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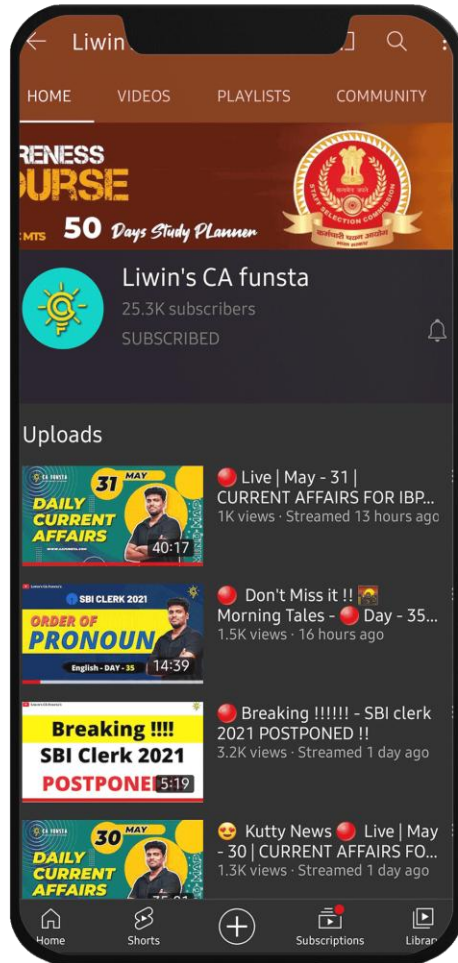
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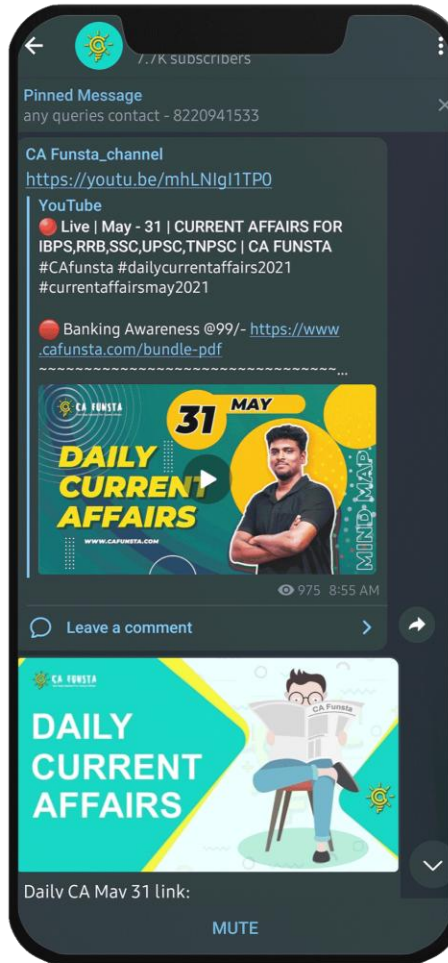
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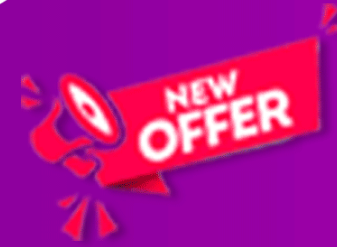
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Important Days



➤ **World Water Day 2023** celebrated on _____?

- A) 21 March
- B) 20 March
- C) 19 March
- D) 22 March
- E) None of these

Answer
D) 22 March



2023 Accelerating Change



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **World Water Day 2023**
- DATE : **March 22**
- OTHERS : World Water day is celebrated on March 22 every year to spread awareness about the water crisis all over the world. **World Water Day 2023 aims to achieve the vision of sustainable water and sanitation for all by 2030.**



SPORTS



➤ Who clinched air pistol gold in Shooting World Cup?

- A) Sarabjot Singh
- B) Yashaswini Singh Deswal
- C) Elavenil Valarivan
- D) Manu Bhaker
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Sarabjot Singh



Explanation

- **India's Sarabjot Singh won the men's air pistol gold in the ISSF Pistol/Rifle World Cup here to open the host country's medal account on the first day of competitions.**
- It was double delight for India as teenage shooter Varun Tomar also bagged a bronze.
- Sarabjot, the 2021 junior world champion in the team and mixed team categories, defeated Azerbaijan's Ruslan Lunev 16-0 in the gold-medal match in the first final of the World Cup.



OBITUARY



➤ Air Force veteran Wing Cmdr J M Nath passes away in _____?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Chennai
- C) Pune
- D) Lucknow
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Mumbai



OBITUARY



Explanation

- Wing Commander Jag Mohan Nath (retd), **the Indian Air Force veteran who flew numerous reconnaissance sorties over Tibet and Pakistan in his Canberra aircraft in the 1962 and 1965 wars, passed away in Mumbai.**
- The octogenarian, called "**Jaggi**" by his Air Force colleagues, was twice the recipient of Maha Vir Chakra gallantry honour. Six decades ago, when he leapt into his Canberra, a twin-engine jet bomber fitted with cameras, and flew into Pakistan on a top secret mission, then Squadron Leader Jag Mohan Nath already had a Maha Vir Chakra awarded to him for his 1962 war operations.



RANKING



➤ **Who piped Virat Kohli as most valued celebrity in 2022?**

- A) Ranveer Singh
- B) Sachin Tendulkar
- C) Salman Khan
- D) MS Dhoni
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Ranveer Singh

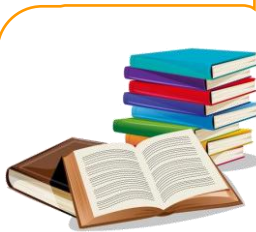
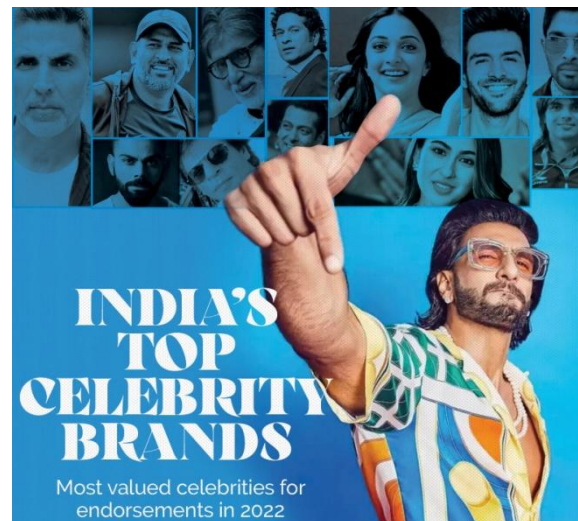


RANKING



Explanation

- Bollywood actor **Ranveer Singh** has become the **most valued celebrity for endorsements in 2022**, replacing Indian batter Virat Kohli, according to a new 'Celebrity Brand Valuation' report by corporate investigation and risk consulting firm, Kroll.



RANKING



➤ India second-most improved Asian country in QS World University Rankings by _____?

- A) 2023
- B) 2024
- C) 2025
- D) 2026
- E) None of these

Answer
A) 2023



RANKING



Explanation

- **India has gained ground in the largest-ever QS World University Rankings by Subject, with 66 Indian universities cumulatively achieving 355 entries: a 18.7% increase compared to last year (299).**
- India is the second most represented country in Asia for number of ranked universities (66), after China (Mainland) (99).



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Which bank & Autotrak Finance Limited announces partnership?

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



Answer

B) Axis Bank



Explanation

- **Axis Bank and Autotrac Finance Limited Ltd (AFL), a Gurgaon based Non-Banking Financial Company, announced its strategic partnership under the co-lending model through the Yubi Co.Lend platform.**
- Through this partnership, both lenders will offer '**New Tractor Loans**' for the Agricultural and Allied activities to cater the financial needs of the rural segment in the country, according to a media statement here.
- This partnership will leverage the wide customer experience of AFL and deep financial expertise of Axis Bank to enable easy credit availability for farmers at an optimal interest rates.
- **AFL has an advantage of ready access to a robust customer base and dealers across rural and semi-urban regions (RUSU) in 18 states and it will further continue to maximize its network to ensure that farmers whole heartedly embrace advanced farming technologies.**



Titbits

Axis Bank

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

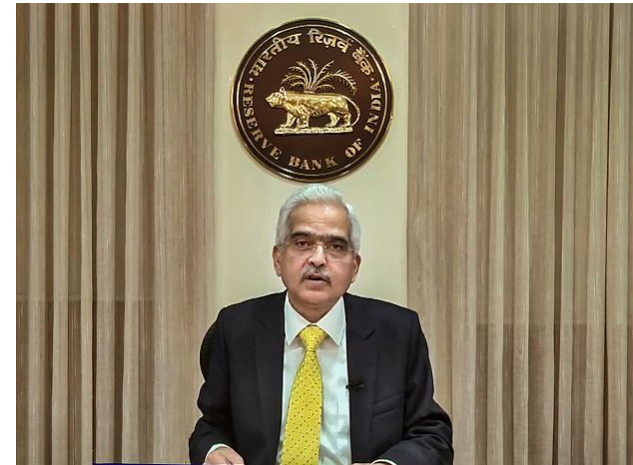


BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ RBI will set up new Data Centre & Cybersecurity Training Institute in _____?

- A) Bhubaneswar
- B) Chennai
- C) Pune
- D) Lucknow
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Bhubaneswar



Explanation

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor **Shaktikanta Das laid the foundation stone for establishment of a “Greenfield Data Centre’ and ‘Enterprise Computing & Cybersecurity Training Institute’ in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.**
- The Governor highlighted the need for augmenting the existing computing infrastructure of the RBI supported by cutting edge facilities for research and capacity building in emerging areas straddling central banking, technology and cybersecurity for a future ready RBI.
- **The new Data Centre and the Enterprise Computing & Cybersecurity Training Institute spread over an area of 18.55 acres,** when commissioned, will cater to the emerging requirements of the RBI and the financial sector.



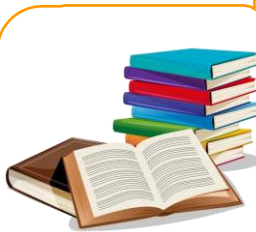
Titbits

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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APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who appointed ED of Bandhan Bank?**

- A) Ashwani Kumar
- B) Manmeet K Nanda
- C) Lalit Kumar Gupta
- D) Ratan Kumar Kesh
- E) None of these



Answer

D) Ratan Kumar Kesh



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Private lender Bandhan Bank announced the appointment of Ratan Kumar Kesh as its executive director.**
- The bank said in a statement that pursuant to the recommendation of the board, **RBI has granted approval of Kesh as ED.**
- The appointment will be effective from March 31, 2023, for a period of three years subject to approval of the shareholders of the bank.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Bandhan Bank

- Founded : **2015**
- HQ : **Kolkata**
- Founder : **Chandra Shekhar Ghosh**
- Tagline : **Aapka Bhalai, Sabki Bhalai**



APPOINTMENTS

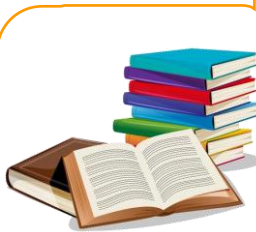


➤ Who appointed new managing director & CEO of Invest India?

- A) Ashwani Kumar
- B) Manmeet K Nanda
- C) Lalit Kumar Gupta
- D) Tablesh Pandey
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Manmeet K Nanda



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- The board of **Invest India** has appointed **Manmeet K Nanda** as the **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer** of the investment promotion and facilitation body under the commerce ministry.
- Nanda succeeds Deepak Bagla, who resigned from the post last week.
- In its meeting held, **the board approved the appointment of Nanda, an IAS officer of the West Bengal Cadre of 2000 Batch, as the new MD and CEO.**
- Further, the board "appreciates Deepak Bagla for his exceptional leadership and commitment in establishing Invest India, a shining example of the government's unique experiment, as the world's most awarded Investment Promotion Agency, in a short span of eight years,".



AWARDS



- Which state Governor presented maiden 'Kerala Puraskarngal' awards, M T Vasudevan Nair awarded state's highest civilian honour?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Kerala
- D) Rajasthan
- E) None of these

Answer
C) Kerala



AWARDS



Explanation

- **Kerala Governor Arif Muhammad Khan has presented maiden 'Kerala Puraskarngal', the state awards to the eminent personalities who have made an outstanding contribution in various spheres of social life.**
- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan presided over the function at the Raj Bhavan.
- The awards were given in three categories namely "**Kerala Jyothi**", "**Kerala Prabha**" and "**Kerala Shri**".
- **Kerala's highest civilian honour "Kerala Jyothi" was awarded to writer M T Vasudevan Nair.**
- The second-highest award Kerala Prabha was shared by actor Mammooty, former civil service officer T Madhava Menon and writer Omchery NN Pillai.



AWARDS



➤ Who chosen for Sangita Kalanidhi Award 2023 by Music Academy?

- A) Ashwani Kumar
- B) Bombay Jayashri
- C) Lalit Kumar Gupta
- D) Tablesh Pandey
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Bombay Jayashri



AWARDS



Explanation

- Renowned Carnatic vocalist and Padma **Shri awardee Bombay Jayashri has been selected for the Sangita Kalanidhi award for 2023 by the Music Academy.**
- The Music Academy said, **Jayashri is one of the foremost among today's Carnatic musicians**, who initially trained under her parents and later under TR Balamani and violin maestro Lalgudi G Jayaraman. Besides Carnatic music, Jayashri is also trained on the veena, classical dance and Hindustani music.
- **'She is known for her melodic and meditative style of singing. She has also been training underprivileged children in music and contributing through her art to social causes''.**



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ **Who unveiled Bharat 6G Vision Document and launches 6G R&D Test Bed?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Anurag Singh Thakur
- C) Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
- D) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Narendra Modi



Explanation

- The Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the new International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Area office & Innovation Centre in India at a programme in Vigyan Bhawan.**
- The Prime Minister also unveiled the Bharat 6G Vision Document and launched the 6G R&D Test Bed.
- He also launched the 'Call before u Dig' App.
- ITU is the United Nations' specialized agency for information and communication technologies (ICTs).
- India signed a Host Country Agreement in March 2022 with ITU for the establishment of Area Office.
- **It will serve India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Afghanistan and Iran, enhancing coordination among nations and fostering mutually beneficial economic cooperation in the region.**



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ India and which country Second Consultative Meeting on Defence Cooperation?

- A) Japan
- B) France
- C) UAE
- D) Jordan
- E) None of these



Answer
D) Jordan



Explanation

- The **second Consultative Meeting on Defence Cooperation between India and Jordan** was held in New Delhi.
- The **two countries discussed a range of issues including military training and courses, Cyber Security, military exercises, military medicine and capacity building** in various areas to enhance defence engagements.
- Both sides also exchanged their respective capabilities in defence industry and research & development for forging collaborations in mutually beneficial areas.
- **The Jordanian delegation also interacted with the representatives of defence industry.**
- The meeting was co-chaired by Shri Amitabh Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence, and Brigadier General Hasan Dakhlallah Nimer Al-Sbeihat, Director, Directorate of Military Training, Jordan.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

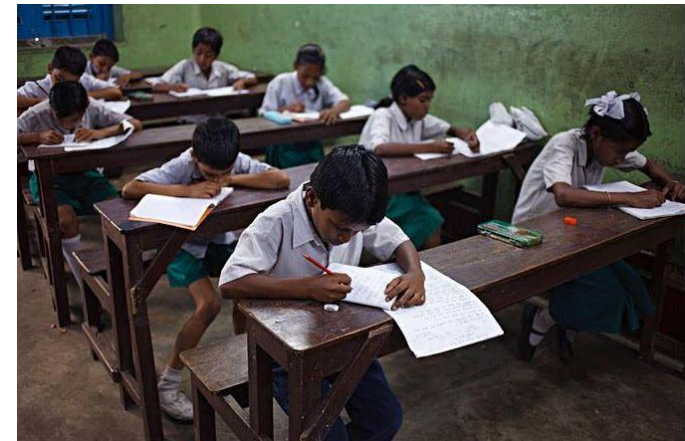


➤ **Which state govt Launched Online Portal for Admissions Under Section 12(1)(c) of the Right to Education Act?**

- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Assam
- D) Rajasthan
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Andhra Pradesh



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- **The Principal Secretary of School of Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh (A.P.) had notified the opening of the online portal for facilitating admissions under Section 12(1)(c) of the Right to Education Act (RTE) on 26th February 2023.**
- This recent government order mandates the allotment of 25% of seats in Class I of all Private Unaided Schools, including IB/ICSE/CBSE/State syllabus schools in the state, and admissions under it have begun for the year.
- **This initiative is aimed at promoting socially inclusive access to education for all children in the state, irrespective of their socioeconomic backgrounds.**
- Implementation of this education policy has been challenging, but the A.P. Government hopes to address key issues by leveraging technology to ease the administrative burden.
- **The RTE Section 12(1)(c) admissions were initiated in AP from the academic year 2022-23 onwards and are in their second year of implementation.**
- This announcement is regarding starting the admission process for the academic year of 2023-24.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Himanta Biswa Sarma launched Mission Lifestyle for Environment in _____?

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



Answer
C) Assam



Explanation

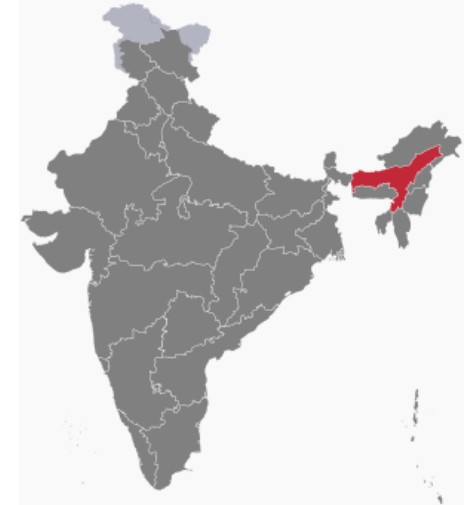
- Assam Chief Minister **Himanta Biswa Sarma** launched the **Mission Lifestyle for Environment' (LiFE)** in the state, a global mass movement under the leadership of Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**.
- Sarma said it promotes an environmentally conscious lifestyle, focusing on utilisation instead of wasteful consumption.
- Under this initiative, week-long activities will be carried out across all districts, addressing seven identified categories, including saving energy and water, reducing plastic and e-waste, and healthy lifestyles.
- **Sarma said in known and unknown ways we work against nature creating problems for humanity, leading to challenges with which humans, plants and the animal kingdom have to deal.**



Titbits

Assam

- Capital: **Dispur**
- CM: **Himanta Biswa Sharma**
- Governor: **Jagdish Mukhi**
- Language: **Assamese, Bodo**
- National Park: **Rajiv Gandhi (Orang) National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Amchang WLS**
- Ramsar Site: **Deepor Beel**
- Tiger Reserve: **Manas**
- Power Station: **Bongaigon Thermal Power Station**
- RRB: **Assam Gramin Vikash Bank (United Bank of India)**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which district will get Tamil Nadu's 18th wildlife sanctuary?

- A) Erode
- B) Salem
- C) Nagore
- D) Trichy
- E) None of these



Answer
A) Erode



Explanation

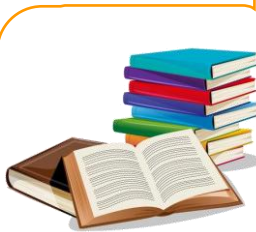
- Forest officials and public alike welcomed the announcement of a new wildlife sanctuary in Erode district following a statement made during the presentation of the Tamil Nadu Budget 2023-24.
- When the state Budget was presented in the Assembly, it was declared that **a new wildlife sanctuary called 'Thanthai Periyar Animal Sanctuary' will be formed in 2023-2024 and this is the 18th such sanctuary in Tamil Nadu.**
- There are two existing wildlife sanctuaries in the district - **Vellode Birds Sanctuary and Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (STR).**



QUICK RECALL



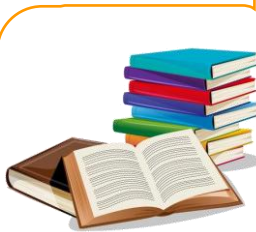
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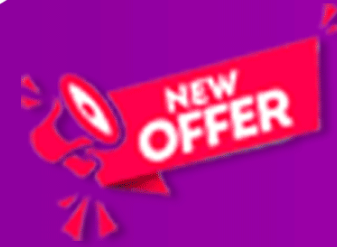


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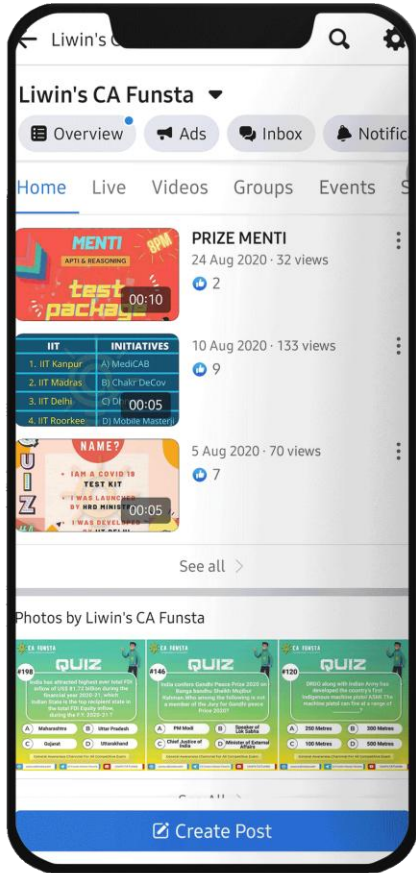
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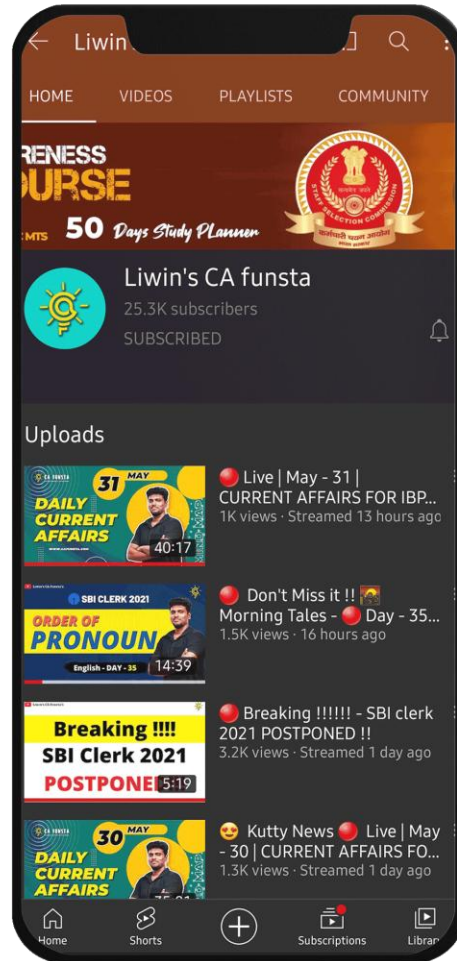
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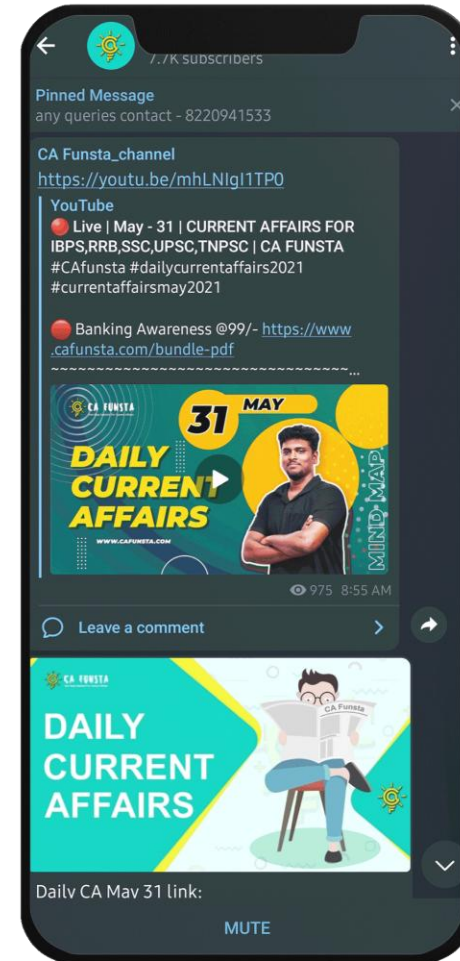
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