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- For Grand Conakry-Horizon 2040 project - USD 170 mn
  - USD 20.51 mn Hospital Up gradation
  - USD 20.22 mn – 2 Solar Projects

# Important Days



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

- A) August 20
- B) August 22
- C) August 23
- D) August 25
- E) August 26



**Answer**

**A) August 20**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- Every year, August 20 is observed as the World Mosquito Day to raise awareness about the illness and disease caused by mosquitos.
- It marks the day when Sir Ronald Ross discovered the link between female mosquito and malaria, which changed the course of medical history.
- The mosquito is possibly the only predator in human history to have thrived through millennia, bringing death and destruction through a variety of vector-borne illness, particularly malaria.
- According to a survey of the world's deadliest animals, mosquitoes surprisingly topped the list.



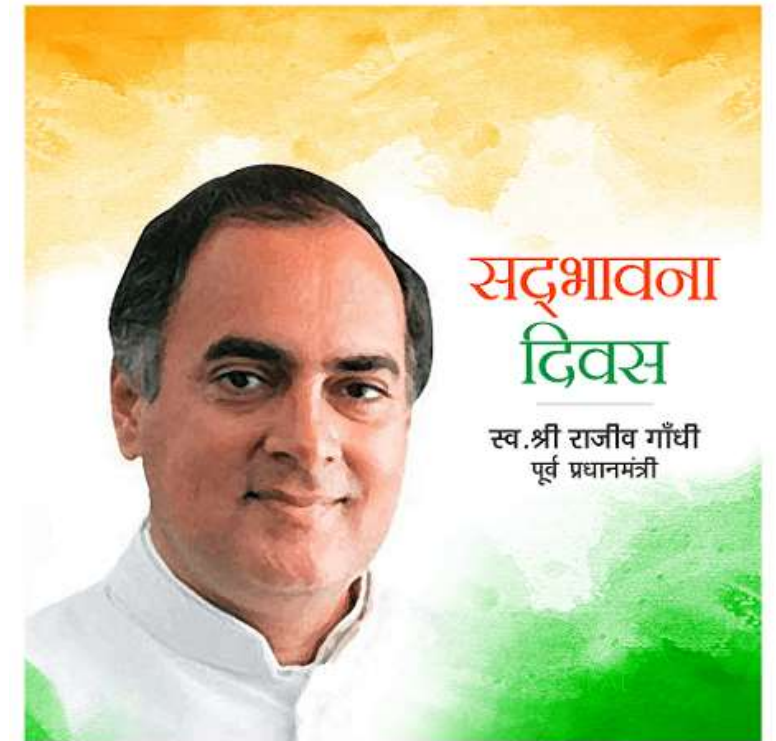


# Important Days



## Sadbhavna Diwas

- It is given on 20 August, the birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi, which is celebrated as Sadbhavna Diwas (Harmony Day).
- The birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi on.
- The theme of Sadbhavana is to promote National Integration and Communal Harmony among people of all religions, languages and regions



➤ **El Hassan El Abbassi has been provisionally suspended after returning an adverse analytical finding for a homologous blood transfusion following a test at the Tokyo Olympics. He was related to which sports?**

- A) Athlete
- B) Hockey
- C) Baseball
- D) Volleyball
- E) Football

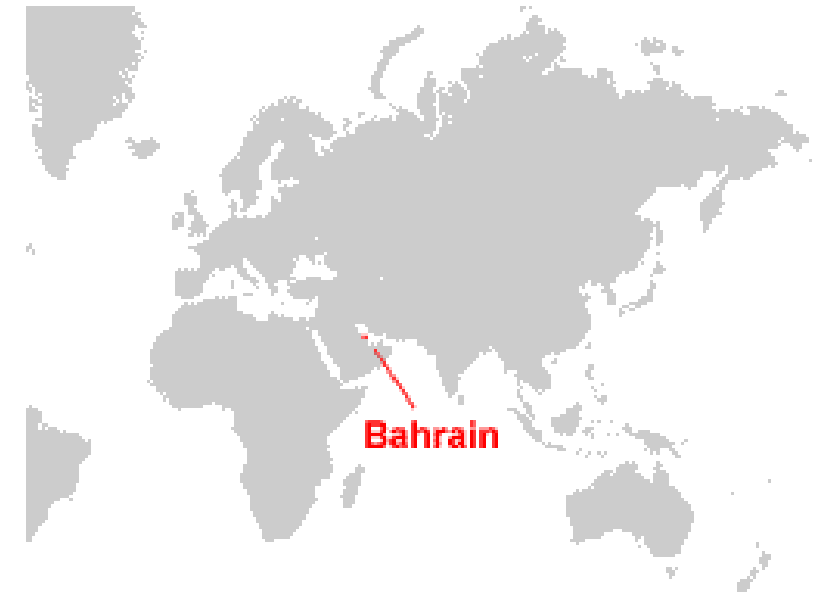
**Answer**

**A) Athlete**



## Explanation

- **Bahraini marathon runner** El Hassan El Abbassi has been provisionally suspended after returning an adverse analytical finding for a homologous blood transfusion following a test at the Tokyo Olympics, the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) said.
- The 37-year-old's sample was collected after the Olympic marathon in Sapporo on Aug. 8 where he finished 25th with a time of 2:15:56 in a race won by Kenyan great Eliud Kipchoge.



# SPORTS



➤ **The U-25 (State A) One dayers will be held in which date?**

- A) November 3
- B) November 4
- C) November 5
- D) November 6
- E) November 9

**Answer**

**E) November 9**





## Explanation

- The BCCI has issued a fresh itinerary for domestic cricket in India with the 2021-22 season of the Ranji Trophy tournament scheduled to be played between January 5 to March 20.
- The Ranji Trophy wasn't held during last season due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the logistical obstacles faced for having an extended bio-bubble for 38 teams.
- The Vijay Hazare Trophy (National One Dayers) will be played from December 1 to 29th, while senior women will play their first tournament – National One Day – from October 20 to November 20.



➤ India's Manika Batra and G Sathiyam won the mixed doubles title at the WTT Contender in which country?



- A) Australia
- B) Iran
- C) UAE
- D) Hungary
- E) Malaysia

**Answer**

**D) Hungary**



## Explanation

- India's Manika Batra and G Sathiyan outplayed Hungary's Dora Madarasz and Nandor Ecseki 3-1 to win the mixed doubles title at the WTT Contender Budapest



# OBITUARY



➤ **OM Nambiar passed away. He won Dronacharya Award in which year?**

- A) 1982
- B) 1983
- C) 1984
- D) 1985
- E) 1987

**Answer**

**D) 1985**





# OBITUARY



## Explanation

- Sprint queen PT Usha's coach OM Nambiar passed away.
- Usha finished fourth and missed out on bronze by one-hundredth of a second in the 400m hurdles at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.
- Even getting that close would not have been possible without the vision and wise counsel of the coach.



# OBITUARY



## Explanation

- Nambiar was keen to challenge Usha, who was still licking her wounds after bagging only silver in the 100m and 200m sprints at the 1982 Asiad in Delhi.
- The coach, after studying Usha's stride pattern, told her she was suited for the hurdles, a relatively new event which was added to the Olympic roster for the first time.



# OBITUARY



## Explanation

- She won the gold, making Nambiar confident of his student being on the right track.
- He was one of the **three recipients of the first Dronacharya Award in 1985.**
- However, it was only earlier 2021 that he was conferred with the Padma Shri.



# RANKING



➤ Which company is topped in list of Hurun Global 500 for 2021 in India company category?

- A) Reliance Industries Ltd
- B) Tata Consultancy Services Ltd
- C) Wipro
- D) HDFC Bank
- E) HCL Tech

**Answer**

**A) Reliance Industries Ltd**





# RANKING



## Hurun Global 500 for 2021 in India company category

| Rank | Company                       | Market Cap      |
|------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1    | Apple                         | \$ 2.4 Trillion |
| 2    | Microsoft                     | \$ 2.1 Trillion |
| 3    | Amazon                        | \$ 1.8 Trillion |
| 4    | Google                        | \$ 1.7 Trillion |
| 57   | Reliance Industries Ltd       | \$ 188 billion  |
| 74   | Tata Consultancy Services Ltd | \$164 billion   |
| 124  | HDFC Bank                     | \$ 113 Billion  |
| 163  | Infosys                       | \$ 88.5 Billion |
| 268  | ICICI Bank                    | \$62 Billion    |
| 301  | HDFC                          | \$56.7 Billion  |



## Explanation

- As many as 12 Indian companies found a place among the Hurun Global 500 for 2021 as **Wipro Ltd, Asian Paints Ltd and HCL Technologies Ltd** made it to the list of 500 most valuable firms in the world, while ITC Ltd dropped out.



➤ **India-ADB sign how much amount loan agreement to expand metro rail network in Bengaluru?**

- A) USD 200 mn
- B) USD 300 mn
- C) USD 400 mn
- D) USD 500 mn
- E) USD 600 mn

**Answer**

**D) USD 500 mn**



## Titbits

Asian Development Bank

Member Countries: 68

Founded Year: 1966

Headquarters: Manila, Philippines

Head: Masatsugu Asakawa

Karnataka

Capital: Bengaluru

CM: Basavaraj Bommai

Governor: Thaawarchand Gehlot





➤ In a bid to boost advertisements, Facebook India tied up with which company to help provide loans to small businesses?

- A) Indifi
- B) RuPay
- C) Visa
- D) Innoviti
- E) Mastercard

**Answer**

**A) Indifi**



## Explanation

- The programme will provide loans at annual interest rates of up to **20 per cent**, to small businesses who advertise on Facebook or its group apps for at least 180 days.



➤ **NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) has partnered with Mashreq to offer acceptance of its mobile-based real-time payment system, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), in which country?**

- A) Australia
- B) Iran
- C) UAE
- D) Singapore
- E) Malaysia

**Answer**

**C) UAE**



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Ismail Sabri Yaakob appointed as new Prime Minister of which country?**

- A) Australia
- B) Iran
- C) India
- D) Singapore
- E) Malaysia

**Answer**

**E) Malaysia**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- Former Deputy Prime Minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob was appointed as the new Prime Minister of Malaysia.
- He will **succeed Muhyiddin Yassin**, who resigned on Monday after losing majority support in the lower house of parliament.



# APPOINTMENTS



## **Titbits**

Malaysia

Prime minister: Ismail Sabri Yaakob

Capital: Kuala Lumpur

Currency: Malaysian ringgit





# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Shanti Lal Jain has been appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of which Bank for three years?**

- A) Indian Overseas Bank
- B) State Bank of India
- C) Indian Bank
- D) Bank of Baroda
- E) Bank of Maharashtra

**Answer**

**C) Indian Bank**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

Indian Bank

Hq: Chennai, Tamilnadu

MD & CEO: Shanti Lal Jain

Tagline: Your Own Bank



# AWARDS



➤ **IndiGo bags 3 awards at the 2nd edition of Future of Contact Center Summit and Awards 2021. What is the headquarters of IndiGo?**

- A) Bangalore, Karnataka
- B) Hyderabad, Telangana
- C) New Delhi, Delhi
- D) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- E) Gurgaon, Haryana

**Answer**

**E) Gurgaon, Haryana**



## Explanation

- India's leading carrier, IndiGo, has been honoured with three awards at Future of Contact Center Summit and Awards 2021.
- The airline won the awards for **Contact Centre Unique Innovations & Transformation and Customer Experience Excellence in Aviation**. Priyaah Sundaraam, Associate Vice President - **Customer Relations**, IndiGo was announced as the winner of the **Disruption Management Leader Award**, for a swift response to disruptions in business continuity and thinking out of the box to handle situations, an official here.



# AWARDS



**Titbits**

IndiGo

Headquarters: Gurgaon, Haryana

CEO: Rono Dutta



# AWARDS



➤ **Matheran toy train (Neral-Matheran Light Railway) is nominated for the 2021 edition of the UNESCO-Greece Melina Mercury International Prize. This award is established in which year?**



- A) 1997
- B) 1995
- C) 1994
- D) 1993
- E) 1992

**Answer**  
B) 1995





➤ **India will be chairing the UNSC Counter Terrorism Committee in which year?**



- A) 2025
- B) 2024
- C) 2023
- D) 2022
- E) 2021

**Answer**  
**D) 2022**



## Explanation

- India will be taking over as chair of the UN Security Council's **Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC)** next year, which will help in building from the gains of the ministerial briefing on counter terrorism.
- India will be chairing the UNSC Counter Terrorism Committee. We are taking over **from Tunisia** in 2022, and we hope to build on the gains from today's meetings during the chairmanship of the CTC.



## Explanation

- The CTC, established in the wake of the 9/11 terror attacks in the US, works to bolster the ability of UN member states to prevent terrorist acts both within their borders and across regions.
- Its focus areas include countering the financing of terrorism, border security and arms trafficking, law enforcement, legal issues, human rights, integrating gender into counter terrorism, countering violent extremism and terrorist narratives, information and communication technologies, foreign terrorist fighters and counter terrorism strategies



➤ **Uddhav Thackeray and which Minister inaugurated Metro's Zero Mile Freedom Park Station in Nagpur?**

- A) Road Minister
- B) Sports Minister
- C) Education Minister
- D) Home Minister
- E) Women Minister

**Answer**

**A) Road Minister**



## Explanation

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated Metro's Zero Mile Freedom Park Station in Nagpur.
- The duo later opened the Freedom Park and Kasturchand Park Metro stations and also inaugurated the 1.6 km Sitabuldi -Kasturchand park stretch of Nagpur Metro.
- Commercial service will now start from Kasturchand Park instead of Sitabuldi.
- Similarly, trains for Khapri will depart from the new station instead of Sitabuldi.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

Road Transport and Highways  
Minister: Nitin Gadkari  
Constituency: Nagpur, Maharashtra

Maharashtra  
Capital: Mumbai  
CM: Udhav Thackarey  
Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari





➤ Which state launches Rs 520 cr debt relief scheme for farm labourers, landless farmers?

- A) Assam
- B) Delhi
- C) Haryana
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Punjab

**Answer**

**E) Punjab**



## Explanation

- Asserting his continued support to the farmers agitating against the three contentious farm laws, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh launched a Rs 520 crore debt relief scheme for 2.85 lakh farm labourers and landless farmers, in a tribute to former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi's pro-poor vision.
- Government had decided to waive off loans amounting to Rs 520 crore of farm labour and landless farmers with respect to the principal amount against their cooperative loans as on July 31, 2017, and simple interest at 7 per cent p.a. on the above amount till March 6, 2019.



## Amarinder launches helpline to provide citizen-centric services

- Chief minister Capt Amarinder Singh virtually launched “Unified State Helpline Number 1100” to provide citizen-centric services and redressing grievances, besides extending the “State Admission Portal” (<https://admission.punjab.gov.in>) till August 31 to enable students desirous of getting admissions in government colleges across the state in a hassle-free manner.
- Amarinder said nearly 42,000 students have already enrolled on the portal. With this common admission portal, 100% admissions would be contactless as applicants would not have to present themselves physically.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## **Titbits**

Punjab

Capital: Chandigarh

CM: Captain Amarinder Singh

Governor: V P Singh Badnore



➤ Which state launched distribution of Smart Health Cards under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana?

- A) Assam
- B) Delhi
- C) Odisha
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Punjab

**Answer**

**C) Odisha**



## Explanation

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Friday launched distribution of Smart Health Cards under Biju swasthya kalyan yojana.
- The Smart Health card, first of its kind service in the entire country which can change the face of healthcare services to people in Odisha, was launched in Malkangiri, a remote place from the state capital.
- Sukri Dhangda Majhi from the Bonda tribal community was the first recipient of the Smart Health Card.





## Explanation

- With this card, People can avail quality healthcare services in as many as 200 hospital chains of the country including Odisha.
- About **3.5 crore people from 96 lakh families** will be benefited under the scheme in the state.
- Official sources said about 1.55 lakh families from Malkangiri alone will be benefited.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## **Titbits**

Odisha

Capital: Bhubaneswar

Chief Minister - Naveen Patnaik

Governor - Ganeshi Lal



➤ Which company has launched Urja, a virtual assistant with AI/NLP (Artificial Intelligence/Natural Language Processing) capabilities and trained on more than 600 use cases?

- A) HAL
- B) BPCL
- C) BDL
- D) BHEL
- E) BEL

**Answer**

**B) BPCL**



## Explanation

- The virtual assistant is designed to deliver a seamless self-service experience and enable faster resolution of consumer queries/issues.



## **Titbits**

**BPCL**

Abbreviation: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founded: 1952

CMD: K Padmakar



➤ The government has approved a how much amount scheme for the development of Jabalpur airport?



- A) 321 crore rupees
- B) 421 crore rupees
- C) 521 crore rupees
- D) 621 crore rupees
- E) 721 crore rupees

**Answer**

**B) 421 crore rupees**





➤ **NHB disburses over how much amount in interest subsidy under PMAY?**

- A) Rs 20,000 crore
- B) Rs 30,000 crore
- C) Rs 40,000 crore
- D) Rs 10,000 crore
- E) Rs 60,000 crore

**Answer**

**B) Rs 30,000 crore**



## Explanation

- The National Housing Bank said it has disbursed over Rs 30,000 crore so far in interest subsidy to affordable home loan borrowers under the Prime Minister Housing Scheme (PMAY) since the launch of the scheme in June 2016.
- The PMAY offers up to 3 percentage points in interest subsidy on low-cost housing loans (at 6.5 per cent) but caps the one-time subsidy at Rs 2.35 lakh per eligible borrower.
- It was effective from June 2016 and was launched as part of the national housing mission that seeks to ensure a roof over every household by 2030.



## Titbits

NHB

Abbreviation: National Housing Bank

Act: National Housing Bank Act, 1987

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Managing Director: Shri Sriram Kalyanaraman





# August 20 Overall Review



# IMPORTANT DAYS

Sadbhavna Diwas

August 20



World Mosquito Day

August 20



# Sports

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## Athletics

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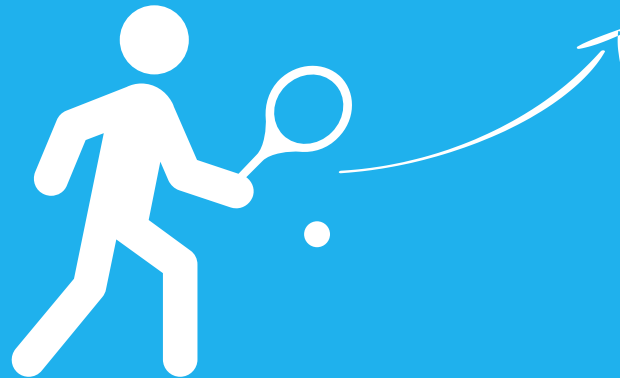




# Sports

## Manika-Sathiyan

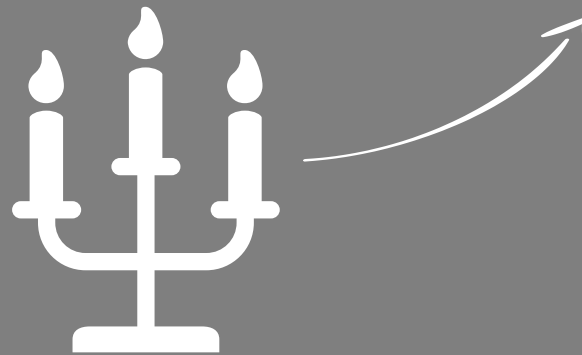
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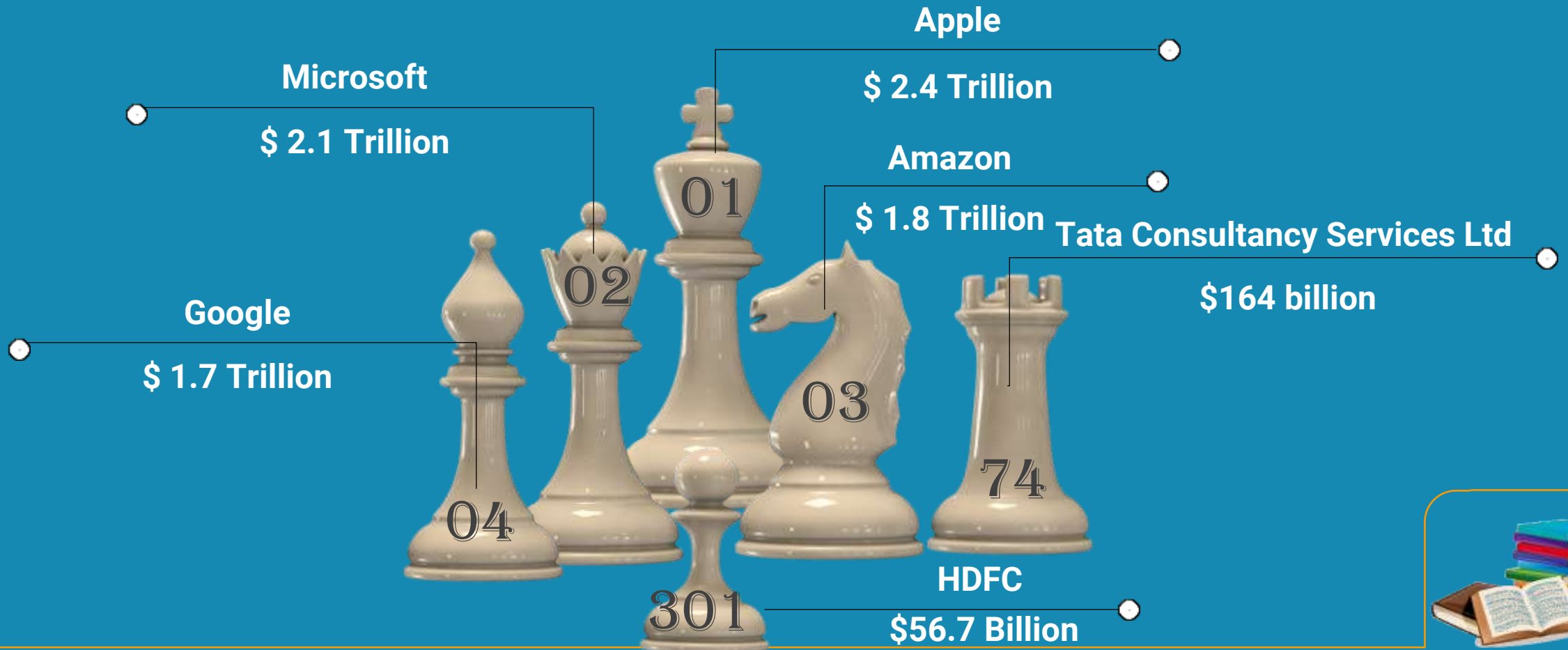
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# Ranking

## HURUN GLOBAL 500 FOR 2021



# BANKING AND FINANCE

Give loans to small bizs

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Indifi**



**India-ADB**



# APPOINTMENTS



**Shanti Lal Jain**

MD and CEO Of Indian Bank

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New Prime Minister of Malaysia

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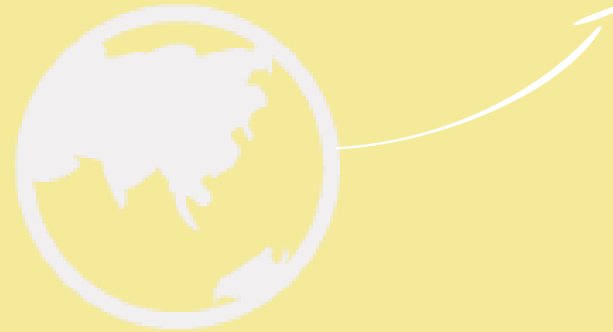
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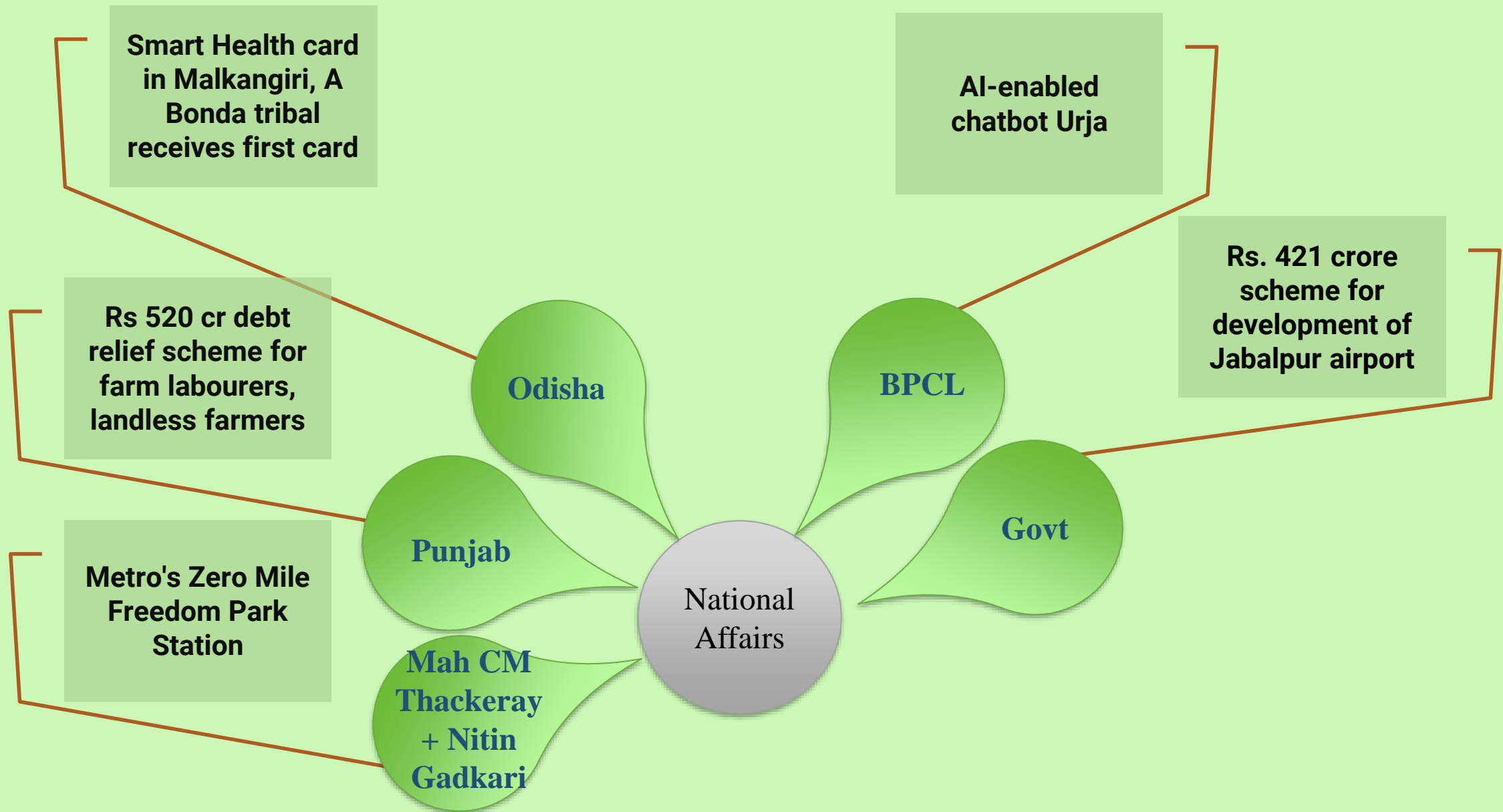
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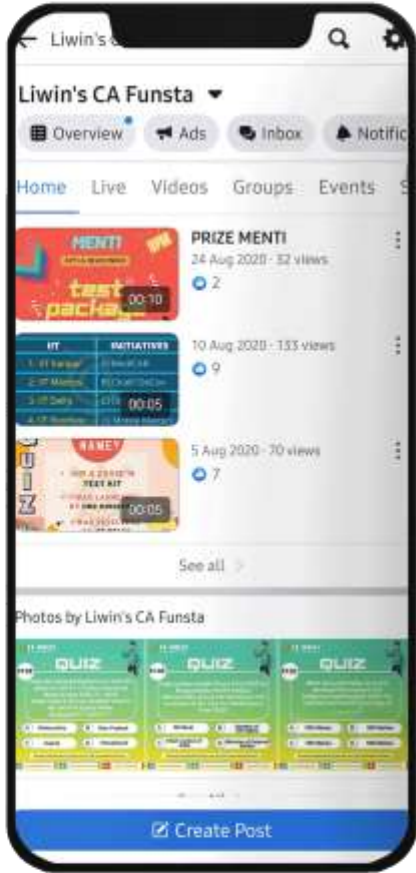
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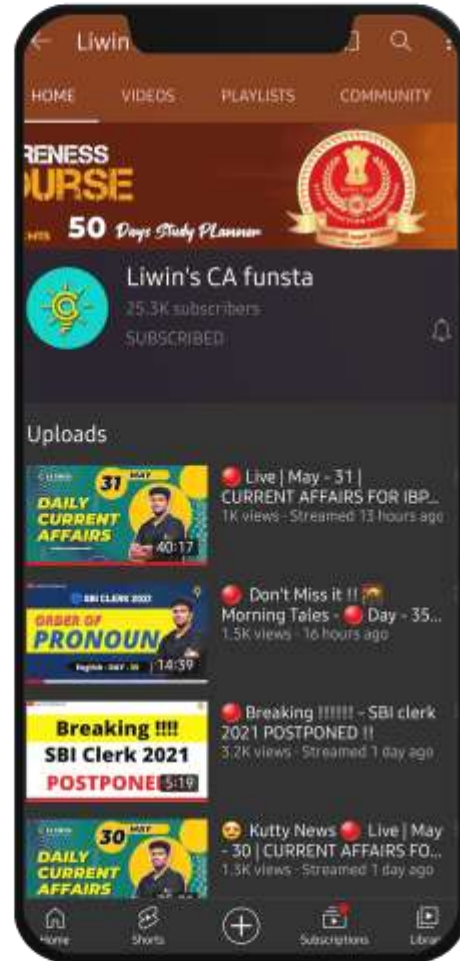
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