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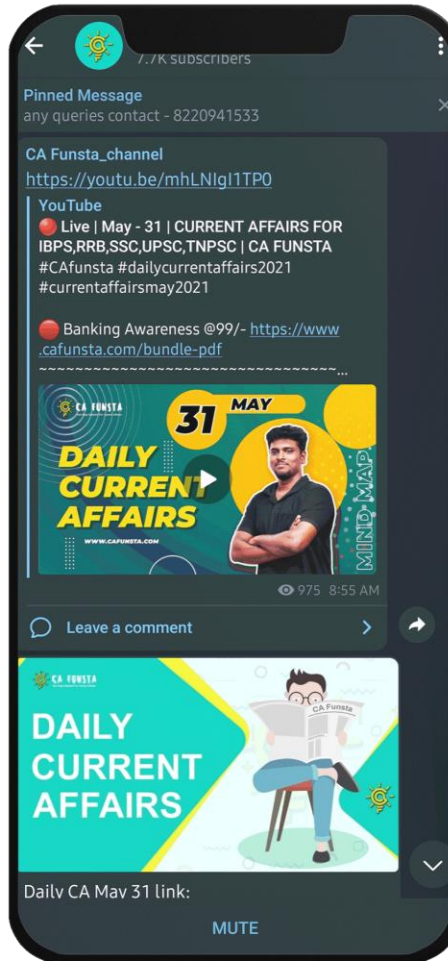
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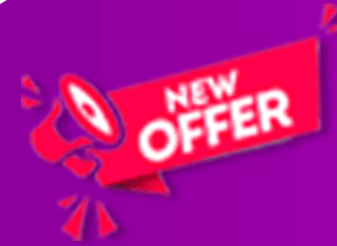
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SPORTS



➤ **Who beat Sabalenka to claim Indian Wells title?**

- A) Elena Rybakina
- B) Rohan Bopanna
- C) Matthew Ebden
- D) Neal Skupski
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Elena Rybakina



Explanation

- **Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina beat a misfiring Aryna Sabalenka 7-6(11) 6-4 to claim the Indian Wells title and avenge her loss to the Belarusian in the Australian Open final.**
- Rybakina, playing in her first WTA 1000 final, came back from a break down to grab a tightly-contested first set during which second seed Sabalenka committed 10 double faults and the Kazakh 10th seed never trailed the rest of the way.
- **Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden finished their Indian Wells Open title run the way they started it, with a clutch performance in a Match Tie-break to clinch the title defeating Wesley Koolhof and Neal Skupski.**



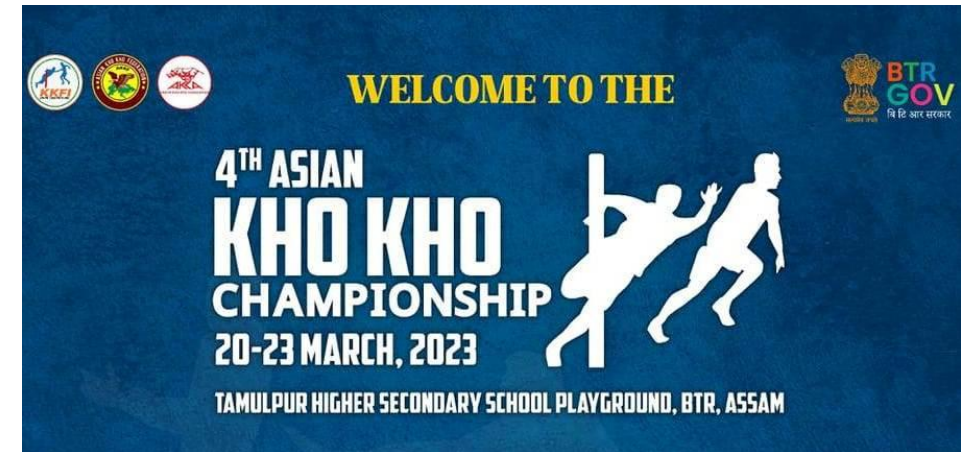
SPORTS



- Which edition of Asian Kho Kho Championship for men's, women's to begin in Assam's Tamulpur from March 20?

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

Answer
D) 4th



Explanation

- The **4th Asian Kho Kho Championship will begin in Tamulpur in Baksa district in Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR) in Assam.**
- Altogether 17 teams (both male and female) will participate in this event.
- The participating countries are - Bangladesh, Bhutan, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka and the host India.
- The event is being organised by the Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) and is being hosted by the Assam Kho Kho Association (AKKA) with support from the BTR Government.



SPORTS



➤ India will host 2023 SAFF Championships in _____?

- A) Chennai
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Mumbai
- D) Hyderabad
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Bengaluru



Explanation

- **The 2023 edition of the SAFF Championship, South Asia's marquee international tournament, will be held in Bengaluru from June 21 to July 3, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) announced.**
- India will be hosting the tournament for the fourth time and first since the 2015 edition when it was held in Thiruvananthapuram.
- All the member associations of the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) are expected to participate in the 13th edition of the tournament, the AIFF said.
- **India has won the tournament eight times out of the 12 earlier editions.**



RANKING



➤ Which state Lt. Governor opened Asia's largest Tulip Garden for the public?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Jammu and Kashmir
- D) Rajasthan
- E) None of these

Answer

C) Jammu and Kashmir



RANKING



Explanation

- **Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha opened Asia's largest Tulip Garden on the foothills of Zabarwan in Srinagar.**
The Lt Governor invited people from all over the world to visit J&K and discover the mesmerizing beauty of 16 Lakh tulip flowers and enjoy the warm hospitality of the people.
The Lt Governor acknowledged the efforts of hundreds of gardeners and workers engaged in the tulip garden.
- Last year, an unprecedented 3.60 lakh tourists visited the Tulip Garden, and I believe the number will further increase this year.



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)**



➤ Sri Lanka's Seylan Bank opened INR denominated Nostro account in which Bank in Mumbai?



- A) Bank of Baroda
- B) Indian Bank
- C) PNB
- D) IOB
- E) None of these

Answer
B) Indian Bank



Explanation

- **Sri Lanka's Seylan Bank has opened an Indian rupee-denominated Nostro account in Indian Bank in Mumbai.**
- The arrangement will help settle cross-border transactions using Indian rupee between the two nations.
- In a statement, the Sri Lankan bank said the initiative will enable local customers to enter into transactions denominated in the Indian Rupee, eliminating the need to conduct Trade and Remittance transactions in US dollars.
- **India has been trying to increase Indian rupee-based trade settlements, which will help the traders on both sides given shortages in Foreign Exchange.**
- In an event to promote the use of the rupee in the settlement of transactions held earlier this month, the Indian High Commissioner had said that as a next step, mechanisms need to be created by which Indian tourists can pay in Indian rupees, enabling Sri Lanka to attract more tourists.
- **Sri Lanka's banks have been opening Nostro accounts in India-based banks.**
- Likewise, banks from the Indian side have maintained similar accounts in Sri Lanka for a reciprocal arrangement.



ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



➤ Who get India's first BIS licence to make fire-resistant steel?

- A) JSP
- B) JSW
- C) KISCOL
- D) TATA
- E) None of these



Answer

A) JSP



Explanation

- **Jindal Steel and Power (JSP) has received Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) certification to manufacture India's first fire-resistant steel structures at its rail mill and special profile mill in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.**
- The hot rolled structural steel, manufactured as per IS 15103, can be used for high-temperature or fire-prone areas and can withstand temperatures up to 600 degrees Celsius for a maximum duration of three hours.
- Fire protection has been a challenge in the design of steel structures.
- The availability of fire-resistant steel will result in more efficient designs of structures, according to a statement shared with stock exchanges on Sunday late evening.
- **The new BIS 15103 grade will be used to manufacture steel structures for infrastructure projects such as industrial structures, refineries, bridges, metro projects, and steel and power plants as well as in hospitals, and commercial and residential buildings.**



DEFENCE



➤ India and Maldives reviewed defence ties during which edition of Defence Cooperation Dialogue at Male?

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

Answer
D) 4th



Explanation

- The **4th Defence Cooperation Dialogue between India and the Maldives was held in Male.**
- The dialogue was co-chaired by Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane and his Maldivian counterpart Major General Abdulla Shamaal.
- **During the interaction, ongoing bilateral defence cooperation activities were reviewed and both sides expressed satisfaction at the increasing engagements.**
- The talks covered the existing bilateral exercises, with both countries agreeing to increase the complexity of these drills.
- Ministry of Defence in a statement said that Defence Cooperation Dialogue is the highest institutionalised interactive mechanism between the two countries.
- **The Armed Forces of India and the Maldives continue to seek bilateral cooperation in multiple fields and the increased engagements are a positive sign for the future of bilateral relations.**
- Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane said that India looks forward to continued engagement based on the common understanding reached this Defence Cooperation Dialogue.



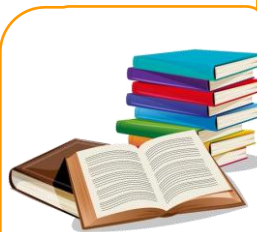
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which country and World Food Programme signed MoU during Global Millets Conference?

- A) India
- B) Australia
- C) UK
- D) USA
- E) None of these

Answer
A) India



Explanation

- The **agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ministry** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **World Food Programme (WFP)** of the **United Nations** during the **Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference**, according to the **statement released by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**.
- Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar**, lauded the work of WFP in promoting food self-sufficiency and supporting governmental and global efforts to ensure long-term solutions to the challenge of hunger.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



- International Conference on 'Natural farming for Revitalizing Environment and Resilient Agriculture' kicked off in _____?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Manipur
- D) Rajasthan
- E) None of these

Answer
C) Manipur



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

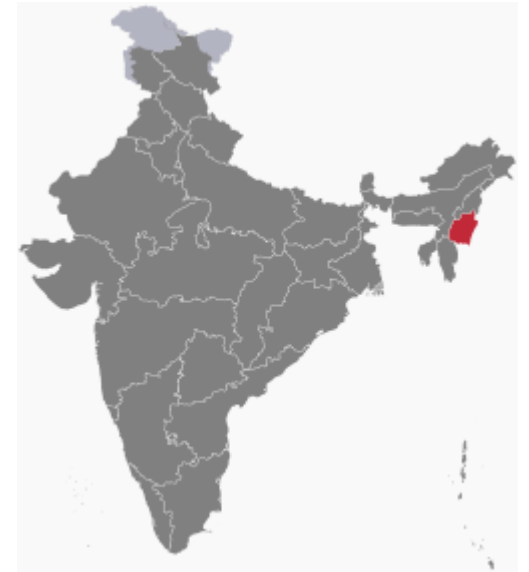
- **A three days long International Conference on the theme 'Natural farming for Revitalizing Environment and Resilient Agriculture' was kicked off at Central Agricultural University of Manipur.**
- **Manipur Governor Sushri Anusuiya Uikey inaugurated the conference which also exhibited the natural farming products of innovative farmers from Manipur and other North Eastern States.**
- **Manipur Governor said that people are preferring organic foods which are free from chemical fertilizers and pesticides.**
- **Therefore, large scale adoption of natural farming processes will be the best option available to cater the needs of people.**
- **In view of such situations, NITI Aayog organised a national consultation in which the Indian natural farming system was discussed.**
- **Delegates from Bangladesh, Nepal, Singapore, Thailand, Germany, England and U.S. will be participating in the technical sessions in the conference.**



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)**



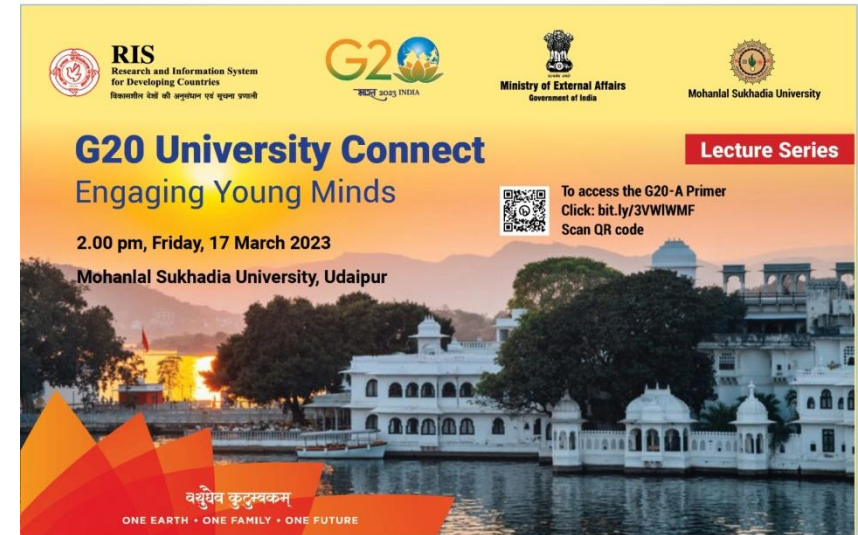
NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Mohanlal Sukhadia University organises 'G20 University connect- Engaging Young Minds' in _____ ?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Gujarat
- D) Rajasthan
- E) None of these

Answer
D) Rajasthan



Explanation

- **Mohanlal Sukhadia University organised 'G20 University connect- Engaging Young Minds' at Udaipur in Rajasthan.**
- **Ambassador Satbir Singh delivered the keynote speech on G20 Indian Presidency and remarked that now India is on the path of becoming a world leader.**
- **He added that the main objective of the country-wide G20 programmes is to engage the people and youth as brand ambassadors to spread awareness regarding India's role in the world.**
- **The ambassador talked about sustainable growth and how India can help in bringing equity.**
- **He also highlighted the various agendas for the G20 summit in alignment with the history of India.**
- **The organising team of the University concentrated on the theme of 'Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Economics'.**
- **The mega event is held in the university as one of the selected 75 Universities across the country to celebrate the 75 years of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which state govt announced creation of 19 new districts, 3 new divisions?


- A) New Delhi
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Gujarat
- D) Rajasthan
- E) None of these

Answer
D) Rajasthan

DESERT STATE GETS AN 'IMAGE' MAKEOVER

In which district will the state capital fall?

➤ CM Ashok Gehlot's decision to redraw the old Jaipur district into four new districts has inevitably brought the question of which one would include the capital to the forefront: Will it be Jaipur North or Jaipur South? Since the state government has not yet demarcated the boundaries of new districts, the question is puzzling people and has gone viral on social media.



New Districts: 19



- Jaipur North
- Jaipur South
- Jodhpur East
- Jodhpur West
- Anupgarh
- Balotra
- Beawar
- Deeg
- Deedwana
- Kuchaman
- Gangapur City
- Neem Ka Thana
- Kotputli Behror
- Khairthal
- Dudu
- Kekri
- Phalodi
- Salumber
- Sanchore
- Shahpura

New Divisions: 3

- Banswara
- Pali
- Sikar

CM Ashok Gehlot speaks in the state Assembly on Friday

“Congress government has ignored many important facts in the process of creating new districts. Instead of providing convenience, the public will have to face administrative complications by this move. CM Ashok Gehlot tried to politicise the budget by keeping the worrying fiscal indicators at stake, which is unfortunate”
— Ex-CM Vasundhara Raje



Explanation

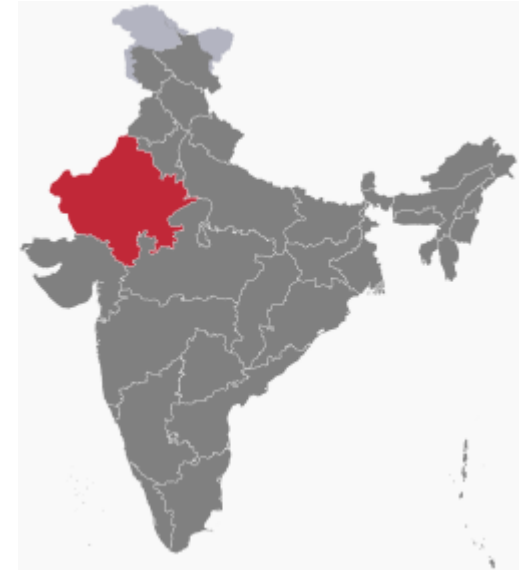
- Rajasthan Chief Minister **Ashok Gehlot** announced his government's decision to form **19 new districts and three new divisions** in the state, earmarking **Rs 2,000 crore** for **development of infrastructure** for them.
- This is the **first time since 2008** that new districts are being carved out, taking the **number of districts to 50** in the state.
- Gehlot made the announcement in the Rajasthan assembly, which also passed the 2023-24 Budget with a voice vote.
- He said a high-level committee was formed to study the formation of new districts and the state government has received a report.
- "In this way, the state will now have 19 new districts," the chief minister said during a discussion on the Budget.
- The three new divisions will be in Banswara, Pali and Sikar, he said.
- **For the new districts and divisions, he proposed a budget of Rs 2,000 crore for the first phase of implementation of infrastructure and human resource development.**



Titbits

Rajasthan

- Capital: **Jaipur**
- CM: **Ashok Gehlot (14th)**
- Governor: **Kalraj Mishra (22nd)**
- Language: **Hindi**
- National Park: **Keoladeo National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Gajner Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Keoladeo Ghana National Park, Sambar Lake**
- Tiger Reserve: **Sariska Tiger Reserve.**
- Power Station: **Chhabra Thermal Power Plant**
- Dams: **Alnia Dam (River: Alnia)**
- RRB: **Baroda Rajasthan Kshetriya Gramin Bank (BOB), Rajasthan Marudhara Gramin Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Keoladeo National Park, The Jantar Mantar, Hillforts of Rajasthan, Jaipur City**



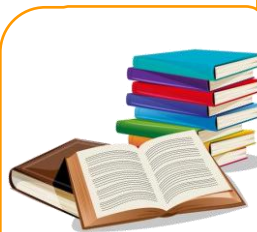
NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ L20 engagement group's inception meet began in _____?

- A) Chennai
- B) Amristar
- C) Mumbai
- D) Hyderabad
- E) None of these

Answer
B) Amristar



Explanation

- The **Labour20 (L20)** engagement group's inception meet began deliberations on key issues concerning the global workforce to provide direction to the G20 nations and institutions to focus on development reaching the last person.
- The **L20** is a key engagement group of the G20 in **Amristar**.
- Trade union leaders, labour studies experts and delegates from 20 nations at the Labour20 inception meeting under India's G20 presidency are preparing to call for universalisation of social security and to put women at the centre of the future of work.

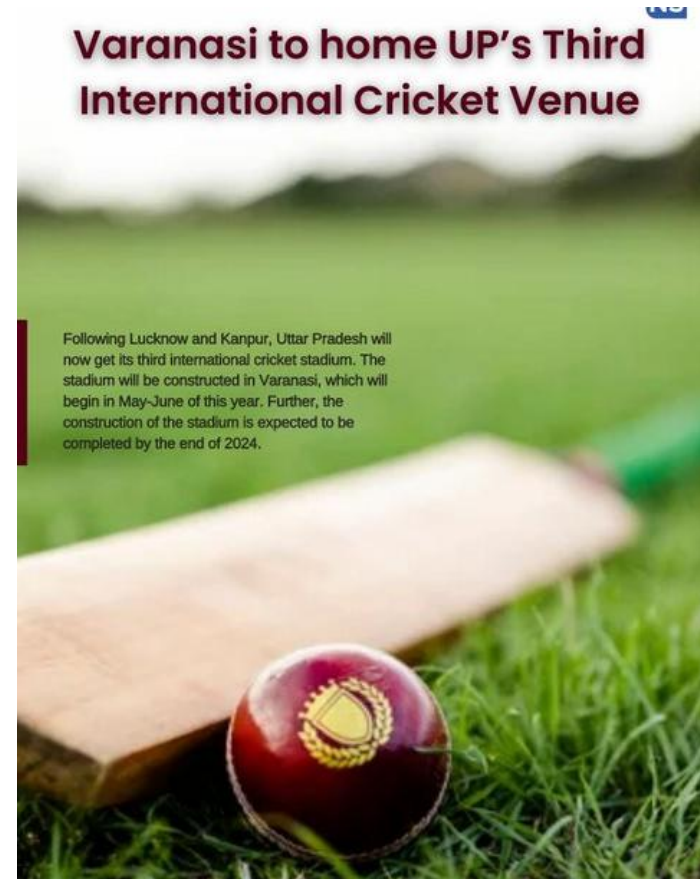


➤ Which state set to get its third international cricket stadium in Varanasi?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Gujarat
- D) Rajasthan
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Uttar Pradesh



Explanation

- After Lucknow and Kanpur, **Uttar Pradesh is set to get its third international cricket stadium in Varanasi and the work on the same will commence by May-June this year.**
- The state government has purchased a land measuring 31 acres in Rajatalab area of Varanasi for the international cricket stadium, and the land will be handed over to the Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association (UPCA) and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) by the end of this month, according to officials.
- **BCCI's honorary secretary Jay Shah and BCCI vice president Rajeev Shukla had visited Varanasi earlier this week in this regard.**



Titbits Uttar Pradesh



- Capital: **Lucknow**
- CM: **Yogi Adityanath (21st)**
- Governor: **Anandiben Patel (28th)**
- Language: **Hindi**
- National Park: **Dudhwa National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **National Chambal Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary, Parvati Agra Bird Sanctuary , Saman Bird Sanctuary , Samaspur Bird Sanctuary , Sandi Bird Sanctuary , Sarsai Nawar Jheel , Sur Sarovar , Upper Ganga River, Haiderpur Wetland, Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Tiger Reserve: **Pilibhit Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Panki Thermal Power Statio**
- Dams: **Adwa Dam**
- RRB: **Aryavart Bank (BOI), Baroda UP Bank (BOB), Prathama UP Gramin Bank (PNB)**
- UNESCO Site: **Agra Fort,Taj Mahal,Fatehpur Sikri**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which state CM will launch Swami Vivekananda Yuvashakti scheme on March 23?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Karnataka
- D) Rajasthan
- E) None of these

Answer
C) Karnataka



Explanation

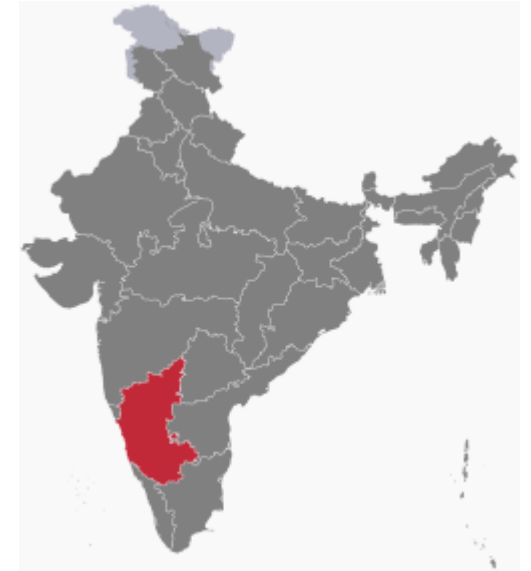
- **Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will launch the self-employment scheme known as Swami Vivekananda Yuvashakti Sangha scheme on March 23.**
- The Chief Minister chaired a meeting of the senior officials and chief executive officers and reviewed the progress.
- **The women's self-help groups have been active for the last so many years.**
- But a self-employment scheme has been formulated for the first time for youths, and the chief executive officers of the zila panchayats must prioritize this.
- Their work does not end with the formation of joint liability groups and distribution of revolving funds as they have to identify the groups, help to avail loans, start the units, and till the production starts.



Titbits

Karnataka

- Capital: **Bangalore**
- CM: **Basavaraj Bommai**
- Governor: **Thawar Chand Gehlot**
- Language: **Kannada**
- National Park: **Bandipur National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **MOOKAMBIKA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**
- Ramsar Site: **Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary**
- Tiger Reserve: **Bandipur National park**
- Power Station: **Kaiga Atomic Power Station**
- Dams: **Tungabhadra Dam (River : Tungabhadra)**
- RRB: **Karnataka Gramin Bank & Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (Canara Bank)**
- UNESCO Site: **Group of Monuments of Hampi**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who launched 'Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam'?

- A) Narendra Singh Tomar
- B) Anurag Singh Thakur
- C) Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
- D) Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- E) None of these

Answer

C) Dr Mansukh Mandaviya



Explanation

- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers **Dr Mansukh Mandaviya** launched the '**Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam**' initiative.
- The **Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam** will be held from **April 17 to April 26** at various venues throughout Saurashtra region and Tamil Nadu **Chief Minister M.K.Stalin** will be invited for the event, **Mandaviya** told reporters.
Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports **Anurag Thakur** and **Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying Dr L. Murugan** was also present on the occasion.
- The official logo of the Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam was unveiled on the occasion and also the launch of its online portal.



Titbits

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

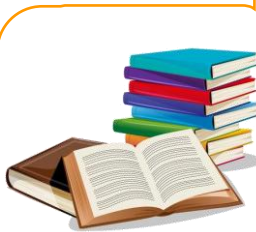
- UNION MINISTER : **Mansukh Mandaviya** (Gujarat)



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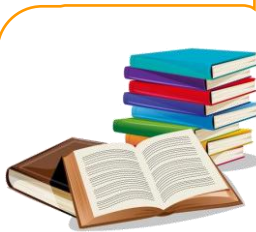
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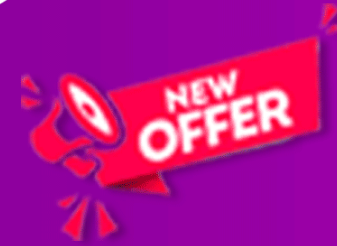


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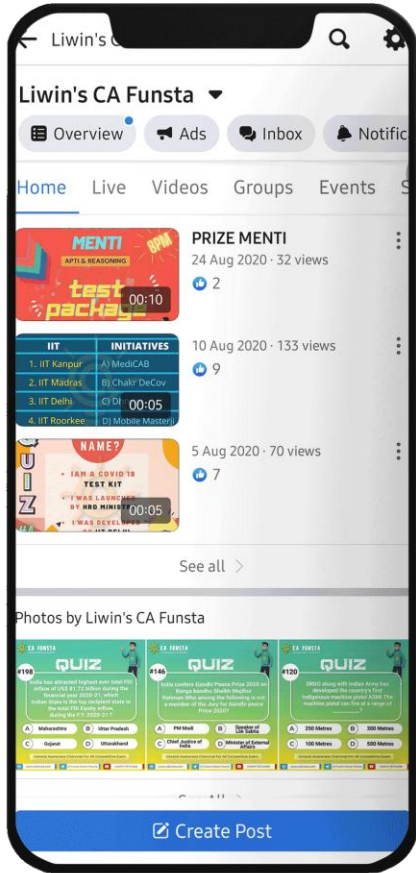
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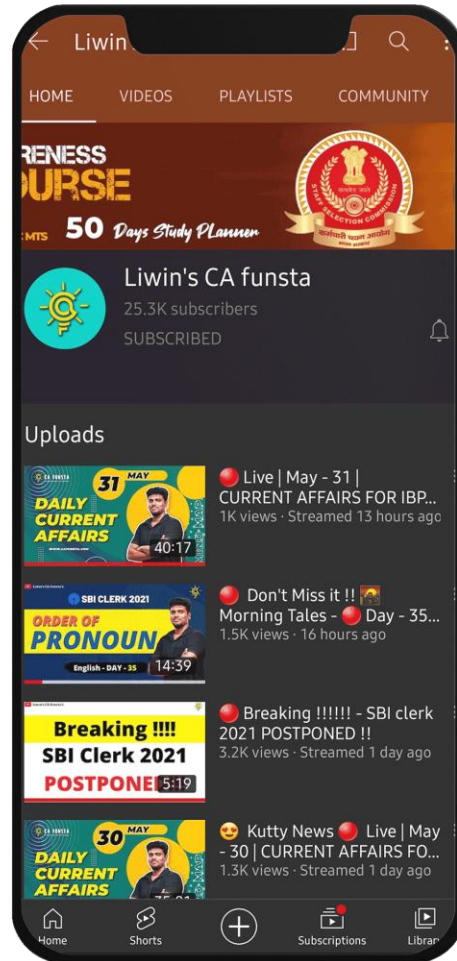
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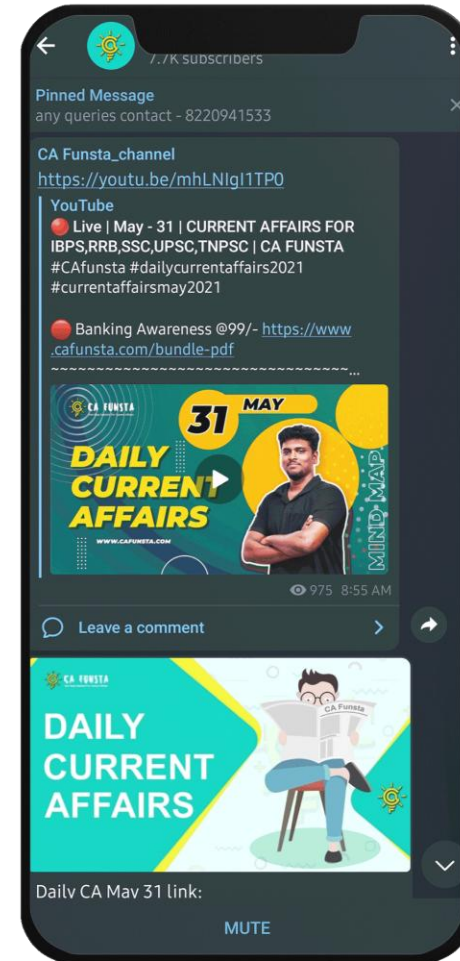
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