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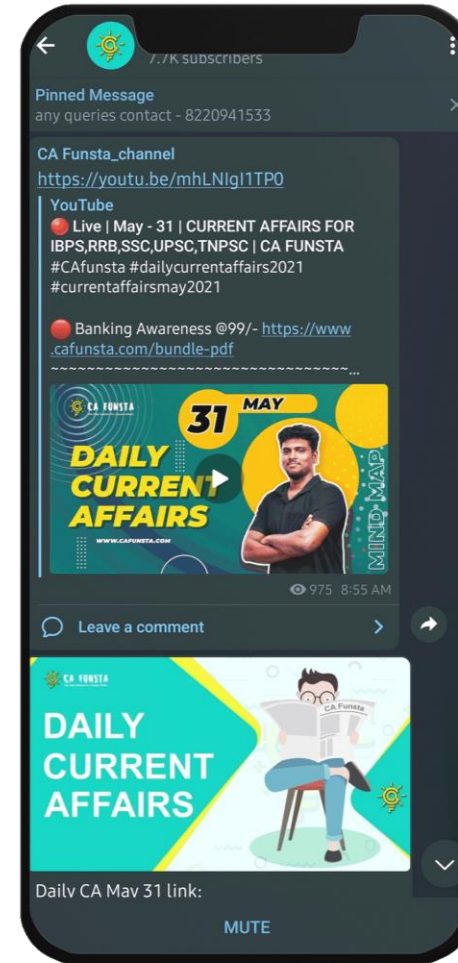
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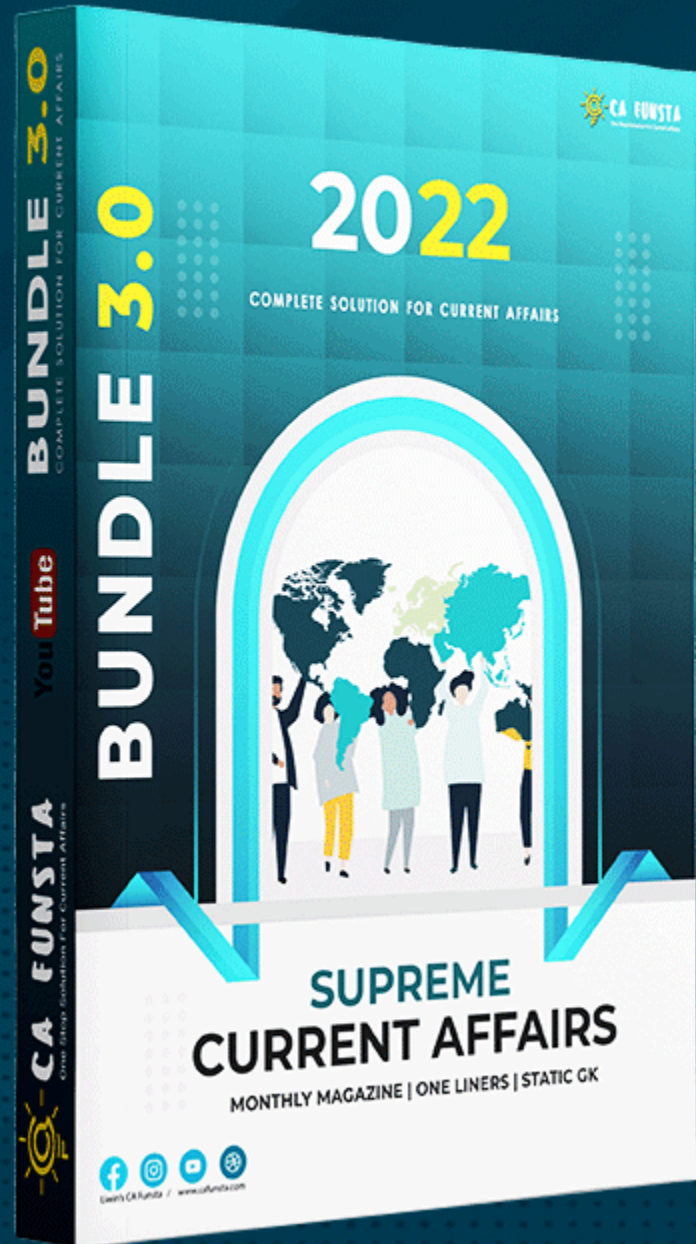


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Important Days

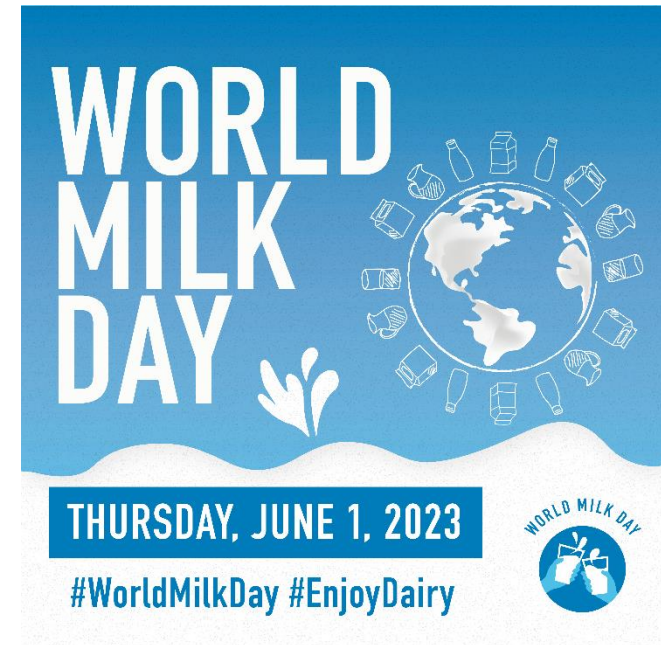


On which date is World Milk Day observed every year?

- A) 1st January
- B) 1st March
- C) 1st May
- D) 1st June
- E) 1st July

Answer

D) 1st June



Important Days



Explanation

- World Milk Day is an annual observance held on the **1st of June**.
- It was established in the year **2001** by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations (UN) with the aim of promoting the consumption and highlighting the benefits of milk worldwide.
- World Milk Day 2023's theme is "**Showcasing how dairy is reducing its environmental footprint, while also providing nutritious foods and livelihoods,**" according to worldmilkday.org
- The common theme of the observance is "**The potency of milk and the milk industry**"

Important Days



Global Day of Parents

- **The Global Day of Parents**, celebrated on **June 1** every year, marks the critical role played by parents in their children's lives.
- The United Nations General Assembly declared **1994** as the **International Year of the Family** when the Economic and Social Council and the Commission for Social Development called upon the Secretary-General to prioritize family-related issues.
- In **2012**, the General Assembly officially designated **June 1** as the Global Day of Parents to highlight the significance of families.
- First Edition: 2013

OBITUARY



Who was Ved Kumari Ghai, recently passed away?

- A) A renowned Hindi poet
- B) A prominent Indian politician
- C) A legendary Indian classical musician
- D) A veteran Sanskrit scholar
- E) A celebrated Bollywood actress

Answer

D) A veteran Sanskrit scholar



OBITUARY



Explanation

- Veteran Sanskrit Scholar and Padma Shri awardee, Ved Kumari Ghai passed away.
- She was head of Sanskrit Department in Jammu University until her retirement on December 31, 1991.
- She won Government of India awarded her **Padma Shri** in **2014**. She was also awarded Gold Medal by Jammu and Kashmir Government for social work, President's Award for Sanskrit and Dogra Ratan award etc.
- She was also a recipient of the **Sahitya Akademi Award**, the highest literary award in India, in 1991 for her book "**The Sanskrit Language**".

Which company has launched a heat index-based insurance plan for dairy farmers?

- A) mooPay
- B) AgriTech Solutions
- C) DairyGuard
- D) Livestock Insure
- E) FarmSure

Answer

A) mooPay



Explanation

- Dairy technology provider **Stellapps' fintech arm mooPay**, in partnership with **IBISA Network, HDFC ERGO and Gramcover**, has launched a unique heat Index-based insurance plan for farmers.
- The cover provides financial compensation to farmers of **mooMark**, the dairy supply chain arm of Stellapps, to offset income loss due to a fall in milk productivity during heat waves in summer.
- The cover guarantees insurance benefits for farmers if, over **60 days** starting from May 1, temperatures exceed the specified limits for a predetermined number of days, with region-specific parameters.
- The claim settlement process is simple and hassle-free. The insurer takes the data of temperature trends for the insured period from a pre-agreed public database and compensates the claimant as per the prescribed benefits slab.

Explanation

- Each insured cattle is eligible for a cover of a maximum of **₹2,000**. Currently, the insurance cover extends to one cattle per household.
- In the first phase, mooMark is offering this insurance as a part of its loyalty programme. This policy covers around 7,000 farmers, in 5 districts, across 4 States for a total sum assured of over ₹1.3 crore.

BANKING AND FINANCE



Titbits

mooPay

Headquarters: Bangalore, Karnataka

CEO: Rahul Mallick

The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has partnered with which institutions to introduce voice-banking solutions and eliminate language barriers across the country?

- A) IIM Bangalore and IIM Ahmedabad
- B) IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi
- C) IIT Madras Research Park (IITMRP) and IIT Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC)
- D) IIT Kharagpur and IIT Roorkee
- E) IISC Bangalore and IIT Kanpur

Answer

C) IIT Madras Research Park (IITMRP) and IIT Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC)



Explanation

- **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)** has joined hands with **IIT Madras Research Park (IITMRP)** and **IIT Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC)** to introduce voice-banking solutions to eliminate language barriers across the country.
- The initiative of RBI and IIT Madras aims at conducting basic banking transactions through voice-controls in **Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and English**, in the initial stage. Voice-banking will assist the illiterate and the visually impaired in their banking needs.
- **State Bank of India (SBI), Axis Bank, Kotak Mahindra and IDFC First** conducted a codefest on voice-banking called 'Vaultor Voice' at the **IIT Madras Research Park**.
- Young professionals, start-ups and students took part in the codefest to showcase the potential of voice-banking services.
- A pilot project should be available in 12 to 18 months.

Titbits

Reserve Bank Innovation Hub

- The RBI had set up the RBIH as a Section 8 company under Companies Act, 2013, with an initial capital contribution of ₹100 crore

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

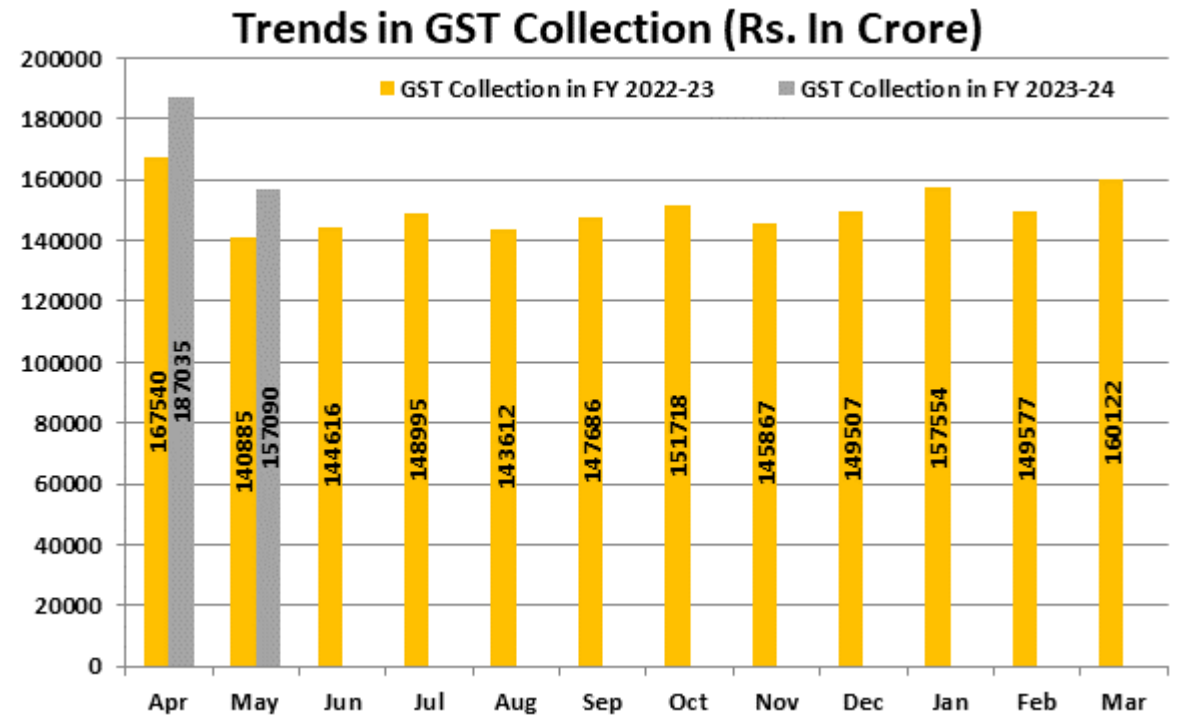
Chief Executive Officer: Rajesh Bansal

Founded: 2022

What was India's gross GST revenue collection in the month of May, registering a year-on-year rise of 12 percent?

- A) Rs 1,39,000 crore
- B) Rs 1,43,620 crore
- C) Rs 1,57,090 crore
- D) Rs 1,61,500 crore
- E) Rs 1,76,200 crore

Answer
C) Rs 1,57,090 crore



Explanation

- India's gross GST revenue collection in the month of May stood at **Rs 1,57,090 crore**, registering a rise of 12 per cent on a year-on-year basis.
- India in April saw a record-high GST collection of **Rs 1.87 lakh crore**.
- With this, the monthly GST revenue has come in at more than Rs 1.4 lakh crore for the 14th consecutive month.
- The gross revenue has crossed the 1.5 lakh crore mark for the fifth time since the inception of GST in the country.
- Of the total gross GST revenue collected in May CGST is Rs 28,411 crore, SGST is Rs 35,828 crore, IGST is Rs 81,363 crore (including Rs 41,772 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs 11,489 crore (including Rs 1,057 crore collected on import of goods).

Which company has become the first manufacturer to achieve the GreenPro Ecolabel for its 'Automotive Steel' products?

- A) Tata Steel
- B) Essar Steel
- C) ArcelorMittal
- D) JSW Steel
- E) SAIL (Steel Authority of India Limited)



Answer

E) SAIL (Steel Authority of India Limited)

Explanation

- **JSW Steel** has become the First Manufacturer to Achieve **GreenPro Ecolabel** for its 'Automotive Steel' Products.
- The GreenPro ecolabel, developed by the **Confederation of Indian Industry's (CII) Green Business Centre**, recognizes the highest standards of environmental sustainability and product performance in the Indian manufacturing sector.
- JSW Steel Vijayanagar's 'Automotive Steel' products have undergone rigorous assessments and met the stringent criteria set by the GreenPro certification.
- The GreenPro ecolabel signifies that JSW Steel's products are manufactured with due care to their environmental impact throughout their lifecycle, including raw material sourcing, production processes, energy consumption, and end-of-life management.

Explanation

- Recently, **JSW Steel and JFE Steel, Japan** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to conduct a joint feasibility study to establish a cold rolled grain-oriented electrical steel manufacturing joint venture in India.
- In **2021**, the company completed the acquisition of BPSL and became the largest steel producer in India.

Titbits

JSW Steel Limited

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman: Mr. Sajjan Jindal

CII

Abbreviation: Confederation of Indian Industry

President: R Dinesh

Headquarters: New Delhi

Founded: 1895

APPOINTMENTS



Who has taken charge as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL)?

- A) Ravi Uppal
- B) Amarendra Prakash
- C) Anil Kumar Chaudhary
- D) Vinay Mittal
- E) Prakash Kumar Singh

Answer

C) Anil Kumar Chaudhary



सेल SAIL

**स्टील अथॉरिटी ऑफ इण्डिया लिमिटेड
STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA LIMITED**

APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Amarendu Prakash** has taken charge as the new Chairman and Managing Director of **Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL)** from May 31.
- He was previously the Director (In-charge) of SAIL's Bokaro steel plant.
- He succeeds **Soma Mondal**, who retired from the post on April 30, 2023.
- Prakash is an accomplished technocrat and possesses over 30 years of experience, comprising 24 years in plant operations at BSL, 4 years at the Chairman's office in SAIL, and 2 years as a Director on SAIL Board as an In-charge of BSL.
- He began his career at SAIL in 1991.
- SAIL, under the Ministry of Steel, is the country's largest steel-making company, with an annual capacity of around 21 million tonnes.

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL)

Founded: 19 January 1954

Headquarters: New Delhi

CMD: Amarendu Prakash

APPOINTMENTS



Who has been elected as the 3rd Vice President of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)?

- A) Sandeep Verma
- B) Mrutyunjay Mohapatra
- C) Jatin Singh
- D) Rajeevan V. K.
- E) Harsh Vardhan

Answer

B) Mrutyunjay Mohapatra



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **India Meteorological Department (IMD) Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra** was elected as one of the three **vice-presidents** of the **World Meteorological Organisation**, the UN agency for monitoring climate change, early warnings, and disaster preparedness.
- **Abdulla Al Mandous**, Director of United Arab Emirates National Center of Meteorology, was elected **President of WMO** for a four-year term.
- **Daouda Konate**, director of meteorology of Cote d'Ivoire and **Eoin Moran**, Director Met Éireann, the Irish Meteorological Service were elected the **first and second vice presidents**.
- Previously, Earth Sciences Secretary **M Ravichandran** was elected as the **Vice Chair of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Mechanism (ATCM)**.
- The WMO has a President and three vice-presidents who preside over World Meteorological Congress and the Executive Council. The Secretariat, headquartered in Geneva, is headed by the Secretary-General.
- Prof **Celeste Saulo of Argentina** has been appointed as the first **female Secretary-General of the WMO**.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

World Meteorological Organization(WMO)

Founded: 23 March 1950

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

President: Abdulla Al Mandous

APPOINTMENTS



Who has assumed charge as the Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI)?

- A) Ajay Yadav
- B) Ravi Sharma
- C) Neha Singh
- D) Rajesh Kumar
- E) Anjali Gupta

Answer
A) Ajay Yadav



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Ajay Yadav** (IAS) has assumed charge as **Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI)**, a PSU under the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE).
- He has taken over additional charge of the post with effect from May 31, 2023.
- Ajay Yadav has succeeded SECI's former MD **Suman Sharma** (IRS), who had joined UPSC on May 25
- Yadav is a 2005-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Bihar cadre. Presently, he is serving as Joint Secretary in MNRE.
- Prior to joining MNRE as Joint Secretary, he was working as Private Secretary to Minister of Civil Aviation.

APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI)** is a Miniratna Category-I Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) incorporated in the year **2011**.
- SECI is the primary implementing agency of the MNRE for renewable energy schemes/projects towards fulfilment of India's international commitments.

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)

Headquarters : New Delhi

Founded: 9 September 2011

MD: Ajay Yadav

Chairman: Shri Bhupinder Singh Bhalla

APPOINTMENTS



Whose tenure as the Director General of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has been extended by the government for three months?

- A) Rajesh Sharma
- B) Manish Gupta
- C) Atul Verma
- D) Sanjay Singh
- E) Deepika Kapoor

Answer

C) Atul Verma

APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- The government has extended the tenure of **Atul Verma** as the **Director General** of the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** for **three months**.
- CCI is probing various anti-competitive cases, including those relating to technology companies.
- **Verma**, a 1991 batch IPS officer of Himachal Pradesh cadre, was appointed as DG at CCI in June 2020 for three years.
- The power to appoint DG lies with MCA and the recent amendments to Competition Act 2022 had transferred this power to CCI.

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

CCI

Abbreviation: Competition Commission of India

Founded: 14 October 2003

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Chairman : Ravneet Kaur

Director General: Atul Verma

Where did India conduct a successful training launch of the medium-range ballistic missile Agni-1?

- A) Chandipur, Odisha
- B) Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station, Kerala
- C) APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha
- D) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- E) Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Tamil Nadu

Answer

C) APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha



Explanation

- A training launch of a **Medium-Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-1**, was successfully carried out by the Strategic Forces Command from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, in Odisha.
- The missile is a proven system, capable of striking targets with a very high degree of precision. The user training launch successfully validated all operational and technical parameters of the missile.
- In **October last** year, India successfully fired '**Agni Prime**' - a new generation of ballistic missiles - from off the coast of Odisha.
- In **December last**, India successfully test-fired nuclear-capable ballistic missile Agni-V that can strike targets at ranges up to **5,000 km**.

Explanation

- The Agni 1 to 4 missiles have ranges from 700 km to 3,500 km and they have already been deployed.
- In April, India successfully carried out the maiden flight trial of an endo-atmospheric interceptor missile from a ship off the coast of Odisha in the Bay of Bengal as part of its ambitious ballistic missile defence programme.

Where is the world's first 3D printed Hindu temple being built?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Telangana
- D) Tamil Nadu
- E) Karnataka

Answer
C) Telangana



Explanation

- The **world's first 3D printed Hindu temple** is being built in **Telangana**.
- Situated within Charvitha Meadows, a gated villa community at Burugupally in Siddipet, the 3D printed temple is a three-part structure being built on a site of 3,800 square feet by Hyderabad-based **Apsuja Infratech**.
- Apsuja Infratech has tied up with Simpliforge Creations, a 3D-printed construction company, for the project.
- Incidentally, in March, Simpliforge Creations had, together with the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad built India's first prototype bridge in a little under two hours.
- Telangana celebrates its formation day. It became India's 29th state on June 2, 2014, after being carved out of Andhra Pradesh.

Explanation

- The 3D technology that will be used to construct the temple will utilise indigenously developed material and software.
- Originally, it was a part of the erstwhile Nizam's princely state of Hyderabad. The region accounts for 119 seats of 294 in the assembly.

Titbits

Telangana

Capital : Hyderabad

CM : K. Chandrashekar Rao

Governor : Tamilisai Soundararajan

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



How many Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed between India and Nepal to promote infrastructure development, connectivity, and people-to-people ties?

- A) Three
- B) Five
- C) Seven
- D) Nine
- E) Twelve

**Answer
C) Seven**



Explanation

- **PM Narendra Modi** and **PM of Nepal Pushpa Kamal Dahal** had bilateral talks in **Hyderabad House in New Delhi** where seven important MOUs in various sectors were signed between two neighbors.
- The country shares a border of over 1,850 km with five Indian states – Sikkim, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
- The India-Nepal Treaty of Peace and Friendship of 1950 forms the bedrock of the special relations between the two countries.

Projects launched

1. Handing over of Kurtha-Bijalpura section of railway line.
2. Inaugural run of an Indian railway cargo train from Bathnaha (India) to Nepal Customs Yard which is the newly constructed rail link under Indian grant.
3. Inauguration of Integrated Checkposts (ICPs) at Nepalgunj (Nepal) and Rupaidiha (India).
4. Ground breaking ceremony of ICPs at Bhairahawa (Nepal) and Sonauli (India).
5. Ground breaking ceremony of phase-II facilities under Motihari-Amlekhgunj Petroleum Pipeline.
6. Ground breaking ceremony of Indian portion of Gorakhpur-Bhutwal Transmission Line being built by a JV of PGCIL and NEA.

List of MoU/Agreements signed between India and Nepal

1. Treaty of Transit between the Government of India and the Government of Nepal
2. MoU between the Government of India and the Government of Nepal for cooperation in the field of Petroleum Infrastructure
3. MoU between Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS) and the Institute of Foreign Affairs, Nepal
4. MoU between the Government of India and the Government of Nepal for the development of infrastructure at Dodhara Chandani check post along Indo-Nepal Border
5. State-owned SJVN Ltd inked a project development agreement with Investment Board of Nepal to develop 669 MW Lower Arun Hydro Power project worth Rs 5,792 crore in Nepal.
6. NHPC Limited (A Govt. of India Enterprise) and Vidhyut Utpadan Company Limited (VUCL), Nepal signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) in New Delhi for development of Phukot Karnali Hydro Electric Project (480MW) in Nepal.
7. MoU between NPCIL and NCHL, Nepal for cross border payments

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Titbits

Nepal

Capital : Kathmandu

Currency : Rupee

President: Ram Chandra Poudel

Prime Minister: Pushpa Kamal Dahal

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Who inaugurated the National Training Centre for the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Piyush Goyal
- D) Mansukh Mandaviya
- E) Smriti Irani

Answer

D) Mansukh Mandaviya



Explanation

- **Dr Mansukh Mandaviya** has inaugurated the state-of-the-art **National Training Centre for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** at **Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh**.
- Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel, Minister of State (HFW) and General (Dr.) V.K. Singh, Minister of State (Civil Aviation, MoRTH) were also present at the event.
- Terming the training centre as “Lok Swasth Arpan Bhawan”.
- The National Training Centre of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh is an essential initiative aimed at providing structured instruction, practice, and learning experiences to bridge the gap between existing knowledge or skills and desired knowledge or skills in the field of food safety and standards.

Explanation

- On this occasion, an **e- learning app- Food Safety and Certification (FoSTaC) developed by FSSAI** that contains learning and training modules about food safety guidelines, such as proper food handling, storage, and hygiene practices etc., for street vendors was also launched.
- Dr. Mandaviya also released two books developed **by FSSAI - Millets (Shree Anna) Recipes- A Healthy Menu for Mess/Canteens and Healthy Gut, Healthy You - Traditional recipes with potential probiotic benefits.**

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Titbits

Health and Family Welfare & Chemicals and Fertilizers

Minister : Mansukh L. Mandaviya

Constituency : Rajya sabha MP , Gujarat

Which scheme recently completed 3 years of successful implementation?

- A) Prime Minister's Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme
- B) Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) Scheme
- C) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) Scheme
- D) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) Scheme
- E) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) Scheme

Answer

A) Prime Minister's Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme

Explanation

- **Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme** successfully completion of **3 years**.
- PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) is a Special Micro-Credit Facility launched by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, for providing affordable loans to street vendors.
- It is Launched on **June 1, 2020**.
- Facilitates collateral free Working Capital loans of upto **Rs 10,000 for one year tenure**.
- Interest subsidy on timely/ early repayment @ **7%**
- Monthly cash-back incentive on digital transactions up to **Rs.100** on undertaking prescribed number of digital transactions.

Explanation

- On timely repayment of the first loan, higher loan eligibility of Rs.20,000 and Rs.50,000 in the second and third tranches respectively
- The scheme provides working capital loans in three tranches to street vendors and has granted microcredits to over 3.6 million vendors across India.
- As of June 30, 2023, more than 4.85 million loan applications have been sanctioned, with over 4.64 million loans disbursed, amounting to a total of Rs. 57.95 billion.
- **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** launched a **PM SVANidhi mobile app** for street vendors, to ease the loan application process and provide various information to Street Vendors regarding the Scheme.
- Moreover, a facility for **'Udyam' registration and obtaining 'Udyam Assist' certificate for Street Vendors on PM SVANidhi portal** was also launched with the help of Ministry of Small and Medium enterprises, MSME, to provide easy access to vendors for obtaining Udyam Registration Certificate for promotion of their business.

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Titbits

Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs

Minister : Hardeep Singh Puri

Constituency : Rajya sabha MP, Uttar Pradesh

Who launched the Unified Registration Portal for GOBARdhan?

- A) Nitin Gadkari
- B) Narendra Singh Tomar
- C) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- D) Hardeep Singh Puri
- E) Prakash Javadekar

Answer

C) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Explanation

- Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, has launched the **Unified Registration Portal for GOBARdhan**, an initiative by the Government of India.
- This portal will serve as a centralized repository for assessing investment and participation in the Biogas/CBG (Compressed Biogas) sector at a pan India level. Its primary objective is to streamline the process of setting up CBG/Biogas plants in the country.
- The Unified Registration Portal allows any government, cooperative, or private entity operating or intending to set up a Biogas/CBG/Bio-CNG plant in India to obtain a registration number by enrolling in the portal.
- This registration number will enable them to avail a multitude of benefits and support from the Ministries and Departments of the Government of India.

Explanation

- The GOBARdhan initiative, which stands for **Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan**, is a crucial umbrella initiative of the Government of India. It adopts a whole-of-government approach and aims to convert waste into wealth, thereby promoting a circular economy.
- The government intends to build a robust ecosystem for setting up Biogas/Compressed Biogas (CBG)/Bio-Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) plants to drive sustainable economic growth and foster a circular economy.
- The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, has developed the Unified Registration Portal for GOBARdhan, accessible at <https://gobardhan.co.in>.
- The GOBARdhan initiative aims to generate wealth and energy by converting cattle dung, agricultural residue, and other organic waste into Biogas, CBG, and bio-fertilizers.

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Titbits

Jal Shakti

Minister : Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
Constituency : Jodhpur, Rajasthan

NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) signed an MoU with which organization to collaborate in the development of Renewable Energy Parks and Projects?

- A) National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC)
- B) Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)
- C) Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL)
- D) Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA)
- E) Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID)

Answer

D) Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA)



Explanation

- **NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL)** and **Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (UPRVUNL)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in **Lucknow** with an aim to collaborate in the development of Renewable Energy Parks and Projects and to facilitate in Government of India's efforts towards energy transition.
- The MoU was signed by Shri Mohit Bhargava, CEO (NGEL) and Shri Nidhi Kumar Narang, Director (Finance), UPRVUNL in the presence of Shri P. Guruprasad, MD (UPRVUNL), Shri Praveen Saxena, Regional Executive Director (NR) of NTPC. Shri V V Sivakumar, GM (NGEL) and other senior officials of NTPC, NGEL and UPRVUNL were present during the occasion.
- **NTPC** is India's largest Power Utility, with a total installed capacity of about 72 GW (including JVs and subsidiaries).

Explanation

- **UPRVUNL** was constituted to set up and operate Power-generating stations in the state of Uttar Pradesh.
- At present UPRVUNL is having four Thermal Power Stations within Uttar Pradesh with an installed capacity of 5820 MW and one Thermal Power Station with installed capacity of 1320 MW under JV with NTPC.

Titbits

NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd(NTPCREL)

Founded: 7th October 2020

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

CEO: Shri Mohit Bhargava

Where is the third Employment Working Group (EWG) meeting organized by the Indian G20 Presidency taking place?

- A) New Delhi, India
- B) Paris, France
- C) Geneva, Switzerland
- D) Tokyo, Japan
- E) Washington D.C., United States

Answer

C) Geneva, Switzerland



Explanation

- The Indian **G20 Presidency** is organizing the **third Employment Working Group (EWG) meeting** at **ILO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland**.
- It is a G20 tradition since the inception of the EWG, to organize an Employment Working Group at the side-lines of the International Labour Organization (ILO)'s annual International Labour Conference at Geneva.
- 78 delegates from 20 G20 member countries, 09 guest countries and 04 International Organizations are attending the meeting.
- The Ministry of Labour & Employment's **international knowledge partners** i.e. **International Labour Organisation ILO), Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD), International Social Security Association (ISSA), World Bank (WB)** and a **domestic knowledge partner** i.e. **Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship**, Government of India, are attending the meeting to provide their technical expertise to the Group.
- It chaired by **Ms. Arti Ahuja**, the Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India.

Who has been named the 'Smile Ambassador' for an oral hygiene campaign in Maharashtra?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) Sachin Tendulkar
- D) MS Dhoni
- E) Shikhar Dhawan

Answer

C) Sachin Tendulkar



Explanation

- **Cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar** was named the '**Smile Ambassador**' for Maharashtra's Swachh Mukh Abhiyan, a campaign that promotes oral hygiene.
- Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Tendulkar.
- He will be the campaign's brand ambassador for the next **five years**.
- The **Swachh Mukh Abhiyaan** is a national campaign undertaken by the Indian Dental Association to improve oral health and hygiene and educate people about its importance.
- Brushing teeth, rinsing the mouth, eating healthy food, avoiding cigarette smoking and visiting a dentist at least twice a year are among the five key messages which the campaign promotes

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Titbits

Maharashtra

Capital : Mumbai

CM : Eknath Shinde

Governor : Ramesh Bais

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- **1st of June - World Milk Day, The Global Day of Parents**
- **Veteran Sanskrit Scholar and Padma Shri awardee, Ved Kumari Ghai passed away.**
- **Stellapps' fintech arm mooPay, in partnership with IBISA Network, HDFC ERGO and Gramcover, has launched a unique heat Index-based insurance plan for farmers.**
- **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has joined hands with IIT Madras Research Park (IITMRP) and IIT Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC) to introduce voice-banking solutions to eliminate language barriers across the country.**
- **India's gross GST revenue collection in the month of May stood at Rs 1,57,090 crore**
- **JSW Steel has become the First Manufacturer to Achieve GreenPro Ecolabel for its 'Automotive Steel' Products**
- **Amarendu Prakash has taken charge as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL)**
- **India Meteorological Department (IMD) Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra was elected as one of the three vice-presidents of the World Meteorological Organisation**
- **Ajay Yadav (IAS) has assumed charge as Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI)**



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- **The government has extended the tenure of Atul Verma as the Director General of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for three months.**
- **A training launch of a Medium-Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-1, was successfully carried out by the Strategic Forces Command from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, in Odisha**
- **The world's first 3D printed Hindu temple is being built in Telangana.**
- **Seven Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) were signed between India and Nepal to promote infrastructure development, connectivity, and people-to-people ties**
- **Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated the state-of-the-art National Training Centre for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh**
- **Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme successfully completion of 3 years.**
- **Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, has launched the Unified Registration Portal for GOBARdhan, an initiative by the Government of India.**

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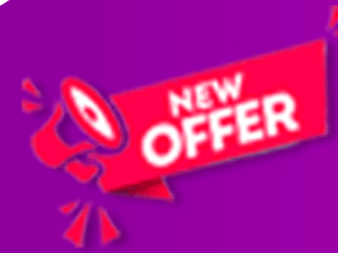
- **NTPC Green Energy Limited and Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited signed a MoU in Lucknow with an aim to collaborate in the development of Renewable Energy Parks and Projects and to facilitate in Government of India's efforts towards energy transition.**
- **The Indian G20 Presidency is organizing the third Employment Working Group (EWG) meeting at ILO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.**
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