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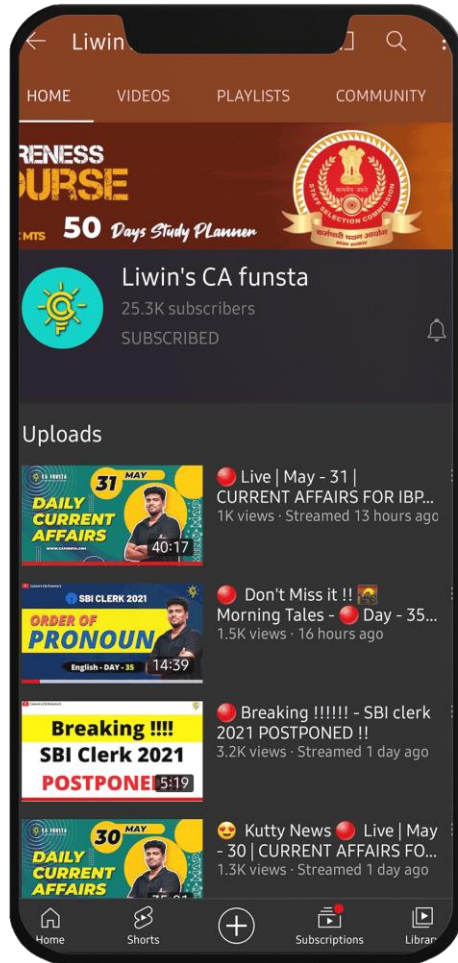
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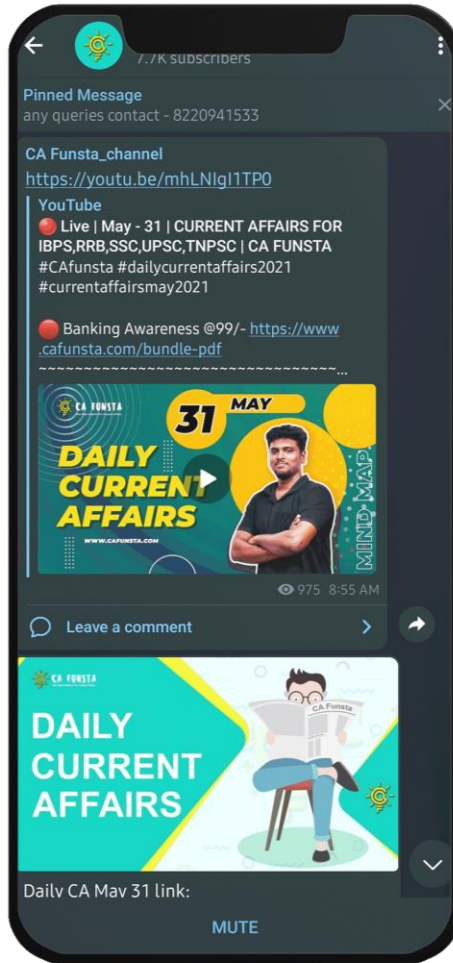
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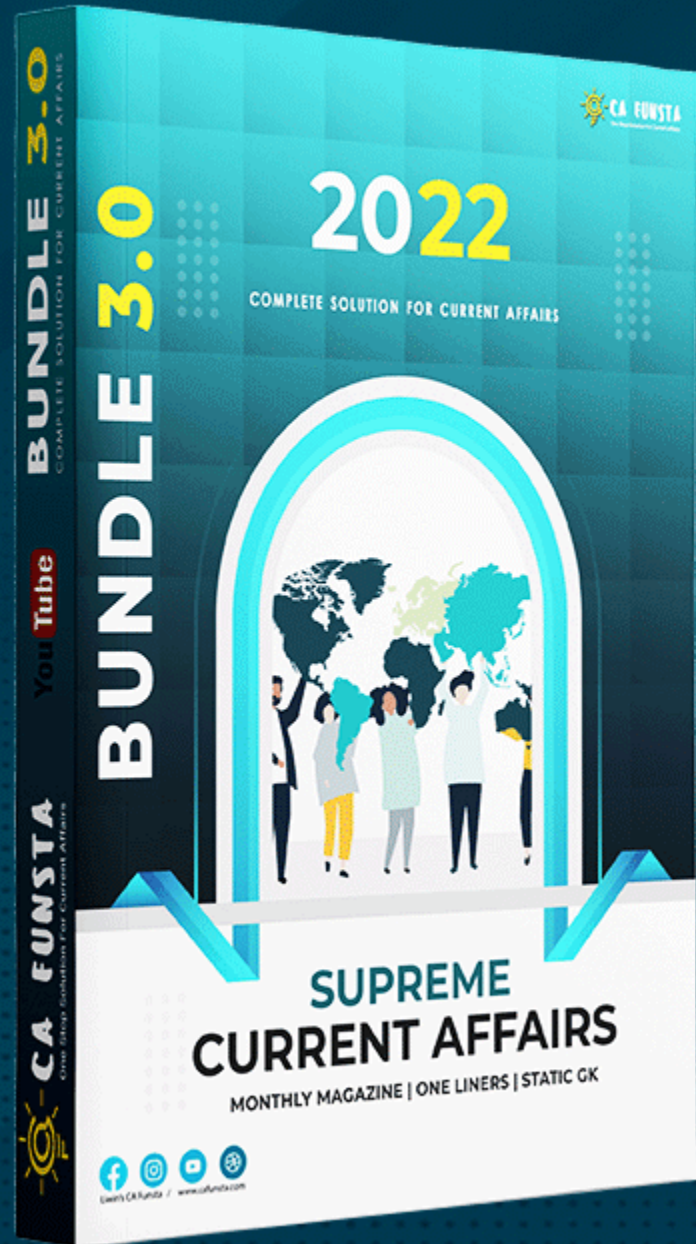


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Important Days



When is UN Chinese Language Day observed annually?

- A) January 1
- B) March 8
- C) April 20
- D) May 15
- E) September 21

Answer
C) April 20



Important Days



Explanation

- UN Chinese Language Day is observed annually on **April 20**.
- The event was established by the UN Department of Public Information in **2010**.
- The first Chinese Language Day was celebrated in **2010** on the **12th of November**, but since **2011** the date has been the **20th of April**, roughly corresponding to Guyu in the Chinese calendar.
- 2023 – 13th edition
- Theme – “**Chinese wisdom for a green world**”



When is the Global Chess League (GCL) scheduled to take place?

- A) June 21 to July 2, 2023
- B) July 21 to August 2, 2023
- C) August 21 to September 2, 2023
- D) September 21 to October 2, 2024
- E) June 21 to July 2, 2023

Answer

E) June 21 to July 2, 2023



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GLOBAL
CHESS
LEAGUE

Explanation

The first edition of Global Chess League (GCL), a joint venture by world body **FIDE** and **Tech Mahindra**, unveiled its **official logo**, which resembles a chess board with 64 squares.

GCL is the world's largest and first-ever league-styled chess tournament set to take place from **June 21 to July 2, 2023**

GCL will feature six teams with six players each, including a minimum of two female players and one icon player per side

Titbits

Federation Internationale des Echecs(World Chess Federation)

Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland

Founded: 20 July 1924

President: Arkady Dvorkovich

Abbreviation: FIDE

Tech Mahindra

Hq: Pune, Maharashtra

Chairman : Anand Mahindra

Which Indian organization has granted in-principle approval to Emkay Global Financial Services for launching its mutual fund business?

- A) RBI
- B) SEBI
- C) IRDAI
- D) IFSCA
- E) IBA

Answer
B) SEBI



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Explanation

- **Emkay Global Financial Services** has received in-principle approval from the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** for launching mutual fund business.
- Founded in 1995, Emkay Global Financial Services offers services such as institutional equity, portfolio management services, wealth management, investment banking and global investing.

InPrime Finserv recognised as Non-Banking Financial Company by Reserve Bank of India

- **Bangalore-based InPrime Finserv (legal name – STK credit private limited)**, a financial services start-up catering to the informal economy, has received a Certificate of Registration (COR) from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** to operate as a **Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)**
- With this license, InPrime joins an exclusive group of startups that have received approval from the RBI to build a lending business, achieving this feat in less than five months.

Titbits

SEBI

Abbreviation: Securities and Exchange Board of India

Establishment : 1992

Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman :Madhabi Puri Buch

Which agri fintech start-up has Federal Bank partnered with to scale and expand its agri lending portfolio in Tamil Nadu?

- A) AgroZilla
- B) FarmBee
- C) KiVi
- D) AgroEase
- E) Agritech Solutions



Answer
C) KiVi

Explanation

- **Federal Bank** has entered into a Banking Correspondent agreement with Chennai-based **KiVi**, an agri fintech start-up operated by **Agrosperity** Tech Solutions, with a view to scaling and expanding its agri lending portfolio in Tamil Nadu.
- Federal Bank launched the instant KCC platform in **September 2022**. Claimed to be the first of its kind in agriculture lending, it offers farmers convenience and turnaround time.
- It aims at providing small-value loans to small and marginal farmers, and is designed to facilitate efficient credit flow to underserved rural populations.
- **KiVi** is led by a team with a track record in rural lending and agri commodity trade and is co-incubated by **IIT Madras Incubation Cell, the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub and Indigram Labs**

Titbits

Federal Bank

Headquarters : Aluva, Kerala

CEO : Shri Shyam Srinivasan

Tagline : Your Perfect Banking Partner

KiVi

Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Founder & CEO: Joby CO

Which bank secured the 1st rank as per the EASE Reforms Index for Q3 FY 2022-23?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) Axis Bank
- D) Union Bank of India
- E) State Bank of India



Answer

D) Union Bank of India

Explanation

- **Union Bank of India**, for the first time, secures 1st rank as per the report on EASE Reforms Index for Q3 FY 2022-23 published by **Indian Banks' Association (IBA)**.
- **Enhanced Access & Service Excellence (EASE)** is an initiative by the DFS (GOI) as part of the PSB Reforms Agenda and is currently under its fifth iteration which focuses on Enhanced Digital experience, Data – driven, Integrated and Inclusive Banking
- **The EASE Next program's EASE 5.0 'Common reforms agenda'**, developed for Public Sector Banks (PSBs), was launched via video-conferencing by **Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman**, Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, in New Delhi on June 8.
- It has **5** themes.

Titbits

Union Bank of India

Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO : A. Manimekhalai

Tagline: Good People to Bank with

What is the name of the home loan campaign launched by Karnataka Bank?

- A) KBL Centenary Mahotsav
- B) KBL Home Loan Bonanza
- C) KBL Dream Home Offer
- D) KBL Home Loan Fest
- E) KBL Home Loan Mela



Answer

A) KBL Centenary Mahotsav

Explanation

- **Karnataka Bank** has launched a special home loan campaign -- '**KBL Centenary Mahotsav**' -- from **April 17 to July 17**.
- Under the KBL Centenary Mahotsav campaign, customers can avail Home loan with discount in upfront fee, attractive **rate of interest starting from 8.75%**, Nil processing charges for Home loan and other benefits.
- Karnataka Bank operates as a private sector bank. Its products and services include current account, demand, time, cumulative, cash certificates, insurance linked savings bank deposits, resident foreign currency accounts and senior citizens deposit schemes.

Titbits

Karnataka Bank

Hq: Mangaluru, Karnataka

MD and CEO : Sekhar Rao

Tagline : Your Family Bank across India

APPOINTMENTS



Who has been appointed as the Deputy Managing Director of HDFC Bank?

- A) Bhavesh Zaveri
- B) Kaizad Bharucha
- C) Aditya Puri
- D) Paresh Sukthankar
- E) Sashidhar Jagdishan

Answer

B) Kaizad Bharucha



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- HDFC Bank has appointed **Kaizad Bharucha** as the Deputy Managing Director and Bhavesh Zaveri as the Executive Director of the bank for a period of 3 years, effective from April 19.
- The board of HDFC Bank had, on November 24, 2022, recommended the names of Bharucha and Zaveri to the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** for appointment to the board.

Kaizad Bharucha

- **Kaizad Bharucha** is a career banker with experience of over 35 years. He has been with the bank since 1995
- In his role as **Executive Director**, Bharucha was responsible for wholesale banking covering areas of corporate banking, PSUs, capital and commodities markets, financial institutions, custody, mutual funds, global capability centre and financial sponsors coverage. He had previously handled corporate banking, emerging corporates group, business banking, healthcare finance, agri lending, tractor financing, commercial vehicle finance etc
- Kaizad Bharucha , **Prior to HDFC Bank**, he worked in the **SBI Commercial and International Bank** in various areas.

APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

Bhavesh Zaveri

- Zaveri joined HDFC Bank in **1998**.
- Zaveri participated in RBI's Internal Payments Council Meet and was part of the umbrella **organisation for Payments Committee of 2004 that led to the formation of National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI)**.
- Zaveri worked for **Oman International Bank and Barclays Bank** before he joined HDFC Bank.

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

HDFC Bank

Headquarters: Mumbai , Maharashtra

Tagline : We Understand Your World

CEO :Sashidhar Jagdishan

APPOINTMENTS



Who has been given the additional charge of the director general of the National Archives of India?

- A) Mugdha Sinha
- B) Ramesh Kumar
- C) Anil Sharma
- D) Rajesh Singh
- E) Preeti Gupta

Answer
A) Mugdha Sinha



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Mugdha Sinha, joint secretary in the Ministry of Culture, will hold the charge of the director general of the National Archives of India.**
- The National Archives of India (NAI) is an attached office under the **Ministry of Culture.**
- The NAI is the repository of the non-current records of the Government of India and is holding them in trust for the use of administrators and scholars.
- It was set up in **March 1891 in Calcutta (Kolkata)** as the Imperial Record Department and subsequent to the transfer of the national capital from Calcutta to **New Delhi in 1911**, it was shifted to its present building in 1926.

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

The National Archives of India

Founded: 11 March 1891

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Parent department: Ministry of Culture

Director General: Mugdha Sinha

Who will be hosting outreach activities for the Chandrayaan-3 mission in collaboration with the Moon Village Association?

- A) DRDO
- B) NASA
- C) ISRO
- D) ESA
- E) JAXA

**Answer
C) ISRO**



Explanation

- **The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has collaborated with the **Moon Village Association (MVA)** to enhance outreach activities related to the upcoming Chandrayaan-3 mission.
- The outreach activities hosted by this collaboration are aimed at increasing the impact of the ISRO lunar programme on a global scale and foster further international cooperation.
- **MVA** is an international non-governmental organization based in **Vienna** that aims to create a permanent global informal forum for stakeholders like governments, industry, academia and the general public interested in the development of the Moon Village.
- **Chandrayaan-3** is the **third mission in India's Chandrayaan series**, which aims to put a lander and rover in the highlands near the lunar South Pole and demonstrate end-to-end landing and roving capabilities.

Explanation

- The mission is a follow-up to **Chandrayaan-2**, which was launched in **2019**, and is scheduled to launch in **July 2023** on a **GSLV Mark 3 heavy lift launch vehicle from Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota, India.**
- The MVA-ISRO collaboration will focus on the global aspect of lunar exploration and identify, communicate, and encourage the youth to focus on the mutual benefits that the entire world gets at every lunar mission

Titbits

ISRO

Abbreviation: Indian Space Research Organisation

FoundedL 1969

Headquarters : Bengaluru, Karnataka

Chairman : S. Somanath

Moon Village Association (MVA)

Headquarters: Vienna, Austria

President: Giuseppe Reibaldi

Which institute signed a MoU with the National Science and Technology Centre for Disaster Reduction (NCDR), Taiwan for developing tech solutions for earthquakes, floods?

- A) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
- B) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- C) Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee
- D) Indian Institute of Technology Madras
- E) Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Answer

C) Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee



Explanation

- **Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **National Science and Technology Centre for Disaster Reduction (NCDR), Taiwan**, while the scientists and faculty members of NCDR, along with their Director Dr. Hongey Chen visited the institute.
- This MoU aims to **develop scientific and academic cooperation and scientific research to promote relations** and mutual understanding between NCDR and the Centre of Excellence in Disaster Mitigation and Management (CoEDMM) of IIT Roorkee.
- The key objective of the MoU is mutually developing technology solutions to natural hazards, including earthquakes, landslides, floods, debris flow, and compound disasters.
- The researchers from IIT Roorkee and NCDR aim to **co-establish an early warning sensor network equipped with P-Alert sensors at selected locations in Uttarakhand**.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Titbits

Taiwan

Capital: Taipei City

Currency: New Taiwan dollar

President: Tsai Ing-wen

Where was the second meeting of the India-UK Financial Markets Dialogue held?

- A) Mumbai
- B) London
- C) New Delhi
- D) Edinburgh
- E) Birmingham

Answer
B) London



Explanation

- **India and the UK** held the **second meeting of the India-UK Financial Markets Dialogue in London.**
- The Dialogue was led by senior officials from the Indian Ministry of Finance and HM Treasury, with participation from Indian and UK independent regulatory agencies, including the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA), Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), the Bank of England, and the Financial Conduct Authority.
- The Dialogue focused on **six themes**:
 - Banking
 - Payments and Cryptoassets,
 - Insurance and reinsurance,
 - Capital Markets
 - Asset Management, and
 - Sustainable Finance

Explanation

- Both sides agreed to engage bilaterally on these areas in the coming months with the government-led Sustainable Finance Forum in June to advance **green cooperation** followed by the ministerial Economic and Financial Dialogue (EFD) later in the year.
- Both sides agreed to hold the next Financial Markets Dialogue in India in **2024**.

Titbits

The United Kingdom(UK)

Capital: London

Prime minister: Rishi Sunak

Currency: Pound sterling

Who chaired the meeting of Heads of Departments of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Member States responsible for Prevention and Elimination of Emergency Situations in New Delhi?

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

Answer

D) Shri Amit Shah

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

Meeting	Held	Inaugurate/Address	Organised By	Theme
Heads of Departments of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Member States responsible for Prevention and Elimination of Emergency Situations	New Delhi, Delhi	Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah(Inaugurate)		
Global Buddhist Summit	New Delhi, Delhi	Prime Minister Narendra Modi(Addressed)	Ministry of Culture + the International Buddhist Confederation	Responses to Contemporary Challenges: Philosophy to Praxis

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

Meeting	Held	Inaugurate/Address	Organised By	Theme
EU-India Aviation Summit	New Delhi, Delhi	Union Minister of Civil Aviation and Steel, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia(Addressed)		
1st edition of biannual Army Commanders Conference	New Delhi, Delhi	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh(Address)		
'India Steel 2023'	Mumbai Exhibition Centre in Goregaon, Mumbai, Maharashtra	Union Minister of State for Steel and Rural Development Faggan Singh Kulaste(Inaugurate)	Union Ministry of Steel + the Department of Commerce, Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry + FICCI	



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Home Affairs and Cooperation

Minister : Amit Shah

constituency : Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Between which two organizations was a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed for the training of Indian Army personnel in the Chinese language?

- A) Indian Army and Jawaharlal Nehru University
- B) Indian Army and Aligarh Muslim University
- C) Indian Army and Delhi University
- D) Indian Army and Tezpur University
- E) Indian Army and Banaras Hindu University

Answer

D) Indian Army and Tezpur University

Explanation

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the **Indian Army and Tezpur University for training** the Indian Army personnel in the Chinese language.
- Lt Col Mahendra Rawat, Defence PRO of Guwahati said that the course will be for a duration of 16 weeks and will be conducted at Tezpur University.
- Tezpur University established in 1994 by an act of parliament as a central university is one the pioneers in the North East in the teaching of foreign languages including Chinese with highly qualified faculty

Titbits

The Indian Army

Headquarters: New Delhi

Founded: 1 April 1895

Commander-in-Chief: India President Droupadi Murmu

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS): General Anil Chauhan

Chief of the Army Staff (COAS): General Manoj Pande

Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS): Lieutenant

General M. V. Suchindra Kumar

Who launched the mobile app and web portal 'Map Drugs' which will help in identifying and destruction of illegal farming in the country?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Rahul Gandhi
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Arvind Kejriwal
- E) Nitish Kumar

Answer

C) Amit Shah

Explanation

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri **Amit Shah** attended the **first National Conference of Heads of Anti-Narcotics Task Force of States and Union Territories**, as the Chief Guest, in **New Delhi**.
- Shri Amit Shah also released the **Annual Report (Special Edition), 2022 and Drug Free India, National Resolution Booklet of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)**.
- Shri Shah also launched a mobile app and web portal - '**Map Drugs**' which will help in identifying and destruction of illegal farming in the country.
- Union Home Minister virtually inaugurated the office complex of NCB, Indore Regional Unit.
- On this occasion Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar, Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai, Union Home Secretary, and Director General of NCB, Shri S.N. Pradhan, were present along with other dignitaries.

What is the name of the WhatsApp chatbot launched by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar?

- A) Tau se Poochho
- B) CM Chat
- C) Haryana Helpline
- D) Quick Response
- E) Citizen Support

Answer

A) Tau se Poochho

Explanation

- **Manohar Lal Khattar**, the Chief Minister of Haryana, has announced three new online services aimed at providing digital empowerment to the people. He also stated that Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) will now receive their pension benefits delivered to their homes.
- The newly launched online services are: **Pro-active Divyang Pension Service, 'Tau se Poochho' WhatsApp chatbot and online booking of government rest houses**
- **Pro-active Divyang Pension Service** - to deliver all services for them at doorsteps
- **Haryana Parivar Pehchan Authority** has created a **WhatsApp Chatbot** called '**Tau Se Poochho**' along with a web-based chatbot solution. the bilingual chatbot is integrated is designed to give quick responses to the queries raised by the citizens
- Khattar launched a portal for **room booking at PWD (B&R) rest houses** - all rest houses can be booked online by government officials as well as private people

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Haryana

Capital : Chandigarh

CM: Manohar Lal Khattar

Governor : Bandaru Dattatraya



The government has advanced its target to achieve 20 per cent ethanol blending in petrol from _____ to 2025-26?

- A) 2038
- B) 2027
- C) 2033
- D) 2031
- E) 2030

Answer
E) 2030

Explanation

- Union Minister for Petroleum **Hardeep Singh Puri** announced that the government has preponed its target to achieve **20%** ethanol blending in petrol from **2030 to 2025-26**.
- The Union Minister for Petroleum, addressed the Global CBG Conference of the Indian Federation of Green Energy (IFGE) - CBG Producers Forum and stated that the National Policy on Biofuels, 2018 has been notified by the Government of India to enhance the usage of biofuels in the country's energy and transportation sectors.
- He stated that, the Government of India has set a target to increase the share of gas in the energy mix up to **15 per cent in 2030** to make India a Gas based economy
- He stated that, India has an ambitious target to set up **5000 commercial plants by 2024- 25** and produce 15 MMT of CBG which would replace other gaseous fuels being used in the country

Titbits

Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs

Minister : Hardeep Singh Puri

Constituency : Rajya sabha MP, Uttar Pradesh

QUICK RECALL



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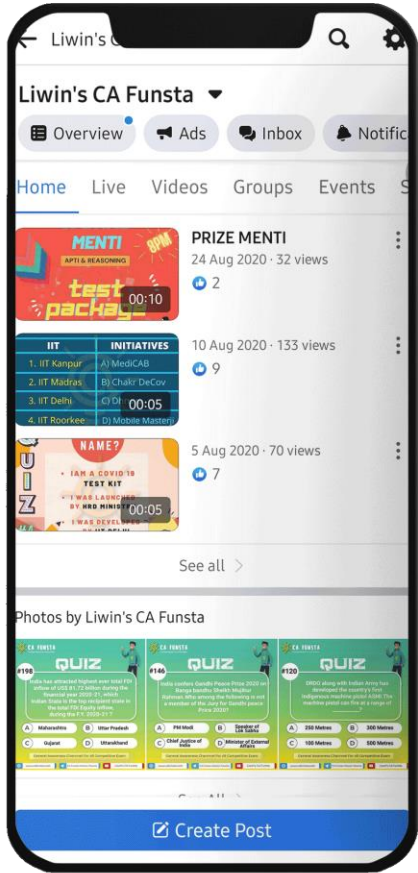
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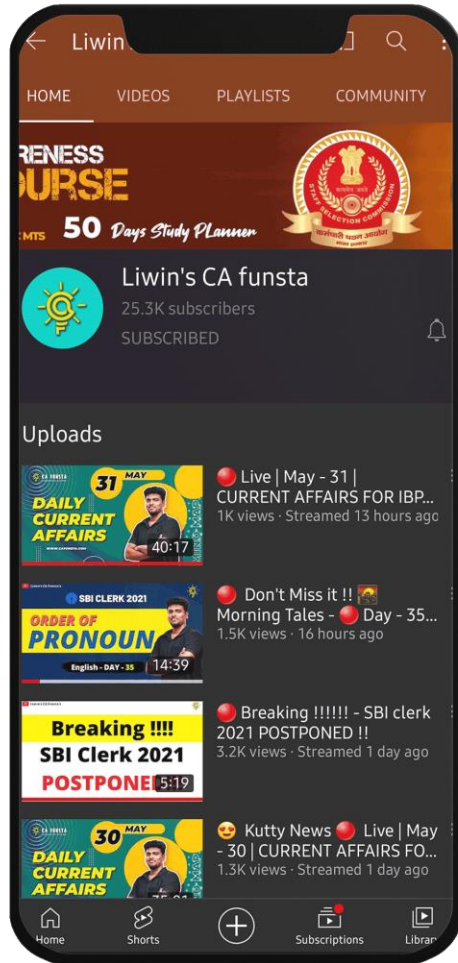
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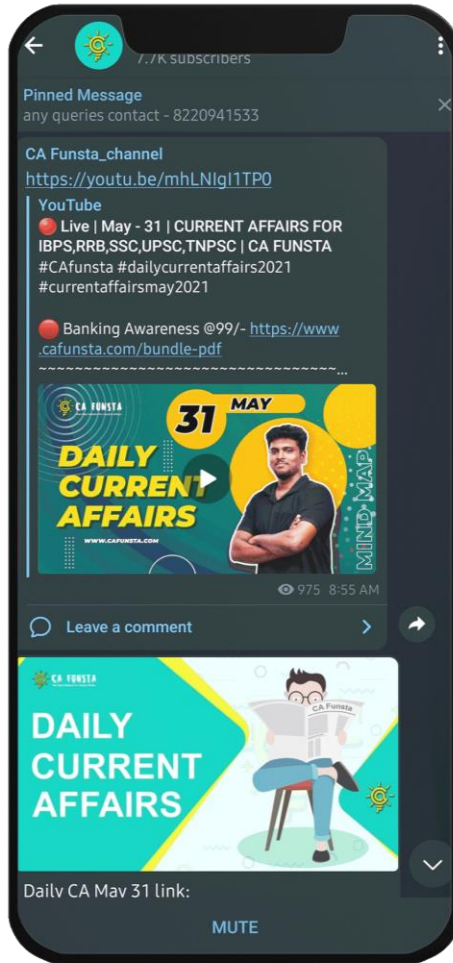
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