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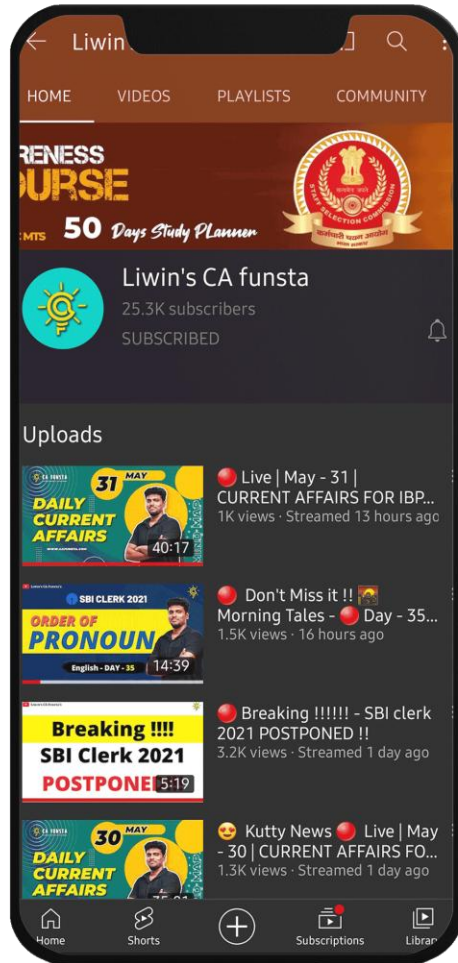
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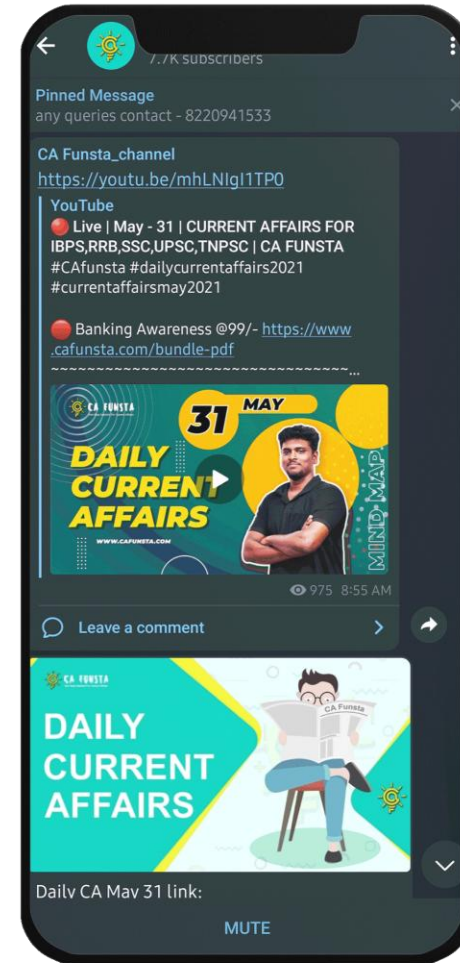
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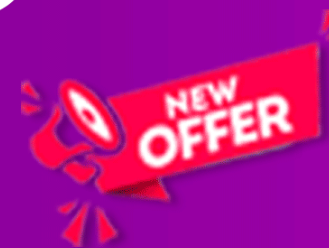
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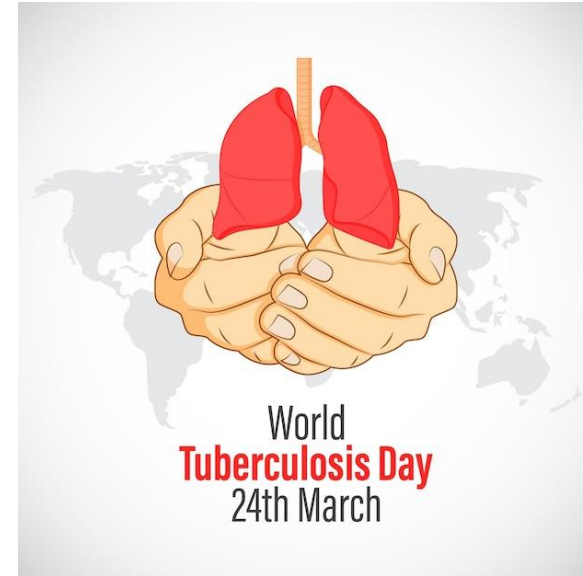


Important Days

➤ World Tuberculosis (TB) Day celebrated on_____?

- A) 21 March
- B) 24 March
- C) 23 March
- D) 22 March
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 24 March



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **World Tuberculosis (TB) Day**
- DATE : **March 24**
- OTHERS : World TB Day is celebrated every year on 24 March annually to commemorate the date when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of Mycobacterium tuberculosis, the bacillus that causes TB in 1882. **This Day is observed to educate people about TB, its impact around the world.**



SPORTS



➤ Who bagged 10m air pistol mixed team silver?

- A) Varun Tomar
- B) Rhythm Sangwan
- C) Salima Tete
- D) Only A & B
- E) Only A & C

Answer

D) Only A & B



Explanation

- Indian shooting pair **Varun Tomar and Rhythm Sangwan won silver in the 10m air pistol mixed team event while Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil and Narmada Nithin secured the 10m air rifle mixed team bronze at the ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Cup 2023 in Bhopal.**
- With the two medals on the second day, India's overall tally rose to four medals at the ISSF World Cup, which is currently underway in Madhya Pradesh.
- Tomar and Sangwan lost to China's Qian Wei and Jinyao Liu 17-11 in the gold medal match to finish second on the podium.
- Another Chinese pair of Xue Li and Pengqi Hu won the bronze medal. Tomar (293 points) and Sangwan (288 points), who previously placed second in the qualification round with a combined score of 581 points, qualified for the gold medal match.



➤ Which Mutual Fund filed for India's first Sovereign Green Bond MF?

- A) SBI Nifty Index Fund
- B) HDFC Asset Management
- C) Axis Liquid Fund
- D) HDFC Tax Saver Fund
- E) None of these



Answer

B) HDFC Asset Management



Explanation

- **HDFC Asset Management Co Ltd (AMC), investment manager to HDFC Mutual Fund (MF), has filed for India's first Target Maturity Funds tracking Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs) - HDFC Nifty India Sovereign Green Bond Jan 2028 Index Fund & HDFC Nifty India Sovereign Green Bond (SGrBs) Jan 2033 Index Fund.**
- SGrBs are bonds issued by the Government of India (GoI), whose proceeds will be deployed in public sector projects which help in reducing the carbon intensity of the economy.
- "HDFC MF is seeking to combine an innovative method of financing – Sovereign Green Bonds, with an innovative debt product – Target Maturity Funds (TMFs). **The launch of these schemes will expand the suite of HDFC Mutual Fund Index Solutions, and allow a wide audience of investors to invest in Sovereign Green Bonds and contribute towards a greener planet,**"



➤ Which Bank-SBI Life in bancassurance tied-up in life insurance category?

- A) Karur Vysya Bank
- B) CUB
- C) ICICI
- D) AXIS Bank
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Karur Vysya Bank



Explanation

- **Karur Vysya Bank executed an agreement as an additional bancassurance partner in the life insurance category with SBI Life.**
- Bancassurance is an arrangement between a bank and an insurance firm through which the insurer sell its products to the bank's customers.
- **Bharti AXA Life Insurance, a joint venture between Bharti Enterprises and global insurance firm AXA, entered into a bancassurance tie-up with Unity Small Finance Bank (Unity Bank) in order to sell its life insurance products through the lender's 111 branches of the network.**



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Indian woman hockey player _____ appointed AHF Athletes Ambassador?

- A) Salima Tete
- B) Mukesh Kumar
- C) Baljit Singh Saini
- D) Nadeemuddin
- E) None of these



Answer
A) Salima Tete



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **National women's hockey team midfielder Salima Tete was appointed the AHF Athletes Ambassador from India for a term of two years, starting March 25.**
- Tete accepted the certificate and the position during the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) Congress in Mungyeong, Korea.
- Tete, who led the Indian women's junior hockey team to a fourth-place finish at the 2021 FIH Women's Junior World Cup in Potchefstroom, South Africa, is among four players from Asia to be appointed for the position.



AWARDS



➤ Who won award for using blockchain technology to disburse cash to people displaced in Ukraine?

- A) UNHCR
- B) UNESCO
- C) WHO
- D) UNDP
- E) None of these



Answer
A) UNHCR



AWARDS



Explanation

- **The 2023 Paris Blockchain Week today awarded UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, its "Best Impact Project Award" for a pilot project using blockchain technology to disburse cash to people displaced or impacted by the war in Ukraine.**
- This award recognizes projects delivering significant social impact using blockchain technology and acknowledges UNHCR's commitment to explore innovative solutions to assist refugees and forcibly displaced people.



AWARDS



➤ Who honoured HI with best organiser award for successfully hosting 2023 FIH WC?

- A) Asian Hockey Federation
- B) Goans Hockey
- C) Fédération Internationale de Hockey
- D) All of these
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Asian Hockey Federation



AWARDS



Explanation

- **Hockey India was awarded with the Best Organiser Award by the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) for the successful hosting of the FIH Men's World Cup in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela earlier this year.**
- The award was received by HI secretary-general Bholu Nath Singh during the AHF Congress held in Mungyeong, Korea.
- While the Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar had previously hosted the FIH World Cup in 2018, the newly-constructed Birsa Munda Stadium in Rourkela caught the imagination of the hockey fraternity for its huge seating capacity.



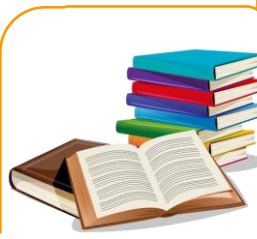
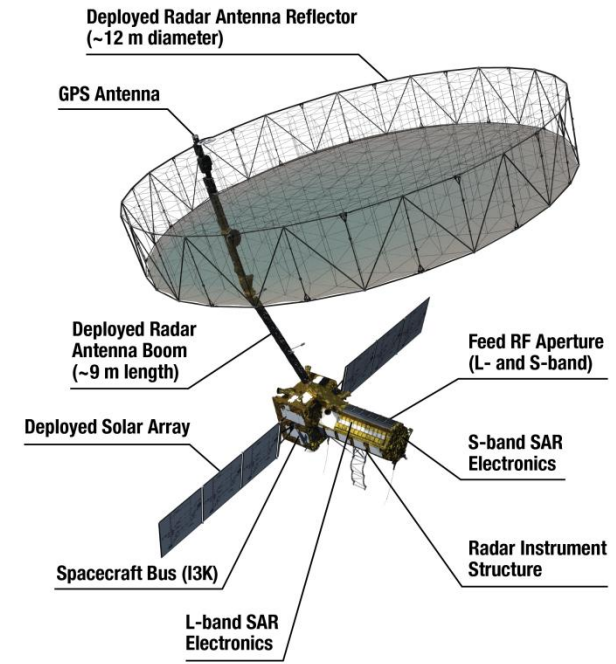
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ NASA and ISRO had jointly manufactured an earth science satellite named, NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) at a cost of about _____ crore?

- A) Rs 450 crore
- B) Rs 460 crore
- C) Rs 470 crore
- D) Rs 480 crore
- E) None of these

Answer
C) Rs 470 crore



Explanation

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, **Dr. Jitendra Singh informed the Rajya Sabha that National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) have jointly manufactured an earth science satellite named, NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar).**
- In a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha, Dr Jitendra Singh said, the mission objectives of the satellite are- Design, Develop and launch Dual Frequency (L and S band) Radar Imaging Satellite and to Explore newer applications areas using L & S Band microwave data especially in surface deformation studies, terrestrial biomass structure, natural resource mapping and monitoring and studies related to dynamics of ice-sheets, glaciers, forests, oil slick etc.
- The Minister said, **the satellite is configured with I-3K bus and the instrument identified for SAR is based on the innovative Sweep SAR technique configured in both L and S band in polarimetric configuration for wide swath and high resolution.**



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Who and SETS partnered to do joint R&D in deep tech domains to develop products?

- A) UIDAI
- B) BHIM
- C) QR Code
- D) UPI
- E) None of these



Answer
A) UIDAI



Explanation

- The **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and Society for Electronic Transactions and Security (SETS)**, part of the **Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India**, agreed to **collaborate and do joint R&D leading to development of tools and products in deep tech domains.**
- As part of the memorandum of understanding (MoU), both the organisations will carry out joint research in deep tech and emerging tech areas like Cyber Security, IoT Security, Mobile Device Security, Financial Network Slice Security and Hardware Security, etc.
- The move is part of the 'Make in India' initiative and aims **to improve self reliance on information and cyber security and to reduce dependence on tools developed outside the country.**



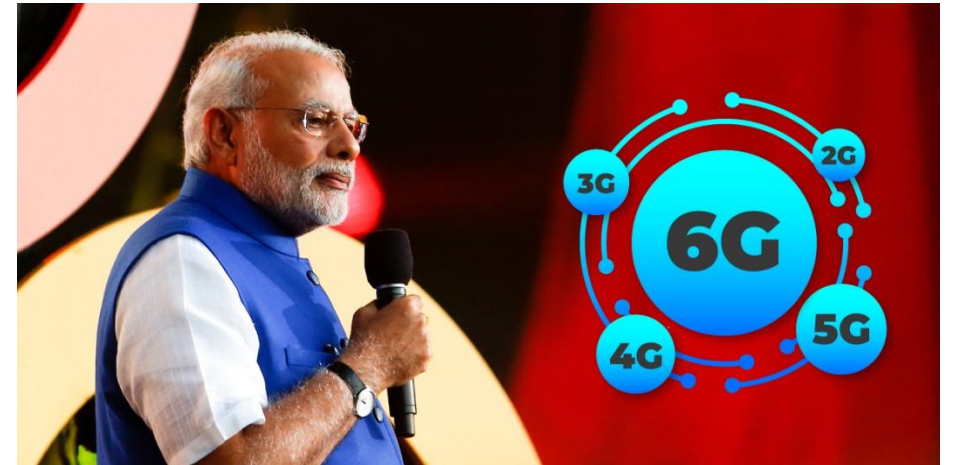
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ India aims to launch a 1000 times faster 6G network by _____?

- A) 2025
- B) 2030
- C) 2035
- D) 2040
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 2030



Explanation

- **India is gearing up to roll out high-speed 6G communication services by 2030** and has set up a Bharat 6G project to identify and fund research and deployment of the next-generation technology in the country, according to a vision document unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- India's 6G project will be implemented in two phases, and the government has also appointed an apex council to oversee the project and focus on issues such as **standardisation, identification of the spectrum for 6G usage, create an ecosystem for devices and systems, and figure out finances for research and development, among other things.**



DEFENCE



➤ Govt approval to how many companies/JVs operating in defence sector with foreign OEMs?

- A) 44
- B) 45
- C) 46
- D) 47
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 45



DEFENCE



Explanation

- The **government has given approval to "45 companies/joint ventures" operating in the defence sector with foreign OEMs (original equipment manufacturers), the Parliament was informed.**
- Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt said this in written response to a query in the Lok Sabha.
- **"The government has given approval to 45 companies/JVs operating in defence sector with foreign OEMs,"** he said responding to a query on the number of foreign companies who have shown interest in manufacturing defence equipment under foreign direct investment in the country.
- The government has taken several policy initiatives in the past few years and brought reforms to encourage indigenous design, development and manufacture of defence equipment in the country, thereby reducing dependency on imports in coming years, he said.



DEFENCE

➤ India and which country hold bilateral maritime exercise 'Konkan'?

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

Answer
B) UK



Explanation

- The **annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and UK's Royal Navy was held off the Konkan coast in the Arabian Sea from March 20-22.**
- INS Trishul, a guided missile frigate, and HMS Lancaster, a Type 23 guided missile frigate, participated in '**Konkan 2023**' and undertook multiple maritime drills to enhance interoperability and imbibe best practices.
- The exercises covered all domains of maritime operations, air, surface and sub-surface, and included gunnery shoots on surface inflatable target '**Killer Tomato**', helicopter operations, anti-air and anti-submarine warfare drills, Visit Board Search and Seizure (VBSS), ship manoeuvres and exchange of personnel.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



- Union Power & NRE Minister inaugurated “National Conference on Biomass- 3P - Pellet to Power to Prosperity” in _____?

- A) Bengaluru
- B) chennai
- C) Mumbai
- D) New Delhi
- E) None of these

Answer

D) New Delhi

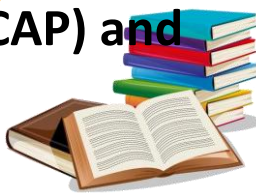


NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- The Government is organizing the **“National Conference on Biomass 3P - Pellet to Power to Prosperity”** in New Delhi.
- The Conference is being hosted by National Mission on Use of Biomass in Thermal Power Plants (SAMARTH) in association of National Power Training Institute.
- Union Power & NRE Minister **Shri R. K. Singh will inaugurate the Conference, which will have participation from Government, Ministries, Regulatory bodies, Financial Institutions, Pellet manufacturers, Entrepreneurs, OEMs, Farmer organizations etc.,**
- The objective of the conference is to foster an enabling environment to boost co-firing of biomass pellets in Thermal Power Plants in India as well as **to provide a common platform for all the stakeholders in the field to share their knowledge and experience.**
- National Mission on use of Biomass in Coal Based Thermal Power Plant (SAMARTH) has been created by Ministry of Power as a one-shot solution to multiple problems being faced in disposal of surplus biomass.
- While conversion of Biomass into pellets and co-firing them in Thermal Power Plants would save the environment from harmful effects of stubble burning, **it will also contribute to the reduction of country’s dependence on coal in electricity generation, contributing to the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) and earning potential for farmers and small entrepreneurs.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

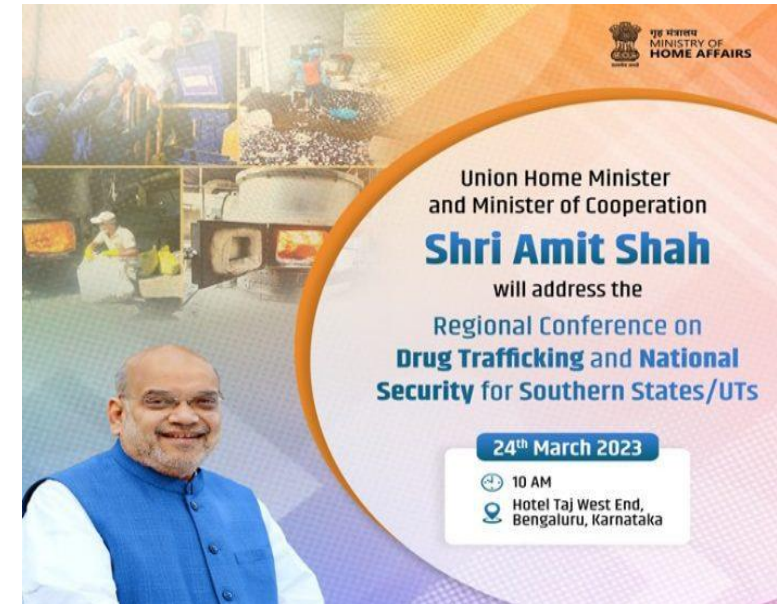


- Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah chaired Regional Conference on 'Drug Trafficking and National Security' in _____?

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- B) chennai
- C) Mumbai
- D) Varanasi
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Bengaluru

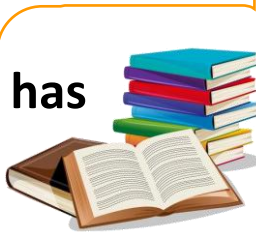


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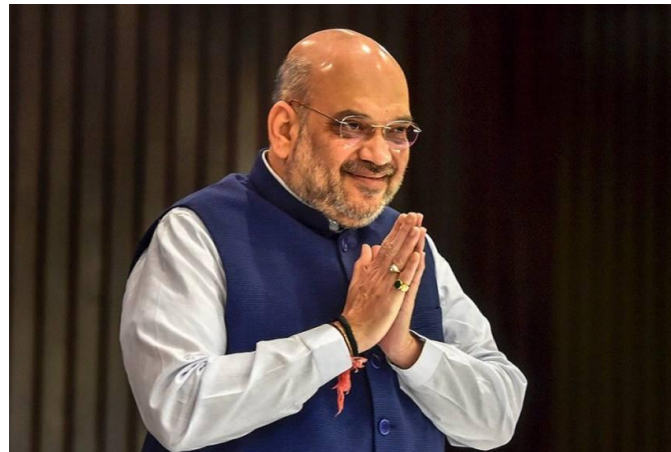
- Union Home Minister **Shri Amit Shah** will chair **Regional Conference on 'Drug Trafficking and National Security'** in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Representatives from **5 Southern States and 3 UTs** will be attending the Conference.
- The Union Home Minister will also oversee destruction of **9,298 Kilogram of seized drugs valued at 1,235 crore rupees, during the meeting.**
- During the meeting, due emphasis will be laid on aspects like, ways to curtail drug trafficking through maritime route, stringent Punitive action on drug traffickers resulting into zero tolerance, seamless coordination/cooperation between State and Central Drug Law Enforcement Agencies and Containment of spread of drug abuse through concerted awareness program.
- The Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has adopted a policy of zero tolerance against drugs to make a Drug-free India. Under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a **target to destroy 75,000 kg narcotics was set during a 75-day campaign beginning 01st June, 2022**, but under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, a total of 5,94,620 kilograms of seized drugs, valued at 8,409 crore rupees, has been destroyed so far, overachieving the target manifold.
- **Out of the total drugs destroyed, 1,29,363 kilograms of seized drugs valued at 3,138 crore rupees has been destroyed by NCB alone.**



Titbits

Ministry of Home Affairs

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Amit Shah** (Gandhinagar, Gujarat)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ 1st G20 Trade and Investment Working Group (TIWG) Meeting in _____?

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

Answer

C) Mumbai



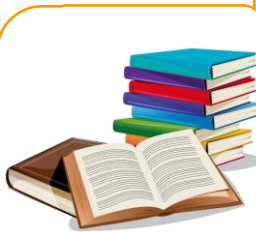
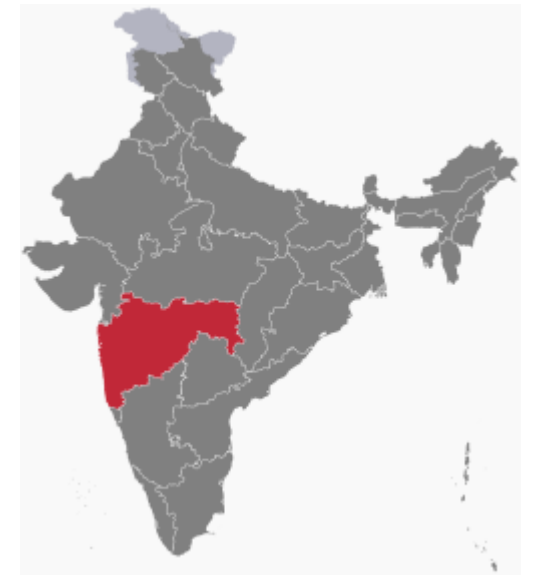
Explanation

- The **1st TIWG meeting under India's G20 Presidency is scheduled in Mumbai, from March 28th - 30th, 2023.**
- During this three-day Meeting, over 100 delegates from G20 member countries, invitee countries, regional groupings and international organisations will engage in deliberations to accelerate global trade and investments.
- On the first day, a seminar on **'Trade Finance' will be held at the Ballroom, Taj Lands' End, Mumbai.**
- The role of banks, financial institutions, development finance institutions and export credit agencies in closing the trade finance gap, and how digitalisation and fintech solutions can improve access to trade finance, will be discussed through two panel discussions.
- It will be followed by a guided tour of Bharat Diamond Bourse.
- On 29th March, 2023, **the TIWG Meeting will be inaugurated by Hon'ble Commerce & Industry Minister of India.**



Titbits Maharashtra

- Capital: **Mumbai, Nagpur (Winter)**
- CM: **Ekanthe Shinde**
- Governor: **Bhagat Singh Koshyari**
- Language: **Hindi**
- National Park: **Gugamal National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Lonar Lake, Nandur Madhameshwar**
- Tiger Reserve: **Sahyadri Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Amravati Thermal power Plant**
- Dams: **Koyna**
- RRB: **Maharashtra Gramin Bank (BOM), Vidharbha Konkan Gramin Bank (BOI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Ajanta Caves, Ellora Caves, Elephant Caves, Chhatrapati Shivajii Terminus, Western Ghats**



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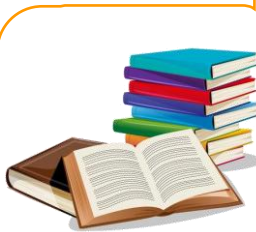
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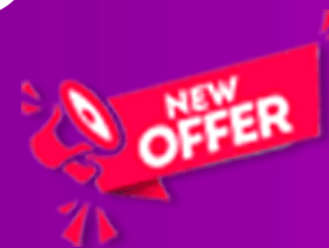


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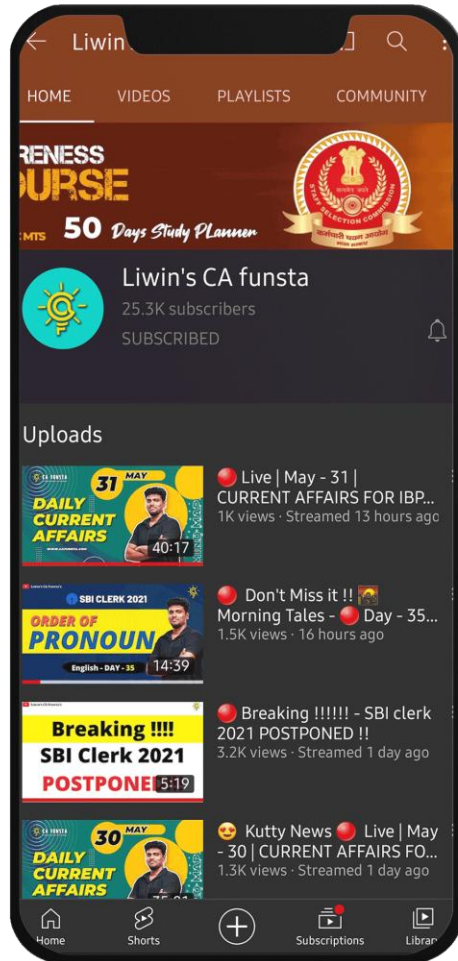
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