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➤ **BCCI announced how many men squad for 5 T20Is against West Indies?z**

- A) 18
- B) 16
- C) 20
- D) 14
- E) 15



Answer
A) 18



Explanation

- The **Board of Control for Cricket in India** has announced an **18-man squad** for the **five-match T20I** series against **West Indies**, beginning on 29th of July in Trinidad.
- **Rohit Sharma** will lead the side and former Captain Virat Kohli is believed to have been given rest.
- Besides Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah and Yuzvendra Chahal are the other notable exclusions.



Titbits

Board of Control for Cricket in India

- Founded : **1928**
- HQ : **Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai**
- President : **Sourav Ganguly**
- CEO : **Hemang Amin**



SPORTS



➤ **Sports Minister Anurag Thakur chaired review meeting for Arun Jaitley International Stadium in which state or UT?**

- A) New Delhi
- B) Karnataka
- C) Jammu and Kashmir
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Assam

Answer

C) Jammu and Kashmir



Explanation

- Youth Affairs and Sports Minister **Anurag Thakur** chaired the review meeting for the upcoming **Arun Jaitley International Stadium at Hiranagar, Kathua in Jammu, and Kashmir.**
- This new facility will boost sports in the region and nurture budding talent.



➤ **AFI and RIL sign long term partnership to support talented athletes, AFI formed in which year?**



- A) 1955
- B) 1978
- C) 1947
- D) 1962
- E) 1943

Answer
E) 1943



Explanation

- **Athletics Federation of India (AFI) and Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** announced a long-term partnership to provide **world class facilities to talented athletes**, with special focus on women.
- The partnership aims to nurture and develop Indian athletes from across the country and provide them with **world-class facilities, coaching and sports science support.**



Titbits

Athletics Federation of India (AFI)

- Formed : **1943**
- HQ : **New Delhi**



RANKING



➤ Bangladesh ranked ____ rank in gender parity WEF Report?

- A) 135
- B) 117
- C) 110
- D) 71
- E) 97

Answer
D) 71



RANKING



Explanation

- **World Economic Forum's (WEF)** latest Global Gender Gap Report 2022
- The **Global Gender Gap Index** benchmarks gender parity across four key dimensions or sub-indices — **economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, health and survival, and political empowerment.**
- India ranks **146** in health and survival, **143** in economic participation and opportunity, **107** in educational attainment and **48th** in political empowerment.



RANKING



Other Ranking

Rank	Country	Rank	Country
1	Iceland	110	Sri Lanka
2	Finland	117	Maldives
3	Norway	126	Bhutan
4	New Zealand	135	India
5	Sweden	143	Iran
71	Bangladesh	145	Pakistan
96	Nepal	146	Afghanistan



RANKING



➤ NIRF ranking: IIT Madras best institution ____ year in row?

- A) 4th
- B) 2nd
- C) 5th
- D) 1st
- E) 3rd

Answer
A) 4th



RANKING



The seventh edition of NIRF rankings.

Overall Ranking

Rank	University/College
1	IIT Madras
2	IISC Bangalore
3	IIT Bombay
4	IIT Delhi
5	IIT Kanpur
6	IIT Kharagpur
7	IIT Roorkee
8	IIT Guwahati
9	AIMS New Delhi
10	Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi

TOP 3 'UNIVERSITIES'

Rank	University
1	IISC Bangalore
2	Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)
3	Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI)



RANKING



The seventh edition of NIRF rankings.

TOP 3 'ENGINEERING' INSTITUTES

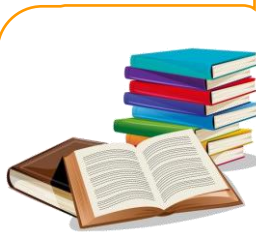
Rank	University/College
1	IIT Madras
2	IIT Delhi
3	IIT Bombay

TOP 3 'MANAGEMENT' INSTITUTES

Rank	University/College
1	IIM Ahmedabad
2	IIM Bangalore
3	IIM Calcutta

TOP 3 'RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS'

Rank	University/College
1	IISC Bangalore
2	IIT Madras
3	IIT Delhi



➤ Yes Bank to form ARC with JC Flowers to sell how many crore of bad loans?

- A) 69000
- B) 72000
- C) 48000
- D) 65000
- E) 54000



Answer
C) 48000



Explanation

- **Yes Bank** has selected **JC Flowers ARC** as a partner to form an asset reconstruction company to sell bad loans of the bank valuing **Rs 48,000 crore**.
- It has signed a binding term sheet with **JCF ARC LLC** and **JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction Pvt Ltd (JF Flowers ARC)** for strategic partnership in relation to the sale of identified stressed loans of the bank.



Titbits

Yes Bank

- Founded : **2004**
- HQ : **Mumbai**
- Chairman : **Sunil Mehta**
- MD & CEO : **Prashant Kumar**
- Tagline : **Experience our Expertise**



➤ SBI hiked MCLR on loans by how many bps?

- A) 20
- B) 5
- C) 15
- D) 25
- E) 10



Answer
E) 10



Explanation

- **State Bank of India** has raised its **marginal cost of lending rate (MCLR)** on loans by **10 basis points**.
- The higher MCLR is effective from July 15, 2022.
- According to the notice on the State Bank website, the one-year MCLR rate has increased from **7.40 percent to 7.50 percent**.
- The rates for overnight, one month and three months have been increased from **7.05 percent to 7.15 percent**.
- MCLR for a six-month term has been increased from **7.35 percent to 7.45 percent**, rates for the two-year and three-year MCLR have been hiked to **7.7 percent and 7.8 percent**, respectively.



Titbits

State Bank of India

- Founded : **01/07/1955**
- HQ : **Mumbai**
- Chairman : **Dhinesh Kumar Khara**
- Tagline : **Pure Banking Nothing Else**



➤ DBS named 'World's Best SME Bank' by Euromoney for _____ time?

- A) 4th
- B) 2nd
- C) 5th
- D) 1st
- E) 3rd

Answer

B) 2nd



Explanation

- **DBS** has been recognized as the '**World's Best SME Bank**' yet again, entrenching the bank's position as a global industry leader in partnering with SMEs to grow and expand their businesses across borders and digitally.
- DBS' latest global best SME bank accolade comes from leading UK-based financial publication Euromoney, which has honored DBS with the 'World's Best SME Bank' title for the **second time since 2018**.



Titbits

DBS Bank

- Founded : **16/07/1968**
- HQ : **Singapore**
- Chairman : **Peter Seah**
- MD & CEO : **Piyush Gupta**



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



➤ Exports up how many percent to USD 40.13 bn in June; trade deficit at record USD 26.18 bn?

- A) 63.25%
- B) 43.52%
- C) 53.52%
- D) 23.52%
- E) 33.52%

Answer
D) 23.52%



Explanation

- Exports in June rose by **23.52 per cent to USD 40.13 billion** while the trade deficit ballooned to a record level of **USD 26.18 billion** mainly due to jump in gold and crude oil imports.
- The country's export growth in May was **20.55 per cent**.
- Imports expanded by **57.55 per cent to USD 66.31 billion** in June compared to the year-ago month, the data showed.
- "The merchandise trade deficit in June 2022 was estimated at USD 26.18 billion as against USD 9.60 billion in June 2021, which is an increase of **172.72 per cent**," the commerce ministry said in a statement.
- Crude oil imports in June almost doubled to **USD 21.3 billion**.
- Coal and coke imports more than doubled to **USD 6.76 billion** in the month under review as against **USD 1.88 billion** in June 2021.



Explanation

- Gold imports too rose sharply by about **183 per cent to USD 2.74 billion.**
- Imports in June 2021 were subdued on account of restrictions due to the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic.
- Subdued imports resulted in lower trade deficit of **USD 9.6 billion** in June 2021.
- Cumulative exports in April-June 2022-23 rose by **24.51 per cent** to USD 118.96 billion while imports increased **49.47 per cent to USD 189.76 billion** during the period.
- The trade deficit during the first three months of this fiscal widened to **USD 70.80 billion from USD 31.42 billion** in the year-ago period.
- On the exports front, outbound shipments of petroleum products more than doubled to USD 8.65 billion.
- Gems and jewellery shipments increased by **25 per cent to USD 3.53 billion.**



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Ranil Wickremesinghe sworn in as interim president of which of the following country?**

- A) Indonesia
- B) Bhutan
- C) Israel
- D) Thailand
- E) Sri Lanka

Answer
E) Sri Lanka



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Prime Minister **Ranil Wickremesinghe** was sworn in as **Sri Lanka's interim president** until Parliament elects a successor to **Gotabaya Rajapaksa**, who resigned after protests against his government for mishandling the economy that bankrupted the country



AWARDS



➤ Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar honoured with Suriname's highest civilian award, the country is located in?

- A) North America
- B) Africa
- C) South America
- D) Asia
- E) Europe

Answer
C) South America



AWARDS



Explanation

- Award - **The Grand Cordon – honorary order of the yellow star (Ere-Orde van de Gele Ster)**
- To - **Sri Sri Ravi Shankar** (global humanitarian and spiritual leader, the founder of The Art of Living)
- By - President of Suriname, **Chandrikapersad Santokhi**



➤ **Airtel successfully tested first 5G private network at Bosch Automotive in which state?**

- A) Karnataka
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Andra Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Assam

Answer
A) Karnataka



Explanation

- **Bharti Airtel (Airtel)** had a successful trial of India's first 5G private network at **Bosch Automotive Electronics India (RBAI) facility in Bengaluru**.
- Airtel's on-premise 5G captive private network was built over the trial **5G spectrum** allocated by the **Department of Telecommunications (DoT)**.



Titbits

Bharti Airtel

- Founded : **07/07/1995**
- HQ : **New Delhi**
- Chairman : **Sunil Bharti Mittal**
- MD & CEO : **Gopal Vittal**



ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



- I2U2 group will advance hybrid renewable energy project in Gujarat consisting of how many MW of wind and solar capacity?

- A) 4000
- B) 300
- C) 600
- D) 3000
- E) 400

Answer
B) 300



Explanation

- Leaders from **Israel, India, the United States and the United Arab Emirates** stated that they will advance a hybrid renewable energy project in **Gujarat** consisting of **300 megawatts (MW) of wind and solar capacity** complemented by a battery energy storage system.
- In a joint statement, Israeli Prime Minister **Yair Lapid**, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**, US President **Joe Biden** and UAE President **Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan** said that the **US Trade and Development Agency** funded a feasibility study for the **USD 330 million project**.



➤ **Tata Power to skill how many youths to work in renewable energy sector?**

- A) 4000
- B) 300
- C) 600
- D) 3000
- E) 400

Answer
D) 3000



Explanation

- **Tata Power** will give training to **3,000 youths** this fiscal in the field of the renewable industry.
- The company aims to train a total of **5,000 youths** by 2025 to work in the sector.
- **Tata Power Skill Development Institute (TPSDI)** has so far trained 1.4 lakh people across its courses both conventional and renewable energy technology.
- It is expanding its training initiatives to equip youth with skills for green energy jobs.



Titbits

Tata Power

- Founded : **18/09/1919**
- HQ : **Mumbai**
- MD & CEO : **Praveer Sinha**



DEFENCE



➤ Which minister launched stealth frigate?

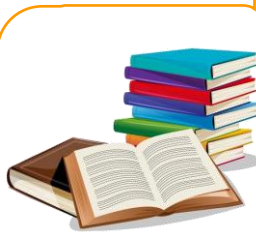
- A) External Affairs Minister
- B) Health Minister
- C) Labour and Employment Minister
- D) Finance Minister
- E) Defence Minister



रक्षा मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
DEFENCE

Answer

E) Defence Minister



Explanation

- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** launched the **P17A stealth frigate Dunagiri**, built by **PSU Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers**, onto the river Hooghly in Kolkata.
- P17A ships are guided-missile frigates.
- In his address before the launch, Singh said that such launch of ships by **Indian shipyards** signifies the advancement of self-reliance of the country.



DEFENCE



Titbits

Ministry of Defence

- Union Minister : **Rajnath Singh** (Lucknow,UP)
- Minister of State : **Ajay Bhatt** (Nainital-Udamsingh Nagar,Uttarkhand)



➤ Which minister launched 75-day COVID Vaccination Amrit Mahotsav in New Delhi?

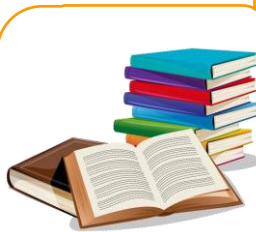
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
**MINISTRY OF LABOUR &
EMPLOYMENT**

Answer

C) Labour and Employment Minister



Explanation

- **Labour and Employment Minister Bhupender Yadav** launched **75-day COVID Vaccination Amrit Mahotsav** in New Delhi by taking a precautionary dose.
- During the campaign, citizens above 18 years of age will be given precautionary doses **free of cost at Government COVID Vaccination Centres.**



Titbits

Ministry of Labour and Employment

- Union Minister : **Bhupender Yadav** (Rajya Sabha MP,Rajasthan)
- Minister of State : **Rameswar Teli** (Dibrugarh,Assam)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Amit Shah inaugurates new office of Ministry of Co-operation at CGO Complex at which state or UT?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Karnataka
- C) Jammu and Kashmir
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Assam

Answer
A) New Delhi



Ministry of Cooperation | सहकारिता मंत्रालय
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Explanation

- Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the new office of **the Ministry Of Co-operation at Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, CGO Complex.**
- The Ministry of Co-operation, set up in **July 2021**, was functioning from the **Krishi Bhawan** in the national capital.



Titbits

Ministry of Co-operation

- Union Minister : **Amit Shah** (Gandhinagar,Gujarat)
- Minister of State : **BL Verma** (Rajya Sabha MP,UP)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which state CM launched Rs 5,000 'Kashi Yatra' subsidy scheme?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Karnataka
- C) Jammu and Kashmir
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Assam



Answer
B) Karnataka



Explanation

- **Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai** launched the State government's **Rs 5,000 'Kashi Yatra' subsidy** scheme by distributing the cheques for the **beneficiary-pilgrims**.
- The cheques were distributed at a simple ceremony organised by the **Muzrai Department at Vidhana Soudha**.



Titbits

Karnataka

- Capital: **Bangalore**
- CM: **Basavaraj Bommai**
- Governor: **Thawarchand Gehlot**
- Language : **Kannada**
- National Park : **Anshi National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary : **Attiveri WLS**
- Ramsar Site : -
- Tiger Reserve : **Bandipur**
- Power Station : **Sharavathi Hydro Electric Power Plant, Kaiga Nuclear Power Plant, Udupi Thermal Power Plant**
- Dams : **Lakhya Dam in Lakya River**
- RRB : **Karnataka Gramin Bank & Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (Canara Bank),**
- UNESCO Site : **Great Monuments of Hampi, Group of monuments at Pattadakal, Western Ghats**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ **National Health Authority hosting first hackathon under ABDM Hackathon Series in which of the following state or UT?**

- A) New Delhi
- B) Karnataka
- C) Jammu and Kashmir
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Assam



Answer
D) Maharashtra



Explanation

- The **National Health Authority (NHA)** is organising its **first hackathon under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission** Hackathon Series from 14th to 17th July, 2022 at the **Smart City Operations Centre, Pune, Maharashtra** in hybrid format.
- The hackathon is being organized under the **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)** in association with **Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC)** and **Pune Smart City Development Corporation Limited (PSCDCL)**.
- Various teams comprising innovators, developers, and data experts have joined physically and virtually to collaborate and build innovative solutions.
- The hackathon was inaugurated by **Dr. R.S. Sharma**, Chief Executive Officer, NHA.



Titbits

Maharashtra

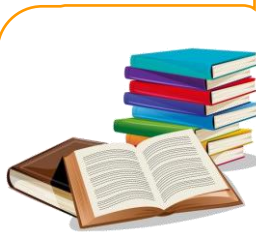
- Capital: **Mumbai, Nagpur (Winter)**
- CM: **Ekanth Shinde**
- Governor: **Bhagat Singh Koshiyari**
- Language : **Hindi**
- National Park : **Chandoli National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary : **Bustard WLS**
- Ramsar Site : **Lonar Lake, Nandur Madhameshwar**
- Tiger Reserve : **Melghat**
- Power Station : **Koyna Hydro Electric Power Plant, Tarapur Nuclear power plant, Chandrapur Super Thermal Power Plant**
- Dams : **Koyna Dam in Koyna River**
- RRB : **Maharashtra Gramin Bank (BOM), Vidharbha Konkan Gramin Bank (BOI)**
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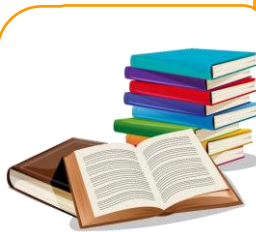
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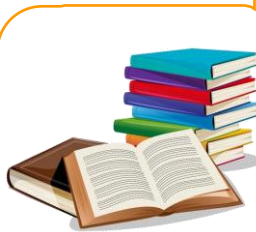
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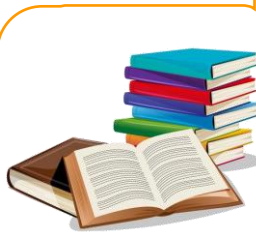
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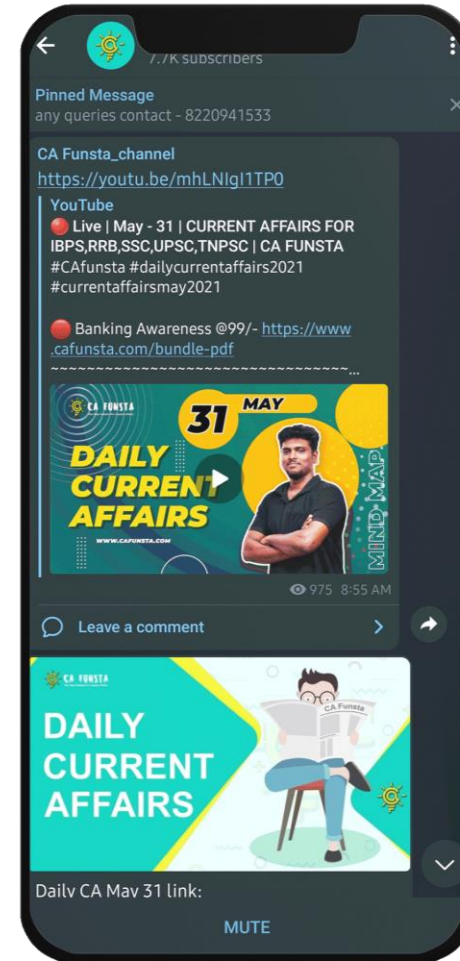
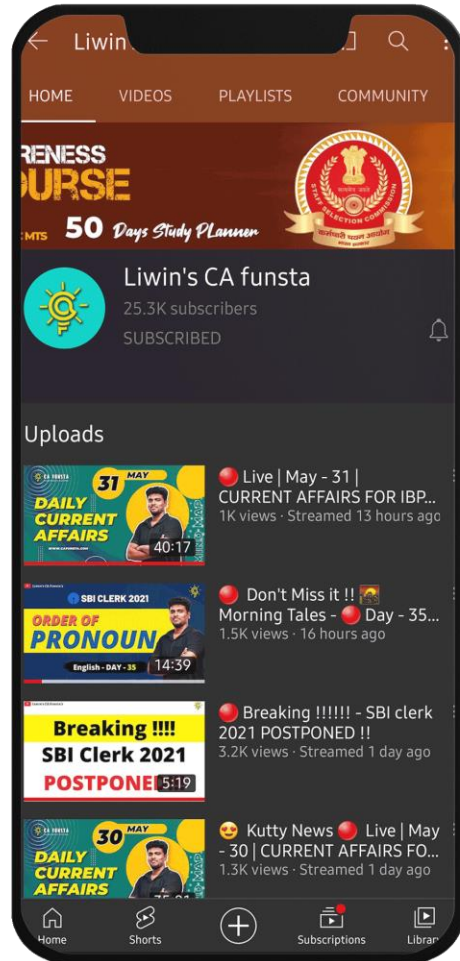
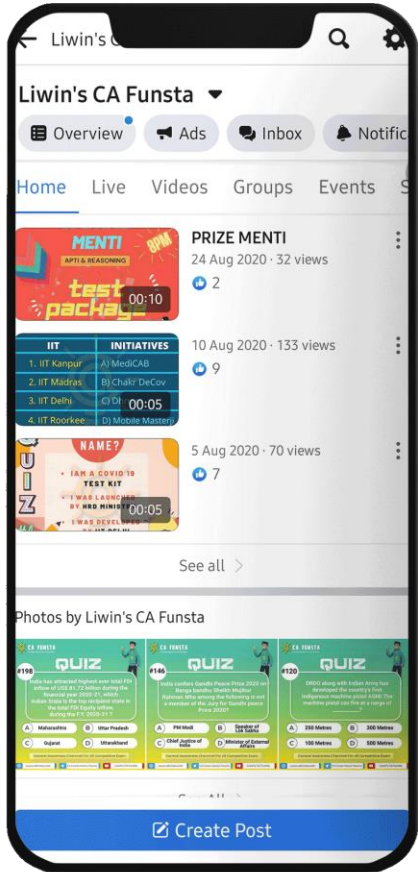
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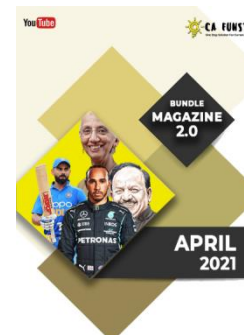
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