



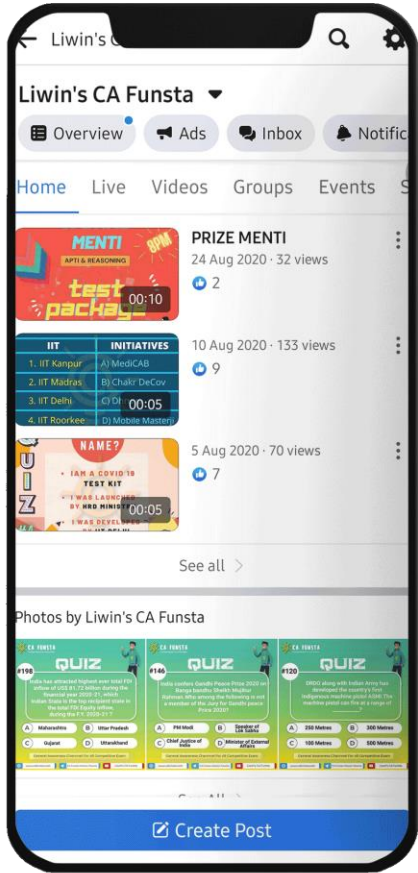
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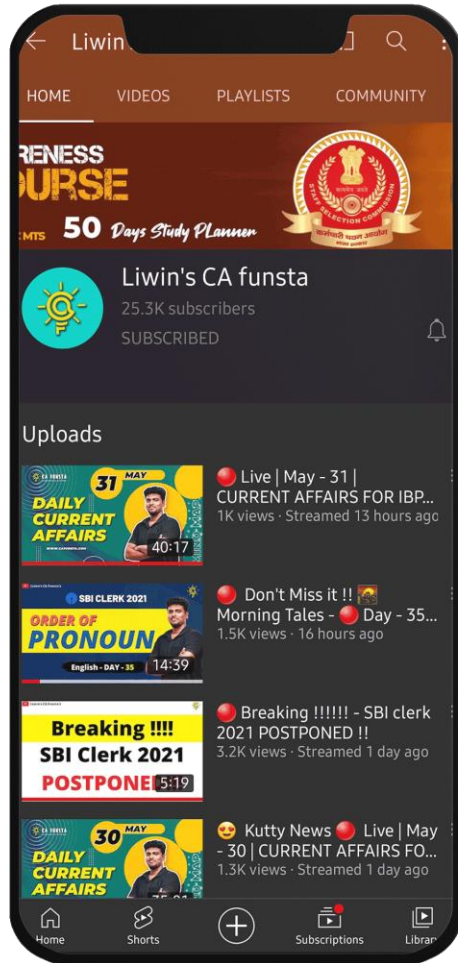


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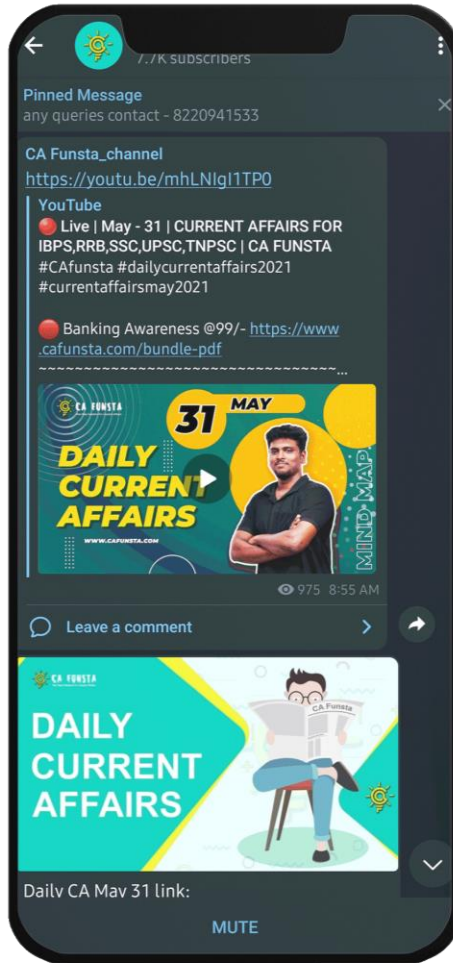
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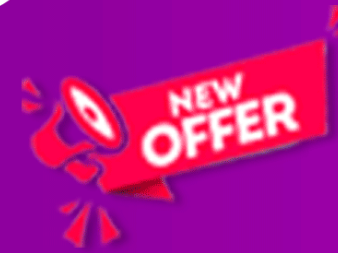


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Important Days



On which date is National Safe Motherhood Day celebrated in India?

- A) March 8
- B) April 7
- C) April 11
- D) May 10
- E) June 5

Answer
C) April 11

NATIONAL SAFE
Motherhood Day

11TH APRIL



Important Days



Explanation

- National Safe Motherhood Day is a yearly event that takes place on **April 11** in India.
- The Indian government officially recognised this day in **2003** to emphasise the importance of ensuring that women have access to adequate care throughout pregnancy, childbirth, and the postnatal period.

NATIONAL SAFE MOTHERHOOD DAY: HISTORY

- National Safe Motherhood Day is observed on April 11th in India, following a request from the White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI), which is an alliance of 1800 organisations.
- The Indian government declared this day in 2003, marking the birth anniversary of **Kasturba Gandhi**, the wife of the father of the nation, **Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi**.



Which countries are co-hosting the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023?

- A) United States and Canada
- B) Brazil and Argentina
- C) Japan and South Korea
- D) New Zealand and Australia
- E) France and Germany

Answer

D) New Zealand and Australia



Explanation

- The FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 is being co-hosted by New Zealand and Australia from 20 July to 20 August 2023
- The GirlBoss Make Your Move initiative is the first project to be announced as part of the Government's FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 leverage and legacy programme.

SPORTS



Titbits

The Fédération internationale de football association(FIFA)

Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland

Founded: 21 May 1904

President: Gianni Infantino



RANKING



Which organization has released the Freedom in the World Index for 2023?

- A) Amnesty International
- B) United Nations Human Rights Council
- C) Human Rights Watch
- D) Freedom House
- E) International Criminal Court

Answer

D) Freedom House



RANKING



Least free country

Released by : Freedom House

Rank	Country
1	Tibet, Syria, South Sudan
2	Turkmenistan
3	Eastern Donbas, Eritrea, North Korea
4	Western Sahara, Crimea
5	Equatorial Guinea
27	Indian Kashmir, Kyrgyzstan
66	India
100	Norway, Finland, Sweden

What is the name of the first-ever Real Estate Investment Trusts and Infrastructure Investment Trusts index launched by NSE Indices Ltd?

- A) Nifty Real Estate and Infrastructure Index
- B) Nifty REITs and InvITs Index
- C) Nifty Investment Trusts Index
- D) NSE Real Estate and Infrastructure Trusts Index
- E) NSE REITs and InvITs Composite Index

Answer

B) Nifty REITs and InvITs Index



Explanation

- **NSE Indices Ltd**, an arm of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) launched the country's first-ever **Real Estate Investment Trusts and Infrastructure Investment Trusts index -- Nifty REITs and InvITs Index**.
- The index aims to track the performance of REITs and InvITs that are publicly listed and traded on the NSE.
- A real estate investment trust (REIT) or an infrastructure investment trust (InvIT) is an investment vehicle that owns revenue-generating real estate or infrastructure assets.
- REITs invest in real estate projects, whereas InvITs invest in infrastructure projects with a long gestation period. Through these trusts, investors get exposure to diversified regular income-generating real estate and infrastructure assets.
- The Nifty REITs and InvITs index has a base value of 1,000 and the index will be reviewed and rebalanced on a quarterly basis.

Titbits

NSE

Abbreviation: National Stock Exchange of India Limited

Founded: 1992

Headquarters :Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman : Mr. Girish Chandra Chaturvedi

MD & CEO: Mr. Ashishkumar Chauhan

Which Japanese lender has partnered with Citibank to provide a USD 125 million funding line to IndusInd Bank?

- A) Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group
- B) Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group
- C) Mizuho Financial Group
- D) Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- E) Bank of Japan



Answer

D) Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)



Explanation

- Japanese lender **JICA** has teamed up with **Citibank** to provide a **USD 125 million** funding line to domestic private sector lender **Indusind Bank**.
- Indusind will be utilising the co-finance funding for onlending to the agricultural sector in the country
- The funding includes a **JPY 13 billion** (approx USD 97.45 million) loan from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and another **USD 30 million** from Citi to Indusind
- JICA's previous commitments to India include over **Rs 4,000 crore** support to build the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link.
- In the past, Citi has committed **USD 1 trillion** to sustainable finance by 2030, as well as expanding access to basic services for 15 million underserved and low-income households, including 10 million women

Titbits

Japan International Cooperation Agency

Abbreviation: JICA

Headquarters : Tokyo, Japan

President : Akihiko Tanaka

Founded: August 1974

Citibank, N. A

Headquarters: New York, United States

Chairman: Barbara Desoer

CEO: Sunil Garg

IndusInd Bank

Hq: Pune , Maharashtra

CEO : Sumant Kathpalia

Tagline : We make You Feel Richer, We Care DilSe

Which neo-banking platform has launched a UPI-powered app to provide faster and effortless cross-border payment experience for users?

- A) RazorpayX
- B) Niyo
- C) Open
- D) Jupiter
- E) Venlo

Answer
E) Venlo

Explanation

- Venlo, a neo-banking platform, has launched a UPI-powered app to provide faster and effortless cross-border payment experience for users.
- The app enables users, including expats and immigrants traveling to India, freelancers, tourists and small businesses, to share and spend in their respective currencies without maintaining multiple accounts, wallets or payment apps across the world.
- It is a UPI-backed wallet that allows users to have multi-currency bank accounts and spend locally through UPI in India.
- Kushal Prakash who founded the Pune headquartered neobank in 2021 with an aim to disrupt cross-border payments and create a borderless banking mechanism across countries through UPI (unified payment interface).

What facility has ICICI Bank introduced for UPI payments made by scanning QR code?

- A) Cashback offers
- B) Rewards points
- C) Easy EMI facility
- D) Mobile recharge facility
- E) Discount vouchers

Answer

C) Easy EMI facility



ICICI Bank

Convert UPI payments into EMI by scanning a QR Code

-  Available on PayLater Bank's 'buy now, pay later' service
-  First-of-its-kind facility
-  Flexible EMI options of 3, 6 or 9 months

T&C Apply

Explanation

- ICICI Bank announced that it has introduced easy EMI facility for UPI payments made by scanning QR code. Customers eligible for PayLater, the Bank's 'buy now, pay later' service can avail of the EMI facility in an instant, easy and seamless manner.
- This first-of-its-kind facility enhances affordability of lakhs of the Bank's customers as they can now instantly buy products or services just by scanning the required merchant QR code at a store and making payments in EMIs.
- The facility can be availed across a host of categories such as electronics, groceries, fashion apparels, travel and hotel bookings. Customers can pay transaction amount above ₹10,000 in easy instalments in three, six or nine months. The EMI facility for PayLater will shortly be extended for online shopping as well
- ICICI Bank was the first bank to introduce PayLater facility in 2018 to enable customers to buy small ticket items immediately in a completely digital and paperless manner. PayLater facility enables customers to shop online, pay bills and pay to any merchant UPI ID at physical stores instantly

BANKING AND FINANCE



Titbits

ICICI Bank

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO : SandeepBakshi

Tagline : Hum Hai Na, KhayalApka

APPOINTMENTS



Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Tripura High Court by the President of India?

- A) Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh
- B) Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka
- C) Justice Sanjib Banerjee
- D) Justice Vikram Nath
- E) Justice Mohammad Rafiq

Answer

A) Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- The President of India appointed the judge of Jharkhand High Court Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh as Chief Justice of Tripura High Court
- The collegium proposed the appointment of Justice Jaswant Singh, a judge of the Orissa High Court, as the Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court on January 25 last but within a week of his joining Justice Singh got retired from the service on Feb 22 last.
- Thereafter the collegium recommended the appointment of Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh as Chief Justice of Tripura High Court.
- The post of Chief Justice at the Tripura High Court has been lying vacant since the retirement of Justice Indrajit Mahanty on November 10 last year

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Tripura

Capital : Agartala

CM : Manik Saha

Governor : Satyadev Narayan Arya



Which drone start-up has become the first drone company to receive Agri Drone Subsidy for their agricultural drones?

- A) Alpha Drones
- B) Skyroot Aerospace
- C) Garuda Aerospace
- D) Drone Aerospace Systems
- E) Drone Aviation

Answer

C) Garuda Aerospace

Explanation

- Chennai-based drone start-up Garuda Aerospace has become the first drone company to receive Agri Drone Subsidy for their agricultural drones.
- This subsidy is part of the Indian government's efforts to promote the use of agricultural drones. Garuda Kisan Drones were given to eight farmers under the Agri-drone subsidy at an event held in Pune
- This subsidy is just one of many initiatives launched by the Union government to support the development of India's drone industry. This will benefit farmers not only by making their jobs easier and more efficient, but it will also help to increase agricultural productivity and reduce food waste

Titbits

Garuda Aerospace

Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Founder & CEO: Agnishwar Jayaprakash.

Which country has developed a new domestically-built suicide drone capable of destroying targets within a range of 450 kilometers?

- A) Russia
- B) Iran
- C) China
- D) North Korea
- E) India

Answer
B) Iran



Explanation

- The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Ground Force has developed a new domestically-build suicide drone which can destroy targets within a range of 450 kilometers.
- the unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), dubbed Me'raj 532, with a piston engine has a one-way range of 450 kilometers.
- The kamikaze drone, which designed and manufactured by young Iranian experts, he added, is capable of flying up to a height of 12,000 feet for 3 hours and taking off from a vehicle

Titbits

Iran

Capital : Tehran

Currency : Rial

President: Ebrahim Raisi

Which organization has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Odisha's agriculture department to improve nutritional value across the food chain?

- A) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi
- B) Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore
- C) Indian School of Business (ISB)
- D) National Institute of Nutrition (NIN)
- E) National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE)

Answer

C) Indian School of Business (ISB)

Explanation

- **Indian School of Business (ISB) and Odisha's agriculture department** signed a Memorandum of Agreement to collaborate on improving nutritional value across the food chain. The collaboration agreement was signed in the presence of agriculture minister Ranendra Pratap Swain.
- The collaboration has two major objectives - to improve nutrition outcomes through strengthening agriculture-nutrition convergence with a focus on fruits and vegetables and animal-source foods and to establish a climate resilience support cell that will facilitate the building of a sustainable and climate-resilient agriculture sector

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Odisha

Capital : Bhubaneswar

Chief Minister - Naveen Patnaik

Governor - Ganeshi Lal

Who launched the 'Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project' of Varanasi during his visit to Uganda's Kampala?

- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B) Home Minister Amit Shah
- C) External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar
- D) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman
- E) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

Answer

C) External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar



Explanation

- **External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar** launched the 'Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project' of Varanasi, during his visit to **Uganda's Kampala**.
- Jaishankar, who is on a three-day visit to Uganda
- Uganda was endorsed to chair the Non-Aligned Movement on behalf of Africa for the period from 2022 to 2025
- From April 13-15, Jaishankar will visit Mozambique. During the visit, he will meet Mozambique's top leadership and co-chair the 5th Session of the Joint Commission Meeting with Mozambican Foreign Minister Veronica Macamo.

Titbits

External Affairs

Ministry : Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
constituency : MP Rajyasabha from Gujarat

Uganda

President: Yoweri Museveni
Capital: Kampala
Currency: Ugandan shilling
Prime minister: Robinah Nabbanja

With which organization has the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) collaborated to develop a touchless biometric capture system?

- A) Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi
- B) Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Kolkata
- C) Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur
- D) Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay
- E) Indian Institute of Technology-Madras

Answer

D) Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay

Explanation

- The **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** has joined hands with the **Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-Bombay)** to develop a robust touchless biometric capture system for easier usage anytime and anywhere
- The touchless biometric capture system, once developed and operational, will allow fingerprint authentication from home like face authentication.
- The collaboration between UIDAI and IIT Bombay through its **National Centre of Excellence in Technology for Internal Security (NCETIS)** will lead to joint engagement in research and development (R&D) for the development of a system for UIDAI.
- The NCETIS is a joint initiative by IIT Bombay and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), under its flagship Digital India Programme

Titbits

Unique Identification Authority Of India(UIDAI)

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

CEO: Saurabh Garg

Launch year: 2009

Which state will be launched 'Mukhyamantri Vidyarthi Protsahan Yojna' providing educational loans to underprivileged students at the rate of one per cent to enable them pursue higher and professional studies?

- A) Assam
- B) Arunachal Pradesh
- C) Himachal Pradesh
- D) Manipur
- E) Nagaland

Answer

C) Himachal Pradesh

Explanation

- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said the '**Mukhyamantri Vidyarthi Protsahan Yojna**' providing educational loans to underprivileged students at the rate of one per cent to enable them pursue higher and professional studies will be launched in the current financial year.
- The state government has proposed **Rs 200 crore** under the scheme which aims to provide eligible poor children (**families having income of less than Rs 3 lakh per annum**) with education loans through financial institutions or banks at an interest rate of one per cent
- The loan will help the students cover the charges of tuition, accommodation, books, and other allied expenses associated with their education

Explanation

- The scheme covers a wide range of professional courses, including engineering, medical, management, PhD courses from ITIs, Polytechnic, B Pharmacy, nursing, General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM), among others
- a subsidy of Rs 25,000 will be provided to 20,000 meritorious girl students, above 18 years of age, studying in government institutions, to purchase electric scooties

Titbits

Himachal Pradesh

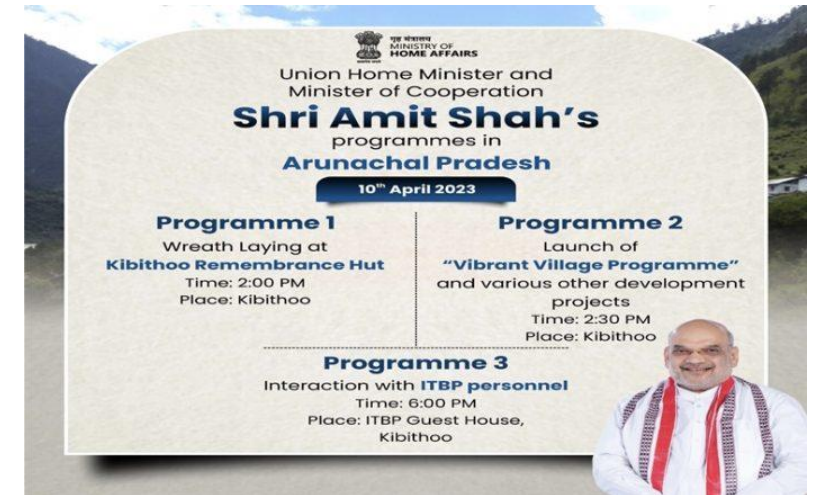
Capital : Shimla

CM : Jai Ram Thakur

Governor : Shiv Pratap Shukla

What is the name of the programme launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Arunachal Pradesh?

- A) Clean Village Programme
- B) Smart Village Programme
- C) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- D) Vibrant Villages Programme
- E) Sustainable Village Development Programme



Answer

D) Vibrant Villages Programme

Explanation

- **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** launched the 'vibrant villages programme' in Arunachal Pradesh bordering China. He is visiting Arunachal Pradesh days after China renamed 11 places in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The scheme has a central component of **₹4,800 crore**, including ₹2,500 crore exclusively for road connectivity, for financial years 2022-23 to 2025-26.
- The 'vibrant villages programme' was earlier approved by the Centre under which 2,967 villages in 46 blocks of 19 districts abutting the northern border in the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh and Union Territory of Ladakh have been identified for comprehensive development

Explanation

- **In the first phase, 662 villages have been identified for priority on coverage, which includes 455 villages in Arunachal Pradesh.**
- Shah also inaugurated 9 micro hydel projects of Arunachal Government and 14 infrastructure projects **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** worth Rs.120 crore.
- The home minister is on a two-day visit of the northeastern state and will be inaugurating a number of projects in the region, including nine micro hydel plants constructed under the 'Golden Jubilee Border Illumination Programme.'

Titbits

Home Affairs and Cooperation

Minister : Amit Shah

constituency : Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Arunachal Pradesh

Capital : Itanagar

CM : Pema Khandu

Governor : Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik

Who launched the Unified Portal of the Central Bureau of Narcotics?

- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B) Home Minister Amit Shah
- C) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman
- D) Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra
- E) Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur



Answer

D) Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra

Explanation

- **The Unified Portal of the Central Bureau of Narcotics** was launched by the **Revenue Secretary Shri Sanjay Malhotra** in the presence of the Additional Secretary (Revenue) Shri Vivek Aggarwal, Narcotics Commissioner Shri Dinesh Kumar Bouddh, and other officers Shri Anil Ramteke, Chief Controller of Factories, Shri Vinod Kumar, Director (NC) and representative stakeholders from the pharma industries.
- The Central Bureau of Narcotics has taken measures to strengthen the vision of Digital India in the period of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' by developing and unleashing the unified portal as one step solution for user industry to facilitate the licensing and ExIM authorizations issued by the Bureau

Explanation

- Central Bureau of Narcotics is a central government organization dealing with the international trade of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances, and Precursor Chemicals under the ambit of various United Nations Conventions and the provisions of NDPS Act, 1985.

Titbits

Central Bureau of Narcotics

Founded: November 1950

Headquarters: Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

Narcotics Commissioner of India: Mr. Dinesh Bouddh

IRS

Which Indian state's Governor has recently approved a Bill to ban online gambling, including online rummy and poker with stakes?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Kerala
- D) Karnataka
- E) Gujarat

Answer

B) Tamil Nadu

Explanation

- Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi approved a Bill to ban online gambling, including online rummy and poker with stakes
- Last month, the Governor returned the Bill after 131 days since it was passed in the Assembly. However, for the second time, the Assembly passed it again and for Governor's approval.
- On September 26, 2022, the Tamil Nadu Cabinet headed by Chief Minister MK Stalin approved an Ordinance to ban online gaming in the State. An ordinance is promulgated after getting the Governor's consent.
- Raj Bhavan returns Bill banning online Rummy to TN govt
- The Indian gaming market is projected to grow from \$2.2 billion currently to \$7 billion by 2026. With three gaming unicorns, 400-plus gaming companies, 15,000-plus gaming developers, and around 420 million gamers in the fray, the Indian gaming industry holds huge potential, say industry sources

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Tamil Nadu

Capital : Chennai

CM : Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin

Governor : RN Ravi

QUICK RECALL



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QUICK RECALL



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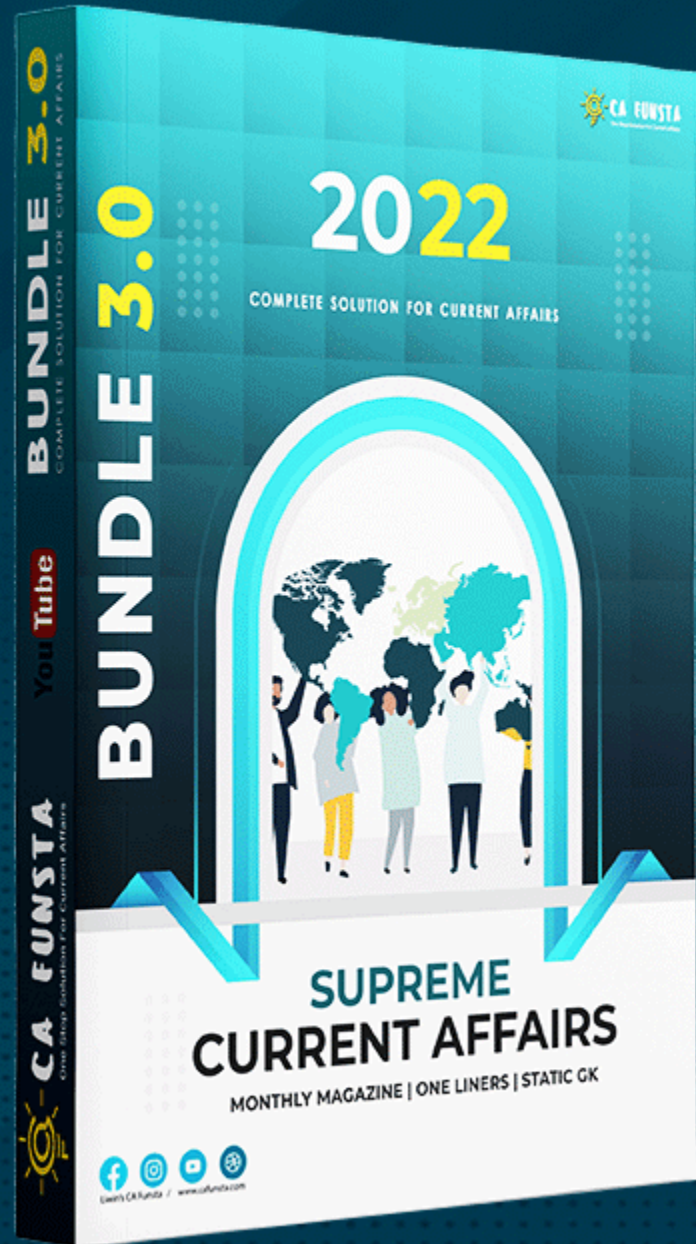
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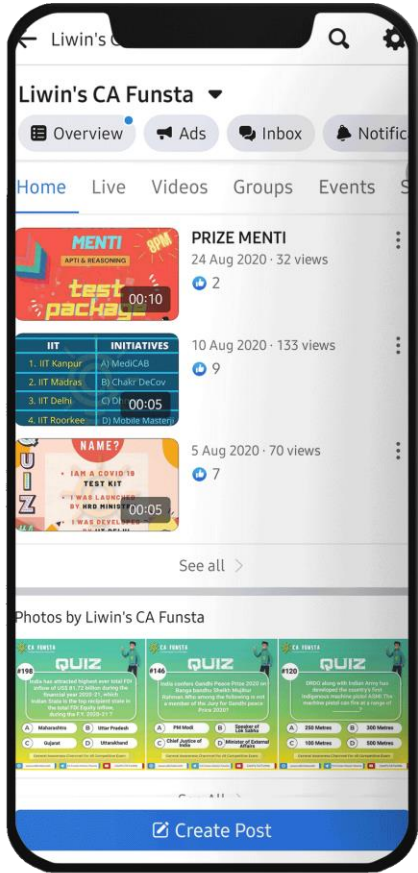
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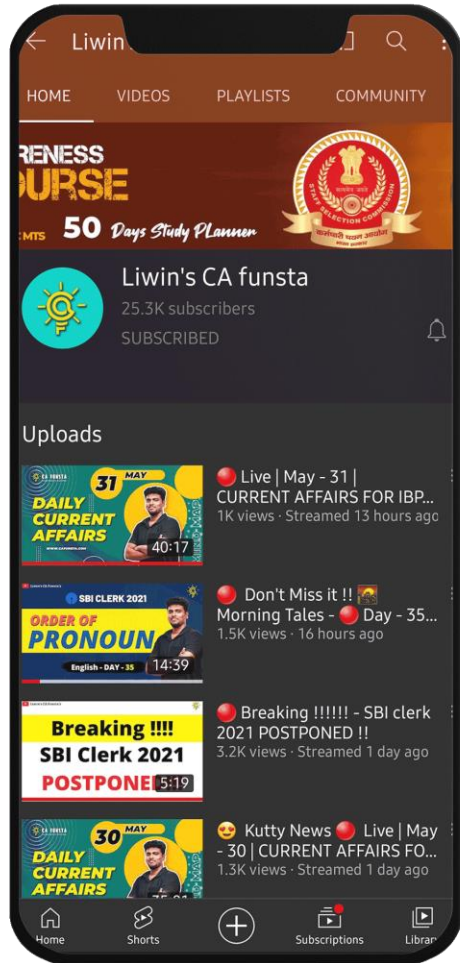
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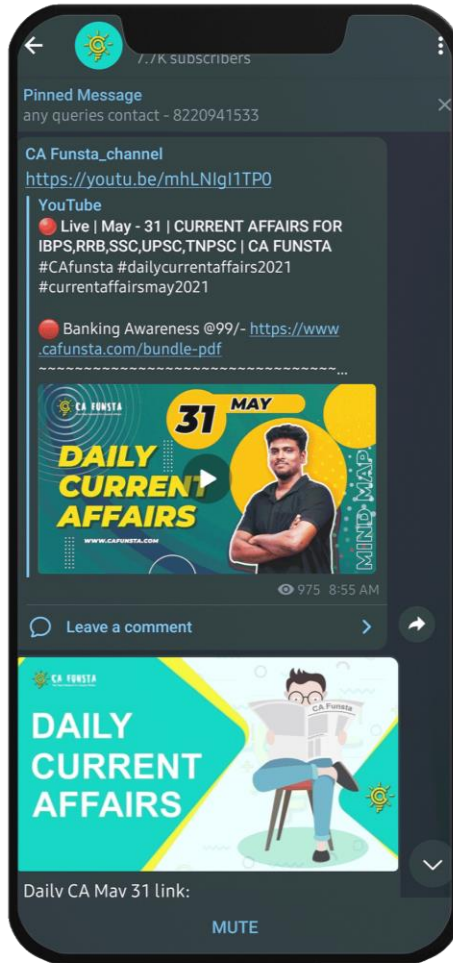
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