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C Japan **D** Bangladesh

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A. China



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- China opens embassy in Nicaragua after the nations broke relations with Taiwan government.
- Nicaragua is the Continent of **North America** and **Managua** is the Capital of Nicaragua Cordoba is its Currency.



RANKING



➤ Which state wins 1st rank in “Best State” category in 3rd National Water Awards-2020?



- A) Karnataka
- B) West Bengal
- C) Gujarat
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- E) Assam

Answer

D) Uttar Pradesh



Explanation

- Union Minister of Jal Shakti Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat announced 3rd National Water Awards-2020, here.
- In the Best State category, Uttar Pradesh has been awarded first prize, followed by Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.
- Ms. Vini Mahajan, Secretary, DDWS was also present on the occasion.

Department of Drinking Water Supply (DDWS)



RANKING



National Water Awards 2020

Sl. No.	Name	Category (with zone, if any)	Rank
1.	Uttar Pradesh	"Best State"	1st
2.	Rajasthan		2nd
3.	Tamil Nadu		3rd
4.	Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh	"Best District" – North Zone	1st
5.	Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab		2nd
6.	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	"Best District" – South Zone	1st
7.	Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh		2nd
8.	East Champaran, Bihar	"Best District" – East Zone	1st
9.	Godda, Jharkhand		2nd
10.	Indore, Madhya Pradesh	"Best District" – West Zone	1st
11.	Vadodara, Gujarat		2nd (Joint Winner)
12.	Banswara, Rajasthan		2nd (Joint Winner)



RANKING



National Water Awards 2020

Sl. No.	Name	Category (with zone, if any)	Rank
13.	Goalpara, Assam	“Best District”	1st
14.	Siang, Arunachal Pradesh	– North-East Zone	2nd
15.	Dhaspad, Almora, Uttarakhand	“Best Village Panchayat”	1st
16.	Jamola, Rajouri, J&K	– North Zone	2nd
17.	Balua, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	– North Zone	3rd
18.	Yelerampura Panchayat, Tumakuru District, Karnataka	“Best Village Panchayat”	1st
19.	Vellaputhur Panchayat, Chengalpattu District, Tamil Nadu	– South Zone	2nd
20.	Elappully Grama Panchayat, Palakkad District, Kerala	– South Zone	3rd



RANKING



National Water Awards 2020

Sl. No.	Name	Category (with zone, if any)	Rank
21.	Telari Panchayat, Gaya District, Bihar	"Best Village Panchayat" – East Zone	1st
22.	Chhindiya Panchayat, Surajpur District, Chhattisgarh		2nd
23.	Guni Panchayat, Khunti District, Jharkhand		3rd
24.	Takhatgadh, Sabarkantha, Gujarat	"Best Village Panchayat" – West Zone	1st
25.	Kankapar, Kachchh, Gujarat		2nd
26.	Surdi, Solapur, Maharashtra		3rd
27.	Sialsir, Sirchip, Mizoram	"Best Village Panchayat" – North-East Zone	1st
28.	Aminda Simsanggre , West Garo Hills, Meghalaya		2nd
29.	Chambagre, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya		3rd



RANKING



National Water Awards 2020

Sl. No.	Name	Category (with zone, if any)	Rank
30.	Vapi Urban Local Body, Gujarat	"Best Urban Local Body"	1st
31.	Dapoli Nagar Panchayat, Maharashtra		2nd
32.	Madurai Municipal Corporation, Tamil Nadu		3rd
33.	Mission Paani (Network 18)	"Best Media (Print & Electronic)"	1st
34.	Agrowon, Sakal Media Pvt. Ltd. (Adinath Dattatray Chavan)		2nd
35.	Sandesh Daily Bhuj Edition		3rd



RANKING



National Water Awards 2020

Sl. No.	Name	Category (with zone, if any)	Rank
36.	Govt. Girls Hr. Secondary School, Kaveripattinam, Tamilnadu	"Best School"	1st
37.	Amalorpavam Lourds Academy, Thiruvalluar, Puducherry		2nd
38.	Amity International School, Noida, UP		3rd (Joint Winner)
39.	Govt. Middle School, Manapet, Puducherry		3rd (Joint Winner)
40.	Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Jammu		"Best Institution/RWA/Religious organization for Campus usage"
41.	IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat	2nd	
42.	Indian Oil Corporation Limited Faridabad	3rd	



RANKING



National Water Awards 2020

Sl. No.	Name	Category (with zone, if any)	Rank
43.	Welspun India Textile Ltd., Gujarat	"Best Industry"	1st
44.	Hyundai Motor India Ltd., Tamil Nadu		2nd
45.	Trident (Textile) Ltd., Punjab		3rd (Joint Winner)
46.	Steel Authority of India Ltd., New Delhi		3rd (Joint Winner)
47.	Coastal Salinity Prevention Cell, Ahmedabad		1st
48.	Vivekananda Kendra NARDEP, Kanyakumari	"Best NGO"	2nd
49.	Gramvikas Sanstha, Aurangabad		3rd (Joint Winner)
50.	Vivekananda Research and Training Institute, Bhavnagar		3rd (Joint Winner)



RANKING



National Water Awards 2020

Sl. No.	Name	Category (with zone, if any)	Rank
51.	Panchgachiya MDTW WUA, Hooghly, West Bengal	"Best Water User Association"	1st
52.	Hatinada Champa Purulia, West Bengal		2nd
53.	Amtore Mini River Lift Irrigation WUA, Purulia, West Bengal		3rd
54.	ITC Limited, Kolkata, West Bengal	"Best Industry for CSR activities"	1st
55.	Adani Foundation, Gujarat		2nd
56.	HAL, Bengaluru, Karnataka		3rd (Joint Winner)
57.	Dharampal Satyapal Ltd., Noida, Uttar Pradesh		3rd (Joint Winner)



➤ **Which bank starts online customs duty payment facility for customers?**

- A) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) Karnataka Bank
- D) Central Bank of India
- E) Bank of Baroda

Answer

B) HDFC Bank



Explanation

- HDFC Bank's integration with **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) ICEGATE** platform has gone live, allowing customers to pay for their customs duty directly via the bank.
- With this, the bank will offer customers the convenience of directly paying customs duty by selecting HDFC Bank, the lender said.



Explanation

- HDFC Bank said it has facilitated both retail and wholesale payments of customs duty.
- With HDFC Bank on board, clients would no longer need to route payments through other bank accounts.
- This integration also offers the bank the opportunity to acquire current accounts of customers who bank with others that do not offer this facility, it said in a release.



Titbits

HDFC Bank

Hq: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Tagline: We Understand Your World

CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who is appointed as the chairman of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACCP)?**

- A) Varun Paul Sharma
- B) Vijay Paul Sharma
- C) Sakthi Paul Sharma
- D) Ashok Paul Sharma
- E) Jack Paul Sharma



Answer

B) Vijay Paul Sharma



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- The Centre has again appointed Vijay Paul Sharma as the chairman of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) after he relinquished the post in May last year following completion of the five-year tenure.
- The role of CACP chairman will be crucial in the proposed committee on the **minimum support price (MSP)** and other reforms.



AWARDS



➤ Which department conferred with the national award for e-governance?

- A) Women
- B) Commerce
- C) Finance
- D) Justice
- E) Home

Answer

D) Justice



AWARDS



Explanation

- The e-Courts project of the Department of Justice in the Law Ministry was conferred with the national award for e-governance.
- The awards are presented every year by the Personnel Ministry for exemplary implementation of e Governance initiatives to recognise and promote excellence in implementation of e governance initiatives.



➤ Indian Navy is participated the exercise named _____ held in Guam in Western Pacific?

- A) 'Sea Dragon 21'
- B) 'Sea Dragon 23'
- C) 'Sea Dragon 24'
- D) 'Sea Dragon 25'
- E) 'Sea Dragon 22'

Answer

E) 'Sea Dragon 22'



Explanation

- The navies of India, the US, Australia, Japan, Canada and the Republic of Korea are participating in a mega anti-submarine warfare exercise in Guam in Western Pacific.
- The US Navy's 7th Fleet said the exercise, 'Sea Dragon 22', is primarily focusing on anti-submarine warfare (ASW) training and exercise.
- "Two US Navy P-8A Poseidon aircraft from the 'Golden Swordsmen' and 'The Tridents' join Australia, Canada, India, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF), and Republic of Korea (ROK) to begin multinational exercise Sea Dragon 22," it said in a statement.



➤ Which organization launches Mobile Honey Processing Van at Village Sirora in Ghaziabad?

- A) KVIC
- B) NHAI
- C) CCI
- D) CII
- E) ICMR

Answer

A) KVIC



Explanation

- **Chairman KVIC Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena** launched the country's first Mobile Honey Processing Van at Village Sirora in Ghaziabad, UP.
- The Mobile Van has been designed in-house by KVIC at its Multi-disciplinary Training Centre, Panjokehra, **at a cost of Rs 15 lakh.**
- This mobile honey processing unit can process up to **300 KG of honey in 8 hours.**
- The van is also equipped with a testing laboratory, that would instantly examine the quality of honey.



Titbits

KVIC

Abbreviation: The Khadi and Village Industries Commission

Act: 'Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act of 1956

Founded Year: 1956

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman: Vinai Kumar Saxena



➤ **Who flags-in multi-dimensional adventure sports expedition conducted by NIMAS?**



- A) Ram Nath Kovind
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Arjun Munda
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) Piyush Goyal

Answer

D) Rajnath Singh



Explanation

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, on January 07, 2022, flagged-in India's first multi-dimensional adventure sports expedition conducted by **National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (NIMAS)** in France.
- The expedition was conducted in November 2021 and the team was led by Director NIMAS Colonel Sarfaraz Singh, **comprising 12 people - eight Army personnel and four youths of Arunachal Pradesh.**



Titbits

Ministry of Defence
Minister: Rajnath Singh
Constituency: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh



➤ **Govt selects which company to drive next phase of Passport Seva Program?**

- A) Infosys
- B) TCS
- C) Flipkart
- D) Amazon India
- E) Microsoft India



Answer

B) TCS



Explanation

- Launched in 2008, the Passport Seva Program saw TCS transforming the delivery of passport-related services, digitising the processes, and setting global benchmarks in timeliness, transparency, and reliability.



➤ Which state launched a special drug de-addiction helpline under the **Mukhya Mantri Sewa Sankalp Helpline 1100?**

- A) Infosys
- B) TCS
- C) Flipkart
- D) Amazon India
- E) Microsoft India

Answer

D) Himachal Pradesh



Titbits

Himachal Pradesh

Capital: Shimla

CM: Jai Ram Thakur

Governor: Rajendran Vishwanath Arlekar



➤ **Who inaugurated India's first unique "Rock" Museum?**

- A) Ram Nath Kovind
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Arjun Munda
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) Dr Jitendra Singh



Answer

E) Dr Jitendra Singh



Explanation

- On the first day of his two-day visit, Union Minister of State, Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated India's first unique "Rock" Museum and later addressed the Hyderabad scientists at the **CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI)**.
- The Open Rock Museum, set up with the aim to educate and enlighten the masses about several lesser-known facts, displays around **35 different types of rocks from different parts of India with ages ranging from 3.3 billion years to around 55 million years of the Earth's history.**
- These rocks also represent the deepest part of the **earth up to 175 kilometres of distance from the surface of the earth,** the Ministry of Earth Science said.



Titbits

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy; and Minister of State in the Department of Space

Minister: Dr. Jitendra Singh

Constituency: Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir



➤ Which state inaugurated 'Sujal-Drink From Tap Mission' for 24 hour potable water supply to the residents?



- A) Odisha
- B) West Bengal
- C) Gujarat
- D) Himachal Pradesh
- E) Assam

Answer

A) Odisha



Explanation

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated 'Sujal-Drink From Tap Mission' for 24-hour potable water supply to the residents of Cuttack.
- Instead of groundwater, water from the Mahanadi river will be treated and supplied to the people of Cuttack, the chief minister said.
- The facility, built at a cost of Rs 790 crore, will benefit 1.4 lakh households.
- The 24x7 water supply will now be available to people in two zones under the Cuttack Municipal Corporation area and it will be extended to the entire city by December 2023.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Odisha

Capital: Bhubaneswar

Chief Minister - Naveen Patnaik

Governor - Ganeshi Lal



➤ Which edition Meeting of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was held under the chairmanship of Shri Bhupender Yadav?



- A) 19
- B) 14
- C) 16
- D) 17
- E) 18

Answer

A) 19



Explanation

- He said while tiger continues to be an endangered species and the situation calls for adopting as well as active management.
- He added that for effective management of tiger population it is imperative to have reliable estimate of tiger number at Tiger Reserve & Landscape Level.



Titbits

Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Labour and Employment

Minister: Bhupender Yadav

Constituency: Rajya Sabha, Rajasthan





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Ranking

Uttar Pradesh

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in 3rd National Water Awards-
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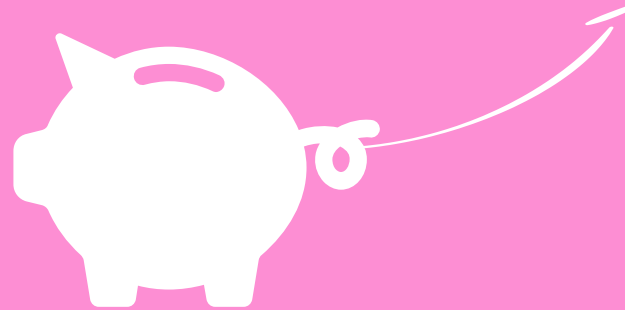




BANKING AND FINANCE

Start online
customs duty payment facility
for customers

HDFC Bank



APPOINTMENTS

Govt

Vijay Paul Sharma as
CACCP Chairman



AWARDS

Dept of Justice

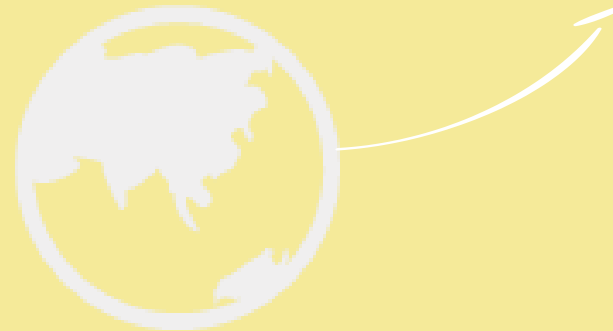
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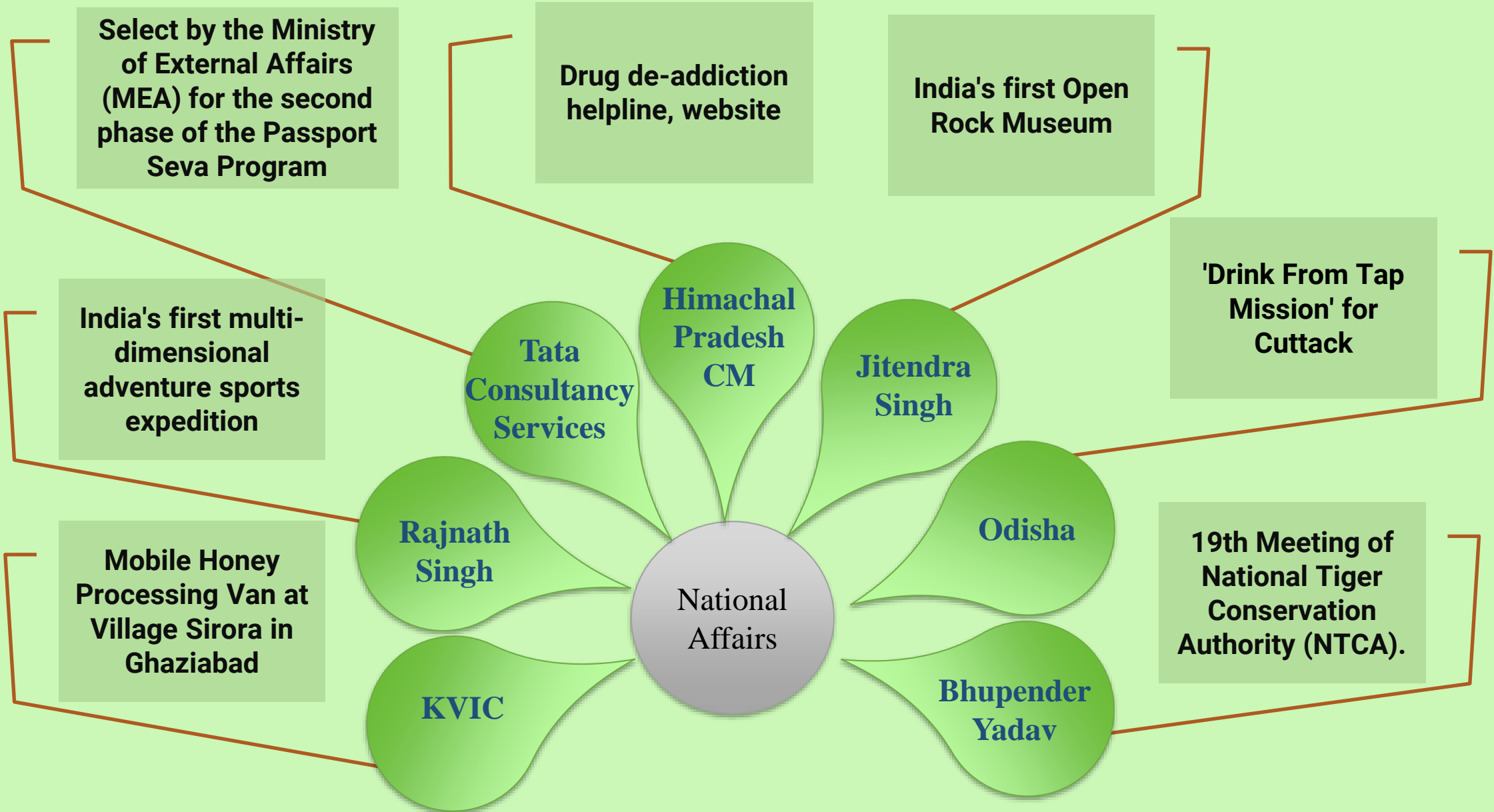


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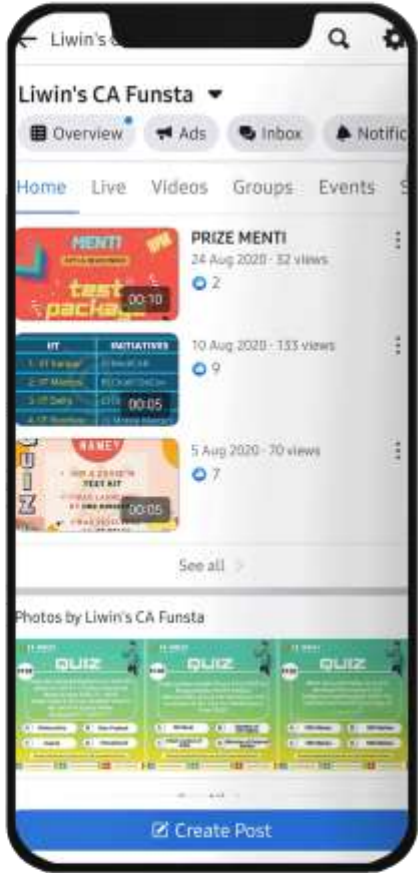
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'Sea Dragon 22' in Guam.

Indian Navy





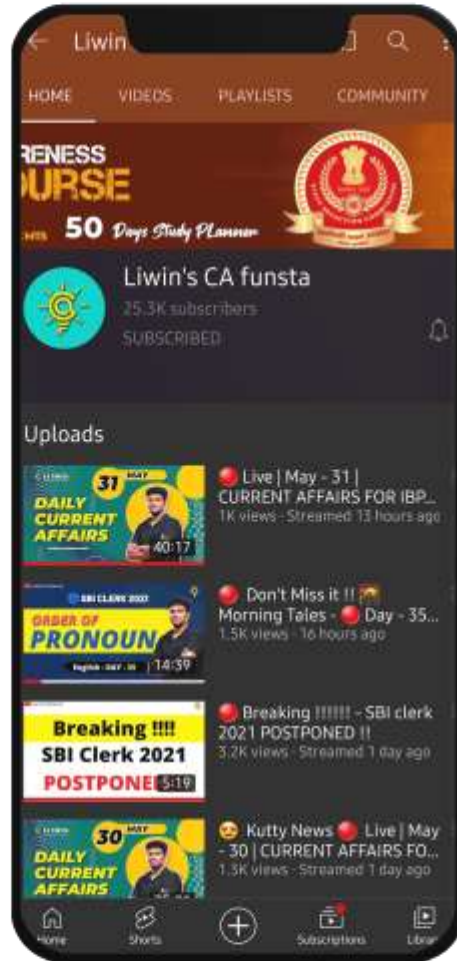
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