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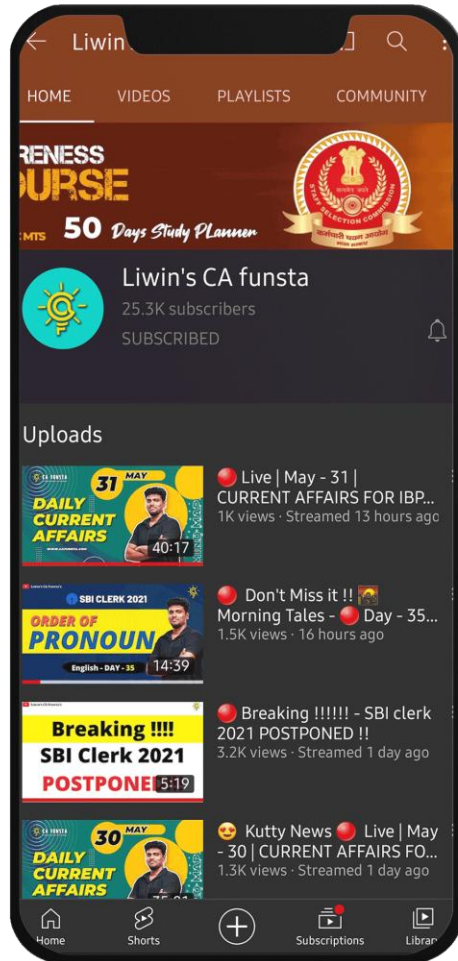
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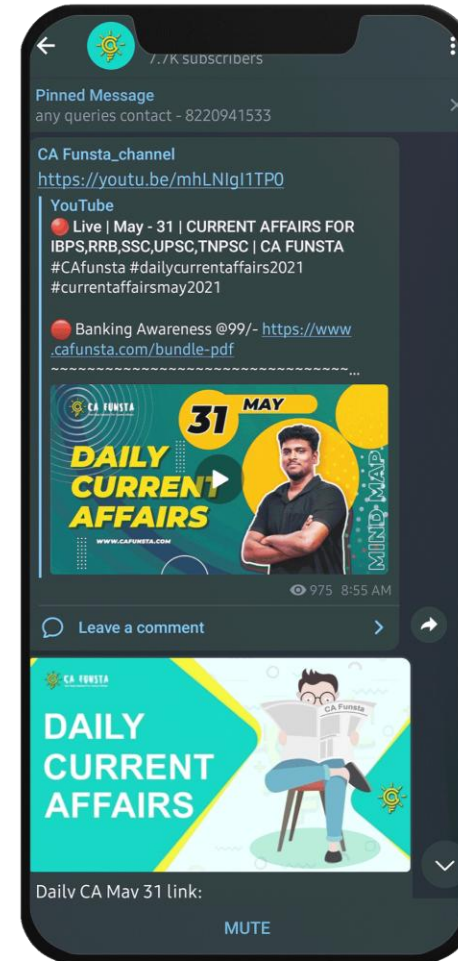
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Important Days



➤ National Cereal Day 2023 observed on _____?

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



Answer
A) March 7



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **National Cereal Day 2023**
- DATE : **March 7**
- OTHERS : **Cereals has been a popular breakfast food for over a century, with the first commercially successful cereal being invented by Dr. John Harvey Kellogg in 1894.** Since then, many other cereal brands have emerged, each with their unique flavors and marketing strategies.



Important Days



➤ Indian Naval Ship Sumedha celebrated which anniversary?

- A) 9th
- B) 10th
- C) 8th
- D) 11th
- E) None of these



Answer
A) 9th



Important Days



Explanation

- **Indian Naval Ship Sumedha, an indigenously designed and built Offshore Patrol Vessel, celebrates its 9th anniversary.**
- Built by Goa Shipyard Limited and commissioned into the Indian Navy on 07 March 2014, the ship is a capable and potent part of the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet.
- The ship's primary role is to undertake coastal and offshore patrolling, ocean surveillance and monitoring of Sea Lines of Communication, HADR and SAR duties.
- **The ship was deployed for hoisting the Indian Tricolour in Perth on 15 August 2022 as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav celebrations.**



Important Days



➤ International Women's Day observed on _____?

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

Answer
B) March 8



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **International Women's Day**
- DATE : **March 8**
- OTHERS : **This day is observed globally every year on 8 March to celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women.** Also, it is an action for accelerating gender parity. Purple is the colour that symbolizes women internationally.



OBITUARY



➤ Former Meghalaya minister A H Scott died at ____?

- A) 93
- B) 94
- C) 95
- D) 96
- E) None of these



Answer
A) 93



OBITUARY



Explanation

- **Meghalayas former Finance minister AH Scott Lyngdoh died of old age.**
- He was 93.
- Bah Scott died of old age last night.
- Post retirement in 1987, he plunged into electoral politics and had represented Jaiaw constituency in the city as an MLA in 1993 and 2003 and had also served as Meghalayas Finance minister.



➤ Which MF launched 'DigitALL' campaign to celebrate International Women's Day?

- A) Axis Asset Management Company
- B) Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC
- C) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company
- D) Canara Robeco Asset Management Company
- E) None of these



Answer

C) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company



Explanation

- Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company (Kotak Mutual Fund) has launched a digital campaign called '**DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality**', which calls for digital inclusion of all with the **hashtag #IncludeAll**.

The digital campaign video showcases Kotak group's women employees sharing their stories about supporting and empowering other women in their lives by imparting them the knowledge of digital literacy.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Who signed MoU with KEL for research & development of lightweight bailey bridge?

- A) GHIAL
- B) GRSE
- C) NTPC
- D) NCW
- E) None of these



Answer
B) GRSE



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kerala Electrical & Allied Engineering (KEL), a state-owned enterprise of Kerala, for the joint research and development of a lightweight bailey bridge with a carbon fiber composite deck.**
- **Under the MoU, KEL will also design and develop dry-type transformers and alternators as per Navy specifications.**
- GRSE has been a pioneer in the development of bailey-type portable bridges for disaster management and connecting difficult terrains.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who became first Indian-American to be Judge of Manhattan Federal District Court in New York?

- A) Arun Subramaniam
- B) Raghu Rai
- C) Dabboo Ratnani
- D) Atul Kasbekar
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Arun Subramaniam



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Indian-American Arun Subramaniam has been confirmed as first South Asian District Judge for the Southern District of New York.**
- **In a tweet, Senate Majority Leader Senator Chuck Schumer confirmed the nomination of Mr. Subramaniam by a vote of 58-37.**
- **Senator Schumer said that Subramaniam dedicated his career to fighting for people.**
- **South District New York notably has one of the largest South Asian-American populations in the country.**



AWARDS



➤ **Pritzker Prize was awarded to whom?**

- A) David Alan Chipperfield
- B) Raghu Rai
- C) Dabboo Ratnani
- D) Atul Kasbekar
- E) None of these

Answer

A) David Alan Chipperfield



AWARDS



Explanation

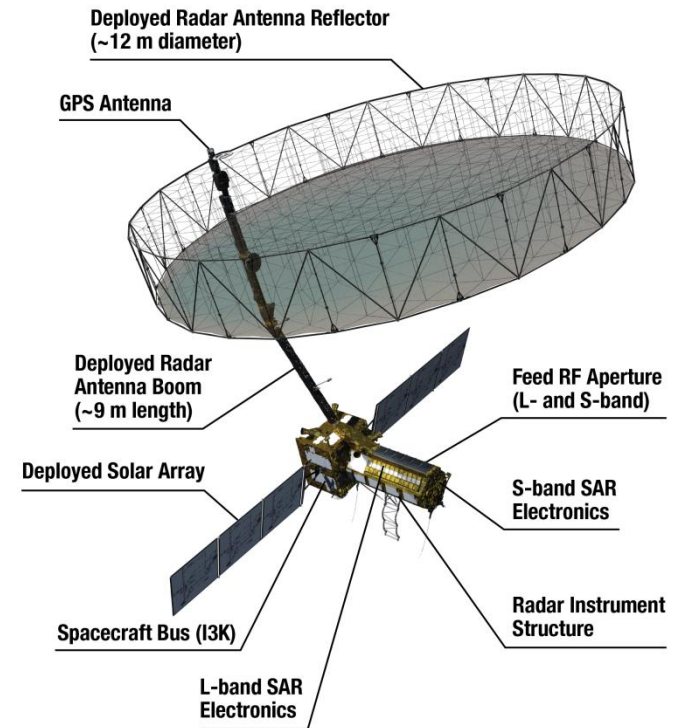
- **The Pritzker Architecture Prize — the highest honour in the field — has been awarded to British architect and urban planner David Alan Chipperfield, hailed for "a commitment to an architecture of understated but transformative civic presence."**
- Organisers called Chipperfield's work — more than 100 projects over four decades ranging from cultural, civic and academic buildings to urban planning to residences, and including a recent addition to Berlin's famed Museum Island complex — "subtle yet powerful, subdued yet elegant."
- **"He is a prolific architect who is radical in his restraint," they said in a statement announcing the 2023 winner, "demonstrating his reverence for history and culture while honouring the preexisting built and natural environments."**
- **They cited his "timeless modern design that confronts climate urgencies, transforms social relationships and reinvigorates cities."**
- And they noted his commitment to society and the environment over chasing trends.



➤ Who handed over NISAR satellite to ISRO?

- A) US
- B) UK
- C) UAE
- D) China
- E) None of these

Answer
A) US



Explanation

- The **US Air Force** handed over **NISAR**, an **earth observation satellite jointly developed by NASA and ISRO**, to the Indian space agency.
- A **US Air Force C-17 aircraft** carrying the **NASA-ISRO synthetic aperture radar (NISAR)** has landed in **Bengaluru**.
- The satellite is an outcome of a collaboration between the American space agency NASA and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- **“Touchdown in Bengaluru! @ISRO receives NISAR (@NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) on a @USAirforce C-17 from @NASAJPL in California, setting the stage for final integration of the Earth observation satellite, a true symbol of #USIndia civil space collaboration.**
- **#USIndiaTogether,**” the US Consulate General, Chennai tweeted. NISAR will be used by ISRO for a variety of purposes including agricultural mapping, and landslide-prone areas.



Titbits

United States of America

- Capital : **Washington DC**
- Currency : **US Dollar (USD)**
- President : **Joe Biden**
- Language : **English**



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Who successfully carried out "extremely challenging" controlled re-entry experiment of aged satellite?

- A) NASA
- B) ISRO
- C) SpaceX
- D) ESA
- E) None of these

Answer
B) ISRO



Explanation

- The Indian Space Research Organisation said it successfully carried out an **"extremely challenging"** controlled re-entry experiment of the decommissioned orbiting Megha-Tropiques-1 (MT-1) satellite.
- **"The satellite re-entered the Earth's atmosphere and would have disintegrated over the Pacific Ocean"**.
- The final impact region estimated is in the deep Pacific Ocean within the expected latitude and longitude boundaries.
- **The low Earth satellite was launched on October 12, 2011, as a joint satellite venture of ISRO and the French space agency, CNES for tropical weather and climate studies.**



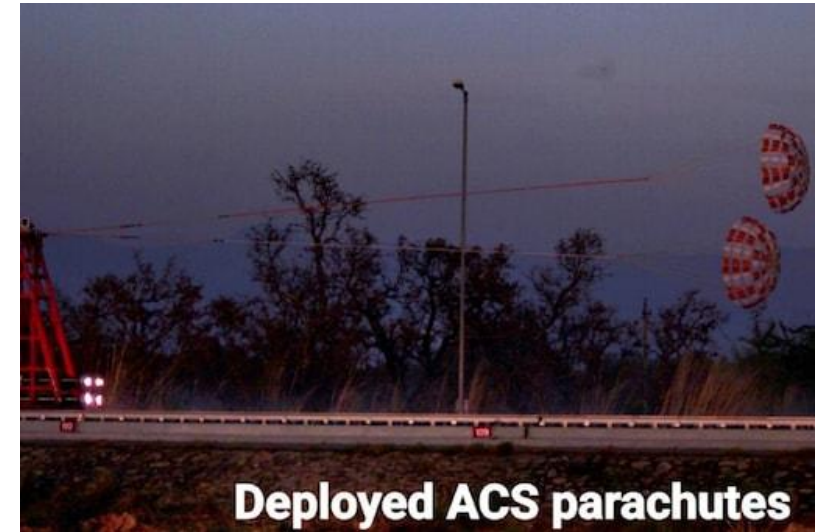
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ **Who conducted parachute tests for Gaganyaan mission?**

- A) NASA
- B) ISRO
- C) SpaceX
- D) ESA
- E) None of these

Answer
B) ISRO



Explanation

- The **Indian Space Research Organisation** has conducted tests simulating the clustered deployment of parachutes as part of preparations for the **Gaganyaan human space flight mission**.
- ISRO carried out the '**Rail Track Rocket Sled**' deployment tests of the Gaganyaan Pilot and Apex Cover Separation (ACS) parachutes in cluster configurations **at the Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory (TBRL), Chandigarh**.
- The first test simulated the clustered deployment of two pilot parachutes -- **one parachute was subjected to a minimum angle with respect to flow conditions and the second to a maximum angle with respect to flow**.



Titbits

ISRO

- Formed : **15 August 1969**
- Chairman : **Sreedhara Panicker Somanath**
- Headquarters : **Bangalore, India**



DEFENCE



➤ Who became first woman officer to command frontline IAF combat unit?

- A) Shaliza Dhami
- B) Punita Arora
- C) Padma Bandopadhyay
- D) Sheila S. Mathai
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Shaliza Dhami



DEFENCE



Explanation

- **Group Captain Shaliza Dhami has become the first woman officer in the Indian Air Force to command a front line combat unit.**
- According to the announcement by the Indian Air Force yesterday, **Dhami will command a missile squadron in the Western sector.**
- **Dhami was commissioned as helicopter pilot in 2003, and has over 2800 hours of flying experience** and is commended by Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief on two occasions.
- In the past, she has conducted several search-and-rescue missions, and also undertook flood relief operations.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ First meeting of India-Central Asia Joint Working Group on Afghanistan held in _____?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Haryana
- C) Punjab
- D) Assam
- E) None of these

Answer
A) New Delhi



Explanation

- The **first meeting of the India-Central Asia Joint Working Group on Afghanistan was held in New Delhi.**
- The meeting was attended by the Special Envoys and Senior Officials of India, **Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.**
- During the meeting, discussions were held on the current situation in Afghanistan, including the political, security and the humanitarian situation.
- While emphasizing the respect for sovereignty, unity, territorial integrity and non-interference in its internal affairs, **all the participants has reiterated their support for a peaceful, secure and stable Afghanistan.**
- Participants also **discussed regional threats of terrorism, extremism, radicalization and drug trafficking and also deliberated on the possibilities to coordinate efforts to counter these threats.**
- They emphasized that the territory of Afghanistan should not be used for sheltering, training, planning or financing any terrorist acts.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ **Who launched NaMo Free Dialysis Centre, Janaushadhi Kendra in Bengaluru?**

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Amit Shah
- C) S. Jaishankar
- D) Mansukh Mandaviya
- E) None of these



Answer

D) Mansukh Mandaviya



Explanation

- Union Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya** launched **NaMo Free Dialysis Centre** and a **Janaushadhi Kendra** in **Bengaluru**.
- The minister for **Chemicals and Fertilizers** and **Health & Family Welfare** also inaugurated **NaMo Day Care Center** and flagged off four **NaMo mobile healthcare units** to mark the **5th Jan Aushadhi Diwas**.
- "**Mandaviya** launched **NaMo Free Dialysis Centre** and **100th Janaushadhi Kendra at Bengaluru South** in the presence of Chief Minister of Karnataka **Shri Basavaraj Bommai** on the occasion of **5th Jan Aushadhi Diwas**,".
- While addressing the gathering, **Mandaviya** said the first priority of the government is to provide cheap and better quality medicines to all citizens.



Titbits

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

- UNION MINISTER : **Mansukh Mandaviya** (Gujarat)



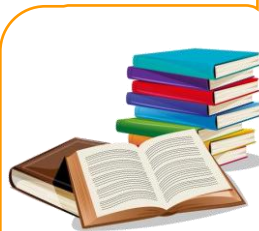
NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who launched “ One Week One Lab” event at CSIR-IICT in Hyderabad?

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Amit Shah
- C) S. Jaishankar
- D) Jitendra Singh
- E) None of these

Answer
D) Jitendra Singh



Explanation

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology **Dr Jitendra Singh** launched the **“One Week One Lab”** event at **CSIR-IICT (Indian Institute of Chemical Technology)**.
- **CSIR has 37 labs spread across the country.**
- All CSIR labs work in coordination with each other, discussing their research ideas as **this could lead to quality research output and limit overlap of research effort making it more cost effective.**
- The Union Minister also suggested that **an integration amongst labs, public & private Research & Development labs and Industry for effective utilisation of resources.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Govt set a target to increase number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras to _____ by year end?

- A) 10000
- B) 20000
- C) 30000
- D) 40000
- E) None of these

Answer
A) 10000



Explanation

- Union Minister for Employment and Environment, Forest and Climate Change **Bhupender Yadav** said under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, more than 9,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been opened across the country to make health facilities accessible to all people.
- Addressing the gathering on the **Jan Aushdhi Diwas 2023, organized in Dwarka, Delhi**, the Minister said medicines are available at these centers at low prices, due to which the public is getting relief from the burden of expensive medicines.
- He said along with this, **keeping in view the convenience of women, the availability of sanitary pads at cheap rates is also being ensured by the government at these Jan Aushadhi Kendras.**
- Mr Yadav added that the Modi government is working on a target of increasing the number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras to 10,000 in the country by the end of the year.



Titbits

Ministry of Labour and Employment

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Bhupender Yadav** (UttarPradesh)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who launched Swachhotsav under Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0?

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Hardeep Singh Puri
- C) S. Jaishankar
- D) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Hardeep Singh Puri



Explanation

- In the run up to the Women's Day, Union Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** has launched **Swachhotsav, 3-week women-led swachhata campaign, under the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0.**
- The campaign aims **to recognize and celebrate the transition from women in sanitation to women-led sanitation.**
- A series of events and activities will be organized across cities to celebrate women from all walks of life, who will provide leadership in making the mission of garbage free cities (GFC) a success.
- At the launch, the first edition of Women Icons leading Sanitation & Waste Management (WINS) Challenge-2023 was also announced.
- The **WINS Challenge-2023 will recognize high-impact women entrepreneurs or women-led enterprises working to achieve urban swachhata.**
- The **Swachhata Yatra will kick-off on 10th March and will conclude on 30th March, which has been declared as International Day of Zero Waste by the United Nations General Assembly.**
- **Representatives of 34 States/UTs will be travelling to 24 States and UTs as part of the Yatra.**



Titbits

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Hardeep Singh Puri** (UttarPradesh)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

➤ Yaoshang festival began in _____?



- A) Manipur
- B) Haryana
- C) Punjab
- D) Assam
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Manipur



Explanation

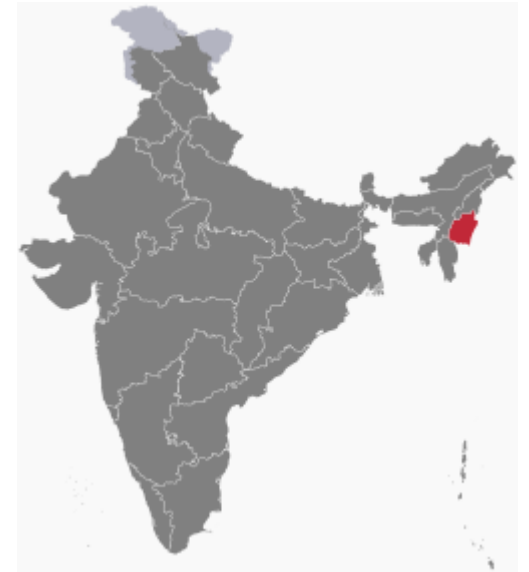
- The **Yaoshang festival has begun and will continue for five days in Manipur.**
- The **festival is celebrated by the Meetei who are predominantly Hindu and it is celebrated at the same time as Holi.**
- However, during the Yaoshang festival, apart from playing with colour, **the festival also witnessed a number of cultural and religious activities for five days.**
- From some years back, the village level sport competition held by different clubs or organisations during the Yaoshang festival has become a major feature of the celebration.
- The Manipur Governor, Chief Minister and others conveyed warm greetings to the people of Manipur in connection with the festival.



Titbits

Manipur

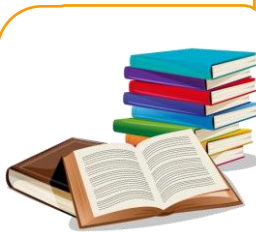
- Capital: **Imphal**
- CM: **N Biren Singh**
- Governor: **La Ganesan**
- Language: **Meitei(Manipuri)**
- National Park: **Keibul Lamjao National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Bunning Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Loktak Lake**
- Dams: **Singda Dam**
- RRB: **Manipur Rural Bank (UBI)**



QUICK RECALL



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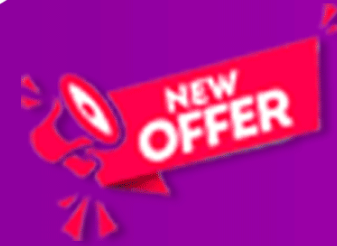


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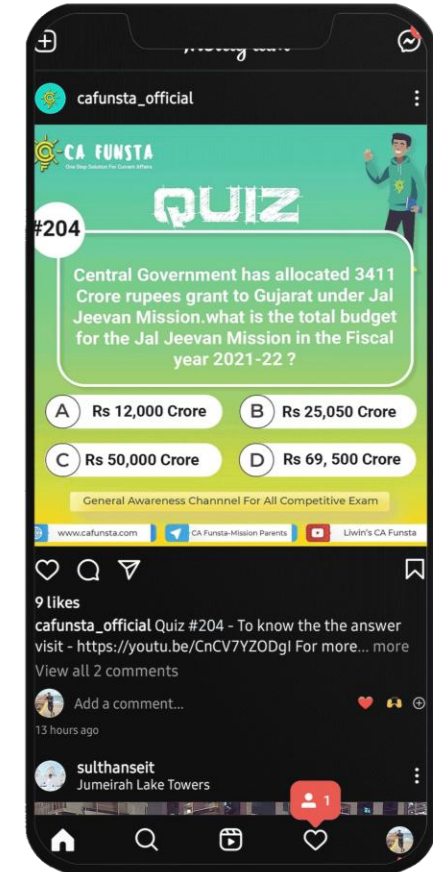
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