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Important Days



➤ **When is International Chess Day celebrated annually?**

- A) January 20
- B) April 20
- C) July 20
- D) October 20
- E) December 20

Answer
C) July 20



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Chess Day
- **Location:** Global celebration



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- Celebrate the founding of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in 1924
- Promote chess as a competitive sport and educational tool
- Acknowledge the cultural and intellectual significance of chess
- Encourage international cooperation and understanding through chess



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **FIDE (International Chess Federation):**
 - **Founded:** 1924
 - **Motto:** "Gens Una Sumus" (We are one people)
 - **Role:** Promotes and regulates chess, organizes world championships, and supports over 190 national chess federations



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **International Chess Federation (FIDE):**
 - **Founded:** 1924
 - **Headquarters:** Lausanne, Switzerland
 - **President:** Arkady Dvorkovich



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
International Chess Day	Global	July 20	Commemorates the founding of FIDE; celebrates chess's cultural and educational impact



Important Days



➤ **When is International Moon Day celebrated annually?**

- A) January 20
- B) April 20
- C) July 20
- D) October 20
- E) December 20

Answer
C) July 20



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Issuance of stamps to commemorate International Moon Day
- **Location:** United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA)



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- Commemorate International Moon Day annually on July 20
- Honour the anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission's first lunar landing
- Raise awareness about sustainable lunar exploration
- Promote international cooperation in space exploration and utilization



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Moon Day:**
 - Declared by the UN General Assembly to be observed annually on July 20
 - Celebrates the anniversary of Apollo 11's moon landing
 - Aims to highlight the commitment to sustainable lunar exploration
- **UNPA (United Nations Postal Administration):**
 - Issuing stamps and souvenir sheets to commemorate International Moon Day
 - Features images from various lunar missions on the stamps



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **UNOOSA (United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs):**
 - Promotes international cooperation in the peaceful use and exploration of space
 - Advocates for the sustainable utilization of space science and technology



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA):**
 - **Founded:** 1951
 - **Headquarters:** New York, USA
 - **Director:** Rorie Katz



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
International Moon Day Stamps	UNPA, New York, Geneva, Vienna	July 20	Commemorates Apollo 11 landing; promotes sustainable lunar exploration and cooperation



RANKING



➤ Which state secured the first place under the 'Best Performing State' category in the PM SVANidhi scheme?

- A) Assam
- B) Kerala
- C) Delhi
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- E) Madhya Pradesh

Answer

E) Madhya Pradesh



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Recognition of the Best Performing State and ULBs under PM SVANidhi scheme
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



RANKING



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Provide micro-credit to urban street vendors
 - Facilitate collateral-free loans up to Rs 50,000
- **Objectives:**
 - Support urban street vendors during and post COVID-19
 - Promote innovation and best practices among states and ULBs



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **PM SVANidhi Scheme:**
 - Launched by the Narendra Modi government in 2020
 - Aims to provide collateral-free loans up to Rs 50,000 to urban street vendors
- **Best Performing State:**
 - **Winner:** Madhya Pradesh
 - **Runner-up:** Assam
- **Best Performing ULBs (Loan Performance):**
 - **Winner:** Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD)
 - **Runner-up:** Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP)
 - **Third Place:** Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation
- **DAY-NULM SPARK Ranking:**
 - **Winner:** Kerala
 - **Runner-up:** Uttar Pradesh
 - **Third Place:** Rajasthan



RANKING



Static GK Information:

- **PM SVANidhi Scheme:**
 - **Launched:** 2020
 - **Beneficiaries:** Urban street vendors
 - **Loan Amount:** Up to Rs 50,000
- **Madhya Pradesh:**
 - **Capital:** Bhopal
 - **CM:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan
 - **Governor:** Mangubhai C. Patel



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
PM SVANidhi Awards	New Delhi, India	July 18, 2024	Manohar Lal Khattar, Tokhan Sahu	Madhya Pradesh recognized as Best Performing State; Delhi led Best Performing ULBs



➤ **With which organization did IndianOil enter into a partnership to support motorsports in India?**

- A) Indian Racing Federation
- B) Madras Motor Sports Club
- C) Chennai Racing Association
- D) National Motorsport Council
- E) Indian Automotive Club

Answer

B) Madras Motor Sports Club



IndianOil



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Storm-X racing fuel
- **Location:** Madras International Circuit, Chennai, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To provide a specialized high-octane racing fuel for racing cars
- **Partnership:** IndianOil entered into a partnership agreement with the Madras Motor Sports Club (MMSC) to support motorsports in India.
- **Occasion:** Unveiled during the Indian National Car Racing Championship



Important Terms Explained:

- **High-Octane Racing Fuel:** A type of fuel designed to enhance the performance of racing cars by providing better engine efficiency and power.
- **Madras Motor Sports Club (MMSC):** An organization that promotes motorsports in India and manages the Madras International Circuit.



Static GK Information:

- **IndianOil Corporation Ltd (IndianOil):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1959
 - **Chairman:** Shrikant Madhav Vaidya
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
- **Madras Motor Sports Club (MMSC):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1952
 - **President:** Ajit Thomas
 - **Headquarters:** Chennai, India



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Description
Event	Launch of Storm-X racing fuel
Location	Madras International Circuit, Chennai, India
Fuel Name	Storm-X
Purpose	High-octane fuel for racing cars
Partnership	IndianOil and Madras Motor Sports Club (MMSC)
Occasion	Indian National Car Racing Championship
Unveiled By	V Satish Kumar (Director, Marketing) and Alok Sharma (Director, R&D) of IndianOil



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who is leading the RBI's review committee for the fee structure of white-label ATMs?**

- A) T Rabi Sankar
- B) Shaktikanta Das
- C) Sunil Mehta
- D) Urjit Patel
- E) Raghuram Rajan

Answer

C) Sunil Mehta



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Formation of a committee to review the fee structure for white-label ATMs
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Review and revise the fee structure for white-label ATMs (WLAs)
 - Propose a fair and sustainable model balancing stakeholder interests
 - Assess current policies, ATM infrastructure, and global best practices
- **Objectives:**
 - Ensure the ATM market's growth is sustained and fair
 - Adapt to changes in the financial environment and technological advancements



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **White-Label ATMs (WLAs):**
 - ATMs set up, owned, and operated by non-bank entities
 - Provide basic ATM services to customers of all banks
 - **Current interchange fees:** ₹17 for financial transactions, ₹6 for non-financial transactions
- **Indian Banks' Association (IBA):**
 - **CEO:** Sunil Mehta
 - An association of Indian banks and financial institutions



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI):**
 - **Founded:** 1935
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das
- **Indian Banks' Association (IBA):**
 - **Founded:** 1946
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **CEO:** Sunil Mehta



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
RBI's review committee for WLAs	New Delhi	2024	Sunil Mehta (Chairperson)	Propose fair and sustainable fee model for white-label ATMs; improve ATM infrastructure



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been named as the new Indian Ambassador to the U.S.?**

- A) Eric Garcetti
- B) Joseph Biden
- C) Narendra Modi
- D) Vinay Kwatra
- E) Vladimir Putin

Answer

D) Vinay Kwatra



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of the new Indian Ambassador to the U.S.
- **Location:** Washington, D.C.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Strengthen India-U.S. relations
 - Address and smooth over recent differences between the two countries
 - Engage with the new U.S. administration post-presidential elections
 - Prepare for a potential visit by U.S. President Joseph Biden for the Quad Summit in India
- **Objectives:**
 - Enhance diplomatic ties and cooperation with the U.S.
 - Navigate complex geopolitical issues, including India's ties with Russia and human rights concerns



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Quad Summit:**
 - A strategic dialogue between the United States, India, Japan, and Australia focused on security and economic cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region
- **Strategic Autonomy:**
 - The ability of a state to pursue its national interests and adopt its preferred foreign policy without being influenced by external pressures



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA):**
 - **Founded:** 1948
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Current Minister:** Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- **Vinay Kwatra:**
 - **Previous Position:** Former Foreign Secretary of India
 - **New Position:** Indian Ambassador to the U.S.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
Appointment of new Indian Ambassador	Washington, D.C.	July 2024	Vinay Kwatra named Indian Ambassador to the U.S.; tasked with addressing key diplomatic issues



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who will head the newly formed National Communications Academy?**

- A) Additional Telecom Secretary
- B) Member (Finance)
- C) DoT Secretary
- D) Wireless Advisor
- E) Member (Technology)

Answer

C) DoT Secretary



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Merger of DoT's training institutes into National Communications Academy
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Merge NTIPRIT, NICF, and WMTDC into a single entity
 - Improve integration and efficiency in the telecommunications sector
 - Streamline training and optimize resources
- **Objectives:**
 - Create a more holistic approach to skill-building
 - Address various aspects of the communications sector
 - Manage budget and transfers as a single unit



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Communications Academy (NCA):**
 - Newly formed entity from the merger of NTIPRIT, NICF, and WMTDC
 - Functions with three campuses: Ghaziabad, Ghitorni
- **DoT Secretary:**
 - Heads the NCA as its ex-officio Chairperson
 - Responsible for overall control, budget allocations, training plans, and operational decisions
- **Governing Council Members:**
 - Additional Telecom Secretary (Vice-Chairperson)
 - Member (Finance)
 - Member (Services)
 - Member (Technology)
 - Wireless Advisor



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Department of Telecommunications (DoT):**
 - **Founded:** 1985
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Secretary:** K. Rajaraman



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Chief Guest	Significance
Merger of DoT training institutes into NCA	New Delhi, India	DoT Secretary	Enhance efficiency, integration, and holistic skill-building in telecom sector



AWARDS



➤ Who was recognized as the Best Men's Coach at the AIFF annual awards?



- A) Khalid Jamil
- B) Sukla Dutta
- C) David Lalhlansanga
- D) Ramachandran Venkatesh
- E) Ujjal Halder

Answer
A) Khalid Jamil



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** All India Football Federation (AIFF) annual awards



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Recognize and celebrate excellence in Indian football
 - Honor top players, coaches, and referees for their contributions and achievements
- **Objectives:**
 - Highlight individual and team accomplishments in Indian football
 - Promote the growth and development of football in India



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **AIFF (All India Football Federation):**
 - Governing body for football in India
 - Organizes annual awards to honor outstanding contributions to the sport
- **Top Honours:**
 - Indumathi Kathiresan: Recognized for her achievements in women's football
 - Lallianzuala Chhangte: Recognized for his achievements in men's football
- **Award Winners:**
 - **Best Men's Coach:** Khalid Jamil
 - **Best Women's Coach:** Sukla Dutta
 - **Promising Men's Player:** David Lalhlansanga
 - **Promising Women's Player:** Neha
 - **Best Referee:** Ramachandran Venkatesh
 - **Best Assistant Referee:** Ujjal Halder



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

- **All India Football Federation (AIFF):**
 - **Founded:** 1937
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **President:** Kalyan Chaubey



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Significance
AIFF Annual Awards	Recognizes excellence in Indian football after a 7-year gap



➤ **Which organization received the best technology award for its work in horticultural sciences?**

- A) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
- B) Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR)
- C) Malabar Regional Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Limited
- D) National Horticulture Board
- E) Ministry of Agriculture

Answer

B) Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR)



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** IISR receives best technology award
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Recognize excellence in horticultural sciences
 - Promote innovative technologies in agriculture
- **Objectives:**
 - Highlight significant contributions to horticultural research and development
 - Encourage commercialization of agricultural technologies



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR):**
 - An institute under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
 - Focuses on research and development in spice cultivation and related technologies
- **Award-winning Technology:**
 - **Title:** 'Process for instant soluble turmeric enriched spice flavoured milk powder'
 - Recognized under the Horticulture Sciences Division of ICAR
 - Commercialized with Malabar Regional Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Limited
- **Products Developed:**
 - **Golden Milk:** A turmeric-enriched milk product
 - **Golden Milk Mix:** A spice-flavored milk powder mix



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR):**
 - **Established:** 1976
 - **Headquarters:** Kozhikode, Kerala, India
 - **Affiliation:** Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
- **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR):**
 - **Founded:** 1929
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **President:** Dr. Himanshu Pathak



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
IISR wins best technology award	New Delhi, India	96th ICAR Foundation Day	Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan	Recognized for 'Process for instant soluble turmeric enriched spice flavoured milk powder'



➤ Which African country recently joined the UN Water Convention as the 10th African nation?

- A) Sierra Leone
- B) Zambia
- C) Zimbabwe
- D) Ivory Coast
- E) Namibia



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**2023 WATER
CONFERENCE**

Answer

D) Ivory Coast



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Ivory Coast joins the UN Water Convention
- **Location:** Global significance with focus on Ivory Coast and Africa



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Enhance cooperative water management across borders
 - Address water stress and climate change impacts on water resources
 - Facilitate cooperation among countries sharing transboundary watercourses
- **Objectives:**
 - Support sustainable management of transboundary waters
 - Improve water security for Ivory Coast and its neighboring countries
 - Promote peace and sustainable development through water cooperation



Important Terms Explained:

- **UN Water Convention (Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes):**
 - Established in 1992 as a regional framework for pan-European countries
 - Expanded globally in 2016 to include all UN Member States
 - Requires parties to cooperate on the sustainable management of transboundary waters
- **Transboundary Watercourses:**
 - Rivers, lakes, and aquifers shared by multiple countries
 - Require cooperative management to prevent conflicts and ensure sustainable use



Important Terms Explained:

- **Key River Basins Shared by Ivory Coast:**
 - Black Volta, Bia, Tanoe, Comoe, Niger, Sassandra, Cavally, and Nuon
 - Shared with countries like Ghana, Burkina Faso, Mali, Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone



Static GK Information:

- **Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire):**
 - **Capital:** Yamoussoukro (official), Abidjan (de facto)
 - **Currency:** West African CFA franc
 - **President:** Alassane Ouattara
 - **Prime Minister:** Robert Beugré Mambé



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
Ivory Coast joins UN Water Convention	Global	2024	Enhances cooperative water management, 10th African nation to join, supports sustainable development



➤ **What significant reduction in average release time was noted for Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) in the NTRS 2024?**

- A) 10%
- B) 20%
- C) 30%
- D) 50%
- E) 70%

Answer
D) 50%



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of the National Time Release Study (NTRS) 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Evaluate cargo clearance times for imports and exports
 - Measure progress towards targets set under the National Trade Facilitation Action Plan (NTFAP)
 - Assess the impact of initiatives like the CBIC Pre-payment Customs Compliance Verification (PCCV) and automated Machine Release process
- **Objectives:**
 - Provide quantitative national-level assessment of cargo clearance processes
 - Compare current performance with previous years
 - Expand the scope to include transit cargo to and from Nepal and courier cargo handled by ACC Bengaluru



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Time Release Study (NTRS):**
 - An annual study by the CBIC measuring cargo release times at major customs formations
 - Focuses on reducing release times for more efficient trade facilitation
- **CBIC Pre-payment Customs Compliance Verification (PCCV):**
 - Initiative to streamline customs formalities by allowing final clearance pending only duty payment
 - Achieves automated clearance within 3 minutes of duty payment
- **Integrated Check Posts (ICPs):**
 - Border crossing points for the transit of goods and people between countries
 - Noted a 50% reduction in average release time in 2024 compared to 2023



Static GK Information:

- **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC):**
 - **Founded:** 1964
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairman:** Sanjay Kumar Agarwal



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
Release of NTRS 2024	New Delhi, India	July 19, 2024	Sanjay Kumar Agarwal	Measures cargo clearance times; significant reduction in release times for ICPs and ACCs



➤ **Who launched the Mineral Exploration Hackathon in Hyderabad?**

- A) Shri Vijay Kumar Sinha
- B) Shri G. Kishan Reddy
- C) Shri Narendra Modi
- D) Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- E) Shri K. Chandrashekar Rao

Answer

B) Shri G. Kishan Reddy



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Mineral Exploration Hackathon and National DMF Portal
- **Location:** Hyderabad, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Promote innovative mineral hunt techniques using AI and ML
 - Integrate multiple mineral exploration data sets for new mineral targets
 - Centralize information on District Mineral Foundations (DMF) across India
- **Objectives:**
 - Enhance mineral exploration and management efficiency
 - Facilitate access to DMF data and track its utilization
 - Increase industry engagement through e-auction roadshows



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mineral Exploration Hackathon:**
 - Focuses on innovative techniques for mineral exploration
 - Utilizes emerging technologies like AI and ML for geophysical data integration
- **National DMF Portal:**
 - A centralized platform for information on District Mineral Foundations
 - Provides transparency and oversight of DMF activities and projects
- **E-auction of Mineral Blocks:**
 - An online auction process to allocate critical and strategic mineral blocks
 - Involves multiple tranches with specific blocks up for bidding



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Coal and Mines:**
 - **Minister:** Shri G. Kishan Reddy
 - **Functions:** Oversees coal and mineral resources management in India



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
Mineral Exploration Hackathon and DMF Portal Launch	Hyderabad	July 20, 2024	Shri G. Kishan Reddy	Promotes innovative mineral exploration techniques and centralizes DMF data for better management



➤ **Who directed FSSAI to waive off the registration fee for street food vendors?**

- A) Shri G. Kishan Reddy
- B) Shri Narendra Modi
- C) Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda
- D) Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- E) Shri K. Chandrashekar Rao

Answer

C) Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Directive to waive off registration fee for street food vendors
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:**
 - Waive off registration fee for street food vendors under FSSAI
 - Provide 'Street Safe' Rapid Testing Kit to ensure food safety
 - Empower street food vendors by enrolling them on food delivery platforms
- **Objectives:**
 - Promote safe food practices among street food vendors
 - Ensure accessibility and affordability of registration for street food vendors
 - Enhance economic opportunities for street food vendors through digital platforms



Important Terms Explained:

- **FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India):**
 - Regulatory body responsible for ensuring food safety in India
 - Oversees standards and guidelines for food products and businesses
- **'Street Safe' Rapid Testing Kit:**
 - A kit provided to street food vendors for testing the safety of their food
 - Ensures that the food being sold meets safety standards



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare:**
 - **Union Health Minister:** Jagat Prakash Nadda
 - **Founded:** 1947
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
Waiver of registration fee for street food vendors	New Delhi, India	July 20, 2024	Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda	Promotes food safety and economic empowerment for street food vendors



➤ **What is the name of the scheme launched by the Telangana Government and Singareni Collieries Company to support civil services aspirants?**

- A) Telangana Civils Support Scheme
- B) Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhaya Hastham
- C) Singareni Aspirants Scheme
- D) Telangana Civil Services Fund
- E) Telangana Aspirants Initiative

Answer

B) Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhaya Hastham



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of financial support scheme for civil services aspirants
- **Location:** Telangana, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Scheme Name:** Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhaya Hastham
- **Objective:** To provide financial assistance to civil services aspirants from Telangana who clear the preliminary examination.
- **Assistance Provided:** ₹1 lakh for each eligible candidate
- **Beneficiaries:** Candidates from SC, ST, OBC, women, and economically weaker sections in the general category with an annual family income cap of ₹8 lakh.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL):**
 - Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR): SCCL's initiative to contribute to the socio-economic development of the region.
- **Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhaya Hastham:**
 - A scheme aimed at supporting civil services aspirants financially to help them prepare for the mains examination after clearing the prelims.



Static GK Information:

- **Telangana:**
 - **Capital:** Hyderabad
 - **Chief Minister:** K. Chandrashekar Rao
 - **Governor:** C. P. Radhakrishnan
- **Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1920
 - **CEO/Chairman:** N. Sridhar
 - **Headquarters:** Kothagudem, Telangana



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Description
Event	Launch of support scheme for civil services aspirants
Location	Telangana, India
Scheme Name	Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhaya Hastham
Assistance Amount	₹1 lakh per candidate
Beneficiaries	SC, ST, OBC, women, and economically weaker sections with family income cap of ₹8 lakh
Eligibility	Candidates from Telangana clearing civil services prelims
Expected Beneficiaries Annually	400-500 candidates
Total Civil Services Aspirants in Telangana	Approximately 50,000
Scheme Objective	To encourage and financially support aspirants for mains preparation



QUICK RECALL



- **International Chess Day is celebrated annually on July 20.**
- **International Moon Day celebrated annually on July 20.**
- **Madhya Pradesh is the 'Best Performing State' under PM SVANidhi scheme.**
- **IndianOil launches Storm-X fuel for racing cars at Madras International Circuit.**
- **RBI forms committee to review WLA fee structure.**
- **Vinay Kwatra named new Indian Ambassador to the U.S.**
- **DoT merges NTIPRIT, NICF, and WMTDC into National Communications Academy.**
- **AIFF held its annual awards after seven years.**
- **IISR wins best technology award at ICAR's 96th Foundation Day.**
- **Ivory Coast joins UN Water Convention as the 10th African nation.**



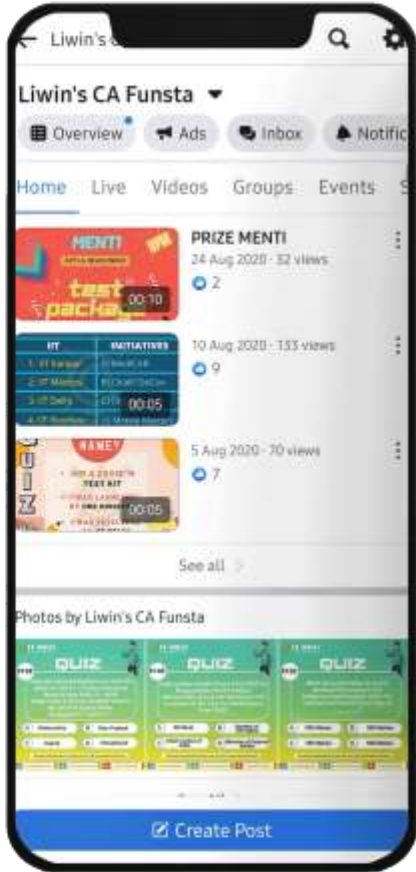
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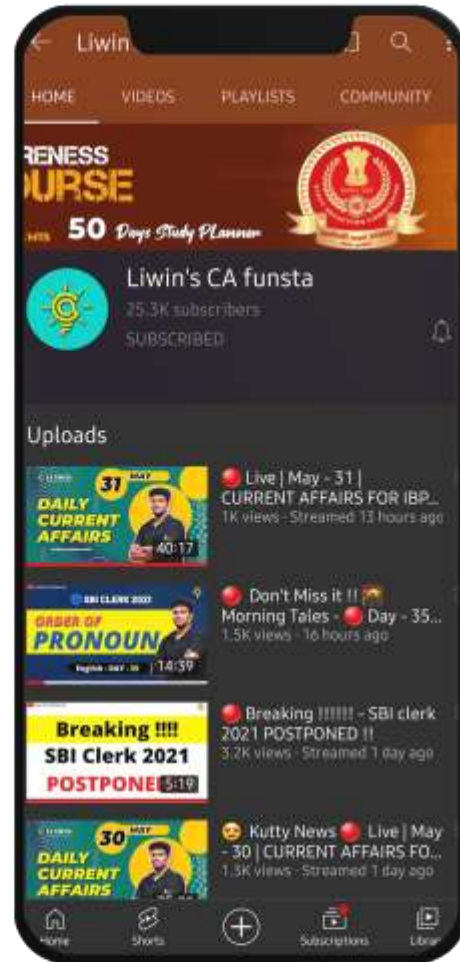
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