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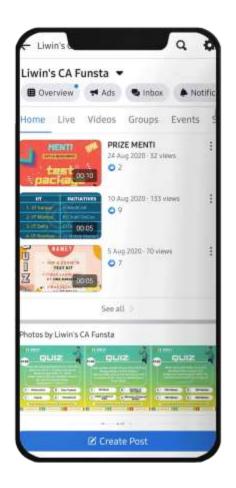
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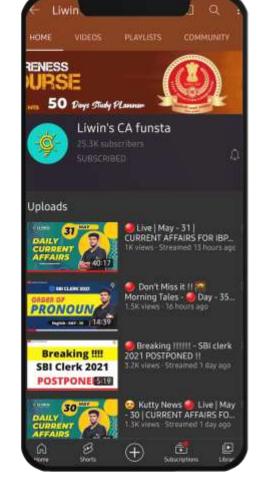




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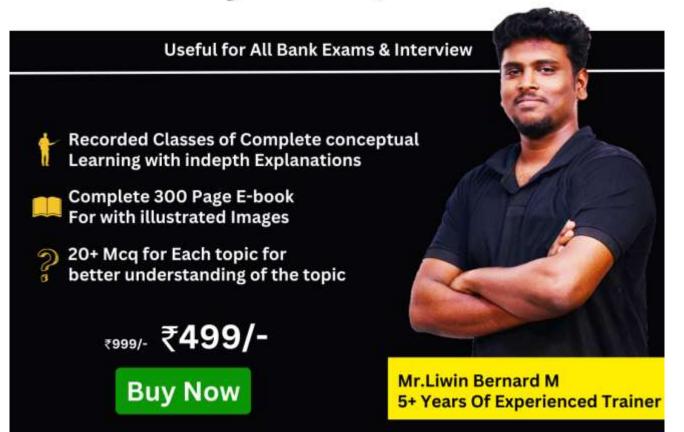
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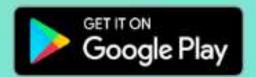
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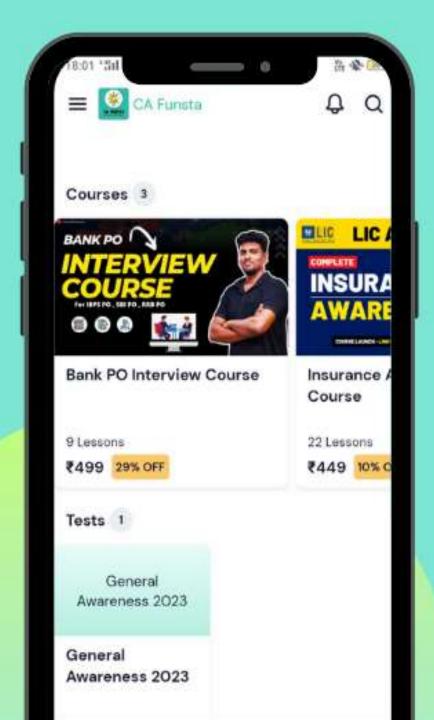
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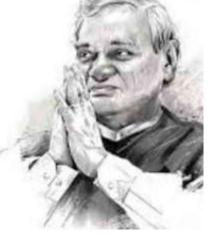






- What is the significance of Good Governance Day?
- A) It celebrates the achievements of Indian athletes
- B) It emphasizes the importance of governme accountability and administration
- C) It marks the foundation day of the Indian **National Congress**
- D) It commemorates the adoption of the India Constitution
- E) It honors the contributions of scientists in India





Answer

B) It emphasizes the importance of government accountability and administration





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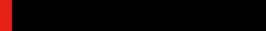
Explanation

- Good Governance Day, or Sushasan Diwas, is observed on December 25 every year to mark the anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- The day is celebrated to create awareness about government accountability and administration among the people.
- This year marks the 99th birth anniversary of the former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- The central government is also observing the Good Governance Week, or Sushasan Saptah, from December 19-25

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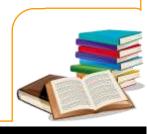






About Atal Bihari Vajpayee:

- He was born on 25 December 1924 in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- He served three terms as the 10th Prime Minister of India, first for a term of 13 days in 1996, then for a period of 13 months from 1998 to 1999, followed by a full term from 1999 to 2004.
- In 2015, he was honoured with the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian honour.









➤ When is National Consumer Rights Day, or Bhartiya Grahak Diwas, observed?

- A) December 25
- B) December 24
- C) November 30
- D) January 1
- E) February 14

Answer B) December 24











- National Consumer Rights Day is all about knowing the rights of a consumer.
- In 1986, the Consumer Protection Act was passed and it received the assent of the President on December 24.
- Since then, National Consumer Rights Day has been celebrated on this day to commemorate the occasion.
- The Consumer Protection Act acts to protect consumers from defective goods, negligent services, and unfair trade practices.









- The six fundamental rights of the Consumer Protection Act are the Right to safety, Right to choose, Right to be informed, Right to be heard, Right to seek redressal, and Right to consumer education.
- The Consumer Protection Act 2019 was passed to widen the scope of the Consumer Protection Act 1986.
- It also includes punishment against misleading advertisements, false product descriptions, or any kind of guarantee of products and services.
- The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) will impose fines and penalties against the companies for such false and misleading advertisements.







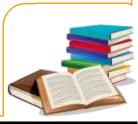


Which organization designated 2024 as the International Year Of Camelids?

- A) World Health Organization (WHO)
- B) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C) United Nations (UN)
- D) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- E) World Food Programme (WFP)

Answer C) United Nations (UN)











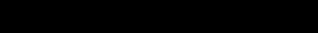
Explanation

- The United Nations has designated 2024 as the **International Year Of Camelids (IYC 2024).**
- Camelids, including camels, llamas, alpacas, vicuñas, Bactrian camels, dromedaries and guanacos, are crucial, particularly for Indigenous Peoples and local communities.
- The report stated that this decision has been made as these animals contribute to food security, nutrition and economic growth for many communities around the globe.

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- In addition, camelids also hold a strong cultural and social significance for different communities across the world.
- "The International Year of Camelids 2024 aims to build awareness of the untapped potential of camelids and to call for increased investment in the camelid sector, advocating for greater research, capacity development and the use of innovative practices and technologies."







- Who were the four sons of the tenth and last Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh, commemorated on Veer Bal Diwas?
 - A) Guru Nanak, Guru Angad, Guru Amar Das, Guru Ram Das
 - B) Sahibzada Ajit Singh, Shahibjada Jujhar Singh, Sahibjada Zorawar Singh, and Sahibzada Fateh Singh
 - C) Guru Arjan, Guru Har Krishan, Guru Har Rai, Guru Har Gobind
 - D) Guru Tegh Bahadur, Guru Gobind Singh, Guru Hargobind, Guru Har Rai
 - E) Guru Harkrishan, Guru Gobind Singh, Guru Har Rai, Guru Tegh Bahadur

Answer

B) Sahibzada Ajit Singh, Shahibjada Jujhar Singh, Sahibjada Zorawar Singh, and Sahibzada Fateh Singh









- Veer Bal Diwas is observed on December 26 to commemmorate the martyrdom of the four sons of the tenth and last Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh.
- The four sons were Sahibzada Ajit Singh, Shahibjada Jujhar Singh, Sahibjada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh.
- In the war between the Mughals and Guru Gobind Singh, the guru's family got separated after a long, bitter battle on the bank of the Sarsa River.







- Later, the Sahibzaades were asked by the Mughal emperor to convert to Islam.
- Upon refusal, they were killed.
- On Veer Bal Diwas, their supreme sacrifice is remembered.
- In January last year, PM Modi announced that December 26 would be observed as Veer Bal Diwas







SPORTS



> Among South Africa's test cricketers, where does Dean Elgar rank in terms of the highest run-scorers?

- A) Fourth
- B) Sixth
- C) Eighth
- D) Tenth
- E) Twelfth

Answer C) Eighth









SPORTS



- Former South Africa captain Dean Elgar has announced his retirement from international cricket after a test series against India concludes early next month.
- Elgar, who has scored more than 5,000 runs with 13 centuries in his 84 tests, will play his final test at **Newlands in Cape Town.**
- He is South Africa's eighth highest scorer in tests.
- Elgar was elevated to captain in March 2021, replacing Quintin de Kock







OBITUARY



Who was the former Chair of the National Commission for Women and a renowned women's rights activist who recently passed away at the age of 86?

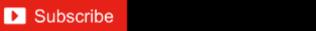
- A) Kiran Bedi
- B) V Mohini Giri
- C) Aruna Roy
- D) Medha Patkar
- E) Vandana Shiva

Answer B) V Mohini Giri









OBITUARY



- Renowned women's rights activist Dr V Mohini Giri died at the age of 86.
- Dr Giri was the former Chair of the National Commission for Women (NCW) (1995–1998) and of the Central Social Welfare Board.
- She was also the Chairperson of the Guild of Service, a New Delhi-based social service organisation, which provides advocacy for women's and children's rights for education, employment, and financial security.
- She founded the War Widows Association in 1972.
- For her efforts in the field of women's rights, she was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2007.





APPOINTMENTS



> Who has been granted approval by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) as the Chairman of BSE Ltd from January 17, 2024?

- A) S S Mundra
- B) Pramod Agrawal
- C) Ramesh Sharma
- D) Anjali Kapoor
- E) Arjun Mehta

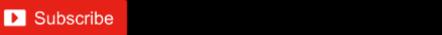
Answer B) Pramod Agrawal





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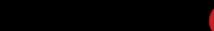
APPOINTMENTS



- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)
 has granted approval for the appointment of
 Pramod Agrawal as the Chairman of BSE Ltd from
 January 17, 2024.
- The board of the exchange had approved the appointment of Agrawal as the chairman of the governing board as the term of current chairman S S Mundra ends on January 16.
- In May last year, BSE had appointed Mundra, a retired deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India, as the chairman of the bourse.







APPOINTMENTS

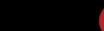


Bombay Stock Exchange:

- BSE Limited, also known as the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) is an Indian stock exchange which is located on Dalal Street in Mumbai.
- Established in 1875 by cotton merchant Premchand Roychand, it is the oldest stock exchange in Asia.
- It is the tenth oldest in the world.
- The BSE is one of the world's largest stock exchanges by market capitalization with a market cap of US\$ 3.8 trillion as of June 2023.
- MD and CEO: Sundaraman Ramamurthy
- Chairman: Pramod Aggarwal









> Who was awarded the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize in its sixth edition for her book, 'Salt & Pepper: Selected Poems'?

- A) Abhijit Banerjee
- B) Raj Kamal Jha
- C) Sukrita Paul Kumar
- D) Peter Bundalo
- E) Rabindranath Tagore

Answer C) Sukrita Paul Kumar



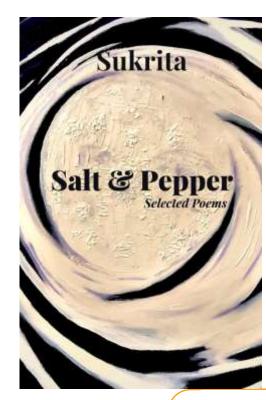








- The sixth edition of the Rabindranath Tagore
 Literary Prize was awarded to poet-critic Sukrita
 Paul Kumar for her book, 'Salt & Pepper: Selected
 Poems'.
- An amount of USD 5,000, a Tagore statue and a certificate for contribution to literature was given to Kumar at the award ceremony.
- The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize for social achievement was awarded to Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee for his contributions to societal welfare.
- Last year, the prize was given to journalist-author Raj Kamal Jha for his novel 'The City and The Sea'.









- This prize was founded in 2018 by US-based publisher Peter Bundalo, the award is a platform for world peace, literature, art, education and human rights.
- It also recognises works towards human rights and world peace with the Social Achievement Prize.







> Who were the recipients of the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award for badminton in India?

- A) Saina Nehwal and P. V. Sindhu
- B) Kidambi Srikanth and Saina Nehwal
- C) Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy
- D) P. V. Sindhu and Srikant Kidambi
- E) Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponnappa



Answer

C) Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy







- India's star badminton duo of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy were the recipients of the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award.
- Chirag and Satwik won the Asian Games gold medal (first ever in badminton for India at the event), the Asian Championships title, and the prestigious Indonesia Open Super 1000 title.
- They are also World Championships bronze medal winners and Commonwealth Games gold medallists from 2022.







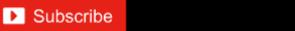
Explanation

- The Arjuna Award was confirmed for 26 sportspersons, including India pacer Mohammed Shami and archery's breakout star of 2023 Aditi Gopichand Swami.
- Five coaches have been named for the Dronacharya Award in the regular category and three in the lifetime category.

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award for 2023:

Chirag Shetty and Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy (badminton)







Arjuna Awards for 2023:

- Ojas Pravin Deotale (archery)
- Aditi Gopichand Swami (archery)
- Murali Sreeshankar (athletics)
- Parul Chaudhary (athletics)
- Mohameed Hussamuddin (boxing)
- R Vaishali (chess)
- Mohammed Shami (cricket)
- Anush Agarwalla (equestrian)
- Divyakriti Singh (equestrian dressage)
- Diksha Dagar (golf)
- Krishan Bahadur Pathak (hockey)
- Sushila Chanu (hockey)
- Pawan Kumar (kabaddi)
- Ritu Negi (kabaddi)

- Nasreen (kho-kho)
- Pinki (lawn bowls)
- Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar (shooting)
- Esha Singh (shooting)
- Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu (squash)
- Ayhika Mukherjee (table tennis)
- Sunil Kumar (wrestling)
- Antim (wrestling)
- Naorem Roshibina Devi (wushu)
- Sheetal Devi (para archery)
- Illuri Ajay Kumar Reddy (blind cricket)
- Prachi Yadav (para canoeing).









Dronacharya Award (Regular category) for outstanding coaches:

- Lalit Kumar (wrestling)
- RB Ramesh (chess)
- Mahaveer Prasad Saini (para athletics)
- Shivendra Singh (hockey)
- Ganesh Prabhakar Devrukhkar (mallakhamb)

Dronacharya Award (Life-time category) for outstanding coaches:

- Jaskirat Singh Grewal (golf)
- Bhaskaran E (kabaddi)
- Jayanta Kumar Pushilal (table tennis)









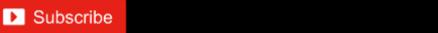
Dhyan Chand Award for lifetime achievement:

- Manjusha Kanwar (badminton)
- Vineet Kumar Sharma (hockey)
- Kavitha Selvaraj (kabaddi).

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2023:

- Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar (overall winner university)
- Lovely Professional University, Punjab (1st runner -up)
- Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra (2nd runner-up)







➤ Who were the recipients of the SASTRA-Ramanujan Awards for 2022 and 2023?

- A) Manjul Bhargava and Cedric Villani
- B) Yunqing Tang and Ruixiang Zhang
- C) Terence Tao and Mary Cartwright
- D) Andrew Wiles and Grigori Perelman
- E) Jean-Pierre Serre and Michael Atiyah



Answer B) Yunqing Tang and Ruixiang Zhang









- The SASTRA-Ramanujan Awards for 2022 and 2023 were presented, respectively, to Yunqing Tang and Ruixiang Zhang, both mathematicians at the University of California in Berkeley, at the SASTRA campus in Kumbakonam.
- The award, instituted by SASTRA in 2005, with a cash prize of USD 10,000 and a citation, is presented annually to individuals aged 32 and below, who have made outstanding contributions in the field of mathematics.







- The awards are presented on the birthday of Ramanujan.
- Seven of the SASTRA-Ramanujan Award winners have won the Fields Medal and other prestigious awards such as the Cole Award. Prof. Manjul Bhargava, winner of the first SASTRA-Ramanujan Award in 2005 won both the Fields Medal and the Cole Award subsequently







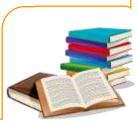
With which start-up has IIT Madras partnered for implementing the initiative of 3D-printed face implants for Black Fungus patients?

- A) BioPrint Innovations
- B) ZorioX Innovation Labs
- C) TechMould Solutions
- D) PrintCraft Innovations
- E) MedTech Creations

Answer

B) ZorioX Innovation Labs













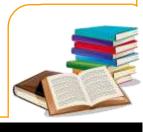
- The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) researchers have developed a 3D-printed face implants for patients suffering from Black Fungus, which has been reported in Covid-19 patients.
- The institute has partnered with ZorioX Innovation labs, a start-up founded by dental surgeons in Chennai, to implement this initiative, which is based on 3D metal printing or additive manufacturing.
- These implants are producing at a cost of about Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh.
- Reports suggest that about 60,000 cases of mucormycosis have been registered in India post-Covid.







- The fungus responsible for Mucormycosis can invade the tissues of the face, causing necrosis and disfigurement. In severe cases, patients may lose their nose, eyes or even their entire face.
- 3D printing has emerged as a viable and cost effective, netshape manufacturing process for low volume production of complex body implants with specific custom-made designs.
- Extensive research activities are already being carried out in IIT Madras to commercialise this technology for printing patientspecific implants in stainless steel, Ti-6Al-4V and Co-Cr-Mo alloys.
- The IIT Madras team is able to print the implant exactly to match the patients' face.
- Institute is among the first to print such implants for black fungus patients specifically.









Titbits

ZorioX Innovation labs:

CEO: Karthik Balaji











What is INS Imphal equipped with in terms of missiles?

- A) Anti-aircraft missiles
- B) Anti-tank missiles
- C) Surface-to-air missiles
- D) Cruise missiles
- E) Intercontinental ballistic missiles



Answer C) Surface-to-air missiles









- Indian Navy will commission the indigenously-built stealth-guided missile destroyer INS Imphal
- INS Imphal will join the Western Naval Command.
- INS Imphal is the first warship to have been named after a city from the Northeastern region, the approval for which was accorded by the President in April 2019.
- INS Imphal is a potent and versatile platform equipped with state-of-the-art weapons and sensors, including surface-to-air missiles, anti-ship missiles, and torpedoes.
- It is constructed by Mazagon Dock Limited, Mumbai.







- The ship is fitted with a modern surveillance radar which provides target data to the gunnery weapon systems of the ship.
- The INS Imphal is equipped with BrahMos surfaceto-surface missiles, with a displacement of 7,400 tonnes and an overall length of 164 meters.
- INS Imphal is powered by Combined Gas and Gas (COGAG) propulsion.
- It is capable of achieving speeds over 30 knots (56 km/hour).







- INS Imphal boasts of a high indigenous content of medium range surface-to-air missiles, antisubmarine indigenous rocket launchers, and 76mm super rapid gun mount.
- The ship's anti-submarine warfare capabilities are provided by indigenously developed rocket launchers, torpedo launchers, and anti-submarine warfare helicopters.

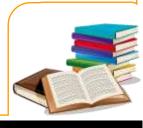






- What is the official name of the free trade agreement (FTA) between India and the ASEAN countries?
- A) ASEAN-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AICEPA)
- B) ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement (AITFA)
- C) ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITGA)
- D) India-ASEAN Economic Cooperation Pact (IAECP)
- E) South Asia-ASEAN Trade Partnership (SATP)

Answer
C) ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement
(AITGA)









- India and the ten-member ASEAN will begin negotiations to "modernise" their decade-and-ahalf-old free trade agreement (FTA).
- The first round of negotiations for reviewing the FTA, officially known as the ASEAN India Trade in **Goods Agreement (AITGA).**
- But no new areas, such as environment, labour, MSMEs or gender, will be added to the AITGA.
- India's trade deficit with the region, which was \$7.5 billion per annum when the pact was implemented, has since ballooned to \$43.57 billion.









- In 2022-23, India's exports to the region were valued at \$44 billion, while its imports were at \$87.57 billion.
- The ten-member ASEAN, which includes Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia, accounted for 11.3 per cent of India's global trade in 2022-23.









Titbits

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN):

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Members: 10 countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, the

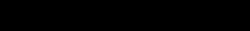
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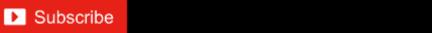
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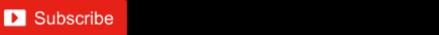


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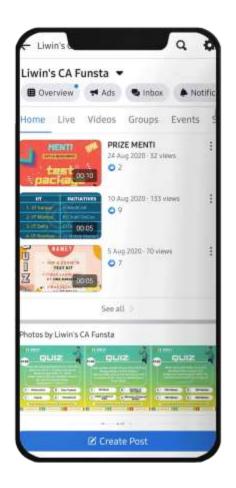
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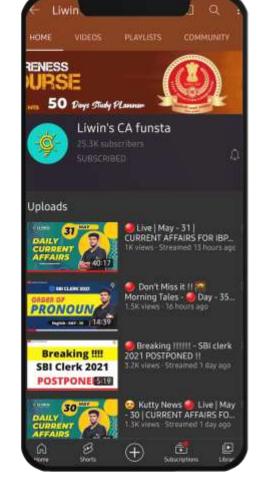




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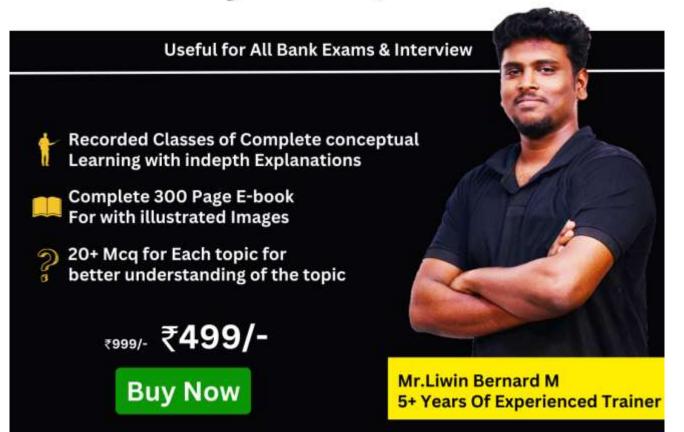
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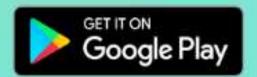
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