



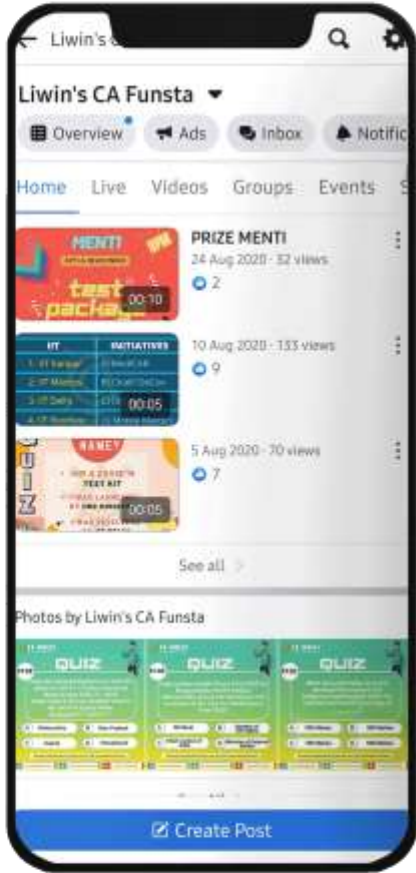
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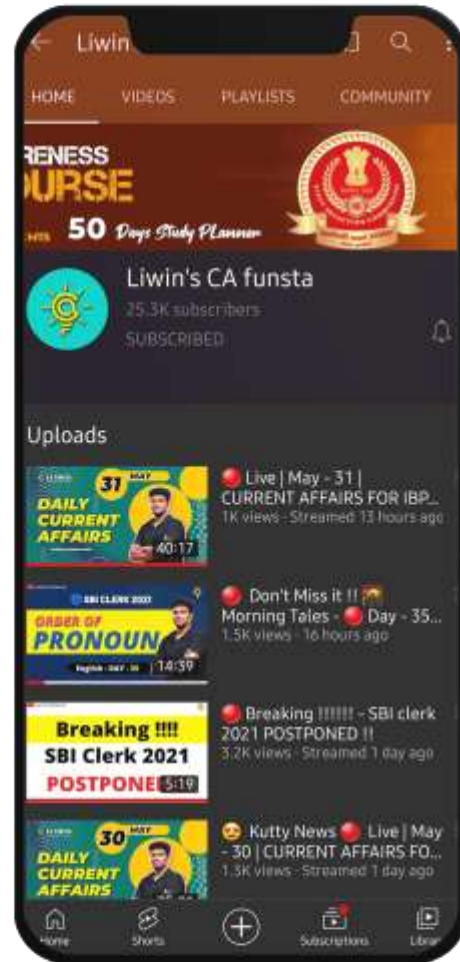
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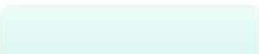


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# Important Days



➤ **What significant issue does the Karen Human Rights Group (KHRG) highlight on the 2024 International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict?**

- A) The impact of economic sanctions on Burma.
- B) The environmental degradation in Southeast Burma.
- C) The serious harm inflicted by armed actors committing conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) in Southeast Burma.
- D) The need for educational reforms in Burma.
- E) The benefits of foreign investments in Burma.



**Answer**

**C) The serious harm inflicted by armed actors committing conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) in Southeast Burma.**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 2024 International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict
- **Location:** Southeast Burma





# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Condemn the human rights violations in Burma; Call for decisive action to end abuses against civilians; Stand in solidarity with survivors, their families, and supporters
- **Objectives:** Protect civilians from sexual violence; Address the impunity of perpetrators; Advocate for international support for local organizations aiding survivors



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV):** Used as a tactic of war and torture; Violates international humanitarian and human rights law; Leads to devastating physical, reproductive, and mental health consequences
- **State Administration Council (SAC):** The ruling military junta in Burma
- **Karen National Union (KNU):** A local ethnic armed group providing support to victims
- **Karen Women Organisation (KWO):** A local NGO assisting survivors of CRSV



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **Burma (Myanmar)**
  - **Currency:** Burmese kyat
  - **Capital:** Naypyidaw
  - **Prime Minister:** Min Aung Hlaing



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	2024 International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict
Date	19th June 2024
Location	Southeast Burma
Chief Guest	Karen Human Rights Group (KHRG)
Significance	Highlighting the severe impact of conflict-related sexual violence in Southeast Burma
Mandates	Condemn human rights violations, call for action, stand in solidarity with survivors
Main Perpetrators	Burma Army, State Administration Council (SAC), Border Guard Force (BGF)
Key Support Organizations	Karen National Union (KNU), Karen Women Organisation (KWO)
Major Issues	Impunity of perpetrators, underreporting of CRSV cases, lack of support for long-term trauma effects
Key Recommendations	International action against military leaders, local support for survivors, international support for local NGOs



➤ **What significant achievement did the Indian National Ultimate Frisbee team accomplish at the 2024 Asia Oceanic Championship held in Japan?**

- A) Won the gold medal
- B) Reached the finals for the first time
- C) Won the bronze medal
- D) Defeated the Philippines in the finals
- E) Hosted the championship

**Answer**

**B) Reached the finals for the first time**



# SPORTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 2024 Asia Oceanic Beach Ultimate Championships (AOBUC)
- **Location:** Shirahama, Japan



# SPORTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Compete in the championship; Demonstrate growth and potential in Ultimate Frisbee
- **Objectives:** Achieve a historic milestone by reaching the finals; Inspire future participation in the sport



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Ultimate Frisbee:** A non-contact team sport played with a flying disc (frisbee)
- **Asia Oceanic Beach Ultimate Championships (AOBUC):** A premier tournament featuring teams from Asia, Australia, and New Zealand
- **India Ultimate (IU):** The governing body for flying disc sports in India





# SPORTS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Achievement	Reached the finals for the first time, won the silver medal
Final Score	India lost 9-12 to the Philippines in the finals
Location	Shirahama, Japan
Participants	16 teams from Asia, Australia, and New Zealand
Semi-Final Victory	India defeated Japan
Support and Sponsorship	Supported by Daisy, High Rise, Aquila EV, and Off-Season Ultimate
Community Involvement	Over 15,000 ultimate frisbee players and fans across India
Future Prospects	Inspiring young athletes, building a foundation for future success



➤ Which company recently became the most valuable after overtaking Microsoft and Apple?

- A) Amazon
- B) Tesla
- C) Alphabet
- D) Nvidia
- E) Facebook

**Answer**  
**D) Nvidia**



# RANKING



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Nvidia becomes the most valuable company



# RANKING



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Achieve and maintain leadership in market valuation among global companies
- **Objectives:** Surpass the market capitalizations of Microsoft and Apple



# RANKING



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Market Capitalization:** The total market value of a company's outstanding shares of stock, calculated by multiplying the stock price by the total number of outstanding shares
- **AI Chipmaker:** A company that designs and manufactures artificial intelligence (AI) hardware and software, typically used in data centers, gaming, and other high-performance computing applications



# RANKING



## Static GK Information:

- **Nvidia:**
  - **Founded Year:** 1993
  - **Headquarters:** Santa Clara, California, USA
  - **CEO:** Jensen Huang
- **Microsoft:**
  - **Founded Year:** 1975
  - **Headquarters:** Redmond, Washington, USA
  - **CEO:** Satya Nadella
- **Apple:**
  - **Founded Year:** 1976
  - **Headquarters:** Cupertino, California, USA
  - **CEO:** Tim Cook



# RANKING



## Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Most Valuable Company	Nvidia
Market Capitalization	\$3.34 trillion
Nvidia's Share Price Increase	3.5%
Second Most Valuable Company	Microsoft
Microsoft's Market Capitalization	\$3.32 trillion
Third Most Valuable Company	Apple
Apple's Market Capitalization	\$3.286 trillion
Previous Leader	Microsoft
Significance	Nvidia surpasses both Microsoft and Apple in market value
Sector	AI chipmaker



- **What is the main goal of the partnership between India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and Ria Money Transfer?**
- A) To develop new digital banking products
  - B) To expand postal services in urban areas
  - C) To offer secure, efficient, and convenient international inward money transfer services to rural India
  - D) To reduce postal service costs
  - E) To improve domestic money transfer services



**Answer**  
**C) To offer secure, efficient, and convenient international inward money transfer services to rural India**





## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Partnership announcement between India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and Ria Money Transfer
- **Location:** PIB Delhi



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Provide accessible financial services to rural areas; Promote financial inclusion
- **Objectives:**
  - Offer secure, efficient, and convenient international inward money transfer services
  - Reduce the need for rural families to travel long distances for financial services
  - Enhance economic growth and financial security in rural areas



## Important Terms Explained:

- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB):** A government-owned bank established under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication, with a vision to provide accessible, affordable, and trusted banking services
- **Ria Money Transfer:** A global leader in cross-border money transfer, offering fast, secure, and affordable global money transfer services
- **International Inward Money Transfer:** The process of receiving money from overseas to a local account or service provider
- **Biometric Authentication:** A security process that uses unique biological characteristics, such as fingerprints, to verify identity



## Static GK Information:

- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB):**
  - **Founded Year:** 2018
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **CEO:** Shri R Viswesvaran
- **Ria Money Transfer:**
  - **Parent Company:** Euronet Worldwide, Inc.
  - **Headquarters:** Buena Park, California, USA
  - **CEO:** Shawn Fielder



## Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Partnership	India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and Ria Money Transfer
Main Goal	Offer secure, efficient, and convenient international inward money transfer services to rural India
Target Area	Rural India
Services Provided	Doorstep financial services, biometric authentication, digital transaction confirmation
Reach	Initially available at 25,000 Post Office locations, expanding to over 100,000 locations
Key Quotes	Shri R Viswesvaran emphasizes the importance of remittances for rural families
Technology Utilized	Verified biometric authentication, paperless receipt
Parent Companies	IPPB: Government of India; Ria: Euronet Worldwide, Inc.



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ **What is the recent strategic move made by Axis Bank regarding Max Life Insurance?**

- A) Axis Bank sold its entire stake in Max Life Insurance
- B) Axis Bank reduced its stake in Max Life Insurance to below 10%
- C) Axis Bank increased its stake in Max Life Insurance to 19.99%
- D) Axis Bank announced a merger with Max Financial Services
- E) Axis Bank discontinued its partnership with Max Life Insurance



**Answer**

**C) Axis Bank increased its stake in Max Life Insurance to 19.99%**



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Axis Bank's acquisition of additional equity shares in Max Life Insurance



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Increase Axis entities' stake in Max Life Insurance
- **Objectives:** Strengthen Axis Bank's strategic position in the insurance sector





# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Max Life Insurance:** A subsidiary of Max Financial Services, providing life insurance products
- **Axis Entities:** Includes Axis Bank, Axis Securities, and Axis Capital
- **Preferential Basis:** A method of issuing shares to a select group of investors, typically at a discount
- **Regulatory Approval:** Necessary authorization from regulatory bodies to proceed with specific corporate actions
- **Nifty 50 Index:** A stock market index representing the 50 most significant companies listed on the National Stock Exchange of India



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Static GK Information:

- **Axis Bank:**
  - **Founded Year:** 1993
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
  - **CEO:** Amitabh Chaudhry
- **Max Financial Services:**
  - **Founded Year:** 1988
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **CEO:** Prashant Tripathy



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Acquisition	Additional equity shares in Max Life Insurance by Axis Bank
Stake Increase	From 19.02% to 19.99%
Acquisition Cost	₹336 crore
Previous Approval	Regulatory approval received in August 2023 for ₹1,612 crore investment
Axis Entities Involved	Axis Bank, Axis Securities, Axis Capital
Impact on Shares	Axis Bank shares rose by 2.2% following the announcement
Strategic Importance	Strengthens Axis Bank's position in the insurance sector
Max Financial Services	Holding company of Max Life Insurance, involved in investment and management advisory services



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



- What percentage of Kotak General Insurance did Zurich Insurance acquire, marking its entry into the Indian insurance market?

- A) 49%
- B) 51%
- C) 60%
- D) 70%
- E) 74%

**Answer**  
**D) 70%**



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Zurich Insurance completes majority stake acquisition in Kotak General Insurance
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Enter the Indian insurance market and gain a significant presence
- **Objectives:**
  - Acquire a controlling stake in Kotak General Insurance
  - Support the growth and development of India's insurance market
  - Leverage global expertise and digital capabilities to enhance insurance offerings



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Majority Stake:** Ownership of more than 50% of a company's shares, giving the holder control over the company
- **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI):** Investment made by a firm or individual in one country into business interests located in another country
- **Regulatory Approvals:** Necessary permissions from governing bodies to complete transactions
- **Kotak General Insurance:** A non-life insurance subsidiary of Kotak Mahindra Bank



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Static GK Information:

- **Zurich Insurance:**
  - **Founded Year:** 1872
  - **Headquarters:** Zurich, Switzerland
  - **CEO:** Mario Greco
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank:**
  - **Founded Year:** 1985
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
  - **CEO:** Uday Kotak





# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Acquisition	Zurich Insurance acquires a 70% stake in Kotak General Insurance
Acquisition Cost	₹5,560 crore (\$670 million)
Stake Remaining with Kotak Mahindra	30%
Significance	Largest foreign investment in India's general insurance market; First acquisition post FDI limit increase to 74%
Strategic Importance	Entry into the Indian market, a significant growth market for Zurich Insurance
CEO Quotes	Tulsi Naidu (Zurich) highlights commitment to growth and resilience; Shanti Ekambaram (Kotak) emphasizes partnership benefits
Next Steps	Adoption of a new brand representing both Zurich and Kotak
Regulatory Approvals	Required from Reserve Bank of India, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, and Competition Commission of India



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ **What acquisition has the Competition Commission of India (CCI) recently approved involving WeWork India?**

- A) Acquisition of WeWork India by Embassy Buildcon LLP
- B) Acquisition of certain share capital of WeWork India by Real Trustee Advisory Company Private Limited
- C) Acquisition of WeWork India by 1 Ariel Way Tenant Limited
- D) Acquisition of WeWork India by CCI
- E) Acquisition of 100% share capital of WeWork India by Real Trustee Advisory Company Private Limited

**Answer**

**B) Acquisition of certain share capital of WeWork India by Real Trustee Advisory Company Private Limited**



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** CCI approves acquisition of certain share capital of WeWork India



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Ensure fair competition and approve mergers and acquisitions that comply with competition laws
- **Objectives:** Facilitate corporate restructuring and investment in companies



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Competition Commission of India (CCI):** The regulatory body responsible for enforcing The Competition Act, 2002 throughout India to prevent activities that have an adverse effect on competition
- **WeWork India:** A subsidiary of WeWork, providing coworking spaces and office solutions in India
- **Real Trustee Advisory Company Private Limited:** The company acquiring a stake in WeWork India



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Static GK Information:

- **Competition Commission of India (CCI):**
  - **Founded Year:** 2003
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Chairperson:** Ashok Kumar Gupta
- **WeWork India:**
  - **Founded Year:** 2017
  - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, India
  - **Parent Company:** WeWork



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Regulatory Body	Competition Commission of India (CCI)
Approval Date	June 19, 2024
Acquisition	Certain share capital of WeWork India
Acquiring Company	Real Trustee Advisory Company Private Limited
Other Approval	100% share capital of 1 Ariel Way Tenant Limited by Embassy Buildcon LLP
Sector	Coworking and office space solutions
Significance	Ensures fair competition and supports corporate restructuring
WeWork India	Subsidiary providing coworking spaces in India
Real Trustee	Acquirer of the share capital in WeWork India



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who was appointed to the Paytm board as a non-executive independent director following Neeraj Arora's resignation?**

- A) Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- B) Rajeev Krishnamuralilal Agarwal
- C) Ashneer Grover
- D) Ritesh Agarwal
- E) Harsh Jain

**Answer**

**B) Rajeev Krishnamuralilal Agarwal**





# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Rajeev Krishnamuralilal Agarwal to the Paytm board; Resignation of Neeraj Arora
- **Location:** Paytm, India



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Enhance corporate governance and board oversight
- **Objectives:** Fill the position of non-executive independent director; Continue strategic board functions



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Non-Executive Independent Director:** A board member who does not engage in the daily management of the company and is independent of the company's management and shareholders
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):** The regulator for the securities market in India
- **Initial Public Offering (IPO):** The first time that the stock of a private company is offered to the public
- **Nomination and Remuneration Committee:** A board committee responsible for recommending appointments and remuneration of directors and senior management
- **Hallo App:** A social networking platform co-founded by Neeraj Arora
- **Venture Highway:** A venture capital firm co-founded by Neeraj Arora



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **Paytm:**
  - **Founded Year:** 2010
  - **CEO:** Vijay Shekhar Sharma
  - **Headquarters:** Noida, India
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):**
  - **Founded Year:** 1988
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
  - **Chairman:** Ajay Tyagi



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Appointment	Rajeev Krishnamuralilal Agarwal
Position	Non-Executive Independent Director
Reason for Appointment	Neeraj Arora resigned citing personal commitments
Effective Date	June 17, 2024
Arora's Contributions	Key in negotiating WhatsApp-Facebook merger; co-founder of Hallo App and Venture Highway
Agarwal's Background	Former SEBI whole time member; supervised important equity and market policies
Zomato and Paytm Discussions	Potential acquisition of Paytm's movies and event ticketing business
Potential Deal Value	Rs 1,600-2,000 crore
Zomato's Previous Acquisitions	Uber Eats in 2020; Blinkit (Grofers) in 2021



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has assumed charge as Chairman of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) for the third consecutive term?

- A) Rajnath Singh
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Nirmala Sitharaman
- D) Dr. Jitendra Singh
- E) Piyush Goyal

**Answer**

**D) Dr. Jitendra Singh**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Dr. Jitendra Singh assumes charge as Chairman of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) for the third consecutive term
- **Location:** IIPA campus, New Delhi



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Enhance public administration and policy through improved learning facilities
- **Objectives:** Establish new smart conference halls; Motivate Indian Statistical Services probationers; Integrate next-generation technologies in statistics





# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA):** An academic institution focused on public administration and policy
- **Amrit Kaal:** A visionary period aimed at making India a developed nation by 2047
- **Deep Ocean Mission:** An initiative to explore and utilize ocean and marine resources
- **Indian Statistical Services:** A civil service responsible for providing statistical data and analysis to aid in policy and decision-making



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **Dr. Jitendra Singh:**
  - **Positions:** Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, and MoS Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
  - **Role:** Chairman of IIPA for the third consecutive term



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Appointment	Dr. Jitendra Singh as Chairman of IIPA
Term	Third consecutive term
Location	IIPA campus, New Delhi
New Initiatives	Inauguration of two 'Smart Conference Halls'
Mandates	Enhance digital and immersive learning
Focus Areas	Public administration, policy, statistics, geo-spatial technology, Deep Ocean Mission
Technologies	Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning
Goals	Improve statistical services, prepare for Amrit Kaal, optimal resource utilization
Audience	Probationers of Indian Statistical Services

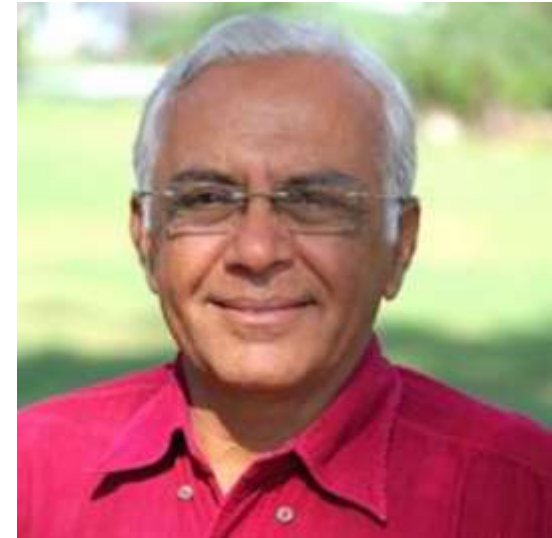


# AWARDS



➤ Who became the first Indian to be honoured with the 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award'?

- A) Satyajit Ray
- B) Rajkumar Hirani
- C) Vinod Ganatra
- D) Adoor Gopalakrishnan
- E) Shyam Benegal



**Answer**  
**C) Vinod Ganatra**



# AWARDS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Vinod Ganatra receiving the 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award'
- **Location:** 7<sup>th</sup> Nelson Mandela Children's Film Festival, South Africa



# AWARDS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Recognize significant contributions to cinema, especially films for children
- **Objectives:** Celebrate Ganatra's impact on children's films and his extensive contributions to the film industry



# AWARDS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award:** A prestigious award recognizing individuals for their outstanding contributions to their field, inspired by Nelson Mandela's legacy
- **Janakinath Gaur Award:** An award from Doordarshan for exceptional children's programming
- **Liv Ullmann Peace Prize:** An international award recognizing filmmakers promoting peace, awarded to Ganatra for his Gujarati film, 'Harun-Arun'



# AWARDS



## Static GK Information:

- **Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award:**  
Prestigious South African award
- **Vinod Ganatra:** Indian filmmaker, first Indian recipient of this award, known for contributions to children's cinema





# AWARDS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Award	Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award
Recipient	Vinod Ganatra
Event	7 <sup>th</sup> Nelson Mandela Children's Film Festival
Location	South Africa
Significance	First Indian to receive this prestigious award
Major Contributions	36 national and international awards, including Janakinath Gaur Award and Liv Ullmann Peace Prize
Professional Background	Edited and directed over 400 documentaries and newsreels, produced 25 multilingual TV programmes
Jury Participation	Served on the jury of over 100 film festivals globally



# AWARDS

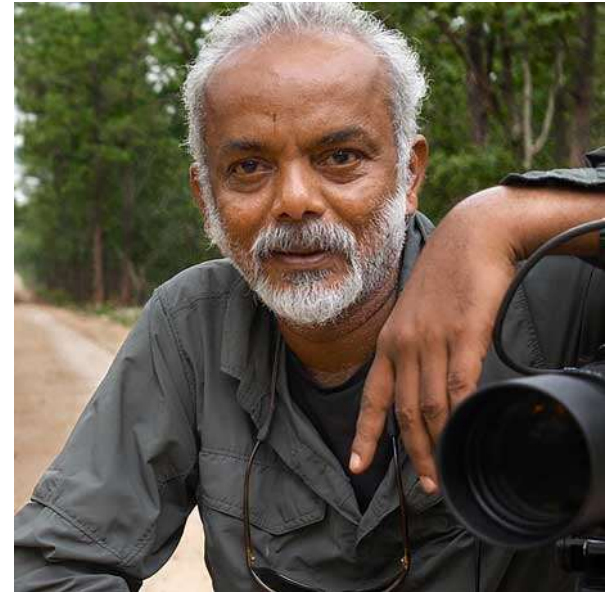


➤ Who created the 'Tiger Anthem' and received the V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award?

- A) Satyajit Ray
- B) Rajkumar Hirani
- C) Subbaiah Nalla Muthu
- D) Adoor Gopalakrishnan
- E) Shyam Benegal

**Answer**

**C) Subbaiah Nalla Muthu**



# AWARDS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Presentation of the V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award
- **Location:** Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF)



# AWARDS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Recognize outstanding contributions to non-feature and wildlife documentary filmmaking
- **Objectives:** Highlight the impact of Subbaiah Nalla Muthu's work on tiger conservation and wildlife awareness



# AWARDS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award:** An accolade for individuals with decades of impactful filmmaking in non-feature, health, science, and natural history
- **Project Tiger:** An Indian wildlife conservation initiative aimed at protecting tigers



# AWARDS



## Static GK Information:

- **V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award:** Prestigious award given at Mumbai International Film Festival
- **Subbaiah Nalla Muthu:** Award-winning wildlife filmmaker, known for his work on Indian tigers



# AWARDS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Award	V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award
Recipient	Subbaiah Nalla Muthu
Event	Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF)
Location	Mumbai
Significance	Recognizes Muthu's contribution to wildlife and non-feature filmmaking
Film	'Tiger Anthem'
Associated With	The Times of India (TOI)
Major Achievements	Over 100 million views worldwide, praised by PM Narendra Modi, showcased at the G20 summit
Professional Background	Leading natural history filmmaker, dedicated 16 years to Indian tigers
Key Contributions	Creating impactful films on tiger conservation and raising global awareness



➤ **What new technology did Delhi Airport introduce, making it the first in India and second globally after Toronto?**

- A) Automated ticket dispensers
- B) Self-Service Bag Drop (SSBD) Quick Drop Solution
- C) Robotic customer service agents
- D) Automated parking systems
- E) Facial recognition boarding gates



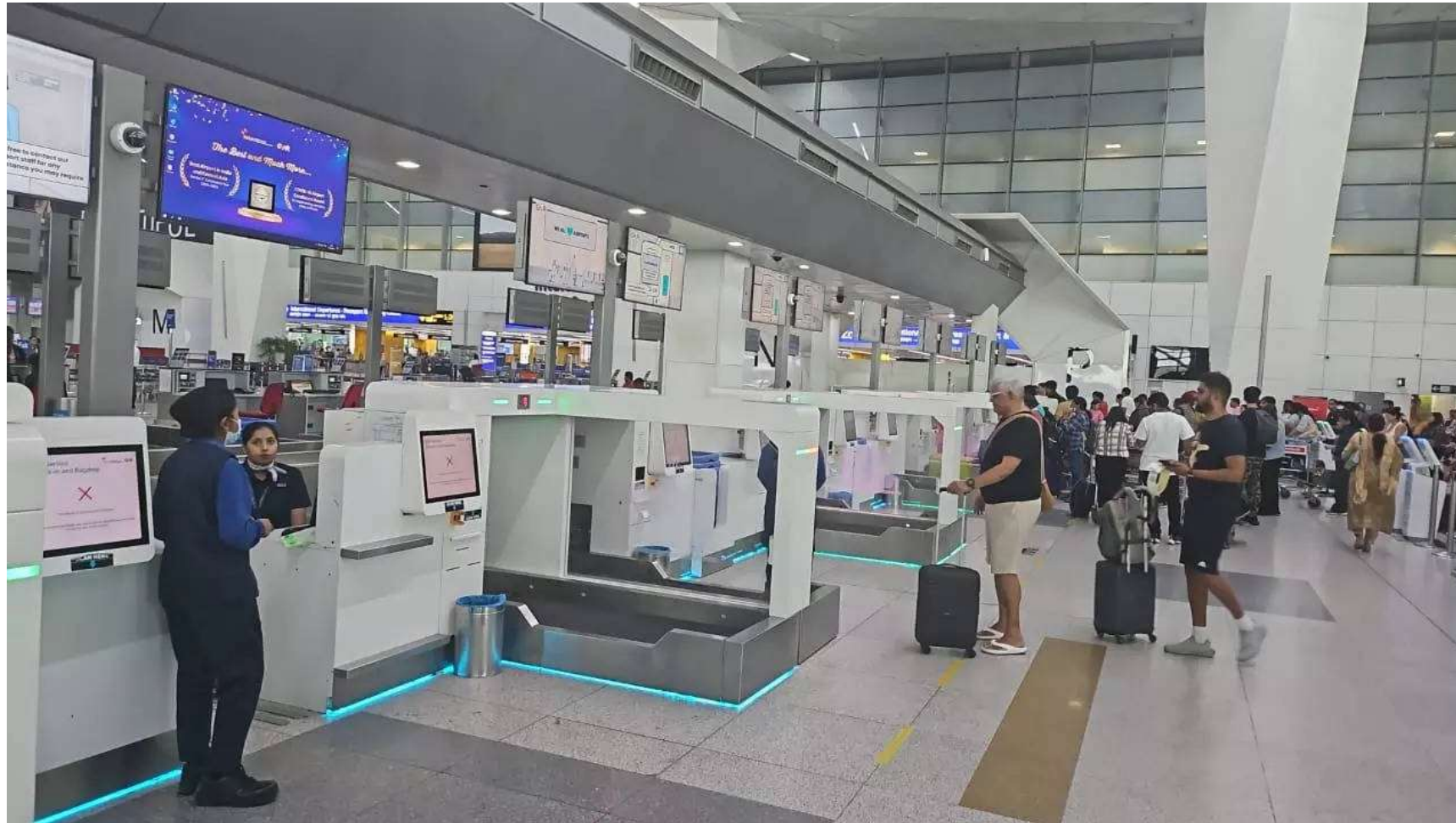
**Answer**

**B) Self-Service Bag Drop (SSBD) Quick Drop Solution**





# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Self-Service Bag Drop (SSBD) Quick Drop Solution
- **Location:** Delhi Airport (Indira Gandhi International Airport), India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Enhance check-in efficiency; Reduce wait times; Improve overall passenger experience
- **Objectives:** Enable quick luggage drop without boarding passes or biometric validation; Streamline check-in process



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Self-Service Bag Drop (SSBD) Quick Drop Solution:**
  - A system allowing passengers to drop luggage, collect tags, and complete check-in quickly
  - Reduces check-in time from one minute to 30 seconds
- **Common Use Self Service (CUSS) Kiosks:**
  - Kiosks where passengers can print boarding passes and baggage tags



## Static GK Information:

- **Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL):**
  - Operator of Delhi Airport
- **Indira Gandhi International Airport:**
  - **Location:** Delhi, India
  - First in India to implement SSBD Quick Drop Solution



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## Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Technology	Self-Service Bag Drop (SSBD) Quick Drop Solution
First in India	Delhi Airport (Indira Gandhi International Airport)
Second Globally	After Toronto Airport
Operator	Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL)
Units	50 SSBD units across Terminal 1 and Terminal 3
Check-in Time	Reduced from one minute to 30 seconds
Partner Airlines	Air India, IndiGo, Air India Express
Features	No boarding passes or biometric validation needed; dangerous goods self-declaration form
Impact	Streamlined check-in process, reduced wait times, enhanced passenger experience



➤ **What was the main focus of the roundtable hosted by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in collaboration with the Australian Government?**

- A) Promoting renewable energy in India
- B) Discussing the Australia-India Critical Agriculture Skills Pilot Project
- C) Enhancing urban infrastructure development
- D) Improving healthcare facilities in rural areas
- E) Developing the tourism sector in India



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AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**Answer**

**B) Discussing the Australia-India Critical Agriculture Skills Pilot Project**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Roundtable discussion on the Australia-India Critical Agriculture Skills Pilot Project
- **Location:** PIB Delhi





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## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Collaboration between MSDE and the Australian Government
- **Objectives:** Discuss learnings from the pilot project, scale up the initiative, and replicate the model in other sectors



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Australia-India Critical Agriculture Skills Pilot Project:** A project aimed at identifying and developing critical emerging job roles in the agriculture sector
- **National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET):** An organization that approves qualification standards in India
- **Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI):** An organization responsible for aligning qualification standards for agricultural job roles
- **Skills Impact:** An Australian equivalent industry body collaborating with ASCI



## Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE):**
  - **Founded Year:** 2014
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Secretary:** Atul Kumar Tiwari
- **Australian High Commission in India:**
  - **Minister Counsellor, Education and Research:** Mathew Johnston



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## Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	Roundtable discussion on Australia-India Critical Agriculture Skills Pilot Project
Date	June 19, 2024
Location	PIB Delhi
Main Participants	MSDE, Australian Government, NCVET, NSDC, ICAR, MoE, ASCI
Focus	Learnings from the pilot project, scaling up the initiative, replicating the model in other sectors
Key Roles Identified	Digital Agriculture Extension Promoter, Carbon Farming Practitioner, Livestock Green Management Promoter, Organic Farm & Business Promoter, Integrated Farming Practitioner
Pilot Projects	Implemented in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana
Collaboration	Involves organizations like ICAR, Mahindra & Mahindra, ACAH, CSA, Ironwood Institute, NSFII, Aventia Institute, Aga Khan Rural Support Programme, Carbon Friendly
Sustainable Goals Alignment	Climate action, reduced inequalities, quality education, industry innovation & infrastructure



➤ **What significant infrastructure project has the Union Cabinet approved to be developed in Vadhavan, Maharashtra?**

- A) A new international airport
- B) A solar power plant
- C) An all-weather Greenfield deepdraft Major Port
- D) A high-speed rail corridor
- E) A new national highway



**Answer**

**C) An all-weather Greenfield deepdraft Major Port**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of the development of an all-weather Greenfield deepdraft Major Port
- **Location:** Vadhavan, near Dahanu, Palghar District, Maharashtra



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Develop a major port with advanced infrastructure and connectivity
- **Objectives:** Enhance trade capacity, support EXIM trade flow, create employment opportunities, promote economic activity



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Greenfield Port:** A new port developed on unused land from scratch
- **Deepdraft Port:** A port that can accommodate large ships with deep drafts
- **Public-Private Partnerships (PPP):** A collaborative investment model between the public sector and private companies
- **TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent):** A measure used for capacity in container transportation





## Static GK Information:

- **Union Cabinet:**
  - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
  - **Approval Date:** June 19, 2024
- **Vadhavan Port Project Limited (VPPL):**
  - **Shareholders:** Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) 74%, Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB) 26%



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Project	Development of an all-weather Greenfield deepdraft Major Port
Location	Vadhavan, near Dahanu, Palghar District, Maharashtra
Total Project Cost	Rs. 76,220 Crore
Project Entity	Vadhavan Port Project Limited (VPPL)
Shareholding	JNPA (74%), MMB (26%)
Infrastructure	9 container terminals, 4 multipurpose berths, 4 liquid cargo berths, Ro-Ro berth, Coast Guard berth
Capacity	298 million metric tons per annum, 23.2 million TEUs of container handling capacity
Connectivity	Road connectivity by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways; Rail linkage by Ministry of Railways
Employment Opportunities	Potential for direct and indirect employment for around 12 lakh individuals
Global Trade Impact	Supports EXIM trade through IMEEC and INSTC corridors



➤ **What is the main purpose of the MoU signed between CERT-In and Mastercard India?**

- A) To promote renewable energy
- B) To enhance cybersecurity in India's financial sector
- C) To develop new financial products
- D) To expand Mastercard's market presence
- E) To improve India's physical infrastructure



**Answer**

**B) To enhance cybersecurity in India's financial sector**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between CERT-In and Mastercard India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Strengthen cybersecurity in India's financial sector
- **Objectives:**
  - Enhance cybersecurity incident response
  - Build capacity in cybersecurity
  - Share cyber threat intelligence
  - Conduct advanced malware analysis



## Important Terms Explained:

- **CERT-In (Indian Computer Emergency Response Team):**
  - A government organization under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, India
  - National agency for incident response under Section 70B of the Information Technology Act, 2000
  - Provides 24x7 incident response services
- **Mastercard:**
  - A global technology company in the payments industry
  - Mission to connect and power an inclusive, digital economy



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Cyber Threat Intelligence:**
  - Information about threats to an organization's cybersecurity
  - Used to enhance protection measures and respond to incidents
- **Advanced Malware Analysis:**
  - The process of examining and understanding malware to prevent and respond to cybersecurity threats



## Static GK Information:

- **CERT-In:**
  - **Founded Year:** 2004
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Function:** National agency for incident response and cybersecurity management
- **Mastercard:**
  - **Founded Year:** 1966
  - **Headquarters:** Purchase, New York, USA
  - **CEO:** Michael Miebach





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## Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Partnership	CERT-In and Mastercard India
MoU Purpose	Enhance cybersecurity in India's financial sector
Objectives	Strengthen incident response, capacity building, cyber threat intelligence sharing, advanced malware analysis
Training and Workshops	For cyber capacity building, market trends, and best practices
CERT-In's Role	National agency for incident response under IT Act, 2000; Provides 24x7 incident response services
Mastercard's Role	Provide cybersecurity solutions using AI technology; Collaborate with CERT-In to fortify India's financial digital ecosystem
Key Quotes	Minister of State Jitin Prasada emphasizes cybersecurity; Mastercard's Gautam Aggarwal highlights security approach



➤ **What is the main objective of the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme approved by the Union Cabinet?**

- A) To develop new nuclear power plants
- B) To enhance road infrastructure in rural areas
- C) To set up India's first offshore wind energy projects
- D) To promote electric vehicle adoption
- E) To improve the national railway network



**Answer**

**C) To set up India's first offshore wind energy projects**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme for offshore wind energy projects
- **Location:** India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Support the installation and commissioning of offshore wind energy projects
- **Objectives:**
  - Develop 1 GW of offshore wind energy projects (500 MW each off the coast of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu)
  - Upgrade two ports to support logistics for offshore wind energy projects
  - Reduce the cost of power from offshore wind projects
  - Make projects viable for purchase by DISCOMs



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Viability Gap Funding (VGF):** Financial support from the government to make projects viable
- **Offshore Wind Energy:** Renewable energy generated from wind turbines located in the ocean
- **DISCOMs (Distribution Companies):** Companies responsible for distributing electricity to consumers
- **Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL):** A state-owned electric utility company responsible for constructing power evacuation infrastructure
- **Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ):** A sea zone prescribed by the United Nations over which a state has special rights regarding the exploration and use of marine resources



## Static GK Information:

- **Union Cabinet:**
  - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
  - **Approval Date:** June 19, 2024
- **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy:**
  - Nodal Ministry for coordinating the VGF scheme
- **Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (PGCIL):**
  - **Founded Year:** 1989
  - **Headquarters:** Gurugram, India
  - **CEO:** K. Sreekant



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Scheme	Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme for offshore wind energy projects
Total Outlay	Rs. 7453 crore
Project Capacity	1 GW of offshore wind energy (500 MW each off the coast of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu)
Port Upgradation	Rs. 600 crore for upgrading two ports to meet logistics requirements
Implementation	Private developers through a transparent bidding process; PGCIL to construct power evacuation infrastructure
Advantages	Higher adequacy & reliability, lower storage requirement, higher employment potential
Environmental Impact	Annual reduction of 2.98 million tons of CO2 equivalent emissions
Economic Impact	Attract investments, develop indigenous manufacturing, create employment, and technology development
Long-Term Goal	Support development of initial 37 GW of offshore wind energy at an investment of about Rs. 4,50,000 crore



# QUICK RECALL



- **KHRG condemns conflict-related sexual violence in Southeast Burma and urges decisive international action.**
- **Indian National Ultimate Frisbee team wins historic silver, reaching finals for the first time at AOBUC 2024.**
- **Nvidia surpasses Microsoft and Apple to become the world's most valuable company with a market cap of \$3.34 trillion.**
- **IPPB and Ria partner to bring secure, efficient international money transfer services to rural India, enhancing financial inclusion.**
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- **Zurich Insurance acquires a 70% stake in Kotak General Insurance for ₹5,560 crore, marking its entry into India's growing insurance market.**
- **CCI approves the acquisition of certain share capital of WeWork India by Real Trustee Advisory Company Private Limited.**





# QUICK RECALL



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- **MSDE and Australia collaborate on agriculture skills pilot project, identifying key emerging job roles for modernization.**



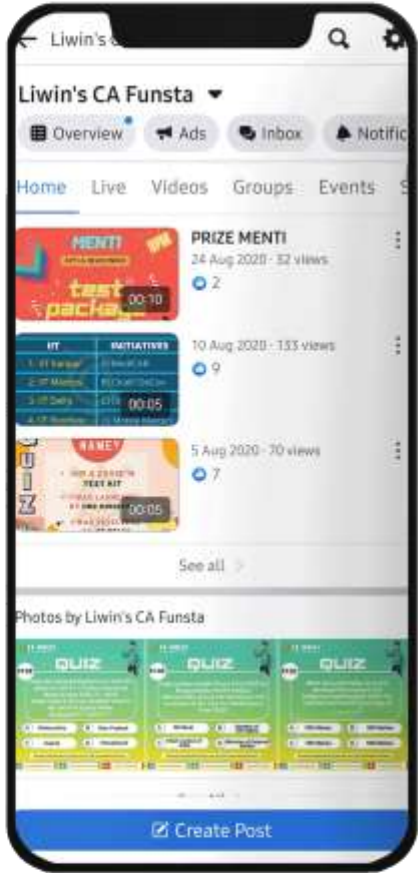
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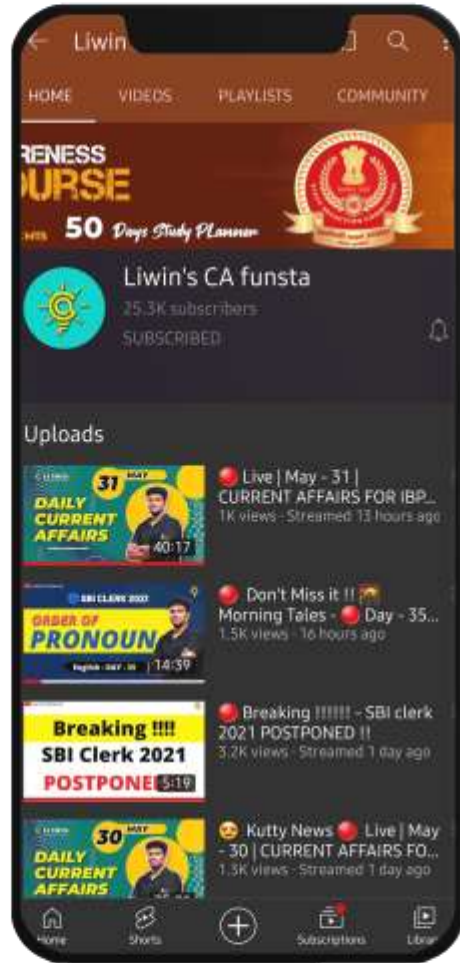
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- **CERT-In and Mastercard India partner to enhance cybersecurity in India's financial sector through comprehensive collaboration and capacity building.**
- **Union Cabinet approves the development of Vadhavan's all-weather Greenfield deepdraft Major Port to enhance trade and create jobs.**
- **Union Cabinet approves VGF scheme to set up India's first offshore wind energy projects, enhancing renewable energy capacity and economic growth.**



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