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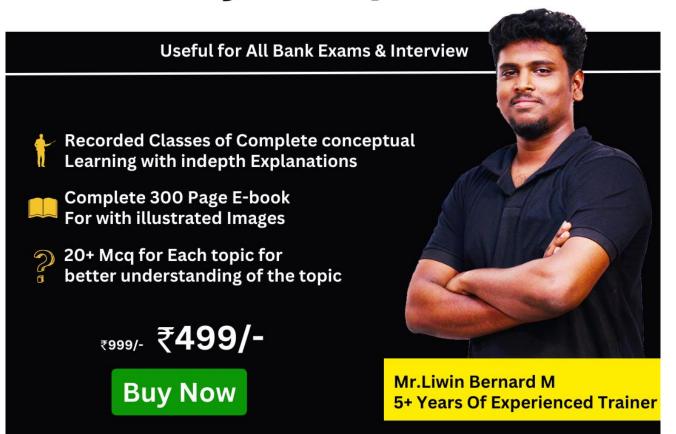






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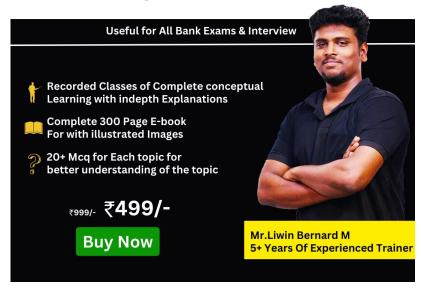
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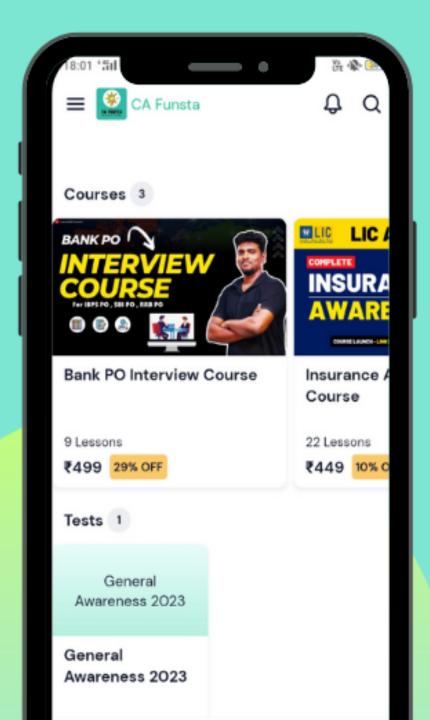
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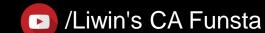
When International Whale Shark Day is celebrated every year?

- A) July 30
- B) August 15
- C) August 30
- D) September 22
- E) October 10

Answer C) August 30









- **International Whale Shark Day** is celebrated every year on August 30
- International Whale Shark Day was created so that we can commemorate and raise awareness of these incredible marine animals.
- The inaugural observance of International Whale Shark Day took place in **2008** during the **International Whale Shark Conference held on Isla** Holbox.





Explanation

National Small Industry Day

- The National Small Industry Day is an annual celebration observed on 30th August
- The roots of Small Industry Day can be traced back to the year 2000.
- In August of that year, the Indian government created a comprehensive policy package for smallscale industries (SSI).
- To mark this occasion, the Ministry of Small-Scale Industries announced that August 30, would be observed as the Small Industries day, annually.
- It was celebrated for the first time on August 30, 2001.





Explanation

International Day of the Victims of Enforced **Disappearance**

- On August 30th, the UN observes the International **Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearance**
- In **December 2010**, the UN officially declared that it would annually observe the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances on August 30 each year, starting from 2011.



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Which Bangalore-based financial services company is the Powered By sponsor for the Asia Cup 2023?

- A) Binance
- B) Paytm
- C) Groww
- D) Zerodha
- E) ICICI Direct

Answer C) Groww





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Explanation

- Bangalore-based financial services company,
 Groww, announced that they would be the Powered
 By sponsors for the Asia Cup 2023, one of international cricket's most prestigious tournaments, that kicks off on the 30th of August in Multan
- It Founded in 2016
- The Asia Cup will have 13 Matches played between the 30th of August and 17th of September across Pakistan and Sri Lanka, and will feature India, Pakistan, and Nepal in Group A while Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan comprise Group B.

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Titbits

Groww

Headquarters: Bangalore, Karnataka Co-founder & CEO: Lalit Keshre





Which bank recently partnered with Maptrasco to successfully complete the first electronic Bill of Lading (eBL) transaction between India and Singapore?

- A) Standard Chartered Bank
- B) HSBC
- C) Citibank
- D) DBS Bank
- E) UOB (United Overseas Bank)

Answer D) DBS Bank







- DBS, in partnership with commodities trader Maptrasco, announced the completion of the first "live" transaction of electronic Bills of Lading (eBL) for shipments between Singapore and India.
- With this first shipment, businesses across Singapore and India can participate in the TradeTrust network via their respective choice of TradeTrust-enabled platforms to enable the digital trade finance of live shipments of goods between the two countries.
- The transaction was implemented under the TradeTrust framework, an initiative by the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) and supported by Enterprise Singapore.
- The project leverages the United Nation's Model Law for Electronic Transferable Records and aims to drive cross-border document and title exchanges.





Titbits

DBS Bank

Headquarters: Singapore

CEO: Piyush Gupta





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Which bank recently launched a mobile app that allows MSMEs to access instant loans by using their GST invoices?

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

Answer E) Punjab National Bank (PNB)







- State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) has launched a mobile application based on the GST Sahay scheme, an end to-end digital product under which lending can be done using GST invoices.
- With this integration, PNB has become the first public sector bank to facilitate frictionless credit flow to MSMEs using GST invoices
- The initiative is also in line with the bank's strategy to further the development of the MSME sector and digital credit ecosystem in the country.
- The PNB GST Sahay App makes the entire loan process digitised and helps eliminate any manual intervention for borrowers and makes the process more cost-effective, fast, and smooth

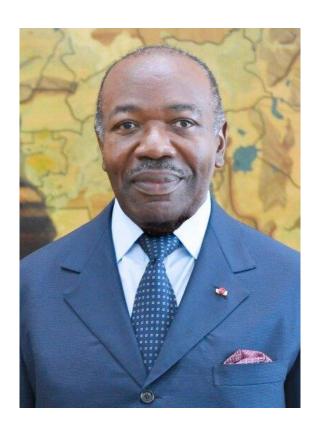




Who recently won a third term in a disputed election as the President of Gabon?

- A) Ali Bongo
- B) Omar Bongo
- C) Albert Bongo
- D) Jean Ping
- E) André Mba Obame

Answer A) Ali Bongo







- President Ali Bongo has won a third term in the presidential election Gabon with 64.27% of the vote, the Gabonese Election Centre (CGE) said
- Bongo's main challenger, Albert Ondo Ossa, had come in second place with 30.77%.





Titbits

Gabon

Capital: Libreville

Currency: Central African CFA franc

President: Ali Bongo Ondimba





Who has been appointed as the new chairperson of IIT-Kharagpur's board of governors and is also the CEO of Tata Steel?

- A) Ratan Tata
- B) Aditya Mittal
- C) Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- D) TV Narendran
- E) Cyrus Mistry

Answer D) TV Narendran







- Tata Steel Ltd's CEO and MD TV Narendran was appointed the new chairperson of the board of governors of IIT-Kharagpur
- Over 34 years of experience in the Mining and Metals industry, Narendran is a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of the World Steel Association.
- He was the co-chair of the Mining & Metals Governor Council of the World Economic Forum from 2016 to 2018.
- A Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering and served as the President of the Indian Institute of Metals from 2021 to 2022, he was also the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) from 2021 to 2022.
- Recipient of Distinguished Alumnus Awards from both NIT Trichy and IIM Calcutta, he is a Chevening Scholar and has also attended the Advanced Management Programme in INSEAD, France.
- He replaces Dr. Rajendra Prasad





Which government is rolling out the 'Gruha Lakshmi' scheme?

- A) Maharashtra government
- B) Tamil Nadu government
- C) Kerala government
- D) Karnataka government
- E) Gujarat government

Answer D) Karnataka government





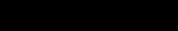


Explanation

- Congress-ruled Karnataka government will roll out the 'Gruha Lakshmi' scheme one
 among five poll promises made by the Congress during its election campaign.
- This scheme will be rolled out at a public function in **Mysuru** in the presence of state Chief Minister Siddaramiah and senior leaders of the party.
- Under the scheme, the state government will provide Rs 2,000 monthly assistance to the woman head of the family of BPL families.
- For this scheme, Karnataka has allocated a substantial ₹32,000 crore annually to support this scheme.
- Women listed as family heads on Antyodaya, Below Poverty Line (BPL), and Above Poverty Line (APL) ration cards are eligible for the Gruha Lakshmi Scheme.

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Only one woman in a family will be the beneficiary of this scheme.





- Congress during its poll campaign in Karnataka this year had announced the five main guarantees to the people of Karnataka
- The five schemes will cost the state exchequer approximately Rs 50,000 crore every year.
- The five 'main' guarantees are 200 units of free power to all households (Gruha Jyoti); Rs 2,000 monthly assistance to the woman head of every family (Gruha Lakshmi); 10 kg of rice free to every member of a BPL household (Anna Bhagya); Rs 3,000 every month for unemployed graduate youth and Rs 1,500 for unemployed diploma holders (both in the age group of 18-25) for two years (Yuva Nidhi) and free travel for women in public transport buses (Uchita Prayana)





Who announced the Haryana Shahri Vikas Yojana aimed at developing basic amenities in unauthorised colonies?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Arvind Kejriwal
- C) Uddhav Thackeray
- D) Manohar Lal Khattar
- E) Nitish Kumar

Answer
D) Manohar Lal Khattar





- Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced the Haryana Shahri Vikas Yojana for the development of basic amenities in unauthorised colonies.
- An initial fund of **Rs 500 crore** will be kept for the scheme.
- This scheme aims to develop basic amenities in unauthorized colonies after the state government's decision to regularize such colonies.
- The government has recently regularised 449 unauthorized colonies.
- The fund would be in addition to the development charges levied on residents of such regularised colonies and will be fully used for infrastructure development





Who inaugurated the 'Awareness Campaign and Training of Trainers' initiative aimed at raising awareness about sickle cell anaemia, especially in tribal regions?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Arjun Munda
- D) Jual Oram
- E) Piyush Goyal

Answer C) Arjun Munda







- Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda inaugurated the 'Awareness Campaign and Training of Trainers' initiative to educate grassroots workers and enable them to raise awareness about sickle cell anaemia, particularly in tribal regions.
- Announced in the 2023-24 budget, the National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission targets the eradication of the disease by **2047**.
- The comprehensive strategy involves public awareness campaigns, the screening of 7 crore individuals aged 0-40 in affected tribal areas, and counselling. This collaborative effort will unite central ministries and state governments.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally launched the mission on July 1 in Madhya Pradesh's Shahdol district.





The Indian government has extended the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for the automobile sector by an additional year until which fiscal year?

- A) FY2023
- B) FY2024
- C) FY2025
- D) FY2026
- E) FY2028

Answer E) FY2028





- The government has decided to extend the Rs 25,938-crore production-linked incentive scheme for the automotive sector by one year
- Post extension, the five-year scheme, originally in place from 2022-23 to 2026-27, will be active
 until 2027-28.
- At present, incentives are applicable under the scheme for determined sales of Advanced
 Automotive Technology (AAT) products (vehicles and components) manufactured in India from
 1 April 2022 onwards for a period of five consecutive years.
 - The scheme has two parts: **Champion OEM**, which will make electric or hydrogen-powered vehicles, and **Component Champions**, which will make high-value and high-tech components As of now the tests are conducted only at **Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI)**, **Pune and International Centre for Automotive Technology (iCAT)**, **Manesar (Haryana)**.
- The PLI-Auto scheme incentivises only those eligible AAT products for which a minimum of 50 per cent Domestic Value Addition (DVA) is achieved and has been certified by Testing Agencies (TAs) of MHI. This criterion shall reduce imports, facilitate deep localization for AAT products and enable creation of domestic as well as global supply chains.





Which two shipyards recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for capacity building and collaboration in ship design and construction?

- A) Cochin Shipyard Ltd and Singapore Shipyard Ltd
- B) Mumbai Shipyard Ltd and South Korea Shipyard Ltd
- C) Goa Shipyard Ltd and Japan Shipyard Ltd
- D) Goa Shipyard Ltd and Kenya Shipyard Ltd
- E) Kolkata Shipyard Ltd and China Shipyard Ltd

Answer
D) Goa Shipyard Ltd and Kenya Shipyard Ltd







- Goa Shipyard Ltd and Kenya Shipyard Ltd signed a memorandum of understanding for capacity building and collaboration in ship design and construction, with the development coming on a day defence minister Rajnath Singh and Kenyan cabinet secretary for defence Aden Bare Duale held talks in Delhi to boost defence cooperation.
- Singh gifted 15 pairs of parachutes (main and reserve) manufactured by Gliders India Limited to Duale for use by the Kenyan forces.
- Duale, who is on a three-day visit to India





Titbits

Goa Shipyard Limited

Founded: 1957

Headquarters: Vasco da Gama, Goa

Chairman & MD: Mr. Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay

Kenya Shipyards Limited

Founded: 2020

Headquarters: Mtongwe, Mombasa, Kenya

Managing director: Paul Otieno





Which two local specialty products recently earned the prestigious Geographical **Indication (GI) tag?**

- A) Darjeeling Tea and Kashmiri Saffron
- B) Bhaderwah Rajma and Ramban Sulai Honey
- C) Kanchipuram Silk Sarees and Banarasi Paan
- D) Alphonso Mangoes and Assam Tea
- E) Mysore Sandalwood Oil and Malabar Black Pepper

Answer B) Bhaderwah Rajma and Ramban Sulai Honey







- Two world famous local specialty products namely **Bhaderwah Rajma and Ramban Sulai Honey** earned coveted geographical Indication tag which signifies a great leap forward in promoting these exceptionally popular products of Jammu Division at the international level.
- The Enchanting "Magic Rice" of Assam Chokuwa Rice also get GI Tag ·
- A geographical indication or Geographical Indication tag is a trade name or label applied to a particular product that designates a particular geographic region or country of origin.
- The GI tag's primary feature is its uniqueness, which guards against any form of third-party misuse.
- The Geographical Indications (GI) is a form of intellectual property right that identifies goods originating from a specific geographical location and having distinct nature, quality and characteristics linked to that location.

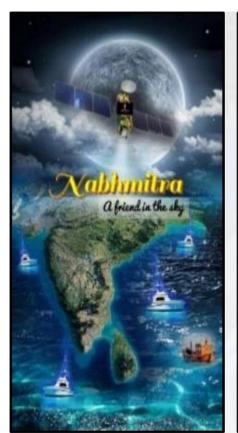




What is the name of the device developed by ISRO-Space Applications Centre (Ahmedabad) for the safety of fishermen, which was successfully tested at Neendakara?

- A) FishGuard
- B) AquaSafe
- C) SailSafe
- D) Nabhmitra
- E) SeaRescue

Answer D) Nabhmitra





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- 'Nabhmitra', a device developed by ISRO-Space Applications Centre (Ahmedabad) for the safety
 of fishermen, was successfully tested at Neendakara
- The satellite-based communication system enables two-way messaging services from and to the sea.
- While weather and cyclone warnings will be communicated in the local language, the boats can also send distress messages to the authorities. In emergency situations like capsizing and fire, fishers can press a button on the device and get in touch with the control centre.
- While the control centre will receive the alert including the location of the boat, the crew on the boat will get a response message from the control centre.
- Apart from providing information about shipping channels and maritime boundaries, the device will also help to identify fishing fields.
- The device was installed on a fishing vessel in Neendakara and tested in the presence of scientists and Fisheries department officials.





Titbits

ISRO

Abbreviation: Indian Space Research Organisation

FoundedL 1969

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

Chairman: S. Somanath





Which two organizations recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25, aiming for collaboration in the field of social justice and empowerment?

- A) Ministry of Finance and National Development Council
- B) Ministry of Labor and Employment and National Skill Development Corporation
- C) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC)
- D) Ministry of Education and National Research Foundation
- E) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and National Health Mission

Answer

C) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC)





- A momentous collaboration has been cemented as the Ministry of Social Justice & **Empowerment and the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation** (NSKFDC) inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25.
- This strategic partnership aims to enhance the socio-economic upliftment of Safai Karamcharis, Manual Scavengers, Waste Pickers and their dependants focusing on empowering these marginalized communities across the nation.
- The MoU underscores the commitment to accelerate inclusive growth through the effective allocation and utilization of funds for targeted welfare programs.
- The joint endeavor strives to amplify initiatives that promote safety, education, skill development, entrepreneurship, and sustainable employment opportunities, contributing to the holistic advancement of these workers who toil hard braving inclement weather to keep our surroundings clean.





What recent approval did the Union Cabinet grant in the field of research and development in the Pharma-MedTech Sector?

- A) National Health Insurance Scheme
- B) National Policy on Medical Education
- C) National Policy on Pharmaceutical Exports
- D) National Policy on Research and Development and Innovation in the Pharma-MedTech Sector
- E) National Policy on Drug Pricing

Answer

D) National Policy on Research and Development and Innovation in the Pharma-MedTech Sector







- The Union Cabinet has given the green light to the National Policy on Research and Development and Innovation in the Pharma-MedTech Sector.
- This decision is accompanied by the approval of the Scheme for Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma-MedTech Sector (PRIP), with a substantial allocation of Rs 5,000 crore for a five-year period spanning from FY24 to FY28.
- The scheme was rolled out earlier this month by the government with the belief that the Indian
 pharmaceutical industry has the potential to increase its current 3.4 per cent share of the global
 market to 5 per cent by the year 2030.
- The National Policy focuses on three key areas: strengthening the regulatory framework, incentivising investment in innovation, and enabling an ecosystem for innovation and research.





- The policy aims to accelerate drug discovery and development, foster collaboration between industry and academia, and streamline existing policies to optimise research resources.
- The PRIP scheme, with an allocation of Rs 5,000 crore, focuses on two components: the establishment of Centres of Excellence (CoEs) within existing institutions to strengthen research infrastructure, and promotion of research in priority areas.
- These priority areas encompass a range of fields such as new chemical and biological entities, precision medicines, medical devices, and antimicrobial resistance solutions.





Where did the 2nd G20-Chief Scientific Advisers' Roundtable meeting take place?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Mumbai
- C) Chennai
- D) Gandhinagar
- E) Hyderabad

Answer D) Gandhinagar







- As part of India's G20 presidency, the second G20-Chief Scientific Advisers' Roundtable meet began in Gandhinagar.
- Science advisors, Scientists, researchers from G 20 countries, and invited countries are taking part in the meeting. and technology
 The meeting began with the opening remarks by Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood.
- There will be a total of Four sessions on themes such as 'Opportunities in One Health,
 Synergizing Global Efforts to expand the Access to Scholarly Scientific Knowledge', Diversity,
 Equity, and Accessibility in Science & Technology and Institutional Mechanism for Inclusive
 Global S&T Policy Dialogue





What recent initiative was introduced by the Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority (MHADA) for the online payment of service charges by tenants and residents?

- A) Smart Housing Scheme
- B) Affordable Housing Lottery
- C) Housing Loan Subsidy
- D) E-Billing System for Service Charges
- E) Property Tax Reduction

Answer

D) E-Billing System for Service Charges





- Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority (MHADA) introduced an e-billing system
 for the online payment of service charges to the tenants and residents of MHADA of all
 Divisional Circles, including Konkan, Pune, Nagpur, and Amravati.
- MHADA chairman and Chief executive officer Sanjeev Jaiswal inaugurated the system at Bandra in Mumbai.
- The e-billing system also facilitates an online payment facility for shop owners in all divisional circles.
- Along with this, mailboxes have also been made available on the e-billing website for any complaints regarding the payment of service charges
- Shop owners can, now, use the e-Billing system under the Citizen Corner window on the official website of MHADA at https://mhada.gov.in





Who recently launched HSBC India's green hydrogen partnerships?

- A) Prime Minister
- B) Environment Minister
- C) Energy Minister
- D) Finance Minister
- E) Industry Minister

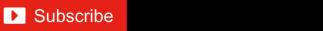
Answer D) Finance Minister







- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched HSBC India's partnerships aimed at innovation in Green Hydrogen.
- That includes partnerships with IIT Bombay and Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation to pursue technological advancements to make green hydrogen more efficient, cost-effective, and scalable.
- These two partnerships, with total grant support of Rs 15 crore (USD 2 mn), will focus on innovation projects that will help prioritize green hydrogen as a strategic alternate fuel, help in building a robust, green hydrogen economy, and achieve the government's vision of an energyindependent nation
- Sitharaman launched the partnership in the presence of Mark Tucker, Group Chairman, HSBC;
 Hitendra Dave, CEO, HSBC India; Jamshyed Godrej, Chairperson of the Board, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation; and Ravindra Gudi, Dean, Alumni and Corporate Relations, IIT Bombay.
- The partnership with IIT Bombay will encourage researchers, scientists, and students across IITs
 to develop breakthrough technologies and solutions that address key challenges in green
 hydrogen production, storage, transportation, and utilization





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Finance & Corporate Affairs

Minister: Nirmala Sitharaman

Constituency: Rajya Sabha MP, Karnataka

HSBC India

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

CEO: Hitendra Dave

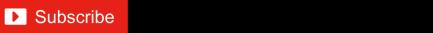


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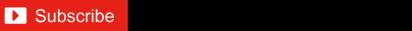


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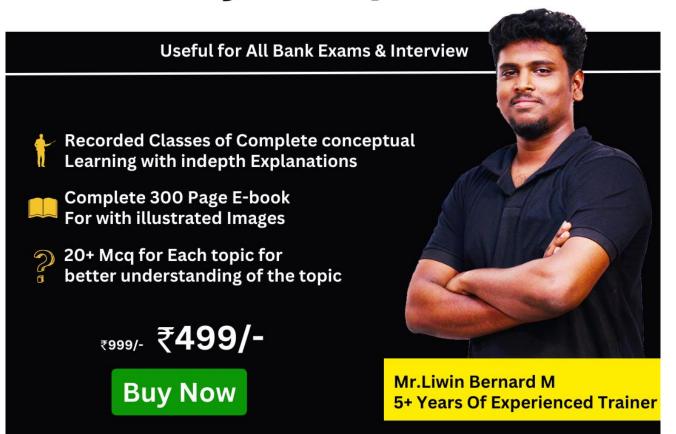






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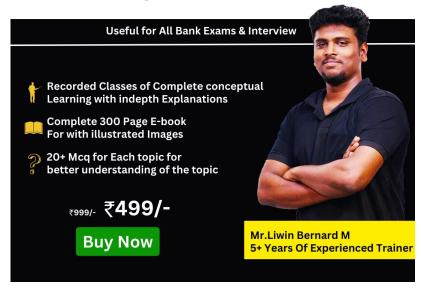
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