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Who was crowned the ICC World Test Champions in 2023?

- A) Australia
- B) India
- C) England
- D) New Zealand
- E) South Africa

Answer
A) Australia



Explanation

- **Australia** crowned **ICC World Test Champions 2023** with win over **India** held in **The Oval**.
- With this win, Australia have become the only side in cricketing history to have won the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, the ICC Men's Champions Trophy, the ICC Men's T20 World Cup and now the ICC World Test Championship.

Who won the 2023 French Open by defeating Casper Ruud?

- A) Rafael Nadal
- B) Roger Federer
- C) Novak Djokovic
- D) Alexander Zverev
- E) Dominic Thiem

Answer

C) Novak Djokovic



Explanation

- **Novak Djokovic** won **2023 French Open** defeat **Casper Ruud**.
- The 2023 French Open was a Grand Slam tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts.
- It was held at the **Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France**, from **28 May to 11 June 2023**, comprising singles, doubles and mixed doubles play. Junior and wheelchair tournaments were scheduled.
- Djokovic(23 Grand Slam title) surpassed Rafael Nadal's record (22 Grand Slam title) and became the most successful male tennis player in the Open Era.
- He also reclaimed the No. 1 spot in the ATP Rankings and became the first man to win each Grand Slam event at least three times.
- It was the **127th edition of the French Open** and the **second Grand Slam event of 2023**.

SPORTS



Explanation

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's singles	Novak Djokovic(Serbia)	Casper Ruud(Norway)
Women's singles	Iga Świątek (Poland)	Karolína Muchová (Czech Republic)
Men's doubles	Ivan Dodig (Croatia) & Austin Krajicek (USA)	Sander Gillé (Belgian) & Joran Vliegen (Belgian)
Women's doubles	Hsieh Su-wei (Chinese Taipei) & Wang Xinyu (China)	Leylah Fernandez (Canada) & Taylor Townsend (USA)
Mixed doubles	Miyu Kato (Japan)& Tim Pütz(Germany)	Bianca Andreescu(Canada) & M ichael Venus(USA)



Which insurance company recently received approval from IRDAI to conduct life insurance business in India?

- A) Go Irdai Life Insurance
- B) Life Insurance India
- C) Go Digit Life Insurance
- D) India Life Insurance Corporation
- E) Irdai Life Assurance

Answer

C) Go Digit Life Insurance

Explanation

- Regulator **Irdai** has given permission to **Go Digit Life Insurance Limited** to carry the life insurance business in India.
- Go Digit, a firm backed by **Canada-based Fairfax Group**, is already in the general insurance business.
- With the latest addition, the number of insurers operating in the life insurance segment has gone up to **26**.
- Go Digit offers motor insurance, health insurance, travel insurance, property insurance, marine insurance, liability insurance, and other insurance products, to meet the needs of the customers.
- It is one of the first non-life insurers in India to be fully operated on the cloud and has developed application programming interface (API) integrations with several channel partners.

Titbits

IRDAI

Abbreviation: The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

Act: The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999

Headquarters: Hyderabad, Telangana

Chairman : Debasish Panda

ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



How much stake did CPPIB sell in Kotak Mahindra Bank for Rs 6,123 crore?

- A) 1.66%
- B) 2.5%
- C) 3.75%
- D) 5%
- E) 6.66%

Answer

A) 1.66%

ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- **Canada Pension Plan Investment Board** divested around **1.7 per cent stake** in private lender **Kotak Mahindra Bank** for **Rs 6,123 crore** through an open market transaction
- The shares were sold at an average price of Rs 1,855.64 apiece, taking the transaction value to Rs 6,123.61 crore.
- Post the latest transaction, CPPIB's shareholding has been reduced to 2.68 per cent from 4.34 per cent stake at the end of March.
- **Last year in March**, CPPIB sold 4 crore shares of Kotak Mahindra Bank worth Rs 6,800 crore.

ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Titbits

Canada Pension Plan Investment Board(CPPIB)

Headquarters: Toronto, Canada

Founded: 31 December 1997

CEO: John Graham

Kotak Mahindra Bank

Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD and CEO : Udaykotak

Tagline : Let's make money simple, Ab Kona KonaKotak

APPOINTMENTS



Who has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of the Border Security Force by the Central government?

- A) Rakesh Asthana
- B) Nitin Agarwal
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Rajesh Ranjan
- E) V.K. Johri

Answer
B) Nitin Agarwal



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- The Central government appointed **Kerala IPS Officer Nitin Agarwal** as the **Director General (DG)** of the **Border Security Force**.
- The 1989 batch officer is currently posted as an **Additional DG** of the **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**.
- Nitin Agarwal's appointment as the **BSF DG** is effective from the date of joining the post **until July 31, 2026**, or until further orders, whichever comes earlier.
- Previously, the position of BSF chief remained vacant after the retirement of **Pankaj Kumar Singh** on December 31, 2022.
- During this period, **CRPF DG Sujoy Lal Thaosen** held additional charge of the **BSF**.
- Nitin Agarwal has served in the **Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)**, another border guarding force under the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)**.
- **The Border Security Force (BSF)** is a paramilitary force in India responsible for protecting the nation's borders.
- Established in **1965**, the BSF operates under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Border Security Force

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Founded: 1 December 1965

Director General: Nitin Agarwal

APPOINTMENTS



Who has been appointed as the new head of BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit for a period of three years?

- A) Vinod Rai
- B) Sourav Ganguly
- C) KK Mishra
- D) Rahul Dravid
- E) Anurag Thakur

Answer
C) KK Mishra



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Former Haryana cadre IPS officer **KK Mishra** has been appointed as the new **head of BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit for a period of three years**.
- **Mishra**, a former DGP in Haryana, retired from service in 2020 and will replace incumbent **Shabbir Khandawala**, who has completed his tenure of three years.
- BCCI secretary Jay Shah has already sent him a joining letter and he is expected to take charge from July 1. His appointment will be valid till 2026.

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Board of Control for Cricket in India(BCCI)

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Founded: December 1928

President: Roger Binny

What is the name of the scheme recently approved by the Madhya Pradesh government to address unemployment among youth?

- A) Mukhyamantri Seekho-Kamao Yojana (CM Learn and Earn Scheme)
- B) Rojgar Yuva Scheme
- C) Shiksha Aur Rozgar Yojana (Education and Employment Scheme)
- D) Naukri Sahayata Yojana (Employment Assistance Scheme)
- E) Kaushal Vikas Yojana (Skill Development Scheme)

Answer

A) Mukhyamantri Seekho-Kamao Yojana (CM Learn and Earn Scheme)

Explanation

- The cabinet approval for the '**Mukhyamantri Seekho-Kamao Yojana**' (**CM Learn and Earn Scheme**) for **unemployed youth**, the Madhya Pradesh government has issued orders to start the implementation of the scheme.
- The scheme has been launched to shape the future of the unemployed youth of MP.
- After registration of the youth in the scheme, they will get a stipend of **Rs 8,000 to 10,000 per month**, as financial assistance during the period of skill learning in various establishments. The state government will also make contracts with the establishments under this scheme.
- the local residents of Madhya Pradesh, in the age group of **18 to 29 years**, whose educational qualification is **12th or ITI or higher**, will be eligible in the scheme. The selected youth will be called student trainees.

Explanation

- Under the scheme, trainees who have passed class **12th** will be given a stipend of **Rs 8,000**, **ITI** passed **Rs 8,500**, **diploma** passed **Rs 9,000** and **graduates** or those with higher educational qualification will get **Rs 10,000 per month**.
- 75 per cent of stipend will be paid by DBT to the trainee on behalf of the state government. The concerned establishment will have to deposit 25 percent of the prescribed minimum stipend in the bank account of the trainee.
- After the training, the State Council for Vocational Training (SCVT) certificate will be given by the Madhya Pradesh State Skill Development and Employment Generation Board (MPSSDEGB). Youths will get a stipend along with training, skill upgradation will boost their employment opportunities and pave the way for better income.
- Prestigious industrial and private institutions of the country and the state will be connected with the scheme. Establishments will be able to train student trainees up to 15 percent of their total workforce.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Madhya Pradesh

Capital: Bhopal

CM: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Governor : Shri Mangubhai Patel

Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Peace Committee constituted by the central government in Manipur?

- A) Chief Minister of Manipur
- B) Chief Secretary of Manipur
- C) Home Minister of Manipur
- D) Governor of Manipur
- E) Chief Justice of Manipur High Court

Answer

D) Governor of Manipur



Explanation

- The central government has constituted a **Peace Committee in Manipur**, with the **governor of Manipur as its chairperson**.
- The committee includes members such as the chief minister, state government ministers, member of parliament (MP), members of legislative assembly (MLAs), and leaders from different political parties.
- It also comprises former civil servants, educationists, litterateurs, artists, social workers, and representatives of various ethnic groups.
- The mandate of the committee will be to facilitate peace making process among various ethnic groups of the state, including peaceful dialogue and negotiations between conflicting parties/groups.
- The committee should strengthen social cohesiveness, mutual understanding and facilitate cordial communication between various ethnic groups.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Manipur

Capital : Imphal

CM: N. Biren Singh

Governor : Anusuiya Uikey

What is the recent deal between the Indian Army and Astrome Tech Pvt Ltd?

- A) Satellite communication contract
- B) Tactical LAN Radio deal
- C) Defense equipment supply agreement
- D) Cybersecurity partnership
- E) Drone technology collaboration

Answer

B) Tactical LAN Radio deal



Explanation

- **The Indian Army** has sealed a deal with a **Bengaluru-based company M/s Astrome Tech Pvt Ltd** to procure the indigenously-developed "**tactical LAN radio**".
- The "tactical LAN radio" is a state-of-the-art high-bandwidth backhaul wireless radio equipment for the provisioning of reliable communication.
- It is the **second contract** that the Army has firmed up under the framework of Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX).
- The **iDEX** was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in **April 2018**. It aims to create an ecosystem to foster innovations and encourage technological development in the defence and aerospace sector.

Explanation

- The LAN radio solution offers an enhanced range of communication and embedded frequency hopping mechanism to preclude chances of interception
- The system also incorporates enhanced safety features and can operate continuously for 48 hours on a single-set basis, without any breakdown.
- At present a total of 42 projects of the Indian Army are part of Defence India Start-up Challenge (DISC), Open Challenges and iDEX PRIME scheme which involves handholding of 41 start-ups for development of latest state of the art solutions for challenges posed by the Indian Army.

Titbits

M/s Astrome Tech Pvt Ltd

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

CEO: Neha Satak

The Indian Army

Headquarters: New Delhi

Founded: 1 April 1895

Commander-in-Chief: India President Droupadi Murmu

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS): General Anil Chauhan

Chief of the Army Staff (COAS): General Manoj Pande

Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS): Lieutenant

General M. V. Suchindra Kumar

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Which company was awarded the contract for the construction of 11 x Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile (ACTCM) Barge, in line with the "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" initiatives?

- A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- B) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- C) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- D) M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd
- E) Larsen & Toubro Limited

Answer

D) M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd

Explanation

- Contract for construction of **11 x Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile (ACTCM) Barge** was concluded with M/s **Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd, Thane**, a MSME, in consonance with “Aatmanirbhar Bharat” initiatives of the Government of India.
- **First Barge of the series LSAM 15 (Yard 125)** has been delivered to Indian Navy.
- The Barge has been built under the classification rules of **Indian Register of Shipping (IRS)** with a service life of **30 years**.
- With all major/auxiliary equipment sourced from indigenous manufacturers, the Barge is proud flag bearer of “Make in India” initiative of Ministry of Defence.
- Induction of ACTCM Barges will provide impetus to Operational commitments of IN by facilitating Transportation, Embarkation and Disembarkation of articles/ammunition to IN Ships both alongside jetties and at outer harbours.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd
Headquarters: Thane, Maharashtra
MD: Shyamashish Ghoshal

Which organizations have collaborated to boost e-exports from West Bengal?

- A) WBIDC, FICCI, Flipkart
- B) FICCI, Amazon, Tata Group
- C) WBIDC, Amazon, Flipkart
- D) FICCI, Amazon, Reliance Industries
- E) WBIDC, FICCI, Amazon

Answer

E) WBIDC, FICCI, Amazon

Explanation

- **West Bengal Industry, Commerce & Enterprises(WBIDC), FICCI, Amazon** join hands to boost e-exports from Bengal.
- It boost e-commerce export opportunities in the state harnessing online trading platforms.
- The event at Silpa Sadan was attended by over 200 potential exporters and MSMEs from Kolkata and other districts of the state.

Titbits

FICCI

Abbreviation: The Federation of Indian Chambers of
Commerce & Industry

Director-General : Arun Chawla

President: Subhrakant Panda

Headquarters: New Delhi

Founded: 1927

Amazon

CEO: Andy Jassy

Founder: Jeff Bezos

Founded: 5 July 1994

Headquarters: Seattle, Washington, United States

West Bengal

Capital : Kolkata

CM : Mamata Banerjee

Governor : Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose

Which sector did the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Indian Army carry out a joint exercise to test their operational readiness?

- A) Eastern sector
- B) Western sector
- C) Northern sector
- D) Southern sector
- E) Central sector

Answer

E) Central sector

Explanation

- **The Indian Air Force (IAF)** has carried out a joint exercise with the **Indian Army** in the central sector with deployment of multiple combat assets to check the operational readiness of the two forces.
- The exercise follows the IAF's two strategic missions over the Indian Ocean region that involved Rafale and Su-30MKI jets.
- The Su-30MKI jets flew over the South Western region of the Indian Ocean demonstrating their operational prowess and capability to carry out long-range missions.
- The Rafale jets are India's first major acquisition of fighter planes in 23 year after the Sukhoi jets were imported from Russia.
- The Rafale jets are capable of carrying a range of potent weapons

Titbits

The Indian Air Force

Founded: 8 October 1932

Headquarters: New Delhi

Commander-in-Chief: President Droupadi Murmu

Chief of the Air Staff (CAS): Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari

Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) : Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

The Indian Army

Headquarters: New Delhi

Founded: 1 April 1895

Commander-in-Chief: India President Droupadi Murmu

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS): General Anil Chauhan

Chief of the Army Staff (COAS): General Manoj Pande

Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS): Lieutenant General M. V. Suchindra Kumar

Who laid the foundation stone of the Cochin Fisheries Harbour worth Rs 169 crore?

- A) Sarbananda Sonowal
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Pinarayi Vijayan
- D) Nirmala Sitharaman
- E) Amit Shah

Answer

A) Sarbananda Sonowal



Explanation

- **Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal and Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri Parshottam Rupala** laid the foundation stone of Modernisation and Upgradation Works of **Cochin Fishing Harbour** at **Thoppumpady, Kerala**.
- This project is being developed at an estimated cost of **169.17 crores**.
- The overall project is funded through Grants from **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) Scheme** under the **Department of Fisheries (Rs.50 Crores)** and the **Sagarmala Project scheme of MoPSW (Rs.50 Crores)** and investment of **PPP Operator is Rs.55.84 Crores**.
- The first stage of the project includes the construction of three air-conditioned Auction Halls, one non-air-conditioned hall, one fish dressing unit and other ancillary units.

Explanation

- Under this project, internal roads will be constructed, loading and unloading platforms will be built, a waste management area will be developed and there will be canteen facilities, drivers' waiting area, dredging work, areas machinery and equipment etc.
- The construction of four temperature-controlled auction halls of 60mx18m with mechanical retrieval and conveyance will increase the capacity of the fishing harbour by 415 tonnes of fish per day.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Ports, Shipping and Waterways & AYUSH

Minister: Sarbananda Sonowal

Constituency: Rajya Shaba, Assam

Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

Minister : Parshottam Rupala

Constituency: Rajya Sabha, Gujarat

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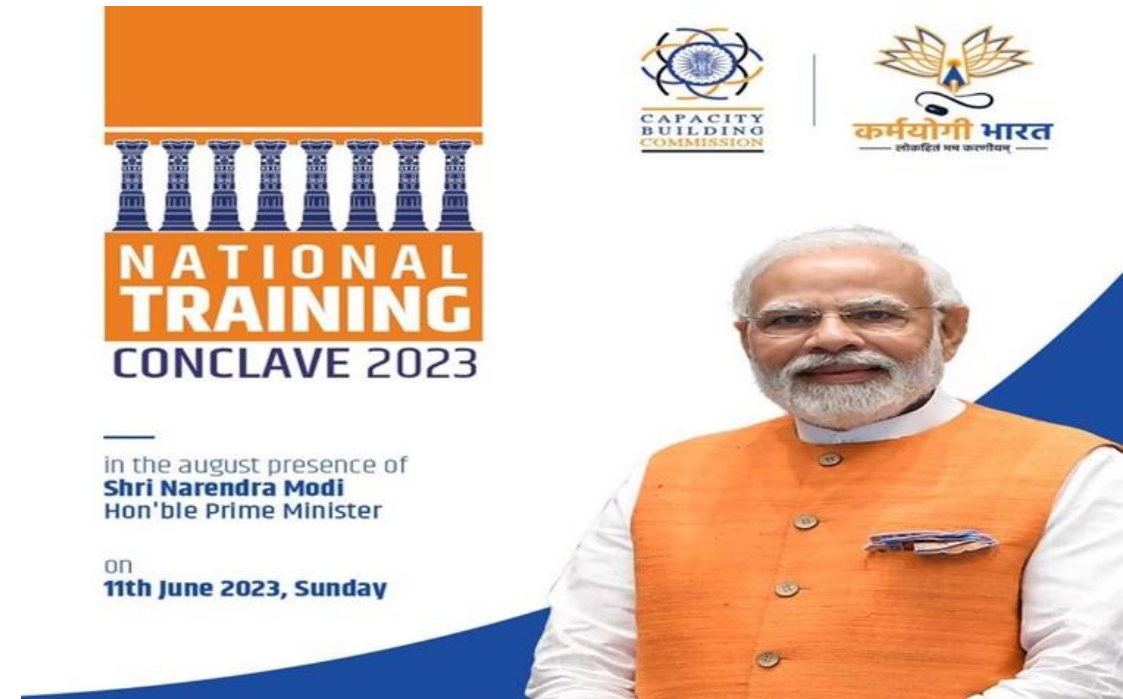


Who inaugurated the first-ever National Training Conclave at the International Exhibition and Convention Centre in Delhi's Pragati Maidan?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Rahul Gandhi
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Arvind Kejriwal
- E) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer

A) Narendra Modi



Explanation

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated the first-ever **National Training Conclave** at the International Exhibition and Convention Centre in **Delhi's Pragati Maidan**.
- It was hosted by **Capacity Building Commission** with the objective to foster collaboration among civil services training institutes and strengthen the training infrastructure for civil servants across the country.
- More than 1500 representatives from training institutes, including Central Training Institutes, State Administrative Training Institutes, Regional and Zonal Training Institutes, and Research institutes participated in the conclave.

QUICK RECALL



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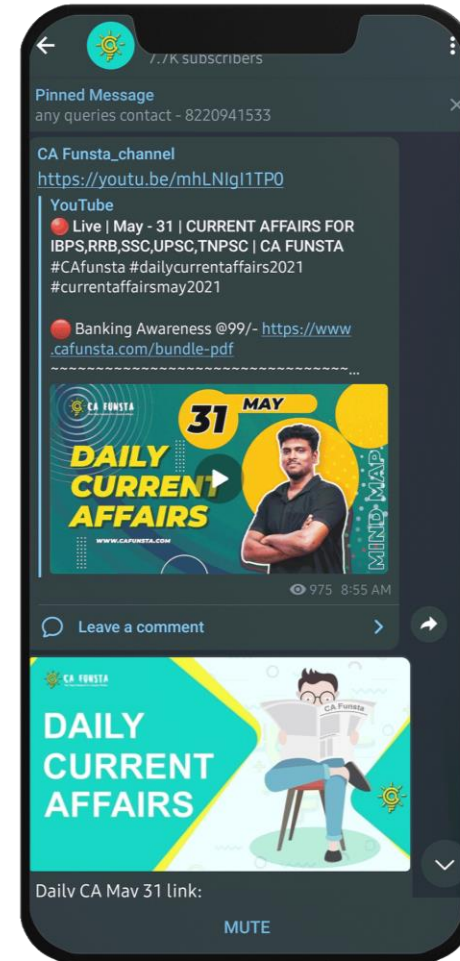
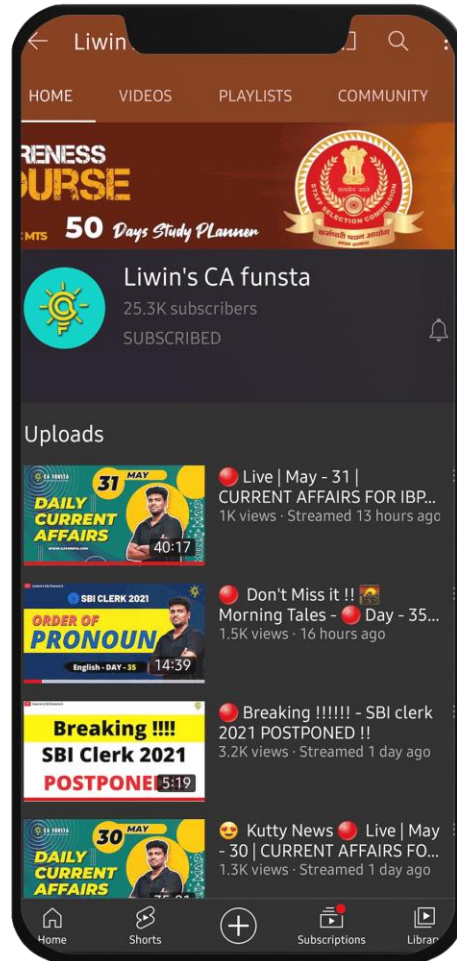
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