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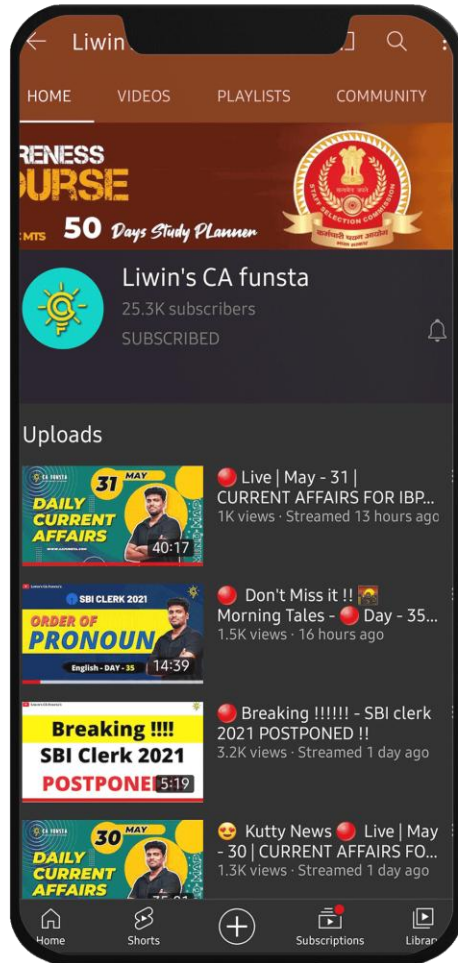
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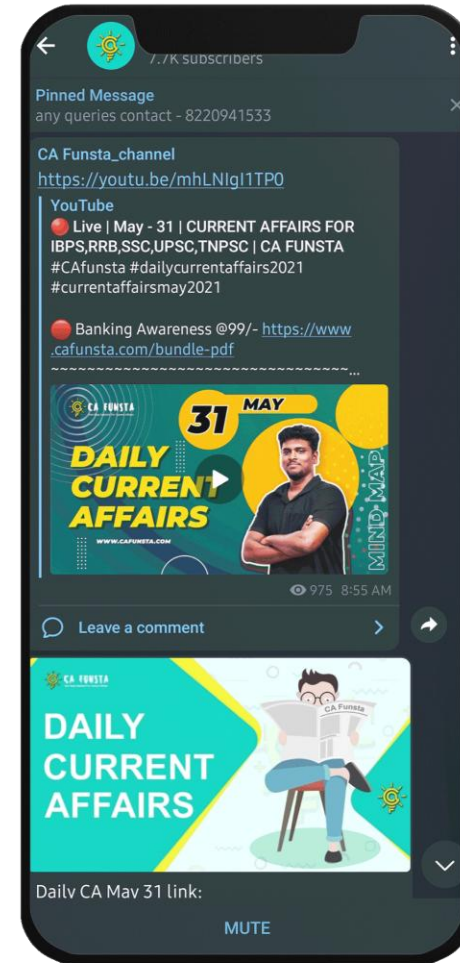
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SPORTS



➤ Mirabai Chanu won BBC Indian Sportswoman Of The Year award and he is a _____?

- A) weightlifter
- B) Wrestler
- C) Boxer
- D) Swimmer
- E) None of these

Answer

A) weightlifter



Explanation

- Tokyo Olympic Games **silver-medallist weightlifter Mirabai Chanu has bagged the 2022 'BBC Indian Sportswoman Of The Year' award after a public vote.**
- The 28-year-old weightlifter from Manipur became the first athlete to win the award twice in a row after bagging it in 2021 as well.
- At the Tokyo Games, she had become the first Indian to win a silver in the sport. Last year, she went on to secure gold at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.
- She also won a silver medal at the World Weightlifting Championships in 2022.



➤ Who launched Har Payment Digital for making every citizen a user of digital payments?

- A) Shaktikanta Das
- B) Y. Venugopal Reddy
- C) James Braid Taylor
- D) C. D. Deshmukh
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Shaktikanta Das



Explanation

- Reserve Bank of India Governor **Shaktikanta Das** launched **mission Har Payment Digital** with the objective of making every citizen a user of digital payments as part of **Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) 2023** from **March 6 to 12**.
- **Digital Payment Apnao, Auron ko Bhi Sikhao** (Adopt digital payments and Teach others also) -- will be the theme for this awareness week.
- Over the last few years, the usage of digital payments in India has seen exponential growth.
- Citizens of the country have embraced digital payments for the speed, convenience, and security that it offers, the RBI, in the statement, said, adding, "**However, a significant portion of the population is still not aware of digital payments or is not using them despite being aware.**"
- Considering the benefits that digital payments bring to the country, it is necessary to create more awareness and further increase the usage of digital payments.
- With this objective, the Reserve Bank said it had been observing a targeted campaign - DPAW every year as part of the continuous efforts towards increasing financial awareness.



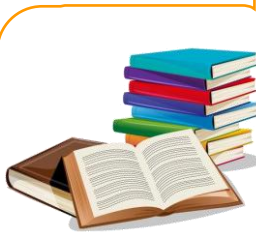
Titbits

Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

- Founded: **01/04/1935**
- **RBI Act, 1934**
- HQ: **Mumbai**
- Chairman: **Shaktikanta Das**
- 1926 - **Hilton Young Commission**
- 1937 – **Calcutta to Mumbai**
- 1949 – **Nationalisation**



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RESERVE BANK OF INDIA



➤ Who raised USD 5 Million from IIX's Women's Livelihood Bond 5, the World's First Orange Bond issuance?

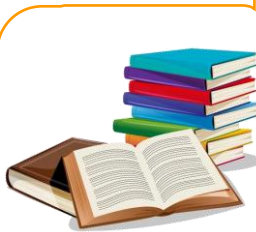
- A) CreditAccess Grameen
- B) BSS Microfinance
- C) Svasti Microfinance
- D) Muthoot Microfin
- E) None of these



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Answer

C) Svasti Microfinance



Explanation

- **Svasti Microfinance Private Limited (Svasti) has received US\$ 5 million through Non-Convertible Debentures from Singapore-based Impact Investment Exchange (IIX)'s Women's Livelihood Bond 5 (WLB5).**
- **WLB5 is the fifth issuance under IIX's Women's Livelihood Bond™ (WLB) Series, which is the world's first gender-lens bond compliant with International Capital Markets Association and listed on a stock exchange.**
- **Through five successful bond issuances, the WLB™ Series has mobilized over US\$ 128 million – leading to improved livelihoods and economic resilience for more than 1.3 million women across Asia-Pacific and Africa.**



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Who partnered with IIFL Finance to grow B2B BNPL

- A) actyv.ai
- B) TCS
- C) Accenture
- D) L&T
- E) None of these



Answer

A) actyv.ai



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- India actyv.ai, a Singapore-headquartered, category creator in the enterprise SaaS with embedded B2B BNPL and insurance space, announced its partnership with IIFL Finance (IIFL), one of the leading players in the financial services space in the country.
- This association will enable IIFL **to provide bite-sized credit to power the 'Buy Now, Pay Later' embedded offering on the actyv.ai platform.**



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Who partnered with Ujjivan Small Finance Bank to offer life insurance solutions?

- A) Life Insurance Corporation
- B) Max Life Insurance Company
- C) HDFC Life Insurance
- D) Bharti AXA Life Insurance
- E) None of these



Answer

B) Max Life Insurance Company



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- **Max Life Insurance Company has partnered with Ujjivan Small Finance Bank to offer holistic life insurance offerings to Ujjivan SFB's customers.**
- Through this partnership, Max Life and Ujjivan SFB will offer a range of savings, protection, retirement, and group life insurance plans to **more than 73 lakh Ujjivan SFB customers.**
- Prashant Tripathy, Managing Director and CEO, Max Life said, "Max Life is focused on forging key bank partnerships as a driver of sustainable growth.
- We welcome Ujjivan Small Finance Bank in our journey towards enabling more customers with financial inclusion & security through life insurance.
- With our customer-first approach, the most comprehensive suite of products combined with our digital tools and assets, we are confident of delivering a seamless customer experience.
- **This partnership further strengthens the Bancassurance business at Max Life."**



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Titbits

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

- Founded : **1 February 2017**
- Headquarters : **Bangalore, Karnataka.**
- MD & CEO : **Ittira Davis**



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

➤ Ex. MP and Minister D.P. Yadav's Book *Waqt Sakshi Hai* released at the World Book Fair in _____ ?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) New Delhi
- C) Punjab
- D) Kerala
- E) None of these

Answer
B) New Delhi



Explanation

- Former Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MP and cabinet minister in the government of Uttar Pradesh, D.P. Yadav's poetry collection '**Waqt Sakshi Hai**' published by Vani Prakashan, **released by renowned journalist and linguist Dr Ved Pratap Vaidik at the World Book Fair, New Delhi.**
- Renowned poet Alok Yadav, Chairman & Managing Director of Vani Prakashan Group- Arun Maheshwari, Director of Vani Prakashan- Aditi Maheshwari and many other eminent personalities graced the book launch ceremony.



DEFENCE

➤ Who successfully test-fired BrahMos missile?

- A) Indian Airforce
- B) Indian Army
- C) Indian Navy
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

Answer
C) Indian Navy



Explanation

- **The Indian Navy successfully test-fired in the Arabian Sea the ship-launched version of the BrahMos supersonic missile.**
- The missile that was tested had the indigenous "**seeker and booster**".
- "The Indian Navy carried out a successful precision strike in the Arabian Sea by ship launched BrahMos missile with DRDO-designed indigenous seeker and booster, reinforcing our commitment towards Aatmanirbharta (self-reliance) in defence".
- **BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd, an India-Russian joint venture, produces supersonic cruise missiles that can be launched from submarines, ships, aircraft, or land platforms.**



DEFENCE



➤ **Who reviewed operational capabilities of Indian Navy during Naval Commanders' Conference held aboard India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier INS Vikrant?**

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Chandrasekhar Rajeev
- D) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Rajnath Singh



Explanation

- **The first edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2023 began onboard India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant.**
- The conference serves as a platform for Naval Commanders to discuss important security issues at the military-strategic level as well as to interact with senior government functionaries through an institutionalised forum.
- **The first phase of the Commanders' Conference is being held at sea, and for the first-time, onboard INS Vikrant.**
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the Naval Commanders onboard INS Vikrant on the opening day.
- The Chief of Defence Staff and the Chiefs of the Indian Army and Indian Air Force would also interact with the Naval Commanders on subsequent days.



DEFENCE



➤ Which INS reached Bahrain for her first participation in International Maritime Exercise/Cutlass Express 2023?

- A) INS Trikand
- B) INS Karanj
- C) INS Saryu
- D) INS Kolkata
- E) None of these



Answer

A) INS Trikand



Explanation

- **The Indian warship INS Trikand has arrived in Bahrain for her first participation in the International Maritime Exercise organised by the US-led Combined Maritime Forces, a 34-nation naval group.**
- During the stay in Mina Salman seaport, Bahrain, INS Trikand hosted Rear Adm Jean Michel Martinet of the French Navy, who is also the Vice Commander of IMX23 & Commander Task Force (East).
- INS Trikand crew also interacted with the planning team & ships from friendly Navies participating in the Exercise.
- The Captain of INS Trikand also called on Ambassador of India to Qatar, Piyush Srivastava.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which place will be Madhya Pradesh's 53rd district?

- A) Indore
- B) Bhopal
- C) Jabalpur
- D) Mauganj
- E) None of these



Answer

D) Mauganj



Explanation

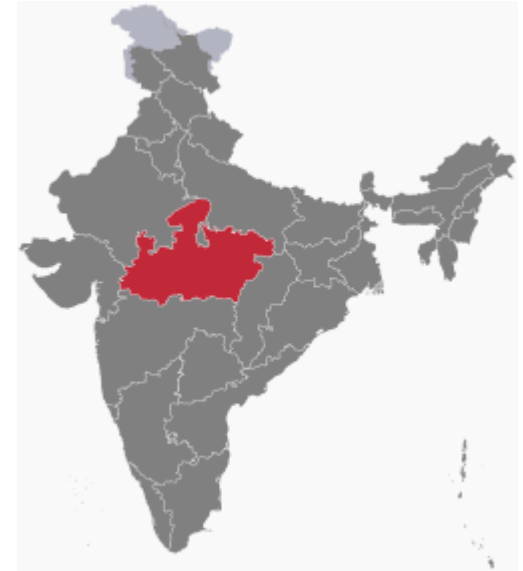
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** announced that **Mauganj, a tehsil of Rewa district, will be the 53rd district of the state.**
- **"Mauganj will become the 53rd district of MP.**
- **It will be developed by joining four tehsils of Rewa district,"** Chouhan said while addressing a programme in Rewa.
- **"Naigarhi, Mauganj, Hanumana and Dev Talab will be merged to make Mauganj a district of Madhya Pradesh,"**
- Residents of Mauganj were raising the demand for a separate district for a long time.



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

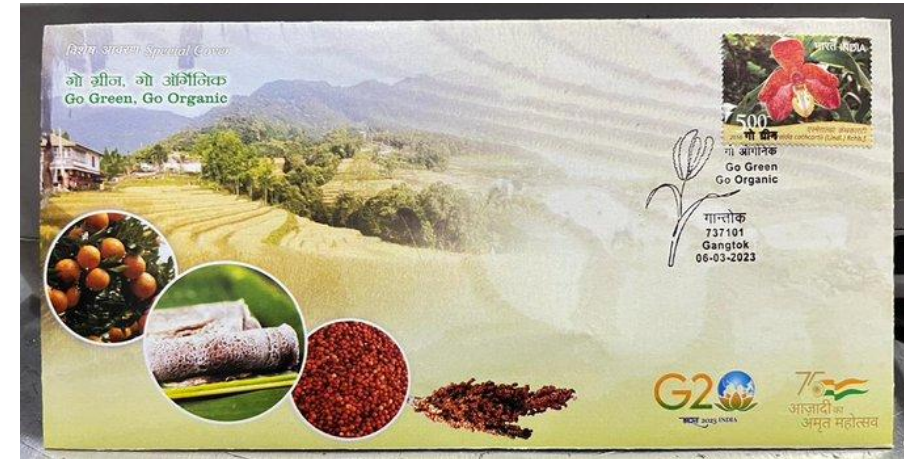


➤ Who released special 'Go Green, Go Organic' cover for world's first organic state Sikkim?

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- D) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- E) None of these

Answer

C) Ashwini Vaishnaw



Explanation

- Union Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** and four **Sikkim ministers** released a unique cover of the Department of Posts, '**Go Green, Go Organic**' for Sikkim.
- "**Special cover on 'Go Green, Go Organic'** released for World's first organic state Sikkim."
- The special cover is a testament to the state's achievements in organic farming and progress and a reminder of the importance of sustainable development for the entire country.
- The union minister thanked Department of Posts for this release and congratulated **Sikkim State** for its **achievements of becoming the first state of the world to get recognized as an Organic state by the World Book of Records (London).**



Titbits

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Ashwini Vaishnav**(Odisha)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who inaugurated MSME Technology Centres Conclave 2023?

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma
- C) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- D) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma



Explanation

- Union MoS **Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma** inaugurated the **MSME Technology Centers Conclave 2023** at **Jyoti Chitranan Society, Guwahati**.
- The **2-Day conclave** is being held to explore opportunities to tap into the **immense potential in the use of technology** to further accelerate the growth prospects of the MSME sector.
- Assam Industries & Commerce Minister **Bimal Bora** said that under the leadership of Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** the MSME sector has witnessed phenomenal growth going on to become the largest employment-generating sector preceded only by the agriculture industry.
- **Bimal Bora** said, "**It's no wonder that in addition to the Government of India, the respective state governments to have been laying a lot of emphasis on promoting and developing this sector, which is now considered to be the growth engine of the nation's economy.**"



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ JICA extended how many crore loan for Mumbai Trans Harbour Link project?

- A) Rs 1,852 crore
- B) Rs 1,927 crore
- C) Rs 1,741 crore
- D) Rs 1,963 crore
- E) None of these



Answer

B) Rs 1,927 crore



Explanation

- **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)** has extended an official **development assistance (ODA) loan of 30,755 million Japanese Yen (approximately Rs 1,927 crore)** for the **Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL)** project (III) in Maharashtra.
The project entails **the construction of an 18-km-long marine road and a four4-km-long land approach road** that will connect central Mumbai with Navi Mumbai across the Mumbai Bay.
- It will improve connectivity to the Navi Mumbai area, where further urban development is being planned, and will also contribute to the economic development of the Mumbai metropolitan area.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



- Only those gold jewellery and artifacts with a six-digit alphanumeric number as a hallmark can be sold from _____?

- A) April 1
- B) March 1
- C) May 1
- D) June 1
- E) None of these

Answer
A) April 1

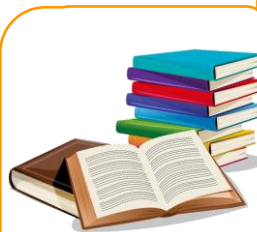
Industry News Updates

Govt mandates six-digit alphanumeric hallmark for gold jewelry and artifacts

- From April 1, only hallmarked gold jewelry can be sold in India.
- The hallmark should have a six-digit alphanumeric number.
- The move aims to ensure purity and quality of gold jewelry.



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Explanation

- **Any gold jewellery and artifacts having only a four-digit number Hallmark Unique Identification (HUID) number as a hallmark cannot be sold from March 31**, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs has announced.
- **From April 1, only those gold jewellery and artifacts with a six-digit alphanumeric number as a hallmark can be sold**, Nidhi Khare, additional secretary, of consumer affairs said.
- **Hallmark Unique Identification (HUID) number is a six-digit alphanumeric code consisting of numbers and letters.**
- It is worth mentioning that **BIS has successfully implemented Mandatory Hallmarking in 256 districts of the country with effect from June 23, 2021**, wherein more than 3 lakh gold articles are being hallmarked with HUID every day.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which state CM unveiled Biju Patnaik's Dakota aircraft for public viewing?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Odisha
- C) Punjab
- D) Kerala
- E) None of these

Answer
B) Odisha



Explanation

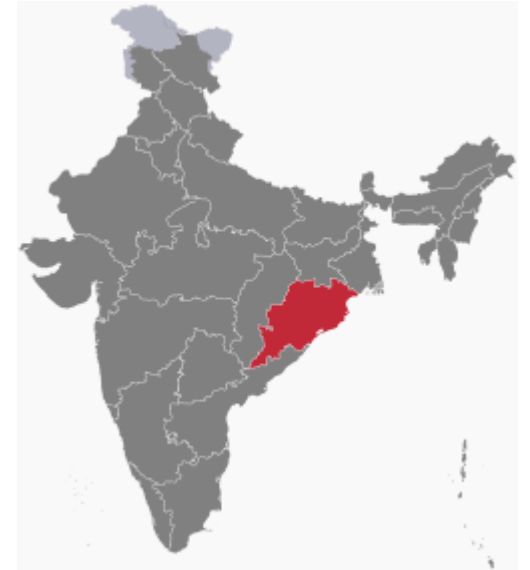
- Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** unveiled the iconic **Dakota aircraft** of legendary leader **Biju Patnaik** for public viewing at the **Bhubaneswar Airport** here on the **107th birth anniversary** of the former **CM of Odisha**.
- The **Dakota DC-3 aircraft** used by **Biju Patnaik**, an ace pilot, was brought from **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport** in **Kolkata** to the **Odisha capital** on **January 18, 2023**, and remade before it was put for public viewing at the **Biju Patnaik International Airport** here.



Titbits

Odisha

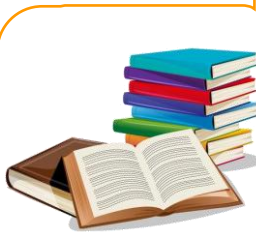
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- Ramsar Site: **Bhitarkanika Magroves, Chilka Lake**
- Tiger Reserve: **Satkosia Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Odisha Power Generation Corporation Limited**
- Dams: **Indravati (RIVER: Indravati)**
- RRB: **Odisha Gramya Bank (IOB), Utkal Grameen Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Sun Temple Konark**



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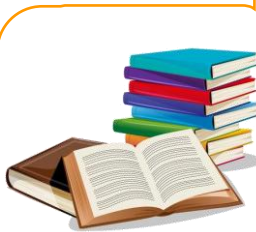
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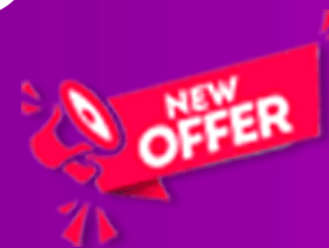


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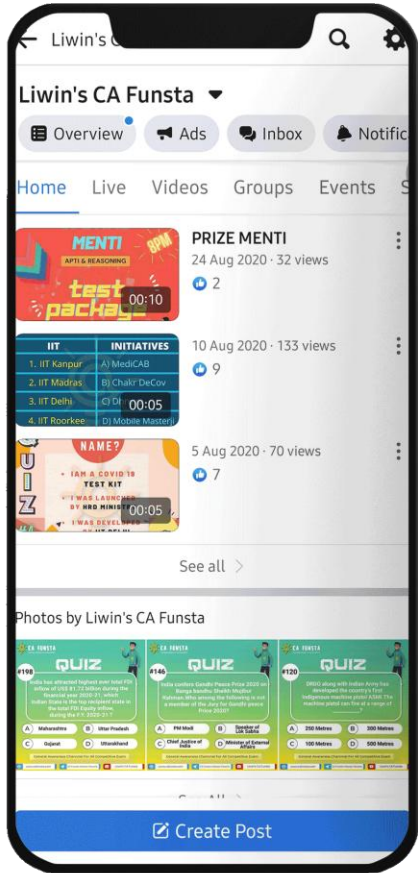
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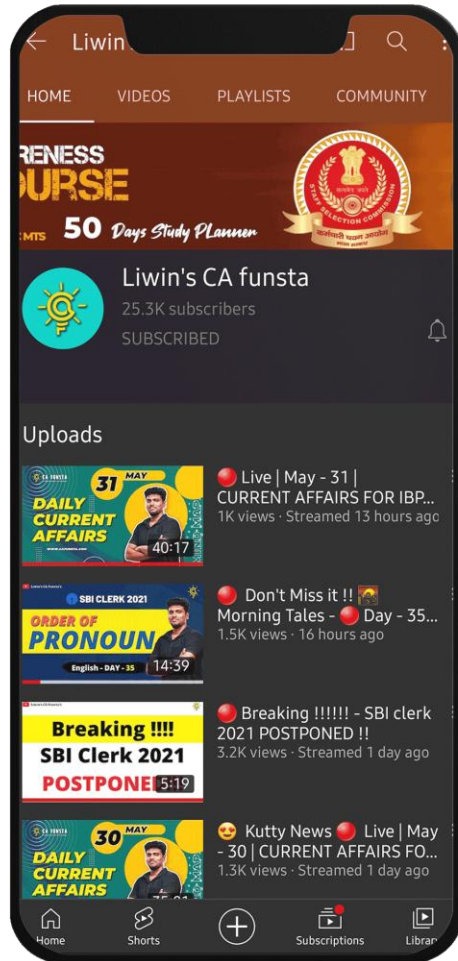
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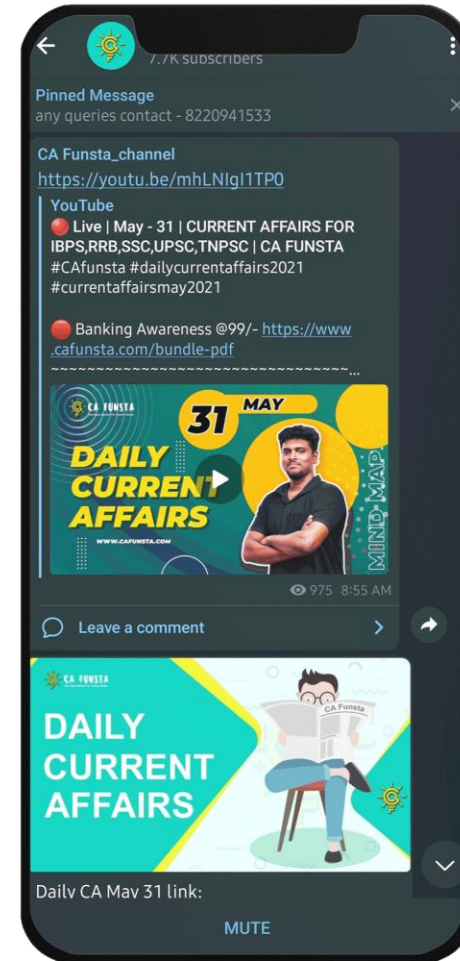
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