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# QUIZ



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**D) Afghanistan**



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- Afghanistan (rank 111) and Iraq (rank 110) continue to be in the 'worst passports to hold' category having a visa-free score of 26 and 28 respectively



## Nippon India MF launches India's first Auto Exchange Traded Fund

In January 2022, Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited (NAM India), the asset manager of Nippon India Mutual Fund (NIMF) launched a New Fund Offer (NFO) for Nippon India Nifty Auto Exchange Traded Fund (ETF). It is India's First Auto sector ETF.



- The scheme will provide exposure to top 15 companies of auto sectors such as automobiles 4 wheelers, automobiles 2 & 3 wheelers, auto ancillaries, and tyres.

### Key points:

- The Nippon Auto ETF will start operation from January 5, 2022 to January 14, 2022. The minimum investment amount required Rs 1,000 and in multiples of Re 1 aftermath.
  - The scheme is the benchmark against Nifty Auto TRI (Total Return Index) of Nippon India.
- The ETF will invest in stocks of the Nifty Auto Index in the same proportion as the Nifty index and analyze the performance of the automobiles sector.
- It will also provide a simple and low-cost portfolio which will lead to more participation in the auto industry sector.





# SPORTS



➤ Who inaugurates 9th Women National Ice Hockey Championship at Kaza?



- A) Pralhad Joshi
- B) Narayan Rane
- C) Jai Ram Thakur
- D) Smriti Zubin Irani
- E) Hardeep Singh Puri

**Answer**

**C) Jai Ram Thakur**



➤ **Who won the men's singles final in India Open 2022 at the KD Jadhav Stadium?**

- A) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy
- B) Lakshya Sen
- C) Hendra Setiawan
- D) Loh Kean Yew
- E) Mohammad Ahsan

**Answer**

**B) Lakshya Sen**





## Explanation

- Lakshya Sen defeated Singapore's Loh Kean Yew 24-22, 21-17 in the summit clash that lasted for 54 minutes.
- This is the first time that Sen has managed to win the Super 500 title in his career.



# OBITUARY



➤ **Shanti Devi passed away. She won Padma shri award in which year?**

- A) 2021
- B) 2019
- C) 2018
- D) 2017
- E) 2020

**Answer**

**A) 2021**



# OBITUARY



## Explanation

- President Ram Nath Kovind conferred the Padma Shri upon Shanti Devi on **January 25, last year**, for her social work in the **Maoist-hit Rayagada region**.
- **She served the poor for nearly six decades**, dedicating her **life to the education and upliftment of tribal girls**.
- She is also known for the eradication of Yaws, a chronic bacterial infection.





# OBITUARY



## Kathak maestro **Pandit Birju Maharaj** passes away at 83:

- Kathak legend Pandit Birju Maharaj died at his home in Delhi in the early hours of Monday after suffering A recipient of the country's **second-highest civilian award, Padma Vibhushan**, he was born Brij Mohan Nath Mishra on February 4, 1937, in a well-known family of Kathak dancers.
- The news comes just days after his nephew and disciple Pt Munna Shukla passed away following a brief illness at 78.



# OBITUARY



➤ **Ibrahim Boubacar Keita passed away.  
He was served as President of which country?**

- A) UK
- B) Nepal
- C) Mauritius
- D) North Macedonia
- E) Mali



**Answer**

**E) Mali**



# OBITUARY



## Explanation





➤ **World Bank sign \$135m project to improve electricity supply in \_\_\_?**

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Punjab
- C) Rajasthan
- D) West Bengal
- E) Tamil Nadu

**Answer**

**D) West Bengal**



## Explanation

- The Government of India, the Government of West Bengal and the World Bank have signed a \$135 million project to improve the efficiency and reliability of electricity supply in selected areas in the eastern state of West Bengal.
- West Bengal is strategically located along the corridor to the Northeast and to Southeast Asia and plays an important role in facilitating and promoting regional power trade.
- The state is already facilitating electricity trade with Bangladesh.
- Rapid economic growth in West Bengal has resulted in a growing electricity demand at a rate of 4.5 percent in the past five years.



## Titbits

World Bank

Founded: 1944

Members: 189 countries (IBRD), 173 countries (IDA)

Hq: Washington D.C, US

Head: David Malpass

West Bengal

Capital: Kolkata

CM: Mamata Banerjee

Governor: Jagdeep Dhankhar





➤ Which bank has introduced the Same Day Settlement (SDS) feature for merchants for payments received on its Point of Sale (PoS) terminals?

- A) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- B) SBI
- C) RBL Bank
- D) Bank of Maharashtra
- E) DCB Bank

**Answer**

**A) Kotak Mahindra Bank**



## Explanation

- Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd (KMBL) has introduced the Same Day Settlement (SDS) feature for merchants for payments received on its Point of Sale (PoS) terminals.
- At a time when digital payments are soaring, the SDS facility is especially useful for businesses with immediate cash flow requirements, those with high inventory turnover and the need to replenish stocks frequently as well as for businesses that employ the services of daily wage earners for optimal payroll management, the private sector bank said in a statement.



## Explanation

- Available in two cycles with a cut-off time of **2 PM** and **5 PM**, respectively, merchants can opt for either or both the cycles and receive their funds in just a few hours on the same day.



## Titbits

Kotak Mahindra Bank

Hq: Mumbai

MD and CEO: Udaykotak

Tagline: Let's make money simple, Ab Kona KonaKotak





➤ **Which organisation releases Annual Report of Ombudsman Schemes, 2020-21?**

- A) IFSCA
- B) IRDAI
- C) SEBI
- D) RBI
- E) NPCI

**Answer**

**D) RBI**



## Explanation

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the Annual Report of the Ombudsman Schemes for the year 2020-21 for nine months (July 1, 2020- March 31, 2021).
- As per the report, the volume of complaints received was increased by 22.27 % on an annualized basis, BOS accounted for the major increase.
- The overall disposal rate improved from 92.52 per cent to 96.59 per cent, despite the higher volume of complaints received.
- The office of the Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) Ombudsman, Chennai, received 5,845 complaints during the period from July 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.



## Explanation

- The scheme is administered through the centres in **Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai and New Delhi** for handling complaints received in the respective zones.
- The Chennai Office handled 6,462 complaints (including those brought forward from the previous years) and 6,278 complaints were disposed of, amounting to a disposal rate of 97.15% for July 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

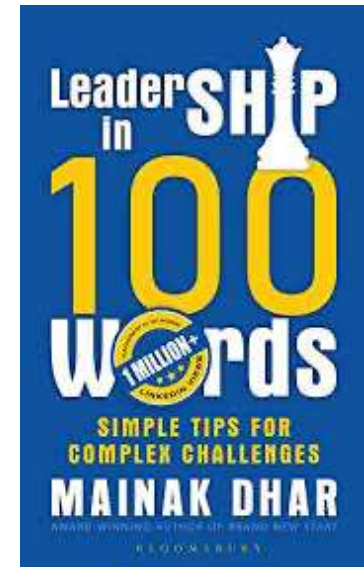


➤ **Leadership in 100 Words is authored by whom?**

- A) Michael Wolff
- B) Mainak Dhar
- C) Kavitha Rao
- D) Manreet Sodhi Someshwar
- E) Subhadra Sen Gupta

**Answer**

**B) Mainak Dhar**





## Explanation

- This year, to commemorate **International Mentoring Day**, which is celebrated on **the birthday of boxing legend Muhammad Ali on 17th January**, a new book by author Mainak Dhar is being released.
- The book aims to "**close the mentoring gap**".
- Published by Bloomsbury India, the book, 'Leadership in 100 Words', is inspired by a popular series of Dhar's LinkedIn posts (#leadershipin100words), which garnered over one million views.
- The book came out after conversations were sparked after reading the posts that Dhar was having with people whom he was mentoring.



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Dimitar Kovacevski is appointed as Prime minister of which country?**



- A) UK
- B) Nepal
- C) Mauritius
- D) North Macedonia
- E) China



**Answer**

**D) North Macedonia**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- Members of North Macedonian Parliament voted for a new coalition government, with Dimitar Kovacevski, leader of the **Social Democratic Union of Macedonia (SDSM)**, elected as a new prime minister, national media reported.
- On December 30, North Macedonian President Stevo Pendarovski nominated Kovacevski as a prime minister, giving him a mandate to form a new cabinet.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

North Macedonia

Capital: Skopje

Currency: Macedonian denar

President: Stevo Pendarovski

Prime minister: Dimitar Kovacevski





➤ Which country announced the launch of three locally-produced nanosatellites from the US?

- A) South Africa
- B) Australia
- C) Russia
- D) Poland
- E) Iran



**Answer**

**A) South Africa**



## Explanation

- Higher Education, Science and Innovation minister Dr Blade Nzimande has announced the launch of three locally-produced nanosatellites from the US, as part of South Africa's new Maritime Domain Awareness Satellite (MDASat) constellation.
- The MDASat will be an operational constellation of nine cube satellites that will detect, identify and monitor vessels in near real-time, in support of South African maritime domain awareness.



➤ Who announced the initiation of the **Open Data Week** to encourage adoption of open data and promote innovation across India's urban ecosystem?

- A) Pralhad Joshi
- B) Jitendra Singh
- C) Arjun Munda
- D) Smriti Zubin Irani
- E) Hardeep Singh Puri

**Answer**

**E) Hardeep Singh Puri**



## Explanation

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) announced the initiation of the Open Data Week to encourage adoption of open data and promote innovation across India's urban ecosystem.
- Leading up to the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - Smart Cities: Smart Urbanization' conference scheduled to be held in Surat, in February 2022, the Open Data Week is part of a series of pre-event initiatives being undertaken by MoHUA to promote awareness and use of open data.
- It will be conducted during the third week of January, i.e., from 17th January 2022 to 21st January 2022.



## Explanation

- The Event will see participation from all 100 Smart Cities that will be publishing high-quality datasets and data blogs on the Smart Cities Open Data Portal.
- Presently, more than 3,800 datasets and more than 60 data stories are already available on the Portal to various stakeholders to analyse this data and uncover actionable insights.
- The Event aims to show the benefits of open data such as increased efficiency, transparency, a spur in innovation, and economic growth.



## Explanation

- The Day will see engagement of people from different backgrounds including government agencies, private sector enterprises, scientific and academic institutions, businesses, start-ups, civil society etc.
- The idea is to provide a platform that offers ample opportunities on how to continue creating and promoting the use of data that addresses complex urban issues, such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.





## Explanation

- This can help governments in solving some of the most common problems faced by the citizens of any city and replicating the successful ideas in other cities.
- All 100 smart cities are geared up for the event, making it a collaborative effort towards making Indian cities 'Data Smart'.
- The Portal is available at <https://smartcities.data.gov.in/>



## Titbits

Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs  
Minister: Hardeep Singh Puri  
Constituency: Rajaya Sabha MP, Uttar Pradesh



➤ Who inaugurates MSME Pavilion World Expo, 2020 Dubai?



- A) Pralhad Joshi
- B) Narayan Rane
- C) Arjun Munda
- D) Smriti Zubin Irani
- E) Hardeep Singh Puri

**Answer**

**B) Narayan Rane**



## Explanation

- Union Minister of MSME Shri Narayan Rane and Minister of State for MSME Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma along with **Sh. B. B Swain, Secretary, MSME** and **Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, Chairman, KVIC** inaugurated the MSME Pavilion virtually in the presence of officials from Government of Dubai and dignitaries joining from all over the country in World Expo, 2020 Dubai.
- The World Expo2020 Dubai, held under the **Bureau International des Expositions (BIE)** aims at bringing together millions of people for the world's exceptional show, celebrating human brilliance and achievement with theme "Connecting Minds, Creating Future".



## Lavni artist from Maharashtra wins gold medal at International Folk Art Festival in Dubai:

- A young Lavni artist from Maharashtra has won a gold medal at the International Folk Art Festival in Dubai.
- Artist Sumit Bhale from Pathri of Fulbari taluka led the entire state of Maharashtra in the International Folk Art Festival held in Dubai. With his splendid performance Maharashtra's splendor has been widely appreciated at the international platform.



## Titbits

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises  
Minister: Narayan Tatu Rane  
Constituency: Rajya Sabha MP, Maharashtra





➤ Indian Railways launches a new initiative named \_\_\_\_\_ to track lost belongings of passengers?



- A) Operation Mission Annd
- B) Operation Mission Amanat
- C) Operation Mission Travel
- D) Operation Mission Luggage
- E) Operation Mission Baggage



**Answer**

**B) Operation Mission Amanat**



## Explanation

- In case of lost belongings, one can easily track their lost items and get them back.
- **The Railway Protection Force (RPF)** plays a major role to ensure the safety and security of passengers as well as their luggage and belongings.
- In this direction, the RPF has taken a new initiative by launching “Mission Amanat”, making it easier for the railway passengers to get back their lost luggage.



## Explanation

- According to a press release issued by Western Railways, under the new Mission Amanat initiative, the details of lost luggage and belongings along with photos are posted on the official website of the zonal railway.
- The Railway Protection Force uploads the information of the lost luggage and belonging in the web portal <https://wr.indianrailways.gov.in/> in the tab of divisions under the link “Mission Amanat – RPF”, Western Railways said.

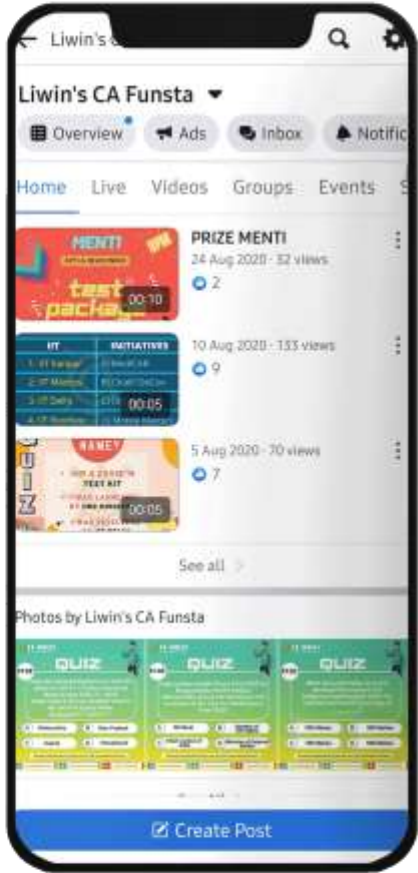


## Explanation

- During the year 2021, from January to December, the Railway Protection Force of the Western Railway zone retrieved left behind luggage having value to the tune of Rs 2.58 crore belonging to a total of 1,317 railway passengers as well as returned the luggage to them after due verification.
- The Railway Protection Force of Western Railways has been providing this service to railway passengers under Operation Mission Amanat.



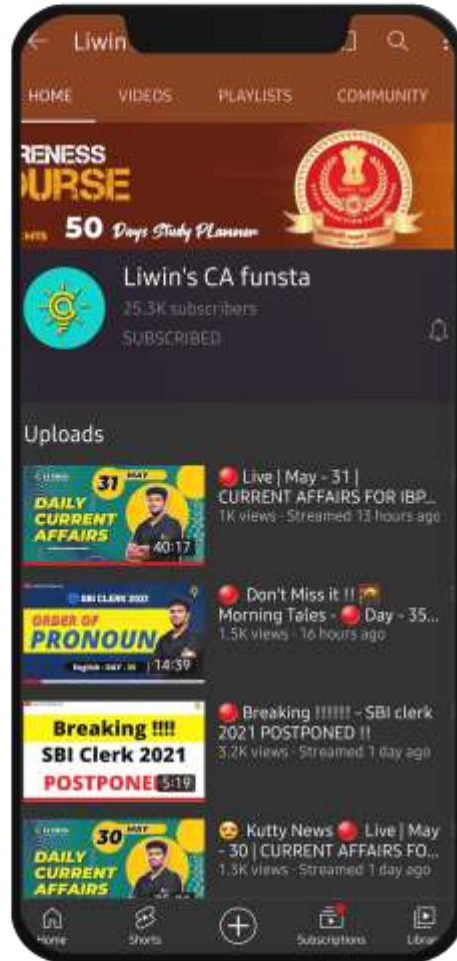
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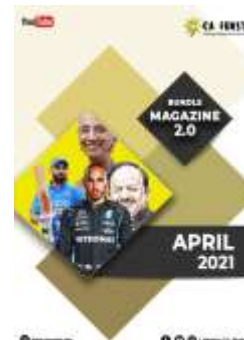
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