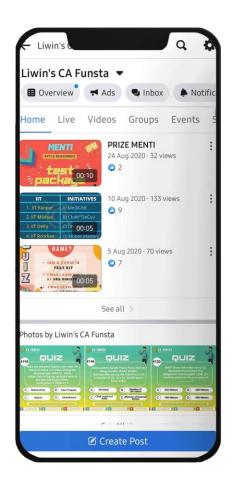
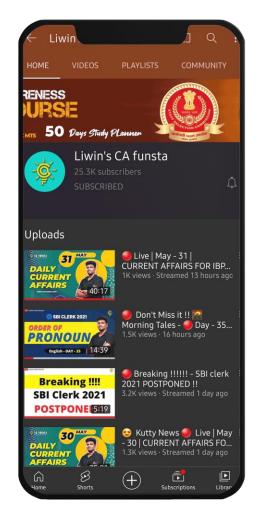


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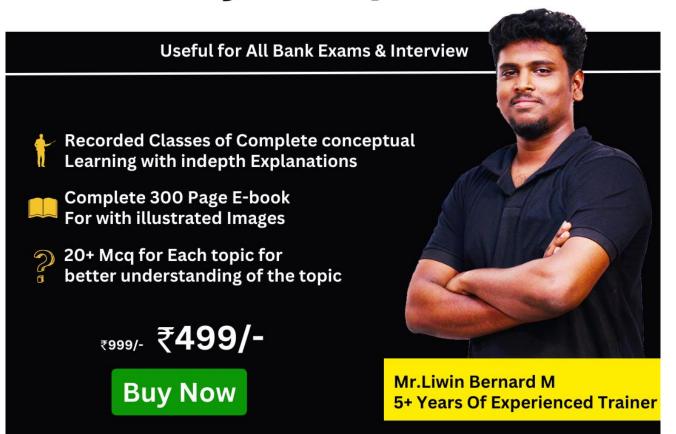






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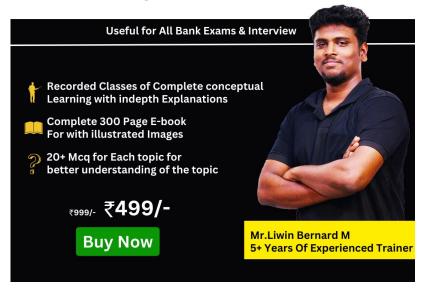
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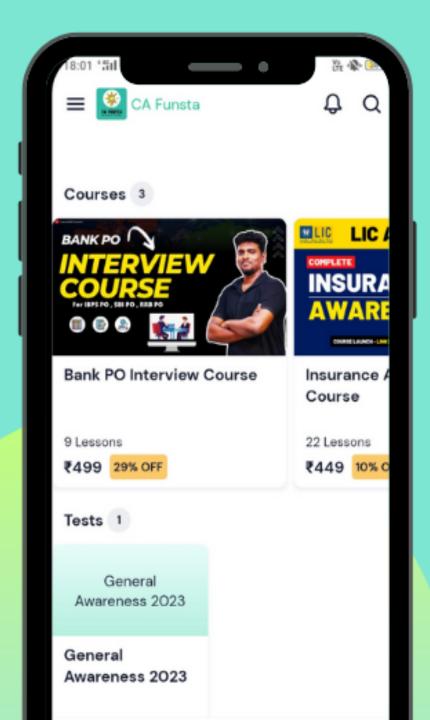
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#### On which date is United Nations Day celebrated each year?

- A) January 1
- B) April 22
- C) June 5
- D) October 24
- E) December 10

**Answer** D) October 24







- United Nations Day is celebrated every year on October 24.
- The day marks the anniversary of the day when the UN Charter entered into force in 1945.
- On October 24, 1945, the United Nations was officially established.
- 2 years later, the United Nations General Assembly in 1947 announced the Charter of the United Nations as the one which "shall be devoted to making known to the people of the world the aims and achievements of the United Nations and to gaining their support for its work".
- In 1971, the organisation adopted United Nations Resolution 2782 and declared that the United Nations Day ought to be an international observance.
- The resolution suggested that the United Nations' member states observe October 24 as a public holiday too
- Theme: "The Frontlines of Climate Action"





#### **Explanation**

#### **International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week 2023**

- The eleventh International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (ILPPW) will take place on 22-28 October 2023
- The International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (ILPPW) takes place every year during the third week of October
- The focus of this year's campaign "End Childhood Lead Poisoning" reminds governments, civil society organizations, health partners, industry and others of the unacceptable risks of lead exposure and the need for action to protect children's health.





#### **Explanation**

#### **World Polio Day 2023**

- World Polio Day is celebrated every year on October 24 to create awareness around the importance of polio vaccination to protect children.
- In the year **1988**, there were around 3.5 lakh polio cases worldwide and the World Health Assembly resolved to eradicate the poliovirus.
- In 2002, WHO European Region was declared polio-free and from that time on October 24 every year, the World Polio Day is celebrated annually





#### **Explanation**

#### **World Development Information Day**

- The United Nations celebrates World Development Information Day every year on October
   24.
- The **UN General Assembly in 1972** established the World Development Information Day to direct people's attention toward developmental problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them.
- The main aim of this day is to propagate information and mobilise public opinion in order to draw their attention and create awareness of the problems surrounding development, promoting efforts in the field of international cooperation for growth and development.
- The UN General Assembqly in 1964 established The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), with the primary objective of formulating policies relating to all aspects of development including trade, transport, aid, finance, and technology. UNCTAD is a part of the UN secretariat.





#### **Explanation**

Prior to officially announcing October 24 as World Development Information Day, the UN
Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) proposed measures for dissemination of
information and for the mobilization of public opinion, relative to trade and development
problems on May 17th, 1972. It was then passed by the UN General Assembly on May 19th,
1972.



## **SPORTS**



#### Who won the Abu Dhabi Masters 2023 badminton tournament and secured her second BWF title?

- A) Saina Nehwal
- B) P. V. Sindhu
- C) Unnati Hooda
- D) Jwala Gutta
- E) Kidambi Srikanth

**Answer** C) Unnati Hooda





## **SPORTS**



- In a battle between two upcoming Indian badminton players, Unnati Hooda beat Samiya Imad Farooqui in the final of the Abu Dhabi Masters 2023 women's singles event in the United Arab Emirates on the badminton courts of the ADNEC Marina Hall in the UAE capital
- This was Unnati Hooda's second BWF Super 100 World Tour title.
- Last year, Unnati Hooda became the youngest Indian to win a BWF tournament at the Odisha Open, where she beat Samiya Imad Farooqui in the quarter-finals.
- In the women's doubles, Ashwini Ponnappa and Tanisha Crasto claimed their first BWF title as a pair by defeating Denmark's Julie Finne-Ipsen and Mai Surrow 21-16, 16-21, 21-8 in the final. The Indian women's badminton team had won the Nantes International Challenge earlier this year.



## **OBITUARY**



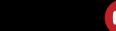
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#### What was the notable role of Birendra Nath Datta, who recently passed away in Assam?

- A) Eminent politician
- B) Renowned athlete
- C) Distinguished academician, singer, and lyricist
- D) Celebrated chef
- E) Leading industrialist

Answer
C) Distinguished academician, singer, and lyricist





## **OBITUARY**



- Eminent Assamese academician, linguist, singer and lyricist Birendra Nath Datta breathed his last at the Dispur Hospital in Guwahati
- He was awarded the 12th Jagaddhatri-Harmohan Das Literary Award for his work "Sankar Madhavar Manisha Aru Asomar Sanaskritic Uttaradhikar."
- Dutta was also honored with several prestigious awards, which included the **Padma Shri** Award in 2009, the Mahapurush Shri Shri Madhavadeva Award in 2006, the Ajan Pir Award in 2008, the Leo Advertising Silpi Sanman in 2010, the Manik Chandra Chowdhury Memorial Award in 2011, and the Tagore Ratna Award of Sangeet Natak Akademi in 2011.
- In addition to his academic achievements, Dr Dutta also served as the President of the Asam Sahitya Sabha, a prominent literary organization in Assam, from 2003 to 2005.





# What is the purpose of the USD 175 million loan granted by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to Madhya Pradesh, India?

- A) To support agricultural development in the region
- B) To improve education infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh
- C) To enhance road connectivity and climate resilience
- D) To fund healthcare initiatives in Madhya Pradesh
- E) To promote tourism in the state

Answer
C) To enhance road connectivity and climate resilience







- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has granted approval for a USD 175 million loan to enhance road connectivity and climate resilience in Madhya Pradesh, India.
- ADB has played a pivotal role in supporting the development of road networks in Madhya Pradesh since 2002.
- This endeavour has led to the enhancement of over 9,000 kilometres of state highways and major district roads
- The current project aims to foster connectivity between rural areas and growth centres, bolstering industrial corridors and ensuring the creation of safer, more climate-resilient roads to stimulate Madhya Pradesh's inclusive, equitable, and sustainable economic growth, stated the press release by ADB.
- The project's key features involve upgrading approximately 500 kilometres of state highways and major district roads to a standard two-lane design.
- These upgraded roads will incorporate climate- and disaster-resilient aspects, innovative road safety elements, and facilities catering to the needs of the elderly, women, children, and individuals with disabilities.





- Furthermore, ADB plans to enhance the Madhya Pradesh Road Development Corporation
  Limited (MPRDC) in terms of climate change adaptation and mitigation, disaster resilience,
  and road safety in road network planning and management.
- The initiative will aid in formulating strategies and plans to utilize green technology in road construction and establish charging infrastructure for electric vehicles.
- Additionally, the project intends to support MPRDC in creating a strategy for gender equality and social inclusion and to institute an internship program to encourage female students to work in the road sector.
- It also aims to collaborate with women's self-help groups to raise awareness about road safety.
- Furthermore, the project will conduct livelihood and entrepreneurship training programs for women and girls and construct at least two roadside markets





#### **Titbits**

## **Asian Development Bank**

Member Countries: 68

Founded Year: 1966

Headquarters: Manila, Philippines

Head: Masatsugu Asakawa





#### What recent action did SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) take regarding digital forensic services?

- A) Issued guidelines for cybersecurity in the financial sector
- B) Formed a new department to investigate financial fraud
- C) Empaneled 12 entities to provide digital forensic services
- D) Banned the use of digital forensics in financial transactions
- E) Launched a national cybersecurity awareness campaign

#### Answer

C) Empaneled 12 entities to provide digital forensic services





- Capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has empanelled 12 entities, including Ernst & Young LLP and KPMG Assurance and Consulting Services LLP, to provide assistance to its search team for onsite data acquisition during search and seizure operations
- The other empanelled entities are -- Baker Tilly Business Advisory Services, Cybermate Forensics & Data Security Solutions, Cyint Technologies, ECS Info Tech, Innefu Labs, Mahen Technologies, Nangia & Co LLP, Netrika Consulting India, Pelorus Technologies and Systools Software, according to a notice by Sebi last week.
- They have been empanelled for providing digital forensic services to the regulator following the completion of the empanelment process. The empanelment will be valid for a period of two years
- In August, Sebi invited applications for empanelment of service providers experienced in the field of digital forensic services.





- The applications were invited from eligible service providers experienced in digital forensic services for acquisition, extraction and analysis of digital evidence from mobile, computers, and tablets, among others, on an ongoing basis.
- As per the notice, the entities will be required to provide onsite and offsite assistance to the search team and onsite data acquisition during search and seizure operations.
- In addition, they will have to undertake forensic acquisition or imaging of different types of digital devices, such as laptops, mobile phones, tablets, hard drives, USB drives, CDs/DVDs, servers etc.
- Further, they will be required to do onsite acquisition of cloud data from cloud apps like Gmail, Facebook, Youtube, Instagram, Telegram, WhatsApp and any other app or database as decided by the search party.
- Last year, Sebi initiated a crackdown against entities allegedly involved in a front-running scam using messaging app Telegram



#### **Titbits**

#### **SEBI**

Abbreviation: Securities and Exchange Board of India

Establishment: 1992

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman: Madhabi Puri Buch



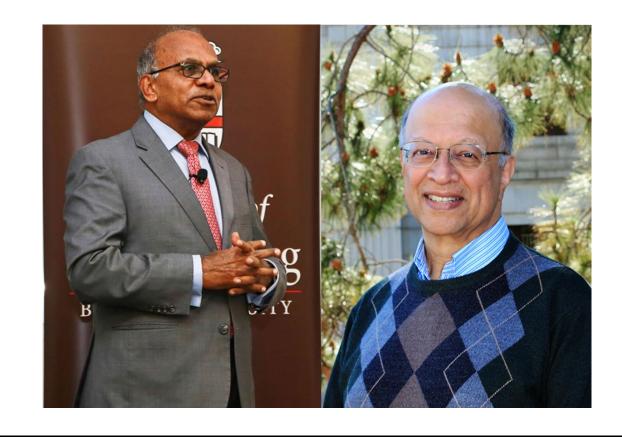
## **AWARDS**



#### Which two Indian American scientists received prestigious awards from US President Joe Biden at the White House?

- A) Ashok Gadgil and Subra Suresh
- B) Rajiv Patel and Priya Sharma
- C) Sanjay Gupta and Neha Patel
- D) Rakesh Singh and Maya Shah
- E) David Smith and Jennifer Johnson

**Answer** A) Ashok Gadgil and Subra Suresh





## **AWARDS**



- Two Indian American scientists were awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation by US President Joe Biden at the White House.
- The two Indian-Americans -- Ashok Gadgil and Subra Suresh -- were awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation and the National Medal of Science, respectively.
- President Biden also honoured leading American scientists, technologists, and innovators at the award ceremony.
- The scientists, who were honoured at the event, made discoveries enabling lifesaving medical treatments, helping fight the opioid epidemic, improving food security, advancing accessibility, and much more.
- The National Medal of Science is the nation's highest scientific honour, established by the US Congress in 1959 and administered by the US National Science Foundation.





What is the name of the joint bilateral training exercise that commenced in Umroi Cantonment, India, involving the Indian and Malaysian armies?

- A) Operation Tiger Claw
- B) Exercise Gajendra Shakti
- C) Operation Harimau Shakti
- D) Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023
- E) Joint Tiger Strike

Answer
D) Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023

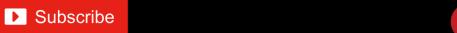






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- Joint bilateral training exercise "Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023", between Indian & Malaysian
   Army commenced in Umroi Cantonment, India.
- The Malaysian Army contingent comprises troops from 5th Royal Battalion of Malaysian Army.
- The Indian contingent is being represented by a Battalion of THE RAJPUT REGIMENT.
- Last edition of the Exercise was conducted in Pulai, Kluang, Malaysia in November 2022.
- Ex Harimau Shakti, scheduled till 5th November 2023, will engage approximately 120 personnel from both sides.
- It is aimed at enhancing military capability for conduct of Multi Domain Operations in a subconventional scenario.
- During the exercise, both contingents will establish a Joint Command Post & establish an integrated surveillance grid along with a Joint Surveillance Centre.
- Both sides will rehearse employment of joint forces in jungle/ semi urban / urban environment. In addition, intelligence collection, collation and dissemination drills will also be rehearsed. The Exercise will also witness employment of Drones/UAVs & Helicopters.





- Two sides will also practice casualty management and evacuation drills. Both the contingents will discuss logistics management and practice survival training at the Battalion level.
- The training will focus primarily on high degree of physical fitness, conduct of drills at tactical level and sharing of best practices with each other. The Exercise will culminate with a 48-hour long validation exercise in a semi-urban area.
- "Exercise HARIMAU SHAKTI" is aimed to enhance the level of defence co-operation between Indian Army and the Malaysian Army, which will also foster the bilateral relations between the two nations.





#### **Titbits**

## Malaysia

Prime minister: Anwar Ibrahim

Capital: Kuala Lumpur

Currency: Malaysian ringgit





## What is the name of the online platform recently launched by Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant to support self-help groups?

- A) Swayampurna e-commerce
- B) Self-Help Connect
- C) Goa e-Market
- D) Swayampurna e-bazaar
- E) Self-Reliance Network

**Answer** 

D) Swayampurna e-bazaar





- Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant launched Swayampurna e-bazaar, an online platform that supports self-help groups.
- The government launched this online platform to give market to different kinds of products made by self-help groups and women.
- The Swayampurna e-bazaar is an extension of the successful Swayampurna Chavath Bazar.
   The Chaturthi e-Market, another platform, also received a good response
- The Chavath e Bazaar is an online portal integrated with the Swiggy app for seamless ordering.
- Goan entrepreneurs and self-help groups can contact 9262626262 to join this platform and sell their products online, One can also shop via www.goaebazaar.com, thereby supporting rural Goans' artisans and craftsmanship



#### **Titbits**

Goa

Capital :Panaji

CM: Pramod Sawant

Governor: PS Sreedharan Pillai





What recognition or rights were granted to the Baiga tribe in Chhattisgarh under the Forest Rights Act 2006?

- A) Land ownership rights
- B) Voting rights
- C) Habitat rights
- D) Employment opportunities
- E) Educational scholarships

**Answer** C) Habitat rights





- The Baiga tribe, a particularly vulnerable tribal group (PVTG) in Chhattisgarh, was awarded habitat rights under the Forest Rights Act 2006, exactly a month after Kamar tribe, another PVTG that was given the rights on World Tribal Day
- The habitat rights, a provision meant for PVTGs of the country, have been recognized to 19 villages/para/tola of Baiga tribe community in Gaurela block in Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi (GPM) district.
- The habitat rights given to 19 villages would cover 2,085 households with a population of 6,483 people including 3,273 males and 3,210 females.
- Tribal community observes World Tribal Day in Surat
- Government of India and Ministry of tribal affairs had issued a directive in April 2015 under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs stating that the right to community for habitat and habitation may be recognized over customary territories used by PVTGs for habitation, livelihood, social, economic, spiritual, sacred, religious, and other purposes.





#### **Titbits**

## Chhattisgarh

Capital: Raipur

Chief Minister: Bhupesh Baghel

Govenor: Biswabhusan Harichandan





## What initiative has the Rajasthan government launched to enhance employment opportunities in the state?

- A) Rajasthan Job Fair 2023
- B) Skill Development Program
- C) 'iStart Talent Connect Portal'
- D) Youth Entrepreneurship Scheme
- E) Rajasthan Employment Boost

**Answer** C) 'iStart Talent Connect Portal'







- In a bid to boost employment opportunities in the state, the Rajasthan government launched the 'iStart Talent Connect Portal' at Jaipur's Techno Hub.
- The portal, which has been unveiled under the state government's flagship initiative, iStart Rajasthan, in collaboration with Jaipur-based **startup Hyrefox**, has been developed to serve as a user-friendly platform for both job providers and job seekers.
- The platform not only allows companies to discover potential talent but also lets them post job openings and connect with their future employees.
- Founded in 2018, HyreFox is a job hiring aggregator startup that connects startups and corporates with recruitment firms across India via its website





#### **Titbits**

#### Rajasthan

Capital: Jaipur

CM: Ashok Gehlot

Governor: Kalraj Mishra





What is the name of the urban development scheme approved by the Yogi government in Uttar Pradesh worth Rs 500 crore?

- A) Urban Greenery Project
- B) Chief Minister Road Expansion Scheme
- C) CM Grid Scheme
- D) Yogi's Green Infrastructure Initiative
- E) Smart City Development Plan

**Answer** C) CM Grid Scheme





- The Yogi government recently approved the Chief Minister Green Road Infrastructure Development Scheme (Urban) worth Rs 500 crore, known as the 'CM Grid Scheme.'
- The Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh has set up the Urban Road Infrastructure Development Agency (URIDA) in a big push to infra development in the state.
- The Yogi government recently approved the Chief Minister Green Road Infrastructure Development Scheme (Urban) worth Rs 500 crore, known as the 'CM Grids Scheme.'
- This scheme was established by the Urban Development Department as per the directions of Chief Minister Yogi to give cities' roads an international look and oversee the development, financial support, and supervision of roads in municipalities
- Apart from developing and maintaining roads in cities, URIDA will also develop an Urban Road Management System. It will also focus on creating resources, in addition to improving the financial condition of urban local bodies and adopting new technologies in road infrastructure.





- The office of URIDA will be established in the building of the Directorate of Local Bodies, Lucknow. A General Body and an Executive Committee under it have also been constituted to monitor the activities of CM Grids (Urban)
- A General Body has been formed for the effective monitoring, assessment, and review of the CM Grids (Urban) scheme, along with the operational plans related to road development conducted by the Urban Development Department.
- The general body will be chaired by the Chief Secretary, with the Additional Chief Secretary or Principal Secretary of the Urban Development Department serving as the vice-chairman.
- The member secretary of the general body will keep the agency informed about the progress and implementation of plans related to urban road development and other relevant matters. Meetings of the assembly will be held every six months
- The Executive Committee has been established to oversee planning, design, tendering, monitoring, and conservation, among other activities of the CM Grids (Urban) scheme.





- The Executive Committee will consist of the Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary, Chairman of the Urban Development Department, and the Director of the Local Body Directorate.
- Notably, this committee will manage all the activities of CM Grids (Urban). Additionally, the committee will evaluate and supervise all road construction plans conducted by the Urban Development Department.
- It will also conduct online webinars and programs to build capacity and release standards and guidelines for road construction





#### **Titbits**

#### **Uttar Pradesh**

Capital: Lucknow

CM: Yogi Adityanath

Governor: Anandiben Patel





#### What initiative did the Uttarakhand Chief Minister launch for girls?

- A) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- B) Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao
- C) Nandagaura Yojana portal
- D) Women's Empowerment Program
- E) Rural Healthcare Scheme

Answer
C) Nandagaura Yojana portal







- Uttarakhand CM distributes 167 appointment letters to Anganwadi workers on 'Durga Ashtami' On the occasion of 'Durga Ashtami', Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami distributed appointment letters to 167 selected Anganwadi and Mini Anganwadi workers.
- It is the first time the department formed an online merit list on the basis of the applications received for the supervisor posts online to keep the whole selection process completely transparent
- On this occasion, he also launched the online portal of Nanda Gaura Yojana and Chief Minister Mahalaxmi Kit Yojana
- With the inauguration of the portal of Nandagaura Yojana, an online facility will be available to about 50 thousand girls every year to apply for Rs 11 thousand on birth and Rs 51 thousand on passing class 12





- The inauguration of the portal for monitoring of Mahalakshmi Kit Scheme, necessary clothes and kit materials will be easily available to about 50 thousand lactating women and newborn babies in the state every year
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given approval to Uttarakhand for the construction of 3,940 Anganwadi buildings and an amount of Rs 12 lakh has been earmarked for each Anganwadi centre - including MNREGA, Central and State's share. In this way, a total amount of Rs 472 crore will be spent to provide convenient Anganwadi centres for women and children





#### **Titbits**

#### **Uttarakhand**

Capital: Dehradun(Winter), Gairsain(Summer)

CM: Pushkar Singh Dhami

Governor: Gurmit Singh



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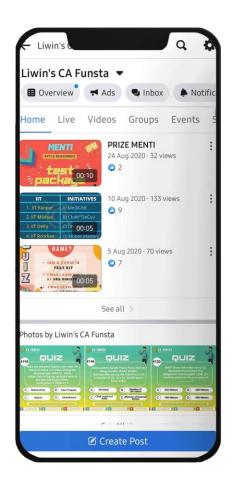
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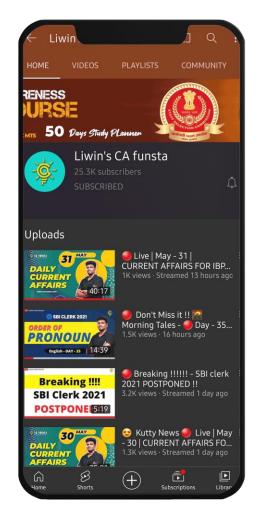


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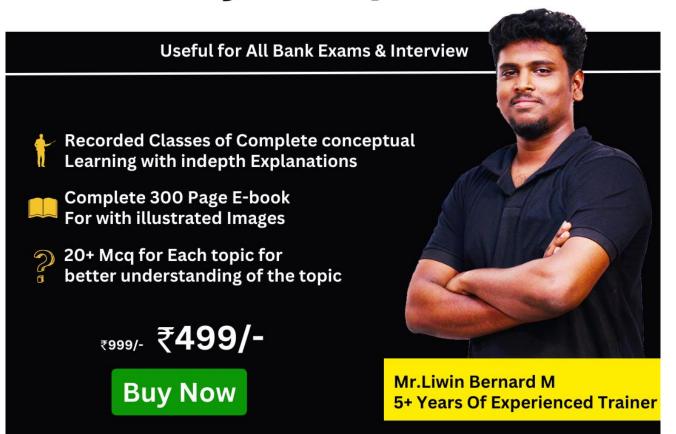






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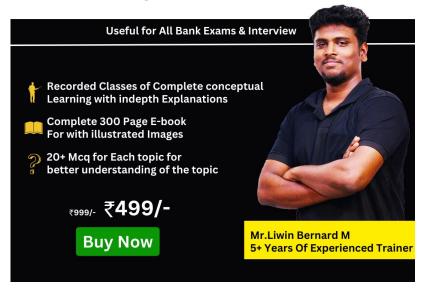
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