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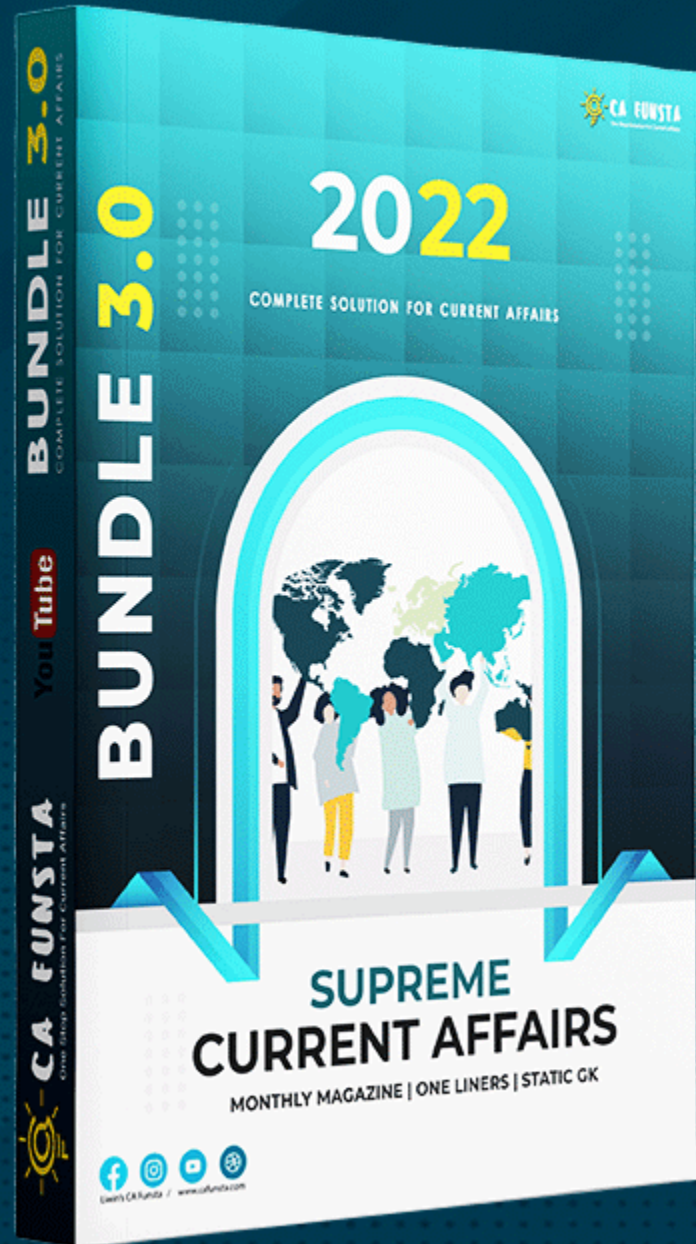
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# Important Days



In below option, which is not related to International Day of Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Act

1) It observed on April 4.

2) Theme: Mine Action Cannot Wait

3) December 8, 2005, the UN General Assembly declared April 4 as

the International Day of Mine Awareness and Assistance for Mine Action every year globally.

A) Only 1

B) Only 2

C) Only 3

D) Only 1 & 2

E) All of these



**Answer**

**E) All of these**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- International Day of Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is observed every year on April 4 to raise awareness against explosive mines and gather assistance towards their eradication.

### Theme:

- The United Nations Mine Action Service has chosen the theme “Mine Action Cannot Wait”.

### History:

- In 1997, the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention was established for signature which first led the campaign against mines and 164 countries have ratified it since then.
- Later, on December 8, 2005, the UN General Assembly declared April 4 as the International Day of Mine Awareness and Assistance for Mine Action every year globally.



# SPORTS



Indian \_\_\_\_\_ Sanjita Chanu has been handed \_\_\_\_\_ year ban by the National Anti Doping Agency's (NADA) Disciplinary Panel for failing a dope test in 2022?

- A) Boxing, 4
- B) Athletics, 2
- C) Swimming, 3
- D) Weightlifting, 5
- E) Weightlifting, 4

**Answer**  
**E) Weightlifting, 4**



## Explanation

- Two-time Commonwealth Games champion **Indian weightlifter Sanjita Chanu** has been handed a **four-year ban** by the National Anti Doping Agency's (NADA) Disciplinary Panel for failing a dope test last year.
- The 29-year-old had tested positive for an anabolic steroid -- Drostanolone Metabolite -- that features in the World Anti-doping Agency's (WADA) prohibited list.
- **Sanjita** had won gold in 48kg ahead of Tokyo Olympics silver medallist **Mirabai Chanu** at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. At the 2018 edition of the CWG in Gold Coast, she was crowned champion in the 53kg category.
- It is not the first time that the **2011 Asian Championship** bronze medallist finds herself embroiled in a dope controversy. She had been banned by the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) in 2018 after she tested positive for anabolic steroid testosterone prior to the World Championships in the US in November 2017.



## Explanation

- Also, **Former light-welterweight world champion Amir Khan** has been handed a **two-year ban** from all sport after testing positive for a prohibited substance, UK Anti-Doping (UKAD) . Khan, 36, returned a positive result for the anabolic agent ostarine following his loss to Kell Brook in Manchester in February 2022.

# SPORTS



## Titbits

### **National Anti Doping Agency**

Headquarters: New Delhi

Founded: 24 November 2005

Chairman: Shri Anurag Singh Thakur



# RANKING



**In below option, which is not top 5 in the India Justice Report (IJR) 2022?**

- A) Karnataka
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Telangana
- D) Gujarat
- E) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer**  
**E) Uttar Pradesh**





# RANKING



**The list of 18 large and mid-sized States with populations over one crore**

State	2019	2020	2022
Karnataka	6	14	1
Tamil Nadu	3	2	2
Telangana	11	3	3
Gujarat	8	6	4
Andhra Pradesh	13	12	5
Uttar Pradesh	18	18	18

## Titbits

- The list of Seven Small States with a population less than one crore each, was topped by Sikkim which was ranked second in 2020. Sikkim has been followed by Arunachal Pradesh which was at rank 5 in 2020 [2020 and Tripura is at rank three]. Tripura was at the rank one in 2020. In this list, the State of Goa is at rank Seven which is the lowest
- The India Justice Report (IJR) was initiated by Tata Trusts in 2019, and this is the third edition
- The foundation's partners include the Centre for Social Justice, Common Cause, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, DAKSH, TISS-Prayas, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy and How India Lives, IJR's data partner.
- This report is based on 24-month quantitative research.
- This third IJR also separately assesses the capacity of the 25 State Human Rights Commissions in the country

**Canara Bank has introduced “Premium Payroll Package” for the Salary account holders with competitive features. In below option, which is featured of this package?**

- A) Free Term Life Insurance
- B) Insta over Draft
- C) Free Personal & Air Accident Insurance coverage
- D) Premium Cards
- E) All of these

**Answer**  
**E) All of these**



## Explanation

- Canara Bank has introduced “Premium Payroll Package” for the Salary account holders with competitive features.
- The product has been designed to meet all Banking requirements of Salaried Customers. The features such as free Term Life Insurance, Insta over Draft, free Personal & Air Accident Insurance coverage, Premium Cards are some of the unique features of the product apart of the other various features offered.
- Account is designed in terms of the whole 360-degree requirement of the salaried class.
- Canara Bank was founded by **Ammembal Subba Rao Pai**, a great visionary and philanthropist, in July 1906, at Mangalore, then a small port town in **Karnataka**.

## Titbits

Canara Bank

Hq: Bengaluru, Karnataka

MD and CEO :K. Satyanarayana Raju

Tagline : Together we can

# BANKING AND FINANCE



**Grasim Industries announced entering into three term loan agreements totalling Rs 5,000 crore to finance capital expenditure and repayment of existing loans from Axis Bank Limited.**

**It has executed agreements for a secured loan of \_\_\_\_\_ and two unsecured loans of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_?**

- A) Rs 4,850 crore, Rs 70 crore, Rs 80 crore
- B) Rs ,450 crore, Rs 470 crore, Rs 80 crore
- C) Rs 4,450 crore, Rs 70 crore, Rs 480 crore
- D) Rs 4,250 crore, Rs 570 crore, Rs 180 crore
- E) Rs 4,150 crore, Rs 470 crore, Rs 380 crore

**Answer**

**A) Rs 4,850 crore, Rs 70 crore, Rs 80 crore**



## Explanation

- Grasim Industries, the flagship company of the Aditya Birla Group, announced entering into three term loan agreements totalling Rs 5,000 crore to finance capital expenditure and repayment of existing loans from Axis Bank Limited.
- It has executed agreements for a secured loan of Rs 4,850 crore and two unsecured loans of Rs 70 crore and Rs 80 crore.
- It will utilise Rs 4,850 crore loan for capital expenditure, reimbursement of capital expenditure already incurred in the last 12 months or re-payment of existing borrowings.
- While the other two unsecured term loans worth Rs 150 crore "shall be utilised for capital expenditure of identified projects,"

## Titbits

### **Grasim Industries Limited**

Headquarters: Nagda, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh

Chairman: Mr. Kumar Mangalam Birla

### **Axis Bank**

Hq : Mumbai, Maharashtra

CEO : Mr Amitabh Chaudhary

Tagline : Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi

# BANKING AND FINANCE



**Which Bank announced the launch of e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) facility in partnership with National e-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL) that replaces paper based BG issuance process with e-stamping and e-signatures?**

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) Bank of Baroda
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Bank of India
- E) IDBI Bank

**Answer**  
**E) IDBI Bank**



## Explanation

- IDBI Bank announced the launch of e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) facility in partnership with National e-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL) that replaces paper based BG issuance process with e-stamping and e-signatures.
- NeSL's e-BG is a paperless and available in a digital form to the beneficiary of an e-BG on registration on the NeSL's portal. The process of user registration is simple and one time. For bulk users of e-BGs, NeSL also offers integration with the ERP systems through an API.

## Titbits

### IDBI Bank

HQ : Mumbai

CEO : Rakesh Sharma

Tagline : Banking for All “Aao SocheinBada”

### NeSL

Abbreviation: National E-Governance Services Limited

Headquarters: JAGATPURI, DELHI

MD & CEO: Debajyoti Ray Chaudhuri

Found: 24th June 2016



**PhonePe has launched a new consumer-facing application, Pincode, which will be integrated into India's Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) framework.**

**PhonePe was acquired by Flipkart in which year?**

- A) 2013
- B) 2014
- C) 2015
- D) 2016
- E) 2017

**Answer**  
**D) 2016**



## Explanation

- Fintech giant PhonePe has launched a new consumer-facing application, Pincode, which will be integrated into India's Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) framework.
- Currently, PhonePe operates in the e-commerce space with Switch and has services that are similar to its biggest rival, Paytm. The ONDC integration will put PhonePe in direct competition with Paytm, which already has an ONDC platform integrated into its application
- PhonePe was acquired by Flipkart in 2016.
- ONDC is a non-profit company set up by the commerce ministry to create a model that democratizes digital commerce, and focuses on small merchants and retailers to access the networks or technologies offered by e-commerce giants including Flipkart and Amazon

# BANKING AND FINANCE



## Titbits

## PhonePe

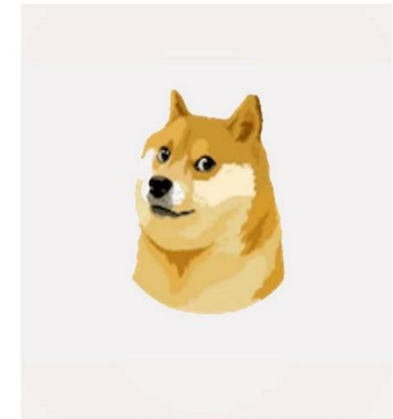
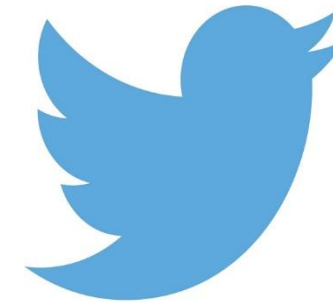
Founded: 2015

CEO: Sameer Nigam

Headquarters : Bengaluru, Karnataka

**What did the blue bird icon on Twitter Web get replaced with?**

- A) A picture of a cat
- B) A picture of a celebrity
- C) A picture of a flower
- D) A picture of a dog from the 'Doge' meme
- E) None of the above



**Answer**

**D) A picture of a dog from the 'Doge' meme**

## Explanation

- Twitter users were taken aback when they saw that the conventional blue bird icon on Twitter Web had been substituted by an image of the Shiba Inu dog from the renowned 'Doge' meme.
- It was observed that the dog depicted in the meme is the same one that is used in the branding and logo of the cryptocurrency, Dogecoin.



## Titbits

### Twitter, Inc

Headquarters: San Francisco, California, United States

Founded: 21 March 2006

CEO: Elon Musk

# APPOINTMENTS



**Vinod Kumar appointed MD and CEO of National Bulk Handling Corporation.  
What is the headquarters of National Bulk Handling Corporation?**

- A) Indore
- B) Bangalore
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Mumbai
- E) New Delhi



**Answer  
D) Mumbai**

# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- Warehousing service provider National Bulk Handling Corporation (NBHC) has announced the appointment of Vinod Kumar as the new Managing Director & CEO. He takes over the reins of NBHC from Ramesh Doraiswami, who is leaving the company to pursue his personal and professional interests
- Vinod joined NBHC as the Chief Financial Officer in 2019. Last year, he was promoted as Business Head & SVP to lead the Micro Agri Commodities Lending & Business Correspondent Services, where he maintained key banking relationships. In his career spanning over 17 years, he has worked majorly in the logistics and supply chain industry



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### **National Bulk Handling Corporation**

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founded: 2003

MD & CEO: Vinod Kumar

# APPOINTMENTS



**Aleksander Ceferin has reappointed as president of \_\_\_\_\_?**

- A) FIFA
- B) ICC
- C) BCCI
- D) AHF
- E) UEFA

**Answer  
E) UEFA**





# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- Aleksander Ceferin stands unopposed for a new term as president of UEFA when European football's governing body meets in Lisbon
- The 55-year-old Slovenian lawyer, elected in 2016 following the downfall of Frenchman Michel Platini, is therefore assured of a further four years in the role despite a turbulent second term overshadowed by the breakaway European Super League project

# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### UEFA

Abbreviation: Union of European Football Association

Headquarters: Nyon, Switzerland

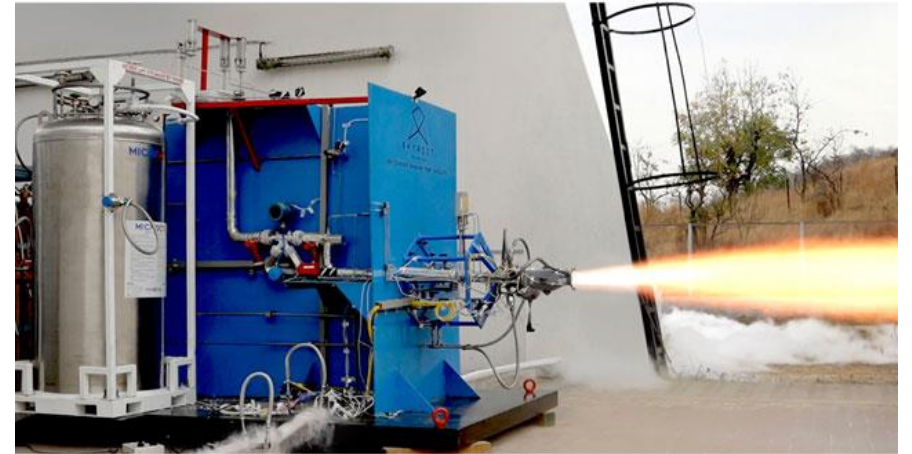
Founded: 15 June 1954

President: Aleksander Čeferin

Skyroot Aerospace test-fired its 3D-printed Dhawan II engine for a duration of 200 seconds. The engine was developed by the company for its heavier vehicle named \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) Vikram II
- B) Vikram III
- C) Vikram IV
- D) Vikram V
- E) Vikram VII

**Answer**  
**A) Vikram II**



## Explanation

- **Skyroot Aerospace**, the pioneering private rocket builder, achieved a major milestone by successfully test-firing an advanced **fully 3D-printed cryogenic engine** for a record **200 seconds**.
- The engine was developed by the company for its heavier vehicle, **Vikram II**.
- The endurance test of '**Dhawan-II**' was carried out at Solar Industries propulsion test facility in Nagpur, Maharashtra, using indigenously developed mobile cryogenic engine test pad.
- This achievement follows the November 2022 launch of **Vikram – S**, which made the firm, the first Indian private company to send a rocket into space

## Explanation

- **Dhawan-II engine** builds upon the foundation laid by the firm's first privately developed fully-cryogenic rocket engine, the 1.0 kN thrust Dhawan – I, successfully test fired in November 21.
- The engine series is named in honour of **Dr. Satish Dhawan**, the eminent rocket scientist who had played a crucial role in development of Indian Space Program.
- The cryogenic rocket engines, which greatly enhances payload-carrying capabilities, uses two high-performance rocket propellants, Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) and Liquid Oxygen (LoX), which require cryogenic temperatures (below  $-150^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) for storage and operation.
- Both fuels are environmentally friendly compared to other solid, semi-cryogenic and hypergolic propellants used in rocket industry.
- Skyroot aiming to make spaceflights affordable, reliable and regular, as multiple launch missions progressing including the **Vikram -I. to be launched by 2023** end and **Vikram – II by next year**. The engine development was partly supported by NITI Ayog's ANIC-ARISE program which promotes technologies including the use of green rocket propellants.

## Titbits

### **Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited**

Headquarters: Hyderabad, Telangana

Head: Pawan Kumar Chandana

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



**Finland officially became the member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).  
How many members in this member country?**

- A) 32
- B) 34
- C) 31
- D) 37
- E) 36

**Answer  
C) 31**





## Explanation

- Finland officially became the 31st member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), marking a major shift in the security landscape in northeastern Europe that adds some 1,300 kilometers (830 miles) to the alliance's frontier with Russia

## Titbits

### NATO

NATO – North Atlantic Treaty Organisation

Formed- 1949

Countries - 31

Headquarters -Brussels, Belgium

### Finland

Prime minister: Sanna Marin

Capital: Helsinki

Currency: Euro

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



**Government has cut its windfall tax on crude oil production to nil from \_\_\_\_\_ a tonne effective from April 04?**

- A) 2,500 rupees
- B) 1,500 rupees
- C) 4,500 rupees
- D) 5,500 rupees
- E) 3,500 rupees

**Answer**  
**E) 3,500 rupees**



## Explanation

- Government has cut its windfall tax on crude oil production to nil from 3,500 rupees (\$42.56) a tonne effective from April 4, according to a government notification.
- Furthermore, Special Additional Excise Duty on the export of diesel has also been reduced to Rs 0.5 per litre from Re 1 per litre earlier
- India in July imposed a windfall tax on crude oil producers and on exports of gasoline, diesel and aviation fuel, to encourage private refiners to sell fuel products domestically instead of shipping them overseas to take advantage of robust refining margins in global markets.
- A windfall tax is a higher tax rate levied by governments against certain industries when economic conditions allow those industries to attract above-average profits.
- India first imposed windfall gains tax on July 1. At the time, export duties of Rs 6 per litre each were levied on petrol and ATF and Rs 13 per litre on diesel. Rs 23,250 per tonne windfall profit tax on domestic crude production was also levied. Windfall profit taxes are reviewed on a fortnightly basis by factoring in international oil prices.

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



**In below option, which is related to approve the Delhi cabinet?**

- 1) the constitution of vigilance committees at Fair Price Shops (FPS) across Delhi**
- 2) Delhi's Free Bijili Scheme Extended Till April 2024**
- 3) Scheme to provide aids, appliances to people with benchmark disabilities.**

- A) Only 1
- B) Only 2
- C) Only 3
- D) Only 1 & 2
- E) All of these

**Answer**

- E) All of these**



## Explanation

- After eight years, the Arvind Kejriwal-led-Delhi government has finally approved the constitution of vigilance committees for Fair Price Shop in the city. The proposal was cleared by L-G VK Saxena, who came down heavily on the government for taking eight years to approve the crucial oversight panel meant to ensure that subsidised ration reaches the real beneficiaries.
- The Delhi cabinet also approved the Sugamaya Sahayak Scheme to enhance the mobility of individuals with benchmark disabilities. The scheme aims to provide them with aids and appliances such as smart canes, hearing aids, wheelchairs, motorised tricycles and artificial limbs to help them overcome physical barriers, improve their mobility and pursue education and employment. To get the benefits of the scheme, an applicant must have a disability of 40% or more and the family income should not exceed Rs 8 lakh.

## Explanation

- Under the Chief Minister Advocates' Welfare Scheme, practising advocates enrolled with Bar Council of Delhi and also on the Delhi voters' list will be provided group life insurance of Rs 10 lakh each and a group mediclaim coverage for a family floater sum of Rs 5 lakh.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### Delhi

Capital: New Delhi

CM: Arvind Kejriwal

Governor: Vinai Kumar Saxena



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



The world-famous Basohli painting from Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district has obtained the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag.

The product from the UT of J&K is included in the list of \_\_\_\_ products that received the GI tag on 31 March 2023?

- A)36
- B)35
- C)34
- D)33
- E)32

**Answer**  
**D)33**



## Explanation

- The world-famous Basohli Painting from Kathua district of Jammu division has received the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag.
- The product from the UT of J&K is included in the list of 33 products that received the GI tag on 31 March 2023.
- This is the first time in the history of GI that Jammu region got GI tag for handicrafts

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### **Jammu and Kashmir**

Capital : Srinagar(summer),Jammu(winter)

Governor : Manoj Sinha

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



**Second G-20 EMPOWER meeting of Ministry of Women & Child Development begins in Thiruvananthapuram. What is the theme of this meeting?**

- A) Women's Empowerment: A Win-Win for Equity and Economy
- B) Women's Rights and Advocacy
- C) Gender Equality in Business
- D) Empowerment of Women in Science and Technology
- E) None of the above



**Answer**

**A) Women's Empowerment: A Win-Win for Equity and Economy**



## Explanation

- The second G-20 EMPOWER (Empowerment and Progression of Women's Economic Representation) meeting under India's presidency of the G-20 began in Thiruvananthapuram.
- The theme of the three-day meeting organized by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development is 'Women's Empowerment: A Win-Win for Equity and Economy'.
- G-20 Empower Chairperson Dr. Sangeetha Reddy and other prominent people participated in the discussions

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### **Women and Child Development**

Minister : Smriti Irani

Constituency : Amethi, Uttar Pradesh



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



**Shri Narendra Modi addresses which edition of International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure via a video message?**

- A)5th
- B)4th
- C)3rd
- D)2nd
- E)1<sup>st</sup>



**Answer**  
**A)5<sup>th</sup>**



## Explanation

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 5th International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) 2023 via a video message
- The Prime Minister outlined some priorities for discussion for disaster resilience infrastructure in the context of this year's theme of 'Delivering Resilient and Inclusive Infrastructure'.

## Titbits

**Prime Minister and also in-charge of Ministry of  
Personnel, Public Grievances and  
Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of  
Space, All important policy issues and All other  
portfolios not allocated to any Minister**

Minister: Narendra Modi

Constituency: Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

# QUICK RECALL



- 1. International Day of Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is observed every year on April 4**
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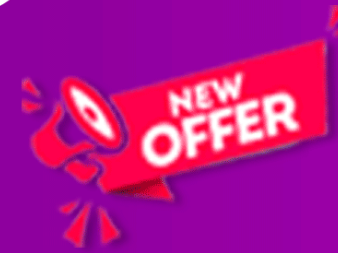


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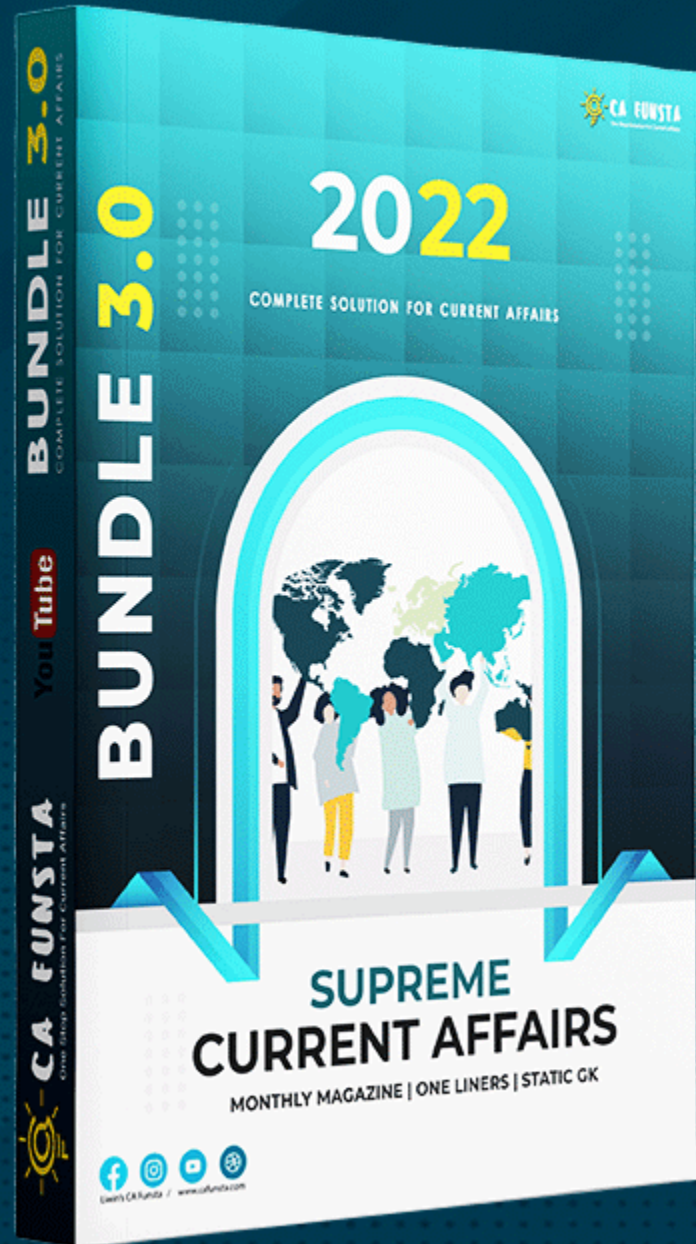


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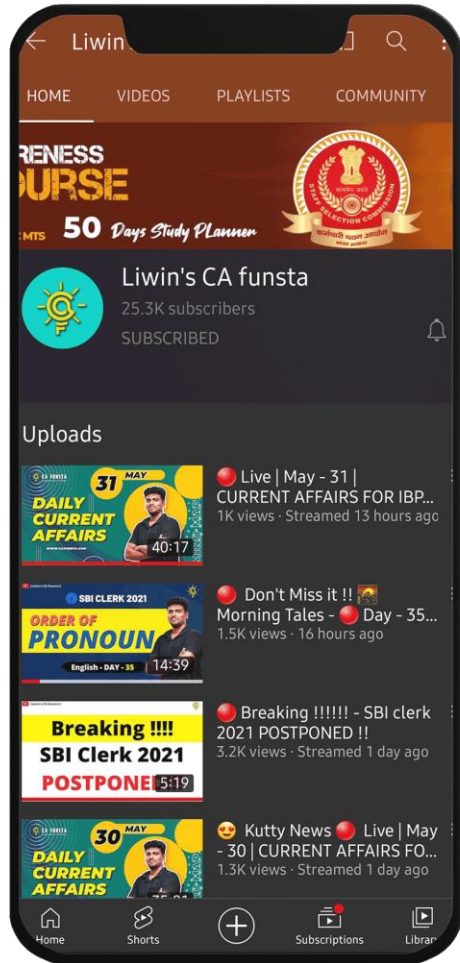
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