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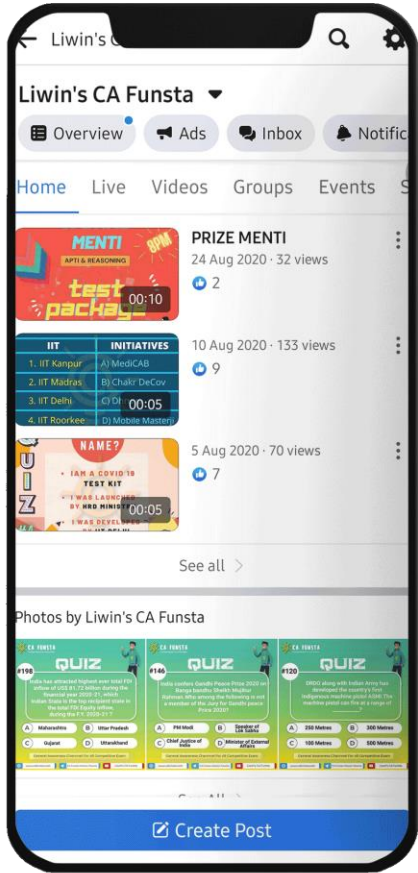
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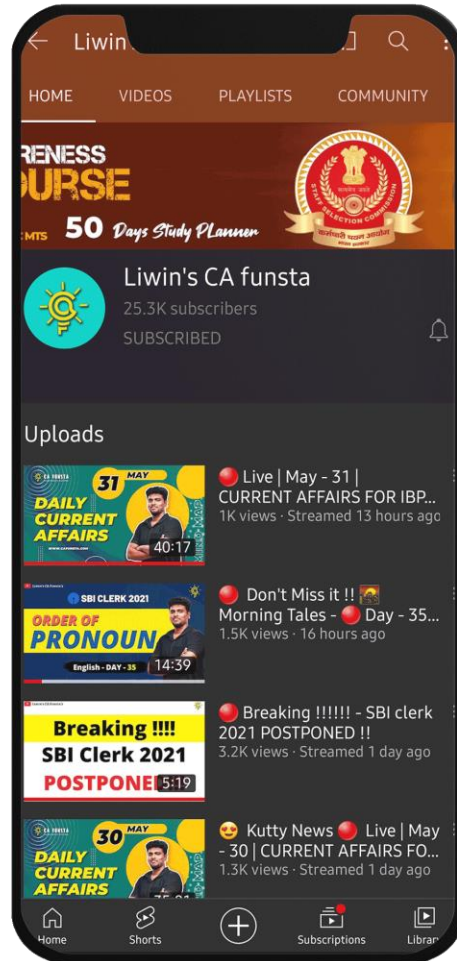
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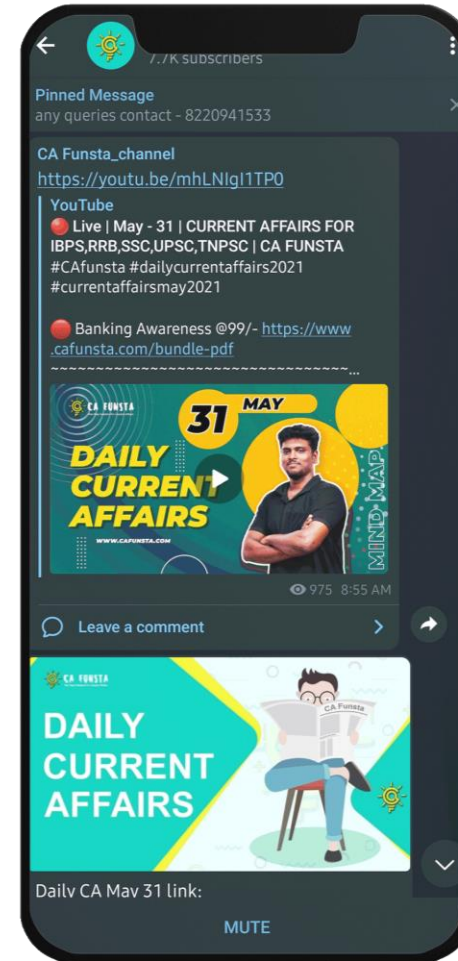
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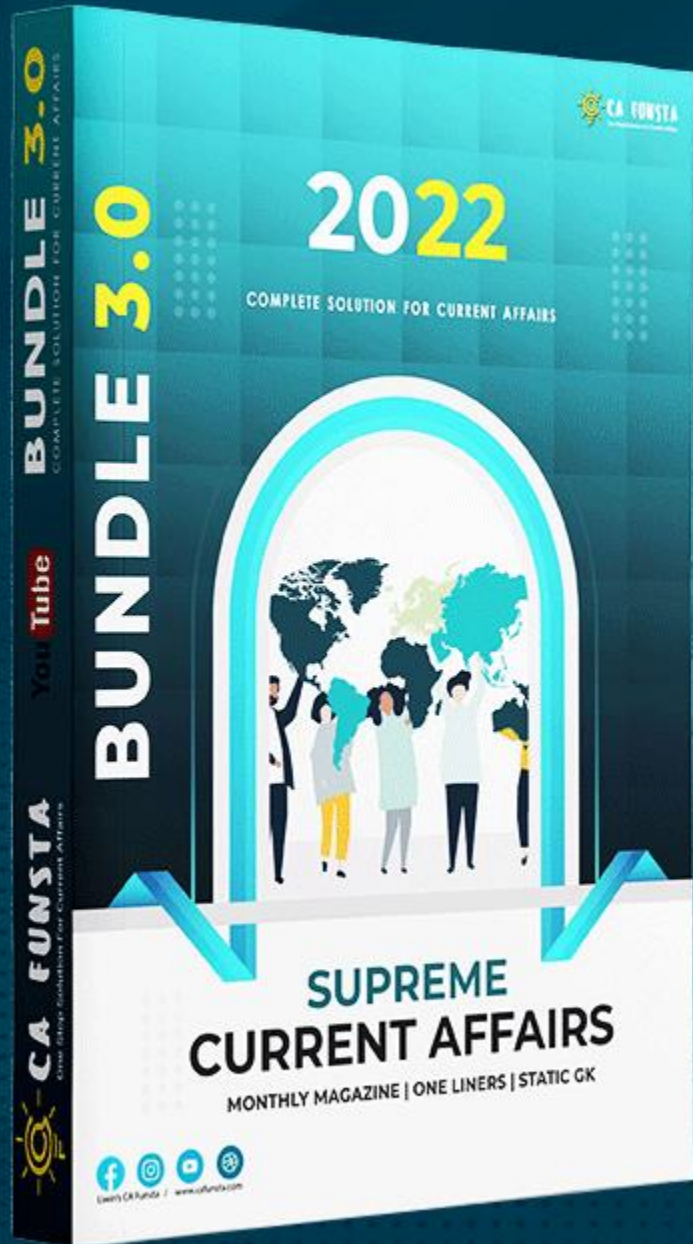


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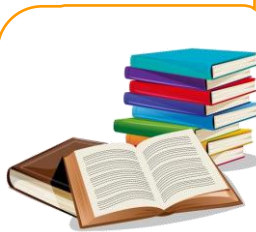
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➤ Prakash Chand appointed as Indian Ambassador to which of the following country?

- A) Peru
- B) Rwanda
- C) Paraguay
- D) Uganda
- E) Eritrea

Answer
E) Eritrea

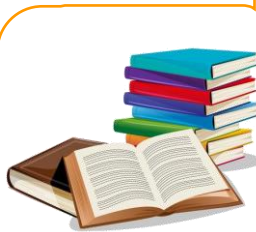


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Explanation

- Country: **Eritrea**
- Position: **Ambassador**
- Appointed: **Prakash Chand** (Consul General of India)
- Succeeded: **Subhash Chand**



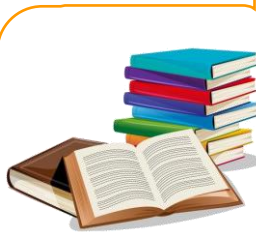
APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Eritrea

- Capital: **Asmara**
- Currency: **nakfa (ERN)**
- President: **Isaias Afwerki**
- Language: -

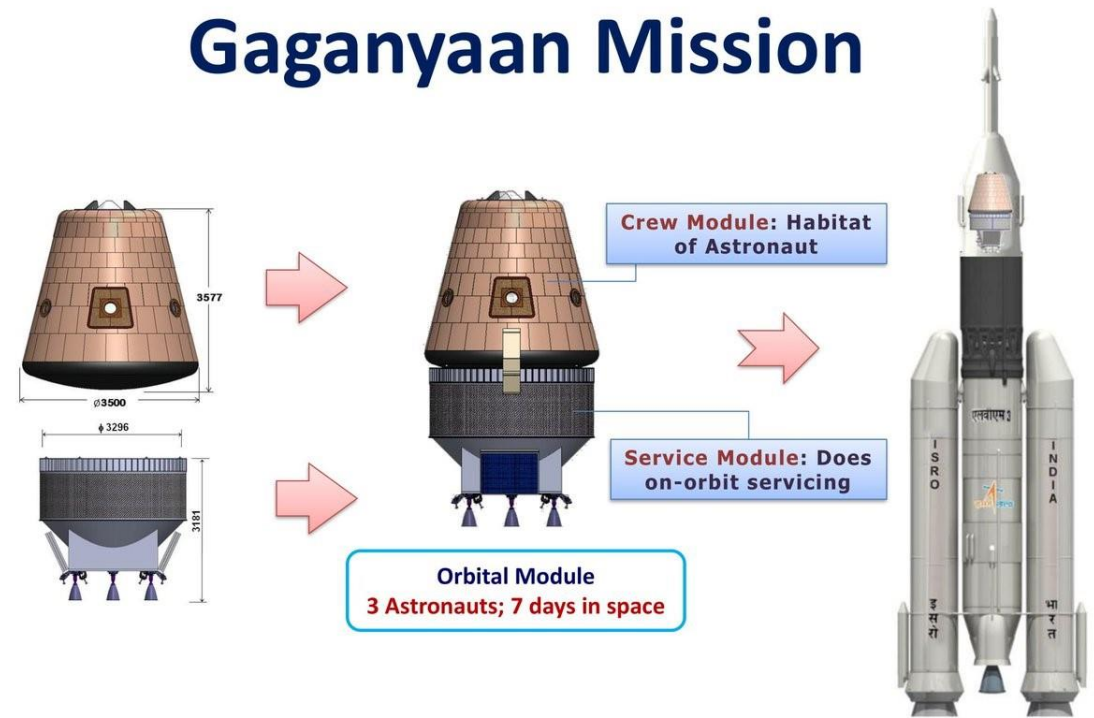


➤ **Gaganyaan will be done by end of which year?**

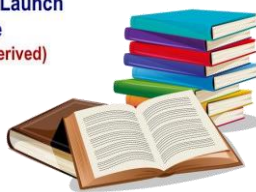
- A) 2022
- B) 2025
- C) 2023
- D) 2026
- E) 2024

Answer
C) 2023

Gaganyaan Mission

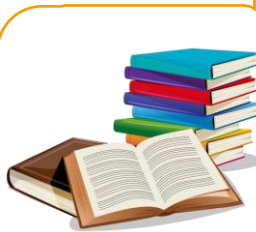


Human Rated Launch Vehicle
(GSLV MKIII derived)



Explanation

- Minister of State for Science and Technology, **Jitendra Singh** has said that the **first trial for Gaganyaan**, India's **maiden human space mission**, will be done by the end of **2023** or at the beginning of **2024**.



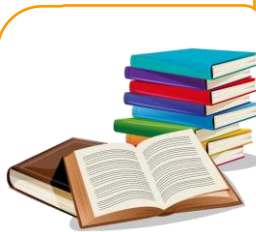
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ International Gita Mahotsav will be held in which of the following country from September 16 to 19?

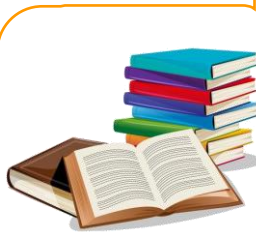
- A) Canada
- B) Mexico
- C) UK
- D) France
- E) USA

Answer
A) Canada



Explanation

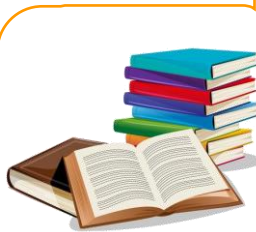
- The **International Gita Mahotsav** will be held in **Canada** from **September 16 to 19**, according to a Haryana government.
- The festival, being organised abroad for the **last six years**, will be held at the **Living Art Centre Mississauga**, Canada this year.
- The three-day festival will see **104 religious and social organisations from India** and abroad brainstorming on the teachings of Bhagavad Gita.



Titbits

Canada

- Capital: **Ottawa**
- Currency: **Canadian dollar (CAD)**
- Monarch: **Elizabeth II**
- Prime Minister: **Justin Trudeau**
- Language: **English, French**



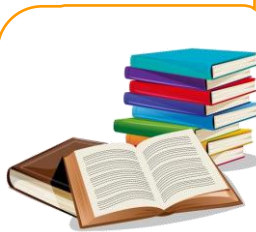
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Zydus Lifesciences got USFDA nod to sell its cancer medicine in which of the following country?

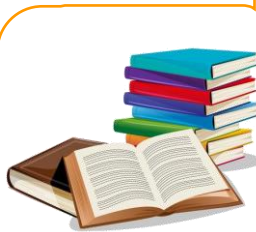
- A) Canada
- B) Mexico
- C) UK
- D) France
- E) USA

Answer
E) USA



Explanation

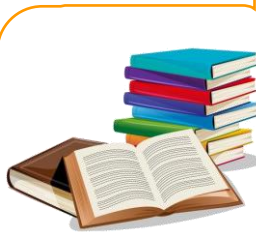
- **Zydus Lifesciences** has received approval from the US health regulator to sell **Lenalidomide capsules**, used in the **treatment of various types of cancers**, in the **American market**.
- The company has received approval from the **US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA)** to market the product in strengths of **2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg, 20 mg, and 25 mg**.



Titbits

United States of America

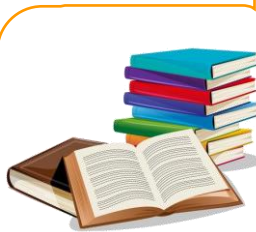
- Capital: **Washington DC**
- Currency: **US Dollar (USD)**
- President: **Joe Biden**
- Language: **English**



➤ Which edition of India-Vietnam security dialogue held in New Delhi?

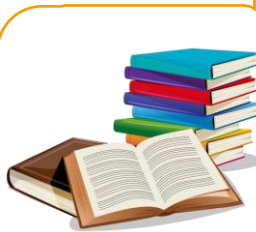
- A) 1st
- B) 4th
- C) 2nd
- D) 5th
- E) 3rd

Answer
C) 2nd



Explanation

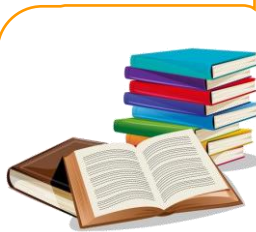
- The **Second India-Vietnam security dialogue** at the level of **Deputy National Security Advisor** was held in New Delhi.
- The **National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS)** was led by the Deputy National Security Adviser, **Vikram Misri**, and the Ministry of Public Security whereas the Socialist Republic of Vietnam was led by the Deputy Minister of Ministry of Public Security, **Senior Lieutenant General Luong Tam Quang**.
- An MoU for cooperation was signed between the **NSCS** and the **Vietnamese Ministry of Public Security** in **2016** establishing an institutional mechanism between the NSCS and the Vietnamese Ministry of Public Security.
- The inaugural dialogue was held in **April 2018 in Hanoi**.



Titbits

Vietnam

- Capital: **Hanoi**
- Currency: **Dong (VND)**
- President: **Nguyen Xuan Phuc**
- Prime Minister: **Pham Minh Chinh**
- Language: **Vietnamese**



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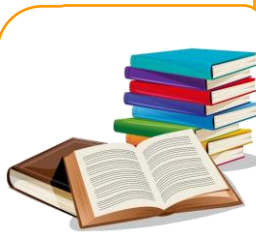


➤ Highway construction slowed down to how many km/day during Apr-Aug?

- A) 19 km/day
- B) 20 km/day
- C) 15 km/day
- D) 18 km/day
- E) 22 km/day

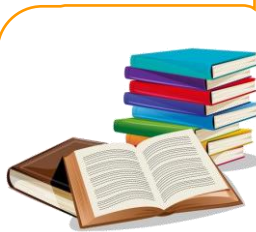
Answer

A) 19 km/day



Explanation

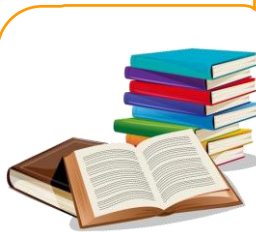
- The pace of **national highway construction** in the country has slowed to **19 km per day** during the first five months of the current financial year.
- While the pace of national highway (NH) construction in the country had touched a record **37 km per day in 2020-21**, it had slowed to **28.64 km a day in 2021-22**, due to pandemic-related disruptions and a longer-than-usual monsoon in some parts of the country.
- The Ministry has constructed **2,912 km** of National Highways up to August 2022, as compared to **3,355 km** up to August last year.
- The Award figure is **2,706 km** during this period as compared to **3,261 km** in the previous year.



Titbits

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

- Union Minister: **Nitin Gadkari** (Nagpur, Maharashtra)
- Minister of State: **Gen VK Singh**



➤ Which ministry sets up committee to address issues faced by venture capital, private equity?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Finance
- C) Ministry of Railways
- D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- E) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

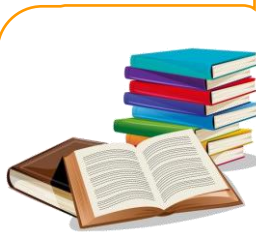


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MINISTRY OF
FINANCE

Answer

B) Ministry of Finance



Explanation

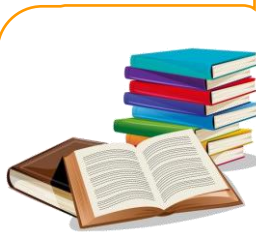
- The **Union finance ministry** has set up a **high-level committee** to address regulatory and other issues to enable scaling up investments by **venture capital and private equity investments** in the country.
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her **Budget 2022-23** speech had announced the setting up of an expert committee to examine and suggest appropriate measures related to **venture capital and private equity**.
- Venture Capital and Private Equity invested **more than Rs 5.5 lakh crore** last year facilitating one of the **largest start-up and growth ecosystems**.
- Scaling up this investment requires a **holistic examination** of regulatory and other frictions.
- **An expert committee** will be set up to examine and suggest appropriate measures.



Titbits

Ministry of Finance

- Union Minister: **Nirmala Sitharaman** (Rajya Sabha MP, Karnataka)
- Minister of State: **Bhagwat Karad** (Rajya Sabha MP, Maharashtra), **Pankaj Choudhary** (Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh)



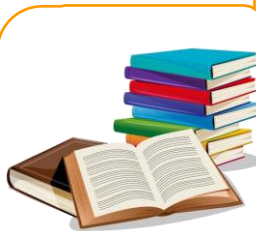
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➤ Over how many per cent beneficiaries on Poshan Tracker successfully Aadhaar seeded?

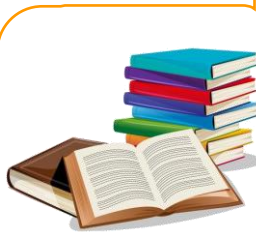
- A) 60%
- B) 40%
- C) 70%
- D) 50%
- E) 80%

Answer
E) 80%



Explanation

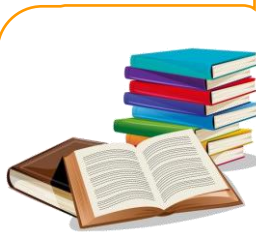
- **More than 80 per cent** of the beneficiaries registered on the **Poshan Tracker** have successfully incorporated their **Aadhaar numbers** with the system, according to the **Women and Child Development Ministry**.
- The Poshan Tracker has **more than 9.84 crore beneficiaries**, including 8.5 crore children.
- According to the ministry, the migration facility for pregnant women and lactating mothers from one **anganwadi centre (AWC)** to another within and outside a state has been facilitated under the **Poshan Tracker**.
- There are **9.84 crore beneficiaries** registered on Poshan Tracker which includes **4.11 crore children** aged six months to three years, **3.98 crore children** aged **3-6 years** and **48.53 lakh children** between **0-6 months**.



Titbits

Ministry of Women and Child Development

- Union Minister: **Smriti Zubin Irani** (Amethi,UP)
- Minister of State: **Mahendra Munjapara** (Surendarnagar,Gujarat)

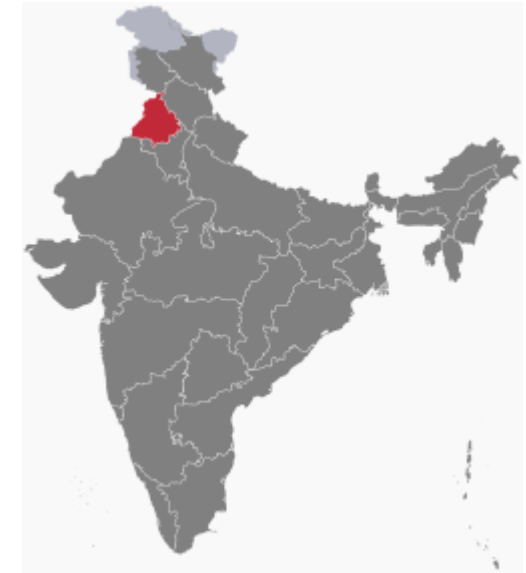


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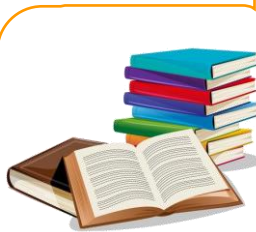


➤ Which of the following state will give monthly stipend to sportspersons?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Haryana
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Rajasthan
- E) Punjab

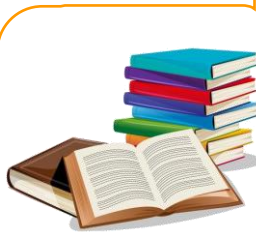


Answer
E) Punjab



Explanation

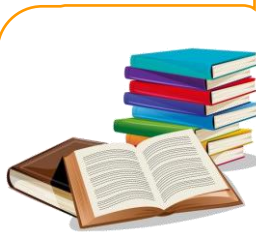
- Punjab Sports Minister **Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer** said the state government **will start scheme**, in which it will give monthly stipend to sportspersons who bag first three positions in national competitions.
- The state government will also launch a **health insurance scheme** for sportspersons.
- He said senior players, who bag first three positions in sports events at national-level championships will be given **Rs 8,000 per month** for one year.
- Similarly, junior players will be given **Rs 6,000 per month**, said Hayer.
- He said the stipend will continue if they again win medals after **one year**.
- He claimed Punjab is the **first state** in the country which will give stipend to sportspersons.
- The Sports Department will soon hire **220 new coaches** to boost sports activity in the state.



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: **Rajith Sagar Dam, Guru Hargobind Thermal Power Station**
- Dams: **Jaswant Sagar Dam in Luni River**
- RRB: **Punjab Gramin Bank (PNB)**
- UNESCO Site: -



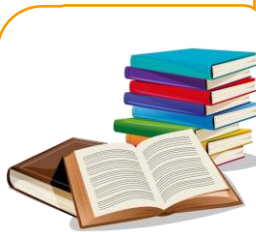
➤ Which ministry signed MoU with IRMA to strengthen capacity building of Panchayati Raj Institutions?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Finance
- C) Ministry of Railways
- D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- E) Ministry of Panchayati Raj



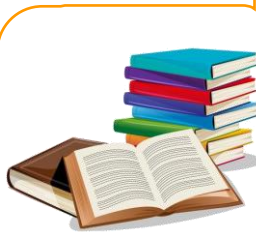
Answer

E) Ministry of Panchayati Raj



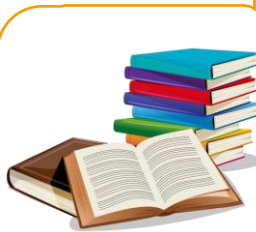
Explanation

- The **Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR)**, Government of India and the **Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA), Gujarat** will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at **Anand** with an aim to give an impetus to the strengthening and capacity building of Panchayati Raj Institutions across the country, and to establish a framework under which MoPR and IRMA will collaborate in the area of **Gram Panchayat Development Planning for Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs)** through Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).
- The MoU envisages **facilitating closer collaboration** and provide a mechanism by which **MoPR and IRMA** would work together for finding gaps and possible solutions to overcome gaps in preparation of model Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) linkages with LSDGs.



Explanation

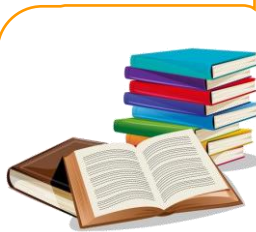
- The MoU envisions developing collaboration between MoPR and IRMA in bringing the **9 themes of LSDGs** to the grassroots by linking with GPDP.
- The MoU seeks to leverage the best of **Village Fieldwork Segment (VFS)**, which actively involves the IRMA students in a wide range of rural management activities and as a result widens the scope of their learning and exposure to the **rural economy, society, polity and concerns of rural communities.**



Titbits

Ministry of Panchayati Raj

- Union Minister: **Giriraj Singh** (Begusarai, Bihar)
- Minister of State: **Kapil Moreshwar Patil** (Bhiwandi, Maharashtra)



➤ IT Ministry, Meta will fund how many start-ups working in extended reality tech?

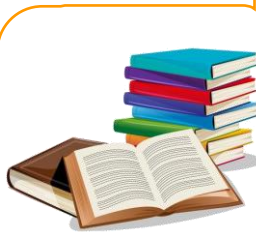


- A) 75
- B) 40
- C) 80
- D) 50
- E) 60

Answer
B) 40

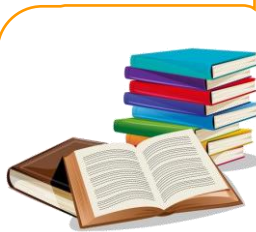


इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी एवं
सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
**ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**



Explanation

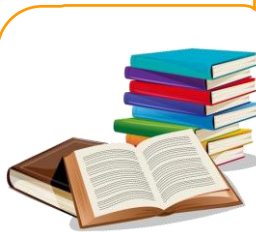
- The **Information Technology ministry** launched a programme in collaboration with **Meta Platforms Inc.**, the parent company of Facebook, to support **40 early-stage Indian start-ups** in extended **reality technology (XR)**.
- The programme will give **Rs 20 lakh** each to the start-ups and it will include a challenge aimed at promoting XR, a term that refers to immersive technologies such as virtual reality and augmented reality, which are regarded as the building blocks of the metaverse.



Titbits

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

- Union Minister: **Ashwini Vaishnaw** (Rajya Sabha MP, Odisha)
- Minister of State: **Rajeev Chandrasekhar** (Rajya Sabha MP, Karnataka)



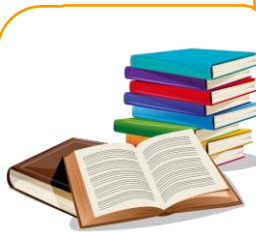
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➤ **Size of Indian dairy market will jump over 2-fold to Rs 30 trillion by which year?**

- A) 2024
- B) 2026
- C) 2028
- D) 2027
- E) 2025

Answer
D) 2027



Explanation

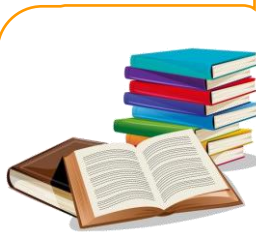
- The size of the Indian dairy market is estimated to jump over two fold to **Rs 30 lakh crore by 2027**, driven by growth in both volume and value terms, **NDDB Chairman Meenesh Shah**.
- He also asserted that the government is not "insensitive" and it will protect the interest of 8 crore dairy farmers while signing **free trade agreements (FTAs)** with other countries.



Titbits

NDDB

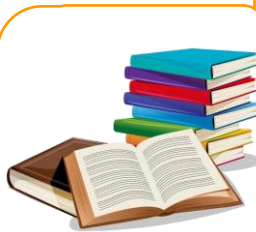
- **National Dairy Development Board**
- **Founded: July 1965**
- **HQ: Anand, Gujarat**
- **Chairman: Meenesh Shah**
- **Under: Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandary and Dairying**



➤ **Tata Sons will invest how many crores in Pune IT City Metro rail project?**

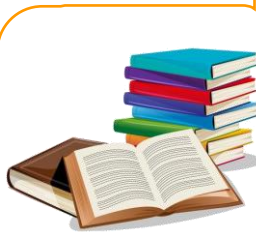
- A) Rs 950 crores
- B) Rs 875 crores
- C) Rs 975 crores
- D) Rs 925 crores
- E) Rs 900 crores

Answer
C) Rs 975 crores



Explanation

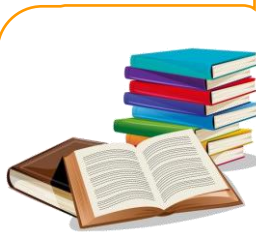
- Tata Sons, holding company of the Tata group, is investing **Rs 975 crore** in **Pune IT City Metro Rail**, a special purpose vehicle that has won the contract to construct, operate, and maintain the project connecting **Shivaji Nagar and Hinjewadi** in the city.
- The Tatas own a **74 per cent stake** in the SPV; the rest is owned by Siemens Project Ventures.
- The **Rs 7,420-crore, 23-km project** is being financed through debt-to-equity of **1.8 times** and the entire debt has been tied up, and the envisaged equity commitment is supported by Tata Sons, said a banking source.
- The Pune metro rail is being developed by the Maharashtra and Union governments, with a **50 per cent stake each**.



Titbits

Tata Group

- Founded: **1868**
- HQ: **Mumbai**
- Chairman Emeritus: **Ratan Tata**
- Chairman and MD: **Natarajan Chandrasekaran**



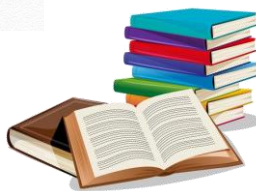
NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Over one lakh ninety thousand TB patients adopted within how many days of launch of Ni-Kshay 2.0 under PM TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan?

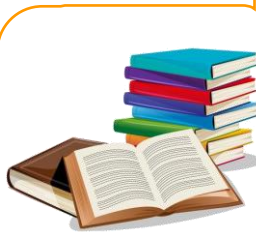
- A) 4 days
- B) 6 days
- C) 8 days
- D) 5 days
- E) 7 days

Answer
D) 5 days



Explanation

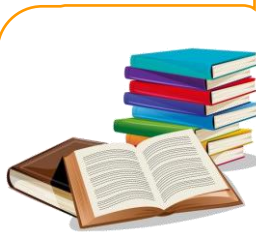
- **Over one lakh ninety thousand TB patients** have been adopted within the five days of the launch of **Ni-Kshay 2.0** initiative under the **Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan**.
- In a tweet, Health Minister **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** said that India is moving towards **TB Mukht Bharat** through Jan Bhagidari.
- Last week, President Droupadi Murmu launched the **Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan** to eradicate TB from the country by **2025**.
- During the event, she had also launched the **Ni-Kshay 2.0** initiative, a portal to provide a platform for donors to provide various forms of support to those undergoing TB treatment.



Titbits

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

- Union Minister: **Mansukh L. Mandaviya** (Rajya Sabha MP,Gujarat)
- Minister of State: **Bharati Pawar** (Dindori,Maharashtra)



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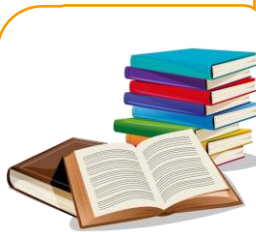
➤ Who among the following will flag off Gandhinagar-Mumbai Vande Bharat express train on Sept 30?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Rajnath Singh
- C) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- D) Jaishankar
- E) Amit Shah



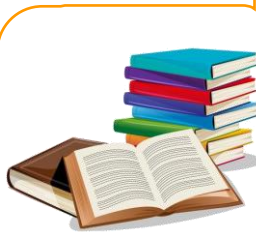
Answer

A) Narendra Modi



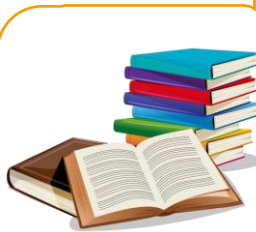
Explanation

- Union Railway Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** said Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off the **Vande Bharat Express Train** between **Gandhinagar and Mumbai** on September 30.
- The Minister told the media in Ahmedabad that the trial run of the **Vande Bharat Express Train** was successful.
- Addressing media after the interactive session organized by the **Gujarat Chamber of Commerce** in Ahmedabad, **Mr. Vaishnaw** said the serial production of the world-class Vande Bharat Express will begin the next month.
- The center aims to begin **75 Vande Bharat Express Trains** by **15th August 2023** which will link all the major cities of the country.
- The first among them will be started soon between **Gandhinagar and Mumbai**.



Explanation

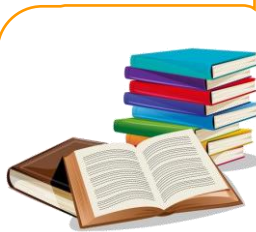
- The minister said Vande Bharat express trains will be equipped with **regenerated technology**.
- He said, in the second phase, Vande Bharat express Train will **have sleeper coaches**.
- He further added that the work of India's ambitious Bullet train project connecting **Ahmedabad and Mumbai** is going on rapidly.
- Pillars have been set up over an **80-kilometer route**.
- Earlier in the day, the Minister also inspected the work of the **Multi-Modal Transport Hub** which is being established at Sabarmati Railway Station.
- The transport hub will integrate **Indian railways, Bullet Train, Metro Train, and BRTS**.



Titbits

Ministry of Railways

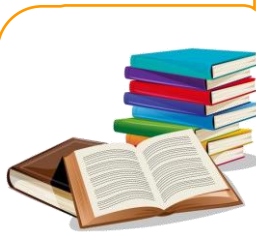
- Union Minister: **Ashwini Vaishnaw** (Rajya Sabha MP, Odisha)
- Minister of State: **Raosaheb Danve** (Jalna, Maharashtra), **Darshana Jardosh** (Surat, Gujarat)



➤ International Year of Millets?

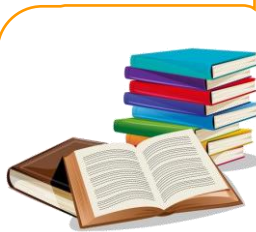
- A) 2024
- B) 2026
- C) 2022
- D) 2025
- E) 2023

Answer
E) 2023



Explanation

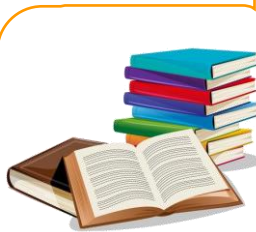
- Govt proposes **India@75, International Year of Millets, Nari Shakti** as themes for tableaux for Republic Day Parade **2023**.



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1. Prakash Chand appointed as Indian Ambassador to Eritrea
2. Gaganyaan to be done by end of 2023 or beginning of 2024
3. International Gita Mahotsav to be held in Canada from September 16 to 19: Haryana govt statement
4. Zydus Lifesciences gets USFDA nod to sell its cancer medicine in American market
5. Second India-Vietnam security dialogue held in New Delhi



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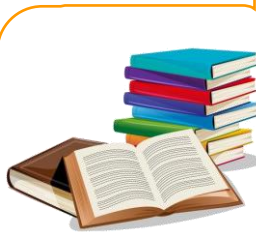
6.Highway construction slows to 19 km/day during Apr-Aug:
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7.Finance ministry sets up committee to address issues faced
by venture capital, private equity

8.Over 80 per cent beneficiaries on Poshan Tracker
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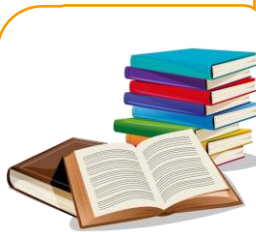
11.IT Ministry, Meta to fund 40 start-ups working in extended reality tech

12.Tata Sons to invest Rs 975 crore in Pune IT City Metro rail project

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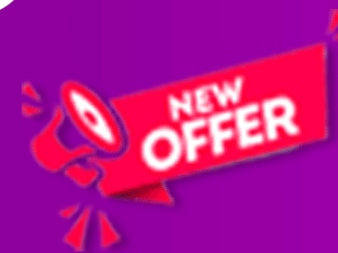


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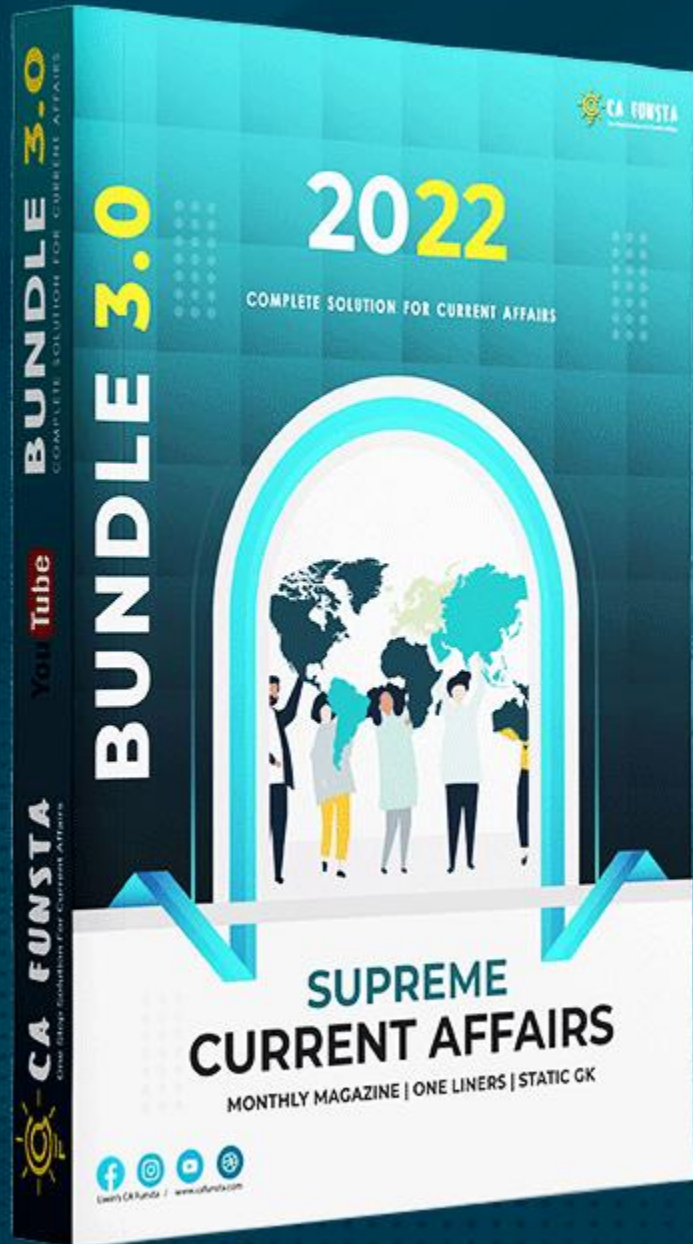
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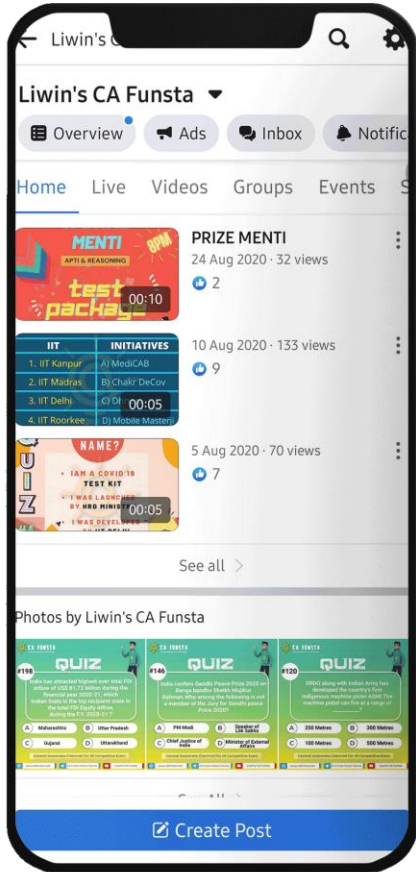
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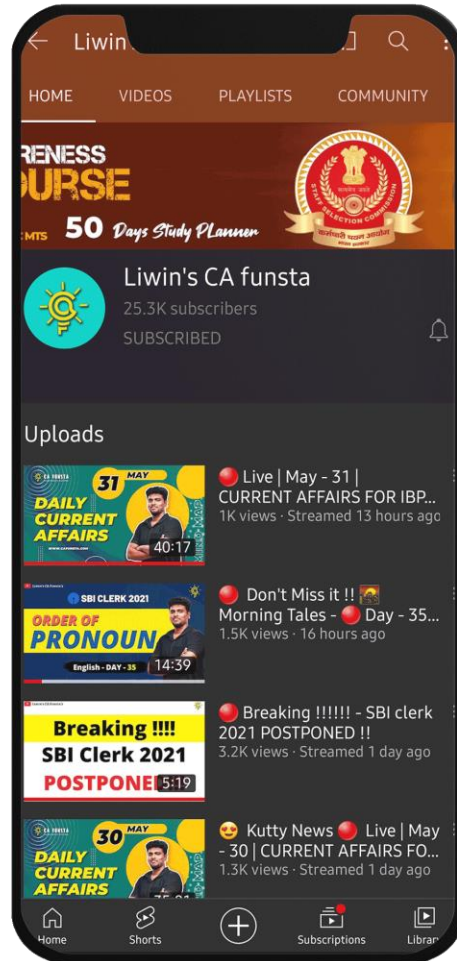
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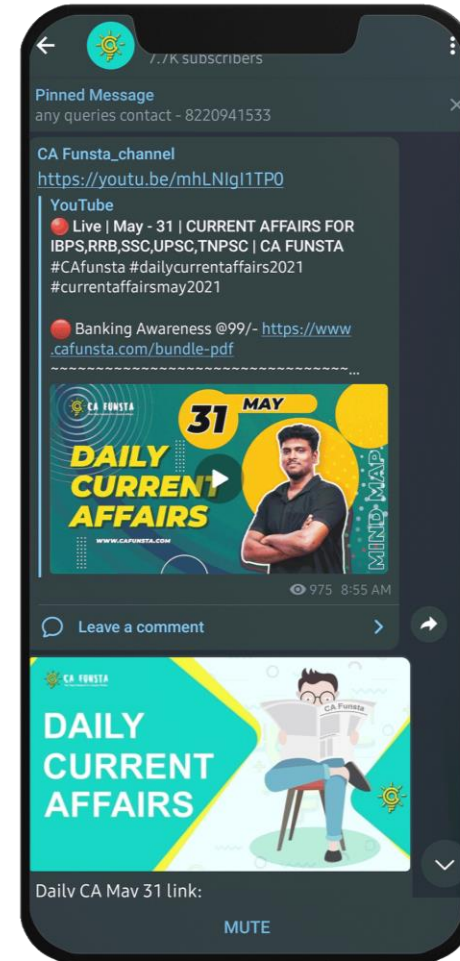
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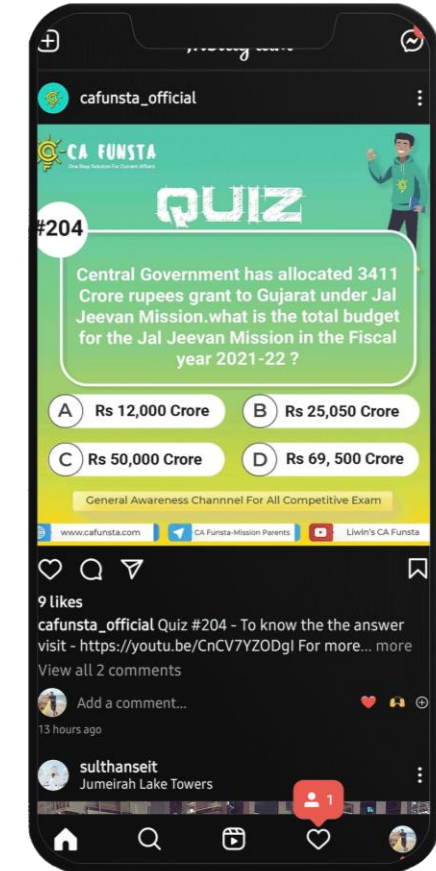


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