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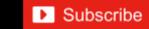
QUIZ





B) 57





#201 The Indian men's football team retained its 105th position in the latest FIFA world rankings, What is the rank of Indian Team in Women's Category? В 43 57 79 69 General Awareness Channnel For All Competitive Exam CA Funsta-Mission Parents Liwin's CA Funsta

QUIZ

- The Indian men's football team retained its 105th position.
- India also maintained 19th spot among Asian countries.
- In the women's category 57th Rank

Rank	Country		
1 st	USA		
2 nd	Germany		
3 rd	Netherlands		









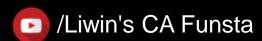














IMPORTANT DAYS







- a) May 27
- b) May 26
- c) May 29
- d) May 28
- e) May 30

Answer

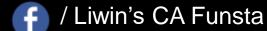
c) May 29





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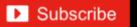
IMPORTANT DAYS



Explanation

- International Everest Day 2021 is being celebrated on May 29.
- This day is observed in the memory of the first summit of Mount Everest by New Zealand's Sir Edmund Hillary and Nepal's Tenzing Norgay Sherpa that took place on 29th of May 1953.
- History was created on this day 68 years ago when both of them climbed Mount Everest, 29,029 feet above sea level.
- They were the first humans to scale the height of Mount Everest.
- To commemorate their achievement, in the year 2008, Nepal decided to celebrate International Everest Day every year on 29th of May.
- They were part of a British expedition.















IMPORTANT DAYS



Explanation

- Mr Norgay and Mr Hillary reached the summit of Mount Everest at 11.30 A.M. on 29th May,1953, but the world came to know of their achievement only on 2nd of June, the day of Queen Elizabeth II's coronation.
- The day was observed for the first time in 2008, the year Edmund Hillary died.
- Mount Everest attracts climbers, including highly experienced mountaineers, every year from across the globe.
- The British named it Mount Everest after Sir George Everest, a 19th-century British surveyor of South Asia.







SPORTS



>Cricketer Tamim Iqbal is related to which country?

- a) Sri Lanka
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Australia
- d) New Zealand
- e) South Africa

Answer

b) Bangladesh













SPORTS











Explanation

- Bangladesh skipper Tamim Iqbal has been fined 15 percent of his match fee for breaching Level 1 of the ICC Code of Conduct during third ODI against Sri Lanka.
- He came under the scanner of the International Cricket Council (ICC) after he was found guilty of using obscene language during the third ODI against Sri Lanka.
- Veteran Bangladesh batsman was found to have breached Article 2.3 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to "use of an audible obscenity during an international match."





SPORTS











Cricket-IPL to be completed in UAE later this year - BCCI

- The remaining matches of the Indian Premier League (IPL), which
 was suspended earlier this month, will be completed in the United
 Arab Emirates in September and October, the Indian Cricket Board
 (BCCI).
- The BCCI said in a statement that they had asked the International Cricket Council (ICC) for more time to make a call on whether India would be able to host the Twenty20 World Cup in October and November.
- The popular IPL Twenty20 tournament was suspended with 31 matches left to play on May 4 after several players and backroom staff tested positive for the new coronavirus amid a devastating second wave of COVID-19 in India.













OBITUARY



➤ Renowned educationist Anadakrishnan passes away. He won Padma Shri Award in which year?

- a) 2000
- b) 2005
- c) 2010
- d) 2002
- e) 2015

Answer

d) 2002













OBITUARY



- Renowned educationist and former Vice-Chancellor of Anna University M.Anandakrishnan passed away after battling against the novel Coronavirus.
- He was 93.
- Anandakrishnan was a renowned educationist and his contributions in the area of education are significant.
- From scrapping of entrance exams for admission to professional courses to advocating the implementation of Tamil as medium technical education, he pioneered modern technical and professional education.
- He received the fourth highest civilian honour of Padma Shri in 2002.
- Munirathna Anandakrishnan also served as chief science officer in the United Nations in New York in 1978.
- He had worked in UN till 1989 in various capacities.



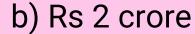












c) Rs 5 crore

d) Rs 10 crore

e) Rs 1 crore

Answer

d) Rs 10 crore



















- The Reserve Bank has imposed a penalty of Rs 10 crore on HDFC Bank for deficiencies in regulatory compliances with regard to its auto loan portfolio.
- The penalty has been slapped after examining a complaint by a whistleblower regarding irregularities in the auto loan portfolio of the lender.
- The order imposing the fine was issued on May 27.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said it has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 10 crore on HDFC Bank for contraventions of certain provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.















Explanation

The apex bank said an examination of documents in the matter of marketing and sale of third-party non-financial products to the bank's customers, arising from a whistleblower complaint to it regarding irregularities in the auto loan portfolio of the bank, revealed contravention of the provisions of the Act and the regulatory directions.















Titbits

HDFC Bank

Headquarters: Mumbai

CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan

Tagline- We Understand Your World

















>Who has been appointed next ambassador of India to South Sudan?

- a) Vishnu Kumar Sharma
- b) Vivek Kumar Sharma
- c) Vedha Kumar Sharma
- d) Ravi Kumar Sharma
- e) Rakesh Kumar Sharma

Answer

a) Vishnu Kumar Sharma





APPOINTMENTS











Explanation

Vishnu Kumar Sharma has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to South Sudan, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) informed.





APPOINTMENTS





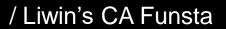






Titbits

South Sudan Capital - Juba Currency - Pound













- a) Mack John
- b) Nitin Rakesh
- c) Jerry Wind
- d) Both a & b
- e) Both b & c

Answer

e) Both b & c













- The authors Nitin Rakesh and Jerry Wind made history this week by winning the prestigious International Business Book of the Year Award for 2021 for their recently launched book Transformation in Times of Crisis, published by Notion Press.
- The Business Book Awards is one of the biggest and most prestigious events in the calendar for business book writers all over the world.
- It highlights leadership, change, and sustainability in business through the promotion of business books and their authors.
- The organizers receive over 150 submissions from top authors and their publishers every year, making this achievement all the more special.















- Author Nitin Rakesh, a winner of the 'Gold Stevie Award' for Tech Innovator of the Year, is a distinguished leader in the Technology and Financial services industries and is the CEO and Executive Director of IT major Mphasis, since 2017.
- His Co-author Jerry Wind, is an internationally renowned academician and is currently Lauder Professor Emeritus and Professor of Marketing at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.



















- a) Ayshman Bharat
- b) Digital Seva
- c) Umang App
- d) Nammude Kozhikode
- e) IRCTC Rail connect

Answer

d) Nammude Kozhikode













- Kozhikode District Administration's mobile application 'Nammude Kozhikode' (Our Kozhikode) has bagged the golden award, the first prize in the 'Digital Governance Mobile Challenge,' a national competition for novel projects at district level being implemented in association with the National Informatics Centre.
- Director of National Informatics Centre Neetha Verma announced the awards at Delhi.
- Kozhikode District Collector S.Sambasiva Rao, District Informatics
 Officer Mercy Sebastian and Additional Informatics Officer T.D.
 Rolly took part in the event online.
- Mr.Rao explained the characteristics of the application.















- 'Nammude Kozhikode' is an application that takes the services of various -government departments directly to the public. It was of great use for many during the lockdown.
- The application also provides information regarding the welfare schemes of the government.
- 'Nammude Kozhikode' was made envisaging the participation of the citizens through information technology in every stage of administration from planning to implementation.

















- a) IIT-Ropar
- b) IIT-Hyderabad
- c) IIT-Madras
- d) IIT-Bombay
- e) IIT-Kanpur

Answer

b) IIT-Hyderabad















- Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (Hyderabad) have developed a method to produce an oral solution to treat patients suffering from black fungus.
- A 60-mg tablet, which can be priced at about ₹200, ensures slow and sustained release of the drug.
- It also ensures reduced nephrotoxicity (adverse impact of medicines and chemicals on the kidney).
- A technology developed to treat Kala Azar can be quickly repurposed to treat patients of black fungus in an affordable and convenient way.
- "In 2019, Saptarshi Majumdar and Chandra Shekhar Sharma from the institute's Department of Chemical Engineering made a proven study on oral nanofibrous AMB (Amphotericin B) to treat Kala Azar," an IIT-H spokesperson said.









- a) IIT-Allahabad
- b) IIT-Bombay
- c) IIT-Madras
- d) IIT-Kanpur
- e) IIT-Delhi

Answer

a) IIT-Allahabad















- A team of scientists of Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad, (IIIT-A) has developed a nanotechnology-based rapid testing kit for Covid-19.
- The kit could pave way for quicker and cheaper testing to detect Covid positive patients in the country and even prove to be a replacement for the widely being used RT-PCR tests which cost more and also require a costly lab set-up, say IIIT-A experts.
- The rapid diagnostic kit for novel coronavirus is being developed as part of a Government of India's department of biotechnology (DBT) funded one year project 'Development of rapid detection kit for novel Coronavirus'.
- We have already developed a prototype of the kit and its trial for proper validation is now under way at King George's Medical University (KGMU), Lucknow.



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➤ Which Country aims to develop exascale supercomputer system by 2030?



- a) USA
- b) South Korea
- c) UK
- d) China
- e) Canada

Answer

b) South Korea



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS









- South Korea will beef up its high-performance computing infrastructure to establish an exascale supercomputing system by 2030.
- An exascale supercomputer can perform a quintillion calculations per second.
 Countries like China and Japan have already moved forward on releasing such a computer in the next few years.
- Under the national computing innovation strategy, South Korea targets to have the world's fifth-largest amount of computing power, secure 24 industry leading computing technologies and create 10 new service areas by 2030.
- The ministry said it first plans to replace the fifth-generation Nurion national supercomputer, now the world's 21st-fastest, with the sixth-generation mainframe by 2023 and with the seventh-generation system by 2028, reports Yonhap news agency.

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Titbits

South Korea Capital - Seoul Currency - South Korean Won







➤ Which country becomes first non-funding nation to join Square Kilometre Array (SKA)?



- b) Canada
- c) France
- d) America
- e) China

Answer

c) France















Explanation

- France has officially joined the international consortium that will build the Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO), proposed to be the world's largest radio telescope.
- The announcement was made by French President Emmanuel Macron, during his official state visit to South Africa, one of SKA's co-hosting countries along with Australia.
- With this, France has become the first non-founding country to join the SKA consortium.
- The founding member-nations are Australia, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal and China.

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Explanation

- Headquartered in the United Kingdom, SKAO is an array of antennas that will be built across Australia and South Africa with the scientific goal of studying the evolution of galaxies, fundamental physics in extreme environments and the origins of life.
- France had participated in 11 engineering designing projects of the SKA telescope and had made contributions for development of dishes, lowfrequency antennas, receivers and signal processing.
- This work was mainly performed under the Maison SKA-France consortium, which includes research organisations and universities led by the French National Centre for Scientific Research or CNRS.
- Some of the other participating countries are Canada, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

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Titbits

France
Capital-Paris
Currency-Euro, CFP franc

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- b) Delhi
- c) Ladakh
- d) Andhra Pradesh
- e) Jammu & Kashmir

Answer

e) Jammu & Kashmir















Explanation

- Jammu and Kashmir has become the first Union Territory to provide relief to COVID affected; Saksham to provide special pension and scholarship to COVID victims' families.
- The Administrative Council (AC), under the chairmanship of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha approved the grant of financial relief through Special Assistance Scheme for COVID Mortalities (SASCM/Saksham) to the families of COVID victims.
- AIR correspondent reports that the scheme aims to ensure sustenance of families who have lost their sole breadwinner.
- Under the new scheme, Saksham, the surviving spouse and one eldest surviving member of the affected families will receive a special monthly pension of Rs. 1,000 through DBT, provided that they are not otherwise receiving any pension under other schemes.



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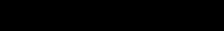






Explanation

- Additionally, the scheme will also provide special scholarships to children who lost their earning parent(s)/sibling(s)/guardian(s) to COVID.
- The special scholarship will be paid annually at the rate of Rs. 20,000 through DBT to children studying up to 12th standard and Rs. 40,000 for higher education.
- The Administrative Council also approved creation of a Special Cell in the Social Welfare Department for handholding the families of COVID victims and facilitating the extension of benefits under different Government schemes including financial assistance for selfemployment.











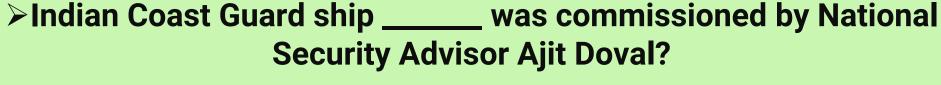
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Jammu & Kashmir Capital-Jammu (Winter), Srinagar (Summer) Governor-Manoj Sinha











- b) ICG Sarath
- c) ICG Shark
- d) ICG Sahuj
- e) ICG Sara

Answer

a) ICG Sajaj















Explanation

- ICG, Sajag, the third in the series of 105 m offshore patrol vessels (OPVs) was commissioned by Ajit Doval, Kirti Chakra, National Security Advisor on May 29 in the presence of Dr Ajay Kumar, Defence Secretary and Director General Krishnaswamy Natarajan, PVSM, PTM, TM, Director General Indian Coast Guard and other senior dignitaries of the central and state government.
- "Sajag' meaning 'Vigilant' is a projection of Indian Coast Guard's will and commitment 'Ready, Relevant and Responsive' towards the maritime interest of the nation.
- ICG said that this state-of-the-art ship has been designed and built indigenously by Goa Shipyard Limited and is fitted with advanced technology, navigation and communication equipment, sensors and machinery.











Titbits

Jammu & Kashmir Capital-Jammu (Winter), Srinagar (Summer) Governor-Manoj Sinha











➤ Centre announces how much financial aid to Odisha, West Bengal and Jharkhand states?

- a) Rs 2000 crore
- b) Rs 500 crore
- c) Rs 1500 crore
- d) Rs 1000 crore
- e) Rs 1100 crore

Answer

d) Rs 1000 crore



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Explanation

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi conducted an aerial survey of Balasore, Bhadrak districts of Odisha and East Medinipur district of West Bengal.
- After holding review meetings in the two states, he announced a relief package of Rs 1,000 crore.
- The kin of those who lost their lives will be given Rs 2 lakh ex-gratia while the seriously injured will get Rs 50,000 from the Centre.
- An inter-ministerial team will visit the areas impacted by the cyclone Yaas to assess the full extent of the damage.
- During the review meetings in the two states, the Prime Minister was informed that Odisha has been the worst affected by the cyclone Yaas while West Bengal and Jharkhand have also suffered damages.











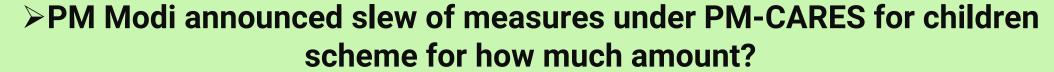
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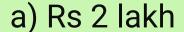
Of the relief package announced by the Prime Minister, ₹500 crore will be disbursed to Odisha immediately while West Bengal and Jharkhand will get their share from the remaining ₹500 crore after assessment of the damage by the inter-ministerial team to be sent by the Centre.











b) Rs 3 lakh

c) Rs 1 lakh

d) Rs 5 lakh

e) Rs 10 lakh

Answer

e) Rs 10 lakh















Explanation

- In a major relief announcement extending much needed support for the children who have lost their parents due to COVID-19, Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved slew of measures under PM-CARES for Children scheme, including free education and an amount of Rs. 10 lakhs on attaining the age of 23, among others.
- Under the PM-CARES for Children scheme contribution will be done through the PM CARES Fund till the age of 18 years to create a corpus of Rs. 10 lakh for each child orphaned due to COVID-19.
- The beneficiary will be given a monthly stipend for five years from 18 years of age till he completes 23 years.
- On attaining the age of 23, the full amount of Rs. 10 lakh will be transferred to the beneficiary for his professional or personal use.











Explanation

- Ensuring free education to such Kids, under this scheme, children under 10 years of age will be given admissions in Kendriya Vidyalayas and private schools whereas provision has been made for educating kids between 11 to 18 years of age in residential schools including Sainik Schools and Navodaya Vidyalayas.
- Expenditure on uniform, text books and notebooks for beneficiary kids will be done through PMCARES Fund.
- Students going for higher education will also be assisted to get education loans and scholarships.

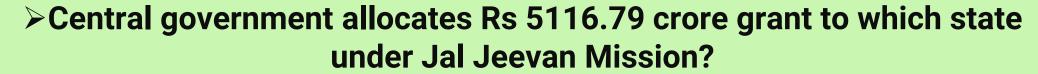
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All children beneficiaries will be enrolled under Ayushman Bharat Scheme with a health insurance cover of Rs. five lakh, the premium for which will be paid by the PM CARES Fund.









- a) Maharashtra
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Himachal Pradesh
- e) Uttarakhand

Answer

b) Madhya Pradesh















Explanation

- To provide safe and potable piped drinking water to all the rural household in Madhya Pradesh, the first tranche of Rs. 1,184.86 Cores have been released by the National Jal Jeevan Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India to the State.
- The commitment of the State to make provision of tap water supply in every rural home by 2023, in 2021-22, Rs. 5,116.79 Crore Central grantin-aid has been allocated to Madhya Pradesh for the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission.
- In 2019-20, Central Government allocated Rs. 571.60 Crore which was increased to Rs. 1,280.13 Crore in 2020-21.











Explanation

- Union Minister, Jal Shakti Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat during his meeting with the Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh at Bhopal has assured full funding for Jal Jeevan Mission to make provision of tap water supply to every rural home.
- Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh assured that he will regularly review the planning and implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission and instead of completing the task in 2024 as announced by the Prime Minister, Madhya Pradesh government will ensure tap water connection and assured potable piped water supply to every rural home by 2023. As a result, in 2020-21, despite Covid-19 pandemic, Madhya Pradesh performed exceptionally well and provided 19.89 Lakh rural households with new tap water connections.











Explanation

With the allocation grant of Rs. 5,116.78 crores in 2021-22 and unspent balance of Rs. 191.61 Crore available with the State Government, and State's matching share of Rs. 5,392.50 crore, which includes the total assured fund availability for the implementation of JJM in the State is about Rs. 10,700 crores.











Titbits

Madhya Pradesh Capital-Bhopal Chief Minister - Shivraj Singh Chouhan Governor - Anandiben Patel



May 29 Overall Review



























May 29

















Sports



Tamim Iqbal

Fined 15% of his match fee for breaching level 1 of ICC Code















Obituary



Munirathna Anandakrishnan

Educationist and former Vice-Chancellor of Anna University















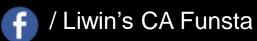
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Imposed a penalty of Rs 10 crore for deficiencies in regulatory compliances

RBI









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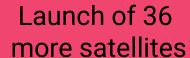














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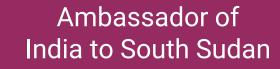






















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Nammude Kozhikode

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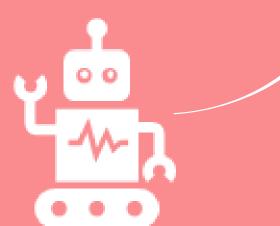


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A nanotechnologybased rapid testing kit for Covid-19 IIT - Allahabad



To develop oral solution to treat black fungus

IIT - Hyderabad











Becomes first non-funding nation to join SKA

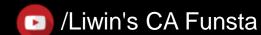


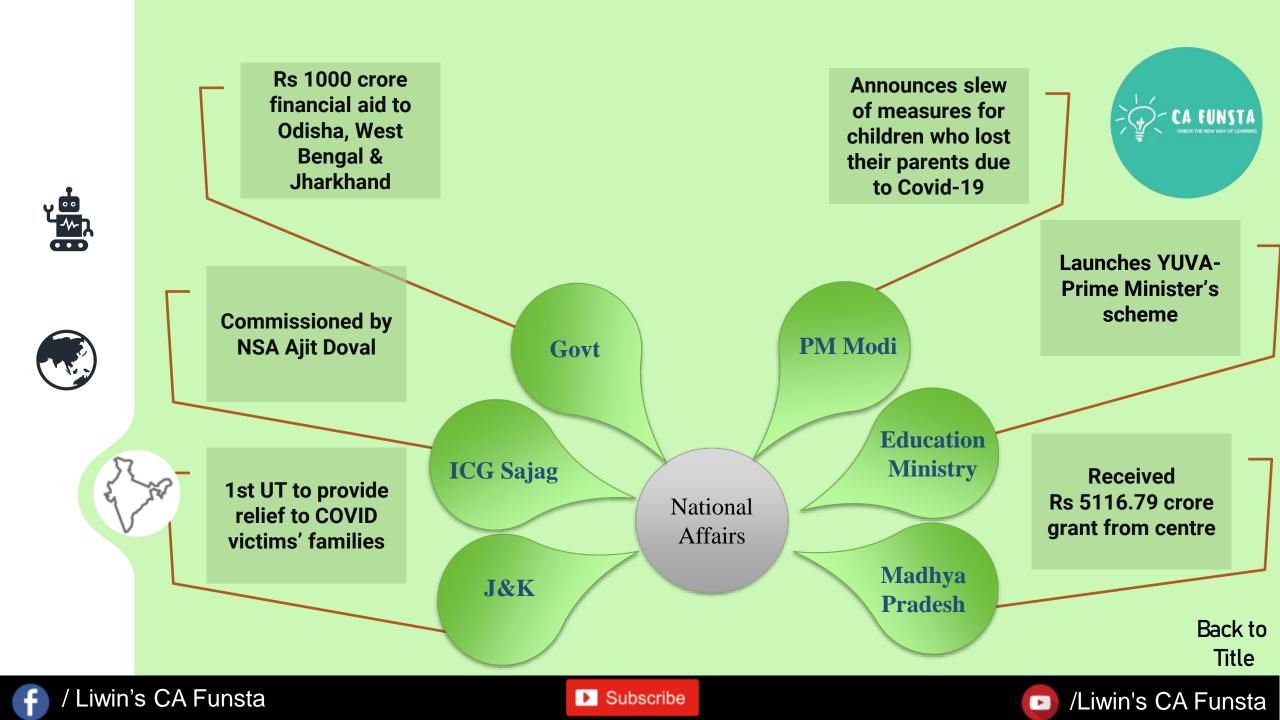


To establish exascale supercomputer by 2030

South Korea









May 29 **Titbits**





Meghalaya





Chief Minister: Conrad Sangma Governor: Satya Pal Malik Capital: Shillong

National Park

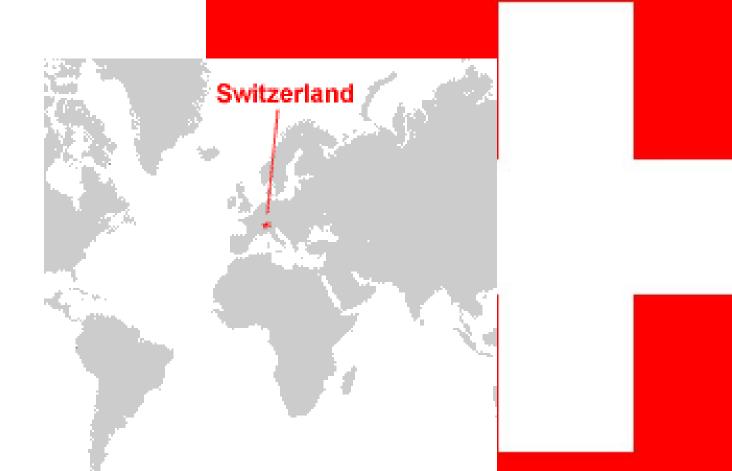
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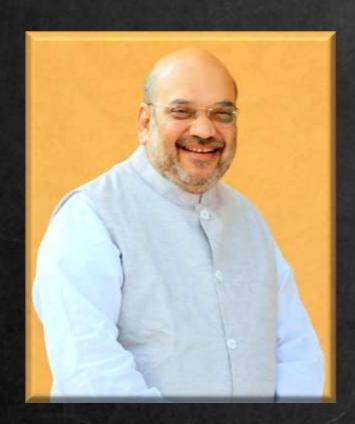
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Home Affairs





Minister : Amit Shah constituency : Gandhinagar, Gujarat



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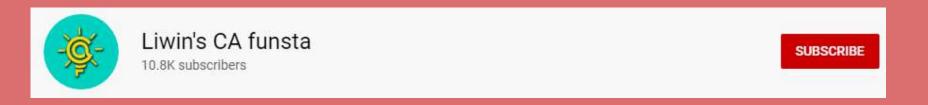




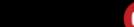


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