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# Important Days



**On which date is National Technology Day celebrated every year?**

- A) January 26
- B) March 21
- C) April 22
- D) May 11
- E) July 4

**Answer**  
**D) May 11**





# Important Days



## Explanation

- National Technology Day is celebrated every year on **May 11**.
- Edition: 25th

## History

- Under the leadership of the then **Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee**, India conducted a series of **five nuclear bomb tests (Pokhran-II) in May 1998**.
- Following the success of **Pokhran-II**, the government declared **May 11** as National Technology Day in **1998**. The **first Nuclear test** was conducted in **May 1974**.
- In **1998**, India became the **world's sixth nuclear test**. The country was put under heavy sanctions by the **US government** following the **nuclear test**.
- However, India didn't back down under the influence of western powers and went ahead with the test.
- Since then, **May 11** is being celebrated as National Technology Day to acknowledge the contribution of scientists and engineers in the development of the country.



# Important Days



## Explanation

- Apart from this, India also tested its first indigenous aircraft '**Hansa-3**' on this day from **Bengaluru**.
- A successful test firing of the **Trishul missile** was conducted by India's Defence Research and Development Organisation on **May 11, 1998**, following the testing of **Hansa-3**.

## Theme

- For 2023, the theme is '**School to Startups- Igniting Young Minds to Innovate**'.

**Where will the All India Pickleball Association organize the Third National Ranking Pickleball Tournament?**

- A) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- B) New Delhi, Delhi
- C) Kolkata, West Bengal
- D) Margao, Goa
- E) Bengaluru, Karnataka

**Answer**  
**D) Margao, Goa**





## Explanation

- **The third National Ranking Pickleball Tournament** will be organised by the All India Pickleball Association (AIPA) from **May 19 to 21**.
- AIPA will conduct the tournament in association with the Goa Pickleball Association and Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, **Goa**.
- The competition will be held at the **Fatorda Stadium**.
- The previous two editions were held at **Pune in 2019** and at **Dombivli, near Mumbai in 2021**.

# SPORTS



## Titbits

### **All India Pickleball Association(AIPA)**

Established: 2008

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

President: Mr. Sunil Valavalkar

# OBITUARY

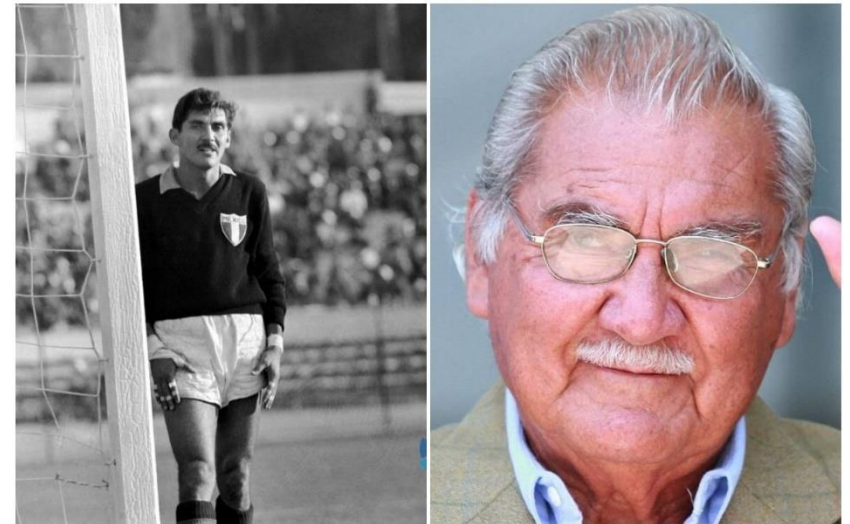


**Who was the Mexican goalkeeper known for being the first player to appear in five World Cups and recently passed away?**

- A) Javier Hernández
- B) Guillermo Ochoa
- C) Hugo Sánchez
- D) Jorge Campos
- E) Antonio Carbajal

**Answer**

**E) Antonio Carbajal**





# OBITUARY



## Explanation

- **Antonio Carbajal**, the Mexican goalkeeper who became the first player to appear in five World Cups, died.
- Known as "**La Tota**," he played for Mexico in 11 World Cup matches from 1950-66.
- Carbajal made his **international debut** against **Brazil** in the opening match of the **1950 FIFA World Cup Brazil**.
- Carbajal played **47 games** for the Mexican national team and appeared in World Cups in Brazil in **1950**, Switzerland in **1954**, Sweden in **1958**, Chile in **1962** and England in **1966**.



**Which subsidiary of Unnati received an NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company) license?**

- A) Unnati Banking
- B) Unnati Financial Services
- C) Unnati Capital
- D) Ora Finance
- E) Unnati NBFC

**Answer**

**D) Ora Finance**

## Explanation

- Fintech-driven agritech firm **Unnati** announced that its subsidiary **Ora Finance** has become the first firm to receive **NBFC licence** in agritech space.
- The move will allow the company to meet the financial requirements of those in the agricultural sector, like farmers, retailers, traders, brands, and food processors.
- Unnati has a network of more than 100,000 registered retailers and traders who use its uStore app to engage with the farmers and manage their agri-business on a day to day business. These partners reach out to more than 1.3 million farmers through its apps.



**How much funding has been approved by the World Bank for zoonotic disease prevention in India?**

- A) USD 10 million
- B) USD 25 million
- C) USD 50 million
- D) USD 82 million
- E) USD 100 million

**Answer**

**D) USD 82 million**

## Explanation

- The World Bank has approved a **USD 82 million** loan towards the adoption of global best practices for animal health management and to prevent, detect, and respond to endemic zoonotic diseases in India.
- The loan has a maturity of **11.5 years with a grace period of 4.5 years.**
- An infection or disease that is transmissible from animals to humans under natural conditions is called **zoonotic.**

## Titbits

### World Bank

Founded: 1944

Members: 189 countries (IBRD), 173 countries (IDA)

Headquarters: Washington D.C, US

President: Ajay Banga



**Bank of Baroda has launched electronic bank guarantee (e-BG) on its BarodaINSTA platform in collaboration with which organization?**

- A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B) National Stock Exchange (NSE)
- C) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- D) National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL)
- E) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

**Answer**

**D) National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL)**



## Explanation

- State-owned **Bank of Baroda** announced the launch of **electronic bank guarantee (e-BG)** on its **BarodaINSTA platform**, in partnership with **National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL)**.
- NeSL is India's first and only Information Utility and is regulated by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) under the provisions of the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC)**.
- **NeSL** offers a platform for the issuance of Inland BGs through electronic mode. The digital steps in an e-BG include BG application, preview and confirm, paperless e-stamping, e-signing, hosting of the final electronic BG on the NeSL portal and intimation of final BG to the beneficiary.
- **Electronic bank guarantee** is a start-to-end digital process across the complete lifecycle of a BG including issuance, amendment and closure resulting in substantial reduction in the turnaround time in issuing a BG, while at the same time bringing in greater security and accessibility.

## Titbits

### **Bank of Baroda**

Hq: Vadodara, Gujarat

MD and CEO : Debadatta Chand

Tagline : India's International Bank

### **NeSL**

Abbreviation: National E-Governance Services Limited

Headquarters: JAGATPURI, DELHI

MD & CEO: Debajyoti Ray Chaudhuri

Found: 24th June 2016

# APPOINTMENTS



**Who will be the interim CEO and managing director of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)?**

- A) Rajiv Dhar
- B) Ravi Sharma
- C) Neha Kapoor
- D) Sanjay Patel
- E) Anushka Singh

**Answer**  
**A) Rajiv Dhar**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL)** has appointed **Rajiv Dhar, Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer** as the **Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director of NIIFL** on an interim basis, effective May 11, 2023.
- He succeeds **Sujoy Bose** who is leaving after holding the position since 2016.
- Dhar, executive director and chief operating officer, has been part of NIIF **since 2017**.
- The government had set up the **Rs 40,000-crore NIIF** in **December 2016** as an investment vehicle for funding commercially viable greenfield, brownfield and stalled projects. It was envisioned as a mother fund with several sectoral feeder funds.





# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- Government capital in NIIF covers three funds -- **Master Fund, Fund of Funds, and Strategic Opportunities Fund (together referred to as NIIF)** -- all managed by the same investment manager (NIIF Limited).
- The corpus of NIIF is proposed to be **Rs 40,000 crore** wherein the **government** intends to invest **49 per cent**. It will raise third-party capital for the remaining Rs 20,000 crore from long-term international investors, such as sovereign wealth funds, insurance and pension funds, and endowments.

# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited(NIIFL)**

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Founded: February 2015

CMD: Rajiv Dhar

# APPOINTMENTS



**Who has been given the additional charge as the CMD of NHPC (National Hydroelectric Power Corporation)?**

- A) Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi
- B) Anil Kumar Jha
- C) Sanjiv Nandan Sahai
- D) Pramod Agrawal
- E) Rajnish Kumar

**Answer**

**A) Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **THDCIL Chairman and Managing Director Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi** will hold the **additional charge of the post of NHPC CMD** for **another six months effective from March 1, 2023.**
- On April 6, NHPC informed bourses that Vishnoi was given the additional charge as its CMD for **two months** effective March 1, 2023, or till a regular incumbent joins the post or until further orders, whichever is the earliest.
- The additional charge has been extended by **four months now.**

# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### **NHPC Limited**

Founded: 7 November 1975

Headquarters: Faridabad, Haryana

CMD: Shri Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi



**How many additional Starlink satellites did SpaceX successfully launch, bringing its total to 4,391?**

- A) 35
- B) 42
- C) 51
- D) 63
- E) 72

**Answer**  
**C) 51**



## Explanation

- SpaceX successfully launched **51 additional Starlink satellites**, bringing its grand total to 4,391.
- Launching from **Vandenberg Space Force Base** at Starlink group 2-9 took flight aboard the Falcon 9.
- SpaceX has already launched more than 4,300 satellites (opens in new tab) for Starlink, its broadband megaconstellation.
- Falcon 9's first stage landed on **the Of Course I Still Love You drone ship** stationed in the Pacific Ocean.
- **SpaceX** has also launched two missions with its powerful **Falcon Heavy rocket** in 2023, and the company sent a fully **stacked Starship** – its huge, next-generation spaceflight system – skyward for the first time on April 20.

## Titbits

### SpaceX

Headquarters: Hawthorne, California, United States of America

Founded: 6 May 2002

CEO: Elon Musk

**Where was the first test of a semi-cryogenic engine conducted by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)?**

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Mahendragiri
- D) Sriharikota
- E) Thiruvananthapuram

**Answer**  
**C) Mahendragiri**



## Explanation

- The **Indian Space Research Organisation** successfully carried out the first test of a semi-cryogenic engine at the newly commissioned **semi-cryogenic integrated engine** and stage test facility at the Isro propulsion complex (IPRC) in **Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli district**.
- It was the first integrated test on an intermediate configuration of the 2000kN semi-cryogenic engine.
- **Liquid propulsion systems centre (LPSC) of Isro** has undertaken the design and development of the semi-cryogenic engine with **2000kN thrust** with India industry participation.
- The engine, which works on liquid oxygen (LOX- kerosene propellant combination, will power the booster stages of future launch vehicles.



# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



## Titbits

### ISRO

Abbreviation: Indian Space Research Organisation

FoundedL 1969

Headquarters : Bengaluru, Karnataka

Chairman : S. Somanath

**Which cargo spacecraft did China successfully place into orbit using the Long March-7 Y7 carrier rocket?**

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

**Answer**  
**E) Tianzhou-6**



## Explanation

- **China** has successfully placed the **Tianzhou-6 cargo spacecraft** into orbit using the **Long March-7 Y7 carrier rocket**.
- The launch took place from the **Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site in China's southern island province of Hainan**.
- The Tianzhou-6 spacecraft carries supplies for astronauts, science payloads and propellant for the space station and features improvements over the previous five spacecraft.
- Tianzhou-6 is the first mission of the operational phase of **Tiangong**.
- The **Tianzhou-5 cargo spacecraft**, launched in **November 2022**, undocked from Tiangong on May 5, making way for the arrival of Tianzhou-6. Tianzhou-5 will dock at Tiangong's forward port following the departure of the Shenzhou-15 spacecraft later this month.
- The Shenzhou-15 crew have almost completed their six-month-long mission and will greet the Shenzhou-16 astronauts aboard Tiangong in the new future. Shenzhou-16 will launch from Jiuquan in the Gobi Desert on a Long March 2F in coming weeks.

## Explanation

- The flight was the **seventh of the 53.1-meters-long Long March 7**, which was designed specifically to launch Tianzhou cargo spacecraft. A variant with an added third stage is used for missions to geostationary transfer orbit.
- The rocket was provided by the **China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology (CALT)**, while the spacecraft was designed and manufactured by the **China Academy of Space Technology (CAST)**.
- China actively developed its space program in 2022 and finished the main construction of its orbital station – Tiangong. The basic structure of the T-shaped station consists of the Tianhe core module and two laboratory modules – Wentian and Mengtian – docked to it.
- The station can host up to six people at the same time during a crew rotation change. The operational life of the station is 15 years and should end in 2038.

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



**Where did the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy conduct the 35th edition of the India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT)?**

- A) Arabian Sea
- B) Bay of Bengal
- C) South China Sea
- D) Indian Ocean
- E) Andaman Sea

**Answer**  
**E) Andaman Sea**



## Explanation

- **The Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy** conducted the **35th edition of the India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT)** in the **Andaman Sea**.
- The bi-annual coordinated patrol aims to reinforce maritime linkages between the two countries and ensure the safety and security of the international trade route in the Indian Ocean.
- **The Indian Naval Ship (INS) Kesari**, an indigenously built LST (L), and His Thai Majesty's Ship (HTMS) Saiburi, a Chao Phraya Class Frigate, along with **Maritime Patrol Aircraft** from both navies participated in the exercise.
- The Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy have been undertaking CORPAT bi-annually **since 2005** along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL).



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### Thailand

Capital: Bangkok

Currency: Thai Baht

Prime Minister: Prayut Chan-o-cha

**What is the revised threshold for mandatory e-invoicing for smaller businesses as notified by the Union government?**

- A) Rs 2 crore
- B) Rs 5 crore
- C) Rs 10 crore
- D) Rs 20 crore
- E) Rs 50 crore

**Answer**

**B) Rs 5 crore**

## Explanation

- The Union government has notified lowering of the threshold for e-invoicing from **Rs 10 crore to Rs 5 crore** following which it will be mandatory for smaller businesses to carry business transactions via e-invoices from **August 1, 2023**.
- As per Rule 48(4) of CGST Rules, notified class of registered persons have to prepare invoice by uploading specified particulars of invoice (in FORM GST INV-01) on Invoice Registration Portal (IRP) and obtain an Invoice Reference Number (IRN).
- After following above 'e-invoicing' process, the invoice copy containing inter alia, the IRN (with QR Code) issued by the notified supplier to buyer is commonly referred to as 'e-invoice' in GST.

## Explanation

- In exercise of the powers of the **Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017**, the government, on the recommendations of the Council, made the amendment in the notification.
- Under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) law, e-invoicing for business-to-business (B2B) transactions was made mandatory for companies with turnover of over **Rs 500 crore from October 1, 2020**, which was then extended to those with turnover of over **Rs 100 crore effective January 1, 2021**.
- From **April 1, 2021**, companies with turnover of over **Rs 50 crore** were generating B2B e-invoices, and the threshold was brought down to **Rs 20 crore beginning April 1, 2022**. From **October 1, 2022**, the threshold was further lowered to **Rs 10 crore**.

**What is the name of the health assurance scheme launched by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, providing cashless medical treatment up to Rs. 5 lakh per family per year?**

- A) Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
- B) Ayushman Asom - Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
- C) Swasthya Sarathi - Chief Minister Health Assurance Scheme
- D) Arogya Assam - Family Health Protection Scheme
- E) Pragati Parivar - Health Security Program

**Answer**

**B) Ayushman Asom - Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana**



## Explanation

- Coinciding with the completion of two years of the current State government led by the Bharatiya Janata Party, Chief Minister **Himanta Biswa Sarma** launched **Ayushman Asom - Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana**, a family-floater health assurance scheme offering cashless medical treatment upto **₹5 lakh per family per year**, aimed at promoting accessible and affordable healthcare.
- An initiative of the Government of Assam's Department of Medical Education & Research, beneficiaries for Ayushman Asom shall be those who are listed under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) (in other words, possess ration cards linked to Aadhaar).

## Explanation

- Covering as many as 1578 healthcare procedures in more than 300 empanelled hospitals within the State and all Ayushman Bharat-empanelled hospitals across the country, Ayushman Asom - Mukhya Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana shall initially be covering approximately 26 lakh beneficiary families which shall in phases go up to 32 lakh families.
- The government has also launched an **e-KYC drive under AB-PMJAY** and **AA-MMJAY** for NFSA beneficiaries



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### Assam

Capital : Dispur

CM : Himanta Biswa Sarma

Governor : Shri Gulab Chand Kataria

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



**What is the new deadline for linking the Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhaar, as extended by the Central Board of Direct Taxes?**

- A) March 31, 2023
- B) April 30, 2023
- C) May 31, 2023
- D) June 30, 2023
- E) July 31, 2023

**Answer**  
**D) June 30, 2023**



## Explanation

- The deadline for linking the **Permanent Account Number (PAN)** with **Aadhaar** has been extended until **June 30 of 2023** by the Central Board of Direct Taxes.
- The deadline for PAN- Aadhaar had been postponed by CBDT **five times** until now.
- The last extension was done on March 28.
- According to the CBDT, "Under the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961(the 'Act') every person who has been allotted a PAN as of **1st July 2017** and is eligible to obtain an Aadhaar Number, is required to intimate his Aadhaar to the prescribed authority on or before 31st March 2023, on payment of a prescribed fee."
- If the PAN-Aadhaar link is completed on or after **July 1, 2022, a Rs.1,000 fee will be levied.**

**Which Ministry and Which organisation sign an MoU to promote and collaborate on integrative health research?**

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and NHPC
- B) Ministry of Ayush and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- C) Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Education
- D) Ministry of Science and Technology and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- E) Ministry of Ayush and NHPC

**Answer**

**B) Ministry of Ayush and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)**

## Explanation

- In a significant development a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Ministry of Ayush and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to promote and collaborate on integrative health research.
- This cooperation will focus on identified areas of national importance in healthcare for promoting high impact research to generate evidence utilizing modern scientific methods.
- This MoU will also strengthen research capacity through training of Ayush researchers.
- MoU was signed by Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, secretary, Ministry of Ayush and Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Director General, ICMR & secretary, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

## Titbits

### **Ports, Shipping and Waterways & AYUSH**

Minister: Sarbananda Sonowal

Constituency: Rajya Shaba, Assam

### **Indian Council of Medical Research**

Founded: 1911

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Director General: Dr Rajiv Bahl

# QUICK RECALL



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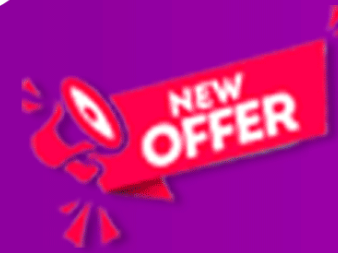
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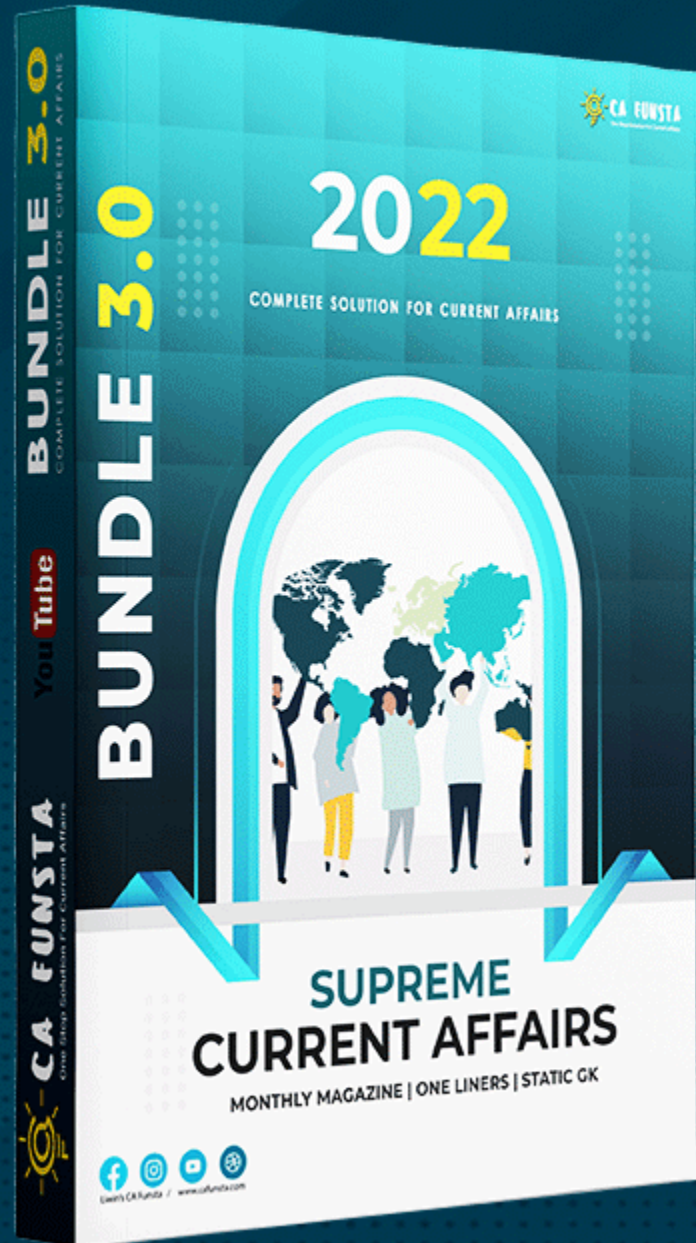
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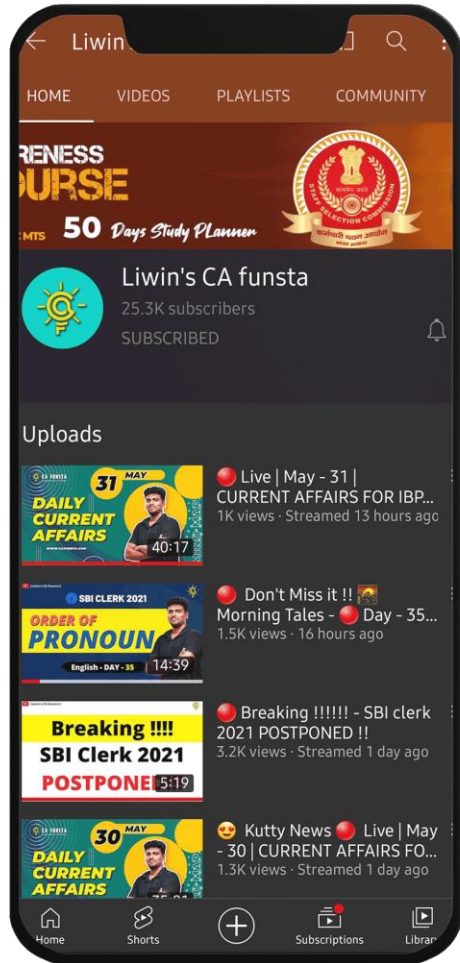
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