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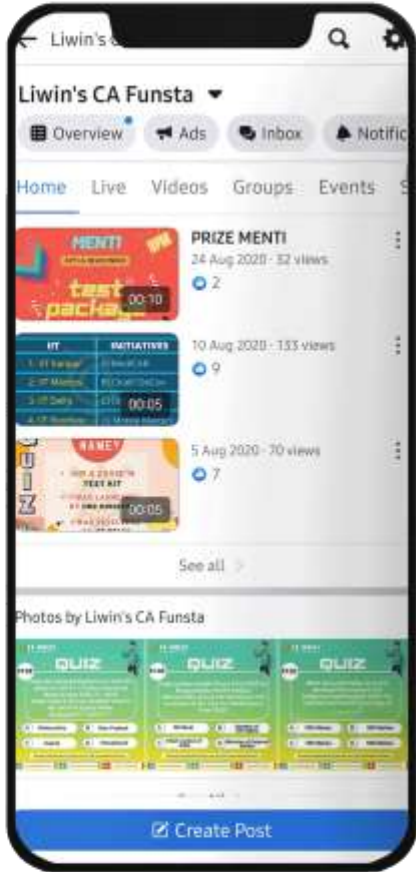
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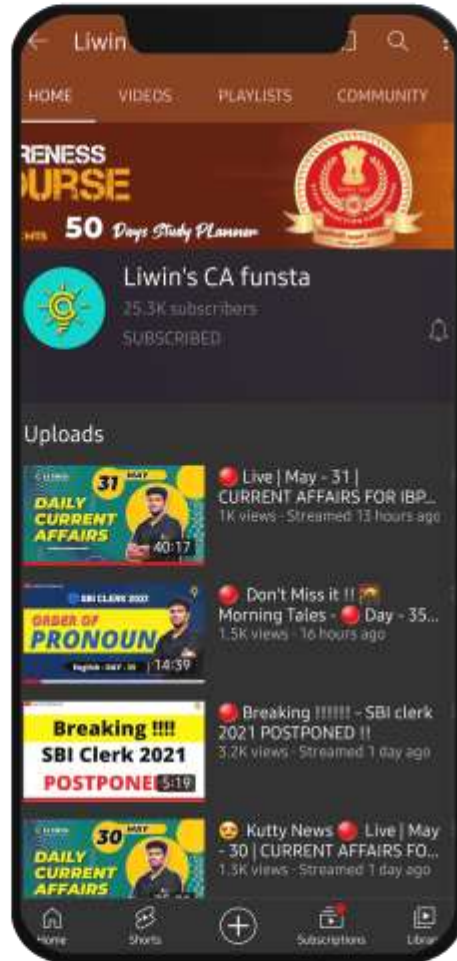
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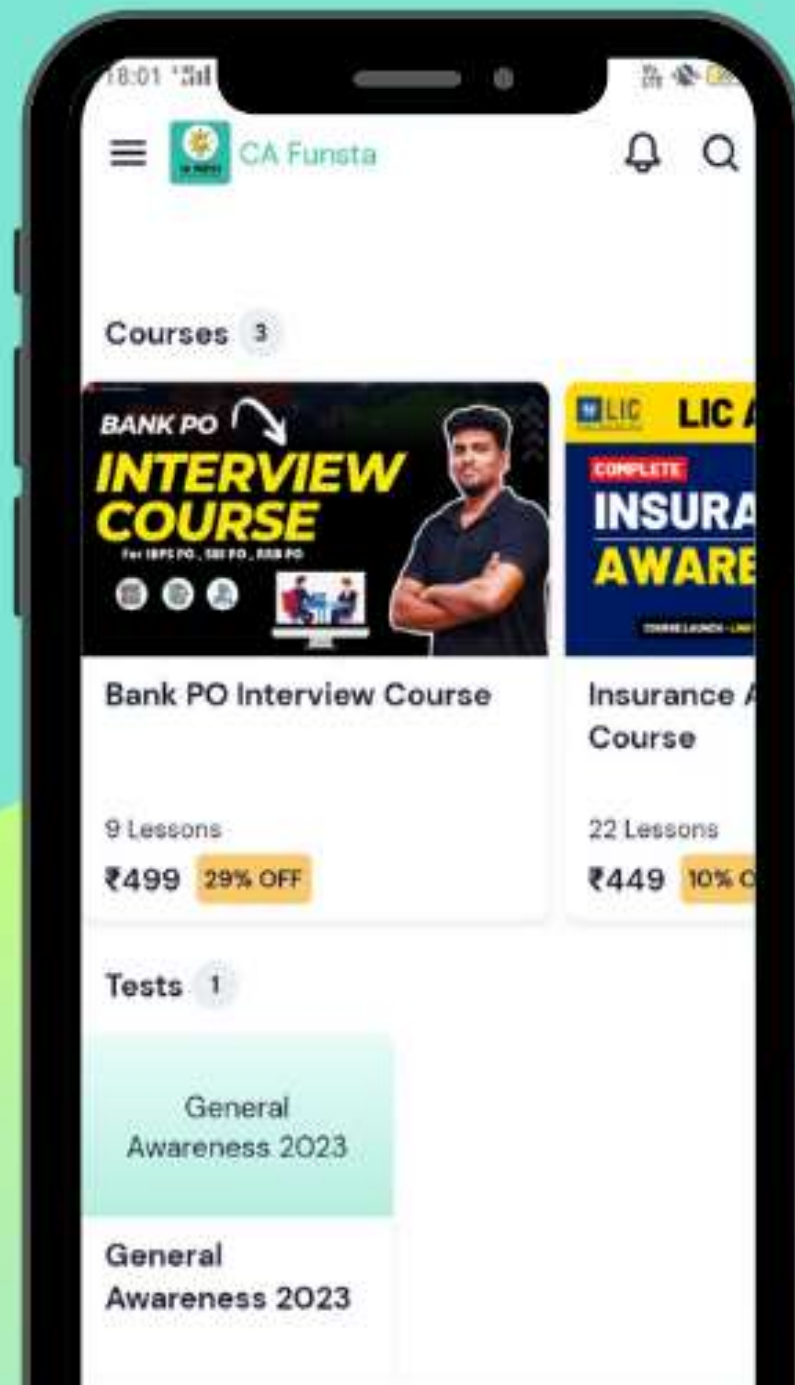
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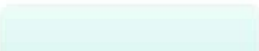
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Important Days



➤ **When is International Unborn Child Day observed annually?**

- A) December 25
- B) April 14
- C) March 25
- D) January 1
- E) November 20

Answer
C) March 25



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Unborn Child Day observed globally
- **Date:** March 25
- **Location:** Global (with significance in India and Christian-majority countries)



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Global Awareness:** The day promotes awareness about the rights and dignity of unborn children.
- **Pro-Life Message:** Emphasizes the protection of life from conception, as envisioned by Pope John Paul II.
- **Legal Recognition:** Highlights the presence of legal protections for unborn children, especially in Indian law.
- **Moral and Religious Significance:** Associated with the Feast of the Annunciation, symbolizing hope and new life.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Unborn Child Day:** A day observed on March 25 to honor unborn children and raise awareness about their legal and moral rights.
- **Feast of the Annunciation:** A Christian feast observed on March 25, commemorating the conception of Jesus Christ.
- **Hindu Succession Act – Section 20:** Grants legal inheritance rights to unborn children under Hindu law.
- **Transfer of Property Act – Section 13:** Allows transfer of property to an unborn child, provided a trustee manages it until birth.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Penal Code – Sections 312–316:** Addresses crimes related to miscarriage and unlawful termination of pregnancy.
- **PCPNDT Act:** A law prohibiting sex determination tests to prevent female foeticide and promote gender equality.
- **Article 21 of the Indian Constitution:** Guarantees the right to life but only to those already born.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	International Unborn Child Day
Date	March 25
Established By	Pope John Paul II
Significance	Raises awareness of unborn child rights and promotes pro-life values
Legal Rights (Constitution)	No constitutional rights before birth under Article 21
Property Rights	Permitted under Hindu Succession Act and Transfer of Property Act
Death Penalty Protection	Pregnant women's execution is suspended or commuted
Penal Provisions	IPC Sections 312–316 protect unborn life from unlawful harm
Gender Equality Measure	PCPNDT Act bans sex determination tests



➤ Which Indian wrestler won a bronze medal in the 87kg Greco-Roman category at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2025?

- A) Umesh
- B) Prem
- C) Sunil Kumar
- D) Sagar Thakran
- E) Nitin

Answer
C) Sunil Kumar



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Sunil Kumar wins bronze at Asian Wrestling Championships 2025
- **Date:** March 2025
- **Location:** Amman, Jordan



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Medal Achievement:** Sunil Kumar secured a bronze medal in the 87kg Greco-Roman wrestling category.
- **Strong Comeback:** After losing in the semifinals to Iran's Yasin Yazdi, Sunil defeated China's Jiaxin Huang to win bronze.
- **Tournament Participation:** Indian wrestlers participated across multiple weight categories with varied performances.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Asian Wrestling Championships:**
 - A prestigious annual wrestling competition among Asian countries, governed by United World Wrestling (UWW).
- **Greco-Roman Wrestling:**
 - A wrestling style that restricts holds below the waist, emphasizing upper-body strength and technique.
- **Sunil Kumar:**
 - Indian wrestler and former 2019 Asian Championship silver medallist, competing in the 87kg Greco-Roman category.



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	Asian Wrestling Championships 2025
Location	Amman, Jordan
Medal Winner	Sunil Kumar
Weight Category	87kg (Greco-Roman)
Medal	Bronze
Quarterfinal Result	Won 10-1 vs. Tajikistan's Sukhrob Abdulkhaev
Semifinal Result	Lost 1-3 to Iran's Yasin Yazdi
Bronze Medal Match	Defeated China's Jiaxin Huang
Other Indian Wrestlers	Sagar Thakran (77kg), Umesh (63kg), Nitin (55kg), Prem (130kg)
Other Outcomes	All other Indian wrestlers eliminated in early rounds or quarterfinals



RANKING



➤ What is India's targeted milk production by 2030 as per the Union Minister of Animal Husbandry and Dairying?

- A) 250 MMT
- B) 270 MMT
- C) 280 MMT
- D) 300 MMT
- E) 320 MMT

Answer
D) 300 MMT



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India becomes the world's top milk producer
- **Date:** March 2025
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Top Producer Status:** India has become the largest milk-producing country in the world with 239 MMT.
- **Future Target:** India aims to increase milk production to 300 MMT in the next five years.
- **Sectoral Contribution:** The dairy sector contributes 4.5% to India's GDP and provides employment to 10 crore people.
- **Growth Mission:** The Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) has driven significant improvements in production and cattle breed quality.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM):**
 - Launched in 2014 to improve the genetic makeup of indigenous cattle.
 - Focuses on conservation of native breeds such as Gir, Sahiwal, Red Sindhi, and Rathi.
 - Promotes artificial insemination, infrastructure development, and breed improvement programs.
- **Artificial Insemination (AI):**
 - A key breeding technology used to improve productivity by introducing high-genetic merit bulls.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD):**
 - A contagious viral disease in cattle that impacts milk production and livestock health.
- **Per Capita Milk Consumption:**
 - India's current average consumption stands at 471 grams/day, higher than the global average.



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	India becomes the world's top milk producer
Date	March 2025
Current Milk Production	239 million metric tonnes (MMT)
Global Share	Over 24% of total world milk production
Future Target	300 MMT by 2030
Growth Since 2014	63.5% increase
Sector Contribution	4.5% of GDP
Employment in Dairy Sector	10 crore people, 75% of them women
Leading Scheme	Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM), launched in 2014
Key Challenges	Low productivity, diseases, storage issues, climate change
Future Strategies	Expand AI, control diseases, boost exports, adopt climate resilience



RANKING



➤ In which Indian state are most of the jute mills located?

- A) Assam
- B) Bihar
- C) Odisha
- D) West Bengal
- E) Jharkhand

Answer
D) West Bengal



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Most jute mills in India are located in West Bengal
- **Date:** March 2025
- **Location:** Hooghly region, West Bengal



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Industrial Concentration:** West Bengal houses the highest number of jute mills in India, contributing significantly to the national jute industry.
- **Employment & Economy:** The jute sector supports thousands of livelihoods and contributes to India's export economy.
- **Sustainability & Logistics:** Proximity to jute farms, climate suitability, and easy river-based transport boost the state's jute economy.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Jute:**
 - A natural fiber used to make eco-friendly products like gunny bags, ropes, mats, and carpets.
- **Hooghly Region:**
 - The industrial belt near Kolkata, along the Hooghly River, which is the traditional hub for jute mills.



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **Ganga-Brahmaputra Delta:**
 - The region in eastern India where fertile alluvial soil and a humid climate make it ideal for jute cultivation.
- **Synthetic Fiber Competition:**
 - Modern alternatives like plastics pose challenges to the traditional jute industry due to lower costs and higher durability.



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	Most jute mills in India are located in West Bengal
Date	March 2025
Location	Hooghly region, West Bengal
Total Jute Mills in India	Around 70
Mills in West Bengal	Around 60
First Jute Mill	Rishra, West Bengal, in 1855
Key Factors	Proximity to jute farms, fertile soil, humid climate, good transport
River for Transport	Hooghly River
Jute Applications	Bags, ropes, mats, carpets, and eco-friendly packaging



➤ What is the revised GDP growth forecast for India for FY26 as per S&P Global?

- A) 7.0%
- B) 6.7%
- C) 6.8%
- D) 6.5%
- E) 6.3%

Answer
D) 6.5%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** S&P lowers India's GDP growth forecast for FY26
- **Date:** March 2025
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Forecast Revision:** S&P Global revised India's GDP growth estimate for FY26 from 6.7% to 6.5%.
- **Economic Assumptions:** The forecast is based on a normal monsoon and stable global commodity prices.
- **Stability Outlook:** Assumes soft crude oil prices and manageable inflation conditions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **S&P Global:** A leading credit rating agency that offers economic forecasts and market analysis worldwide.
- **GDP Growth Forecast:** The predicted rate at which a country's economy is expected to grow over a financial year.
- **Basis Points (bps):** A unit equal to one-hundredth of a percentage point, used in financial contexts to denote changes in interest rates or forecasts.



Important Terms Explained:

- **RBI Rate Cut:** The expected reduction in benchmark interest rates by the Reserve Bank of India, typically done to boost economic activity.
- **Headline Inflation:** The total inflation within an economy, including commodities such as food and energy, tracked to assess consumer price movement.



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	S&P Global revises India's GDP growth forecast
Date	March 2025
Location	India
FY26 Growth Forecast	6.5% (earlier: 6.7%)
Revision	Downward by 20 basis points
Key Assumptions	Normal monsoon, stable commodity (crude oil) prices
Growth Support Factors	Cooling food inflation, tax benefits, lower borrowing costs
RBI Policy Outlook	Anticipated rate cut of 75–100 bps
US Tariff Impact	India's services exports stable; goods-exporting nations hit harder
Affected Countries	China, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea



ACQUISTIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Which company did Reliance Industries acquire to expand its shipyard operations in Dahej, Gujarat?

- A) Welspun Corp Ltd
- B) Swan Energy Ltd
- C) Nauyaan Tradings Private Ltd
- D) Adani Ports Ltd
- E) Reliance Naval and Engineering Ltd

Answer

C) Nauyaan Tradings Private Ltd



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Reliance acquires Nauyaan Tradings to expand shipyard operations
- **Date:** March 2025
- **Location:** Dahej, Gujarat



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Shipyard Expansion:** Reliance Industries aims to strengthen its presence in the naval, defense, and energy sectors.
- **Strategic Acquisition:** Acquisition of NTPL and stake in NSPL provides control over critical shipyard infrastructure.
- **Heavy Fabrication Focus:** The expansion supports hydrogen electrolyser manufacturing, engineering fabrication, and brine preparation.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Limited (RSBVL):**
 - A wholly owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) that carries out strategic investments and acquisitions.
- **Nauyaan Tradings Private Limited (NTPL):**
 - A company acquired for ₹1 lakh to serve as a vehicle for acquiring shipyard assets.
- **Nauyaan Shipyard Private Limited (NSPL):**
 - A company located in Dahej, Gujarat, holding 138 acres of leasehold land and foreshore rights for shipyard operations.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Enterprise Value:**
 - The total value of a company including equity and debt. NSPL's EV is ₹643.78 crore.
- **Hydrogen Electrolysers:**
 - Devices used for producing hydrogen by electrolysis of water, essential for clean energy projects.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	Reliance acquires Nauyaan Tradings to expand shipyard operations
Acquirer	Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)
Subsidiary Used	Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Ltd (RSBVL)
Target Company	Nauyaan Tradings Private Limited (NTPL)
Acquisition Cost (NTPL)	₹1 lakh
Further Acquisition	74% stake in Nauyaan Shipyard Pvt Ltd (NSPL) for ₹382.73 crore
NSPL Enterprise Value	₹643.78 crore (incl. ₹126.57 crore debt)
Equity Valuation of NSPL	₹517.21 crore
Completion Date	Expected by March 21, 2025
Shipyard Location	Dahej, Gujarat
Land Holdings	138 acres leasehold + foreshore land rights
Future Usage	Salt handling, brine preparation, hydrogen electrolyser manufacturing
Strategic Goal	Expand presence in naval, defense, oil & gas heavy fabrication sectors



➤ Who is the author of the book 'Leo: The Untold Story of Chennai Super Kings'?

- A) Gitanjali Selvaraghavan
- B) Kasi Viswanathan
- C) P.S. Raman
- D) Krishnamachari Srikkanth
- E) CD Gopinath

Answer
C) P.S. Raman



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the book 'Leo: The Untold Story of Chennai Super Kings'
- **Date:** Sunday (Book Launch), Announcement on Instagram – Wednesday



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Book Theme:** The book explores the journey, victories, and behind-the-scenes stories of Chennai Super Kings (CSK).
- **Author's Background:** P.S. Raman is a former Vice-President of the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA).
- **Fan Engagement:** The book serves to deepen the emotional connection between CSK and its fanbase.
- **Cultural Impact:** Highlights CSK's legacy and popularity in Indian cricket, especially in Tamil Nadu.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Important Terms Explained:

- **P.S. Raman:** A former vice-president of TNCA and author of the book celebrating CSK's history.
- **Chennai Super Kings (CSK):** One of the most successful franchises in the Indian Premier League (IPL).
- **Gitanjali Selvaraghavan:** Daughter of P.S. Raman and a Tamil film director who publicly acknowledged key contributors to the event.
- **Amazon Bestseller:** The book became the No.1 best-selling cricket book on Amazon soon after release.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	Book launch of 'Leo: The Untold Story of Chennai Super Kings'
Date	Sunday (Launch), Announcement on Instagram – Wednesday
Location	Not specifically mentioned
Author	P.S. Raman
Role of Author	Former Vice-President, Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA)
Surprise Attendees	MS Dhoni and Chennai Super Kings team
Other Attendees	Kasi Viswanathan, Anirudh Ravichander, Ashwin, Krishnamachari Srikkanth
Host Contributors	CD Gopinath, Suhail Chandhok
Book Status	No.1 Amazon Bestseller (Cricket category)
Purchase Availability	Available on Amazon
Related Film Work	Gitanjali Selvaraghavan's 'Maalai Naerathu Mayakkam' (2016)



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been elected as the new chairman of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)?



- A) Raghavendra Singh
- B) Ashok Singh Thakur
- C) Arvind Sharma
- D) Suresh Vashisth
- E) Nitin Desai

Answer

B) Ashok Singh Thakur



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Ashok Singh Thakur elected as INTACH Chairman
- **Date:** March 22, 2025
- **Location:** New Delhi



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Heritage Conservation:** INTACH works to preserve India's rich cultural and natural heritage.
- **Environmental Preservation:** It promotes conservation of ecological assets as part of heritage.
- **Cultural Revitalization:** It supports the revival and promotion of intangible heritage across regions.
- **Technical and Financial Expertise:** INTACH offers expert services for heritage restoration and maintenance.
- **Innovative Cultural Bank:** Acts as a cultural think tank and promotes creative activities rooted in tradition.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage):** A non-profit organization founded in 1984 for the conservation of India's cultural heritage.
- **Societies Registration Act (1860):** An Act under which INTACH is registered, allowing non-profit organizations to operate legally.
- **AGM (Annual General Meeting):** A statutory meeting held annually to discuss and decide key matters, including leadership elections.
- **INTACH Charter:** A guiding framework adopted in 2004 for conservation practices, currently under revision to incorporate interdisciplinary approaches.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	Ashok Singh Thakur elected as INTACH Chairman
Location	New Delhi
Date	March 22, 2025
Organization	INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage)
Elected Chairman	Ashok Singh Thakur
Term Duration	Three years
Election Occasion	Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Established	1984
Registered Under	Societies Registration Act (1860)
Key Functions	Heritage conservation, environmental and cultural preservation
Charter Status	Under revision for interdisciplinary heritage integration



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the National Task Force (NTF) formed by the Supreme Court to address student mental health concerns?**

- A) Justice U.U. Lalit
- B) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud
- C) Justice S. Ravindra Bhat
- D) Justice N.V. Ramana
- E) Justice R. Banumathi

Answer

C) Justice S. Ravindra Bhat



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Supreme Court establishes National Task Force for student mental health concerns
- **Date:** March 2025
- **Location:** India



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **NTF Formation Purpose:** Formed to investigate rising student suicides in higher education institutions.
- **Mental Health Focus:** Aims to analyze causes like academic stress and caste-based discrimination.
- **Framework Evaluation:** Will assess existing institutional and legal safeguards for mental well-being.
- **Policy Recommendations:** To suggest robust reforms and protective measures for student welfare.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Task Force (NTF):** A high-level body formed by the Supreme Court to examine and improve student mental health in higher education.
- **Justice S. Ravindra Bhat:** Former Supreme Court judge appointed as the Chairperson of the NTF.
- **SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989:** A central law to prevent discrimination and atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.
- **Section 174 CrPC:** Legal provision for police inquiring into cases of unnatural deaths.
- **Section 154 CrPC:** Mandates the registration of an FIR when a cognizable offence is reported.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	Supreme Court establishes National Task Force (NTF)
Date	March 2025
Location	India
Purpose	To address mental health issues among students
Chairperson	Justice S. Ravindra Bhat
Members	Secretaries from Higher Education, Social Justice, Legal Affairs, WCD
Authority of NTF	Conduct inspections, propose additional remedial measures
Report Timeline	Interim report in 4 months; Final report in 8 months
FIR Direction	Delhi Police directed to register FIR in IIT Delhi suicides
Legal Reference	Section 174 & 154 CrPC; FIR under SC/ST Act 1989
Suicide Data (2018–2023)	98 student suicides across IITs, NITs, Central Univ., IIMs, etc.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who was elected as a Bureau Member of United World Wrestling (UWW)-Asia in March 2025?**

- A) Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh
- B) Ravi Dahiya
- C) Bajrang Punia
- D) Sanjay Singh
- E) Deepak Punia

Answer
D) Sanjay Singh



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Sanjay Singh elected as UWW-Asia Bureau Member
- **Date:** March 24, 2025
- **Location:** Amman, Jordan



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **International Representation:** Sanjay Singh's election strengthens India's role in Asian and global wrestling governance.
- **Sport Promotion:** Enables India to actively contribute to wrestling development across Asia.
- **Institutional Collaboration:** Facilitates greater cooperation between Wrestling Federation of India and UWW-Asia.
- **Sport Diplomacy:** Enhances India's influence and networking within international wrestling organizations.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **United World Wrestling (UWW):** The international governing body for the sport of wrestling, overseeing competitions and development worldwide.
- **UWW-Asia:** The continental division of UWW responsible for promoting and regulating wrestling activities in Asia.
- **Wrestling Federation of India (WFI):** The national governing body for wrestling in India, responsible for organizing events and representing India internationally.
- **General Assembly:** The official meeting where UWW-Asia elections and policy decisions are made.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	UWW-Asia Bureau Member Election
Date	March 24, 2025
Location	Amman, Jordan
Elected Person	Sanjay Singh
Position	Bureau Member, United World Wrestling (UWW)-Asia
Votes Secured	22 out of 38
Organisation Represented	Wrestling Federation of India (WFI)
Significance	Boosts India's global presence in wrestling governance
Statement by WFI	Milestone achievement for Indian wrestling on the global stage



APPOINTMENTS



- Who has been appointed as a Full-Time Member of NITI Aayog, as per the official notification released in 2024?

- A) Amitabh Kant
- B) Bibek Debroy
- C) Rajiv Gauba
- D) Ramesh Chand
- E) Arvind Panagariya

Answer
C) Rajiv Gauba



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Rajiv Gauba appointed as Full-Time Member of NITI Aayog
- **Date:** July 16, 2024 (Notification Date)
- **Location:** India



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Policy Strengthening:** Rajiv Gauba's appointment is aimed at enhancing the strategic and administrative capacity of NITI Aayog.
- **Governance Expertise:** His experience will contribute to better implementation of central government policies.
- **Urban Development Focus:** He will play a key role in planning infrastructure and smart city strategies.
- **Centre-State Coordination:** His knowledge of both state and central governance will help bridge policy and on-ground execution.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **NITI Aayog:** National Institution for Transforming India; India's premier policy think tank responsible for strategic planning and governance reforms.
- **Full-Time Member:** A key role in NITI Aayog involved in policy formulation, advisory functions, and implementation review.
- **Cabinet Secretary:** The highest-ranking civil servant in the Indian government, coordinating all top-level bureaucratic functions.
- **Cooperative Federalism:** A governance principle where the central and state governments work together in policy-making and execution.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	Appointment of Rajiv Gauba as Full-Time Member of NITI Aayog
Notification Date	July 16, 2024
Appointed Person	Rajiv Gauba
Current Status	Appointed with immediate effect until further orders
Service Background	1982-batch IAS officer, Jharkhand cadre
Key Previous Roles	Cabinet Secretary, Union Home Secretary, Urban Development Secretary
NITI Aayog Role	Full-Time Member
Significance	Brings experience in governance, crisis management, and development



➤ Which two companies have partnered to work on space debris removal and satellite servicing?

- A) ISRO and NASA
- B) Bellatrix Aerospace and Astroscale Japan
- C) DRDO and JAXA
- D) SpaceX and Astroscale Japan
- E) Blue Origin and ESA



Answer

B) Bellatrix Aerospace and Astroscale Japan



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Bellatrix Aerospace partners with Astroscale Japan for space debris removal
- **Date:** March 2025
- **Location:** Bengaluru, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Space Sustainability:** The partnership aims to promote a clean and safe orbital environment.
- **Active Debris Removal:** Focus on eliminating defunct satellites and debris from Earth's orbit.
- **Satellite Servicing:** Emphasizes in-orbit repair, refueling, and life extension of satellites.
- **Orbital Mobility:** Development of propulsion solutions to ensure sustainable in-orbit operations.
- **International Collaboration:** Enhancing global partnerships for space safety with leading agencies.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bellatrix Aerospace:** A Bengaluru-based Indian space mobility company specializing in advanced propulsion systems.
- **Astroscale Japan:** A global leader in space debris mitigation and satellite servicing technologies.
- **ELSA-d Mission:** An Astroscale demonstration mission for end-of-life satellite removal.
- **ADRAS-J:** A Japanese mission led by Astroscale for inspecting and removing space debris, in collaboration with JAXA.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Hall-Effect Thruster:** An advanced electric propulsion system developed by Bellatrix for precise in-space maneuvering.
- **Green Propulsion:** Eco-friendly space propulsion technology tested and qualified by Bellatrix Aerospace.



Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	Bellatrix Aerospace partners with Astroscale Japan
Date	March 2025
Location	Bengaluru, India
Companies Involved	Bellatrix Aerospace (India) & Astroscale Japan
Purpose	Space debris removal, satellite servicing, in-orbit mobility
Bellatrix's Contribution	Propulsion technologies like Green Propulsion and Hall-Effect Thruster
Astroscale's Contribution	Debris mitigation via ELSA-d, ADRAS-J; expertise in satellite life extension
Global Partners	JAXA, ESA, UK Space Agency, U.S. Space Force, Eutelsat OneWeb
Market Expansion	Bellatrix to expand into the Japanese space industry



➤ What is the name of the second follow-on frigate launched by the Indian Navy under Project 1135.6?

- A) Tushil
- B) Brahmaputra
- C) Triput
- D) Tavasya
- E) Talwar

Answer
D) Tavasya



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian Navy launches frigate 'Tavasya' under Project 1135.6
- **Date:** March 24, 2025
- **Location:** Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Naval Modernization:** Enhances India's naval strength with advanced multi-role warships.
- **Self-Reliance Initiative:** Supports Atmanirbhar Bharat through domestic warship construction.
- **Indigenous Technology Integration:** Includes systems like BrahMos missiles, sonar, and torpedoes.
- **Strategic Expansion:** Boosts India's defence manufacturing capacity and export capabilities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Project 1135.6:** A naval program under Indo-Russian collaboration to build advanced stealth frigates, also known as upgraded Talwar-class frigates.
- **Tavasya:** The second follow-on frigate built under Project 1135.6 at GSL, following the launch of Tripud in 2024.
- **Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL):** A state-owned shipyard responsible for constructing Tavasya under technology transfer from Russia.
- **BrahMos Missile System:** A supersonic cruise missile developed jointly by India and Russia, integrated into Tavasya.
- **Atmanirbhar Bharat:** A national initiative aimed at self-reliance in key sectors, including defence.



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	Indian Navy launches frigate 'Tavasya'
Date	March 24, 2025
Location	Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)
Project	Project 1135.6 Follow-On Frigate
Frigate Name	Tavasya
Dimensions	124.8m length, 15.2m width, 4.5m draught
Speed	Up to 28 knots
Displacement	Over 3,800 tonnes
Combat Capabilities	Air, surface, and sub-surface warfare
Indigenous Systems	BrahMos, torpedo launchers, sonar, auxiliary control systems
First Follow-On Frigate	Triput (Launched on July 23, 2024)
Strategic Significance	Defence self-reliance, boost to naval power, Rs 500 billion export goal
Collaboration	Indo-Russian agreement for four frigates with technology transfer



➤ **Why has Indonesia decided to join the New Development Bank (NDB)?**

- A) To receive military aid from BRICS countries
- B) To reduce trade dependence on ASEAN countries
- C) To access development funding and boost infrastructure, energy, and technology sectors
- D) To replace its central bank with NDB operations
- E) To become a founding member of BRICS



Answer

C) To access development funding and boost infrastructure, energy, and technology sectors



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indonesia joins New Development Bank (NDB)
- **Date:** March 2025
- **Location:** Indonesia



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Economic Transformation:** Indonesia aims to strengthen its economy through international financial collaboration.
- **Access to Funding:** Membership offers low-interest loans for large-scale infrastructure and development projects.
- **Strategic Cooperation:** Strengthens financial and trade ties with BRICS and other NDB members.
- **Sectoral Development:** Focus on renewable energy, biodiesel, and digital infrastructure.



Important Terms Explained:

- **New Development Bank (NDB):** A multilateral financial institution established by BRICS in 2014 to finance infrastructure and sustainable development projects in emerging economies.
- **BRICS:** A coalition of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, formed to promote economic cooperation among emerging markets.
- **Renewable Energy:** Clean energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydropower that NDB will help Indonesia develop.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Biodiesel Production:** A renewable fuel initiative in which Indonesia, a leading palm oil producer, plays a key role.
- **Technological Development:** Involves support for digital innovation and tech-based infrastructure across Indonesia.



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Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	Indonesia joins the New Development Bank (NDB)
Location	Indonesia
Date	March 2025
Announced By	President Prabowo Subianto
Occasion	Visit of NDB President Dilma Rousseff to Indonesia
Purpose of Joining	To support infrastructure, renewable energy, and tech transformation
Collaboration Sectors	Renewable energy, biodiesel, technology
Key Benefits	Development funding, strategic BRICS ties, support for digital growth
Current NDB Members	Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, UAE, Indonesia
Next Step	Indonesia to formalize membership and start project partnerships



➤ Which countries signed a Letter of Intent on the Green and Digital Shipping Corridor (GDSC) during Singapore Maritime Week 2025?

- A) India and Netherlands
- B) India and Singapore
- C) India and Japan
- D) India and South Korea
- E) India and Germany

Answer

B) India and Singapore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India and Singapore sign LoI on Green and Digital Shipping Corridor (GDSC)
- **Date:** March 25, 2025
- **Location:** Singapore Maritime Week (SMW), Singapore



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Green Maritime Collaboration:** The GDSC aims to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the shipping sector.
- **Digital Innovation:** Focuses on integrating digital technologies for efficient maritime operations.
- **Future MoU:** The Letter of Intent will lead to a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) after identifying stakeholders.
- **Technology Transfer:** The partnership emphasizes low-emission technology adoption and innovation-driven maritime solutions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Green and Digital Shipping Corridor (GDSC):** A joint initiative to promote sustainability and digitalization in maritime transport through bilateral cooperation.
- **Letter of Intent (LoI):** A non-binding agreement indicating preliminary commitment between two parties before formalizing through an MoU.
- **GHG Emissions:** Greenhouse gas emissions including CO₂ from shipping activities, targeted for reduction under the GDSC.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Low-Draft Rivers:** Rivers like Brahmaputra and Barak, which have shallow depth, requiring specialized navigation and cargo handling technologies.
- **Singapore Maritime Week (SMW):** An annual global maritime event that brings together industry leaders, government officials, and stakeholders.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	India and Singapore sign Lol on Green and Digital Shipping Corridor
Date	March 25, 2025
Location	Singapore Maritime Week (SMW)
Countries Involved	India and Singapore
Purpose	Promote maritime digitalization and decarbonization
Next Steps	Identify stakeholders and formalize agreement through MoU
India–Netherlands Talks	Discussed cargo movement expertise in Brahmaputra and Barak rivers
Minister's Visit	Sonowal visited Singapore Cruise Centre for terminal infrastructure
Industry Engagements	Meetings with SCMA and Dutch maritime sector leaders



➤ **What major amendment was included in the Finance Bill 2025 passed by the Lok Sabha?**

- A) Reduction in GST on petroleum products
- B) Increase in corporate tax rate
- C) Abolition of the six per cent digital tax on online advertisements
- D) Introduction of a new inheritance tax
- E) Increase in import duty on electronics



Answer

C) Abolition of the six per cent digital tax on online advertisements



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Lok Sabha passes Finance Bill 2025
- **Date:** March 25, 2025
- **Location:** Parliament, New Delhi



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Tax Rationalization:** The bill focuses on easing business through simplified and rationalized tax provisions.
- **Tax Certainty:** Aims to promote consistency and transparency in the taxation framework.
- **Relief Measures:** Offers notable tax reliefs for individuals and businesses.
- **Capital Investment Push:** Strengthens infrastructure and economic growth through higher capital expenditure.
- **Foreign Asset Taxation:** Includes provisions to enhance revenue from individuals with undisclosed foreign assets.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Finance Bill:** A money bill introduced in Parliament every year to implement the financial proposals of the Union Budget.
- **Digital Tax:** A 6% equalization levy previously imposed on digital advertisements, now abolished.
- **Centrally Sponsored Schemes:** Schemes where funding is shared between the Centre and States, and implementation is by the States.
- **Central Sector Schemes:** Fully funded and implemented by the Central Government.
- **Fiscal Deficit:** The gap between the government's total revenue and total expenditure, excluding borrowings.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	Lok Sabha passes Finance Bill 2025
Date	March 25, 2025
Location	Parliament, New Delhi
Major Amendment	Abolition of 6% digital tax on online advertisements
Total Expenditure (FY 25-26)	₹50.65 lakh crore (7.4% rise over FY 24-25)
Capital Expenditure	₹11.22 lakh crore (Effective: ₹15.48 lakh crore)
Gross Tax Revenue	₹42.70 lakh crore
Gross Borrowing	₹14.01 lakh crore
Allocation – CSS	₹5,41,850.21 crore
Allocation – Central Sector	₹16.29 lakh crore
Resource Transfer to States	₹25,01,284 crore
Fiscal Deficit (FY 25-26)	4.4% of GDP (reduced from 4.8%)
GDP Estimate (FY 25-26)	₹3,56,97,923 crore (10.1% increase)
Next Step	Bill to be presented in Rajya Sabha



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ As of February 28, 2025, which state has the highest number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) under PMBJP?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Kerala
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Uttar Pradesh

Answer
E) Uttar Pradesh



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Expansion of Jan Aushadhi Kendras under PMBJP
- **Date:** February 28, 2025 (Data Reference)
- **Location:** India (Pan-India Implementation)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Affordable Medicines:** The scheme aims to provide high-quality, affordable generic medicines across India.
- **Healthcare Access:** Ensures low-cost medicines are available even in remote areas through Jan Aushadhi Kendras.
- **Entrepreneurship Promotion:** Encourages individuals to run kendras under a self-sustaining business model.
- **Public Health Support:** Supports economically weaker sections with accessible and quality healthcare products.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP):** A government initiative launched to provide generic medicines through specially established Jan Aushadhi Kendras at affordable prices.
- **Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs):** Pharmacies under PMBJP that sell generic medicines at lower prices compared to branded drugs.
- **WHO-GMP Certification:** Certification that ensures medicines are manufactured in facilities meeting international quality standards.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NABL Accreditation:** Laboratories approved by the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories, ensuring quality testing of medicines.
- **Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI):** The implementing agency of PMBJP responsible for managing logistics, quality, and expansion of JAKs.



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Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	Expansion of Jan Aushadhi Kendras under PMBJP
Date	February 28, 2025 (Data reference)
Scheme Name	Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)
Total JAKs Opened	15,057
Announced By	Smt. Anupriya Patel (Union MoS for Chemicals and Fertilizers)
Top State by JAKs	Uttar Pradesh (2,658 Kendras)
Other Leading States	Kerala (1,528), Karnataka (1,425), Tamil Nadu (1,363)
Supply Chain Structure	1 central warehouse, 4 regional warehouses, 36 distributors
Quality Measures	WHO-GMP certified sourcing, NABL lab testing, regular audits
Incentives for JAKs	Stock mandate for 200 essential medicines, financial incentives
Entrepreneurship Model	JAKs operated by individuals based on local demand



➤ **When is the new Pamban rail bridge scheduled to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?**

- A) April 1, 2025
- B) March 26, 2025
- C) April 6, 2025
- D) April 14, 2025
- E) May 1, 2025

Answer
C) April 6, 2025



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of the new Pamban rail bridge by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- **Date:** April 6, 2025 (Ram Navami)
- **Location:** Ramanathapuram – Rameswaram Island, Tamil Nadu



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Rail Connectivity Boost:** The bridge enhances railway access to Rameswaram Island, improving regional connectivity.
- **Infrastructure Development:** Aimed at strengthening the transportation network in Tamil Nadu's coastal region.
- **Public Transport Support:** Includes the launch of a new train service between Tambaram and Rameswaram.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Pamban Rail Bridge:**
 - A vital railway bridge linking mainland Tamil Nadu (Ramanathapuram) to Rameswaram Island.
 - The new bridge replaces the aging structure and includes modern lifting span technology.
- **Ram Navami:**
 - A Hindu festival celebrating the birth of Lord Rama, observed on April 6 in 2025.
 - The bridge inauguration coincides with this auspicious day.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tambaram–Rameswaram Train Service:**
 - A new route being flagged off during the inauguration to improve rail services in Tamil Nadu.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Category	Details
Event	Inauguration of the new Pamban rail bridge
Inauguration Date	April 6, 2025 (Ram Navami)
Inaugurated By	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Location	Ramanathapuram to Rameswaram Island, Tamil Nadu
Cost of Construction	₹531 crore
Other Activities	Flag-off of Tambaram–Rameswaram train service; public address
Inspection Update	Inspected by R.N. Singh on March 26, 2025
Safety Check	Central span test lifting successfully completed
Old Bridge Status	To be dismantled; parts to be preserved as heritage
Station Redevelopment	Rameswaram station to be redeveloped by September 2025



QUICK RECALL



- International Unborn Child Day is observed globally on March 25 each year.
- Sunil Kumar won a bronze medal in the 87kg Greco-Roman category at Asian Wrestling Championships 2025.
- India is now the top milk-producing country with 239 MMT production.
- India is the world's largest producer of jute.
- S&P Global has revised India's FY26 GDP growth forecast from 6.7 percent to 6.5 percent.
- Reliance Industries acquired 100 percent stake in Nauyaan Tradings for ₹1 lakh.
- P.S. Raman is the author of the CSK-based book titled 'Leo: The Untold Story of Chennai Super Kings'.
- Ashok Singh Thakur has been elected as the new chairman of INTACH.
- Supreme Court has formed a National Task Force to address student mental health issues.



QUICK RECALL



- Sanjay Singh has been elected as a Bureau Member of UWW-Asia.
- Rajiv Gauba has been appointed as a Full-Time Member of NITI Aayog.
- Bellatrix Aerospace signed an MoU with Astroscale Japan for space debris removal.
- Tavasya is the second follow-on frigate launched under Project 1135.6 by the Indian Navy.
- Indonesia joins NDB to strengthen financial ties with BRICS and access development funding.
- India and Singapore signed a Letter of Intent on a Green and Digital Shipping Corridor.
- Lok Sabha passed the Finance Bill 2025 on March 25 with 35 government amendments.
- 15,057 Jan Aushadhi Kendras have been opened across India under PMBJP as of February 2025.
- The new Pamban rail bridge will be inaugurated by PM Modi on April 6, 2025.





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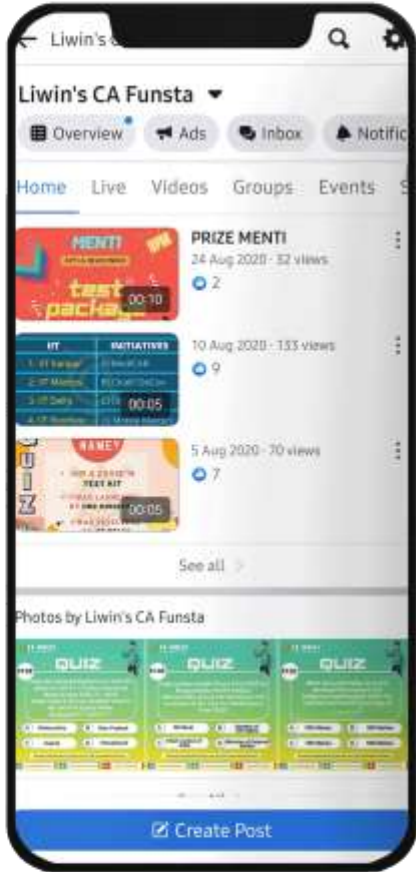
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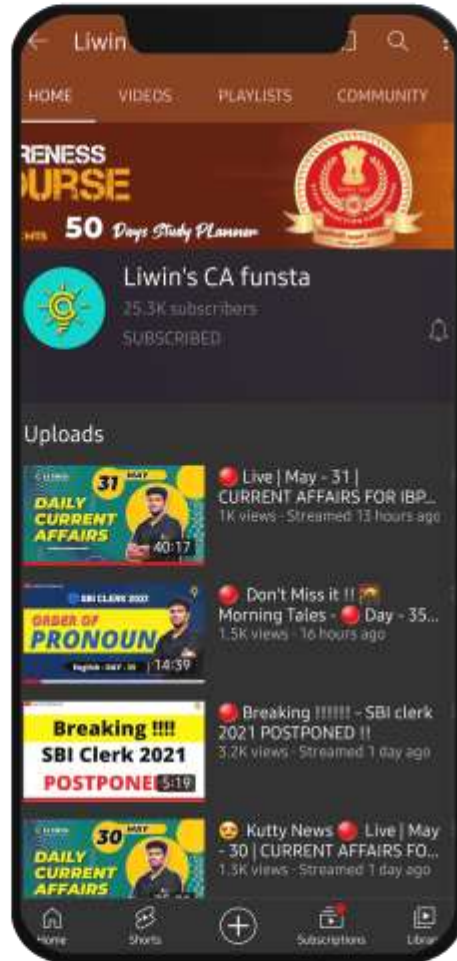


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