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➤ Who became the first Indian gymnast to win a gold medal at the Asian Senior Championships?

- A) Ashish Kumar
- B) Dipa Karmakar
- C) Emma Malabuyo
- D) Kim Son Hyang
- E) Jo Kyong Byol

Answer

B) Dipa Karmakar



SPORTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Asian Senior Championships
- **Location:** Tashkent, Uzbekistan



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Achievement:** Dipa Karmakar won the gold medal in the women's vault at the Asian Senior Championships.
- **Historical Significance:** First Indian gymnast to win a gold medal at the Asian Senior Championships.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Vault:** A gymnastics event where athletes perform acrobatic moves after sprinting down a runway and leaping onto a vaulting table.
- **Olympic Quota:** The slot or qualification that allows a gymnast to participate in the Olympic Games.



Static GK Information:

- **Gymnastics Event:** Women's Vault
- **Previous Achievements by Indian Gymnasts:** Dipa Karmakar won a bronze medal in the 2015 Asian Championships; Ashish Kumar also won a bronze in individual floor exercise in the same year.



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Asian Senior Championships
Location	Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Significance	Dipa Karmakar became the first Indian gymnast to win a gold medal in the women's vault
Gold Medal Winner	Dipa Karmakar
Gold Medal Event	Women's Vault
Silver Medal Winner	Kim Son Hyang (North Korea)
Bronze Medal Winner	Jo Kyong Byol (North Korea)
Dipa's Achievements in Other Events	Finished 16th in all-around category in Tashkent with a score of 46.166; narrowly missed Olympic quota
Other Competitions Participated by Dipa	Cairo (finished 5th), Baku (finished 4th), Doha (finished 4th)



SPORTS



➤ Who became the first woman in the world to climb Mount Everest three times in 13 days?

- A) Dipa Karmakar
- B) Purnima Shrestha
- C) Emma Malabuyo
- D) Jetha Ahir
- E) Tony Daher

Answer

B) Purnima Shrestha



SPORTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Purnima Shrestha's record-breaking triple ascent of Mount Everest
- **Location:** Mount Everest, Nepal



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Achievement:** Purnima Shrestha became the first woman to climb Mount Everest three times within 13 days.
- **Significance:** This feat sets a new world record for the fastest triple ascent by a woman in a single season.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mount Everest:** The highest mountain in the world, standing at 8,848 meters (29,029 feet) above sea level, located in the Himalayas on the border between Nepal and the Tibet Autonomous Region of China.
- **Summit:** The highest point of a mountain.



Static GK Information:

- **Climber's Name:** Purnima Shrestha
- **Nationality:** Nepalese
- **Profession:** Mountaineer and photojournalist
- **Previous Everest Summits:** 2018



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Purnima Shrestha's triple ascent of Mount Everest
Location	Mount Everest, Nepal
Significance	First woman to climb Mount Everest three times in 13 days
Total Everest Summits by Purnima Shrestha	Four (including the 2018 summit)
Profession	Photojournalist
Nationality	Nepalese



➤ **What is the purpose of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Rs 75,000-crore variable rate repo auction?**

- A) To increase interest rates
- B) To enhance liquidity in the banking system
- C) To reduce inflation
- D) To strengthen the Indian Rupee
- E) To promote foreign investment



Answer

B) To enhance liquidity in the banking system



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI's Rs 75,000-crore 4-day variable rate repo auction
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To conduct a variable rate repo auction to enhance liquidity in the banking system.
- **Date and Time:** May 27, from 11:45 AM to 12:15 PM
- **Reversal Date:** May 31



Important Terms Explained:

- **Variable Rate Repo (VRR) Auction:** A monetary policy tool where banks borrow funds from the central bank at variable interest rates against collateral to manage liquidity.
- **Liquidity Deficit:** A situation where the demand for liquidity (money) exceeds the supply in the banking system.



Static GK Information:

- **Institution Name:** Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- **Founded Year:** 1935
- **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	RBI's 4-day variable rate repo auction
Location	India
Date	May 27
Amount	Rs 75,000 crore
Purpose	Enhance liquidity in the banking system
Auction Time	11:45 AM to 12:15 PM
Reversal Date	May 31
Current Liquidity Deficit	Estimated to be around Rs 1.93 lakh crore
Previous VRR Auction	May 24, 3-day VRR auction worth Rs 1.25 lakh crore at cut-off rate of 6.51%



➤ Which company has Burgan Bank selected to transform its core banking technology?

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



Answer

D) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Selection of TCS BaNCS to transform Burgan Bank's core banking
- **Location:** Kuwait City, Kuwait and Mumbai, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Modernize Burgan Bank's core banking technology to consolidate legacy applications into a contemporary solution.
- **Solution:** TCS BaNCS suite to be deployed for core and digital banking, payments, loan origination, wealth management, and regulatory compliance.
- **Expected Outcomes:** Higher transaction volume management, enhanced automation, improved staff productivity, and better customer experience through personalized offerings.



Important Terms Explained:

- **TCS BaNCS:** A universal financial solution by Tata Consultancy Services, designed to enhance customer experience and enable digital transformation in financial institutions.
- **Quartz for Compliance:** A solution offering end-to-end Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Know Your Customer (KYC) capabilities across business lines.
- **Digital Transformation:** The process of using digital technology to fundamentally change how businesses operate and deliver value to customers.



Static GK Information:

- **Burgan Bank Founded Year:** 1977
- **Chairman:** Tony Daher
- **Headquarters:** Kuwait City, Kuwait



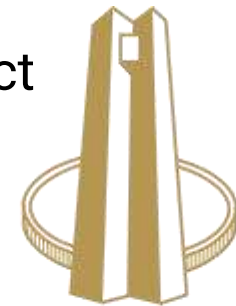
Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Selection of TCS BaNCS to transform core banking technology
Location	Kuwait City, Kuwait and Mumbai, India
Date	May 22, 2024
New Core Banking Solution	TCS BaNCS
Expected Outcomes	- Manage higher transaction volumes - Enhance automation - Improve staff productivity
Additional Deployments	Quartz for Compliance for AML/KYC capabilities
Burgan Bank's Regional Network	Over 160 branches and 360 ATMs
CEO of Burgan Bank	Tony Daher
Significance	Strengthening customer relationships and driving innovation through modern technology



➤ **Why was the State Bank of India's South Africa branch fined by the Prudential Authority of the South African Reserve Bank?**

- A) For failing to pay taxes
- B) For non-compliance with the Financial Intelligence Centre Act
- C) For financial fraud
- D) For violating environmental regulations
- E) For misleading customers



South African Reserve Bank

Answer

B) For non-compliance with the Financial Intelligence Centre Act



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Imposition of a financial penalty on the SBI South Africa branch
- **Location:** South Africa



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Penalize SBI South Africa branch for non-compliance with certain provisions of the Financial Intelligence Centre Act 38 of 2001 (FIC Act).
- **Penalty Details:**
 - **Total Penalty Amount:** 10 million rand (₹4.5 crore)
 - **Immediately Payable Portion:** 5.50 million rand (already paid)
 - **Suspended Portion:** 4.50 million rand (suspended for 36 months, contingent on compliance)



Important Terms Explained:

- **Financial Intelligence Centre Act (FIC Act):** A South African law aimed at combating money laundering and financing of terrorism through strict compliance and reporting requirements for financial institutions.
- **Prudential Authority:** A regulatory body within the South African Reserve Bank responsible for the supervision of financial institutions to ensure financial stability and compliance with laws.



Static GK Information:

- **State Bank of India (SBI) Founded Year:** 1955
- **CEO/Chairman:** Dinesh Kumar Khara
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Financial penalty imposed on SBI South Africa branch
Location	South Africa
Total Penalty Amount	10 million rand (₹4.5 crore)
Immediately Payable Amount	5.50 million rand
Suspended Amount	4.50 million rand (suspended for 36 months contingent on compliance)
Regulatory Authority	Prudential Authority of the South African Reserve Bank
Reason for Penalty	Non-compliance with the Financial Intelligence Centre Act 38 of 2001
Relevant Legislation	Financial Intelligence Centre Act (FIC Act)
SBI's Notification	Informed stock exchange about the penalty and payment details



➤ **What new product did Poonawalla Fincorp and IndusInd Bank launch together?**

- A) A savings account
- B) A co-branded RuPay credit card
- C) A new loan scheme
- D) An insurance policy
- E) A digital wallet



Answer

B) A co-branded RuPay credit card



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of a co-branded RuPay credit card by Poonawalla Fincorp and IndusInd Bank
- **Location:** Pune, Maharashtra, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Provide a new credit card that offers spend-based rewards and other benefits to enhance customer engagement.
- **Card Name:** IndusInd Bank Poonawalla Fincorp eLITE RuPay Platinum Credit Card



Important Terms Explained:

- **Co-branded Credit Card:** A credit card issued by a financial institution in partnership with another company, offering specific benefits related to that company.
- **RuPay:** An Indian domestic card scheme conceived and launched by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).



Static GK Information:

Poonawalla Fincorp Limited

- **Founded:** Nearly three decades ago
- **Managing Director:** Abhay Bhutada
- **Headquarters:** Pune, Maharashtra, India



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Launch of co-branded RuPay credit card by Poonawalla Fincorp and IndusInd Bank
Location	Pune, Maharashtra, India
Date	May 28, 2024
Card Name	IndusInd Bank Poonawalla Fincorp eLITE RuPay Platinum Credit Card
Key Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- NIL Joining and NIL Annual Fees- Rewards on every Rs.100 spent (except fuel)- Rewards on UPI transactions (Scan & Pay)- 2.5 times reward points on e-commerce transactions (except fuel, travel & low interchange MCC)- Cash credit of reward points – Higher value of Rs. 0.40 for each reward- Buy One Get One movie ticket (max Rs. 200) through BookMyShow – once a month- Fuel surcharge waiver - 1%- Additional rewards of 3000 reward points on milestone achievement



➤ What new product has TATA AIG General Insurance launched to support infrastructure development?

- A) Health insurance
- B) Home insurance
- C) Vehicle insurance
- D) Surety insurance bonds
- E) Travel insurance



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Answer

D) Surety insurance bonds



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Surety Insurance Bonds by TATA
AIG General Insurance
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To support the government's infrastructure development agenda by providing an alternative to conventional bank guarantees.
- **Target Beneficiaries:** Contractors in the infrastructure sector



Important Terms Explained:

- **Surety Insurance Bonds:** Financial instruments that guarantee project owners protection against losses due to contractor non-performance or breach of contract terms. They serve as an alternative to bank guarantees, helping contractors unlock capital and enhance bidding capabilities.
- **Types of Bonds:** Includes bid bonds, performance bonds, advance payment bonds, and retention money bonds.



Static GK Information:

TATA AIG General Insurance

- **Founded:** 2001
- **CEO:** Neelesh Garg
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Launch of Surety Insurance Bonds by TATA AIG General Insurance
Location	India
Date	May 28, 2024
Purpose	Support infrastructure development and provide an alternative to bank guarantees
Target Sector	Infrastructure development
Government Allocation	3.3% of GDP for FY 2024 towards infrastructure development
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unlocks capital for contractors - Enhances bidding capabilities - Overcomes liquidity and capital constraints
Types of Bonds	Bid bonds, performance bonds, advance payment bonds, retention money bonds
Compliance	In accordance with IRDAI guidelines
Government Announcement	Recognition of surety bonds as substitutes for bank guarantees in government procurement (Union Budget 2022-23)



➤ What is the name of the mobile app launched by RBI for retail investors to buy and sell government securities?

- A) PRAVAAH
- B) Fintech Repository
- C) RBI Retail Direct
- D) G-Sec Mobile
- E) CCIL NDS-OM

Answer

C) RBI Retail Direct



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of mobile app for buying and selling government securities
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Enable retail investors to buy and sell government securities through a mobile app.
- **App Name:** RBI Retail Direct by the Clearing Corporation of India
- **Additional Launches:** PRAVAAH portal and Fintech Repository



Important Terms Explained:

- **G-Secs (Government Securities):** Financial instruments issued by the government to borrow money from the public. These include treasury bills, bonds, and other debt instruments.
- **RBI Auctions:** The Reserve Bank of India's process of auctioning government securities to investors.
- **CCIL's NDS-OM (Negotiated Dealing System Order Matching):** A platform for trading government securities.



Static GK Information:

Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

- **Founded:** 1935
- **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Launch of RBI Retail Direct mobile app for buying and selling government securities
Location	India
Date	May 28, 2024
App Name	RBI Retail Direct
Purpose	Enable retail investors to buy and sell government securities
Available On	Android Play Store and App Store for iOS
Additional Launches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- PRAVAAH portal for regulatory approvals- Fintech Repository for insights into fintech entities
Key Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bidding in RBI auctions as non-competitive applicants- Trading on CCIL's NDS-OM platform
Governor's Role	Launched by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who was elected unopposed as the new chairman of NAFED?**

- A) Mohan Kundariya
- B) Dileep Sanghani
- C) Jayesh Radadiya
- D) Bipin Patel
- E) Jetha Ahir

Answer
E) Jetha Ahir



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Election of new chairman of NAFED
- **Location:** Delhi, India



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Achievement:** Jetha Ahir was elected unopposed as the chairman of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED).
- **Election Details:** The election was held in Delhi by a board comprising 21 directors.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India):** A government organization that works to promote cooperative marketing of agricultural produce to benefit farmers.
- **Cooperative:** An autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social, and cultural needs through a jointly-owned enterprise.
- **Unopposed Election:** A situation where a candidate is elected without any opposition or contest from other candidates.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **NAFED Founded Year:** 1958
- **Current Chairman:** Jetha Ahir
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Election of new chairman of NAFED
Location	Delhi, India
New Chairman	Jetha Ahir
Unopposed Election Board Details	21 directors, including two from Gujarat
Relevant Background of Jetha Ahir	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Former deputy speaker of Gujarat Assembly- Chairman of Panchmahal's Pancharmrut Dairy and PDC Bank
Political Context	Jetha Ahir elected against MP Mohan Kundariya
Related Political Developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jayesh Radadiya's election as IFFCO board member- Dileep Sanghani's unopposed re-election as IFFCO chairman



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who was named the new Prime Minister of Chad following the inauguration of President Mahamat Idriss Deby?**

- A) Idriss Deby
- B) Succes Masra
- C) Allamaye Halina
- D) Franck Riester
- E) Mahamat Idriss Deby

Answer

C) Allamaye Halina



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of President Mahamat Idriss Deby and appointment of Allamaye Halina as Prime Minister
- **Location:** N'Djamena, Chad



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **New President:** Mahamat Idriss Deby was sworn in as the president of Chad, ending three years of military rule.
- **New Prime Minister:** Allamaye Halina was named the new Prime Minister following Succes Masra's resignation.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Military Rule:** A period during which the country was governed by military authorities following the death of the previous president, Idriss Deby.
- **Transitional President:** A temporary leader appointed to guide the country through a transition period following political upheaval.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

Chad

- **Currency:** Central African CFA franc
- **Capital:** N'Djamena
- **President:** Mahamat Idriss Deby
- **Prime Minister:** Allamaye Halina



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Inauguration of Mahamat Idriss Deby and appointment of Allamaye Halina
Location	N'Djamena, Chad
New President	Mahamat Idriss Deby
New Prime Minister	Allamaye Halina
Previous Prime Minister	Succes Masra
Election Result	Mahamat Idriss Deby won with 61% of the vote
Opposition Leader	Succes Masra (second in election with 18.54%)
Significance	End of three years of military rule, marking the start of Deby's official presidency
Foreign Attendance	Eight African heads of state and other dignitaries, including Franck Riester from France



➤ **What are TCS and IIT-Bombay collaborating to develop?**

- A) A new AI software
- B) A quantum computer
- C) A blockchain platform
- D) A Quantum Diamond Microchip Imager
- E) A superconductor



Answer

D) A Quantum Diamond Microchip Imager



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Collaboration between TCS and IIT-Bombay to develop a Quantum Diamond Microchip Imager
- **Location:** Mumbai, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Develop India's first Quantum Diamond Microchip Imager, a tool to check the quality of semiconductors.
- **Timeline:** The project is expected to be completed within the next two years.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Quantum Diamond Microchip Imager:** An advanced sensing tool that uses quantum diamond microscopy and AI/ML-powered software to test and improve the quality of semiconductor chips, thereby reducing chip failures and enhancing efficiency.
- **Nitrogen-Vacancy (NV) Centres:** Defects in a diamond's structure used for detecting and characterizing anomalies in semiconductor chips.



Static GK Information:

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay

- **Founded:** 1958
- **Partner Organization:** Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- **TCS Founded:** 1968
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Collaboration to develop Quantum Diamond Microchip Imager
Location	Mumbai, India
Date	May 28, 2024
Objective	Develop an advanced sensing tool for semiconductor chip imaging
Technology Used	Quantum diamond microscopy integrated with AI/ML-powered software
Expected Completion	Next two years
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reduces chip failures- Improves efficiency of electronic devices- Enhances quality control of semiconductor chips
Applications	Microelectronics, biological imaging, geological imaging, fine-scale magnetic field imaging
Alignment with National Initiative	National Quantum Mission
Significance	Propels India forward in the quantum technology sector



- How much assistance did India announce for Papua New Guinea in response to the landslide devastation?

- A) \$500,000
- B) \$1 million
- C) \$2 million
- D) \$5 million
- E) \$10 million

Answer

B) \$1 million



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** India announces assistance to Papua New Guinea
- **Location:** Enga Province, Papua New Guinea



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Provide immediate relief assistance to support recovery efforts after the devastating landslide in Papua New Guinea.
- **Assistance Amount:** \$1 million



Important Terms Explained:

- **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR):** Efforts by governments and organizations to provide aid and relief during and after disasters to support affected populations.
- **Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC):** A platform for cooperation between India and Pacific Island countries to address common challenges and enhance mutual interests.



Static GK Information:

Papua New Guinea

- **Currency:** Papua New Guinean kina
- **Capital:** Port Moresby
- **Prime Minister:** James Marape



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	India announces assistance to Papua New Guinea
Location	Enga Province, Papua New Guinea
Date of Announcement	May 28
Amount of Assistance	\$1 million
Cause of Assistance	Landslide on May 24
Impact of Landslide	Over 2,000 people buried alive
India's Previous Support to Papua New Guinea	Earthquake in 2018, volcanic eruptions in 2019 and 2023
International Cooperation	Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC)
Indian Initiative	Indo-Pacific Oceans' Initiative (IPOI) for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management



➤ **Which companies signed an agreement to facilitate aerial spraying of fertilizers using drones over farmland?**

- A) Poonawalla Fincorp and IndusInd Bank
- B) Kotak General Insurance and Tata Consultancy Services
- C) Thanos Technologies and IFFCO
- D) Tata AIG and SBI
- E) TCS and Burgan Bank



Answer

C) Thanos Technologies and IFFCO



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Agreement signing between Thanos Technologies and IFFCO
- **Location:** Mangaluru, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Facilitate aerial spraying of fertilizers over 10 lakh acres of farmland across 5 states using drones.
- **Target Regions:** Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu



Important Terms Explained:

- **Aerial Spraying:** The use of aircraft, in this case, drones, to apply fertilizers or pesticides over agricultural fields.
- **Drones:** Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) equipped for spraying fertilizers, which help in efficient and precise application, improving crop yields and reducing resource wastage.



Static GK Information:

Thanos Technologies

- **Specialization:** Agricultural drone technology
- **Partner Organization:** Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd (IFFCO)
- **Founded:** IFFCO was established in 1967
- **Headquarters of IFFCO:** New Delhi, India



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Agreement signing between Thanos Technologies and IFFCO for aerial spraying of fertilizers
Location	Mangaluru, India
Date	May 28, 2024
Objective	Facilitate aerial spraying of fertilizers using drones
Target Area	Over 10 lakh acres of farmland across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu
Number of Drones Deployed	Over 500 drones
Expected Business Value	₹50 crore for Thanos Technologies and service partners
Additional Incentives	Thanos Technologies to offer additional incentives and financial options for service partners
Partner Companies	Vayu Drone, Aerotics Technologies, and Electra Agri Green
Significance	Improved crop yields, reduced resource wastage, and a modernized agricultural ecosystem



QUICK RECALL



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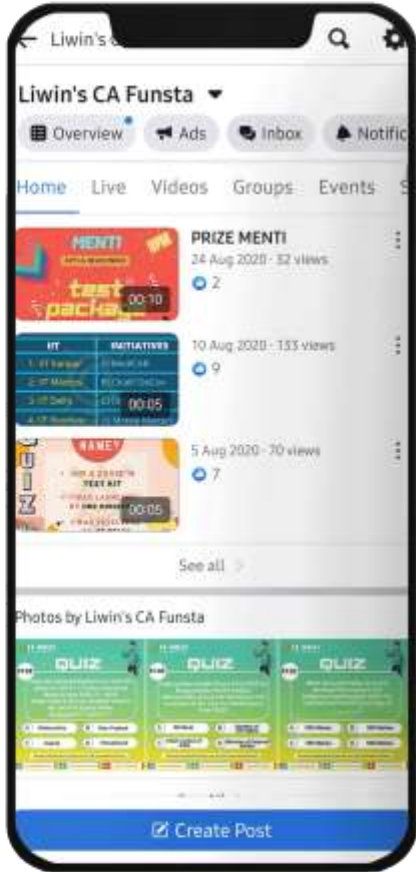
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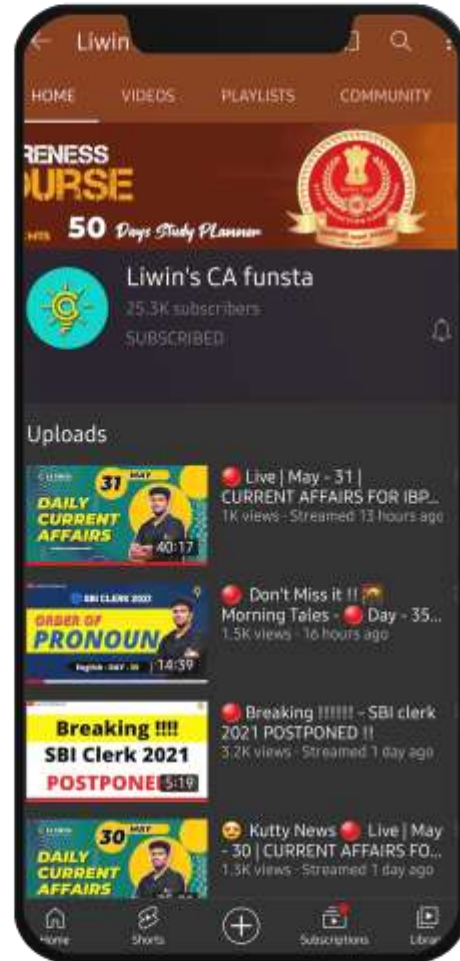
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