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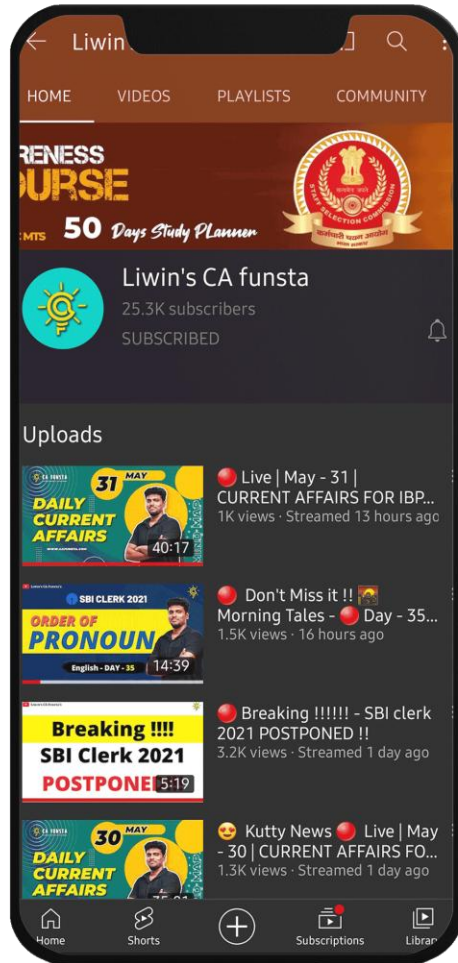
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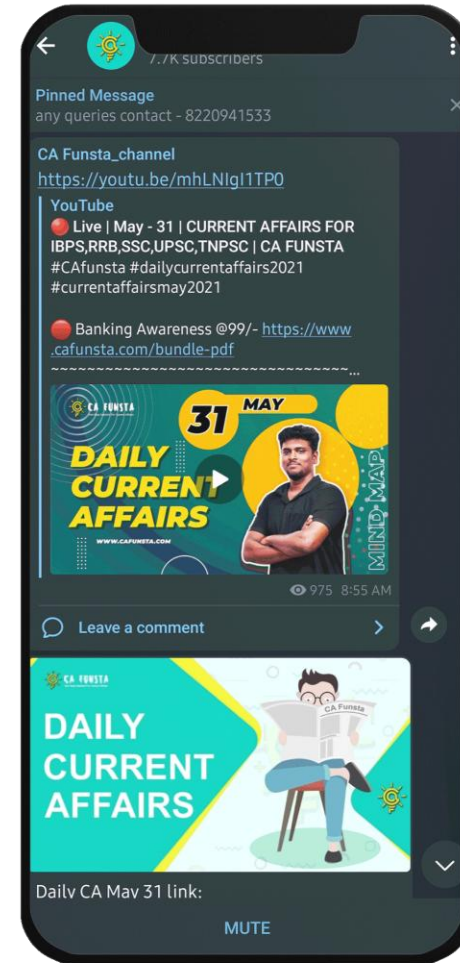
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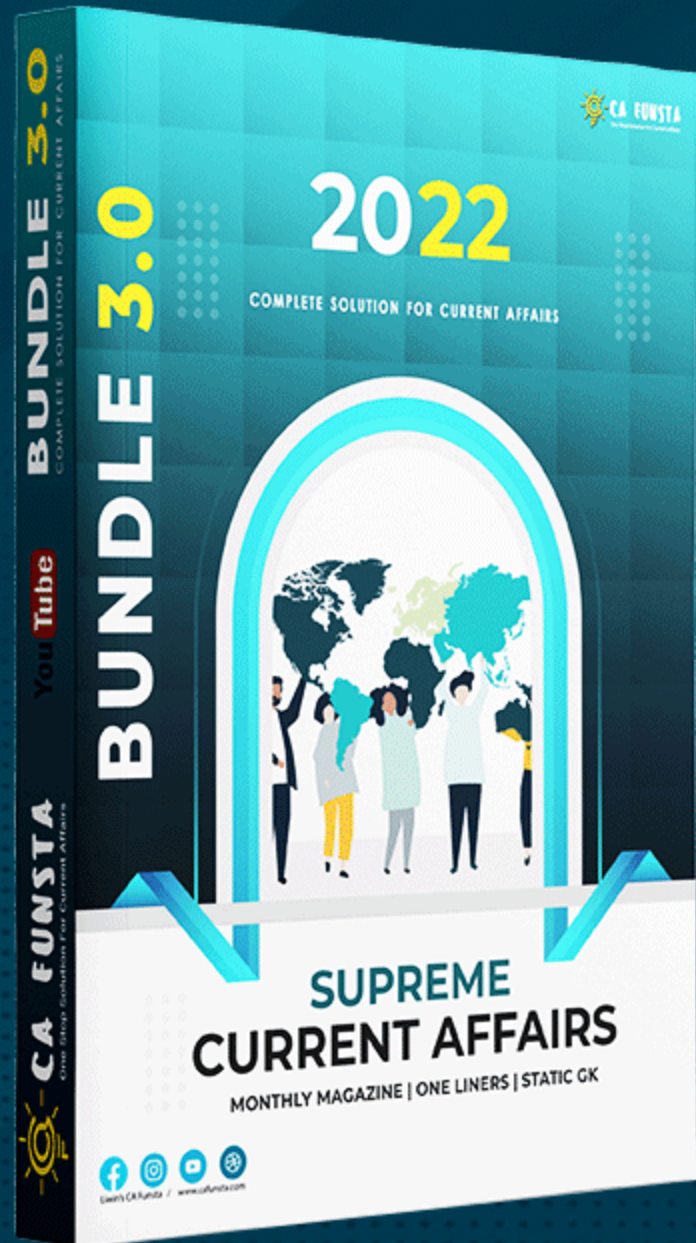


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# Important Days



➤ Earth's Rotations Day was observed on\_\_\_\_\_?

- A) January 7th
- B) January 8th
- C) January 9th
- D) January 10th
- E) None of these



**Answer**

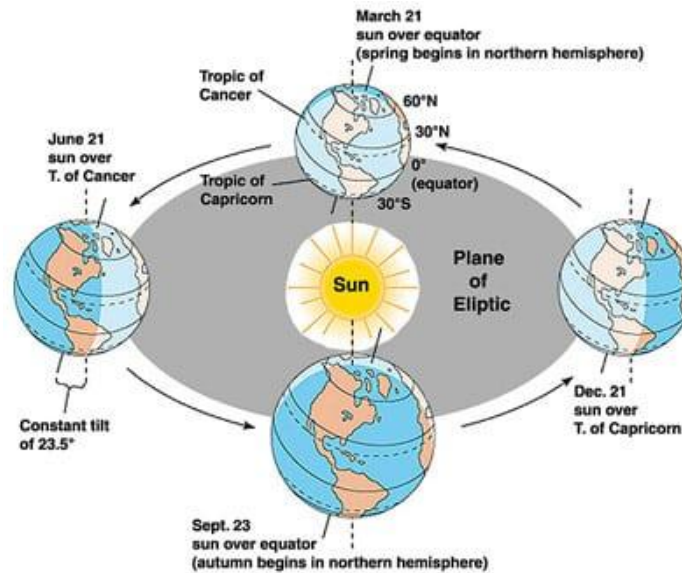
**B) January 8th**



# Important Days

## Explanation

- DAY : Earth's Rotations Day
- DATE : 8 January
- OTHERS : Marks the anniversary of French physicist Leon Foucault's 1851 proof that the Earth revolves on its axis.



# SPORTS



➤ Who became fastest player to reach 1,500 T20I runs in terms of balls faced?

- A) Suryakumar Yadav
- B) Rishabh Pant
- C) Virat Kohli
- D) Rohit Sharma
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) Suryakumar Yadav**



## Explanation

- With his unbeaten third T20I century, star Indian batter **Suryakumar Yadav** rewrote the history books during the third and final T20I of the series against Sri Lanka and became the fastest player to reach 1,500 runs in the shortest format in terms of balls taken.
- **Suryakumar Yadav** took only **843** balls to reach this landmark in T20I cricket, the fastest among all players.





# SPORTS



➤ Khelo India Youth Games Mascots, smart torch, theme song released by \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- B) Nisith Pramanik
- C) Anurag Thakur
- D) Only A & B
- E) Only A & C

**Answer**  
**D) Only A & B**



## Explanation

- The **mascots of Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG)-2022, Asha and Mowgli**, and its smart torch '**Amarkantak**' were released along with the theme song by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Minister Nisith Pramanik.
- **Torch Amarkantak, named after the place where the Narmada River**, considered the state's lifeline, originates, was also handed over by two players to the CM during the function.
- During the presentation, it was informed that this is the first smart torch in any game in the country.
- **The torch is adorned with carvings of the renowned Mahakaleshwar temple**, running cheetah and a lotus on top.



➤ Who announced indicative calendar for issuance of Sovereign Green Bonds?



- A) RBI
- B) SBI
- C) IRDAI
- D) SEBI
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**A) RBI**

S.No	Date of Auction	Amount in (₹ Crore)	Security-wise Allocation
1	January 25, 2023	8000	i) 05 Year SGrB for ₹4,000 crore
			ii) 10 Year SGrB for ₹4,000 crore
2	February 09, 2023	8000	i) 05 Year SGrB for ₹4,000 crore
			ii) 10 Year SGrB for ₹4,000 crore





# BANKING AND FINANCE



## Explanation

- The **Reserve Bank has announced the indicative calendar for the issuance of Sovereign Green Bonds.**
- Accordingly, **two auctions will be conducted for an amount of eight thousand crore rupees each.**
- The first auction will be held on the 25th of this month while the second has been scheduled for the 9th of February.
- **The RBI has informed that five percent of the notified amount will be reserved for retail investors.**
- Investors will have a choice to put in their money for either five years or ten years.
- The bonds will also be eligible for trading in secondary markets.
- It may be recalled that the Union Government had announced Sovereign Green Bonds as part of its overall market borrowings in the Budget 2022-23.



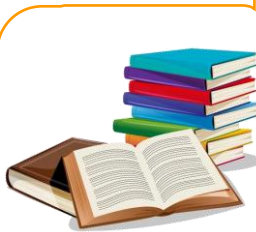
## Titbits

### Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

- Founded: **01/04/1935**
- **RBI Act, 1934**
- HQ: **Mumbai**
- Chairman: **Shaktikanta Das**
- 1926 - **Hilton Young Commission**
- 1937 – **Calcutta to Mumbai**
- 1949 – **Nationalisation**



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**RESERVE BANK OF INDIA**



# BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ Which of the following state declared first State to enable digital banking in all eligible accounts?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Kerala
- C) Punjab
- D) Odisha
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**B) Kerala**





## Explanation

- Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan declared **Kerala the first State to enable digital banking in all eligible accounts.**
- The State now has at least one product in 3.76 crore accounts enabled digitally, according to the State-Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC).
- In 2021, Thrissur become the first district in the State to implement digital banking under the “**Expanding and Deepening of Digital Payments Ecosystem**” scheme of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).



## Titbits

### Kerala

- Capital: **Thiruvananthapuram**
- CM: **Pinarayi Vijayan**
- Governor: **Arif Mohammad Khan**
- Language: **Malayalam**
- National Park: **Eravikulam National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Idukki Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Asthamudi Wetland, Sasthamkotta Lake, Vembanad Kol Wetland**
- Tiger Reserve: **Periyar Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Kakkad Hydroelectric Project**
- Dams: **Malampuzha Dam (River : Bharathapuzha River)**
- RRB: **Kerala Gramin Bank (Canara Bank)**
- UNESCO Site: **Western Ghats**



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Balbir Singh took oath as which state cabinet minister?**

- A) Karnataka
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Punjab
- D) Odisha
- E) None of these



**Answer**  
**C) Punjab**





# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- Hours after Punjab cabinet minister Fauja Singh Sarari tendered his resignation, **Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Balbir Singh took oath as minister in the Punjab cabinet at Raj Bhawan in Chandigarh.**
- Taking on Twitter, Dr Balbir Singh thanked AAP supremo and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann.
- **"I was only one of a billion helpless Indian voters, who always got cheated. ZERO chance of me entering politics.**
- **Then @ArvindKejriwal gave me a new vision, a greater cause! S.@BhagwantMann gave me a chance to make a difference.**
- **They made me an MLA & minister. I m deeply thankful!"** he said in the tweet.
- According to sources, Fauja Singh Sarari tendered his resignation citing personal reasons, saying that he is a loyal soldier of the party and will remain so.

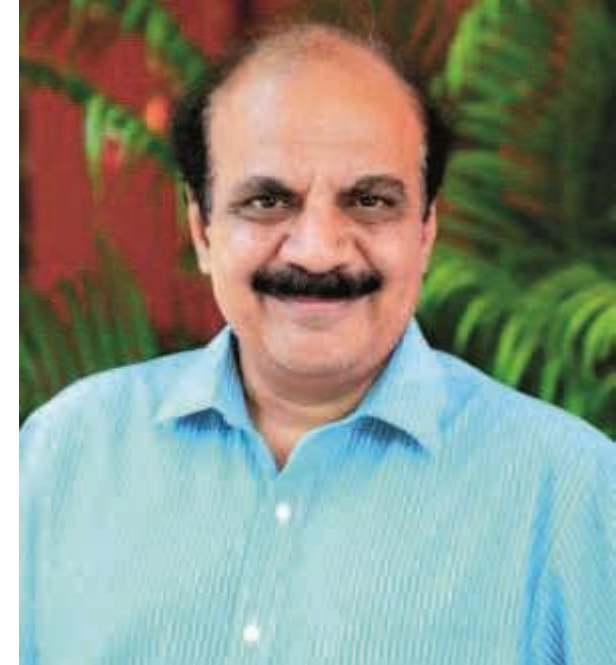


# APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who had been appointed as the ombudsman for redress of grievances related to MGNREGS?

- A) K.S.M.T. Asmathullah
- B) Shaktikanta Das
- C) Dinesh Kumar Khara
- D) Dr Ganesh Natarajan
- E) None of these



**Answer**

**A) K.S.M.T. Asmathullah**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **K.S.M.T. Asmathullah has been appointed as the ombudsman for the redressal of grievances under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for Krishnagiri.**
- **The appointment of an ombudsman has been made in compliance with Section 27 of the MGNREGS Act,** according to the administration.
- Mr. Asmathullah may be reached for lodging of grievances and complaints of irregularities in the implementation of the scheme by stakeholders.



# AWARDS



➤ Which initiative of Ministry of Agriculture won Platinum Award (1st) in the Digital Empowerment of Citizens Category?

- A) e-NAM
- B) WBCIS
- C) PMFBY
- D) CPIS
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**A) e-NAM**





# AWARDS



## Explanation

- **e-NAM**, a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, has **won the Platinum Award in the Digital Empowerment of Citizens Category in Digital India Awards 2022 held in New Delhi.**
- The President of India, **Smt. Droupadi Murmu**, as **Chief Guest of the event**, has **conferred the Digital India Awards, 2022** to Dr. N. Vijaya Lakshmi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, in the presence of Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Electronics & Information Technology, Railways & Communications and other dignitaries.
- **e-NAM is a digital platform integrating 1260 APMC mandis across 22 States and 3 UTs to facilitate online trading of 203 agriculture and horticulture commodities to enable farmers to realize better remunerative prices for their produce.**
- e-NAM is catalysing the digital transformation of mandi operations and e-trading of agricultural commodities.



# AWARDS



## Titbits

### Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

- UNION MINISTER : **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar** (Morena, Madhya Pradesh)



# AWARDS



➤ Which of the following "The Gabba Conquerors" were honoured at MCA Awards?

- A) Shardul Thakur
- B) Ajinkya Rahane
- C) Ravi Shastri
- D) All the above
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**D) All the above**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- India cricketers **Shardul Thakur, Ajinkya Rahane and former head coach Ravi Shastri**, who were a part of the Indian team that **defeated Australia at the iconic 'The Gabba' venue in Brisbane** during the four-match Test series to capture the Border-Gavaskar Trophy 2020-21, were **honoured during the annual Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) Awards held in BKC Club, Mumbai.**
- The Instagram page of MCA took to Instagram to share the picture of the trio receiving their award.





# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Which of the following in association with Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML) organised Astro Tourism- A Sky Gazing event at India Gate?

- A) National Council of Science Museums
- B) Split Science Museum and Zoo
- C) Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences
- D) Herschel Museum of Astronomy
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) National Council of Science Museums**



## Explanation

- Under the banner of Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, **National Council of Science Museums (NCSM)** in association with **Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML)** organised a spectacular **Astro Tourism** event at **India Gate Lawns, Kartavya Path Delhi**.
- The program will continue on **7th and 8th January** with **various activities** .
- The event was **inaugurated by Minister of State for Culture Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal**.
- On the occasion MoS Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal said that the programme will help in developing scientific temper among the people which is a fundamental duty as per our constitution.



# DEFENCE



➤ India and which of the following country will hold joint air exercise to promote defence cooperation?

- A) Indonesia
- B) Japan
- C) China
- D) Russia
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**B) Japan**



## Explanation

- India and Japan are set to hold joint Air Exercise '**Veer Guardian-2023**' at Japan's Hyakuri Air Base, next week in a bid to promote air defence cooperation between the two countries.
- **The air exercise, which will take place from January 12 to 26**, will witness the participation of India's Su-30 MKI, two C-17s, and one IL-78 aircraft.
- Meanwhile, **the Japan Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) will be participating with four F-2 and four F-15 aircraft.**





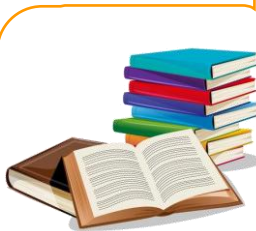
# DEFENCE



## Titbits

### Japan

- Capital : **Tokyo**
- Currency : **Japanese Yen**
- Emperor : **Naruhito**
- Prime Minister : **Fumio Kishida**
- Language : **Japanese**



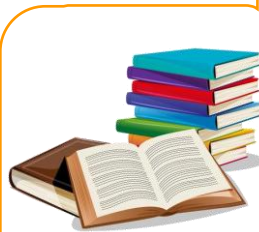
# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ International Kite Festival inaugurated in \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Gujarat
- D) Odisha
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**C) Gujarat**



## Explanation

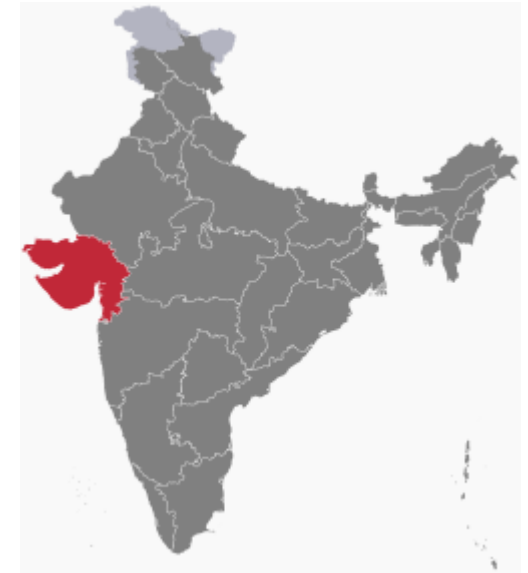
- **Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel inaugurated the International Kite Festival 2023** here, which will see the participation of around 125 kite flyers from 68 countries based on the **G-20 theme "One Earth, One Family, One Future"**.
- Apart from international participants, 65 kite flyers from 14 states in India and 660 from different parts of the state will also take part in the week-long event, which will culminate on January 14.
- **"Under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the kite of development of Gujarat has been crossing new heights for two consecutive decades,"** Patel said while inaugurating the event at Sabarmati riverfront here.
- The kite festival is an opportunity **to touch the sky and reach new heights. Kites are a symbol of progress, prosperity, and flight,** he said.



## 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**
- 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)**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Who launched 'Aspirational Block Programme'?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Piyush Goyal
- E) None of these

**Answer**

**A) Narendra Modi**





## Explanation

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched the **government's Aspirational Block Programme (ABP)**, which is **aimed at improving performance of blocks lagging on various development parameters.**
- The ABP was launched during the **2nd National Conference of Chief Secretaries**, which was held on **January 5-7.**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ India's first-ever coal gasification based Talcher Fertiliser plant in \_\_\_\_\_ will be ready by October 2024?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Kerala
- D) Odisha
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**D) Odisha**



## Explanation

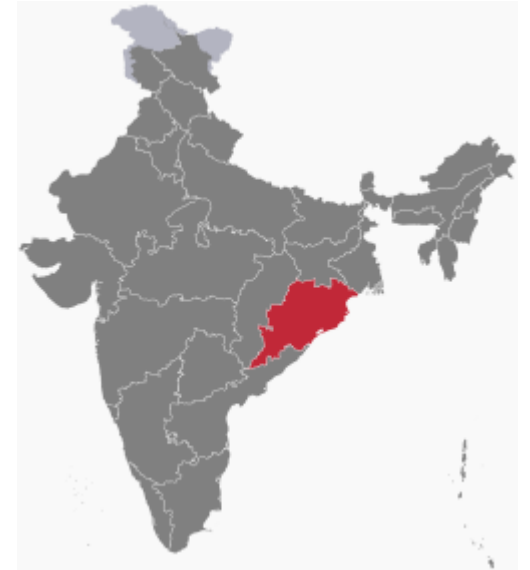
- Union Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** has said that **the country's first-ever coal gasification based Talcher Fertiliser plant in Odisha will be ready to be dedicated to the nation by October 2024.**
- On the second day of his visit to Odisha, the minister said this after reviewing the progress of work in the plant in Talcher.



## Titbits

### Odisha

- Capital: **Bhubaneshwar**
- CM: **Naveen Patnaik**
- Governor: **Ganeshi Lal**
- Language: **Odia**
- National Park: **Bhitarkanika National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary**
- Ramsar Site: **Bhitarkanika Magroves, Chilka Lake**
- Tiger Reserve: **Satkosia Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Odisha Power Generation Corporation Limited**
- Dams: **Indravati (RIVER: Indravati)**
- RRB: **Odisha Gramya Bank (IOB), Utkal Grameen Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Sun Temple Konark**



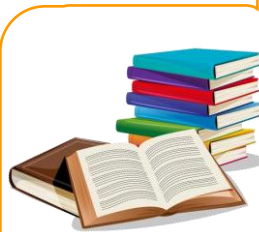
# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which of the following ministry organized the 'Dhara' on Sangeet and Natya Parampara?

- A) Ministry of Culture
- B) Ministry of Education
- C) Ministry of Defense
- D) Only A & B
- E) Only A & c

**Answer**  
**D) Only A & B**





## Explanation

- **Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Education organized the Dhara on Sangeet and Natya Parampara on 5th-6th January, 2023 at SASTRA (Deemed-to-be University) in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu in collaboration with Brhat, Prachyam and Sangam Talks.**
- **Dhara is a series of conferences under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to create awareness, preserve and promote multiple domains of Indian Knowledge Systems.**
- **The aim of the event was to create a Vision Document 2047 to revitalise and popularise our performing art traditions and effectively address the challenges that this ecosystem faces.**



## Titbits

### Ministry of Education

- Union minister : **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan** (Madhya Pradesh)



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ CM Bommai released logo and mascot of National Youth Festival in \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Kerala
- D) Punjab
- E) None of these

**Answer**  
**A) Karnataka**



## Explanation

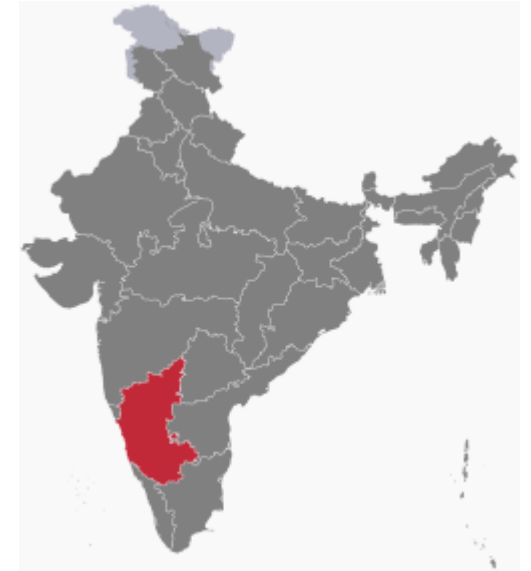
- Karnataka Chief Minister **Basavaraj Bommai** released the **logo and mascot of the National Youth Festival** which will be held in **Hubballi-Dharwad from January 12 to 16**.
- They were released at a function held virtually in which Union Coal, Mining and Parliamentary Affairs Minister **Pralhad Joshi**, **Union Minister for Youth Empowerment and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur** and **Karnataka Minister for Youth Empowerment and Sports Dr C Narayana Gowda** were present, a government statement said.
- "The theme of this year's Youth festival is '**Vikasit Yuva, Vikasit Bharat**', and over 7,500 delegates from all over the country are expected to participate.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will open **this festival in Hubballi on January 12 to coincide with the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda,**"



## Titbits

### Karnataka

- Capital: **Bangalore**
- CM: **Basavaraj Bommai**
- Governor: **Thawar Chand Gehlot**
- Language: **Kannada**
- National Park: **Bandipur National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **MOOKAMBIKA WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**
- Ramsar Site: **Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary**
- Tiger Reserve: **Bandipur National park**
- Power Station: **Kaiga Atomic Power Station**
- Dams: **Tungabhadra Dam (River : Tungabhadra)**
- RRB: **Karnataka Gramin Bank & Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (Canara Bank)**
- UNESCO Site: **Group of Monuments of Hampi**

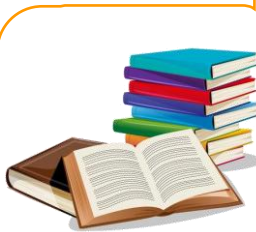




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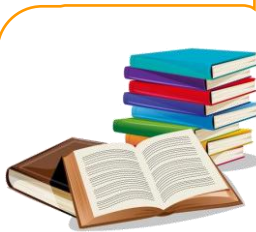
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- ❖ Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Education organizes the 'Dhara' on Sangeet and Natya Parampara
- ❖ CM Bommai releases logo and mascot of National Youth Festival



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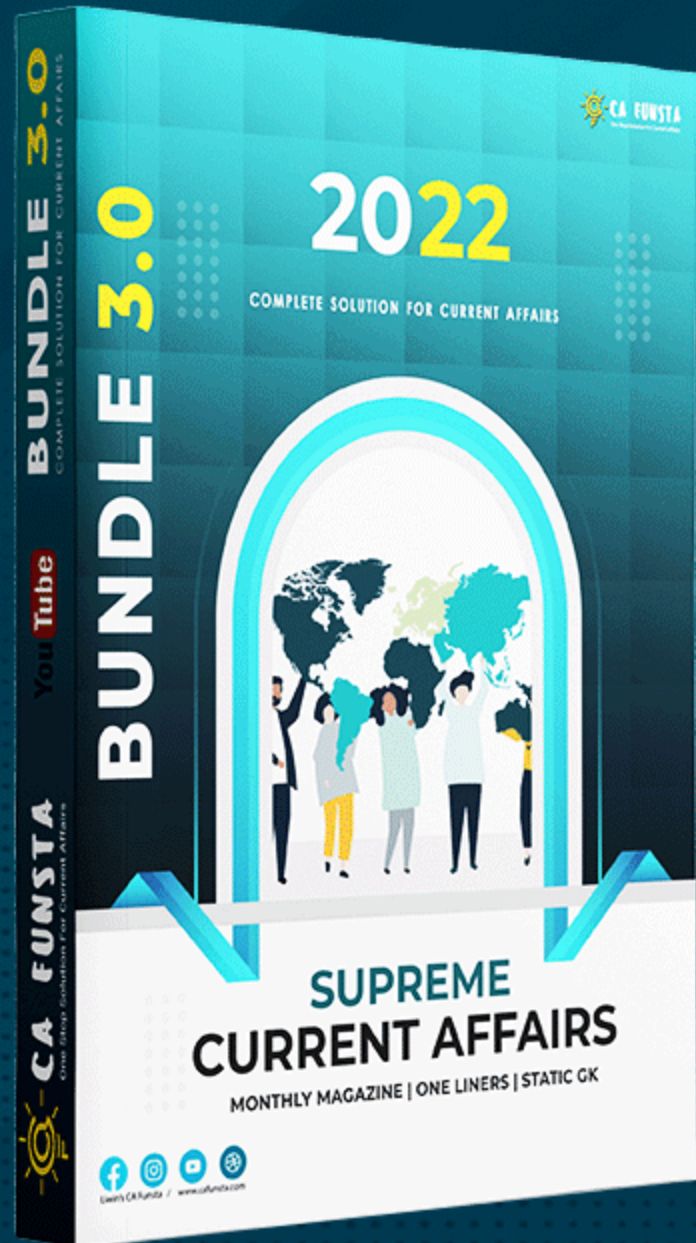


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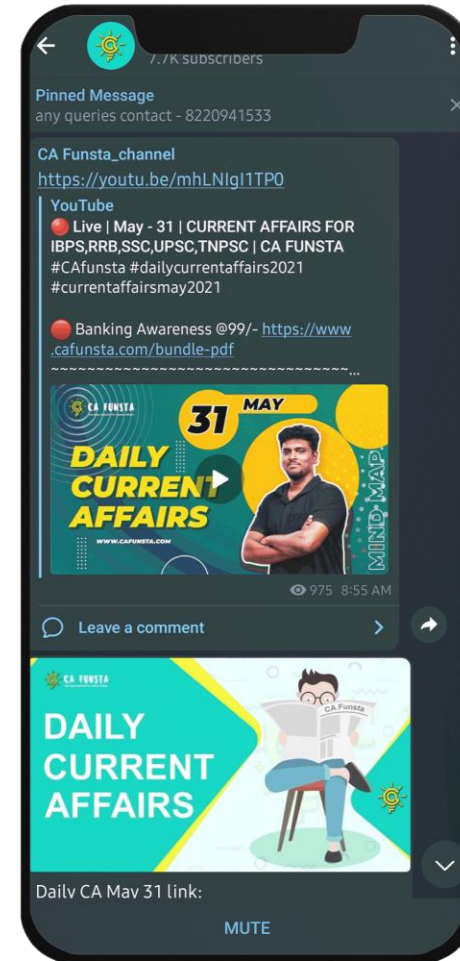
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