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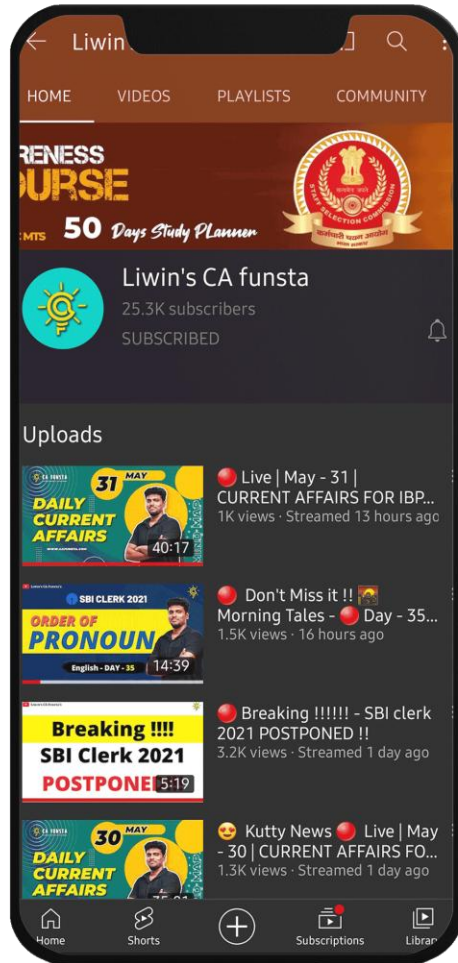
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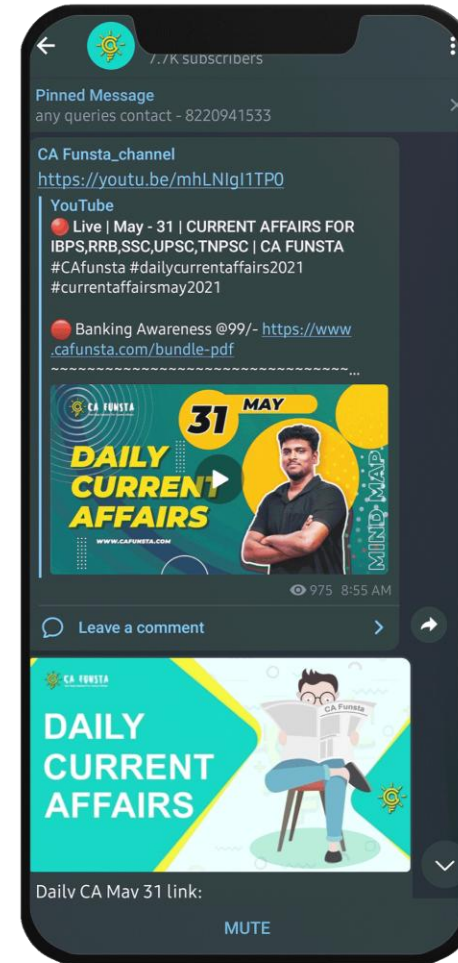
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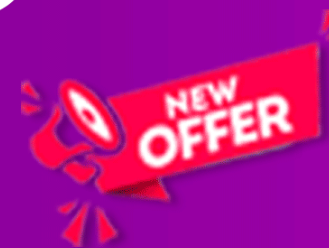
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Important Days

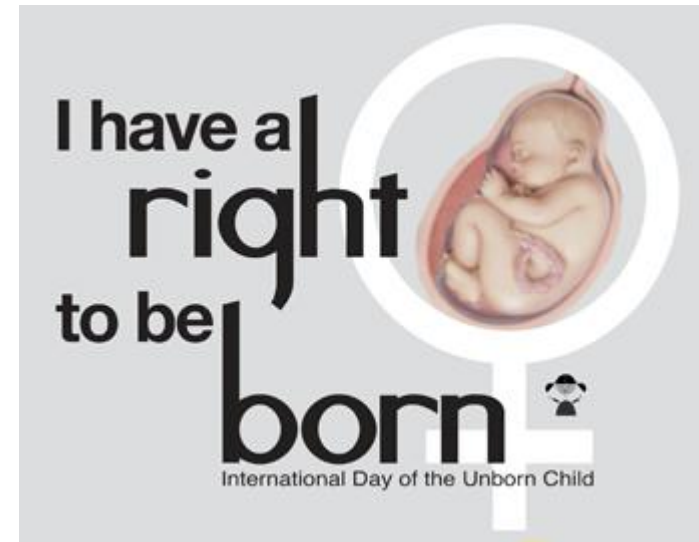


➤ International Day of the Unborn Child observed on _____?

- A) 25 March
- B) 24 March
- C) 23 March
- D) 26 March
- E) None of these

Answer

A) 25 March



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **International Day of the Unborn Child**
- DATE : **25th March**
- OTHERS : **It is observed on 25th March. It is an annual commemoration of unborn fetuses and is observed as a day of opposition to abortion.**



Important Days



➤ Purple Day of Epilepsy observed on _____?

- A) 25 March
- B) 24 March
- C) 23 March
- D) 26 March
- E) None of these

Answer

D) 26 March



Important Days



Explanation

- DAY : **Purple Day of Epilepsy**
- DATE : **26th March**
- OTHERS : **It is observed on 26 March to spread awareness about epilepsy and its impact on people's lives. The day also reminds people suffering from epilepsy that they are not alone.**



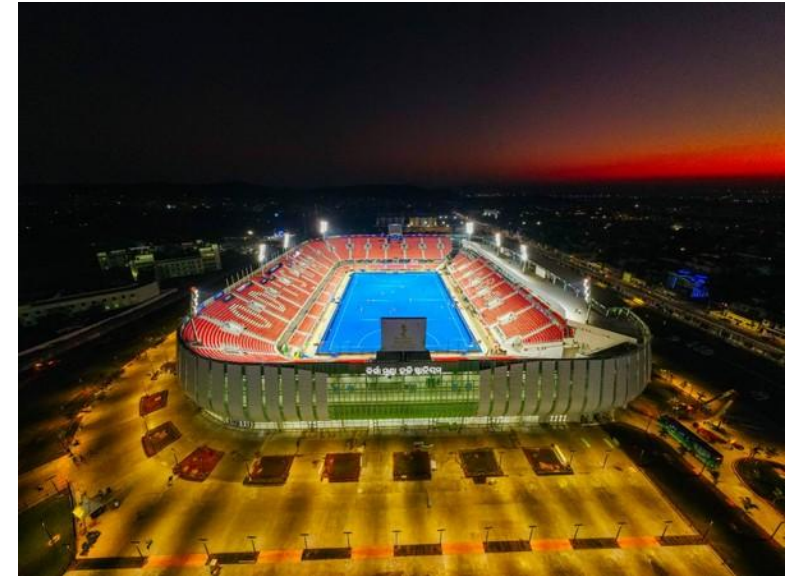
SPORTS



➤ Hockey India congratulated which state government on winning AHF Award for Best Hockey Infrastructure?

- A) Odisha
- B) Punjab
- C) Kerala
- D) Haryana
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Odisha



Explanation

- **Hockey India has congratulated the Odisha government on winning the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) Award for Best Hockey Infrastructure during the AHF Congress held in Mungyeong, Korea.**
- The award was presented for the efforts by the state government to build the world's largest-seated Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela which also houses an Olympic-style Hockey Village.
- The picturesque stadium, named after Indian freedom fighter Birsa Munda, is built over 50 acres of land inside the Biju Patnaik University of Technology campus in the hockey belt of Odisha.
- It was built in a record time of 15 months and boasts two FIH approved hockey turfs apart from gymnasiums, a recovery centre and Hockey Village that houses over 200 rooms.
- With a seating capacity of 20,111 bucket seats, the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium remained sold out throughout the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela with spectators thronging the stadium for India and non-India matches.
- At the recently-held FIH Hockey Pro League too, where India remained unbeaten against reigning World Champions Germany and Australia, the Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium remained house full.



SPORTS



➤ Who beat Lutsaikhan Altantsetseg to hand India first gold at World Boxing C'ships 2023?

- A) Salima Tete
- B) Mukesh Kumar
- C) Nitu Ghanghas
- D) Nadeemuddin
- E) None of these

Answer

C) Nitu Ghanghas



Explanation

- **Nitu started the opening round on an attacking note and kept the upper hand throughout the three minutes.**
- Such was her command that all the five judges declared the round in her favour.
- There was strong retaliation by the Mongolian in the second round as Nitu lost balance on a couple of occasion.
- However, Nitu maintained her composure and responded with some powerful jabs to win the round 3:2.
- The intent from Nitu remained the same in the final round. Despite receiving a yellow card straightaway, Nitu continued her aggressive approach.
- Her opponent too received the same card moments later as she tried to fight her way into the contest.
- Despite her strong charge, **the officials declared the Indian the winner, which also marks India's first gold medal at the tournament.**



➤ Which bank approved USD 108 million to improve Assam's flood, disaster preparedness?

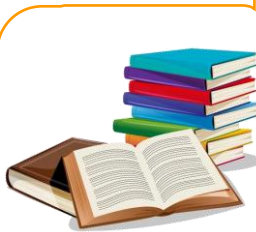
- A) World Bank
- B) ADB
- C) RBI
- D) All of these
- E) None of these



WORLD BANK GROUP

Answer

A) World Bank



Explanation

- The **World Bank** has approved a **USD 108 million** loan to help **Assam improve disaster preparedness and enhance flood forecasting**.
- According to a release from the multilateral bank, the project will benefit around 6 million people and **is part of a larger USD 500 million investment program for the state**.
- The Assam Integrated River Basin Management Project will help the state reduce vulnerability to floods and river erosion by building green infrastructure in the Beki and Buridehing river basins, protecting around 100,000 people.
- The project will also help strengthen the state's response to disasters through improved flood forecasting and accurate early warning systems, including mobile alerts.



➤ RBI imposed how many lakh penalty on Karur Vysya Bank?

- A) Rs 20 lakh
- B) Rs 30 lakh
- C) Rs 40 lakh
- D) Rs 50 lakh
- E) None of these



Answer

B) Rs 30 lakh



Explanation

- **The RBI said it has imposed a penalty of Rs 30 lakh on Karur Vysya Bank for non-compliance with certain provisions related to fraud classification and reporting by commercial banks.**
- **In a statement, the Reserve Bank said a Select Scope Inspection (SSI) of the bank was conducted by it from February 21, 2022, to March 4, 2022.**
- An examination of the SSI report and all related correspondence pertaining to the same revealed that the bank failed to report a few accounts as frauds to the RBI within a week of the respective Joint Lenders' Forum (JLF) decisions to do so, the central bank said.
- In furtherance to the same, a notice was issued to Karur Vysya Bank, advising it to show cause as to why a penalty should not be imposed on it for failure to comply with the directions issued by the RBI.



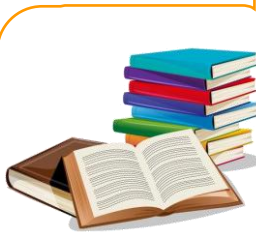
Titbits

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



➤ Centre notified appointment whom as new Chief Justices in Allahabad?

- A) Srikanth Venkatachari
- B) Pritinker Diwaker
- C) Ramesh Sinha
- D) K Vinod Chandaran
- E) None of these



Answer

B) Pritinker Diwaker



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- The Union Ministry of Law and Justice notified the appointments of three Chief Justices of Allahabad, Chhattisgarh and Patna High Court.
- Union Minister Law and Justice Kiren Rijju said, in the exercise of the power conferred by the Constitution of India, the President of India has appointed the following Judges as Chief Justices of High Courts.
- "I extend best wishes to all of them," the union minister said.
- According to a government notification, **Justice Pritinker Diwaker has been appointed as Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court.**
- **Justice Ramesh Sinha of Allahabad has been appointed as Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court, and Justice K Vinod Chandaran of Kerala High Court as Chief Justice of Patna High Court.**
- Last month the Supreme Court Collegium had recommended the names of several judges for elevation as Chief Justices of the High Court.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Reliance Industries named whom as new CFO?**

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

Answer

A) Srikanth Venkatachari



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's **Reliance Industries** has **appointed Srikanth Venkatachari as Chief Financial Officer effective June 1, according to a stock exchange filing.**
- He takes over from Alok Agarwal, who has been CFO since 2005, and will now assume the role of senior advisor to company chairman and managing director Mukesh Ambani.
- Venkatachari, 57, currently is the joint CFO for the company. Agarwal, 65, who joined Reliance in 1993, completed 30 years with the company.
- Srikanth, who has been sharing a part of the responsibilities of the CFO position with Agarwal for the last few years, has been with Reliance for the last 14 years.



➤ Centre cleared which edition of electronics manufacturing cluster for Karnataka, expects Rs 1,500 cr investment?

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

Answer

C) 3rd



Explanation

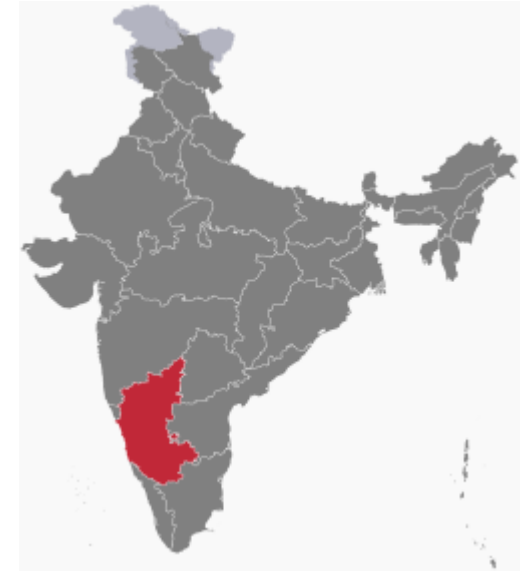
- The **Centre has cleared the third electronics manufacturing cluster for Karnataka**, which will be set up in the Dharwad district, Minister of State of Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said.
- According to the documents shared by the minister on Twitter, **the electronics manufacturing cluster (EMC) project will cover an area of 224.5 acre at a cost of over Rs 179 crore, comprising central financial assistance of over Rs 89 crore.**
- "Today a new Electronics Manufacturing Cluster in Hubli Dharwad is also approved - further expanding Karnataka's leadership in Electronics," Chandrasekhar said in a tweet.
- The EMC will be spread over two villages of Kotura and Belura, covering an area of 88.48 and 136.02 acre, respectively.



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**



DEFENCE



➤ **NSG conducted anti-hijack drill at which state airport?**

- A) Jammu
- B) Chennai
- C) Mumbai
- D) Varanasi
- E) None of these



Answer

A) Jammu



Explanation

- **A full-fledged anti-hijack drill was conducted by National Security Guard (NSG) at Jammu airport.**
- He said the exercise involved all key stakeholders from the Indian Air Force, the Airports Authority of India (AAI), the State government, the Jammu and Kashmir Police, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), and other key players.
- **"The drill involved an entire spectrum of events including negotiations with hijackers followed by intervention and overpowering of hijackers by a potent team of NSG,".**
- The exercise gave a unique opportunity to validate processes by inter agencies during such a crisis.
- An Air India aircraft that landed at Jammu in the afternoon was utilized for the realistic drill.
- The exercise was successfully conducted bringing valuable lessons and training for all stakeholders.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Cultural exchange event will mark which anniversary of Korea-India diplomatic ties being held?

- A) 40th
- B) 50th
- C) 20th
- D) 30th
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 50th



Explanation

- The National Gallery of Modern Art, Ministry of Culture along with Embassy of the Republic of Korea and Korean Cultural Centre India, together with the Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism, are holding a cultural exchange event in commemoration of **the 50th anniversary of diplomatic ties between Korea and India in New Delhi from March 21 to March 25.**
- To mark the occasion, for the first time Korean temple food will be introduced to the Indian public, media and local renowned chefs through an official event at Korean Cultural Centre India on this coming 25th March by Ven. Jeong Kwan.
- **The food items will be baked chips made of lotus stem, potato and seaweed, served with lotus flower tea.**
- In accordance with the teachings of Buddha who respected life, Korean temple food has preserved vegetarian food traditionally and it has formed one of the roots of Korean traditional food.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which state govt conducted 3-day G20 Int'l Yoga Festival and Millet Fair 2023 to be held from Mar 25?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Punjab
- C) Kerala
- D) UP
- E) None of these



Answer
D) UP



Explanation

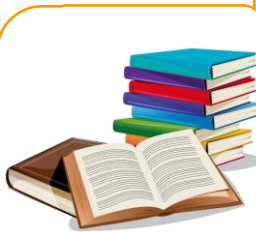
- **A three-day G20 International Yoga festival and Millet fair 2023 is slated to be held in Vrindavan from March 25, the programme convenor.**
- **It aims to promote yoga and make youth health conscious.**
- **"Noted dignitaries and experts have been invited to make the programs meaningful,"** Dr Vishnu Sharma, former honorary co-chairman Bar council of Delhi and convenor of the programme said while talking to a group of reporters.
- **One-day Yamuna cleanliness program in order to encourage people to keep the river clean has also been organised.**
- The youths would also be exposed to the utility of millet and other cereals like gram, Bajra etc, the convenor stated, adding that cultural programs organised on the occasion will also convey some message for which the fair is being organised.
- The year 2023 has been declared the International Year of Millets by the United Nations.



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



➤ CCEA approved Minimum Support Price for raw jute for _____ season

- A) 2023-24
- B) 2024-25
- C) 2025-26
- D) 2026-27
- E) None of these

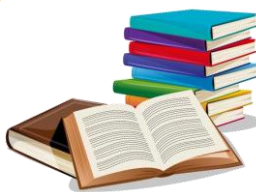
Answer
A) 2023-24

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE OF RAW JUTE
FOR 2022 -23

MSP of Raw Jute fixed at **Rs.4750/-** per quintal

Ensured return of **60.53%** over all India weighted average cost of production

Assures a minimum of **50%** as margin of profit



Explanation

- **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on Friday gave its approval for Minimum Support Price (MSP) for raw jute for 2023-24 season.**
- The approval is based on recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).
- **The MSP of raw jute (TD-3 equivalent to earlier TD-5 grade) has been fixed at Rs 5050 per quintal for the 2023-24 season.**
- This would ensure a return of 63.20 per cent over the all-India weighted average cost of production.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its approval to release an additional instalment of Dearness Allowance to central government employees and Dearness Relief to pensioners with effect from January 1, 2023.
- **The additional instalment will represent an increase of 4 per cent over the existing rate of 38 per cent of the basic pay/pension to compensate against price rise.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

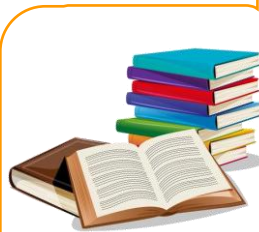


➤ Which state celebrated Sarhul, state's biggest tribal festival?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Punjab
- C) Kerala
- D) Assam
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Jharkhand



Explanation

- **A large number of people sporting traditional dresses thronged the streets and marched in processions in different parts of Jharkhand to celebrate Sarhul, the state's biggest tribal festival.**
- Governor CP Radhakrishnan and Chief Minister Hemant Soren greeted the citizens of the state on the occasion and participated in rituals of the festival in Ranchi.
- Soren visited '**Sarna Sthal**', a place of worship, at the Tribal Hostel Campus and Siram Toli in Ranchi and offered his prayers to the Sal tree.
- Speaking at Siram Toli, he said, "**Tribals are worshipers of nature. The existence of Jal, Jungle, Jamin (water, forest and land) decides the existence of tribal.**
- **It is high time to think about how to strike a balance between nature and development."**
- He announced that his government has decided to conserve all Sarna, Masna and other religious places of tribal worship - new or old.
- The chief minister also said that the Tribal Hostel will be renovated soon.



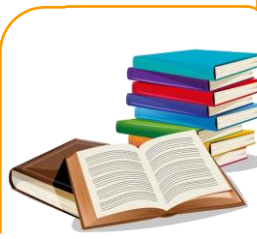
NATIONAL AFFAIRS



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

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Assam
- C) Mumbai
- D) New Delhi
- 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.



Explanation

- On 29th March, 2023, **the TIWG Meeting will be inaugurated by Hon'ble Commerce & Industry Minister of India.**
- Subsequently, in the two working sessions, the TIWG priority issues focussed on making trade work for growth and prosperity, and building resilient Global Value Chains (GVCs) will be discussed.
- The emphasis will be on achieving shared outcomes for making growth inclusive and resilient, increasing the participation of developing countries and the Global South in GVCs, making GVCs work for inclusive development and building resilient GVCs to withstand future shocks.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ G-20 RIIG Conference underway in _____?

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



Answer
B) Assam



Explanation

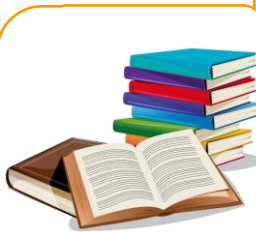
- **G-20 Research and Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG) Conference is underway in Dibrugarh, Assam.**
- This G20 RIIG Conference will deliberate on ways to create a circular bio-economy **to ensure resource efficiency, sustainability, and reduction in carbon emissions.**
- In his inaugural speech as the Chair of the G20 Research and Innovation Initiative conference, Dr. S Chandrasekhar, Secretary, the Department of Science and Technology said that integration of circular economy and bio-economy is necessary for sustainable economic growth.
- He added that circular economy and bio-economy are inter-related and instead of looking at them as separate entities, we should aim for mutually beneficial complementary collaboration between them.
- **The conference comes at a time when sustainable and circular bio-economy is a priority for many countries.**
- It is increasingly recognized as an important approach for achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement on climate change.



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**
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- RRB: **Assam Gramin Vikash Bank (United Bank of India)**



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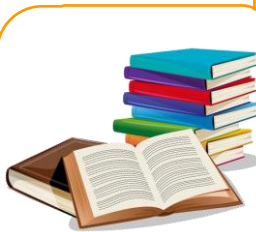
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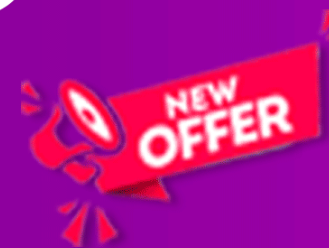


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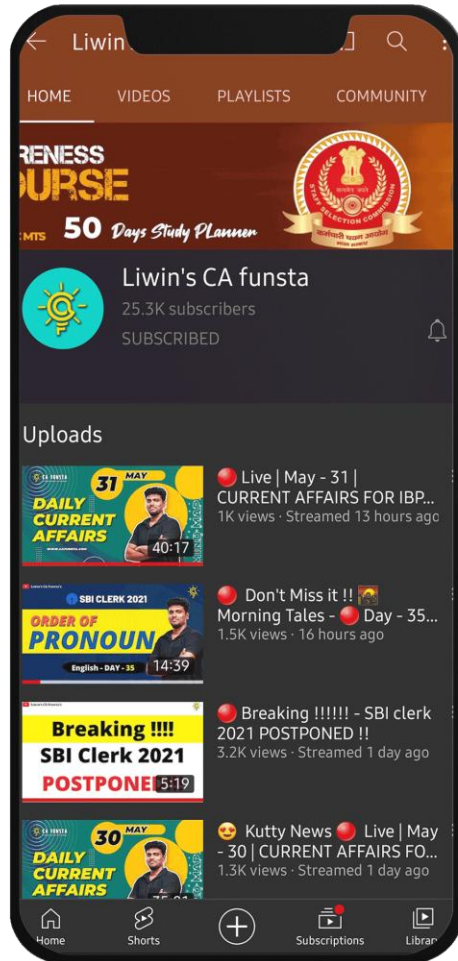
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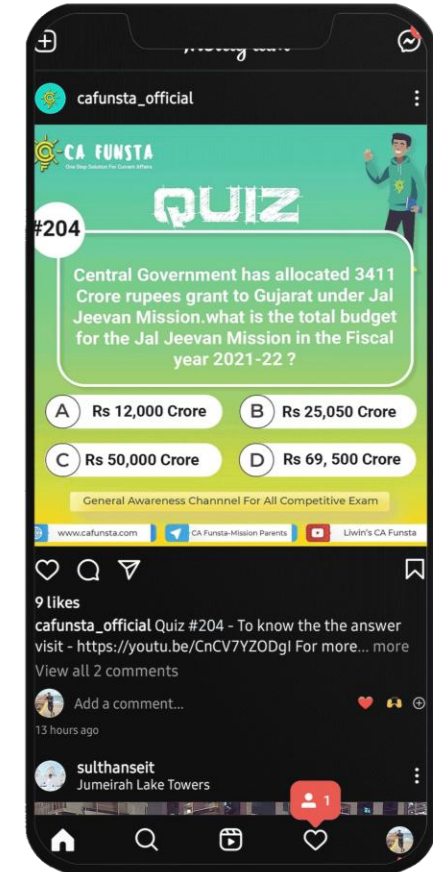
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