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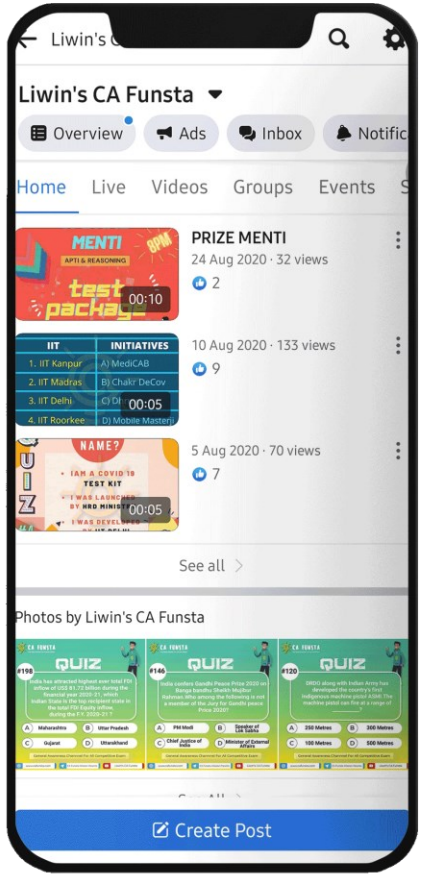

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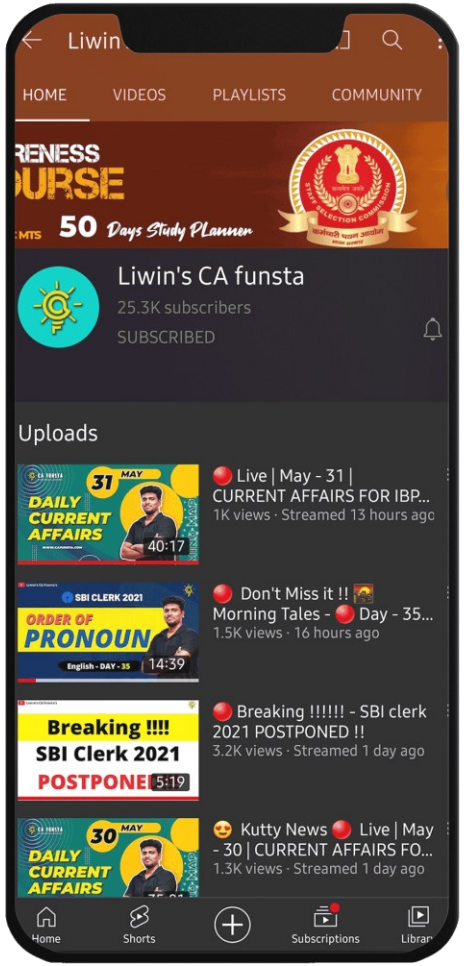

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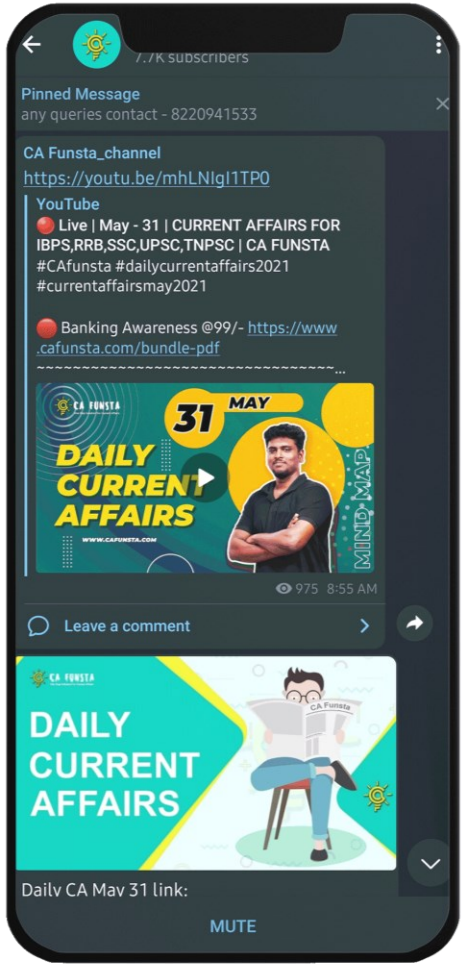

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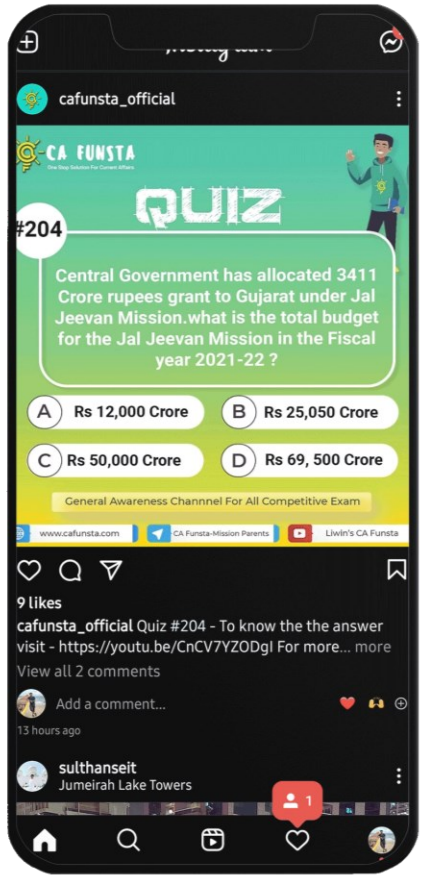

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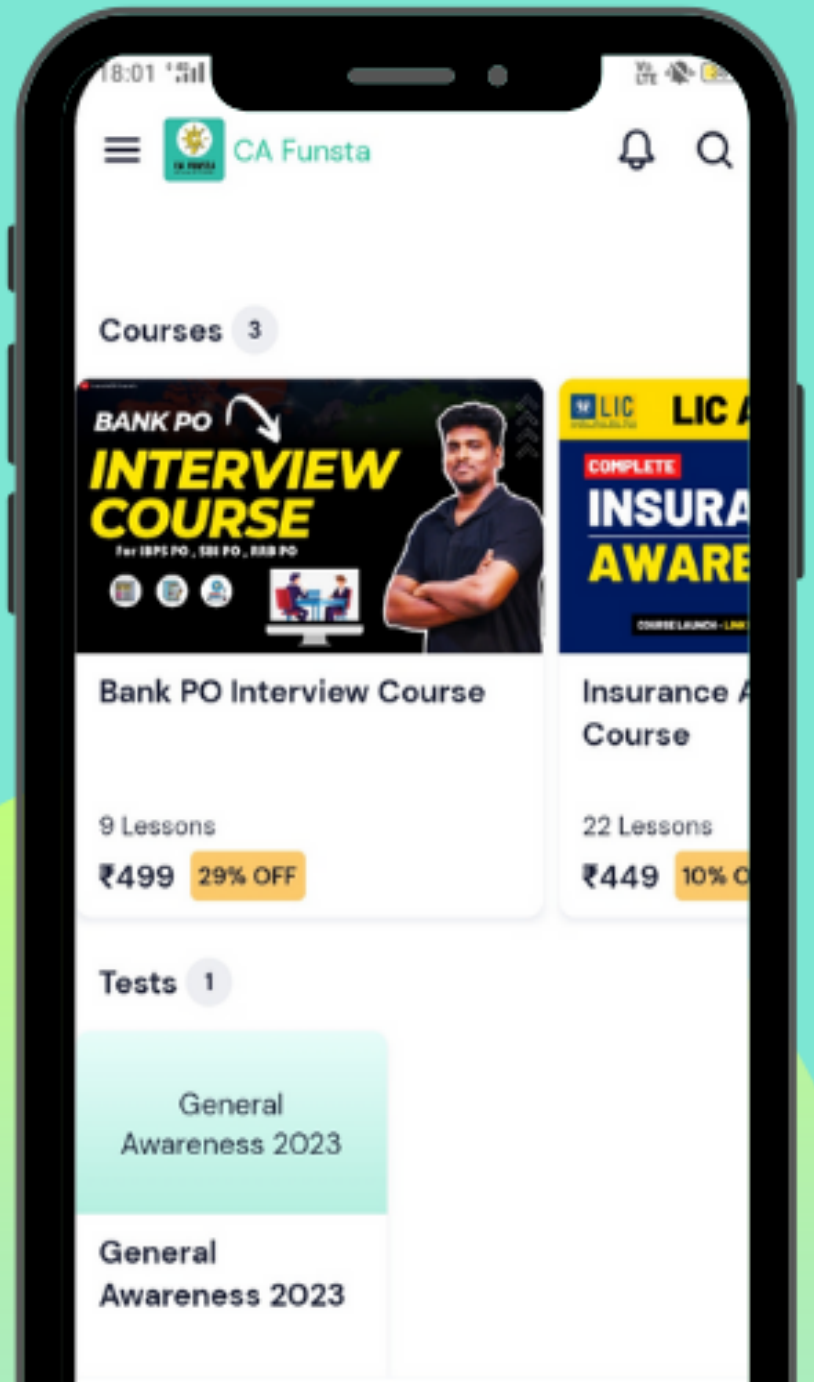

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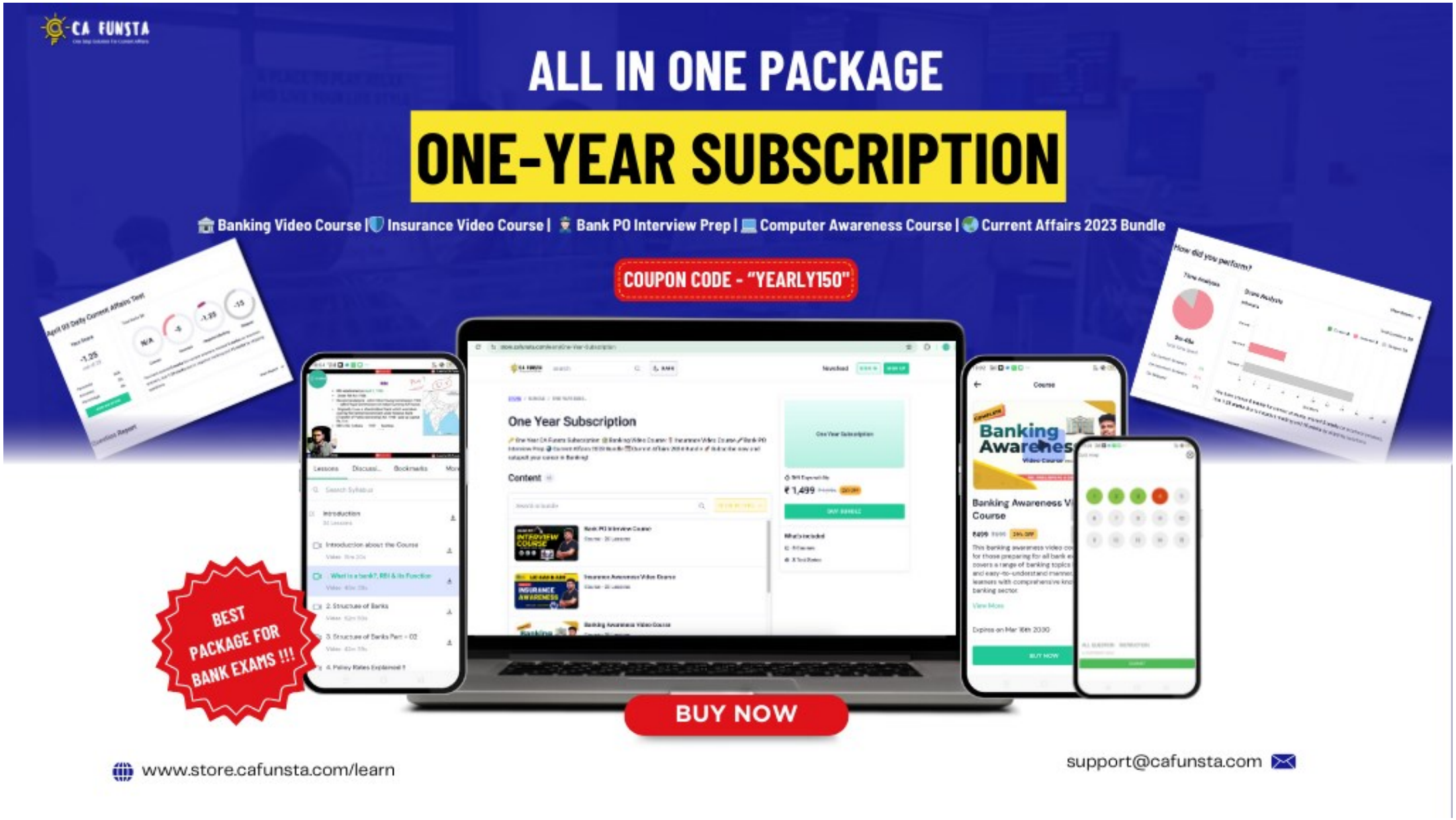
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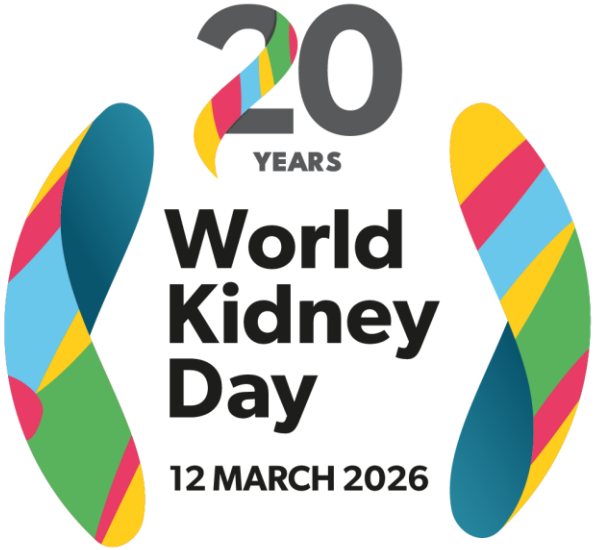
Important Days

➢ **World Kidney Day 2026 will be observed with which theme?**

A) Healthy Kidneys Healthy Nation
B) Kidney Care for Every Home
C) Kidney Health for All – Caring for People Protecting the Planet
D) Prevent CKD Save Lives
E) Early Screening Better Living



Answer
C) Kidney Health for All – Caring for People Protecting the Planet

Important Days

Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Kidney Day 2026 will be observed to raise awareness about kidney health, the rising burden of Chronic Kidney Disease, early detection, prevention, and sustainable kidney care.
- **Location**: Global
- **Date:** March 12, 2026

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** World Kidney Day is being observed through awareness campaigns, screening camps, seminars, preventive checkups, and public education activities led by healthcare institutions and organizations worldwide.
- **Objectives:** The observance aims to improve awareness of Chronic Kidney Disease, encourage early detection and prevention, highlight risk factors such as diabetes and hypertension, and promote sustainable kidney care linked to environmental health.

Important Terms Explained:

- **World Kidney Day:** A global health awareness campaign focused on improving public understanding of kidney health and reducing the burden of kidney disease.
- **Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD):** A long-term condition in which the kidneys gradually lose their ability to filter waste and excess fluids from the blood effectively.
- **Dialysis:** A medical treatment used to remove waste products and excess fluid from the blood when the kidneys are no longer able to perform this function properly.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Kidney Transplantation:** A surgical procedure in which a healthy kidney from a donor is placed into a patient with severe kidney failure.
- **Hypertension:** High blood pressure, which is a major risk factor for kidney damage and Chronic Kidney Disease.
- **Hemodialysis:** A type of dialysis in which a machine filters the blood outside the body to remove waste and excess fluid.

Important Days

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	World Kidney Day 2026
Announcement date	March 12, 2026
Location	Global
Issuing authority	International Society of Nephrology and International Federation of Kidney Foundations
Policy/series name	World Kidney Day
Key figures	Healthcare institutions, public health organizations, nephrology experts
Purpose/reason	To raise awareness about kidney health, early detection of CKD, prevention, and sustainable kidney care
Feature details	Observed through screening camps, health checkups, seminars, and awareness campaigns; focuses on CKD, environmental risks, and prevention
Validity or status	Observed annually on the second Thursday of March; 2026 observance falls on March 12
Strategic/significant value	Highlights the growing global burden of kidney disease and the need to connect healthcare systems with environmental sustainability

SPORTS

➢ **According to the given article, which team was placed in Group G of the FIFA World Cup 2026 before withdrawing from the tournament?**

A) Iran
B) Brazil
C) Spain
D) Portugal
E) Croatia

Answer
A) Iran

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Iran officially withdrew from the FIFA World Cup 2026 amid rising geopolitical tensions involving the United States and Israel.
- **Location:** Iran’s withdrawal concerns the FIFA World Cup 2026 to be hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico.
- **Date:** March 12, 2026

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Iran’s Sports Minister Ahmad Donyamali confirmed that the Iranian national football team would not participate in the FIFA World Cup 2026, despite having already qualified and being placed in Group G.
- **Objectives:** The withdrawal reflects Iran’s decision in response to escalating geopolitical tensions and security concerns linked to the United States and Israel, which the country viewed as making participation difficult.

Important Terms Explained:

- **FIFA World Cup:** The premier international men's football tournament organized by FIFA, held every four years and contested by national teams from around the world.
- **FIFA:** The Fédération Internationale de Football Association is the international governing body of football responsible for organizing major global tournaments such as the FIFA World Cup.
- **FFIRI:** The Football Federation of the Islamic Republic of Iran is the governing body for football in Iran and oversees the national football team and domestic football administration.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Group Stage:** The opening phase of a tournament in which teams are divided into groups and compete to qualify for the knockout rounds.
- **Geopolitical Tensions:** Political and strategic conflicts between countries that can affect diplomacy, trade, sports participation, and international relations.

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Iran withdraws from FIFA World Cup 2026
Announcement date	March 12, 2026
Location	FIFA World Cup 2026 host countries: United States, Canada, and Mexico
Issuing authority	Iran Sports Ministry / Iranian authorities
Policy/series name	FIFA World Cup 2026
Key figures	Ahmad Donyamali, Mehdi Taj, Gianni Infantino, Donald Trump
Purpose/reason	Iran cited rising geopolitical tensions and security concerns involving the United States and Israel
Feature details	Iran had already qualified, was placed in Group G with Belgium, Egypt, and New Zealand, and its group matches were scheduled in Los Angeles and Seattle
Validity or status	Withdrawal officially confirmed according to the provided article
Strategic/significant value	Highlights the impact of geopolitics on international sporting events and creates uncertainty for FIFA over the vacant Group G slot

SPORTS

➢ **Indian para athlete Shailesh Kumar won gold at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026 in which event category?**

A) Men’s long jump T64
B) Men’s high jump T63
C) Men’s shot put F63
D) Men’s 200m T63
E) Men’s triple jump T64

Answer
B) Men’s high jump T63

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian para athlete Shailesh Kumar won the gold medal in the men's high jump T63 category at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** March 12, 2026

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Shailesh Kumar secured first place in the men's high jump T63 category with a jump of 1.84 metres at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix held in New Delhi.
- **Objectives:** The event serves as an important competitive platform for para athletes to begin the season, gain official classification, improve performance standards, and prepare for major upcoming events such as the Asian Para Games.

Important Terms Explained:

- **World Para Athletics Grand Prix:** An international para athletics competition series that provides athletes with opportunities to compete, improve rankings, and prepare for major championships.
- **T63 Category:** A para athletics classification generally used for athletes with lower limb impairments who compete in track and jump events with movement limitations covered under this class.
- **Asian Para Games:** A major multi-sport event for athletes with disabilities in Asia, held under the Paralympic movement framework.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Official Classification:** The process used in para sports to assess athletes and place them into competition categories based on the nature and extent of their impairment.
- **Personal Best:** The best performance ever achieved by an athlete in a particular event under official competition conditions.

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Shailesh Kumar wins gold at World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026
Announcement date	March 12, 2026
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	World Para Athletics Grand Prix event officials
Policy/series name	World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026
Key figures	Shailesh Kumar, Mariyappan Thangavelu
Purpose/reason	To provide competitive exposure, season preparation, and classification opportunities for para athletes
Feature details	Shailesh Kumar won men’s high jump T63 gold with 1.84m; he is the reigning world champion and is targeting the Asian Para Games later in the season
Validity or status	Gold medal won; season opener completed
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens India’s profile in para athletics and supports athlete preparation for major continental competitions

SPORTS

➢ **India's women's hockey team qualified for the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 before the semifinals of the qualifiers after defeating which team by 4-1?**

A) Scotland
B) Uruguay
C) Wales
D) Austria
E) Italy

Answer
C) Wales

Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's women's hockey team qualified for the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 before the semifinals of the qualifiers after a 4-1 win over Wales.
- **Location:** GMC Balayogi Hockey Stadium, Hyderabad, India
- **Date:** March 12, 2026

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** India secured a semifinal berth in the Women's Hockey World Cup Qualifiers in Hyderabad by defeating Wales 4-1, and the qualification rules across the Hyderabad and Santiago tournaments ensured that India had already confirmed its place in the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026.
- **Objectives:** The qualifiers are designed to determine teams for the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 through pool-stage matches, knockout rounds, finalist positions, the bronze medal winner, and world ranking-based allocation of the remaining spot.

Important Terms Explained:

- **FIH Hockey World Cup:** The premier international field hockey tournament organized under the global hockey governing structure for national teams.
- **Women's Hockey World Cup Qualifiers:** A qualification tournament through which teams compete for available places in the upcoming FIH Hockey World Cup.
- **Pool B:** One of the group-stage pools in the Hyderabad qualifiers, consisting of India, Scotland, Uruguay, and Wales.

SPORTS

Important Terms Explained:

- **Hat-trick:** A sporting achievement in which a player scores three goals in a single match.
- **World Ranking:** The official ranking system used to compare national teams, which can also help determine qualification in certain tie or allocation scenarios.

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India women's hockey team qualifies for FIH Hockey World Cup 2026
Announcement date	March 12, 2026
Location	Hyderabad, India
Issuing authority	Women's Hockey World Cup Qualifiers tournament framework
Policy/series name	FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 qualification
Key figures	Navneet Kaur, Sakshi Rana
Purpose/reason	To determine teams qualifying for the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026
Feature details	India defeated Wales 4-1; Sakshi Rana scored once and Navneet Kaur scored a hat-trick; finalists and bronze medal winner qualify directly, while rankings influence the remaining qualification spot
Validity or status	India qualified before the semifinals
Strategic/significant value	Confirms India's place in the 2026 World Cup and highlights strong performance in international women's hockey

OBITUARY

➢ **Thakkali Srinivasan, who passed away in March 2026, was primarily associated with which film industry?**

A) Hindi cinema
B) Malayalam cinema
C) Tamil cinema
D) Telugu cinema
E) Kannada cinema

Answer
C) Tamil cinema

OBITUARY

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Veteran Tamil filmmaker Thakkali Srinivasan died at the age of 72 after a prolonged illness.
- **Location:** Bengaluru, Karnataka, India
- **Date:** March 10, 2026

OBITUARY

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The news reports the death of Thakkali Srinivasan, a filmmaker known for working as a producer, director, composer, and actor in Tamil cinema, and recalls his major films and creative contributions.
- **Objectives:** The article aims to highlight his career journey, his role in genre experimentation in Tamil films, and his contribution to horror, suspense, and science fiction storytelling.

OBITUARY

Important Terms Explained:

- **Kollywood:** The informal term used for the Tamil film industry, centered mainly in Chennai and known for Tamil-language cinema.
- **Producer:** A person responsible for financing, planning, and overseeing the making of a film.
- **Director:** The creative lead of a film who guides actors, storytelling, visuals, and overall execution.
- **Composer:** A person who creates music for films, including background scores and songs.
- **Genre Experimentation:** The practice of exploring non-traditional or mixed film styles such as horror, suspense, and science fiction to create distinctive storytelling.

OBITUARY

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Death of veteran Tamil filmmaker Thakkali Srinivasan
Announcement date	March 12, 2026
Location	Bengaluru, Karnataka, India
Issuing authority	Reported in the given news article
Policy/series name	Not applicable
Key figures	Thakkali Srinivasan
Purpose/reason	To report his death and highlight his contribution to Tamil cinema
Feature details	Srinivasan worked as filmmaker, producer, director, composer, and actor; notable films include Jenma Natchathiram, Nalaya Manithan, Athisiya Manithan, Witness, and Manasukul Mathappu
Validity or status	Passed away on March 10, 2026, at the age of 72
Strategic/significant value	He contributed to genre-based filmmaking in Tamil cinema, especially in horror, suspense, and science fiction themes

RANKING

➢ **The Fiscal Health Index 2026 released by NITI Aayog evaluates the fiscal performance of Indian states on the basis of how many key pillars?**

A) Three pillars
B) Four pillars
C) Five pillars
D) Six pillars
E) Seven pillars

Answer
C) Five pillars

Event and Location:

- **Event:** NITI Aayog released the second edition of the Fiscal Health Index 2026 to assess the fiscal performance and financial stability of Indian states.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India, with coverage of major states as well as Northeastern and Himalayan states.
- **Date:** March 12, 2026

RANKING

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** NITI Aayog launched the second annual edition of the Fiscal Health Index as a data-driven framework to measure how effectively Indian states manage public finances, including revenue, expenditure, deficits, and debt.
- **Objectives:** The index aims to improve fiscal governance, identify strengths and weaknesses in state-level financial management, promote better budget planning and expenditure quality, and support sustainable public finance and macroeconomic stability in India.

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Important Terms Explained:

- **Fiscal Health Index:** A framework developed to assess the fiscal condition of states through selected indicators related to expenditure, revenue, deficits, debt, and sustainability.
- **Fiscal Prudence:** The practice of managing government expenditure, borrowing, and deficits responsibly to maintain financial stability over time.
- **Revenue Mobilisation:** The ability of a government to generate its own income through taxes, fees, and other revenue sources.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Debt Sustainability:** The ability of a government to manage and repay its debt without creating excessive financial stress or compromising future expenditure needs.
- **FRBM:** The Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management framework sets fiscal discipline norms for governments, including limits on fiscal deficit and debt.
- **GSDP:** Gross State Domestic Product is the total value of goods and services produced within a state during a given period and is used to assess the size of a state economy.

RANKING

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Release of Fiscal Health Index 2026
Announcement date	March 12, 2026
Location	New Delhi, India
Issuing authority	NITI Aayog
Policy/series name	Fiscal Health Index 2026
Key figures	Suman Bery and Nidhi Chhibber
Purpose/reason	To assess the fiscal strength and financial management of Indian states
Validity or status	Second edition released
Strategic/significant value	Promotes better fiscal governance, helps monitor debt and deficit trends, and supports sustainable public finance in India

RANKING

➢ **According to the given article, which country became the largest exporter of cotton products to the United States in 2025?**

A) China
B) Vietnam
C) India
D) Bangladesh
E) Pakistan

Answer
C) India

RANKING

Event and Location:

- **Event:** India became the largest exporter of cotton products to the United States in 2025, surpassing China.
- **Location:** India and the United States
- **Date:** March 12, 2026

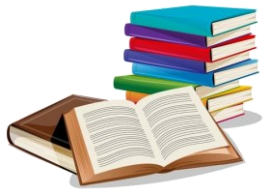
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The article highlights the change in export leadership in the US cotton products market, with India's exports reaching about 0.6 million tonnes while China's exports declined to about 0.5 million tonnes.
- **Objectives:** The development reflects India's growing competitiveness in the textile sector, the impact of US tariffs on Chinese goods, and the ongoing diversification of global supply chains in cotton-based products such as apparel, garments, and home textiles.

RANKING

Important Terms Explained:

- **Cotton Products:** Textile goods made primarily from cotton, including apparel, garments, and home textiles that form a major segment of global trade.
- **USDA:** The United States Department of Agriculture is a federal department of the United States government that publishes agricultural and commodity-related market analysis.
- **Tariffs:** Taxes imposed on imported goods, often used in trade policy to influence sourcing patterns, domestic production, or international trade relations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Vertically Integrated Textile Supply Chain:** A production system in which multiple stages such as cotton cultivation, spinning, fabric manufacturing, and garment production are carried out within the same country or business network.
- **Traceability:** The ability to track the origin and movement of products and raw materials through the supply chain to ensure transparency and compliance.

RANKING

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	India overtakes China as top exporter of cotton products to the US
Announcement date	March 12, 2026
Location	India and United States
Issuing authority	United States Department of Agriculture
Policy/series name	Global market analysis on cotton products trade
Key figures	India, China, United States
Purpose/reason	To show the shift in US cotton product sourcing and India's rise as the leading supplier
Feature details	India exported about 0.6 million tonnes of cotton products to the US in 2025, while China exported about 0.5 million tonnes; total US imports stood at about 3.3 million tonnes
Validity or status	Reported for the year 2025 based on the given article
Strategic/significant value	Highlights India's stronger position in global textile trade, the effect of tariffs on China, and the rise of diversified supply chains

APPOINTMENTS

➢ **Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and CEO of HDFC ERGO General Insurance?**

A) Anuj Tyagi
B) Parthanil Ghosh
C) N S Kannan
D) Ritesh Kumar
E) Suresh Badami

Answer
B) Parthanil Ghosh

APPOINTMENTS

Event and Location:

- **Event:** HDFC ERGO General Insurance appointed Parthanil Ghosh as its new Managing Director and CEO, subject to regulatory approvals.
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** March 12, 2026

APPOINTMENTS

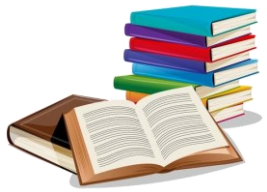
Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Board of Directors of HDFC ERGO General Insurance approved the appointment of Parthanil Ghosh as the new Managing Director and CEO, effective from April 16, 2026, subject to approval from IRDAI and other regulatory authorities.
- **Objectives:** The appointment aims to ensure leadership continuity, promote experienced internal leadership, and guide the company through its next phase of growth in India's expanding general insurance sector.

APPOINTMENTS

Important Terms Explained:

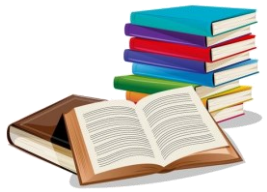
- **HDFC ERGO General Insurance:** A general insurance company in India offering a wide range of insurance products for individuals and businesses.
- **Managing Director and CEO:** The top executive role responsible for leading the company's overall strategy, operations, and business growth.
- **IRDAI:** The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India is the statutory regulator that oversees the insurance sector in India.



APPOINTMENTS

Important Terms Explained:

- **General Insurance:** A category of insurance that covers non-life risks such as health, motor, travel, property, and business-related insurance.
- **Regulatory Approval:** Formal clearance required from the concerned regulatory authority before an appointment or business decision becomes legally effective.



APPOINTMENTS

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Appointment of Parthanil Ghosh as new MD and CEO of HDFC ERGO
Announcement date	March 12, 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	HDFC ERGO General Insurance Board of Directors
Policy/series name	Leadership transition at HDFC ERGO
Key figures	Parthanil Ghosh, Anuj Tyagi
Purpose/reason	To appoint a new leader for the company's next phase of growth
Feature details	Parthanil Ghosh will assume charge from April 16, 2026; he served as Executive Director since May 1, 2025; appointment is subject to IRDAI and other approvals
Validity or status	Board approved; pending regulatory approval
Strategic/significant value	Ensures leadership continuity and reflects internal succession planning in a growing insurance market

- **India's first microalgae-based PureAir Tower has been installed in New Delhi to address pollution mainly caused by which source?**

A) Industrial chimney emissions
B) Vehicular highway pollution
C) Agricultural stubble burning
D) Indoor household smoke
E) Mining dust pollution

Answer
B) Vehicular highway pollution

Event and Location:

- **Event:** New Delhi deployed India's first microalgae-based PureAir Tower to purify urban air using photosynthetic biotechnology.
- **Location:** Aerocity highway corridor, New Delhi, India
- **Date:** March 12, 2026

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** A pilot PureAir Tower using microalgae has been installed on a busy road median along the Aerocity corridor to absorb carbon dioxide, particulate matter, and nitrogen oxides from vehicular emissions and convert them into oxygen and biomass.
- **Objectives:** The project aims to reduce highway-side urban air pollution, transform passive road infrastructure into an active air-cleaning system, promote sustainable pollution control with low energy use, and develop greener roadside corridors through biotechnology.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Microalgae:** Microscopic photosynthetic organisms that absorb carbon dioxide and can help capture certain air pollutants while producing oxygen and biomass.
- **PureAir Tower:** A biotechnology-based air purification system that uses living microalgae instead of conventional mechanical filters to treat polluted urban air.
- **Particulate Matter (PM):** Tiny solid and liquid particles suspended in the air that can enter the lungs and cause serious health problems.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Nitrogen Oxides (NOx):** Polluting gases mainly released from vehicle exhaust and industrial activity that contribute to smog, respiratory illness, and environmental damage.
- **Biomass:** Organic material produced by living organisms, in this case algal matter generated after pollutant absorption and photosynthesis.
- **BioDivider Panels:** Proposed roadside divider installations designed to convert ordinary road dividers into continuous green and pollution-mitigating corridors.

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Installation of India's first microalgae-based PureAir Tower
Announcement date	March 12, 2026
Location	Aerocity corridor, New Delhi
Issuing authority	Implemented through collaborating private and incubation-linked entities mentioned in the article
Policy/series name	PureAir Tower pilot project
Key figures	C P Arora Private Limited, Carbelim Pvt Ltd, IIT Madras, IIM Lucknow Enterprise Incubation Centre
Purpose/reason	To reduce vehicular pollution on a high-traffic urban corridor using biotechnology
Feature details	Uses photosynthetic microalgae to absorb CO_2, PM, and NOx; converts pollutants into oxygen and algal biomass; uses minimal energy and produces no secondary filter waste
Validity or status	Deployed as a pilot project in New Delhi
Strategic/significant value	Demonstrates a sustainable urban air-cleaning model and turns road infrastructure into an active carbon and pollution mitigation system

DEFENCE

➢ **The Air Droppable Container ADC-150 tested by DRDO and the Indian Navy is designed to deliver payloads of up to how much weight?**

A) 100 kg
B) 120 kg
C) 150 kg
D) 200 kg
E) 250 kg

Answer
C) 150 kg

Event and Location:

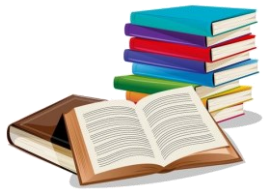
- **Event:** DRDO and the Indian Navy successfully tested the indigenous Air Droppable Container ADC-150 from a P-8I aircraft to deliver essential supplies to naval ships at sea.
- **Location:** Off the coast of Goa, India
- **Date:** February 21 to March 1, 2026

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Air Droppable Container ADC-150 was tested through four in-flight release trials from a P-8I aircraft under different extreme operational conditions to validate its ability to safely and accurately deliver payloads to ships deployed in distant ocean regions.
- **Objectives:** The trials aimed to enhance the Indian Navy's capability to deliver medical supplies, technical equipment, food, and emergency stores to ships at sea, strengthen operational logistics in blue-water deployments, and promote indigenous defence technology development.

Important Terms Explained:

- **DRDO:** The Defence Research and Development Organisation is India's premier defence research agency responsible for developing indigenous military technologies and systems.
- **Air Droppable Container ADC-150:** An indigenous container system developed to airdrop up to 150 kg of supplies such as medical items, equipment, and emergency stores from aircraft to naval ships.
- **P-8I Aircraft:** A long-range maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft operated by the Indian Navy for surveillance, anti-submarine warfare, and maritime support operations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Blue-Water Operations:** Naval missions conducted in deep ocean waters far from the country's coastline, requiring strong long-range logistics and support capability.
- **In-flight Release Trials:** Controlled tests in which payload systems are released from an aircraft during flight to assess safety, accuracy, and operational performance.

DEFENCE

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Successful test of indigenous Air Droppable Container ADC-150
Announcement date	March 12, 2026
Location	Off the Goa coast
Issuing authority	DRDO and Indian Navy
Policy/series name	ADC-150 air delivery system trials
Key figures	DRDO, Indian Navy, P-8I aircraft
Purpose/reason	To enable aerial delivery of essential supplies to naval ships operating far from shore
Feature details	Four in-flight release trials were conducted; the system can carry 150 kg payloads including medical supplies, equipment, food, and emergency stores
Validity or status	Developmental flight trials completed successfully; induction into the Indian Navy is expected
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens maritime logistics, emergency response capability, and indigenous defence preparedness for blue-water naval operations

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

➢ **The International Energy Agency announced a record release of emergency oil reserves to address market instability caused by tensions in West Asia and disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz. How many barrels are planned to be released?**

A) 100 million barrels
B) 200 million barrels
C) 300 million barrels
D) 400 million barrels
E) 500 million barrels

Answer
D) 400 million barrels

Event and Location:

- **Event:** The International Energy Agency announced the release of a record 400 million barrels from emergency oil reserves to stabilize global energy markets.
- **Location:** Global energy markets, with the trigger linked to West Asia, the Persian Gulf, and the Strait of Hormuz.
- **Date:** March 12, 2026

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The International Energy Agency is coordinating with member countries to make 400 million barrels of oil available from strategic petroleum reserves in response to geopolitical tensions and supply risks.
- **Objectives:** The release aims to stabilize global oil supply, prevent shortages, reduce market volatility, and protect international energy supply chains during disruptions caused by conflict and shipping threats.

Important Terms Explained:

- **International Energy Agency (IEA):** An intergovernmental organization established in 1974 to promote energy security, economic development, and sustainable energy policy cooperation among member countries.
- **Strategic Petroleum Reserves:** Government-controlled emergency crude oil stockpiles maintained to respond to supply disruptions caused by war, natural disasters, or major geopolitical shocks.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Emergency Oil Reserves Release:** A coordinated mechanism through which member countries release stored oil into the market to counter sudden supply shortages and maintain price and supply stability.
- **Strait of Hormuz:** A narrow but highly significant maritime chokepoint connecting the Persian Gulf to global sea routes, through which a large share of the world's oil exports is transported.
- **Public Emergency Oil Stocks:** Official oil reserves held directly by governments or designated agencies for emergency response under international energy security arrangements.

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Record release of emergency oil reserves by the International Energy Agency
Announcement date	March 12, 2026
Location	Global; linked to West Asia, Persian Gulf, and Strait of Hormuz
Issuing authority	International Energy Agency
Policy/series name	Emergency oil reserves release
Key figures	IEA member countries
Purpose/reason	To stabilize oil markets and prevent supply shortages amid geopolitical tensions
Feature details	400 million barrels to be released from strategic reserves; member countries collectively hold over 1.2 billion barrels of public stocks and around 600 million barrels through private industry obligations
Validity or status	Announced as the largest emergency release in IEA history
Strategic/significant value	Helps protect global supply chains, cushions energy markets from shocks, and reduces the risk of severe oil supply disruption from Strait of Hormuz instability

➢ **The WHO Foundation and Novo Nordisk launched an initiative in India primarily to address which health issue among children?**

A) Malaria
B) Childhood obesity
C) Tuberculosis
D) Anaemia
E) Dengue

Answer
B) Childhood obesity

Event and Location:

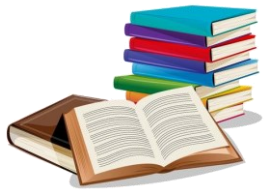
- **Event:** The WHO Foundation and Novo Nordisk launched an initiative to tackle childhood obesity in India through school-based health programs, awareness campaigns, and improved healthcare preparedness.
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** March 12, 2026

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The initiative will support a scalable school-based health program, promote awareness about obesity prevention, encourage healthier lifestyles among children, strengthen early risk identification, and improve primary healthcare preparedness.
- **Objectives:** The partnership aims to reduce the growing burden of childhood obesity, prevent obesity-related noncommunicable diseases, create healthier early-life environments, promote physical activity and health education in schools, and support long-term behavioural change.

Important Terms Explained:

- **WHO Foundation:** An independent organization established to support the work of the World Health Organization by mobilising funds and partnerships for global health initiatives.
- **Childhood Obesity:** A condition in which excess body fat affects children's health and increases the risk of future diseases such as diabetes and cardiovascular disorders.
- **Noncommunicable Diseases:** Long-term diseases that are not spread from person to person, such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and obesity-related metabolic disorders.



Important Terms Explained:

- **School-based Health Program:** A structured health initiative implemented in educational institutions to promote awareness, screening, preventive care, and healthy habits among students.
- **Primary Healthcare Preparedness:** The readiness of frontline healthcare systems to identify, manage, and prevent common health risks and chronic conditions at an early stage.
- **Semaglutide:** A medicine used in the treatment of diabetes and obesity that has gained attention globally for weight management and metabolic health.

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	WHO Foundation and Novo Nordisk initiative to tackle childhood obesity in India
Announcement date	March 12, 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	WHO Foundation and Novo Nordisk
Policy/series name	Childhood obesity prevention initiative
Key figures	WHO Foundation, Novo Nordisk, schools, healthcare systems
Purpose/reason	To address rising childhood obesity and reduce future obesity-related diseases
Feature details	Focus on school-based programs, awareness campaigns, healthier early-life environments, physical activity promotion, early risk identification, and primary healthcare preparedness
Validity or status	Announced
Strategic/significant value	Supports early prevention of lifestyle diseases, strengthens health systems, and promotes healthier habits among children

SCHEMES & INITIATIVES

➢ **The Lake and Air Watch initiative launched by Gujarat will provide real-time monitoring of which two environmental aspects in urban areas?**

A) Forest cover and rainfall
B) Air quality and lake health
C) Soil fertility and crop yield
D) River discharge and traffic flow
E) Noise pollution and biodiversity

Answer
B) Air quality and lake health

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Gujarat launched the Lake and Air Watch initiative to monitor urban air quality and the health of lakes through real-time and satellite-based systems.
- **Location:** Gujarat, covering 17 municipal corporations and 152 municipal areas
- **Date**: March 12, 2026

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Gujarat Urban Development Mission (GUDM) will implement the Lake and Air Watch initiative under the Urban Development and Urban Housing Department by installing air quality monitoring systems in urban areas and using satellite-based technology to assess lake conditions.
- **Objectives:** The initiative aims to improve urban environmental management, provide real-time Air Quality Index (AQI) data, monitor lake pollution and algae growth, identify environmental degradation early, support timely remedial action, and promote sustainable urban development.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Air Quality Index (AQI):** A standard indicator used to measure and report the quality of air based on the concentration of major pollutants and their likely impact on health.
- **Gujarat Urban Development Mission (GUDM):** A state-level mission responsible for supporting urban development initiatives and coordinating municipal improvement projects in Gujarat.
- **Satellite-based Monitoring:** The use of satellite imagery and remote sensing tools to observe environmental conditions such as lake area, pollution, waste accumulation, and algae growth.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Groundwater Recharge:** The process through which water percolates into the ground and replenishes underground aquifers, which is important for long-term water availability.
- **Algae Growth:** The increase of algae in water bodies, often linked to pollution and nutrient imbalance, and used as an indicator of declining lake health.

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of Lake and Air Watch initiative
Announcement date	March 12, 2026
Location	Gujarat
Issuing authority	Gujarat state government
Policy/series name	Lake and Air Watch initiative
Key figures	Gujarat Urban Development Mission and Urban Development and Urban Housing Department
Validity or status	Launched
Strategic/significant value	Supports timely environmental alerts, better urban governance, lake conservation, and sustainable urban development
Budget	₹10 crore
Alert mechanism	Authorities will receive alerts when AQI exceeds safe limits or lake health indicators deteriorate

➢ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched development projects worth ₹5,600 crore in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. Which of the following was a key component of these projects?**

A) Offshore wind farm in Gujarat
B) City Gas Distribution network in Nilgiris and Erode
C) Metro rail project in Bengaluru
D) Inland water terminal in Assam
E) Defence corridor in Uttar Pradesh

Answer

B) City Gas Distribution network in Nilgiris and Erode

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid foundation stones for development projects worth about ₹5,600 crore covering energy, roads, railways, and gas infrastructure.
- **Location:** Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, with project impact extending to Nilgiris, Erode, Chennai, Gangaikonda Cholapuram, and multiple railway-linked cities in Tamil Nadu.
- **Date:** March 12, 2026

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The Prime Minister inaugurated rural roads, dedicated the Indian Oil Corporation Lube Blending Plant in Chennai, laid the foundation stone for Bharat Petroleum's City Gas Distribution network in Nilgiris and Erode, announced a highway bypass near Gangaikonda Cholapuram Temple, and flagged off new railway services in Tamil Nadu.
- **Objectives:** The projects aim to improve clean energy access, strengthen petroleum and manufacturing infrastructure, enhance rural and regional connectivity, protect a heritage site from traffic-related risks, boost tourism, and expand economic opportunities across Tamil Nadu.

Important Terms Explained:

- **City Gas Distribution (CGD):** A network that supplies natural gas through pipelines to households, commercial establishments, and industries for cooking, heating, and other uses.
- **Piped Natural Gas (PNG):** Natural gas delivered directly through pipelines to homes and businesses, offering a cleaner alternative to traditional fuels.
- **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY):** A Government of India scheme launched to provide all-weather road connectivity to eligible unconnected rural habitations.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Lube Blending Plant:** An industrial facility where base oils and additives are mixed to produce lubricants for automotive, industrial, and manufacturing use.
- **UNESCO World Heritage Site:** A cultural or natural site recognized for outstanding universal value and protected for its historical or global significance.

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch and inauguration of ₹5,600 crore development projects by PM Modi
Announcement date	March 12, 2026
Location	Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu
Issuing authority	Prime Minister’s Office / Government of India
Policy/series name	City Gas Distribution project, PMGSY rural roads, railway connectivity expansion
Key figures	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Purpose/reason	To improve clean energy access, transport infrastructure, rural connectivity, and industrial growth
Validity or status	Announced, inaugurated, and foundation stones laid on March 12, 2026
Strategic/significant value	Supports cleaner fuel transition, reduces import dependence, boosts tourism, improves safety near heritage sites, and strengthens Tamil Nadu’s connectivity

- **The Unique Identification Authority of India launched its first Bug Bounty Program to strengthen the security of the Aadhaar digital ecosystem. Which platforms are covered under this program?**

A) DigiLocker portal and UMANG app
B) UIDAI website, myAadhaar portal and Secure QR Code system
C) GSTN portal and PAN database
D) CoWIN platform and eSanjeevani portal
E) BharatNet portal and FASTag system

Answer

B) UIDAI website, myAadhaar portal and Secure QR Code system

Event and Location:

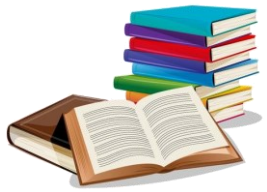
- **Event:** UIDAI launched its first structured Bug Bounty Program to identify security vulnerabilities in the Aadhaar digital ecosystem through ethical hackers and cybersecurity researchers.
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** March 12, 2026

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** UIDAI has selected 20 ethical hackers and cybersecurity researchers to conduct structured testing of key Aadhaar-linked digital platforms, including the official UIDAI website, the myAadhaar portal, and the Secure QR Code system, with rewards linked to the severity of reported vulnerabilities.
- **Objectives:** The program aims to proactively detect weaknesses before malicious exploitation, strengthen the resilience of Aadhaar digital services, improve responsible vulnerability disclosure, and enhance protection of sensitive identity-related data.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Bug Bounty Program:** A structured cybersecurity initiative in which organizations invite security researchers to identify and responsibly report software or system vulnerabilities in exchange for rewards.
- **Ethical Hackers:** Cybersecurity professionals who legally test systems for weaknesses with permission from the organization in order to improve security.
- **Responsible Disclosure:** A process under which vulnerabilities are reported privately to the concerned organization so that fixes can be applied before public disclosure.



Important Terms Explained:

- **myAadhaar:** The online portal associated with Aadhaar services through which residents can access and manage various Aadhaar-related digital services.
- **Secure QR Code:** A digitally verifiable QR-based feature used in Aadhaar-related documents or services to help validate identity information securely.

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Launch of UIDAI Bug Bounty Program
Announcement date	March 12, 2026
Location	India
Issuing authority	Unique Identification Authority of India
Policy/series name	Bug Bounty Program for Aadhaar security
Key figures	UIDAI, 20 ethical hackers and cybersecurity researchers
Purpose/reason	To identify vulnerabilities in Aadhaar-linked digital platforms before they can be exploited
Feature details	Covers UIDAI website, myAadhaar portal and Secure QR Code system; rewards based on severity of vulnerabilities; coordinated with ComOlho IT Private Limited
Validity or status	Launched as UIDAI's first structured bug bounty initiative
Strategic/significant value	Strengthens digital identity protection, improves cyber resilience, and adds an external layer of security review to Aadhaar systems

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

➢ **The Chhattisgarh Cabinet approved the Freedom of Religion Bill 2026 to curb religious conversions carried out through which of the following means?**

A) Force inducement fraud or misrepresentation
B) Education employment and migration
C) Marriage inheritance and adoption
D) Pilgrimage worship and festivals
E) Trade taxation and licensing

Answer

A) Force inducement fraud or misrepresentation

Event and Location:

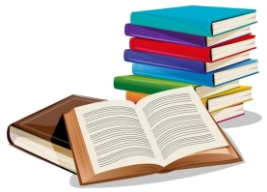
- **Event:** The Chhattisgarh Cabinet approved the draft Freedom of Religion Bill 2026 to prevent illegal religious conversions in the state.
- **Location:** Raipur, Chhattisgarh, India
- **Date:** March 12, 2026

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The proposed Freedom of Religion Bill 2026 seeks to prohibit religious conversions carried out through force, inducement, fraud, misrepresentation, or undue influence, and it will be introduced in the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly during the Budget Session.
- **Objectives:** The bill aims to prevent unlawful religious conversions, protect voluntary freedom of faith, regulate conversion-related activities in the interest of public order, and ensure that any change of religion takes place through free choice rather than coercion or misleading practices.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Freedom of Religion Bill:** A proposed law intended to regulate religious conversions and prohibit conversions carried out through illegal or unethical means.
- **Inducement:** Any offer of benefit, financial incentive, gift, or promise used to influence a person to change religion.
- **Misrepresentation:** The act of giving false or misleading information in order to persuade someone to convert.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Undue Influence:** Improper pressure or manipulation used to affect a person's decision regarding religious conversion.
- **Articles 25 to 28:** Constitutional provisions that guarantee freedom of conscience and the right to profess, practice, and propagate religion, subject to public order, morality, and health.

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Approval of Chhattisgarh Freedom of Religion Bill 2026
Announcement date	March 12, 2026
Location	Raipur, Chhattisgarh
Issuing authority	Chhattisgarh Cabinet
Policy/series name	Freedom of Religion Bill 2026
Key figures	Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai
Purpose/reason	To prevent illegal religious conversions through coercive or deceptive means
Feature details	Prohibits conversions through force, inducement, fraud, misrepresentation, and undue influence; draft approved by Cabinet and to be introduced in the state assembly
Validity or status	Draft approved by Cabinet and pending introduction in the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly
Strategic/significant value	Seeks to regulate conversion practices within the constitutional framework of freedom of religion and public order

➢ **The Indian Orchid Festival 2026 was organised by which institution in Sikkim?**

A) ICAR-NRCO
B) NITI Aayog
C) NABARD
D) APEDA
E) CSIR

Answer
A) ICAR-NRCO

Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Indian Orchid Festival 2026 concluded after four days of exhibitions, expert sessions, and participation from growers, entrepreneurs, and researchers.
- **Location:** Pakyong district, Sikkim, India
- **Date:** March 12, 2026

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** The festival was organised by ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids (ICAR-NRCO) and brought together orchid growers, nursery owners, entrepreneurs, researchers, tissue culture companies, and floriculture experts for exhibitions, technical interactions, and knowledge-sharing.
- **Objectives:** The event aimed to promote orchid cultivation, encourage floriculture entrepreneurship, support sustainable horticulture practices, spread awareness about modern orchid farming techniques, and create business and export opportunities in the orchid sector.

Important Terms Explained:

- **ICAR-NRCO:** The ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids is a specialised research institution focused on orchid conservation, cultivation, breeding, and related floriculture development.
- **Floriculture:** A branch of horticulture that deals with the cultivation and commercial production of flowers and ornamental plants.
- **Tissue Culture:** A plant propagation technique in which plant cells or tissues are grown under controlled conditions to produce healthy and uniform planting material.

Important Terms Explained:

- **Orchid Cultivation:** The scientific and commercial growing of orchids for ornamental use, trade, breeding, and export.
- **Sustainable Horticulture**: Agricultural and horticultural practices that improve production while conserving natural resources and supporting long-term environmental balance.

Tabular Summary:

Parameter	Details
Event name	Indian Orchid Festival 2026
Announcement date	March 12, 2026
Location	Pakyong district, Sikkim
Issuing authority	ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids
Policy/series name	Indian Orchid Festival 2026
Key figures	Orchid growers, entrepreneurs, researchers, floriculture experts
Purpose/reason	To promote orchid cultivation, floriculture entrepreneurship, and sustainable horticulture
Feature details	Four-day festival with exhibitions, expert sessions, farmer participation, industry interaction, and discussion on breeding, cultivation, marketing, and export
Validity or status	Concluded successfully
Strategic/significant value	Supports research, commercial orchid farming, rural entrepreneurship, and growth of India's floriculture sector

QUICK RECALL

- World Kidney Day 2026 will be observed globally on March 12, 2026, to raise awareness about kidney health and prevention of kidney disease.
- Iran officially withdrew from the FIFA World Cup 2026 according to the provided article released on March 12, 2026.
- Indian para athlete Shailesh Kumar won gold in the men's high jump T63 category at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026 in New Delhi.
- India's women's hockey team qualified for the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 before the semifinals of the qualifiers in Hyderabad.
- Veteran Tamil filmmaker Thakkali Srinivasan died on March 10, 2026, in Bengaluru at the age of 72 after a prolonged illness.
- NITI Aayog released the second edition of the Fiscal Health Index 2026 in New Delhi on March 12, 2026.
- India became the largest exporter of cotton products to the United States in 2025, according to the given article.
- HDFC ERGO General Insurance appointed Parthanil Ghosh as its new Managing Director and CEO on March 12, 2026.
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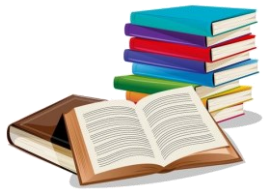

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- Gujarat launched the Lake and Air Watch initiative on March 12, 2026, to monitor air quality and lake health across urban areas in the state.
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AnjuseeLa

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Vaishu Chandran

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Nirosha

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Rajaganapathy A R

Worth worth worth varma onnumae theriyama tha course start pannen mudikum pothu avalo oru confidence ah kudutuhchu banking awareness therinja naala financial awareness lam kuda easy ah purinjuka mudiyathu thanks liwin bro

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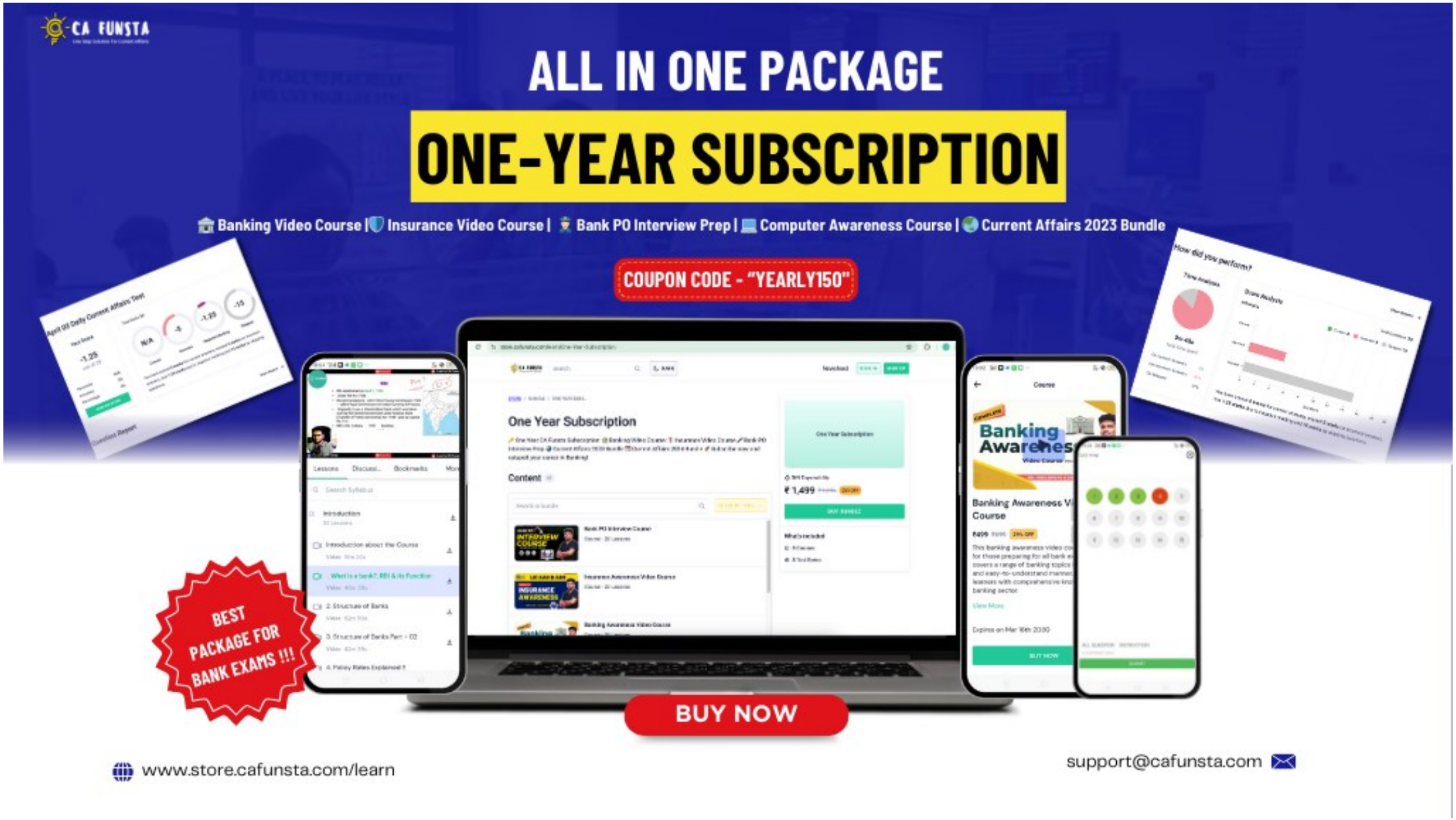
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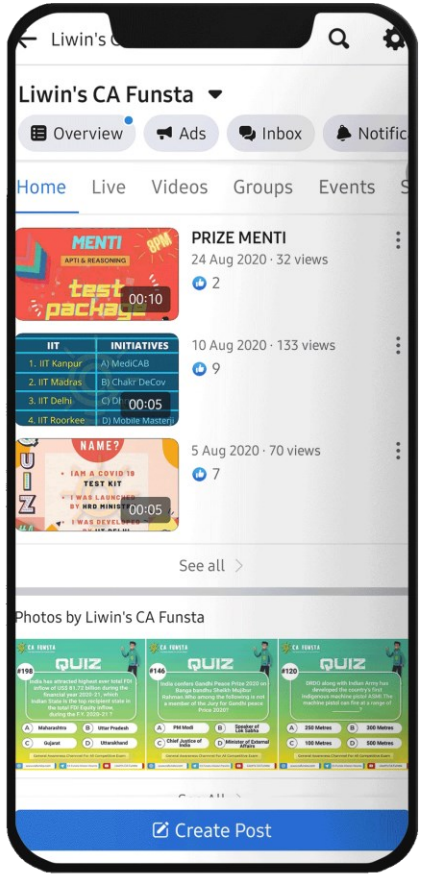

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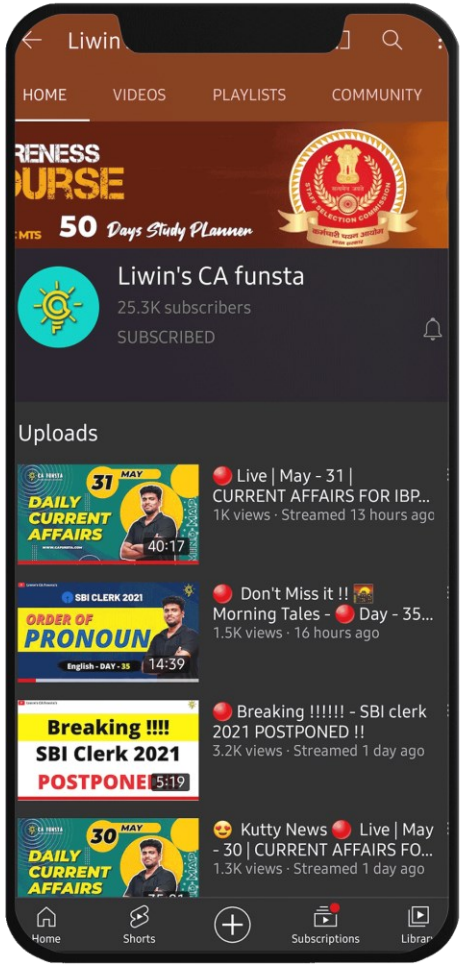

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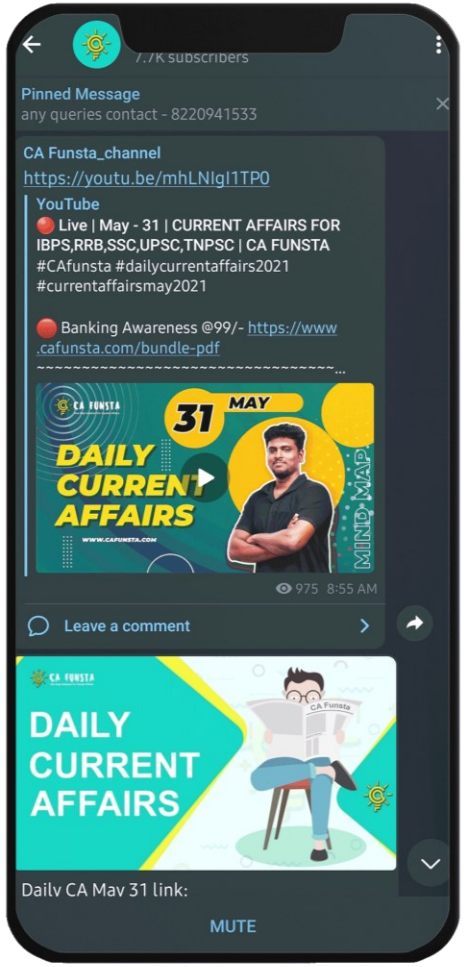

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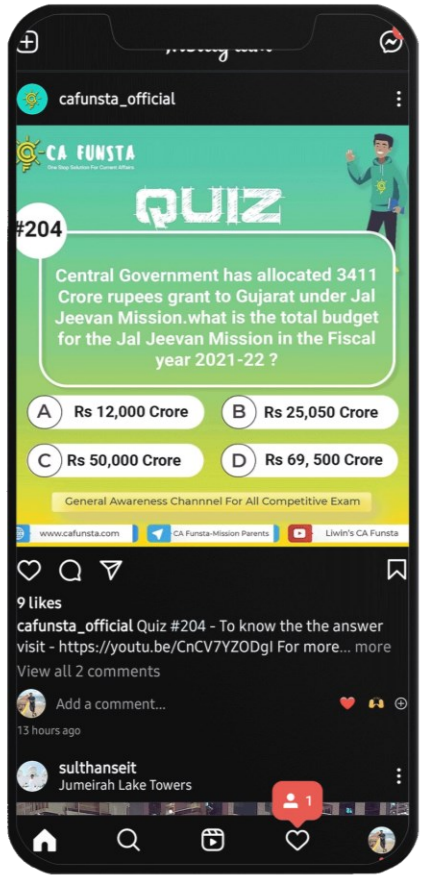

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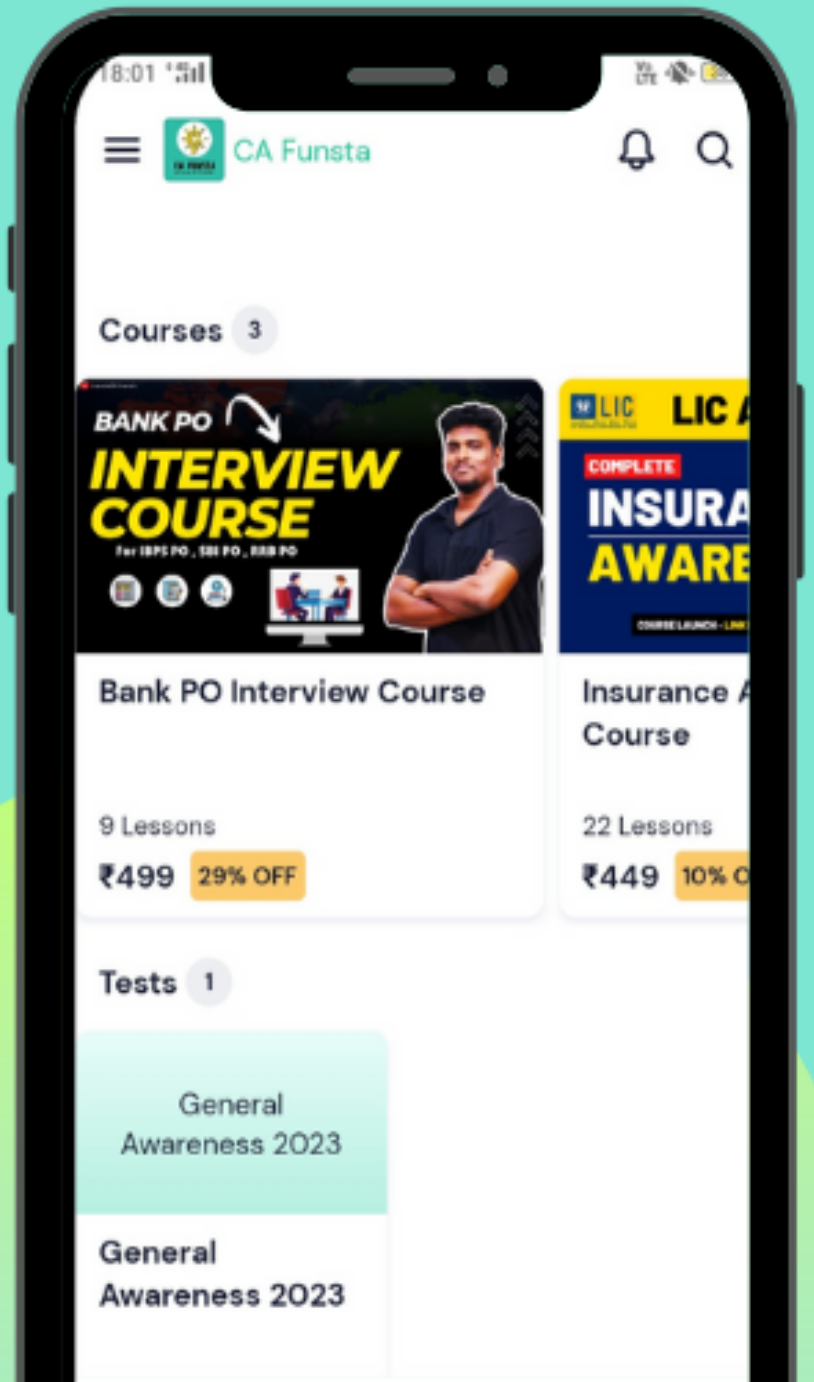
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