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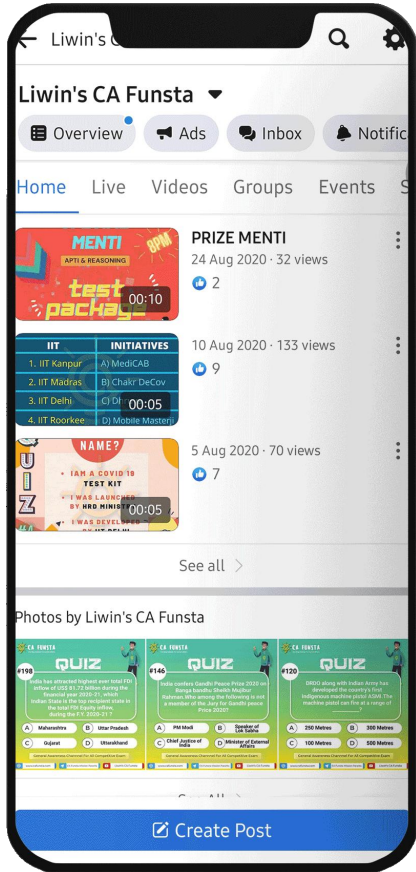
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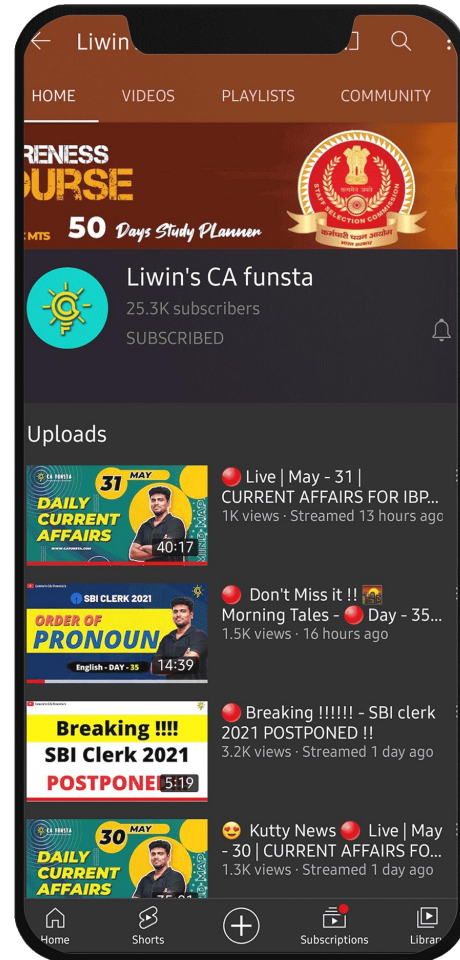
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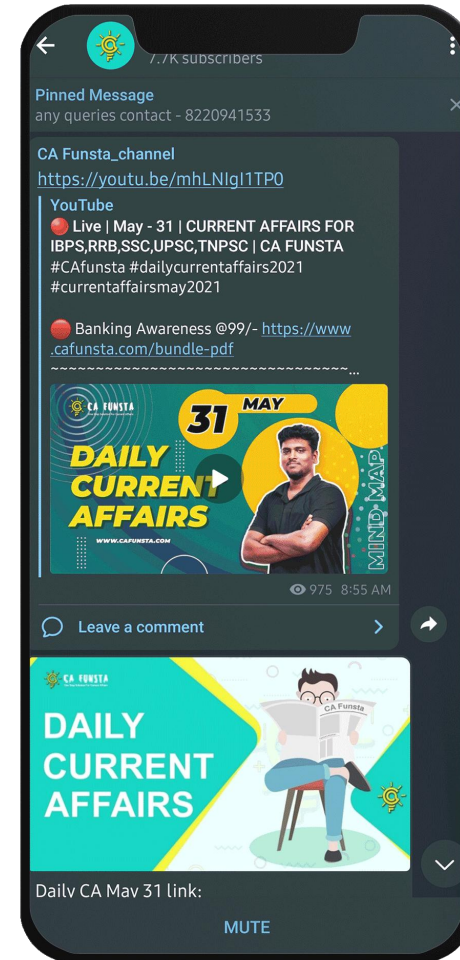
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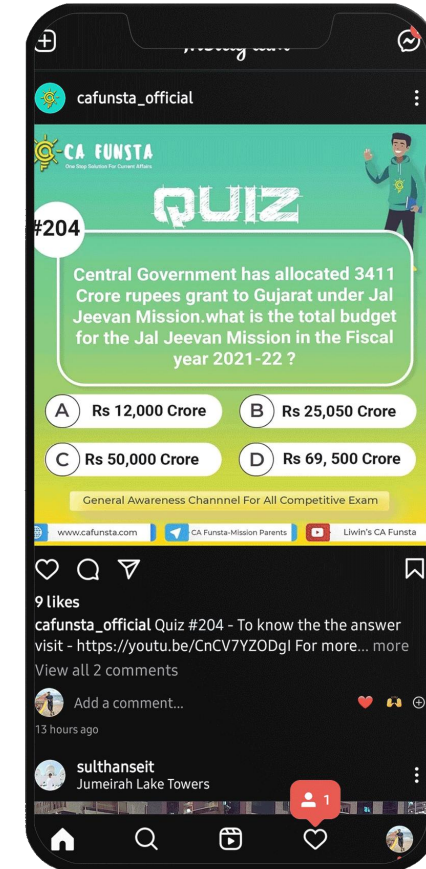
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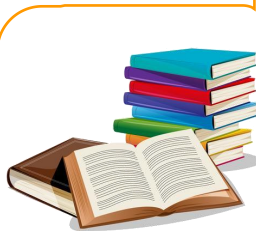


➤ World Anthropology Day observed on _____?

- A) 15 February
- B) 16 February
- C) 17 February
- D) 18 February
- E) None of these

Answer

B) 16 February

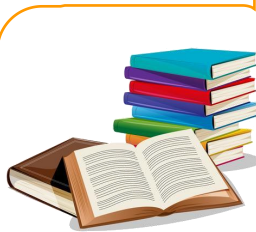


Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **World Anthropology Day**
- DATE : **16 February**
- OTHERS : **The day is designated to honour the untapped area and educate the general public about anthropology.** However, let's first define anthropology before moving on to the history and significance of World Anthropology Day.



OBITUARY

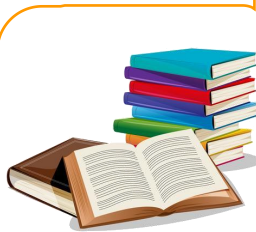


➤ Indian legend Tulsidas Balaram dies aged 85 and he belongs which game?

- A) Cricket
- B) Football
- C) Tennis
- D) Athlete
- E) None of these



Answer
B) Football

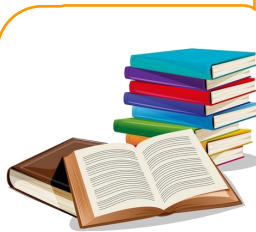


OBITUARY



Explanation

- Asian Games gold medallist and Olympian Tulsidas Balaram, a part of Indian football's '**holy trinity**' in the 1950s and 60s, died here on Thursday after a prolonged illness, sources close to his family said.
- Balaram belonged to the golden generation of Indian football and teamed up with legends such as Chuni Goswami and PK Banerjee to forge a formidable partnership upfront.
- Balaram was 85 and he remained a bachelor, living in a flat on the banks of Hooghly river in Uttarpara, West Bengal.

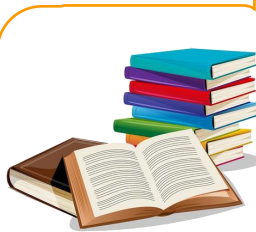


➤ RBI gave in-principle nod to how many aggregators to act as online payment aggregator?

- A) 31
- B) 32
- C) 33
- D) 34
- E) None of these

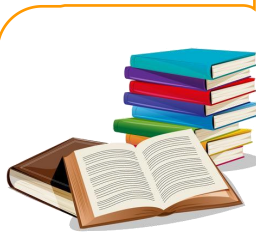
Answer

B) 32



Explanation

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted **‘in-principal approval’** to **thirty two existing payment aggregators to act as online payment aggregators.**
- The central bank said applications are under process for an additional 18 existing payment aggregators.
- Amazon (Pay) India Pvt Ltd, Google India Digital Services Pvt Ltd, Reliance Payment Solutions Ltd, Cashfree Payments, Pine Labs, Razorpay Software Private Limited, Zomato Payments Pvt Ltd, among others have been granted in-principle authorisation.



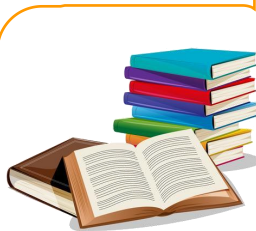
Titbits

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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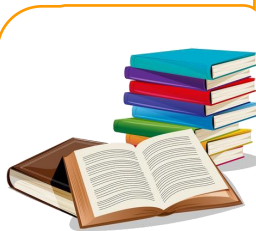


➤ Who launched collateral-free daily instalment loans for SMEs?

- A) Bajaj Finance Limited
- B) Aditya Birla Finance
- C) Muthoot FinCorp
- D) Citicorp Finance
- E) None of these

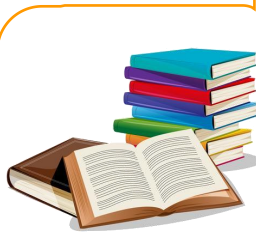
Answer

C) Muthoot FinCorp



Explanation

- Muthoot FinCorp has launched '**Vyapar Mitra Business Loans**' to provide working capital and business loans to micro and small businesses, including traders, business owners and self-employed individuals.
- These loans may be availed based on daily cash flows and without any additional collateral, Income Tax Return papers or prior CIBIL score records, the company said in a release.



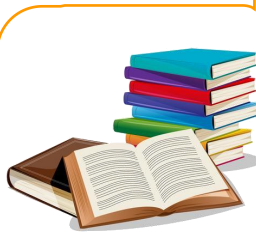
➤ Which bank launched Amrit Kalash Deposit and Senior citizens can earn up to 7.6% on FD interest rateation?

- A) UCO Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) SBI
- D) IDBI Bank
- E) None of these

Answer
C) SBI

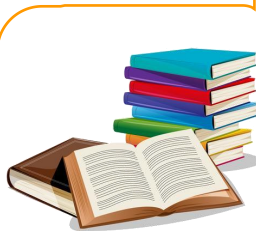


The advertisement features the SBI logo with the tagline 'The banker to every Indian', the 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav logo, and the G20 India 2023 logo. The central text reads 'INTEREST RATE LIKE NEVER BEFORE' above large 3D numbers '7.10%'. Below this, it says 'Presenting Amrit Kalash Deposit with increased interest rate'. At the bottom, there are three icons with text: '400 days tenure', 'Domestic and NRI customers', 'Valid up to 31st March 2023', and '7.60% interest rate for senior citizens'. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner with the text 'For details, scan QR code' and 'TAC: 8999'.



Explanation

- **State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a new retail term deposit scheme with a specific duration and benefits like a higher interest rate called the Amrit Kalash Deposit.**
- This new deposit scheme is valid from February 15, 2023, to March 31, 2023
- **Interest rate offered on this tenure is 7.10% for regular citizens, 7.60% for senior citizens.**
- The period of the deposit is 400 days.
- According to an SBI tweet, **“Introducing “Amrit Kalash Deposit”** for domestic and NRI customers with attractive interest rates, 400 days tenure and much more. *T&C Apply.”

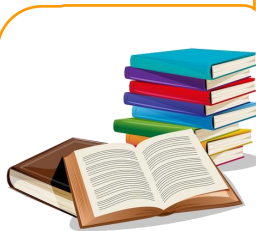


➤ Which Bank customers can link Rupay credit cards to UPI?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) Canara Bank
- D) IDBI Bank
- E) None of these

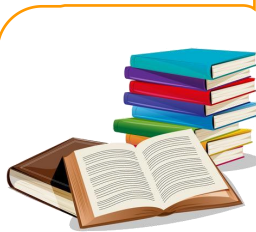
Answer

A) HDFC Bank



Explanation

- **HDFC Bank has become the first private sector lender to offer its customers the option to use their Rupay credit cards on the unified payments interface (UPI).**
- Till last year, UPI was being linked to savings accounts from where the payments used to be debited.
- From now on, **HDFC Bank Rupay credit cards can be linked to a UPI ID enabling a customer to use the credit card on popular payments platforms.**
- The bank's country head for payments Parag Rao said this move will offer customers even more flexibility and convenience to make digital payments.

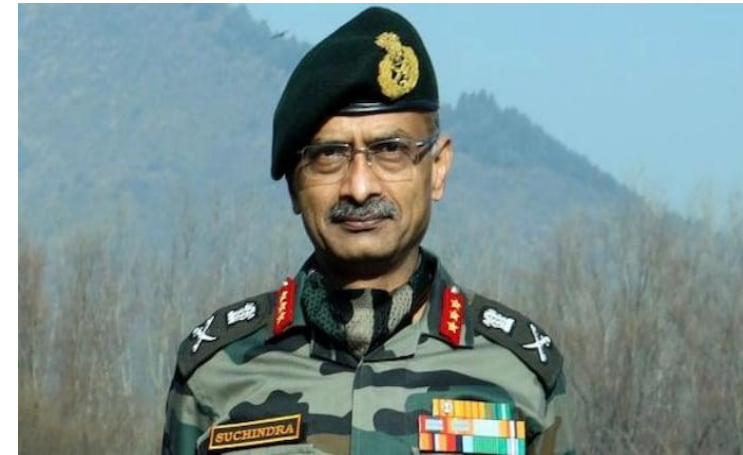


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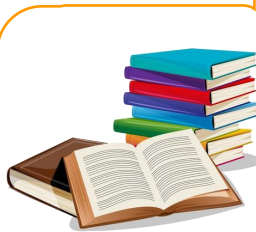
➤ **Who will be new Vice Chief of Army?**

- A) MV Suchindra Kumar
- B) Bipin Rawat
- C) Manoj Mukund
- D) Manoj Pande
- E) None of these



Answer

A) MV Suchindra Kumar

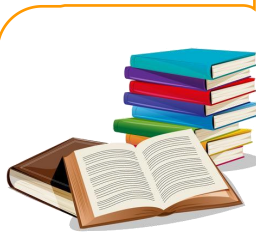


APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Lt Gen MV Suchindra Kumar has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of Army Staff**, official sources said .
- He is currently serving as the Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy) in the Army Headquarters.
- **Lt Gen Kumar will succeed Lt Gen B S Raju who has been appointed as the Jaipur- headquartered South Western Army Commander.**



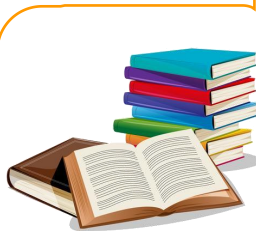
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Union Cabinet approved construction of Shinkun La tunnel to provide all-weather connectivity to _____?

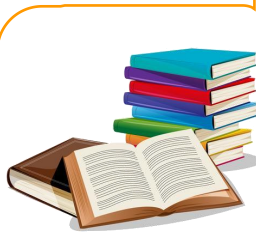
- A) Ladakh
- B) Assam
- C) Haryana
- D) All the above
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Ladakh



Explanation

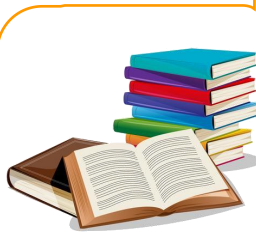
- The Union Cabinet gave its nod for the construction of the **4.1-km Shinkun La tunnel on the Nimu-Padam-Darcha road link** to provide all-weather connectivity to the border areas of Ladakh.
- Providing details of the cabinet decision, Union minister Anurag Thakur said the tunnel will be completed by December 2025 at a cost of Rs 1,681 crore.
- The length of the tunnel will be 4.1 km. An approach will also be built by December 2025.



➤ Who get DGCA nod for indigenously developed "black boxes"?

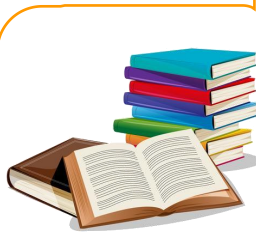
- A) Garuda Aerospace
- B) HAL
- C) DRDO
- D) All the above
- E) None of these

Answer
B) HAL



Explanation

- The Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd said, it has received the Indian Technical Standard Order (ITSO) authorisation from Directorate General of Civil Aviation for its indigenously developed **Cockpit Voice Recorder (CVR) and Flight Data Recorder (FDR)**.
- The ITSO is a minimum performance standard for specified materials, parts, processes, and appliances used on civil aircraft, the Bengaluru-headquartered HAL noted in a statement.
- **CVR and FDR are popularly known as 'black boxes'**.
- However, these recorders are painted in orange colour to help in their recovery following an aircraft accident.



ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

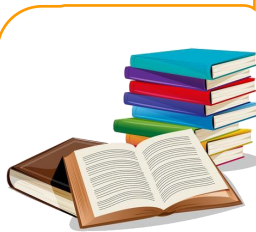


➤ Who announced the translocation of twelve Cheetahs from South Africa to India?

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Bhupender Yadav
- E) None of these

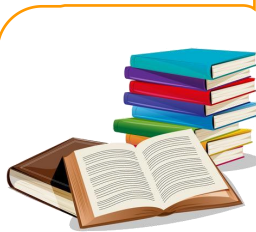
Answer

D) Bhupender Yadav



Explanation

- Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate change, **Shri Bhupender Yadav, announced the translocation of twelve Cheetahs from South Africa to India on 18th February 2023.**
- The Cheetahs will be translocated to Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.
- Addressing the media on this occasion Shri Yadav said that bringing the Cheetah back to India will help in restoring the nation's natural heritage.
- He also thanked the Defence Ministry and the Indian Air Force for extending full support for the translocation.
- Shri Yadav also mentioned about the various initiatives taken up by the ministry in the areas of wildlife conservation including Project Cheetah, LIFE concept and its sustainability, Green growth namely Green Credit, Mishti – for mangrove conservation and Gaj Utsav among others.



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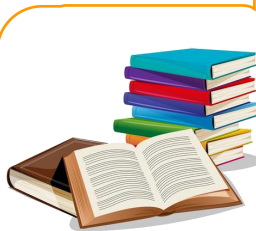
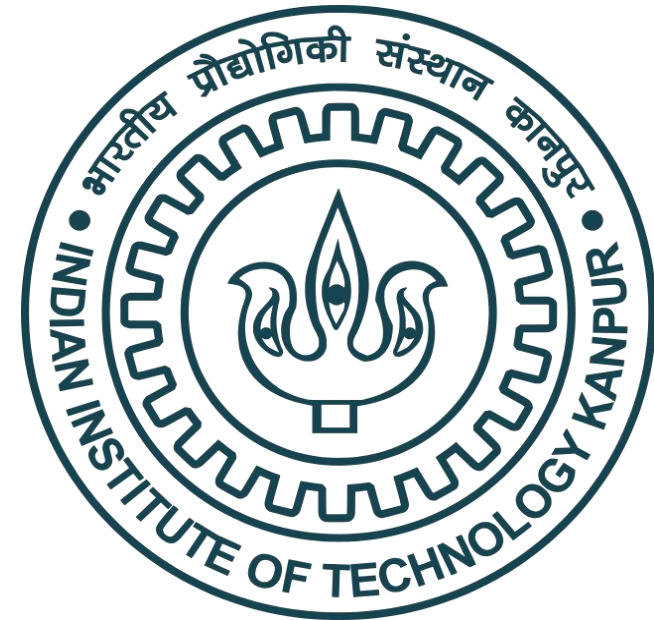


➤ Who developed energy-efficient system to transport coal, minerals?

- A) IIT Kanpur
- B) IIT Bombay
- C) IIT Delhi
- D) IIT Patna
- E) None of these

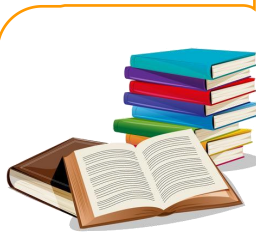
Answer

A) IIT Kanpur



Explanation

- The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur** has **developed an energy-efficient compressed air-based pipeline system for transporting coal and minerals**, offering round-the-clock monitoring with considerable savings in time and costs .
- The cargo-based hyperloop system, developed by Professor Bishakh Bhattacharya and research scientists Kanhaiya Lal Chaurasia and Yashasvi Sinha at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, will address challenges such as material loss, uncertainty in delivery time and air pollution.



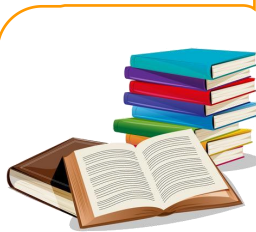
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ India and which country signed MoU on visa exemption for official passport holders?

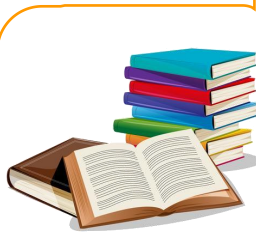
- A) Fiji
- B) Brazil
- C) Japan
- D) Indonesia
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Fiji



Explanation

- **India and Fiji signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on visa exemption for holders of diplomatic and official passports.**
- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Fiji's Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka witnessed the MoU exchange.
- Jaishankar on the occasion said: "**I just signed and exchanged the visa waiver agreement.**"
- **It will be helpful in encouraging greater travel between our two countries."**



➤ India elected chair of which session of UN Commission for Social Development?

- A) 61st
- B) 62nd
- C) 63rd
- D) 64th
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 62nd



INDIA ELECTED AS CHAIR OF 62ND SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Permanent Representative of India to the UN, Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj

India has been elected as the Chair of the 62nd Session of the Commission for Social Development on 15 February 2023. The announcement was made at the 13th plenary meeting-61st session of the commission for social development. Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj expressed gratitude on behalf of India. "It is an honor for me to be elected, on behalf of India, as Chair of the 62nd session of the Commission for Social Development," said the Ambassador.

For the 62nd session, the priority theme of the session is decided as "Fostering Social Development and Social Justice through Social Policies to accelerate Progress on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to achieve the overarching goal of poverty eradication."

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE 61ST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

On the final day (February 15) of its 61st session, the commission decided to forward four draft resolutions to the Economic and Social Council for adoption (ECOSOC). Out of the four, there was a draft resolution that focused on creating full employment and decent work for all with an aim to overcome inequalities and accelerate the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. During the meeting, various member countries expressed their opinions about the aspects of the commission's work and its decisions.

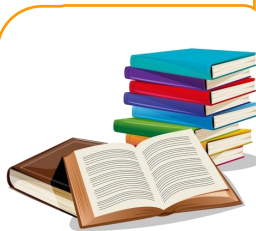
The Chair of the 61st session of the commission Alya Ahmed bin Saif Al-Thani, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Qatar delivered the closing remarks. She said, "We emphasized the need for strong financing of global public goods, reforming the international financing architecture to fund actions for sustainable development and bolstering strategies to reduce informality, promote decent work and universalize social protection."

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Giving her remarks on the priority theme of the session, the Ambassador said, "The theme underlines an intrinsic and important connection between social development and social justice as fundamentals to achieving the SDGs." Along with India as the Chair, the commission also elected Jon Ivanovski (North Macedonia), Carla María Carlson (Dominican Republic), and Thomas Lammar (Luxembourg) as Vice-Chairs of the 62nd session.

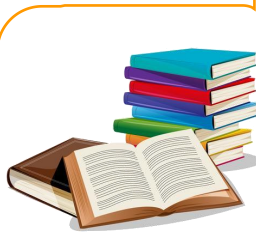
The opportunity comes at a time when India is leading the G20 and is steering the global agenda through its G20 Presidency. In addition, India has undertaken a number of initiatives and policies to advance the social development of its citizens, which might be very advantageous for other nations.

Commission for Social Development is one of the key commissions tasked with monitoring and carrying out the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action. It was established by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), one of the six main organs of the United Nations. The commission's goal is to advise the ECOSOC, particularly on those social issues that are not dealt by specialized intergovernmental organisations.



Explanation

- **India has been elected chair of the 62nd session of the UN Commission for Social Development (CSocD).**
- Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj accepted the chairpersonship at the UN Headquarters in New York .
- **This is the first time since 1975 that India has become Chair of the Commission for Social Development,** according to a release issued by the Indian Permanent Mission to the UN.
- The Commission for Social Development is a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council.
- **The Commission serves as the primary inter-governmental body to deliberate upon and strengthen international cooperation on social development issues,** according to the official release.



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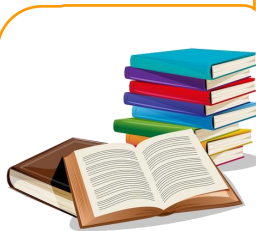


➤ Who inaugurated "Aadi Mahotsav" to showcase tribal culture, pays tribute to freedom fighter Birsa Munda?

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- E) None of these

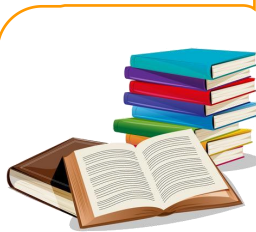
Answer

B) Narendra Modi



Explanation

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi inaugurated "Aadi Mahotsav"**, the mega National Tribal Festival at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium here in the national capital.
- He also paid floral tribute to tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda.
- **Birsa Munda, who belonged to the Munda tribe, was born on November 15 in 1875.**
- During British rule in the late 19th century, he spearheaded an Indian tribal religious Millenarian movement across the tribal belt of modern-day Bihar and Jharkhand.

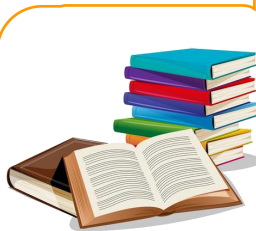


➤ Which state Government will Host Investment Drive in Chennai, Ahead of Global Investment Summit 2023?

- A) Arunachal Pradesh
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) None of these

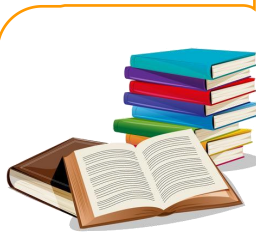
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D) Andhra Pradesh



Explanation

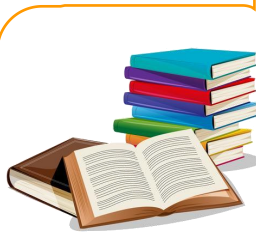
- The government of **Andhra Pradesh is gearing up to host another investor meet in Chennai next, on February 17th, 2023**, as part of its efforts to attract businesses and investors to the upcoming Andhra Pradesh Global Investment Summit (GIS) 2023.
- The event in **Chennai follows a successful event held in Bengaluru on February 14th, 2023**, which was preceded by an equally triumphant curtain-raiser event in New Delhi on January 31st.
- The investor drive has been carefully designed to give businesses and investors a taste of what's to come at the summit, which is set to take place in Visakhapatnam on March 3-4, 2023.
- Under the theme of "**Advantage Andhra Pradesh - Where Abundance Meets Prosperity**" the summit will showcase the state's strong industrial base, robust presence of MSMEs and start-ups, and investor-friendly atmosphere.



QUICK RECALL



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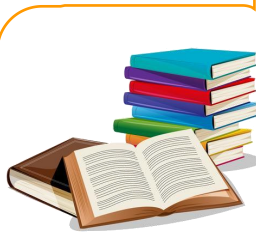
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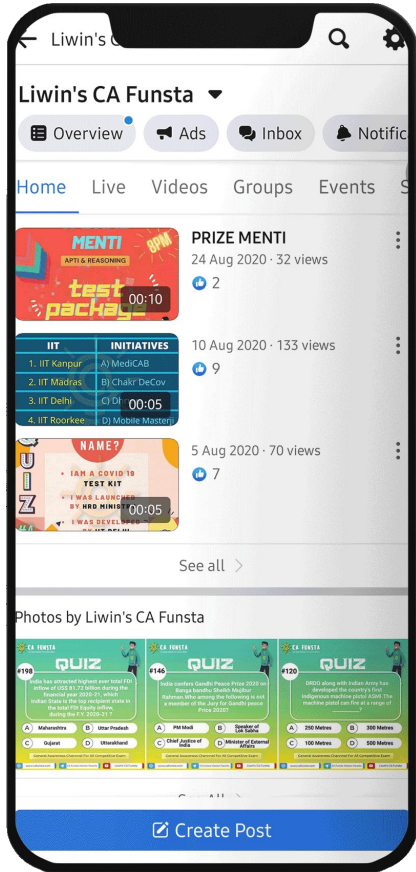
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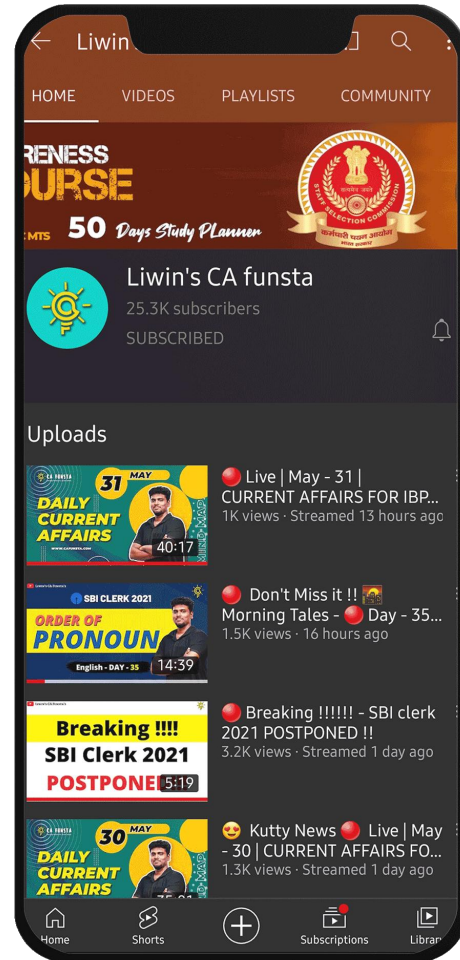
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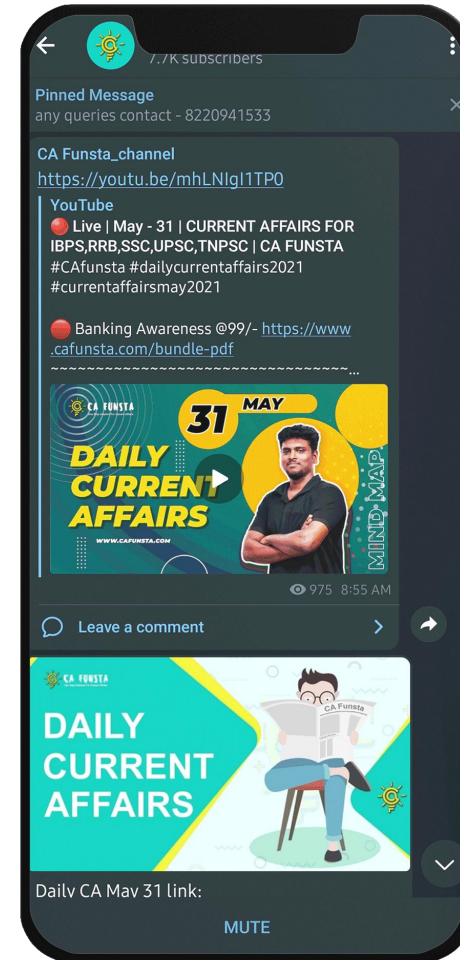
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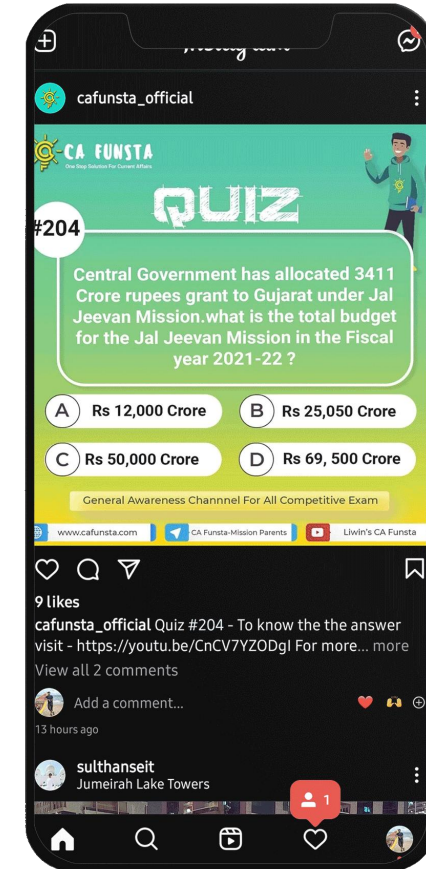
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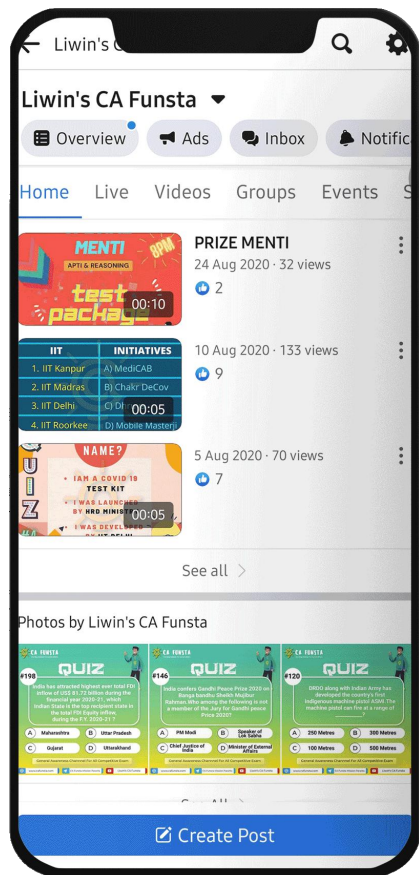


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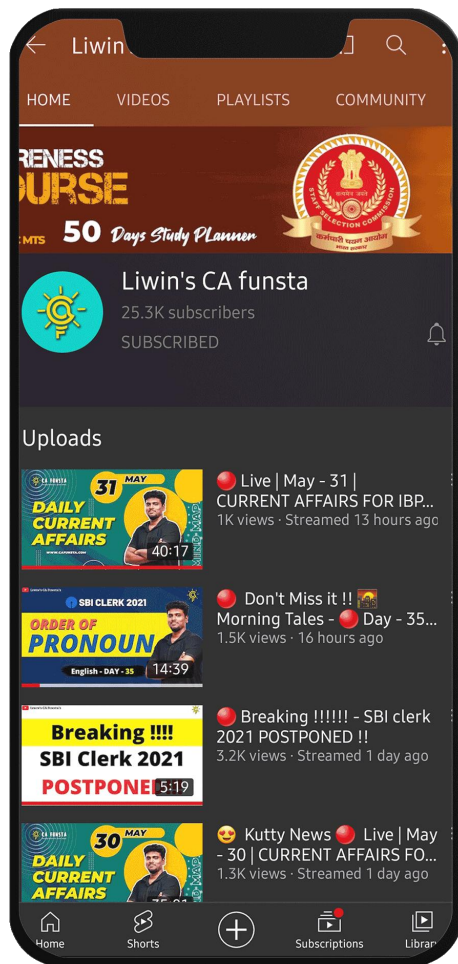
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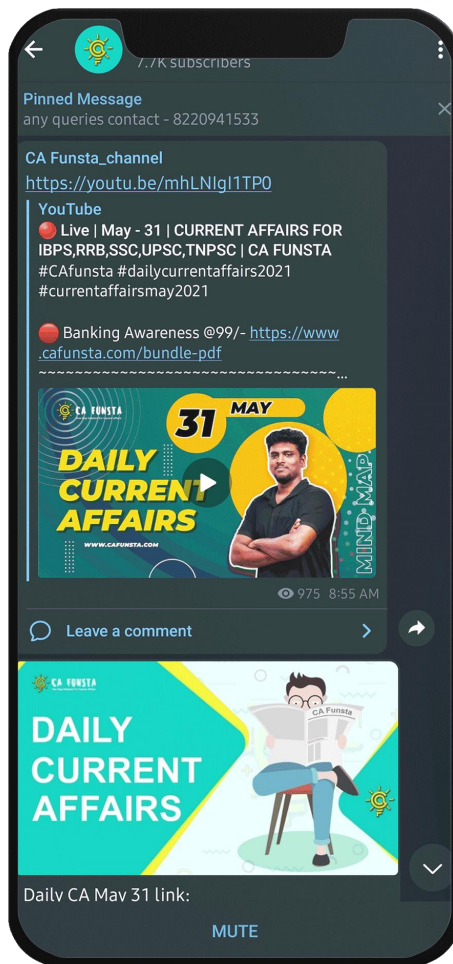
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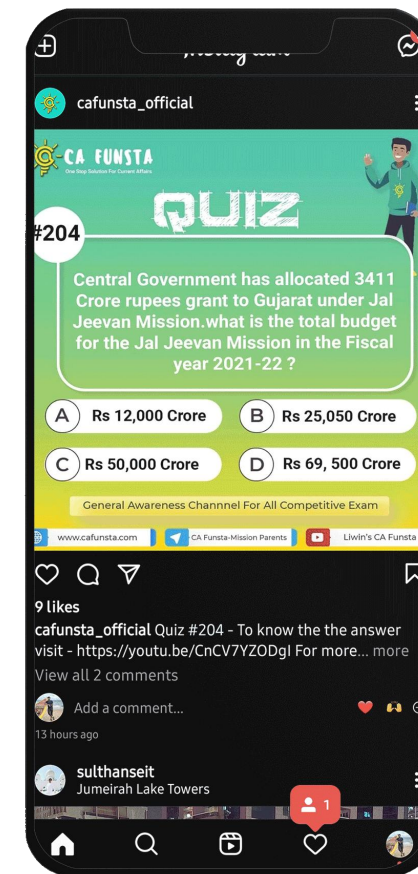
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