



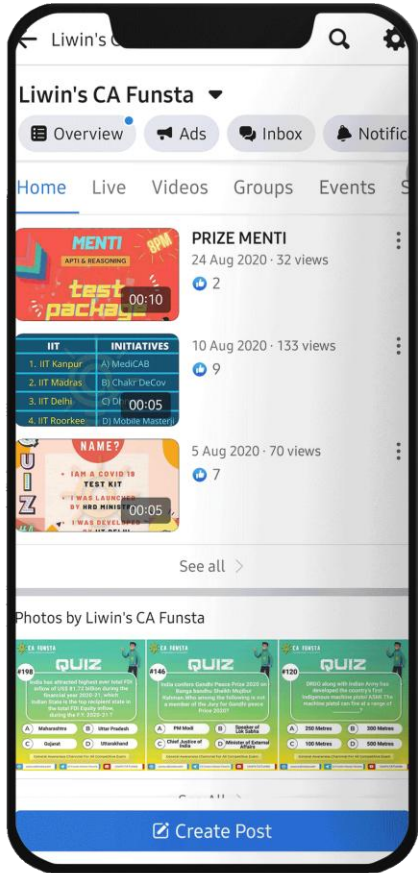
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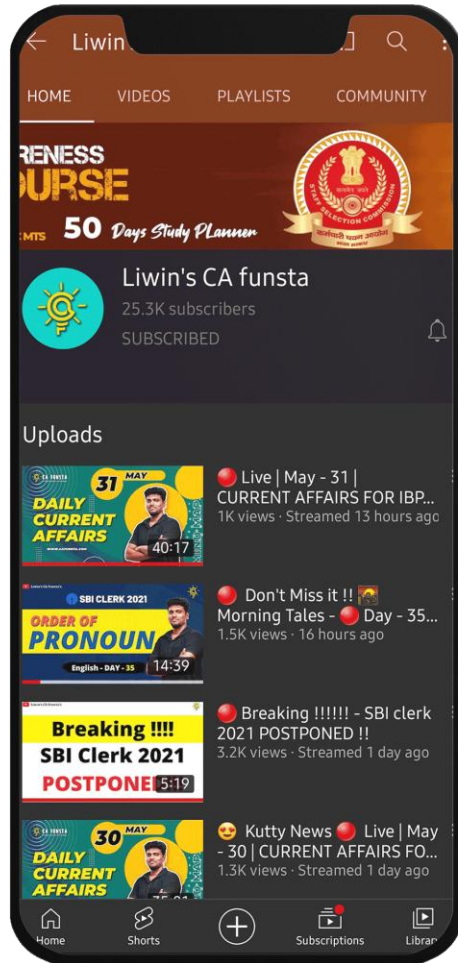
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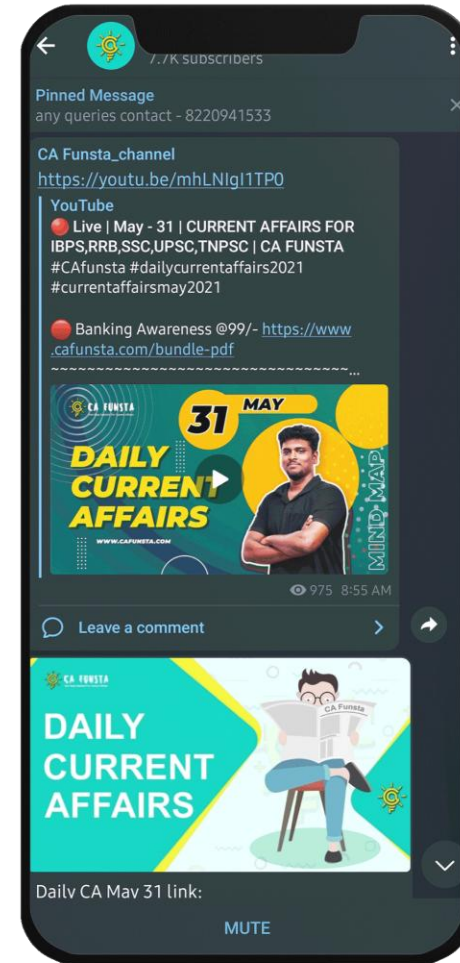
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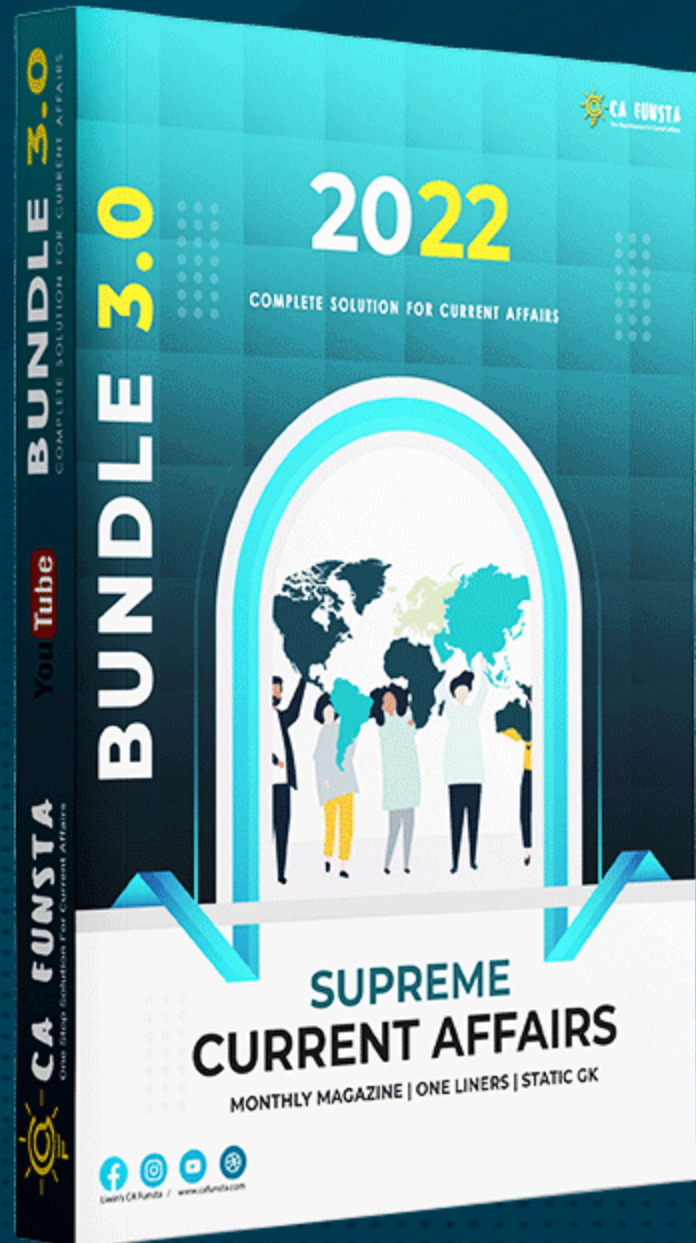
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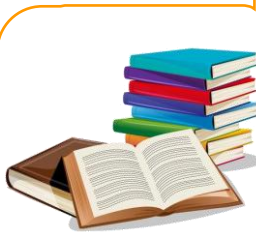
➤ Over how many crores e-KYC transactions carried out using Aadhaar in September?

- A) 27 crores
- B) 25 crores
- C) 28 crores
- D) 26 crores
- E) 24 crores



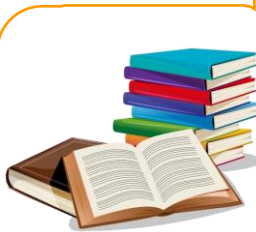
**Answer**

**B) 25 crores**



## Explanation

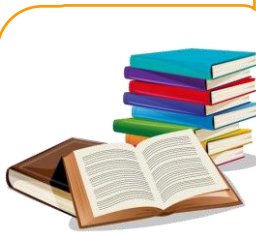
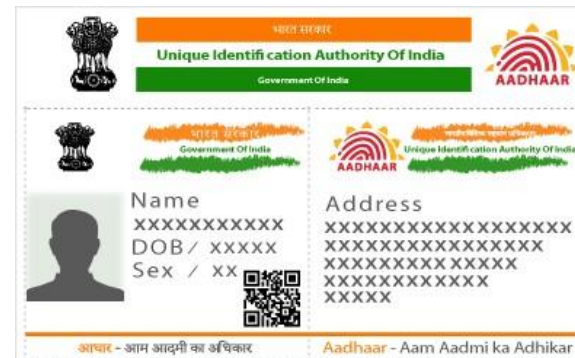
- Over **25 crore e-KYC transactions** were carried out using **Aadhaar in September**, almost **7.7 per cent higher** than the levels seen in August.
- An e-KYC transaction is done with the explicit consent of the Aadhaar holder, and eliminates physical paperwork, and in-person verification requirement for Know Your Customer (KYC).
- In **September alone, 25.25 crore e-KYC transactions were executed via Aadhaar**, almost 7.7 per cent jump in such transactions when compared with August.
- The cumulative number of e-KYC transactions through Aadhaar so far has **increased to 1,297.93 crore by the end of September**.



## Titbits

### Aadhaar

- Ministry : **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**
- first Chairman, UIDAI : **Nandan Nilekan**
- Launched : **28 January 2009**
- Eligibility : **Resident of India**



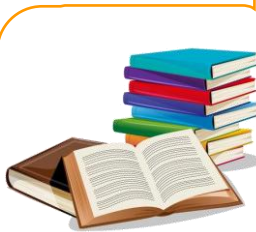
➤ CCI slapped how many crores fine on Google for abusing dominance?

- A) Rs 946.44 crores
- B) Rs 926.44 crores
- C) Rs 956.44 crores
- D) Rs 936.44 crores
- E) Rs 916.44crores



**Answer**

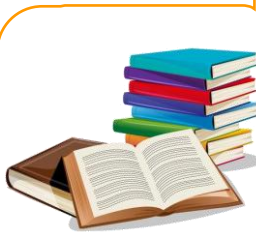
**D) Rs 936.44 crores**





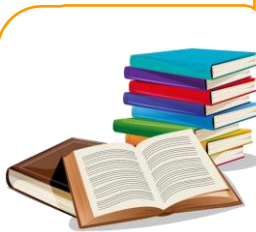
## Explanation

- In its second ruling against Google in less than a week, the **Competition Commission slapped a penalty of Rs 936.44 crore on the internet major for abusing its dominant position with respect to its Play Store policies.**
- The regulator has also directed the company **to cease and desist from unfair business practices as well as carry out various measures** to address the anti-competitive issues within a defined timeline.
- This is the second major CCI ruling against Google in less than a week. **On October 20, the watchdog imposed a penalty of Rs 1,337.76 crore on the company for abusing its dominant position in multiple markets in relation to Android mobile devices and ordered the internet major to cease and desist from various unfair business practices.**



## Explanation

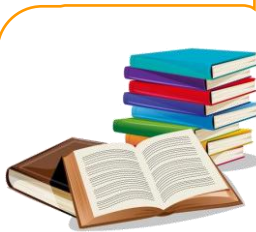
- The Competition Commission of India (Commission) said it has **imposed a penalty of Rs 936.44 crore on Google** for abusing its dominant position with respect to its Play Store policies.
- The **penalty amount translates to 7 per cent of the company's average relevant turnover.**



## Titbits

### Competition Commission of India

- Formed : **14 October 2003**
- Headquarters : **New Delhi**
- Chairman : **Ashok Kumar Gupta**



# BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



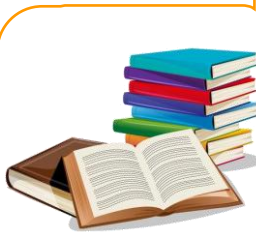
➤ **Sebi fined how many entities worth Rs 15 lakh in Deutsche Mutual Fund case?**



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

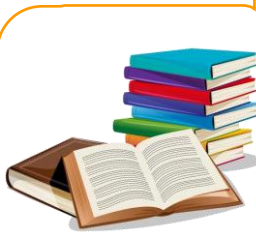


**Answer**  
**A) 6**



## Explanation

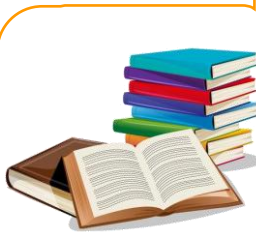
- Capital markets regulator **Sebi** has imposed penalties totalling **Rs 15 lakh** on six entities in a case pertaining to **front-running the trades of Deutsche Mutual Fund**, which is now known as **DHFL Pramerica Mutual Fund**.
- Those penalised by Sebi are -- **Kanchan Jena, Hemlata Dei Jena, Malati Lata Jena, Jayant Chhaparia, Abhishek Chhaparia and Progressive Share Brokers**.
- They have been directed to **pay the fine within 45 days**, according to two separate orders passed by Securities and Board of India (Sebi).
- However, three sisters -- Kanchan Jena, Hemlata Dei Jena, Malati Lata Jena -- Jayant Chhaparia, Abhishek Chhaparia **facilitated them in executing front-running trades during the investigation period from September 2014 and May 2015**.



## Titbits

### Securities and Exchange Board of India

- Formed : **April 12, 1988**
- Headquarters : **Mumbai, Maharashtra**
- Chairman : **Madhabi Puri Buch**



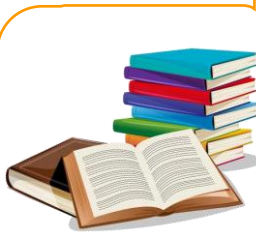
- Adani Group will invest in passenger vehicle fleets for ancillary support to airports, in which year Adani Group founded?

- A) 1986
- B) 1990
- C) 1988
- D) 1987
- E) 1989



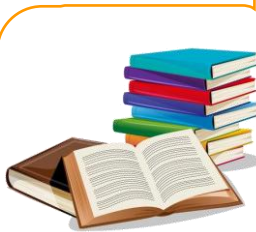
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**Answer**  
**C) 1988**



## Explanation

- As a means of providing ancillary support to the traction at Adani Airports in Tier-I cities, the **Adani group reportedly plans to invest in fleets of passenger vehicles that would be listed on ride-hailing mediums like Uber.**
- There have already been **discussions between Uber and Adani Group**, which operates seven airports in the country.
- The two companies recently announced a partnership under which **Adani Airports now has dedicated Uber pick-up zones at five of its seven airports.**
- In addition to its airport business, the Ahmedabad-based group has been investing in other **companies.**
- **The company signed an agreement with India's largest independent aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul company, AirWorks, earlier this month, valued at Rs 400 crore.**

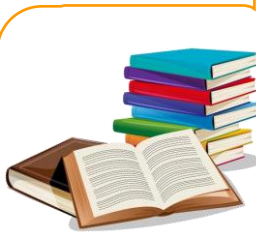




## Titbits

### Adani Group

- Founded : **2015**
- Founder : **Gautam Adani**
- Headquarters : **Ahmedabad, India**



# BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



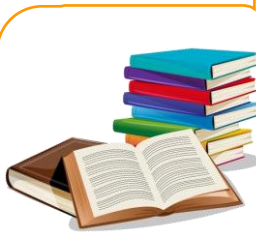
➤ BSE, NSE conduct muhurat trading on occasion of Diwali marking beginning of Samvat \_\_\_\_?



- A) 2059
- B) 2089
- C) 2069
- D) 2099
- E) 2079

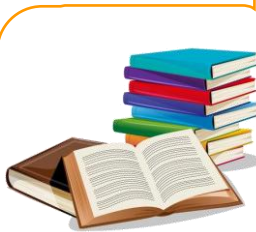


**Answer**  
**E) 2079**



## Explanation

- **The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and National Stock Exchange (NSE) conducted muhurat trading on the occasion of Diwali, marking the beginning of Samvat 2079.**
- **The Sensex at BSE and the Nifty at NSE gained around one percent.**
- **The Sensex closed at 59,832 and the Nifty settled at 17,731 level.**
- **Muhurat trading started at 6:15 pm and ended at 7:15 pm.**
- **The trading took place across various segments like equity, commodity derivatives, currency derivatives, equity futures & options, and securities lending & borrowing.**



## Titbits

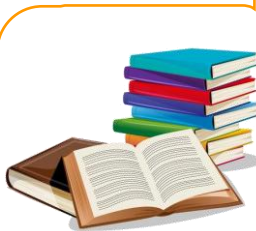
### Bombay Stock Exchange

- Formed : 9 July 1875
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : SS Mundra



### National Stock Exchange

- Formed : 1992
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Girish Chandr Chaturvedi



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



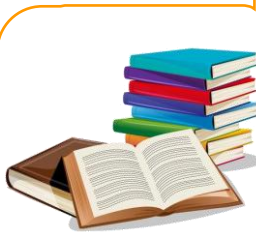
- Nomura Singapore sold how many percent stake in CSB Bank worth Rs 61 crore?



- A) 3.47%
- B) 1.52%
- C) 5.82%
- D) 2.54%
- E) 4.19%



**Answer**  
**B) 1.52%**

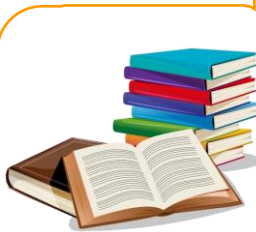


# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Explanation

- **Nomura Singapore divested 1.52 per cent stake in private sector lender CSB Bank for over Rs 61 crore through an open market transaction.**
- **According to bulk deal data available with the National Stock Exchange (NSE), Nomura Singapore offloaded 26,39,673 shares, amounting to 1.52 per cent stake in the company.**
- **The shares were disposed off at an average price of Rs 232.3 apiece, taking the transaction value to Rs 61.31 crore.**



# APPOINTMENTS



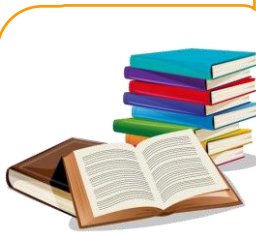
➤ Who among the following appointed as PFRDA member (Law)?

- A) Narayana Rao Rathore
- B) Narayana Rao Nayak
- C) Narayana Rao Basha
- D) Narayana Rao Battu
- E) Narayana Rao Dev



**Answer**

**D) Narayana Rao Battu**

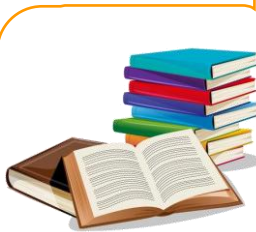


# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- The government has appointed **Narayana Rao Battu**, an **Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Law and Justice**, as **member (Law) in the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)**.
- The appointment **is effective till he attains the age of 62 years or until further orders**, whichever is earlier, the **Department of Financial Services** said in an order dated **October 20**. Prior to Battu, **Pramod Kumar Singh** was the **whole-time member (Law) at PFRDA**.
- There is still a vacancy for member (Economics) for which the process for selection is on, while **Manoj Anand** is **member (Finance)**.





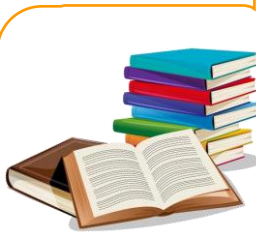
# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority

- Founded : **23 August 2003**
- Sector : **Pension**
- Headquarters : **New Delhi**
- Chairperson : **Supratim Bandyopadhyay**



# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

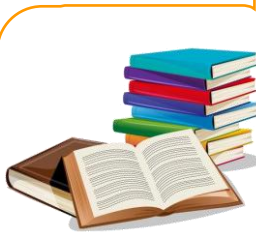


➤ **Webb telescope captures an entwined pair of interacting galaxies \_\_\_\_ million light-years away?**

- A) 270 million
- B) 290 million
- C) 260 million
- D) 280 million
- E) 250 million

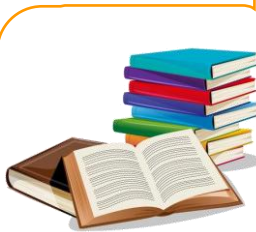
**Answer**

**A) 270 million**



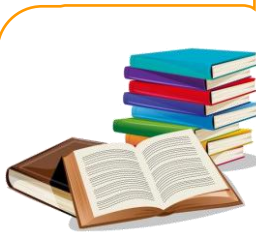
## Explanation

- The **James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)** has captured a **spectacular image of IC 1623**, an entwined pair of interacting galaxies which **lies around 270 million light-years from Earth in the constellation Cetus**.
- The **two galaxies in IC 1623** are **plunging headlong into one another**, igniting a frenzied spate of star formation known as a **starburst**, creating new stars at a rate more than **twenty times that of our home galaxy - the Milky Way**.



## Explanation

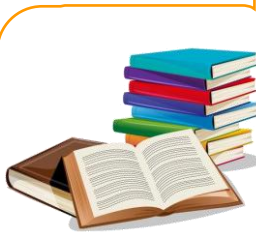
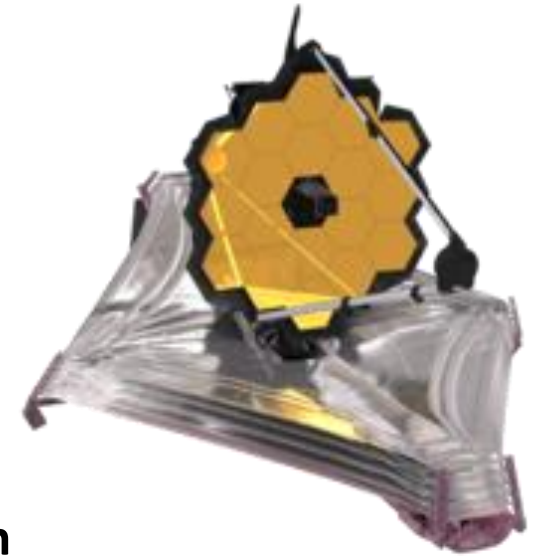
- IC 1623 was **captured across the infrared portions of the electromagnetic spectrum** using a trio of Webb's cutting-edge scientific instruments: **MIRI, NIRSpec, and NIRCam**.
- While **the galaxy merger** has previously been **imaged by Hubble Space Telescope and by other space telescopes**, Webb's infrared sensitivity and its impressive resolution at those wavelengths allows it **to see past the dust and has resulted in the spectacular image above, a combination of MIRI and NIRCam imagery**.



## Titbits

### James Webb Space Telescope

- Launch date : **25 December 2021 at 5:50 pm IST**
- Power : **2,000 watts**
- Launch mass : **6,161 kg**
- Cost : **1,000 crores USD (2016)**
- Launch site : **Guiana Space Centre**
- Manufacturers: **Northrop Grumman, Ball Aerospace & Technologies**
- Organizations : **European Space Agency, NASA, Canadian Space Agency**



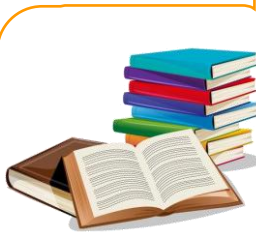
# ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



➤ **India to export green energy to Singapore from which year?**

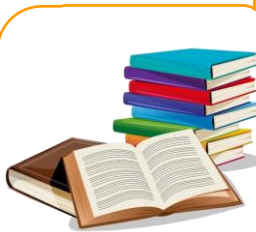
- A) 2024
- B) 2027
- C) 2025
- D) 2023
- E) 2026

**Answer**  
**C) 2025**



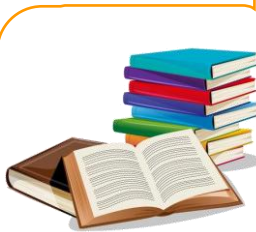
## Explanation

- **India will for the first-time export green energy from 2025, with the first shipments going to a Singapore power plant under an MoU signed by an India-based dispatchable renewables company and Singapore's energy business.**
- **The MoU to explore opportunities in green hydrogen potential in India will see Greenko group and Singapore's Keppel Infrastructure working towards a 250,000 tonne per annum contract to be supplied to Keppel's new 600Mw power plant in Singapore.**



## Explanation

- Further, the contract for **the export of green ammonia would also expand to cover bunker fuel through the Keppel network in Singapore's network of bunker fuel supplies to ships**, said Mahesh Kolli, President and Joint Managing Director of Greenko Group.
- Likewise, **Greenko's wide range of investments includes USD 5 billion** in the storage of **carbon-free green hydrogen energy** across India.

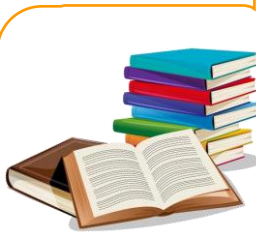




## Titbits

### Singapore

- Capital : **Singapore City**
- Currency : **Singapore Dollar**
- President : **Halimah Yacob**
- Prime Minister : **Lee Hisen Loong**
- Language : **Malay**



# DEFENCE



➤ Department of Defence Production organises cleanliness drives in how many sites across the country?

A) 293

B) 291

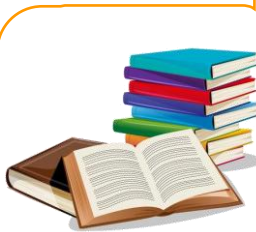
C) 295

D) 292

E) 294

**Answer**

**E) 294**

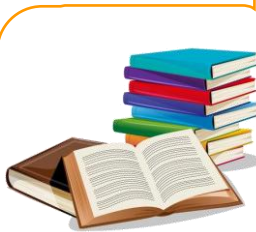


# DEFENCE



## Explanation

- **Department of Defence Production** has organised **cleanliness drives in 294 sites across the country.**
- The department has been **conducting the Special Campaign 2.0 on Swachhta** across its offices **located in New Delhi** and in all field offices and local units, **since 2nd October this year.**
- During the campaign, **the department has disposed of nine pending issues from Members of Parliament and 231 general public grievances during the period.**
- A sum of **over 10 crores 72 lakh rupee** has been realised in revenue so far **from the sale of scrap and over 75 thousand square feet of space** has been freed up.



# DEFENCE



➤ Who among the following joined hand with Drone Federation to promote indigenous drone technology?

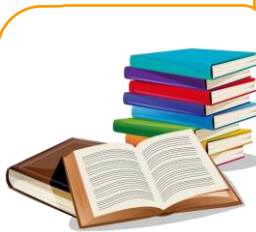


- A) DRDO
- B) Indian Navy
- C) BSF
- D) Indian Army
- E) Indian Air Force



**Answer**

**B) Indian Navy**

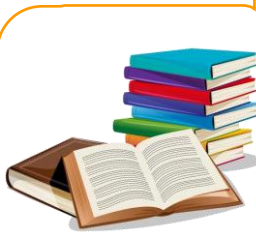


# DEFENCE



## Explanation

- The **Technology Development and Acceleration Cell of the Naval Innovation Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) under the Indian Navy and Drone Federation of India** have **joined hands to collaboratively work towards promoting indigenous development, manufacturing and testing of a drone, counter-drone, and associated technologies for the Navy.**
- As a part of this collaboration, **the Navy and the drone industry body will increase the Navy-industry-academia synergy, and source technology development challenges towards component indigenisation.**



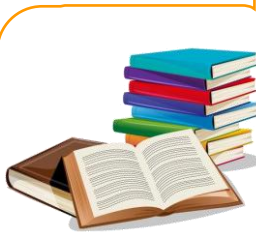
# DEFENCE



## Titbits

### Indian Navy

- Formed : **26 January 1950**
- Headquarters : **New Delhi**
- Motto(s) : **May the Lord of Water be auspicious unto us**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS

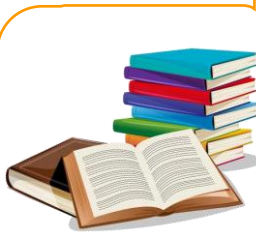


➤ Govt earned how many crores from disposing scrap?

- A) Rs 255.21 crores
- B) Rs 253.21 crores
- C) Rs 256.21 crores
- D) Rs 254.21 crores
- E) Rs 252.21 crores

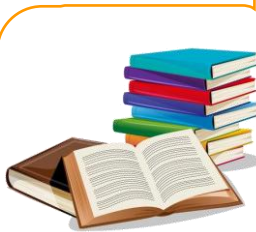
**Answer**

**D) Rs 254.21 crores**



## Explanation

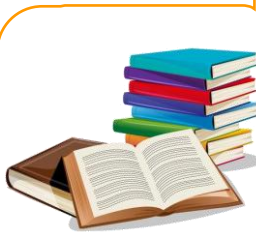
- The Centre has **earned Rs 254.21 crore from scrap disposal** besides **easing of 588 rules during the ongoing special cleanliness campaign**, Union minister Jitendra Singh.
- He said **40 lakh files have been reviewed** and **37.19 lakh square feet of space freed** so far.
- Singh, the **Minister of State for Personnel**, said **tremendous enthusiasm is being witnessed in ministries/department for institutionalising Swachhata and minimising pendency.**
- **Revenue of Rs 254.21 crore** has been earned so far from the disposal of scrap. **A total of 588 rules have been eased.**





## Explanation

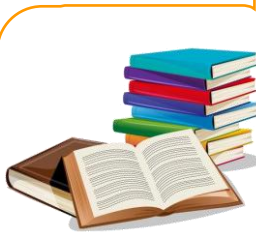
- The campaign has **inculcated a behavioural change and led to innovation in governance.**
- He said there were **68,363 Swachhata campaign sites and 40.52 lakh files (including e-files and physical files)** were reviewed.
- The minister reviewed the progress of **week 3 of special campaign 2.0 being implemented in all government offices of India** and said **significant progress was achieved in the period October 2-October 25, 2022.**
- As many as **3,20,152 public grievances** have been redressed, **37.19 lakh square feet of space was freed** and **5,416 references from the Members of Parliament (MPs)** were also processed.



## Titbits

### Ministry of Science and Technology

- Union minister : **Jitendra Singh** (Udhampur,J&K)



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS

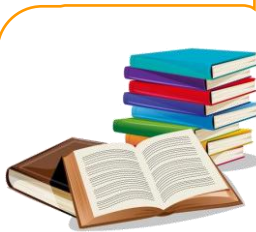


➤ Government will develop how many districts as export hubs?

- A) 50
- B) 70
- C) 40
- D) 60
- E) 30

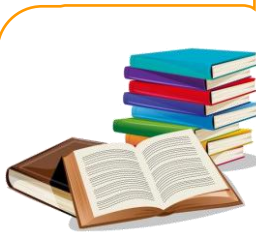


**Answer**  
**A) 50**



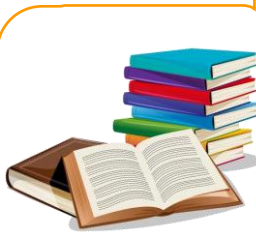
## Explanation

- With exports facing global headwinds, the Union Budget is likely to announce a **₹2,500 crore scheme to develop 50 districts as export hubs.**
- The programme will help domestic producers in these districts **to scale up manufacturing and find potential buyers outside India.**
- Under the proposed scheme, **the government will select 50 districts through a challenge, and they will receive ₹50 crore each.**
- The districts will be assessed on parameters such as plans for exports, efforts **to plug infrastructure and logistics gaps, and cluster approach to exports.**



## Explanation

- As it will be a centrally sponsored scheme, **the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)** has **proposed that the Centre pays 60% of the estimated cost**, with the rest borne by the respective states.
- This means that the **Centre will likely allocate ₹1,500 crore for the programme.**



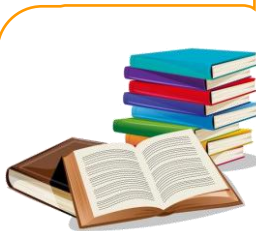
# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ **Shri Ram temple in Ayodhya will be opened for devotees by which year?**

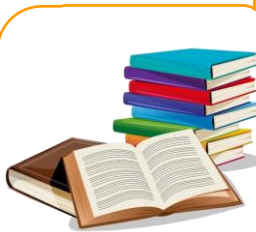
- A) 2025
- B) 2028
- C) 2024
- D) 2027
- E) 2026

**Answer**  
**C) 2024**



## Explanation

- **Almost 50% of the construction work of the Shri Ram temple in Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh has been completed. The temple will open for devotees in January 2024.**
- **Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust invited the media, for the first time, to see the progress of the Ram Temple.**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inspected the construction work of the temple on the eve of Deepawali amidst the celebration of the grand Deepotsava in Ayodhya.**
- **The Ram Mandir is being built on a land spread across 2.77 acres and the estimated construction cost of the grand temple is around Rs. 1800 crore.**

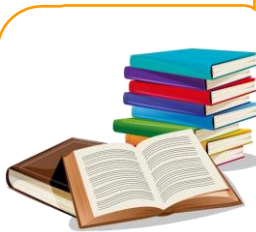


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## Titbits Uttar Pradesh

- Capital: **Lucknow**
- CM: **Yogi Adityanath (21st)**
- Governor: **Anandiben Patel (28th)**
- Language: **Hindi**
- National Park: **Dudhwa National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **National Chambal Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary, Parvati Agra Bird Sanctuary , Saman Bird Sanctuary , Samaspur Bird Sanctuary , Sandi Bird Sanctuary , Sarsai Nawar Jheel , Sur Sarovar , Upper Ganga River, Haiderpur Wetland, Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Tiger Reserve: **Pilibhit Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Panki Thermal Power Statio**
- Dams: **Adwa Dam**
- RRB: **Aryavart Bank (BOI), Baroda UP Bank (BOB), Prathama UP Gramin Bank (PNB)**
- UNESCO Site: **Agra Fort,Taj Mahal,Fatehpur Sikri**





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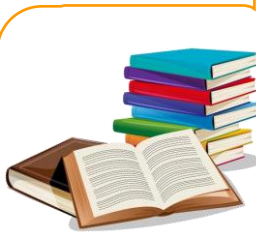


➤ 'Bestu Varsh' being celebrated in which of the following state?

- A) Bihar
- B) Assam
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Gujarat

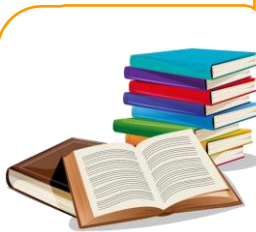


**Answer**  
**E) Gujarat**



## Explanation

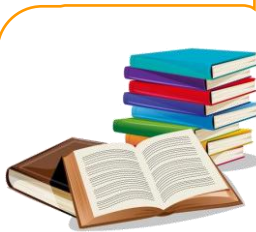
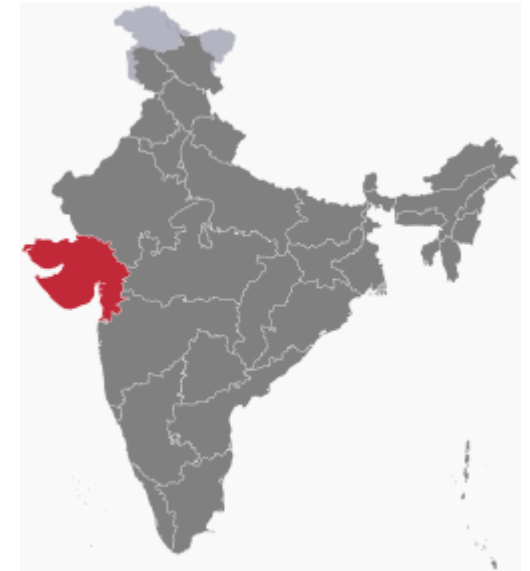
- **Gujarati New Year or Bestu Varsh** is being celebrated on **October 26**.
- New Year is being **celebrated with traditional zeal and fervor by Gujarati community** across the globe.
- AIR correspondent reports that the Gujarati New Year, **Vikram Sanvat 2079**.



## Titbits

### Gujarat

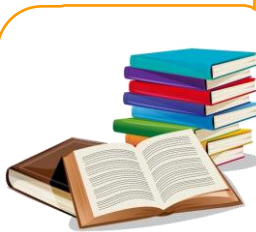
- Capital: **Gandhinagar**
- CM: **Bhupendrabhai Patel**
- Governor: **Acharya Dev Vrat**
- Language: **Gujarati**
- National Park: **Gir Forest National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Kutch Desert Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Thol Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, Nalsarovar Bird Sanctuary, Wadhvana Wetland, Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Tiger Reserve: -
- Power Station: **Kutch Lignite Thermal Power Station**
- Dams: **Abhalwad Dam**
- 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)**



# QUICK RECALL



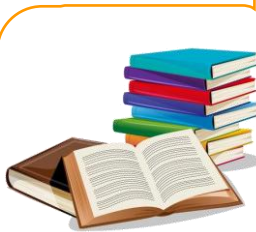
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- ❖ **CCI slaps Rs 936.44 cr fine on Google** for abusing dominance
- ❖ **Sebi fines 6 entities worth Rs 15 lakh** in Deutsche Mutual Fund case
- ❖ **Adani Group to invest in passenger vehicle fleets** for ancillary support to airports
- ❖ **BSE, NSE** conduct muhurat trading on occasion of Diwali marking **beginning of Samvat 2079**
- ❖ **Nomura Singapore sells 1.52% stake in CSB Bank** worth Rs 61 crore
- ❖ Govt appoints **Narayana Rao Battu as PFRDA member (Law)**
- ❖ **Webb telescope captures an entwined pair of interacting galaxies 270 million light-years away**



# QUICK RECALL



- ❖ **India to export green energy to Singapore from 2025, Greenko-Keppel sign Hydrogen MoU**
- ❖ **Department of Defence Production organises cleanliness drives in 294 sites across the country**
- ❖ **Indian Navy, Drone Federation join hands to promote indigenous drone technology**
- ❖ **Govt earned Rs 254.21 cr from disposing scrap, eased 588 rules: Jitendra Singh**
- ❖ **Govt to develop 50 districts as export hubs**
- ❖ **Shri Ram temple in Ayodhya to open for devotees in January 2024**
- ❖ **Gujarati new year 'Bestu Varsh' being celebrated**

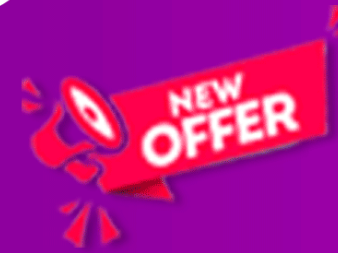


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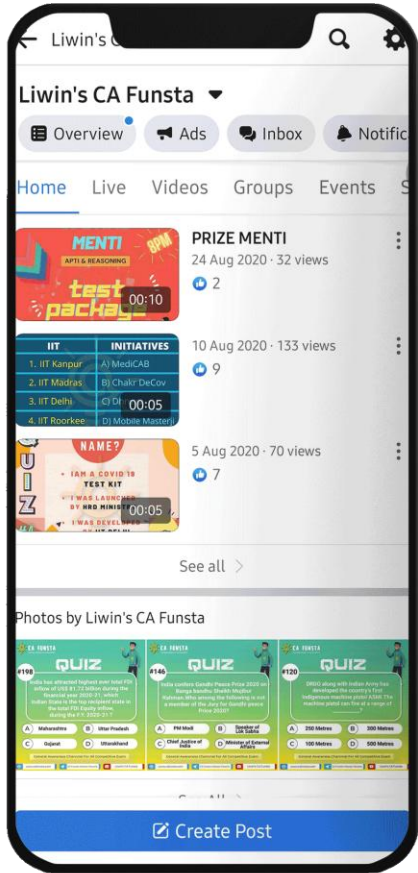
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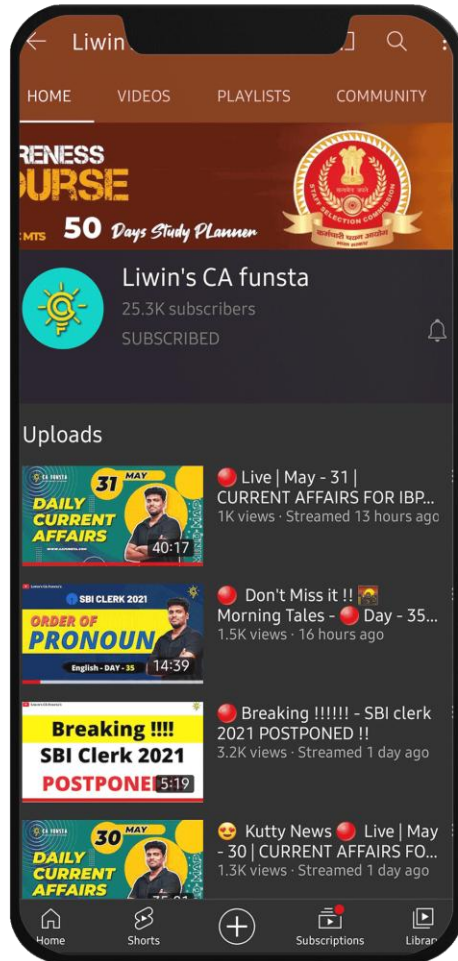
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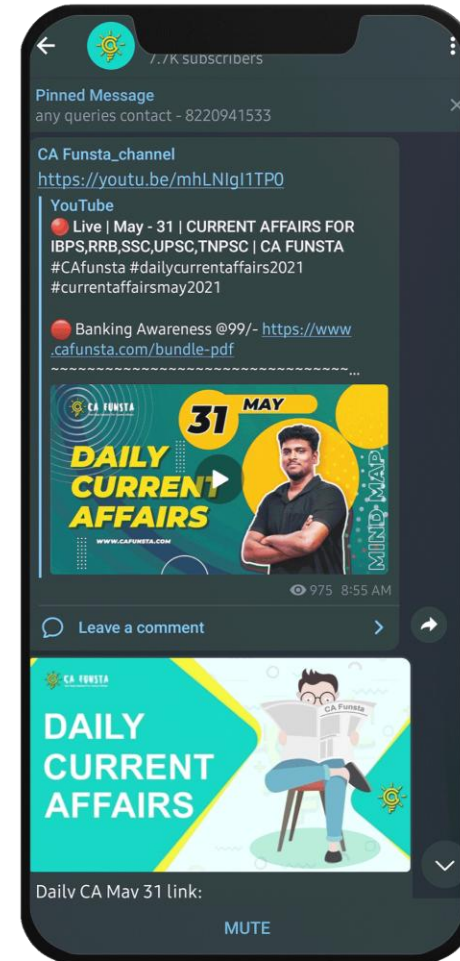
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