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Important Days



When is International Day of the Midwife celebrated?

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

Answer
E) May 5th



Important Days



Explanation

- May 5 is marked as the International Midwife Day in order to recognise the contribution of midwives.
- The idea of having a day to recognize and honor midwives came out of the 1987 International Confederation of Midwives conference in the Netherlands.
- **First Ever celebration:** 1991.
- **Theme:** Together again: from evidence to reality.



Important Days



World Hand Hygiene Day

- **World Hand Hygiene Day** is observed on the **5th of May** every year and it aims to promote the importance of hand hygiene in preventing the spread of infection and promote good health.
- **Campaign Slogan:** Accelerate action together. SAVE LIVES – Clean Your Hands
- **Theme:** “Together, we can accelerate action to prevent infections and antimicrobial resistance in health care and build a culture of safety and quality in which hand hygiene improvement is given high priority.”
- The history of World Hand Hygiene Day can be traced back to the year **2009** when the **World Health Organization (WHO)** launched the **first Global Patient Safety Challenge**, which called for a worldwide commitment to improving the safety of healthcare workers and patients. As part of this initiative, the WHO introduced the concept of hand hygiene as a critical component of infection prevention and control and encouraged healthcare facilities to develop and implement comprehensive hand hygiene programs.



Important Days



African World Heritage Day

- **African World Heritage Day** is a day declared by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to celebrate the cultural and natural heritage of Africa.
- The day is celebrated on **5 May** each year.
- **First Edition:** 2016
- This day is Proclaimed by the **38th session of the General Conference of UNESCO (November 2015)**.

Important Days



World Cartoonist Day

- **World Cartoonist Day** is Marked on **May 5** every year, the day celebrates how cartoons have been an integral part of the media landscape, providing commentary on politics, social issues, and popular culture.
- The first commercially successful cartoon appeared on the pages of the **New York World** on **May 5 1895**. During World War II, a group of talented cartoonists including **Gus Edson, Otto Soglow, Clarence D. Russell, and Bob Dunn** decided to entertain the troops by holding small cartoon shows in hospitals.
- National Cartoonists Society (N.C.S.), which was founded in **1946**.
- The National Cartoonist Society declared in the **1990** to promote support for the cartooning industry, and to recognize the impact they have had on society.



Where did Neeraj Chopra win the Doha Diamond League title?

- A) Dubai, UAE
- B) Abu Dhabi, UAE
- C) Doha, Qatar
- D) Muscat, Oman
- E) Manama, Bahrain

Answer

C) Doha, Qatar



Explanation

- Olympic champion **Neeraj Chopra** started his 2023 season by winning the 10-man men's javelin field at the **Doha Diamond League**.
- Neeraj was the first Indian who won the **Diamond Trophy 2022** and kick-started the tournament **2023** by registering a throw of 88.67m.
- **Tokyo Olympics silver medalist Jakub Vadlejch** concluded at the **2nd spot** with a best throw of 88.63m while **world Champion Anderson Peters** finished **third** with a best throw of 85.88m.

Which England cricketer has recently announced their retirement from international cricket?

- A) Sarah Taylor
- B) Heather Knight
- C) Anya Shrubsole
- D) Natalie Sciver
- E) Katherine Brunt

Answer

E) Katherine Brunt



Explanation

- **England right-arm seamer Katherine Sciver-Brunt** announced her retirement from international cricket.
- She took **335 wickets** across all formats.
- She made her international debut in **2004** at the age of 19 and retires as England's leading wicket-taker in ODIs, with 170, and T20s, with 114, while she ranks third in Tests with 51.
- Sciver-Brunt, who retired from test cricket **2022**, was part of England's triumphant **2009** World Cup team, winning the player of the match in the final against New Zealand, while she also won the tournament a second time in **2017**.

Explanation

- She has also won four Ashes series and has been capped 267 times.
- Sciver-Brunt is the **sixth-highest wicket-taker in women's Twenty20 cricket**, with 114 wickets across 112 matches.
- She is also the **fifth-highest wicket-taker in one day internationals**, with 170 wickets.

Which two companies have partnered to offer life insurance offerings to Capital Small Finance Bank customers?

- A) HDFC Life Insurance and ICICI Bank
- B) SBI Life Insurance and Axis Bank
- C) Max Life Insurance and Capital Small Finance Bank
- D) LIC and Punjab National Bank
- E) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance and Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer

C) Max Life Insurance and Capital Small Finance Bank



Explanation

- **Max Life Insurance Company** and **Capital Small Finance Bank** have announced a partnership to offer life insurance offerings to the latter's customers.
- Through this tie-up, Max Life and Capital SFB will offer their customers a range of savings, protection, retirement, and group life insurance plans.
- Capital Small Finance Bank Ltd (CSFB) started operations as India's first Small Finance Bank in 2016.

Titbits

Max Life Insurance

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi
CEO: Prashant Tripathy

Capital Small Finance Bank

Headquarters: Jalandhar, Punjab
MD & CEO: Mr. Sarvjit Singh Samra
Tagline: Vishwas se Vikas tak

Which company has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a payment aggregator under the Payment and Settlement Act, 2007?

- A) TCS Payment Solutions Ltd
- B) Infosys Payment Solutions Ltd
- C) Wipro Payment Solutions Ltd
- D) Aurionpro Payment Solutions Ltd
- E) HCL Payment Solutions Ltd



Answer

D) Aurionpro Payment Solutions Ltd

Explanation

- **Aurionpro Payment Solutions Ltd (AuroPro)** received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as payment aggregator under the Payment and Settlement Act, 2007.
- AuroPay can commence payment aggregator business upon receiving the final certificate of authorisation from RBI.
- APSL is founded by Aurionpro Solutions Ltd which offers solutions in the fintech space.

Titbits

Aurionpro Payment Solutions Ltd (AuroPro)

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

CEO: Balkrishna Pangam

Which bank has launched an industry-first, customised programme called 'Vishesh' for the semi-urban and rural locations (SURU) areas?

- A) State Bank of India
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) Punjab National Bank

Answer
C) HDFC Bank



Explanation

- **HDFC Bank** has launched an industry-first, customised programme '**Vishesh**', for the semi-urban and rural locations (SURU) areas.
- This is a unique programme as it offers a blend of financial and wellness benefits and is tailored to provide a premium banking experience to customers in semi-urban and rural geographies.
- As per the statement, the Bank proposes to add more than 675 branches in the current financial year in these locations to take the total number to close to 5000.
- As of March 31, 2023, it had 52 per cent of its 7821 branches in SURU areas.

BANKING AND FINANCE



Titbits

HDFC Bank

Headquarters: Mumbai , Maharashtra

Tagline : We Understand Your World

CEO :Sashidhar Jagdishan



Which two companies have announced a strategic partnership under the co-lending model to offer secured MSME loans to middle and low-income borrowers in semi-urban areas?

- A) ICICI Bank and HDFC Ltd
- B) Axis Bank and India Shelter Finance Corporation Ltd
- C) State Bank of India and LIC Housing Finance
- D) HDFC Bank and Mahindra Rural Housing Finance
- E) Punjab National Bank and Bajaj Finance

Answer

B) Axis Bank and India Shelter Finance Corporation Ltd



Explanation

- **Axis Bank and India Shelter Finance Corporation Ltd (IndiaShelter)** have announced a strategic partnership under the co-lending model to offer secured MSME loans to middle and low-income borrowers in semi-urban areas.
- Axis Bank, India's third-largest private sector bank, brings deep financial expertise to the table, while IndiaShelter, a Gurgaon-based housing finance company, will provides loan processing technology to assess borrowers' credit profiles.

Titbits

Axis Bank

Hq : Mumbai, Maharashtra

CEO : Mr Amitabh Chaudhary

Tagline : Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi

India Shelter Finance Corporation Ltd

Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana

MD & CEO: Mr. Rupinder Singh

Which two companies have announced a partnership to explore business opportunities in the green hydrogen sector?

- A) Tata Power and Adani Green Energy
- B) Reliance Industries and Indian Oil Corporation
- C) ACME Group and Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL)
- D) JSW Energy and GAIL (India) Limited
- E) Mahindra Group and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

Answer

C) ACME Group and Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL)



INDRAPRASTHA GAS LIMITED

Explanation

- ACME Group and Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) announced that they have entered into a partnership to explore business opportunities in the green hydrogen sector.
- The memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed by representatives from both companies in an effort to promote the adoption of green hydrogen and generate demand for it within India.
- The collaboration will involve the two companies exploring the potential for hydrogen generation plants and electrolyzers, with the aim of blending green hydrogen into IGL's existing pipeline networks.
- These networks currently supply gas to households, industrial and commercial establishments, and compressed natural gas (CNG) for vehicles.

Titbits

ACME Group

Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana

Founder & Managing Director: Manoj Upadhyay

Indraprastha Gas Limited(IGL)

Founded: 1998

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Chairman: Shri R.K. Jain

APPOINTMENTS



Who has taken over as the Chairman of BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry?

- A) RK Vishnoi
- B) Anil Kumar Jha
- C) Sumit Deb
- D) SN Subrahmanyam
- E) Sunil Mehta

Answer
A) RK Vishnoi



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **RK Vishnoi**, the Chairman and Managing Director of **THDC India**, has taken over as **Chairman of BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry**.
- The BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry is an umbrella organisation that aims to promote commerce and industry in BRICS nations.
- Established in **2012** by a group of distinguished professionals and entrepreneurs, the not-for-profit organisation is empanelled with NITI Aayog and is recognised by the United Nations.
- He is currently holding the additional responsibility of **Chairman and Managing Director of NHPC and NEEPCO**.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Chairman: RK Vishnoi

APPOINTMENTS



Who is the next president of Paraguay?

- A) Santiago Peña
- B) Enrique Iglesias
- C) Carlos Mesa
- D) Miguel Diaz-Canel
- E) Evo Morales

Answer

A) Santiago Peña



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Santiago Peña**, a 44-year-old former finance minister and economist at the IMF, took nearly 43% of votes in **Paraguay's presidential election**.
- Santiago Peña is the **52nd President of Paraguay**.
- He replaces **Mario Abdo Benitez**.
- Mario Abdo Benitez become youngest President of Paraguay who serving since 2018.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Paraguay

Capital: Asunción

Currency: Guaraní

President: Santiago Peña



AWARDS



Who has been named as the winner of the 2023 Babacar Ndiaye Super Prize?

- A) Emmanuel Macron
- B) Andry Rajoelina
- C) Xi Jinping
- D) Joe Biden
- E) Vladimir Putin

Answer
B) Andry Rajoelina



AWARDS



Explanation

- The **Africa Road Builders Selection Committee** has named **Madagascar's President Andry Rajoelina**, the winner of the **prestigious Babacar Ndiaye Trophy**, for his commitment to infrastructure development in the island state.
- He succeeds **Tanzanian President Samia Suluhu**, who won the award in **2022**.
- President Rajoelina will receive his trophy on 26 May 2023, on the sidelines of the Annual Meetings of the African Development Bank Group in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.
- Sponsored by the **African Development Bank Group**, the Babacar Ndiaye Trophy, also known as the Super Prize, is awarded by **Acturoutes**, a platform providing information on Africa's infrastructure and road network and the organization Media for Infrastructure and Finance in Africa (MIFA), a network of African journalists specializing in road infrastructure.



AWARDS



Explanation

- The award was created in honor of **Babacar Ndiaye, president of the African Development Bank Group**, from 1985 to 1995.
- Each year, the Africa Road Builders Selection Committee assesses ambitious realized projects that impact the mobility of people in Africa.

AWARDS



Titbits

Madagascar

Capital: Antananarivo

Currency: Malagasy Ariary

President: Andry Rajoelina

Prime Minister: Christian Louis Ntsay

Which company announced the successful test and space-qualification of its '3U and 6U Satellite Orbital Deployers' and 'Orbital Link' on board ISRO's PSLV-C55 mission?

- A) Tata Communications
- B) Reliance Jio
- C) Bharti Airtel
- D) Dhruva Space
- E) ISRO

Answer
D) Dhruva Space



Explanation

- **Dhruva Space** has announced the **successful test and space-qualification of its '3U and 6U Satellite Orbital Deployers' and 'Orbital Link'** on board **Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) PSLV-C55 mission.**
- The launch took place the first launch pad at **Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.**
- The Hyderabad-based firm utilised the PSLV Orbital Experimental Module (POEM) which allows in-orbit scientific experiments using the spent PS4 stage as an orbital platform.
- The firm has indigenously developed satellite deployment systems compatible with the PSLV launch vehicle. It was on June 30 that **Dhruva Space's 1U Satellite Orbital Deployer (DSOD-1U) was successfully space-qualified on board ISRO's PSLV-C53.**

Explanation

- For **PSLV-C55**, the company's **3U Satellite Orbital Deployer (DSOD-3U)** saw successful deployment status shortly after launch. The **6U Satellite Orbital Deployer (DSOD-6U)**, designed for the storage and delayed deployment of 'CubeSats' into low earth orbit and higher orbits, rounded off a mission success with confirmation of long-duration/planned delayed deployment.
- **Dhruva Space Orbital Link (DSOL)** has been designed and was successfully tested and space-qualified to support satellite-based data relay applications. The configurable transceiver was made for telemetry, telecommand and control, and payload data download with high data rates with successful reception confirmed from ISTRAC - ISRO's Telemetry Tracking & Command Network, Port Blair ground station.

Explanation

- **Last year**, the 11-year-old start-up launched their **two satellites Thybolt 1 and Thybolt 2**, onboard **Indian Space Research Organisation's PSLV-C54**.
- The start-up manufactures satellite infrastructure such as solar panels, satellite software, communication systems, and satellite deployers.
- Three satellite platforms have been developed by **Dhruva Space**.
- P DoT is a picosatellite platform (satellites weighing 1-24kg); P30 is a nanosatellite platform (satellites weighing 1-30kg); and P90 are satellites weighing up to 300 kg.

Titbits

Dhruva Space Private Limited

Headquarters: Hyderabad, Telangana

CEO: Sanjay Nekkanti

Who will be the Guest of Honour on France's National Day on July 14?

- A) Emmanuel Macron
- B) Boris Johnson
- C) Narendra Modi
- D) Angela Merkel
- E) Justin Trudeau

Answer
C) Narendra Modi



Explanation

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi will** be the Guest of Honour on **France's National Day on July 14**.
- On the **25th anniversary of the India-France Strategic Partnership**, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to attend this year's Bastille Day Parade as Guest of Honour on July 14 in Paris this year.
- India has purchased **36 Rafale fighter jets from France**. French-owned shipbuilder **Naval Group** has helped build **six submarines** in India through a transfer of technology and the company could be eyeing more such deals.
- **In February**, Air India agreed to purchase **250 commercial airplanes** from **Airbus**.
- Total goods trade between France and India approached \$15.8 billion in 2022, a 6% increase from the previous year.
- **Bastille Day** is named after the fall of a fortress that symbolised the **French revolution of 1789**.

Explanation

- The celebration in Paris typically includes a military parade on the Champs Elysees avenue and air force jets flying over the capital, much like the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi. Macron is expected to visit India in September.
- In **2016, French President François Hollande was the chief guest at the Republic Day Parade**. Beside the UK, France is the only other country that has been invited by India 5 times to take part in the parade. Russia and Bhutan have each been invited four times.
- In **2009, French President Nicolas Sarkozy** had invited **Prime Minister Manmohan Singh** to attend the Bastille Day parade as the guest of honour.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

France

President : Emmanuel Macron

Capital : Paris

Currency : Euro, CFP franc

How many finance companies have been permitted to undertake Aadhaar-based verification of clients by the Finance Ministry?

- A) 12
- B) 16
- C) 18
- D) 20
- E) 22

Answer
E) 22

Explanation

- The **Finance Ministry** has allowed **22 financial companies**, including Amazon Pay (India) and Hero FinCorp, to undertake Aadhaar-based authentication of clients.
- The ministry, through a notification, said these 22 companies, which are already reporting entities under the PMLA, will be able to verify the identity of clients and beneficial owners' details using their Aadhaar numbers.
- These 22 financial companies include **Godrej Finance, Amazon Pay (India) Pvt Ltd, Aditya Birla Housing Finance, Tata Motors Finance Solution, IIFL Finance and Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Ltd.**
- The other modes of verification prescribed under the Money Laundering Act include offline verification under the Aadhaar Act, use of a passport and any other officially valid document or modes of identification as may be notified by the central government, and the client has a voluntary choice to opt for the mode of verification.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Finance & Corporate Affairs

Minister : Nirmala Sitharaman

Constituency : Rajya Sabha MP, Karnataka

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



With which company has Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) signed an MoU to jointly manufacture and develop electro-mechanical bollards?

- A) Larsen & Toubro
- B) Tata Group
- C) Reliance Industries
- D) Emjay Control Systems Pvt Ltd
- E) Mahindra Group

Answer

D) Emjay Control Systems Pvt Ltd



Explanation

- Navratna Defence PSU **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** has signed an MoU with **Emjay Control Systems Pvt Ltd** to jointly manufacture and develop business for state-of-the-art, electro-mechanical bollards for use in various Defence, Homeland Security, Paramilitary, and export projects.
- The bollards are envisaged to safeguard vital installations by pre-empting unauthorised entry of heavy vehicles.
- They are built to withstand the impact of IED-laden vehicles weighing from 24,000-1,50,000 Kgs and coming in at alarming speeds from 80-100 Kmph.
- The bollards have been indigenously designed, in keeping with the Government's Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat policies.

Explanation

- **Emjay Control Systems Pvt Ltd** is a Bengaluru-based company having its manufacturing centre at **Malur in Kolar district**.
- Emjay is a leading manufacturer of Automatic Retractable Bollards with manual override, having Indian and US patents, with the brand name ISEQ (International Security Equipment).
- **Navratna PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** was established in **1954** under the Ministry of Defence, Gol, with a farsighted vision to make the country self-reliant in Defence electronics.

Titbits

BEL

Abbreviation: Bharat Electronics Limited
Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka
Chairman & MD : Mr Dinesh Kumar Batra
Found: 1954

Emjay Control Systems Pvt Ltd

Headquarters: Bangalore, Karnataka
CEO: Joy P. P.

What is the new name for the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS)?

- A) National Programme for Control of Communicable Diseases [NP-CCD]
- B) National Programme for Prevention & Control of Non-Communicable Diseases [NP-NCD]
- C) National Programme for Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases [NP-ID]
- D) National Programme for Prevention of Lifestyle Diseases [NP-PLD]
- E) National Programme for Health and Wellness [NP-HW]

Answer

B) National Programme for Prevention & Control of Non-Communicable Diseases [NP-NCD]

Explanation

- **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** has decided to rename **National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS)** as '**National Programme for Prevention & Control of Non-Communicable Diseases [NP-NCD]**'.
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has also decided to rename the portal which enables population enumeration, risk assessment, and screening for five common NCDs, including hypertension, diabetes, and oral, breast and cervical cancers of the population aged above 30 years.
- The application or software named **Comprehensive Primary Healthcare Non-Communicable Disease (CPHC NCD IT)** rolled out under the programme for screening and management, will now be renamed '**National NCD Portal**'.

Explanation

- NPCDCS is being implemented under the **National Health Mission (NHM)** across the country.
- Meanwhile, a study '**India: Health of the Nation's States - The India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative in 2017**' by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) estimated that the proportion of deaths due to NCDs in India have increased from 37.9% in 1990 to 61.8% in 2016.
- The **four major NCDs** are cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), cancers, chronic respiratory diseases (CRDs) and diabetes which share four behavioural risk factors – unhealthy diet, lack of physical activity, and use of tobacco and alcohol.

Which ship was flagged off by the Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping & Waterways from Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Kolkata?

- A) MV-ITT Puma (V-273)
- B) MV-ITT Leopard (V-273)
- C) MV-ITT Cheetah (V-273)
- D) MV-ITT Lion (V-273)
- E) MV-ITT Tiger (V-273)

Answer

D) MV-ITT Lion (V-273)



Explanation

- Cargo operations between **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Kolkata** and the **Sittwe Port in Rakhine state of Myanmar** started.
- The ship - **MV-ITT LION (V-273)** - was flagged off by Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping & Waterways, **Shantanu Thakur**.
- The Sittwe port has been built under grant assistance from the Government of India as part of the **Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP)**.
- The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) - as a project development consultant - successfully completed the work of the port and IWT components.
- MV-ITT LION (V-273) carrying 20,000 bags containing 1,000 metric tonnes of cement will be received at the Sittwe Port on May 9, 2023.

Explanation

- The port will enable new trade and transit opportunities between India and Myanmar, particularly in the Rakhine State, and enhance commerce between the two nations and the wider region.
- **Sittwe Port** has been developed under a framework agreement between India and Myanmar for the construction and operation of a **Multimodal Transit Transport Facility on Kaladan river** connecting the Sittwe port in Myanmar with the state of Mizoram in India.
- The port connects to Paletwa in Myanmar through an inland waterway and from Paletwa to Zorinpui in Mizoram through a road component.
- Once fully operationalised, KMTTP will provide alternate connectivity from the Eastern coast of India to the North-eastern states through the Sittwe port.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Myanmar

Capital : Naypyidaw

Currency : Burmese Kyat

President: Myint Swe

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Who inaugurated the Dawki Land Port in Meghalaya's West Jaintia Hills district to promote trade and commerce between India and Bangladesh?

- A) Nirmala Sitharaman
- B) Nitin Gadkari
- C) Piyush Goyal
- D) Nityanand Rai
- E) Hardeep Singh Puri

Answer

D) Nityanand Rai



Explanation

- **Union Minister Nityanand Rai** inaugurated the **Dawki Land Port** in **Meghalaya's West Jaintia Hills district** to promote trade and commerce between **India and Bangladesh**.
- The Union Minister of State for Home Affairs inaugurated the land port in the presence of Meghalaya Deputy Chief Minister Sniawbhalang Dhar.
- The Dawki Land Port is located in **West Jaintia Hills in Meghalaya**, 55 km from the district headquarters, Jowai, and about 84 km from Meghalaya's capital Shillong. The corresponding Land Port in Bangladesh is Tamabil, located in the Sylhet district.
- The Dawki Land port will serve as a vital trade and transportation hub between India and Bangladesh and will facilitate the movement of goods, people, and vehicles across the border. It will also facilitate passenger movement across the border.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Meghalaya

Capital: Shillong

CM : Conrad Sangma

Governor : Phagu Chauhan

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Which event did Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Anurag Singh Thakur launch on the occasion of Buddha Purnima in Lucknow?

- A) Khelo India University Games 2022
- B) Tokyo Olympics 2023
- C) Commonwealth Games 2023
- D) Asian Games 2023
- E) Youth Olympic Games 2023

Answer

A) Khelo India University Games 2022



Explanation

- **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** and **Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur** launched the mascot, logo, jersey, and anthem of the Khelo India University Games 2022 (KIUG) at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Lucknow's Gomti Nagar.
- Besides state capital **Lucknow**, the 3rd edition of the Khelo India University Games will be hosted by **Noida, Gorakhpur and Varanasi**, from **May 23 to June 3**.
- KIUG opening ceremony is scheduled for **May 25** at the Babu Banarasi Das University in Lucknow.
- The Shooting competition will be organized in **New Delhi at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range**.

Explanation

- For the First time, **water sports such as Rowing** will be a part of the Khelo India University Games.
- More than 4700 athletes from 200 universities across the country will participate in 21 sports disciplines in this event.
- **The Logo** - The official logo of the Khelo India University Games 2022 Uttar Pradesh represents the rich heritage of Uttar Pradesh, India's largest state.
- **The Mascot** - Jitu, the mascot represents the Barasingha, an incredible mammal
- **The Torch** - 'Shakti', the official torch of the Khelo India University Games, Uttar Pradesh
- **Anthem** - "Khelo India – Har Dil Mein Desh", composed and sung by renowned singer Palash Sen.

Titbits

Uttar Pradesh

Capital : Lucknow

CM : Yogi Adityanath

Governor : Anandiben Patel

Information and Broadcasting; and Youth Affairs and Sports

Minister: Shri Anurag Singh Thakur

Constituency: Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh

QUICK RECALL



- **May 5th - International Day of the Midwife, World Hand Hygiene Day, African World Heritage Day, World Cartoonist Day**
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QUICK RECALL



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- **The Finance Ministry has allowed 22 financial companies, including Amazon Pay (India) and Hero FinCorp, to undertake Aadhaar-based authentication of clients.**
- **BEL signs MoU with Emjay Control Systems to develop electro-mechanical bollards**
- **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has decided to rename National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) as 'National Programme for Prevention & Control of Non-Communicable Diseases [NP-NCD].**
- **MV-ITT Lion (V-273) was flagged off by the Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping & Waterways from Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Kolkata.**
- **Union Minister Nityanand Rai inaugurated the Dawki Land Port in Meghalaya's West Jaintia Hills district to promote trade and commerce between India and Bangladesh.**
- **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur launched the mascot, logo, jersey, and anthem of the Khelo India University Games 2022 (KIUG) at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Lucknow's Gomti Nagar.**

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