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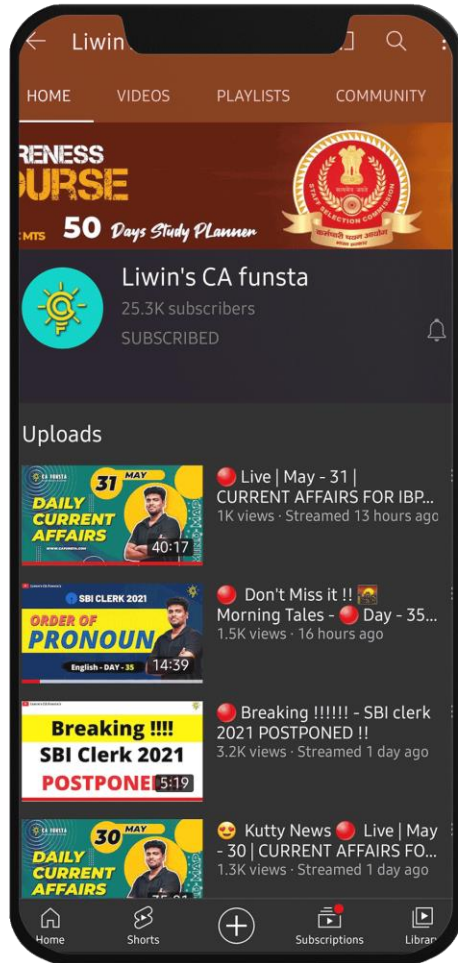
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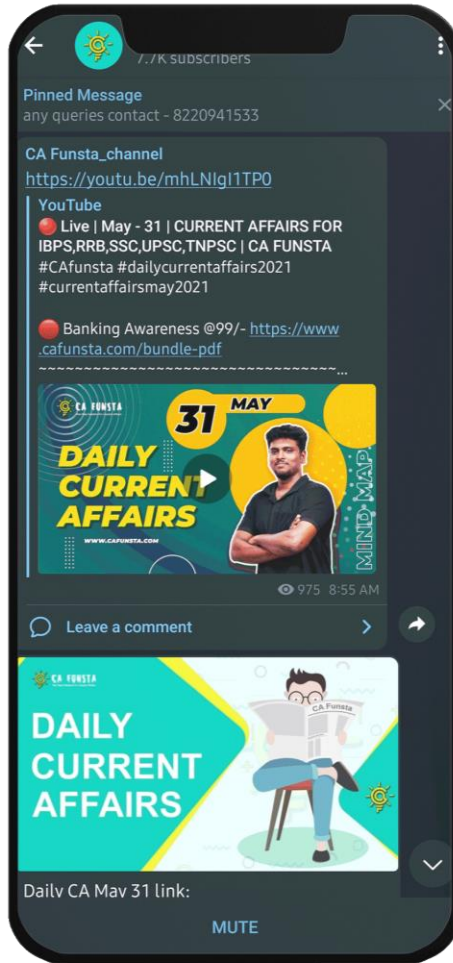
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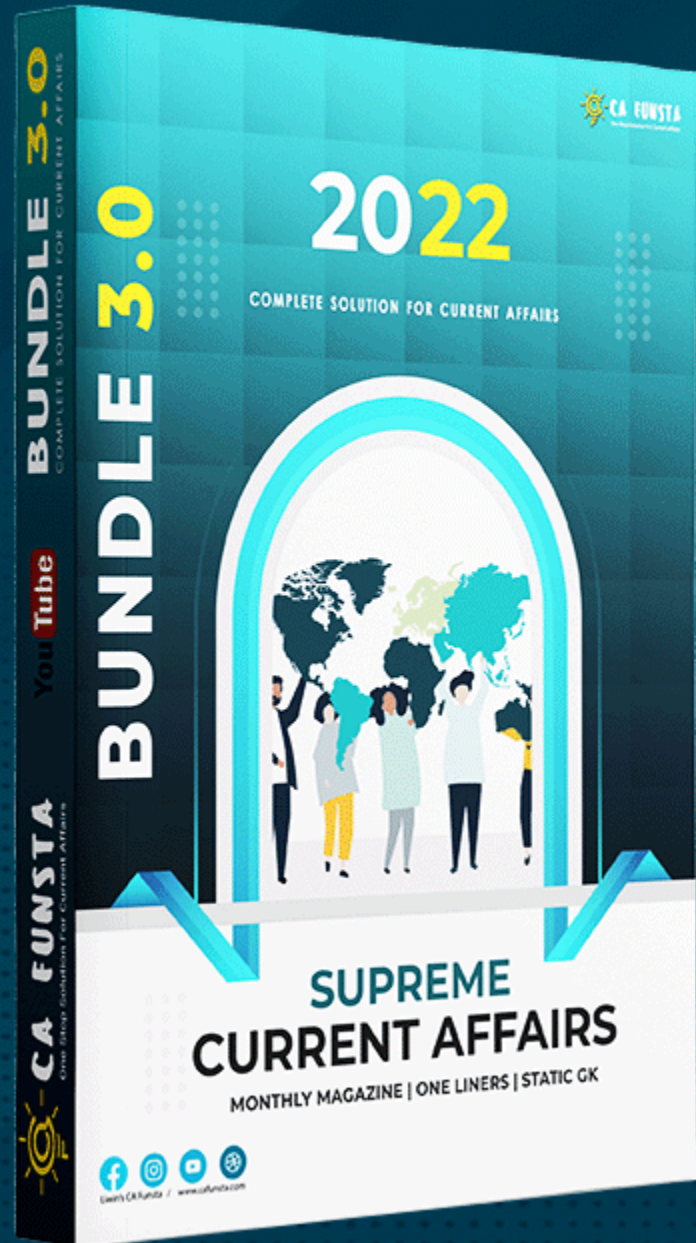


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Important Days

When is Siachen Day observed?

- A) April 11
- B) April 12
- C) April 13
- D) April 14
- E) April 15

Answer
C) April 13



Important Days



Explanation

- Indian Army marks Siachen Day on April 13 every year. The day is observed to commemorate the courage of the Indian Army under "Operation Meghdoot". The Day also honours Siachen Warriors serving their motherland successfully from the enemy.
- Edition: 39th

Important Days



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF STREET CHILDREN

- Every year **on April 12th**, International Day for Street Children provides a voice for children that live on the street so their rights cannot be ignored. The day provides opportunities for human rights organizations to spread awareness for the number of street children throughout the world.
- The CSC launched the first International Day for Street Children on **April 12th, 2011**.

SPORTS



What countries have confirmed the stadiums for the European Championship in 2028?

- A) Italy And Spain
- B) Germany And France
- C) Portugal And Netherlands
- D) Britain And Ireland
- E) Belgium And Switzerland

Answer

D) Britain And Ireland



Explanation

- **Britain and Ireland** confirmed the 10 stadiums they would use to stage the European Championship in **2028**, but their joint bid submitted excluded Manchester United's Old Trafford and Liverpool's Anfield.
- The proposal by the football associations of England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales included Wembley Stadium, Tottenham Hotspur Stadium and Cardiff's Principality Stadium.

Titbits

- UK & Ireland Euro 2028 host stadiums
 - Wembley Stadium (London) (capacity 90,652)
 - Principality Stadium (Cardiff) (73,952)
 - Tottenham Hotspur Stadium (London) (62,322)
 - Etihad Stadium (Manchester) (61,000)
 - Everton Stadium (Liverpool) (52,679)
 - St James' Park (Newcastle) (52,305)
 - Villa Park (Birmingham) (52,190)
 - Hampden Park (Glasgow) (52,032)
 - Aviva Stadium (Dublin) (51,711)
 - Casement Park (Belfast) (34,500)

What is the name of the public sector lender that has set up a separate vertical for start-ups?

- A) UCO Bank
- B) Indian Bank
- C) Bank of Baroda
- D) Canara Bank
- E) State Bank of India

Answer
D) Canara Bank



Explanation

- Public sector lender Canara Bank has set up a separate vertical to attend to needs of start-ups, and is in talks with over 60 such entities.
- The lender is planning to open five start-up-specific branches in the current financial year

Titbits

Canara Bank

Hq: Bengaluru, Karnataka

MD and CEO :K. Satyanarayana Raju

Tagline : Together we can

Which companies are collaborating to set up India's first green aviation fuel firm?

- A) Indian Oil And Reliance Industries
- B) Indian Oil And Tata Group
- C) Indian Oil And Adani Group
- D) Indian Oil And Lanzajet
- E) Indian Oil And Essar Group

Answer

D) Indian Oil And Lanzajet



Explanation

- **Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL)** is planning to set up a joint venture (JV) with US-based clean energy technology company **LanzaJet Inc**, and domestic airlines for production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF).
- Through the proposed venture, a plant will be set up to make SAF with alcohol-to-jet technology at IOCL's Panipat refinery in Haryana at a cost of **Rs 3,000 crore**. The proposed plant will convert corn-based, cellulosic, or sugar-based ethanol into SAF, and would have an initial capacity to produce 85,000 tonne of fuel annually. SAF is a biofuel with properties similar to conventional jet fuel, but has a smaller carbon footprint.

Explanation

- In accordance with the devised structure of the new company, IOCL will hold 50 percent stake while LanzaJet Inc will hold 25 percent, while the remaining 25 percent stake is reserved for airline companies, wherein multiple airline companies could be offered between two to five percent stake. Further, the airlines are being roped in to ensure fuel offtake

Titbits

Indian Oil Corporation Ltd

Chairman : Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

Headquarters : New Delhi

What organization did India sign an MoU with for sending wheat to Afghanistan?

- A) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- B) World Health Organization (WHO)
- C) World Food Programme (WFP)
- D) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- E) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Answer

C) World Food Programme (WFP)

Explanation

- India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Food Programme (WFP) paving the way for sending 10,000 metric tonnes of wheat for the people of Afghanistan.
- The signing ceremony between officials of the Ministry of External Affairs and the United Nations WFP was held in Mumbai where the WFP assured that it had the required infrastructure on the ground to ensure speedy delivery of wheat to the most vulnerable sections of the Afghan population

Titbits

UNWEP

Abbreviation: United Nations World Food Programme

Founded: 1961

Headquarters: Rome, Italy

Head: Cindy McCain

Afghanistan

Capital : Kabul

Currency : Afghan Afghani

What is the name of the Indian military branch that conducted the joint exercise with the Indian Air Force?

- A) Indian Navy
- B) Indian Army
- C) Indian Coast Guard
- D) Indian Border Security Force
- E) Indian National Security Guard

Answer
B) Indian Army



Explanation

- the Army and the Indian Air Force (IAF) jointly conducted a multi-domain exercise in the eastern sector to validate joint plans for strategic airlift of specialised forces employing IAF aircraft and helicopters by landing and dropping in designated areas for undertaking kinetic actions to provide surge to ongoing operations by regular land forces
- **As part of this, C-17 Globemasters, Chinooks and Mi-17 helicopters undertook multi-mode insertion into designated greenfield landing zones with surgical precision, the source stated.**
- Paratroopers from the Army's Shatrujeeet Brigade conducted special heliborne operations with the aim of validating their ability to rapidly deploy into hostile environment using Chinooks and Mi-17 helicopters to augment the capability of the regular ground forces

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



What is the name of the programme launched by the Uttarakhand CM to strengthen livestock-related activities?

- A) A-GROW
- B) A-LIV
- C) A-CARE
- D) A-HELP
- E) A-PETS

**Answer
D) A-HELP**



Explanation

- The Chief Minister of **Uttarakhand**, Mr. Pushkar Singh Dhami launched '**A-HELP**' (**Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production**) programme in the State of Uttarakhand.
- Under this program trained A-HELPS will give their vital contribution in preventing various infectious diseases of animals, artificial insemination under Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM), tagging of animals and animal insurance
- **The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) has launched the novel initiative through an MoU signed between DAHD and the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) under the Department of Rural Development (DoRD), Govt. of India.** The primary responsibility of an A-HELP worker is to address the healthcare needs of the livestock population in a village. The programme was successfully piloted in State of Madhya Pradesh and J&K (UT).

Titbits

Uttarakhand

Capital : Dehradun(Winter), Gairsain(Summer)

CM : Pushkar Singh Dhami

Governor : Gurmit Singh

Where will the SCO millet food festival be held?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Mumbai
- C) Kolkata
- D) Chennai
- E) Bengaluru

Answer
B) Mumbai



Explanation

- **A millet food festival** will be held in **Mumbai** from April 13-19 where chefs from four of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member countries** -- Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Russia -- will showcase their various cuisines
- The SCO Millet Food Festival will be organised at the Taj Mahal Palace hotel by the Ministry of Tourism
- **The SCO is an intergovernmental organisation comprising eight member states, China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, four observer states and fourteen dialogue partners.**
- **India is hosting presidency of SCO for the year 2023.**
- The Ministry of Tourism has successfully completed SCO Tourism Mart from February 9-11, SCO Expert Level Tourism Working Group Meeting and SCO Tourism Minister's Meeting in Kashi (Varanasi) from March 13-18.

India's first semi-high-speed regional rail services have been named 'RAPIDX' by which organisation?

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

Answer
E) NCRTC

Explanation

- India's first semi-high-speed regional rail services have been named 'RAPIDX' by the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)
- The trains will run on the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridors, being implemented to connect key urban nodes across the National Capital Region (NCR)
- The brand name has been chosen as 'RAPIDX' since it is easy to read and simple to pronounce in various languages
- The RAPIDX services on the first Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor will bring down the travel time between Delhi to Meerut significantly
- The NCRTC is targeting to commission the entire Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor for the public by 2025.

Titbits

The National Capital Region Transport Corporation

Founded: 2003

Headquarters: GatiShakti Bhawan, INA, Delhi

Managing Director: Vinay Kumar Singh

QUICK RECALL



- **Indian Army marks Siachen Day on April 13 every year**
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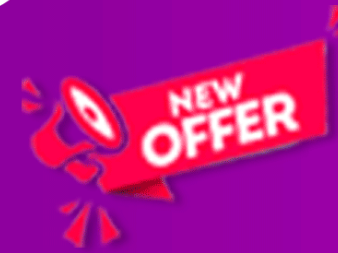


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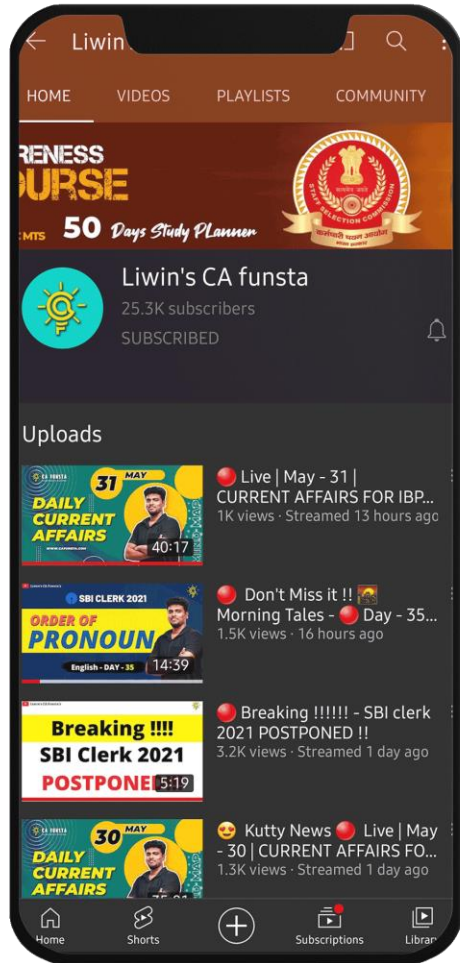
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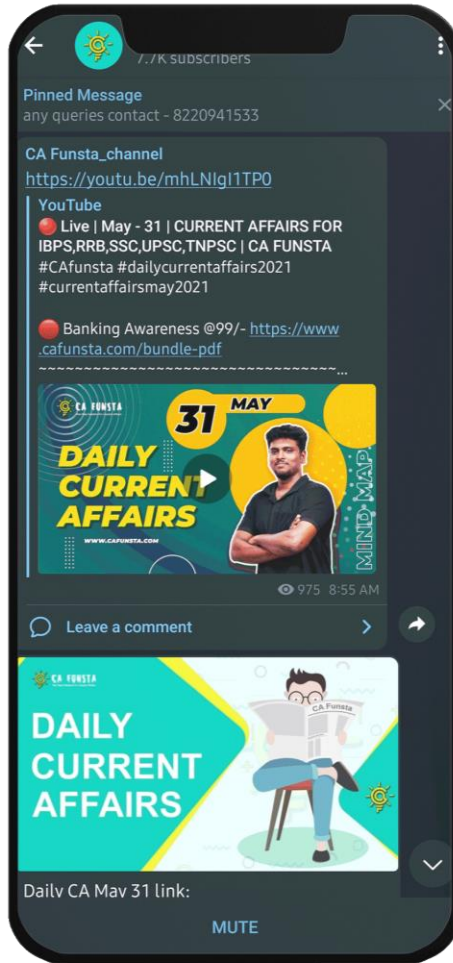
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