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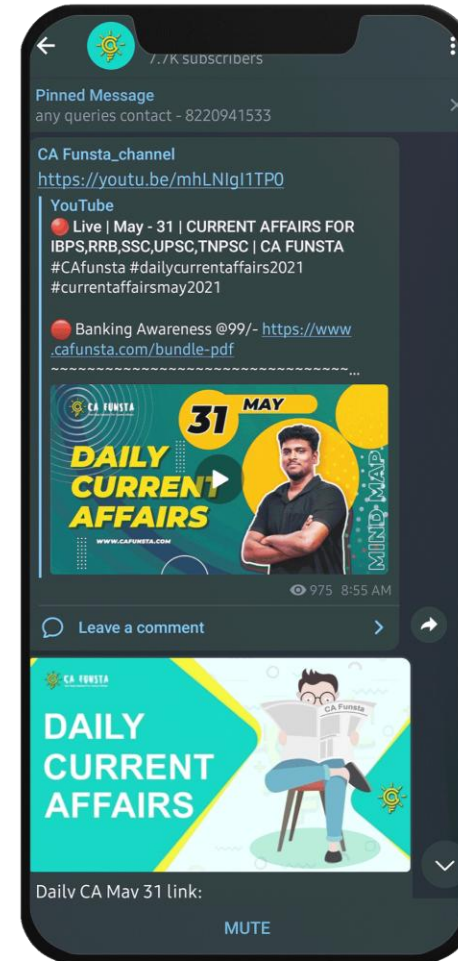
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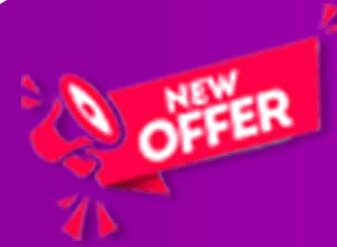
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Important Days

➤ World Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day observed on _____?

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

Answer

B) February 14th



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **World Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day**
- DATE : **14 February**
- OTHERS : **Every year on February 14, there is a celebration called World Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day with the goal of bringing attention to and educating people about congenital heart defects.**



➤ Which bank named Best Public Sector Bank by State Forum of Bankers' Clubs Kerala?

- A) Bank of Baroda
- B) Indian Bank
- C) UCO Bank
- D) Bank of India
- E) None of these

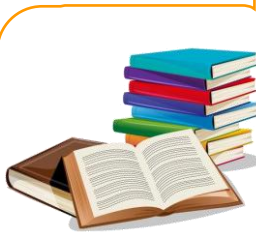


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Bank of Baroda



Answer

A) Bank of Baroda



Explanation

- **Bank of Baroda (Bank)**, one of India's leading public sector banks, was named the '**Best Bank**' in the Large Public Sector Banks category by the State Forum of Bankers' Clubs Kerala (SFBCK) based on the Bank's performance in the financial year 2021–22.
- In addition, **the Bank's Balaramapuram branch was adjudged the Best Performing Public Sector Bank Branch in Kerala for FY 2021-22.**
- The awards were presented at the **14th Banking Excellence Awards of the Year 2022 organised by SFBCK** in Kochi and the winners were selected by an eminent jury.



Titbits

Bank of Baroda

- Founded : **20/07/1908**
- HQ : **Vadodara, Gujarat**
- Chairman : **Hasmukh Adhia**
- MD & CEO : **Sanjiv Chadha**
- Tagline : **India's International Bank**



➤ Which bank signed pact with BNP Paribas?

- A) South Indian Bank
- B) Federal Bank
- C) HDFC
- D) ICICI
- E) None of these

Answer
D) ICICI



Explanation

- **ICICI Bank and BNP Paribas have signed an initial pact** to cater to the banking requirements of European corporates operating in India and Indian companies in the European Union.
- The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two entities establishes a framework of partnership between the two banks for providing financial services to corporate customers operating in the India – Europe corridor, private sector lender ICICI Bank said.



Titbits

ICICI Bank

- Founded : **05/01/1994**
- HQ : **Vadodara, Gujarat**
- Chairman : **Girish Chandra Chaturvedi**
- MD & CEO : **Sandeep Bakhshi**



➤ Which bank began offline payment pilot under RBI sandbox?

- A) South Indian Bank
- B) Federal Bank
- C) HDFC
- D) ICICI
- E) None of these

Answer
C) HDFC



Explanation

- The country's largest private sector lender HDFC Bank said it is attempting to **execute digital payments in an offline mode under a regulatory facility to test innovations.**
- Apart from executing transactions in no network areas, such a facility will be of help in urban pockets experiencing bad networks and also in aircraft.
- **It can be noted that there is a facility which helps users with feature phones undertake Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transaction.**
- **HDFC Bank has begun the pilot in a partnership with Crunchfish, IDFC Bank and M2P Fintech** under the RBI's regulatory sandbox programme after getting the nod in September 2022.



Titbits

HDFC Bank Limited

- Formed : **August 1994**
- Headquarters : **Mumbai, Maharashtra**
- CEO : **Sashidhar Jagdishan**



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Which bank tied up with Maruti for car financing?

- A) South Indian Bank
- B) Federal Bank
- C) HDFC
- D) ICICI
- E) None of these

Answer

A) South Indian Bank



Explanation

- South Indian Bank has announced the signing of a MoU with Maruti Suzuki **to provide dealer finance options and customised auto retail financing solutions for customers.**
- With this tie-up, South Indian Bank aims to help dealer partners streamline vehicle inventory funding and offer comprehensive retail financing solutions to the customers of Maruti Suzuki.



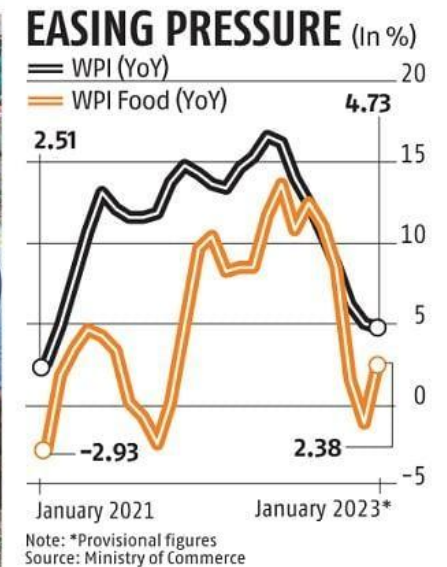
BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



➤ India's wholesale price inflation eased to two-year low of _____% in January?

- A) 6.52%
- B) 7.62%
- C) 8.56%
- D) 4.73%
- E) None of these

Answer
D) 4.73%



Explanation

- India's annual **Wholesale Price-based Inflation (WPI) eased to 4.73 per cent** year-on-year (YoY) in January, the eighth straight month of decline.
- This is the lowest figure in 24 months.
- In December 2022, the WPI-based inflation was 4.95 per cent and in November, it was 6.12 per cent.
- Inflation in food articles, however, rose to 2.38 per cent in January, from (-) 1.25 per cent in December, 2022.
- **"Decline in the rate of inflation in January, 2023 is primarily contributed by mineral oils, chemicals and chemical products, textiles, crude petroleum & natural gas, textiles, and food products,"**.



➤ CPI inflation for January rised to 3-month high at _____%?

- A) 6.52%
- B) 7.62%
- C) 8.56%
- D) 4.32%
- E) None of these



Answer

A) 6.52%



Explanation

- The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** or retail inflation for **January rose to a three-month high at 6.52 per cent**, data released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) showed on 13 January.
- Earlier the retail inflation rate eased down to 5.72 per cent in December.
- It was 5.88 per cent in November, and 6.77 per cent in October 2022.
- According to the details, the retail inflation returned to 6 per cent mark after the Reserve Bank of India raised the policy repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.5 percent.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ GE Marine and whom signed MOU to explore expanding marine gas turbine manufacturing?

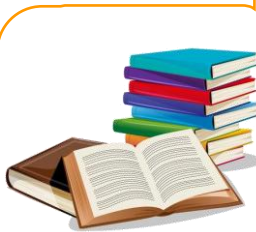
- A) HAL
- B) DGCA
- C) IOC
- D) All of these
- E) None of these



Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

Answer

A) HAL



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- **GE Marine and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited said that have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to explore the expansion of HAL's manufacturing capabilities to include assembly, inspection and testing (AIT) of the LM500 marine gas turbine.**
- Since 1986, HAL's IMGDT Division has been providing AIT of GE's LM2500 marine gas turbine, which is installed aboard Indian Navy's P-17, P-17A, and IAC-1 Vessels. As on date, HAL has delivered 22 LM2500 gas turbines for 11 Indian naval vessels.



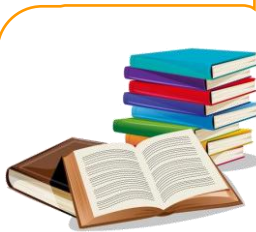
ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Which country partnered with UNDP to drive action on digital public infrastructure during G20 Presidency?

- A) India
- B) Brazil
- C) US
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

Answer
A) India



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India has partnered with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) **to drive collective action on digital public infrastructure during India's G20 Presidency.**
- The partnership **aims to catalyse knowledge and action in the digital space to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.**
- From health to finance, digital transformation is reshaping public and private services with greater efficiency and effectiveness.
- Despite its numerous benefits, not all countries are equally benefiting.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Titbits

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

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



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who elected Bangladesh's 22nd President?

- A) Shahabuddin Chuppu
- B) Abdul Hamid
- C) Zillur Rahman
- D) Sheikh Hasina Wazed
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Shahabuddin Chuppu



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Mohammad Shahabuddin Chuppu, a former judge and freedom fighter will be Bangladesh's new President**, the Chief Election Commission has announced.
- Chuppu, 74, was elected unopposed and will replace President Mohammad Abdul Hamid.
- The Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Habibul Awal declared Chuppu, Awami League Advisory Council member and the party's nominee, the President-elect of Bangladesh unopposed after scrutinising his nomination papers submitted.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Bangladesh

- Capital : **Dhaka**
- Currency : **Bangladeshi Taka (BDT)**
- President : **Shahabuddin Chuppu**
- Prime Minister : **Sheikh Hasina**
- Language : **Bengali**



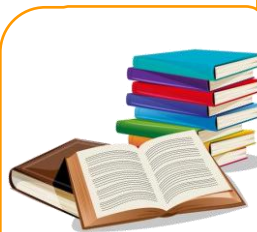
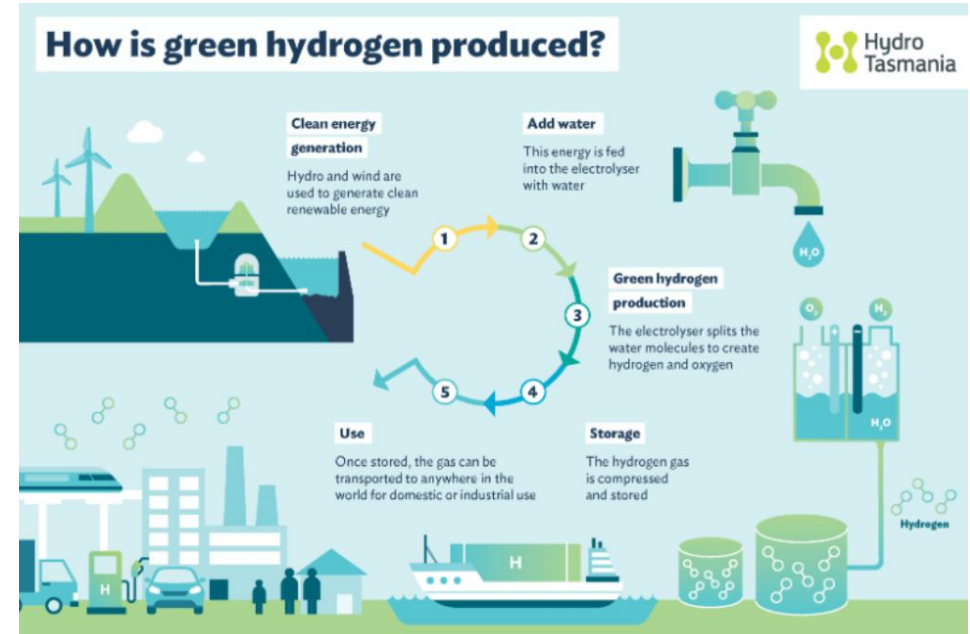
ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



➤ Country's first waste-to-hydrogen plant will be set up in _____?

- A) Pune
- B) Chennai
- C) Mumbai
- D) Bengaluru
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Pune



Explanation

- The **country's first solid waste-to-hydrogen plant will be set up in Pune at a cost of over Rs 430 crore**, an official said.
- **The plant will be set up by sustainability solutions provider TheGreenBillions Ltd (TGBL)**, who has entered into a 30-year-long agreement with Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC).
- It will **treat 350 tonnes of solid garbage every day by next year**, TGBL chairman and founder Prateek Kanakia told PTI here.



DEFENCE



➤ **Amit Shah presented President's Colour to which state Police?**

- A) Ladakh
- B) J & K
- C) Assam
- D) Haryana
- E) None of these

Answer
D) Haryana



DEFENCE



Explanation

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** reached Karnal in Haryana to attend a Program to present the president's colour award to the Haryana police.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation **Amit Shah** presented President's Colour to Haryana Police at Haryana Police Academy in Karnal on behalf of President Droupadi Murmu in recognition of the Haryana Police's exceptional service.
- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar was also present.
- "It is a big day for the Haryana Police as the President's Colour award will be presented to it at the Haryana Police Academy in Karnal,"



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ India, Kazakhstan held which edition of Foreign Office Consultations, reiterate commitment to strengthen relations?

- A) 6th
- B) 7th
- C) 8th
- D) 9th
- E) None of these

Answer
C) 8th



Explanation

- **India and Kazakhstan during the 8th Foreign Office Consultations (FoC)**, reiterated their commitment to further strengthen India-Kazakhstan multi-faceted relations and deepen strategic partnership.
- During the consultations held in New Delhi, **both sides agreed to hold the next round of Foreign Office Consultations on a mutually convenient date in Astana**, according to an official release.
- The Indian side was led by Ministry of External Affairs Secretary (West), Sanjay Verma, and the Kazakh side was led by Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kanat Tumysh.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

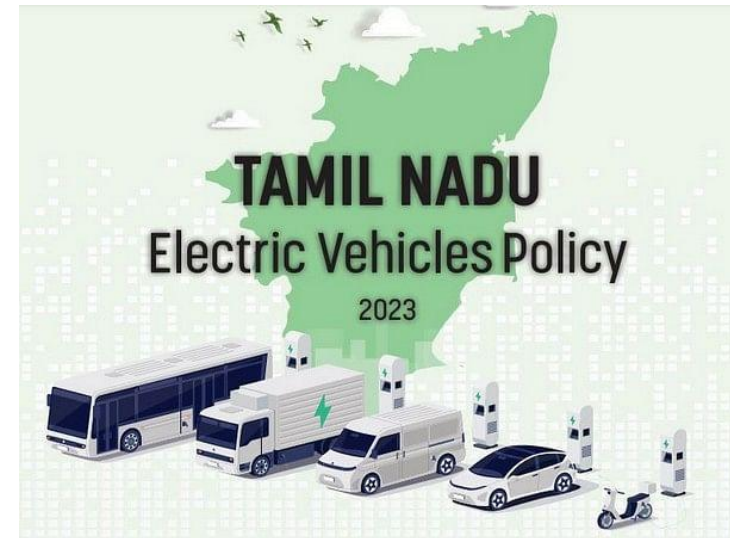


➤ Tamil Nadu launched new EV policy, aims to attract how many crore investments?

- A) Rs 20,000 crore
- B) Rs 30,000 crore
- C) Rs 40,000 crore
- D) Rs 50,000 crore
- E) None of these

Answer

D) Rs 50,000 crore



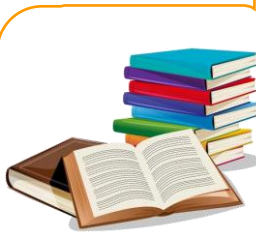
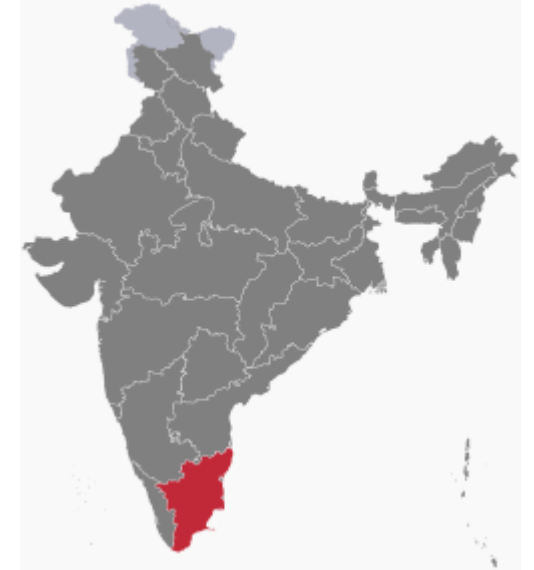
Explanation

- **Tamil Nadu government has launched its Electric Vehicles Policy-2023, with an aim to increase the usage of electric vehicles to transform the state into a preferred destination for EV manufacturing.**
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin released the '**Tamil Nadu Electric Vehicles Policy 2023**' and the government aims **to attract Rs 50,000 crore** worth of investment in EV manufacturing during the policy period.
- The policy shall be valid for five years from the date of the policy notification, or until a new one is announced, according to a government release.



Titbits Tamil Nadu

- Capital: **Tamil**
- CM: **MK Stalin**
- Governor: **RN Ravi**
- Language: **Tamil**
- National Park: **Guindy National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Tiger Reserve: **Anaimalai Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Ennore Thermal Power Station**
- Dams: **Amaravathi Dam**
- RRB: **Tamil Nadu Grama Bank (Indian Bank)**
- UNESCO Site: **Western Ghats, Mountain Railways, Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram, Great Living Chola Temples**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurates which edition of Agriculture Working Group Meeting?

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

Answer

A) 1st



Explanation

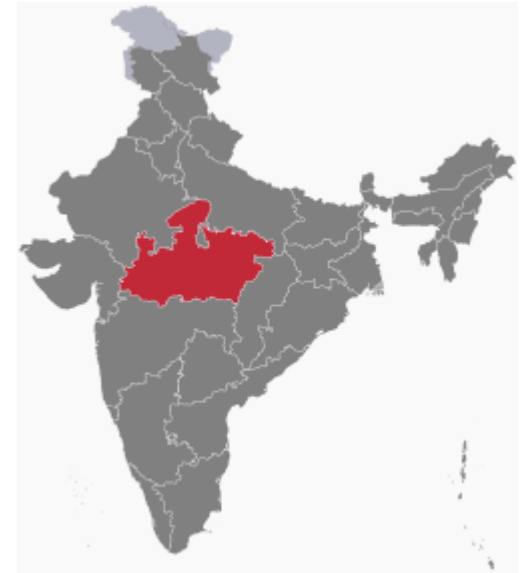
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** **stated that there is no alternative to food grains** and the state government is providing **financial support to farmers by adding an extra amount in the central scheme Kisan Samman Nidhi.**
- The Chief Minister's remarks came while inaugurating the **1st Agriculture Working Group Meeting in Indore.**



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**



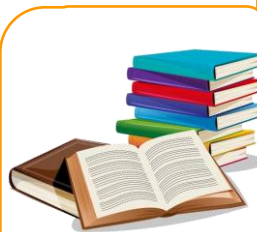
NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Marine Spatial Planning framework, country's first, launched in _____?

- A) Ladakh
- B) J & K
- C) Assam
- D) Puducherry
- E) None of these

Answer
D) Puducherry



Explanation

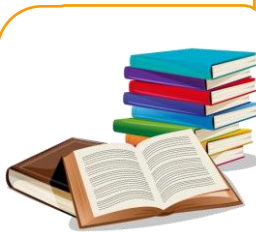
- **Puducherry has launched the country's first Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) framework as part of a pact under the Indo-Norway Integrated Ocean Initiative**, to balance growth alongside sustainable management of ocean resources and coastal environment preservation.
- **The framework, part of a pact under the Indo-Norway Integrated Ocean Initiative**, aims at balancing development alongside sustainable and equitable ocean resource management



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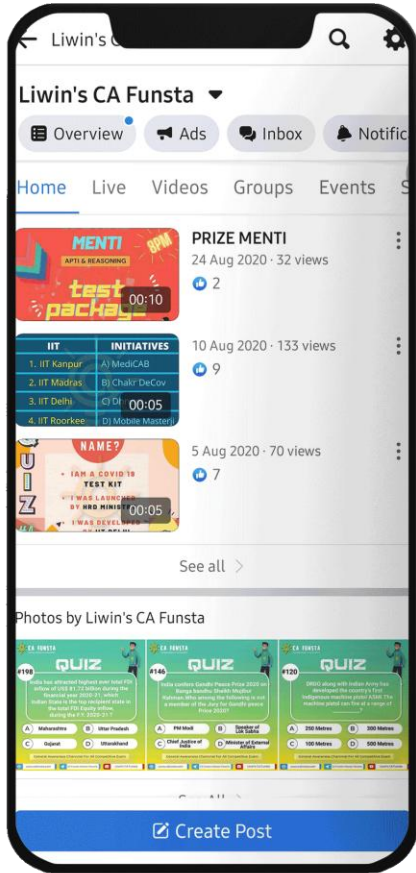
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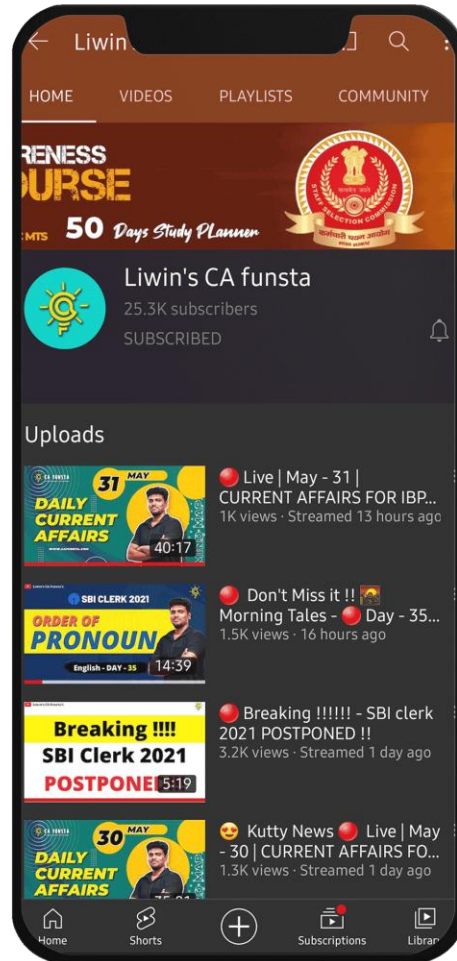
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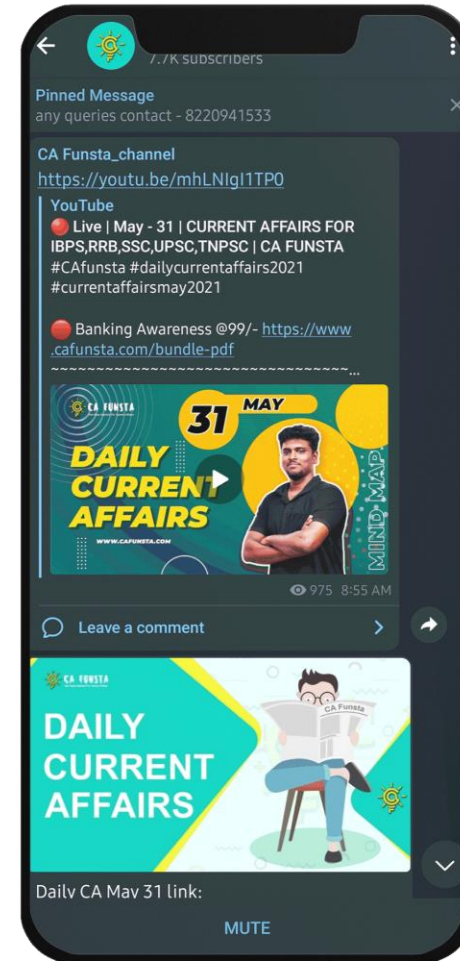
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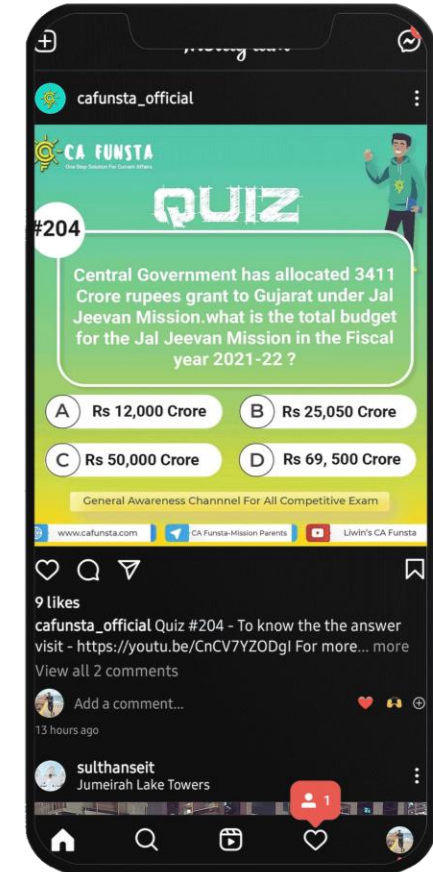
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