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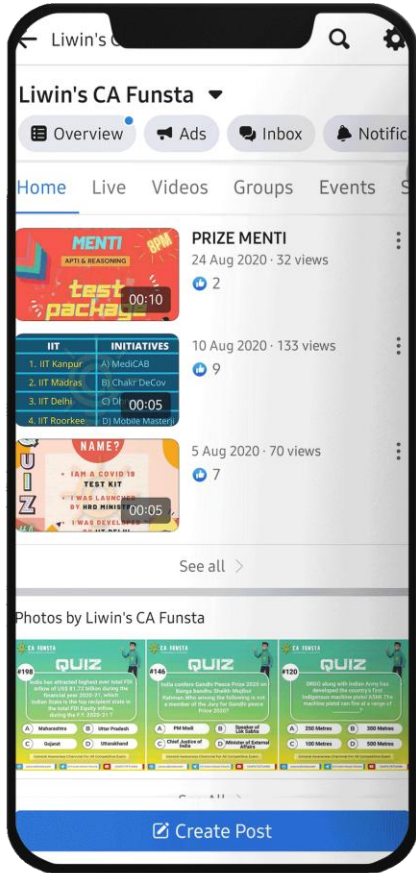
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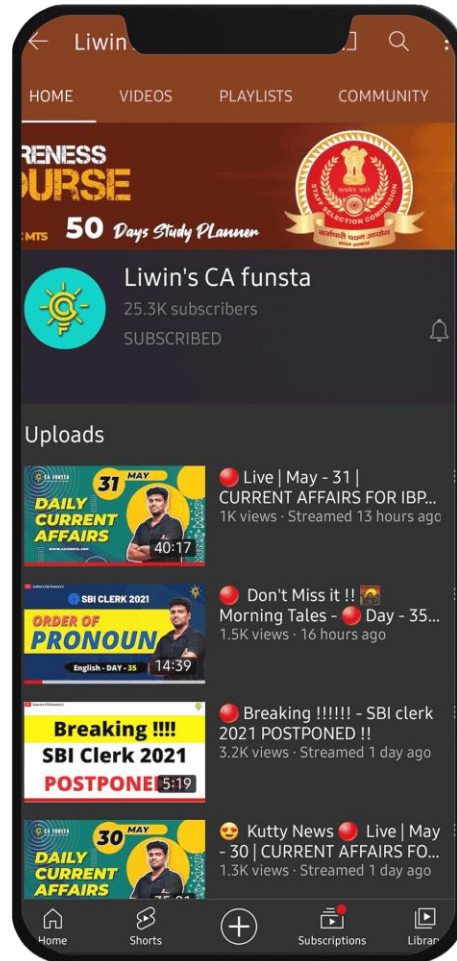
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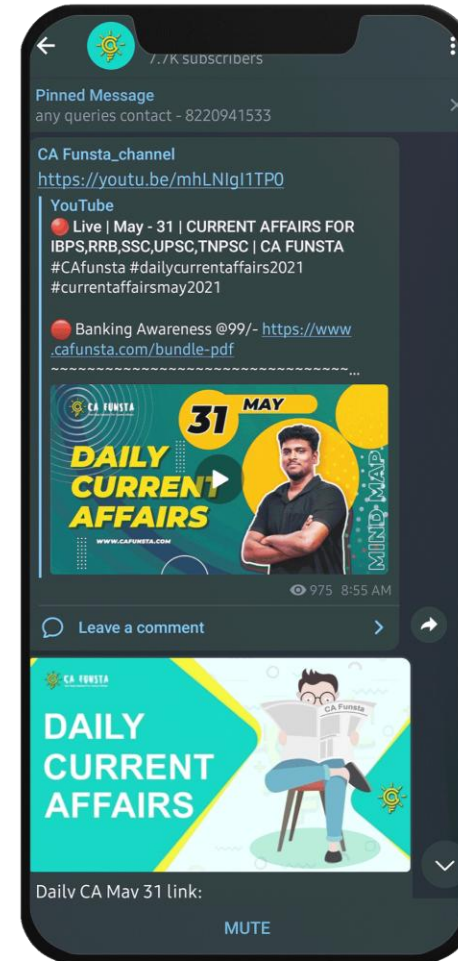
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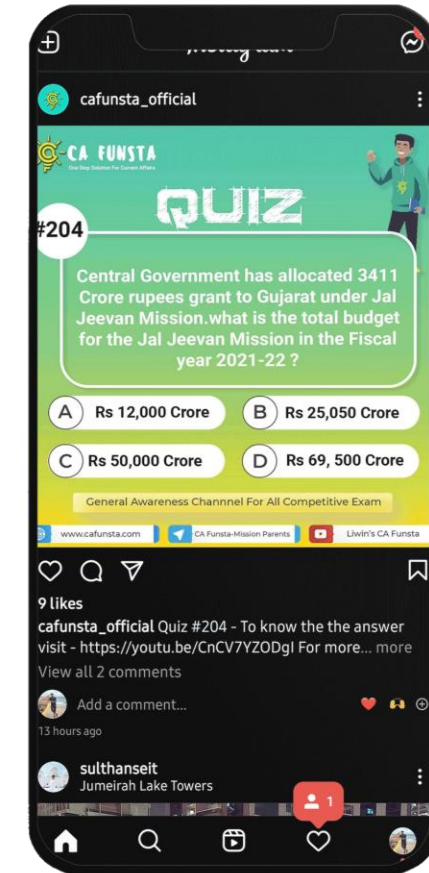
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Important Days



➤ International Mother Language Day observed on _____?

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

Answer

D) 21 February



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **International Mother Language Day**
- DATE : **21 February**
- OTHERS : International Mother Language Day is celebrated annually on 21 February worldwide to aware of the diversity of the language and its variety. **This day promotes the awareness of language and cultural diversity across the world.** On 17 November 1999, it was first announced by UNESCO.



SPORTS



➤ India won how many Gold Medals in Shooting at ISSF World Cup in Egypt?

- A) 2
- B) 3
- C) 4
- D) 5
- E) None of these

Answer

C) 4



Explanation

- **India clinched two gold medals on the second day of the ongoing ISSF Shooting World Cup at Cairo in Egypt.**
- The Indian team finished on the top of the medals tally with a total of **seven medals comprising of four gold, two silver and one bronze.**
- Indian 10m Air Rifle Mixed team of Narmada Nithin Raju and Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil and 10m Air Pistol Mixed team of Rhythm Sangwan and Varun Tomar have bagged the yellow metals.



RANKING



➤ Pangong Tso lake marathon in _____ registered as world's highest Frozen Lake Marathon in the Guinness Book?

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

Answer
D) Ladakh



RANKING



Explanation

- In **Ladakh**, country's first ever **Frozen Lake Marathon on Pangong Tso** has been officially registered in the **Guinness Book of World Records** as the world's highest **Frozen Lake marathon**.
- It was held on Monday at the world-famous Pangong lake at an **altitude of 4,350 meters above the mean sea level**.
- Our Leh Correspondent also reports that the Frozen Lake Marathon is first of its kind held in the country on Frozen Pangong Lake and is also considered as the toughest due to high altitude and freezing temperatures.



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ **RBI canceled licence of which Co-operative Bank?**

- A) Andhra Pradesh State Co-operative Bank
- B) Bihar State Co-operative Bank
- C) Garha Co-operative Bank
- D) All the above
- E) None of these



Answer

C) Garha Co-operative Bank



Explanation

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** cancelled licence of **Garha Co-operative Bank, Guna in Madhya Pradesh** as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects.
- About **98.4 per cent** of the depositors of the co-operative bank are entitled to receive full amount of their deposits from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Which bank took corporate digital banking portal 'Kotak fyn' live?

- A) KMBL
- B) ICICI
- C) HDFC
- D) Axis
- E) None of these

Answer
A) KMBL



Explanation

- Private sector lender **Kotak Mahindra Bank went live with 'Kotak fyn'**, an integrated portal developed to offer comprehensive digital banking and value-added services to its business banking and corporate clients.
- **The portal will offer services across all products, including trade & services, account services, payments, and collections and make banking seamless for the bank's clients.**
- It is expected to reduce complexity and friction for customers.
- The portal will assure paperless transactions and will offer the facility to unify data across multiple product-specific portals and back-office systems to create a single view of transactions, positions and balances, enabling self-service and driving operational efficiency.



Titbits

Kotak Mahindra Bank

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

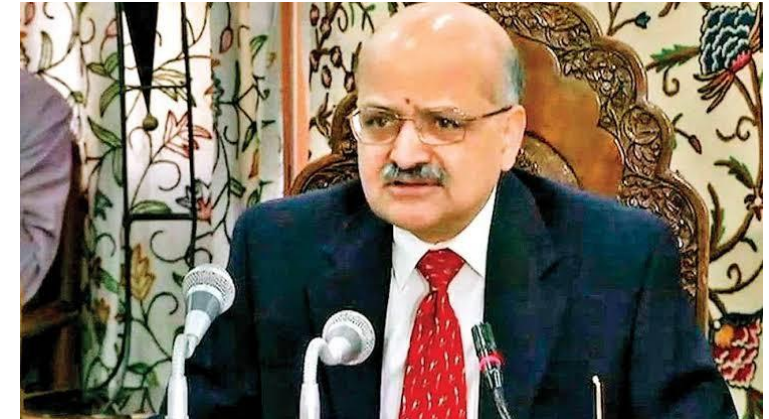


APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who appointed as Niti Aayog CEO as Parameswaran Iyer moves to World Bank?

- A) Dr. Shashank Shah
- B) M.K. Talwar
- C) Suman Bery
- D) BVR Subrahmanyam
- E) None of these



Answer

D) BVR Subrahmanyam



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- A little over **seven months** after he was appointed the **Niti Aayog's chief executive officer (CEO)** for a period of **two years**, Parameswaran Iyer was moved out of the role, with the government appointing **BVR Subrahmanyam** as the next **CEO of the federal think tank**.



AWARDS

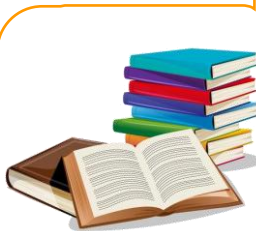


➤ In Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023, which movie won the Best Film award?

- A) The Kashmir Files
- B) Uri: The Surgical Strike
- C) Pushpa: The Rise
- D) Vikram
- E) None of these

Answer

A) The Kashmir Files



AWARDS



Explanation

- The Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Awards 2023 were held with the Red Carpet being thronged by popular celebrities from Alia Bhatt and Varun Dhawan to television actors Tejaswi Prakash and Rupali Ganguly, among others.
- **Anupam Kher received the Most Versatile Actor of the Year award for the movie 'The Kashmir Files', which won the 'Best Film' award at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival.**
- In addition to receiving the Best Actress award for 'Gangubai Kathiawadi', **Alia Bhatt also accepted the Best Actor award for 'Brahmastra' on behalf of her husband, Ranbir Kapoor.**
- The **Most Promising Actor award went to actor-director Rishab Shetty for his Kannada movie 'Kantara'.**
- For his role in 'Bhediya', **Varun Dhawan also took home the Critics' Choice Award for Best Actor.**
- **'Anupamaa', a television series starring Rupali Ganguly, took home the Television Series of The Year prize at the event.**



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Who launched IVRS-based Aadhaar services?

- A) UIDAI
- B) BHIM
- C) IPPB
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

Answer
A) UIDAI

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Explanation

- **Aadhaar issuing body, UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India), has launched a new interactive voice response service (IVRS).**
- Individuals can call the UIDAI toll-free number 1947 at any time for Aadhaar-related services.
- “Residents can call the UIDAI toll-free number 1947, 24x7 to find out their Aadhaar enrollment or update their status, PVC card status or receive information via SMS,” UIDAI said in a tweet.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ India's first agri chatbot Ama KrushAI launched in _____?

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

Answer
D) Odisha



Explanation

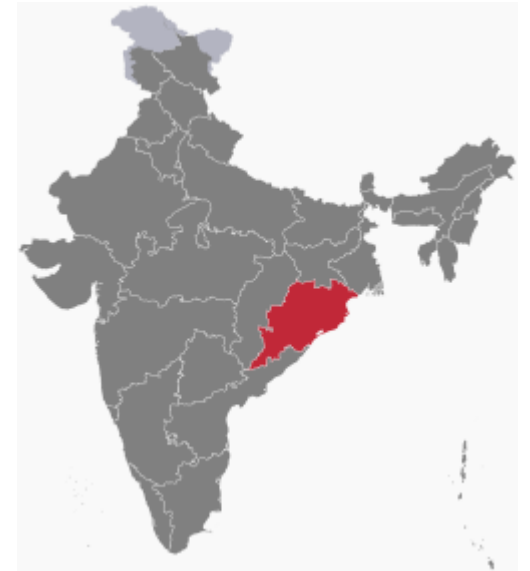
- Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal launched India's first AI chatbot for the agriculture sector - Ama KrushAI at the valedictory session of '**KrushI Odisha 2023**'.
- Ama KrushAI chatbot will help farmers with the best agronomic practices, government schemes and loan products from **more than 40 commercial and cooperative banks**.
- It will run under a pilot project involving more than 10,000 farmers and will be implemented in full-fledged in the next two months.



Titbits

Odisha

- Capital: **Bhubaneshwar**
- CM: **Naveen Patnaik**
- Governor: **Ganeshi Lal**
- Language: **Odia**
- National Park: **Bhitarkanika National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Bhitarkanika Magroves, Chilka Lake**
- Tiger Reserve: **Satkosia Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Odisha Power Generation Corporation Limited**
- Dams: **Indravati (RIVER: Indravati)**
- RRB: **Odisha Gramya Bank (IOB), Utkal Grameen Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Sun Temple Konark**



➤ Which country will host first I2U2 vice-ministerial meeting?

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



Answer
A) UAE



Explanation

- The **United Arab Emirates** is set to host the first vice-ministerial meeting of the I2U2 in Abu Dhabi this week.
- It will be attended by senior officials from the four countries – **India, Israel, the United States and the UAE.**
- Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment Jose W Fernandez will lead the US delegation at the meeting in Abu Dhabi on February 21-22.



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**



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ 2nd round of India-Iraq Foreign Office Consultations held in _____?

- A) Baghdad
- B) Delhi
- C) Mosul
- D) Gujarat
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Baghdad



Explanation

- The **second round of the India-Iraq Foreign Office Consultations was held in Baghdad.**
- The Indian delegation was led by Dr. Ausaf Sayeed, Secretary (Consular, Passport and Visa and Overseas Indian Affairs) while Iraq's delegation was led by Undersecretary for Political Planning Affairs from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iraq Dr. Hisham Al Alawi.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who inaugurated Adivasi Mela?

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

Answer

B) Naveen Patnaik



Explanation

- **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated the annual Adivasi Mela and Sanskrutika Ustav, 2023.**
- After inaugurating the biggest tribal exhibition, **Patnaik visited the Art and Craft Sector of Adivasi Mela.**
- The mela aimed at propagating tribal art, culture and tradition of adivasi people and market their indigenous products at the fair.
- The event will continue till March 1, an official said.
- **A total of 121 stalls have been opened in the Adivasi Mela this year to display and sell authentic products.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ RPF will host International Union of Railways' World Security Congress in _____ from Feb 21-23?

- A) Jaipur
- B) Chennai
- C) Delhi
- D) Mumbai
- E) None of these

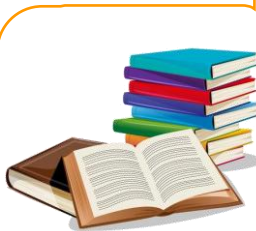


RAILWAY PROTECTION FORCE, INDIA

Answer
A) Jaipur



18TH WORLD SECURITY CONGRESS 2023 JAIPUR, INDIA



Explanation

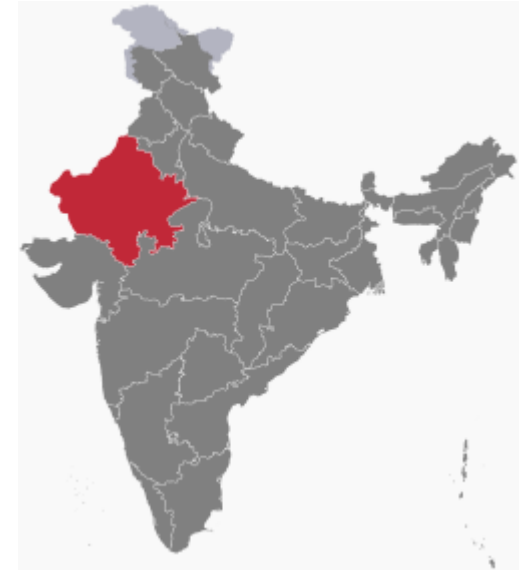
- **Railway Protection Force (RPF) will host the prestigious International Union of Railways' 18th World Security Congress in Jaipur from February 21-23**, the Railways said.
- Union internationale des chemins de fer (UIC) or International Union of Railways represents the railway sector and promotes rail transport worldwide.



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**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who inaugurated North Zone Youth Festival 'KSHITIJ' at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra?

- A) Manoj Sinha
- B) Naveen Patnaik
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Manoj Sinha



Explanation

- **Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the North Zone Youth Festival 'KSHITIJ' at Spiritual Growth Centre, Katra.**
- **The 3-day North Zone Youth Festival is being organized by Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board in collaboration with Central Sanskrit University.**
- Sanskrit scholars of 10 institutes from 7 states/UTs are participating in this unique Sanskrit Scholars festival.
- The Lt Governor welcomed the Sanskrit scholars participating in the festival and exhorted them to contribute constructively in nation building.



QUICK RECALL



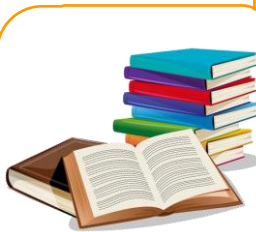
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