



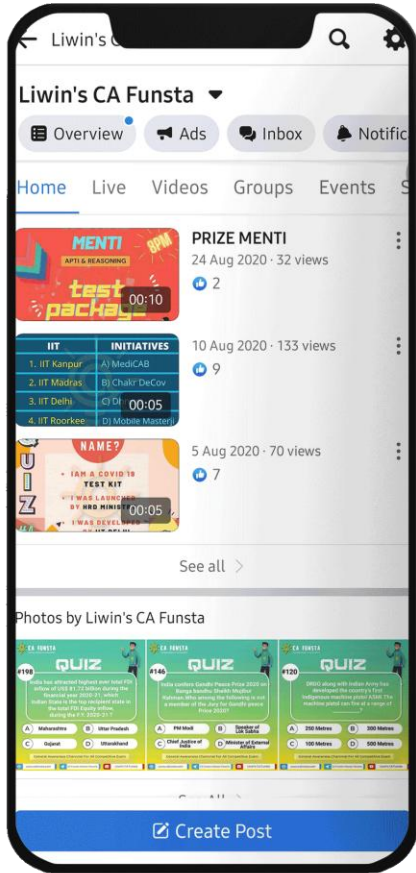
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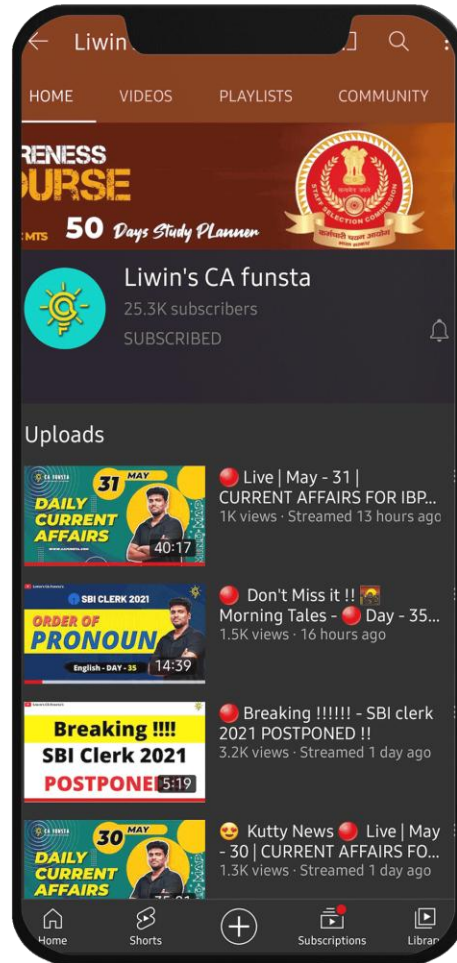
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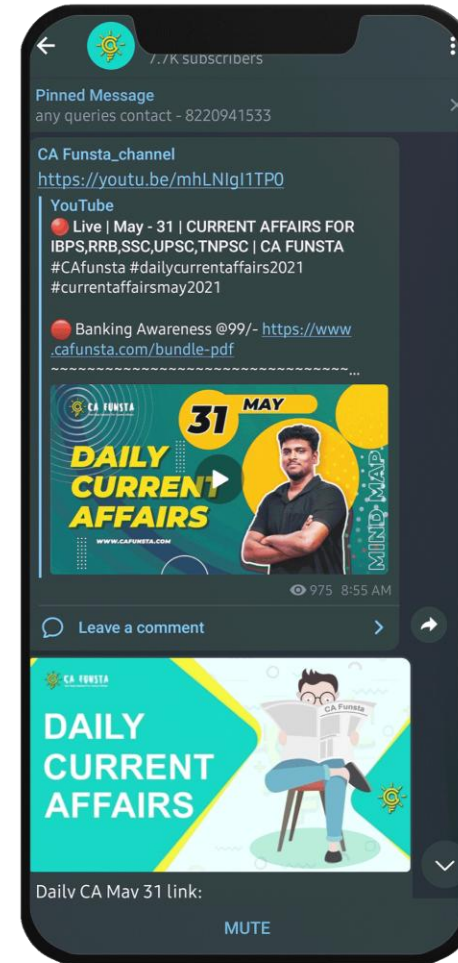
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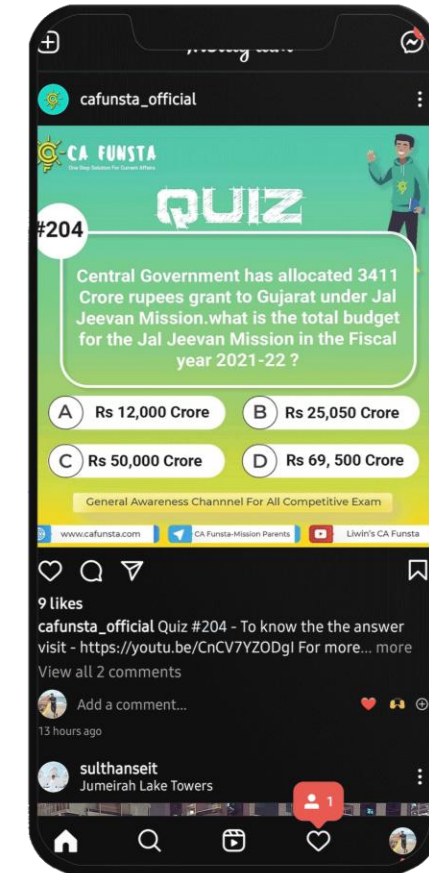
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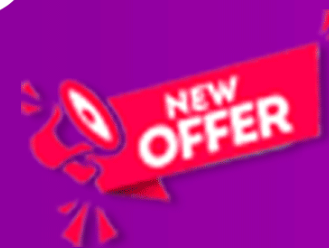
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Important Days

➤ No Smoking Day observed on _____?

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

Answer

A) 9 March



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **No Smoking Day**
- DATE : **9 March**
- OTHERS : **No Smoking Day is observed every year on the second Wednesday of March to raise awareness about the harmful health effects of tobacco via smoking and to encourage people all over the world to quit smoking.**



OBITUARY



➤ Satish Kaushik died at 66 and he is a _____?

- A) Actor-filmmaker
- B) Singer
- C) Musician
- D) Dancer
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Actor-filmmaker



OBITUARY



Explanation

- **Actor-filmmaker Satish Kaushik, known for his memorable comic roles in films such as “Jaane Bhi do Yaaro” and “Mr India”, passed away following a heart attack.**
- He was 66.
- According to friend and colleague Anupam Kher, Kaushik was at a friend's home in Delhi when he complained of uneasiness.



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Which bank & Aadhar Housing Finance entered into co-lending partnership?

- A) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- B) Axis Bank
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) Yes Bank
- E) None of these

Answer
D) Yes Bank



Explanation

- **Yes Bank announced that it has partnered with Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd to offer home loans at competitive interest rates.**
- Aadhar Housing Finance is one of India's largest affordable housing finance companies.
- With this partnership, both entities aim to provide, convenient home finance solutions such as Home Loan for Salaried Employees, Loan for Plot Purchase and Construction, Home Improvement Loan, Loan Against Residential Commercial Property, Balance Transfer and Top Up, among others, to customers from lower and middle-income groups.
- **This partnership is in accordance with the co-lending framework of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) that enables banks and non-banking companies to jointly bring forth financial solutions that cater to the requirements of the unserved and underserved sections of the society.**



➤ SBI raised _____ Cr through bond issuance?

- A) Rs 1,659 crore
- B) Rs 3,717 crore
- C) Rs 2,457 crore
- D) Rs 4,235 crore
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Rs 3,717 crore



Explanation

- **State Bank of India (SBI) said that it has raised Rs 3,717 crore at a coupon rate of 8.25 per cent through Additional Tier 1 bond issuance.**

The tenor of the bonds is perpetual with a call option after 10 years and every anniversary thereafter.

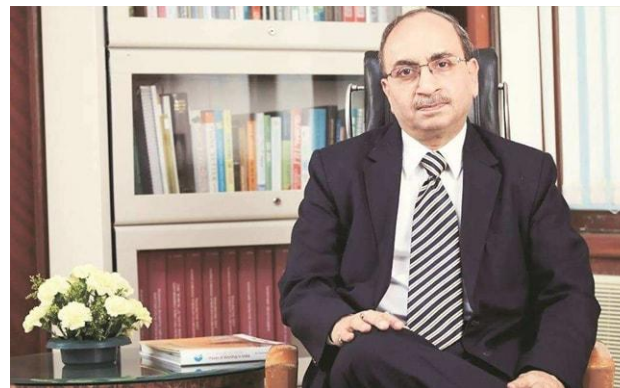
The issue attracted an overwhelming response from investors with bids of Rs 4,537 crore and was oversubscribed by about 2.27 times against the base issue of Rs 2000 crore,



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



➤ Who launched Genius Plan to help parents plan for their child's future

- A) PNB MetLife
- B) IOB MetLife
- C) SBI MetLife
- D) Kotak MetLife
- E) None of these



Answer

A) PNB MetLife



Explanation

- **PNB MetLife, one of India's leading life insurance companies has launched PNB MetLife Genius plan a new solution to help parents financially prepare to support their children's future.**
- PNB MetLife Genius plan is an individual, non-linked, non-participating, saving, life insurance plan that offers life insurance cover while allowing parents to save for their child's education.
- Announcing the launch of the PNB MetLife Genius Plan, Sameer Bansal, Chief Distribution Officer at PNB MetLife said, "**Education is one of the biggest costs we face in raising children and many parents are worried about saving enough as well as how they would manage if they lost their ability to earn an income.**"
- **We are excited to launch the PNB MetLife Genius Plan, a life insurance plan aimed at helping parents save for their children and live confidently."**



➤ Which bank tied up with ITC to offer loans to farmers?

- A) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- B) Axis Bank
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) Yes Bank
- E) None of these

Answer
B) Axis Bank



Explanation

- **Axis Bank has collaborated with ITC Ltd to offer loans and services to farmers who are part of ITC's agriculture ecosystem, the two companies said in a joint release.**
- The partnership will enable Axis Bank to cater to the financial requirements of unserved and under-served farmers based in remote regions by offering them a range of assets and liability products such as farmer loans and gold loans, among others.
- **Axis Bank will leverage ITCMAARS (Meta Market for Advanced Agricultural Rural Services), a full-stack agri-tech application to reach out to the farmers and address their financial requirements.**
- The bank will also offer farmers a **range of products and services through its rural-urban and semi-urban (RUSU) branches located across 656 districts.**



Titbits

Axis Bank

- Formed : **03/12/1993**
- HQ : **Mumbai**
- MD & CEO : **Amitabh Chaudhry**
- Tagline : **Bandhti Ka Naam Zindagi**



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ **One Point One Solutions signed service pact with which Bank and DMI Finance?**

- A) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- B) Axis Bank
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) Yes Bank
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Kotak Mahindra Bank



Explanation

- One Point One Solutions, a Business Process Management solutions provider, has expanded its collections portfolio offering in the **BFSI segment with Kotak Mahindra Bank and DMI Finance, a pan India credit platform.**
- The collection process for some of **the major products of Kotak Mahindra Bank would be managed by One Point One Solutions team with multilingual capabilities, such as English, Hindi, and Kannada.**
- The initial engagement with the Bank will be about 20 seats and would scale up to over 100 seats across three sites of One Point One Solutions soon.



Titbits

Kotak Mahindra Bank

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



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

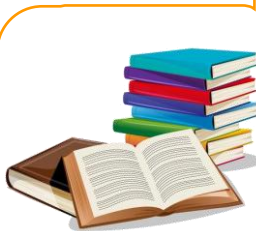


➤ Which govt will introduce 'Single Window 'mechanism for women entrepreneurs?

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

Answer

D) Telangana



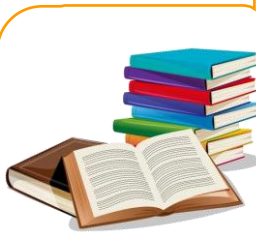
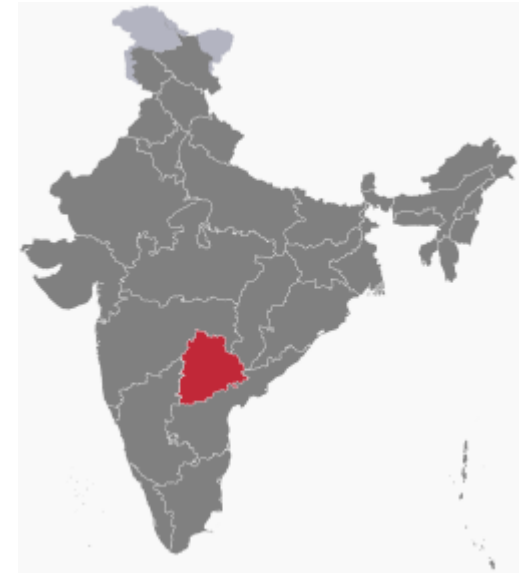
Explanation

- Telangana Information Technology Minister K T Rama Rao said that the government will introduce a **“Single Window”** mechanism on **the lines of Telangana State Industrial Project Approval and Self- Certification System (TS-iPASS) and Telangana State Building Permission Approval and Self-Certification System (TSbPASS)** for women entrepreneurs in the state soon.
- we are on a mission to make Telangana a women's entrepreneur hub, and **WE Hub has played a significant role in engaging with over 35,000 women entrepreneurs across India.**



Titbits Telangana

- Capital: **Hyderabad**
- CM: **K Chandrashekar Rao**
- Governor: **Tamilisai Soundararajan**
- Language : **Telugu**
- National Park: **Mrugavani National Par**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Pakhal Lake And Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site : **Bhitarkanika Mangroves**
- Tiger Reserve: **Nagarjunsagar-Srisailam Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Singareni TPP**
- Dams: **Pocharam Dam**
- RRB: **Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank & Telangana Grameena Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Kakatiya Rudreshwara Temple**



DEFENCE



➤ Who became first woman officer to command EME unit near China border?

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

Answer

A) Geeta Rana



DEFENCE



Explanation

- Command roles, **Colonel Geeta Rana** of the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers has become **the first woman officer to take over command of an independent field workshop in the Eastern Ladakh sector with China.**
- "**Colonel Geeta Rana of Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers has become the first woman officer to take over command of an Independent Field Workshop in a forward and remote location in Eastern Ladakh**".
- The officer has taken over the command of the EME independent workshop after the Army cleared 108 vacancies for women officers for taking command of independent units in the Corps of Engineers, Ordnance, EME and other branches.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ ECI will host which edition of International Conference on 'Inclusive Elections and Elections Integrity' as the lead for the Cohort on 'Election Integrity'?

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

Answer
C) 3rd



Explanation

- The Election Commission of India (ECI) will host the 3rd International Conference on the theme '**Inclusive Elections and Elections Integrity**' in virtual format **on 09 March 2023**.
- ECI is leading the Cohort on Elections Integrity which was established as a follow up to the '**Summit for Democracy**' held virtually in December, 2021.
- **Over 46 Participants from 25 Countries/EMBs including Angola, Armenia, Australia, Canada, Chile Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Dominica, Georgia, Guyana, Kenya, Rep. of Korea, Mauritius, Moldova, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, St. Lucia, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland and Zambia** as well as representatives of international organisations from International IDEA and International foundation for Electoral systems and representatives from Civil Society Organisations viz.
- General Election Network for Disability Access in Indonesia and Association of Youth Organisations in Nepal are expected to participate in the Conference.
- Chief Election Commissioner Shri Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioners Shri Anup Chandra Pandey and Shri Arun Goel will also address the Conference.



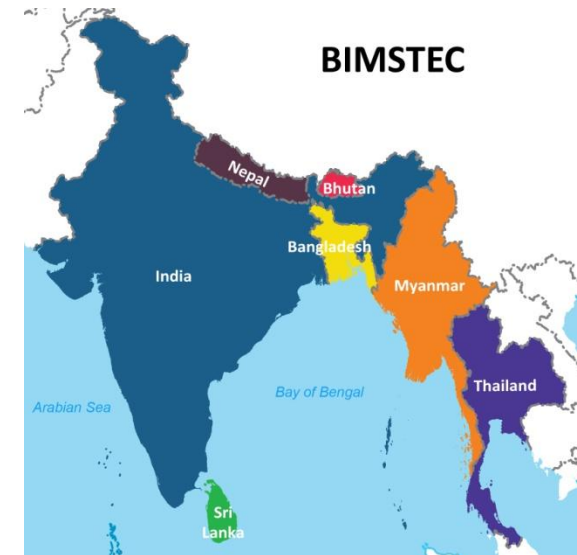
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which edition of BIMSTEC Senior officials' meet held in Bangkok?

- A) 21st
- B) 22nd
- C) 23rd
- D) 24th
- E) None of these

Answer
C) 23rd



Explanation

- The **23rd BIMSTEC Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) was held in Bangkok in virtual mode.**
- The Foreign/External Affairs Secretaries of the Member States attended the meeting.
- **Ambassador Masud Bin Momen, Foreign Secretary (Senior Secretary) led the Bangladesh delegation to the meeting.**

The Foreign Secretary apprised the meeting about the progress made in the Trade, Investment and Development sector for which Bangladesh is the leading country.

- He expressed Bangladesh's strong commitment to the BIMSTEC process and urged the Member States to work closely for finalising all the relevant agreements at the earliest so that BIMSTEC Free Trade Area could be implemented without further delay.



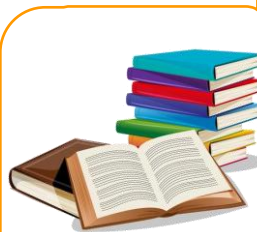
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ India and which country marked 75 years of diplomatic ties, Modi hails cricket as common passion?

- A) Australia
- B) Bangladesh
- C) Nepal
- D) Bhutan
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Australia



Explanation

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** with his **Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese** commemorated **75 years of India and Australia's diplomatic relations through cricket at the Narendra Modi stadium in Gujarat's Ahmedabad.**
- PM Modi hailed cricket and said that the game is a "**common passion**" in India and Australia.



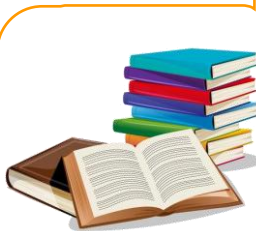
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Australia

- Capital : **Canberra**
- Currency : **Australian Dollar (AUD)**
- Monarch : **Charles III**
- Prime Minister : **Anthony Albanese**
- Language : **English**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ NAFED will begin procurement of Kharif Onion in _____?

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



**National Agriculture Cooperative
Marketing Federation of India Ltd**

**Answer
D) Gujarat**



Explanation

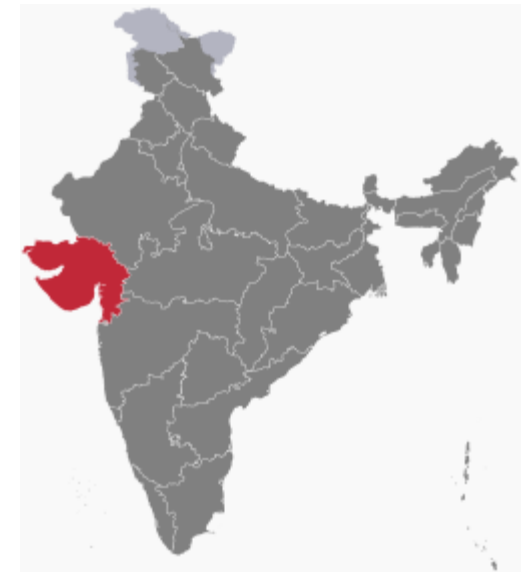
- **National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd, (Nafed), on the direction of Government of India, will initiate procurement of kharif onion to address the issue of falling prices of onion in Gujarat.**
- This move of Govt of India will provide stability to the onion market in the State.
- Taking stock of the situation due to depressed prices of Onion in late Kharif season in the State, **Department of Consumer Affairs has directed NAFED to start procurement of Onion from three major markets in Gujarat.**
- **NAFED will start procurement of onion from 09.03.23 in Bhavnagar (Mahua), Gondal and Porbandar.**
- This intervention has been planned by Govt of India in order to give immediate relief to the farmers from crashing prices of onions in the State.
- Farmers are requested to bring their good quality and dried stock to the procurement centres to avail of better rate at these centres.
- Payments to the farmers will be done online.



Titbits

Gujarat

- Capital: **Gandhinagar**
- CM: **Bhupendrabhai Patel**
- Governor: **Acharya Dev Vrat**
- Language: **Gujarati**
- National Park: **Gir Forest National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Kutch Desert Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Thol Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary, Wadhvana Wetland, Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Power Station: **Kutch Lignite Thermal Power Station**
- Dams: **Abhalwad Dam**
- RRB: **Baroda Gujarat Gramin Bank (BOB), Saurashtra Gramin Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Champaner Pavagadh Archaeological Park, Rani-ki-Vav, Historic City of Ahmadabad, Dholavira (Harappan City)**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which ministry inaugurated a pavilion at ITB, Berlin 2023, under its “Incredible India” brand line?

- A) Tourism
- B) Sports
- C) Defence
- D) Agriculture
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Tourism



Explanation

- The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India under its **“Incredible India”** brand line is participating in **ITB, Berlin 2023**, showcasing India’s rich & diversified tourism potential and providing a platform to the tourism stakeholders ,**to showcase the various tourism destinations and products including niche products.**
- It also aims to promote India as a **‘Must See, Must Visit’** destination.
- The India Pavillion was inaugurated by Mr. Arvind Singh, Secretary of Tourism, Government of India, H.E. Mr Parvathaneni Harish, Ambassador of India in Germany and other Indian officials from the State Government of **Kerala, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Maharashtra, Telangana, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Arunachal Pradesh and Union Territory of Ladakh, Union Territory of Puducherry etc.** with a traditional ceremony, dances and distribution of sweets.



➤ Centre sanctioned how many floating jetty projects in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu?

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

Answer

C) 8



Explanation

- Under its Sagarmala Programme, the **Ministry of Ports, shipping, and waterways** has provided in-principle approval to four floating jetty projects in Karnataka while also giving in-principle approval to another four floating jetty projects in Tamil Nadu.
- **With these four additional projects in Karnataka, there is a total of 11 floating jetty projects in the state.**
- These projects are located primarily on Gurupura River and Netravati River and shall be used for tourism purposes.
- The other locations are Thannir Bhavi Church, Bangra Kuluru, Kulur Bridge and Jappina Mogaru NH bridge.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

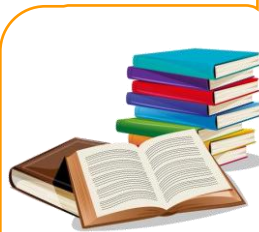


➤ Which state announced big schemes for women entrepreneurs?

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



Answer
A) Kerala



Explanation

- Kerala Government on unveiled major schemes to support women entrepreneurs in the state including raising of the loan limit for women under the ‘
- **We-Mission Kerala’ initiative of Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC) to Rs 50 lakh from Rs 25 lakh with a five percent interest from April 1.**
Announcing the decision at the women entrepreneurs’ meet organised by the Department of Industries and Commerce.
- Minister for Law, Industries and Coir P Rajeeve said the doubling of the loan amount will help women entrepreneurs under ‘**We-Mission Kerala**’ project to scale up their businesses.



Titbits

Kerala

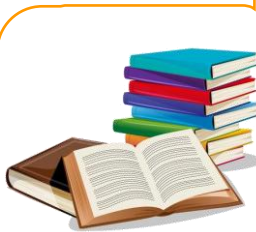
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- Governor: **Arif Mohammad Khan**
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- Tiger Reserve: **Periyar Tiger Reserve**
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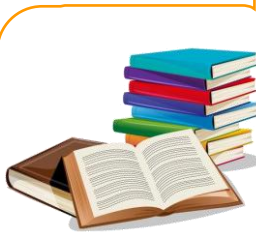
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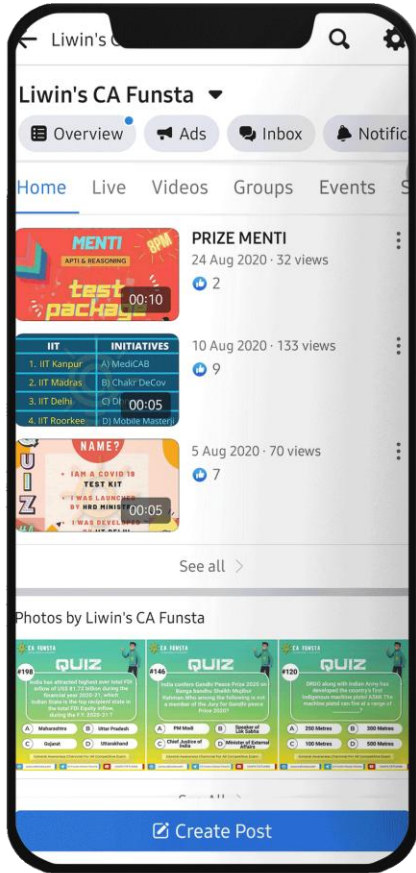
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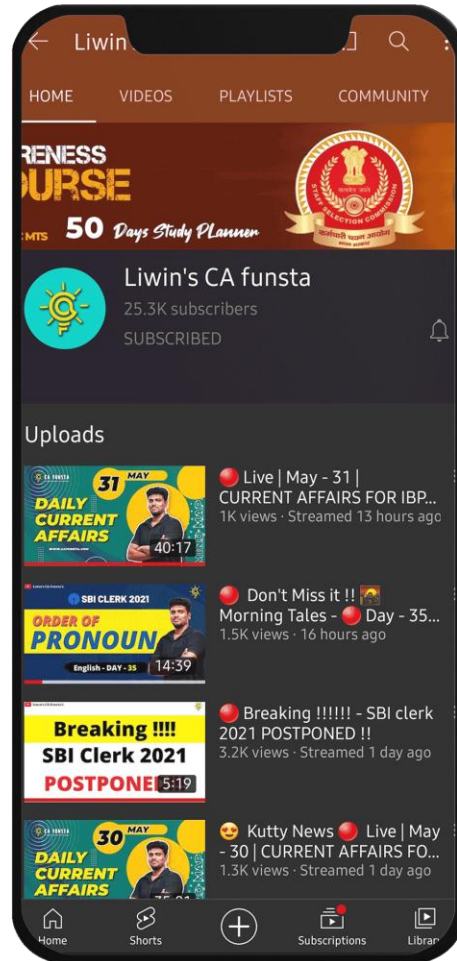
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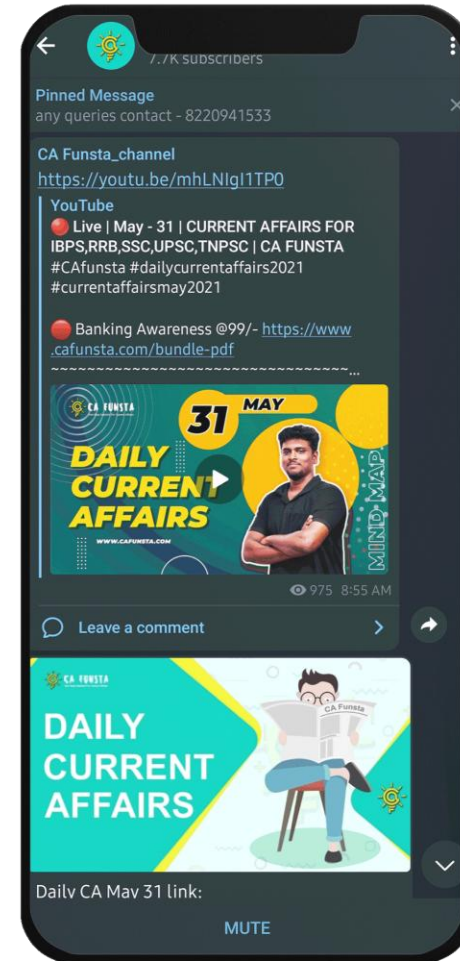
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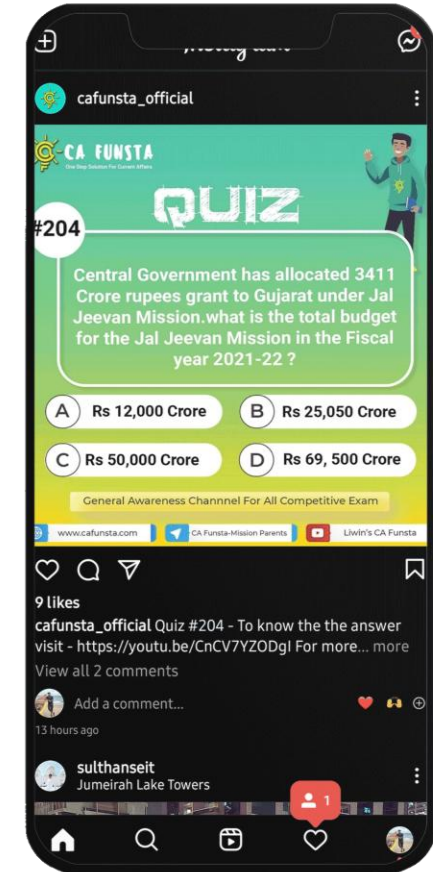
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