



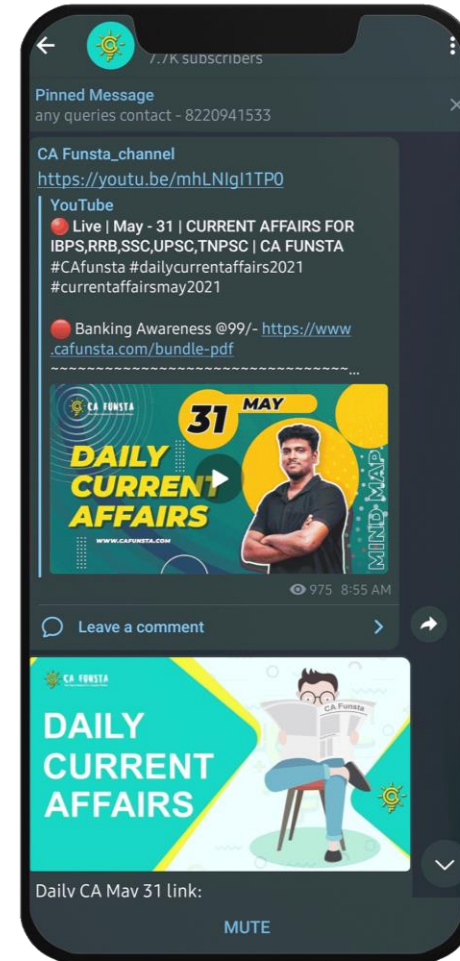
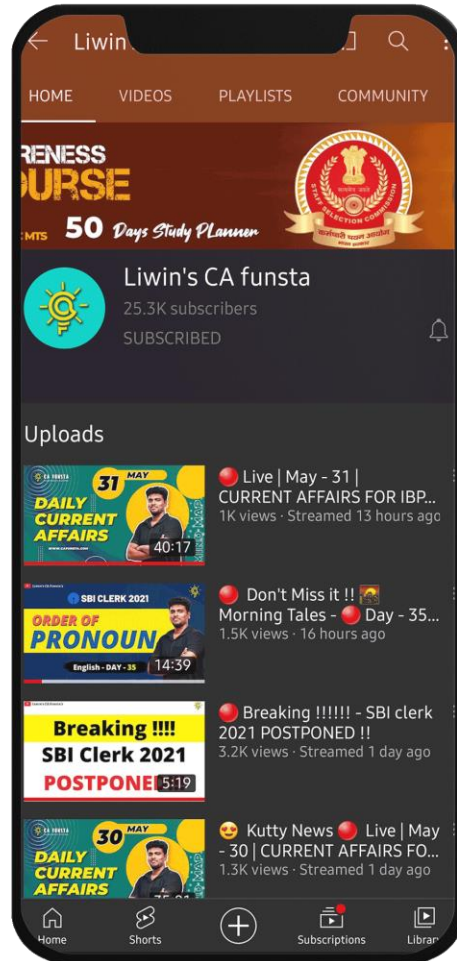
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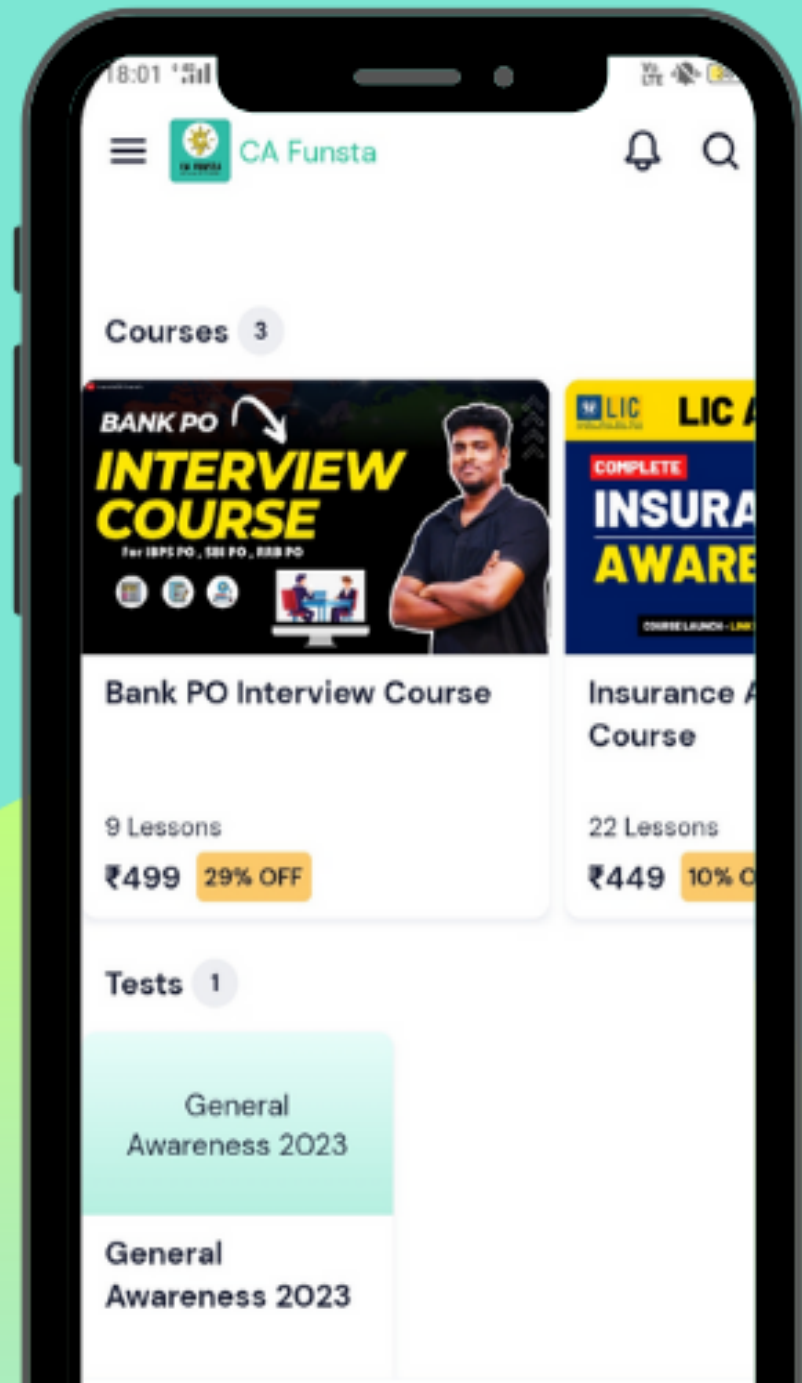
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Important Days

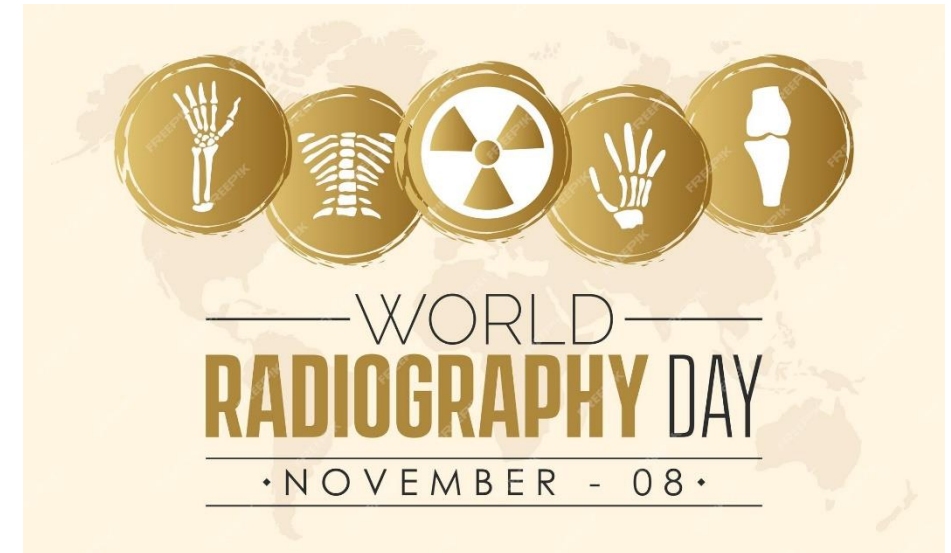


On which date is World Radiography Day observed?

- A) November 1
- B) November 6
- C) November 8
- D) November 12
- E) November 15

Answer

C) November 8



Important Days



Explanation

- **World Radiography Day** is observed, **November 8**.
- On November 8, 1895, German physicist Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen made a groundbreaking discovery. The precursor to this event, known as the European Day of Radiology, took place on February 10, 2011, to commemorate the anniversary of Wilhelm Rontgen's passing on February 10, 1923. This initiative was organised by the European Society of Radiology (ESR).
- World Radiography Day was established as an annual event on November 8, coinciding with the anniversary of Roentgen's discovery of X-rays. This new observance replaced the European Day of Radiology, which had previously been held on February 10.
- The theme chosen for World Radiography Day 2023 is “**Celebrating Patient Safety.**”

Which team did India's women's team beat to claim the Asian Champions Trophy in field hockey?

- A) South Korea
- B) Japan
- C) China
- D) Malaysia
- E) Pakistan

Answer
B) Japan



Explanation

Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2023

- **Winner:** India
- **Runner:** Japan
- **Held:** Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Mundra Astroturf Hockey Stadium in Ranchi
- **Player of the Tournament:** Salima Tete
- **Top Goal Scorer:** Sangeeta Kumari
- **Leading Scorer:** China's Jiaqi Zhong

OBITUARY



Who recently passed away and had served as the former chairman of the State Bank of India (SBI)?

- A) Dhruba Narayan Ghosh
- B) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- C) Rajnish Kumar
- D) Pratip Chaudhuri
- E) Rajanish Narayan

Answer

A) Dhruba Narayan Ghosh



OBITUARY



Explanation

- **Dhruba Narayan Ghosh**, one of the doyens of Indian banking, passed away
- Ghosh was the chairman of **SBI from 1985 to 1989 and has been credited for many financial reforms in the country.**
- He also served as the **chairman of Peerless General Finance and Investments for over 10 years from 1996 to 2006 and steered the company through turbulence.**
- An authority in banking and financial history, D. N. Ghosh was a bureaucrat, banker, professor, and corporate leader.
- It was during his time at the State Bank of India, that the computerisation drive of branches began

RANKING



Which country surpassed China to have the highest number of universities in the QS Asia University Rankings?

- A) China
- B) India
- C) Japan
- D) South Korea
- E) Malaysia

Answer
B) India

RANKING



Explanation

- **Quacquarelli Symonds** released **QS Asia University Rankings 2024**.
- Two Indian institutes- **IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi** have been ranked in the top 50 list.
- **IIT Bombay** has secured the top position in **India and 40th position in overall Asia**.
- Similarly, **IIT Delhi** stood second among Indian institutes and secured **46th rank overall**.
- Peking University of China topped the Asia ranking list by securing Rank 1 followed by the University of Hong Kong in the second position and the National University of Singapore in the third place.
- Nanyang Technological University, Singapore and Tsinghua University, China have secured 4th spot.
- Zhejiang University of China secured the 6th position, Fudan University of China in 7th place, Yonsei University of South Korea in 8th spot.
- Korea University stood on 9th place and the Chinese University of Hong Kong secured the 10th position.
- A total of 856 universities from Asia are included in this year's QS Asia University Rankings



RANKING



Explanation

- This year, QS Asia University Rankings can also be viewed in sub-regions which include Central Asia, Eastern Asia, South Eastern Asia, and Southern Asia.
- The methodology used to create the ranking is similar to that used for the QS World University Rankings, but with some additional indicators and adapted weightings, read the website.
- The 11 indicators used to compile the QS Asia University Rankings encompass- Academic reputation, Employer reputation, Faculty/ student ratio, International research network, Citations per paper and papers per faculty, Staff with a PhD, Proportion of international faculty, and proportion of international students and Proportion of inbound exchange students and proportion of outbound exchange students

RANKING



In a recent global survey on employees' well-being, which country was ranked lowest, and which country was at the top?

- A) Japan was ranked lowest, and India was at the top.
- B) Turkey was ranked lowest, and India was at the top.
- C) India was ranked lowest, and Turkey was at the top.
- D) Japan was ranked lowest, and Turkey was at the top.
- E) India was ranked lowest, and Japan was at the top.

Answer

D) Japan was ranked lowest, and Turkey was at the top.

RANKING



Explanation

- A recent global survey has ranked **Japan lowest for employees' well-being** while keeping **Turkey at the top and India just behind it, in the second spot.**
- The survey was conducted by **McKinsey Health Institute**, and it assessed employees' physical, mental, social and spiritual health before arriving at the conclusions.
- Japan scored a mere 25 per cent in the poll. Turkey scored highest at 78 per cent, followed by India at 76 per cent and China at 75 per cent, way higher than the global average of 57 per cent.
- The poll results were based on inputs received from 30,000 participants from nearly 30 countries.

What kind of license did PayGlocal receive approval from the RBI (Reserve Bank of India) for?

- A) Banking License
- B) Insurance License
- C) Payment Aggregator License
- D) Investment License
- E) Foreign Exchange License

Answer

C) Payment Aggregator License

Explanation

- **PayGlocal**, a cross-border focused payments platform provider, has received **in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India for Payment Aggregator (PA) license**.
- This process, once completed, will enable PayGlocal to onboard merchants onto its platform for online payment processing.
- Founded in 2021 by Prachi Dharani, Rohit Sukhija and Yogesh Lokhande, PayGlocal offers its technology platform to various players in the market for payment processing and transaction risk management. This helps them accept online payments securely through various payment instruments including cards and global alternative payment methods

Which IT major has entered into a three-year partnership with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to accelerate the cloud transformation of financial organizations in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa?

- A) Wipro
- B) TCS (Tata Consultancy Services)
- C) HCL Technologies
- D) Infosys
- E) Accenture



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Answer
D) Infosys

Explanation

- IT major **Infosys** has entered into a partnership with **Amazon Web Services (AWS)** for three years to accelerate cloud transformation of financial organizations in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.
- Supported by joint investments into go-to-market and delivery capabilities across the EMEA region, Infosys and AWS will support financial organizations like retail banking at NatWest Group, in accelerating their cloud adoption journeys leveraging industry-proven capabilities to deliver specialized end-to-end cloud migration and modernization services
- To catalyze growth across Europe, the Middle East and Africa, Infosys and AWS will jointly create go-to-market strategies and make co-investments over the next three years.

Explanation

- Key areas of collaboration include accelerating growth of existing large-scale transformations, collaborating with FinTech partners to bring new cloud-based solutions to the market, and investing in co-innovation to deliver new products and services.
- The collaboration will deliver industry-specific use cases that leverage AWS's cloud-native innovation including generative AI and data analytics.

Titbits

Infosys

MD & CEO: Salil Parekh

Founded: 2 July 1981

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

Amazon Web Services (AWS)

CEO: Adam Selipsky

Headquarters : Seattle, United States of America

APPOINTMENTS



Who has been appointed as the Surveyor General of India?

- A) Hitesh Kumar S Makwana
- B) Ramesh Kumar Sinha
- C) Neha Sharma
- D) Anand Patel
- E) Rajesh Singhania

Answer

A) Hitesh Kumar S Makwana

APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Senior bureaucrat **Hitesh Kumar S Makwana** has been appointed as **Surveyor General of India** as part of a senior-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre.
- Makwana, a 1995-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre, is currently an Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs
- He has been appointed as the Surveyor General of India, Survey of India, Department of Science and Technology in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary by keeping the recruitment rules for the post in abeyance
- Abhishek Singh, Chief Executive Officer of National e-Governance Division, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, has now been appointed as Additional Secretary in the ministry
- The officer will continue to hold the additional charge of the post of Chief Executive Officer, Karmayogi Bharat

APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Niraj Verma, a 1994-batch IAS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, will be Administrator, Universal Service Obligation Fund in the Department of Telecommunications
- Ritvik Ranjanam Pandey, a 1998-batch IAS officer of Karnataka cadre, has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty for Advance Cell of 16th Finance Commission, Department of Economic Affairs
- Senior IAS officer Anurag Agarwal has been appointed as Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor in the Ministry of External Affairs.

AWARDS



Which award was conferred upon Apolinaris D'Souza in recognition of his achievements?

- A) Padma Shri
- B) Bharat Ratna
- C) Kalakar Puraskar
- D) Nobel Prize
- E) National Award for Excellence in the Arts



Answer

C) Kalakar Puraskar

AWARDS



Explanation

- The **19th 'Kalakar Puraskar' of Carvalho** Household of Kundapura, Karnataka, in association with Mandd Sobhann, Mangaluru was conferred on **Apolinaris D'Souza** by **Fr. Melwyn J. Pinto, SJ, the Rector of St. Aloysius College, during a public function at Kalaagann, Mangaluru.**
- Mandd Sobhann President Louis Pinto, Gurkar Eric Ozario and other officials of Mandd Sobhann, and the representatives of Carvalho Household Fr Pratap Naik, SJ, Florine Lobo e Carvalho, Sr. Edna Furtado, were present.
- The programme was compered by Arun Raj Rodrigues, the first recipient of Kalakar Puraskar in the year 2005
- Konkani singer, lyricist, and composer Apolinaris D'Souza was chosen for this prestigious award.

AWARDS



Explanation

- This honour, comprising Rs 50,000/- cash, a shawl, fruits, flowers, citation of honour and a memento was presented on 5th of November, 2023, during the 263rd Monthly Theatre at Kalaangan, Shakthinagar, Mangaluru
- The Kalakar Puraskar was founded in 2005 by the linguist Pratap Naik, SJ under the name of his Carvalho Household of Kundapura. It is presented every year to a Konknni individual of the Karnataka Region in recognition of his/her achievements in the field of Konknni music, dance, theatre, folklore, and cinema.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



What did India and the Netherlands sign a Memorandum of Intent (Mol) for, aiming to enhance cooperation in healthcare services and medical product regulation?

- A) Trade agreement
- B) Military alliance
- C) Environmental protection
- D) Medical product regulation
- E) Space exploration

Answer

D) Medical product regulation



Explanation

- **India and Netherlands** have signed a Memorandum of Intent (MoI) to **cooperate on medical product regulation and enhance the quality of medical products and healthcare services for both countries at Hague, Netherlands.**
- The MoI was signed during a meeting of Shri Bhagwant Khuba, Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers with Mr. Ernst Kuipers Minister of Health, Welfare and Sports of the Kingdom of Netherlands.
- An Indian delegation led by Shri Khuba is in Netherlands to participate in the second World Local Production Forum (WLPF) meeting being held in The Hague from 6 to 8 November 2023. The World Local Production Platform is a platform created at the initiative of WHO with the aim of increasing access to medicines and other health technologies.
- The Minister also visited the European Medicines Agency (EMA). He met Ms. Carla van Rooijen, Director of the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Technology Division and had a fruitful discussion with her about regulations in the pharmaceutical and medical technology industries.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

The Netherlands

Capital: Amsterdam

Currency: Euro

Prime Minister: Mark Rutte

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Which country recently became the 95th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

- A) India
- B) United States
- C) Chile
- D) China
- E) Brazil

Answer
C) Chile

Explanation

- **Chile** has joined the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** as its **95th member**, a move that strengthens the global partnership aimed at promoting solar energy.
- The formalities were completed when Chile's Ambassador to India, Juan Angulo, presented the Instrument of Ratification to Abhishek Singh, Joint Secretary (Economic Diplomacy) in New Delhi
- The ISA is an alliance co-founded by India and France, focusing on the large-scale deployment of solar energy as a sustainable intervention to counter climate change.
- It emphasizes energy access, security, and transition through collaborative efforts among its member nations
- The alliance is particularly concerned with enabling countries, especially those identified as Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), to pursue low-carbon growth paths.

Explanation

- The ISA's ambitious goal is to facilitate \$1 trillion in investments for solar energy by 2030 while working on reducing the costs associated with technology and financing. It aims to leverage solar energy in various sectors, from agriculture to transport, thereby enhancing the overall energy matrix of its member states.
- The ISA's commitment comes against the backdrop of a stark reality highlighted by the alliance: around six billion people, accounting for 80 percent of the global population, live in regions reliant on imported fossil fuels.
- The ISA envisions renewable energy sources potentially supplying 65 percent of the world's electricity by 2030 and decarbonizing 90 percent of the power sector by 2050

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Chile

Capital: Santiago

Currency: Chilean Peso

President: Gabriel Boric

International Solar Alliance

Founded: 30 November 2015

President: R. K. Singh

Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana,

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



What is the name of the committee whose term was extended by the Corporate Affairs Ministry (MCA) until December 31, 2023?

- A) Digital Transformation Task Force
- B) Committee on Corporate Governance
- C) Committee on Digital Competition Law (CDCL)
- D) National Economic Development Committee
- E) Financial Regulations Review Board

Answer

C) Committee on Digital Competition Law (CDCL)

Explanation

- The **Corporate Affairs Ministry (MCA)** extended the term of the **16-member Committee on Digital Competition Law (CDCL) up to December 31, 2023** .
- The extended term of this panel, which was tasked to submit a draft Bill of proposed digital competition law, had expired on October 31.
- The CDCL, chaired by **MCA Secretary Manoj Govil**, was established on February 6 and given three months to finalize its report and draft the proposed law.
- However, the committee has faced delays and its tenure has been extended multiple times since May 6.
- The CDCL's responsibilities include examining the need for a separate legislation for regulating digital markets and preparing a draft Digital Competition Act (DCA).
- It will also assess whether existing provisions in the Competition Act are sufficient to address challenges arising from the digital economy.
- If the panel recommends a separate digital competition law, it will submit a draft Bill for government consideration

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



What was the name of the mega aerial exercise conducted by the Indian Air Force to test its major weapon systems?

- A) Poorvi Akash
- B) Vayu Shakti
- C) Garuda
- D) Prakram
- E) Sabre Strike

Answer
A) Poorvi Akash



Explanation

- The **Indian Air Force** recently conducted the '**Poorvi Akash**' mega aerial exercise to test its **major weapon systems**.
- The exercise featured the **S-400 air defense missiles, indigenous fighter aircraft Tejas, and the LCH Prachand**.
- The Indian Air Force has acquired three squadrons of S-400 air defense missile systems from Russia, naming them Sudarshan after Lord Krishna's Sudarshan chakra weapon.
- This exercise involved the S-400 missiles, fighter jets like Su-30, Rafales, and Tejas, along with ground troops.
- The Eastern Air Command (EAC) carried out its annual Command-level exercise 'Poorvi Akash' from October 30 to November 4.
- This exercise showcased the operational readiness of the Indian Air Force, specifically the Eastern Air Command, which manages air operations over a vast area spanning 12 states, including the seven states in the North-East.

Explanation

- 'Exercise Poorvi Akash' focused on demonstrating air power's defensive and offensive capabilities in response to various perceived threats, conducted both during the day and night. It aimed to enhance the coordination between the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force.
- The exercise involved joint operations with the Eastern Command (EC) of the Indian Army in the challenging terrain of the Eastern Sector and activated the entire Eastern Sector. Special Forces from both the Indian Air Force (Garuds) and the Indian Army participated in special missions, along with the deployment of air defense assets to simulate realistic battle scenarios.
- The exercise included a wide range of operations, maintenance, and administrative activities to assess operational readiness and provide realistic training.
- The indigenous Light Combat Helicopter 'Prachand' also landed at a high elevation Advance Landing Ground on one of its first such deployment, conducting joint training with ground forces and other combat platforms and systems. Additionally, the indigenously developed Light Combat Aircraft 'Tejas' and the heavy-lift Chinook Helicopters were deployed in various missions as part of the exercise

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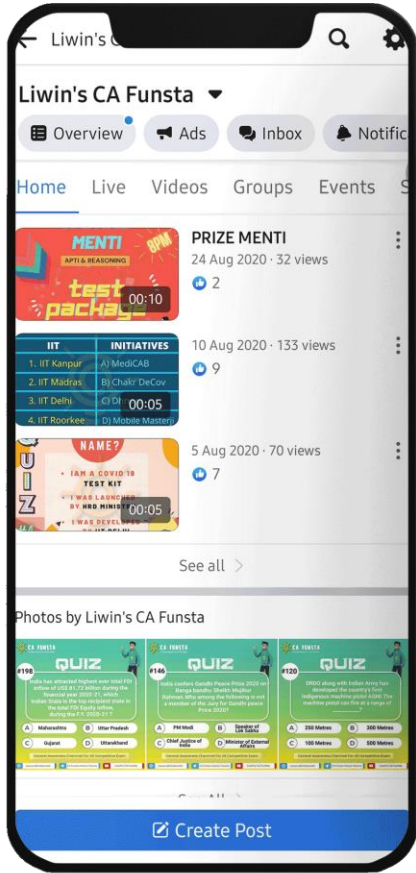
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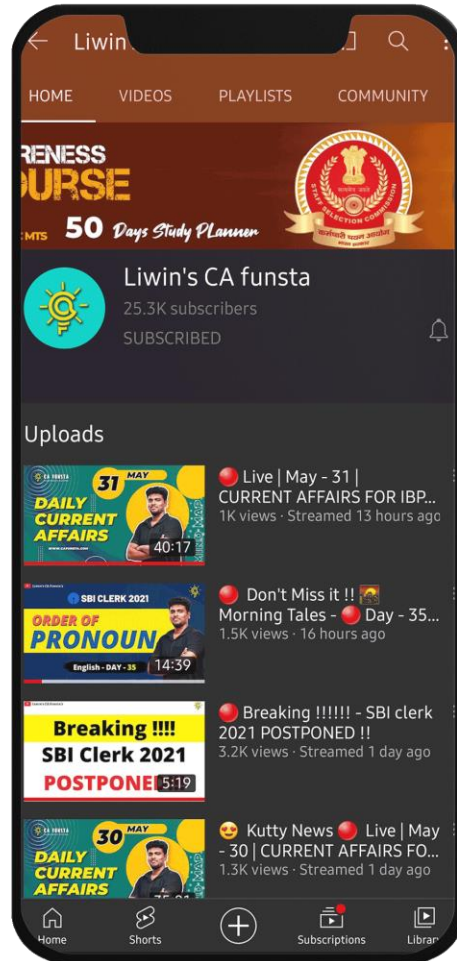


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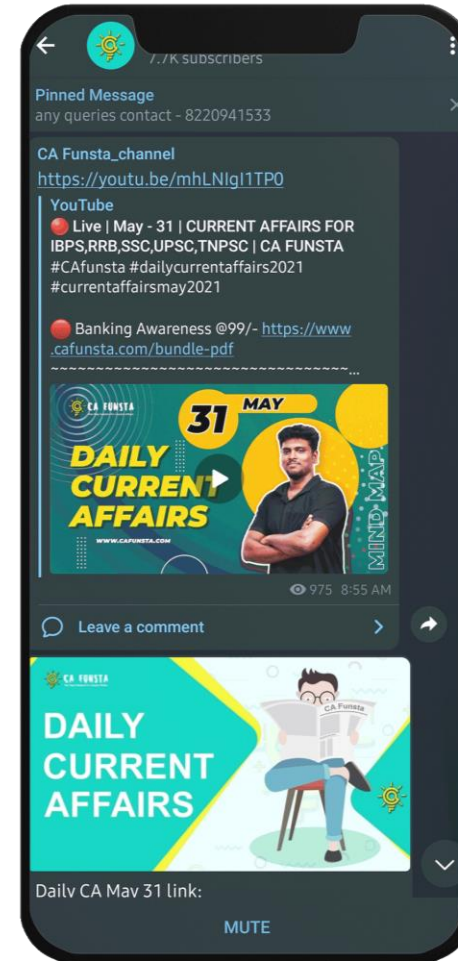
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