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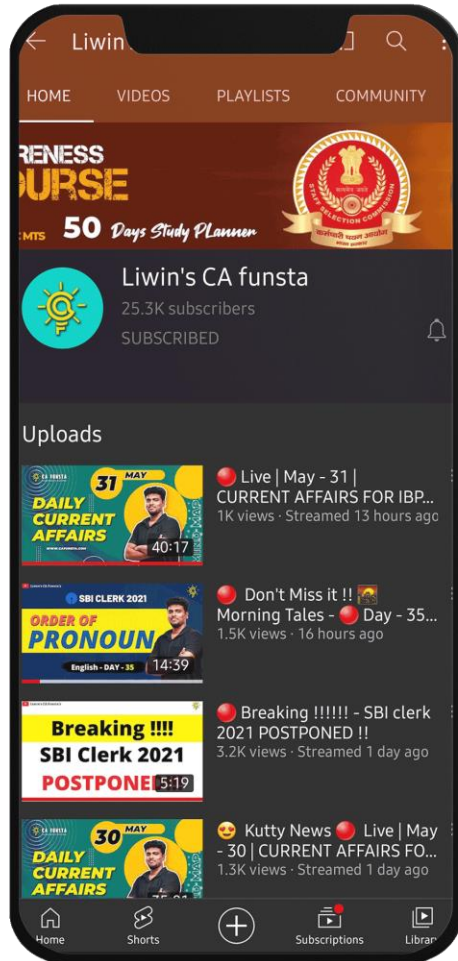
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# Important Days



➤ On which year India got its Independence?

- A) 1946
- B) 1949
- C) 1950
- D) 1947
- E) 1948

**Answer**  
**D) 1947**



# Important Days



## Explanation

Date	Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Observed	Edition	Observed By	Theme	Others
August 15	Independence Day	1947	76 <sup>th</sup>			



➤ **SBI hiked MCLR by how many basis points?**

- A) 30 bps
- B) 20 bps
- C) 25 bps
- D) 15 bps
- E) 10 bps

**Answer**  
**B) 20 bps**



## Explanation

- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has increased its **marginal cost of funds-based lending rate (MCLR) by 20 basis points (bps)** across tenors from August 15, announcing the decision after the monetary policy committee (MPC) raised benchmark policy rates by **50 bps earlier this month** to tame headline inflation.
- SBI's overnight, one-month, and three-month MCLR stands at **7.35 per cent**; six-month is at **7.65 per cent**; one-year at **7.70 per cent**; two-year at **7.90 per cent**; and three-year MCLR stands at **8 per cent**, according to its website.
- The country's largest lender also hiked its **external benchmark-based lending rate (EBLR)** and repo-linked lending rate by 50 bps, with effect from August 15.
- SBI has increased its MCLR by **50 bps since May** and by **60 bps since April**.



## Titbits

### State Bank of India

- Founded: **01/07/1955**
- HQ: **Mumbai**
- Chairman: **Dinesh Kumar Khara**
- Tagline: **With You all the way, Pure Banking Nothing Else, The Nation Bank on Us, The Banker to Every Indian, A Bank of the Common Man**





➤ By which year Ola Electric will produce EVs in India with 500 km range?

- A) 2025
- B) 2027
- C) 2023
- D) 2026
- E) 2024

**Answer**  
**E) 2024**



## Explanation

- SoftBank Group-backed **Ola Electric** will produce **electric cars** in India in **2024** with a range of up to **500 km**, Chief Executive Bhavish Aggarwal.
- Ola's electric car with the most advanced features would go from **0 to 100 km per hour in four seconds**.



➤ How many lakh crores will be invested by BPCL on petrochemicals, gas business?

- A) Rs 1.4 lakh crore
- B) Rs 1.5 lakh crore
- C) Rs 1.6 lakh crore
- D) Rs 1.7 lakh crore
- E) Rs 1.8 lakh crore

**Answer**

- A) Rs 1.4 lakh crore**



## Explanation

- BPCL, the nation's **second-biggest oil refining and fuel marketing company**.
- **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)** will invest **Rs 1.4 lakh crore** in petrochemicals, city gas and clean energy in the **next five years** as it looks to non-fuel businesses for growth.



## Titbits

### Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)

- Founded: **1952**
- HQ: **Mumbai**
- Chairman & MD: **Arun Kumar Singh**





# APPOINTMENTS

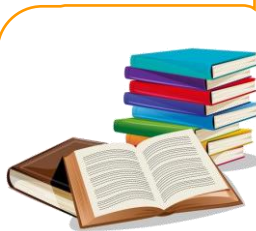


➤ Who among the following appointment as NSE MD, CEO?

- A) Ashishkumar Sharma
- B) Ashishkumar Rajan
- C) Ashishkumar Chauhan
- D) Ashishkumar Choudhry
- E) Ashish Kumar

**Answer**

**C) Ashishkumar Chauhan**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- Organization: **National Stock Exchange (NSE)**
- Post: **MD & CEO**
- Appointed: **Ashishkumar Chauhan**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### National Stock Exchange (NSE)

- Founded: **1992**
- HQ: **Mumbai**
- Chairperson: **Girish Chandra Chaturvedi**



# AWARDS



➤ How many Gallantry awards were approved by President to Armed Forces and CAPF personnel on Independence Day?

- A) 100
- B) 107
- C) 110
- D) 108
- E) 75



**INDIAN GALLANTRY AWARDS**

**Answer**  
**B) 107**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- President Droupadi Murmu has approved **107 Gallantry awards** to **Armed Forces and Central Armed Police Forces** personnel on the occasion of Independence Day 2022.
- These include three Kirti Chakra, **13 Shaurya Chakras**, **two Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry)**, **81 Sena Medals (Gallantry)**, **one Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry)** and **seven Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry)**.
- The President has also approved **40 Mention-in-Despatches to the Army**, **one to Air Force personnel** and another to the **Army Dog – Axel (posthumously)** for their significant contributions in different military operations.
- This includes **Operation Rakshak**, **Operation Snow Leopard**, **Operation Rhino**, **Operation Orchid**, **Operation Falcon**, **Operation Hifazat** and **Operation Trikut (Deoghar)**.





# AWARDS



➤ **Shefali Shah won Best Actress award at Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2022, on which year this festival was founded?**

- A) 2000
- B) 2005
- C) 2010
- D) 2012
- E) 2014

**Answer**  
**D) 2012**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- Actor **Shefali Shah** has bagged the **Best Actor (Female)** award at the latest edition of the **Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM)**.
- She won the prestigious award for her performance in '**Jalsa**'.



➤ **How many trillion will be invested by Telecom tower firms in 5G infrastructure?**

- A) Rs 3 trillion
- B) Rs 1 trillion
- C) Rs 4 trillion
- D) Rs 5 trillion
- E) Rs 2 trillion

**Answer**  
**E) Rs 2 trillion**



## Explanation

- **Mobile tower companies** are getting ready to invest over **Rs 2 trillion by 2025**, half of it in the **next two years**, to help meet the telecom firms' target to take **5G to 50 per cent of the country**.



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ India to handover Dornier Aircraft to which of the following country on its 76th Independence Day?

- A) Oman
- B) Bangladesh
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Myanmar
- E) Singapore

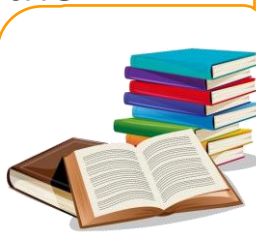
**Answer**  
**C) Sri Lanka**





## Explanation

- India on the occasion of its **76th Independence Day** will hand over maritime surveillance aircraft **Dornier 228 to Sri Lanka** on a gratis basis for **two years**.
- The aircraft is being provided for an interim period of two years till a plane being **manufactured in India for Sri Lanka** is ready.
- The aircraft comes as a sequel to the dialogue between India and Sri Lanka that took place on **January 9, 2018 in New Delhi**, when the Sri Lankan government sought the possibility of obtaining **two Dornier Reconnaissance Aircraft** from India.
- Sri Lankan President **Ranil Wickremesinghe** and Indian High commissioner **Gopal Baglay** will be present at the ceremony, confirmed the Indian High Commission in Colombo.
- Also, Indian Navy Vice Chief Vice Admiral **Satish N Ghormade** is in Sri Lanka for the handing over of a Dornier maritime patrol aircraft to the **Sri Lankan military**.



## Titbits

### Sri Lanka

- Capital: **Sri Jayawardenepura** (legislative), **Colombo** (executive and judicial)
- Currency: **Sri Lankan Rupee (LKR)**
- President: **Ranil Wickremesinghe**
- Prime Minister: **Dinesh Gunawardena**
- Language: **Sinhala, Tamil**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Indian flag unfurled how many km above the planet?

- A) 30 km
- B) 50 km
- C) 40 km
- D) 25 km
- E) 15 km

**Answer**  
A) 30 km



## Explanation

- To mark the momentous occasion, **Space Kidz India** – an organisation creating “**Young scientists**” for the country, made it possible to unfurl the Indian flag and sent it to an altitude of **1,06,000 feet(30km)** above the planet on a balloon that unfurled it.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which of the following state CM announced 3 percent DA hike for govt employees?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Punjab
- C) Jharkhand
- D) Assam
- E) Gujarat



**Answer**  
**E) Gujarat**



## Explanation

- Gujarat Chief Minister **Bhupendra Patel** announced a **three per cent hike** in the **dearness allowance** for government employees and expansion of welfare schemes under the **National Food Security Act (NFSA)**.
- Some **9.38 lakh employees** of the state government, panchayat service and pensioners will get the benefit.
- With this, the state government's financial burden will go up by about **Rs 1,400 crore annually**.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits Gujarat

- Capital: **Gandhinagar**
- CM: **Bhupendrabhai Patel**
- Governor: **Acharya Dev Vrat**
- Language: **Gujarati**
- National Park: **Marine (Gulf of Kachchh) National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Marine( Gulf of Kutch) WLS**
- Ramsar Site: **Thol Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary, Wadhvana Wetland, Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Tiger Reserve: -
- Power Station: **Sardar Sarovar Hydro Electric Power Plant, Mithi Viridi Nuclear Power plant, Jhanor- Gandhar Thermal power Station**
- Dams: **Dantiwada Dam in West Banas River**
- RRB: **Baroda Gujarat Gramin Bank (BOB), Saurashtra Gramin Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Champaner Pavagadh Archaeological Park, Rani-ki-Vav, Historic City of Ahmadabad, Dholavira (Harappan City)**



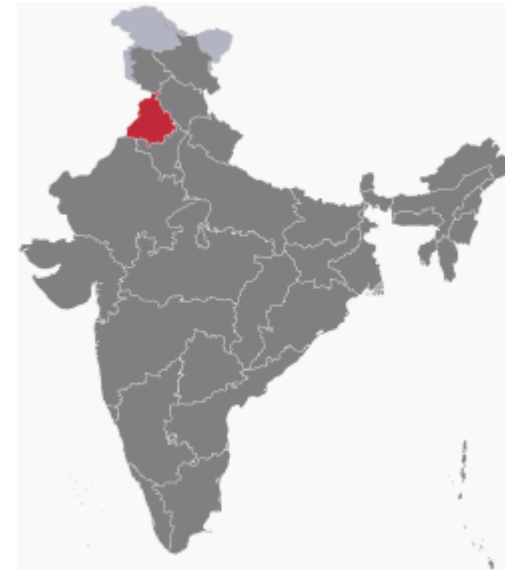


# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which of the following state CM launched 75 'Aam Aadmi Clinics'?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Punjab
- C) Jharkhand
- D) Assam
- E) Gujarat



**Answer**  
**B) Punjab**



## Explanation

- Punjab Chief Minister **Bhagwant Mann dedicated 75 'Aam Aadmi Clinics'** to the people of the state to mark **75 years of India's independence.**
- These mohalla clinics will offer around **100 types of clinical tests for free**, besides giving medicines to patients at no cost.
- Each of these clinics will have **four staff members**, including an **MBBS doctor** and a **laboratory technician.**



## Titbits

### Punjab

- Capital: **Chandigarh**
- CM: **Bhagwant Mann**
- Governor: **Banwarilal Purohit**
- Language : **Punjabi**
- National Park : -
- Wildlife Sanctuary : **Kathlaur Kushlian WLS**
- Ramsar Site : **Beas Conservation Reserve , Harike Lake, Kanjli Lake, Keshopur-Miani Community Reserve, Nangal Wildlife Sanctuary, Ropar Lake**
- Tiger Reserve : -
- Power Station : **Guru Nanak Dev Thermal Power Station, Rajith Sagar Dam**
- Dams : **Siswan Dam in Siswan River**
- RRB : **Punjab Gramin Bank (PNB)**
- UNESCO Site : -



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Village Defence Guard scheme came into force in which of the following state/UT?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Ladakh
- C) Uttarakhand
- D) Jammu and Kashmir
- E) Himachal Pradesh



**Answer**

**D) Jammu and Kashmir**



## Explanation

- **Ministry of Home Affairs** has sanctioned approval to creation of **Village Defence Guard Scheme - 2022** in Jammu and Kashmir which shall come into effect from August 15, 2022.
- Earlier, this scheme was known as **Village Defence Committe** in which volunteers from villages were trained by **Indian Army and Police**.
- Under this scheme, rifles were provided to VDC's and they **protected their villages from terrorist attacks and terror-related activities** specially the vulnerable villages in mountainous areas of Jammu region.



## Titbits

### Jammu and Kashmir

- Capital: **Srinagar, Jammu**
- Lieutenant Governor: **Manoj Sinha**
- Language: **Kashmiri, Dogri, Urdu, Hindi, English**
- National Park: -
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Rajparian WLS**
- Ramsar Site: **Hokera Wetland, Surinsar-Mansar Lakes, Wular Lake**
- Tiger Reserve: -
- Power Station: **Salal Hydro Electric Power Plant**
- Dams: **Baglihar Dam in Chenab River**
- RRB: **Ellaquai Dehati Bank (SBI), J&K Grameen Bank (J&K Bank)**
- UNESCO Site: -



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS

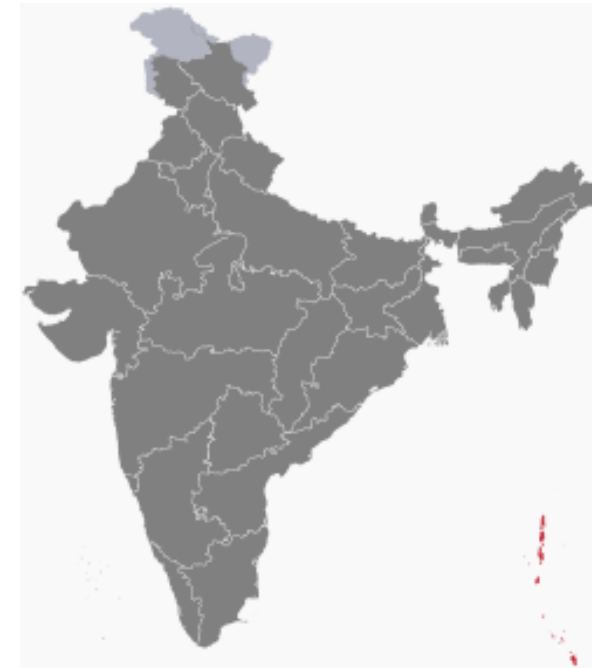


➤ How many crores invested in different projects in Andaman & Nicobar Islands in last 5 years?

- A) Rs 88765 crores
- B) Rs 87865 crores
- C) Rs 88756 crores
- D) Rs 88675 crores
- E) Rs 88657 crores

**Answer**

**A) Rs 88765 crores**





## Explanation

- Andaman and Nicobar **Islands Lt Governor Admiral D K Joshi (Retd)** said in the **last five years Rs 88,765 crore** has been invested in different infrastructure and development projects of the islands.
- Hoisting the national flag at the Netaji Stadium here, the LG said **Rs 1,232 crore submarine OFC project** has increased the telecom bandwidth in the islands.



## Titbits

### Andaman & Nicobar Island

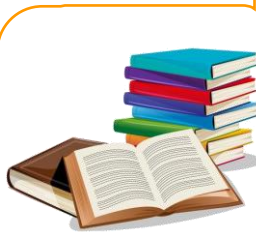
- Capital: **Port Blair**
- Governor: **Admiral Devandra Kumar Joshi (Retd)**
- Language : **Hindi,English**
- National Park : **Mahatma Gandhi Marine (Wandoor) National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary : **Landfall Island WLS**
- Ramsar Site : -
- Tiger Reserve : -
- Power Station : -
- Dams : -
- RRB : -
- UNESCO Site : -



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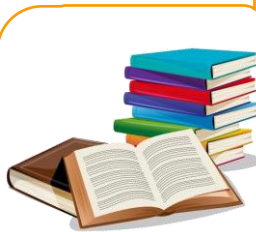
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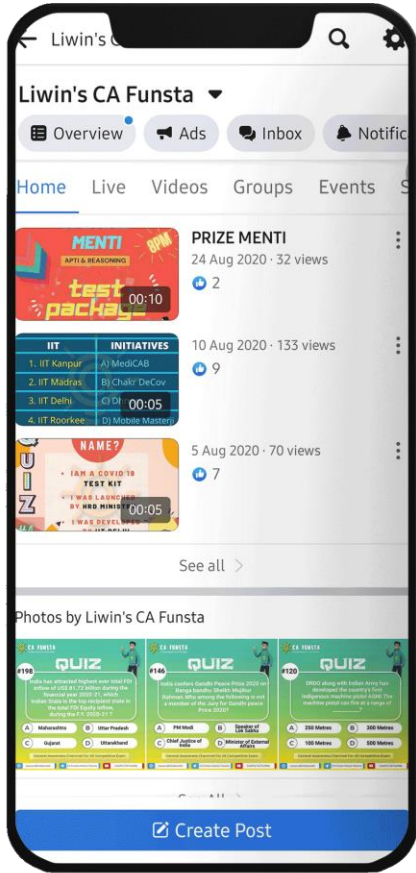
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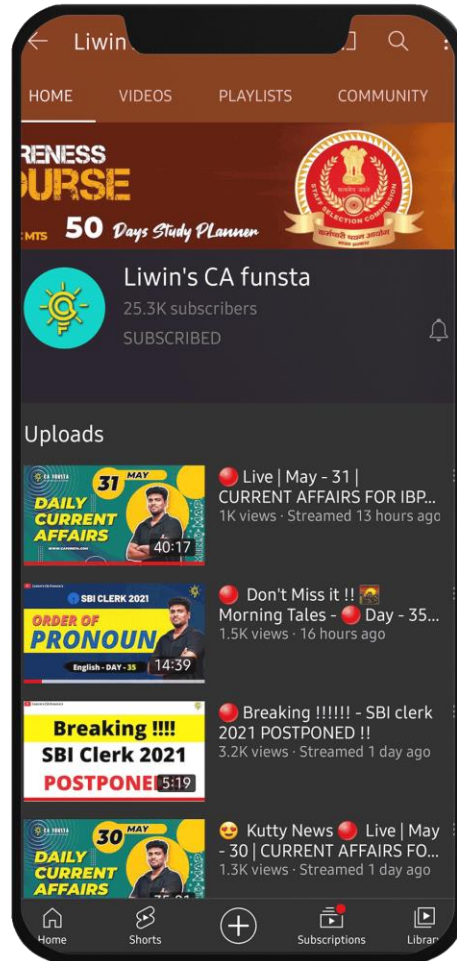
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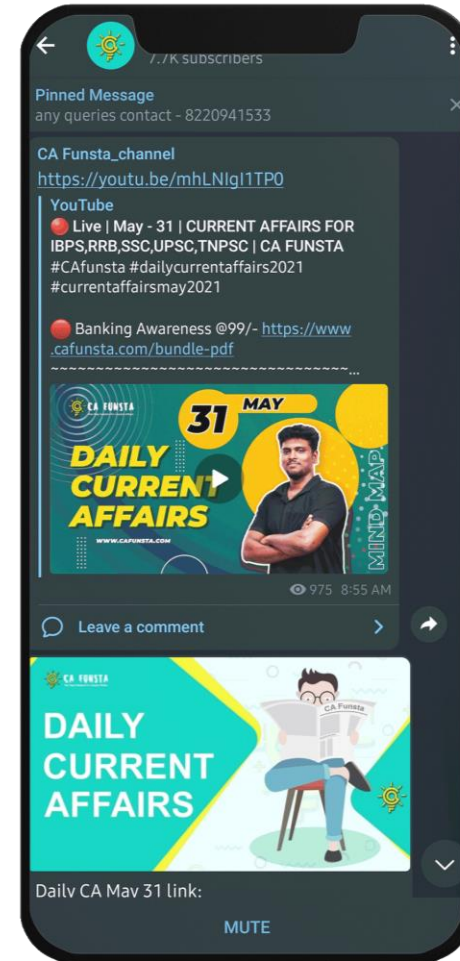
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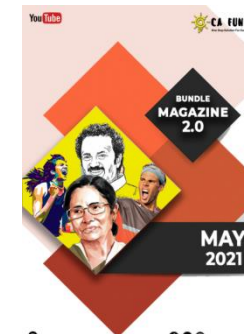
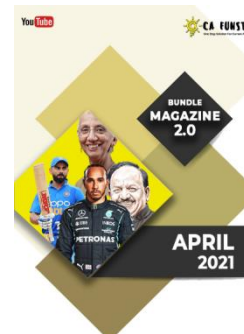
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