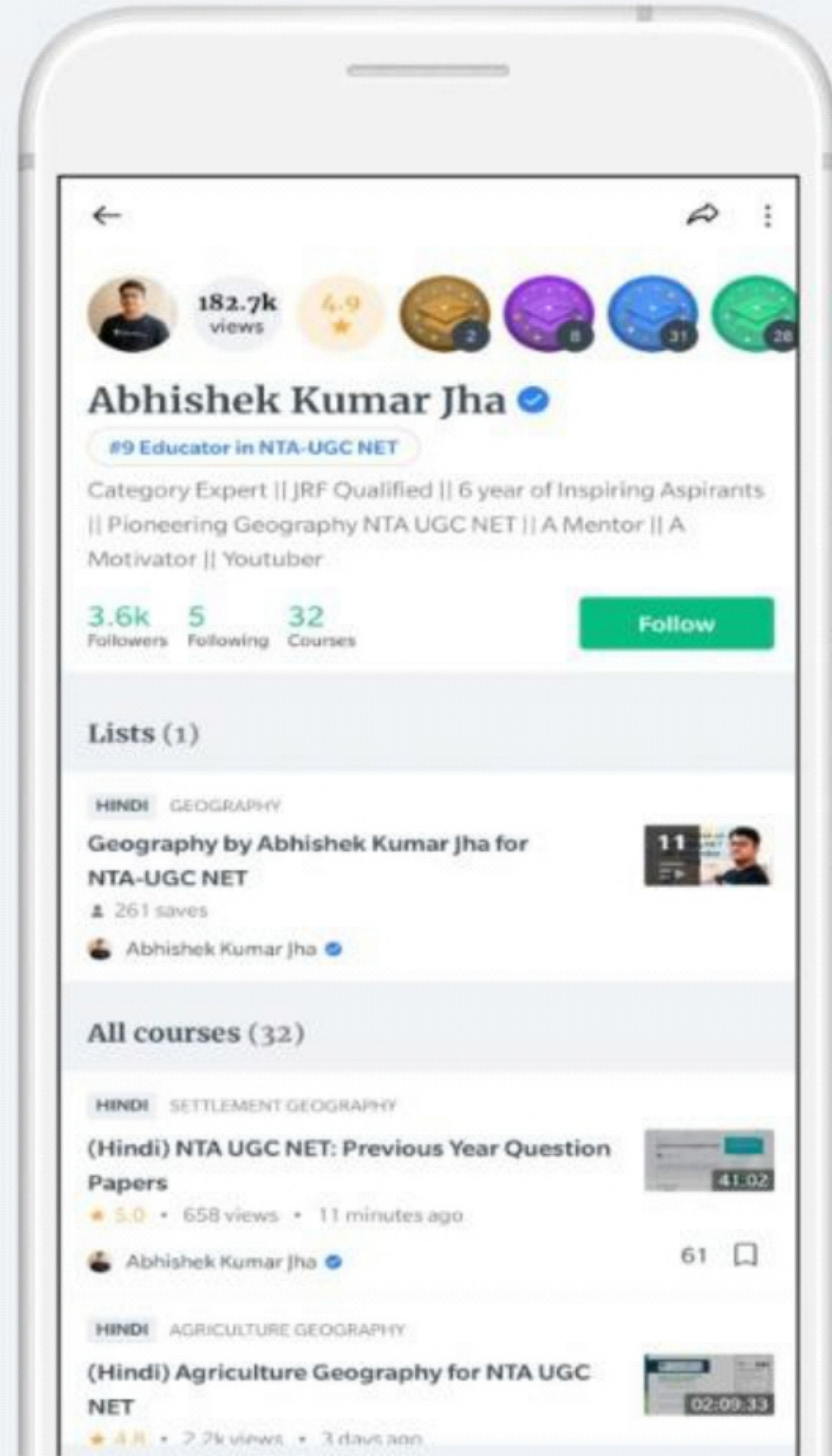


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Oscar Peschel

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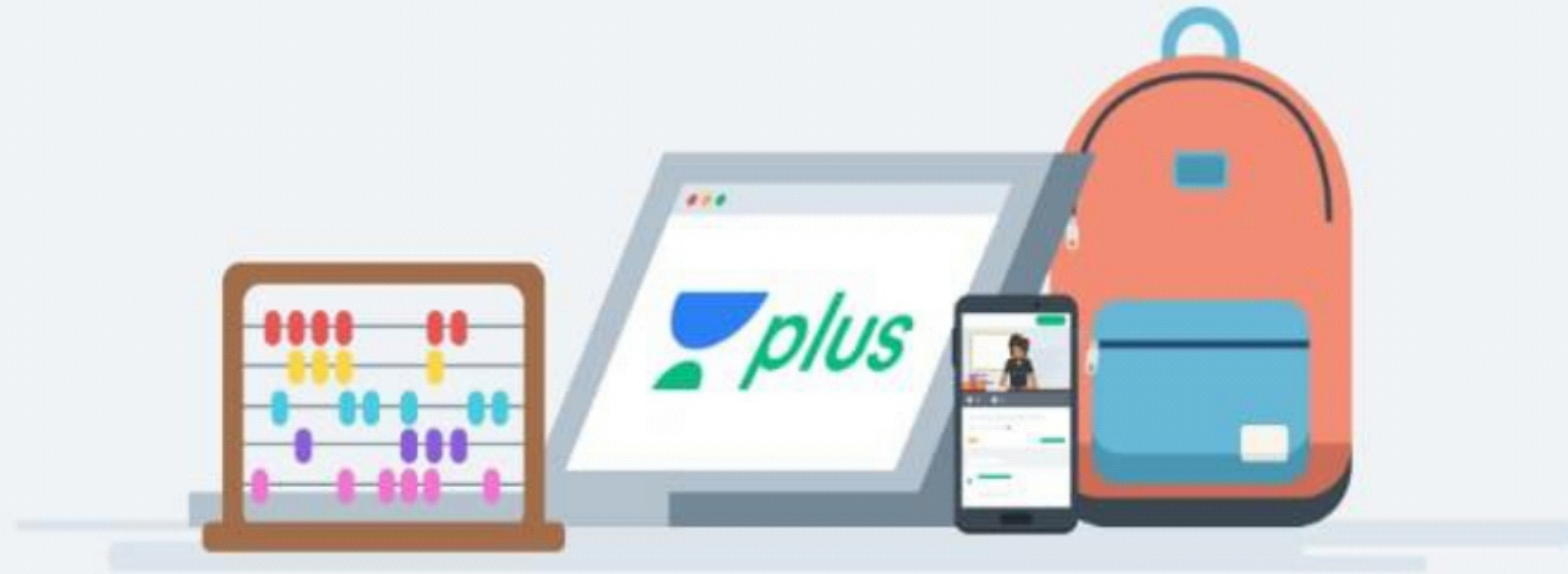


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Oscar Peschel



Oscar Ferdinand Peschel

Born: March 1826, Dresden.

Died: August 1875, Leipzig.

He was a **German geographer and anthropologist.**

Oscar Peschel



Oscar Peschel initiated a movement which sought to give the contemporary German geography a new outlook, orientation and dimension that was opposed to the geographic heritage founded by Humboldt and Ritter.

Peschel was the first great geographer in Germany before the full **impact of Darwinism** was felt and although he worked after the enunciation of **Darwin's theory of evolution**, its implications in the interpretation of Earth features and human societies were not yet recognised.

Oscar Peschel

At the age of 45, Peschel was appointed as a full professor of the newly established chair of geography at the University of Leipzig. This is thus the fourth oldest chair of geography in Germany after Berlin, Göttingen and Bonn.

He made outstanding contributions to the study of the science of physical features of the Earth's surface and also made serious investigations of the races and cultures of humankind, which he, like his contemporaries, defined as Volkerkunde.

His early death, at the age of 49, caused irreparable loss to the emerging 'new geography' in Germany, as it cut his work short just at the time when his university position would have enabled him to be most productive.

Oscar Peschel

His book on the **History of Geography** 'Geschichte der Erdkunde' was published in **1865** and that created a flurry in the contemporary academic circles of Germany.

Peschel is most remembered for his book ***The Races of Man: and their geographical distribution (1876)***.

He classifies man into **seven races**: Australoids, (Papuan), (Melanesians), Mongoloids, Dravidians, Bushmen (Capoids), Negroids and Mediterraneans (Caucasoids - the race itself is divided by Peschel into the **Hamite, Semite, and Indo-European families**).

PYQs- July 2018



- Which one of the following in the correct sequence of German geographers contributing to the development of geographical thought ?
- (1) Ratzel - Troll - Hettner - Peschel
- (2) Peschel - Hettner - Ratzel - Troll
- (3) Peschel - Ratzel - Hettner - Troll
- (4) Troll - Hettner - Peschel - Ratzel

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