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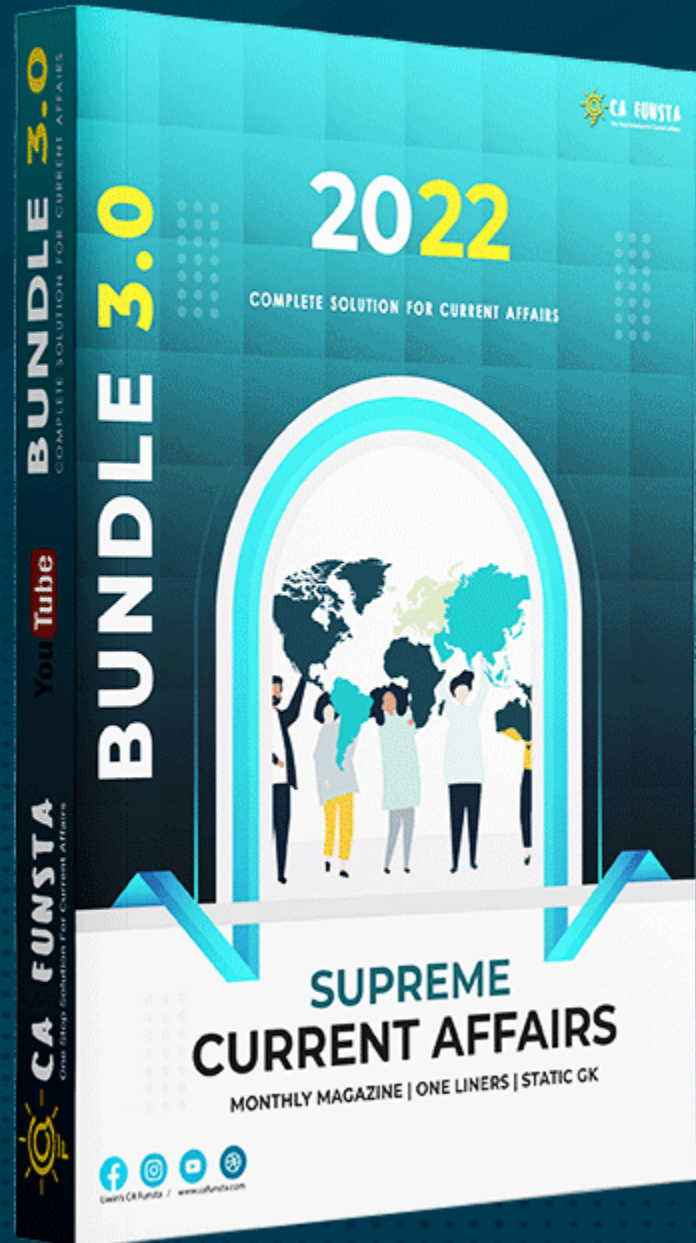


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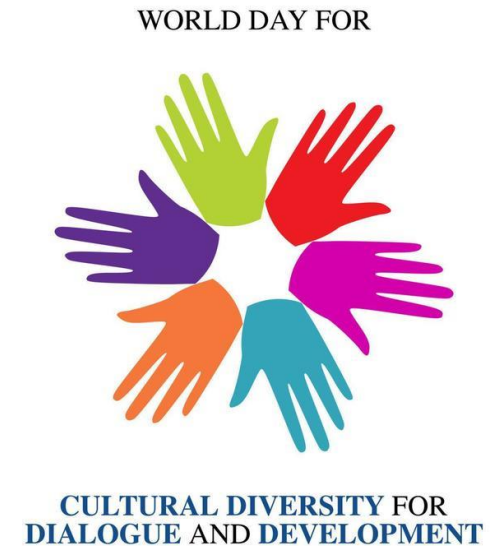
Important Days



On which date is the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development observed annually?

- A) May 1
- B) May 7
- C) May 14
- D) May 21
- E) May 28

**Answer
D) May 21**



Important Days



Explanation

- The **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development** is observed across the globe annually on **May 21**.
- The day celebrates the richness of the world's cultures and highlights the important role of intercultural dialogue in achieving world peace and sustainable development.
- The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development was established by the United Nations General Assembly in the year **2002**, following **UNESCO's adoption of the 2001 Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity**.

Important Days



International Tea Day

- The **International Tea Day** is observed across the globe annually on **May 21**.
- **International Tea Day** was established in **2005** by tea-producing countries including Sri Lanka, Nepal, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, and Uganda.
- The date chosen for this celebration was **May 21**.
- In **2019**, the Intergovernmental Group on Tea decided to **officially observe International Tea Day on May 21**.
- The United Nations approved the celebrations on **December 21, 2019**.
- Consequently, **May 21, 2020** marked the first official United Nations International Tea Day.

Important Days



World Metrology Day

- World Metrology Day is celebrated on **20 May** each year.
- It is to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the **Metre Convention in 1875**.
- Metre Convention was an international treaty signed in Paris which established the basis for international agreement on units of measurement. The World Metrology Day project is an idea jointly by the BIPM and the OIML.
- **First Celebration: 2000**
- The theme of this year is “**Measurements supporting the global food system**”.

Important Days



World Bee Day

- World Bee Day is an annual observance held on **May 20th** to raise awareness about the importance of bees and other pollinators for the environment, agriculture, and human well-being.
- The United Nations designated this day for **December 2017**, with the first celebration taking place on **May 20th, 2018**.
- The theme for World Bee Day 2023 is “**Engaging in Pollinator-Friendly Agricultural Production.**”
- May 20th was chosen as the designated date to honor the birthday of **Anton Janša**, a prominent Slovenian beekeeping pioneer and esteemed expert in the field of bees.

How much dividend payout has been approved by the Reserve Bank to the central government for the fiscal year 2022-23?

- A) Rs 8,741.6 crore
- B) Rs 87,416 crore
- C) Rs 87.4 crore
- D) Rs 874.16 crore
- E) Rs 8,741.6 crore

Answer

B) Rs 87,416 crore

Explanation

- The Reserve Bank approved **Rs 87,416 crore** dividend payout to the **central government for 2022-23**, nearly triple of what it paid in the previous year.
- The dividend payout was **Rs 30,307 crore** for accounting year **2021-22**.
- The decision was taken at the 602nd meeting of the Central Board of Directors of Reserve Bank of India held under the chairmanship of governor Shaktikanta Das.

BANKING AND FINANCE



What is the name of the mobile application launched by YES BANK for small-scale merchants to accept cashless payments?

- A) YES PAY INSTANT
- B) YES PAY EASY
- C) YES MONEY TRANSACT
- D) YES CASHLESS MERCHANT
- E) YES DIGITAL PAYMENTS



Answer
B) YES PAY EASY

Explanation

- **YES BANK** announced the launch of a mobile application, **YES PAY EASY**, enabling small-scale merchants such as traders, retailers, and professionals, to accept instant cashless payments from their customers.
- The app has been developed in collaboration with **Mastercard and Worldline India**.
- It offers features such as Bharat QR, Tap-On-Phone, and SMS Pay, allowing merchants to transact through various digital modes.
- It also allows for payment collection, instant sharing of digital charge slips, and generation of reconciliation statements. Additionally, merchants can track pending payments, send reminders using the Khata feature, and benefit from a simplified onboarding process.
- The app is designed for any individual or sole proprietor with a valid business license, and happens to be an existing current or savings Account customer of YES BANK.
- Currently, the YES PAY EASY app is available in **eight languages, namely English, Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Tamil, Kannada, Telugu and Bengali**.

Titbits

Yes Bank

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD and CEO : Prashant Kumar

Tagline: Experience our Expertise

APPOINTMENTS

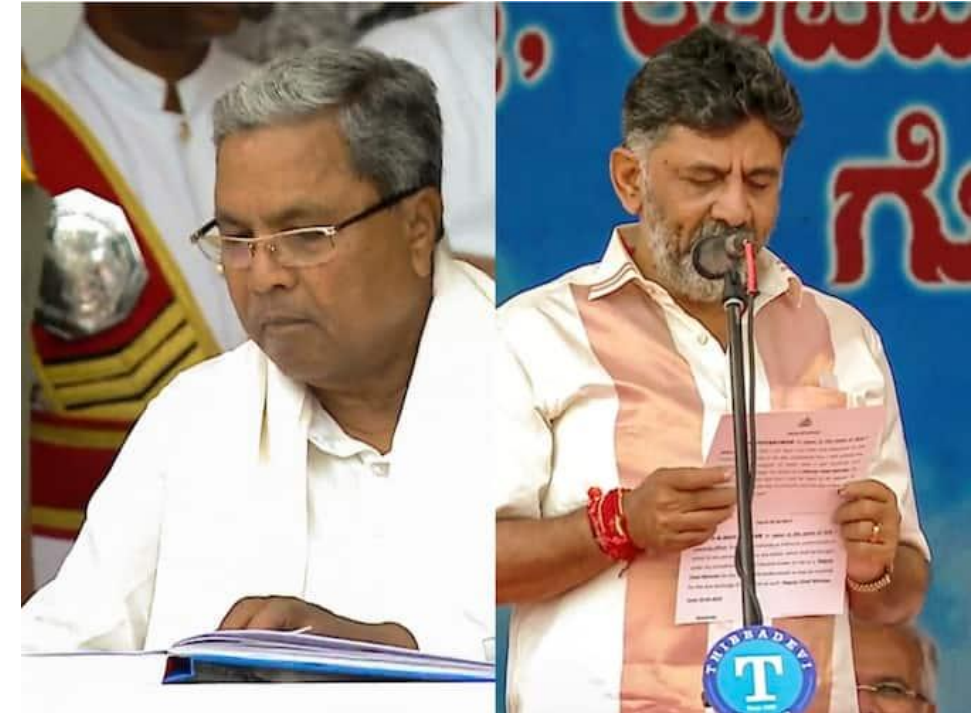


Who recently took oath as the 24th Chief Minister of Karnataka?

- A) Siddaramaiah
- B) H. D. Kumaraswamy
- C) B. S. Yediyurappa
- D) Basavaraj Bommai
- E) D. K. Shivakumar

Answer

A) Siddaramaiah



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Siddaramaiah** was sworn in as **Karnataka chief minister** of Karnataka for the second term along with state **Congress President D K Shivakumar** as **deputy CM**.
- He is 24th Karnataka Chief Minister.

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Karnataka

Capital : Bengaluru

CM : Siddaramaiah

Governor : Thawarchand Gehlot

APPOINTMENTS



Who has been re-elected as the President of the Swimming Federation of India?

- A) Jayaprakash Narayan
- B) Jayaprakash Gaur
- C) Jayaprakash Sinha
- D) Jayaprakash Reddy
- E) Jayaprakash Mishra

Answer

A) Jayaprakash Narayan



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **R.N. Jayaprakash** and **Monal D Chokshi** were re-elected **President and Secretary** of the **Swimming Federation of India (SFI)** at its annual general body meeting.

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Swimming Federation of India

Headquarters: Ahmedabad, Gujarat

President: R N Jayprakash

Founded: 1948

AWARDS



Which state secured the first place in the 4th National Water Awards-2022?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Gujarat
- E) Uttar Pradesh

Answer

A) Madhya Pradesh

AWARDS



Explanation

- **Madhya Pradesh** has secured first place among the states in the **4th National Water Awards-2022** followed by **Odisha** which secured the **2nd position** while **Andhra Pradesh and Bihar** were announced as joint winners for the **3rd position**.
- In the **Best District category**, **Ganjam, Odisha** has been awarded **first prize**, followed by **Namakkal, Tamil Nadu**, and **Adilabad, Telangana**.
- According to sources, 41 winners including joint winners have been selected for the 4th National Water Awards, 2022, covering 11 categories - '**Best State**', '**Best District**', '**Best Village Panchayat**', '**Best Urban Local Body**', '**Best School**', '**Best Media**', '**Best Institution for campus usage**', '**Best water user association**', '**Best Industry**', '**Best Industry for CSR activities**', and '**Best NGO**'.

AWARDS



Explanation

- The **first National Water Award** was launched by the **Jal Shakti Ministry in 2018**.
- National Water Awards have provided a good opportunity for start-ups as well as leading organizations to engage and deliberate with senior policymakers on how to adopt the best water resources management practices in India.

What is the focus area of the proposed 'India-Israel Center of Water Technology' (CoWT) at IIT Madras?

- A) Renewable Energy
- B) Artificial Intelligence
- C) Water Resources Management and Water Technologies
- D) Biotechnology
- E) Space Exploration

Answer

C) Water Resources Management and Water Technologies



Explanation

- **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** has signed a **Letter of Intent (LoI)** with **Israel** to build an **'India-Israel Center of Water Technology'** (CoWT) in Water Resources Management and Water Technologies.
- The LoI to establish this center was signed by Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Prof V Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras, and Naor Gilon, Ambassador of Israel to India in the presence of External Affairs Ministers S Jaishankar and his Israeli counterpart Eli Cohen.
- The Centre aims to build human capacity to ensure the implementation of the best technologies of Israel in a tailor-made context for the Indian requirements and pilot sustainable technologies to ensure water security for the country.
- In cooperation with **MASHAV**, Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation, the upcoming Centre will help MoHUA develop its 'AMRUT' Mission for achieving its overall targets.

Titbits

Israel

Capital : Jerusalem

Currency : Israeli new shekel

President: Isaac Herzog

Prime Minister: Benjamin Netanyahu

Which naval forces are collaborating for the maiden afloat training of Saudi cadets?

- A) Indian Navy and Royal Australian Navy
- B) Indian Navy and Royal British Navy
- C) Indian Navy and Royal Canadian Navy
- D) Indian Navy and Royal Saudi Naval Force
- E) Indian Navy and Royal Thai Navy

Answer

D) Indian Navy and Royal Saudi Naval Force

Explanation

- In a major move aimed at enhancing cooperation between the **Indian Navy and the Royal Saudi Naval Force**, cadets from the latter are in India for **24 days of afloat training**.
- 55 cadets from the **King Fahd Naval Academy, Saudi Arabia** arrived this week in Kochi, the headquarters of India's Southern Naval Command, as part of their first-ever training with the Indian Navy.
- 55 cadets along with five Directing Staff from King Fahd Naval Academy, Saudi Arabia arrived onboard First Training Squadron (1TS) ships, INS Tir and INS Sujata at Kochi as part of afloat training with the Indian Navy.
- The maiden afloat training of cadets from Royal Saudi Naval Force onboard Indian Navy's Training Squadron is a major stride towards mutual cooperation between the two Navies.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Saudi Arabia

Capital: Riyadh

Currency: Saudi riyal

Prime Minister: Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud

Which Ministry announced the launch of its "75/25" initiative based on screening and putting 75 million people with hypertension and diabetes on Standard Care by 2025?

- A) Minister of Health and Family Welfare
- B) Minister of Finance
- C) Minister of Home Affairs
- D) Minister of Education
- e) Minister of Women and Child Development

Answer

A) Minister of Health and Family Welfare



Explanation

- On the occasion of **World Hypertension Day**, the **Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)** announced the launch of its "**75/25**" initiative based on screening and putting 75 million people with hypertension and diabetes on Standard Care by 2025.
- The screening would be done through the **public health centres (PHCs)**.
- The Health Ministry made the announcement at the **G20 co-branded event with the World Health Organisation (WHO)**. The event titled "**Accelerating the Prevention and Management of Hypertension and Diabetes**".
- In addition to the 75/25 initiative, the **Shashakt Portal** was also launched for the training of 40,000 primary health care medical officers on the Standard Treatment Workflow for NCDs, initiated to bring health care services closer to the community.
- The MoHFW also released revised operational guidelines for the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NP-NCD) with the aim of much wider coverage.

Explanation

- The programme is now providing services for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and asthma, chronic kidney disease (CKD) and non-alcoholic fatty liver diseases (NAFLD), ST elevation of myocardial infarction (STEMI), apart from hypertension, diabetes, and three common cancers, including oral, breast, and cervical.

In which city did Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveil the bust of Mahatma Gandhi?

- A) Tokyo, Japan
- B) Kyoto, Japan
- C) Osaka, Japan
- D) Hiroshima, Japan
- E) Yokohama, Japan

Answer
D) Hiroshima, Japan



Explanation

- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** unveiled **the bust of Mahatma Gandhi** in **Hiroshima, Japan**.
- The Mahatma Gandhi bust has been gifted by the **Government of India to the city of Hiroshima** as a symbol of friendship and goodwill between India and Japan, on the occasion of the visit of the Prime Minister for the G-7 summit from 19-21 May 2023.
- The **42 inches tall bronze bust** has been sculpted by **Padma Bhushan awardee Shri Ram Vanji Sutar**. The bust site, adjacent to the Motoyasu River, is close to iconic A-Bomb Dome that is visited by thousands of people - locals and tourists alike - every day.
- The location has been chosen as a mark of solidarity for peace and non-violence. Mahatma Gandhi dedicated his life to peace and non-violence. The location truly resonates with the principles and life of Gandhiji, which continue to inspire the world and its leaders

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Japan

Capital : Tokyo

Currency : Japanese Yen

Prime Minister: Fumio Kishida

Which organizations/entities signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the development of the 'Riverine Based Religious Tourism Circuit'?

- A) Department of Inland Waterways Transport (DIWT), Government of Assam
- B) Assam Tourism Development Corporation (ATDC)
- C) Sagarmala Development Corporation Limited (SDCL)
- D) Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)
- E) All of these

Answer

E) All of these

Explanation

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed for the development of '**Riverine Based Religious Tourism Circuit**' among **Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)**, **Sagarmala Development Corporation Limited (SDCL)**, **Assam Tourism Development Corporation (ATDC)** and **Department of Inland Waterways Transport (DIWT)**, **Government of Assam**.
- The MoU will facilitate modern ferry service on a 'Hop On Hop Off' among seven (07) historic religious sites around Guwahati.
- The seven religious sites are **Kamakhya**, **Pandunath**, **Ashwalknata**, **Doul Govinda**, **Umananda**, **Chakreshwar** and **Auniati Satra** to be covered with the help of this agreement. The waiting lounge at the ferry terminal will be a modern facility providing comfortable ambience for the passengers.

Explanation

- The project, executed via a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), is likely to be completed with an investment of Rs 45 crores and will be completed within 12 months.
- **SDCL and IWAI will jointly contribute 55% of the project cost** while the remaining will be provided by ATDC.
- **DIWT** has consented to provide the usage of Ghats near the temples free of cost for the project.

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Titbits

IWAI

Abbreviation: Inland Waterways Authority of India

Founded: 27 October 1986

Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Chairperson: Shri Sanjay Bandopadhyaya

Assam

Capital : Dispur

CM : Himanta Biswa Sarma

Governor : Shri Gulab Chand Kataria

Which company is delivering the naval version of the Lanza 3D surveillance radar to the Indian Navy?

- A) Indigo Systems Corporation
- B) TATA Consultancy Services (TCS)
- C) Tata Motors Limited
- D) Indra
- E) Advanced Systems Limited (ASL)

Answer
D) Indra



Explanation

- **Spanish company Indra** has begun delivery of the naval version of its **Lanza 3D surveillance radar** to the **Indian Navy**, in collaboration with its Indian partner company, **Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL)**.
- In **2020**, Indra signed a contract with TATA Advanced Systems Limited (TASL), a local Indian company, for a technology transfer program.
- As part of the agreement, Indra will deliver three complete radars and the core components for an additional 20 radars, which TASL will integrate locally.
- The **Lanza-N radar** is based on the system installed on the Spanish Navy's ship Juan Carlos I but has been adapted to meet India's regulatory requirements, including environmental factors such as high humidity and extreme heat.
- In addition to its defense endeavors, **Indra** has partnered with **Centum Electronics**, an Indian company, to propose a joint project to the Indian Space Agency (ISRO) for manufacturing a radar system dedicated to observing and tracking objects in space.

Titbits

Tata Advanced Systems Limited

Headquarters: Hyderabad, Telangana

MD & CEO: Sukaran Singh

Indra

Headquarters: Alcobendas, Madrid, Spain

Chairman: Marc Murtra

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Which airline successfully operated India's first commercial flight using sustainable fuel produced in India?

- A) Air India
- B) IndiGo
- C) Vistara
- D) SpiceJet
- E) AirAsia India

Answer
E) AirAsia India



Explanation

- Air India's low-cost subsidiary **AirAsia India**, successfully operated the country's first commercial flight on the **Pune-Mumbai sectors** using an indigenously produced sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) blend.
- **Flight I5767 flew** from Pune to Delhi powered by **SAF** blended aviation turbine fuel (ATF) supplied by **Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)** in partnership with **Praj Industries**, which provided the technology for the blend.
- **Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri**, received this special flight at the airport in New Delhi.
- The SAF sourced for this initiative by **Praj Industries**, is in partnership with **Gevo Inc**, which has developed a breakthrough Alcohol-to-Jet (ATJ) technology for the production of SAF using bio-based feedstock.
- The proposed rollout would be similar to what India is doing through its ongoing Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme to achieve a 20 per cent mix of ethanol in petroleum for the road transport sector by **2030**.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

AirAsia India

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

CEO: Sunil Bhaskaran

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Who inaugurated the Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Land Management at the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education in Dehradun?

- A) Shri Narendra Modi
- B) Shri Bhupender Yadav
- C) Shri Ram Nath Kovind
- D) Shri Rajnath Singh
- E) Shri Amit Shah

Answer

B) Shri Bhupender Yadav



Explanation

- **Shri Bhupender Yadav** Inaugurates **Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Land Management** at **Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education** in Dehradun.
- The Prime Minister of India during the **14th Conference of the Parties (COP-14)** of the **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)** on 9th September 2019, announced the establishment of Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Land Management (CoE-SLM) at the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education.
- CoE-SLM aims to promote South-South Cooperation and address land degradation issues through sustainable land management practices.

Explanation

- The CoE-SLM, established at the **ICFRE**, aims to facilitate the restoration of degraded land through technical support, capacity building, and knowledge sharing at the national and sub-national levels.
- By collaborating with developing countries that are party to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the CoE-SLM seeks to achieve LDN targets, promote south-south cooperation, and contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) outlined by various international conventions, including the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- Shri Yadav also released two publications **“Technical Paper on Pathway to achieve LDN in India”** and **“Compendium of Sustainable Land Management Practices”** on this occasion.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



What is the name of the community policing and outreach programme launched by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar?

- A) Haryana Suraksha
- B) Haryana Raksha
- C) Haryana Sahyog
- D) Haryana Seva
- E) Haryana Uday

Answer

E) Haryana Uday

Explanation

- **Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar** launched a community policing and outreach programme '**Haryana Uday**'.
- The programme aims at strengthening community ties and relations between the district administration, law enforcement agencies and the public.
- It will be implemented in the entire state from **June 1**.
- Under the outreach programme, district deputy commissioners will organise jan savads, collaborative exercises to clean ponds, art, music and poetry competitions, school and mohalla-level sports events, tree plantation drives, and overnight stays in villages by IAS and HCS officers. Besides these, mock youth and village parliaments, and pulling in government schools for cleanliness and health initiatives are part of the plan.
- For community policing, police commissioners and SPs of districts will launch sports competitions, Raahgiri-like initiatives, awareness campaigns on drug abuse, and events related to police ki paathshala, etc

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Haryana

Capital : Chandigarh

CM: Manohar Lal Khattar

Governor : Bandaru Dattatraya

QUICK RECALL



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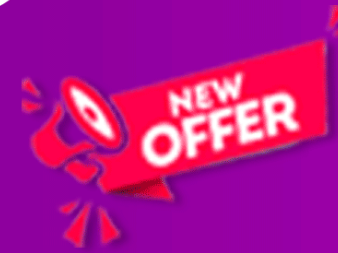


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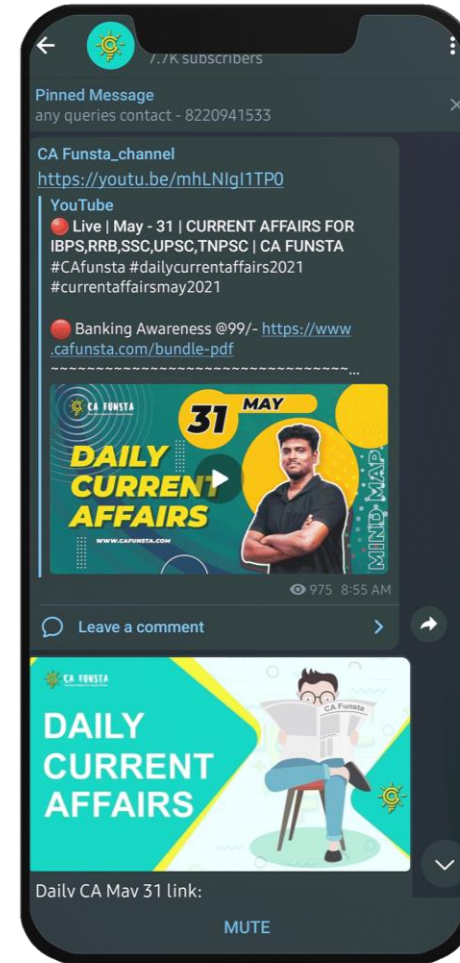
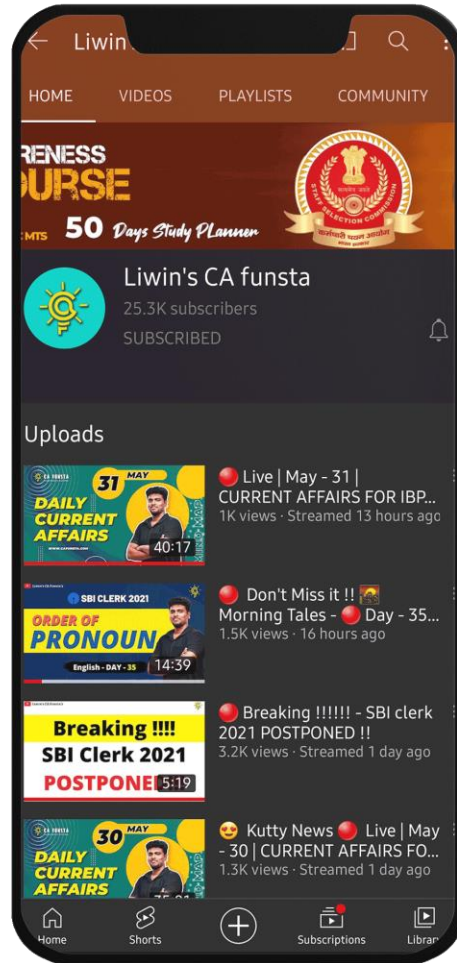
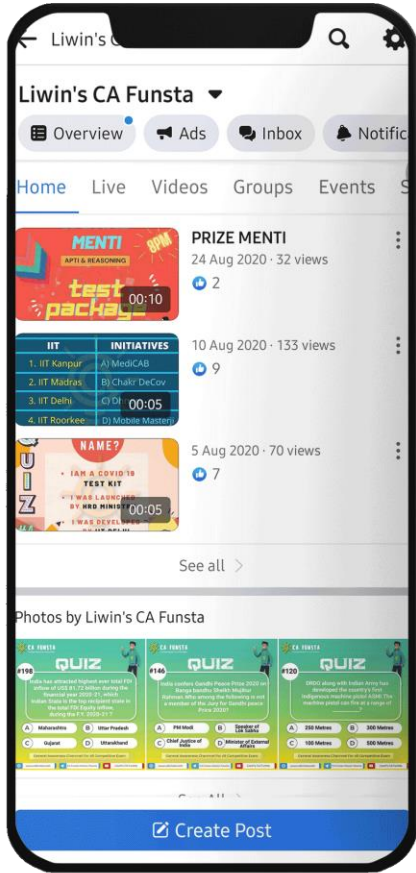
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