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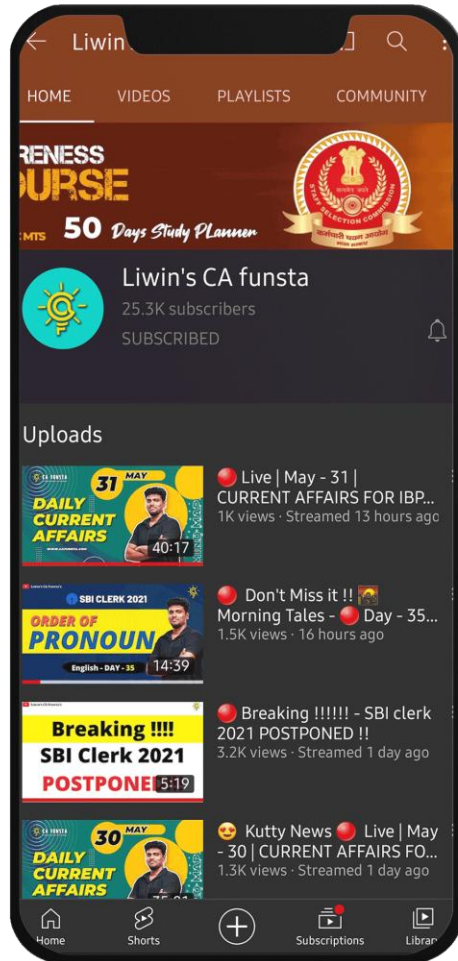
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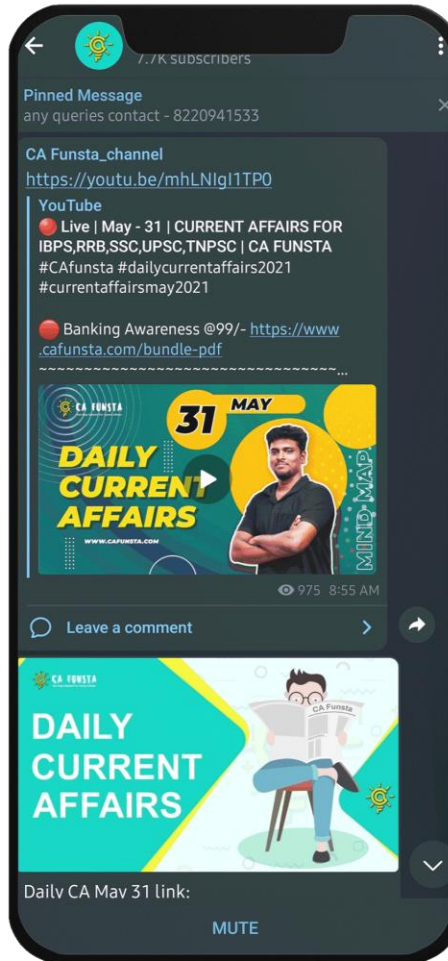
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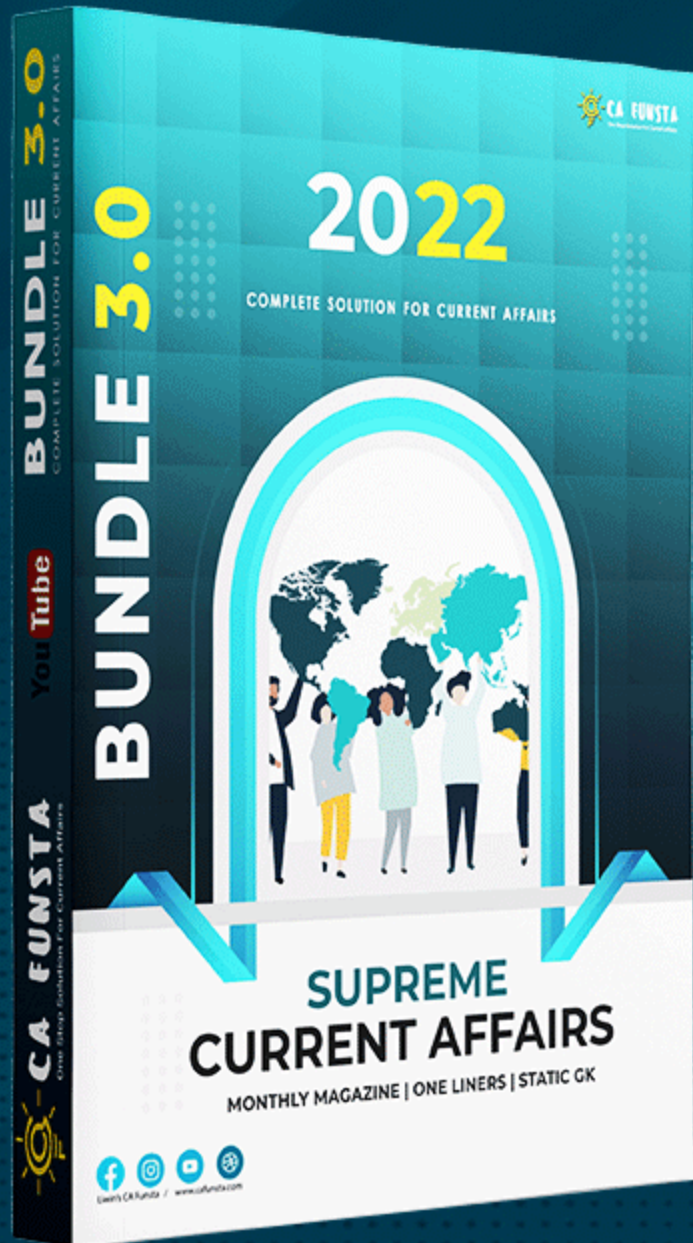
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Important Days



➤ World Introvert Day is observed on _____?

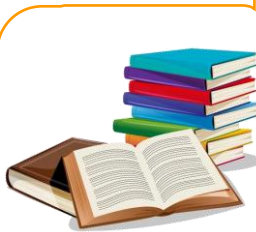
- A) 1st January
- B) 2nd January
- C) 3rd January
- D) 4th January
- E) None of these

Answer

B) 2nd January



Today is World Introvert Day (Jan. 2), so I'll talk to you tomorrow.



Important Days

Explanation

- DAY : **World Introvert Day**
- DATE : **2 January**
- OTHERS : **It is the ideal day to honor introverts by giving them the time and space they require.**



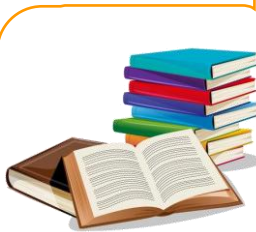
➤ Which board will include DEXA and Yo-Yo tests for team selections?



- A) ICC
- B) BCCI
- C) Cricket Ireland
- D) Zimbabwe Cricket
- E) None of these



Answer
B) BCCI



Explanation

- The BCCI announced the changes, noting, **“While ‘Yo-Yo’ Test made a comeback in the Indian team, ‘DEXA’ was also announced as part of the selection criteria. Both are implemented in the customized roadmaps of the central pool of players”**.
- The **DEXA** or the **Dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry Test** is now mandatory for injured players who are willing to make a comeback.
- The test is an imaging test that measures bone density.
- Meanwhile, **Yo-Yo test is an endurance fitness test that involves running between markers placed 20 meters apart at increasing speeds.**
- Yo-Yo Tests were scrapped owing to higher level of fatigue among players while playing inside the Covid-19 bio-bubble. Now the test makes a comeback.



➤ Which of the following bank continued to remain systemically important bank?

- A) SBI
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) All the above
- E) None of these

Answer
D) All the above

TOO BIG TO FAIL			
	Bucket	Banks	Additional common equity tier I need as % of RWAs*
● Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) classified into five grades (buckets)	5	—	1
	4	—	0.8
	3	SBI	0.6
	2	—	0.4
	1	ICICI	0.2

● RBI to announce list every August starting this year

● Banks will have to fulfil extra capital requirement norms (common equity tier I capital)

● Banks must meet the extra norms in three years by April 1, 2019

● Common equity tier I capital usually comprises a bank's equity capital, retained earnings and share premium

**RWAs: Risk weighted assets*



Explanation

- The RBI said **state-owned SBI, along with private sector lenders ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank continue to be Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)** or institutions which are **'too big to fail'**.
- **SIBs are perceived as banks that are 'too big to fail (TBTF)'**.
- This perception of TBTF creates an expectation of government support for these lenders in times of distress.
- Due to this, these banks enjoy certain advantages in the funding markets.
- **"SBI, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank continue to be identified as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs), under the same bucketing structure as in the 2021 list of D-SIBs,"** the Reserve Bank said in a statement.



➤ Shriram Finance raised interest rates on FDs by up to _____ bps?

- A) 20 basis points
- B) 30 basis points
- C) 40 basis points
- D) 50 basis points
- E) None of these



Answer

B) 30 basis points



Explanation

- Shriram Finance Ltd (Shriram Finance) has announced a **hike in fixed deposit rates by up to 30 basis points across different tenures with effect from January 1.**
- **Customers can earn interest of up to 9.36% on FDs.**
- An additional 0.25% p.a will be paid on all renewals



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



➤ GST collections up 15 pc in December at how many crores?

- A) Rs 129,780 crore
- B) Rs 149,507 crore
- C) Rs 145,867 crore
- D) Rs 157,245 crore
- E) None of these

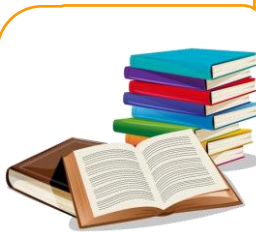
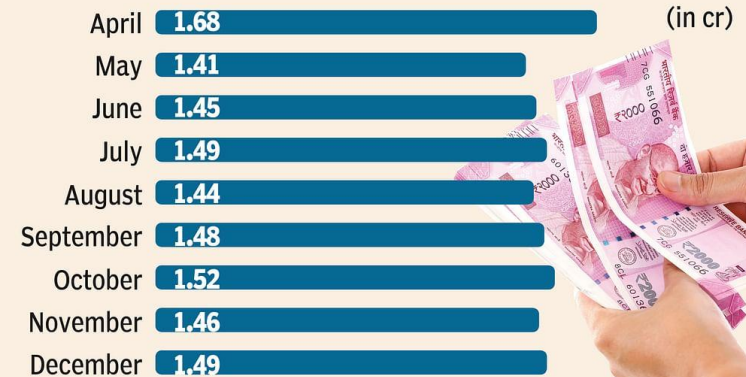
Answer

B) Rs 149,507 crore

State-wise growth of GST Revenues (Rs crore) during December 2022

State	Dec-21	Dec-22	Growth
Maharashtra	19,592	23,598	20%
Karnataka	8,335	10,061	21%
Gujarat	7,336	9,238	26%
Tamil Nadu	6,635	8,324	25%
Uttar Pradesh	6,029	7,178	19%
Haryana	5,873	6,678	14%
Telangana	3,760	4,178	11%

RS 1 LAKH CRORE PLUS COLLECTIONS



Explanation

- The gross revenue from goods and services tax (GST) rose 15 percent year-on-year to **Rs 149,507 crore in December 2022**.
- The government collected Rs 129,780 crore as gross GST revenue in December 2021.
- Of the total GST collected in December, CGST was Rs 26,711 crore, SGST was Rs 33,357 crore, IGST was Rs 78,434 crore (including Rs 40,263 crore collected on import of goods) and cess was Rs 11,005 crore (including Rs 850 crore collected on import of goods), data revealed.
- Notably, **monthly GST revenues have been more than Rs 1.4 lakh crore for 10 straight months in a row now**.
- In **November, gross GST revenue collection was Rs 145,867 crore**, an increase of 11 per cent over last year's corresponding month.



APPOINTMENTS

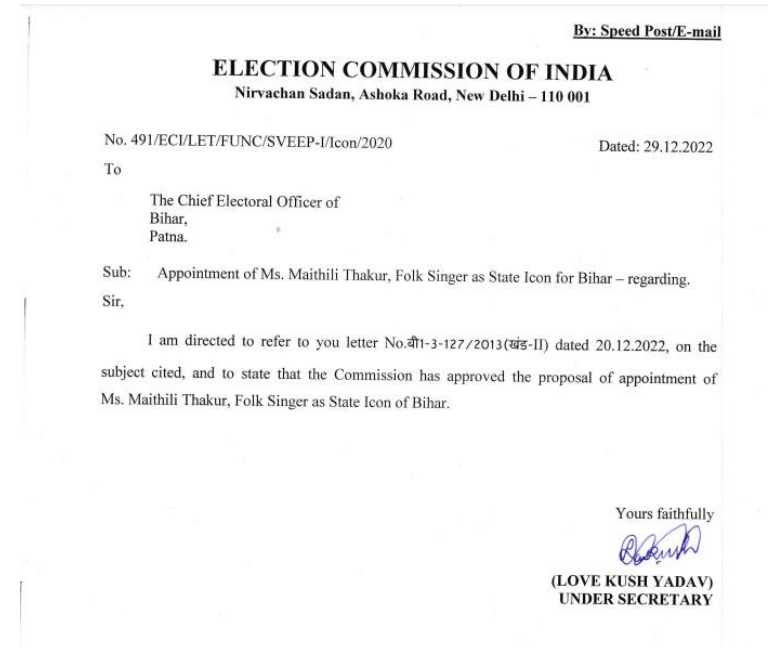


➤ Election Commission appointed Maithili Thakur as Bihar's state icon who is a _____ ?



- A) Actor
- B) Singer
- C) Reformist
- D) Politicians
- E) None of these

Answer
B) Singer



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Folk singer **Maithili Thakur** was appointed the state icon for Bihar by the Election Commission.
- Thakur, trained in Indian classical and folk music, was recently selected for the **Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar of the Sangeet Natak Akademi** for her contribution to the folk music of Bihar for 2021.
- The ECI has approved the proposal of appointment of Maithili Thakur, folk singer as State Icon of Bihar, the letter sent to the **Chief Electoral Officer of Bihar** by the poll panel.



AWARDS



➤ Who won 'Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar' in 2022?

- A) Anil Kumar Lahoti
- B) Shaista Khan
- C) Satya Nadella
- D) Andy Jassy
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Shaista Khan



AWARDS



Explanation

- **'Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar'**, initiated in 2011 to **promote language and literature**, has served as an inspiration in the lives of youth in Jammu and Kashmir, leading to the rise of their interest in the Kashmiri language.
- **Sahitya Akademi New Delhi had started this award in 24 languages.**
- **Nine writers have received** this award for the Kashmiri languages so far.
- The latest in the list is a Srinagar-based young writer Shaista Khan who won the award for her fictional collection "**Brand Birs Peeth**" in 2022.
- **"It has been observed that due to this award, other novice writers are also getting inspiration and they are getting interested in Kashmiri language and literature".**



DEFENCE



➤ **NCC Republic Day Camp 2023 began at which Cantonment?**

- A) Delhi
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Maharastra
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Delhi



DEFENCE



Explanation

- The **National Cadet Corps (NCC) Republic Day Camp 2023** has begun at the **Cariappa Parade Ground, Delhi Cantonment**.
- As many as **two thousand one hundred fifty five cadets from all 28 states and eight Union Territories are participating in this camp**.
- The aim of the camp is to provide exposure to the country's culture and traditions through important events that take place in the national capital in the run-up to Republic Day.
- In addition, the objective is **to enhance the personality traits of the cadets and strengthen their value system**.
- This nearly month-long camp will culminate with the Prime Minister's rally on 28th January.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which year is known as International Year of Millets?

- A) 2021
- B) 2022
- C) 2023
- D) 2024
- E) None of these



Answer
C) 2023



Explanation

- **International Year of Millets - 2023 kick starts with focussed activities** being undertaken by Central Ministries, State Governments and Indian Embassies.
- On the initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the proposal of the Government of India, **the United Nations has declared the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets.**
- It will help in creating awareness throughout the world about **the significant role of millets in sustainable agriculture and its benefits as a smart superfood.**



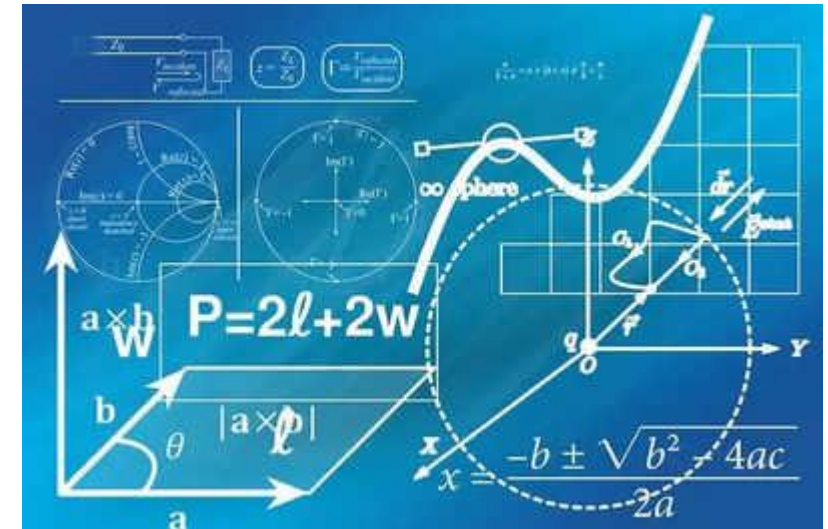
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➤ Which of the following govt launched 'Mathematics Winter Camp' for city schools?

- A) Delhi
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Maharashtra
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Delhi



Explanation

- The Delhi government launched a "**Mathematics Winter Camp**" for the city schools **to bridge the learning gaps induced by the COVID-19 pandemic among students.**
- The camp will be run till January 14.
- The initiative is expected **to supplement the classroom content, improve the learning level of the Class-9 students, act as a brief exam-focused revision and enable students to address foundational concepts.**
- The camp will be an **opportunity to work on the challenges faced throughout the academic year** and the Class-9 students of the schools run by the city government will be provided with **additional learning support to strengthen the foundational concepts**, Delhi government Advisor Reena Gupta said.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who launched party's new outreach programme titled Didir Suraksha Kavach?

- A) Pema Khandu
- B) Nitish Kumar
- C) Mamata Banerjee
- D) Jagan Mohan Reddy
- E) None of these

Answer

C) Mamata Banerjee



Explanation

- West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC Supremo Mamata Banerjee lashed out at both her opponents in **the state BJP and the CPI(M) led Left Front - claiming the ideological opposites, 'Ram-Baam' (BJP-Left), had allied covertly.**
- **Launching her party's new outreach programme titled 'Didir Suraksha Kavach (Didi's Protective Shield)',** Banerjee said, Even if one weed attacks our paddy, the whole crop could be ruined, while cautioning her workers **to root out corruption ahead of Panchayat polls to be held in the next few months.**
- Around 3.5 lakh Trinamool Congress workers will reach out to the around 10 crore people of the state to check if they are benefitted from government projects.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who conducted space audit at AIR station in Jaisalmer?

- A) Nitin Gadkari
- B) Jitendra Singh
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Anurag Thakur
- E) None of these



Answer

D) Anurag Thakur



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

- In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mission of Swaccha Bharat, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister **Anurag Thakur conducted a space audit and disposal of scrap at All India Radio (AIR) station in Jaisalmer.**
- On this occasion, Thakur said that space efficiency and co-locating various arms of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry would bring synergy among sister organizations and make available huge space for further utilisation.
- Therefore, we need **to manage scrap to improve our work efficiency.**
- Pertinent to note that the audit was spearheaded by the Union Minister himself, who **first visited Doordarshan Kendra Ahmedabad on September 29 as part of a pre-campaign inspection under Swachha Bharat Abhiyan.**



Titbits

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Anurag Singh Thakur** (Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh)



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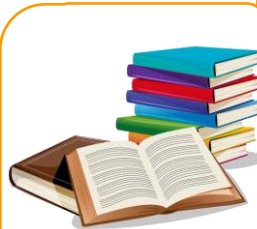


➤ President Murmu will inaugurate Constitution Park at _____?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Maharastra
- E) None of these



Answer
C) Rajasthan



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Explanation

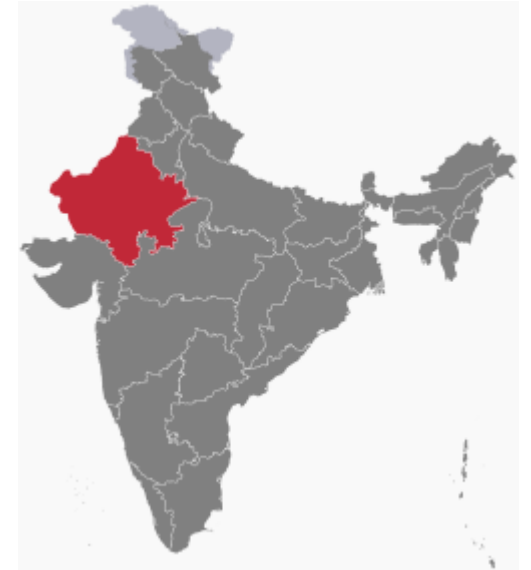
- President **Droupadi Murmu** will inaugurate the newly-constructed **Constitution Garden** and beautification works related to it at **Rajasthan Raj Bhavan**.
- On this occasion, she will **also interact with Kathodi and Sahariya tribals**.
- **The President will visit Mayur Stambh, the flag post, the Gandhi statue and Maharana Pratap's statue, before inaugurating the Constitution Park.**
- Governor Kalraj Mishra, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Assembly Speaker Dr C.P. Joshi, Urban Development and Housing Minister Shanti Dhariwal and other dignitaries will be present at the programme.
- On the innovative initiative of the Governor, **Rajasthan has become the first state in the country where a Constitution Garden has been established at the Raj Bhavan to create constitutional awareness among the common people.**
- Mishra, Gehlot, and Joshi laid the foundation stone of the Constitution Garden on January 26, 2022.



Titbits

Rajasthan

- Capital: **Jaipur**
- CM: **Ashok Gehlot (14th)**
- Governor: **Kalraj Mishra (22nd)**
- Language: **Hindi**
- National Park: **Keoladeo National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Gajner Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Keoladeo Ghana National Park, Sambar Lake**
- Tiger Reserve: **Sariska Tiger Reserve.**
- Power Station: **Chhabra Thermal Power Plant**
- Dams: **Alnia Dam (River: Alnia)**
- RRB: **Baroda Rajasthan Kshetriya Gramin Bank (BOB), Rajasthan Marudhara Gramin Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Keoladeo National Park, The Jantar Mantar, Hillforts of Rajasthan, Jaipur City**



➤ Which of the following state get highest angel investments in 2022?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Ahmedabad
- D) Maharastra
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Tamil Nadu



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Explanation

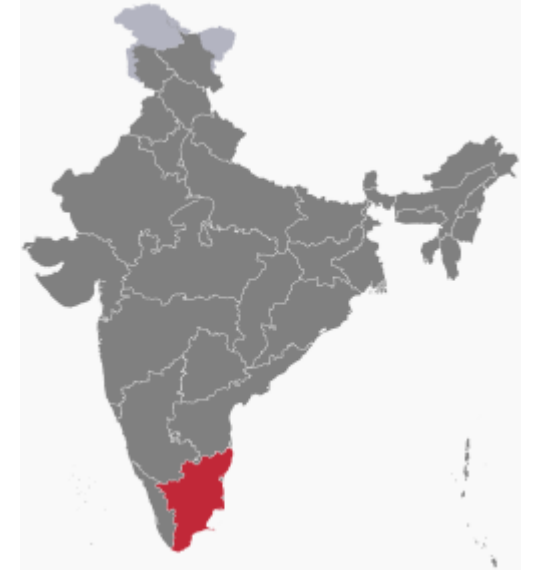
- **Private Equity and Venture Capital (PE-VC) firms invested \$2,614 million across 65 deals in Tamil Nadu-based companies in 2022.**
- Of this 45 firms are headquartered in the state while the remaining 20 now have their base overseas but were headquartered here at some point and also have a substantial part of their business in Tamil Nadu.
- According to data provided by Venture Intelligence, a **research service focussed on private company financials, transactions and valuations, in 2021, PE-VC firms invested \$2,040 million across 66 firms.**
- During 2022, **angel investments in Tamil Nadu was also high. Data shows that 54 firms got angel funding when compared to 43 in 2021 and 25 in 2020.**
- National data shows that PE-VC firms investments in India fell by 29% in 2022 compared to the record highs of 2021.
- **PE-VC firms invested \$46 Billion (across 1,261 deals) in Indian companies in 2022, compared to \$65 Billion (across 1,362 deals) in the previous year.**



Titbits

Tamil Nadu

- Capital: **Tamil**
- CM: **MK Stalin**
- Governor: **RN Ravi**
- Language: **Tamil**
- National Park: **Guindy National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Kanyakumari Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Tiger Reserve: **Anaimalai Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Ennore Thermal Power Station**
- Dams: **Amaravathi Dam**
- RRB: **Tamil Nadu Grama Bank (Indian Bank)**
- UNESCO Site: **Western Ghats, Mountain Railways, Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram, Great Living Chola Temples**



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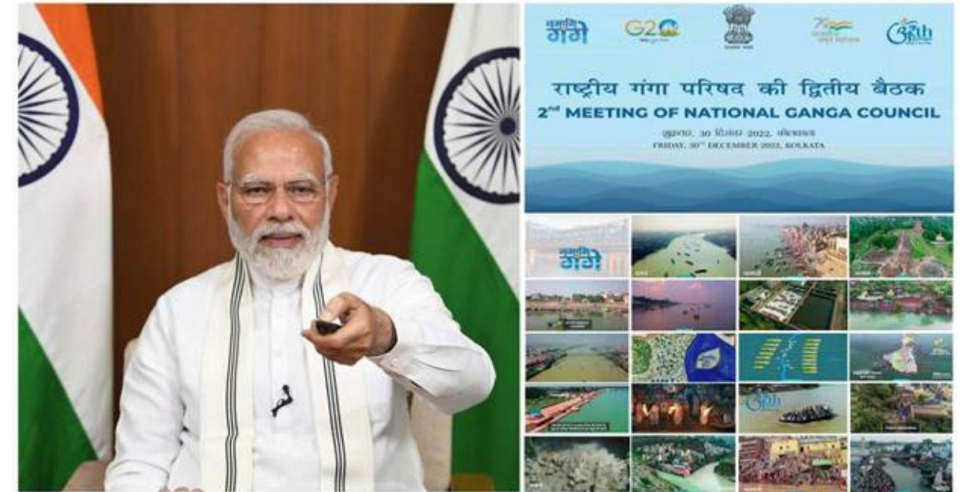


➤ Who among the following Chairs National Ganga Council Meet Via Video Conferencing?

- A) Anurag Thakur
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Jitendra Singh
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Narendra Modi



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Explanation

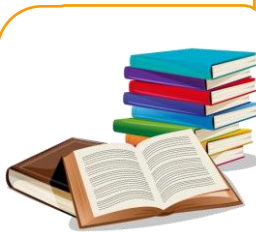
- The Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi** chaired the **National Ganga Council meet held on 30th December 2022 via video conferencing in Kolkata.**
- Shri Modi said that **the meeting of Council provides a great opportunity to discuss ways to further strengthen the Namami Gange initiative.**
- PM Modi also spoke about ways **to enhance cleanliness efforts including expanding the network of sewage treatment plants in the smaller towns.**
- During the meeting, PM emphasized on ways to enhance various forms of herbal farming along the Ganga.
- PM Shri Modi said that **the purity of Maa Ganga is our common heritage and also our responsibility.**
- Our forefathers have given us a precious heritage and it is our destiny to hand over **this heritage to future generations in the same condition and with same purity.**



QUICK RECALL



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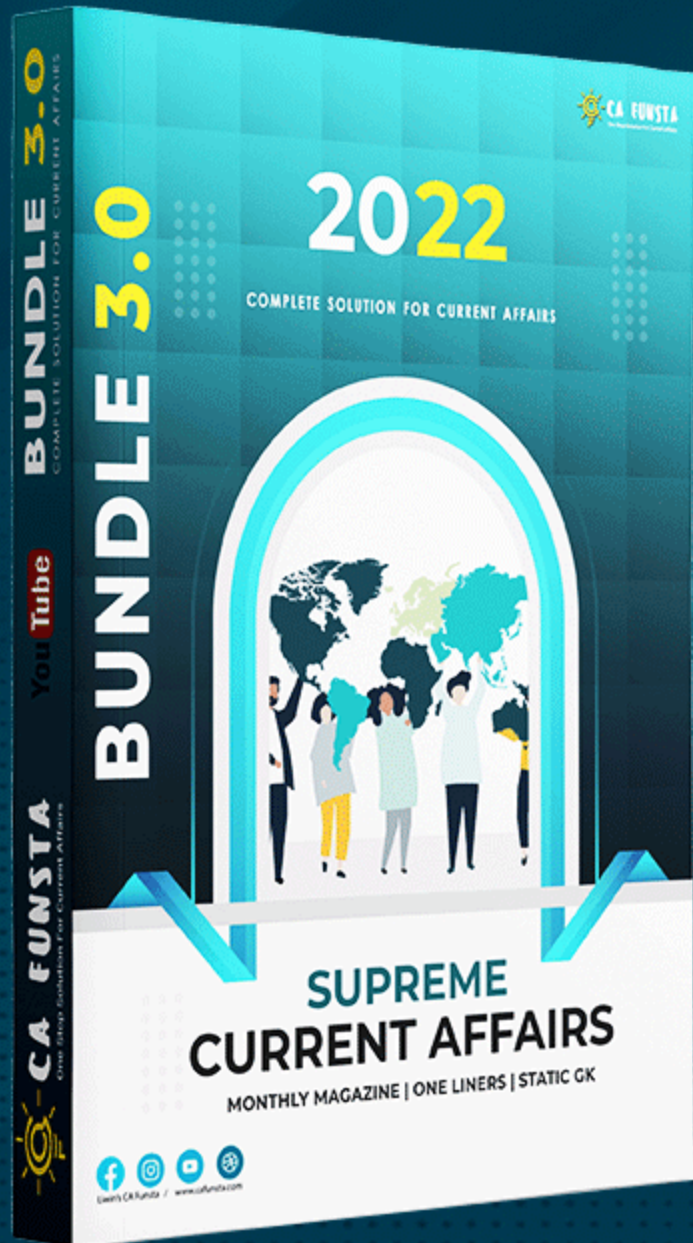
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