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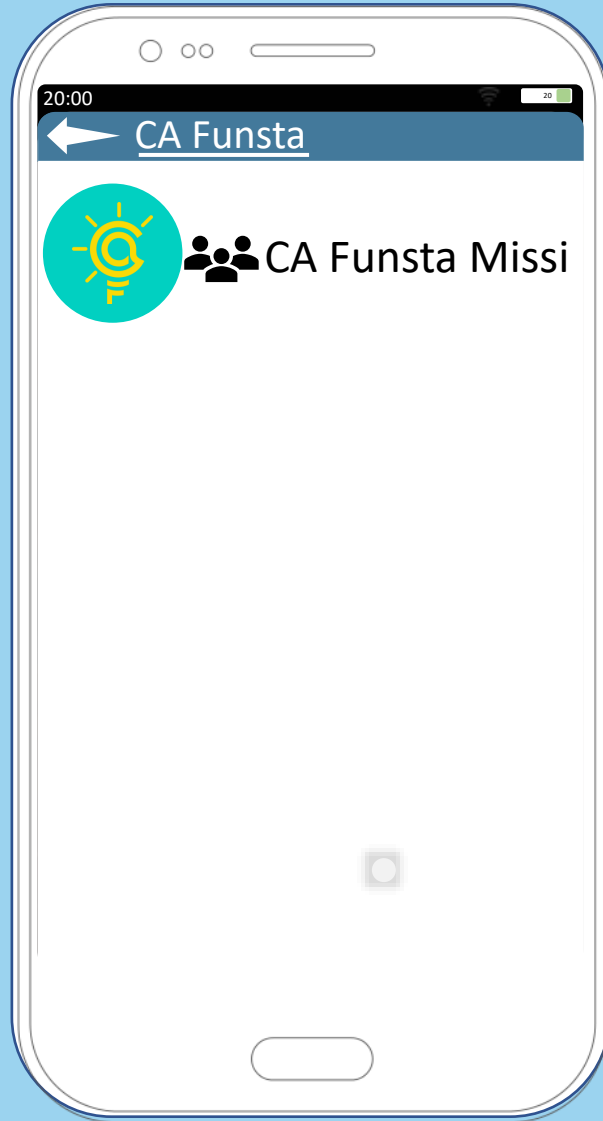
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CURRENT AFFAIRS





IMPORTANT DAYS



➤ **World Thyroid Day is observed on which date?**

- A) May 23
- B) May 25
- C) May 24
- D) May 22
- E) May 21

Answer

B) May 25



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IMPORTANT DAYS



World Thyroid Day

- The Department of Health (DOH) joins the rest of the world in observing the **International Thyroid Awareness Week (ITAW)** and **World Thyroid Day (WTD) 2021**, with the theme **“Mother-Baby-Iodine: The Importance of Iodine on the Woman and her Baby”**, which aims to raise awareness on Iodine Deficiency Disorders on women of reproductive age, especially pregnant and lactating mothers, and on children during their first 1000 days of life from conception.



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IMPORTANT DAYS



International Missing Children's Day

- Every year, May 25 is observed as International Missing Children's Day.
- It is a day to spread awareness for the children who go missing around the world, continue efforts to find those missing and remember those who have been victims of crime.
- May 25 is also observed as the United States' National Missing Children's Day.



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IMPORTANT DAYS



World Wrestling Day 2021

- World Wrestling Day 2021 is celebrated on May 23 across the globe.
- On this day in 1904, the inauguration of World Greco-Roman Wrestling Championships was held in Austria's Vienna.
- Through this day, wrestlers and fans of the sport try to make people aware about the benefits and importance of wrestling.



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OBITUARY



➤ **Col Panjab Singh passed away. He won which award?**

- A) Vir Chakra
- B) Maha Vir Chakra
- C) Kirti Chakra
- D) Param Vir Chakra
- E) Param Vishit Seva Medal

Answer

- A) Vir Chakra





OBITUARY



Explanation

- Col Panjab Singh, Vir Chakra awardee and a decorated veteran of the 1971, war passed away at the Command Hospital in Chandimandir, in Haryana = due to post-COVID complications.
- Born on **February 15, 1942**, Col. Singh was commissioned into the 6th Battalion of the Sikh Regiment on December 16, 1967.
- He went on to command the Battalion from October 12, 1986 to July 29, 1990.





BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Which Bank announced the implementation of TransUnion's onboarding solution will enable it to onboard its credit card customers seamlessly?



- A) IndusInd Bank
- B) Canara Bank
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Yes Bank
- E) HDFC Bank

Answer

D) Yes Bank





BANKING AND FINANCE



Explanation

- Private sector lender YES Bank announced the implementation of TransUnion's onboarding solution, which will enable it to onboard its credit card customers seamlessly.
- The solution has been uniquely designed to enable a digital, streamlined onboarding process that delivers the experience consumers prefer such as fewer customer information fields to input, no physical paperwork, and comparatively lesser time required for completing the credit card application





BANKING AND FINANCE



Titbits

Yes Bank

Hq: Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD and CEO : Prashant Kumar

Tagline: Experience our Expertise





BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Which payment app has launched 'Pay Later' facility for its customers?

- A) Google Pay
- B) PhonePe
- C) PayPal
- D) PayU
- E) Freecharge

Answer

E) Freecharge





BANKING AND FINANCE



Explanation

- Freecharge has launched 'Pay Later' facility for its customers.
- Using Pay Later, customers can pay their electricity bills, recharge their mobiles, order food, medicines, grocery online without the need for any card.
- On successful onboarding on Pay Later, customers receive a monthly credit limit of up to ₹5,000 and this usage limit gets enhanced in the future, depending on the customer's profile.
- There is no processing fee but a small interest is levied on usage.
- However, the interest will be credited back to the customer's Freecharge wallet in the form of a 'Cashback' on the repayment of the Pay Later bill at the end of the month.





BANKING AND FINANCE



Titbits

Freecharge

Founded: 15 August 2010

Owner: Axis Bank

CEO: Siddharth Mehta

Headquarters location: Mumbai





BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Which insurance company has introduced a retirement solution by combining two variants of 'Guaranteed Pension Plan' (**deferred and immediate annuity**)?

- A) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- B) Aegon Life Insurance
- C) SBI General Insurance
- D) Bharti AXA Life Insurance
- E) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

Answer

- E) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance**





BANKING AND FINANCE



Explanation

- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has introduced a retirement solution by combining two variants of 'Guaranteed Pension Plan' (deferred and immediate annuity), which offers a guaranteed return on investments.
- The annuity products enable customers to plan for their retirement and are available in two variants i.e. **immediate and deferred annuity.**
- The immediate annuity option allows customers to start receiving regular income immediately by paying a one-time premium.





BANKING AND FINANCE



Explanation

- On the other hand, the deferred annuity option gives customers the flexibility to start receiving income in the future, for instance closer to retirement.
- Customers have the option to defer the start of the income for a maximum period of 10 years.
- The longer the deferral, the higher would be the income.





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Key benefits:

- Guaranteed lifelong annuity: Pay once (purchase price) and get guaranteed regular income for your entire life (annuity).
- Choose your retirement date: Choose to receive your annuity now or defer it by 1-10 years.
- Flexibility to receive annuity monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or yearly.
- Option to take the plan for single life or joint lives.





BANKING AND FINANCE



Titbits

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
MD & CEO: N. S. Kannan





BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



➤ India has attracted highest ever total Foreign Direct Investment or FDI inflow of _____ during the financial year 2020-21 and it is _____ higher as compared to the last financial year 2019-20?

- A) US\$ 81.72 billion, 12%
- B) US\$ 71.72 billion, 10%
- C) US\$ 80.72 billion, 10%
- D) US\$ 81.72 billion, 10%
- E) US\$ 81.72 billion, 14%

Answer

D) US\$ 81.72 billion, 10%





BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



Explanation

- India has attracted highest ever total Foreign Direct Investment or FDI inflow of US\$ 81.72 billion during the financial year 2020-21 and it is 10% higher as compared to the last financial year 2019-20 (US\$ 74.39 billion).
- FDI equity inflow grew by 19% in the F. Y. 2020-21 (US\$ 59.64 billion) compared to the previous year F. Y. 2019-20 (US\$ 49.98 billion).
- In terms of top investor countries, 'Singapore' is at the apex with 29%, followed by the U. S. A (23%) and Mauritius (9%) for the F. Y. 2020-21. 'Computer Software & Hardware' has emerged as the top sector during F. Y. 2020-21 with around 44% share of the total FDI Equity inflow followed by Construction (Infrastructure) Activities (13%) and Services Sector (8%) respectively.





APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Guillermo Lasso Mendoza is appointed as the new President of Ecuador.
What is the currency of Ecuador?**



- A) Hong Kong Dollar
- B) Singapore Dollar
- C) Australian Dollar
- D) New Zealand Dollar
- E) United States Dollar

Answer

E) United States Dollar





APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Ecuador

Capital: Quito

Currency: United States Dollar





APPOINTMENTS



➤ **West Bengal Chief Secretary Alapan Bandyopadhyay was granted an extension for a period of how many months?**



A) 5

B) 4

C) 3

D) 2

E) 1

Answer

C) 3





APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- West Bengal Chief Secretary Alapan Bandyopadhyay was granted an extension for a period of three months.
- Bandyopadhyay, a 1987-batch IAS officer, was to superannuate at the end of this month.
- He took over as the chief secretary of West Bengal after Rajiva Sinha retired in September last year.





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Titbits

West Bengal

Capital: Kolkata

CM: Mamata Banerjee

Governor: Jagdeep Dhankhar





AWARDS

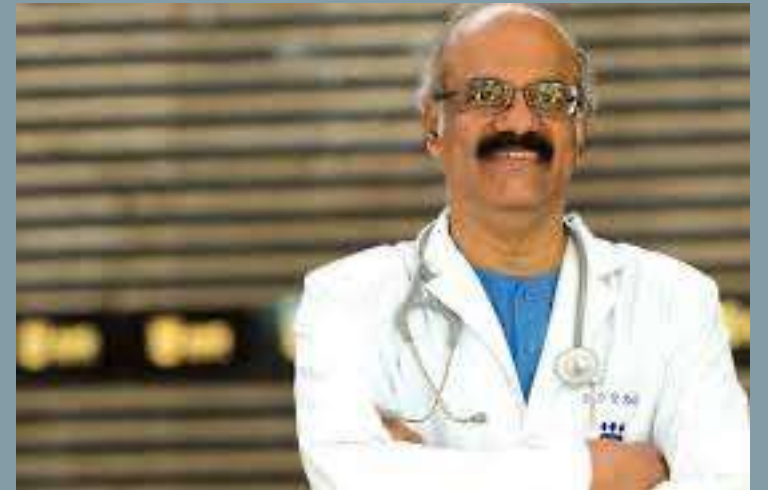


➤ Who receives renowned 'Rudolf V Schindler' Award from ASGE?

- A) Dr Nageshwar Reddy
- B) Dr Narasimhan Reddy
- C) Dr Sakthi Reddy
- D) Dr Nagarajan Reddy
- E) Dr Siva Reddy

Answer

A) Dr Nageshwar Reddy





AWARDS



Explanation

- AIG Hospitals, one of the country's largest super specialty Hospitals here has announced that its **Chairman Dr D Nages hwar Reddy** has been bestowed with the renowned 'Rudolf V. Schindler' Award from The **American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE)**, one of the apex bodies in the world of GI Endoscopy.
- The award was presented to Dr Reddy in ASGE's annual Crystal Awards at a virtual ceremony.
- Dr Reddy became the **first-ever Indian medical practitioner to get this recognition from ASGE for his exemplary work in the field of endoscopy.**





AWARDS



➤ **Mohini Singh won British Order of Merit. She was related to which state/UT?**



- A) Chandigarh
- B) Mizoram
- C) Manipur
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Punjab

Answer

- A) Chandigarh





AWARDS



Explanation

- Britain's Queen Elizabeth II has appointed Indian citizen Mohini Singh, who works at the British deputy high commission in Chandigarh as a consular officer, as an honorary Member of the **Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE)**.
- This honour is conferred by the Queen in recognition of Mohini's services to British people during the Covid-19 pandemic.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Which space agency will design a new Earth System Observatory that will be dedicated to study climate change and mitigate its effects?

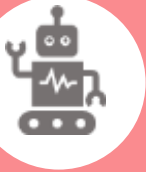
- A) ISS
- B) USI
- C) JAXA
- D) ISRO
- E) NASA

Answer

E) NASA



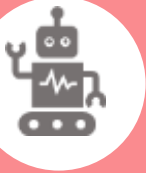
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Explanation

- American space agency NASA will design a new Earth System Observatory that will be dedicated to study climate change and mitigate its effects.
- NASA will design a new set of Earth-focused missions to provide key information to guide efforts related to climate change, disaster mitigation, fighting forest fires, and improving real-time agricultural processes.
- With the Earth System Observatory, each satellite will be uniquely designed to complement the others, working in tandem to create a 3D, holistic view of Earth, from bedrock to atmosphere.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Titbits

NASA

Abbreviation: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Establishment – 1958

Administrator – Bill Nelson

Chief Scientist – Jim Green

Headquarter – Washington D.C, United States

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Which institution has developed an UV-C air duct disinfection system?

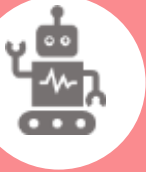
- A) CSIR-CMERI
- B) CSIR-CRRI
- C) CSIR-NAL
- D) CSIR-NCL
- E) CSIR-CSIO

Answer

- E) CSIR-CSIO



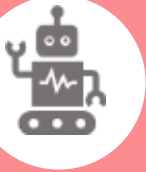
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Explanation

- The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIR-CSIO) has developed an UV-C air duct disinfection system.
- The system helps in deactivating over 99 per cent of viruses, bacteria, fungus and other bio-aerosols etc with appropriate dosages using 254nm UV light.
- It is an energy efficient system which improves airflow through coils, enhances indoor air quality and requires less maintenance, a PIB release said here.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



Explanation

- The technology has been developed according to the requirements for **deactivation of SARS COV-2 virus** contained in an aerosol with necessary ventilation measures, necessary safety and user guidelines and tested bio-safety standards etc.
- This will provide a relatively safer environment for indoor activities in the current pandemic.
- The CSIR-CSIO developed product is tested for more than 99 per cent disinfection and could be used as a retrofit solution to air handling units (AHUs) of buildings, transport vehicles and other spin off applications.
- The system comes with **commercialized standards and certifications**.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

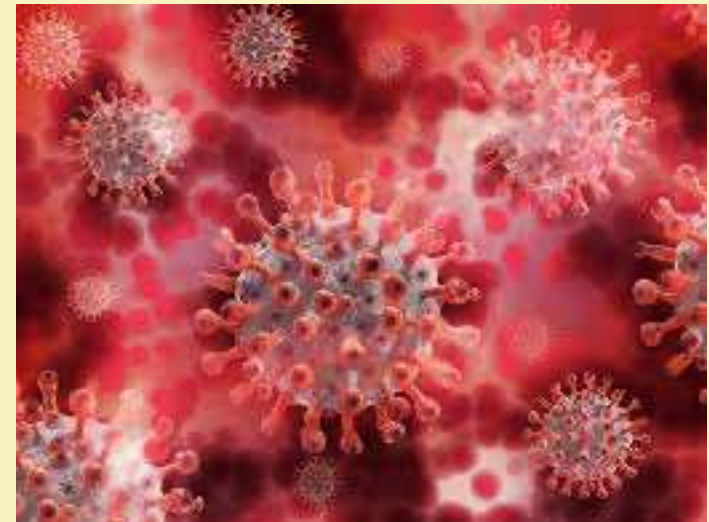


➤ Which country launches plans for global pandemic radar to detect Covid-19 variants?

- A) UK
- B) China
- C) Oman
- D) Iran
- E) Iraq

Answer

A) UK



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Explanation

- UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced that the United Kingdom will work with the World Health Organization, other partners and nations to develop an advanced international pathogen surveillance network to identify COVID-19 variants and emerging diseases.
- The prime minister also claimed that the "Global Pandemic Radar," as the network was called, will ensure the early detection of new variants and emerging pathogens, so vaccines and treatments needed to stop them can be rapidly developed.
- The Global Pandemic Radar is expected to become fully operational before the end of 2021

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

The United Kingdom (UK)

Queen: Queen Elizabeth II

Capital: London

Prime minister: Boris Johnson

Currency: Pound sterling

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ The Union Cabinet has approved the opening of a new Consulate General of India in which country?

- A) Pakistan
- B) UAE
- C) Iraq
- D) Iran
- E) Maldives

Answer

E) Maldives



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- The Union Cabinet has approved the opening of a new Consulate General of India in Addu City, Maldives in 2021.
- India and Maldives share **ethnic, linguistic, cultural, religious and commercial links steeped in antiquity**. Maldives occupies an important place in the 'Neighbourhood First Policy' and the Security and Growth for All in the Region vision of the Indian government.
- According to the Ministry, the momentum and energy in the bilateral relationship has reached unprecedented levels under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi and President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Maldives

Capital: Malé

Currency: Maldivian rufiyaa



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ **The Mohali International Hockey Stadium will be dedicated to Padma Shri Balbir Singh Senior. This stadium is related to which state?**

- A) Himachal Pradesh
- B) Mizoram
- C) Manipur
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) Punjab

Answer

E) Punjab



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- The Mohali International Hockey Stadium will be dedicated to Padma Shri Balbir Singh Senior in a formal tribute ceremony at the Hockey Stadium on May 25 on the **death anniversary of legendary sports person.**
- Balbir Singh Senior played an important role in the Indian hockey team to be the three-time Olympic champion as no one has been able to break his Olympic final record, till date.
- He scored five goals in **India's 6-1 victory over the Netherlands in the final of the 1952 Olympic Games.**
- **In 1957 Singh became the first recipient of the Padma Shri award in the sports category.**
- Balbir Singh Senior was the manager and Chief coach of the 1971 World Cup winning Indian hockey team.
- He served as the Director, Sports Department, Punjab and encouraged the youth for the sports arena.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

➤ Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy credited how much amount under 'YSR Free Crop Insurance' scheme?

- A) Rs.1320.23 crore
- B) Rs.1420.23 crore
- C) Rs.1520.23 crore
- D) Rs.1620.23 crore
- E) Rs.1820.23 crore

Answer

E) Rs.1820.23 crore



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy credited Rs.1820.23 crore, under 'YSR Free Crop Insurance' scheme, into the bank accounts of 15.15 lakh farmers who have lost their Kharif crop during 2020.
- A total of Rs.3,788.25 crore had been spent alone on this crop insurance scheme in the last 23 months, including the pending dues of Rs.715.84 crore left by the previous government.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Andhra Pradesh

Capital: Visakhapatnam (executive),
Amaravati (legislative), Kurnool (judicial)

CM: Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy

Governor: Biswa Bhushan Harichandan

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ **Govt extends deadline for mandatory hallmarking of gold jewellery till which date?**

- A) July 15
- B) June 15
- C) August 15
- D) September 15
- E) October 15

Answer

B) June 15



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- The Centre further extended the deadline for mandatory hallmarking of gold jewellery and artefacts by a fortnight till **June 15** in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The decision in this regard was taken at a meeting chaired by Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal.
- In November 2019, the government had announced that hallmarking of gold jewellery and artefacts would be made mandatory across the country from **January 15, 2021**. However, the deadline was extended for four months till June 1 after jewellers sought more time in view of the pandemic. Gold hallmarking is a purity certification of the precious metal and is voluntary in nature at present.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Centre releases how much amount to 8 North Eastern states under Jal Jeevan Mission to provide tap water supply to rural homes?

- A) Rs 1605 crore
- B) Rs 1205 crore
- C) Rs 1305 crore
- D) Rs 1105 crore
- E) Rs 1505 crore

Answer

- A) Rs 1605 crore



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- The Union Government has released Rs 1605 crore to eight North Eastern states under Jal Jeevan Mission to provide tap water supply to rural homes in the current financial year.
- Jal Shakti Ministry said, this is the first tranche of the four to be released in this financial year.
- There are about 90 lakh rural households in all the North East States, with a maximum 63.35 lakh in Assam.
- In the last financial year, about 11 lakh new tap water connections were provided in all these states.
- The Ministry said, 16.27 lakh households in the region are getting tap water supply in these states in comparison to 3.2 lakh households in August, 2019.



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Explanation

- The Jal Jeevan Mission was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15th of August 2019, with the aim to provide assured tap water supply to every rural home by 2024.
- The Mission is being implemented in partnership with States and Union Territories. Despite challenges faced due to COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns, over 4.20 crore households have been provided with tap water supply
- Goa, Telangana, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Puducherry have become 'Har Ghar Jal' States and UT.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ **Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan chaired which edition of World Health Assembly virtually?**

A) 75th

B) 76th

C) 77th

D) 78th

E) 74th

Answer

E) 74th

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan chaired the 74th World Health Assembly virtually.
- Director-General of the World Health Organisation Dr Tedros was also present on the occasion.
- Chairman of WHO Executive Board Dr Harsh Vardhan noted that the Board called for further efforts to ensure fair and equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX Facility.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology; and Earth Sciences.

Minister: Dr Harsh Vardhan

Constituency: Chandni Chowk, Delhi



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which state gave its approval for implementation of a monthly income support scheme for eligible families?

- A) Himachal Pradesh
- B) Mizoram
- C) Manipur
- D) West Bengal
- E) Punjab

Answer

D) West Bengal



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- The West Bengal Cabinet gave its approval for implementation of a monthly income support scheme for eligible families and two other programmes promised in the election manifesto of the Trinamool Congress.
- The Cabinet also gave the green signal to introduce a new credit card scheme for all eligible students to pursue higher education, as well as the programme of free doorstep delivery of monthly ration to 1.5 crore households.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- According to the credit card scheme, it will have a credit limit of Rs 10 lakh with an interest rate of only 4 per cent and easy repayment options so that students do not have to depend on their parents to pursue higher studies.
- The party manifesto had also promised that under the 'Khadya Sathi' scheme, 1.5 crore families will get free doorstep delivery of monthly ration.



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West Bengal

Capital: Kolkata

CM: Mamata Banerjee

Governor: Jagdeep Dhankhar



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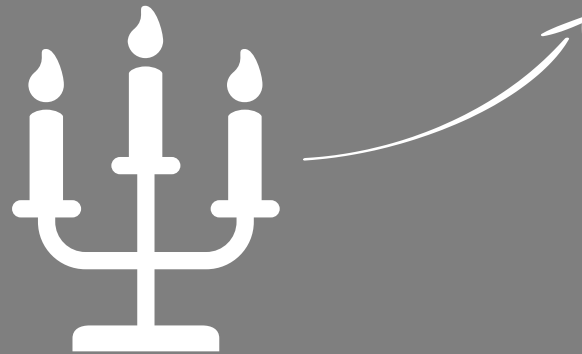




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Freecharge



YES Bank



Retirement plan with guaranteed returns

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance





BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



Record Highest Ever FDI
Inflow Of US\$ 81.72 Billion
In FY21

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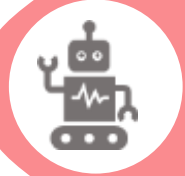
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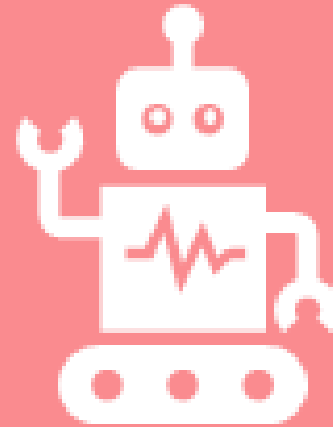


SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



UV disinfection
technology to combat
SARS-CoV-2

CSIR-CSIO



Earth System Observatory,
ISRO will be key partner

NASA



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Plans for global pandemic radar
to detect Covid-19 variants

UK





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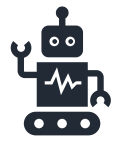
Mohali hockey stadium

Cabinet nod

Rs 1,820.23 Cr under YSR Free Crop Insurance scheme

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Open of new Consulate in Addu city Maldives



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ARUNACHAL PRADESH



Chief Minister: Pema Khandu
Governor: B.D. Mishra
Capital : Itanagar

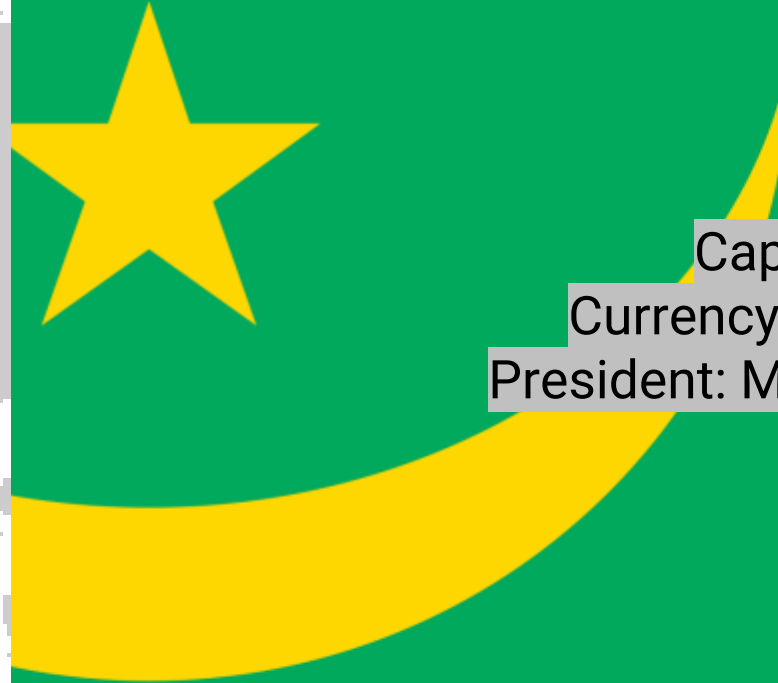
National Park

- Namdapha National Park.
- Mouling National Park

WLS

- Dibang Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Eagle's Nest Wildlife Sanctuary

Mauritania



Capital: Nouakchott
Currency: Mauritanian ouguiya
President: Mohamed Ould Ghazouani

APEDA



**Abbreviation : The Agricultural and
Processed Food Products Export
Development Authority
Founded: 13 February 1986
Chairman: Dr. M. Angamuthu (IAS)
Headquarters: New Delhi**

Finance and Corporate Affairs



Minister : Nirmala Sitharaman
Constituency : Rajya Sabha MP, Karnataka



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