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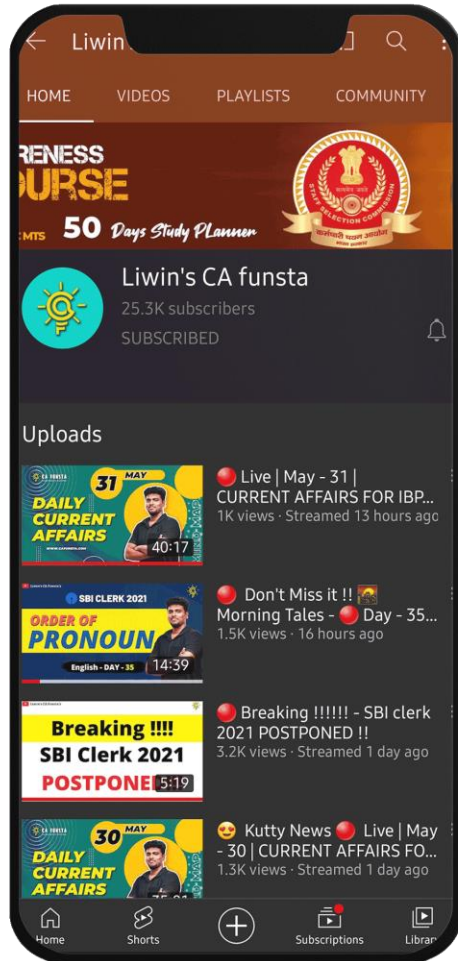
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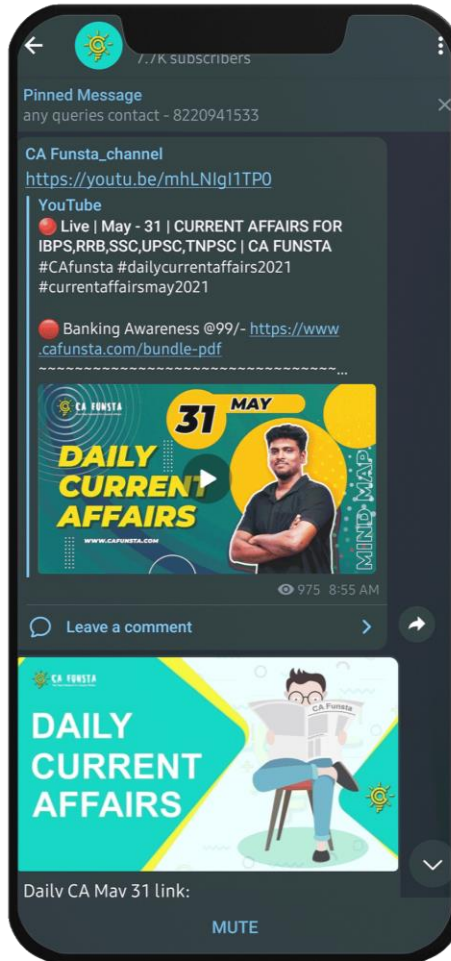
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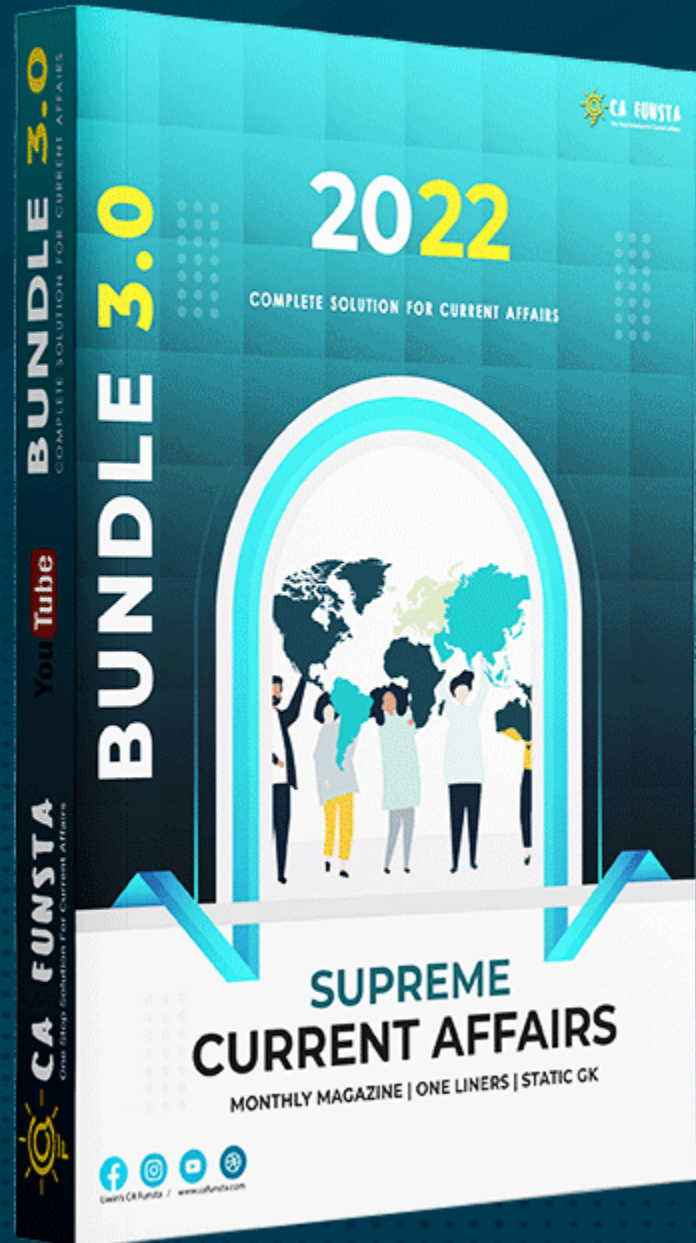
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Important Days

➤ On which date is International Plastic Bag Free Day annually celebrated?

- A) July 1
- B) July 2
- C) July 3
- D) July 4
- E) July 5

Answer:
C) July 3



Important Days



Explanation

- **International Plastic Bag Free Day** is annually celebrated on **July 3**.
- The aim behind the observing the day is to create awareness about the hazardous effects of single-use plastic bags on the environment
- The initiative was initiated by the Bag Free World campaign, a global movement focused on reducing the consumption of single-use plastic bags, which inspired participation from various regions worldwide.
- In 2008, Zero Waste Europe launched a campaign against single-use plastic bags on this very day. Additionally, in 2015, the European Union enacted specific directives to decrease the usage of single-use plastic bags
- 1st edition : 2023



Important Days



World Sports Journalist Day

- **History:** In 1994, the International Sports Press Association (AIPS) established World Sports Journalist Day, the day commemorates the formation of AIPS as an organization on July 2 during the Summer Olympics in Paris.
- **Date:** Every year, World Sports Journalist Day is celebrated on July 2 across the world since 1994.



SPORTS



➤ Who won the fifth Austrian Grand Prix?

- A) Lewis Hamilton
- B) Max Verstappen
- C) Sebastian Vettel
- D) Charles Leclerc
- E) Valtteri Bottas

Answer:
B) Max Verstappen



Explanation

- **Held:** circuit Red Bull Ring, Spielberg, Austria.

Rank	Name	Car company
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull
2	Sergio Perez	Red Bull
3	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin



➤ Who clinched his maiden title on the ATP World Tour, winning the doubles trophy at the Mallorca Championships?

- A) Yuki Bhambri
- B) Lloyd Harris
- C) Roger Federer
- D) Rafael Nadal
- E) Novak Djokovic

Answer:
A) Yuki Bhambri



Explanation

- **Yuki Bhambri** clinched his maiden title on the ATP World Tour, winning the doubles trophy at the Mallorca Championships with **South African partner Lloyd Harris**.
- The duo defeated the **Dutch-Austrian combo of RobineHasse and Philipp Oswald** 6-3 6-4 in the final of the grasscourt event.



- Which bank has joined hands with NeSL (National E-Governance Services Limited) to roll out digital services under the project named "Wave"?

- A) State Bank of India (SBI)
- B) Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Indian Bank
- E) HDFC Bank

Answer:
D) Indian Bank



Explanation

- Public sector lender **Indian Bank** has unveiled new services under its digital transformation initiative — Project WAVE
- **Indian bank in collaboration with National E-Governance Services Ltd**, has introduced an electronic bank guarantee (e-BG) service to ease traditional paper-based processes.
- This move will also reduce the turn-around time of the bank guarantee issuance and delivery to the beneficiary from an industry average of 3-4 working days to a few minutes.



Explanation

- Besides, the facility would replace the need for physical stamp paper and physical signatures of customers by replacing them with digital stamping and e-signing making the entire process digital.
- Indian Bank has launched a facility to avail pre-approved business loans, an end-to-end digital journey, for eligible individuals and proprietor firms to cater to their respective businesses.
- The newly launched digital vehicle loan product enables individual customers of the bank to get their dream vehicle with hassle-free loan processes.
- This facility would be available for loan value up to **Rs 25 lakh**.



Titbits

Indian Bank:

Hq: Chennai, Tamilnadu
MD & CEO: Shanti Lal Jain
Tagline : Your Own Bank

NeSL:

Abbreviation: National E-Governance Services Limited
Headquarters: JAGATPURI, DELHI
MD & CEO: Debajyoti Ray Chaudhuri
Found: 24th June 2016



- Which bank revamped its digital banking application 'YONO for Every Indian' and launched Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) facilities?

- A) State Bank of India (SBI)
- B) Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Indian Bank
- E) HDFC Bank

Answer:

A) State Bank of India (SBI)



Explanation

- The largest public sector lender, State Bank of India (SBI) revamped its digital banking application '**YONO for Every Indian**' and further launched **Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) facilities**.
- This was done on the backdrop of the lender's 68th Bank Day.
- Through the enhanced YONO application, any bank customers will now have access to UPI features like Scan and Pay, Pay by contacts, and Request money, among others on YONO's new avatar.



Explanation

- Further, under the Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal facility, both the customers of SBI and other banks can withdraw cash seamlessly from ICCW-enabled ATMs of any bank by using the 'UPI QR Cash' functionality.
- SBI has emerged as one of the most trusted mobile banking app in the country with over 6 crore registered users in its digital face 'YONO' since its launch in **2017**.



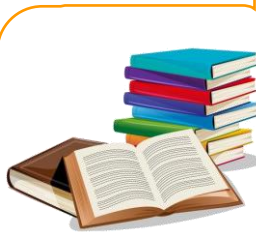
Titbits

State Bank of India:

Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman : Dinesh Kumar Khara

Tagline : With You all the way, Pure Banking Nothing Else,
The Nation Bank on Us, The Banker to Every Indian, A Bank
of the Common Man



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has assumed charge as the new Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India Limited (CIL)?

- A) PM Modi
- B) Pranab Mukherjee
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Prakash Javadekar
- E) PM Prasad

Answer:

E) PM Prasad



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **PM Prasad** has assumed charge as the new **Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Coal India Limited (CIL)**
- Prior to this, he was serving as **Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) since October 1, 2020.**
- He was awarded as 'Best Mines Manager' from Secretary Coal, Ministry of Coal (MoC) and Chairman, Coal India Limited in 1995.
- In May 2015 he joined NTPC as Executive Director (Coal mining). In March 2016, he took charge as Executive Director cum Head of the Project, Hazaribagh, Jharkhand. During his tenure, he led the commencement



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- In February, 2018 he joined Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) as Director Technical (P&P).
- Under his leadership, NCL was awarded at the World Environmental Conference in June 2018 for outstanding work in environment conservation.
- He took over the charge of CMD, Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) in August 2019.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

CIL:

Abbreviation : Coal India Limited
Founded: November 1975
Headquarters: Kolkata, West Bengal
CEO: Polavarapu Mallikharjuna Prasad



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Where did the Prime Minister launch the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission?

- A) Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh
- B) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- C) Kolkata, West Bengal
- D) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- E) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Answer:

A) Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh



Explanation

- The **Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi** launched the **National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh** and distributed sickle cell genetic status cards to the beneficiaries.
- The Prime Minister also kickstarted the distribution of about 3.57 crore **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan ArogyaYojana (AB-PMJAY) cards** in Madhya Pradesh
- The Mission aims to address the pressing health challenges posed by sickle cell disease, particularly among the tribal population.



Explanation

- The launch will mark a crucial milestone in the Government's ongoing efforts to eliminate sickle cell disease as a public health problem by 2047.
- The National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission was announced in the Union Budget 2023.
- This will be implemented in 278 districts of 17 high-focus states in the country namely Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Bihar, and Uttarakhand.



Explanation

- The Prime Minister also kickstarted the distribution of about 3.57 crore Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) cards in Madhya Pradesh.
- The ceremony for the distribution of Ayushman cards is being organized at Urban bodies, Gram panchayats and Development Blocks across the state.
- The Ayushman card distribution campaign is a step towards realizing the Prime Minister's vision of reaching out to every beneficiary to ensure 100 percent saturation of welfare schemes.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



- Which organization signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Port Rail & Ropeway Corporation Ltd & Indian Coast Guard for the development of a gallery at the National Maritime Heritage Complex?

- A) DRDO
- B) Indian Navy
- C) Indian Air Force
- D) Indian Army
- E) National Security Guard (NSG)



Answer:
B) Indian Navy



Explanation

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between **Indian Coast Guard & Indian Navy with Indian Port Rail & Ropeway Corporation Ltd** in Gandhinagar for the planning, development, construction, and commissioning of a gallery on the theme “**Evolution of Indian Navy & Indian Coast Guard**” at the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) which is being constructed at the historic Indus Valley civilization region of Lothal (Gujarat).



Explanation

- The signing of the MoU took place in the presence of Shri SarbanandaSonowal, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Bhupendra Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat, Dr.MansukhMandaviya, Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemical & Fertilizers, Shri ShripadYessoNaik, Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways & Tourism and Shri Shantanu Thakur, Minister of State for Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways. The senior officers of the Indian Coast Guard, Indian Navy including Additional Director General Rakesh Pal, PTM, TM, were also present.



Explanation

- The Government of India is building the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at the historic Indus Valley civilization region of Lothal (Gujarat) under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
- The foundation stone for the NMHC project was laid by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in **March 2019**.



➤ Which initiative launched the eSARAS mobile app, adding to eCommerce initiatives for products made by Self-Help Groups (SHGs)?

- A) DeendayalAntyodayaYojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)
- B) Pradhan MantriAwasYojana (PMAY)
- C) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- D) Make in India campaign
- E) Ayushman Bharat Yojana

Answer:

A) DeendayalAntyodayaYojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)



Explanation

- Taking another step of strengthening marketing support for products made by women of Self-help Groups (SHGs), **DeendayalAntyodayaYojna- National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) launched eSARAS mobile App** which will add to eCommerce initiatives for products made by the SHGs. **Shri Shailesh Kumar Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development**
- The App was launched by, Government of India at New Delhi. Shri Singh also inaugurated eSARASFulfillment Centre at the Ministry's Janakpuri office in New Delhi on this occasion.



Explanation

- The eSARAS fulfillment centre will be managed by the Foundation for Development of Rural Value Chains (FDRVC - a Not for Profit Company constituted jointly by Ministry of Rural Development and Tata Trust) and will be used for processing, packaging and shipping of products that customers purchase through the eSARAS Portal and eSARAS mobile App.
- It will handle the logistics required to bring an online order to a customer's doorstep.
- eSARAS an e-commerce mobile app will be used as a more effective platform for marketing of the products made by women of self-help groups.
- It is an initiative conceptualized by the DAY-NRLM, Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), towards the marketing of the best, authentic handicrafts and hand-looms.

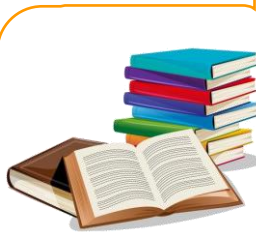


➤ Which organization in India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the South Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization to enhance regional cooperation in anti-doping in sports?

- A) Sports Authority of India (SAI)
- B) Indian Olympic Association (IOA)
- C) National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)
- D) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- E) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Answer:

C) National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)



Explanation

- **National Anti-Doping Agency**, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with **South Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organisation (SARADO)** in New Delhi .
- SARADO is comprised of Anti-Doping Organisations from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka.
- The MoU aims to increase Regional Cooperation in anti-doping in sports



Titbits

National Anti Doping Agency:

Headquarters: New Delhi
Founded: 24 November 2005
Chairman: Shri Anurag Singh Thakur



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

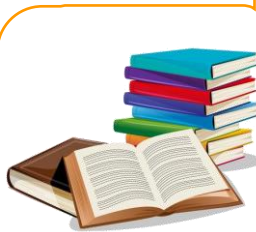


➤ Where did the Startup20 Shikhar summit, under India's G20 presidency, begin?

- A) New Delhi, Delhi
- B) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- C) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- D) Gurugram, Haryana
- E) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer:

D) Gurugram, Haryana



Explanation

- The **Startup20 Shikhar Summit**, organised by the Startup20 Engagement Group under India's G20 Presidency, kicked off in **Gurugram**.
- The event will help nurture a thriving startup ecosystem.
- Prominent dignitaries, including Shri SomParkash, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Shri Amitabh Kant, India's G20 Sherpa, and Dr.ChintanVaishnav, Chair of Startup20, graced the inauguration ceremony.



➤ Which two organizations signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance food and agriculture collaboration between the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and India?

- A) Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- B) Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture and Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone
- C) Ministry of Agriculture, India and UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment
- D) Food Corporation of India and Abu Dhabi Investment Authority
- E) Confederation of Indian Industry and Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Answer:

B) Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture and Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone



Explanation

- **Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (RAKEZ) and the Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA)** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at promoting mutual growth and development in the food and agriculture sectors of the UAE and India.
- The agreement, signed by RAKEZ Group CEO RamyJallad and ICFA Chairman Dr. MJ Khan, strengthens the strategic collaboration between the two countries.
- The partnership aims to facilitate knowledge exchange, trade promotion, investment, and research and development collaboration



Explanation

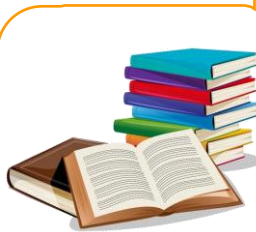
- The collaboration aims to provide opportunities for knowledge exchange and capacity-building, allowing tech and agricultural companies in the RAKEZ business community to enhance their methods and share innovative, sustainable farming techniques with major Indian companies.
- This MoU further strengthens the UAE-India relations, which have been elevated by the recent Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).



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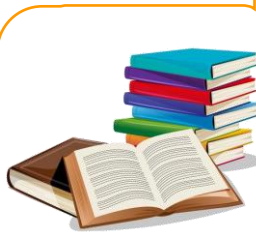
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QUICK RECALL



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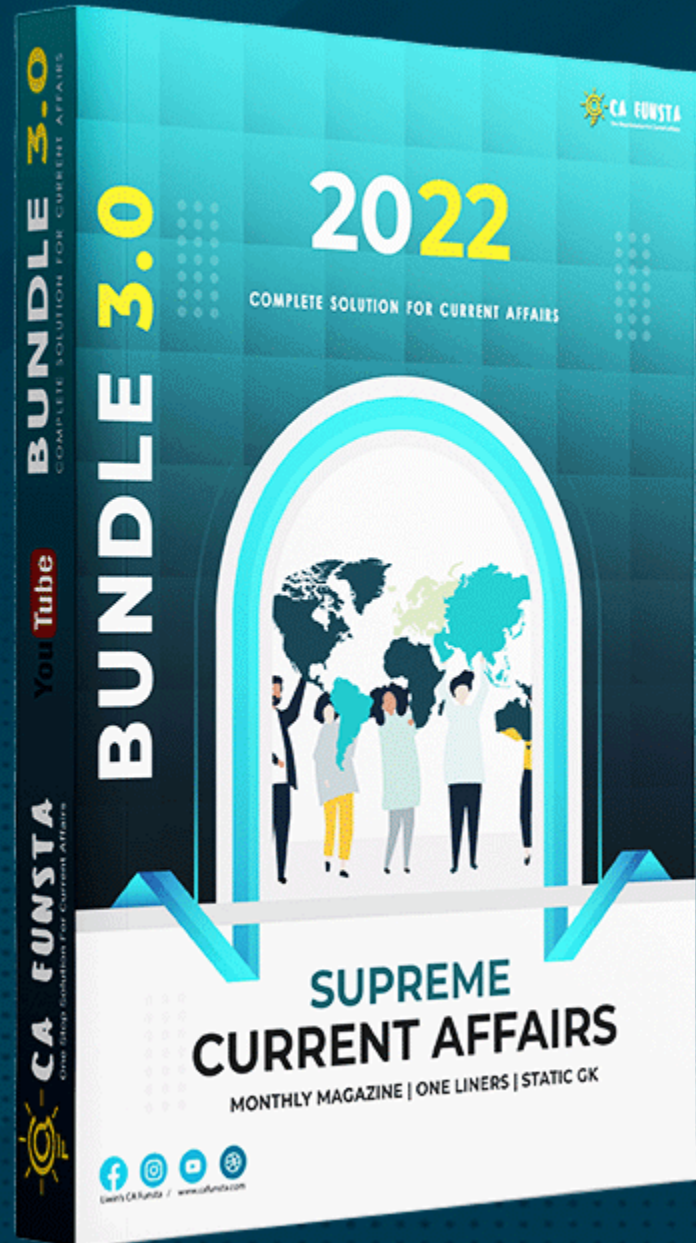
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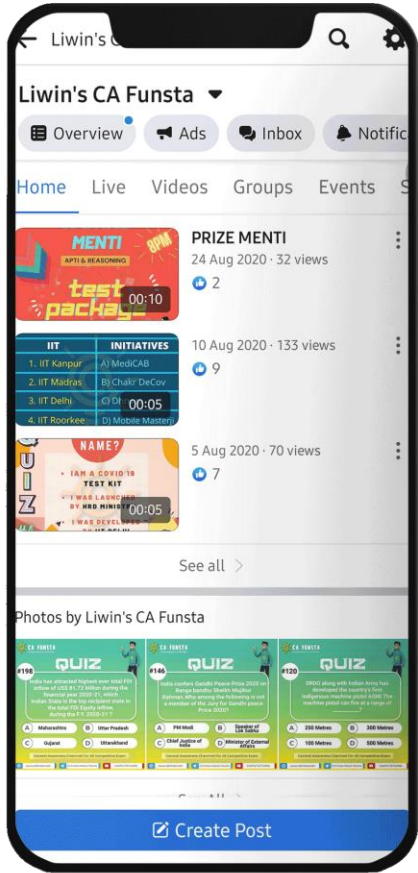
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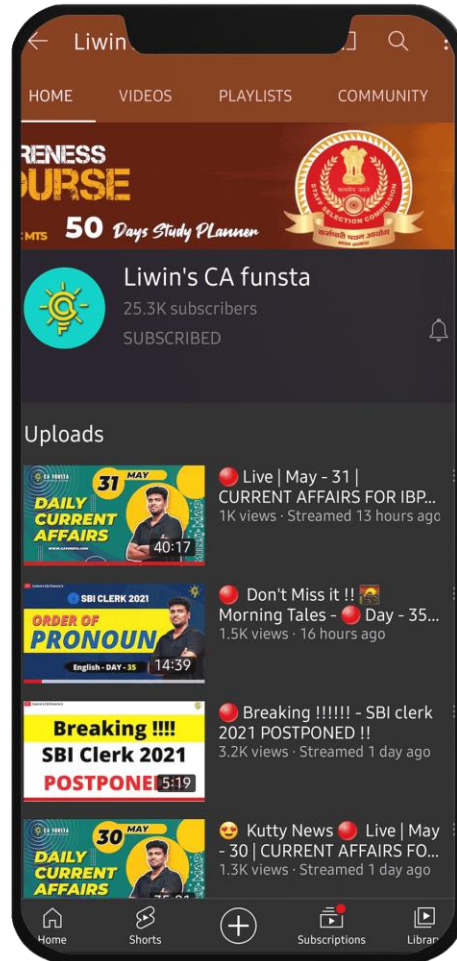
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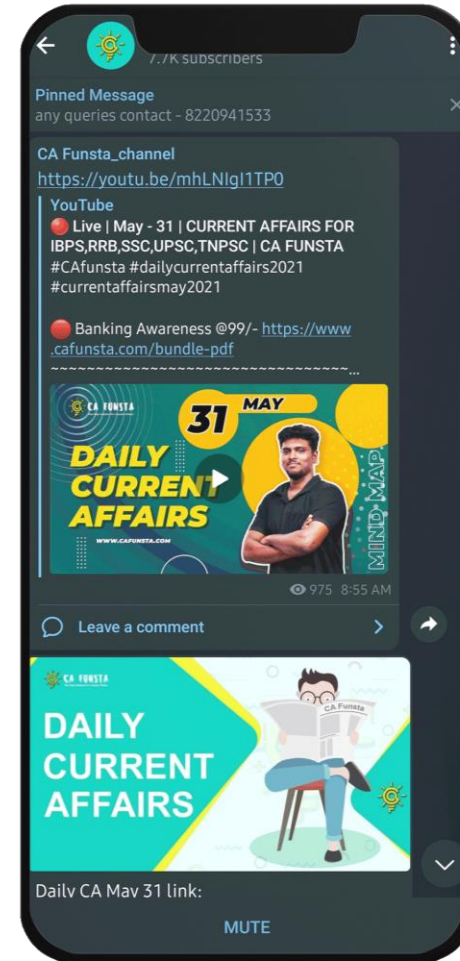
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