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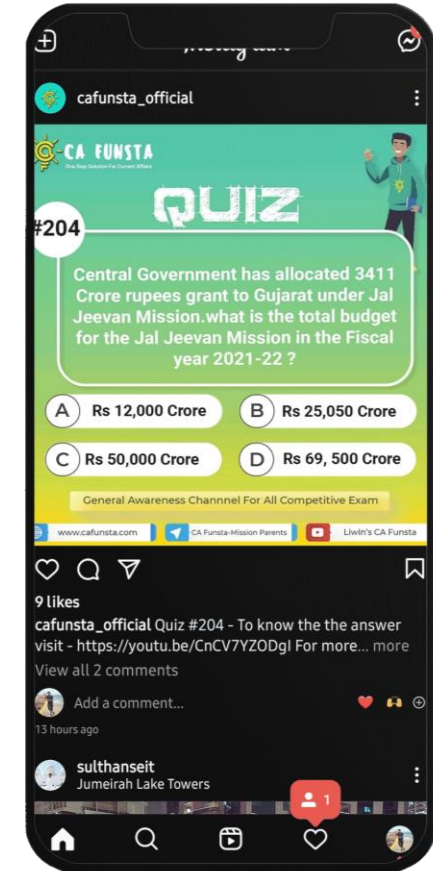
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Important Days



On which date is International No Diet Day celebrated?

- A) May 1
- B) May 3
- C) May 5
- D) May 6
- E) May 8

Answer
D) May 6



Important Days



Explanation

International No Diet Day

- **International No Diet Day** is observed on **May 6** every year and was first started by **Mary Evans in 1992**.
- The purpose of the day was to help men and women around the world to appreciate their own. The day aims to tackle tough issues regarding diet and body awareness.

Important Days



Border Roads Organisation (BRO) Raising Day

- **Edition:** 64th
- The BRO was formed on **7 May 1960** to secure India's borders and develop infrastructure in remote areas of the north and north-east states of the country.
- BRO has constructed over 61,218 km of roads, over 915 bridges, four tunnels, and 19 airfields along India's borders and in friendly foreign countries, including Bhutan, Myanmar, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan.
- As part of BRO Day, the **Hon'ble Defence Minister** flagged in the "**Ekta Avam Shradhanjali Abhiyaan**," a multi-modal expedition that commenced on 10 April 2023 from **Daulat Beg Oldie (DBO) in Ladakh and Kibithu in Arunachal Pradesh** and culminated on 07 May 2023 at Pune.
- The Hon'ble Minister inaugurated **BRO Technical Training Complex** and **Drive-through Automated Driving Track**.
- He also released **BRO-centric software** created as part of the Digital India initiative to automate various aspects of the functioning of the BRO.



Important Days



World Athletics Day

- World Athletics Day is observed on May 7 to encourage sports activities throughout the world.
- The primary aim of this day is to inculcate athleticism in youngsters.

World Athletics Day 2023: History

- World Athletics Day was established in **1996** by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) president and Italian sports official Primo Nebiolo.
- The IAAF was founded in Stockholm, Sweden, on **July 17, 1912**. The organization changed its name to World Athletics in **2019**.
- It is currently headquartered in Monaco and serves as the international governing body for the sport of athletics, including track and field events.
- In addition to governing competitions and setting official world records, it also standardizes technical equipment used in athletics.
- **IAAF president Primo Nebiolo** founded **World Athletics Day in 1996**.

Theme

- The theme for World Athletics Day 2023 is – **'Athletics for All – A New Beginning.'**

Who won the Mutua Madrid Open in Men's singles by defeating Jan-Lennard Struff?

- A) Rafael Nadal
- B) Novak Djokovic
- C) Roger Federer
- D) Daniil Medvedev
- E) Carlos Alcaraz

Answer
E) Carlos Alcaraz



SPORTS



Explanation

- Held in **Madrid, Spain**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner</u>
Men Single	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Jan-Lennard Struff (Germany)
Women Singles	Aryna Sabalenka (Russia)	Iga Świątek (Poland)
Men Doubles	Karen Khachanov (Russia) & Andrey Rublev (Russia)	Rohan Bopanna (India) & Matthew Ebden (Australia)
Women Doubles	Victoria Azarenka (Belarus) & Beatriz Haddad Maia (Brazil)	Coco Gauff (USA) & Jessica Pegula (USA)



RANKING



Who topped Forbes' highest-paid athletes list in 2023?

- A) Lionel Messi
- B) LeBron James
- C) Cristiano Ronaldo
- D) Roger Federer
- E) Neymar Jr.

Answer
C) Cristiano Ronaldo



RANKING



Explanation

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Sports</u>
1	Cristiano Ronaldo	\$136 Milion	Portugal	Football
2	Lionel Messi	\$130 Milion	Argentina	Football
3	Kylian Mbappe	\$120 Milion	France	Football
4	LeBron James	\$119.5 Milion	USA	Basketball
5	Canelo Alvarez	\$110 Milion	Mexico	Boxing

Which bank has introduced e-BG (Electronic Bank Guarantee) facility for its customers in partnership with National E-Governance Service Ltd (NeSL)?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) Axis Bank
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) South Indian Bank
- E) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer

D) South Indian Bank



Explanation

- **South Indian Bank** has introduced **e-BG (Electronic Bank Guarantee) facility** for its customers in partnership with **National E-Governance Service Ltd (NeSL)**. It facilitates API-based paperless issue of bank guarantees, eliminating the need for physical documentation and record maintenance.
- The bank issued its First e-BG favouring a leading public sector unit for an amount of Rs 4.57 crore through NeSL.
- South Indian Bank's customers can now procure e-BGs for beneficiaries on-board NeSL.
- Paper-based BGs involve stamping, signing and transferring the physical BGs, while e-BGs are stamped electronically, eliminating the need for purchasing physical stamp paper, printing the documents and physical signatures.

Titbits

South Indian Bank

Hq: Thrissur, Kerala

CEO : Murali Ramakrishnan

Tagline: Experience Next

Generation Banking

NeSL

Abbreviation: National E-Governance Services Limited

Headquarters: JAGATPURI, DELHI

MD & CEO: Debajyoti Ray Chaudhuri

Found: 24th June 2016

Which feature has PhonePe gone live with on its app?

- A) UPI Pro
- B) Payment Protect
- C) PhonePe Gold
- D) UPI Lite
- E) Bill Split

Answer
D) UPI Lite



Explanation

- **PhonePe** announced that it has gone live with the **UPI Lite feature** on its app. The feature allows users to initiate low-value payments under **Rs. 200**, with a single tap from their UPI Lite account without entering a PIN.
- The transaction is processed directly by debiting the on-device UPI Lite balance without involving the customers' banks' (remitter bank) core banking systems in real-time.
- This makes transactions more seamless and even faster than the regular UPI transactions while also increasing the success probability of the transaction.
- The feature is designed by **NPCI** and was launched by the **Reserve Bank of India** in **September last year**.
- PhonePe was founded in December **2015**.
- **SoftBank-backed Paytm** had gone live with UPI Lite in the **last week of February**.

BANKING AND FINANCE



Titbits

PhonePe

Founded: 2015

CEO: Sameer Nigam

Headquarters : Bengaluru, Karnataka

Which company has partnered with Swiggy to provide insurance cover to its delivery partners?

- A) HDFC Ergo General Insurance
- B) ICICI Lombard General Insurance
- C) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- D) Reliance General Insurance
- E) Tata AIG General Insurance

Answer

D) Reliance General Insurance



Explanation

- **Reliance General Insurance**, the private general insurance company has partnered with food delivery company **Swiggy** to provide **tailored health insurance** along with **personal accident** and **mobile phone insurance coverage** to its **3 lakh delivery partners**.
- The insurance protection will be offered through the insurance brokerage firm Gallagher Insurance Brokers.
- The benefits include Group Mediclaim policy under which Swiggy's delivery partners can avail OPD treatment, medical hospitalization, maternity cover, etc., as per the eligibility criteria of the master policy. Likewise, under the Group Personal Accident policy, the delivery partners will be covered in the unfortunate event of accidental death and accidental permanent partial disablement.
- Moreover, in the case of accidental temporary total disablement, the insured partner will receive a loss of pay benefit during recovery.

Titbits

Reliance General Insurance

Headquarters : Mumbai , Maharashtra

CEO: Rakesh Jain

Swiggy

Headquarters: Bangalore, Karnataka

CEO: Sriharsha Majety

Which bank has partnered with Cashfree Payments to provide an international payment collection service to Indian exporters?

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

Answer
D) Yes Bank



Explanation

- **Cashfree Payments** and **Yes Bank** have come together to offer '**Global Collections**', an international collection service for exporters, who are account holders of Yes Bank.
- Under this partnership, the Bank's account holders will be able to collect payments in over 30 foreign currencies using the Global Collections service.
- The funds so received can then be converted into INR and settled into their local bank account in India within one business day.
- In addition to having dedicated facilities in **4 currencies (USD, GBP, EUR and CAD)**, **the product** also enables global collections in over **30 currencies up to the equivalent of \$10,000** in line with the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) Online Payment Gateway Service Providers (OPGSP) guidelines.

Titbits

Cashfree Payments

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

CEO and Co-Founder : Akash Sinha

Yes Bank

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD and CEO : Prashant Kumar

Tagline: Experience our Expertise

What is the new name of PAYBACK India, the largest multi-brand loyalty program in India, after it was rebranded by BharatPe Group?

- A) PAYZ
- B) PointX
- C) Zillion
- D) Rewardify
- E) LoyaltyMax

Answer
C) Zillion



Explanation

- **BharatPe Group**, a leading fintech, has said that it will be rebranding **PAYBACK India**, the country's largest multi-brand loyalty program, to **Zillion**.
- This new brand identity is in line with the company's vision to make Zillion ubiquitous to loyalty and rewards across the country.
- It aims to target customers across age groups and add a new dimension to their overall shopping experience, across categories and brands.
-

Titbits

Zillion (Previous name PAYBACK India)

Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana

CEO: Rijish Raghavan

What is the purpose of the MoU signed between the Indian embassy in Nepal and Sushila Thakur Memorial Health Foundation (STMHF)?

- A) Distribution of electric stoves
- B) Distribution of LPG stoves and cylinders
- C) Distribution of kerosene stoves and lamps
- D) Distribution of solar-powered stoves
- E) Distribution of biomass stoves

Answer

B) Distribution of LPG stoves and cylinders

Explanation

- A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the **Embassy of India, Kathmandu** and **Sushila Thakur Memorial Health Foundation (STMHF)**, for the distribution of LPG gas stoves and cylinders in **Mahottari District, Nepal** with the Indian grant assistance of **Rs 50 million (approx)** under **India-Nepal Development Cooperation**.
- This project will benefit nearly 8,000 underprivileged and marginalised families of five municipalities in **Mahottari District, Madhesh Pradesh of Nepal**.
- The project is inspired by the Government of **India's Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana** which is a flagship scheme with an objective to make clean cooking fuel such as LPG available to rural and deprived households which were otherwise using traditional cooking fuels such as firewood, coal, cow-dung cakes.

Explanation

- Since **2003**, India has taken up over 535 High Impact Community Development Projects in Nepal and has completed 478 projects.
- Amongst these, 81 projects are in Mahdesh Pradesh including 6 projects in Mahottari District.
- In addition to these, the Government of India has gifted 23 ambulances to various hospitals and health posts in Mahottari District.

AWARDS



Who has been honoured with the Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding in the year 2023?

- A) Maria Stepanova
- B) Elena Ferrante
- C) Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- D) Margaret Atwood
- E) Kazuo Ishiguro

Answer

A) Maria Stepanova



AWARDS



Explanation

- **Maria Stepanova**, a powerful contemporary voice of Russian literature now living in exile in Berlin, has been awarded the prestigious **Leipzig Book Prize for European Understanding in 2023**.
- The Russian-Jewish author, whose novel *In Memory of Memory* explores Stalinism and the fall of the Soviet Union, was nominated for the **Booker Prize in 2021**, was honored in Leipzig for her volume of poetry, **Girls Without Clothes**.
- It is described as a sensitive and highly poetic study of often hidden violence against the female body and the power imbalance that drives this oppression.
- The award ceremony took place on April 25, marking the opening of the **30th Leipzig Book Fair**.



AWARDS



Explanation

- The prize has been granted **since 1994** with the aim of promoting reconciliation in Europe, and it was previously won by another Russian exile, **Masha Gessen**, a journalist residing in the United States, for her book **The Future Is History: How Totalitarianism Reclaimed Russia** in **2019**.

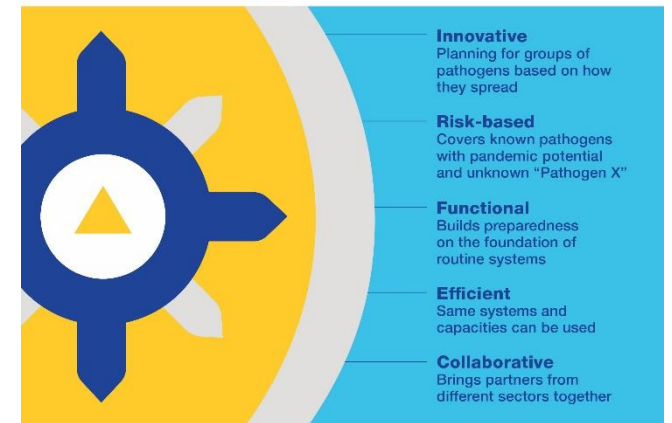
Which organization has launched an initiative called PRET to make the world better prepared for future pandemics?

- A) United Nations
- B) World Bank
- C) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- D) World Health Organization (WHO)
- E) International Labour Organization (ILO)

Answer

D) World Health Organization (WHO)

The Preparedness and Resilience to Emerging Threats (PRET) initiative
helps countries prepare for disease pandemics by being:



Explanation

- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** has launched a new initiative to be better prepared for future outbreaks of a similar scale and devastation as the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The **Preparedness and Resilience for Emerging Threats (PRET) Initiative** is aimed at providing “guidance on integrated planning for responding to any respiratory pathogen such as influenza or coronaviruses”.
- While the current focus of PRET will be on respiratory viruses – in the backdrop of the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak, possible threat of an avian influenza outbreak – work is already underway to assess what should be the next group of pathogens to be mitigated under this initiative.
- The initiative was announced at the **Global Meeting for Future Respiratory Pathogen Pandemics** held on 24-26 April 2023 in **Geneva, Switzerland**.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

WHO

Abbreviation: The World Health Organization

Director-General : Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Headquarters : Geneva, Switzerland

Founded: 7 April 1948

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Where was the day-long fighting exercise 'Agni Daman - 23' conducted by the Indian Army's HQ, Southern Command held?

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

Answer
D) Pune



Explanation

- The **Indian Army's HQ, Southern Command** conducted a day-long fighting exercise '**Agni Daman - 23**' with 56 firefighting columns, including 32 from civil agencies held in Pune, Maharashtra.
- The exercise was conducted at 29 Field Ammunition Depot (FAD), Dehu Road.
- The exercise is crucial to enhance synergy among firemen to work together effectively in the event of major fire incidents in and around the city, said the officers from the Army.

The Indian government has constituted an 11-member high-level committee to restructure which organization?

- A) Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
- B) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
- C) Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)
- D) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- E) National Aeronautics Limited (NAL)

Answer

B) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)



Explanation

- The government has constituted a high-level committee to restructure the 94-year-old Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to meet the objective of Amrit Kal.
- The Amrit Kal is referred as the period of the next 25 years to make India fulfill the aspiration of youths, self-reliance and economic stability.
- The **11**-member committee is constituted under the chairmanship of the **Additional Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education and Secretary of ICAR, Sanjay Garg.**

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

ICAR

Abbreviation: Indian Council of Agricultural Research

Established : 16 July 1929

Headquarteres : New Delhi

Director : Himanshu Pathak

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Which minister flagged off the vessel 'M.V. MSS Galena' from V.O. Chidambaranar Port, as the Direct Shipping Service between Tuticorin to Maldives?

- A) Minister of State for Finance
- B) Minister of State for External Affairs
- C) Minister of State for Home Affairs
- D) Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- E) Minister of State for Agriculture

Answer

D) Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways



Explanation

- At a ceremony held Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri **Shantanu Thakur** flagged off the vessel '**M.V. MSS Galena**' from **V.O. Chidambaranar Port**, as the **Direct Shipping Service between Tuticorin to Maldives**.
- The mutual understanding between the two Nations this service is being operated as a culmination of the Memorandum of Understanding signed for Establishment of Passenger and Cargo Services by Sea between Ministry of Port, Shipping & Waterways, Government of India, and Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, Government of Maldives on **08.06.2019**, during the State Visit of Prime Minister of India to Maldives.

Explanation

- MSS Galena, with a capacity to carry **421 TEUs of containers and provision to carry bulk cargo, is carrying 270 TEUs of containers from Tuticorin.**
- A service between **Tuticorin - Kochi - Kulhudhuffushi - Male** was operated by **SCI. Vessel 'MCP Linz'** with a capacity of 200 TEUs of containers and 3000 Tonnes of general cargo was launched on 21.09.2020. The Contract concluded on 28.08.2022.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Maldives

Capital: Malé

Currency: Maldivian rufiyaa

President: Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

What is the name of the organization with which NSDC has signed an MoU for empowering tribal women in Jharkhand?

- A) Tata Steel Foundation
- B) Pernod Ricard India Foundation
- C) Reliance Foundation
- D) Aditya Birla Foundation
- E) HDFC Bank Foundation

Answer

B) Pernod Ricard India Foundation



Explanation

- **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)**, working under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), has signed an MoU with **Pernod Ricard India Foundation (PRIF)**, a CSR arm of the fast-growing multinational alcohol beverage company to develop a multi-skilling centre in **the Gumla district of Jharkhand**.
- The partnership is focused on empowering women within the local tribal population.
- The MoU was exchanged between Shri Ved Mani Tiwari, COO, (Officiating CEO) NSDC, and Sashidhar Vempala, Chief Sustainability Officer and Head CSR, Pernod Ricard India.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

NSDC

Abbreviation: National Skill Development Corporation

Headquarters : New Delhi, Delhi

Founded: 2008

CEO: Ved Mani Tiwari



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Who laid the foundation stone for the India-Sri Lanka Friendship Auditorium at Sri Lanka Air Force Academy, Trincomalee?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- C) VR Chaudhari
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) Mahinda Rajapaksa

Answer
C) VR Chaudhari



Explanation

- **Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari** laid foundation stone for **India-Sri Lanka Friendship Auditorium at Sri Lanka Air Force Academy, Trincomalee.**
- The auditorium will be built under a grant assistance of **25 crore Lankan rupees.**
- The assistance is a gift from Government of India to the island nation which displays India's unwavering commitment towards capacity building of Sri Lanka's Armed Forces.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Sri Lanka

Capital : Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte (legislative),
Colombo (executive and judicial)

Currency : Rupee

President: Ranil Wickremesinghe

Prime Minister: Dinesh Gunawardena

QUICK RECALL



- **May 6 - International No Diet Day; May 7 - World Athletics Day, Border Roads Organisation (BRO) Raising Day.**
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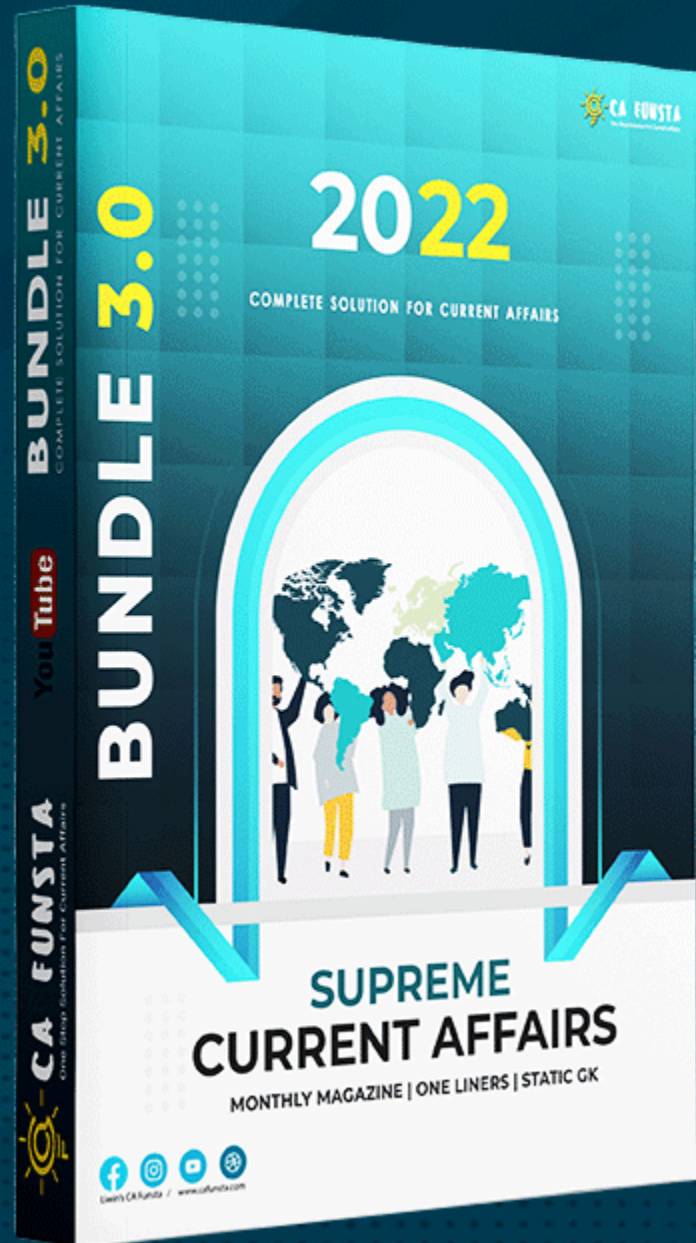
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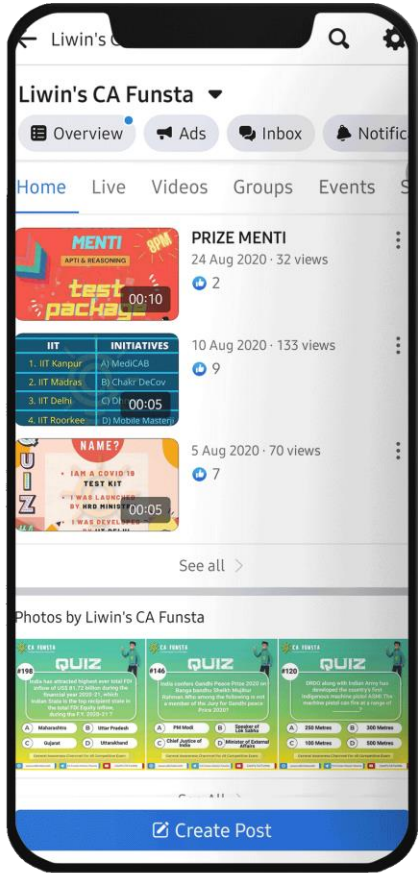
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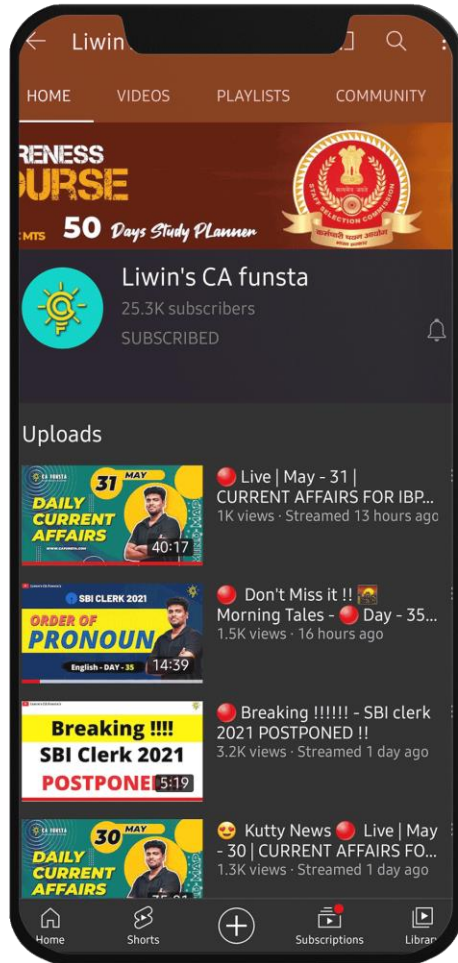
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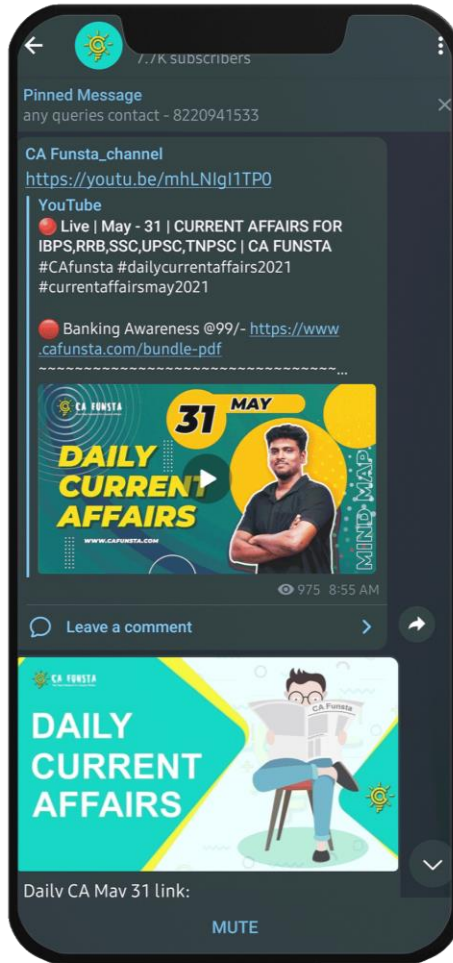
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