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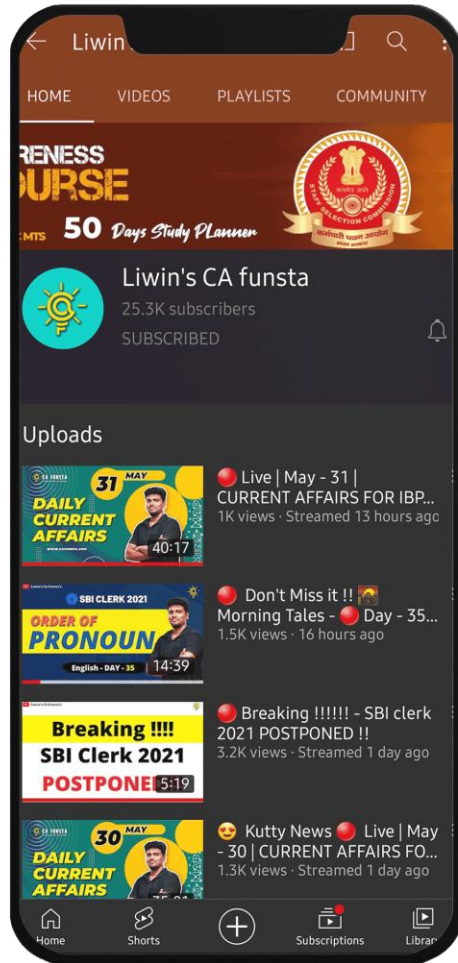




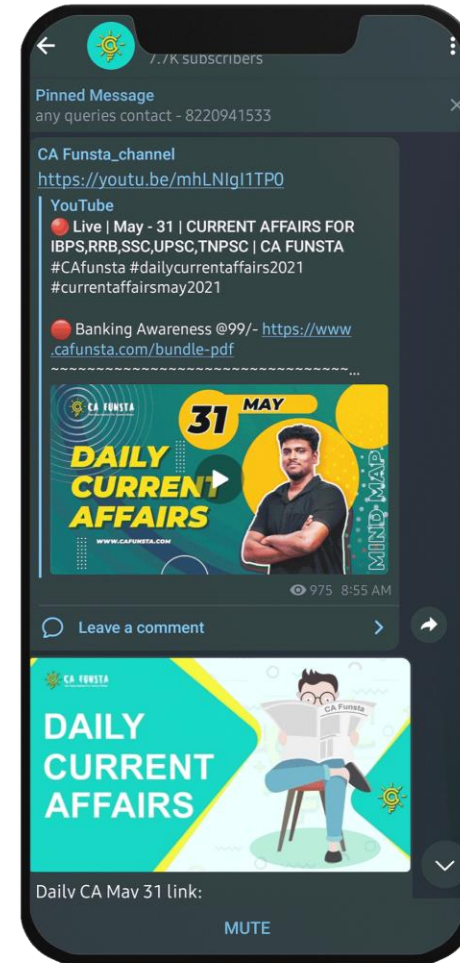
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# Important Days



➤ World Theatre Day celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) 21 March
- B) 27 March
- C) 23 March
- D) 22 March
- E) None of these



**Answer**

**B) 27 March**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- DAY : **World Theatre Day**
- DATE : **27 March**
- OTHERS : World Theatre Day is celebrated on 27 March annually across the world since 1962 **to raise the importance of the art form "theatre" and to act as a wakeup call for governments, politicians, and institutions** that have not yet recognised its value to the people and also have not realised its potential for economic growth.



# SPORTS



➤ In World Masters Athletics Indoor Championship, 95-year old Bhagwani Devi Dagar bagged gold in which sport?

- A) Discuss Throw
- B) Shot Put
- C) Long Jump
- D) 100m Race
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**A) Discuss Throw**



## Explanation

- **India's 95-year-old veteran Bhagwani Devi Dagar bagged a gold medal in Discuss Throw in World Masters Athletics Indoor Championship at Torun in Poland.**
- The veteran Haryana athlete at the 2022 World Masters Athletics Championships in Finland ran 100m faster than anybody else in the 90-94 age category, winning a gold medal for India in the process.





# SPORTS



➤ Who beat Delhi Capitals by 7 wickets to win inaugural WPL title?

- A) MI
- B) RCB
- C) SRH
- D) RR
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
A) MI



## Explanation

- **Alate flourish from England all-rounder Nat Sciver-Brunt (60 not out) helped Mumbai Indians beat Delhi Capitals by seven wickets in a low-scoring summit clash to become champions of the inaugural Women's Premier League.**
- In front of a partisan crowd that filled the Brabourne Stadium here to the brim, Mumbai Indians chased down the target of 131 with three balls to spare to lift the trophy.
- Opting to bat first, Delhi Capitals suffered a collapse to be reduced to 79 for 9 in 16 overs but posted a respectable total of 131 for 9, thanks to a 52-run partnership for the unbroken 10th wicket between Shikha Pandey (27 not out) and Radha Yadav (27 not out).
- It was not an easy run chase for MI but they eventually crossed the line, reaching 134 for 3 in 19.3 overs, with Sciver-Brunt and captain Harmanpreet (37) playing crucial roles.



# SPORTS



➤ Nikhat, Lovlina crowned world champions and they belongs to \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) Swimming
- B) Boxing
- C) Archery
- D) Long Jump
- E) None of these



**Answer**  
**B) Boxing**





## Explanation

- **India capped off an outstanding campaign by finishing with the highest gold medals (four) at the IBA Women's World Boxing Championship after the nation's illustrious pugilists Nikhat Zareen and Lovlina Borgohain recorded stellar victories by contrasting margins in the finals at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex.**
- The reigning World champion Nikhat (50kg) defeated Nguyem Thi Tam of Vietnam to win gold for a second consecutive year at the tournament while the Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina (75kg) claimed her maiden Worlds gold with a 5-2 win on points after the bout was reviewed against Caitlin Parker of Australia.
- Alongside Nikhat and Lovlina, 2022 Commonwealth Games medallist Nitu Ghanghas (48kg) and three-time Asian medallist Saweety Boora (81kg) were the other gold medallists for the hosts.
- All pugilists were rewarded with INR 82.7 lakhs (\$100,000) each in prize money for becoming World Champions. "Congratulations @LovlinaBorgohai for her stupendous feat at the Boxing World Championships.
- She showed great skill.
- India is delighted by her winning the Gold medal," tweeted PM Narendra Modi.



# SPORTS



➤ Who broke national record in 35 km race walk?

- A) Ram Baboo
- B) Nomi
- C) Rahul Rohilla
- D) Sandeep Kumar
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) Ram Baboo**



## Explanation

- **Ram Baboo an Indian race walker managed to set a new national record in the men's 35km at the Dudinska 50 2023 meet in Dudince, Slovakia.**
- However, narrowly fell short of the qualifying mark for the Budapest 2023 world championships by 16 seconds.
- Dudinska 50 is a World Athletics Tour Gold level event held annually.
- **Ram Baboo clocked a timing of 2:29:56 to finish fifth and broke the previous record of 2:31:36 set by him to win the national championships last month.**
- Jose Luis Doctor Morales won the race by setting the Mexican national record of 2:26:37 and was followed by Brazil's Caio Bonfim (2:27:30) and China's Chuej Li-Chung (2:29:00) on the podium.
- Canada's Evan Dunfee (2:29:15) ended up securing the fourth position.
- At India's National Games held in Gujarat last year, Ram Baboo also set the then-national record of 2:36:34 to win the title.





# RANKING

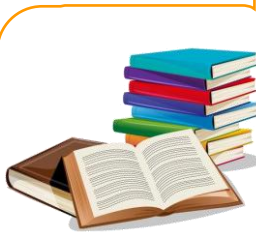


➤ Who ranked among world's top universities recently?

- A) IIT Guwahati
- B) IIT Madras
- C) IIT Bombay
- D) IIT Delhi
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) IIT Guwahati**



# RANKING



## Explanation

- **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati has been named as one of the world's top universities for the study of 14 subjects**, according to the latest edition of the world's most-consulted university ranking.
- **The 2023 edition of the QS World University Rankings by Subject**, released by global higher education analyst QS Quacquarelli Symonds, named the world's best universities for the study of 54 academic disciplines.
- IIT Guwahati has performed best in Petroleum Engineering, in which it ranks 51-100 globally and 2nd in India.
- Compared to the previous year, the institution is ranked in two additional subjects.
- For IIT Guwahati, six of its programmes improved in rank.



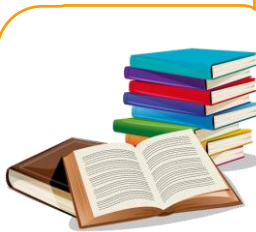
➤ Who became first to offer 'Anywhere Cashless' feature?

- A) Tata Capital Financial Services
- B) ICICI Lombard General Insurance
- C) Muthoot Finance Ltd
- D) L & T Finance Limited
- E) None of these



**Answer**

**B) ICICI Lombard General Insurance**





## Explanation

- In an industry-first, **ICICI Lombard General Insurance** launched **'Anywhere Cashless'** feature for health insurance policyholders to avail cashless facilities at any hospital, even if not part of ICICI Lombard's current network of hospitals.
- The feature will be subject to the hospital's acceptance of the cashless facility.
- Policyholders must inform the company 24 hours prior to the date of admission by giving basic information about the patient, policy details, hospital name, diagnosis and treating doctor, among others.
- Initially launched as a pilot, the facility can now be availed through the **'IL TakeCare'** application across India, wherein customers will not have to bear any out-of-pocket expenses.



➤ Which bank issued first electronic bank guarantee with NeSL?

- A) YES Bank
- B) Axis Bank
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) ICICI Bank
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) YES Bank**



## Explanation

- **YES Bank has issued its first electronic-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) in partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL).**
- The API integration with the Digital Document Execution (DDE) platform of NeSL has enabled complete digitisation of the existing paper-based process for issuance and maintenance of Bank Guarantee (BG).
- **This includes digital stamping and signing, which significantly reduces the issuance turnaround time (TAT).**
- The NeSL portal will manage the entire lifecycle of the bank guarantee including issuance, amendment, invocation and cancellation, enabling trade finance stakeholders to access the documents from this secure repository.





# BANKING AND FINANCE



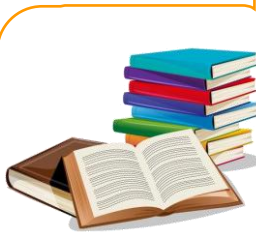
➤ RBI allowed India and which country to use national currencies for trading?

- A) Egypt
- B) Algeria
- C) Tanzania
- D) Libya
- E) None of these



**Answer**

**C) Tanzania**



## Explanation

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given the go-ahead for India and Tanzania to use their national currencies for bilateral trade settlement.**
- The use of national currencies in bilateral trade settlements is expected to reduce the cost of transactions and enhance the efficiency of cross-border trade.
- This, in turn, will lead **to increased trade volumes and greater economic cooperation between India and Tanzania.**
- Indian importers will make payment in INR, which shall be **credited into the Special Vostro account of the correspondent bank of the partner country**, against the invoices for the supply of goods/services from the overseas seller/supplier.



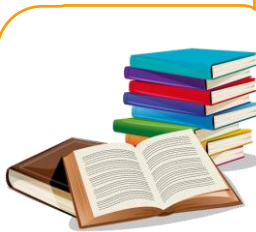
## Titbits

### 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**



**भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक**  
**RESERVE BANK OF INDIA**



➤ Which bank was First Citizens Bank to acquire Silicon Valley Bank?

- A) FDIC
- B) IDFC
- C) HDFC
- D) ICICI
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
A) FDIC





## Explanation

- **The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. has agreed on the sale of troubled Silicon Valley Bank to North Carolina-based First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co.**
- The sale involves the sale of all deposits and loans of SVB to First-Citizens.
- The collapse of Silicon Valley Bank rattled the banking industry and led the FDIC and other regulators to act to protect depositors to prevent wider financial turmoil.
- **The bank, based in Santa Clara, California, failed on March 10 after depositors rushed to withdraw money amid fears about the bank's health.**
- It was the second-largest bank collapse in US history.



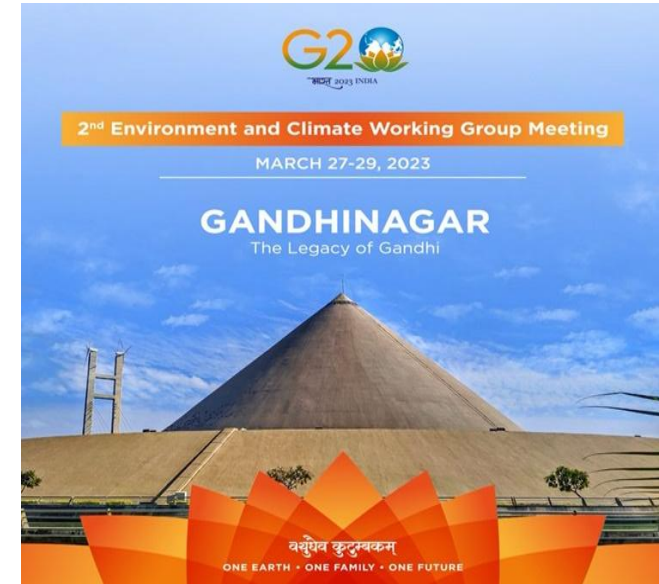
# ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



➤ Which edition of Environment and Climate Sustainability meeting to start in Gandhinagar?

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

**Answer**  
**B) 2nd**



## Explanation

- **The second G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group meeting will start in Gandhinagar with focus on arresting land degradation, accelerating ecosystem restoration, circular economy and climate resilient blue economy.**
- The ECSWG, one of the 13 working groups under the Sherpa track, is scheduled to meet four times.
- **The first meeting of the ECSWG was held in Bengaluru from February 9-11.**
- The third meeting will be held in Mumbai (May 21-23) and the fourth in Chennai (May 26-27).
- The ministerial meeting is expected to be held on July 28 in Chennai.
- The Environment ministry said 130 delegates from G20 member countries along with 11 invitee countries and 14 international organizations will take part in the second meeting.
- **"The three-day meeting would focus on thematic areas like arresting land degradation, accelerating ecosystem restoration and enriching biodiversity, encouraging resource efficiency and circular economy and promoting a sustainable and climate resilient blue economy,".**



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which country joined BRICS bank as new member?

- A) Egypt
- B) Algeria
- C) Tanzania
- D) Libya
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**A) Egypt**





## Explanation

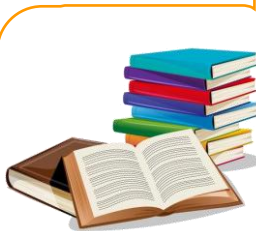
- **Egypt has joined the BRICS New Development Bank (NDB), weeks after President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi visited India as a chief guest for the Republic Day celebrations.**
- The African-Arab nation became an NDB member on February 20, though a formal notification was issued on March 22, according to people aware of the development.
- Egypt is planning to boost its infrastructure and NDB funding can contribute to it in a big way, they said.
- Besides BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) countries, the UAE, Bangladesh and Uruguay are members of the NDB.
- **Egypt is also keen to enter BRICS as a new member, said the people cited earlier.**



## Titbits

### Egypt

- Capital : **Cairo**
- Currency : **Egyptian pound**
- President : **Abdel Fattah el-Sisi**
- Language : **Egyptian Arabic**



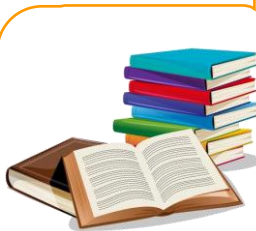
# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ MoRD will sign MoU with how many Captive Employers under Recruit, Train & Deploy model?

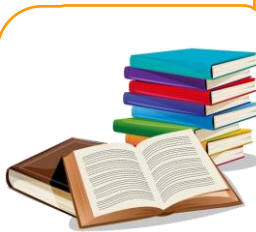
- A) 12
- B) 18
- C) 17
- D) 19
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
D) 19



## Explanation

- In a big boost to rural employment, the **Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)** is signing a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **19 Captive Employers** and provide them the target to train and provide gainful employment to **31,067 rural poor youths** under the **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY)** with minimum salary of **10000/per month for the minimum period of 6 months**.
- Union Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Shri Giriraj Singh will be the Chief Guest at the MoU signing ceremony in New Delhi.
- On the occasion, he will also distribute appointment letters to few candidates who had got similar training under the DDU-GKY and placed with captive employers.





## Titbits

### Ministry of Rural Development

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Giriraj Singh** (Begusarai, Bihar)



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who flagged off G-20 Yuva Slum Daud in Delhi?

- A) Piyush Goyal
- B) Sarbananda Sonowal
- C) Dr Jitendra Singh
- D) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) Piyush Goyal**



## Explanation

- Union Minister **Piyush Goyal** along with **Lithuania Ambassador to India Diana Mickeviciene** flagged off '**Gandhi Darshan, G-20 Yuva Slum Daud**' at **Amardev Public School** in the national capital.
- PM Modi has encouraged our children to **develop the habit of playing sports**.
- He is inculcating the culture of sports in society".
- The **Union Minister mentioned that the country is moving forward on the vision of Mahatma Gandhi under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi**.
- Gandhiji talked about Swachhta and PM Modi spread his message and implemented the schemes related to Swachhta in the whole country. Swachhta has become part of our lives now.
- Now the country is moving forward on the vision of Mahatma Gandhi under the leadership and governance of Prime Minister Modi.



## Titbits

### Ministry of Commerce and Industry

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Piyush Goyal** (Maharashtra)





# NATIONAL AFFAIRS

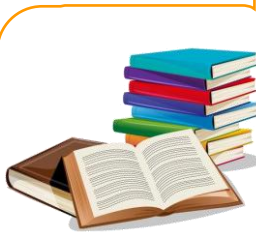


➤ Who referred to integrated strategy to achieve 'TB MukT Bharat'?

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

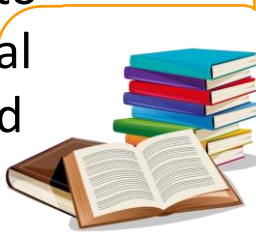
**Answer**

**C) Dr Jitendra Singh**



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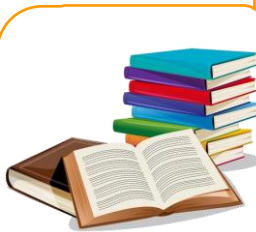
- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, **Dr Jitendra Singh announced integrated strategy to achieve 'TB Mukht Bharat' and said, the Department of Biotechnology, which gave the world first DNA vaccine against Covid, is going to play an important part in this integrated holistic healthcare approach against elimination of Tuberculosis, in keeping with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment of 'TB Mukht Bharat' by 2025.**
- Inspired by PM Narendra Modi's clarion call at the One World TB summit at Varanasi on 24th March, the Minister declared commencement of the pilot phase of Indian Tuberculosis Genomic Surveillance Consortium (InTGS) with successful completion of WGS of 182 strains of Mtb isolated from TB patients and development of a novel blood bag technology at DBT-InStem, Bengaluru.
- **Dr. Jitendra Singh was interacting with the Press on Bio-Next-Tech Innovations.**
- Presentations on new initiatives on improving Tuberculosis outcomes – a) AYUSH interventions to improve TB patient quality-of-life (QOL) b) Mapping drug resistance through genomics & artificial intelligence (AI) and novel blood bag technology to enhance quality and shelf life of stored blood were made.



# QUICK RECALL



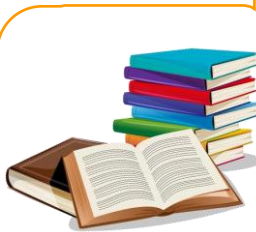
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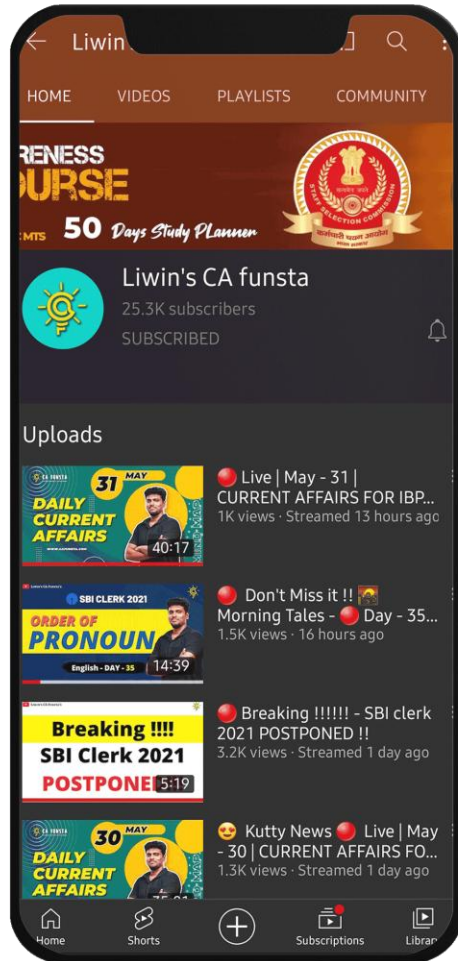
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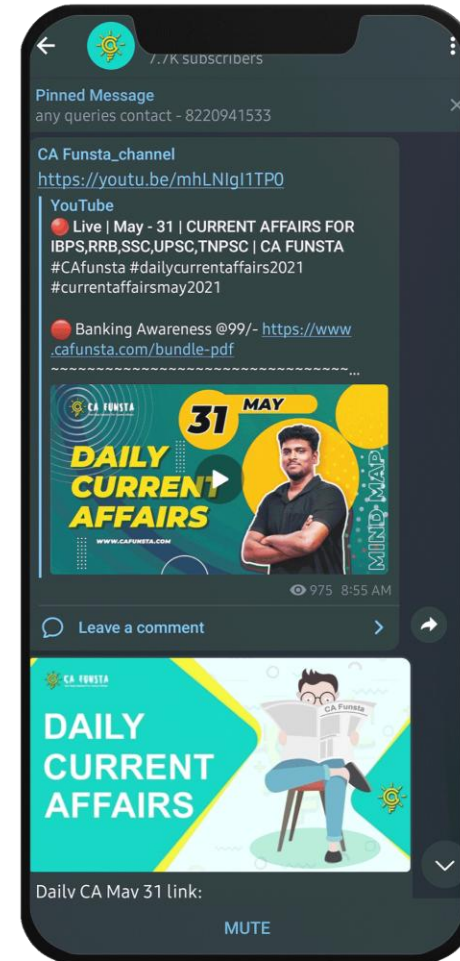
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