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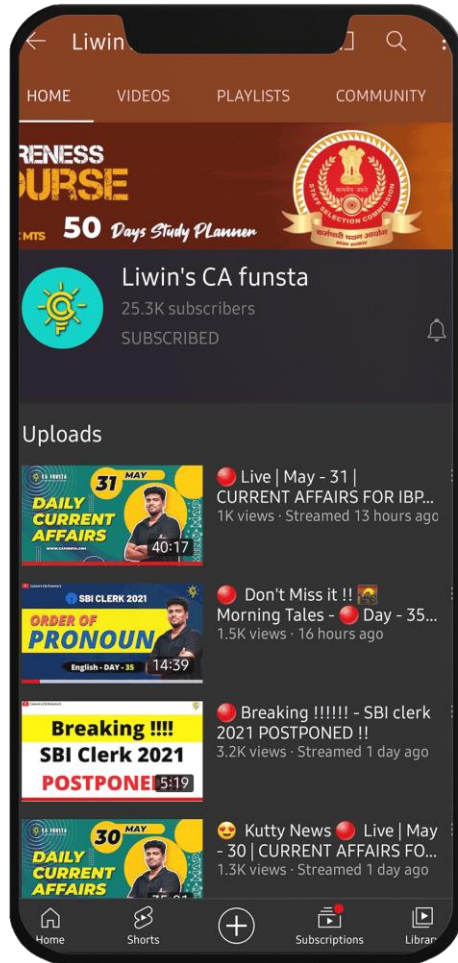
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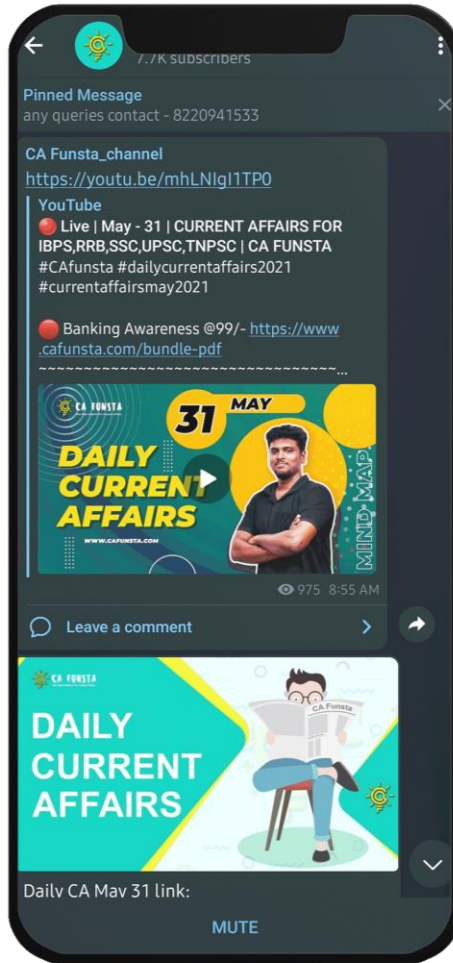
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Important Days



When is International Girls in ICT Day celebrated?

- A) First Thursday in April
- B) Second Thursday in April
- C) Third Thursday in April
- D) Fourth Thursday in April
- E) Last Thursday in April

Answer

D) Fourth Thursday in April



Important Days



Explanation

- **International Girls in ICT Day** is an annual event celebrated on the **fourth Thursday of April** to encourage and empower girls and young women to explore and pursue careers in the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT).
- This year, it is being observed on **April 27** with the theme "**Digital Skills for Life**".
- International Girls in ICT Day was declared by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) on **April 8, 2011**.
- First ever day was observed on **April 28, 2011**.



Important Days



Explanation

International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

Founded: 17 May 1865

Director General: Doreen Bogdan-Martin

Who became the first Indian in six years to get on the podium in the British F4 Championship?

- A) Jehan Daruvala
- B) Aditya Patel
- C) Arjun Maini
- D) Kush Maini
- E) Jaden Pariat

Answer
E) Jaden Pariat



Explanation

- Young Indian racing star **Jaden Pariat of Argenti Motorsport** displayed his immense talent with a podium in the first round of the **ROKiT British F4 Championship at Donington Park, UK**.
- He is only the second Indian to get an international podium in a Tatuus F4 car after Kush Maini's podium in 2017.
- He won 3rd position in Race 2 of this championship.

OBITUARY



Who recently passed away, was a legendary pugilist, and brought home six international gold medals?

- A) Mary Kom
- B) Vijender Singh
- C) Kaur Singh
- D) Sarita Devi
- E) Shiva Thapa

Answer
C) Kaur Singh



OBITUARY



Explanation

- **Kaur Singh, an legendary pugilist** who brought home **six international gold medals**, passed away.
- He was awarded the **Padma Shri(1983) and Arjuna Award(1982)** by the Government of India.
- Kaur Singh was not only a champion boxer but also once faced American boxing legend **Muhammad Ali**. He faced the Muhammad Ali in a four-round exhibition match on January 27, 1980, in Delhi.
- He made his national debut in boxing in 1979 and won a gold in senior national boxing.
- Kaur Singh had **six gold medals in international competition** to his credit, including one at the 1982 Asian Games. He won three gold medals at the senior national boxing championship (1979-1983), the Asian Boxing Championship (1980) and the Asian Games (1982).
- Kaur Singh won the **heavyweight boxing gold medal at the 1982 Asian Games in New Delhi**.
- Kaur Singh represented India at the Los Angeles Summer Olympics in 1984.
- A biopic on his life, titled '**Padma Shri Kaur Singh**', starring Karamjit Singh Batth and Prabh Grewal, was supposed to release in 2020 but had been postponed to 2022.



OBITUARY



Explanation

- He won the **Sangram and Sena Sewa medals**.
- Kaur Singh had joined the Indian Army at the age of 23 as a **havildar in 1971** . India went to war with Pakistan only a few months later, and he valiantly fought in the Barmer sector of Rajasthan.
- He also won the **Vishisht Seva Medal in 1988; Sena Medal in 1972**.
- He took retirement from boxing in 1984 and from Indian Army in 1994.

RANKING



Which state has topped the list of States with the highest market borrowings according to RBI data?

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

Answer

D) Tamil Nadu

RANKING



Explanation

Highest Market Borrowings – RBI Data		
Rank	State	Amount
1	Tamil Nadu	₹68,000 crore
2	Andhra Pradesh	₹51,860 crore
3	Maharashtra	₹50,000 crore

Explanation

- **Tamil Nadu** stood on top of the borrowing table in the previous two fiscals too. The State borrowed **₹87,977 crore in FY21 and ₹87,000 crore FY22**.
- An analysis of the top 10 borrowing States shows that Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Karnataka have sharply reduced their borrowings during FY23.
- According to RBI's indicative borrowing calendar, 22 States and two Union Territories projected a market borrowing of ₹1.99-lakh crore during April-June 2023.
- Rating agency ICRA said the indicated borrowings of Maharashtra (₹25,000 crore), Tamil Nadu (₹24,000 crore), and Andhra Pradesh (₹20,000 crore) alone account for over 35 per cent of the total borrowing projection of ₹2-lakh crore for Q1 FY24.

RANKING



Tidbits

RBI

Abbreviation: Reserve Bank of India

Act: Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Governor– Shaktikanta Das

Deputy Governors– 4 (T Rabi Sankar, Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra, M. Rajeshwar Rao)

Which company has partnered with ONDC to offer payment reconciliation service?

- A) Amazon
- B) Flipkart
- C) Paytm
- D) Google Pay
- E) Razorpay

Answer
E) Razorpay



Razorpay

Explanation

- **Razorpay**, a full-stack payments and banking platform for businesses, has joined the ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce) ecosystem.
- The fintech player claims to be the first payment gateway to launch a payment reconciliation service for network participants like buyers, sellers, and logistic partners, thereby streamlining the payment processes on ONDC and providing them with an integrated view.
- **Razorpay** is the second fintech to join ONDC. In March, Walmart-backed **PhonePe** went live on ONDC through its hyperlocal commerce app – Pincode.
- Earlier April, Razorpay formed an advisory board and roped in former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, **NS Vishwanathan**, as the Chairperson.
- In March, ONDC added mobility aggregation platform **Namma Yatri** which is open source and does not take any commission from drivers.

Titbits

Razorpay

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

CEO: Harshil Mathur

Open Network for Digital Commerce(ONGC)

CEO: Thampy Koshy

Founded: 31 December 2021

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

With which digital payments infrastructure provider has NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) executed a definitive agreement to offer Indian customers a platform for hassle-free e-commerce payments globally?

- A) Stripe
- B) Square
- C) Razorpay
- D) PPRO
- E) PayPal

Answer
D) PPRO

Explanation

- **NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)** executed a definitive agreement with digital payments infrastructure provider **PPRO** to offer Indian customers a platform for hassle-free e-commerce payments globally.
- The agreement aims at expanding **RuPay card and UPI acceptance** across PPRO's global clients, such as payment service providers (PSPs) and global merchant acquirers.
- The partnership between NIPL and PPRO will empower the global PSPs, banks, payment gateways, and enterprises with payment platforms to expand globally giving international e-commerce merchants access to Indian consumers.

Explanation

- Launched in **2016**, UPI is India's most popular instant payment system, already processing 60 per cent of all domestic payments in India and 40 per cent of instant payments processed globally.
- In **March 2023** alone, UPI processed over **8.7 billion transactions**, the highest since its launch.
- In **February**, to facilitate swift cross-border remittances for residents of **India and Singapore**, the Reserve Bank of India announced the UPI-PayNow linkage – the real-time payment system linkage between **India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** and its equivalent network of **Singapore, PayNow**.

Titbits

NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)

Establishment : April 3, 2020

Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

CEO : Ritesh Shukla

PPRO

Headquarters: London, England, United Kingdom

CEO: Simon Black

Shivalik Small Finance Bank has partnered with which organization to empower small farmers?

- A) Amul
- B) Coca-Cola
- C) PepsiCo
- D) Arya.ag
- E) ITC Limited

Answer
D) Arya.ag



Explanation

- **Shivalik Small Finance Bank** has partnered with grain commerce platform **Arya.ag** to finance small farmers against warehouse receipt.
- With this business correspondent model partnership, Arya.ag, will further its mission to drive financial inclusion for farmers and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and offer loans through Shivalik Small Finance Bank under Warehouse Receipt Finance.

Titbits

Shivalik Small Finance Bank

Headquarters : Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh

MD& CEO : Mr. Anshul Swami

Tagline : A Bank For Your Welfare

Arya.ag

Headquarters: Noida,Uttar Pradesh

Co-Founder & CEO: Prasanna Rao

Which company has entered into a strategic alliance with Tesla Power USA for providing automotive batteries at fuel stations across India?

- A) Bharat Petroleum
- B) Hindustan Petroleum
- C) Indian Oil
- D) Reliance Industries
- E) Tata Motors

Answer
C) Indian Oil



Explanation

- Tesla Power USA and Indian Oil Corp Ltd (IOCL) have announced a strategic alliance for battery distribution and sales.
- This will be the first national-level tie-up with IOCL for battery distribution. To start with, Tesla Power batteries will be available at the IOCL fuel pumps in the Delhi-NCR region, which will be subsequently expanded to other states.

Titbits

Tesla Power USA

Headquarters: Delaware USA

MD & Global CEO: John H. Vratsinas

Indian Oil Corporation Ltd

Chairman : Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

Headquarters : New Delhi

Chennai Metro Rail Ltd signed a contract agreement worth ₹1,134 crore with which organization for the construction of an elevated viaduct for CMRL Phase-II?

- A) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation
- B) RailTel Corporation of India
- C) Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd
- D) Konkan Railway Corporation Limited
- E) Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India

Answer

C) Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd

Explanation

- **Chennai Metro Rail Ltd** signed a contract agreement worth **₹1,134 crore** with **Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd** for the construction of an elevated viaduct for CMRL Phase-II.
- The contract is part of **Asian Development Bank** funding for Phase-II under the loan agreement.
- The contract involves the construction of an elevated viaduct (about 10 km) – nine elevated metro stations at Sholinganallur Lake-I, Sri Ponnamman Temple (Sholinganallur Lake-II), Sathyabama University (Semmeancheri-I), Semmeancheri-II, Gandhi Nagar, Navallur, Siruseri, Siruseri SIPCOT-1 and Siruseri SIPCOT-2 and a stabling viaduct at Sipcot CMRL.

Explanation

- Also, **The Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL)** signed a **Rs 299 crore** contract (excluding provisional sum and GST), with **Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Limited** for track work in **Corridor-3 between Madhavaram and Sholinganallur**.
- This is the last track tender awarded for Chennai Metro Rail Phase-II. The contract is part of **JICA** funding for Phase-2 under the Loan Agreement.

Titbits

Chennai Metro Rail Ltd

Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu

MD: Shri. M.A. Siddique, IAS

Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)

Founded: 24 January 2003

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Chairman & MD: Pradeep Gaur

Larsen & Toubro Ltd

CEO: Sekharipuram Narayan Subrahmanyam

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founded: 7 February 1938

APPOINTMENTS



Who has been appointed as the permanent CEO of Vodafone?

- A) Margherita Della Valle
- B) Sundar Pichai
- C) Satya Nadella
- D) Tim Cook
- E) Jeff Bezos

Answer

A) Margherita Della Valle



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Vodafone appoints **Margherita Della Valle** as permanent CEO after **Nick Read** left in December.
- Della Valle, Vodafone's chief financial officer since 2018, has been leading the company on an interim basis since Jan. 1

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Vodafone

Headquarters: Berkshire, United Kingdom

CEO: Margherita Della Valle

AWARDS



Which organization conferred the Global Gold Award to Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL)?

- A) United Nations Development Programme
- B) International Energy Agency
- C) The Green Organization
- D) World Health Organization
- E) International Atomic Energy Agency

Answer

C) The Green Organization



AWARDS



Explanation

- **Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.(PGCIL)**, a Maharatna CPSU of Ministry of Power, Government of India has been conferred **Global Gold Award** by The Green Organization.
- The recognition was given at the Green World Awards 2023 function held at Miami in the USA.
- The award is a recognition of POWERGRID's CSR work for improving Agriculture Productivity and Rural Livelihood through watershed management, community participation and better crop management practices in 10 villages of **Jaipatna Block of Kalahandi District in Odisha**.
- This is a **60-month farmer centric project** started in late **October 2019** with a withdrawal plan to ensure its sustainability.

AWARDS



Titbits

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited

Founded: 23 October 1989

Headquarters: Gurgaon, Haryana

Chairman & MD : Shri K. Sreekant

AWARDS



Which organization has been awarded the First Prize of the Steel Ministry's "Ispat Rajbhasha Samman" for the year 2021-22?

- A) Steel Authority of India Limited
- B) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited
- C) Jindal Steel and Power Limited
- D) Tata Steel Limited
- E) Essar Steel India Limited

Answer

B) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited



AWARDS



Explanation

- **RINL** bagged **Steel Ministry's "Ispat Rajbhasha Samman"** First Prize for the year 2021-22.
- CMD, RINL Shri Atul Bhatt received this prestigious award from the Minister of State for Steel and Rural Development Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste in the meeting of Hindi Salahkar Samiti held at Srinagar.
- Shri Nagendra Nath Sinha, Secretary Steel, Smt Ansuli Arya, Secretary, Department of Official Language and Smt Ruchika Chaudhary Govil, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Steel were also present on this occasion.
- Shri Lalan Kumar, GM (Rajbhasha) and Admin Incharge, RINL-Visakhapatnam steel plant was also awarded First Prize for his special efforts in ensuring effective implementation of Hindi in the organisation.



AWARDS



Titbits

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd(RINL)

Headquarters: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Founded: 18 February 1982

Chairman & MD: Atul Bhatt

AWARDS



Who was presented with the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1959?

- A) Mahatma Gandhi
- B) Jawaharlal Nehru
- C) Indira Gandhi
- D) Mother Teresa
- E) The Dalai Lama

Answer
E) The Dalai Lama



AWARDS



Explanation

- **The 1959 Ramon Magsaysay Award** was presented to Tibetan spiritual leader the **Dalai Lama** at his residence here by members of the award foundation personally after **64 years**.
- It was the first international award given to "His Holiness for Community Leadership in recognition of his leadership of the Tibetan community's gallant struggle in defense of the sacred religion that is the inspiration of their life and culture" by the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation in the Philippines in **August 1959**.
- **Dalai Lama's elder brother Gyalo Thonden** had received the Magsaysay Award on his behalf in Manila, the Philippines in August 1959.



AWARDS



Explanation

- The **Ramon Magsaysay Award**, often called the "**Nobel Prize of Asia**", is an annual award established to perpetuate former Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay's example of integrity in governance, courageous service to the people, and pragmatic idealism within a democratic society.
- The prize was established in **April 1957** by the trustees of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund based in New York City with the concurrence of the Philippine government.



In which report has India been placed on the 'Priority Watch List' of seven countries that also includes Russia, China, and Venezuela?

- A) World Economic Forum Report
- B) Human Development Report
- C) Special 301 Report on Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement
- D) Global Hunger Index
- E) World Happiness Report

Answer

C) Special 301 Report on Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement

Explanation

- The **United States Trade Representative (USTR)** has again placed **India on its Priority Watch List**, along with six other nations, including Russia and China, for alleged inadequate intellectual property rights' protection and enforcement.
- It has alleged that India's overall IP enforcement remains inadequate and trademark counterfeiting continues to remain problematic.
- On Data Protection Bill 2021, it said that right holders remain concerned with the concise language of the bill, noting that problematic issues may be reintroduced at the rule-making stage after the bill is enacted.

Explanation

- The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) on Wednesday released its Special 301 Report on the adequacy and effectiveness of US trading partners' protection and enforcement of intellectual property (IP) rights.
- Seven countries are on the Priority Watch List: **Argentina, Chile, China, India, Indonesia, Russia, and Venezuela.**
- The Special 301 report is an annual review of the global state of IP protection and enforcement.

Who will chair the first meeting of the empowered group for green hydrogen mission?

- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman
- C) Cabinet Secretary Rajeev Gauba
- D) Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar
- E) Power Minister R.K. Singh

Answer

C) Cabinet Secretary Rajeev Gauba

Explanation

- The **first meeting of the empowered group for green hydrogen mission**, chaired by **Cabinet secretary Rajeev Gauba**, will be held on May 4 to review and discuss the way forward for India's ambitious Green Hydrogen Mission.
- Apart from the Cabinet Secretary, the group comprises Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India Ajay Kumar Sood, NITI Aayog Chief Executive Officer B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, and secretaries of various ministries - renewable energy, power, fertiliser, oil, road, steel, heavy industries, among others.
- This will be the first meeting of the group after the approval of the Green Hydrogen Mission in **January**.

With which organization did the Government of Himachal Pradesh sign a MoU to establish a framework for cooperation in harnessing and developing new and renewable energy sources (NRES) in the State?

- A) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- B) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
- C) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
- D) Oil India Limited
- E) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited

Answer

D) Oil India Limited

Explanation

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Government of Himachal Pradesh and Oil India Limited (OIL) to establish a framework for cooperation in harnessing and developing new and renewable energy sources (NRES) in the State.
- The MoU was signed by Director, Energy, Harikesh Meena on behalf of the State Government and Director (operations), Pankaj Kumar Goswami on behalf of the company.

Titbits

Himachal Pradesh

Capital : Shimla

CM : Jai Ram Thakur

Governor : Shiv Pratap Shukla

Oil India Limited(OIL)

Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Founded: 18 February 1959

CMD: Dr. Ranjit Rath

Where was the XIX Council Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Interbank Consortium (SCO IBC) held?

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

Answer
D) Goa

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Inaugurate/Address By</u>	<u>Organized by</u>	<u>Others</u>
XIX Council Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Interbank Consortium (SCO IBC)	Goa	P R Jaishankar, Managing Director of India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL)		SCO-IBC Chair for the year 2023-24 is the 'Development Bank of Kazakhstan'.
North East Bankers Conclave	Constitution Club of India in New Delhi	PVSLN Murty, Chairman and Managing Director, NEDFi	North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFI) and State Bank of India (SBI)	
Y20 Pre-Summit	Sindhu Sanskriti Kendra, Leh	Lieutenant Governor of Leh-Ladakh Shri Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd)		



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Inaugurate/Address By</u>	<u>Organized by</u>
3rd Education Working Group Meeting (EdWG) under India's G20 Presidency	Bhubaneswar, Odisha	Union Minister of State for Education, Shri Subhas Sarkar	
A two-day National Conference on Condition Monitoring (NCCM 2023)	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh	Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Dr Samir V Kamat	DRDO
Summit on Farm Machinery Technology	New Delhi, Delhi	Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Tractor and Mechanization Association (TMA)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Inaugurate/Address By</u>	<u>Organized by</u>	<u>Theme</u>
third edition of the 'Republic Summit'	Taj Palace, New Delhi, Delhi	Prime Minister Narendra Modi(Chief Guest)		TIME OF TRANSFORMATION
6th edition of One Earth One Health, Advantage Healthcare India 2023	Pragati Maidan in New Delhi, Delhi	Prime Minister Narendra Modi	The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in association with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)	
Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Defence Ministers Meeting	New Delhi, Delhi	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh		



What is the MoU signed between the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment and Art of Living to make NMBA more effective and widespread?

- A) National Abhiyaan for Social Empowerment
- B) Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan
- C) Art of Living Abhiyaan
- D) Social Empowerment MoU
- E) None of the above

Answer

B) Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan

Explanation

- The **Department of Social Justice and Empowerment** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Art of Living**, the NGO run by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, as part of its Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) in a ceremony attended by the spiritual leader, and Social Justice Minister Virendra Kumar.
- The signing ceremony was held at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi, where newly-appointed Social Justice Secretary Saurabh Garg was also.
- The NMBA currently supports the running of 508 centres in 372 vulnerable districts, which include different types of de-addiction and counselling centres.
- These include community-based peer-led intervention programmes, integrated rehabilitation and counselling centres, drug de-addiction centres, and addiction treatment facilities, as well as providing treatment protocols for different levels of addiction to various substances.

Which organization released a report on Promoting Millets in Diets: Best Practices across States/UTs of India?

- A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
- E) Indian Council of Agricultural Research

Answer
C) NITI Aayog



Explanation

- **NITI Aayog** released a report titled Promoting Millets in Diets: Best Practices across States/UTs of India.
- The report was released by **NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman K. Bery** in the presence of Member (Health) Dr. V.K. Paul, Member (Agriculture) Dr. Ramesh Chand and CEO B. V. R. Subrahmanyam.
- Ms. Aditi Rout, Additional Secretary Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ms Shubha Thakur, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ms. Deepa Anand, Deputy Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy and Senior Advisor NITI Aayog Mr Rajib Sen were also present at the launch.

Explanation

- The report presents a set of good and innovative practices adopted by states governments and organizations in various aspects of millet value- chain especially production, processing and consumption.
- The report in three themes i.e. **(a) State Missions and initiatives to promote millets; (b) Inclusion of millets in ICDS; (c) Research and development and use of technology for innovative practices.**
- The report will serve as a guiding repository to revive and mainstream millets in our diets.

Titbits

NITI Aayog

Abbreviation: National Institution for Transforming India

Aayog

Founded : 2015

Hq: New Delhi, Delhi

CEO : Mr Parameswaran Iyer

QUICK RECALL



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QUICK RECALL



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QUICK RECALL



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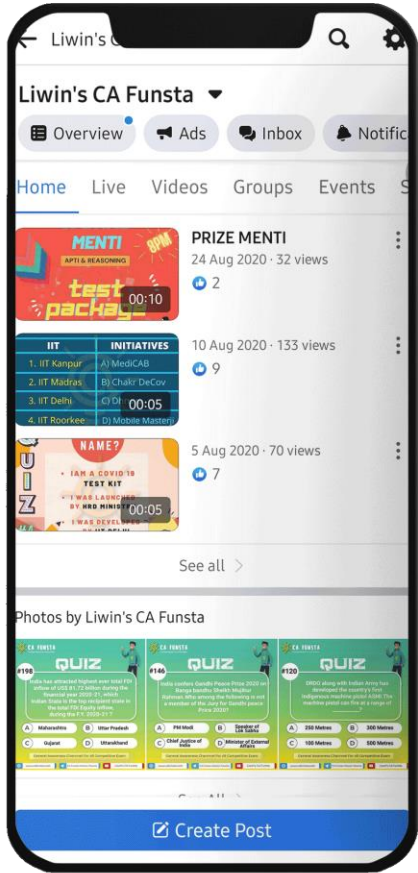
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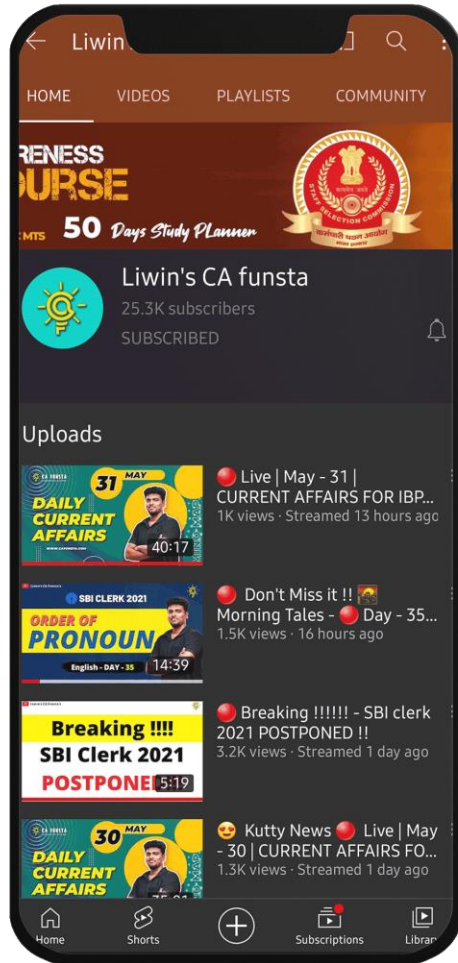
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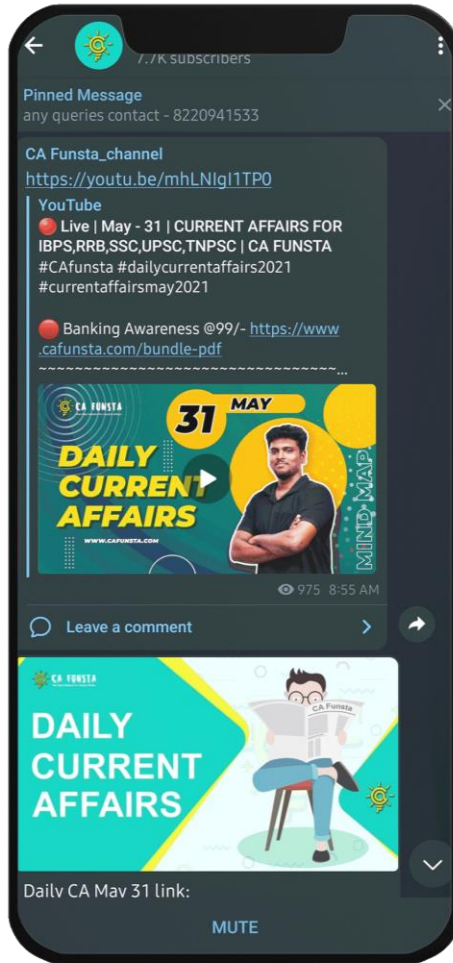
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