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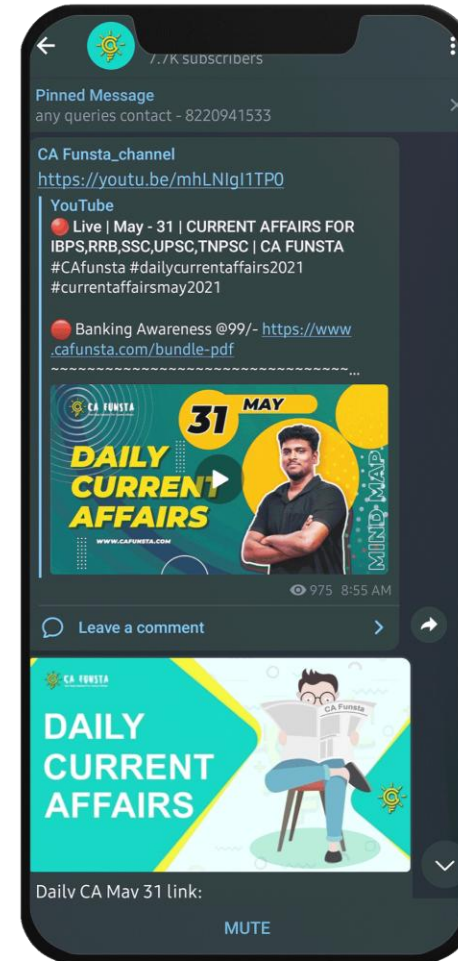
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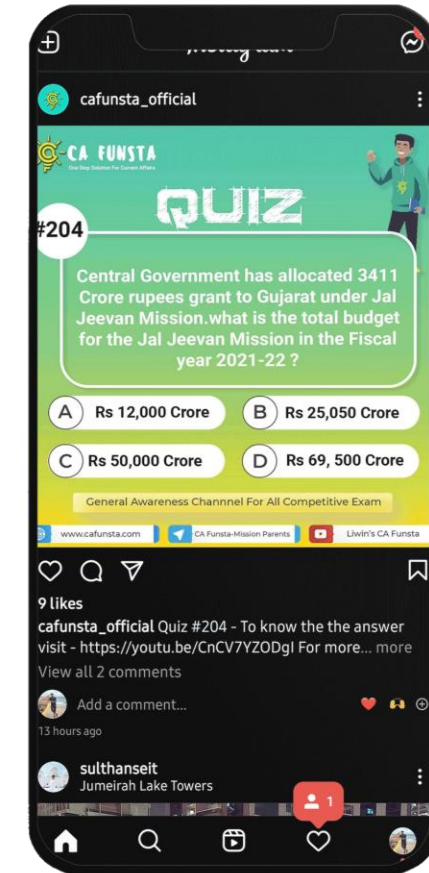
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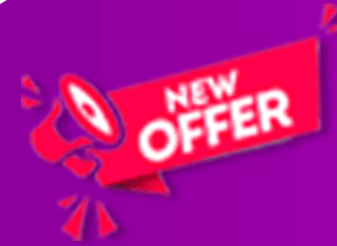
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Important Days



➤ Central Excise Day observed on _____?

- A) 22 February
- B) 23 February
- C) 24 February
- D) 21 February
- E) None of these

Answer

C) 24 February



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **Central Excise Day**
- DATE : **24 February**
- OTHERS : Central Excise Day is observed in India on 24 February every year to encourage the employees of the excise department to carry out the central excise duty in a better way to prevent corruption in the manufacturing business and to carry out the best possible exercise services in India.



SPORTS



➤ Who will inaugurate 3-day All-India Taekwondo Championship?

- A) Raj Nath Singh
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Anurag Thakur
- D) Arjun Munda
- E) None of these

Answer

C) Anurag Thakur



Explanation

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Anurag Thakur to inaugurate the 3-day All-India Taekwondo Championship.**
- The Championship has been organized to mark 50 years of Korea-India diplomatic relations.
- **President of Korea National Sports University Yong-gyu Ahn will be Chief Guest at the KD Jadhav Indoor Wrestling Hall in Indira Gandhi Stadium.**
- Korean Cultural Centre India is co-hosting the All India Inter SAI Taekwondo Championship with the Sports Authority of India under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of India and Korea National Sports University **in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Korea-India diplomatic relations in 2023.**



Titbits

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Anurag Singh Thakur** (Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh)



RANKING



➤ Who ranked No.1 Independent Power Producers and Energy Traders Globally?

- 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.



➤ Which bank raised USD 750 million in dollar bond sale?

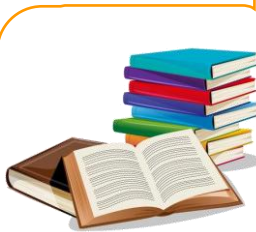
- A) ICICI Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) DBS Bank
- D) Karnataka Bank
- E) None of these



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Answer

B) HDFC Bank



Explanation

- The country's largest private sector lender **HDFC Bank** on **announced that it has raised USD 750 million through a dollar bond sale.**
- The bank said it will be **paying a coupon of 5.686 per cent for the three year bonds**, according to an exchange filing.
- The paper, rated Baa3 by Moodys Rating Services and Bbb by SP, will be listed on the India International Exchange.



➤ Which bank and Paisalo Digital ink co-lending pact?

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



Answer

D) Karnataka Bank



Explanation

- **Karnataka Bank and Paisalo Digital Ltd, a non-deposit-taking NBFC registered with the Reserve Bank of India, have entered into a co-lending arrangement to provide financial support to the small income segment and to give impetus to the micro and small enterprise segment of the country.**
- **A media statement by the bank said that the arrangement will leverage Karnataka Bank's low cost of funds.**



Titbits

The Karnataka Bank Limited

- Founded : **18 February 1924**
- Headquarters : **Mangaluru, Karnataka**
- MD & CEO : **Mahabaleshwara M. S**



➤ Which Mutual Fund set to launch India's first international debt fund?

- A) IDFC Mutual Fund
- B) SBI Funds Management Limited
- C) ITI Asset Management Limited
- D) Navi AMC Limited
- E) None of these



Answer

A) IDFC Mutual Fund



Explanation

- **IDFC Mutual Fund (MF)**—a fund house known for its debt funds—is all set to launch the **IDFC US Treasury Bond 0-1 Year FOF (fund of funds)**, the industry's first international debt fund.
- This opens the doors for Indian retail investors to gain access to **the ultra-safe and currently high-yield US treasury securities**, and also hedge their exposure to the dollar in a convenient way.
- It gives investors an opportunity to diversify beyond India, and into US treasuries which are seen as a safe-haven asset in times of economic uncertainty.
- **The FOF will be investing in JPMorgan BetaBuilders US Treasury Bond 0-1 year UCITS ETF**, an exchange traded fund with exposure to **0-1-year US treasuries**.
- The FOF will have 100% exposure to US treasury except for some cash holdings for liquidity needs.



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Who launched 'UPI One World' for Foreigners at G20 with Transcorp @trans?

- A) RBI
- B) NPCI
- C) UPI
- D) Only A & B
- E) Only A & C

Answer

D) Only A & B



Explanation

- RBI's Deputy Governor (Shri Rabi Sankar), Chief General Manager (Shri P. Vasudevan), Shri Nandan Nilekani and NPCI's MD & CEO (Shri Dilip Asbe) have launched '**UPI One World**' for foreign nationals visiting India.
- The **launch was conducted at the JW Marriott**, Prestige Golfshire Resort in Bengaluru which is hosting the first G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting under the G20 Indian Presidency.
- **Transcorp is one of four entities permitted by RBI and NPCI to issue UPI One World to foreign nationals; and the only entity with both Foreign Exchange (AD2) and Payments (PPI) licenses required to exchange currency and thereafter issue UPI One World wallets.**
- Mr. Gerardo Zuniga (Director of International Affairs, Bank of Mexico) was issued a UPI One World wallet and successfully transacted using Transcorp's '@trans' handle.



Titbits

National Payments Corporation of India

- Founded : **2008**
- Headquarters : **Mumbai, Maharashtra**
- MD & CEO : **Dilip Asbe**



➤ Which Indices launched Nifty India Municipal Bond Index?

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



Answer

A) NSE



Explanation

- **NSE Indices Ltd, an NSE arm, said it has launched the country's first ever municipal bond index.**
- The new Nifty India Municipal Bond Index will track the performance of municipal bonds issued by Indian municipal corporations across maturities and having investment grade credit rating, NSE Indices said.
- **The index was launched at a Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) workshop on Municipal Debt Securities in Bengaluru.**



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Who will join ONDC with its logistics and Smart Commerce offerings?

- A) Byjus
- B) Amazon
- C) Flikart
- D) Vedantu
- E) None of these

Answer
B) Amazon



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- Amazon is planning to integrate its logistics network (from pickup to delivery) and SmartCommerce services with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), a private non-profit company established by the Centre's Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- SmartCommerce is an AWS-powered suite of SaaS products that enables MSMEs to **build and scale their businesses across digital mediums**.
- This will be Amazon's initial collaboration with ONDC as it continues to explore other potential opportunities for integration.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who nominated Indian-American Ajay Banga for World Bank president?

- A) Joe Biden
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Vladimir Putin
- D) Xi Jinping
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Joe Biden



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- President Joe Biden announced that the US is nominating Ajay Banga to lead the World Bank, saying the Indian-American business leader is uniquely equipped to lead the global institution at "**this critical moment in history.**"
- If confirmed by the World Bank Board of Directors, Banga would be the first-ever Indian-American and Sikh-American to head either of the two top international financial institutions: International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who selected as external auditor of International Labour Organisation?

- A) CAG
- B) NIA
- C) DCGA
- D) All of these
- E) None of these



Answer
A) CAG



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has been selected as external auditor of the International Labour Organization (ILO), Geneva for a four-year term from 2024 to 2027, the apex auditor said in a statement.**
- Girish Chandra Murmu is the CAG.
- CAG will take over from the incumbent external auditor of ILO, Supreme Audit Institution of Philippines.



AWARDS



➤ Who bagged 'Entrepreneur of the Year 2022' title?

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

Answer
A) Sajjan Jindal



AWARDS



Explanation

- Chairman and managing director of **JSW Group Sajjan Jindal won the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2022.**
- Jindal will now represent India at the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Award (WEOY) to be held at Monte Carlo in June 2023.
- **The 7-member jury led by K V Kamath, former chairman of ICICI Bank,** selected Sajjan Jindal as the EOY 2022 winner for his exceptional entrepreneurial journey in scaling the global conglomerate with presence in steel, cement, infrastructure, energy, and paints to revenues of \$22 billion, globally employing over 40,000 people.



DEFENCE



➤ Which edition of Annual Defence Dialogue between India and Sri Lanka held?

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



Answer
B) 7th



DEFENCE



Explanation

- **7th Annual Defence Dialogue between India and Sri Lanka was held in New Delhi on February 23, 2023.**
- It was co-chaired by Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane and his Sri Lankan counterpart General Kamal Gunaratne.
- During the meeting, the ongoing defence cooperation activities between the two countries were reviewed, with both sides agreeing to increase the complexity of bilateral exercises.
- In the context of training, **both sides reaffirmed their commitment to avail maximum benefits from each other's experience and capacities.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar unveiled One India FETP Roadmap document and CD Alert on which Virus?

- A) HIV
- B) Ebola
- C) COVID 19
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

Answer
B) Ebola



Explanation

- President **Droupadi Murmu** will inaugurate the seventh **International Dharma-Dhamma Conference in Bhopal on March 3**, in which delegates from 16 countries will take part.
- Culture ministers of six countries will also participate in the three-day conference.
- **Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** took stock of the preparations for the conference with senior officials during a meeting held at the city airport, they said.
- This conference will be held at Kushabhau Thakre hall in the state capital from March 3-5.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which edition of Semicon India Future Design roadshow in Bengaluru on Feb 24?

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



Answer
B) 2nd



Explanation

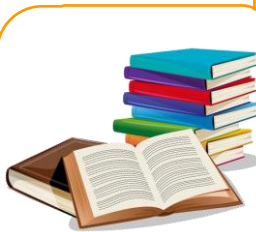
- Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship **Rajeev Chandrasekhar to launch the second Semicon India Future Design roadshow in Bengaluru.**
- The road show is being held to encourage startups, next generation innovators and global and Indian Semiconductor majors to invest in the semiconductor design ecosystem of India.
- **The minister has said that India will design and co-design NextGen devices and electronics products** through the Semicon India future Design program.



QUICK RECALL



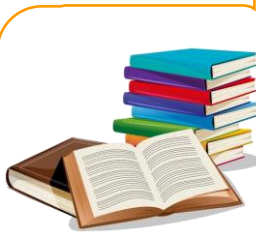
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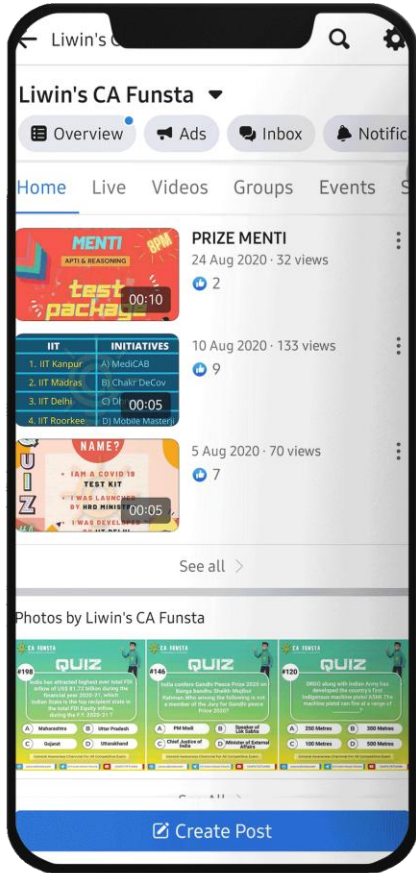
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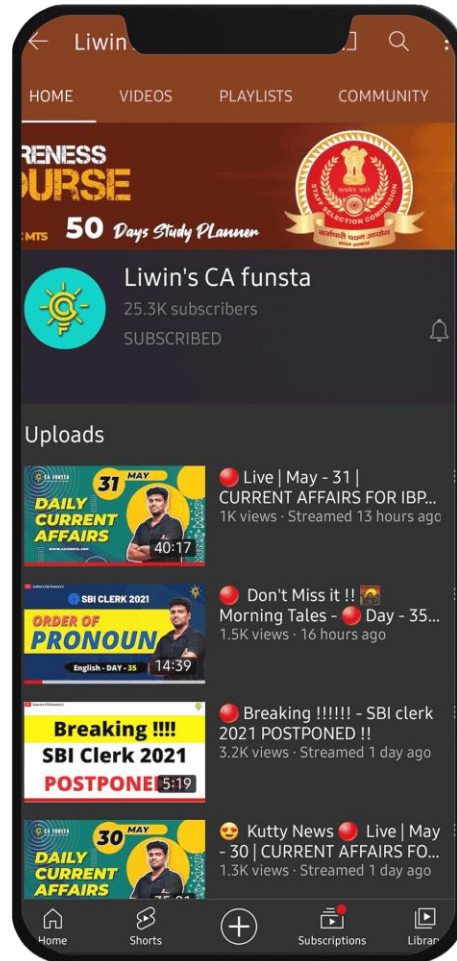
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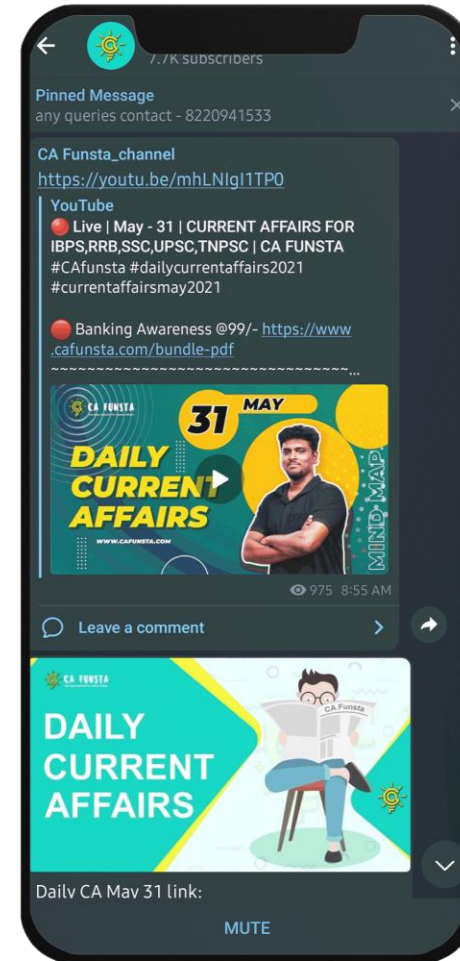
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