



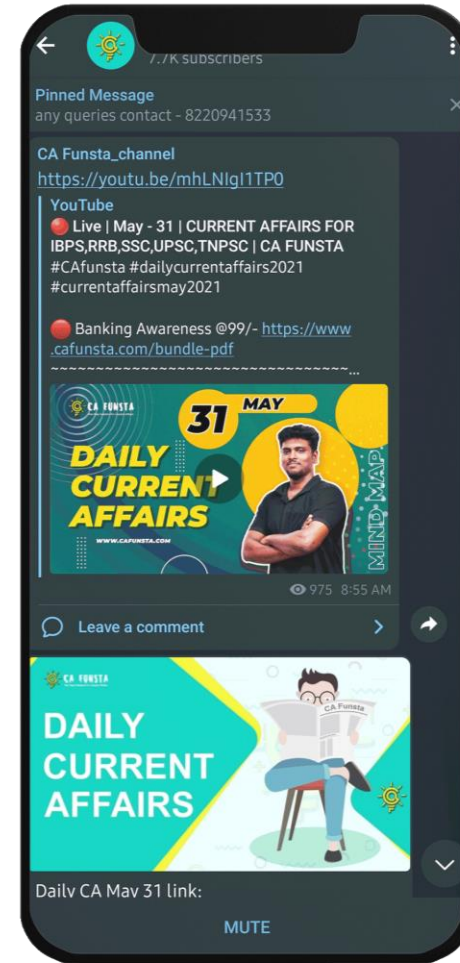
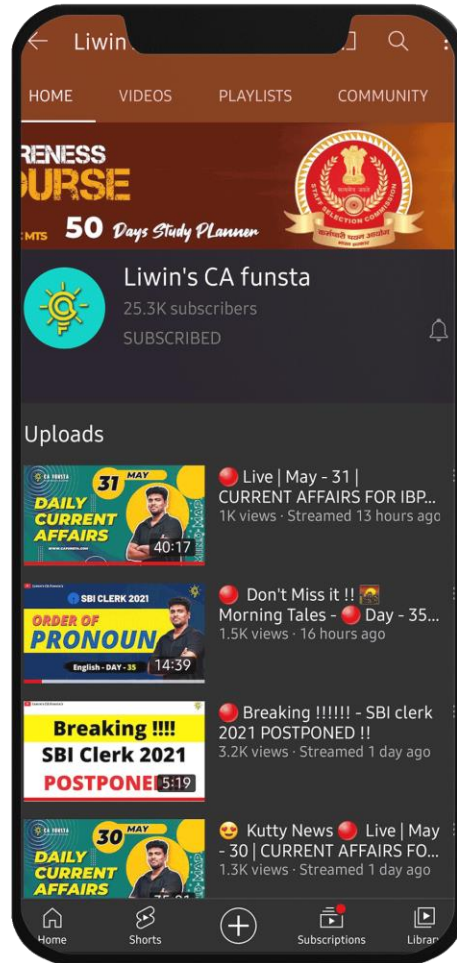
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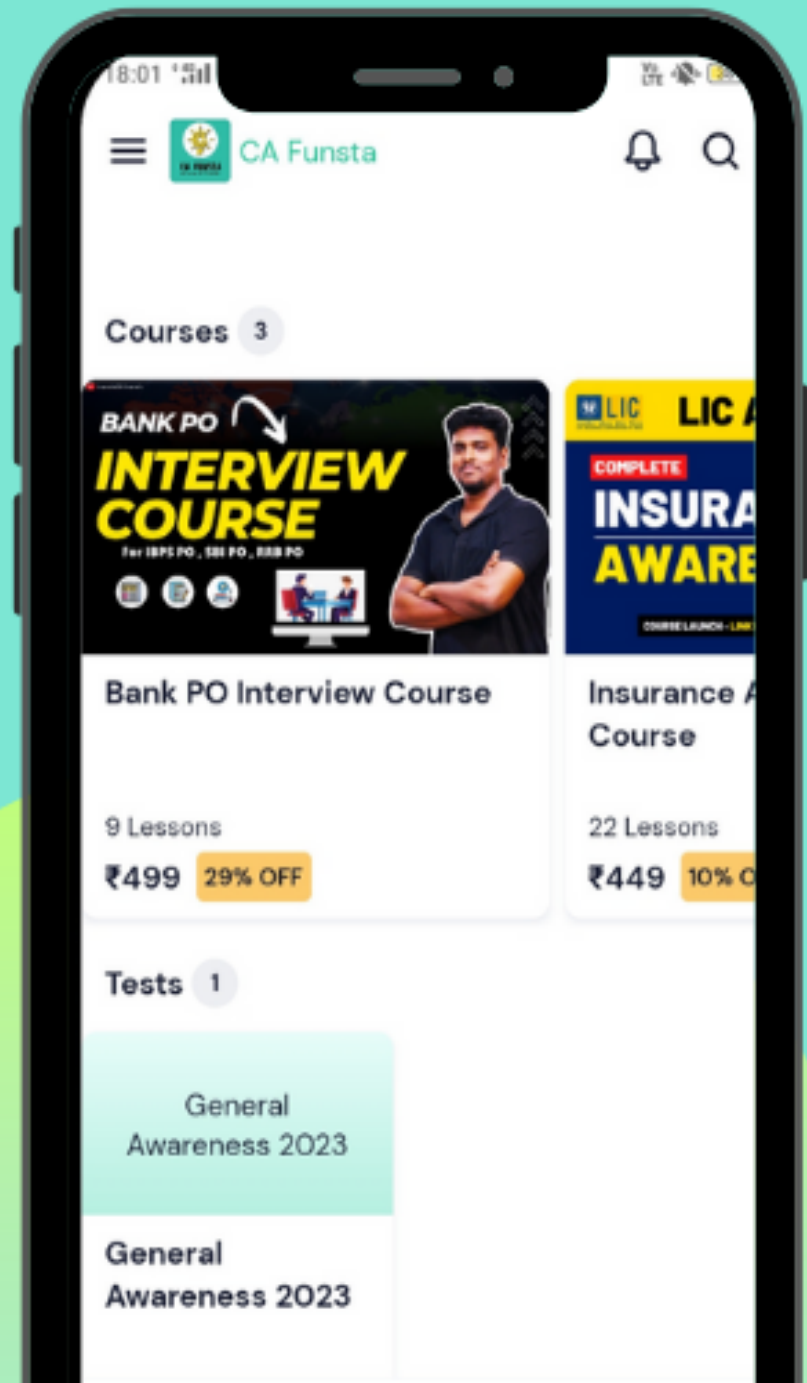
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Important Days

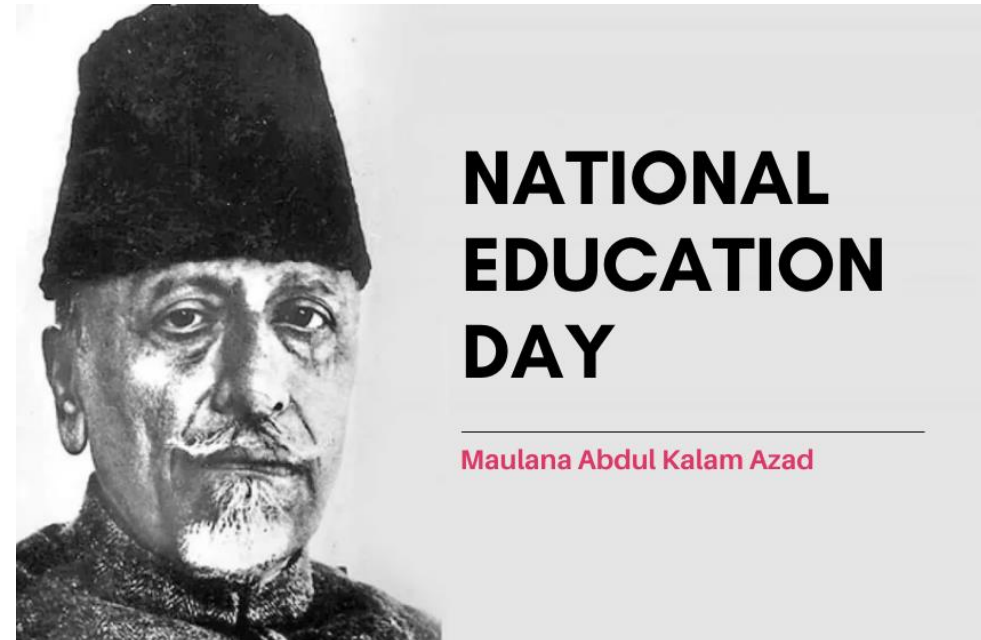


On which date is National Education Day celebrated every year?

- A) October 5
- B) November 11
- C) December 20
- D) January 15
- E) March 8

Answer

B) November 11



Important Days



Explanation

- **National Education Day** is celebrated on **November 11** every year to mark the birth anniversary of **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first education minister**. This day is observed to honour the remarkable contributions of Maulana Azad in the field of education and institution building in the country.
- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad was the first Education Minister of independent India and served in the position from 1947 to 1958. His work towards making the education system better and accessible is praised and respected even today.
- Maulana Azad's contributions in building educational institutions are commendable and to honour him, the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Now the Ministry of Education) announced his birth anniversary to be observed as National Education Day across the country. Since 2008, National Education Day has been celebrated on November 11 every year.
- The theme for the National Education Day 2023 is 'Embracing Innovation'

Important Days



Explanation

Public Service Broadcasting Day

- **Public Service Broadcasting Day** is being observed on 12th November 2023
- The day is celebrated every year to commemorate the first and last visit of the Father of the Nation, **Mahatma Gandhi** to the studio of the then All India Radio, Delhi, (now Akashvani)in 1947.
- He addressed the displaced people, who had temporarily settled at Kurukshetra in Haryana after partition

Important Days



Explanation

World Pneumonia Day

- **World Pneumonia Day** is observed annually on **November 12** and is a global effort to educate people about the disease and its effects.
- On **12 November 2009**, the **first World Pneumonia Day** was observed. On this day, the **Global Coalition Against Child Pneumonia** launched the 'Stop Pneumonia' campaign, which was backed by governments and civil organisations leading to the enactment of sound policies. The campaign concentrated more on low and middle-income countries where children are affected by respiratory infections and malnutrition.
- In 2017, a coalition known as Every Breath Counts was formed to empower low and middle-income nations in their fight against respiratory diseases like pneumonia.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has suspended the membership of which cricket board with immediate effect?

- A) Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
- B) Cricket Australia
- C) Pakistan Cricket Board
- D) England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB)
- E) Sri Lanka Cricket

Answer

E) Sri Lanka Cricket



Explanation

- The **International Cricket Council Board** has suspended **Sri Lanka Cricket's membership of the ICC with immediate effect.**
- The SLC had breached its obligations as a member, in particular the requirement to manage its affairs autonomously and without government interference
- The ICC Board is set to meet on November 21, after which the future course of action is expected to be clearer.
- Sri Lanka is scheduled to host the ICC Under-19 Men's Cricket World Cup across January and February 2024.
- The Sri Lanka men's team have had a forgettable time at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, winning just two of their nine matches and finishing with four points

SPORTS



Titbits

ICC

Abbreviation: The International Cricket Council

Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Founded: 15 June 1909

Chairman: Greg Barclay

CEO: Geoff Allardice

SPORTS



In the inaugural Asian Half Marathon Championship, the Indian men's team secured which medal, and the women's side achieved which medal?

- A) Men's Team: Silver, Women's Team: Gold
- B) Men's Team: Gold, Women's Team: Bronze
- C) Men's Team: Bronze, Women's Team: Silver
- D) Men's Team: Gold, Women's Team: Silver
- E) Men's Team: Silver, Women's Team: Bronze

Answer

B) Men's Team: Gold, Women's Team: Bronze



Explanation

- The **Indian men's team won gold medal** while the **women's side clinched a bronze** in the inaugural **Asian Half Marathon Championship**
- The Indian men's team consisted of Sawan Barwal, Kartik Kumar and Abhishek Pal.
- Barwal, who clocked 1 hour 4 minutes and 30 seconds, also won an individual bronze medal while Kumar (1:05:21) and Pal (1:08:05) finished fifth and 13th respectively.
- Poonam Dinkar, Kavita Yadav and Rima Patel represented the women's team. Poonam (1:19:28s), Kavita (1:19:33s) and Rima (1:19:40s) finished ninth, 10th and 11th respectively in the individual event.

OBITUARY



P B Acharya, who recently passed away at the age of 92, held the position of the former governor of which Indian state?

- A) Mizoram
- B) Nagaland
- C) Assam
- D) Tripura
- E) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer
B) Nagaland



OBITUARY



Explanation

- Senior **BJP leader and former governor of Nagaland Padmanabha Acharya** passed away in Mumbai
- The BJP veteran had also worked with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad.
- Acharya's connect with Northeast is indeed special as he had served as Governor of Nagaland, Tripura, Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh.
- He was appointed Governor of Nagaland on July 14, 2014. Between December 2014 and August 2016, Acharya held additional charge as Governor of Assam.
- He was also the Governor of Tripura from July 2014 till May 2015. Besides, Acharya was also given additional charge as the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh on 26 January 2017
- He was also given additional charge as the Governor of Manipur in the absence of Najma Heptulla for a few weeks in July 2019. PB Acharya served as Governor of Nagaland July 2014 to July 2019.

OBITUARY



Explanation

- Born on October 8, 1931, in Karnataka's Udupi, Acharya completed his school and college education there before coming to Mumbai and acquiring a law degree from the University of Mumbai.
- Prior to becoming a Governor, PB Acharya had held positions in Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad and BJP. He was one of the pioneers of development and national integration in Northeast India

OBITUARY



Robert Butler, who recently passed away at the age of 95, was known for his achievements in which field?

- A) Literature
- B) Medicine
- C) Television
- D) Sports
- E) Business

Answer
C) Television



OBITUARY



Explanation

- **Veteran television director Robert Butler** is no more. As per Variety, Butler, the co-creator of 'Remington Steele', died in Los Angeles.
- Butler's career spanned nearly five decades, during which he directed many notable series, including "Hennesey," "Star Trek," "Batman," "The Dick Van Dyke Show," "Bonanza," "The Twilight Zone," "Gunsmoke," "Hawaii Five-O" and more.
- He won three Primetime Emmy Awards: two for "The Blue Knight" in 1974 and the other for "Hill Street Blues" in 1981.
- He also received Emmy nominations for episodes of "Moonlighting," "Sirens" and "Lois & Clark The Adventures of Superman."
- Butler and Michael Gleason co-created "Remington Steele," starring Pierce Brosnan and Stephanie Zimbalist, which ran from 1982 to 1987 on NBC.

OBITUARY



Explanation

- Butler directed five episodes of the detective procedural series between 1982 and 1983, including the pilot. "Now You See Him, Now You Don't," "The Barefoot Executive," "Scandalous John" and Disney's "The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes" were also directed by him.

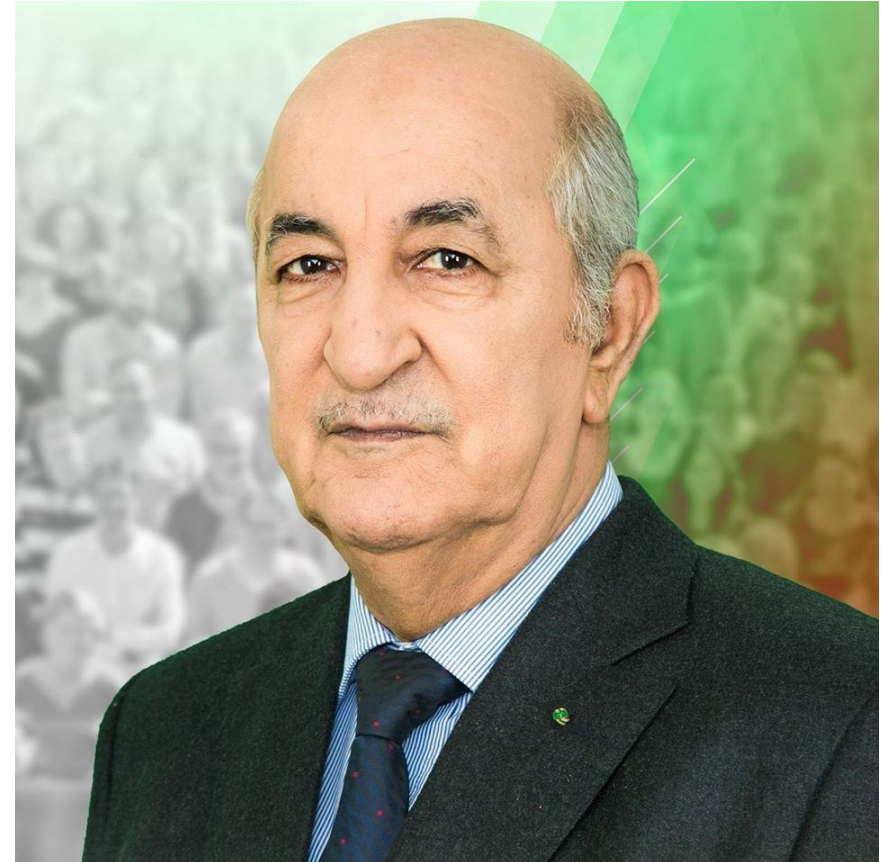
APPOINTMENTS



Nadir Larbaoui has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Tunisia
- B) Libya
- C) Egypt
- D) Algeria
- E) Morocco

Answer
D) Algeria



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Algeria's president Abdelmadjid Tebboune** named his **cabinet director Nadir Larbaoui** as the **new prime minister**
- Larbaoui a former diplomat will replace Aymen BenAbderrahmane who was appointed in 2021

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Algeria

Capital: Algiers [El Djazair]

Currency: Algerian Dinar

President: Abdelmadjid Tebboune

Prime Minister: Nadir Larbaoui

AWARDS



The song 'Abundance in Millets,' featuring Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has been nominated in which category at the 2024 Grammy Awards?

- A) Best Rap Song
- B) Best Pop Vocal Album
- C) Best Global Music Performance
- D) Record of the Year
- E) Song of the Year

Answer

C) Best Global Music Performance



AWARDS



Explanation

- The song '**Abundance in Millets**', featuring Prime Minister Narendra Modi, sung by **Falguni Shah** and her husband **Gaurav Shah**, has been **nominated in the best global music performance category at the 2024 Grammy Awards**.
- The song features a speech written and delivered by PM Modi.
- "Abundance in Millets" was created to raise awareness of the super-grain as another potential key to minimizing world hunger.
- Falu is a Grammy Award winning Indian vocalist and songwriter. In 2022, Falguni Shah had won the Grammy Award for Best Children's Music Album 'A Colorful World.'
- Falguni Shah is a singer, songwriter, and also the 1st South Asian woman to win a Grammy.
- -She is renowned ability to seamlessly blend a signature modern inventive style with a formidable Indian classically-trained vocal talent.
- -Shah been a Carnegie Hall's ambassador of Indian Music since 2006.

Jocata has recently launched India's first MSME Economic Activity Index. What is the purpose of this index?

- A) Stock Market Performance
- B) Inflation Monitoring
- C) GDP Forecasting
- D) Financial Inclusion Tracking
- E) Assessing MSME Economic Activity

Answer

E) Assessing MSME Economic Activity



Explanation

- **Jocata**, an innovative products and services firm, collaborated with **SIDBI** to launch MSME Economic Activity Index -- '**Sumpoorn**'
- It is MSMEs that contribute more than a quarter of India's overall Gross Value Added (GVA) and more than 40 per cent of India's total exports.
- Jocata 'Sumpoorn' aims for deeper interpretation of the changes in MSME sales activity

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

SIDBI

Abbreviation: Small Industries Development Bank of
India

Establishment – 2nd April 1990

Headquarters – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Chairman & Managing Director – Sivasubramanian
Ramann

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has accepted the first insurance surety bond as bid security for which program?

- A) Toll Operate Transfer (TOT)
- B) Green Highway Project
- C) Road Safety Initiative
- D) High-Speed Rail Project
- E) Rural Connectivity Scheme

Answer

A) Toll Operate Transfer (TOT)



Explanation

- To boost liquidity and capacity of bidders, **NHAI** has accepted **Insurance Surety Bond for the monetization program of the upcoming bid of Toll Operate Transfer (TOT) Bundle 14**.
- This will be the first time this innovative instrument is being utilized as a Bank Guarantee (BG) in the road infrastructure sector for monetization of bids. NHAI has been working closely with Highway Operators Association of India (HOAI), SBI General Insurance and AON India Insurance to implement this initiative.
- Insurance Surety Bond has been issued for NHAI monetization bid of TOT bundle 14 @ 0.25% by the insurer without any margin money. This will translate into big saving for Concessionaires, which will further enhance liquidity in the market, thereby fostering an environment conducive to the growth and development of the road sector.
- Issuance of Insurance Surety Bond will set a new benchmark for the industry, highlighting the importance of innovative financial solutions in the evolving landscape of road infrastructure development. It will encourage private participation in the highway sector and will be a significant step towards facilitating 'Ease of Doing Business'.

Explanation

- Since 2022, NHAI has received 1,665 BGs amounting to Rs.15,000 crore. This large volume of BGs offers a huge scope for Insurance Companies and wider adoption of surety bonds will boost availability of capital for road projects. NHAI has urged insurance companies and contractors to use Insurance Surety Bonds as an additional mode of submitting Bid Security and /or Performance Security. So far, over 40 Surety Bonds have been issued for various NHAI contracts.
- Insurance Surety Bonds are instruments where insurance companies act as 'Surety' and provides the financial guarantee that the contractor will fulfil its obligation as per the agreed terms. Ministry of Finance, Government of India has made e-BG and Insurance Surety Bonds at par with Bank Guarantees for all Government procurements.
- Instruments like Insurance Surety Bonds will help to strengthen National Highway Infrastructure development, which has cascading positive impact on Indian economy.

Titbits

The National Highways Authority of India(NHAI)

Founded: 1988

Headquarters: New Delhi

Chairperson: Santosh Kumar Yadav

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The International Crop Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics (Icrisat) and the Government of Assam have collaborated for what purpose?

- A) Space Exploration
- B) Climate-Resilient and Nutritionally Enhanced Food Systems
- C) Rural Electrification
- D) Water Conservation
- E) Sustainable Agriculture Practices

Answer

B) Climate-Resilient and Nutritionally Enhanced Food Systems



INTERNATIONAL CROPS RESEARCH
INSTITUTE FOR THE SEMI-ARID TROPICS

Explanation

- The **International Crop Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics (Icrisat)** and the **Government of Assam** have joined hands to collaborate on climate-resilient and nutritionally enhanced food systems through the **Assam Millet Mission**.
- The collaboration would focus on the State's target to boost the cultivation, production and consumption of three native millet crops – finger millet, foxtail millet, and proso millet .
- Presently, millets are only cultivated across 6,000 hectares in 15 districts of the north-eastern State , contributing 97 per cent of the State's millet production.
- The collaboration will include empowering stakeholders through extensive training in various areas such as farming practices, seed production, and food safety management; and developing and implementing a strategic plan to promote the marketing and export of millets and millet-based products from Assam.

Explanation

- They will also develop and promote scientifically validated nutritious millet-based recipes, ready-to-eat (RTE) and ready-to-cook (RTC) food products, adapted to local taste preferences and distributed through various government schemes.
- Icrisat will also work with the Assam Agriculture University (AAU), private seed companies, and more than 7,000 smallholder farmers to enhance millet seed and associated production systems.
- The Assam Millet Mission (AMM) is part of the World Bank-funded Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project (APART). The Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services (ARIAS) Society is overseeing the project, while Icrisat is providing technical consultancy services to support AMM under APART for about 18 months.

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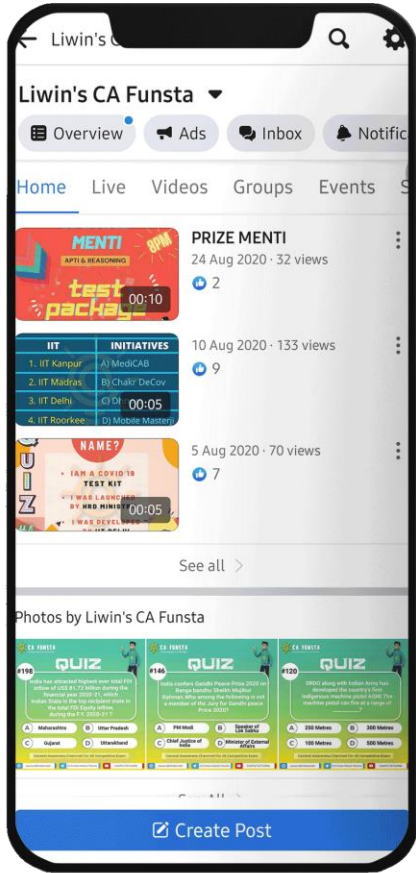
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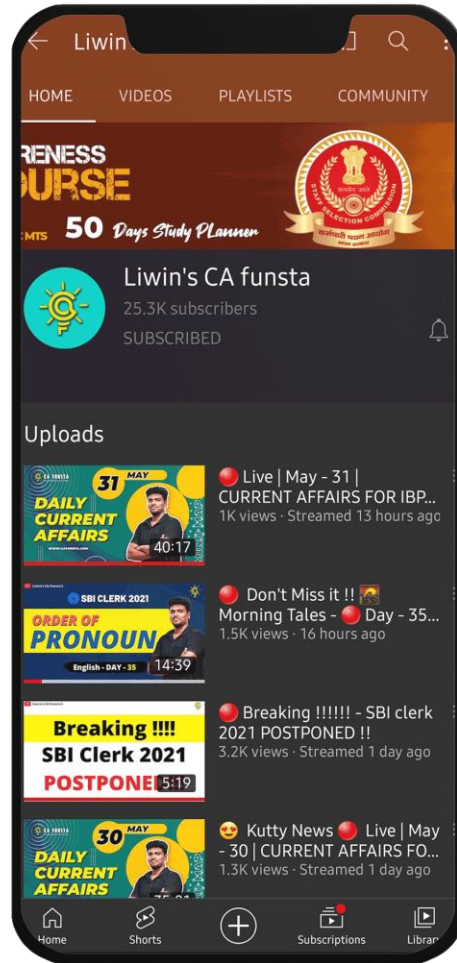


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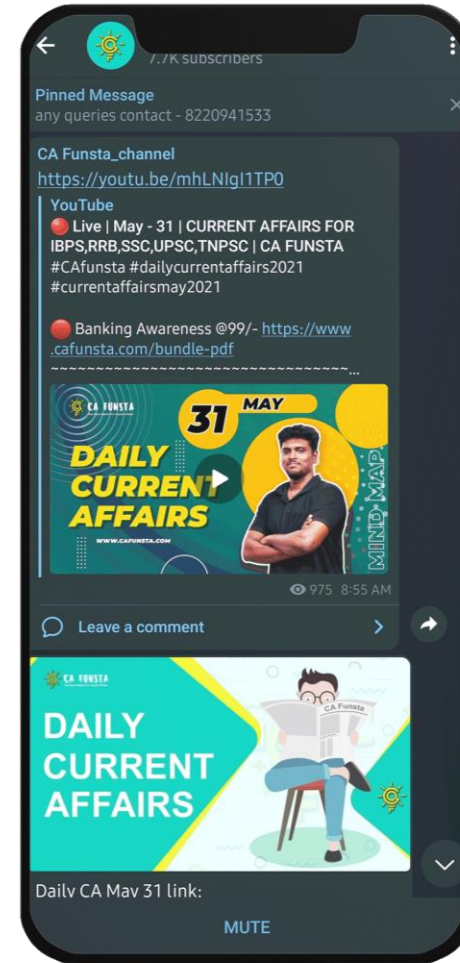
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