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A) 38



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- The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development is an intergovernmental economic organisation with 38 member countries, founded in 1961 to stimulate economic progress and world trade.
- The OECD is recognised as a highly influential publisher of mostly economic data through publications as well as annual evaluations and rankings of member countries.
- The OECD's headquarters are at the Château de la Muette in Paris, France.



➤ **Lilima Minz announced retirement.
She was related to which sports?**

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

Answer

A) Hockey



Explanation

- **Two-time Asian Games medallist Lilima Minz** has decided to call time on her international career, Hockey India announced.
- The 27-year-old experienced midfielder, who made her debut for India at the four-nation women's tournament held in **Argentina in 2011**, was part of many glorious moments with the team.



Explanation

- Lilima, with a total of 12 goals in 156 matches under her belt, was a member of the Indian team that won bronze medal at the 2014 Asian Games, silver medal at the 2018 Asian Games, and gold medal at the 2019 FIH Series Finals.



➤ **Hero Electric has tied up with which company to facilitate loan schemes for its electric two-wheeler buyers?**

- A) SBI Cards
- B) Innoviti
- C) BharatPe
- D) PhonePe
- E) Shriram City Union Finance

Answer

E) Shriram City Union Finance



BANKING FINANCE



➤ Which company joins hands with BOB Financial & NPCI to launch co-branded Contactless RuPay credit card?



- A) Snapdeal
- B) Innoviti
- C) BharatPe
- D) PhonePe
- E) Shriram City Union Finance



Answer

A) Snapdeal



➤ **Which insurance company launches Digital Awareness Campaign on road safety?**

- A) Cholamandalam MS General Insurance
- B) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance.
- C) ICICI Lombard General Insurance
- D) Apollo Munich Health Insurance
- E) SBI General Insurance



Answer

E) SBI General Insurance



Explanation

- The company said there were over 1.51 lakh accident-related deaths in India in 2019 as per a report.
- This, it added, was an alarming number that raised concerns and it is imperative people follow traffic rules and regulations to avoid accidents.



Explanation

- The insurance firm said it will create awareness through a series of comic strips, short videos and stickers.
- The campaign kick-started earlier this week and will run till 17 January, marking the Road Safety Awareness Week in India.
- Shefali Khalsa, head of brand and corporate communications, said, the campaign intends to spread awareness about road safety by engaging with millions of Indians through digital platforms.



Titbits

SBI General Insurance Co. Ltd
Hq: Mumbai, Maharashtra
CEO: Prakash Chandra Kandpal



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Which company Group announced the acquisition of Yaantra?



- A) Accenture
- B) Flipkart
- C) TCS
- D) Microsoft
- E) Facebook

Answer

B) Flipkart



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- Flipkart Group announced the acquisition of Yaantra, an electronics re-commerce company, for an undisclosed amount as part of efforts to strengthen its re-commerce business and enhance after-sale offerings for its customers in the smartphones segment.
- The acquisition has been affected through FK Group Entity, F1 Info Solutions and Services Pvt Ltd that is engaged in the business of offering comprehensive lifecycle management (repairs and refurbishment) for various categories including mobility, consumer electronics, IT and IT peripherals, AV and enterprise solutions, in the B2B (business-to-business) segment, according to a statement.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **S. Somanath has been appointed as the Chairman of ___?**

- A) NHAI
- B) ISRO
- C) BDL
- D) BEL
- E) IndianOil

Answer

B) ISRO



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- His contributions in PSLV and GSLV MkIII were in their overall architecture, propulsion stages design, structural and structural dynamics designs, separation systems, vehicle integration and integration procedures development,” according to ISRO.



APPOINTMENTS



ISRO conducts cryo engine test for Gaganyaan:

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) conducted the Qualification testing of Cryogenic Engine for a 720 second for Gaganyaan Programme.



APPOINTMENTS



ISRO conducts cryo engine test for Gaganyaan:

- Further, this engine will undergo four more tests for a cumulative duration of 1810 seconds.
- Subsequently, one more engine will undergo two short-duration tests and one long-duration test to complete the cryogenic engine qualification for Gaganyaan Programme.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

ISRO

Abbreviation: Indian Space Research Organisation

Founded: 1969

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

Chairman: S. Somanath



➤ **India and which country formally launched negotiations for the proposed free trade agreement (FTA)?**

- A) UK
- B) Australia
- C) Afghanistan
- D) Poland
- E) Iran

Answer

A) UK



Explanation

- India and the UK formally launched negotiations for the proposed free trade agreement (FTA), which is expected to help double bilateral trade by 2030 and boost economic ties between the two countries.
- It was launched by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and UK Secretary of State for International Trade Anne-Marie Trevelyan here.
- The first round of negotiations will begin on January 17 and future rounds will take place approximately every five weeks.
- Both sides would strive to conclude the negotiations by December 2022.



Titbits

The United Kingdom (UK)
Queen: Queen Elizabeth II
Capital: London
Prime minister: Boris Johnson
Currency: Pound sterling



➤ RIL signs MoU with which state for investing Rs 5.95 lakh crore?



- A) Karnataka
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Gujarat
- D) Haryana
- E) Puducherry

Answer

C) Gujarat



Explanation

- Billionaire Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) said it has signed MoU with the Gujarat government for a total investment of Rs 5.95 lakh crore in the state as part of investment promotion activity for **Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2022**.
- The oil-to-retail-to-telecom conglomerate said that the projects will **create 10 lakh direct and indirect jobs in the state**.



➤ **Who released India State Of Forest Report 2021?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Narendra Singh Tomar
- C) Arjun Munda
- D) Bhupender Yadav
- E) G. Kishan Reddy

Answer

D) Bhupender Yadav



Explanation

- Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav released India State Of Forest Report 2021.
- In 2021, the total forest and tree cover in India is 80.9 million hectares.
- This is over 24.60 percent of the geographical area of the country.
- He said that it is encouraging to note that 17 states and union territories have above 33 percent of the geographical area under forest cover.
- He congratulated the ministry and Forest Survey of India for bringing out this biennial report despite the COVID pandemic



Titbits

Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Labour
and Employment

Minister: Bhupendra Yadav

Constituency: Rajya Sabha, Rajasthan



➤ Who virtually launched Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar (SVP) 2021 – 2022?



- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Narendra Singh Tomar
- C) Subhas Sarkar
- D) Bhupender Yadav
- E) G. Kishan Reddy

Answer

C) Subhas Sarkar



Explanation

- The event was attended by Mrs Anita Karwal, Secretary (SE&L), and representatives from all States and UTs and UNICEF.
- Shri Sarkar while launching the awards underlined the importance of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools as it plays a significant role in determining the health of students, their attendance, dropout rate, and learning outcomes.



Explanation

- In order to create self-motivation and awareness about sanitation the Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar (SVP) was first instituted by the Department of School Education and Literacy, in 2016-17.



Explanation

- The award money for the schools has been enhanced this year from Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 60,000/- per school, under Samagra Shiksha scheme.
- Also, 6 sub-category wise awards have been introduced for the first time, with award money of Rs. 20,000/- per school.



Union Minister Subhas Sarkar addresses valedictory session of E- Symposium on **'Building Innovation Ecosystem in Educational Institutes'**:

- Minister of State for Education Subhas Sarkar said that **National Innovation week** will inspire people to work collaboratively to realize the dream of activating **India 2.0**, fuelled with the spirit of **Atma Nirbhar Bharat**.
- The Minister said, our goal is to promote innovation, entrepreneurship, critical thinking, and out-of-the-box thinking in educational system, which is also reflected in the New Education Policy 2020.



Union Minister Subhas Sarkar addresses valedictory session of E- Symposium on 'Building Innovation Ecosystem in Educational Institutes':

- He further said that the government is working tirelessly to achieve India's goal of becoming a 5 trillion-dollar economy by 2024-25.
- He said, facilitating investment, fostering innovation, building best-in-class infrastructure, and making India a hub for manufacturing, design, and innovation will help in becoming self reliant.



➤ **The Senior Officers Meeting of the India-which country Homeland Security Dialogue was held in virtual mode?**

- A) UK
- B) USA
- C) Afghanistan
- D) Poland
- E) Iran



Answer

B) USA



Explanation

- The meeting was co-chaired by **Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla** and Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy and Plans, Department of Homeland Security, Government of USA, Robert Silvers.
- During the meeting, both sides reviewed the ongoing cooperation and identified further steps that can be taken to explore opportunities and synergies in advancing cooperation in **counter-terrorism, cyber security, securing critical infrastructure, maritime security and aviation security** among other issues.





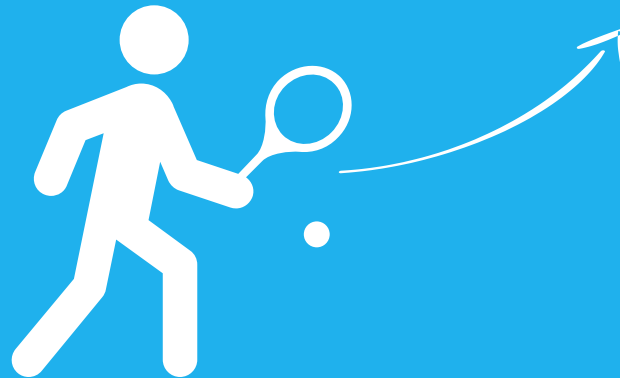
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Sports

Lilima Minz

Two-time Asian Games medallist
announced retirement



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Finance solutions

**Snapdeal +
BOB Financial & NPCI**

**Hero Electric +
Shriram City Union**



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SBI General Insurance



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS

Acquire electronics
re-commerce firm Yaantra

Flipkart Group



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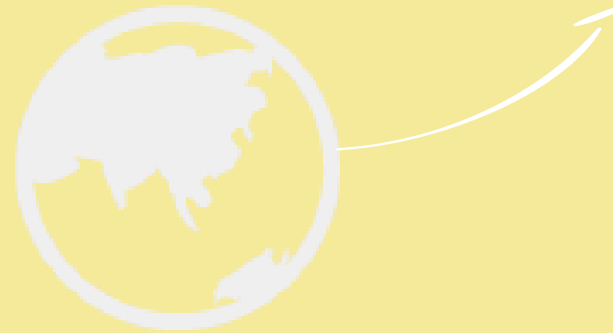
S. Somanath

The Chairman of the Indian
Space Research Organisation
(ISRO) and the Space Secretary



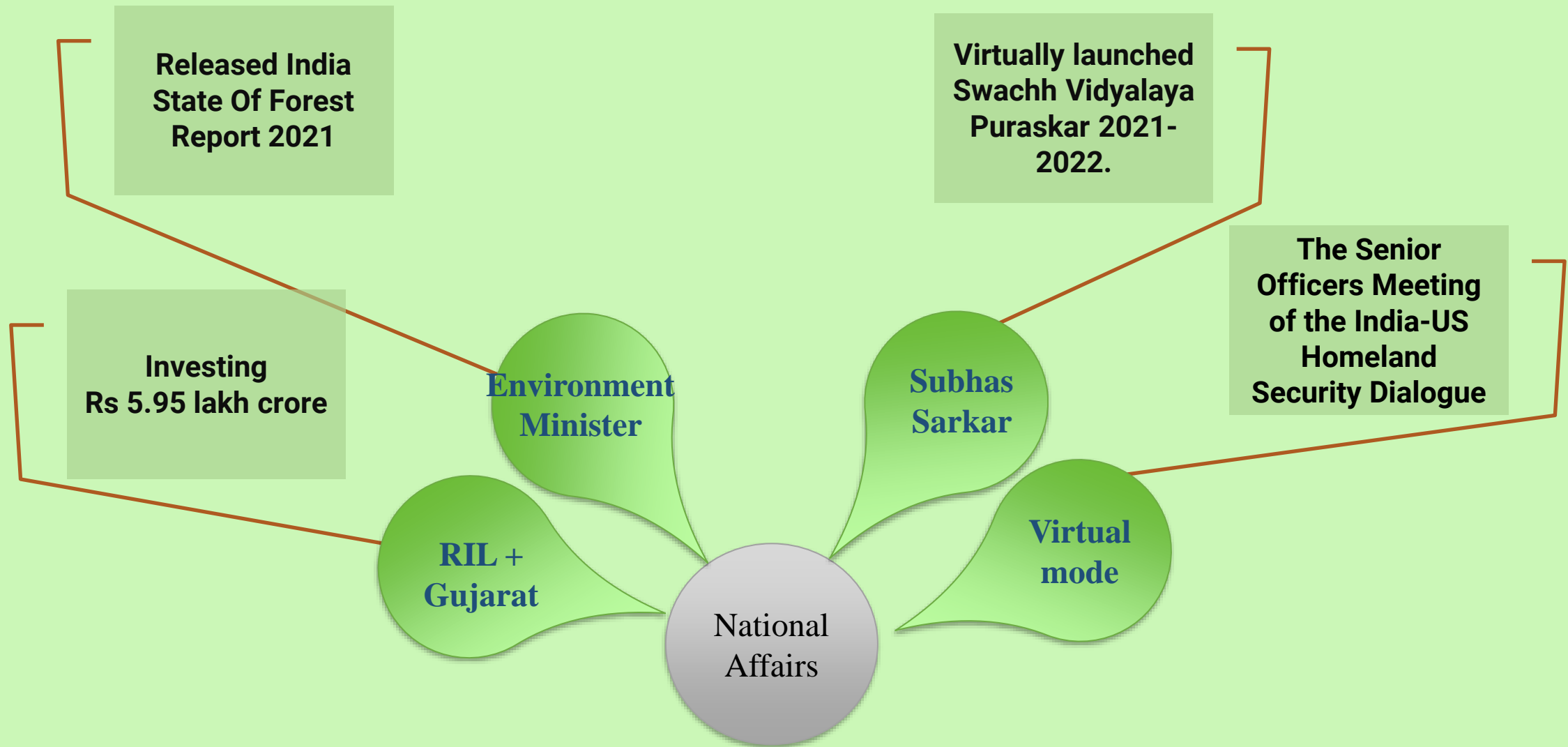
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Formally launch FTA negotiations

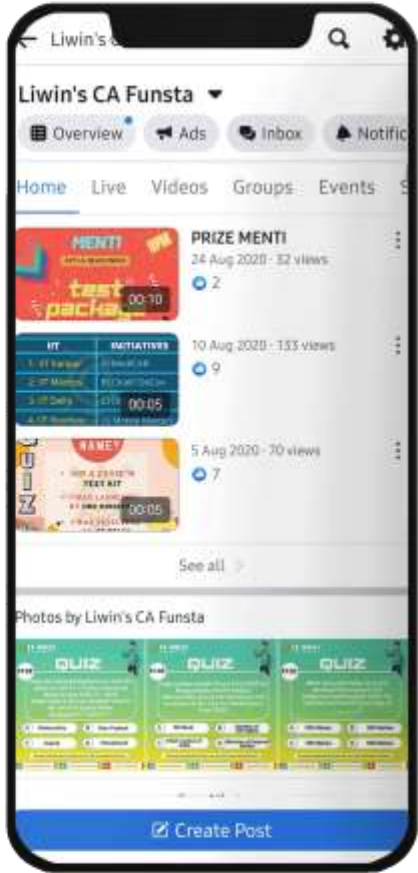


India + UK





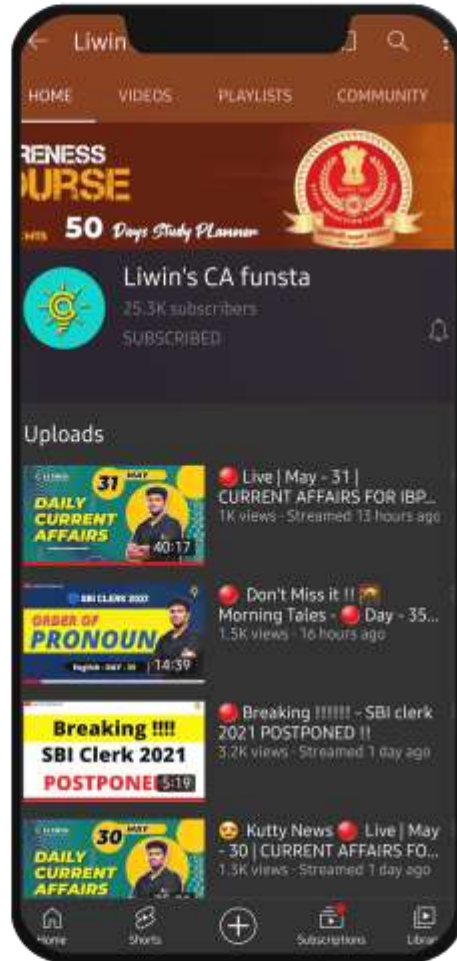
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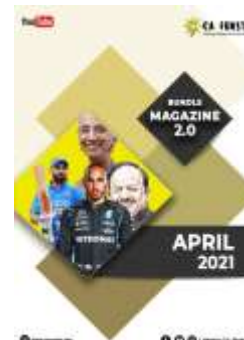
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