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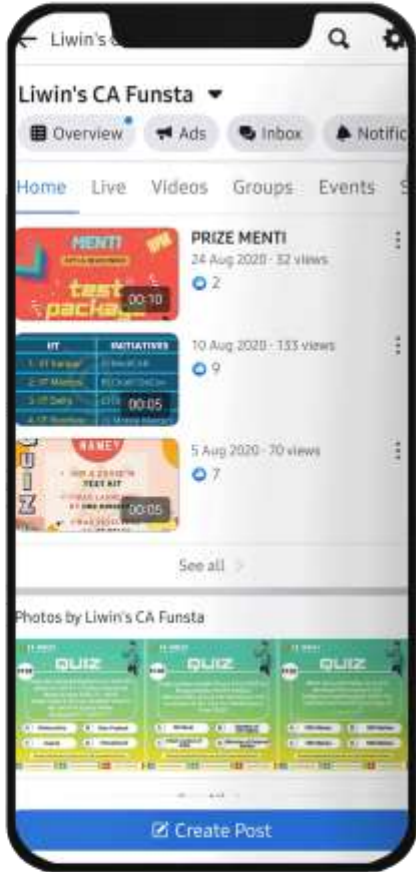


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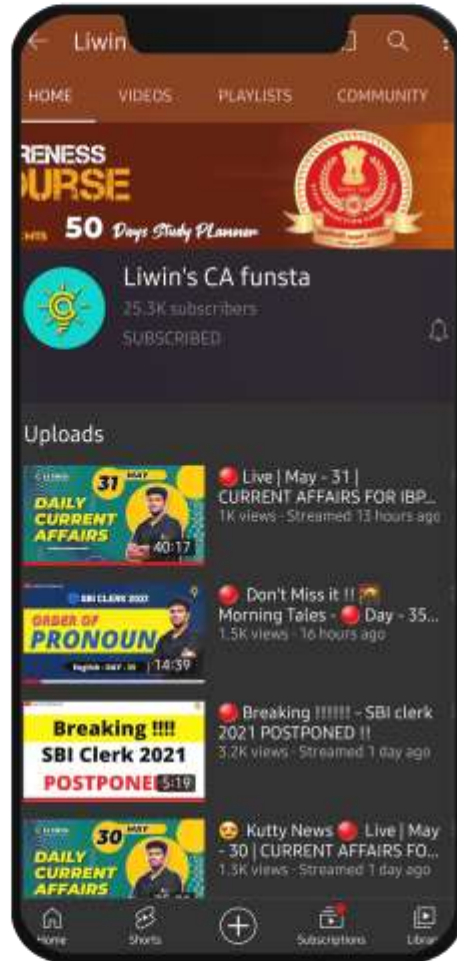
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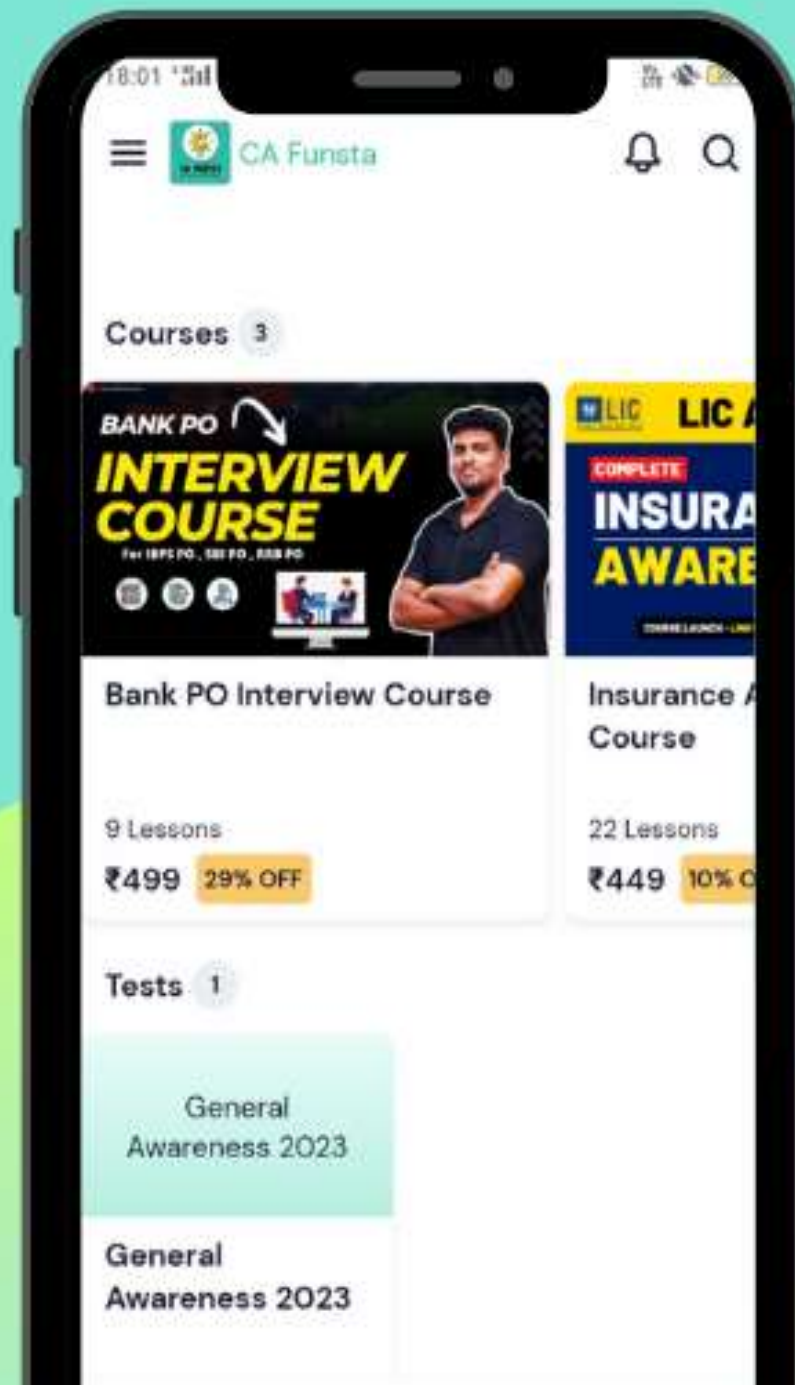
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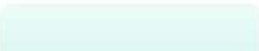
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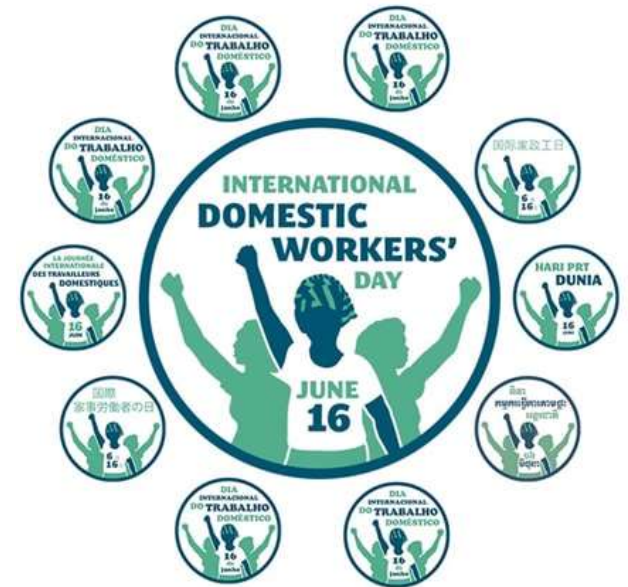


➤ **What does the International Domestic Workers' Day 2025 primarily commemorate?**

- A) Adoption of Universal Minimum Wage
- B) Launch of the UN Global Care Initiative
- C) Ratification of ILO Convention 189
- D) Founding of the International Labour Organization
- E) Declaration of Labour Rights Day

Answer

C) Ratification of ILO Convention 189



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Domestic Workers' Day 2025
- **Location:** Global observance
- **Date:** June 16, 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Observed annually on June 16, International Domestic Workers' Day marks the adoption of ILO Convention 189 (C189) in 2011, establishing global labor standards for domestic workers.
- **Objectives:** To advocate for decent work, fair wages, legal rights, and social protections for domestic workers—especially women and migrants—who are among the most vulnerable in the global workforce.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **ILO Convention 189 (C189):** Adopted on June 16, 2011, this convention sets international labor standards for decent work for domestic workers, ensuring rights like minimum wage, rest periods, and protection from abuse.
- **ILO Convention 190 (C190):** An international treaty adopted in 2019 to eliminate violence and harassment in the world of work, including domestic spaces.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF):** A global organization representing domestic workers' unions and associations, playing a key role in securing labor rights globally.
- **International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC):** A global voice of workers that advocates for social and economic justice and leads efforts for labor rights implementation.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	International Domestic Workers' Day 2025
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Location	Global observance
Issuing authority	ILO, IDWF, ITUC
Policy/series name	ILO Conventions C189 (2011) and C190 (2019)
Key figures	Domestic workers, IDWF leaders, Gilbert F. Houngbo (ILO DG)
Purpose/reason	Honor and empower domestic workers; promote fair labor standards
Feature details	Legal rights, social security, collective bargaining, fair wages
Validity or status	Annual global observance; growing global ratification effort
Strategic/significant value	Enhances social justice, women's rights, and migrant worker protection



Important Days



➤ **What was the theme of the International Day of Family Remittances 2025?**

- A) Building Global Family Ties
- B) Migrant Money, Local Impact
- C) Remittances financing development
- D) Families First: The Remittance Impact
- E) Enabling Livelihoods Through Remittances



Answer

C) Remittances financing development



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Observation of International Day of Family Remittances 2025
- **Location:** Globally observed
- **Date:** June 16, 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) is observed each year to recognize the critical financial contributions made by migrant workers to their families and communities through remittances.
- **Objectives:** To highlight the impact of remittances on sustainable development, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), and promote the creation of institutional frameworks that support safer, more affordable, and inclusive financial transfer systems.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Remittances:** Cross-border financial transfers typically sent by migrant workers to their families in their home countries. These funds help support basic needs such as food, education, healthcare, and small businesses.
- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** A set of 17 interconnected global goals set by the United Nations in 2015, aimed at ending poverty, protecting the planet, and ensuring prosperity for all by 2030. Remittances significantly contribute to SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 8 (Decent Work), and SDG 13 (Climate Action).



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development):** A specialized UN agency that initiated the IDFR in collaboration with the World Bank in 2008 to recognize the development impact of migrant remittances.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	International Day of Family Remittances 2025
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Location	Observed globally
Issuing authority	United Nations / IFAD
Policy/series name	Annual UN Observance on Remittance Impact
Key figures	IFAD, World Bank, migrant workers
Purpose/reason	Recognize financial contributions by migrant workers to families and global development
Feature details	Theme: "Remittances financing development"; focus on SDGs
Validity or status	Annual international observance
Strategic/significant value	Highlights role of remittances in development, resilience, and financial inclusion



Important Days



➤ **What is the theme of the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 2025?**

- A) Land and Life: Secure Our Future
- B) Restore the Land. Unlock the Opportunities
- C) Combating Desertification for a Greener Planet
- D) Land Restoration for Climate Action
- E) Stop Droughts, Save Earth



Answer

B) Restore the Land. Unlock the Opportunities



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 2025
- **Location:** Global observance under UN framework
- **Date:** June 17, 2025



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Established in 1994 by the United Nations General Assembly, this day raises awareness about desertification, drought, and the urgent need for sustainable land management and land restoration.
- **Objectives:** To highlight the environmental, economic, and social importance of restoring degraded land and emphasize the opportunities it creates for food security, climate resilience, and economic stability, especially in vulnerable regions.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **UNCCD (United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification):** The only legally binding international agreement linking environment, development, and land management. Adopted in 1994 to address desertification globally.
- **Desertification:** Land degradation in arid, semi-arid, and dry sub-humid areas due to climatic variations and human activities, reducing land productivity and ecosystem health.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030):** A global movement to prevent, halt, and reverse the degradation of ecosystems worldwide. This campaign provides momentum for large-scale restoration initiatives.
- **NAPCD (National Action Plan to Combat Desertification):** India's national strategy integrating schemes like CAMPA, Green India Mission, and Forest Fire Management to reverse land degradation.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 2025
Announcement date	June 17, 2025
Location	Global (UN observance)
Issuing authority	United Nations (via UNCCD)
Policy/series name	UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030)
Key figures	Ibrahim Thiaw (UNCCD Executive Secretary)
Purpose/reason	Raise awareness and action on desertification and land restoration
Feature details	Theme: "Restore the Land. Unlock the Opportunities"; global target: restore 1.5 billion ha by 2030
Validity or status	Annual global observance; part of long-term restoration effort
Strategic/significant value	Supports SDGs, climate resilience, poverty reduction, and biodiversity recovery



➤ **Where will the inaugural edition of the Hockey India Masters Cup 2025 be held?**

- A) Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
- B) Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium, Chennai
- C) Dhyan Chand Stadium, New Delhi
- D) Balewadi Stadium, Pune
- E) Gachibowli Stadium, Hyderabad

Answer

B) Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium, Chennai



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the first-ever Hockey India Masters Cup
- **Location:** Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** June 18 to 27, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu (HUTN) is organizing the inaugural Hockey India Masters Cup 2025, a national-level tournament for veteran hockey players aged 40+ (men) and 35+ (women).
- **Objectives:** To honor India's hockey legends, promote active aging, revive national interest in hockey, and provide a competitive platform for retired athletes to reconnect with the sport.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Hockey India Masters Cup:** A new national tournament focused on veteran players, celebrating the rich legacy of Indian hockey and encouraging fitness among retired athletes.
- **Veteran Sports Ecosystem:** A growing sports framework aimed at ensuring continued participation and recognition of senior and retired sports professionals.
- **Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu (HUTN):** The organizing state body under Hockey India responsible for promoting and managing hockey-related events in Tamil Nadu.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Hockey India Masters Cup 2025
Announcement date	June 17, 2025 (Tournament starts June 18)
Location	Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Chennai
Issuing authority	Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu (HUTN)
Policy/series name	Inaugural Masters Cup for Veteran Hockey Players
Key figures	Former Olympians and India players
Purpose/reason	Celebrate Indian hockey legacy; promote sports among veterans
Feature details	12 men's teams, 8 women's teams, pool matches + knockouts
Validity or status	First edition; tournament runs from June 18–27, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens veteran sports ecosystem and revives hockey interest nationwide



SPORTS



➤ **Where did Armand Duplantis set his 12th pole vault world record of 6.28 meters in June 2025?**

- A) Paris Olympic Stadium
- B) Oslo Bislett Stadium
- C) Stockholm Olympiastadion
- D) London Olympic Arena
- E) Zurich Letzigrund

Answer

C) Stockholm Olympiastadion



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Armand Duplantis sets a new pole vault world record of 6.28 meters
- **Location:** Stockholm Olympiastadion, Sweden
- **Date:** June 15, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Armand Duplantis broke his own pole vault world record by clearing 6.28 meters during the Stockholm Diamond League.
- **Objectives:** The achievement highlights athletic excellence, national pride, and the global significance of consistent high-performance in field events.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Diamond League:** An annual series of elite track and field athletic competitions organized by World Athletics, attracting top global talent.
- **World Record:** The highest official achievement in a sport or discipline, recognized by governing bodies like World Athletics.
- **Olympiastadion (Stockholm):** The historic stadium built for the 1912 Olympics, frequently used for major athletics events in Sweden.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Armand Duplantis sets 12th pole vault world record
Announcement date	June 15, 2025
Location	Stockholm Olympiastadion, Sweden
Issuing authority	World Athletics (via Diamond League event)
Policy/series name	Diamond League 2025
Key figures	Armand Duplantis (Athlete), Sebastian Coe (World Athletics President)
Purpose/reason	Break previous record and achieve a personal milestone on home soil
Feature details	6.28m vault on first attempt, surpassing previous 6.27m set in Feb 2025
Validity or status	New official world record recognized
Strategic/significant value	Enhances Sweden's athletic legacy and promotes pole vault globally



➤ Which Indian tennis player won her 32nd career doubles title at the Guimaraes ITF 2025 event?

- A) Rutuja Bhosale
- B) Karman Kaur Thandi
- C) Ankita Raina
- D) Sania Mirza
- E) Sahaja Yamalapalli

Answer
C) Ankita Raina



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Ankita Raina wins her 32nd doubles title at the Guimaraes ITF Tournament
- **Location:** Guimaraes, Portugal
- **Date:** June 15, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Indian tennis player Ankita Raina, alongside French partner Alice Robbe, won the \$40,000 ITF Women's Doubles title in Guimaraes by defeating the Japanese duo Hiromi Abe and Kanako Morisaki.
- **Objectives:** To further Ankita's professional milestones, enhance India's visibility on the international doubles circuit, and prepare for higher-tier WTA events with a boost in rankings and confidence.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ITF (International Tennis Federation):** The governing body of world tennis that oversees lower-tier professional tournaments, which serve as stepping stones to the WTA and ATP tours.
- **Doubles Title:** A tennis championship earned by a two-player team in the doubles category of a tournament.
- **WTA (Women's Tennis Association):** The principal organizing body of women's professional tennis, ranking players and managing high-level global tournaments.



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Ankita Raina wins 32nd career doubles title
Announcement date	June 15, 2025
Location	Guimaraes, Portugal
Issuing authority	ITF (International Tennis Federation)
Policy/series name	ITF Women's World Tennis Tour – \$40K Category
Key figures	Ankita Raina (India), Alice Robbe (France)
Purpose/reason	Boost professional milestones and doubles rankings
Feature details	Defeated Japanese duo Abe/Morisaki 1-6, 6-4, [10-8]
Validity or status	Active; win counts toward 2025 ITF season
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India's standing in global women's doubles tennis and supports Indo-French collaboration



SPORTS



➤ Who won the 2025 Canadian Grand Prix, where McLaren drivers Norris and Piastri collided?

- A) Max Verstappen
- B) Oscar Piastri
- C) George Russell
- D) Kimi Antonelli
- E) Lando Norris

Answer
C) George Russell



Event and Location:

- **Event:** George Russell wins 2025 Canadian Grand Prix; Norris–Piastrri collision
- **Location:** Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Montreal, Canada
- **Date:** June 16, 2025 (Race Day)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** George Russell clinched his first win of the 2025 F1 season at the Canadian Grand Prix, while Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri collided late in the race during a battle for fourth place.
- **Objectives:** The event highlighted Mercedes' return to form, the intensifying championship battle, and the first major intra-team clash of the season between McLaren drivers.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Canadian Grand Prix:** A prominent Formula One race held annually at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal, part of the F1 World Championship calendar.
- **Pit Straight:** The main straight section of a racing circuit adjacent to the pit lane, often used for overtaking due to DRS and high-speed exits.
- **Safety Car:** A vehicle deployed during a race to slow down the field under hazardous conditions (e.g., crashes), often impacting race strategies.
- **Championship Points:** Points earned based on race finishes that contribute to the driver's and constructor's season totals in the F1 standings.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	2025 Canadian Grand Prix
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Location	Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Montreal, Canada
Issuing authority	Formula One Group (Liberty Media)
Policy/series name	Formula One World Championship 2025
Key figures	George Russell, Lando Norris, Oscar Piastri, Max Verstappen
Purpose/reason	First Mercedes win of the season; key crash among title rivals
Feature details	Russell wins; Norris crashes into Piastri; Verstappen finishes 2nd
Validity or status	Championship standings affected post-race
Strategic/significant value	Piastri leads Norris by 22 points; Verstappen 21 behind Norris



OBITUARY



➤ **What was Nellai Su. Muthu primarily known for?**

- A) Inventing India's first communication satellite
- B) Founding the Tamil Virtual University
- C) Bridging space science with Tamil literature
- D) Leading India's Moon mission
- E) Translating Shakespeare into Tamil

Answer

C) Bridging space science with Tamil literature

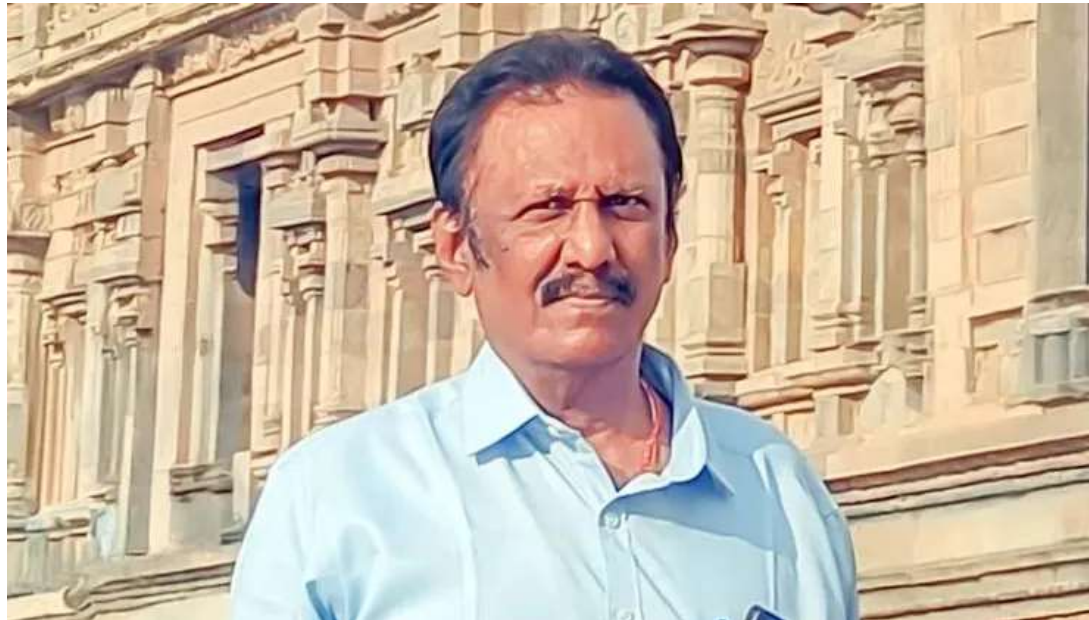


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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Death of ISRO scientist and Tamil author Nellore Su. Muthu
- **Location:** Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- **Date:** June 16, 2025



OBITUARY



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Nellai Su. Muthu, a former ISRO scientist and prolific Tamil author, passed away at the age of 74. He was known for contributing to both India's space programme and Tamil science literature through over 170 authored works.
- **Objectives:** To honor his legacy of science communication, children's literature, and cultural advocacy, while inspiring new generations to pursue both STEM and language arts.



OBITUARY



Important Terms Explained:

- **ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation):** India's national space agency, involved in launching satellites, space missions, and developing indigenous space technology.
- **Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC):** A key spaceport located in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, where Muthu worked as a senior scientist.



OBITUARY



Important Terms Explained:

- **Science Communication:** The practice of informing, educating, and raising public awareness of science-related topics, especially by translating complex ideas into accessible formats.
- **Kavimamani Award:** A literary honour recognizing excellence in Tamil poetry and contributions to Tamil literature, awarded to Muthu by the World Tamil Poets Association.



OBITUARY



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Passing of Nellai Su. Muthu
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Location	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
Issuing authority	Reported by Tamil media and literary circles
Policy/series name	Not applicable
Key figures	Nellai Su. Muthu, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam (collaborator at ISRO)
Purpose/reason	Commemorate the life and contributions of a scientist-author
Feature details	Over 170 books; key works in science, history, biography, and children's literature
Validity or status	Obituary; end of active contributions
Strategic/significant value	Blended scientific literacy with regional language promotion; inspired youth through writing



➤ To which city did the Reserve Bank of India relocate its Andhra Pradesh regional office in June 2025?

- A) Visakhapatnam
- B) Tirupati
- C) Vijayawada
- D) Guntur
- E) Hyderabad

Answer
C) Vijayawada



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Relocation of RBI's Andhra Pradesh regional office
- **Location:** Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** June 16, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has shifted its Andhra Pradesh regional office to Stalin Central, MG Road, Vijayawada, and inaugurated the premises through Deputy Governor T. Rabi Sankar.
- **Objectives:** To improve administrative efficiency, ensure better accessibility, and support regional financial operations in Andhra Pradesh.



Important Terms Explained:

- **RBI (Reserve Bank of India):** India's central banking institution responsible for monetary policy, currency issuance, and financial regulation.
- **Regional Office:** A branch-level administrative setup of RBI that manages local banking operations and regulatory functions for its respective region.
- **Currency Management:** Refers to the RBI's role in printing, distributing, and withdrawing currency; for Andhra Pradesh, this function remains with the Hyderabad office.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Relocation of RBI's Andhra Pradesh regional office
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Location	Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
Issuing authority	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Policy/series name	RBI Regional Reorganization
Key figures	T. Rabi Sankar (Deputy Governor), Attah Omar Basheer (Regional Director)
Purpose/reason	Improve accessibility and administrative efficiency in AP
Feature details	New departments include IBD, FIDD, DoS, FED, HRMD, DIT, Rajbhasha Cell, etc.
Validity or status	Operational from June 16, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Enhances RBI's regional presence and support to AP's financial system



➤ **Which recent directive by the NPCI aims to reduce the time taken for UPI transactions starting June 16, 2025?**

- A) Limit daily UPI transfers to ₹1 lakh
- B) Ban editing of UPI IDs
- C) Reduce UPI transaction time to 10–15 seconds
- D) Launch voice-based UPI verification
- E) Introduce mandatory biometric authentication

Answer

C) Reduce UPI transaction time to 10–15 seconds



Event and Location:

- **Event:** UPI transaction processing time reduced to 10–15 seconds
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** June 16, 2025 (Implementation); June 30, 2025 (Compliance deadline)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** NPCI has mandated all UPI stakeholders to reduce transaction, validation, and reversal time to 10–15 seconds, limit balance checks to 50 times a day, and restrict name visibility and editing on UPI apps.
- **Objectives:** The objective is to enhance transaction speed, improve user experience, reduce failures, secure payments, and manage backend system load due to rising digital payments.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UPI (Unified Payments Interface):** A real-time mobile-based interbank payment system developed by NPCI, enabling instant fund transfers across banks in India.
- **NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India):** An umbrella organization for operating retail payment and settlement systems in India, which developed UPI.
- **Digital India Initiative:** A flagship programme by the Government of India that promotes digitization and financial inclusion through accessible and secure digital services.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	UPI transaction speed increased to 10–15 seconds
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Location	India
Issuing authority	National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
Policy/series name	UPI speed optimization guidelines
Key figures	Dilip Asbe (MD & CEO, NPCI)
Purpose/reason	To improve transaction speed, reduce failures, enhance user trust
Feature details	Faster money transfers, 50/day balance check limit, UI changes
Validity or status	Mandatory compliance by June 30, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Supports Digital India initiative and boosts digital transaction reliability



➤ Which bank has partnered with Maruti Suzuki India Limited in 2025 to provide enhanced car financing solutions?

- A) AU Small Finance Bank
- B) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) Bandhan Bank
- E) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

Answer

B) Equitas Small Finance Bank



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Maruti Suzuki signs MoU with Equitas Bank for retail car financing
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL) and Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFB) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide retail vehicle financing solutions across India for new cars, used cars, and commercial vehicles.
- **Objectives:** To enhance affordable and accessible car financing, strengthen outreach in semi-urban and rural markets, and promote financial inclusion through Equitas' extensive branch network.



Important Terms Explained:

- **MoU (Memorandum of Understanding):** A formal agreement between two or more parties expressing mutual intent to collaborate; not legally binding but signifies a strong working partnership.
- **Retail Vehicle Financing:** Loans provided to individual customers for purchasing vehicles, including passenger cars and commercial-use vehicles.
- **Financial Inclusion:** The effort to make financial products and services accessible and affordable to all individuals and businesses, regardless of their personal net worth or company size.



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Maruti Suzuki signs MoU with Equitas Small Finance Bank
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	Maruti Suzuki India Ltd & Equitas Small Finance Bank
Policy/series name	Strategic retail vehicle financing partnership
Key figures	Partho Banerjee (MSIL), Jagadesh J (ESFB)
Purpose/reason	Expand financing access for new, used, and commercial vehicles
Feature details	Quick disbursements, competitive interest rates, wide rural reach
Validity or status	Active collaboration through formal MoU
Strategic/significant value	Boosts auto sales, supports rural financial access, and enhances credit inclusion



- **Which European financial institution has partnered with TCS to automate its reconciliation operations using AI?**
- A) European Central Bank
 - B) European Investment Bank
 - C) Council of Europe Development Bank
 - D) European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
 - E) International Monetary Fund

Answer

C) Council of Europe Development Bank



Event and Location:

- **Event:** TCS partners with Council of Europe Development Bank to automate financial reconciliation
- **Location:** Paris, France (CEB headquarters)
- **Date:** June 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has signed a strategic agreement with the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) to deploy TCS BaNCSTM for Reconciliations, an AI-driven solution that automates financial reconciliation processes.
- **Objectives:** To enhance transaction accuracy, transparency, and operational control while reducing manual intervention in CEB's banking operations—thus supporting its broader social development mission.



Important Terms Explained:

- **TCS BaNCSTM for Reconciliations:** A digital financial platform by TCS that uses AI and automation to streamline banking processes such as transaction matching, exception handling, and reporting.
- **Reconciliation Process:** A financial operation used to ensure records (like bank statements and internal accounts) match accurately, crucial for transparency and fraud prevention.



Important Terms Explained:

- **CEB (Council of Europe Development Bank):** A multilateral development bank that promotes social cohesion by funding projects in sectors such as education, public health, and housing in its 43 member states.



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	TCS–CEB partnership for AI-driven financial reconciliation
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	Paris, France
Issuing authority	Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Council of Europe Development Bank
Policy/series name	TCS BaNCSTM for Reconciliations
Key figures	K. Krithivasan (TCS CEO), CEB leadership
Purpose/reason	Automate CEB's reconciliation systems to boost transparency and efficiency
Feature details	AI-based transaction matching, reporting, exception handling
Validity or status	Ongoing implementation
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India's global IT presence; supports CEB's social finance mission



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as India's new ambassador to North Korea in 2025?**

- A) Ruchira Kamboj
- B) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- C) Aliawati Longkumer
- D) Vikram Misri
- E) Atul Malhari Gotsurve

Answer

C) Aliawati Longkumer



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India appoints a new ambassador to North Korea after a four-year gap
- **Location:** Pyongyang, North Korea
- **Date:** June 2025 (appointment); December 2024 (embassy reopening)



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India appointed Aliawati Longkumer, a 2008-batch IFS officer, as its ambassador to North Korea, reinstating high-level diplomatic engagement.
- **Objectives:** To restore India's diplomatic presence, balance humanitarian assistance with global sanctions, and address regional strategic dynamics involving East Asia and the Indo-Pacific.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **IFS (Indian Foreign Service):** A central civil service responsible for handling the external affairs of India, including diplomacy, trade, and representation in international organizations.
- **UN Sanctions:** Binding measures imposed by the United Nations to maintain or restore international peace and security—in this case, aimed at restricting North Korea's nuclear and missile activities.
- **Charge d'Affaires:** A diplomat who heads an embassy in the absence of the ambassador; Aliawati Longkumer previously served in this role in Paraguay.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India reappoints ambassador to North Korea
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	Pyongyang, North Korea
Issuing authority	Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), India
Policy/series name	Diplomatic appointment
Key figures	Aliawati Longkumer (2008 IFS), VK Singh (former visitor, 2018)
Purpose/reason	Restore diplomatic presence and strategic outreach
Feature details	Embassy reopened in Dec 2024; last ambassador served till 2021
Validity or status	Active diplomatic posting
Strategic/significant value	Balances humanitarian outreach with strategic and security concerns in East Asia



➤ **According to the SIPRI Yearbook 2025, which of the following developments is true about India's nuclear arsenal?**

- A) India has eliminated all canister-based missiles
- B) India reduced its warhead count by 20%
- C) India expanded its arsenal and is developing MIRV-capable systems
- D) India has adopted a launch-on-warning nuclear posture
- E) India signed a nuclear disarmament treaty in 2024

Answer

C) India expanded its arsenal and is developing MIRV-capable systems



Event and Location:

- **Event:** SIPRI report confirms India's expansion of nuclear capabilities
- **Location:** Global (India and other nuclear powers)
- **Date:** June 2025 (report release; data pertains to 2024)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India has slightly expanded its nuclear arsenal in 2024 and is developing canisterised missile systems that may support MIRVs (Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicles).
- **Objectives:** To maintain a credible deterrent posture in response to regional threats, adapt to evolving security environments, and keep pace with global nuclear modernisation trends.



Important Terms Explained:

- **SIPRI (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute):** A Swedish think tank that tracks global armaments, military expenditures, and disarmament efforts. Its Yearbook is a globally recognized source of arms control data.
- **MIRV (Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicles):** A missile payload system that allows a single ballistic missile to carry multiple nuclear warheads, each aimed at a different target.
- **Canisterised Missiles:** Missiles stored and launched from sealed containers, increasing mobility, protection, and readiness.



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India's nuclear arsenal expansion reported in SIPRI Yearbook 2025
Announcement date	June 2025
Location	India (global report context)
Issuing authority	Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
Policy/series name	SIPRI Yearbook 2025
Key figures	Stefan Löfven (SIPRI Chair), Indian defence establishment
Purpose/reason	Track global nuclear trends; highlight modernisation risks
Feature details	India developing canisterised missiles; potential MIRVs
Validity or status	Active development and expansion
Strategic/significant value	Reflects India's evolving strategic posture amid regional nuclear developments



➤ **What is the primary aim of the 'Cyber Suraksha' exercise launched by the Defence Cyber Agency in June 2025?**

- A) Recruitment of cyber analysts for DRDO
- B) Upgradation of India's digital banking infrastructure
- C) Training defence personnel in cyber threat simulation and response
- D) Launching a national firewall for Indian cyberspace
- E) Creating a civilian cyber complaint redressal portal

Answer

C) Training defence personnel in cyber threat simulation and response



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of 'Cyber Suraksha' cybersecurity training exercise
- **Location:** Nationwide (organized by Defence Cyber Agency, Ministry of Defence)
- **Date:** June 16–27, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Defence Cyber Agency, under the Integrated Defence Staff Headquarters, has launched the Cyber Suraksha exercise — a 12-day multi-phase cybersecurity training program for over 100 defence and national security personnel.
- **Objectives:** To simulate real-world cyberattacks, strengthen response capabilities, promote cyber resilience, and develop strategic leadership through targeted training, including technical and decision-making modules.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cyber Suraksha:** A first-of-its-kind national-level defence cyber training exercise aimed at simulating real-world attacks and enhancing India's defence readiness in cyberspace.
- **Defence Cyber Agency (DCA):** An agency under India's Ministry of Defence responsible for conducting cyber operations and strengthening cyber defence for the armed forces.



Important Terms Explained:

- **CISOs Conclave:** A focused leadership event within the exercise that brings together Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) to participate in discussions and simulations related to national cyber defence leadership.
- **Table-Top Exercise:** A scenario-based exercise where decision-makers simulate actions in response to a hypothetical cyber crisis to assess strategic readiness.



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Cyber Suraksha Cybersecurity Training Exercise
Announcement date	June 16, 2025
Location	India (coordinated by Integrated Defence Staff HQ)
Issuing authority	Defence Cyber Agency, Ministry of Defence
Policy/series name	National Cyber Defence Preparedness Program
Key figures	General Anil Chauhan (CDS), 100+ defence/security participants
Purpose/reason	Train defence stakeholders in cyber readiness and strategic leadership
Feature details	Real-world cyber simulations, CISOs Conclave, Table-Top Exercise
Validity or status	Active (June 16–27, 2025); to be conducted regularly
Strategic/significant value	Enhances India's cyber defence posture; aligns with Cyber Security Policy 2020 goals



➤ **What is the name of the largest-ever tribal empowerment campaign launched by the Government of India in June 2025?**

- A) Vikas Jan Abhiyan
- B) PM-Vanbandhu Yojana
- C) DhartiAaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan
- D) Adivasi Nyay Mission
- E) Van Dhan Gram Samriddhi Abhiyan

Answer

C) DhartiAaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of India's largest-ever tribal empowerment campaign
- **Location:** Nationwide (549 tribal districts across India)
- **Date:** June 15, 2025



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched the DhartiAaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan, covering nearly 1 lakh tribal villages to ensure the saturation of welfare services and schemes.
- **Objectives:** To deliver government services to the doorstep of tribal communities, promote Janbhagidari (people's participation), and support inclusive development under Antyodaya and Viksit Bharat missions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **DhartiAaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan:** A tribal-centric mass outreach and saturation campaign led by MoTA for delivering welfare services to tribal populations.
- **PM-JANMAN (Prime Minister's Janjatiya Nyaya Mahabhiyan):** A central initiative for tribal justice and welfare focused on legal aid, rights-based delivery, and institutional access.



Important Terms Explained:

- **DAJGUA (Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan):** A village-level empowerment program promoting tribal development through multi-sectoral services and skilling.
- **Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh:** A commemorative year celebrating tribal pride and heritage in India.



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Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of DhartiAaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan
Announcement date	June 15, 2025
Location	Nationwide (tribal regions of India)
Issuing authority	Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA)
Policy/series name	DhartiAaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan
Key figures	Shri Jual Oram (Union Tribal Affairs Minister)
Purpose/reason	Empower tribal communities and ensure benefit saturation
Feature details	Camps for Aadhaar, Ayushman Bharat, PM-Kisan, pensions, insurance
Validity or status	Active from June 15 to June 30, 2025
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens last-mile delivery, promotes Antyodaya and Viksit Bharat missions



QUICK RECALL



- **International Domestic Workers' Day 2025** was observed on June 16 to honor and demand fair treatment for domestic workers globally.
- **The International Day of Family Remittances 2025** was observed globally on June 16 under the theme "Remittances financing development."
- **The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 2025** was observed on June 17 under the theme "Restore the Land. Unlock the Opportunities."
- **The Hockey India Masters Cup 2025** will be hosted in Chennai from June 18 to 27 at Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium.
- **Armand Duplantis** broke his own world record in the men's pole vault with a 6.28-meter leap in Stockholm.
- **Ankita Raina** secured her 32nd career doubles title at the \$40,000 ITF event in Guimaraes, Portugal, on June 15, 2025.



QUICK RECALL



- **George Russell won the 2025 Canadian Grand Prix, securing Mercedes' first win of the season.**
- **Renowned ISRO scientist and Tamil author Nellai Su. Muthu passed away at the age of 74 on June 16, 2025, in Thiruvananthapuram.**
- **The RBI inaugurated its new Andhra Pradesh regional office in Vijayawada on June 16, 2025.**
- **NPCI has directed UPI ecosystem participants to reduce transaction response times to 10–15 seconds by June 30, 2025.**
- **Maruti Suzuki India has partnered with Equitas Small Finance Bank to enhance vehicle financing services across India.**
- **TCS has partnered with the Council of Europe Development Bank to automate its financial reconciliation processes using AI.**
- **India has appointed IFS officer Aliawati Longkumer as ambassador to North Korea after a gap of four years.**



QUICK RECALL



- India has marginally expanded its nuclear arsenal in 2024, according to the SIPRI Yearbook 2025.
- The Defence Cyber Agency launched the 'Cyber Suraksha' cybersecurity exercise on June 16, 2025, to strengthen national defence cyber readiness.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched the DhartiAaba Janbhagidari Abhiyan on June 15, 2025, as the largest tribal empowerment initiative in Indian history.



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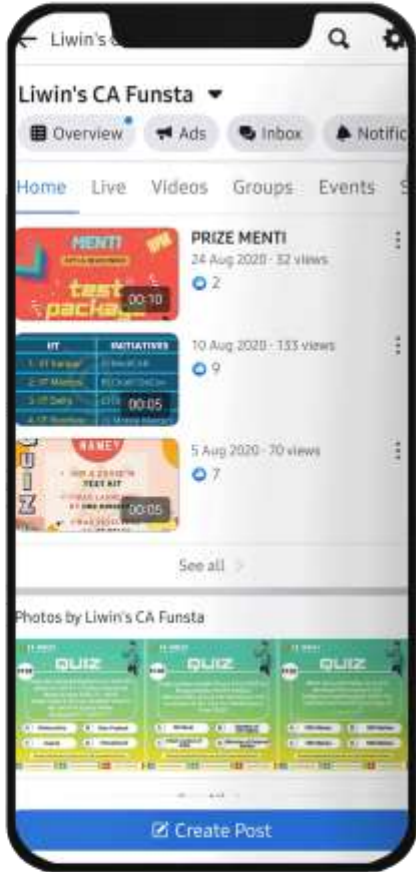
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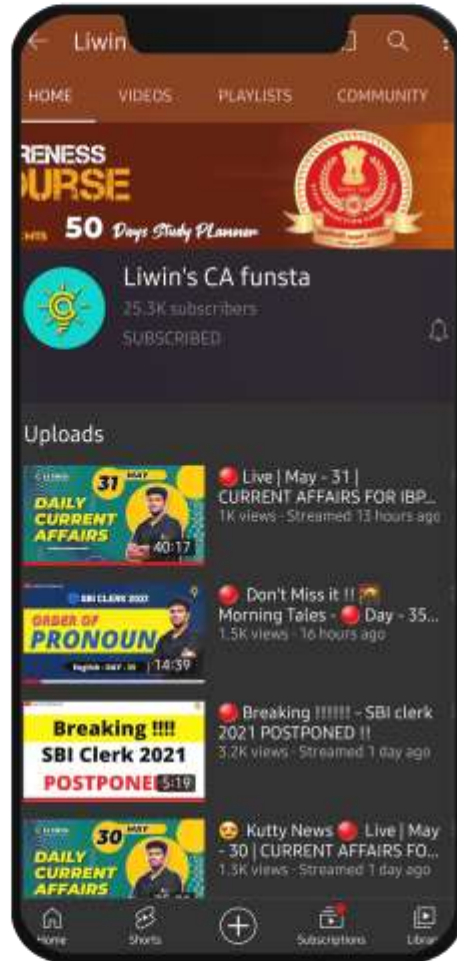


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