



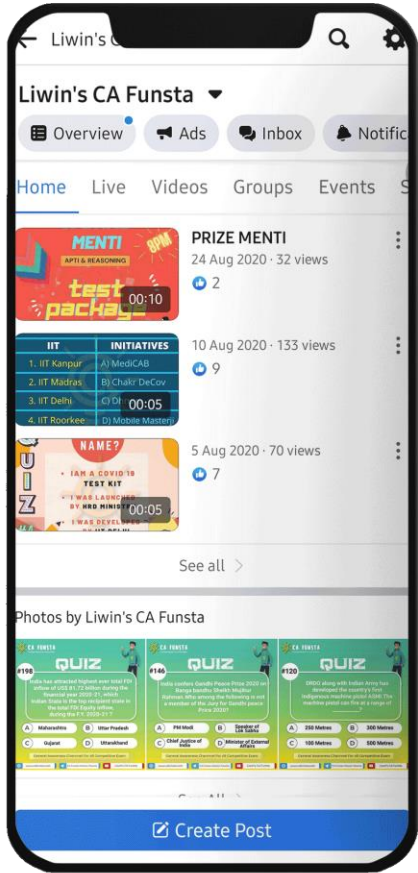
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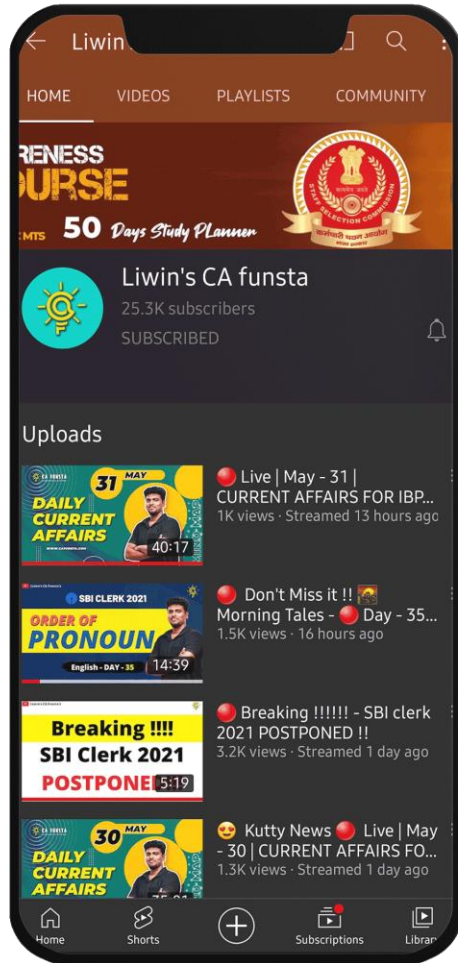


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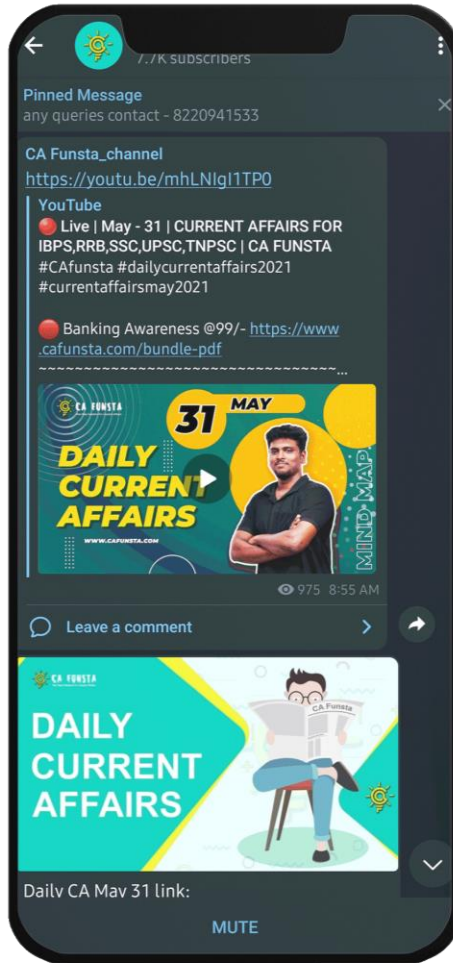
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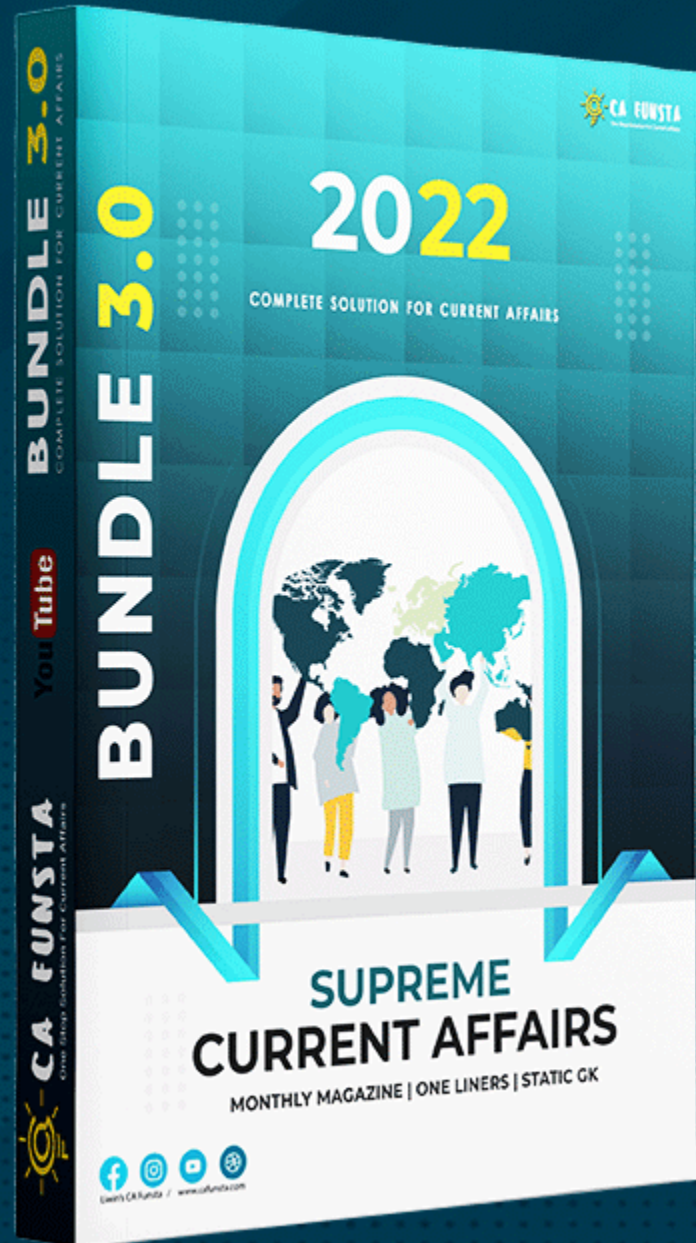


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Important Days



What date is World Liver Day observed every year?

- A) April 18
- B) April 19
- C) April 20
- D) April 21
- E) April 22

Answer
B) April 19



Important Days



Explanation

- **World liver day** is observed on **April 19** every year, across the world.
- The day aims to raise awareness about liver-related diseases and diseases.
- The theme for World Liver Day 2023 is "**Be Vigilant, Do Regular Liver Check-Up, Fatty Liver Can Affect Anyone.**"

Who among the following cricketers has been named as one of Wisden's Five Cricketers of the Year 2023?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Harmanpreet Kaur
- C) Steve Smith
- D) Joe Root
- E) Jasprit Bumrah

Answer

B) Harmanpreet Kaur



Explanation

- **Harmanpreet Kaur(India), Tom Blundell(New Zealand), Daryl Mitchell(New Zealand), Matthew Potts(England), and Ben Foakes(England) - Wisden's Five Cricketers of the Year 2023.**
- Harmanpreet becomes the first Indian female cricketer to win this reward
- **Ben Stokes (England) - men's leading cricketer of the year 2023** for the third time.
- **Suryakumar Yadav(India) - Wisden's Leading T20 Cricketer of the Year**
- **Australia's Beth Mooney - women's leading cricketer of the year 2023**
- **England batter Jonny Bairstow - Wisden Trophy for outstanding individual Test performance of the year**

Wisden Cricketers of the Year

- The Wisden Cricketers of the Year is a prestigious honor awarded by the **Wisden Almanack**, one of the most respected cricketing publications in the world, dating back to **1889**.
- The award recognizes the most exceptional cricketing performances by players from around the world

Where will the third edition of the Intercontinental Cup be hosted?

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

Answer

C) Bhubaneswar



Explanation

Intercontinental Cup	
Host	Bhubaneswar
Date	June 9 to 18
Edition	3rd
Team	India, Lebanon, Mongolia and Vanuatu

- The previous two being held in **Mumbai (2018)** and **Ahmedabad (2019)**.
- In March, the **Tri-Nation International Football Tournament** was organised in **Manipur**, which was a success

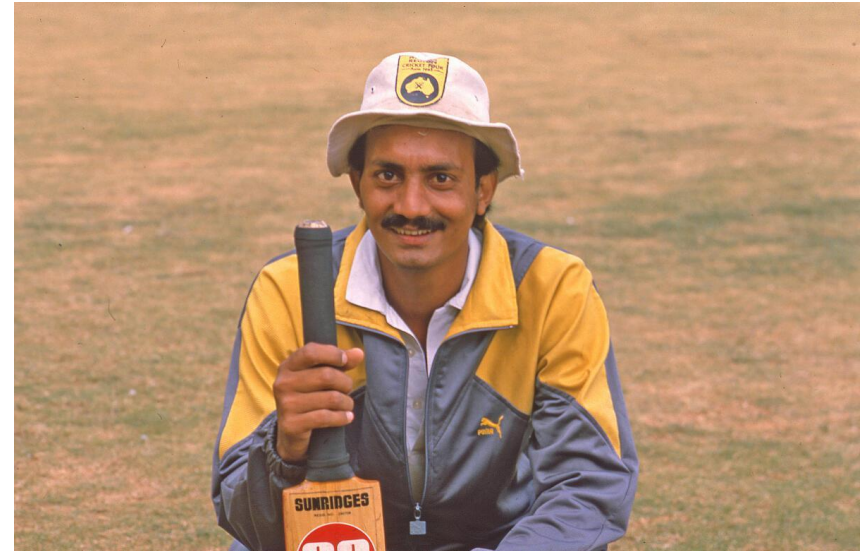
OBITUARY



Abdul Azeem passed away. He was related to which sports?

- A) Boxing
- B) Wrestling
- C) Volleyball
- D) Football
- E) Cricket

Answer
E) Cricket



OBITUARY



Explanation

- **Abdul Azeem**, former Hyderabad cricketer and one of the finest openers in the domestic circuit, passed away
- Azeem had to his credit a triple century against **Tamil Nadu** in the **1986 Ranji** season
- In a career spanning **73 first-class games between 1980-95**, the dashing opener scored **12 centuries and 18 fifties**

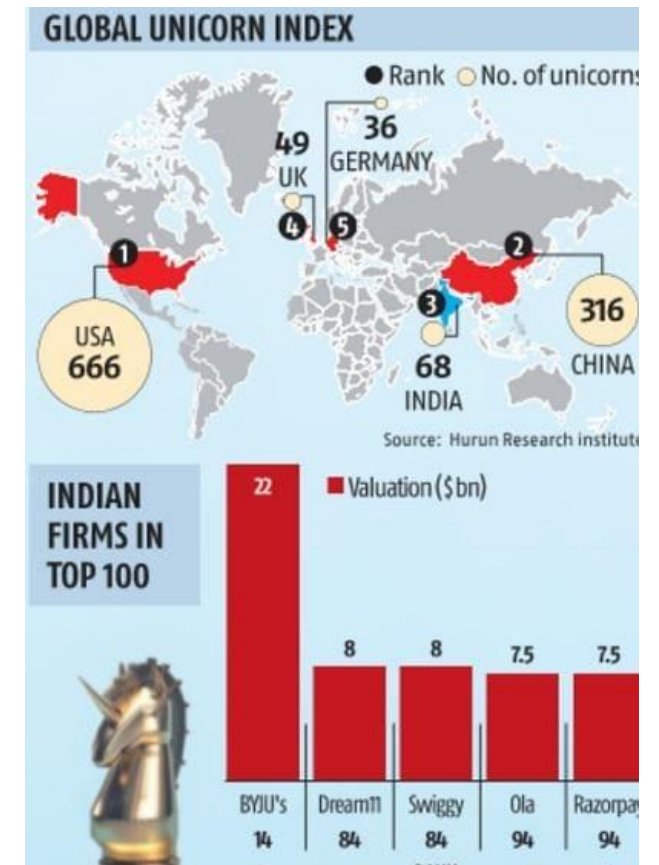


RANKING

According to Hurun's Global Unicorn Index 2023, what is the rank of India as unicorn hub in 2023?

- A)2
- B)6
- C)4
- D)3
- E)1

Answer
D)3



RANKING



Explanation

Most Unicorns - Country Wise

Rank	Country	Unicorns
1	USA	666
2	China	316
3	India	68
4	UK	49
5	Germany	36

Most Unicorns - City Wise

Rank	City	Country	Unicorns
1	San Francisco	USA	181
2	New York	USA	126
3	Beijing	China	79
4	Shanghai	China	66
5	London	UK	42



RANKING



Global Unicorn Index

Rank	Unicorn	Country
1	ByteDance	China
2	SpaceX	USA
3	Ant Group	China
4	Shein	China
5	Stripe	USA

- According to the report, **BYJU's** is the top-most unicorn in India, with a valuation of \$22 billion, followed by **Swiggy** and **Dream11**, valued at \$8 billion each

RANKING



According to World's Wealthiest Cities Report 2023, which city is topped in this list?

- A) London
- B) Singapore
- C) New York
- D) Tokyo
- E) San Francisco Bay Area

Answer
C) New York



RANKING



Explanation

- Report : Henley & Partners
- Cities: 97 cities

Rank	City	Country	Millionaires
1	New York	USA	3,40,000
2	Tokyo	Japan	290,300
3	San Francisco Bay Area	USA	285,000
4	London	UK	258,000
5	Singapore	Singapore	240,100
21	Mumbai	India	59,400
36	Delhi	India	30,200



Which small finance bank has received permission from Reserve Bank of India to deal in foreign exchange?

- A) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- B) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
- C) A U Small Finance Bank
- D) Janalakshmi Small Finance Bank
- E) ESAF Small Finance Bank



Answer

C) A U Small Finance Bank

Explanation

- **AU Small Finance Bank** has received permission from Reserve Bank of India to deal in foreign exchange.
- Reserve Bank of India vide its letter has granted Licence to act as Authorized Dealer Category-I (AD-I) under **section 10 of FEMA, 1999** to deal in foreign exchange
- In a separate filing, **Equitas Small Finance Bank** has also received Authorized Dealer Category-I (AD-I) License from RBI.
- Recently, RBI approved re-appointment of **Sanjay Agarwal** as managing director and CEO of AU Small Finance Bank for a period of three years.

Titbits

AU Small Finance Bank

Headquarters: Jaipur, Rajasthan

MD & CEO : Mr. Sanjay Agarwal

Tagline: Chalo Aage Badhe

Equitas Small Finance Bank

Hq: Chennai, Tamil Nadu

MD & CEO : Mr. Vasudevan P N

Tagline: It's fun banking

IndusInd Bank's GIFT City IBU branch has entered into a long-term loan agreement with which organisation to foster the growth of Japanese construction equipment companies in India?

- A) World Bank
- B) Asian Development Bank
- C) International Monetary Fund
- D) Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)
- E) European Central Bank



Answer

D) Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)



Explanation

- **IndusInd Bank's GIFT City IBU** (IFSC Banking Unit) branch has entered into a **\$100 million** long-term loan agreement with the **Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)** to foster the growth of Japanese construction equipment companies in India.
- The funds raised will be used to provide need-based credit facilities to upstream and downstream companies that comprise the supply chain of Japanese original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in India.
- Japan-based Mizuho Bank and Joyo Bank, and Singapore-based Shizuoka Bank will also co-finance this facility.

Titbits

IndusInd Bank

Hq: Pune , Maharashtra

CEO : Sumant Kathpalia

Tagline : We make You Feel Richer, We Care DilSe

The Japan Bank for International Cooperation(JBIC)

Headquarters: Tokyo, Japan

Founded: 1999

President & CEO: Tadashi Maeda

Which agency in Tamil Nadu recently signed a deal with Indian Bank for online payments?

- A) Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation
- B) Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
- C) Tamil Nadu Electricity Board
- D) Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency
- E) Tamil Nadu Housing Board

Answer

D) Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency



Explanation

- **The Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA)** signed a deal with Indian Bank to integrate its payment aggregator with the e-governance applications of government departments. This will aid online payment using debit/credit cards, UPI payment wallets, net banking, e-challans and e-UPI.
- Indian Bank has agreed to offer its services on a pay-per-use model priced cheaper than other options in the market
- The deal was signed in the presence of state minister for information technology and digital services (IT & DS) Mano Thangaraj, IT&DS secretary J Kumaragurubaran and Mahesh Kumar Bajaj, executive director, Indian Bank.

Titbits

Indian Bank

Hq: Chennai, Tamilnadu

MD & CEO: Shanti Lal Jain

Tagline : Your Own Bank

Which country has recently become the world's most populous nation according to the United Nations data?

- A) India
- B) China
- C) United States
- D) Russia
- E) Brazil

Answer
A) India

Explanation

- According to the United Nations data, India has surpassed China to become world's most populous nation with **142.86 crore people**. China has a population of **142.57 crore**, according to the UN world population dashboard
- The United States is a distant third, with an estimated population of 340 million, the data showed
- According to a new **UNFPA(United Nations Population Fund) report**, 25 per cent of India's population is in the age group of 0-14 years, 18 per cent in the 10 to 19 age group, 26 per cent in the age bracket of 10 to 24 years, 68 per cent in 15 to 64 years age group, and 7 per cent above 65 years
- According to the UN data, the **global population** will have hit **8.045 billion** by mid-2023

Explanation

- The **World Population Prospects (2022)** said that global fertility is projected to fall from **2.3 children per woman in 2021 to 2.1 in 2050**.
- Globally, life **expectancy at birth** is expected to rise from **72.8 years in 2019 to 77.2 years in 2050**

APPOINTMENTS



Who has been appointed as the brand influencer of HSBC India?

- A) Rohit Sharma
- B) Sachin Tendulkar
- C) Virat Kohli
- D) MS Dhoni
- E) Virender Sehwag

Answer
C) Virat Kohli



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **HSBC India** announced that it has partnered with Indian cricketer and global sporting icon **Virat Kohli** as their brand influencer, in a broader effort to support the aspirations of an ambitious India going global.
- Additionally, **HSBC India** is set to launch a multimedia campaign featuring Kohli, aimed at re-establishing the value proposition of banking with the company.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

HSBC India

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
CEO: Hitendra Dave

Where did Union Minister Nitin Gadkari address the 'INTERALPIN 2023 Fair'?

- A) Zurich, Switzerland
- B) Geneva, Switzerland
- C) Innsbruck, Austria
- D) Salzburg, Austria
- E) Vienna, Austria

Answer

C) Innsbruck, Austria



Explanation

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Shri Nitin Gadkari** addressed '**INTERALPIN 2023 Fair**', the Leading International Trade Fair for Alpine Technologies at **Innsbruck, Austria**.
- The fair brings together key industry players, service providers, and decision-makers from the Cable Car industry.

Titbits

Road Transport and Highways

Minister: Nitin Gadkari

Constituency: Nagpur, Maharashtra

Austria

Capital: Vienna

Currency: Euro

President: Alexander Van der Bellen

Chancellor: Karl Nehammer

What is the cost of the National Quantum Mission from 2023-24 to 2030-31?

- A) ₹ 6,365.03 crore
- B) ₹ 6,003.65 crore
- C) ₹ 6,310.00 crore
- D) ₹ 5,994.50 crore
- E) ₹ 6,500.75 crore

Answer

B) ₹ 6,003.65 crore

Explanation

- The government approved the National Quantum Mission to nurture and scale up scientific and industrial research and development in quantum technology.
- The mission involves a cost to **₹ 6,003.65 crore from 2023-24 to 2030-31**
- India will be the **sixth country** to have a dedicated quantum mission after the US, Austria, Finland, France and China
- The mission will accelerate quantum technology-led economic growth and nurture the ecosystem in the country
- The new mission targets developing intermediate scale quantum computers with **50-1000** physical qubits in eight years in various platforms like superconducting and photonic technology

Explanation

- Mr Singh said **four thematic hubs (T-Hubs)** will be set up in top academic and national research and development institutes on the domains - quantum computing, quantum communication, quantum sensing and metrology, and quantum materials and devices
- The mission will be led by the **Department of Science & Technology under a mission director**
- Quantum technology (QT) is based on the principles of quantum mechanics developed in the early 20th century to describe nature at the scale of atoms and elementary particles.
- The Centre, in the **2020 Union Budget**, had announced a **National Mission on Quantum Technologies and Applications (NM-QTA)** with a total budget outlay of **₹8,000 crore** for a period of five years to be implemented by the department of science and technology (DST).

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Explanation

- India has set a target of developing intermediate scale quantum computers with **20-50 physical qubits within three years, 50-100 qubits in five years and 50-1,000 qubits in eight years**, in various platforms like superconducting and photonic technology
- In **November 2022, IBM** unveiled its latest quantum computer **Osprey**, which has a 433-qubit processor that is three times more powerful than its predecessor

What did Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launch to deal with challenges of seed production, quality seed identification, and seed certification?

- A) SATHI Portal & Mobile App
- B) FARM Portal & Mobile App
- C) KRISHI Portal & Mobile App
- D) UDYOG Portal & Mobile App
- E) VYAPAR Portal & Mobile App

Answer

A) SATHI Portal & Mobile App



Explanation

- Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar** launched the **SATHI (Seed Traceability, Authentication and Holistic Inventory) Portal and Mobile App**, a Centralized Online System for seed traceability, authentication and inventory designed to deal with the challenges of seed production, quality seed identification and seed certification.
- It has been developed by the **NIC** in collaboration with the **Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** on the theme of 'Uttam Beej – Samriddh Kisan'.

Explanation

- **SATHI portal** will ensure quality assurance system, identify the source of seed in the seed production chain. The system will consist of integrated 7 verticals of the seed chain - Research Organisation, Seed Certification, Seed Licensing, Seed Catalogue, Dealer to Farmer Sales, Farmer Registration and Seed DBT.
- Seeds with valid certification can only be sold by valid licensed dealers to centrally registered farmers who will receive subsidy through DBT directly into their pre-validated bank accounts

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Minister : Narendra Singh Tomar

Constituency : Morena, Madhya Pradesh

What is the name of the project launched by the Kerala government to revive sports culture in the state?

- A) One Village, One Playground
- B) One District, One Stadium
- C) One Panchayat, One Playground
- D) One City, One Arena
- E) One City, One Playground

Answer

C) One Panchayat, One Playground

Explanation

- The **Kerala government** launched a project for reviving the sports culture in the State by opening quality playgrounds in every panchayat of the southern state.
- The '**One Panchayat, One Playground**' project was inaugurated by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan at Kallikkad where he said that a good sports culture was essential for building a healthy and happy society.
- The playgrounds would serve as a hub of local gatherings and social interactions.
- Each playground would cost around **Rs one crore**, half of which would be footed by the Sports department and the rest would be raised from the MLA and local body funds, through CSR, public private partnerships, etc

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Kerala

Capital : Thiruvananthapuram

CM : Pinarayi Vijayan

Governor : Arif Mohammed Khan

Where did Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy lay the foundation stone for the Mulapeta greenfield port?

- A) Srikakulam district
- B) Visakhapatnam district
- C) East Godavari district
- D) Krishna district
- E) West Godavari district

Answer

A) Srikakulam district

Explanation

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy laid the foundation stone for the **Rs 4,362 crore Mulapeta greenfield port** in **Srikakulam district**, which is expected to be completed within **two years**.
- The CM has also laid **the foundation stones** for a **Rs 360-crore fishing harbour** at **Budagatlapalem**, **Rs 176-crore lift irrigation project** from **Gotta barrage** to **Hira Mandalam reservoir** and taking forward the **Rs 300-crore Mahendratanaya offshore reservoir project works**.

Titbits

Andhra Pradesh

Capital : Visakhapatnam (executive), Amaravati
(legislative), Kurnool (judicial)

CM: Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy

Governor : Sri S. Abdul Nazeer

What is the name of the scheme launched by the Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Shri Arjun Munda, in Manipur?

- A) North Eastern Tribal Scheme
- B) Tribal Marketing and Logistics Scheme
- C) Tribal Products Development Scheme
- D) Promotion of Tribal Products from North Eastern Region Scheme
- E) None of the above

Answer

D) Promotion of Tribal Products from North Eastern Region Scheme



Explanation

- **Shri Arjun Munda**, Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Government of India launched the Ministry of Tribal Affairs' new Central Sector Scheme “**Marketing and Logistics Development for Promotion of Tribal Products from North -Eastern Region (PTP-NER)**” for the benefit of Scheduled Tribes of North-eastern Region at the MSFDS Auditorium, Konung Mamang, Imphal, **Manipur** in presence of Shri N. Biren Singh, Chief Minister, Manipur, and other dignitaries
- The scheme aims to strengthen livelihood opportunities for tribal artisans through increased efficiency in procurement, logistics and marketing of tribal products from North Eastern states.

Explanation

- Three new products from VDVKs across Manipur were also launched on the occasion, **namely, Cinnamon Rolls (Dalchini) from Kamjong District, Black Rice (Chakhao) from Ukhrul District and Dried Bamboo Shoot.**
- A substantial Budget of around **Rs. 143 Cr has been allocated** towards this scheme for implementation
- Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, and Sikkim are among the states that will be covered by the programme

Titbits

Tribal Affairs

Minister : Arjun munda

Constituency : Khunti, Jharkhand

Manipur

Capital : Imphal

CM: N. Biren Singh

Governor : Anusuiya Uikey

QUICK RECALL



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- **Former Hyderabad Ranji Trophy star Abdul Azeem passes away**
- **India has retained its 3rd spot as the country with the highest number of unicorns worldwide after the US and China: Hurun's Global Unicorn Index 2023**
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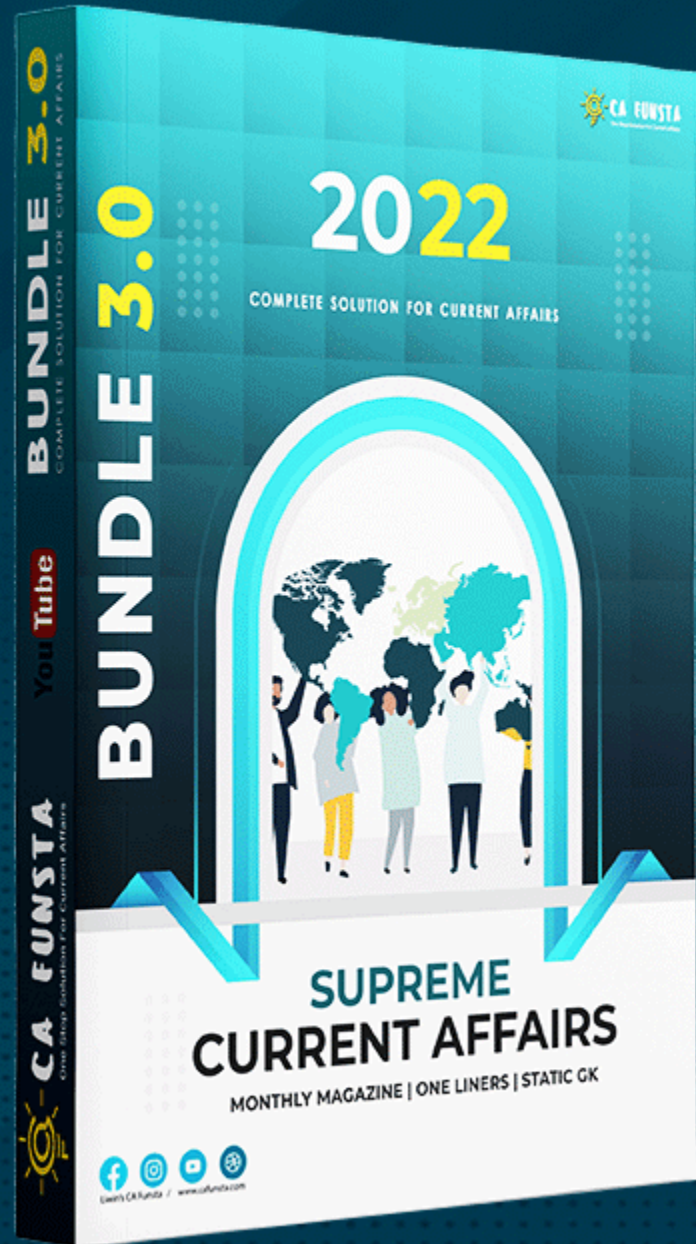
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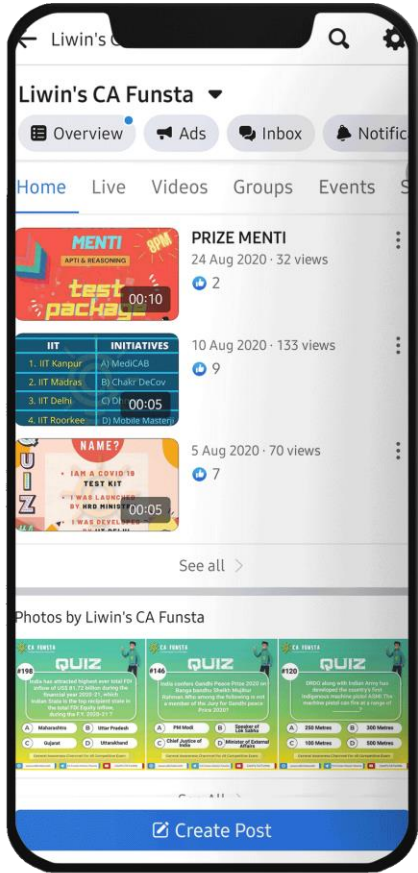
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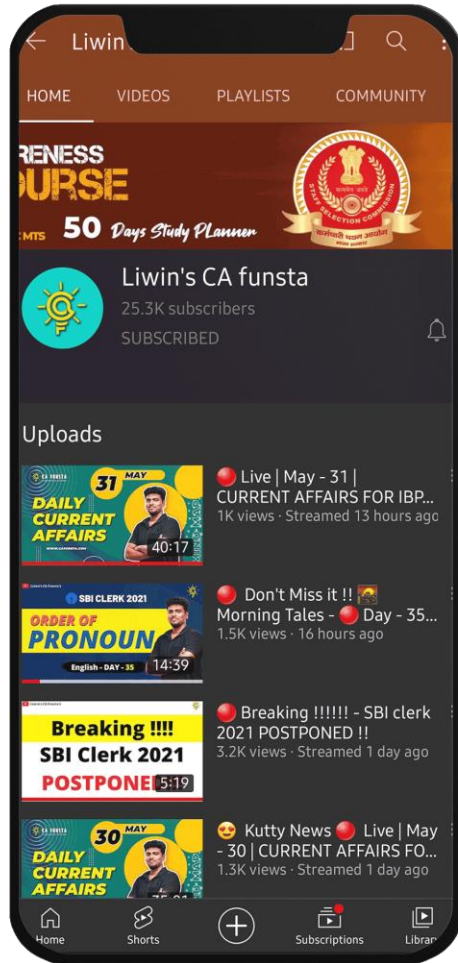
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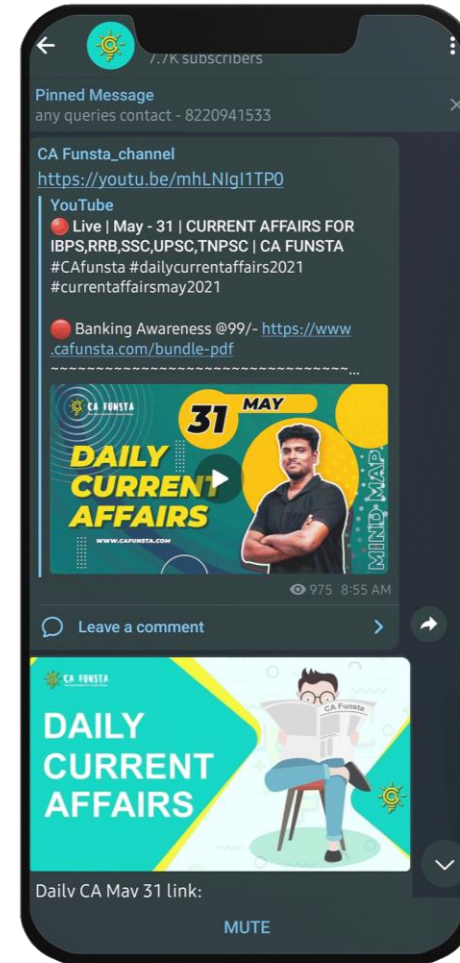
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