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Important Days



➤ **Armed Forces Veterans Day is observed on which date?**

- A) January 14
- B) January 6
- C) January 4
- D) January 11
- E) January 12

Answer

A) January 14



Important Days



Armed Forces Veterans Day 2022:

- Armed Forces Veterans Day is observed on January 14 every year, since 2017. It is celebrated to honour the sacrifice of our veterans in serving the nation.
- Armed Forces Veterans Day was called Armistice Day when it was announced and this year, the nation will celebrate the 6th Armed Forces Veterans Day.
- Armed Forces Veterans Day recognises the services rendered by Field Marshal KM Cariappa OBE, the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Armed Forces.
- He retired on January 14 in 1953.



➤ **Indifi announced a partnership with which company for helping it source new lending opportunities from merchants?**

- A) Google Pay
- B) BharatPe
- C) Innoviti
- D) LoanTap
- E) Poonawalla Fincorp

Answer

A) Google Pay



Explanation

- Google Pay has 10 million merchants, who will be given the option of availing a pre-approved loan from Indifi in the app itself, based largely on their payment receipts data, Aditya Harkauli, chief business officer at Indifi, said.
- It can be noted that the partnership comes at a time when banking regulator Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has expressed concerns over big tech's growing play in banking activities, especially after the apps started collecting deposits.



➤ **Virgin Orbit successfully launches how many satellites into orbit?**



- A) 6
- B) 9
- C) 7
- D) 5
- E) 2

Answer

C) 7



Explanation

- A Virgin Orbit rocket released from a jet flying off the California coast carried seven small satellites into space as the company kicked off a year in which it plans to ramp up the pace of launches, including **two originating from Britain.**
- Virgin Orbit's modified Boeing 747 took off from Mojave Air & Space Port in the Southern California desert, flew out over the Pacific Ocean and dropped the LauncherOne rocket from its left wing.
- The **70-foot-long (21.3-meter) booster ignited at an altitude of about 35,000 feet (10,668 metres)** and hurtled skyward.



➤ India has announced a ____ loan to Sri Lanka to build up its depleted foreign reserves and for food imports, amidst a shortage of almost all essential commodities in the island nation?

- A) USD 200 million
- B) USD 300 million
- C) USD 400 million
- D) USD 500 million
- E) USD 900 million



Answer

E) USD 900 million



Explanation

- The governor of the **Central Bank Ajith Nivard Cabraal** said that the island nation is negotiating a USD one billion loan from India to import goods from the country.
- The central bank said that the reserve position had doubled to USD 3 billion from being down to USD 1.5 billion by December or sufficient for just a month's imports.



Explanation

- Cabraal claimed that the forthcoming Indian loan would be for food imports.
- Sri Lanka is currently experiencing a shortage of almost all essentials due to a shortage of dollars to pay for the imports.
- Additionally, power cuts are imposed at peak hours as the state power entity is unable to obtain fuel to run turbines.
- The state fuel entity has stopped oil supplies as the electricity board has large unpaid bills.
- The only refinery was shut as it was unable to pay dollars for crude imports.



Titbits

Sri Lanka

Capital: Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte (legislative),
Colombo (executive and judicial)

Currency: Rupee



➤ **Indian Naval Ships Shivalik & Kadmatt undertook Maritime Partnership Exercise with which country Maritime Self-Defence Force Ships in the Bay of Bengal?**



- A) Zimbabwe
- B) UAE
- C) Japan
- D) Russia
- E) Philippines

Answer

C) Japan



Explanation

- The exercise included a wide range of flying operations, replenishment approaches and tactical manoeuvres.
- The complex maritime exercises will enable the two navies to further strengthen their already wide-ranging strategic partnership and, when required, to jointly safeguard their maritime interests and ensure peace, security and stability in the region.



Titbits

Japan

Capital: Tokyo

Currency: Japanese Yen

Prime Minister: Fumio Kishida

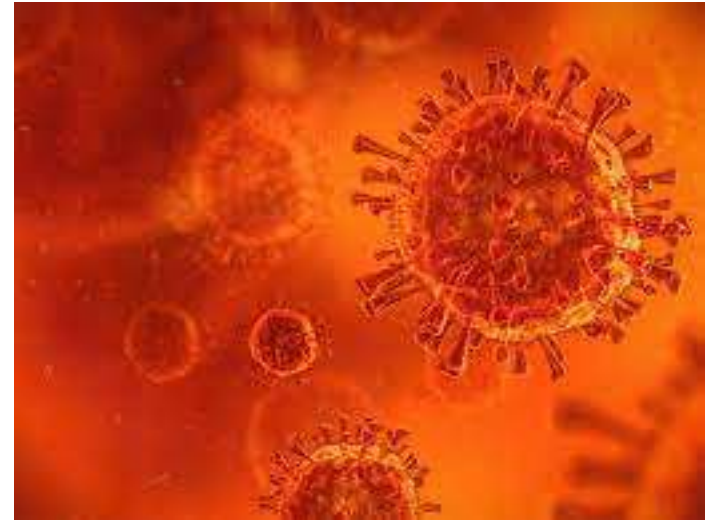


➤ **Which country has detected a new variant dubbed as "Deltacron"?**

- A) Zimbabwe
- B) UAE
- C) Japan
- D) Cyprus
- E) Philippines

Answer

D) Cyprus



Explanation

- Cyprus has detected a new variant dubbed as "Deltacron", that has a similar genetic background to the Delta variant, coupled with 10 mutations from Omicron.
- The variant has already affected 25 people in Cyprus.



➤ Which state govt teams up with WFP to improve food security, farmers' resilience to climate change?



- A) Karnataka
- B) J & K
- C) Haryana
- D) Odisha
- E) Assam

Answer

D) Odisha



Explanation

- The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Odisha government have joined hands to improve the food security of small and marginal farmers by strengthening their resilience to climate change.
- An agreement was signed by Agriculture Director Muthu Kumar and WFP Country Director Bishow Parajuli at a virtual programme, the UN agency said in a release.



Centre approves Odisha's proposal to extend CS's tenure by 6 months:

- The Centre has approved the Odisha government's proposal to extend the tenure of **Chief Secretary Suresh Chandra Mohapatra** by six months, official sources said.
- Mohapatra, who was due to superannuate on **February 28**, will remain in the service for six more months till at least August-end.
- The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), under the Union Ministry of Personnel, Personal Grievances and Pensions, has communicated the approval to the state government.



➤ The Department of _____, Government of India in association with Startup India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry inaugurated the "Fisheries Startup Grand Challenge"?

- A) Child Development
- B) Education
- C) Home
- D) Women
- E) Fisheries

Answer

E) Fisheries



Explanation

- The event was graced by the presence of **Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Dr. L. Murugan, Minister of State, Hon'ble Minister of State of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.**



➤ Which state launches BMC's WhatsApp chatbot for various services?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) J & K
- C) Haryana
- D) Odisha
- E) Assam

Answer

A) Maharashtra



Explanation

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray virtually launched the **Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's (BMC) 'WhatsApp chatbot'** here for over 80 different services.
- The BMC said that through the chatbot, information about more than 80 services and facilities provided by it will be easily available to citizens on their mobiles through WhatsApp number 8999228999.



➤ Who launches 'North East on Wheels Expedition' to promote Culture of Northeastern States?

- A) Ram Nath Kovind
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- D) Anupriya Patel
- E) Meenakashi Lekhi

Answer

E) Meenakashi Lekhi



Explanation

- Minister of State for Culture Meenakashi Lekhi launched 'North East on Wheels Expedition' in New Delhi to promote the Culture of Northeastern States.
- The Bike Expedition is scheduled between 8th to 16th April this year to mark the celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- 75 Bikers participating in this expedition will be selected from all over the country and will cover about 9000 km in the North East Region in 6 groups.
- The expedition will also promote the Dekho Apna Desh initiative of the Ministry of Tourism.
- The Riders will also carry the message of importance of Road Safety.



➤ **The 18th edition of the two days long Kachai Lemon Festival began in which state?**



- A) Maharashtra
- B) J & K
- C) Haryana
- D) Manipur
- E) Assam



Answer

D) Manipur



Explanation

- The 18th edition of the two days long Kachai Lemon Festival began in Manipur at the Local Ground of Kachai Village in Ukhrul district.
- Kachai Lemon of Manipur has been accorded Geographical Indication (GI) registration tag and widely grown in the Kachai Village of Ukhrul district.
- Unlike the other lemon varieties grown in other parts of the world, Kachai Lemon is considered to be unique as it is a rich source of ascorbic acid and famous for its juice content.



Explanation

- This year, altogether 260 stalls are put up at the festival showcasing the rich reap of lemon this year.
- While inaugurating the festival, Additional Chief Secretary of Manipur P. Vaiphei said that the Kachai Lemon is one horticulture product that can change the socio-economic facets of not only Kachai Village but the entire region.
- This year the festival is being organised under the theme 'Organic Kachai Lemon for Safe Environment and Rural Transformation'.
- A training program for lemon farmers will be held tomorrow as part of the festival.



Titbits

Manipur

Capital: Imphal

CM: N. Biren Singh

Governor: La Ganesan



➤ **Who announces allotment of Rs 320 crore to Armed Forces Flag Day Fund to clear backlog of welfare schemes?**

- A) Ram Nath Kovind
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- D) Anupriya Patel
- E) Rajnath Singh

Answer

E) Rajnath Singh



Explanation

- Ministry of Defence (MoD) has launched **three new initiatives** for the welfare of ex-servicemen and their families on the occasion of Armed Forces Veterans' Day which is celebrated on 14th January every year.
- In a series of tweets, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh announced that the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (DESW) has allotted Rs 320 crore to Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF) to clear all **backlog of pending applications for welfare schemes especially Education & Marriage grants for widows/dependent children of the veterans.**
- This will benefit **over 1,66,000 wards/widows of Ex-Servicemen (ESMs).**



Explanation

- In another major achievement, Directorate General of Resettlement issued around 7,900 job letters to freshly retired ESMs in Government Sector/PSUs/Banks and Private sector during the year from April-December 2021, out of re-employment given to over 22,000 during the same period.





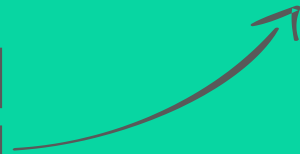
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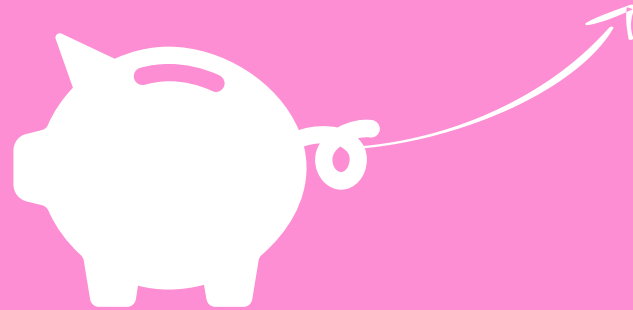
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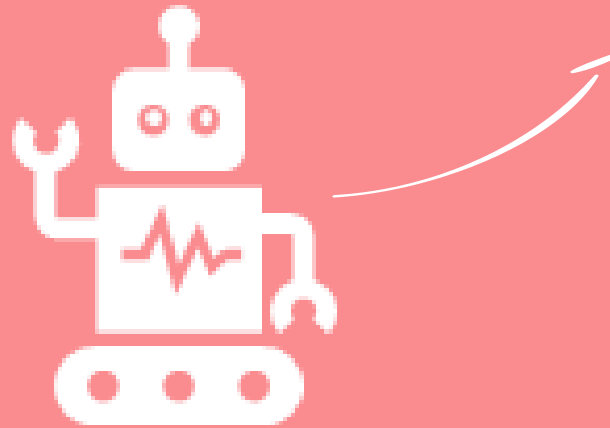
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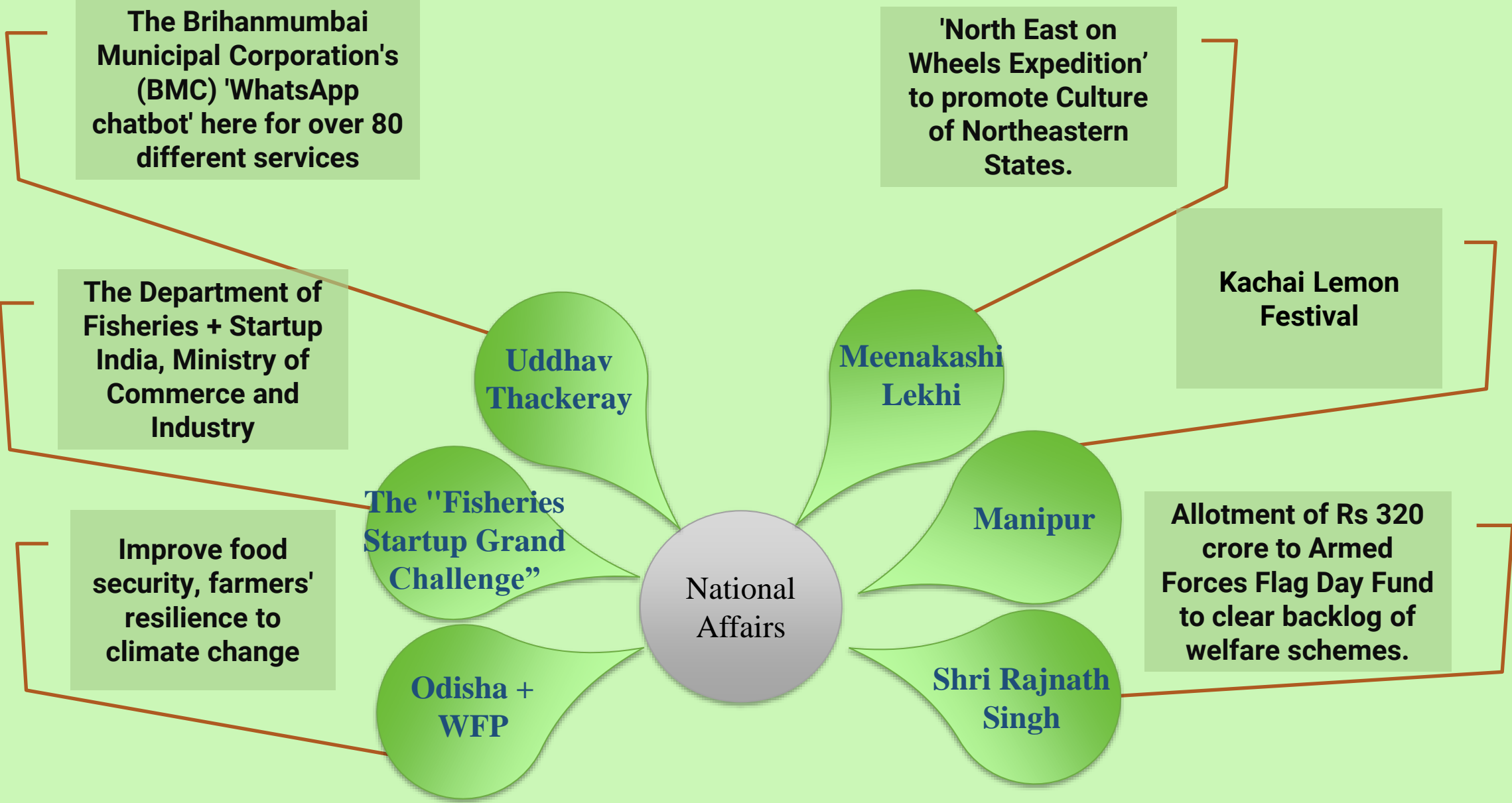
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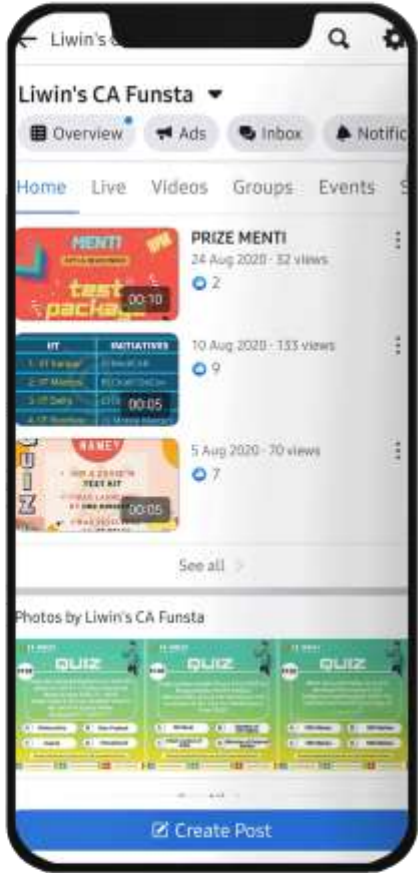
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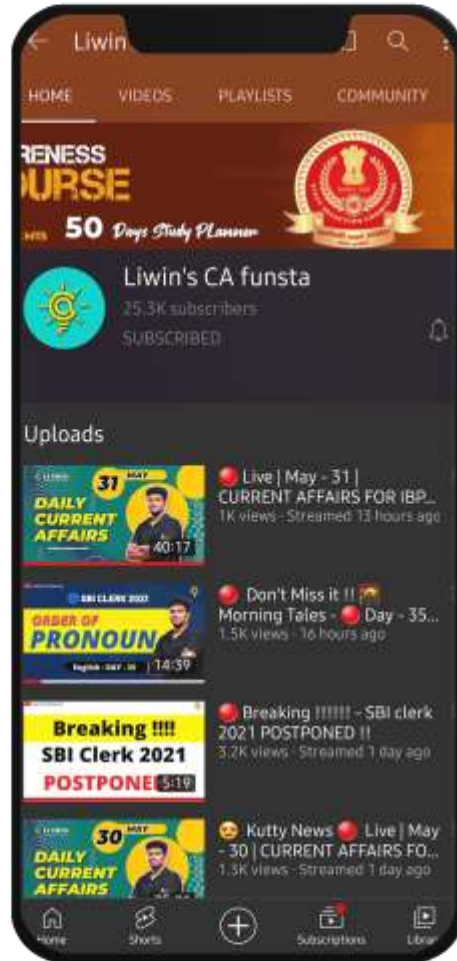




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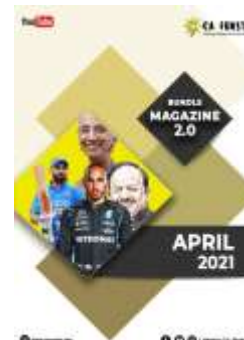
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