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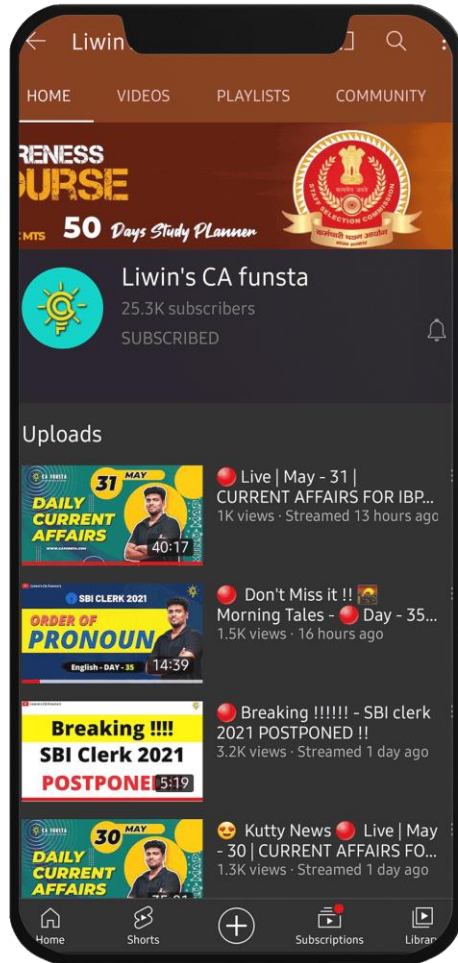


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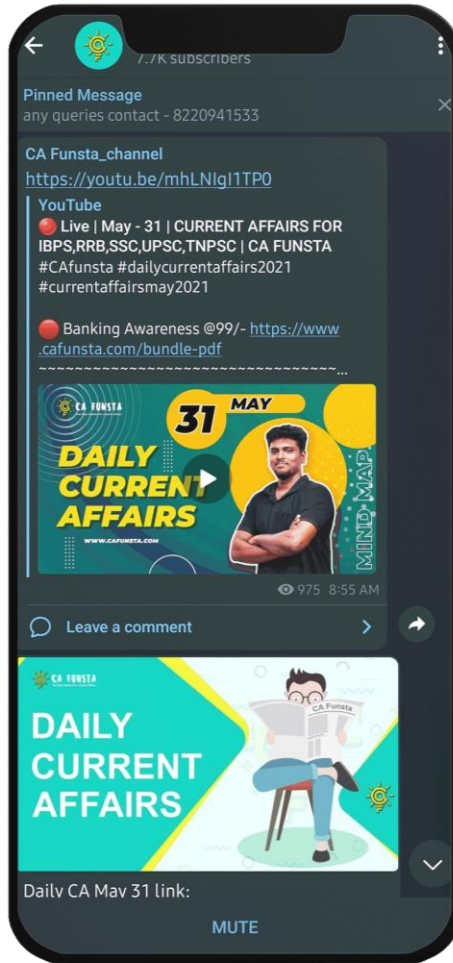
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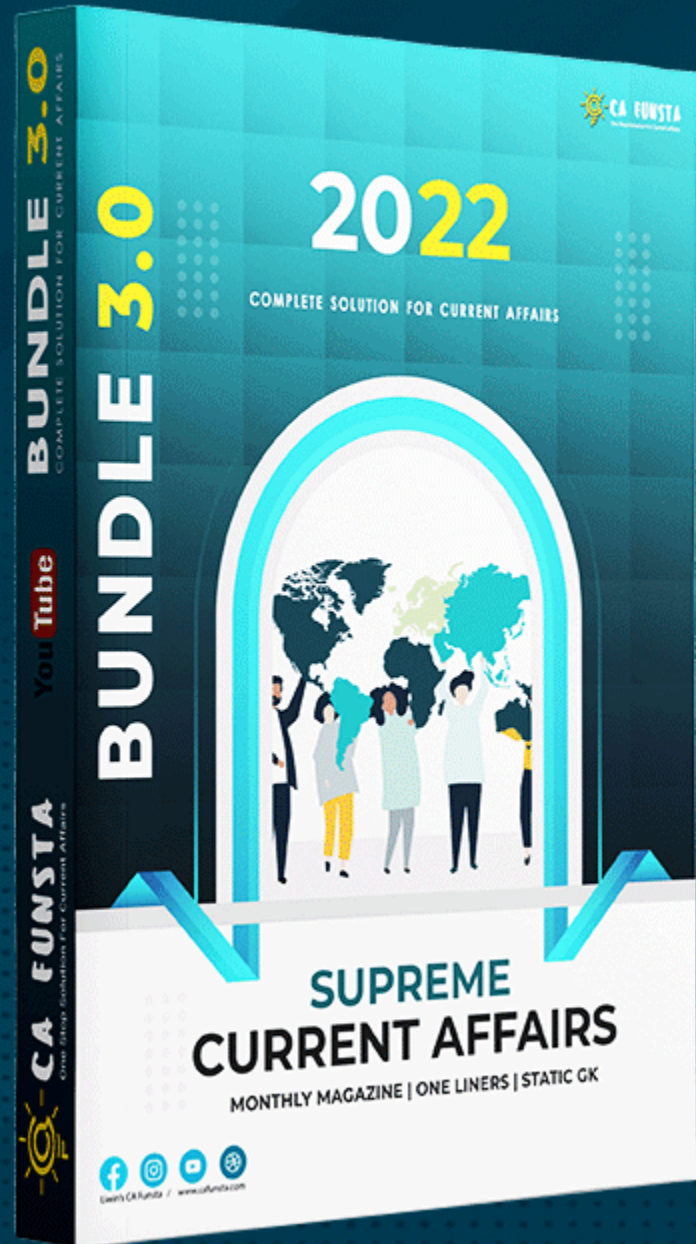


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Important Days



What is the global theme for the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace in 2023?

- A) Let's Play Together for Unity and Peace
- B) Score for Sustainability and Equality
- C) Kick off for a Better World
- D) Scoring for People and the Planet
- E) Sports for Harmony and Social Justice



**INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF SPORT
FOR DEVELOPMENT
AND PEACE**

Answer

D) Scoring for People and the Planet

Important Days



Explanation

- The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP), which takes place annually on **6 April**.
- The global theme for the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2023 is “**Scoring for People and the Planet**”
- On **23 August 2013**, the United Nations General Assembly in Resolution 67/296 decides to proclaim on 6 April as the "International Day of the Sport for the Development and the Peace".



Important Days



Other Important Days

- Ash Barty has won the Australian Open final 6-3, 7-6 (2) over Danielle Collins to end a 44-year drought for Australian women at their home Grand Slam tournament.
- Barty won the first set with one service break but was down 5-1 in the second set after dropping serve in the second and sixth games. Collins had two chances to serve for the set but was broken both times.

Who was crowned as the winner of the Australian Grand Prix?

- A) Lewis Hamilton
- B) Sebastian Vettel
- C) Charles Leclerc
- D) Max Verstappen
- E) Fernando Alonso

Answer

D) Max Verstappen



SPORTS



Explanation

Rank	Name	Car company	Country
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	The Netherlands
2	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	UK
3	Fernando Alonso Díaz	Aston Martin	Spain

OBITUARY



Jagarnath Mahto passed away. He was the education Minister of which state?

- A) Assam
- B) Jharkhand
- C) Mizoram
- D) Tripura
- E) Nagaland

Answer
B) Jharkhand



OBITUARY



Explanation

- Jharkhand education minister and senior JMM leader Jagarnath Mahto passed away
- Jagarnath Mahto was a veteran JMM MLA from Dumri constituency in Giridih and was actively involved in separate statehood movement, led by Shibu Soren

RANKING



What is the rank of India in FIFA rankings?

- A) 101
- B) 105
- C) 104
- D) 103
- E) 102

Answer
A) 101

RANKING



Explanation

Rank	Team country
1	Argentina
2	France
3	Brazil
4	Belgium
5	England
101	India

RANKING



Explanation

- India's best ranking was 94th, attained in 1996
- India is now one place below New Zealand and one place above Kenya.
- Japan is the top-ranked side among the Asian countries.

RANKING



Tidbits

The Fédération internationale de football association(FIFA)

Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland

Founded: 21 May 1904

President: Gianni Infantino

BANKING AND FINANCE



In below option, which is correct pair related to penalty made by RBI?

- 1) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd - Rs 6.77 crore
- 2) Indian Bank - Rs 55 lakh
- 3) Muthoot Money Limited - Rs 10.50 lakh

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

Answer
E) All of these

Explanation

Amount	Institution	Reason
Rs 6.77 crore	Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd, Mumbai	non-compliance with norms related to disclosure of interest rates to borrowers at the time of sanction of loans
Rs 55 lakh	Indian Bank	contravention of certain Know Your Customer (KYC) norms
Rs 10.50 lakh	Muthoot Money Limited, Ernakulam	non-compliance with certain provisions of the Monitoring of Frauds in NBFCs (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016

- The Reserve Bank carried out scrutiny of the Indian Bank in July 2020 based on a high-value fraud reported by the bank

Titbits

Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited

Headquarters: Mumbai

Vice Chairman & President: Ramesh Iyer

Indian Bank

Hq: Chennai, Tamilnadu

MD & CEO: Shanti Lal Jain

Tagline : Your Own Bank

In below option, which is correct in related to RBI's monetary Policy?

- 1) Repo Rate - 6.5 per cent**
- 2) GDP - 6.5 per cent**
- 3) FY'24 inflation projection - 5.2 Per cent**

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

Answer
E) All of these

BANKING AND FINANCE



Explanation

Name	Rate
Policy Rates	
Policy Repo Rate	6.50%
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	6.25%
Marginal Standing Facility Rate	6.75%
Bank Rate	6.75%
Fixed Reverse Repo Rate	3.35%
Reserve Rates	
CRR	4.50%
SLR	18.00%

- RBI puts GDP growth estimates at 6.5% for 2023-24
- FY24 inflation forecast lowered to 5.2% from 5.3
- Next meeting of the monetary policy committee scheduled for June 6-8

RBI To Develop Web Portal For Public To Search Unclaimed Deposits Across Banks

- The Reserve Bank said a centralised portal 'PRAVAAH' (Platform for Regulatory Application, Validation And Authorisation) will be developed to access details of unclaimed deposits by depositors or their beneficiaries across various banks.
- About Rs 35,000 crore unclaimed deposits as of February 2023 were transferred to RBI by public sector banks (PSBs) in respect of deposits which were not operated for 10 years or more

RBI allows banks to offer pre-approved credit on UPI

- In a move that will expand the consumer credit market in India, the RBI has permitted banks to transfer pre-sanctioned credit lines through the UPI network. The measure will enable UPI services to mimic credit cards and provide low-value credit to nearly 30 crore users of the payment platform.
- The RBI has already allowed banks to provide overdrafts to customers, which they can access through UPI. The permission now to transfer funds from a credit line would enable banks to structure the loans like credit cards

APPOINTMENTS



Who has taken over as the new CEO of GAIL Gas Limited, a subsidiary of GAIL (India) Limited?

- A) Shri Raman Chadha
- B) Shri Goutom Chakraborty
- C) Shri Sunil Kumar
- D) Shri Anil Gupta
- E) Shri Rohit Singh

Answer

B) Shri Goutom Chakraborty



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Shri Goutom Chakraborty** has taken over as **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of **GAIL Gas Limited**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of GAIL (India) Limited, engaged in the City Gas Distribution business He has taken over the charge from **Shri Raman Chadha**.
- Prior to this assignment, Shri Chakraborty was serving as Executive Director for City Gas Distribution (CGD) Business Vertical in parent company GAIL (India) Limited
- Mr. Chakraborty is presently also in the Board of Directors of Bengal Gas Company Ltd. and Tripura Natural Gas Company Ltd (Joint Venture Companies of GAIL (India) Limited).



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Also, **Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi, Chairman and Managing Director of THDCIL**, has received the additional charge of **NHPC CMD**. The additional charge has been assigned for a period of **two months** effective March 1, 2023 or till a regular incumbent joins the post or until further orders, whichever is the earliest.

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

GAIL Gas Limited

Headquarters: NOIDA

CEO: Shri Goutom Chakraborty

APPOINTMENTS



Who recently took charge as the new president of National Rifle Association of India (NRAI)?

- A) Raninder Singh
- B) Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo
- C) Abhinav Bindra
- D) Gagan Narang
- E) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore

Answer

B) Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Senior vice-president **Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo** took charge as National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) president after 'incumbent' **Raninder Singh** went on a "prolonged leave".
- Heads of national sports federations (NSFs) cannot hold office for **more than 12 years** as per the National Sports Code, following which Raninder, who was re-elected NRAI president in September 2021, went on leave.
- The ministry had pointed out last month that Raninder had completed 12 years as president -- from **December 29, 2010 to Dec 29, 2022** -- and as per the code, he cannot continue as NRAI chief any further.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

The National Rifle Association of India

Founded: 1951

Headquarters: New Delhi

President: Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo

AWARDS



Which state has been awarded as the best performing state among Northeastern states in the implementation of e-procurement?

- A) Assam
- B) Meghalaya
- C) Mizoram
- D) Tripura
- E) Nagaland

Answer
D) Tripura

AWARDS



Explanation

- **Tripura** has been awarded as the best performing State among Northeastern states in the implementation of e-procurement.
- Tripura has been rewarded for completing the work within a specified time under the power department's **Saubhagya Yojana**.
- Various departments of the Tripura government or working transparently through e-procurement in the state.
- Notably, the Tripura government has made e-procurement mandatory in the delegation of financial rules of Tripura for the purchase of goods and services above rupees 25000. The procurement benefits in bringing transparency in government sales and there is no opportunity for vendors to form alliances. E-procurement system helps small and medium industrialists in procurement.
- Vendors of government goods and services have no chance or scope for tax evasion



AWARDS



Titbits

Tripura

Capital : Agartala

CM : Manik Saha

Governor : Satyadev Narayan Arya



India was elected by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on three important subsidiary bodies -- as a member of _____?

- 1) UN Statistical Commission**
- 2) Commission on Narcotic Drugs**
- 3) The Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).**

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

Answer
E) All of these

Explanation

- **India** was elected by the **UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)** as a member of the **UN Statistical Commission**, the **Commission on Narcotic Drugs** and the **Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)**, an important subsidiary body of the UN organ focussed on economic, social and environmental issues.
- **India, along with South Korea, UAE and China** were in the fray for two seats from the Asia Pacific States category
- **Argentina, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania and the US** were elected by acclamation to the **Statistical Commission** for a four-year term of office beginning **January 1, 2024**.

Explanation

- **India** was elected by acclamation to the **Commission on Narcotic Drugs** along with **Argentina, Burundi, Chile, China, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Peru, Qatar, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Zimbabwe** for a **four-year term** of office, beginning January 1, 2024.
- Austria, Armenia, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States were elected for the same term of office by secret ballot.
- **India** was also elected by acclamation to the Committee for Programme and Coordination along with **Armenia, Brazil, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Germany, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Pakistan, Rwanda, South Africa, the United Kingdom, the United States and Uruguay** for a three-year term of office beginning January 1, 2024.

Explanation

- **ECOSOC** elected **India and Cambodia** for a term of office beginning on April 5, 2023, and expiring on December 31, 2025, to fill outstanding vacancies from the Asia-Pacific States in the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).
- The Council was elected by acclamation Australia, Burundi, Finland and Iran for a three-year term of office, beginning January 2024.
- The Commission on Narcotic Drugs supervises the application of international drug control treaties, while the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS supports and provides strategic direction for an international response to HIV/AIDS.

Titbits

United Nations Economic and Social Council

Formation: 26 June 1945

President: Lachezara Stoeva

Headquarters: New York City, United States

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS(UNAIDS)

Founded: 26 July 1994

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

Executive director: Winnie Byanyima

The Commission on Narcotic Drugs

Headquarters: Vienna, Austria

Founded: 1946

What is the aim of the Indian Space Policy, 2023 approved by the Union Cabinet?

- A) To reduce the role of the Department of Space
- B) To decrease the activities of ISRO missions
- C) To decrease the participation of research, academia, startups, and industry
- D) To enhance the role of the Department of Space
- E) None of the above

Answer

D) To enhance the role of the Department of Space

Explanation

- The Union Cabinet approved the Indian Space Policy, 2023, which aims to enhance the role of the Department of Space, boost activities of ISRO missions, and give a larger participation of research, academia, startups, and industry.
- The government had earlier opened up the space sector for the private sector to help boost development of the segment

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



The Union Cabinet gave its nod to a project to construct and set up a Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory- India (LIGO-India) at an estimated cost of Rs 2,600 crore. LIGO-India had received the government's in-principle approval in _____?

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

Answer

D) February 2016

Explanation

- The Union Cabinet gave its nod to a project to construct and set up a **Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory- India (LIGO-India)** at an estimated cost of **Rs 2,600 crore** which is likely to be completed by **2030**.
- The gravitational wave observatory will come up in **Hingoli in Maharashtra**.
- The observatory will help in better understanding of astronomical objects like neutron stars and black holes and for in-depth study of gravitational waves.
- There are already **two such LIGO observatories** in the **US**. LIGO-India will be the third such advanced gravitational-wave observatory as part of the worldwide network. It is envisaged as a collaborative project between a consortium of Indian research institutions and the LIGO Laboratory in USA, along with its international partners.

Explanation

- **The US will provide key components for the lab worth \$ 80 million, which amounts to Rs 560 crore.**
- LIGO-India had received the government's in-principle approval in **February 2016.**
- The LIGO-India project will be built by the **Department of Atomic Energy and the Department of Science and Technology**, with a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the **National Science Foundation, the US**, along with several national and international research and academic institutions.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Maharashtra

Capital : Mumbai

CM : Eknath Shinde

Governor : Ramesh Bais



Who is the chairman of the four-member committee set up by the Finance Ministry to suggest measures to improve the pensionary benefits of government employees covered under the National Pension System (NPS)?

- A) TV Somanathan
- B) Raman Chadha
- C) Goutom Chakraborty
- D) Sunil Kumar
- E) Anil Gupta

Answer

A) TV Somanathan

Explanation

- The Finance Ministry has set up a **four-member committee** under the chairmanship of **Finance Secretary TV Somanathan** to suggest measures to improve the pensionary benefits of government employees covered under the National Pension System (NPS).
- This move comes in the wake of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's announcement in Lok Sabha on March 24 that a committee under the Finance Secretary would be set up to look into the issue of pensions under the NPS with respect to government employees and evolve an approach that addresses the needs of the employees while maintaining fiscal prudence to protect the common citizen.
- The other members of this committee, now constituted by **the Department of Expenditure in the Finance Ministry, are the Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions; Special Secretary (Pers), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance; and Chairman, Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA).**

Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation (KSINC) has introduced its solar-powered hybrid boat – Sooryamshu – in Kochi backwaters. The ₹3.95 crore vessel was built at a yard in which country?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) USA
- C) UK
- D) Nepal
- E) Bhutan



Answer
A) Sri Lanka

Explanation

- State-owned Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation (KSINC) has introduced its solar-powered hybrid boat – **Sooryamshu** – in Kochi backwaters. The 100-passenger capacity air-conditioned vessel with upper and lower deck offer travellers to cruise along the backwaters, where KSINC proposed to introduce packages.
- The **₹3.95 crore** vessel was built at a yard in **Sri Lanka**
- This is probably the first solar-powered tourist vessel in Kerala and the biggest of its kind in the State
- The solar panels have the capacity to produce 27 kw of energy. The hybrid model boat has generators to operate the air conditioner and a passenger lift system to help differently abled and aged people to go to the upper deck.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Kerala

Capital : Thiruvananthapuram

CM : Pinarayi Vijayan

Governor : Arif Mohammed Khan

The first series production Light Combat Aircraft Tejas trainer aircraft carried out its first flight. It was manufactured by which company?

- A) DRDO
- B) HAL
- C) BHEL
- D) BEL
- E) BDL



Answer
B) HAL

Explanation

- The first series production Light Combat Aircraft Tejas trainer aircraft (**LCA Trainer (LT 5201)**) carried out its first flight, a development by its manufacturer Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
- The aircraft took to the skies for its maiden flight from HAL's airport in Bengaluru.
- The successful sortie lasted for around **35 minutes**.
- **Tejas** is a highly agile multi-role supersonic fighter aircraft capable of operating in high-threat air environments

Titbits

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

Founded: 23 December 1940

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

Chairman & MD : Shri C.B. Ananthakrishnan

Who flagged off the Maritime Awareness Walkathon on the occasion of National Maritime Day?

- A) Shri Narendra Modi
- B) Shri Amit Shah
- C) Shri Sarbananda Sonowal
- D) Shri Rajnath Singh
- E) Shri Nitin Gadkari

Answer

C) Shri Sarbananda Sonowal



Explanation

- On the occasion of the **60th National Maritime Day**, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) & Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off the '**Maritime Awareness Walkathon**'
- The walkathon was flagged off in the presence of Shri Shripad Y. Naik, Minister of State, MoPSW; Shri Sudhansh Pant, IAS, Secretary, MoPSW; Shri Sanjeev Ranjan, IAS, Chairman, National Shipping Board; Shri Rajesh Kumar Sinha, IAS, Additional Secretary, MoPSW; Capt. Rajendra Poswal, Nautical Surveyor, Chairman National Maritime Day and various other dignitaries.
- On April 5, 1919, for the first time, the Indian company Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited's ship namely S.S. Loyalty went from India to London to trade. In his memory, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways celebrates 5th April every year as National Maritime Day.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Ports, Shipping and Waterways & AYUSH

Minister: Sarbananda Sonowal

Constituency:Rajya Shaba, Assam

Haryana establishes 'Quality Assurance Authority' to improve quality control systems for engineering works. This Authority has total how many members?

- A)2
- B)3
- C)5
- D)7
- E)9

Answer
B)3

Explanation

- The **Haryana government** has established the '**Quality Assurance Authority**' (QAA) in the Finance Department to ensure zero corruption and improve quality control systems for engineering works.
- The Authority will consist of a **chairperson and two members**.
- The chairperson will be a person who is or has been an officer of the government of the rank and equivalence of secretary in the state government or engineer-in-chief in the central or state government or a person who has experience in quality management with at least 25 years of experience in the government, or an academician from an Institute of eminence and repute and will be appointed by the state government.
- Further, one member will be appointed from amongst officers in the state government or any organisation owned and controlled by the state government of the rank of chief engineer or above

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Haryana

Capital : Chandigarh

CM: Manohar Lal Khattar

Governor : Bandaru Dattatraya



QUICK RECALL



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- 2. Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the Australian Grand Prix**
- 3. Jharkhand education minister and senior JMM leader Jagarnath Mahto passed away**
- 4. The Indian men's football team moved up five places to be at 101st spot in the FIFA rankings**
- 5. RBI imposes penalty on Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services, Indian Bank**
- 6. RBI keeps repo rate unchanged at 6.5%**
- 7. Shri Goutom Chakraborty has taken over as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of GAIL Gas Limited**
- 8. Senior vice-president Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo took charge as National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) president after 'incumbent' Raninder Singh**
- 9. Tripura has been awarded as the best performing State among Northeastern states in the implementation of e-procurement.**
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QUICK RECALL



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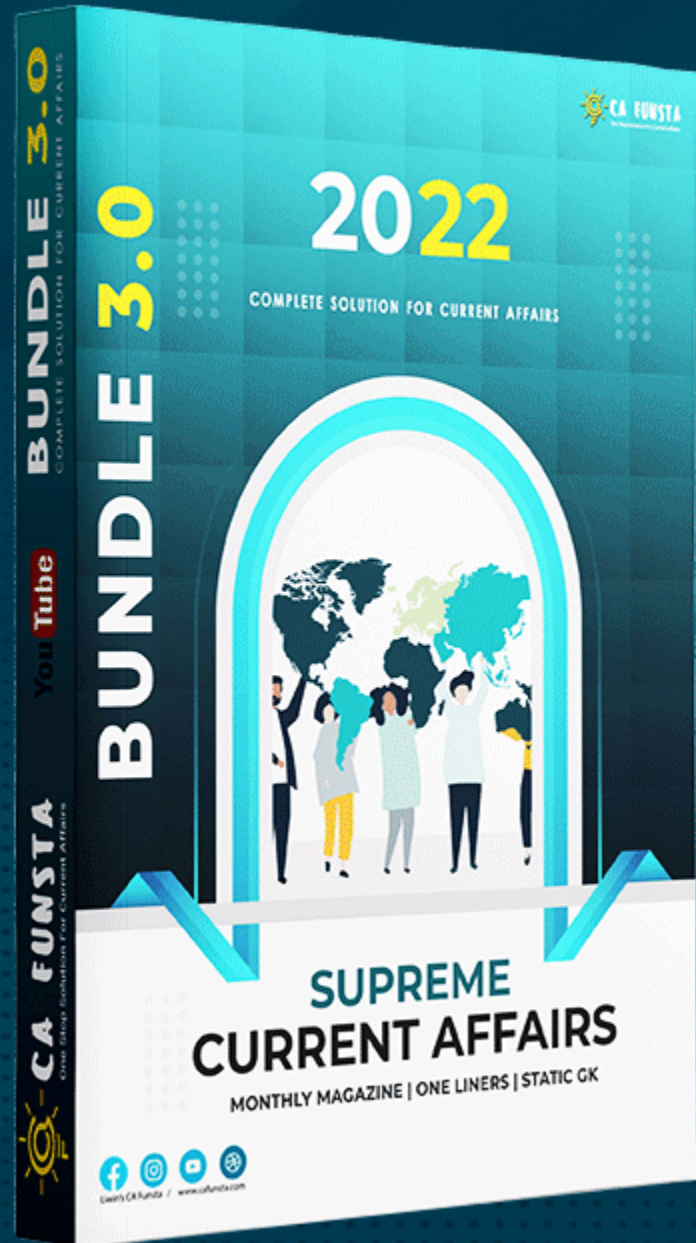
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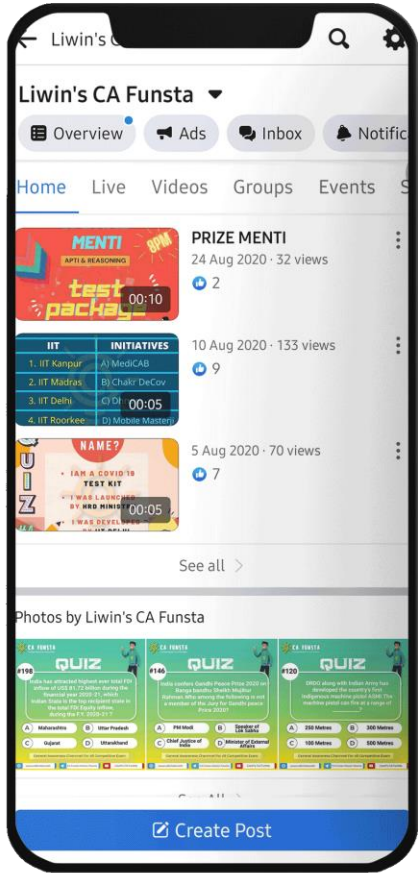
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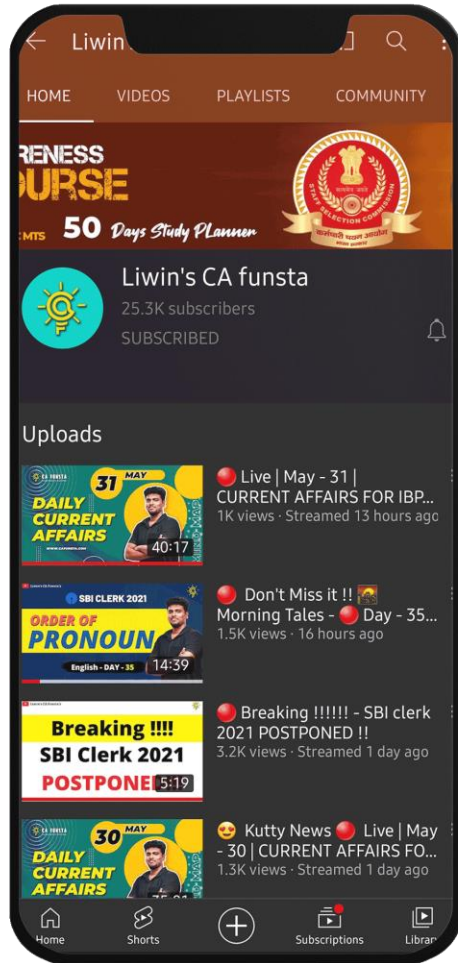
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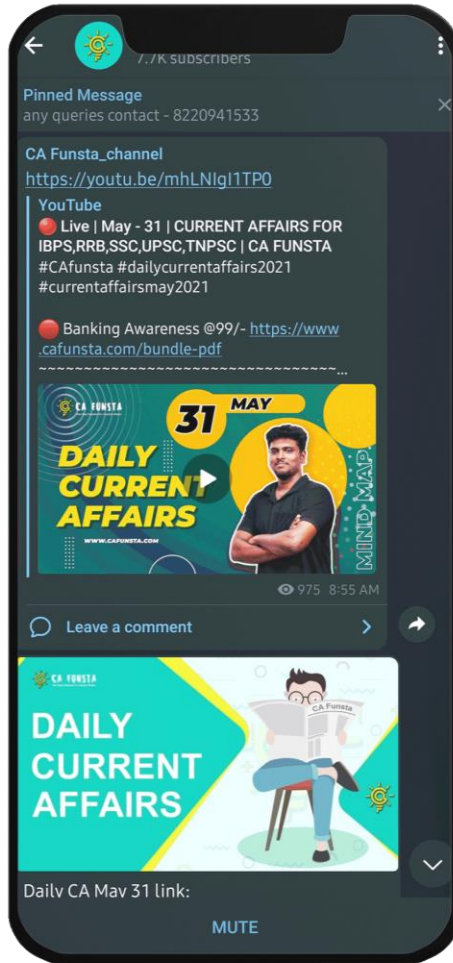
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