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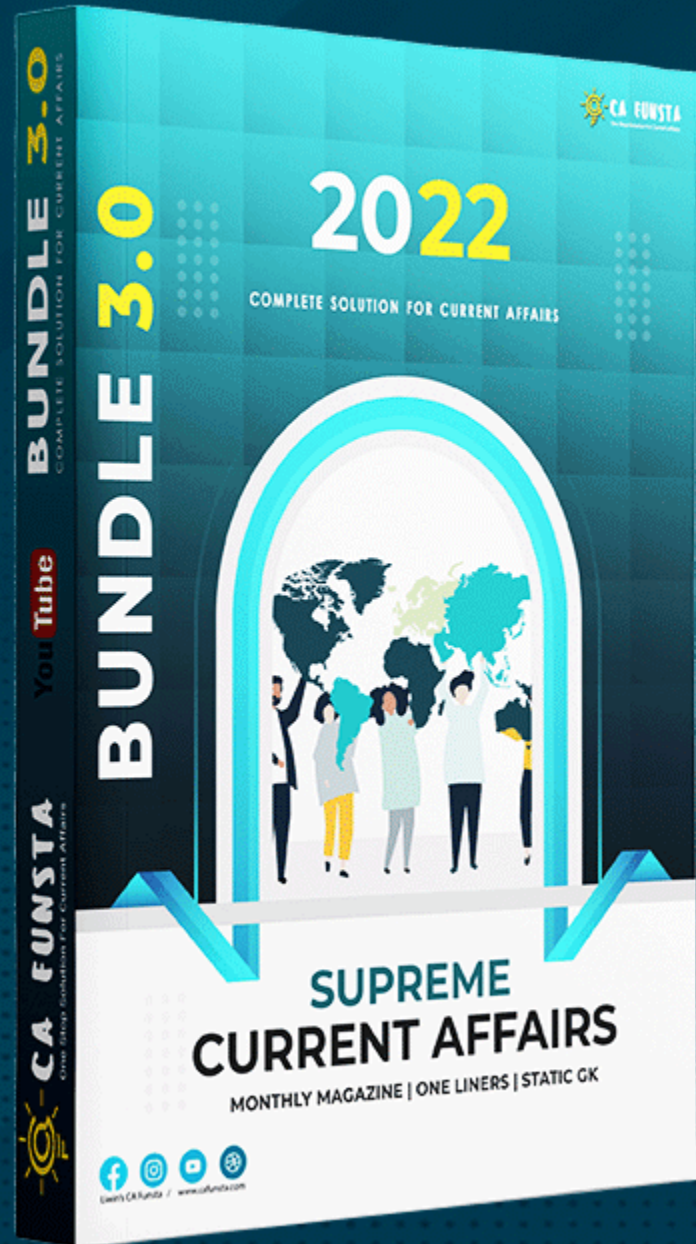
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# Important Days



**The Statehood Day of Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura is celebrated on which date?**

- A) January 22
- B) January 23
- C) January 24
- D) January 25
- E) January 21

**Answer**

**E) January 21**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- The Statehood Day of **Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura** is celebrated on **January 21**. This year marks the **51st foundation year** for the three states which attained statehood under the **North Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act of 1971**. While Manipur and Tripura were princely states which were absorbed into India in October 1949, Meghalaya was part of Assam after Independence.
- The states came into being in **1972** after the North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, of 1971, was enacted. It resulted in a significant change in the boundaries of India's Northeastern region, dividing it into states and Union Territories (UTs) after 24 years of Independence.





# SPORTS



**Shuttler Kunlavut Vitidsarn wins India Open Badminton title. He is related to which country?**

- A)Thailand
- B)China
- C)USA
- D)India
- E)Australia

**Answer**  
**A)Thailand**



## Explanation

- **Thai shuttler Kunlavut Vitidsarn** won the India Open title. He defeated World No.1 **Denmark's Viktor Axelsen** in the **men's singles** final of the India Open Badminton Championship 22-20, 10-21 and 21-12 at **K. D. Jadhav Indoor Stadium in New Delhi**.
- Earlier, Korean sensation **An Seyoung** won the Women's singles final. She beat World No.1 Japanese **Akane Yamaguchi** 15-21, 21-16, 21-12.





# BANKING AND FINANCE



**Which organisation has launched an information database on municipal bonds?**

- A) IFSCA
- B) IRDAI
- C) RBI
- D) SIDBI
- E) SEBI

**Answer**  
**E) SEBI**



## Explanation

- Markets regulator **Sebi** has launched an information database on municipal bonds.
- As part of efforts to develop the bond markets, an outreach programme on municipal bonds and municipal finance was organised by Sebi in the national capital on January 20 and 21
- Representatives from various stakeholders, including the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, municipal corporations, stock exchanges, credit rating agencies, merchant bankers and debenture trustees, participated in the programme.



## Titbits

### SEBI

- Abbreviation: Securities and Exchange Board of India
- Establishment : 1992
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman :Madhabi Puri Buch





Which bank and Paytm have ended their partnership for a co-branded credit card Paytm CITI Card?



paytm

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) Canara Bank
- C) Axis Bank
- D) SBM Bank India
- E) Citibank



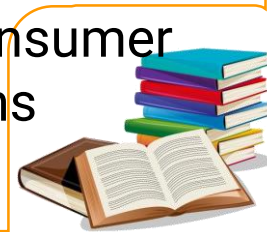
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**Answer**  
**E) Citibank**



## Explanation

- **Citibank** and payments platform, **Paytm**, have ended their partnership for a co-branded credit card **Paytm CITI Card**, ahead of the merger of Citibank's commercial banking business with Axis Bank.
- Both Citibank and Paytm have written to cardholders informing them that the co-branded credit card will be shut down, and offering them other cards they could opt for.
- For existing Citi Rewards Credit Card customers, the bank has offered to replace the **Paytm Citi cards with Citi Cash Back Credit Card**. It added that the consent to swap to another Citi-branded credit Card will also serve as consent for transfer of the cardholder's banking relationship with Citibank to Axis Bank, it said.
- Failure to consent, will lead to closure of the Citi Paytm credit card effective **January 30**, as Citi India will no longer be able to provide services on the Citi Paytm Credit Card, it said.
- **In March 2022, Axis Bank had announced acquiring Citigroup's retail banking business in India for ₹12,325 crore**, subject to requisite approvals. This comprised Citibank's consumer business, including credit cards, retail banking, wealth management and consumer loans



## Titbits

### Citibank

- Headquarters: New York, USA
- CEO: Jane Fraser





# APPOINTMENTS



Who is appointed as the next director general of the Directorate of General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)?



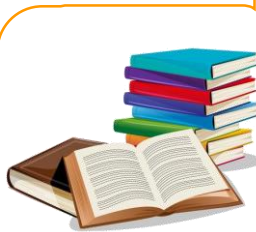
**Directorate  
General of  
Civil Aviation**

- A) Vikram Dev Dutt
- B) Surya Kumar
- C) Vivek Dev Dutt
- D) Vishnu Singh
- E) Balaji Kumar



**Answer**

**A) Vikram Dev Dutt**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- At a time when the aviation regulator is flagging a lot of safety issues with the airlines, the Cabinet Committee on Appointments has approved the appointment of senior IAS officer **Vikram Dev Dutt** as the next **director general of the Directorate of General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)**.
- Dutt, a 1993-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT cadre is currently serving as the **chairman and managing director (CMD) of Air India Asset Holding Ltd**. The officer will take over his new position on 28 February, upon the superannuation of incumbent **DGCA Chief Arun Kumar**, who was serving as the aviation regulator since July 2019.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### Directorate General of Civil Aviation

- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Director General : Vikram Dev Dutt





# APPOINTMENTS



**Mr. Chris Hipkins is appointed as Prime Minister of which country?**

- A)Iceland
- B)New Zealand
- C)China
- D)Japan
- E)Australia



**Answer**  
**B)New Zealand**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **New Zealand's ruling Labour Party selected Mr. Chris Hipkins** to replace **Ms. Jacinda Ardern** as its leader and the **41st Prime Minister of the country**. Mr. Hipkins was the only nomination for the job and his confirmation in a party meeting, known as the Labour caucus, was largely a formality.
- **Mr. Hipkins named Mr. Carmel Sepuloni as Deputy Prime Minister.**
- First elected to Parliament in 2008, he became a household name fronting the Government's response to the pandemic. He was appointed Health Minister in July 2020 before becoming the COVID Response Minister at the end of the year



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### New Zealand

- Capital: Wellington
- Prime minister: Mr. Chris Hipkins
- Currency: New Zealand Dollar



# AWARDS



**Dr Prabha Atre was conferred with the Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia Lifetime Achievement Award. He won which award?**

- A) Bharat Ratna
- B) Arjuna Award
- C) Padma Shri
- D) Padma Bhushan
- E) Padma Vibhushan



**Answer**  
**E) Padma Vibhushan**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- Hindustani vocalist **Padma Vibhushan Dr Prabha Atre** was conferred with the **Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia Lifetime Achievement Award**. The award was presented to her by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde at Thane near Mumbai. The Chief Minister felicitated Dr Atre at a function at Ram Ganesh Gadkari Rangayatan.
- Shinde presented Dr Atre with a citation and Rs 1 lakh at the program, during which a symphony of 90 flutists was performed to mark her 90th birthday. Speaking on this occasion, Shinde said his government is committed to promoting arts and would also promote classical music.





**Which IIT has developed BharOS – an indigenous mobile operating system for mobile phone users in the country?**

- A) IIT Madras
- B) IIT Mandi
- C) IIT Kolkata
- D) IIT Kozhikode
- E) IIT Indore

**Answer**

**A) IIT Madras**



## Explanation

- Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) has developed **BharOS** – an indigenous mobile operating system for mobile phone users in the country. The OS is claimed to be a significant contribution towards 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and is said to offer a secure environment for users.
- BharOS has been developed by **JandK Operations Private Limited (JandKops)** – a non-profit organization established by IIT **Madras Pravartak Technologies Foundation**. The Foundation is funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, under its National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NMICPS).



# DEFENCE



**Which armed force conducts 'Ops Alert' exercise to step up security on Indo-Pak border along Gujarat & Rajasthan ahead of Republic Day?**

- A)BSF
- B)CRPF
- C)CISF
- D)Indian Army
- E)Indian Navy

**Answer**  
**A)BSF**



# DEFENCE



## Explanation

- The **Border Security Force** has started an “**Ops Alert**” exercise to enhance security along the India-Pakistan border in **Kutch district of Gujarat and Barmer in Rajasthan** in view of the upcoming Republic Day celebrations.
- The exercise, which began from Saturday, was being carried out to “**thwart any ill designs of anti-national elements**” during the Republic Day celebrations.
- The Union Home Ministry has sanctioned a Rs 50-crore fund for the construction of eight multi-storey bunkers cum observation posts in this area along the Bhuj sector in view of the “constant infiltration of Pakistani fishermen and fishing boats in the area”.



## Titbits

### Bordor Security Force

- **Headquarters: New Delhi**
- **Founded: 1 December 1965**
- **Director General : Sujoy Lal Thaosen**





# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



**Abdel Fattah El-Sisi to be Chief Guest at India's Republic Day celebrations on 26th January. He is president of which country?**

- A) Maldives
- B) Japan
- C) The Philippines
- D) Egypt
- E) China



**Answer  
D) Egypt**



## Explanation

- **President of Egypt, Abdel Fattah El-Sisi**, will pay a state visit to **India** from the 24th to the 26th of this month. President El-Sisi will be the **Chief Guest at India's 74th Republic Day**. He will be accompanied by a high-level delegation, including five Ministers and senior officials.
- This is for the first time that the President of Egypt has been invited as Chief Guest at India's Republic Day celebrations. A military contingent from the Egyptian Army will also participate in the Republic Day parade.
- India and Egypt are celebrating 75 years of establishment of diplomatic relations this year.



## Titbits

### Egypt

- President: Abdel Fattah El-Sisi
- Capital: Cairo
- Currency: Egyptian Pound



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



**The first-ever joint exercise between the special forces of the Indian Army and which country's Army named "Exercise Cyclone-I" is underway in Rajasthan?**

- A)UK
- B)USA
- C)Egypt
- D)Japan
- E)China

**Answer  
C)Egypt**



## Explanation

- The **first-ever joint exercise** between the special forces of the **Indian Army and the Egyptian Army** named "**Exercise Cyclone-I**" is underway in **Rajasthan**, according to an official statement.
- The exercise, which began on January 14, is aimed at bolstering defence cooperation between the two nations and focus on sharing professional skills and interoperability of the Special Forces in desert terrain while undertaking counter-terrorism, reconnaissance, raids and other special operations, the statement added.
- **Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi** is scheduled to arrive in **India** on January 24. He will be the first Egyptian President and the fifth leader from the Middle East to grace the Republic Day celebrations as chief guest.





## Titbits

### Egypt

- President: Abdel Fattah El-Sisi
- Capital: Cairo
- Currency: Egyptian Pound



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chauhan and Union Minister for Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh jointly inaugurated “India International Science Festival, IISF-2022” in which place?

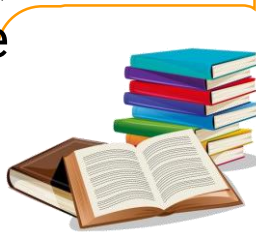
- A) Pachmarhi
- B) Gwalior
- C) Khajuraho
- D) Bhedaghat
- E) Bhopal

**Answer**  
**E) Bhopal**



## Explanation

- The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh **Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan** and Union Minister for Science & Technology, **Dr Jitendra Singh** jointly inaugurated **India International Science Festival, IISF-2022** in **Bhopal** with the theme, “**Marching towards Amrit Kaal with Science Technology and Innovation**”.
- The themes selected for the **Young Scientist Conference** are Frontier areas of Science Research, Pandemic Challenges, impacts and research in vaccine development, Water resources, conservation, recycling and purification, Biodiversity, Environment & Climate Change, Food and Energy Security for Self-Reliant India.
- New Age technologies show (22-24 January) aims to promote innovation in cutting-edge technologies such as Artificial Intelligence Machine Learning, Cyber Security, Block Chain, Digital Currency Industry, 4.0, 5G/6G, Quantum Computing, Semiconductor Chip Design, Drone Technologies, Green Energies, Space Technologies, Sensor Technologies, Systems and Synthetic Biology.



## Titbits

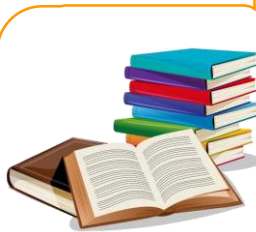
### Madhya Pradesh

- **Capital:** Bhopal
- **CM:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- **Governor :** Shri Mangubhai Patel

**Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy; and Minister of State in the Department of Space**

**Minister:** Dr. Jitendra Singh

**Constituency:** Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



**G20's First Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG) Meeting to be held from February 09-11, 2023 at which place?**

- A) Kolkata
- B) New Delhi
- C) Indore
- D) Chennai
- E) Bengaluru

**Answer**

**E) Bengaluru**





## Explanation

- **India** will be holding the Presidency of **G20 for one year till 30th November 2023**. The forum will bring together the G20 member countries, guest countries and international organisations invited by India. Through the Sherpa Track, **13 Working Groups and 2 Initiatives** will meet under India's Presidency to discuss priorities and provide recommendations. **Environment, Climate & Sustainability** is one of working groups under the Sherpa Track.
- **The first G20 environment meeting under G20 India Presidency is scheduled to be held during 09th -11th February in Bengaluru, at The Taj West End.**
- Leading to the 1st Meeting in Bengaluru, **Mysuru Zoo** in coordination with Central Zoo Authority organised a Two-Day National Conference for Zoo Directors of India on 18th and 19th of January 2023.
- The conference mainly focused on **"Master Planning and Building the National Capacity for species Management & Conservation Breeding."** In this conference 59 Participants from 25 states and an union territory participated.
- It was inaugurated by **Mayor of Mysuru City corporation** and succeeded in drawing attention to conservation practices.



## Explanation

### India's G20 presidency: First Y20 meet in Guwahati from February 6 to 8

- The first meeting of the **Youth20 (Y20) group**, being organised on the sidelines of the G20 summit, will be held in **Assam's largest city Guwahati** from February 6 to 8.
- This is the first of the various meetings to be held on the five Y20 themes across India in a run-up to the final Youth20 Summit in August 2023.



## Titbits

### Karnataka

- **Capital** : Bengaluru
- **CM** : Basavaraj Bommai
- **Governor** : Thawarchand Gehlot



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



**ECI host 2nd International Conference on 'Use of Technology and Elections Integrity' in which place?**

- A) Kolkata
- B) New Delhi
- C) Indore
- D) Chennai
- E) Bengaluru

**Answer**

**B) New Delhi**



## Explanation

- **The Election Commission of India (ECI)** will host **the 2nd International Conference on the theme - Use of Technology and Elections Integrity**, in New Delhi. The ECI is leading the Cohort on Elections Integrity which was established as a follow-up to the Summit for Democracy held in December 2021.
- The two-day international conference will be inaugurated by **Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar**.
- Around **43 Participants from 17 Countries** including Angola, Argentina, Australia, Croatia, Indonesia, Mauritius, Nepal, Philippines and Suriname are expected to join.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



The annual Ethnic Mamani Festival was organised at Historical Styangkung Village and Chiktan Shagaran by the Himalayan Cultural Heritage Foundation (HCHF) and Tourism Department of which UT?

- A) Daman & Diu
- B) Puducherry
- C) Delhi
- D) J & K
- E) Ladakh

**Answer**  
**E) Ladakh**





## Explanation

- In **Ladakh**, the annual **Ethnic Mamani Festival** was organised at Historical **Styangkung Village and Chiktan Shagaran** by the **Himalayan Cultural Heritage Foundation (HCHF)** and **Ladakh Tourism** Department.
- The Steyangkung village is around 500 years old and still well-preserved and is being developed as one of the well-maintained heritage villages in Ladakh.
- The history of the celebration of the Mamani Festival in Ladakh goes back to the ancient tradition of giving food to departed family members. During Mamani, people would exchange food with their relatives and neighbours and worship a variety of spirits (Lha).



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### Ladakh

- **Capital** : Leh, Kargil
- **Lt Governor** : Radha Krishna Mathur



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



**Which state CM launched his government's ambitious project Schools of Eminence?**

- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Punjab
- C) Arunachal Pradesh
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Gujarat

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



## Explanation

- **Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann** launched his **government's ambitious project Schools of Eminence**, saying it is a "revolutionary" step in ensuring a golden future for the students and also a giant leap towards becoming a real frontrunner in education.
- A budget of **Rs 200 crore** has been earmarked for the Schools of Eminence project.
- The project aims at reimagining education in government schools envisioning holistic development of students and preparing them to be responsible citizens. Its **five pillars** are state-of-the-art infrastructure, academics, human resource management, sports and co-curricular activities and community engagement
- Under the Schools of Eminence project, **117 government schools in 23 districts will be upgraded with a special emphasis on classes 9 to 12.**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### Punjab

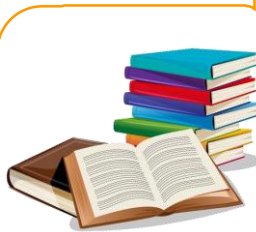
- Capital : Chandigarh
- Chief Minister: Bhagwant Mann
- Governor : Banwarilal Purohit



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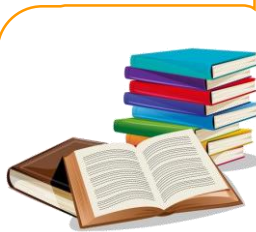
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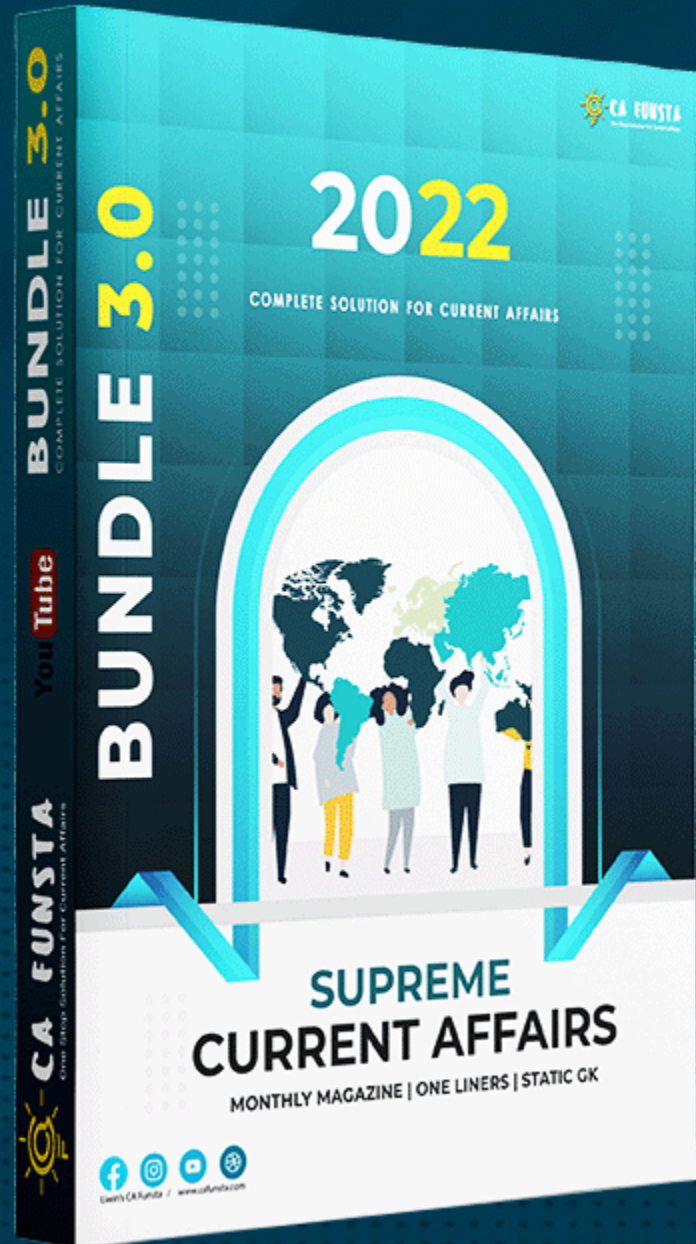
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