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Important Days



➤ **What is the main significance of the Kataragama Esala festival celebrated in Sri Lanka?**

- A) Celebrating the harvest season
- B) Honoring the independence of Sri Lanka
- C) Bridging religious and cultural bonds between India and Sri Lanka
- D) Commemorating the end of a war
- E) Celebrating the Buddhist New Year



Answer

C) Bridging religious and cultural bonds between India and Sri Lanka



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Kataragama Esala Festival
- **Location:** Kataragama, Sri Lanka
 - Devotees travel from various locations, including Jaffna in the northern peninsula.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** The festival aims to celebrate and honor the Hindu God of War, Skanda, who is also revered by Buddhists and Muslims.
- **Journey:** Devotees undertake a challenging pilgrimage known as Pada Yatra, walking over 500 kilometers.
- **Celebration:** The festival is a multi-faith event that includes various rituals and ceremonies.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Kataragama Esala Festival:** An annual festival celebrated in Kataragama, Sri Lanka, known for its cross-faith significance and extensive pilgrimage.
- **Pada Yatra:** A traditional foot pilgrimage undertaken by devotees, covering long distances and difficult terrains.
- **Skanda (Kataragama Deviyo):** The Hindu God of War with multiple heads and arms, also worshipped by Buddhists and associated with the Muslim figure Hazrat Khizr.
- **Perahara:** A grand procession featuring various religious and cultural displays, including the fire-walking event.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **Sri Lanka**
 - **Capital:** Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (administrative), Colombo (commercial)
 - **Currency:** Sri Lankan Rupee (LKR)
 - **Prime Minister:** Dinesh Gunawardena



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Kataragama Esala Festival
Location	Kataragama, Sri Lanka
Start of Perahara	6 th July
Fire Walk Event	Thursday before the end of the festival
End Date	21 st July
Significance	Bridging religious and cultural bonds between India and Sri Lanka, honoring the Hindu God of War, Skanda, revered by multiple faiths.



OBITUARY



➤ **Who was the first Vice-Chancellor of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)?**

- A) Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
- B) Dr. M. G. K. Menon
- C) Dr. C. N. R. Rao
- D) Professor M. S. Valiathan
- E) Dr. R. Chidambaram

Answer

D) Professor M. S. Valiathan



OBITUARY



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Passing away of Professor M. S. Valiathan
- **Location:** Manipal, India



OBITUARY



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Announcement of the passing of Professor M. S. Valiathan.
- **Key Achievements:**
 - **First Vice-Chancellor of MAHE:** Played a significant role in the establishment and growth of the institution.
 - **Instrumental Contribution:** Founding the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology.



OBITUARY



Personal Background

- **Name:** Professor Marthanda Varma Sankaran Valiathan
- **Age:** 90
- **Family:** Survived by his wife, a son, and a daughter.



OBITUARY



Operational Focus

- **Professional Achievements:**
 - **Cardiac Surgery:** Distinguished cardiac surgeon with significant contributions to medical science and education.
 - **Leadership:** Led MAHE as its first Vice-Chancellor, contributing to its development into a prominent educational institution.



OBITUARY



Important Terms Explained:

- **MAHE (Manipal Academy of Higher Education):** A prestigious educational institution in India known for its diverse programs and emphasis on research and innovation.
- **Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology:** An institute in Kerala known for its advanced research and development in medical sciences and technology.



OBITUARY



Static GK Information:

- **Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)**
 - **Founded:** 1953
 - **Location:** Manipal, Karnataka, India
 - **Current Vice-Chancellor:** Dr. Lt. Gen. (Dr.) M. D. Venkatesh
- **Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology**
 - **Founded:** 1973
 - **Location:** Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India
 - **Current Director:** Dr. Asha Kishore



OBITUARY



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Passing away of Professor M. S. Valiathan
Location	Manipal, India
Date and Time	July 17, 2024, at 9.14 pm
Age at Passing	90 years
Key Roles	First Vice-Chancellor of MAHE, Founder of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute
Professional Background	Distinguished cardiac surgeon
Survived By	Wife, son, and daughter



➤ **What is the primary objective of LTIMindtree's contract extension with Absa Bank?**

- A) Increasing marketing budget
- B) Enhancing Absa Bank's digital infrastructure
- C) Reducing the workforce
- D) Expanding physical branches
- E) Increasing interest rates



Answer

B) Enhancing Absa Bank's digital infrastructure



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Announcement of contract extension between LTIMindtree and Absa Bank
- **Location:** LTIMindtree (Global), Absa Bank (Africa)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To bolster Absa Bank's digital infrastructure and support its technology transformation journey.
- **Key Services Provided:**
 - Digital Transformation
 - Applied AI
 - Cloud Acceleration
 - Data-Driven Decision Making
 - Core Banking Modernization



Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Transformation:** The integration of digital technology into all areas of a business, fundamentally changing how it operates and delivers value to customers.
- **Applied AI:** Practical application of artificial intelligence technologies to solve real-world problems.
- **Cloud Acceleration:** Enhancing the adoption and utilization of cloud computing services.
- **Core Banking Modernization:** Upgrading and improving the core banking systems that are essential for daily banking operations.



Static GK Information:

- **LTIMindtree**
 - **Headquarters:** Bangalore, India
 - **Founded:** 1996
 - **CEO:** Debashis Chatterjee
- **Absa Group Limited**
 - **Headquarters:** Johannesburg, South Africa
 - **Founded:** 1991
 - **CEO:** Arrie Rautenbach



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Contract extension between LTIMindtree and Absa Bank
Primary Objective	Enhancing Absa Bank's digital infrastructure
Services Provided	Digital Transformation, Applied AI, Cloud Acceleration, Data-Driven Decision Making, Core Banking Modernization
Partnership Duration	17 years
Cost Savings	Reduced total cost of ownership by 46% over the last five years
Key Executives	Johnson Idesoh (Absa), Sudhir Chaturvedi (LTIMindtree)
Financial Impact	Multi-million-dollar contract
Operational Impact	Provided stable and robust services to customers in Africa



➤ What is the primary focus of Brio Agri's newly launched fintech investment platform?

- A) Real estate investments
- B) Sustainable agriculture
- C) Renewable energy
- D) Technology startups
- E) Health and wellness

Answer

B) Sustainable agriculture



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Brio Agri's fintech investment platform
- **Location:** Mangaluru
 - **Date:** July 18, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To facilitate retail investor participation in funding sustainable agriculture.
- **Key Features:**
 - **Investment Opportunities:** Focuses on hydroponics and other sustainable agriculture practices.
 - **Platform Goals:** Enable retail investors to contribute to and benefit from investments in sustainable agricultural ventures.



Operational Focus

- **Sustainable Agriculture:**
 - **Hydroponics:** Cultivating plants without soil using nutrient-rich solutions.
 - **Retail Participation:** Broadening access to investment opportunities in agriculture through a fintech platform.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Hydroponics:** A method of growing plants in nutrient solutions rather than soil. It is often used in controlled environments to optimize growth conditions.
- **Fintech Investment Platform:** An online platform designed to connect investors with investment opportunities, particularly in niche sectors such as agriculture.



Static GK Information:

- **Brio Agri**
 - **Type:** Agritech Company
 - **Focus:** Hydroponics and sustainable agriculture
 - **Services:** Investment platform for retail investors
- **Hydroponics**
 - **Definition:** Growing plants in a water-based, nutrient-rich solution instead of soil.
 - **Benefits:** Faster plant growth, more efficient use of water and nutrients, and better control over growing conditions.



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Launch of Brio Agri's fintech investment platform
Location	Mangaluru
Date	July 18, 2024
Platform Focus	Sustainable agriculture through hydroponics and other methods
Target Audience	Retail investors
Key Features	Facilitates investment in sustainable agriculture practices
Company Name	Brio Agri



➤ **What GDP growth rate does FICCI forecast for India in 2024-25?**

- A) 6.0%
- B) 6.5%
- C) 7.0%
- D) 7.5%
- E) 8.0%

Answer
C) 7.0%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** FICCI's Economic Outlook Survey projections for India's GDP growth
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To provide an economic forecast for the fiscal year 2024-25.
- **Key Findings:**
 - **GDP Growth:** Projected at 7.0%, with estimates ranging from 6.6% to 7.5%.
- **Sectoral Growth:**
 - **Agriculture and Allied Activities:** Expected to grow by 3.7%.
 - **Industry Sector:** Projected growth of 6.7%.
 - **Services Sector:** Expected growth of 7.4%.
- **Inflation:**
 - **CPI-based Inflation:** Median forecast at 4.5%.
 - **Policy Repo Rate:** Expected to moderate to 6.0% by the end of the fiscal year.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Trade:**
 - **Exports:** Forecasted at USD 455.0 billion.
 - **Imports:** Forecasted at USD 725.0 billion.
- **Current Account Deficit (CAD):** Projected at 1.0% of GDP.
- **USD/INR Exchange Rate:** Expected to be 83.5 by the end of the fiscal year.



Operational Focus

- **Focus Areas in Budget:**
 - Fiscal management and expenditure
 - Taxation reforms
 - Employment generation and skill development
 - Agriculture, manufacturing, housing, MSMEs
 - Education and healthcare
 - Sustainability and innovation
- **Economic Drivers:**
 - Stable kharif production
 - Strong investments in government and private sectors
 - Recovery in agricultural production
 - Easing inflation levels



Important Terms Explained:

- **GDP (Gross Domestic Product):** A measure of the economic performance of a country.
- **CPI-based Inflation:** Consumer Price Index-based inflation, indicating changes in the price level of a basket of consumer goods and services.
- **Policy Repo Rate:** The interest rate at which the central bank (RBI) lends money to commercial banks.
- **Current Account Deficit (CAD):** A measure of a country's trade where the value of the goods and services it imports exceeds the value of the products it exports.
- **Kharif Production:** Agricultural crops sown in the rainy season (June to September) in India.



Static GK Information:

- **FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry)**
 - **Founded:** 1927
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **President:** Subhrakant Panda



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	FICCI's Economic Outlook Survey 2024-25
GDP Growth Forecast	7.0%
Agriculture Growth	3.7%
Industry Growth	6.7%
Services Growth	7.4%
CPI-based Inflation	4.5%
Policy Repo Rate	6.0%
Exports Forecast	USD 455.0 billion
Imports Forecast	USD 725.0 billion
Current Account Deficit	1.0% of GDP
USD/INR Exchange Rate	83.5
Key Focus Areas in Budget	Fiscal management, taxation reforms, employment generation, agriculture, manufacturing, MSMEs, education, healthcare, sustainability, innovation



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been named the next chief executive of HSBC?**

- A) Noel Quinn
- B) John Flint
- C) Sir Mark Tucker
- D) Georges Elhedery
- E) Georges Elhedery as CFO

Answer

D) Georges Elhedery



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of new CEO at HSBC
- **Location:** London, UK
 - Georges Elhedery to assume the role on 2 September.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Transition of leadership to sharpen focus on Asia.
- **New CEO:** Georges Elhedery
 - **Current role:** Finance Chief (CFO) of HSBC.
 - Joined HSBC in 2005 and held various roles, including co-head of trading and investment banking advisory operations.
- **Outgoing CEO: Noel Quinn**
 - Announced retirement in April.
 - **Tenure:** CEO on an interim basis in 2019 and permanent since March 2020.
 - **Key achievements:** Oversaw sales of global businesses, steered HSBC through the pandemic, and fought off a major shareholder's pressure to break up the bank.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Chief Executive Officer (CEO):** The highest-ranking executive in a company, responsible for major corporate decisions and overall operations.
- **Finance Chief (CFO):** Senior executive responsible for managing the financial actions of a company.
- **Pre-tax Profit:** A company's earnings before tax is applied.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **HSBC**
 - **Headquarters:** London, United Kingdom
 - **Founded:** 1865
 - **Chairman:** Sir Mark Tucker
 - **Outgoing CEO:** Noel Quinn
 - **New CEO:** Georges Elhedery



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Appointment of new CEO at HSBC
Location	London, UK
New CEO	Georges Elhedery
Current Role of New CEO	Finance Chief (CFO)
Date of New Role Commencement	2 September
Outgoing CEO	Noel Quinn
Challenges Faced	US-China tensions, pressure to break up Asia assets
Achievements Under Quinn	Managed global business sales, steered through the pandemic
Strategic Focus	Increasing focus on faster-growing Asian markets
Financial Performance (Q1 2024)	Pre-tax profit of \$12.7 billion



AWARDS



➤ Which ship was awarded the Best Ship of the Eastern Fleet for 2024?

- A) INS Shivalik
- B) INS Kavaratti
- C) INS Sumedha
- D) INS Delhi
- E) INS Sumitra

Answer

D) INS Delhi



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Fleet Awards Function 2024
- **Location:** Visakhapatnam, India
 - **Date:** July 14, 2024



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To honor the exceptional operational achievements of the Eastern Fleet over the past year.
- **Awards and Recognition:**
 - **INS Delhi:** Best Ship of the Eastern Fleet
 - **INS Kavaratti:** Best Ship among Corvettes, OPVs, and LSTs
 - **Commended Ships:** INS Shivalik, INS Sumedha, and INS Sumitra for their spirited contributions.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Guided-Missile Frigate:** A warship equipped with guided missiles and designed for quick maneuverability and high-performance missions.
- **OPVs (Offshore Patrol Vessels):** Ships designed for patrolling and monitoring coastal areas.
- **LSTs (Landing Ship Tanks):** Naval vessels designed to transport large quantities of vehicles, cargo, and troops directly onto shore.



Static GK Information:

- **The Indian Navy**
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
 - **Founded:** 1 April 1895
 - **Commander-in-Chief:** President Droupadi Murmu
 - **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS):** General Anil Chauhan
 - **Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS):** Admiral R. Hari Kumar
 - **Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS):** Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Fleet Awards Function 2024
Location	Visakhapatnam, India
Date	July 14, 2024
Best Ship of the Eastern Fleet	INS Delhi
Other Recognized Ships	INS Kavaratti (Best among Corvettes, OPVs, LSTs), INS Shivalik, INS Sumedha, INS Sumitra
Chief Guest	Vice-Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar
Flag Officer Commanding	Rear Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar
Significance	Honoring operational achievements and fostering camaraderie within the Eastern Fleet



AWARDS



➤ **Who is the first Indian recipient of the COSPAR Harrie Massey Award?**

- A) C. V. Raman
- B) Vikram Sarabhai
- C) A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
- D) Prahlad Chandra Agrawal
- E) Homi J. Bhabha

Answer

D) Prahlad Chandra Agrawal



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Prahlad Chandra Agrawal honored with COSPAR Harrie Massey Award 2024
- **Location:** 45th COSPAR Scientific Assembly, Busan, South Korea
 - **Date:** July 15, 2024



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Recognizing outstanding contributions to space research with a leadership role.
- **Key Achievements:**
 - **AstroSat Project:**
 - Principal Investigator for India's first dedicated multi-wavelength space telescope.
 - Launched on September 28, 2015.
 - Resulted in significant discoveries, including findings about the black hole binary source Swift J1727.8-1623.
 - Observations cited in over 500 research papers and contributed to more than 30 PhD theses.
- **Recognition:** Naming of a Minor Planet (20064 Prahladagrawal) after him.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **COSPAR (Committee on Space Research):** An international scientific organization concerned with the promotion of scientific research in space.
- **AstroSat:** India's first dedicated multi-wavelength space telescope aimed at studying celestial sources in different wavelengths.
- **Minor Planet (20064 Prahladagrawal):** A celestial body named in honor of Prahlad Chandra Agrawal.



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

- **COSPAR**
 - **Full Form:** Committee on Space Research
 - **Founded:** 1958
 - **Purpose:** Promote international cooperation in the field of space research.
- **AstroSat**
 - **Launched:** September 28, 2015
 - **Mission:** Multi-wavelength space telescope for astrophysics research
- **ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation)**
 - **Founded:** 1969
 - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka, India
 - **Chairman:** S. Somanath



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	COSPAR Harrie Massey Award 2024
Recipient	Prahlad Chandra Agrawal
Location	45th COSPAR Scientific Assembly, Busan, South Korea
Date	July 15, 2024
Award Significance	Recognizes outstanding contributions to space research
Key Contributions	Principal Investigator of AstroSat, significant black hole discovery, over 500 research papers, 30+ PhD theses
Minor Planet Named	20064 Prahladagrawal
Professional Background	Former Senior Professor at TIFR, member of ISRO's Lunar Task Force for Chandrayaan 1



➤ **What is one of the key themes emphasized during Jaishankar's visit to Mauritius?**

- A) Increasing tourism between India and Mauritius
- B) Strengthening the India-Mauritius partnership
- C) Promoting Indian culture exclusively
- D) Establishing new trade routes
- E) Reducing bilateral trade



Answer

B) Strengthening the India-Mauritius partnership



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Official visit of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to Mauritius
- **Location:** Mauritius
 - He was received at the airport by Maneesh Gobin, Mauritius' Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To underscore the importance of the India-Mauritius relationship.
 - Reflection of India's 'Neighbourhood First Policy', Vision SAGAR, and commitment to the Global South.
- **Meetings and Discussions:**
 - Jaishankar and Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth discussed:
 - Development Partnership
 - Defence and Maritime Cooperation
 - Economic and Trade Ties
 - People-to-people Linkages



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Commitments:**
 - India's unwavering support to Mauritius's progress and prosperity.
 - Strengthening the partnership crucial for the Indian Ocean region's future.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Neighbourhood First Policy:** India's foreign policy that prioritizes relations with its neighboring countries.
- **Vision SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region):** India's strategic vision for the Indian Ocean region.
- **Global South:** A term often used to describe regions of Latin America, Asia, Africa, and Oceania.



Static GK Information:

- **Mauritius**
 - **Capital:** Port Louis
 - **Currency:** Mauritian Rupee (MUR)
 - **Prime Minister:** Pravind Jugnauth



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Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Official visit of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to Mauritius
Location	Mauritius
Prime Minister of Mauritius	Pravind Jugnauth
Discussion Topics	Development Partnership, Defence and Maritime Cooperation, Economic and Trade Ties, People-to-people Linkages
Inaugurated Projects	12 High Impact Community Development Projects funded by India
MoUs Exchanged	Education, Culture, Digitisation of Immigration Archives, Project Plan Documents between ISRO and MRIC
Royalty Payment Cheque	MUR 1.3 million for Mauritian nautical charts
Significance	Reflection of India's 'Neighbourhood First Policy', Vision SAGAR, and commitment to the Global South



➤ **What is the primary benefit provided under the 'Ladla Bhai Yojana' for youths in Maharashtra?**

- A) Free education
- B) Monthly stipend during on-job training
- C) Free healthcare services
- D) Housing subsidies
- E) Transportation allowances



Answer

B) Monthly stipend during on-job training



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Announcement of the 'Ladla Bhai Yojana' by Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde
- **Location:** Maharashtra, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To provide financial support and apprenticeship opportunities for young job seekers.
- **Target Beneficiaries:**
 - Youths who have passed the 12th examination
 - Diploma holders
 - Graduates
- **Financial Support:**
 - 12th grade pass-outs: Rs 6,000 per month
 - Diploma holders: Rs 8,000 per month
 - Graduates: Rs 10,000 per month
- **Implementation:**
 - The stipend is provided by the state government during the youths' apprenticeship in the industry.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Significance:**
 - First time in history the state government has started such a scheme.
 - Scheme aims to support young job seekers during their on-job training.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ladla Bhai Yojana:** A new scheme announced by Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde providing monthly stipends to youths during their apprenticeship.
- **Apprenticeship:** On-job training provided to young job seekers in various industries, supported by a government stipend.
- **Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana:** A similar scheme for women, providing an allowance of Rs 1,500 per month to eligible women aged 21 to 60.



Static GK Information:

- **Maharashtra**
 - **Capital:** Mumbai
 - **Chief Minister:** Eknath Shinde
 - **Governor:** Ramesh Bais



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Announcement of 'Ladla Bhai Yojana'
Location	Maharashtra, India
Announced By	Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde
Beneficiaries	12th grade pass-outs, diploma holders, graduates
Stipend Amounts	Rs 6,000 (12th pass), Rs 8,000 (diploma), Rs 10,000 (graduates)
Purpose	Financial support during on-job training
Similar Scheme	Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana
Significance	First state scheme to provide such financial support
Upcoming Event	Maharashtra assembly elections later this year



➤ **What significant geological discovery was made by scientists from the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) in Andhra Pradesh?**

- A) Discovery of a new mineral
- B) Evidence of recent volcanic activity
- C) Historic collision between India and East Antarctica
- D) Presence of a large oil reserve
- E) Identification of a new fault line



Answer

C) Historic collision between India and East Antarctica



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Geological discovery revealing ancient links between the Indian subcontinent and Antarctica.
- **Location:** Darsi and Addanki regions, Andhra Pradesh, India.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To uncover and understand the ancient geological connections of the Indian subcontinent.
- **Key Findings:**
 - Discovery of a hidden ridge beneath Darsi and Addanki regions.
 - Evidence of a historic collision between India and East Antarctica over a billion years ago.
 - Reprocessing of seismic data revealed Proterozoic sediment layers.
 - Identification of seismic activity and signs of a marginal ocean basin along the east coast during the Columbia and Rodinia supercontinent assembly periods.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Proterozoic Era:** A geological eon spanning from 2.5 billion to 541 million years ago, preceding the Phanerozoic Eon.
- **Gondwana:** An ancient supercontinent that included present-day South America, Africa, Arabia, Madagascar, India, Australia, and Antarctica.
- **Columbia and Rodinia Supercontinents:** Ancient supercontinents that existed during the Proterozoic era.



Static GK Information:

- **Andhra Pradesh**
 - **Capital:** Amaravati
 - **Chief Minister:** Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy
 - **Governor:** S. Abdul Nazeer



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Geological discovery revealing links between India and Antarctica
Location	Darsi and Addanki regions, Andhra Pradesh
Discovery	Hidden ridge indicating historic collision
Research Team	NGRI scientists: Dr. K Chandrakala, OP Pandey, Biswajit Mandal, K Renuka, N Prem Kumar
Seismic Data Reprocessing	325-kilometer profile from Alampur to Ganapeswaram
Key Findings	Proterozoic sediment layers, signs of seismic activity, marginal ocean basin presence
Publication	'Journal of Pure and Applied Geophysics'
Significance	Enhances understanding of the ancient geological history and connections of the Indian subcontinent



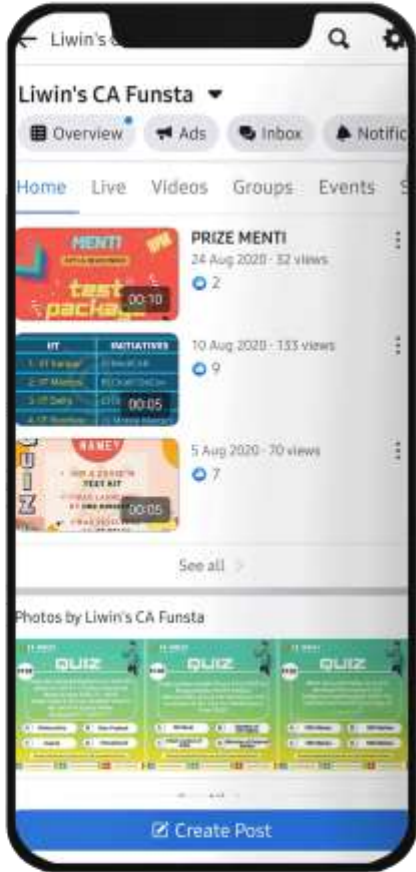
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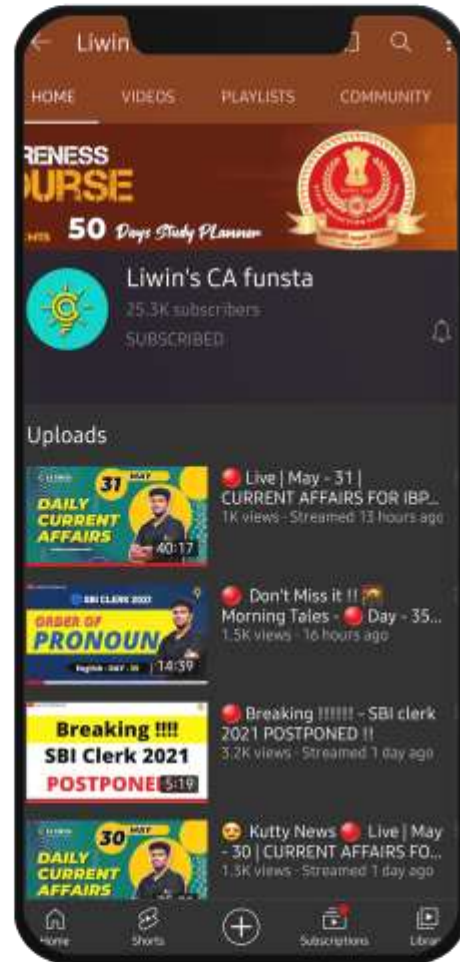
- **Annual Kataragama Esala festival celebrated in Sri Lanka.**
- **Professor M. S. Valiathan, MAHE's first Vice-Chancellor, passes away at 90.**
- **LTIMindtree extends multi-million-dollar contract with Absa Bank.**
- **Brio Agri launches a fintech platform to invest in sustainable agriculture.**
- **FICCI forecasts 7% GDP growth for India in 2024-25.**
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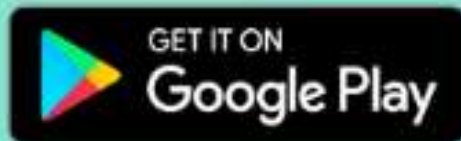
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