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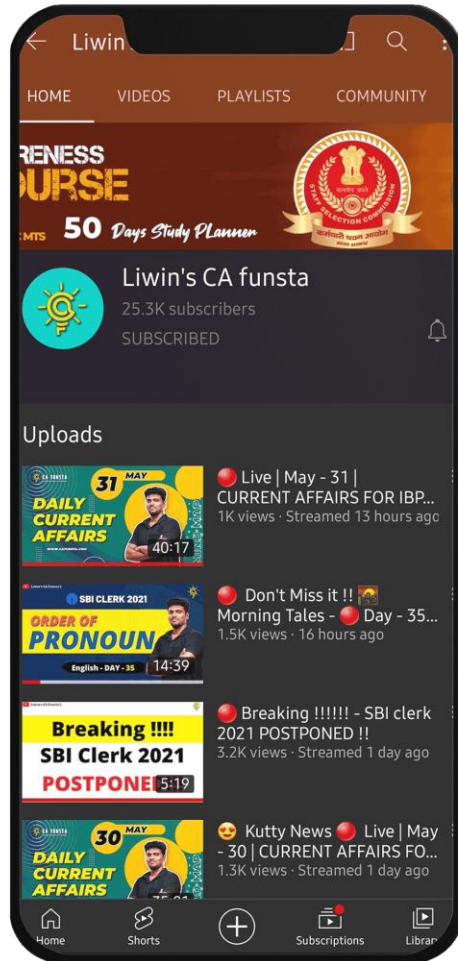
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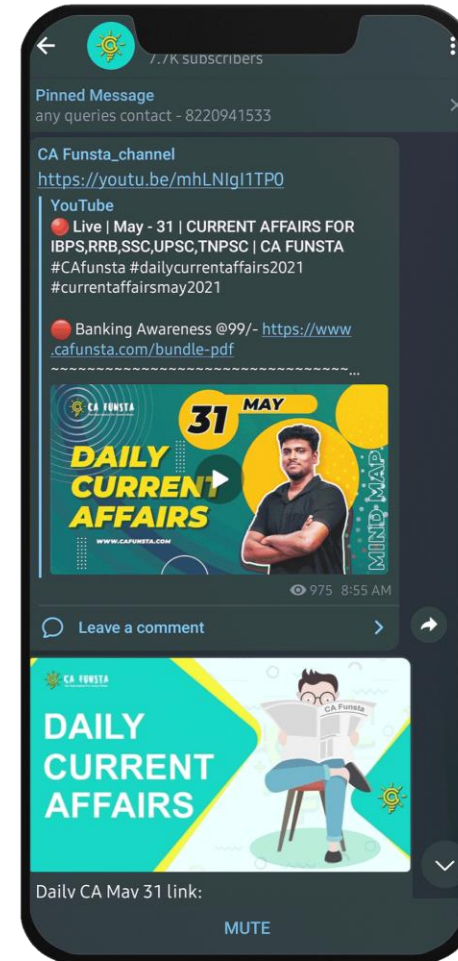
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Important Days

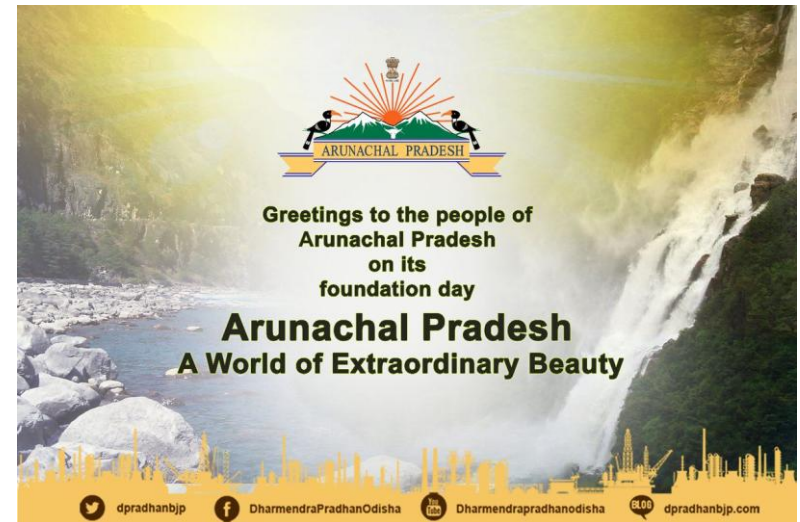


➤ Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day observed on _____?

- A) 18 February
- B) 19 February
- C) 20 February
- D) 21 February
- E) None of these

Answer

C) 20 February



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day
- DATE : 20 February
- OTHERS : Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day is celebrated on 20 February as on this day it gained the status of the Union Territory and was named Arunachal Pradesh.



Important Days



➤ **Mizoram Foundation Day observed on _____?**

- A) 18 February
- B) 19 February
- C) 20 February
- D) 21 February
- E) None of these

Answer

C) 20 February



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **Mizoram Foundation Day**
- DATE : **20 February**
- OTHERS : Every year on February 20, Mizoram, one of the northeastern Indian states, observes its Foundation Day. **This marks the day in 1987 when the state became the official 23rd state of India.**



Important Days



➤ **World Day of Social Justice observed on _____?**

- A) 18 February
- B) 19 February
- C) 20 February
- D) 21 February
- E) None of these

Answer

C) 20 February



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **World Day of Social Justice**
- DATE : **20 February**
- OTHERS : World Day of Social Justice is observed every year on 20 February to encourage people to see how social justice affects poverty eradication. **The main aim of this day is to achieve full employment and support for social integration.** This day tackle issues like poverty, exclusion, and unemployment.



SPORTS



➤ Who bagged 10m air pistol gold, opens India's account at Cairo Shooting World Cup?

- A) Varun Tomar
- B) Rudranksh Balasaheb
- C) Elavenil Valarivan
- D) Anjum Moudgil
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Varun Tomar



Explanation

- **Teenager Varun Tomar bagged a bronze medal in the men's 10m air pistol competition**, opening India's account at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol in Cairo.
- The 19-year-old, competing on day one, got the better of teammate Sarabjot Singh in a shoot-off after both had tied for the third spot with a score of 250.6 in the ranking round.
- Seasoned Slovakian shooter Juraj Tuzinsky defeated upcoming Italian talent Paolo Monna 17-15, to win gold in the event.



RANKING



➤ Adani down to _____ richest on Forbes, Bloomberg lists, net worth at \$48 bn?

- A) 24th
- B) 25th
- C) 26th
- D) 27th
- E) None of these



Answer
B) 25th



RANKING



Explanation

- **Forbes and Bloomberg are valuing Gautam Adani at \$48 billion and \$49.1 billion respectively** and have placed the billionaire at the 25th spot on their list of wealthiest people in the world, LiveMint reported.
- **Gautam Adani's net worth slipped to less than \$50 billion for the first time in several years.**
- **The billionaire became the second-richest man in the world in September 2022 with his net worth at \$156.3 billion.**
- After witnessing fluctuations in his wealth after a market rout caused by Hindenberg's report, Adani has slipped to the 25th place in the Forbes and Bloomberg real-time billionaires lists.



➤ Which bank tops list of public sector lenders in loan growth, asset quality?

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

Answer

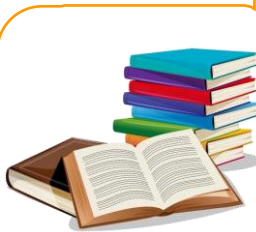
A) Bank of Maharashtra



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Bank of Maharashtra

भारत सरकार का उद्यम

एक परिवार एक बैंक



Explanation

- **Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has emerged as the top performer among state-owned lenders in terms of loan growth percentage during the third quarter of 2022-23,** an analysis of the latest financial results of public sector banks showed.
- The **Pune-based lender recorded a 21.67 per cent increase in gross advances on a year-on-year basis,** according to the latest quarterly numbers of the public sector bank (PSB).
- The bank has maintained the top slot in credit growth in percentage terms consistently for the past 10 quarters despite COVID-19 pressures.



Titbits

Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)

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



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Who launched curriculum for technical courses in semiconductor design and manufacturing?

- A) AICTE
- B) IIT Madras
- C) DRDO
- D) SpaceX
- E) None of these

Answer
A) AICTE



Explanation

- The **All India Council for Technical Education** has **launched curriculum for two new programs designed for design and manufacturing in semiconductors**, which will provide variety of employment roles and salary incentives for students, said Ashwini Vaishnaw, minister of railways, communications, electronics and information technology.
- The Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology and Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the **‘SemiconIndia Conference of Electronics Manufacturing Supply Chain Ecosystem’**.



ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



➤ India, Nepal agree to add _____MW to Dhalkebar-Muzaffarpur transmission line?

- A) 200 MW
- B) 300 MW
- C) 400 MW
- D) 500 MW
- E) None of these

Answer
A) 200 MW



Explanation

- **Nepal and India have inked an agreement to increase the power import and export capacity through the Dhalkebar-Muzaffarpur transmission line from 600 megawatts to 800 megawatts.**
- The agreement was reached at the Energy Secretary-level Joint Steering Committee (JSC) meeting in Mount Abu, Rajasthan, according to a press release issued by the Ministry of Energy.



DEFENCE



➤ India-Uzbekistan biennial military training Exercise DUSTLIK 2023 will begin in _____?

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

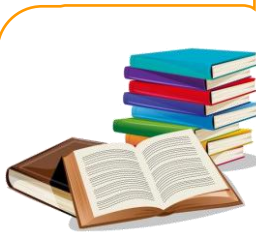
Answer

A) Uttarakhand



Explanation

- As part of a military-to-military exchange program between the Indian Army and Uzbekistan Army, **the fourth edition of biennial training Exercise DUSTLIK (2023) will be conducted till 5th March, 2023 in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.**
- **The Indian contingent will be represented by the 14th Battalion, the GARHWAL RIFLES**, part of Western Command in this bilateral exercise.
- The Uzbekistan Army will be represented by troops of the North Western Military District of Uzbekistan Army.



DEFENCE



➤ Which ship visited Abu Dhabi To Participate In IDEX And NAVDEX 23?

- A) INS Vela
- B) INS Khanderi
- C) INS Sumedha
- D) INS Suvarna
- E) None of these

Answer

C) INS Sumedha

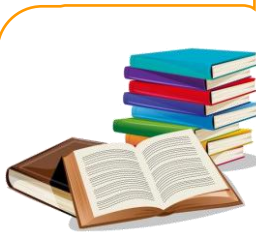


DEFENCE



Explanation

- **Indian Naval Ship Sumedha arrived at Abu Dhabi, UAE on 20 Feb 2023 to participate in NAVDEX 23** (Naval Defence Exhibition) and IDEX 23 (International Defence Exhibition), scheduled from 20 to 24 Feb 2023.
- The ship's participation in two leading regional naval and defence exhibitions will showcase the strengths of India's indigenous ship building and underscore the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of '**Aatma Nirbhar Bharat**'.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ **Which country and India will link digital payments systems for cross-border transactions?**

- A) Singapore
- B) Germany
- C) Netherland
- D) Bulgaria
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Singapore



Explanation

- Starting, residents of Singapore can transfer money to India using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) of India.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Singaporean counterpart Lee Hsien Loong will witness the launch and linkage of cross-border connectivity between UPI and PayNow of Singapore.
- The linkage of these two payment systems of both countries would enable residents of both countries to the faster and more cost-efficient transfer of cross-border remittances.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which country and India launched the Chapter of the Business Council to Boost Bilateral Trade & Investment?

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

Answer
A) UAE



Explanation

- The **UAE and India have launched the UAE India Business Council - UAE Chapter (UIBCUC)** to strengthen economic ties and support their joint mission to increase bilateral trade and investment.
- His Excellency Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, UAE Minister of State for Foreign Trade, launched the UAE India Business Council - UAE Chapter (UIBC-UC) on February 18, 2023 in Dubai.
- **With a shared goal of increasing bilateral trade to \$100 billion and attracting \$75 billion in investment from the UAE to India**, the UIBC-UC is well positioned to assist the two governments in achieving their goals and realizing the full potential of the UAE - India relationship.



Titbits

United Arab Emirates

- Capital : **Abu Dhabi**
- Currency : **UAE Dirham**
- President : **Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan**
- Prime Minister : **Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum**
- Language : **Arabic**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which state police conducted 'Operation SEAL' to control smuggling, drug trafficking?

- A) Manipur
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Punjab
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) None of these

Answer
C) Punjab



Explanation

- The Punjab Police is conducting a special operation called '**Operation SEAL**' to control smuggling, drug trafficking and anti-social elements across the state.
- "**Our continuous practice to eradicate the anti-social elements from the society is underway.**
- **To accelerate and support this practice, Punjab police is conducting 'Operation SEAL' to control illegal smuggling, drug trafficking and gangsters across the state,"** said Arpit Shukla ADGP, Law and Order.



➤ Govt set up committee to monitor impact of rise in temp on which crop?

- A) Rice
- B) Wheat
- C) Maize
- D) Pulses
- E) None of these

Answer
B) Wheat



Explanation

- **The government said it has set up a committee to monitor the impact of rise in temperature on the wheat crop.**
- The move comes amid a forecast by the National Crop Forecast Centre (NCFC) that maximum temperature in major wheat producing areas barring Madhya Pradesh was higher-than-average of the last seven years during the first week of February.
- **Even the Met Department has projected above-normal temperature in Gujarat, Jammu, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.**
- Speaking to reporters, Agriculture Secretary Manoj Ahuja said, **"We have set up a committee to monitor the situation arising due to increase in temperature on the wheat crop."**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who launched Learning-Teaching Material 'Jaadui Pitara' for Foundational Stages?

- A) Nirmala Sitharaman
- B) Dharmendra Pradhan
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Dharmendra Pradhan



Explanation

- Union Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** **launched a Learning-Teaching Material called 'Jaadui Pitara' for Foundational Stages in New Delhi.**
- Under the National Curriculum Framework for foundational stage - 2022, **this unique initiative of the government will help students of foundational stages learn in a play-way method with ease.**
- The Jaadui Pitara' comprises of playbooks, activity books, flash cards, posters depicting various stories, games, puzzles, puppets and many more items.



Titbits

Ministry of Education

- Union minister : **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan** (Madhya Pradesh)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Union Minister Parshottam Rupala unveiled which phase of Sagar Parikrama from Hazira Port in Gujarat?

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

Answer
C) 3rd



Explanation

- The **third phase of Sagar Parikrama began at Hazira port in Surat.**
- Union Minister **Parshottam Rupala unveiled the Parikrama aimed at resolving fishermen's issues.**
- Addressing a press conference at Surat, Union Minister of fisheries Parsottam Rupala said, considering the importance of fisheries sector in rural and marine economy, the government has accorded top priority for the development of fisheries sector.
- He said, **the exports of the fisheries and allied sector have increased to 57 thousand crore rupees.**
- Mr. Rupala said various schemes worth over 32 thousand crores rupees have been implemented for fisheries sector.



Titbits

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

- Union minister : **Shri Parshottam Rupala** (Gujarat)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ **Khajuraho Dance Festival will begin in _____?**

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

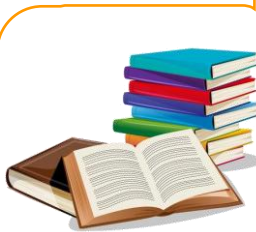
Answer

B) Madhya Pradesh



Explanation

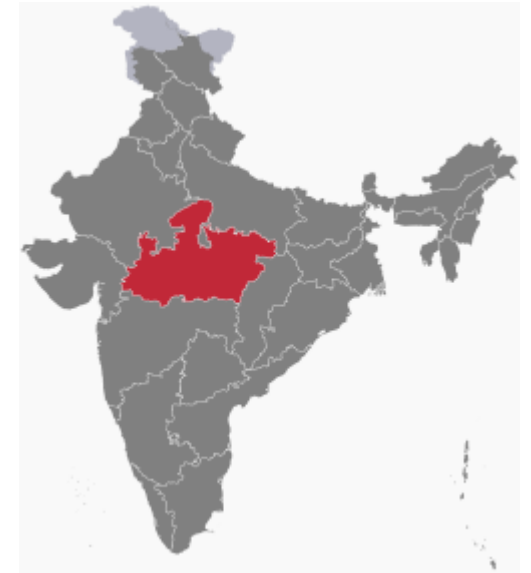
- In the **49th Khajuraho Dance Festival**, the spring of art will blossom in the amphitheater of Khajuraho.
- Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel will inaugurate '**Khajuraho Dance Festival-2023**' at 7 p.m.
- **The festival will conclude on 26 February.**
- Madhya Pradesh State Rupankar Kala Puraskar will be given at the ceremony and an exhibition of artworks has also been held at the venue.



Titbits

Madhya Pradesh

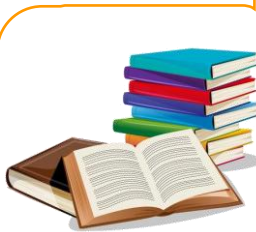
- Capital: **Bhopal**
- CM: **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**
- Governor: **Mangubhai Patel**
- Language: **Hindi**
- National Park: **Kuno National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary : Bagdara Wildlife Sanctuary
- Ramsar Site: **Bhoj Wetlands, Sirpur Wetland**
- Tiger Reserve: **Panna Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **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**



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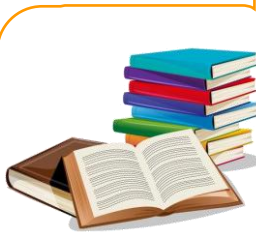
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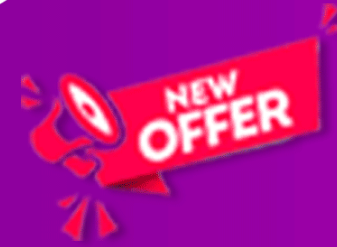


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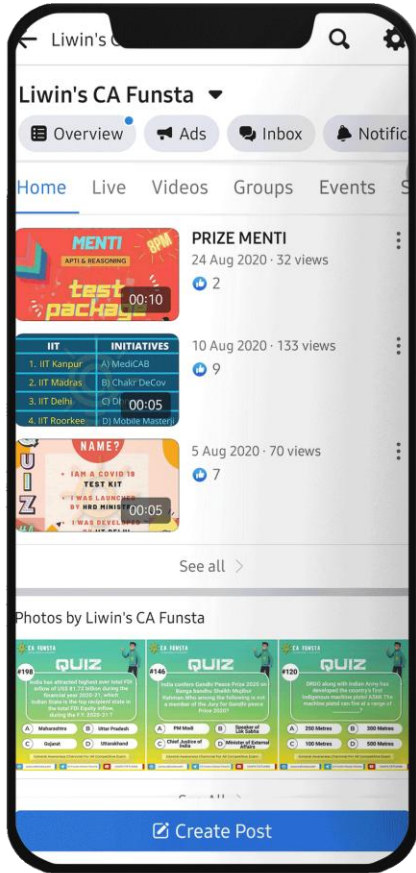
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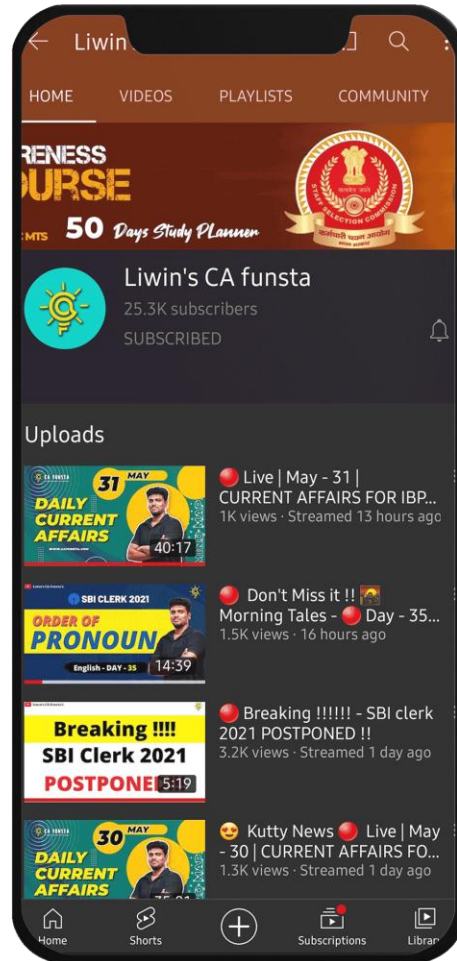
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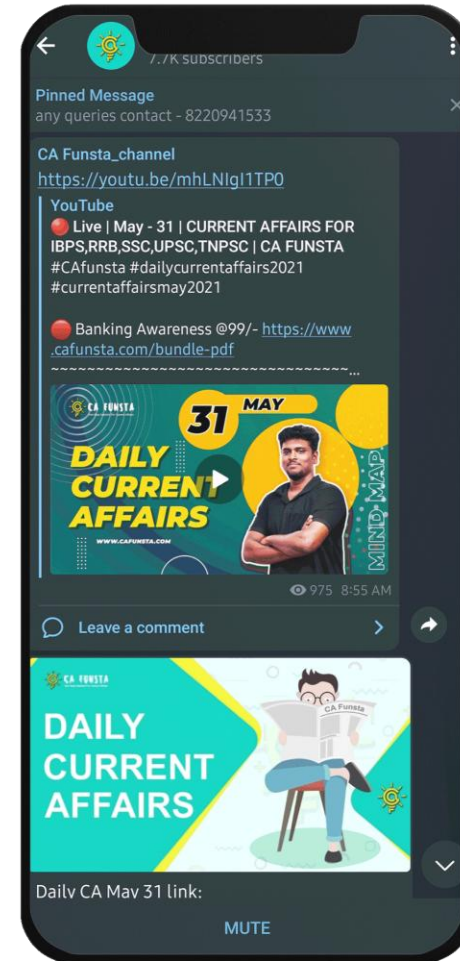
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