



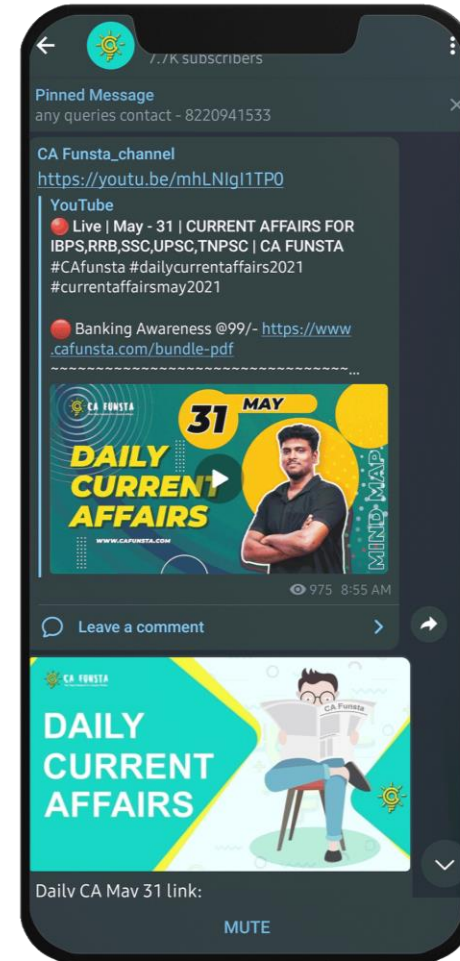
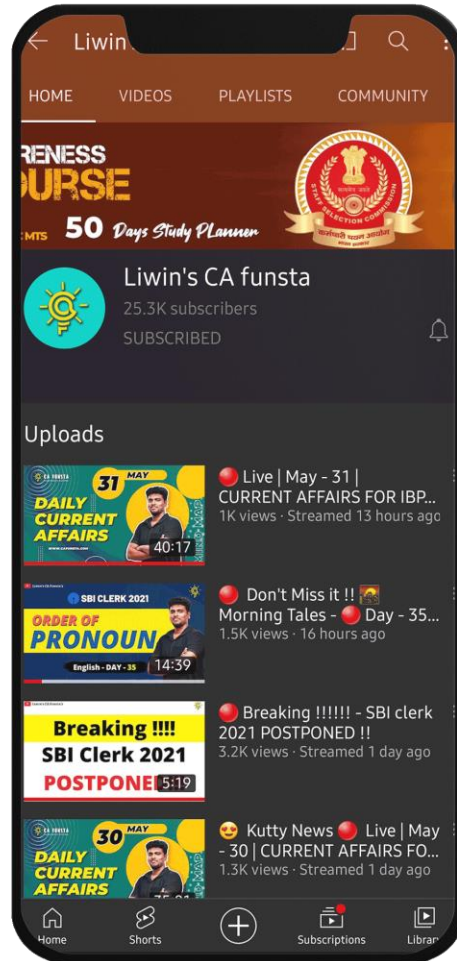
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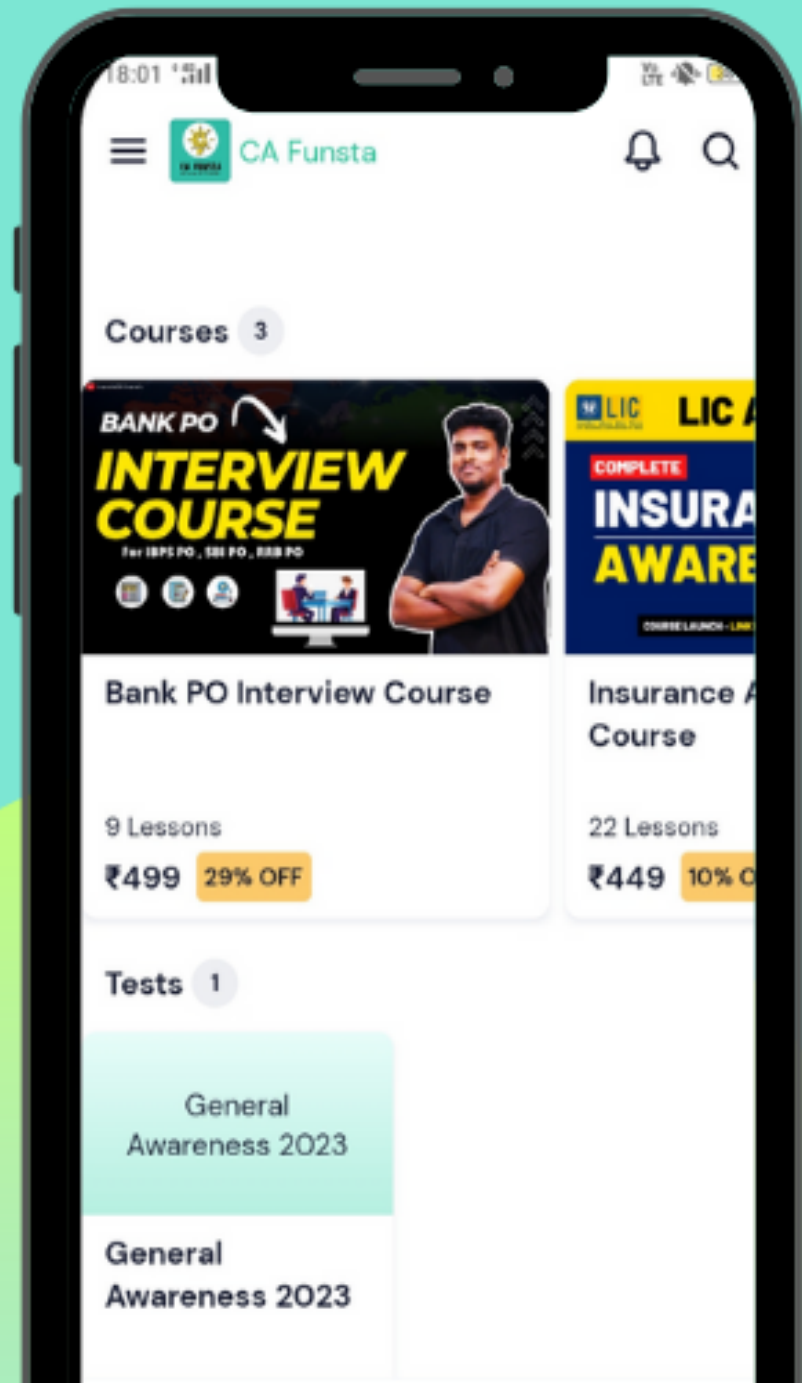
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Important Days



On which date is International Snow Leopard Day celebrated?

- A) November 12
- B) February 14
- C) October 23
- D) April 7
- E) June 30

Answer
C) October 23



Important Days



Explanation

- **October 23 is International Snow Leopard Day**
- The first International Snow Leopard Day occurred on the **23rd of October in 2014.**

OBITUARY



Who was Bishan Singh Bedi?

- A) Former India captain and one of the greatest right-arm spinners.
- B) A legendary Indian fast bowler.
- C) A prominent left-arm spinner from Pakistan.
- D) A former India captain and one of the greatest left-arm spinners.
- E) An Australian cricket legend known for his batting skills.



Answer

- A) Former India captain and one of the greatest right-arm spinners.**

OBITUARY



Explanation

- **Bishan Singh Bedi, former India captain and one of the greatest left-arm spinners, died at the age of 77 after battling prolonged illness.**
- He was the part of Indian cricket's golden quartet of spinners that also had Erapalli Prasanna, Bhagwat Chadraseshkar and Srinivas Venkataraghavan. They formed the core of India's bowling unit for more than a decade between 1966 and 1978.
- He was also a national selector and mentor to many talented spinners like Maninder Singh and Murali Kartik, who all swore by his technical insight.
- Bedi was one of the most admired Indian captains and he led the team for nearly four years in Test cricket between 1975 and 1979 after Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi's retirement.
- He was the longest serving Delhi Ranji team captain from 1974 to 1982

What is the name of the fund recently launched by Bandhan Mutual Fund?

- A) Bandhan Diversified Equity Fund
- B) Bandhan Nifty Alpha 50 Index Fund
- C) Bandhan Fixed Income Scheme
- D) Bandhan Global Growth Fund
- E) Bandhan Balanced Investment Fund

Answer

B) Bandhan Nifty Alpha 50 Index Fund



Explanation

- **Bandhan Mutual Fund** announced the launch of the **Bandhan Nifty Alpha 50 Index Fund**, an open-ended index scheme tracking Nifty Alpha 50 Index, providing investors with an opportunity to invest in a well-diversified portfolio of stocks that generated high alpha (relatively higher returns than the market) over the last one year
- The New Fund Offer will open **October 25, 2023, and close November 6, 2023.**
- Investment in the Bandhan Nifty Alpha 50 Index Fund can be made through licensed mutual fund distributors and online platforms and directly
- Established in **2000, Bandhan AMC (Erstwhile IDFC Asset Management Company Limited)** is focused on helping savers become investors and create wealth.
- Bandhan AMC serves its investors through a slew of prudently constructed investment products across Mutual Funds, and Portfolio Management Services (PMS), managed by a seasoned investment team, with the aim to provide performance consistent with the product's well-defined objectives.

Which organization has recently announced a partnership to issue electronic Bank Guarantees (e-BG) through its platform?

- A) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- B) State Bank of India
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) ICICI Bank
- E) Axis Bank



Answer

A) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Explanation

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has announced a new partnership with **National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL)** to issue its inaugural electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) through its platform.
- This collaboration is poised to usher in the era of digital trade, effectively eliminating the traditional paper-based issuance of Bank Guarantees.
- The digital transformation encompasses the issuance, modifications, closures, digital stamping, and signing processes, resulting in a significant reduction in the guaranteed turnaround time (TAT).
- This new approach enables guarantees to be processed in just a few hours, a stark improvement compared to the two to three working days required by the conventional paper-based method.
- Additionally, the e-BG enhances security by mitigating authentication risks.

Titbits

Kotak Mahindra Bank

Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

Interim MD and CEO : Dipak Gupta

Next MD & CEO: Ashok Vaswani(from January 1, 2024)

Tagline : Let's make money simple, Ab Kona KonaKotak

NeSL

Abbreviation: National E-Governance Services Limited

Headquarters: JAGATPURI,DELHI

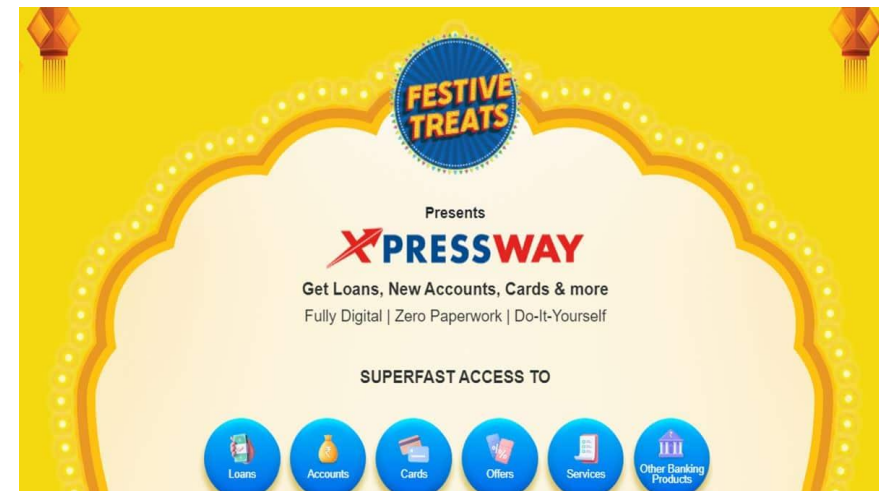
MD & CEO: Debajyoti Ray Chaudhuri

Found: 24th June 2016

What is HDFC Bank's digital platform that offers banking products and services for the fastest banking experience called?

- A) HDFC SwiftBank
- B) HDFC ExpressBank
- C) HDFC FastLane
- D) HDFC QuickAccess
- E) HDFC XpressWay

Answer
E) HDFC XpressWay



Explanation

- **HDFC Bank** launched **XpressWay**, a digital platform offering banking products and services, enabling customers to experience the fastest way to bank.
- XpressWay offers an array of services, including Xpress Personal Loan, Xpress Business Loans, Xpress Car Loan, Xpress Home Loan, Xpress Loan on cards, Xpress Credit Card, Xpress Savings Accounts, service journeys and more, designed to cater to diverse customer needs.
- These products and services are meticulously designed to deliver fast, seamless, paperless, and do-it-yourself customer journey, for both existing and new customers.
- Launched during the festive season, it is even more exciting as it also allows customers to indulge in festive season shopping with greater ease of access to finance.

Titbits

HDFC Bank

Headquarters: Mumbai , Maharashtra

Tagline : We Understand Your World

CEO :Sashidhar Jagdishan

What type of savings account did RBL Bank introduce, which offers zero balance requirements and up to 7.5% interest?

- A) RBL FlexiSavings Account
- B) RBL PremiumSavings Account
- C) RBL SuperSaver Account
- D) RBL ZeroBalance Account
- E) RBL Go Savings Account

Answer

E) RBL Go Savings Account



Explanation

- **RBL Bank** has announced the launch of **GO Savings Account**, its latest digital banking product.
- It is a zero-balance account with simple account opening process and easy-to-operate features, the product caters to customers of all age groups.
- The GO Savings Account signifies a modern shift in the world of banking, presenting a novel subscription-based model.

Some of the features include the following:

- It offers multiple customer-friendly advantages including high interest rates of up to 7.5 percent per annum, a premium debit card and vouchers worth Rs. 1,500 for premier brands.
- The account also offers comprehensive cyber insurance cover, accident and travel insurance up to ₹1 crore and free CIBIL report.
- The account also offers an array of premium banking services. These are offered as a single package at first year subscription fee of ₹1999 (plus taxes) along with an annual renewal fee thereafter of ₹599 (plus taxes).

Titbits

RBL Bank

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
Interim MD and CEO : R Subramaniakumar
Tagline: Apno ka Bank

How much funding is Dalmia Polypro planning to raise from the US' DFC (Development Finance Corporation) for building a facility in Maharashtra?

- A) USD 10 million
- B) USD 15 million
- C) USD 20 million
- D) USD 25 million
- E) USD 30 million

Answer

E) USD 30 million

Explanation

- The **US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)** committed **USD 30 million to Dalmia Polypro Industries for building a plastic recycling facility in Maharashtra.**
- Dalmia, which produces high-quality recycled materials from post-consumer plastic waste, will raise the money from external commercial borrowing (ECB) route to fund the new recycling facility in Nashik
- The new facility will support improvements in India's plastic waste value chain and expand the capacity to reduce plastic waste
- The facility will produce high quality recycled PET (rPET), PP (rPP) and HDPE (rHDPE) flakes and granules and will be partially powered by renewable energy and biofuel.

Titbits

United States International Development Finance Corporation(DFC)

Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States

Founded: 20 December 2019

CEO: Scott Nathan

APPOINTMENTS



Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Suresh Prabhu
- C) Sanjay Kumar Jain
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) Nirmala Sitharaman



Answer
C) Sanjay Kumar Jain

APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **IRTS officer Sanjay Kumar Jain** has been appointed as **CMD, Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)**.
- His appointment has been approved after the recommendation of Serach-Cum-Selection Committee (SCSC).
- The post was vacant since January 2021 after the retirement of Mahendra Pratap Maal.
- An IRTS officer of 1990 batch Mr. Jain was currently serving as the Principal Chief Commercial Manager in Norther Railway. Earlier, he has served as Joint Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises, GOI.

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Indian Railway Catering And Tourism Corporation(IRCTC)

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

CMD: Sanjay Kumar Jain

Founded: 27 September 1999

AWARDS



Who recently received the 'Award for Global Leadership' from Harvard Law School?

- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B) Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan
- C) Chief Justice of India (CJI) Chandrachud
- D) Nobel Laureate Malala Yousafzai
- E) Former United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

Answer

C) Chief Justice of India (CJI) Chandrachud



AWARDS



Explanation

- **Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud** has received the '**Award for Global Leadership**', the highest professional distinction handed out by his alma mater, **Harvard Law School**.
- The Chief Justice was announced as the recipient of the award on January 11, this year, in an online ceremony.
- The Chief Justice was present at Harvard Law School for a fireside chat with David Wilkins, who is a professor at Harvard Law School and Faculty Director, Center on the Legal Profession.
- The Harvard Law School is also celebrating the 100th anniversary of its Graduate Law Program.
- The Chief Justice fondly remembered his time at Harvard as an LLM student in 1982-83 and then as an SJD candidate in 1983-1986.

AWARDS



Who has been announced as the recipient of the prestigious Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice 2023 by Harmony Foundation's founder-chairman Abraham Mathai?

- A) Mother Teresa
- B) Abraham Mathai
- C) Nargis Mohammadi
- D) Malala Yousafzai
- E) Kailash Satyarthi

Answer
C) Nargis Mohammadi



AWARDS



Explanation

- **City-based NGO Harmony Foundation's founder-chairman Abraham Mathai** has announced to confer the **prestigious Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice 2023** on jailed **Iranian Nobel Laureate Nargis Mohammadi**.
- In November, her husband Taghi Rahmani and their two children will receive the award on her behalf at a function in Mumbai
- The Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice 2023 will be conferred on jailed Iranian Nobel Laureate Nargis Mohammadi by the Harmony Foundation.
- The award recognizes Mohammadi's courage in advocating for human rights against the Iranian regime. Her husband and children will accept the award on her behalf in Mumbai in November.
- The award ceremony will also commend the Norwegian Nobel Committee's nomination of Mohammadi for the Nobel Peace Prize for 2023. Past recipients of the award include Malala Yousafzai

AWARDS



Which military station was awarded the title of the 'Best Green Military Station'?

- A) Srinagar Military Station
- B) Udhampur Military Station
- C) Jammu Military Station
- D) Leh Military Station
- E) Amritsar Military Station

Answer

B) Udhampur Military Station



AWARDS



Explanation

- The **Udhampur military station** has bagged the '**Best Green Military Station**' award, the Army said
- The Best Green Station Awards were presented by Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande at the Army Commanders' Conference
- **Udhampur Military Station was awarded the Trophy for "Best Green Military Station" while Dehradun Military Station secured the "Second Best" award.**
- Also, Bikaner Military Station was awarded with "Best Transformative Station" trophy
- General Manoj Pande #COAS awarded the 'COAS Flight Safety Trophy' for the year 2022-23 to '671 Army Aviation Squadron (R&O)' for maintaining the highest standards of flight safety & proficiency in establishing, managing & promoting a #Flightsafety culture

When is the International Purple Fest, an event celebrating the inclusiveness and empowerment of persons with disabilities, scheduled to be hosted in Goa?

- A) January 8 to 13, 2022
- B) January 8 to 13, 2023
- C) January 8 to 13, 2024
- D) January 8 to 13, 2025
- E) January 8 to 13, 2026

Answer

C) January 8 to 13, 2024



Explanation

- **Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant** announced that the state will **host the International Purple Fest**, an event celebrating the inclusiveness and empowerment of persons with disabilities, from **January 8 to 13, 2024**.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Goa

Capital :Panaji

CM: Pramod Sawant

Governor : PS Sreedharan Pillai

Which district in India recently became the first to declare an official tree, flower, bird, and species?

- A) Kasaragod
- B) Kottayam
- C) Thiruvananthapuram
- D) Mysuru
- E) Jaipur

Answer

A) Kasaragod



Explanation

- **Kasaragod** district has become the **first district in India** to officially designate its **own tree, flower, bird and species**.
- The decision is a testament to the region's rich biodiversity and natural heritage
- The official tree of the district is '**Kanjiram**' (**Strychnos nux-vomica Linn**), a **species deriving its name from 'kasara'**, meaning wormwood, from which the name of the district originates. This declaration has played a vital role in conserving these trees, preventing their unnecessary felling.
- The **district bird** is the **White Bellied Sea Hawk**, which is native to the region spanning from Mahe to Manjeswaram. Notably, it is listed under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, and its nest-building habits play a crucial role in protecting the trees where it resides.
- Kasaragod has also chosen the **Cantor's Giant Softshell Turtle, locally known as 'Bheemanama'**, as the district species. This rare species is listed on the Red List of Endangered Freshwater Turtles and relies on estuaries for laying eggs, making its conservation particularly critical.

Explanation

- The district flower, 'Periya Polathali' or *Crinum malabarica*, with its distinctive white flowers tinged with red, is another remarkable addition to the list. This plant is found exclusively in the streams originating from the laterite hills in Kasaragod, emphasising its significance.
- The decision to officially recognise these natural elements was taken jointly by the district panchayat and the Biodiversity Management Committee. The initiative seeks to celebrate and conserve the rich biodiversity and natural heritage of the region, which is increasingly threatened by development and other activities.

Where did the Indian Navy conduct the security exercise 'Prasthan'?

- A) Vishakhapatnam
- B) Chennai
- C) Kakinada
- D) Mumbai
- E) Kochi

Answer

C) Kakinada

Explanation

- The Naval Officer-in-Charge, **Andhra Pradesh** conducted **Exercise Prasthan 2023** under the aegis of Eastern Naval Command for security of offshore development area in **Kakinada**.
- The exercise was conducted on the **Rig ship Platinum Explorer of ONGC and RG Fixed Oil Platform of Vedanta Ltd.**
- The exercise was aimed at rehearsing responses in handling contingencies and checking the efficacy of security mechanisms at ODA.
- It witnessed participation from multiple organisations, namely the Indian Navy, Coast Guard, Oil Operators, Port Authorities, the State Fisheries Department and Marine Police.
- Assets from the Indian Navy comprised of INS Kora, INS Tihayu, four Immediate Support Vessels, Marine Commandoes, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team and Helicopters. ICG Ship Kanaklata Barua also participated in the exercise.

Explanation

- During the exercise various situations viz Terrorist Attack, Bomb Scare, Major Fire, Gas Leak, Oil Spill, Explosion etc were simulated and measures to overcome the contingencies were exercised in close coordination with all state agencies and oil operators. Lessons learnt during the exercise shall be incorporated into the SOPs
- Also, in another event, in consonance with its motto 'We Protect', the Indian Coast Guard Region East initiated precautionary measures to prevent loss of life at sea due to adverse weather. ICG ship Kanaklata Barua warned fishermen along the Andhra Pradesh coast about the developing low-pressure area and advised them to return harbour for safety

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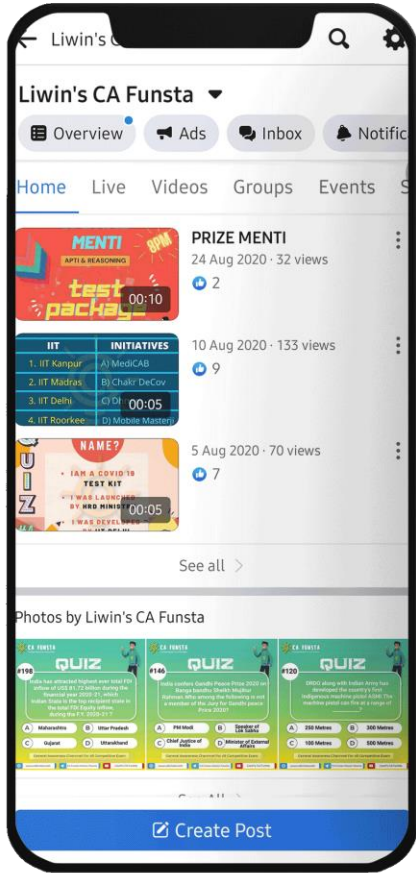
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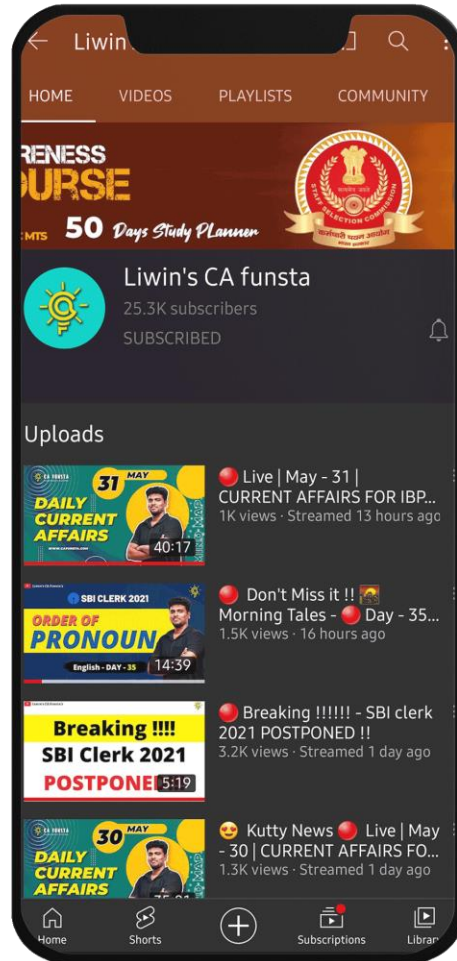


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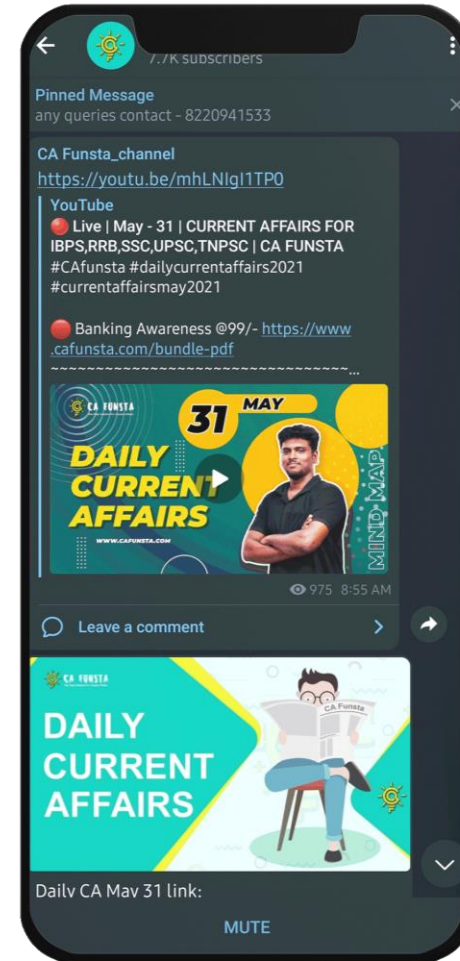
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