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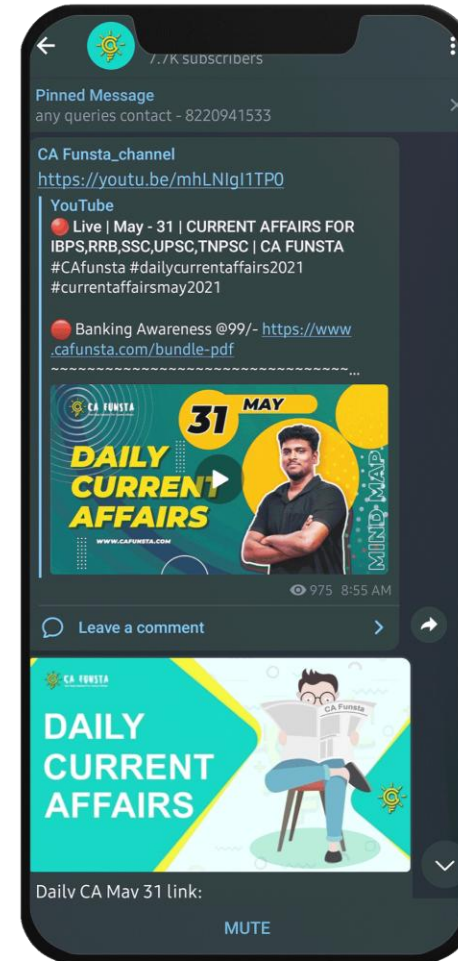
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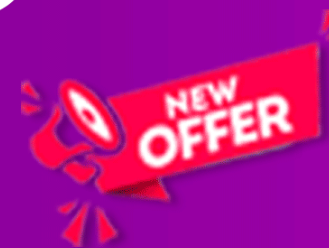


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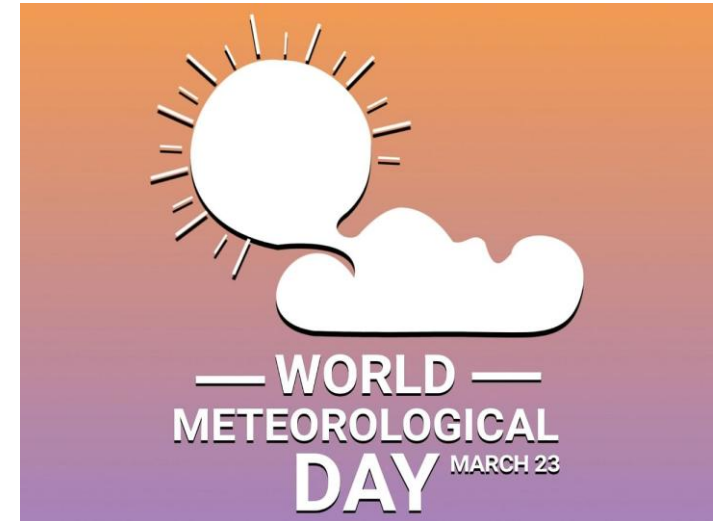


➤ World Meteorological Day 2023 observed on\_\_\_\_\_?

- A) 21 March
- B) 20 March
- C) 23 March
- D) 22 March
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**C) 23 March**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- DAY : **World Meteorological Day 2023**
- DATE : **March 23**
- OTHERS: This day has a different theme each year, and the theme for 2023 is **“The Future of Weather, Climate, and Water Across Generations”**, which is one of the main reasons to commemorate it. and the previous year’s theme was **“Early Warning and Early Action”**.



# SPORTS



➤ Who sponsored Tri-Nation International Friendly Football Tournament kicks off this evening at Khuman Lampak Main Stadium in Imphal?

- A) Hero
- B) Byjus
- C) Mastercard
- D) Jio
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**A) Hero**



## Explanation

- The **Hero Tri-Nation International Friendly Football Tournament organised under the aegis of All India Football Federation (AIFF) kicked off this evening at Khuman Lampak Main Stadium in Imphal.**
- Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh attended the inaugural ceremony of the tournament in which football teams from Myanmar, India and Kyrgyz Republic are participating.
- **The inaugural match is being played between India and Myanmar. In the India team, seven footballers from Manipur are participating in the tournament.**
- Despite the bad weather and intermittent rainfall in the State from the past few days, thousands of football fans thronged to the stadium and the Main Stadium is fully packed. The tournament will continue till 28th of this month.
- Meanwhile, Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh announced that the State Government will sign an MoU with AIFF for establishment of a Football Academy in the State.





➤ **Geojit joined hands with which Small Finance Bank to provide 3-in-1 bundle offer?**

- A) Suryoday Small Finance Bank
- B) ESAF Small Finance Bank
- C) Jana Small Finance Bank
- D) Fincare Small Finance Bank
- E) None of these



**Answer**

**B) ESAF Small Finance Bank**



## Explanation

- **Financial advisory firm Geojit Financial Services has entered into an agreement with ESAF Small Finance Bank (ESAF SFB) to offer a special three-in-one bundled account to the bank's customers.**
- Under this understanding, ESAF Small Finance Bank savings account holders can open Geojit demat account and trading account for free.
- **A demat or dematerialisation account helps investors hold shares and securities in an electronic format.**
- There would be benefits such as zero demat account opening charges, flexible brokerage plans, annual maintenance charges (AMC) waiver till March 2024, no subscription charges on the trading account, among others.



➤ Which bank sanctioned Rs 754 crore loan to waste-to-energy maker SAEL Industries?

- A) Asian Development Bank
- B) World Bank
- C) IMF
- D) RBI
- E) None of these



**Answer**

**A) Asian Development Bank**





## Explanation

- **Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned a Rs 754 crore loan to waste-to-energy maker SAEL Industries, according to a top executive at the renewable energy company.**
- The funds will be used for the construction of five biomass power plants in the districts of **Bikaner, Churu, Hanumangarh, Jhunjhunu and Sikar in Rajasthan.**
- SAEL intends to construct **3.5 gigawatts of green energy capacity** as part of a five-year plan.
- It will add 100 megawatts of new biomass and 600 megawatts of new solar capacity annually over the next four years.
- It already has over 600 megawatts of existing power generation capacity, which includes solar and biomass energy plants.



# BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



➤ MoU exchanged for setting up nation's first PM MITRA Park in \_\_\_\_\_?

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

**Answer**

**A) Tamil Nadu**



## Explanation

- **The nation's first PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park is set to be established in Virudhunagar District of Tamil Nadu, and employ an estimated 2 lakh people**, the Memorandum of Understanding for which was signed between the Central and State governments here.
- Marking the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on his Twitter handle: "**Today is a very special day for my sisters and brothers of Tamil Nadu!**" "**The aspirational district of Virudhunagar will be home to a PM MITRA mega textiles park.**
- **This will boost the local economy and will prove to be beneficial for the youngsters of the state #PragatiKaPMMitra,**".
- Giving a big boost to the textile sector, the PM MITRA Parks, in all, would create huge employment opportunities and an estimated 20 lakh people would get 'new work' attracting about Rs 70,000 crore investment.

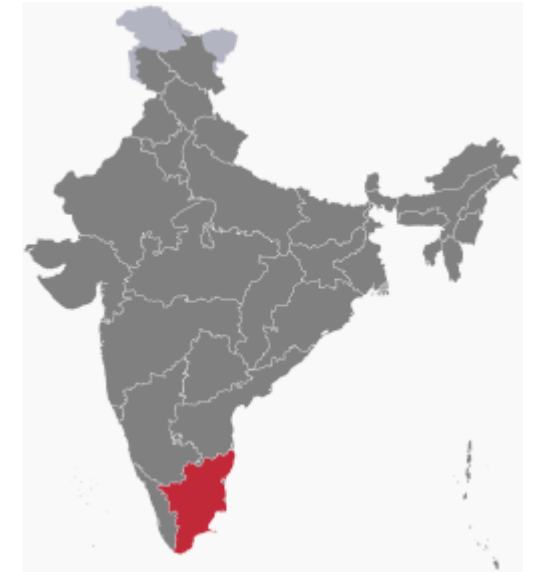




## Titbits

### Tamil Nadu

- Capital: **Tamil**
- CM: **MK Stalin**
- Governor: **RN Ravi**
- Language: **Tamil**
- National Park: **Guindy National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Tiger Reserve: **Anaimalai Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Ennore Thermal Power Station**
- Dams: **Amaravathi Dam**
- RRB: **Tamil Nadu Grama Bank (Indian Bank)**
- UNESCO Site: **Western Ghats, Mountain Railways, Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram, Great Living Chola Temples**



# AWARDS



➤ Who received national level safety Awards 'Ispat Suraksha Puraskar'?

- A) RINL
- B) CPCL
- C) ONGC
- D) BPCL
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) RINL**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- RINL Visakhapatnam received national level safety Awards "**Ispat Suraksha Puraskar**" during annual award function held at SSO Ranchi and on 22-03-2023 organised by JCSSI.
- RINL Bagged four prizes in BF and Raw materials zone for the years 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- **Maintenance and service zones bagged the Award for the year 2021-22.**
- **RINL Visakhapatnam also bagged Prestigious Award for "Zero Fatal Accident involving Contract Labour" for the year 2022**
- **Shri Atul Bhatt, CMD, RINL & Shri AK Bagchi, Director (Projects) & additional charge Director (Operations) lauded RINL collective for winning the prestigious Ispat Suraksha Puraskar at the National level.**





# AWARDS



➤ **Who presented Ramnath Goenka Awards for excellence in journalism?**

- A) D Y Chandrachud
- B) Sarbananda Sonowal
- C) Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
- D) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) D Y Chandrachud**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- Chief Justice of India **D Y Chandrachud** presented the **16th Ramnath Goenka Awards** for excellence in journalism under various categories.
- A total of **43 winners** from **2019 and 2020**, who could not be honoured earlier owing to the coronavirus pandemic, were **felicitated this year at the event in the national capital**.
- **Anand Choudhary** from **Dainik Bhaskar** bagged the prestigious award in the category of '**Hindi journalism in print media**' for exploring the dark underbelly of Rajasthan's villages in its three tribal districts where children can be bought for just Rs 50-Rs 150.
- **Jyoti Yadav and Bismee Taskin** from **The Print**, a news portal, won the honour for their story on the migrant exodus across rural **Uttar Pradesh and Bihar**.



# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Which department launched mobile App for taxpayers to view and correct AIS?

- A) Income Tax Department
- B) Agriculture Department
- C) Ministry of Finance
- D) National commission for women
- E) None of these



**Answer**

**A) Income Tax Department**



## Explanation

- The **Income Tax Department** has launched a **Mobile app** where **taxpayers** can view and can request to correct any discrepancy in the **Annual Information Statement (AIS)** so that they can rectify it or calculate their tax liability accordingly.
- Taxpayers can use the app to view their information related to Tax deducted at Source (TDS), interest, dividends, share transactions, tax payments, Income Tax refunds and other Information, including GST Data and foreign Remittances as available in AIS.
- **"The taxpayer also has the option and the facility to provide feedback on the information displayed in the app,"** the finance ministry said in a statement issued.





# ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



➤ **Two more cheetahs from where released into wild at MP's Kuno National Park?**

- A) Namibia
- B) Morocco
- C) Egypt
- D) South Africa
- E) None of these



**Answer**  
**A) Namibia**



## Explanation

- **Two more Namibian cheetahs were released into the wild at the Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park (KNP) here, where the felines were translocated from the African country in September 2022.**
- With this, four of the eight cheetahs brought from Namibia have been released into the wild in the park in Sheopur district.
- Elton and Freddie, popularly known as “**Rockstars**”, were successfully released into the free range area of the park from a large enclosure at around 6.30 pm, Sheopur's divisional forest officer (DFO) P K Verma told PTI.



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ India participated in second Indo-Pacific Economic Framework negotiating round in \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) Bali
- B) Lisbon
- C) Nairobi
- D) Tokyo
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**A) Bali**



## Explanation

- **Members of Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) have committed to enhance the negotiating schedule throughout this year with an objective of realising concrete benefits.**
- The officials of the 14-member IPEF held the second negotiating round of talks in Bali during March 13-19.
- The Indian delegation was led by the Department of Commerce.
- **IPEF is a US-led initiative with an objective of negotiating rules for tackling 21st century challenges and promoting fair and resilient trade.**
- US President Joe Biden launched IPEF in May 2022.
- It has 14 members.
- **The 14 IPEF partners represent 40 per cent of global GDP and 28 per cent of global goods and services trade.**
- The framework is structured around four pillars relating to trade, supply chains, clean economy, and fair economy (issues like tax and anti-corruption).





# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which edition of India-Gulf Cooperation Council and Strategic Cooperation dialogue with Saudi Arabia held?

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

**Answer**  
**A) 1st**



## Explanation

- **The first round of the India-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Senior Officers Meeting (SOM) was held in Riyadh.**
- Ausaf Sayeed, secretary(CPV&OIA), Ministry of External Affairs held a meeting with Saudi Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Eng. Waleed bin Abdul Kareem El-Khereiji on the Political-Security-Social-Cultural pillar of India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council (SPC), the Ministry of External Affairs said in a press release.
- During **the India-GCC meeting on March 20, the two sides conveyed happiness over the progress made in trade and investment between India-GCC countries.**
- The **Indian delegation was led by Ausaf Sayeed**, while the GCC delegation was led by Abdul Aziz Bin Hamad Al-Owaishaq, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs and Negotiations, GCC.



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which edition of 'Elevate' held in Dubai?

- A) 25th
- B) 26th
- C) 27th
- D) 28th
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**B) 26th**



## Explanation

- The **sixth pitching session of the second season of Elevate concluded in Dubai**, the event saw the participation of **six Startups in India** and an unprecedented registration of **180 investors**.
- The **six startups who participated in today's elevate session were winners of the National Startup Awards 2022**.
- This edition of 'Elevate' saw Film board Movie Technologies inc, Trascender Services Pvt Ltd, Cogos Technologies Pvt Ltd, Changejar Technologies Pvt Ltd, Makerinme Technologies Pvt Ltd, Revamp Moto Pvt Ltd pitching their innovative ideas in-front of plausible investors looking for additional rounds of funding.
- **The Session VI of Season II hosted a special guest, Ms. Padmaja Ruparel, Co-Founder, Indian Angel Network (IAN).**





## Explanation

- She is a member of the Government's NEAC, the National Expert Advisory Committee on Innovation, Incubation, and Technology Entrepreneurship.
- She shared her insights and thoughts on opportunities in the growing startup ecosystem in India.
- Commercial representative of India to Dubai, Shri Kalimuthu welcomed the guests and set the tone for the event.
- Elevate is a pitching series organized by the Consulate General of India in Dubai, providing a platform for startups to connect with investors and global counterparts.
- **The first season of Elevate commenced at the India Pavilion in Expo 2020 Dubai and featured twenty sessions.**
- **The second season began in May 2022, and this episode marks the sixth installment of the season.**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who launched National Crop Insurance Portal's DigiClaim under PMFBY?

- A) Narendra Singh Tomar
- B) Sarbananda Sonowal
- C) Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
- D) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) Narendra Singh Tomar**



## Explanation

- Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar** launched **National Crop Insurance Portal's digitized claim settlement module** namely **DigiClaim** under the ambit of **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)** at **Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi**.
- With the launch of the module, claims will be disbursed electronically, which will benefit the respective farmers of six states.
- Now, the automated claim settlement process will be an ongoing activity to ease all insured farmers' lives and provide them with a sustainable financial flow and support.



## Titbits

### Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar** (Morena, Madhya Pradesh)



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Second G20 Tourism Working Group meeting will be held in Siliguri, Darjeeling from \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) April 1
- B) April 2
- C) April 3
- D) April 4
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**A) April 1**



 Ministry of Tourism  
Government of India

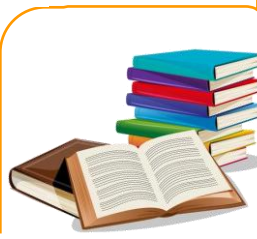
Key Priority Discussion Area  
Topic No. 2  
**Harnessing the power of digitalization to promote competitiveness, inclusion and sustainability in tourism sector**



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**2nd Tourism Working Group G20 Meeting  
Siliguri / Darjeeling: 1st - 3rd April, 2023**





## Explanation

- The **second G20 Tourism Working Group meeting is to be held in Siliguri, Darjeeling from April 1.**
- The **1st Tourism Working Group Meeting was concluded successfully at The Rann of Kutch, Gujarat) from February 7-9, 2023.**
- Singh said that during the second TWG meeting, all the G20 Members, Invitee Countries and International Organizations will be discussing deeper and broad aspects of the five priorities of the Tourism Working Group.
- **"Around 60 international delegates from 29-plus countries will be participating in the meeting,"**.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who inaugurated India's First National Centre of Excellence in Green Port & Shipping?

- A) Narendra Singh Tomar
- B) Sarbananda Sonowal
- C) Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
- D) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
- E) None of these



**Answer**

**B) Sarbananda Sonowal**



## Explanation

- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) and Ayush **Shri Sarbananda Sonowal** has said **India aims at becoming 'Global Hub for Green Ship' building by 2030 with launch of Green Tug Transition Programme(GTTP).**
- Inaugurating India's first National Centre of Excellence in Green Port & Shipping (NCoEGPS) in **Gurugram, Haryana** he said **the programme will start with 'Green Hybrid Tugs', which will be powered by Green Hybrid Propulsion systems, and subsequently adopting non-fossil fuel solutions like (Methanol, Ammonia, Hydrogen).**
- **The Minister said target has been set for the initial Green Tugs to start working in all major ports by 2025.**
- At least, 50% of all the Tugs are likely to be converted into Green Tugs by 2030, which will considerably reduce emission as the country move towards achieving sustainable development.



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### Ministry of AYUSH

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Sarbanada Sonowal** (Assam)



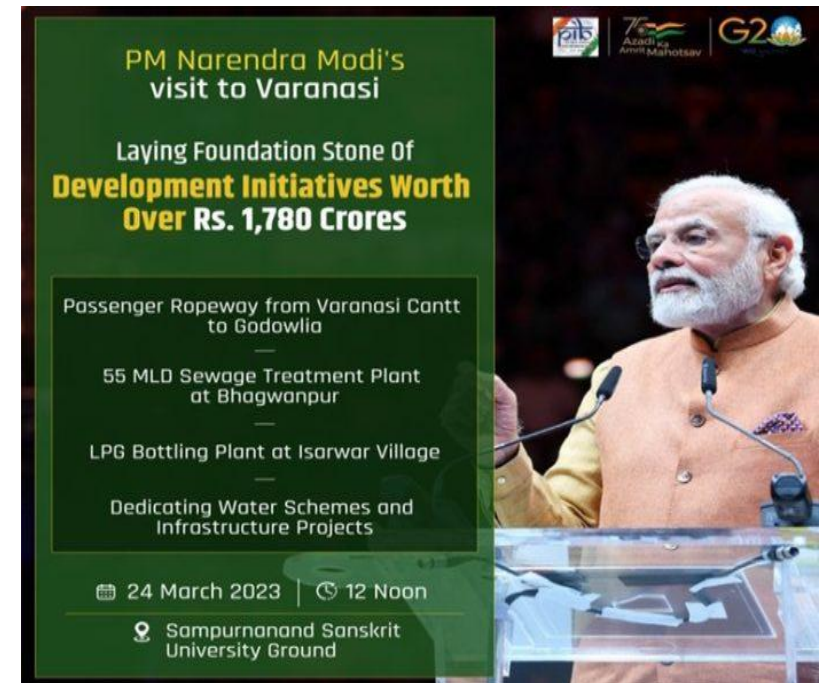
# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ PM Modi will address 'One World TB Summit' on March 24 in \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A) Ladakh
- B) chennai
- C) Pune
- D) Varanasi
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**D) Varanasi**





## Explanation

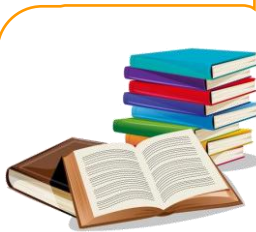
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will visit **Varanasi** on **March 24** and address the **'One World TB Summit'** on **World Tuberculosis Day** at **Rudrakash Convention Centre**.
- The PM is scheduled to address the One World TB Summit around 10:30 am.
- At around 12 noon, **Prime Minister** will **dedicate and lay the foundation stone** of various projects worth more than **Rs 1780 crores** at **Sampurnanand Sanskrit University** ground.
- This summit is being organised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the Stop TB Partnership.
- **Founded in 2001**, the **Stop TB Partnership** is a **United Nations-hosted organisation** that amplifies the voices of the people, communities, and countries affected by TB.



# QUICK RECALL



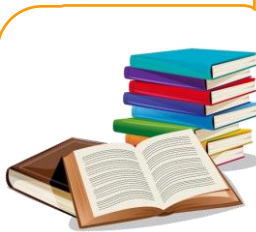
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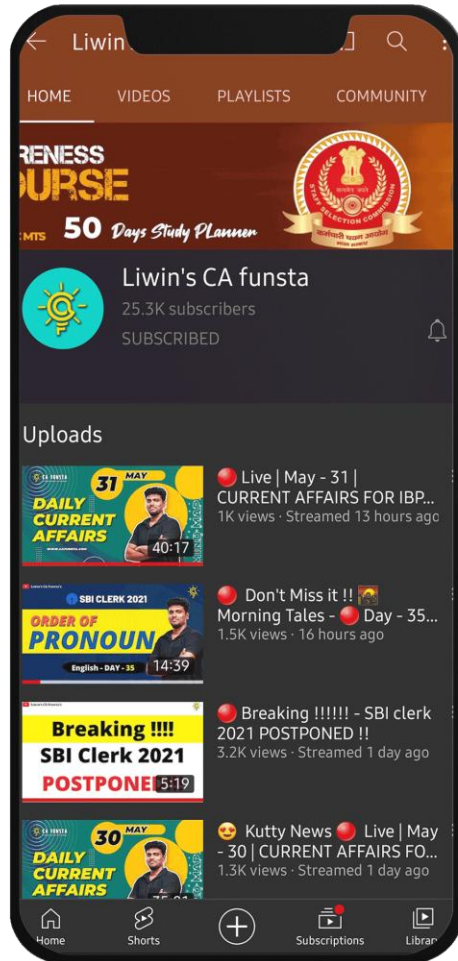
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