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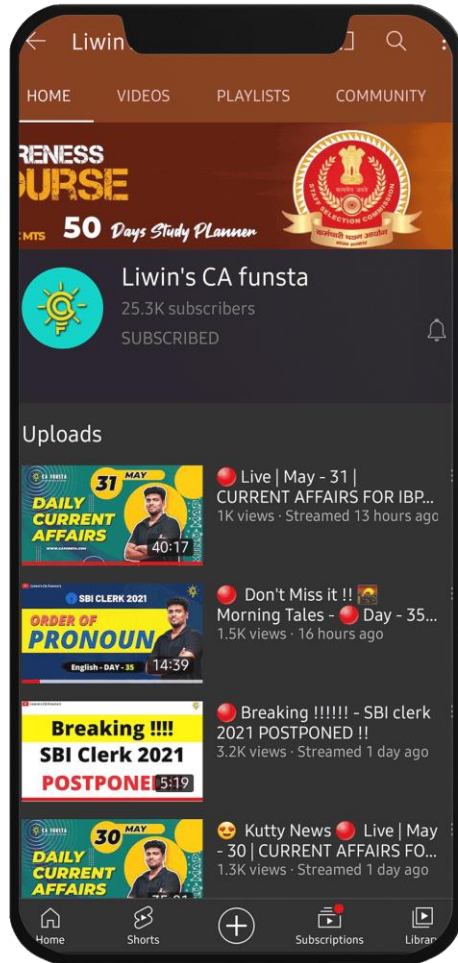


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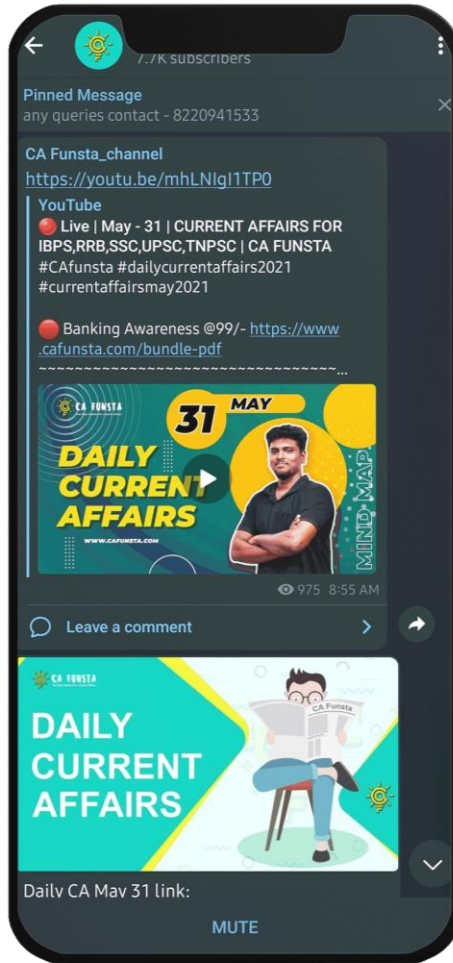
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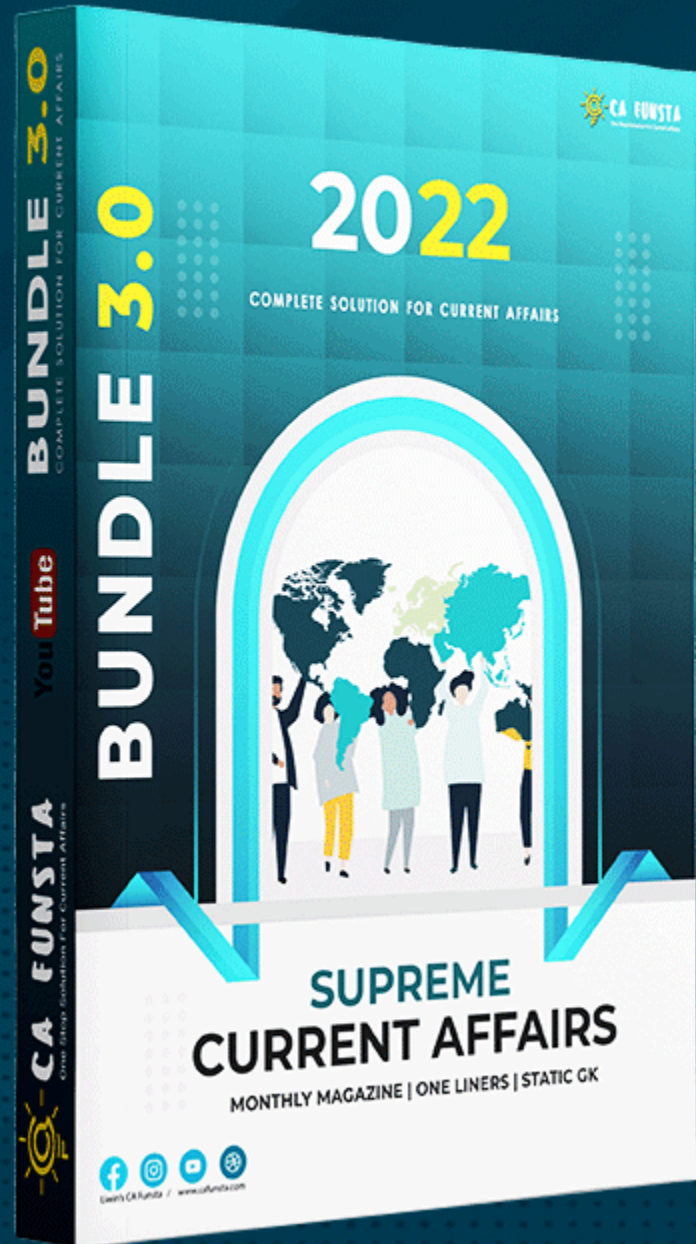


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Important Days



Which day is observed as National Fire Service Day in India?

- A) April 14th
- B) March 20th
- C) June 5th
- D) September 5th
- E) October 2nd

Answer

A) April 14th



Important Days



Explanation

- April 14th is observed as **National Fire Service Day**
- National Fire Service Day commemorates the 71 Fire Service personnel who lost their lives during an unfortunate and massive explosion at Mumbai dockyard on April 14, 1944.
- This year the theme of the National Fire Service Day is "**Learn Fire Safety, Increase Productivity**".
- Additionally, Fire service week is observed from April 14 to April 20 throughout India to spread awareness among the public regarding fire safety.

Important Days



World Chagas Disease Day

- The World Health Organization (WHO) is observing World Chagas Disease Day **April 14, 2023** to raise awareness about this little-known disease that affects millions every year, especially the poor population and people in Latin America.
- In 2019, the 72nd World Health Assembly dedicated this day to the disease.
- This year's theme is **“time to integrate Chagas disease into primary health care”**.

Who won Men's Singles title in the Asian under14 tennis tournament at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar?

- A) Womin Kim
- B) Shivtej Shirfule
- C) Min Hyuk Cho
- D) Ryu Kotikula
- E) Dharma Pantaratorn

Answer
A) Womin Kim



Explanation

- Asian under14 tennis tournament at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar

	Winner	Runner
Boy singles	Womin Kim (Korea)	Shivtej Shirfule(India)
Girl Singles	Yeri Hong (Korea)	Eva Korysheva (Kazakhstan)

Which financial institution has launched a pilot scheme for better financing terms in the electric vehicle space and strengthening the ecosystem?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- C) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- D) Industrial Development Bank of India
- E) State Bank of India

Answer

B) Small Industries Development Bank of India

Explanation

- **Small Industries Development Bank of India** has announced the launch of a pilot scheme for better financing terms in electric vehicle space and strengthening the whole ecosystem.
- The pilot phase of 'Mission 50K-EV4ECO' aims at strengthening the EV ecosystem, including uptake for two, three and four-wheelers through direct and indirect lending
- The pilot scheme, which is the precursor to EVOLVE scheme by SIDBI-World Bank, has two components -- direct lending and indirect lending.
- This pilot will be followed by scaling up support to the ecosystem from multilateral support
- Electric two- and three-wheelers offer the greatest potential for EV adoption in India, accounting for 79 per cent of passenger road activity, and are already cost-competitive relative to conventional vehicles

Titbits

SIDBI

Abbreviation: Small Industries Development Bank of India

Establishment – 2nd April 1990

Headquarters – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Chairman & Managing Director – Sivasubramanian Ramann

Which card was launched by Chennai Metro Rail Ltd in association with SBI as a part of the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) scheme?

- A) Maha Mumbai Metro Card
- B) Hyderabad Metro Rail Smart Card
- C) Delhi Metro Smart Card
- D) Kolkata Metro Smart Card
- E) Singara Chennai Card

Answer

E) Singara Chennai Card



Explanation

- **Chennai Metro Rail Ltd** launched the Singara Chennai Card (NCCM – National Common Mobility Card) in association with SBI (banking partner).
- Currently, the Singara Chennai cards can be used in Chennai metro stations, and at other metros that accept RuPay NCCM cards, including the MMRDA Mumbai Line 2A & 7; Bangalore Metro; Delhi Metro Airport Line; Kanpur Metro; and for BEST Buses in Mumbai and Kadamba Transport Buses in Goa.
- The technology for the RuPay NCCM cards has been developed by the National Payments Corporation of India

Explanation

- A unique feature of the card is its Stored Value Area which can store a maximum amount of Rs 2,000 that can be used for ticket purchase in the offline mode.
- Paycraft, a payments company, will managing the end-to-end ticketing system for Chennai Metro
- This will be the second ticketing system to be launched by Paycraft within a year, following its successful launch on the Pune Metro

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Canara Bank has collaborated with which organization to introduce Cross Border Bill Payments for the Indian diaspora in Oman?

- A) NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd
- B) Reserve Bank of India
- C) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- D) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
- E) Ministry of Finance

Answer

A) NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd



Explanation

- NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd. (NBBL), in association with Canara Bank, announced the launch of Cross Border Inward Bill Payments services for Indians based in Oman.
- This initiative signifies a milestone for Canara Bank as the first public sector bank in India to offer inbound cross-border bill payments through BBPS.
- With this development, Indians living in Oman will now be able to make quick, simple, and secure payments on bills for services back home

Titbits

Canara Bank

Hq: Bengaluru, Karnataka

MD and CEO :K. Satyanarayana Raju

Tagline : Together we can

NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Found: 13 September 2022

CEO: Ms Noopur Chaturvedi

Which Indian company has received approval from the Investment Board of Nepal to build a 669 MW hydro project in Nepal?

- A) National Hydroelectric Power Corporation
- B) Power Grid Corporation of India
- C) Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam
- D) NTPC Limited
- E) NHPC Limited



Answer

C) Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam

Explanation

- The Investment Board of Nepal has approved the investment proposal from **India's Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN)** to build a **669 Mega Watt Lower Arun Hydro project in Nepal**.
- The investment proposal from SJVN worth **92.68 billion Nepali Rupees** was given approval in the 53rd meeting of the Investment Board chaired by Nepal's Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal
- This is the third project undertaken, all through negotiation windows, on the Arun River after the 900 MW Arun-III and 695 MW Arun-IV hydroelectricity projects. The three projects will generate nearly 2,300 MW of electricity from the river in the Sankhuwasabha district

Explanation

- Earlier, the Investment Board of Nepal and India's SJVN signed an agreement for the development of the Arun-III hydropower project in **November 2014** according to which Nepal will receive Rs 348 billion over 25 years.
- In addition, the project developer will also provide 21.9 per cent of energy generated free of cost, which is worth 155 billion Nepali Rupees and another 107 billion Nepali Rupees in royalties.

Titbits

Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam

Headquarters: Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

Chairman & MD: Nand Lal Sharma

Nepal

Capital : Kathmandu

Currency : Rupee

President: Ram Chandra Poudel

Prime Minister: Pushpa Kamal Dahal

What is the name of the new intercontinental ballistic missile that North Korea claims to have successfully test-launched recently?

- A) Hwasong-16
- B) Hwasong-17
- C) Hwasong-18
- D) Hwasong-19
- E) Hwasong-20

Answer

C) Hwasong-18



Explanation

- **North Korea** said its latest weapons test was of a "solid-fuel" intercontinental ballistic missile, with leader Kim Jong Un saying it marked a major step in Pyongyang's capacity to conduct a nuclear counterstrike
- The new "**Hwasung-18**" ICBM was test fired on Thursday as the key means of strategic military force
- All of Pyongyang's known intercontinental ballistic missiles are liquid-fuelled, and solid-fuel ICBMs that can be launched from land or submarines have long been at the top of Kim's wish list.

Titbits

North Korea

Capital: Pyongyang

Currency: North Korean won

President: Kim Jong-un

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



India and which country have agreed to increase cooperation in the field of renewable energy, shipping, ports, tourism, infrastructure, food processing, pharmaceuticals and the defence sector?

- A) Spain
- B) New Zealand
- C) Australia
- D) USA
- E) UK

Answer
A) Spain

Explanation

- India and Spain have agreed to increase cooperation in the field of renewable energy, shipping, ports, tourism, infrastructure, food processing, pharmaceuticals and the defence sector
- The issue was discussed in a meeting between Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal and Xiana Mendez, Secretary of State for Trade, Government of Spain
- Both co-chaired the 12th Session of the India-Spain Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC) on April 13
- Also, Japan, India and France announced a common platform for talks among bilateral creditors to coordinate restructuring of Sri Lanka's debt, a move they hope would serve as a model for solving the debt woes of middle-income economies.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Spain

Capital: Madrid

Prime minister: Pedro Sánchez

Currency: Euro



Which country hosted the first Joint Working Group meeting on Chabahar Port?

- A) Iran
- B) India
- C) Afghanistan
- D) Pakistan
- E) United Arab Emirates

Answer
B) India

Explanation

- India hosted the first Joint Working Group meeting on Chabahar Port.
- In the meeting, India and the Central Asian countries affirmed that connectivity initiatives should adhere to global norms, transparency, local priorities, financial stability and respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries.
- The meeting organized by India in Mumbai on April 12 and 13.
- The first meeting of the India-Central Asia Joint Working Group (JWG) on the Chabahar port was chaired by **Dammu Ravi**, the Secretary (Economic Relations) in the Ministry of External Affairs, and attended by deputy ministers and senior officials from Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan

How much did it cost to build the first AIIMS in the Northeast, which was recently dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- A) ₹ 112 crore
- B) ₹ 223 crore
- C) ₹ 567 crore
- D) ₹ 892 crore
- E) ₹ 1,123 crore

Answer

E) ₹ 1,123 crore



Explanation

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the first AIIMS in the **Northeast in Assam's Guwahati**, built at a cost of **₹ 1,123 crore**, to the nation.
- The super-speciality hospital will provide healthcare not only to people in Assam but also to other northeastern states.
- He also virtually inaugurated three medical colleges at Nalbari, Nagaon and Kokrajhar
- He also laid the foundation of the **₹ 546 crore Assam Advanced Healthcare Innovation Institute (AAHII)**, a joint initiative of the state government and IIT Guwahati.

Explanation

- AAHII aims to promote inventions and innovations in medicine and healthcare, nurturing multidisciplinary research and development in frontier areas of medicine by marrying engineering with healthcare.
- The Prime Minister also launched the distribution of **1.1 crore Ayushman cards** to beneficiaries who will be able to avail cashless healthcare medical treatment benefits up to ₹ five lakh with these cards.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Assam

Capital : Dispur

CM : Himanta Biswa Sarma

Governor : Shri Gulab Chand Kataria

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



On the occasion of the 132nd birth anniversary of social reformer B R Ambedkar, which city flagged off a special tourist train that will take passengers to cities associated with Ambedkar across the country?

- A) Kolkata
- B) Mumbai
- C) Delhi
- D) Chennai
- E) Bangalore

**Answer
C) Delhi**



Explanation

- A special tourist train that will take passengers to cities associated with social reformer B R Ambedkar across the country was flagged off from Delhi, marking his 132nd birth anniversary.
- The **Bharat Gaurav tourist train tour on Ambedkar Circuit** was flagged off by Union Minister of Tourism G Kishan Reddy and Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Virendra Kumar from the **Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station**.
- The special train will take passengers on a seven nights and eight days tour and include key sites in Maharashtra and Bihar.
- Bharat Gaurav, a tourist train launch, is in line with the central government initiative "**Dekho Apna Desh**" to promote special interest circuits in domestic tourism

Where was the 2nd Women 20 (W20) International Meeting held?

- A) New Delhi, Delhi
- B) Tokyo, Japan
- C) Sydney, Australia
- D) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- E) Paris, France

Answer

D) Jaipur, Rajasthan



Explanation

- The 2nd Women 20 (W20) International Meeting will be held at Jaipur in Rajasthan
- The event will commence with “**Jan Bhagidari- The Women Journey of Women Empowerment,**” Union Minister of State, Culture, Shri. Arjun Ram Meghwal is the Chief guest of the event
- The meeting will focus on the theme of “**Women Led Development Leverage Women’s Untapped Potential to Accelerate Inclusive and Sustainable Future.**”
- India’s W20 agenda focuses on five key priorities: Women’s Entrepreneurship, Grassroots Women's Leadership, Bridging the Gender Digital Divide, Education and Skill Development, and Climate Change.

Explanation

- The second meeting of G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) under the Indian G20 Presidency was held on 12-13 April 2023, on the margins of the 2023 Spring Meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group.
- Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, and Governor, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Shaktikanta Das jointly chaired the meeting. The meeting saw participation of around 350 delegates from G20 members, 13 invitee countries, and various international and regional organisations.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Rajasthan

Capital : Jaipur
CM: Ashok Gehlot
Governor :Kalraj Mishra

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has partnered with which government body to promote innovation in the agricultural sector among school students in India?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- B) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- C) Ministry of Science and Technology
- D) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- E) Ministry of Defence

Answer

A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Explanation

- Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) have come together to promote innovation in the agricultural sector among school students across India.
- The two government bodies have agreed to connect Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs) and Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMAs) under the initiative.
- The collaboration is a result of the vision of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi who seeded this idea during a conversation and proposed to connect the ATLs with the KVKs across the country. The Prime Minister also suggested both the government bodies to look into the idea of linking soil testing labs to ATL schools.
- KVKs, in partnership with ATMA, will collaborate with nearby ATLs to support agricultural-related innovation

Titbits

Atal Innovation Mission

Found: 2016

Headquarters: New Dehi

Head: Dr. Chintan Vaishnav

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Minister : Narendra Singh Tomar

Constituency : Morena, Madhya Pradesh

Who unveiled the 125-foot tall statue of Bharat Ratna Dr B R Ambedkar on the banks of Hussainsagar in Telangana?

- A) Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao
- B) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- C) Home Minister Amit Shah
- D) President Ram Nath Kovind
- E) Vice President Venkaiah Naidu

Answer

A) Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao



Explanation

- Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao along with BR Ambedkar's grandson Prakash Ambedkar unveiled the **125-foot tall** statue of Bharat Ratna Dr B R Ambedkar on the banks of Hussainsagar, near the new Secretariat complex here on the occasion of the latter's 132nd birth anniversary
- Claimed to be the tallest statue in the country, the iconic structure of Ambedkar project was completed at a cost of **Rs 147 crore**.
- The statue weighs 474 tonnes, while 360 tonnes of stainless steel was used for building the armature structure of the statue, 114 tonnes of bronze was used for casting of the statue.
- The statue was designed by renowned 98-year-old renowned Sculptor **Ram Vanji Sutar**.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Telangana

Capital : Hyderabad

CM : K. Chandrashekar Rao

Governor : Tamilisai Soundararajan

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Which city became the first in Maharashtra and second in India to receive the IGBC Platinum Certification under the Green Existing Cities Rating System?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Pune
- C) Nagpur
- D) Rajkot
- E) Ahmedabad

**Answer
B) Pune**



Explanation

- Pune became the first city in Maharashtra and only the second in India after Rajkot to get the coveted Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) Platinum Certification under the IGBC Green Existing Cities Rating System.
- The Platinum Certification was presented to Pune Municipal Commissioner Vikram Kumar by Rajya Sabha member Vandana Chavan at a program titled 'Abhinandan – Felicitation of Green Pioneers', jointly organized by Confederation of Indian Industries, Pune chapter of Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) and CREDAI Pune Metro.

Who inaugurated the Buzi Bridge in Mozambique built by India?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) S Jaishankar
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer

C) S Jaishankar

Explanation

- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met President Filipe Nyusi of Mozambique and affirmed commitment to work for advancements in trade and investments, defense, development cooperation, health and people-to-people ties.
- Jaishankar virtually inaugurated the Buzi Bridge, constructed as part of the 132 km Tica-Buzi-Nova-Sofala Road project. The bridge has been built by India.
- He also co-chaired the 5th India-Mozambique Joint Commission Meeting with Mozambique's Foreign Minister Veronica Macamo

Titbits

External Affairs

ministry : Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

constituency : MP Rajyasabha from Gujarat

Mozambique

Capital: Maputo

Currency: Mozambican metical

President: Filipe Nyusi

QUICK RECALL



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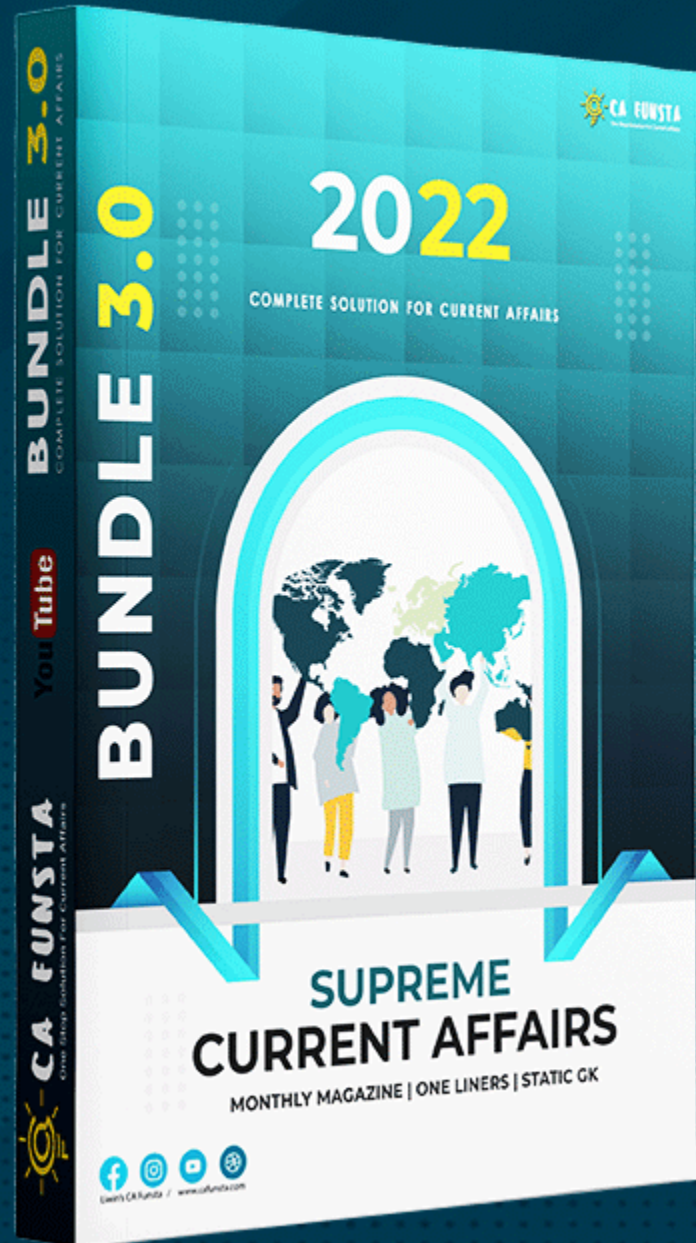
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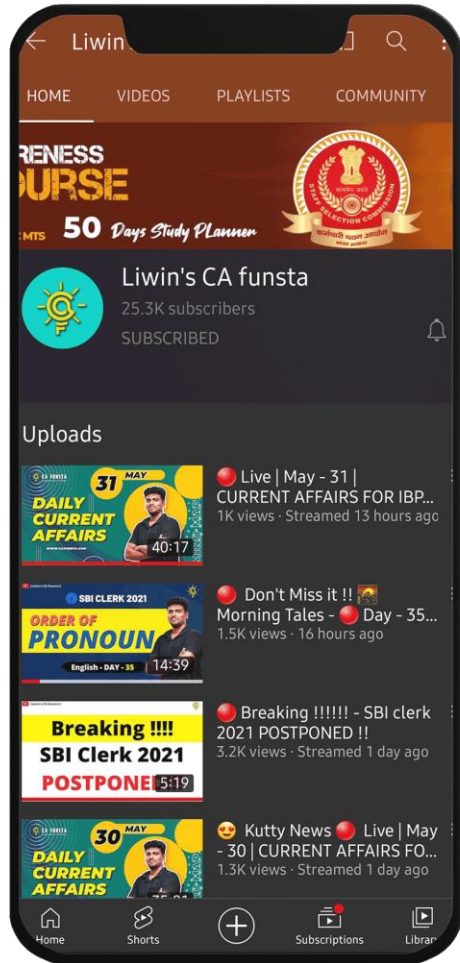
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