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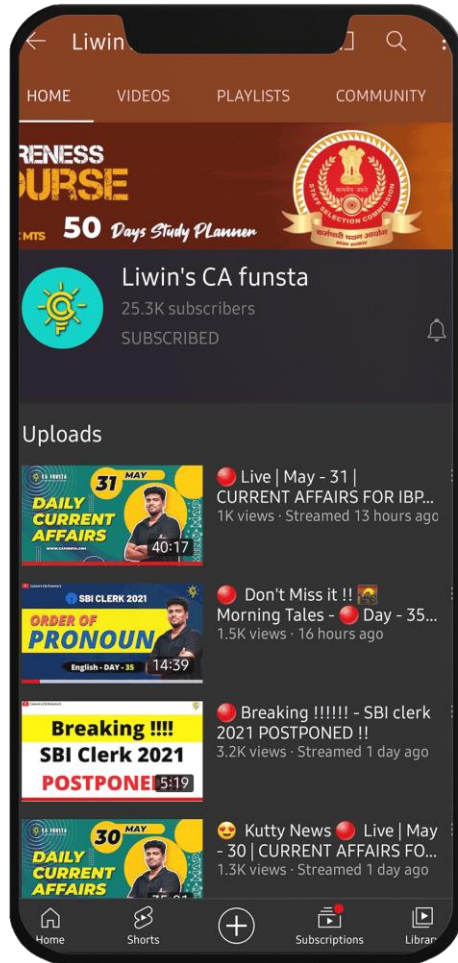
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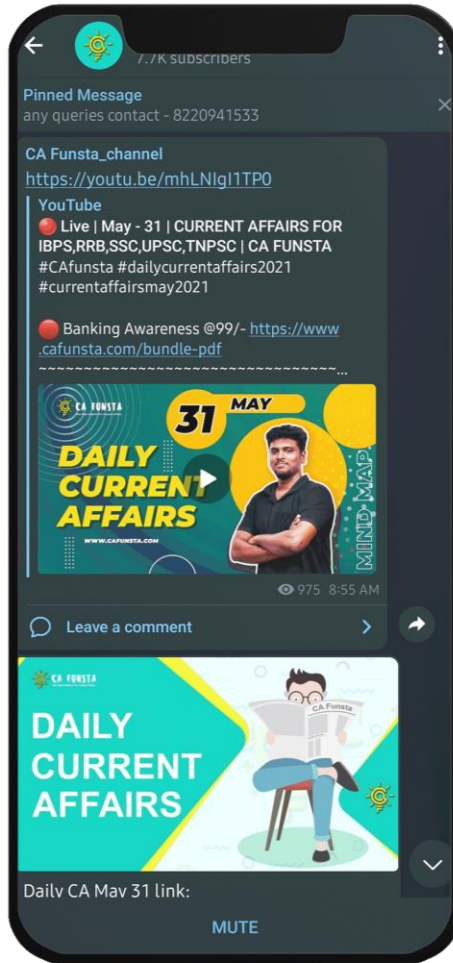
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Important Days



Who is known as the father of modern ballet and is celebrated on World Dance Day?

- A) Sergei Diaghilev
- B) Rudolf Nureyev
- C) George Balanchine
- D) Jean-Georges Noverre
- E) Mikhail Baryshnikov



Answer

D) Jean-Georges Noverre

Important Days



Explanation

- International Dance Day is marked on **April 29**.
- World Dance Day is also referred to as International Dance Day and is celebrated on **April 29** to commemorate the birthday of **Jean-Georges Noverre**, a French dancer and ballet master known as the father of modern ballet.
- World Dance Day was established by the International Dance Council (CID) in **1982**. The CID is a non-profit organization. It is a part of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).



Important Days



Ayushman Bharat Diwas

- Ayushman Bharat Diwas is observed on **April 30** every year to commemorate the launch of the Ayushman Bharat **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) scheme** by the government on **September 23, 2018**.
- The AB-PMJAY is a flagship health insurance scheme that provides financial protection to over 10 crore families or 50 crore beneficiaries, covering up to Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary hospitalization care.
- The scheme aims to provide accessible and affordable healthcare to the underprivileged and vulnerable sections of society.



Important Days



International Jazz Day

- International Jazz Day is an International Day declared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in 2011 "to highlight jazz and its diplomatic role of uniting people in all corners of the globe."
- It is celebrated annually on **April 30**.

What is the name of the retail term deposit scheme recently launched by Bank of India for senior citizens?

- A) Shubh Samridhi Deposit
- B) Shubh Arambh Deposit
- C) Shubh Nivesh Deposit
- D) Shubh Vyapar Deposit
- E) Shubh Ujjawal Deposit



Answer

B) Shubh Arambh Deposit

Explanation

- **Bank of India (BoI)** has announced the launch of “**Shubh Arambh Deposit**” retail term deposit scheme for senior citizens.
- With this special FD scheme, seniors, including super senior citizens aged **80 and above** can take benefit of an additional interest rate of **0.50% for senior citizens and 0.65% for super senior citizens.**
- Bank of India is providing enticing interest rates for other tenures ranging from **7 days to 10 years.**
- Deposits with periods of seven days to ten years will get interest rates of up to **7.40% for super senior citizens and up to 6.75% for regular customers.**
- For domestic, NRO, and NRE deposits, the latest interest rates are in effect.
- A total additional interest rate of 0.75% for senior citizens and 0.90% for super senior citizens is offered on deposits of three years and above over the standard rate of interest.

Titbits

Bank of India

Hq: Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD and CEO : Rajneesh Karnatak

Tagline : Relationship Beyond Banking

Which country has become the largest recipient of Asian Development Bank (ADB)-funded programmes/projects in the year 2022?

- A) China
- B) India
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Pakistan
- E) Indonesia

Answer
D) Pakistan



Explanation

- **Pakistan** has become the largest recipient of the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)-funded programmes/projects in the year 2022.**
- According to the **ADB Annual Report 2022**, out of total disbursement of over **USD 31.8 billion to 40 countries**, Pakistan received loans of **USD 5.58 billion.**
- Pakistan is in a deep economic crisis and out of the total lending of USD 5.58 billion, Pakistan received concessional funding of USD 2.67 billion from the bank last year.

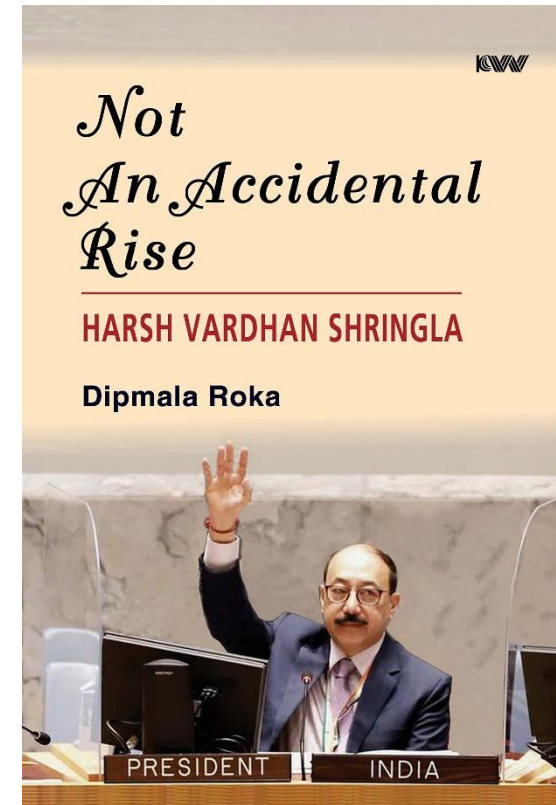
BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Who is the author of the book "Not An Accidental Rise: Harsh Vardhan Shringla"?

- A) Dipmala Roka
- B) Ritu Sarin
- C) Pankaj Mishra
- D) Amish Tripathi
- E) Shashi Tharoor

Answer
A) Dipmala Roka



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Explanation

Book Name	Author	Published By	Launched By
Not An Accidental Rise: Harsh Vardhan Shringla	Dipmala Roka		C.V. Ananda Bose
My Life as a Comrade: The Story of an Extraordinary Politician and the World That Shaped Her	K.K. Shailaja , Manju Sara Rajan	Delhi-based Juggernaut Books	Pinarayi Vijayan
Reflections	Narayanan Vaghul		Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman



APPOINTMENTS



Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of Bank of Baroda by the Centre?

- A) Abhijit Sen
- B) Debadatta Chand
- C) Priya Sharma
- D) Ramesh Gupta
- E) Nisha Patel

Answer
B) Debadatta Chand



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- The Centre appointed **Debadatta Chand** as managing director and chief executive officer (MD and CEO), **Bank of Baroda**, and **Rajneesh Karnatak** as MD and CEO of **Bank of India** for a period of **three years**.
- **Chand**, who earlier served as executive director at Bank of Baroda, will take over as the MD and CEO from July 1 for a period of three years, succeeding outgoing bank **chief Sanjiv Chadha**. Chand has over 27 years of experience in commercial banks and developmental financial institutions, including Allahabad Bank, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Punjab National Bank.
- He was also on the board of PNB Principal Mutual Fund and SWIFT India, among others. His special expertise is in treasury operations, investment banking and market risk management.
- Karnatak replaces Atanu Kumar Das who completed his three-year term in January this year.
- Prior to leading Bank of India, Karnatak was executive director at Union Bank of India.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Bank of India

Hq: Mumbai, Maharashtra

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Tagline : Relationship Beyond Banking

Bank of Baroda

Hq: Vadodara, Gujarat

MD and CEO : Debadatta Chand

Tagline : India's International Bank



APPOINTMENTS



Who has been appointed as the new chief secretary of Maharashtra?

- A) Manoj Saunik
- B) Ramesh Kumar
- C) Deepak Gupta
- D) Shalini Pandey
- E) Anupam Shrivastava

Answer

A) Manoj Saunik



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- The Maharashtra government appointed senior Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer **Manoj Saunik** as the next **chief secretary of the state**.
- Saunik, currently posted as additional chief secretary (finance), will succeed veteran bureaucrat **Manu Kumar Shrivastav**, who is retiring on April 30.
- Post-retirement as Maharashtra's top bureaucrat, Shrivastav will take over as state commissioner (right to services).

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Maharashtra

Capital : Mumbai

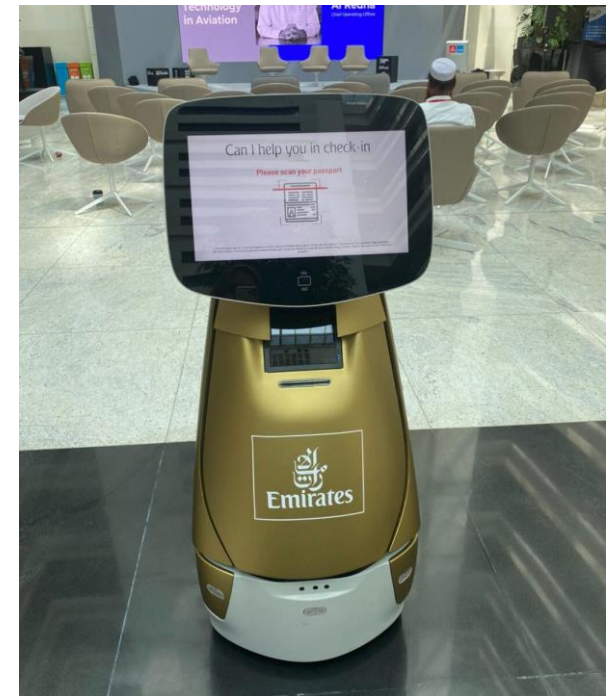
CM : Eknath Shinde

Governor : Ramesh Bais

What is the name of the world's first robotic check-in assistant unveiled by Emirates airline?

- A) Sophia
- B) Sarah
- C) Samantha
- D) Susan
- E) Selena

Answer
B) Sarah



Explanation

- Dubai-based airline **Emirates** has unveiled its latest innovation, the world's first robotic check-in assistant named **Sara**.
- The facility allows customers to drop their luggage as early as 24 hours and up to 4 hours before their flight, arriving at the airport at their leisure.
- Passengers can check in via self-check-in kiosks, at dedicated desks with Emirates agents, or with the help of **Sara**.
- The system is part of a new City Check-in and Travel Store that is set to launch in **Dubai's financial district**.
- The robot is equipped with facial recognition technology and can print boarding passes, making the check-in process more efficient.
- Sara is also portable and can move around to assist those who need help. Sources suggest that future iterations of Sara will also have arms that can transport luggage.

Titbits

Emirates

headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

CMD: Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum

From which year will India be joining international climate action in civil aviation?

- A) 2025
- B) 2026
- C) 2027
- D) 2028
- E) 2029



Answer
C) 2027

Explanation

- India will start participating in the **International Civil Aviation Organisation's (ICAO) Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA) and the Long-Term Aspirational Goals (LTAG) from 2027.**
- This was announced at a meeting of the Parliament's Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Civil Aviation held in **New Delhi.**
- The meeting was chaired by the Minister of Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia.
- India committed to net zero by **2070** at the **26th Conference of Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.**

Titbits

International Civil Aviation Organization(ICAO)

Headquarters: Montreal, Canada

Founded: 7 December 1944

Secretary General: Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar

What is the name of the initiative launched by Yogi Adityanath to stop electricity theft in Uttar Pradesh?

- A) Bijli Suraksha Abhiyan
- B) Bijli Bachao Andolan
- C) Bijli Mitra initiative
- D) Bijli Adhikar Abhiyan
- E) Bijli Prabandhan Scheme

Answer
Bijli Mitra initiative

Explanation

- The government led by **Yogi Adityanath** has launched the **Bijli Mitra initiative**, which is aimed at **stopping electricity theft** in Uttar Pradesh.
- A new link has been added to the **Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL)** website, allowing people to anonymously report instances of electricity theft.
- This initiative is part of the government's efforts to provide uninterrupted power supply to all households while also cracking down on electricity theft.
- The government has also launched a campaign to legalize illegal electricity connections and Bijli Mitra is a key component of this drive.
- To report electricity theft, individuals can visit the UPPCL website (**www.upenergy.in**) and use the Bijli Mitra link 'bijlimitra.uppcl.org' to provide information about the address of the theft.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Uttar Pradesh

Capital : Lucknow

CM : Yogi Adityanath

Governor : Anandiben Patel



Where is the country's first cable-stayed railway bridge located, which has recently been completed?

- A) Leh district of Ladakh
- B) Anji Khad in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir
- C) Rohtang Pass in Himachal Pradesh
- D) Kaziranga National Park in Assam
- E) Sundarbans in West Bengal

Answer

B) Anji Khad in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir



Explanation

- The work on the **country's first cable-stayed railway bridge** at **Anji Khad in Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir** has been completed, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.
- The completion of Anji Khad bridge, having a single pylon with a height of **331 metres above the river bed** on Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL), is yet another major breakthrough achieved by the Indian Railways, which is expecting to complete the Rs 37,000 crore project by the end of this year.
- Described as a **“true engineering marvel”**, the bridge has 48 cables each on lateral and central spans with work on its pylon started in **2017**, officials said, adding the pylon is standing 191 metre from its foundation level.
- It is the second highest railway bridge after the iconic arch bridge over Chenab at Kauri, which is the highest railway bridge in the world being 359 metres above the river bed level – 35 metres higher than the iconic Eiffel tower in Paris.

Explanation

- Anji Khad bridge has a total length of **473.25 metres**, while the **length of the viaduct is 120 metres. The central embankment has a length of 94.25 meters.**
- In **October 2016**, the Railways decided to build a cable-stayed bridge at **Anji Khad** after the plan to build an arch bridge similar to Chenab bridge was abandoned due to vulnerability of the structure, primarily due to concerns over geological stability of the region.
- The Railway Ministry sanctioned the construction of the railway line from **Udhampur to Baramulla via Srinagar in phases – 25-km Udhampur to Katra in 1994, 118-km Qazigund to Baramulla and 129-km Katra to Qazigund in 1999.**
- In view of the importance of the USBRL in providing seamless and hassle-free connectivity to Kashmir, the 272-km-long rail link was declared as a “National Project” in 2002.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Jammu and Kashmir

Capital : Srinagar(summer),Jammu(winter)

Governor : Manoj Sinha

Who flagged off the "Ganga Pushkarala Yatra: Puri - Kasi - Ayodhya" Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train from Secunderabad Railway Station?

- A) Union Minister for Finance
- B) Union Minister for Agriculture
- C) Union Minister for Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region
- D) Union Minister for Health
- E) Union Minister for Education

Answer

C) Union Minister for Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region

Explanation

- Union Minister For Culture, Tourism And Development Of North Eastern Region, Kishan Reddy flagged off the "**Ganga Pushkarala Yatra: Puri - Kasi - Ayodhya**" Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train from Secunderabad Railway Station.
- The train was flagged off from Platform No.10. SCR General Manager, Arun Kumar Jain along with other IRCTC and railway officials joined the minister at the flag-off.

Titbits

Culture , Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region

Minister:G. Kishan Reddy

Constituency: Secunderabad, Telangana

Which two projects were launched by the Delhi High Court?

- A) Digital Payment System and Online Education Portal
- B) Digital Courts for Contested Traffic Challans and Bail Orders Sharing Module
- C) E-Voting System and Digital Healthcare Platform
- D) Cybersecurity System and Digital Marketing Platform
- E) Environmental Protection System and Rural Development Scheme

Answer

B) Digital Courts for Contested Traffic Challans and Bail Orders Sharing Module

Explanation

- **The Delhi High Court** launched two projects namely “**Digital Courts for Contested Traffic Challans**” and “**Bail Orders Sharing Module on e-Prison platform.**”
- The projects were launched virtually by the Chief Justice of India, **Justice DY Chandrachud**, who appreciated the High Court as well as everyone involved in the launch of the initiatives in incorporating technology in judicial functioning.
- The projects have been launched by Information Technology Committee of Delhi High Court which is headed by **Justice Rajiv Shakdher as the Chairman**. Other members are Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Justice Sanjeev Narula, Justice Talwant Singh and Justice Purushaindra Kumar Kaurav.
- As part of the initiative, **the digital traffic courts** will adjudicate the challans contested on virtual court and conduct the proceedings online, including recording of evidence and hearing of arguments.

Explanation

- The process will be done as per the eFiling Rules of Delhi High Court, 2021 and Delhi High Court Rules for Video Conferencing for Courts, 2021.
- In the digital courts, the alleged violators can appear through video conferencing, who, if convicted, can pay the fine online on <https://pay.ecourts.gov.in>.
- At present, two such digital traffic courts have been setup in **East and North-East districts and Karkardooma Courts**. It is proposed that one digital traffic court is set up in each District Court of Delhi.
- The other initiative of **bail orders sharing module on e-Prison platform** is for providing a platform to the Delhi High Court and District Courts to share digitally signed bail orders to inmates or under trials lodged in any jail throughout the country. A list of cases where the prisoner is not released despite grant of bail will also be generated.
- The initiative has been developed by **NIC-ICJS division in consultation with the Delhi High Court, Delhi State Legal Services Authority and Delhi Prison**.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Where was the All India Vedic Science Conference held?

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

Answer
D) New Delhi



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Explanation

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Inaugurate/Address By</u>
All India Vedic Science Conference	New Delhi, Delhi	Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla

What is the name of the snow festival that is going to take place in Kishtwar, J&K?

- A) Gulmarg Snow Festival
- B) Sinthan Snow Festival
- C) Sonamarg Snow Festival
- D) Pahalgam Snow Festival
- E) Leh Snow Festival

Answer
B) Sinthan Snow Festival



Explanation

- The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu and Kishtwar Tourism Development Authority (KTDA) a two-day **Sinthan Snow Festival-2023** at **Sinthan Maidan, Kishtwar** .
- The snow festival is being organized in collaboration with the District Administration Kishtwar, the Jammu & Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture, and Languages (JKAACL), and the Army.

QUICK RECALL



- **April 29 - International Dance Day; April 30 - Ayushman Bharat Diwas, International Jazz Day.**
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- **Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurated the All India Vedic Science Conference in New Delhi.**
- **Sinthan Snow Festival-2023 to take place at Sinthan Maidan, Kishtwar, J&K.**



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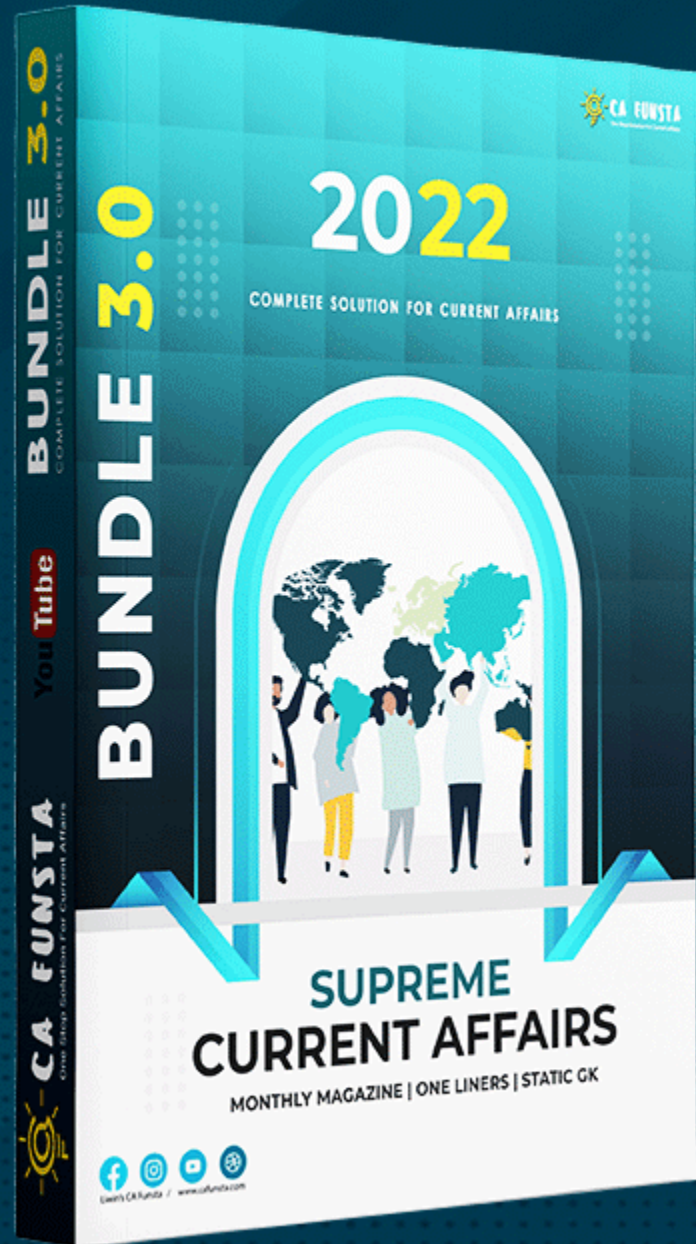
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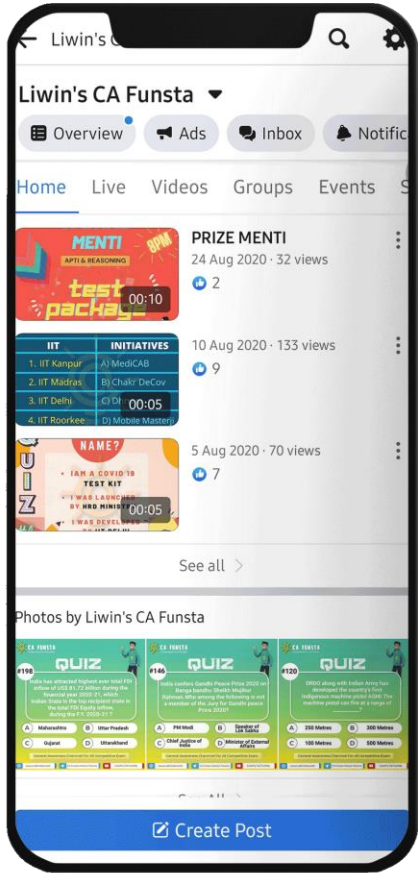
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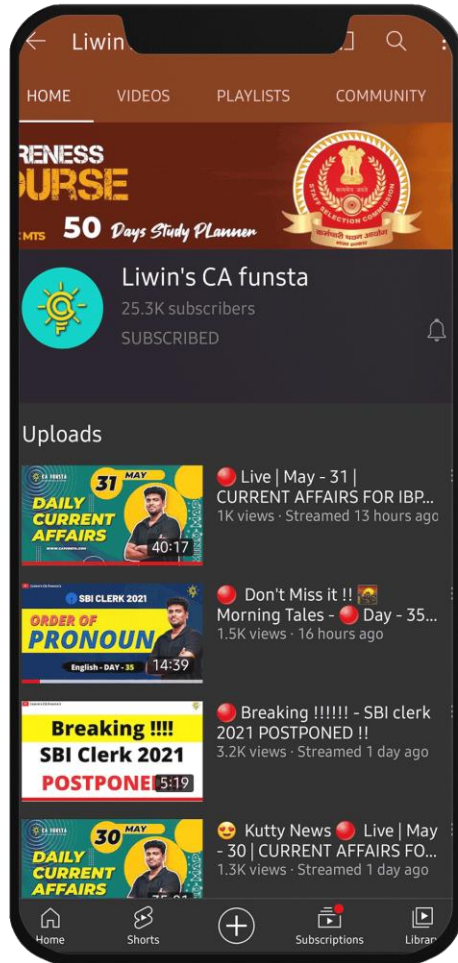
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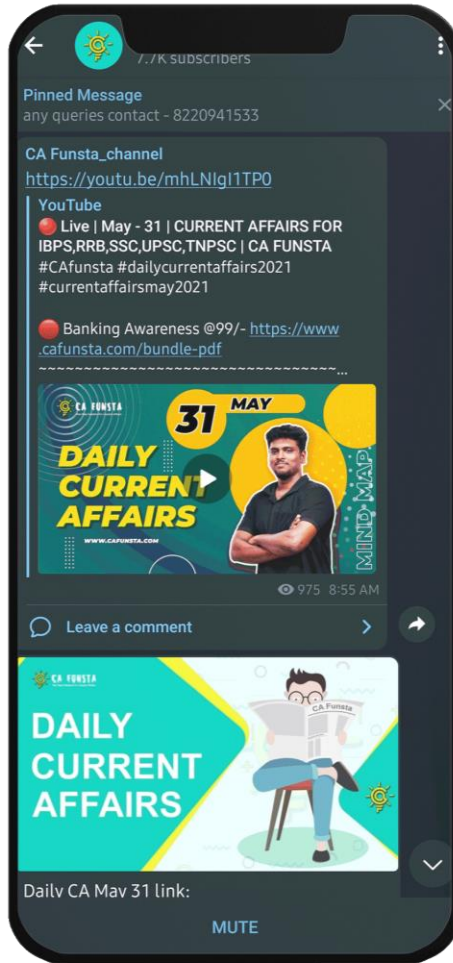
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