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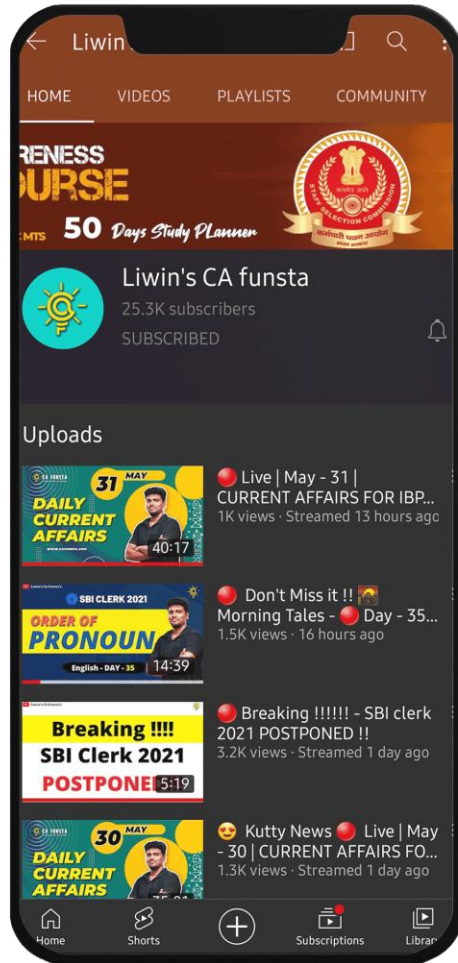




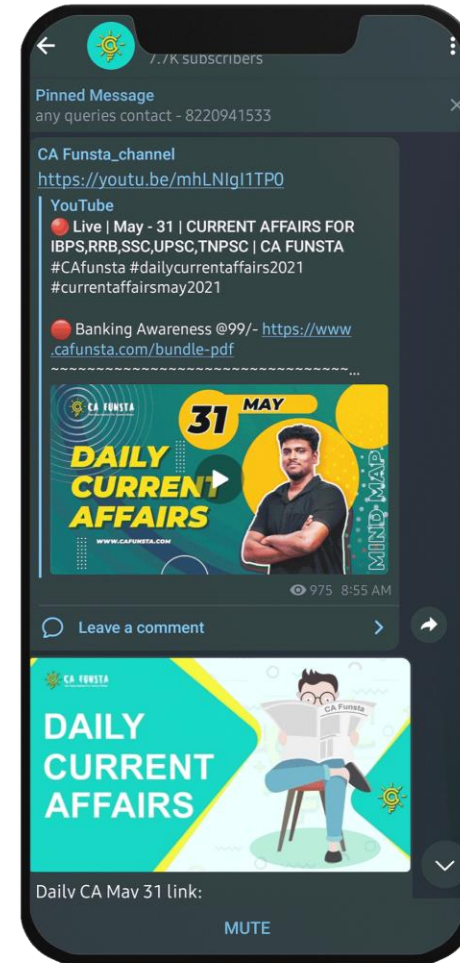
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# RANKING



➤ India ranked \_\_\_\_\_ among 51 countries in having quality entrepreneurship ecosystem?

- 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**

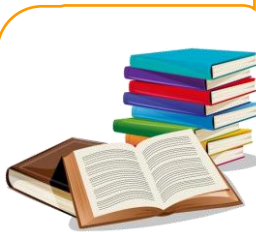
**D) 4<sup>th</sup>**

India ranks 4th among 51 countries in having quality entrepreneurship ecosystem: Report

THE ECONOMIC TIMES FEBRUARY 17TH, 2023



India has been ranked fourth out of 51 countries in having a quality entrepreneurship ecosystem, a new global report said on Thursday, reflecting the steady rise in the nation's business environment over the years. "The improved quality of the entrepreneurship ecosystem is a reflection of both initiatives of the Indian government in supporting new businesses such as Make in India and Atal Innovation Mission," said Dr Sreevas Sahasranamam.



# RANKING



## Explanation

- **India has been ranked fourth out of 51 countries in having a quality entrepreneurship ecosystem**, a new global report said, reflecting the steady rise in the nation's business environment over the years.
- **The ranking of India in the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) National Entrepreneurship Context Index (NECI) report** is a drastic turnaround following a much lower score in 2021 which was 16th overall.
- **India's latest score of 6.1** reflects a steady increase in the country's overall entrepreneurial environment over the years.



# RANKING



➤ Which is the top country in AI skill penetration globally?

- A) Japan
- B) China
- C) India
- D) USA
- E) None of these



**Answer**  
**C) India**



# RANKING



## Explanation

- **India currently ranks first in terms of AI skill penetration and AI talent concentration and fifth in AI scientific publications**, a Nasscom report said.
- **India's 'AI Skills Penetration Factor' has been reported to be 3.09 -- the highest among all G20 and OECD countries.**
- It shows that India's tech talent is 3X more likely to have or report AI skills than other countries, according to the report by the National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) in partnership with Salesforce and Draup.





# APPOINTMENTS

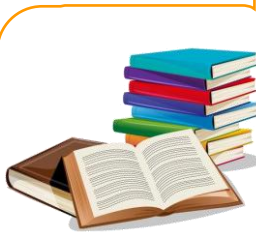


➤ Who will be new CEO of YouTube after Susan Wojcicki steps down?

- A) K.S Bains
- B) M R Ravikumar
- C) Neal Mohan
- D) V.V. Kohli
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**C) Neal Mohan**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki announced that she is stepping down from her role after spending nine years as the head of the global online video-sharing and social media platform and will be replaced by her longtime **Indian-American lieutenant Neal Mohan.**



# AWARDS



➤ **NMDC won how many Awards at the Governance Now 9th PSU Awards?**

- A) 3
- B) 4
- C) 5
- D) 6
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
C) 5





# AWARDS



## Explanation

- **India's largest producer of iron ore NMDC, swept five awards at the Governance Now 9th PSU Awards held in New Delhi on 16 February 2023.**
- The ceremony witnessed the presence of Justice Shri Dipak Mishra, Former Chief Justice of India, Supreme Court as the Chief Guest to felicitate the winners.
- The Governance Now Awards recognize and celebrate the commitment of PSUs in raising the standards in the public sector to create socio-economic value for the country.
- **CMD Shri Sumit Deb was felicitated with the coveted PSU Leadership Award 2022 and NMDC also brought home accolades for CSR Leadership, CSR Commitment (Overall), HR Excellence (Overall) and Nation Building, all received by Shri DK Mohanty, Director (Production) on behalf of NMDC.**



# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

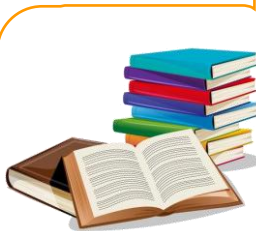
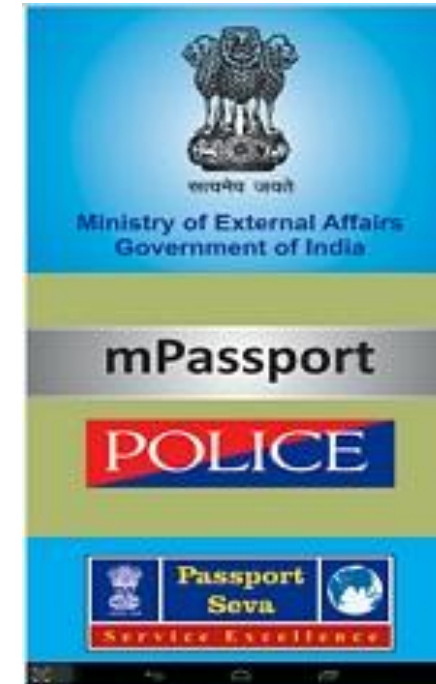


➤ Which ministry introduced 'mPassport Police App' to expedite police verification of passport issuance?

- A) External Affairs
- B) Agriculture
- C) Tourism
- D) Rural Development
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) External Affairs**



## Explanation

- The Ministry of External Affairs introduced the '**mPassport Police App**' to streamline and expedite the process of police verification of passport issuance.
- **Union Home Minister Amit Shah dedicated 350 mobile Tablets to personnel of Delhi Police Special Branch, on the occasion of the force's Raising Day.**
- These devices will now enable the entire process of police verification and submission report to become paperless, according to a release issued by the Ministry of External Affairs Regional Passport Office (RPO), Delhi.





## Titbits

### Ministry of External Affairs

- UNION MINISTER : **Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar** (Gujarat)



# DEFENCE



➤ Who developed Vayulink platform for jam-proof communication with base station?

- A) Indian Railways
- B) India Post
- C) Indian Air Force
- D) Only A & B
- E) Only A & C



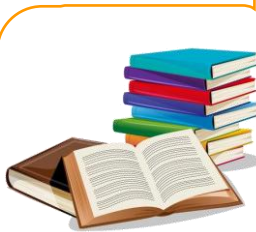
**Answer**

**C) Indian Air Force**



## Explanation

- The Indian Air Force has come out with an innovative solution that would aid pilots in dealing with bad weather and also provide jam-proof uninterrupted communication with the base station.
- Known as Vayulink, the data link communication uses the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) that is also known as NAVIC, to send radio communication to the base station when the signals are low, an IAF officer involved in the project said.
- The important aspect of the technological solution is that it prevents fratricide or friendly fire.





# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ India and which country will kickstart 2-week wargame?

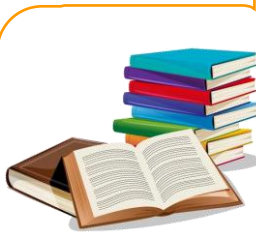
- A) Japan
- B) China
- C) UK
- D) USA
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**A) Japan**



## Explanation

- The armies of India and Japan will kickstart a two-week mega military wargame in the Japanese province of Shiga to share best practices and develop interoperability.
- Indian Army officials said the exercise, 'Dharma Guardian', is "crucial and significant" in terms of security challenges faced by both nations in the backdrop of the current global situation.
- The fourth edition of the exercise will take place from February 17 to March 2 at Camp Imazu in Shiga province.



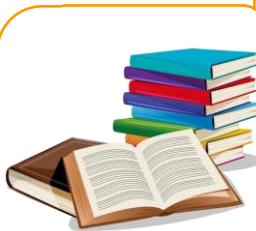
# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### Japan

- Capital : **Tokyo**
- Currency : **Japanese Yen**
- Emperor : **Naruhito**
- Prime Minister : **Fumio Kishida**
- Language : **Japanese**





# NATIONAL AFFAIRS

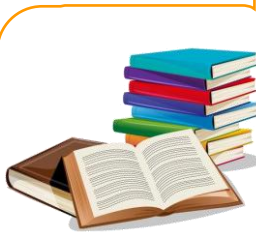


➤ Who launched 'Rail Post Gati Shakti Express Cargo Service'?

- A) Indian Railways
- B) India Post
- C) Indian Air Force
- D) Only A & B
- E) Only A & C

**Answer**

**D) Only A & B**



## Explanation

- **Indian Railways and India Post have formally launched Rail Post Gati Shakti Express Cargo Service, Joint Parcel Product of Railways, and India Post.**
- In consonance with the '**Gati Shakti Master Plan**' to provide seamless solutions for the movement of parcels, Indian Railways and the Department of Post have collaborated and evolved a Joint Parcel Product (JPP), the Rail Post Gati Shakti Express Cargo.
- This is in compliance with the Budget announcement for FY 2022-23.
- It has been started, on the four sectors -**Delhi to Kolkata; Bangalore to Guwahati, Surat to Muzaffarpur, and Hyderabad to Hazrat Nizamuddin.**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS

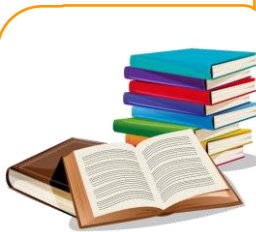


➤ Which ministry and Meesho signed MoU to onboard rural women as online sellers?

- A) Sports
- B) Agriculture
- C) Tourism
- D) Rural Development
- E) None of these

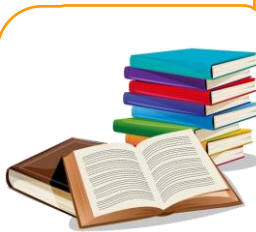
**Answer**

**D) Rural Development**



## Explanation

- The **Ministry of Rural Development and Meesho** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to drive **digital inclusion of all women registered under State Rural Livelihood Missions (SRLMs)** and enable them to **sell online**, according to a statement.
- The agreement was signed in the presence of Union Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh.
- The partnership will give impetus to Meesho's ongoing efforts to onboard rural women entrepreneurs in various states and enable them to launch and grow their businesses online.





## Titbits

### Ministry of Rural Development

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Giriraj Singh** (Begusarai, Bihar)



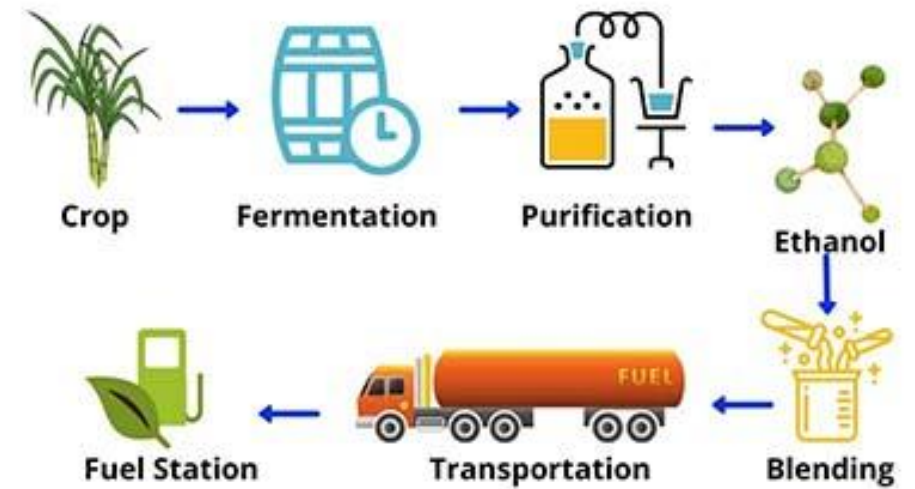
# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Govt gave in-principle approval to how many ethanol blending projects?

- A) 7
- B) 8
- C) 9
- D) 10
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
C) 9



## Explanation

- **Government has given in-principle approval to nine more ethanol projects under its ethanol interest subvention scheme.**
- These projects are expected to add to the additional capacity of **about 35 crore litres.**
- Out of these nine projects, five projects are grain-based and three projects are molasses-based and one project is based on dual feed stock.
- These projects have potential to bring investment of about **Rs 1,034 crore** and will create hundreds of employment opportunities in their respective locations.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which ministry will organise 1st Global Tourism Investors' Summit from May 17 to 19?

- A) Sports
- B) Agriculture
- C) Tourism
- D) Rural Development
- E) None of these



**Answer**  
**C) Tourism**





## Explanation

- The **Tourism Ministry will organise 1st Global Tourism Investors' Summit from the 17th to 19th of May this year in New Delhi** to showcase opportunities in the Tourism and hospitality sector.
- The Summit will deliberate on potential opportunities for investment across tourism segments including hotels and restaurants, adventure and eco tourism, cruise and other related tourism sectors.
- Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy has said that the Government is working in a mission mode to promote and develop the Tourism sector in India.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS

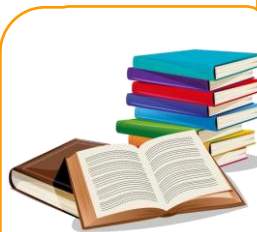


➤ PM virtually inaugurated Jal Jan Abhiyan in \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Manipur
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Maharastra
- E) None of these



**Answer**  
**C) Rajasthan**



## Explanation

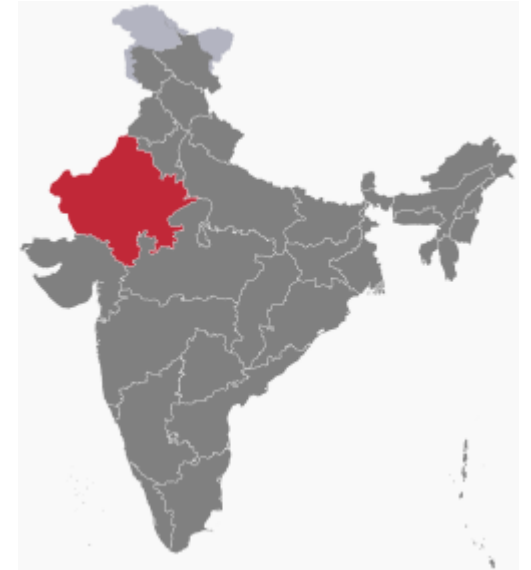
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi stressed that the Jal-Jan Abhiyan is being launched at a time when water scarcity is being seen as a future crisis all over the world.**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the Jal Jan Abhiyan in Abu Road in Sirohi district of Rajasthan.
- He noted that the 21st-century world is realising the seriousness of limited water resources on earth and pointed out that water security is a huge question for India due to its large population.
- He said , **“in the Amrit Kaal, India is looking towards water as the future.**
- **There will be a tomorrow if there is water”**, the Prime Minister remarked and underlined that joint efforts have to be made.



## Titbits

### Rajasthan

- Capital: **Jaipur**
- CM: **Ashok Gehlot (14th)**
- Governor: **Kalraj Mishra (22nd)**
- Language: **Hindi**
- National Park: **Keoladeo National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Gajner Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Keoladeo Ghana National Park, Sambar Lake**
- Tiger Reserve: **Sariska Tiger Reserve.**
- Power Station: **Chhabra Thermal Power Plant**
- Dams: **Alnia Dam (River: Alnia)**
- RRB: **Baroda Rajasthan Kshetriya Gramin Bank (BOB), Rajasthan Marudhara Gramin Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Keoladeo National Park, The Jantar Mantar, Hillforts of Rajasthan, Jaipur City**





➤ **Which state will host G20 dialogue forum?**

- A) Gujarat
- B) Manipur
- C) Kerala
- D) Maharashtra
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**B) Manipur**



## Explanation

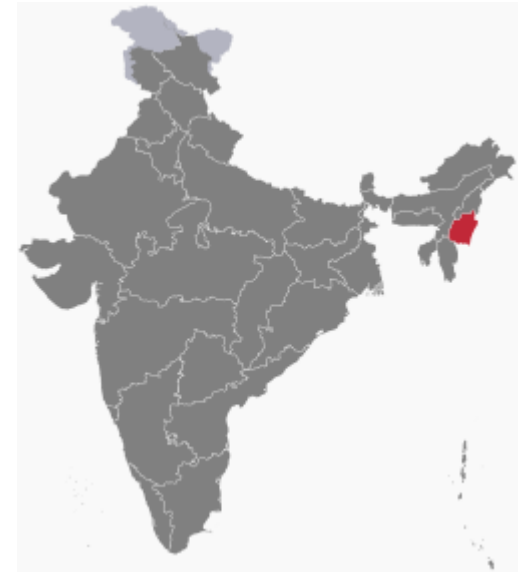
- Delegates from different foreign countries arrived in Imphal for B20 Session which is the official G20 Dialogue Forum for the global business community.
- Delegates from 23 nations spread across the globe which consists of 26 overseas business delegates and 24 diplomats including Ambassadors will be participating in the session.
- The session will be held this evening at Imphal and Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, Union Minister of State of Commerce and Industries Som Parkash, Union Minister of State of External Affairs Raj Kumar Ranjan Singh and other senior government officials from the state and the Centre will attend the session.



## Titbits

### Manipur

- Capital: **Imphal**
- CM: **N Biren Singh**
- Governor: **La Ganesan**
- Language: **Meitei(Manipuri)**
- National Park: **Keibul Lamjao National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Bunning Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Loktak Lake**
- Dams: **Singda Dam**
- RRB: **Manipur Rural Bank (UBI)**



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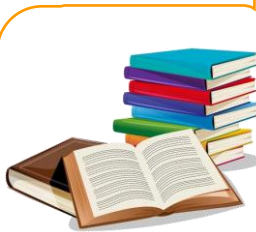


➤ **LG Manoj Sinha inaugurated Forest Resource Management Centre, launches National Transit Pass System in \_\_\_\_\_?**

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

**Answer**

**C) Jammu and Kashmir**





## Explanation

- In Jammu and Kashmir, **Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha** inaugurated **the Forest Resource Management Centre (FRMC)** and launched the **National Transit Pass System** at Narwal in Jammu.
- AIR Correspondent reports that the LG said, the new state-of-the-art facility and the technological advancements will go a long way in ensuring required protection and management of our forests.
- The **FRMC has been planned to scale up the use of modern technology such as GIS, Remote Sensing and digital tools like mobile application in protection and management of forests**, said the LG.
- The FRMC will also play a key role in digitalisation of forest boundaries as well as for management of forests through geo reference based information and mapping, added Mr Sinha.



## 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)**



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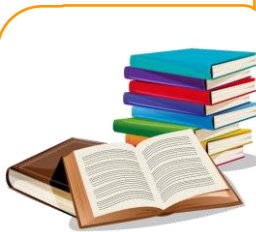


➤ IEPFA organised Conference on “Financial Literacy in Amrit Kaal - Empowering Investors” in \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A) Assam
- B) Mizoram
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Arunachal Pradesh
- E) None of these

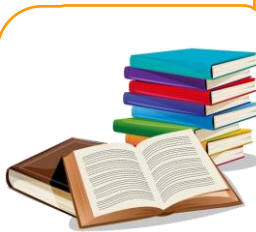
**Answer**

**B) Mizoram**



## Explanation

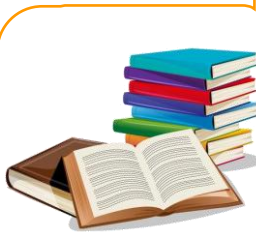
- **The conference will be inaugurated by tourism, sports and youth affairs minister Robert Romawia Royte.**
- **The conference shall witness inauguration of Niveshak Didi** – an initiative of Investor Education Protection Fund (IEPF) Authority in collaboration with the India Post Payment Bank (IPPB), Investor Awareness Van in Mizoram (Niveshak Sarathi) – an initiative of IEPF Authority in collaboration with the **Common Service Centers (CSC E-gov)** and **75 Iconic Investor Awareness Programmes (IAPs) in Mizoram.**



# QUICK RECALL



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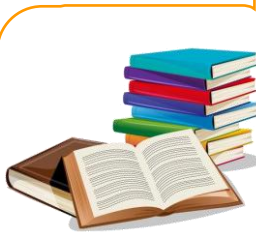




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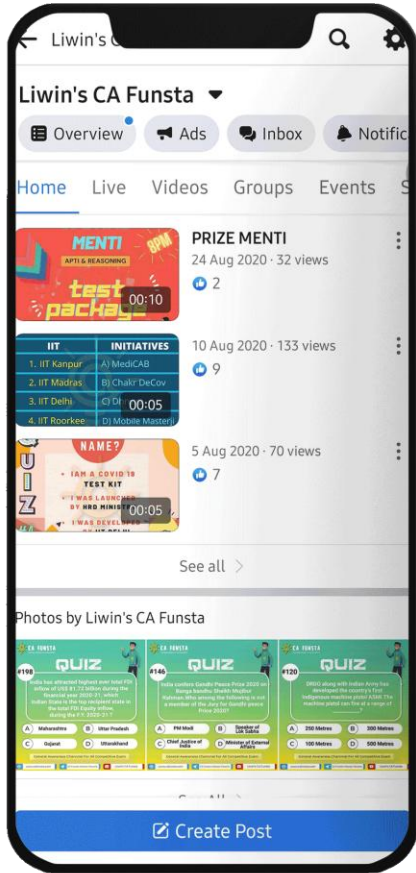


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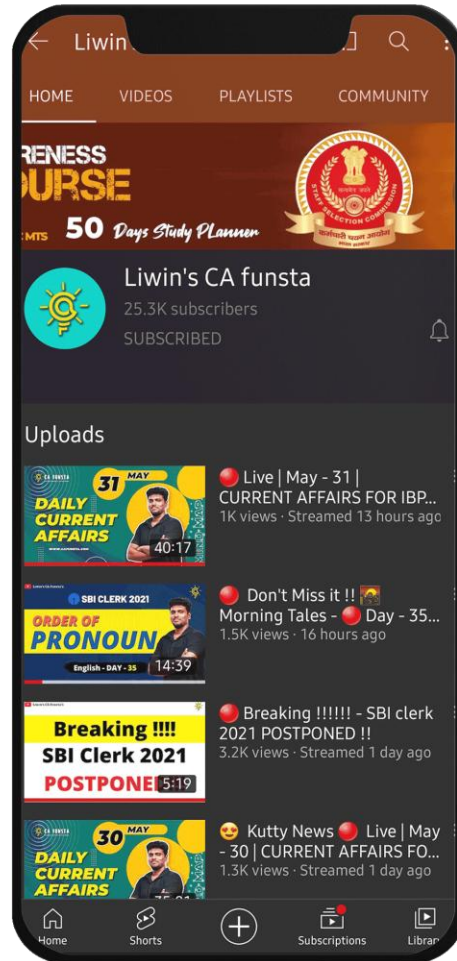
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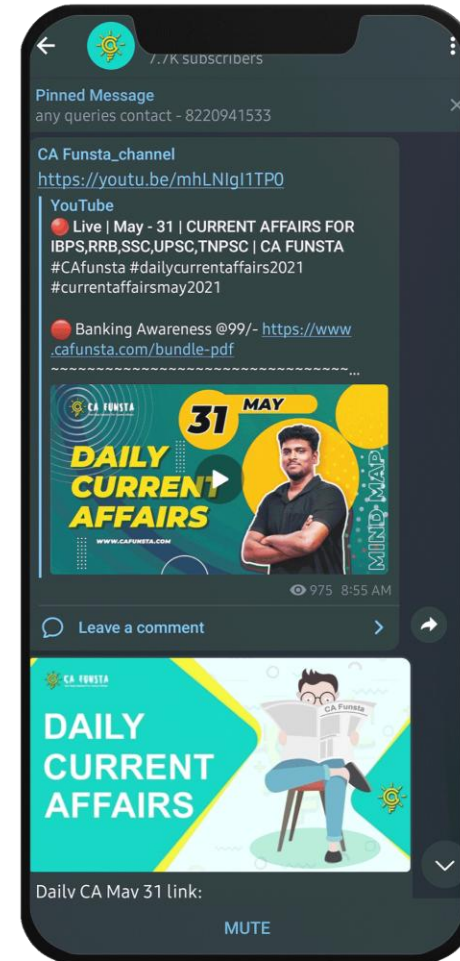
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