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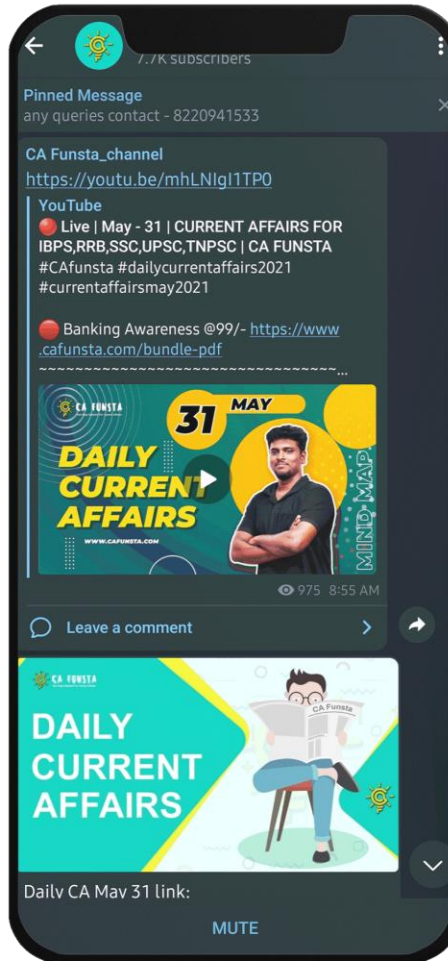
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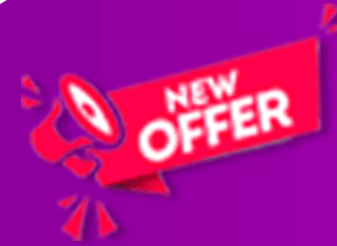
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Important Days



➤ **World Peace and Understanding Day observed on _____?**

- A) 22 February
- B) 23 February
- C) 20 February
- D) 21 February
- E) None of these

Answer

B) 23 February



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **World Peace and Understanding Day**
- DATE : **23 February**
- OTHERS : Every year on February 23, World Understanding and Peace Day is celebrated. Actually, **this day serves to remember Rotary International's inaugural convention.** This gathering of businessmen was intended to be a place where their backgrounds didn't matter, which set off a series of developments that eventually resulted in the creation of Rotary International.



RANKING



➤ Who ranked as the top Independent Power Producers and Energy Traders Globally by S&P Platts?

- A) NTPC
- B) BPCL
- C) OBG
- D) CPCL
- E) None of these



Answer
A) NTPC



RANKING



Explanation

- **NTPC Limited, the country's largest power generating company has been ranked No.1 Independent Power Producers and Energy Traders Globally in the S&P Global Commodity Insights Top 250 Global Energy Company Rankings®-2022.**
- These rankings are based on four key metrics- asset worth, revenues, profits and return on investment.
- NTPC is not just India's largest power producer; it is one of the key pillars sustaining India's economic growth and development.
- With a share of 17% of the installed capacity, NTPC currently contributes 24% of the total electricity produced in India.
- NTPC's goal has always been to deliver power that is economical, efficient, and ecologically sustainable.
- **To meet this objective, it offers a diversified energy mix comprising gas, wind, solar, hydro, floating solar and coal.**



➤ Who get Sebi approval to launch Social Stock Exchange as separate segment?

- A) NSE
- B) BSE
- C) Calcutta Stock Exchange
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

Answer

A) NSE



Explanation

- The **National Stock Exchange (NSE)** has received final approval from the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)** on **February 22, 2023**, to set up a Social Stock Exchange (SSE) as a separate segment of the NSE, according to a press release from the exchange.
- The SSE aims to **provide a new avenue for social enterprises to finance social initiatives**, give them visibility, and increase transparency in fund mobilisation and utilisation by social enterprises.
- Any social enterprise, Non-Profit Organisation (NPOs) or For-Profit Social Enterprises (FPEs), that establishes its primacy of social intent can get registered or listed on the Social Stock Exchange segment.



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ SBI rolled out real-time payment with which country?

- A) Singapore
- B) Malaysia
- C) UAE
- D) Indonesia
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Singapore



Explanation

- **State Bank of India (SBI) Wednesday announced a partnership with PayNow—the online payment system of Singapore**—for cross-border payments, a day after both the countries established a real-time payments system linkage using the UPI platform.
- The facility offered through SBI's Bhim SBIPay app will allow fund transfers from India to Singapore through registered mobile numbers, and from Singapore to India using the UPI ID, India's largest commercial bank said.



Titbits

State Bank of India

- Founded : **01/07/1955**
- HQ : **Mumbai**
- Chairman : **Dinesh Kumar Khara**
- Tagline : **With You all the way, Pure Banking**
Nothing Else, The Nation Bank on Us, The Banker to Every Indian, A Bank of the Common Man



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Which bank and Lulu Exchange signed agreement to boost cross-border payments between India and Middle East?

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) DBS Bank
- D) Jana SFB
- E) None of these

Answer

B) HDFC Bank



Explanation

- Thiruvananthapuram, Feb 22 (UNI) India's largest private sector bank - **HDFC Bank**, and **UAE based financial services company - Lulu Exchange**, signed an agreement to strengthen cross-border payments between India and GCC region.
- In its first phase, the partnership will draw on Lulu Exchange's expertise and regulatory framework to launch a digital inward remittance service titled 'RemitNow2India' that will allow resident individuals of UAE to send money to any bank account in India via IMPS and NEFT through HDFC's digital banking channels.
- The partnership will also look to strengthen the existing relationship between the two entities in India, where LuLu Financial Group operates LuLu Forex and the NBFC division LuLu Finserv.



➤ Which bank partnered with eSamudaay to propel local commerce in small towns through ONDC?

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) DBS Bank
- D) Jana SFB
- E) None of these



Answer

C) DBS Bank



Explanation

- Kolkata, Feb 22 (UNI) In line with its vision to support Indian MSMEs, DBS Bank India announced its partnership with eSamudaay.
- eSamudaay (a **SAAS-based solutions provider, owned and operated by Nirmund Digital Distributions Private Limited**), focuses on non-metro towns and cities, providing digital solutions on both the buyer and seller side and logistic support to make doing business on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) convenient for smaller players in the market.
- With this partnership, **DBS Bank India aims to meet the needs of SMEs and MSMEs while conducting business through ONDC and expanding its digital solutions beyond traditional banking.**



➤ Which bank announced launch of Smart Merchant Program?

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) DBS Bank
- D) Jana SFB
- E) None of these

 **JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK**

Answer

D) Jana SFB



Explanation

- The program has been a huge success, providing invaluable support and resources to current account holders, empowering them **to streamline their business operations and saving cost in payments.**
- The program offers a range of benefits, including waived AQB charges for the first year, free POS installation and complementary RuPay Select and Platinum debit cards with access to minimum two domestic lounges per quarter.
- **Jana SFB Current account also offers higher cash deposit limits at zero cost.**
- Additionally, there is waiver on monthly POS rental and a free QR code through Jana Small Finance Bank's Website.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Which defence firm signed MOU with India's HAL at UAE's defence expo?

- A) EDGE
- B) MTAR Technologies
- C) Mazagon Dock
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

Answer
A) EDGE



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- **EDGE, UAE's leading defence group signed a Memorandum of Understanding with India's aerospace firm Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) at the International Defence Exhibition and Conference (IDEX).**
- The MOU is signed to explore the areas of cooperation that include joint design and development of missile systems and Unmanned aerial vehicles (drones).
- Additionally, both companies will explore the utilisation of HAL's small gas turbine engines on EDGE's guided weapons, the utilisation of EDGE's GPS jamming and spoofing equipment on HAL's platforms, and opportunities for further knowledge sharing.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who cleared Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi's name as new DCGI?

- A) Supreme court
- B) Cabinet
- C) High court
- D) All of these
- E) None of these



Answer
B) Cabinet



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has appointed **Dr Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi as the new Drugs Controller General of India.**
- His name was cleared for appointment by the committee.
- "The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the proposal for the appointment of Dr Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi, Secretary-cum-Scientific Director, Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission to the post of Drugs Controller (India). Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), in Level 14 of the Pay Matrix, on a short-term contract basis," said a government release.



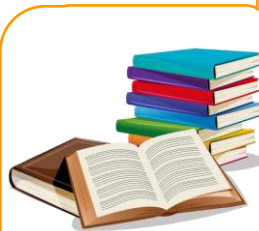
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which country joined Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate?

- A) India
- B) Pakistan
- C) Russia
- D) USA
- E) None of these

Answer
A) India



Explanation

- **India has joined a global platform launched by the US and the UAE with an aim to accelerate investment and support for climate-smart agriculture and food systems innovation**, the State department said here.
- The Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate (AIM4C) was launched by the two nations in November 2021.



➤ Which edition of Asia Economic Dialogue will be held from Feb 23 to 25 in Pune?

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

Answer
B) 7th



Asia
Economic
Dialogue



Explanation

- The **seventh edition of the Asia Economic Dialogue will be held from Feb 23 till the 25th of February in Pune.**
- It is the External Affairs Ministry's annual flagship event on Geoeconomics, co-hosted in collaboration with Pune International Centre.
- The principal theme for the Dialogue is '**Asia and the Emerging World Order**'.
- The Dialogue will also discuss themes such as Global Growth Prospects, How the Global South Will Shape the G20 Agenda and the Metaverse.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who announced launch of 'neutral citations' for Supreme Court judgements?

- A) D Y Chandrachud
- B) Harilal Jekisundas
- C) Sudhi Ranjan Das
- D) A.K. Sarkar
- E) None of these

Answer

A) D Y Chandrachud



Explanation

- Chief Justice of India (CJI) D Y Chandrachud announced launch of '**neutral citations**' which would ensure a uniform pattern of citing the decisions of the Supreme Court.
- The apex court had earlier said that steps have been taken for introduction and implementation of a uniform, reliable and secure methodology for identifying and citing decisions in the apex court, namely the 'neutral citations system', **to ensure a uniform pattern of citing all the decisions of the top court.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ First meeting of G20 Culture Working Group began in _____?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Karnataka
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Tamil Nadu
- E) None of these

Answer

C) Madhya Pradesh



Explanation

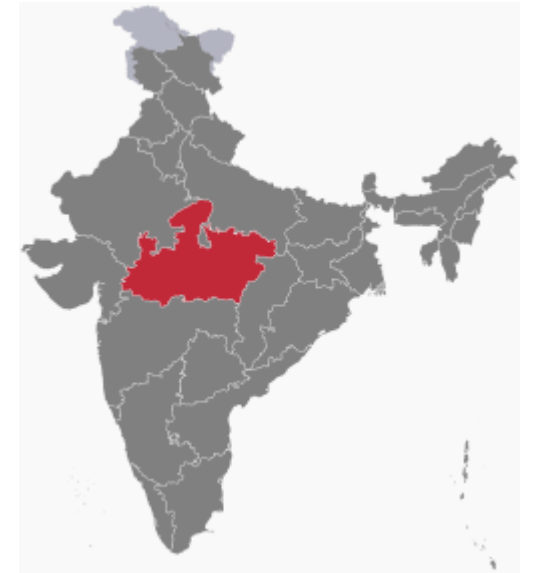
- In **Madhya Pradesh**, the first meeting of the **G-20 Culture Working Group** was inaugurated in **Khajuraho**.
- **Addressing the inaugural session**, Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar said that culture is very important in maintaining mutual relations.
- Culture has the power to unite.
- He further added that culture is also effective in boosting the economy.
- He hoped that this **platform of G20** will contribute **significantly to strengthening the culture**.



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



➤ Under Y20 engagement group of G20, Brainstorming Workshop conducted in _____ ?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Karnataka
- C) Kerala
- D) Tamil Nadu
- E) None of these

Answer
A) New Delhi



Explanation

- The Office of International Programmes, **Shri Ram College of Commerce (OIP- SRCC)** in association with the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**, on day conducted a **Brainstorming Workshop in New Delhi**.
- Addressing the gathering Secretary of Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry, Meeta Rajivlochan said, India's G20 Presidency at Y20 engagement group is a great opportunity for the youth to come forward with their ideas which can be compiled and further upscaled.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Govt approved how many year project on "Innovative Extension Approaches for Revitalising Agriculture in J&K"?

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

Answer

C) 5



Explanation

- In Jammu and Kashmir, in order to give a huge push to sustainable agriculture in the Union Territory, the Government has approved a five-year project on "Innovative Extension Approaches for Revitalising Agriculture in J&K".
- AIR Jammu Correspondent reports that **the project, worth 463 crore rupees**, is aimed at empowering farmers and educated youth through technology driven and inclusive agri-extension services.



Titbits

Jammu and Kashmir

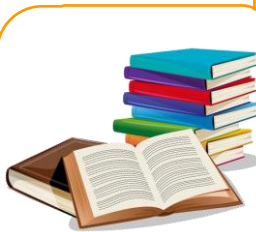
- Capital: **Srinagar, Jammu**
- Lieutenant Governor: **Manoj Sinha**
- Language: **Kashmiri, Dogri, Urdu, Hindi, English**
- National Park: **Dachigam National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary.**
- Ramsar Site: **Hokera Wetland, Surinsar-Mansar Lakes, Wular Lake**
- Power Station: **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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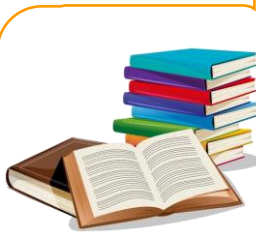
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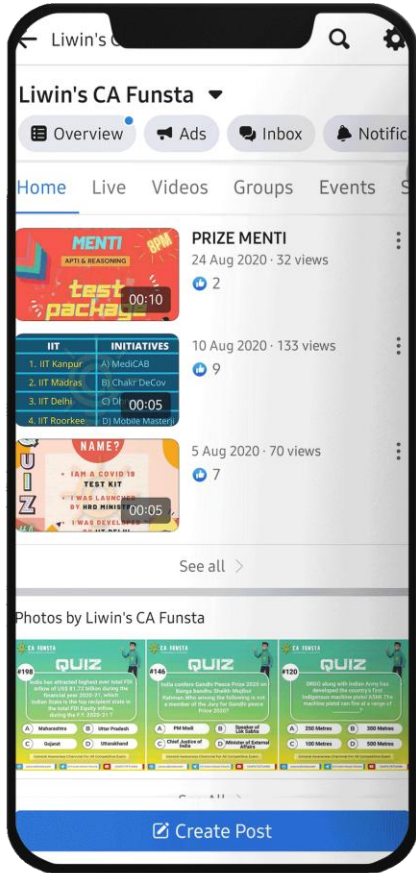
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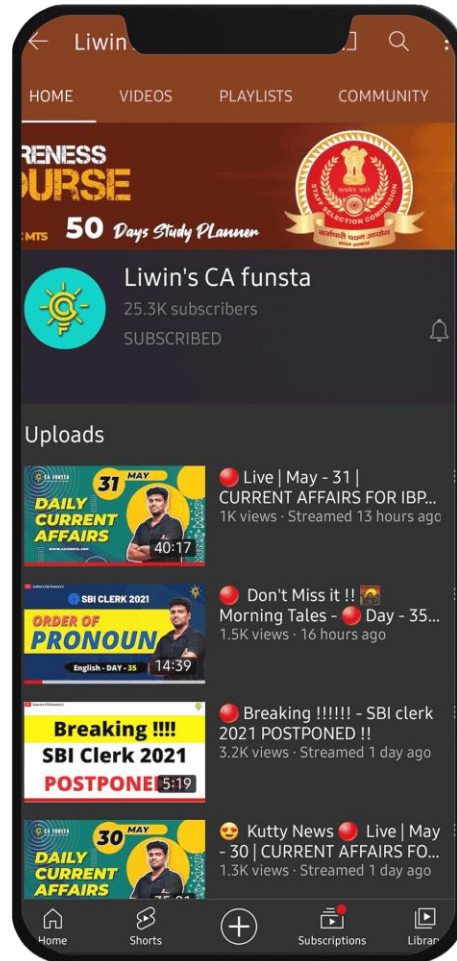
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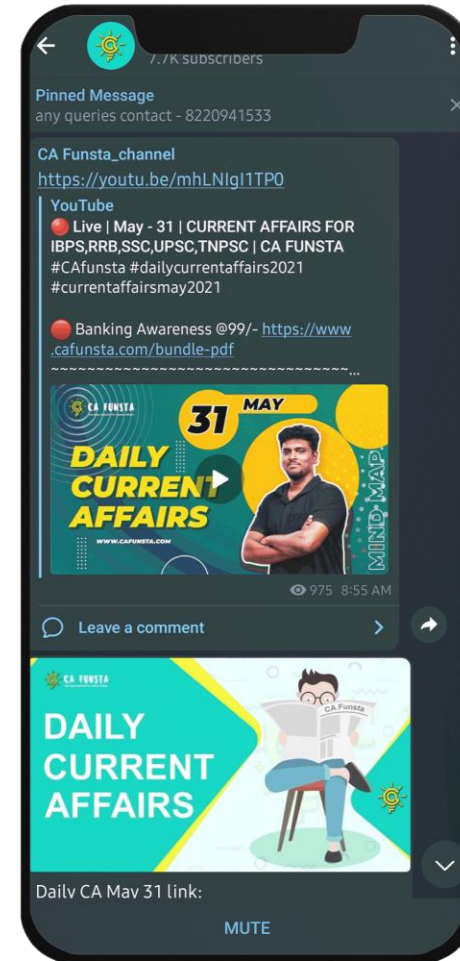
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