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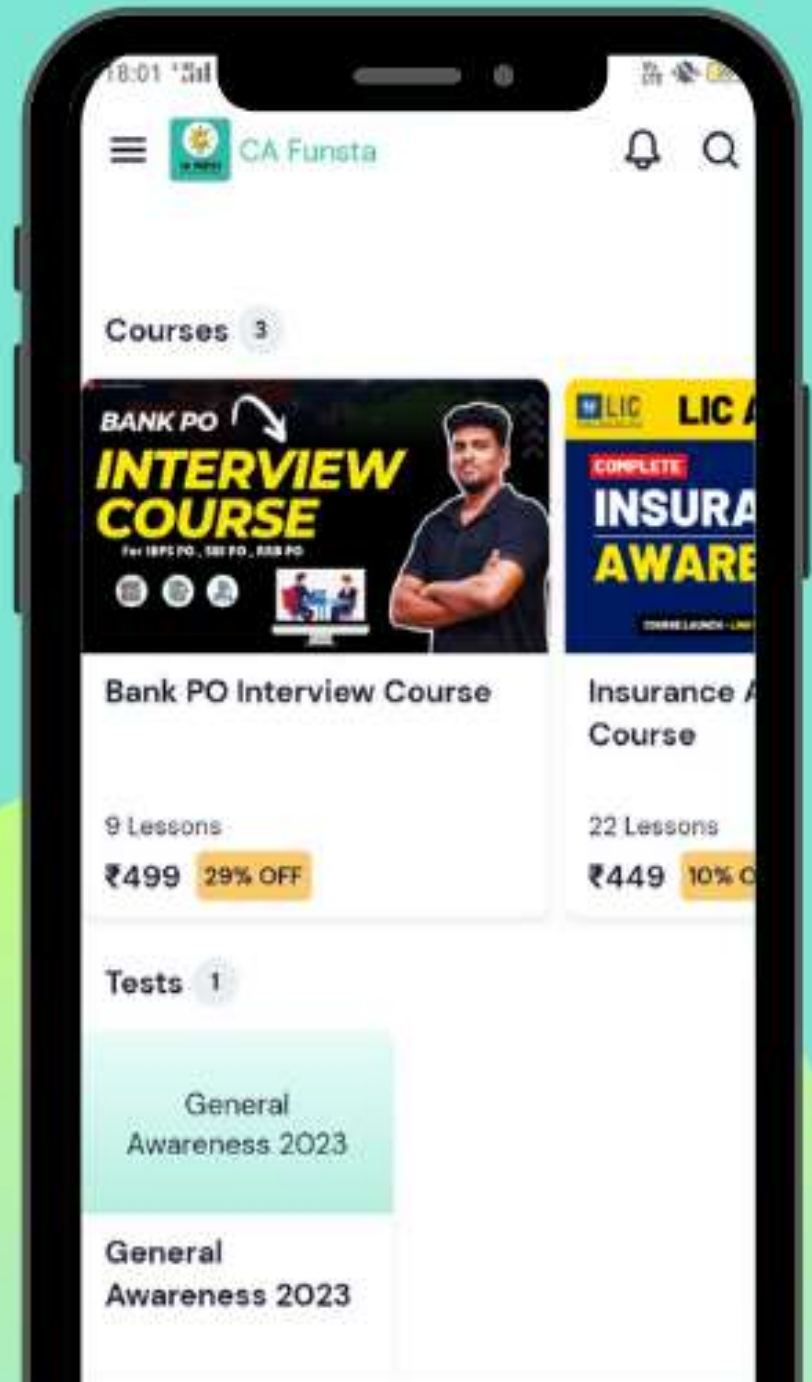


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➤ In which cities will the 6th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2024 be hosted?

- A) Mumbai, Pune, Nashik, Nagpur
- B) Chennai, Madurai, Trichy, Coimbatore
- C) Delhi, Gurgaon, Noida, Faridabad
- D) Kolkata, Howrah, Durgapur, Asansol
- E) Bangalore, Mysuru, Hubli, Mangalore



Answer

B) Chennai, Madurai, Trichy, Coimbatore



Explanation

- **Over 5,600 athletes from all over the country will compete at the 6th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2024, which runs from January 19 to 31.**
- **Tamil Nadu will host the KIYG 2024 with four cities - Chennai, Madurai, Trichy and Coimbatore - conducting the events.**
- **A total of 933 medals , 278 gold, 278 silver and 377 bronze - are up for grabs across 26 sports at KIYG 2024 Tamil Nadu.**
- **Squash is making its KIYG debut this year while Silambam, a form of indigenous martial arts, features as a demonstration sport.**



Explanation

- **Hosts Tamil Nadu boast of the largest contingent with 559 athletes while three-time champions Maharashtra are fielding 415.**
- **Haryana, two-time champions, have 491 athletes competing at the competition.**
- **Tamil Nadu currently tops the KIYG 2024 medal table with six gold medals.**
- **Maharashtra are second with four golds**
- **Maharashtra won the last edition of the KIYG held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh with a total medals count of 161 - 56 gold, 55 silver and 50 bronze.**



SPORTS



Medal Tally:

Rank	State	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Medals
1	Tamilnadu	6	2	5	13
2	Maharashtra	4	6	11	21
3	Haryana	4	4	8	16
4	Delhi	4	2	3	9
5	Gujarat	3	0	2	5



➤ **Who was Ravi Dahiya's opponent in the bronze medal bout, and what is his nationality?**

- A) Kairat Amirtayev (Kazakhstan)
- B) Takahiro Tanaka (Japan)
- C) Bajrang Punia (India)
- D) Haji Aliyev (Azerbaijan)
- E) Sergey Emelin (Russia)



Answer

A) Kairat Amirtayev (Kazakhstan)



Explanation

- The Indian wrestler, Ravi Dahiya won his 61kg freestyle bronze medal bout 10-4 against Kairat Amirtayev of Kazakhstan.
- For the upcoming events, Dahiya is expected to come down from 61kg to 57kg weight category.
- He is likely to compete at the Asian Olympic Games Qualifier in Kyrgyzstan in April and the World Olympic Qualifiers in Turkey in May.



➤ How many universities and colleges has the CA Institute entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with for support in syllabi development, content development, and faculty development programmes?

- A) 7
- B) 9
- C) 11
- D) 13
- E) 15

Answer
C) 11



Explanation

- **CA Institute has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with 11 universities and colleges to extend support to the latter on development of Syllabi, Content Development, Online and recorded lectures and faculty development programmes.**
- **The MoUs were exchanged in the presence of ICAI President Aniket Sunil Talati at the ICAI organised National Education Summit on Commerce and Accountancy.**



Explanation

- **The 11 Universities are Central University of Haryana; Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi; Parul University, Vadodara, Gujarat; Darshan University, Rajkot, Gujarat; Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra; Jain, (deemed to be university), Bengaluru, Karnataka, SRM Group, Chennai, Tamil Nadu; Vellore Institute of technology, technology, Vellore, Tamil Nadu; Ramakrishna Mission, Vivekananda College, Chennai, Tamil Nadu; Bharat Institute of higher education and research, Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Mizoram University, Aizawal, Mizoram.**



Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI):

- **The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is India's largest professional accounting body under the administrative control of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.**
- **It was established on 1 July 1949 as a statutory body under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 enacted by the Parliament for promotion, development and regulation of the profession of Chartered Accountancy in India**



Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI):

- **The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India through its Research Committee has been organizing the ICAI Awards for Excellence in Financial Reporting since the year 1958, to recognize and encourage excellence in the preparation and presentation of financial as well as non-financial information in annual reports by entities across various sectors.**
- **Founded: 1 July 1949**
- **HQ: New Delhi**
- **President: Ankit Sunil Talati**



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been elevated as the Chief Executive Officer & Whole Time Director of Jindal Stainless Ltd (JSL)?**

- A) Tarun Khulbe
- B) Mayank Sharma
- C) Anjali Kapoor
- D) Rohit Gupta
- E) Neha Jain

Answer

A) Tarun Khulbe



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Tarun Khulbe has been elevated as the Chief Executive Officer & Whole Time Director of Jindal Stainless Ltd (JSL).
- Khulbe served as the Whole Time Director of the company since May 2018.
- He will continue to be a Whole Time Director apart from being the CEO.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Jindal Stainless Ltd:

Founder: Om Prakash Jindal

HQ: New Delhi

Chairman: Ratan Jindal

MD: Abhyuday Jindal

CEO: Tarun Kumar Khulbe



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been approved as the Managing Director and CEO of DCB Bank by the Reserve Bank?

- A) Ravi Kapoor
- B) Praveen Achuthan Kutty
- C) Nandini Sharma
- D) Sanjay Patel
- E) Meera Khanna



Answer
B) Praveen Achuthan Kutty



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- The Reserve Bank approved the appointment of Praveen Achuthan Kutty as its Managing Director and CEO of DCB Bank.
- The appointment for a period of three years is effective from April 29, 2024.
- Kutty has been part of the DCB Bank leadership team for the past 16 years.
- He, alongside the current MD and CEO and management team, played a key role to turnaround the bank.



APPOINTMENTS



DCB Bank:

- DCB Bank Limited is a private sector scheduled commercial bank in India.
- It is amongst the new generation banks that received the scheduled commercial bank license from the bank regulator, Reserve Bank of India.
- DCB Bank received the licence on 31 May 1995.
- HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD and CEO: Murali M Natarajan



AWARDS



➤ **Which DISCOMs from Delhi secured the A+ rating in the CSRD report?**

- A) BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL),
BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL), and
Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (TPDDL)
- B) Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (TPDDL) only
- C) BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) only
- D) BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) only
- E) Reliance Power Delhi Distribution Limited (RPDDL)
only



Answer

**A) BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL),
BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL), and
Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (TPDDL)**



Explanation

- Four electricity distribution companies (DISCOMs) from Delhi and Uttar Pradesh have bagged the coveted A+ rating in the latest Consumer Service Rating of Discoms (CSR D) report.
- The report, unveiled by Power Minister RK Singh, tracks the performance of DISCOMs across the country and aims to improve their accountability towards consumers.
- Out of the 62 DISCOMs evaluated, Delhi emerged as the frontrunner, with three companies securing the top rating: BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL), BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL), and Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (TPDDL).



➤ **From which space center was the SpaceX Falcon 9 launched for the Axiom Mission 3 (Ax-3)?**

- A) Cape Canaveral Space Force Station
- B) Vandenberg Space Force Base
- C) NASA's Johnson Space Center
- D) NASA's Kennedy Space Center
- E) Baikonur Cosmodrome



Answer

D) NASA's Kennedy Space Center



Explanation

- **Axiom Mission 3 (Ax-3) successfully docked at the International Space Station (ISS) after a SpaceX Falcon 9 launch from NASA's Kennedy Space Center.**
- **The private crew, including Turkey's first astronaut, will spend 14 days conducting up to 30 experiments alongside the ISS team.**
- **The European Space Agency's recent €7.8 billion budget reflects increased commitment to space exploration.**
- **The collaborative efforts of NASA, Axiom Space, and SpaceX are currently in full swing as integrated operations are underway.**



- **Who is Turkey's first astronaut on the Ax-3 mission, launched to the International Space Station (ISS)?**

- A) Alper Gezeravci
- B) Walter Villadei
- C) Marcus Wandt
- D) López-Alegría
- E) None of the above

Answer

A) Alper Gezeravci



Explanation

- **Turkey's first astronaut Alper Gezeravci and three other astronauts representing Europe were launched on a flight to the International Space Station (ISS).**
- **Gezeravci, 44, is a Turkish Air Force veteran and holds the rank of a colonel.**
- **Turkey was poised to enter the exclusive but expanding club of ISS-guest countries by sending Gezeravci on his nation's debut human spaceflight as an Ax-3 mission specialist.**



Explanation

- **His three other colleagues aboard the flight are Italian Air Force Colonel Walter Villadei, 49, Ax-3's designated pilot; Swedish aviator Marcus Wandt, 43, another mission specialist; and López-Alegría, 65, a retired NASA astronaut and dual citizen of Spain and the United States.**
- A SpaceX Crew Dragon capsule carrying the Axiom quartet lifted off atop a Falcon 9 rocket from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida.
- Crew Dragon was expected to dock with the outpost orbiting some 400 kilometres above Earth and currently occupied by seven regular crew members.



Explanation

- The crew will conduct over 30 scientific experiments, many of them focused on the effects of spaceflight on human health and disease.
- This mission, called Ax-3, was arranged by Texas-based startup Axiom Space.
- It was the third such flight organised by Axiom over the past two years as the company builds on its business of putting astronauts sponsored by foreign governments and private enterprises into Earth's orbit.



Titbits

Turkey:

Capital: Ankara

Currency: Turksih Lira

President: Recep Tayyip Erdogan



➤ Who has taken over as the chair of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) from Azerbaijan?

- A) Uganda
- B) Azerbaijan
- C) Turkey
- D) India
- E) South Africa

Answer
A) Uganda



Explanation

- The 19th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit is being held on 19 and 20 January in Uganda's capital, Kampala.
- Uganda has taken over as chair from Azerbaijan, to run until 2027.
- The 19th NAM Summit is being held under Uganda's leadership under the theme "Deepening Cooperation for Shared Global Affluence."
- 18th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit held in Azerbaijan.



Non Aligned Movement (NAM):

- It was established in 1961 at the height of the Cold War.
- The NAM, which never became an organisation like the African Union or the Commonwealth of Nations, has its origins in a 1955 conference in Indonesia.
- The first summit of NAM heads of state was convened in 1961 in Belgrade, the capital of Yugoslavia.
- The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is an alliance of developing nations that refuses to identify with any major superpower.



Non Aligned Movement (NAM):

- The movement's founders are President Sukarno of Indonesia, Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India, Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt, and President Josip Tito of Yugoslavia.
- After the United Nations, NAM is the second-largest grouping of nations.
- NAM does not have a permanent secretariat or a formal founding charter, act, or treaty.
- The summit usually takes place every three years.
- Currently, NAM membership consists of 120 countries: 53 from Africa, 39 from Asia, 26 from Latin America and the Caribbean, and two from Europe.



Non Aligned Movement (NAM):

- It also includes the non-UN member state of Palestine, 17 other observer countries, and 10 observer organizations.
- India, Venezuela, Iran, South Africa, and Saudi Arabia are among the more influential countries, while China, Russia, and Brazil are among the prominent countries with observer status.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Uganda:

Capital: Kampala

Currency: Ugandan Shilling

President: Yoweri Museveni



➤ **Where is the 11th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR taking place?**

- A) Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- B) Kabul, Afghanistan
- C) Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
- D) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- E) Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Answer

C) Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh



Explanation

- **The 11th edition of India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR has commenced at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.**
- **The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 22nd January to 3rd February 2024. It is an annual event conducted alternatively in both the countries.**
- **The Indian Army contingent comprising 20 personnel is being represented by troops from The Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) and the Kyrgyzstan contingent comprising 20 personnel is represented by Scorpion Brigade.**



Explanation

- Aim of the exercise is to exchange experiences and best practices in Counter Terrorism and Special Forces Operations in Built-up Area and Mountainous Terrain under Chapter VII of United Nations Charter.



Titbits

Kyrgyzstan:

Capital: Bishek

Currency: Kyrgyzstani Som

President: Sadyr Japarov



➤ Which military unit is representing the Indian Army contingent in the CYCLONE exercise?

- A) National Security Guard (NSG)
- B) The Parachute Regiment (Special Forces)
- C) Rashtriya Rifles
- D) Border Security Force (BSF)
- E) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)



Answer

B) The Parachute Regiment (Special Forces)



Explanation

- **The Indian Army contingent comprising 25 personnel reached Egypt to take part in the 2nd edition of India-Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise CYCLONE.**
- **The Exercise will be conducted at Anshas, Egypt from 22nd January to 1st February 2024.**
- **The first edition of the exercise was conducted last year in India.**
- **The Indian contingent is being represented by troops from The Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) and Egyptian contingent comprising 25 personnel is being represented by Egyptian Commando Squadron and Egyptian Airborne Platoon.**



Explanation

- Aim of the Exercise is to acquaint both the sides with each other's operating procedures in the backdrop of Special Operations in desert/ semi desert terrain under Chapter VII of United Nations Charter.
- Exercise CYCLONE is designed to develop bilateral military cooperation and strengthen bond between two armies through conduct of discussions and rehearsal of tactical military drills.



Explanation

- While the first phase will include Military Exhibitions and Tactical Interactions, second phase will focus on training on Improvised Explosive Device (IED), counter IED and Combat First Aid.
- The third and final phase will encompass Joint Tactical Exercise based on Fighting in Built-up Area and Hostage Rescue Scenarios.



Titbits

Egypt:

Capital: Cairo

Currency: Egyptian Pound

President: Abdel Fattah El Sissi

Prime Minister: Moustafa Madbouly



➤ Under which act were the states of Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya granted full state status on January 21, 1972?

- A) North Eastern Region (Re-organisation) Act, 1971
- B) Assam Reorganisation (Meghalaya) Act, 1969
- C) Mizo Accord of 1986
- D) North East Reorganisation Act, 1972
- E) None of the above



Answer

A) North Eastern Region (Re-organisation) Act, 1971



Explanation

- **The 52nd Foundation Day of Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura was celebrated for the first time in Maharashtra Raj Bhavan in presence of State Governor Ramesh Bais on 21 January 2024.**
- The Governor appealed to the people to visit the North Eastern States to see their beauty and cultural diversity.
- A cultural troupe from Tripura presented the folk dances Hojagiri, Lebang Bumani and Tangbiti of Tripura on the occasion.
- Students of HSNC University presented the folk dances of Manipur and Meghalaya.



Explanation

- The State Foundation Day was organised at Maharashtra Raj Bhavan as part of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' initiative of the Government of India
- **Under the North Eastern Region (Re-organisation) Act, 1971, the states of Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya were granted full state status on January 21, 1972.**
- **In October 1949, the princely states of Manipur and Tripura were unified with India.**



Explanation

- **With the passage of the Assam Reorganisation (Meghalaya) Act 1969, Meghalaya gained statehood.**
- **Ultimately, the North East Reorganisation Act of 1972 bestowed complete statehood upon Tripura and Meghalaya.**
- **As per the Mizo Accord of 1986, Mizoram became an independent state in 1987.**
- **NEFA (Arunachal Pradesh) received complete statehood in the same year.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Manipur:

Capital: Imphal

Chief Minister: N Biren Singh

Governor: Anusuiya Ukei

Meghalaya:

Capital: Shillong

Chief Minister: Conrad Sangma

Governor: Phagu Chauhan

Tripura:

Capital: Agartala

Chief Minister: Manik Saha

Governor: N Indrasena Reddy



➤ What is the estimated cost of the entire revamp for the city of Ayodhya, including the temple construction?

- A) \$1 billion
- B) \$2 billion
- C) \$3 billion
- D) \$4 billion
- E) \$5 billion

Answer
C) \$3 billion



Explanation

- **Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated a grand temple to Hindu god Ram in the flashpoint city of Ayodhya.**
- **The temple replaces a 16th-Century mosque torn down by Hindu mobs in 1992, sparking riots in which nearly 2,000 people died.**
- **The temple has been constructed at a cost of \$217m (£170m), funded from private donations.**
- **Only the ground floor was opened - the rest is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The construction work is part of a revamp for the city, estimated to cost more than \$3bn.**



Explanation

- **The new three-storey temple - made with pink sandstone and anchored by black granite - stretches across 7.2 acres in a 70-acre complex.**
- **A 51-inch (4.25-ft) statue of the deity, specially commissioned for the temple, was unveiled.**
- **The idol has been placed on a marble pedestal in the sanctum sanctorum.**



QUICK RECALL



- Khelo India Youth Games 2024 medal tally
- Wrestling: Ravi Dahiya wins bronze medal at Grand Prix De France
- ICAI enters into MoU with 11 Universities
- Tarun Khulbe to be CEO of Jindal Stainless Ltd
- RBI clears appointment of Praveen A Kutty as MD of DCB Bank
- Delhi discoms, NPCL bag top rating of power distribution cos in CSRD report
- Ax-3 Mission: All-European astronaut crew successfully reaches ISS
- Turkey's first astronaut launched on flight to International Space Station



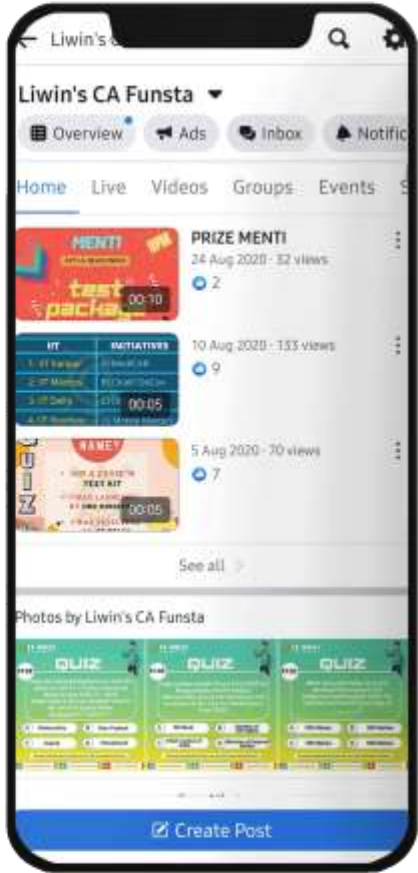
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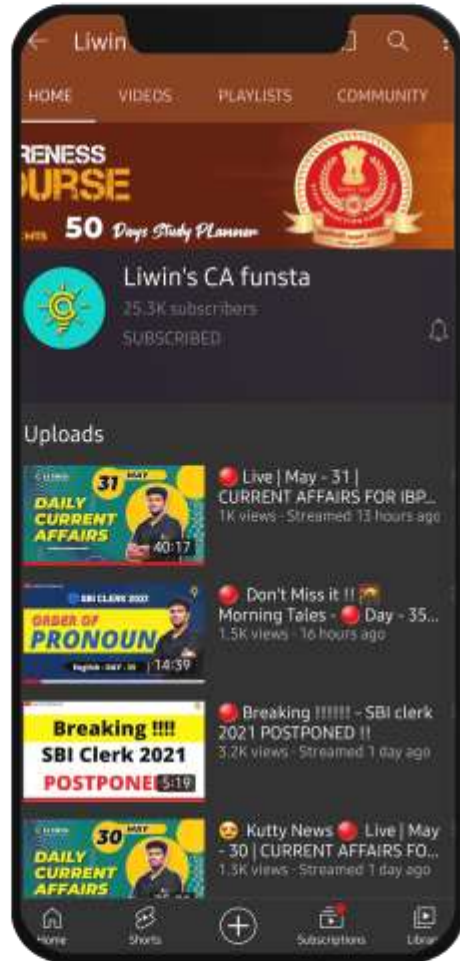
- 19th NAM Summit held in Kampala, Uganda
- Indian – Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise Khanjar Commences In Himachal Pradesh
- Indian army special forces contingent reaches egypt for joint exercise 'Cyclone'
- Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura Foundation Day celebrated in Maharashtra Raj Bhavan
- Ayodhya Ram Mandir: India PM Modi inaugurates Hindu temple on razed Babri mosque site



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