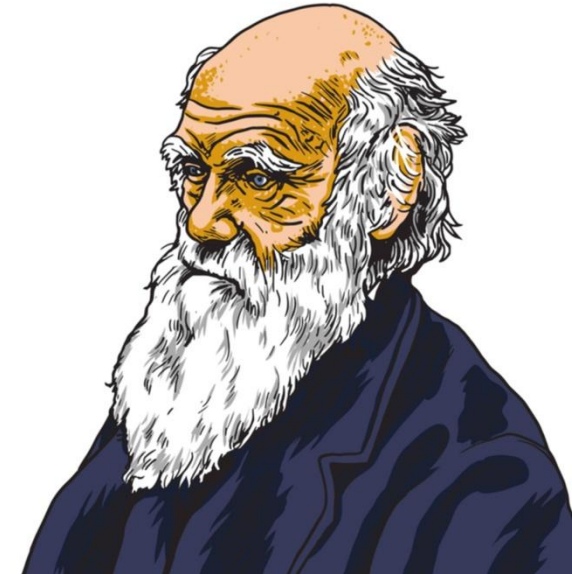


➤ Darwin Day observed on _____?

- A) February 9th
- B) February 10th
- C) February 12th
- D) February 11th
- E) None of these

Answer

C) February 12th



Important Days



Explanation

- ❖ DAY : **Darwin Day**
- ❖ DATE : **12 February**
- ❖ OTHERS : **Darwin Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of the father of evolutionary biology, Charles Darwin in 1809.** This day highlights Darwin's contribution to evolutionary and plant science. In 2015, Darwin's 'Origin of Species' has voted the most influential academic book in history.



Important Days



➤ International Day of Women and Girls in Science observed on_____?

- A) February 9th
- B) February 10th
- C) February 12th
- D) February 11th
- E) None of these

Answer

D) February 11th



Important Days



Explanation

- ❖ DAY : **International Day of Women and Girls in Science**
- ❖ DATE : **11 February**
- ❖ OTHERS : **It is observed on 11 February to recognize the role of women and girls in science, not only as beneficiaries but also as agents of change.** Therefore, the day focuses on achieving full and equal access to and participation in science for women and girls. Also, to achieve gender equality and empowerment of women and girls.



RANKING



➤ India jumped which place in ICAO's aviation safety oversight ranking?

- A) 55th
- B) 56th
- C) 57th
- D) 58th
- E) None of these

Answer
A) 55th



RANKING



Explanation

- ❖ **India's aviation safety oversight ranking has jumped to the 55th position from 112th place** earlier, with a significant improvement in the country's score under the ICAO's coordinated validation mission, according to regulator DGCA.
- ❖ Under its Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach, **an ICAO Coordinated Validation Mission (ICVM) was undertaken in India from November 9 to 16, 2022.**



➤ Which bank launched slew of digital products?

- A) UCO Bank
- B) Bank of Maharashtra
- C) Indian Bank
- D) Canara Bank
- E) None of these



Answer

B) Bank of Maharashtra



Explanation

- ❖ State-owned **Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)** celebrated its **88th business commencement Day** and launched a slew of **digital products and services** to add fillip to its digital footprints.
- ❖ While addressing the event BoM managing director A S Rajeev said the bank's advancement in business growth in the past few years is truly noteworthy.
- ❖ **"With new generation technology, the Bank is committed to create an ecosystem facilitating best banking experience,"**.



Titbits

Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)

- Founded : **16/09/1935**
- HQ : **Pune**
- MD & CEO : **AS Rajeev**
- Tagline : **One Family One Bank**



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Kotak Mahindra Bank acquired microlender Sonata for how many crores in all cash deal?

- A) Rs 637 crore
- B) Rs 537 crore
- C) Rs 430 crore
- D) Rs 765 crore
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Rs 537 crore



Explanation

- ❖ Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB) announced that it has fully acquired microlender Sonata Finance for **Rs 537 crore**.
- ❖ **The acquisition, which is the second such deal for KMB after acquiring BSS Microfinance in 2017**, will give the bank access to 502 branches across 10 states and add 9 lakh women customers to its base, according to a statement.
- ❖ **"The acquisition is for an aggregate all-cash consideration of approximately Rs 537 crore,"** it said, adding that Sonata will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of the bank once the transaction gets regulatory approvals.



Titbits

Kotak Mahindra Bank

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



➤ Who updated 'Alert List' of entities not authorised to deal in forex trading?

- A) RBI
- B) SEBI
- C) IRDAI
- D) SIDBI
- E) None of these

Answer
A) RBI



Explanation

- ❖ The **Reserve Bank updated its 'Alert List' for the public on unauthorised forex trading platforms** to include names of entities/platforms/ websites which appear to be promoting such entities.
- ❖ In September last year, the central bank came out with an **'Alert List' containing the names of 34 entities.**
- ❖ The list now has 48 entries.
- ❖ "The Alert List has been updated and **includes names of entities/platforms/ websites which appear to be promoting unauthorised entities/ETPs**, including through advertisements of such unauthorised entities or claiming to be providing training/advisory services,".



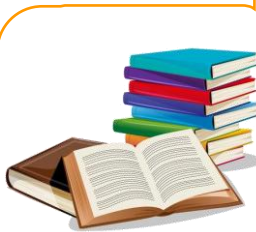
Titbits

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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BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ ADB approved _____million USD loan to increase agricultural productivity in India?

- A) \$120 million
- B) \$130 million
- C) \$140 million
- D) \$150 million
- E) None of these



Answer

B) \$130 million



Explanation

- ❖ The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved a **\$130 million loan** to increase agricultural productivity and promote horticulture agribusinesses to raise farmers' income in Himachal Pradesh, India.
- ❖ **“More than half of Himachal Pradesh’s land area is in the mountains and 90% of the population lives in rural areas who are dependent on agriculture,”** said ADB Senior Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist for South Asia Sunae Kim.
- ❖ **“Improving subtropical horticulture in the state offers a lot of economic opportunities to farmer households. Supporting horticulture value chains will also boost the subsector’s contribution to the country’s development and food security.”**



➤ 'Digital Payment Utsav' launched by which bank based on UPI 123 Pay-IVR services?

- A) UCO Bank
- B) BOI
- C) Indian Bank
- D) Canara Bank
- E) None of these

Answer

A) UCO Bank



Explanation

- ❖ UCO Bank observed '**Digital Payment Utsav**' in association with the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in New Delhi.
- ❖ On the occasion, the bank launched UPI 123 Pay-IVR-based services — named '**UCO BHIM VOICE**' — in 10 languages for the citizens of India holding accounts in any bank, said a statement issued by the bank.
- ❖ The service was launched at '**Digital Payment Utsav: Digital Payment Se Pragati Ko Gati**', an initiative by MeitY, to increase awareness and accelerate the adoption of digital payments in the country.



Titbits

UCO Bank

- Founded : **06/01/1943**
- HQ : **Kolkata**
- MD & CEO : **Soma Sanakra Prasad**
- Tagline : **Honours Your Trust**



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Centre notified appointment of Chief Justices for high courts of which court?**

- A) Gujarat High Court
- B) Gauhati High Court
- C) Tripura High Court
- D) High Court of J&K and Ladakh
- E) All of these

Answer

E) All of these



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- ❖ The **Central Government notified the appointments of four Chief Justices of High Courts of different states and Union Territory.**
- ❖ The Ministry of Law and Justice issued a notification in regard to the elevation of Justice Sonia Giridhar Gokani, Judge, Gujarat High Court to Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court.
- ❖ **Justice Sandeep Mehta**, Judge, Rajasthan High Court to Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court.
- ❖ **Justice Jaswant Singh**, Judge, Orissa High Court to Chief Justice of Tripura High Court and Justice **N. Kotiswar Singh**, Judge, Gauhati High Court to Chief Justice, High Court of J&K and Ladakh.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Which country test launched unarmed intercontinental ballistic missile?



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



Answer
A) USA



Explanation

- ❖ **An unarmed intercontinental ballistic missile has been launched from California to test the defense system**, the US Air Force Global Strike Command said.
- ❖ **The Minuteman III missile lifted off from Vandenberg Space Force Base at 11:01 pm FEB 9** and its reentry vehicle travelled about 4,200 miles (6,800 kilometers) over the Pacific Ocean to the Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands, an Air Force statement said.
- ❖ While the test occurred amid US concerns about North Korea's missile tests and the transit of a Chinese spy balloon across the United States, the Air Force said the launch was routine.



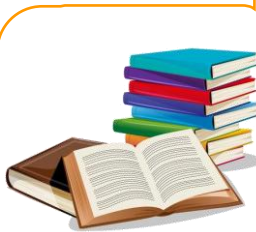
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Blue Origin will launch ESCAPEDE Mars mission for NASA in _____?

- A) 2026
- B) 2024
- C) 2027
- D) 2028
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 2024



Explanation

- ❖ **NASA has selected Blue Origin, an American privately funded aerospace manufacturer and spaceflight services company, to provide launch service for its **Escape and Plasma Acceleration and Dynamics Explorers (ESCAPADE) mission to Mars in late 2024.****
- ❖ **The mission is part of the NASA Small Innovative Missions for Planetary Exploration program.**
- ❖ **It will launch on Blue Origin's New Glenn rocket from Space Launch Complex-36 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Union Health Ministry launched nationwide 'Sarva Dawa Sevan' campaign to eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis by _____?

- A) 2026
- B) 2025
- C) 2027
- D) 2028
- E) None of these

Answer
C) 2027



Explanation

- ❖ Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched a nationwide '**Sarva Dawa Sevan**' or **Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign** aiming to eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) by 2027, which is three years ahead of the global target.
- ❖ Union Secretary for Health & Family Welfare **Rajesh Bhushan** launched a nationwide **Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign** aimed at ending disease transmission through the **door-to-door administration of anti-filarial drugs, especially in 10 filaria-affected states.**



Titbits

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

- UNION MINISTER : **Mansukh Mandaviya** (Gujarat)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which place is among five best performing residential markets in APAC?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Punjab
- D) Only A & B
- E) Only A & C

Answer

D) Only A & B



Explanation

- ❖ **Mumbai and Bengaluru are among five best performing residential markets in Asia Pacific** in terms of annual price growth with **7 per cent increase in rates in both the cities, according to Knight Frank.**
- ❖ **In its Asia-Pacific Residential Review Index, real estate consultant Knight Frank said that Mumbai and Bengaluru have found place in the top five best performing Asia-Pacific residential markets in terms of annual price growth in H2 (second half) of 2022.**
- ❖ **As many as 14 out of 23 Asia-Pacific (APAC) cities have recorded positive annual price growth** with Metro Manila ranked as the best-performing Asia-Pacific market with 24 per cent year-on-year (YoY) growth.



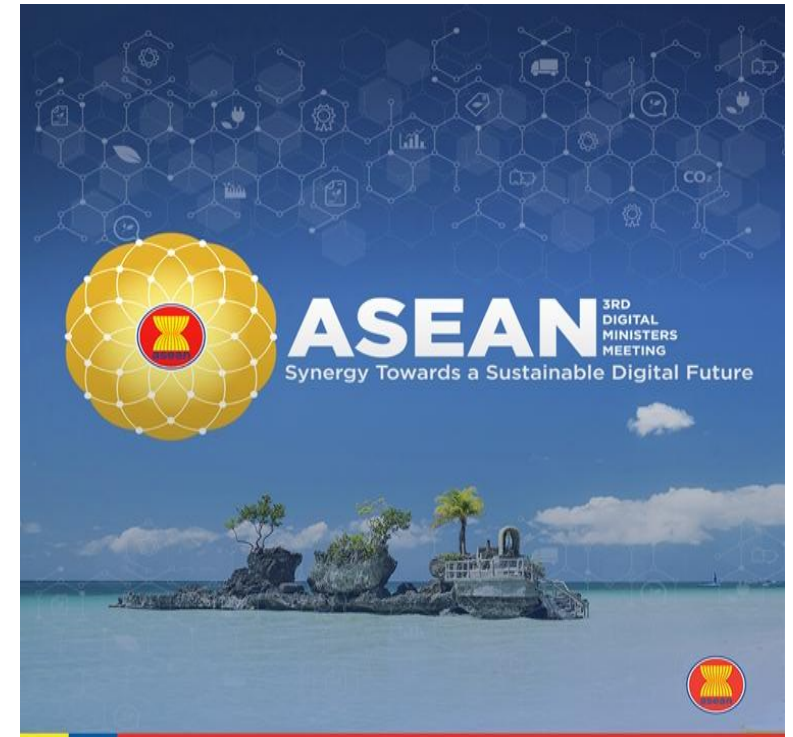
NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which edition of ASEAN Digital Ministers meeting approves India-ASEAN Digital Work Plan 2023?

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

Answer
C) 3rd



Explanation

- ❖ **India-ASEAN Digital Work Plan 2023 has been approved at the third ASEAN Digital Ministers meeting in New Delhi yesterday, February 10.**
- ❖ The meeting was held at a virtual platform with the theme of **“Synergy Towards a Sustainable Digital Future”**, to strengthen the India-ASEAN relations in the field of Information and Communication Technologies.
- ❖ The Ministry of Communication and Information Technology said the work plan includes capacity building and knowledge sharing in emerging areas in the field of Information and Communication Technologies such as Artificial Intelligence in Cyber Security.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

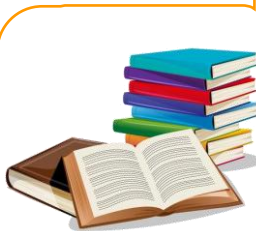


➤ Who launched Digital Payments Utsav in New Delhi for promotion of Digital Payments?

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Pushkar Singh Dhami
- C) Pema Khandu
- D) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- E) None of these

Answer

D) Ashwini Vaishnaw



Explanation

- ❖ Electronics and IT Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** has launched the **Digital Payments Utsav in New Delhi** for the promotion of **Digital Payments across the country**.
- ❖ The Utsav which began today will continue till 9th of October this year, with a **particular focus on G-20 Digital Economy Working Group event in cities like Lucknow, Hyderabad, Pune and Bengaluru**.
- ❖ **Mr Vaishnaw** also **flagged off of Digital Payment Sandesh Yatra** aimed at making citizens aware of various digital payment solutions. This will also sensitise them about the security and safety of digital payments.



Titbits

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

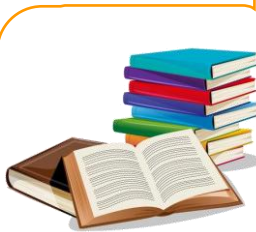
- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Ashwini Vaishnav**(Odisha)



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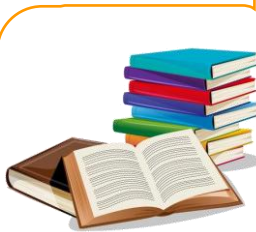
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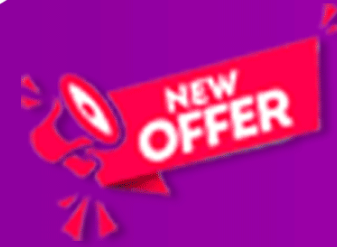


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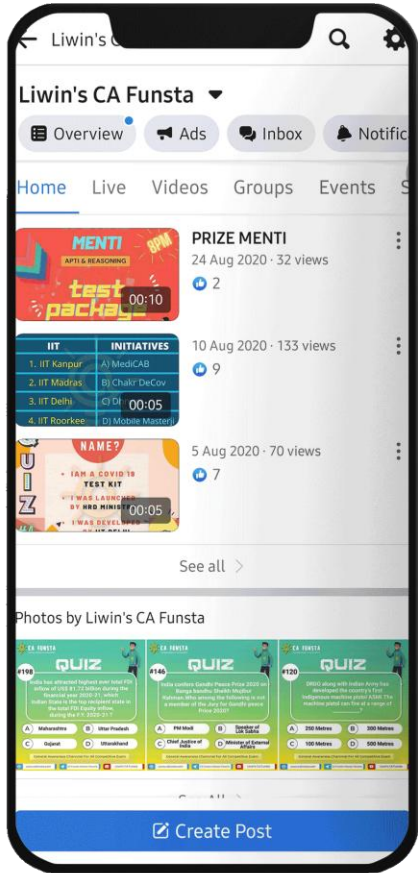
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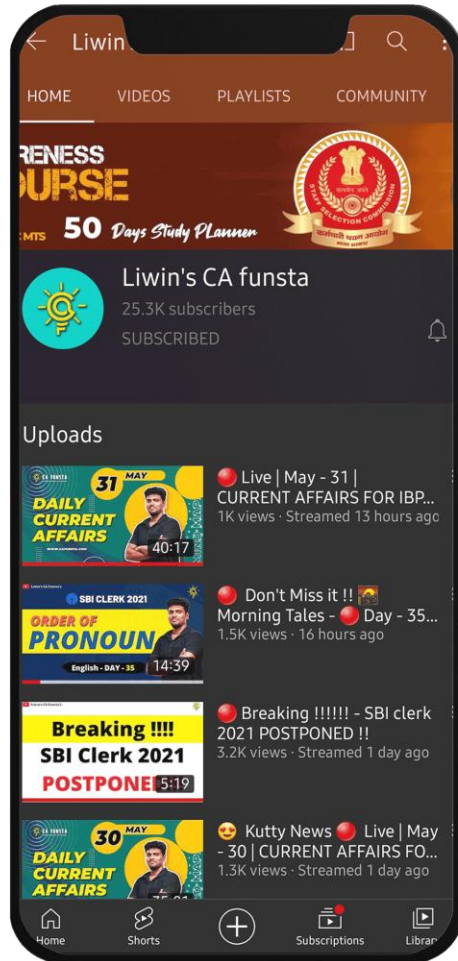
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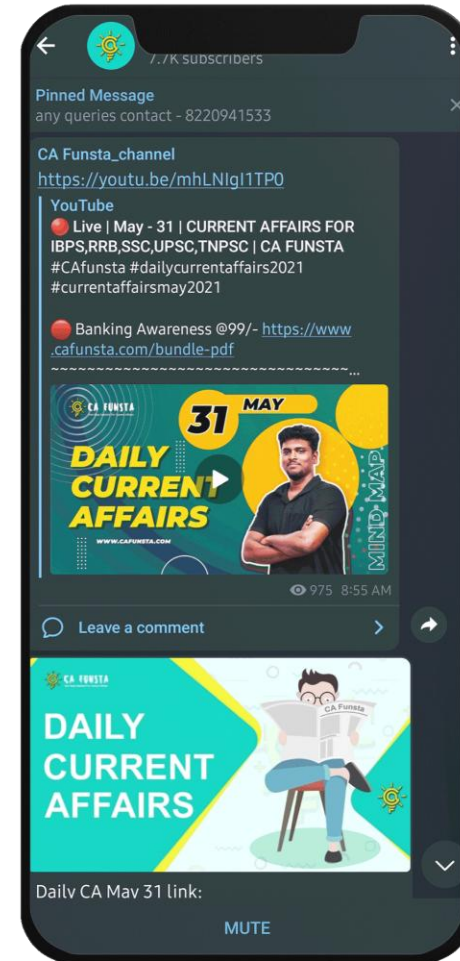
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