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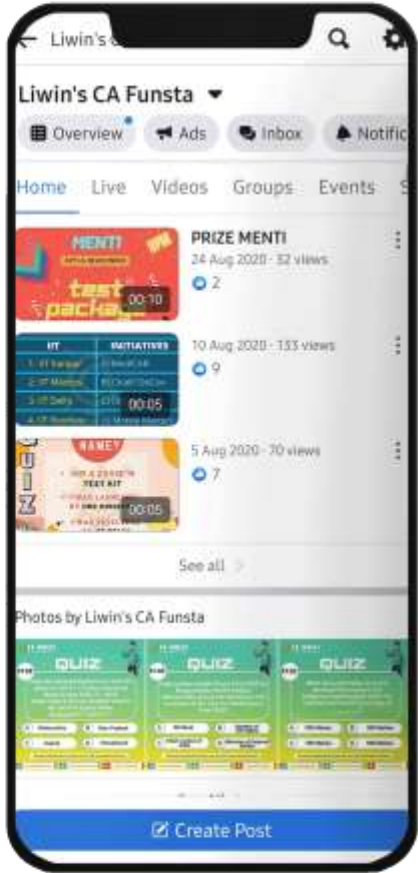
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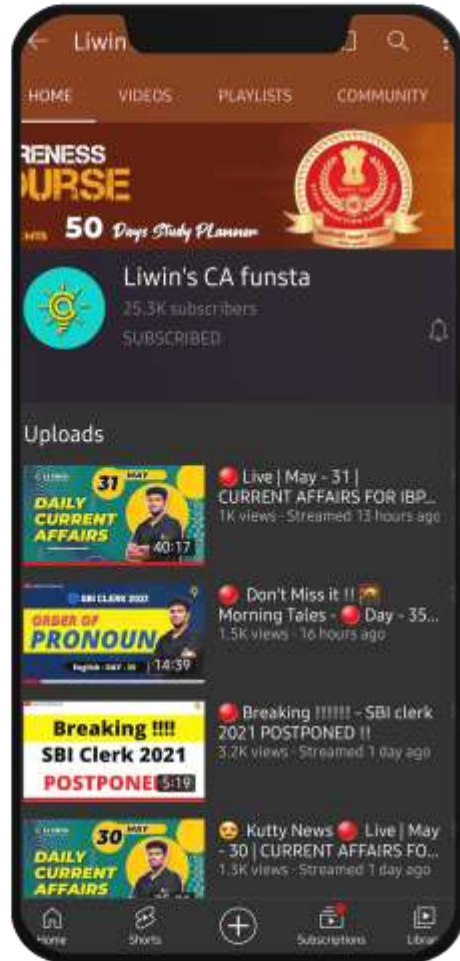
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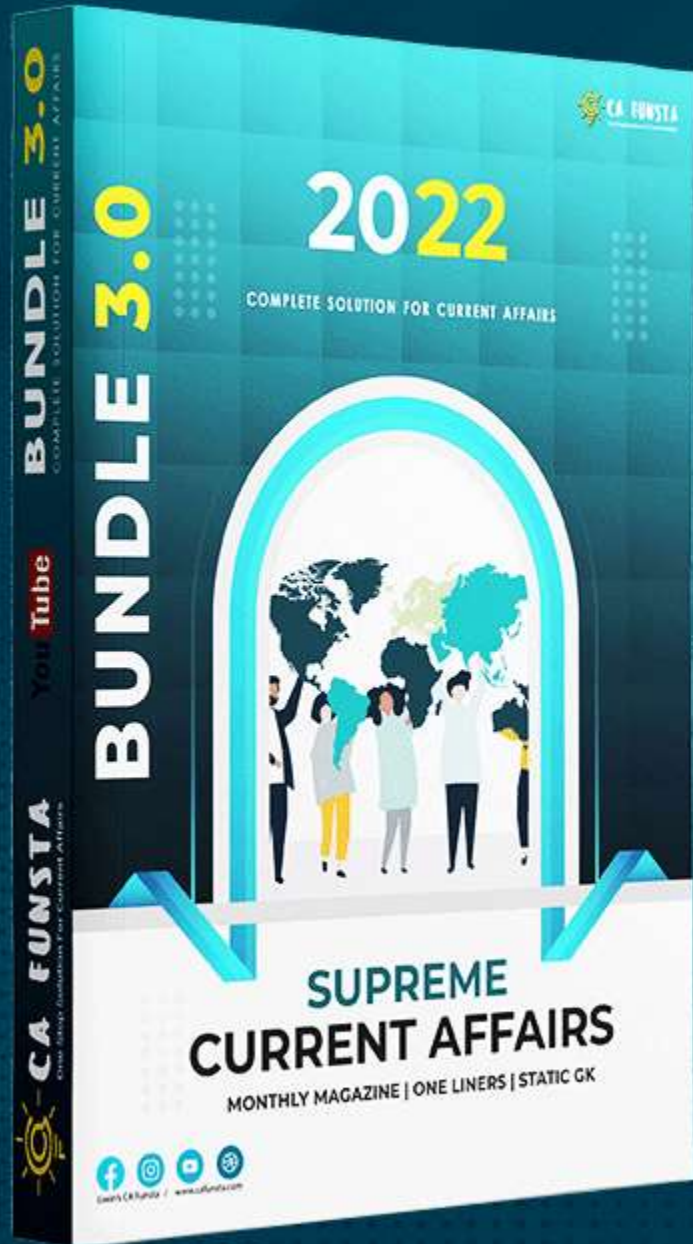
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Important Days



➤ On which date is World Ranger Day celebrated every year?

- A) July 1
- B) July 15
- C) July 20
- D) July 31
- E) August 5

Answer

D) July 31



Important Days



World Ranger Day 2023: History

- **The Thin Green Line Foundation**, the official charity of the International Ranger Federation (IRF), promotes World Ranger Day annually.
- Established on **31 July 1992** in Peak National Park, UK, the IRF represents Rangers and Park Rangers from around the world.
- The day was first celebrated in **2007** and marked the 15th anniversary of the organization's founding.



➤ **Who won the 2023 Belgian F1 Grand Prix?**

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

Answer

B) Max Verstappen



2023 Belgian F1 Grand Prix

Rank	Winner	Country
1	Max Verstappen (Red Bull)	Netherlands
2	Sergio Perez (Red Bull)	Mexico
3	Charles Leclerc (Ferrari)	Monaco

- Held In: Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps in Stavelot, Belgium



SPORTS



➤ Who won the men's singles title in the Japan Open 2023 badminton championship?

- A) Kento Momota
- B) Viktor Axelsen
- C) Lin Dan
- D) Chen Long
- E) Lee Chong Wei

Answer

B) Viktor Axelsen



SPORTS



Japan Open 2023

- **Edition:** 40
- **Held in:** Yoyogi National Gymnasium in Tokyo, Japan
- **Date:** 25 July to 30 July 2023



SPORTS



Japan Open 2023

Category	Winner		Runner	
	Name	Country	Name	Country
Men's Single	Viktor Axelsen (2 nd title -1 st 2017)	Denmark	Jonatan Christie	Indonesia
Women's Single	An Se Young	South Korea	He Bing Jiao	China
Men Doubles	Lee Yang & Wang Chi Lin	Chinese Taipei	Takuro Hoki & Yugo Kobayashi	Japan
Women Doubles	Kim So Yeong & Kong Hee Yong	South Korea	Chen Qing & Jia Yi Fan	China
Mixed Doubles	Yuta Watanabe & Arisa Higashino	Japan	Dechapol Puavaranukroh & Sapsiree Taerattanachai	Thailand



➤ **After which cricket series did England pacer Stuart Broad announce his retirement?**

- A) ICC T20 World Cup
- B) Indian Premier League (IPL)
- C) ICC Cricket World Cup
- D) The Ashes
- E) Asia Cup

Answer
D) The Ashes



Explanation

- **England pacer Stuart Broad** announced his retirement from cricket after the end of the 3rd day of the 5th and final Ashes Test
- Broad made his debut for the England Test side in December 2007 and have won 167 caps.
- He sits at fifth on the all-time list of wicket-takers, and is one of only two fast bowlers to take over 600 wickets, alongside longtime bowling partner Jimmy Anderson.
- The 37-year-old has played 167 Test matches, picking 602 wickets. He has also featured in 121 ODIs and 56 T20Is.



➤ **Mumbai-based Fino Payments Bank's Board has approved the proposal for the transition of the bank into which type of license?**

- A) Payment Bank License
- B) Universal Bank License
- C) Retail Bank License
- D) Cooperative Bank License
- E) Small Finance Bank (SFB) License



Answer

E) Small Finance Bank (SFB) License



Explanation

- **Fino Payments Bank Ltd.** said that its board has approved a proposal to transition into a small finance bank.
- With this, Fino has become the first such entity to move towards becoming a small finance bank (SFB) since the Reserve Bank of India in **2019** allowed payments banks to apply for conversion into SFB after five years of operations.
- Fino Payments Bank, which started operations in 2017, is currently the highest profit-generating payments bank.



Titbits

Fino Payments Bank
Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
MD & CEO: Rishi Gupta
Tagline: Qadar Aapki Mehnat Ki



➤ Which company's subsidiary, Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL), has become the largest PSU refinery (single location) in India for the fiscal year 2022-23?

- A) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- B) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
- C) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
- D) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)
- E) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)



Answer

E) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)



Explanation

- **Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL)**, a subsidiary of **ONGC**, has become the largest PSU refinery (single location) in India for 2022-23.
- The company achieved the feat by processing 17.14 million tonnes of crude oil in the last financial year. This was also the highest-ever throughput processed by any single-location PSU refinery in India's petroleum refining history.
- MRPL processes 10% of the total crude oil refined by PSU petroleum refineries in India.
- The company was established as a joint venture in 1988 with a 3.69 MMTPA capacity.



Explanation

- MRPL expanded its operations in two phases to raise its capacity to 15 MMTPA.
- The refinery configuration has a Nelson Complexity Index (NCI) of 11.3, one of the highest for PSU refineries.
- Its Petchem Intensity is 9.5%, and the company aims to reach 15% in the medium term.



Titbits

Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited
Headquarters: Mangaluru, Karnataka
Founded: 7 March 1988
Chairman: Shri Arun Kumar Singh



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

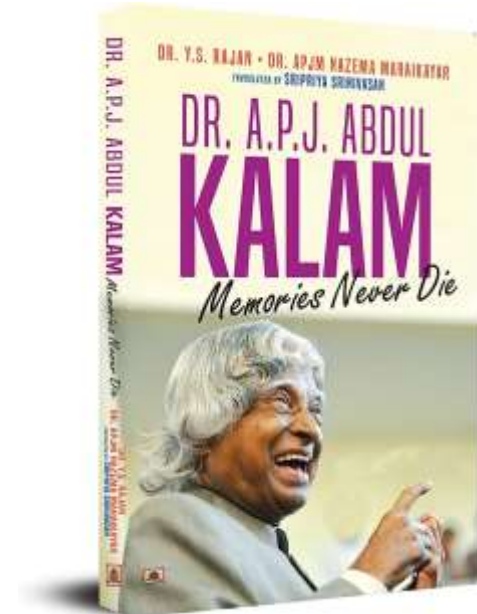


- Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled the book 'Memories Never Die' in Rameswaram. The book is a tribute to the life and legacy of which late former President of India?

- A) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
- B) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- C) Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam
- D) Dr. Zakir Husain
- E) Dr. Pranab Mukherjee

Answer

C) Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Explanation

- **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** unveiled the book '**Memories Never Die**', a tribute to the life and legacy of the late former **President APJ Abdul Kalam in Rameswaram**.
- The book is co-authored by **APJM Nasima Maraikayar** and scientist **YS Rajan**.
- Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting L Murugan and Tamil Nadu BJP chief K Annamalai were present on the occasion.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **The United States Senate recently confirmed whom as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)?**

- A) Kamala Harris
- B) Nisha Desai Biswal
- C) Neera Tanden
- D) Nikki Haley
- E) Preet Bharara

Answer

B) Nisha Desai Biswal



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **The United States Senate** confirmed Indian-American policy expert and businesswoman **Nisha Desai Biswal** as the **Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)**.
- US President Joe Biden in March had announced the nomination of Biswal as the deputy CEO of the DFC.
- She earlier served as Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs at the US Department of State from 2013 to 2017, overseeing the US-India strategic partnership and the launch of an annual US-India Strategic and Commercial Dialogue.



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Biswal serves as the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid and is on both the Board of the National Democratic Institute and the US Institute of Peace International Advisory Council.
- She has also served as Assistant Administrator for Asia at the US Agency for International Development (USAID), directing and supervising the institution's programs and operations across South, Central, and Southeast Asia.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States

Founded: 20 December 2019

CEO: Scott Nathan



APPOINTMENTS



- **Shivendra Nath has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of which public sector undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises?**

- A) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- B) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- C) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
- D) National Aluminium Company Limited
- E) Engineering Projects (India) Ltd.



Answer

E) Engineering Projects (India) Ltd.



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Shivendra Nath** has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) **of Engineering Projects (India) Ltd.**, a public sector undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.
- Currently, **Nath** is serving as **the senior general manager in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)**
- Nath was serving BSNL as Chief Engineer since September 2020, and previously, he was Superintending Engineer of Naya Raipur Development Authority till January 2021.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Engineering Projects (India) Ltd
Headquarters: Kolkata, West Bengal
CMD: Shri DS Rana
Founded: 16 Apr, 1970



AWARDS



➤ **The Maharashtra government has decided to present the first esteemed Maharashtra Udyog Ratna Award to whom?**

- A) Mukesh Ambani
- B) Azim Premji
- C) Ratan Tata
- D) Adi Godrej
- E) Kumar Mangalam Birla

Answer
C) Ratan Tata



AWARDS



Explanation

- **The Maharashtra government** has decided to honour **Ratan Tata**, the Chairman emeritus of the Tata group, with the first esteemed **Maharashtra Udyog Ratna Award**.
- This significant recognition was announced by the state industries minister, Uday Samant, during a session at the State Legislative Assembly
- Following the tradition of the **Maharashtra Bhushan award**, which is the highest state honor presented to distinguished individuals, the Maharashtra government has taken the decision to introduce the prestigious Udyog Ratna Award starting this year.



AWARDS



Explanation

- Tata will be the inaugural recipient of this award.
- The Maharashtra Udyog Ratna awards are aimed at recognising the efforts of individuals and organisations who have made an immense contribution to the fields of business, industry, education, real estate, tourism, financial services, fashion, electronics, agriculture, banking, IT, foods, healthcare, and more in Maharashtra.
- Alongside numerous other accolades bestowed upon him during his illustrious career, Ratan Tata has also been honored with two of India's most prestigious civilian awards: **the Padma Vibhushan in 2008 and the Padma Bhushan in 2000.**



- Recently, ISRO launched the PSLV-C56 rocket carrying how many Singaporean satellites from Sriharikota?

- A) 3
- B) 5
- C) 7
- D) 9
- E) 11

Answer

C) 7



Explanation

- **The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** successfully launched its **PSLV-C56** rocket carrying **seven Singaporean satellites** from the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota**.
- PSLV-C56 carrying **seven satellites including the primary satellite DS-SAR and 6 co-passenger satellites** have been successfully placed in the right orbit
- **DS-SAR**, a radar imaging earth observation satellite is a primary satellite for the mission. It was developed under a partnership between the Defence Science and Technology Agency (representing the government of Singapore) and ST Engineering.



Explanation

- This is the 58th flight of PSLV and **17th flight of PSLV in Core Alone configuration**
- The DS-SAR satellite, weighing 360 kg, is being sent into a **Near-equatorial Orbit (NEO) at an altitude of 535 km.**
- It carries a SAR payload developed by **Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI)**, enabling all-weather day and night coverage and capable of imaging at 1m-resolution at full polarimetry.



Explanation

- Alongside the DS-SAR, six co-passenger satellites have also hitched a ride to space.
- These include **VELOX-AM**, a technology demonstration microsatellite; **ARCADE**, an experimental satellite for atmospheric coupling and dynamics exploration; **SCOOB-II**, a nanosatellite flying a technology demonstrator payload; **NuLioN by NuSpace**, an advanced nanosatellite enabling seamless IoT connectivity in both urban & remote locations; **Galassia-2**, a nanosatellite orbiting at low earth orbit; and **ORB-12 STRIDER**, a satellite developed under international collaboration.



Titbits

ISRO

Abbreviation: Indian Space Research Organisation

FoundedL 1969

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

Chairman: S. Somanath



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ On the occasion of the 74th Van Mahotsav in Ranchi, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren launched a mobile application-based tracking system for what purpose?

- A) Tracking tiger movement
- B) Monitoring forest fires
- C) Managing wildlife sanctuaries
- D) Reducing human-elephant conflicts
- E) Monitoring bird migration



Answer

D) Reducing human-elephant conflicts



Explanation

- **Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren** launched a **mobile application-based elephant movement tracking system** on the occasion of the **74th Van Mahotsav in Ranchi** to **reduce human-elephant conflicts in the state**.
- The mobile app will help villagers and department to track elephant movements so that precautionary measures could be taken in advance
- Two applications have been developed by the department, one for use by common citizens, and the other for department officials. The elephant movement information will also be spread out through FM channels



Explanation

- The chief minister also launched a new forest department website, a national transit pass system and a booklet on activities carried out by the forest department in Ramgarh and Jamtara districts on climate change adaptations.
- Through the transit pass system, one can procure a permit to transport forest products through different states without any hassles at the border areas.



Titbits

Jharkhand
Capital: Ranchi
CM: Hemant Soren
Governor: C. P. Radhakrishnan



➤ **Where will the World Coffee Congress 2023 be hosted?**

- A) New York
- B) Paris
- C) Bengaluru
- D) Tokyo
- E) London

Answer
C) Bengaluru



Explanation

- **India** will host **the 5th World Coffee Conference (WCC) 2023 in Bengaluru** from September 25-28.
- WCC 2023, being organised by the International Coffee Organisation (ICO) in collaboration with the Coffee Board, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and Government of Karnataka and the coffee industry.
- The previous editions of the conference were held in **England (2001), Brazil (2005), Guatemala (2010), and Ethiopia (2016)**.



Explanation

- Interestingly, this is the first time India and Asia are preparing to host this most prestigious global coffee event, WCC, a property of the London-based International Coffee Organisation (ICO), a body set up in 1963 under the auspices of the United Nations to boost the economic importance of coffee globally.
- Coffee Board inducted tennis player, Arjuna awardee, and coffee planter **Rohan Bopanna** is brand ambassador for the WCC 2023.



➤ Which organization has collaborated with Amazon Web Services India to offer skilling programs on emerging technologies?

- A) Department of Science and Technology (DST)
- B) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)
- C) Department of Heavy Industry (DHI)
- D) Directorate General of Training (DGT)
- E) Department of Telecommunications (DoT)



Answer

D) Directorate General of Training (DGT)



Explanation

- **The Directorate General of Training (DGT)**, under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), is collaborating with **Amazon Web Services (AWS)** India to upskill students in cloud computing, data annotation, artificial intelligence (AI), and machine learning (ML), to boost their capabilities and employability.
- This initiative will benefit students enrolled in the institutions under the DGT, an apex organisation responsible for implementing long-term institutional skill training through an extensive network of about 15,000 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and 33 National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs), across India.



Explanation

- As part of this collaboration, AWS India will provide individuals with self-paced online learning programs in emerging technologies at no cost.
- This learning content will be offered on DGT's Bharat Skills platform (<https://bharatskills.gov.in>), a central repository of updated curriculum, course content, digitally blended content, question banks, and learning videos of all courses under the Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) and Crafts Instructor Training Scheme (CITS).



Titbits

Amazon Web Services (AWS)

CEO: Adam Selipsky

Headquarters: Seattle, United States of America



QUICK RECALL



- **On July 31 of each year, World Ranger Day**
- **Max Verstappen Wins 2023 Belgian F1 Grand Prix**
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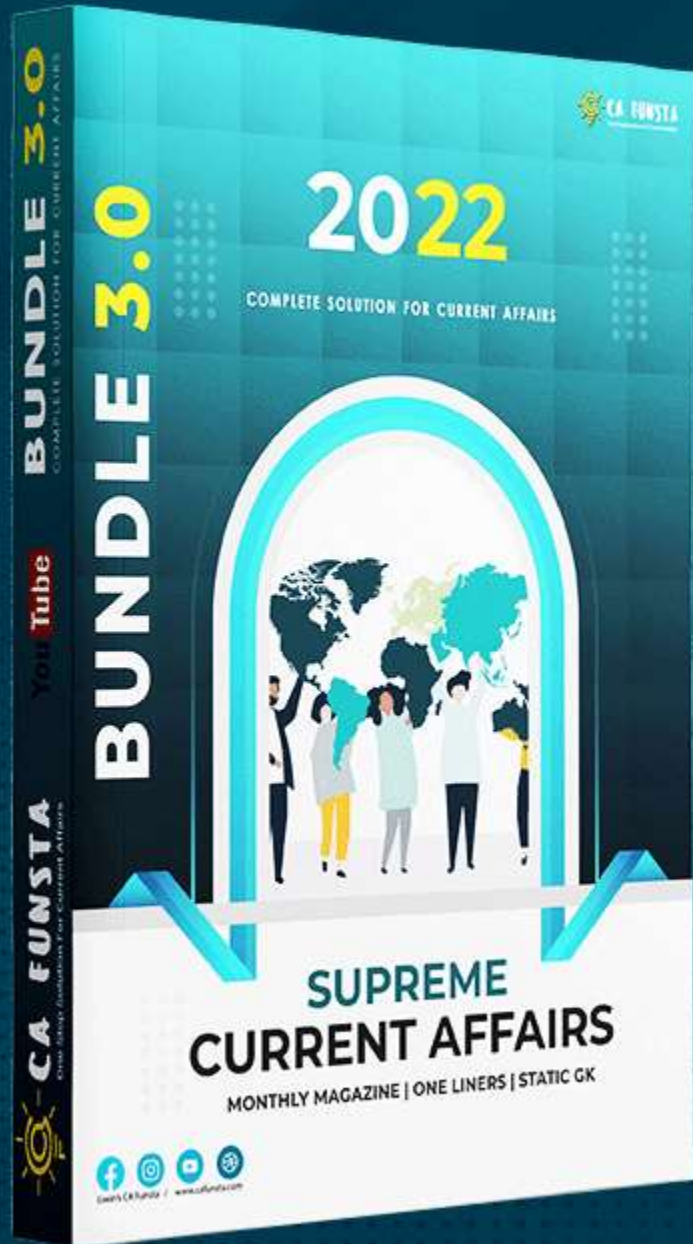


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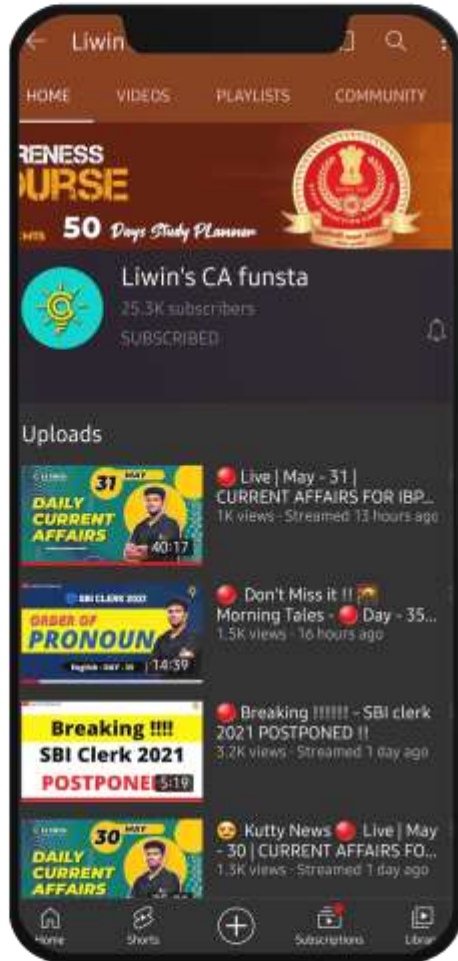
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