



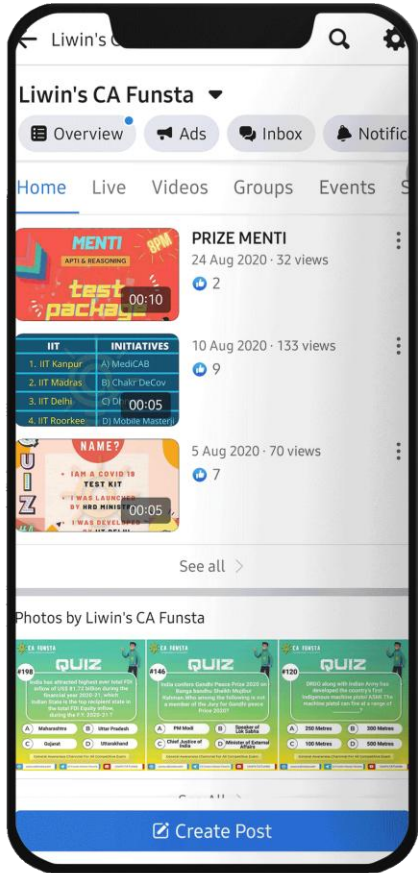
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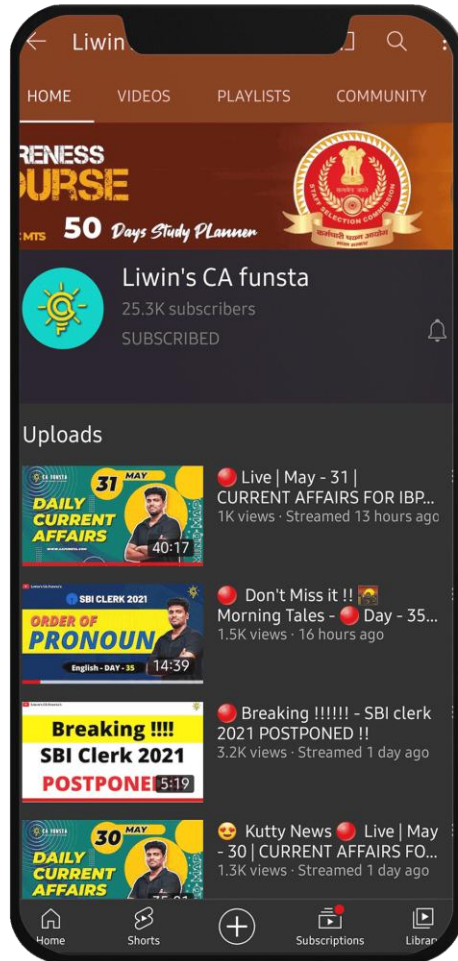
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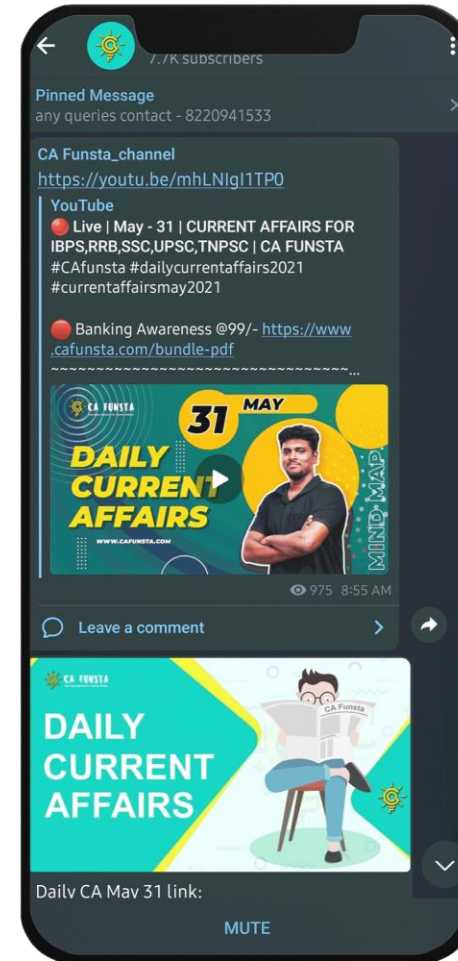
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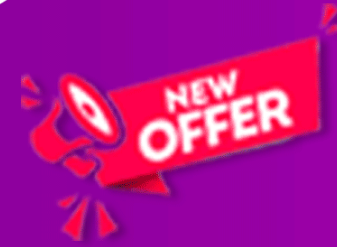
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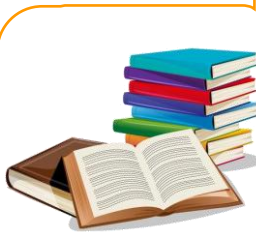
SPORTS



➤ In Tri-Nation International Football Tournament, which country won title after 2-0 victory over Kyrgyz Republic?

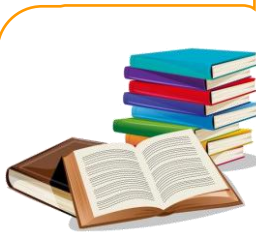
- A) Myanmar
- B) India
- C) Kyrgyzstan
- D) Bhutan
- E) None of these

Answer
B) India



Explanation

- **The Indian football team won the Tri-Nation International Football Tournament 2023 after a 2-0 victory against the Kyrgyz Republic at the Khuman Lampak Stadium in Imphal, Manipur.**
- As the capacity crowd of 30,000 cheered and applauded Sunil Chhetri and his men right from the word go, the Blue Tigers played some inspiring football against the higher-ranked Kyrgyz Republic to snatch a 2-0 victory and bag the Tri-National International Tournament Trophy with an all-win record under their belt and without conceding a goal.



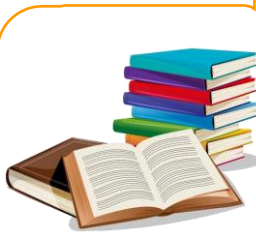
SPORTS



➤ Youth World Boxing Championships will be held in _____ 2024?

- A) Croatian
- B) Bulgaria
- C) France
- D) Spain
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Croatian



Explanation

- The **Croatian city of Porec will host the IBA Youth World Boxing Championships next year, while the IBA Junior World Championships this year in Mexico will see the return of competition for 15-16 year age group.**
- Croatia has hosted some major continental-level boxing competitions, but the Youth World Championships will be the first in the country.
- The International Boxing Association (IBA) said in a statement that the two events will provide opportunities to young boxers to showcase their skills and "motivate the younger generation to take up (the) sport".
- The decisions were taken by the IBA on the sidelines of the Women's World Boxing Championships in New Delhi, which concluded recently.



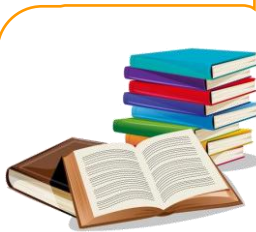
BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Who approved \$100m loan to help Odisha improve response to disasters?

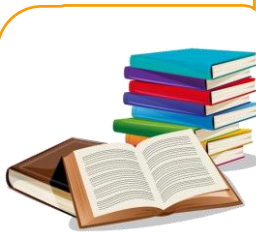
- A) World Bank
- B) RBI
- C) ADB
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

Answer
A) World Bank



Explanation

- The **World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved a \$100 million loan to help the Indian state of Odisha strengthen its early forecasting systems for improved response to disasters and enhance its social protection coverage for poor and vulnerable households through digital platforms.**
- The coastal state of Odisha is vulnerable to natural disasters with cyclones hitting the state every 15 months on an average.
- The **state's 480 km coastline is also exposed to tsunami risk.**
- Recurrent disasters significantly impact economic activities including agricultural production, infrastructure and access to health, education, and jobs.



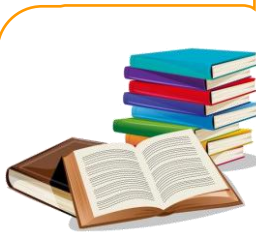
➤ **World Bank approves \$363m loan to provide water supply to rural households in _____?**

- A) Karnataka
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Gujarat
- D) Rajasthan
- E) None of these



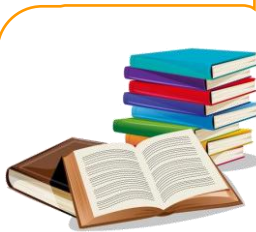
Answer

A) Karnataka



Explanation

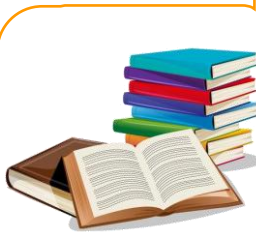
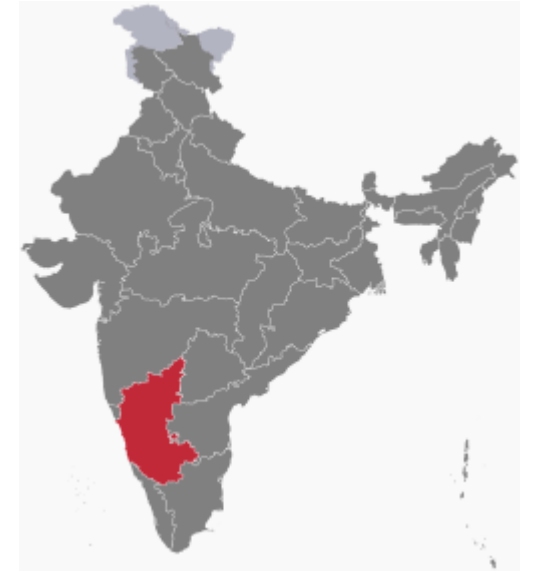
- The **World Bank's Executive Board of Directors** today approved a **\$363 million loan to the southern Indian state of Karnataka to provide clean drinking water supply to 2 million rural households in the state through a piped water connection in their homes.**
- Almost 77 percent of Karnataka is arid or semi-arid and is vulnerable to climate-change-related variable rainfall causing droughts and floods, and leading to groundwater depletion, and deteriorating water quality.
- The Karnataka Sustainable Rural Water Supply Program will support the Government of Karnataka's ambition to provide functioning tap water connections to every rural household in the state.
- **This will include the construction of the drinking water distribution network and the installation of water meters in rural households and will benefit around 10 million people across all 31 districts in the state.**



Titbits

Karnataka

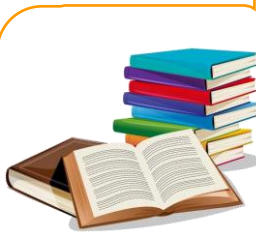
- Capital: **Bangalore**
- CM: **Basavaraj Bommai**
- Governor: **Thawar Chand Gehlot**
- Language: **Kannada**
- National Park: **Bandipur National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **MOOKAMBIKA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**
- Ramsar Site: **Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary**
- Tiger Reserve: **Bandipur National park**
- 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**



➤ NPCI clarified that No charges for normal _____-based digital payments?

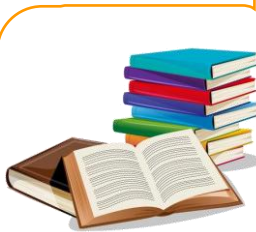
- A) UPI
- B) BHIP
- C) QR Code
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

Answer
A) UPI



Explanation

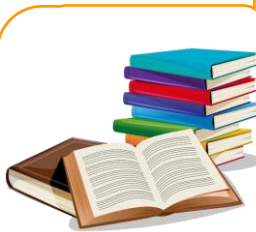
- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** cleared the air about the recently introduced interchange charges, saying they are only applicable for the prepaid payment instruments (PPI) transactions and there is no charge to customers.
- It also clarified that there will be no charges for the bank account to bank account-based UPI payments -- normal UPI payments.
- In a recent circular, **the NPCI reportedly said that using prepaid payment instruments (PPIs) - gift cards, wallets, among others -- for transactions through UPI will attract an interchange fee of up to 1.1 per cent starting April 1.**
- The charges will be levied if the transaction is more than Rs 2,000.
- Every month, over eight billion transactions are processed for free for customers and merchants.
- UPI has emerged as a preferred mode of digital payment by offering a free, fast, secure and seamless experience.



Titbits

National Payments Corporation of India

- Founded : **2008**
- Headquarters : **Mumbai, Maharashtra**
- MD & CEO : **Dilip Asbe**

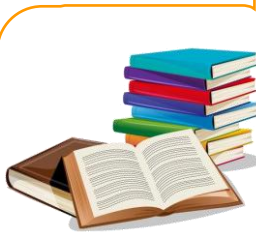


➤ PFRDA raised ombudsman age limit to _____ years from 65 years?

- A) 70
- B) 75
- C) 80
- D) 85
- E) None of these

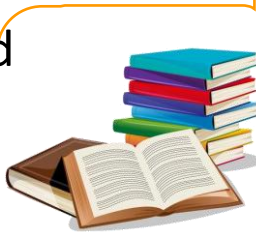
Answer

A) 70



Explanation

- **The Centre announced that it has increased the upper age limit by 5 years of ombudsman of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) to 70 years.**
- As per the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Redressal of Subscriber Grievance) Regulations 2015, the upper age limit was 65 years.
- **The PFRDA has amended that regulation by replacing the upper age limit for Ombudsman from 65 to 70 years.**
- **"These regulations may be called the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Redressal of Subscriber Grievance) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023,"**
- These shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official gazette.
- The ombudsman, which is appointed by PFRDA receives, considers and facilitates resolution of complaints or grievances, which fall within the ambit of the regulations.
- A person appointed as an Ombudsman holds office for a period of three years and would be eligible for reappointment for another two years.



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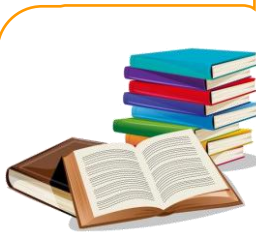


➤ **Who took over as CMD of PTC India?**

- A) Rajib K Mishra
- B) Ram Chandra Paudel
- C) Lalit Kumar Gupta
- D) Tablesh Pandey
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Rajib K Mishra

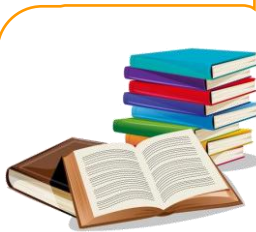


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Explanation

- **PTC India Ltd said Rajib K Mishra has taken over as its Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) with immediate effect.**
- Prior to this, Mishra has worked as Executive Director PTC since October 2011 and was responsible for operations, business development, retail & advisory services, PTC India said in a statement.
- **"Rajib K Mishra takes over as the Chairman and Managing Director of PTC India Limited. He has been appointed w.e.f. 29-03-2023,"**
- A Ph.D in Business Administration from Aligarh Muslim University, Mishra joined PTC Board on February 24, 2015 as Director (Marketing and Business Development).



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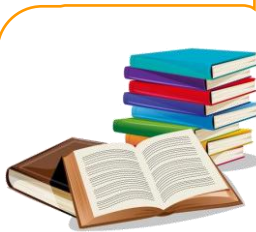
➤ Who took oath as Chief Justice of Patna HC?

- A) K Vinod Chandran
- B) Ram Chandra Paudel
- C) Lalit Kumar Gupta
- D) Tablesh Pandey
- E) None of these



Answer

A) K Vinod Chandran

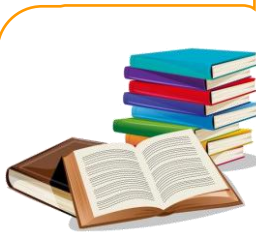


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Explanation

- **Justice K Vinod Chandran took oath as the Chief Justice of Patna High Court.**
- The oath was administered by Bihar Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar in a function organised in Raj Bhavan.
- On February 9, the Supreme Court collegium recommended the name of Justice Chandran for the post.
- Sanjay Karol, former chief justice of Patna High Court, was elevated as a judge of the Supreme Court of India.
- The oath-taking ceremony of Justice Chandran was attended by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Speaker Awadh Bihari Chaudhary and other dignitaries.



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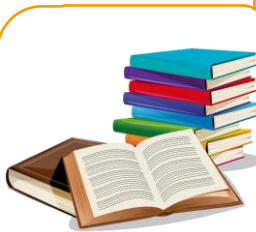


➤ **Star Sports brought whom as Brand Ambassador to fuel Sports Fandom?**

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

Answer

A) Ranveer Singh



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Star Sports announced Bollywood superstar and sports aficionado Ranveer Singh as its brand ambassador.**
- This association makes the pop culture icon the first actor to be associated with Star Sports, a development that reflects the growing synergy between sports and entertainment in India.
- Ranveer, in his role as '**sutradhaar**' for the upcoming season of the "**Incredible League**", will be involved in creating a stream of immersive and entertaining content which brings alive compelling narratives from the past, present, and future of the league.
- **The journey of the 'sutradhaar' starts with the opening weekend (Friday, March 31 – Sunday, April 2) as Ranveer introduces the key narratives for the 16th edition of the tournament, its biggest till date.**



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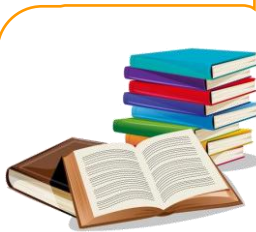


➤ Which state bagged runner-up award for building floating huts, eco rooms on Tehri lake?

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

Answer

C) Uttarakhand

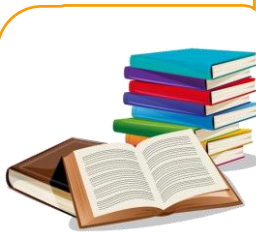


AWARDS



Explanation

- **Uttarakhand has bagged the runner-up award in the best log huts category for building floating huts and eco-rooms on Tehri lake under the tourism ministry's Swadesh Darshan Scheme.**
- The award is given by the ministry for best practices adopted by states under the scheme for the integrated development of theme-based tourist circuits.
- Uttarakhand has got the honour for building 20 log huts on Tehri lake, State Tourism Minister Satpal Maharaj said, adding that more than Rs 11 crore was sanctioned for the project.
- Maharaj who received the award from Union Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy in New Delhi said the honour is an indication that the state government is doing a good job.
- **"The honour bestowed upon Uttarakhand is a reflection of the good work we have done. It is something to be proud of.**
- **It also motivates us to do even better,"**

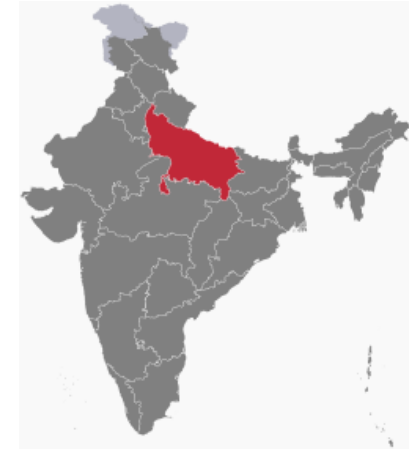


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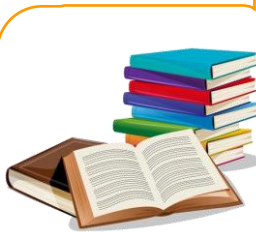


Titbits

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**



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

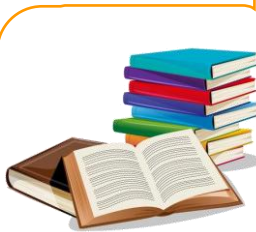


➤ Which country launched new spy satellite, overseen by Gallant?

- A) Israel
- B) Iran
- C) Pakistan
- D) China
- E) None of these



Answer
A) Israel



Explanation

- **Israel put a new version of its Ofek spy satellite into orbit, with the Defence Ministry saying it would enhance around-the-clock regional monitoring as the country braces for a possible showdown with Iran.**
- The launch, planned months in advance, was overseen by Defence Minister Yoav Gallant - a signal he was staying in office despite Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's announcement that he would be fired amidst a constitutional crisis.
- The Ofek-13, manufactured by state-owned Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) Ltd, is the latest in a series of locally produced satellites first put into orbit in 1988.



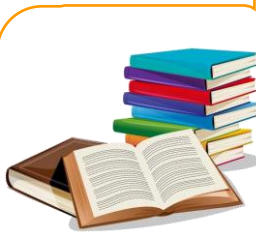
NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ NSA Doval hosted which edition meeting of security chiefs of SCO member countries?

- A) 16th
- B) 18th
- C) 20th
- D) 21st
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 18th

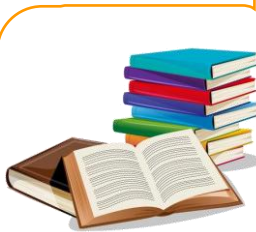


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Explanation

- **National Security Advisor Ajit Doval hosted the 18th meeting of Secretaries of Security Councils of SCO Member States here, which was attended by senior security officials from all eight member countries, with Pakistan and China attending virtually.**
- India is current chair of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). The in-person meet today is being attended by Russian security chief Nikolai Patrushev and it will provide another opportunity for NSA Doval to hold talks with the Russian top official.
- The meeting between **NSA Doval and Nikolai Patrushev comes more than a month after the two met in Russia during the fifth multilateral meeting of Secretaries of Security Councils/NSAs on Afghanistan, which was hosted by Russia.**



Explanation

- **NSA Doval had also met Russian President Vladimir Putin during the meeting.**
- SCO was proclaimed on June 15, 2001 in Shanghai (China), with six members - **Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.** In June 2017 in Astana, during a meeting of the Heads of State, India and Pakistan were given the status of full members.
- Besides the eight full members, four countries — **Afghanistan, Belarus, Iran and Mongolia** — have an observer status with the SCO, while six countries — **Azerbaijan, Armenia, Cambodia, Nepal, Turkey and Sri Lanka** — have a dialogue partner status.
- Iran is likely to be granted full members status.



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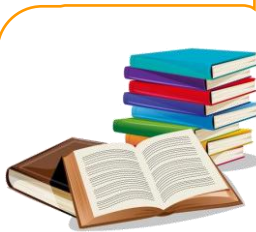


➤ Which place will host second Agricultural Deputies Meeting of G20?

- A) Delhi
- B) Chandigarh
- C) Pune
- D) Aluva
- E) None of these

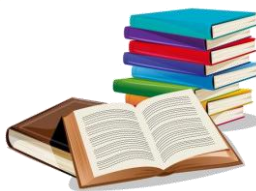


Answer
B) Chandigarh



Explanation

- **The second Agricultural Deputies Meeting of the Agricultural Working Group (AWG) of the G20 is all set to take place from March 29 to 31 in Chandigarh.**
- The event will see the participation of delegates from 19 member countries, 10 invited countries and 10 international organisations.
- Speaking about the upcoming event, Ritesh, joint secretary (IC), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, said, "**The second Agricultural Deputies Meeting of AWG is an important platform for countries to come together and discuss ways to ensure sustainable agriculture, food security and nutrition**", adding, "We are honoured to host the event in Chandigarh and look forward to fruitful discussions."
- Rajinder Chaudhry, additional director general of PIB Chandigarh, added, "The AMIS Rapid Response Forum, which will be held on the first day of the meeting, **is an important initiative to address the food market situation and identify capacity building needs.** We hope that this forum will provide a vision for the future progress of the initiative."



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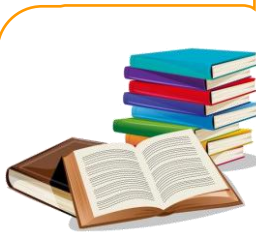


➤ Who launched e-passbook, inaugurates crèche facility in EPFO offices?

- A) Narendra Singh Tomar
- B) Anurag Singh Thakur
- C) Bhupender Yadav
- D) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
- E) None of these

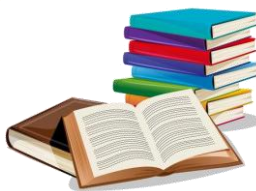
Answer

C) Bhupender Yadav



Explanation

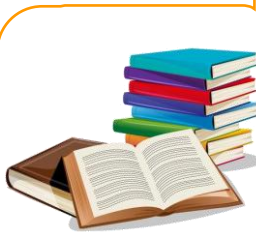
- Union Minister for Labor and Employment **Shri Bhupender Yadav** launched **e-passbook** for the **benefit and convenience of the EPFO members enabling them to view more details of their accounts in graphical representations.**
- Shri Yadav inaugurated crèche facility in 63 regional offices of EPFO where 100 or more employees are working and laid foundation Stone of the office building of Regional Office Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.
- **The Office building of Regional Office Keonjhar, Odisha was also virtually inaugurated by the Union Minister.**
- Earlier the 233rd meeting of Central Board of Trustees, EPF was held during which the following decisions were taken.
- The Board approved the Revised Estimates for the year 2022-23 and Budget Estimates for the year 2023-24 for schemes administered by EPFO.
- The Board approved the five year perspective plan for enhancement of physical infrastructure of EPFO which includes purchase of land, building construction and special repairs, **involving cost of Rs.2200 crores.**



Titbits

Ministry of Labour and Employment

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Bhupender Yadav** (UttarPradesh)



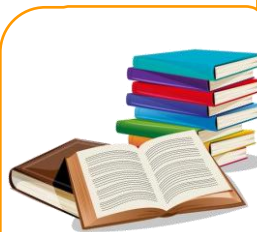
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➤ Second G20 Sherpas Meeting in _____?

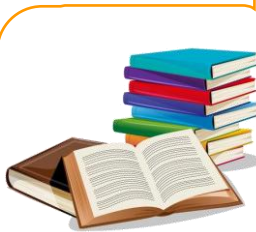
- A) Kerala
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Gujarat
- D) Rajasthan
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Kerala



Explanation

- **The Second G20 Sherpas meeting under India's G20 Presidency, chaired by India's G20 Sherpa Shri Amitabh Kant is set to take place in the picturesque village of Kumarakom, Kerala, from March 30 to April 2, 2023.**
- **The four-day gathering of over 120 delegates from G20 Members, 9 invitee countries,** and various international and regional organizations will hold multilateral discussions on G20's economic and developmental priorities as well as on addressing contemporary global challenges. The deliberations will focus both on policy approaches and concrete implementation.
- The 2nd Sherpas Meeting will work on a range of cross-cutting issues of global concern, and will encompass the work being done under the 13 Working Groups within the Sherpa track.



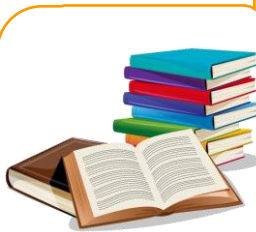
Explanation

- Further, **11 Engagement Groups and 4 Initiatives (Research and Innovations Initiative Gathering or RIIG, Empower, Space Economy Leaders' Meeting or SELM and Chief Scientific Advisers Roundtable or CSAR)** are also feeding policy recommendations from the perspectives of the civil society, private sector, academia, women, youth, scientific advancement and research.
- The deliberations of the Sherpa Meetings will take forward the outcomes of various Sherpa Track and Finance Track Meetings, and will form the basis of the Leaders' Declaration, slated to be adopted at the New Delhi Summit in September 2023.



Titbits Kerala

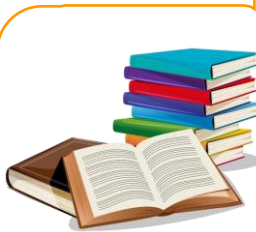
- Capital: **Thiruvananthapuram**
- CM: **Pinarayi Vijayan**
- Governor: **Arif Mohammad Khan**
- Language: **Malayalam**
- National Park: **Eravikulam National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Asthamudi Wetland, Sasthamkotta Lake, Vembanad Kol Wetland**
- Tiger Reserve: **Periyar Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Kakkad Hydroelectric Project**
- Dams: **Malampuzha Dam (River : Bharathapuzha River)**
- RRB: **Kerala Gramin Bank (Canara Bank)**
- UNESCO Site: **Western Ghats**



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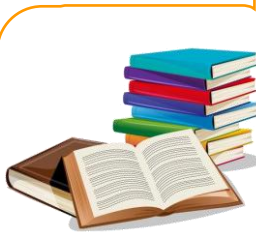
- ❖ Tri-Nation International Football Tournament: India win title after 2-0 victory over Kyrgyz Republic
- ❖ Spokane to host BWF World Junior Championships
- ❖ Youth World Boxing Championships to be held in Croatia next year
- ❖ World Bank approves \$100m loan to help Odisha improve response to disasters
- ❖ World Bank approves \$363m loan to provide water supply to rural households in Karnataka
- ❖ No charges for normal UPI-based digital payments, clarifies NPCI
- ❖ PFRDA raises ombudsman age limit to 70 years from 65 years
- ❖ Rajib K Mishra takes over as CMD of PTC India



QUICK RECALL



- ❖ Vinod Chandran takes oath as Chief Justice of Patna HC
- ❖ Star Sports brings Ranveer Singh as Brand Ambassador to fuel Sports Fandom
- ❖ U'khand bags runner-up award for building floating huts, eco rooms on Tehri lake
- ❖ Israel launches new spy satellite, overseen by Gallant
- ❖ NSA Doval hosts 18th meeting of security chiefs of SCO member countries
- ❖ Chandigarh to host second Agricultural Deputies Meeting of G20
- ❖ Bhupender Yadav launches e-passbook, inaugurates crèche facility in EPFO offices
- ❖ Second G20 Sherpas Meeting in Kumarakom, Kerala

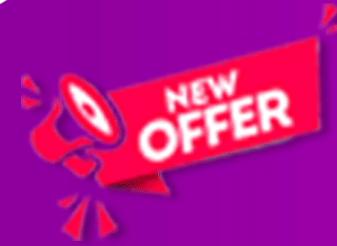


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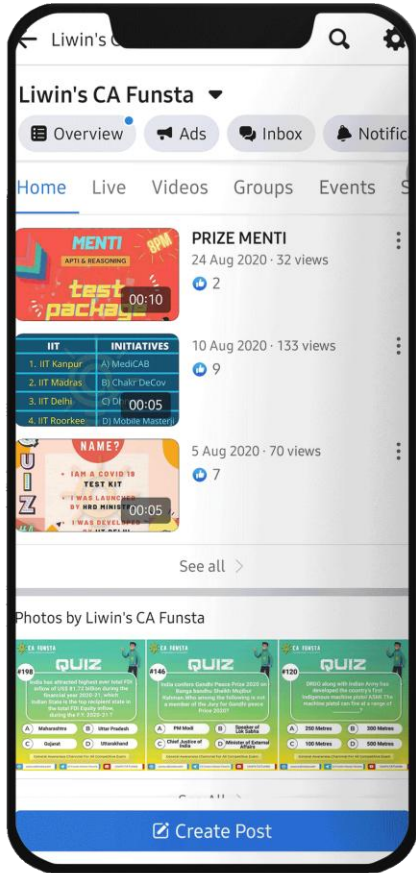
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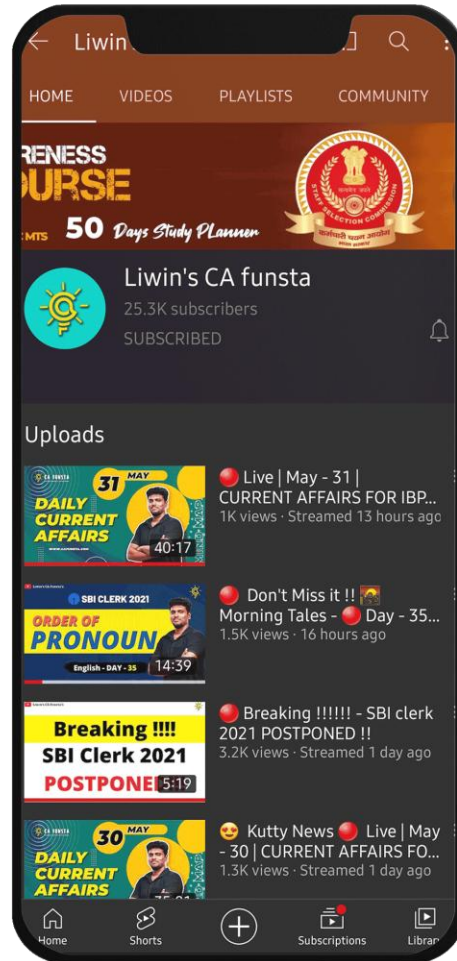
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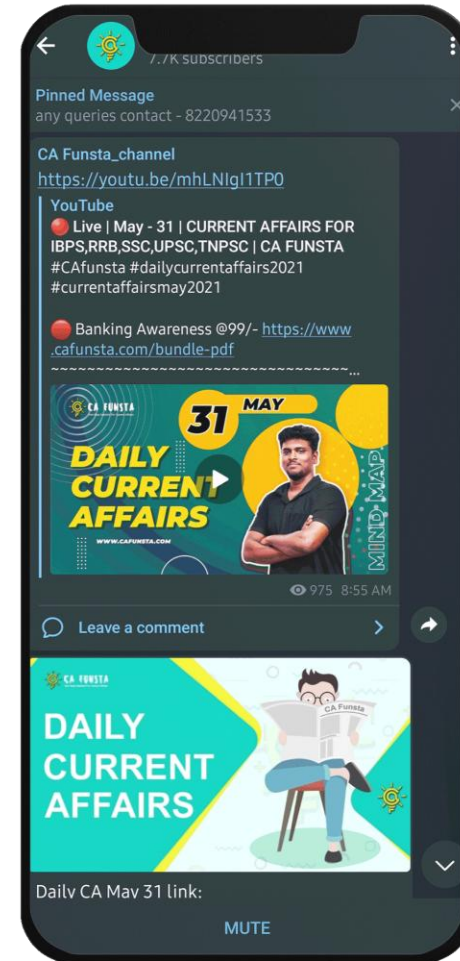
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