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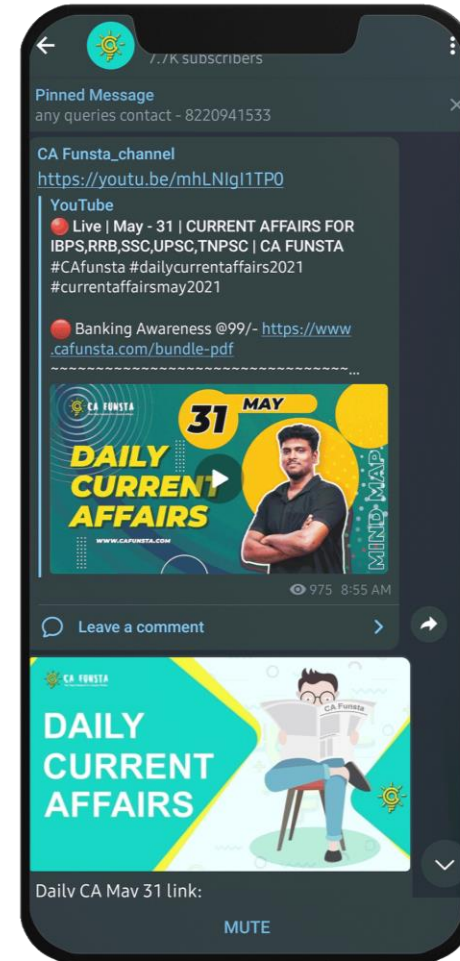
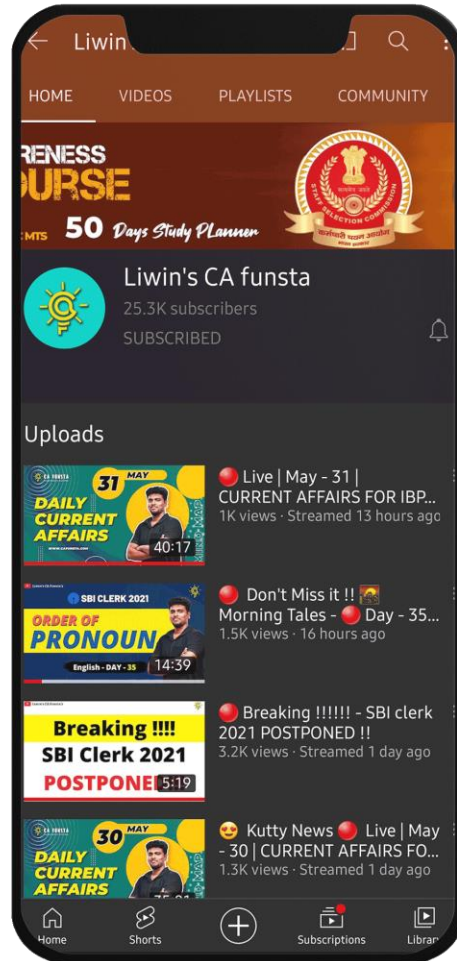
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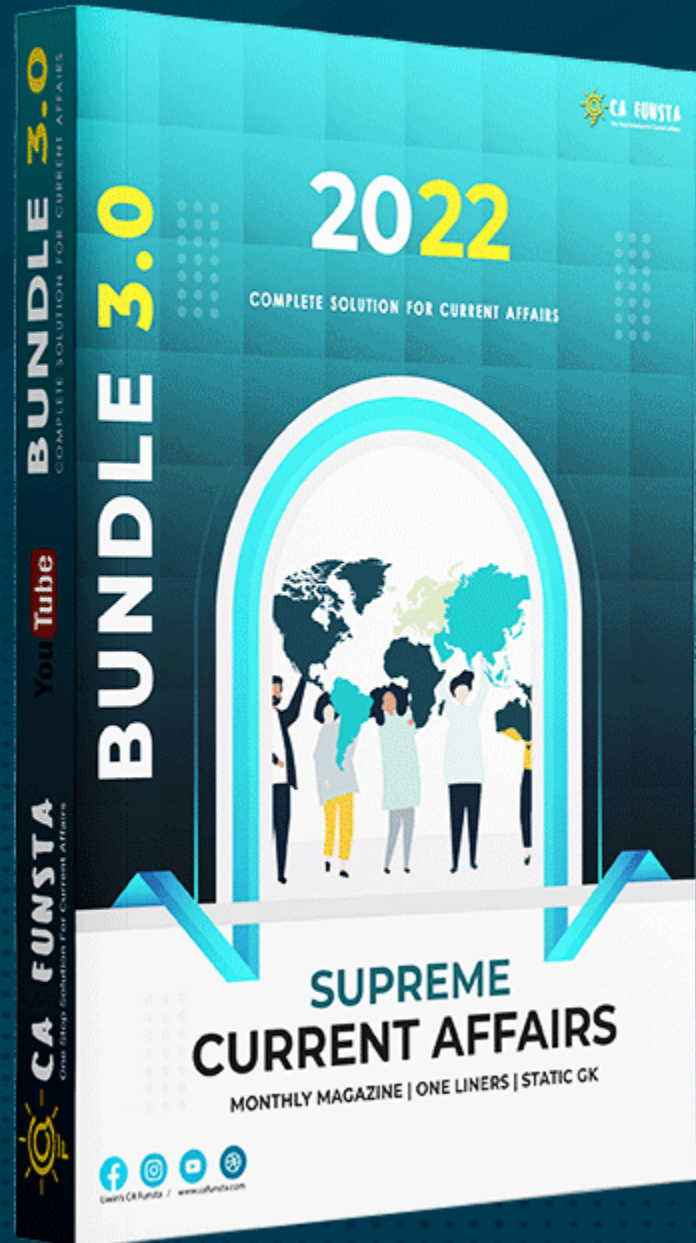
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Important Days



On which date is International Albinism Awareness Day observed annually?

- A) January 20
- B) April 7
- C) June 13
- D) September 9
- E) November 14

Answer
C) June 13



Important Days



Explanation

- International Albinism Awareness day is observed annually on **June 13**.
- Albinism is a genetic condition which can lead to absence of melanin production in the human body.
- This day is observed to raise awareness of the importance of including the albino community.
- The theme for 2023 International Albinism Awareness Day is "**Inclusion is strength.**"



Important Days



Explanation

History

- In 2013, the **United Nations Human Rights Commission** passed a resolution called "Attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism."
- The resolution appealed to prevent attacks and discriminate against those suffering from albinism since it was a misunderstood disorder, both medically and socially.
- On **December 18 2014**, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution in which they proclaimed that from **2015**, International Albinism Awareness Day would be observed from **June 13**.



In which sport did Murali Sreeshankar finish third in the prestigious Diamond League Meet in Paris?

- A) Long jump
- B) Shot put
- C) High jump
- D) Triple jump
- E) Pole vault

Answer
A) Long jump



Explanation

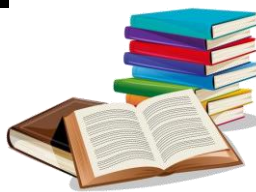
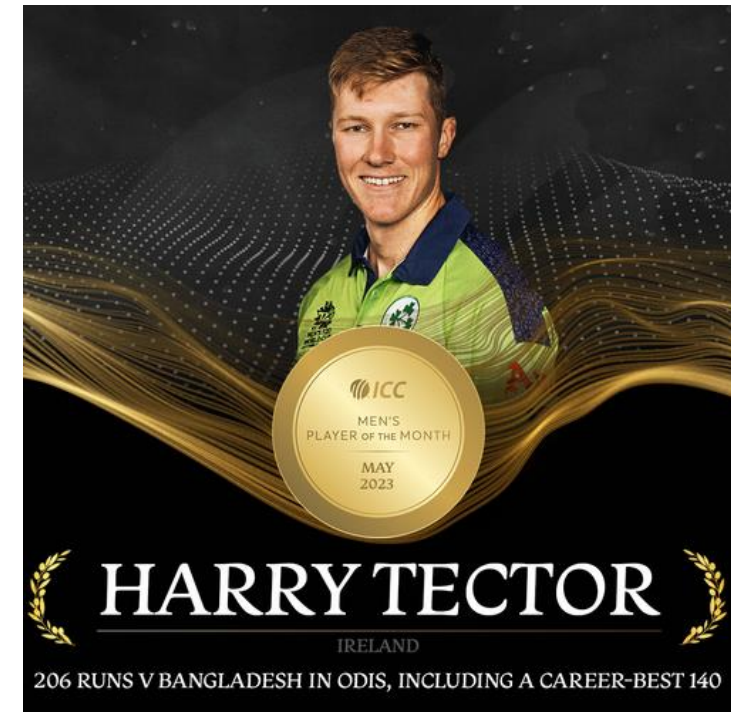
- Ace Indian long jumper **Murali Sreeshankar** secured a creditable **third place** in the Paris **Diamond League** with a jump of **8.09m**, in his maiden podium finish in the prestigious one-day meeting series in **Paris**.
- **Olympic Champion Miltiadis Tentoglou of Greece** and **Simon Ehammer (Switzerland)** finished ahead of Sreeshankar with jumps of **8.13m** and **8.11m** respectively.
Olympic champion Chopra is the reigning Diamond League champion in javelin throw after winning the Finals in Zurich last September.
- He has also finished on top in Lausanne and second in Stockholm last year.



Who was named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for May 2023?

- A) Harry Tector
- B) Steve Smith
- C) Kane Williamson
- D) Babar Azam
- E) Virat Kohli

Answer
A) Harry Tector



Explanation

- Irish international **Harry Tector** has been named International Men's Player of the Month by the International Cricket Council – the **first Irish men's cricketer** to win the prestigious award.
- Two Irish women – **Laura Delany and Eimear Richardson** – have previously won the women's equivalent award, but Tector is the first to prevail on the men's side.
- **Thipatcha Putthawong**, a talented 19-year-old player from **Thailand**, has been awarded the ICC Women's Player of the Month for May 2023.
- She follows in the footsteps of her compatriot Naruemol Chaiwai, who won the award in April.



OBITUARY



Silvio Berlusconi passed away. He served as Prime Minister of which country?

- A) Italy
- B) France
- C) Germany
- D) United Kingdom
- E) Spain



Answer
A) Italy



OBITUARY



Explanation

- **Silvio Berlusconi**, the **former prime minister of Italy**, has died aged 86.
- He is the country's longest-serving postwar leader and one of its most divisive.
- **Served Prime Minister Periods** – 1994-1995, 2001-2006, 2008-2011.
- Berlusconi was also elected as a senator
- Silvio Berlusconi served as a member of the European Parliament from 1999 to 2001 and again starting in 2019.



RANKING



Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), led by Mukesh Ambani, achieved which rank on Forbes' latest Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide?

- A) 20th rank
- B) 36th rank
- C) 45th rank
- D) 52nd rank
- E) 60th rank

Answer
C) 45th rank



RANKING



Forbes' latest Global 2000 list of public companies

Rank	Company
1	JPMorgan
2	Saudi Aramco
3	ICBC, China Construction Bank, Agriculture Bank of China
45	Reliance Industries Ltd
77	State Bank of India

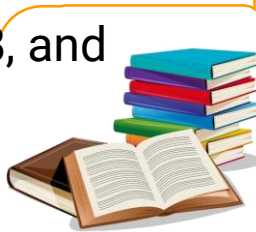


RANKING



Forbes' latest Global 2000 list of public companies

- The **Global 2000** ranks the largest companies in the world using four metrics: sales, profits, assets, and market value, Forbes said while releasing the 2023 ranking of the world's top 2,000 companies.
- **Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway** which **topped the list last year**, fell to the 338th position in the latest list.
- HDFC Bank is at 128th position (153 in 2022) and ICICI Bank is at 163 (204 in 2022). Other Indian firms on the list include state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) at 226 and HDFC at 232. Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) made its maiden entry at 363 while Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) slipped to 387th rank from 384 last year.
- Axis Bank (423), NTPC (433), Larsen & Toubro (449), Bharti Airtel (478), Kotak Mahindra Bank (502), Indian Oil Corporation (540), Infosys (554), Bank of Baroda (586), Coal India (591), Tata Steel (592), Hindalco (660) and Vedanta (687) are other notable Indian firms on the list.
- In all, **55 Indian firms** figured on the list.
- The three Adani Group firms in the list include Adani Enterprises at 1062, Adani Power at 1488, and Adani Ports & Special Economic Zones at 1598.



Which bank has introduced the digital account opening platform called SIB SWIFTe?

- A) State Bank of India (SBI)
- B) Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- C) South Indian Bank
- D) Bank of Baroda (BOB)
- E) Canara Bank

Answer
C) South Indian Bank



Explanation

- **South Indian Bank** has introduced **SIB SWIFTe**, an innovative and customer-centric digital account opening platform that eliminates the hassle of paper-based documentation.
- The platform prioritises customer convenience and transforms the account opening process, enabling the bank to swiftly on-board customers in less than five minutes.
- It provides a seamless start-to-finish digital experience for opening a Savings Account.
- SIB SWIFTe, a user-friendly and intuitive interface, provides clear instructions and visual cues to guide both customers and bank representatives through each step.
- This initiative primarily targets new-to-bank users above 18 years of age, who possess a valid Aadhaar and/or PAN.
- With SWIFTe, customers can effortlessly complete the paperless KYC process and enjoy highly competitive interest rates on their savings balances.



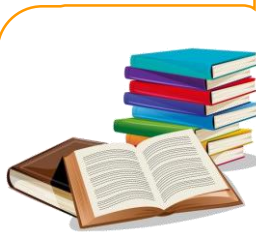
Titbits

South Indian Bank

Hq: Thrissur, Kerala

CEO : Murali Ramakrishnan

Tagline: Experience Next Generation Banking



Kotak Life Insurance has signed an MoU with which organization to provide employment opportunities for ex-servicemen?

- A) Indian Army
- B) Reserve Bank of India
- C) Directorate General of Civil Aviation
- D) Indian Space Research Organisation
- E) Directorate General Resettlement

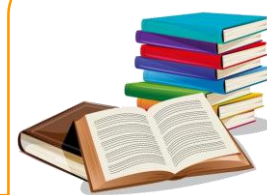
Answer

E) Directorate General Resettlement



Explanation

- **Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Limited** (Kotak Life) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the **Directorate General Resettlement (DGR)**, an Inter Service organization functioning directly under the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (Ministry of Defense) to offer employment opportunities to Ex-Servicemen of the Defence Services.
- As per the MoU, Kotak Life will recruit Ex-Servicemen for various roles in the company and its affiliates by offering jobs across multiple distribution channels.
- This initiative aligns with Kotak Life's recruitment strategy to foster diversity and tap into the immense potential of the disciplined, hardworking, and resilient individuals who have dedicated their lives to serving and protecting our nation.



Titbits

Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance

Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

Managing Director: Mr. Mahesh Balasubramanian



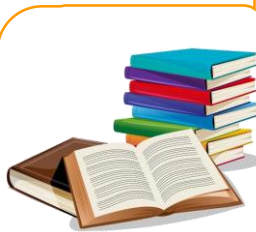
Which public sector bank has launched 'My Account My Name' for savings bank account customers?

- A) State Bank of India (SBI)
- B) Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- C) Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)
- D) Bank of Baroda (BOB)
- E) Canara Bank



Answer

C) Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)



Explanation

- Public sector **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)** has launched '**My Account My Name**' for savings bank account customers.
- It is a first-of-its-kind in the banking sector.
- The account name can be a combination of **seven letters only or seven numbers only or seven alphanumeric** -- like **AJIT007, PRADHAN or 2424707** and others.
- Customers will not be required to remember their 15-digit account numbers.
- To begin with, this facility is available for IOB SB HNI and IOB SB salary account customers.
- IOB has also revamped all its saving account schemes, considering the necessity of all the segments of the society such as the salaried class, HNI, students, pensioners, senior citizens in line with present scenario. Bank has already revamped all its current account schemes on its 87th Foundation Day on February 10, 2023.
- The schemes were launched virtually by Ajay Kumar Srivastava, MD&CEO, IOB.



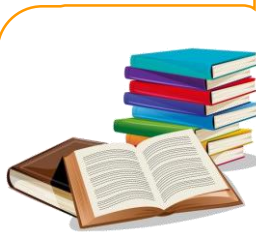
Titbits

Indian Overseas Bank

Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu

MD & CEO: Ajay Kumar Srivastava

Tagline : Good People to Grow With

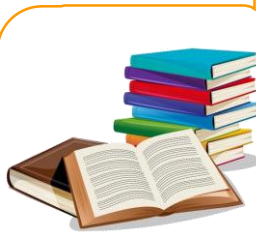


Which bank has launched the deposit scheme 'Vikas Ashadeep 400 days'?

- A) State Bank of India (SBI)
- B) Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- C) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)
- D) Bank of Baroda (BOB)
- E) Canara Bank

Answer

C) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)



Explanation

- **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)** has launched a new deposit scheme '**Vikas Ashadeep 400 days**'.
- the scheme is of a tenor of **400 days** with interest rate of **7.5% for senior citizens and 7% for general public**.
- Prospective customers of the scheme will earn higher interest for shorter period i.e. almost 13 months and it is the best competitive rate for the shorter period among the government and nationalised banks,
- Under the scheme, a **minimum of Rs 10,000 and maximum of Rs 2 crore** can be deposited.



APPOINTMENTS



Who has been given an extension of the additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NMDC for three months?

- A) Amitava Mukherjee
- B) Mukesh Ambani
- C) Anil Agarwal
- D) Rakesh Jhunjhunwala
- E) Gautam Adani

Answer

A) Amitava Mukherjee



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- The Ministry of Steel has given three months extension to **Amitava Mukherjee**, Director (Finance) of the NMDC to hold the **additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) mining major and its disinvested company NMDC Steel Limited (NSL)**.
- Mukherjee was given the additional charge of NMDC CMD on March 13, 2023. He was assigned the additional charge of CMD NSL on March 21, 2023.
- A wholly owned subsidiary of **NMDC Limited**, NMDC Steel Limited was incorporated on **January 2, 2015**, under the Companies Act, 2013 with a registered office at NMDC Iron and Steel Plant, Nagarnar (**Bastar, Chhattisgarh**).
- The NSL has set up a 3 MTPA greenfield integrated steel plant in Nagarnar that is all set to go on full stream this month.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

National Mineral Development Corporation(NMDC) Steel Limited

Headquarters: Bastar, Chhattisgarh

Founded: January 2, 2015

Chairman and Managing Director (CMD): Amitava
Mukherjee



APPOINTMENTS



Who has been appointed as the CEO of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?

- A) Amit Agrawal
- B) Subodh Kumar Singh
- C) Ramesh Kumar
- D) Deepak Sharma
- E) Suman Patel

Answer
A) Amit Agrawal



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Senior IAS officers **Amit Agrawal** and **Subodh Kumar Singh** have been appointed as **CEO Unique Identification Authority of India** and **director general of the National Testing Agency**, respectively, as part of a bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre.
- Both Agrawal (1993 batch) and Singh (1997 batch) are Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers of the Chhattisgarh cadre.
- **Amit Agrawal replaced Saurabh Garg & Subodh Kumar Singh replaced Vineet Joshi.**
- Agrawal, additional secretary in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, has been appointed as the chief executive officer (CEO) of the Unique Identification Authority in the rank and pay of additional secretary to the Government of India.
- Singh, who is currently additional secretary in the Department of Food and Public Distribution under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, has been named as the NTA's director general.



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Richa Sharma**, additional secretary in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, has been moved to the **Department of Food and Public Distribution** to replace Singh.
- **Rashmi Chowdhary**, additional secretary in the Department of Personnel and Training, has been appointed as secretary in the Central Information Commission.
- **Shyam Jagannathan**, who is currently posted as development commissioner of the Santa Cruz Exclusive Export Processing Zone, Special Economic Zone, Mumbai, appointed as the director general (shipping) in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Unique Identification Authority Of India(UIDAI)

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

CEO: Amit Agrawal

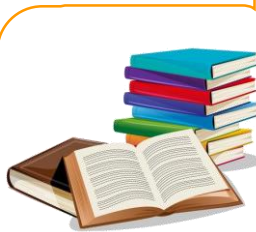
Launch year: 2009

National Testing Agency (NTA)

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Founded: 2017

Director General: Subodh Kumar Singh



AWARDS



Which film won a special prize in the 'Health for All' category at the 4th Annual Health for All Film Festival held at the World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva?

- A) When Climate Change Turns Violent
- B) The Power of Healing
- C) Resilience in the Face of Adversity
- D) Breaking the Barriers
- E) Stories of Hope and Recovery

Answer

A) When Climate Change Turns Violent



AWARDS



Explanation

- At the **4th Annual Health for All Film Festival** held at the **World Health Organization** headquarters in Geneva, a documentary titled "**When Climate Change Turns Violent**" directed by **Vandita Saharia from Rajasthan** won a **special prize in the 'Health for All' category**.
- Vandita Saharia was the only Indian among the winners.
- The documentary, with a duration of 4.32 minutes, explores the connection between domestic violence, climate change, and human trafficking.
- The awards ceremony recognized winners in seven different categories and also gave special mentions to four films chosen by the jury.



Which company successfully orbited the remote sensing satellite ABA First Runner (AFR) for the Indian space sector startup Azista BST Aerospace Pvt Ltd?

- A) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- B) SpaceX
- C) Blue Origin
- D) NASA
- E) Roscosmos

Answer
B) SpaceX



Explanation

- **India's Azista BST Aerospace** launched its first satellite, **ABA First Runner (AFR)**, onboard the **SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket** as part of the Transporter-8 Mission.
- The company aims to make India a hub for the mass manufacturing of satellites and the successful mission puts it on the path.
- The AFR will provide a panchromatic image with five metre resolution with a Swath of **70km**.
- The satellite lifted off from Space Launch Complex 4E at Vandenberg Space Force Base in California on Musk's SpaceX rideshare mission
- There were **72 spacecraft**, including **CubeSats, MicroSats**, a re-entry capsule, and orbital transfer vehicles on the rocket alongside India's AFR.



Explanation

- The 80-kilogram satellite was built on a modular bus platform and hosts a wide-swath optical remote sensing payload with both panchromatic & multispectral imaging capabilities.
- Azista BST Aerospace is an Indo-German satellite-making collaboration. Azista Industries Pvt. Ltd of India owns 70 percent of the company and Berlin Space Technologies GmbH of Germany owns the other 30 percent in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, for manufacturing small 'Made in India' satellites for the world market.
- ABA has an installed yearly manufacturing capacity of 100 microsattellites.
- The company's target is to make about 100 satellites per year that would weigh between 50-200 kg.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



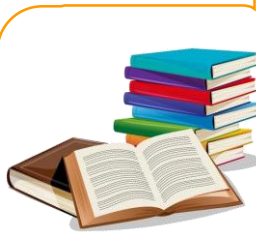
Titbits

SpaceX

Headquarters: Hawthorne, California, United States of America

Founded: 6 May 2002

CEO: Elon Musk



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

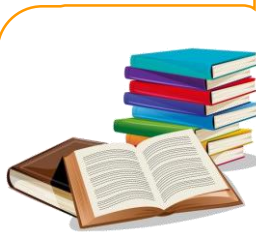


Where has the 12th edition of the joint military exercise "Ex Ekuverin" between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force commenced?

- A) Hulhumale, Maldives
- B) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- C) Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- D) Chaubatia, Uttarakhand
- E) Colombo, Sri Lanka

Answer

D) Chaubatia, Uttarakhand



Explanation

- The **12th edition of joint military exercise “Ex Ekuverin”** between the **Indian Army & the Maldives National Defence Force** has commenced at **Chaubatia, Uttarakhand** from 11 to 24 June 2023.
- **Ekuverin** meaning **‘Friends’** is a bilateral annual exercise conducted alternatively in India and Maldives.
- A platoon strength contingent from Indian Army and Maldives National Defence Force will be participating in 14 days long exercise.
- The **11th edition of the exercise** was held in **Maldives** in **December 2021**.



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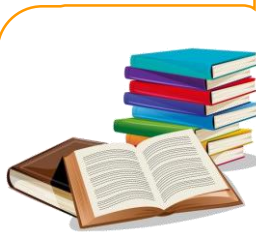
Titbits

Maldives

Capital: Malé

Currency: Maldivian rufiyaa

President: Ibrahim Mohamed Solih



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Who co-chaired the first joint committee meeting of India-UAE CEPA (Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement) in Delhi?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Piyush Goyal
- D) Sushma Swaraj
- E) Rajnath Singh

Answer
C) Piyush Goyal



Explanation

- Commerce and Industry Minister **Piyush Goyal** attended the first joint committee meeting of the India-UAE CEPA in **New Delhi, Delhi**.
- He co-chaired the committee meeting along with **UAE's Foreign Trade Minister Thani Al Zeyoudi**.
- As per reports, India-UAE agreed to raise non-petroleum bilateral trade to \$100 billion by 2030.
- The **13th Ministerial Conference of the WTO (MC13)** is scheduled to be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, during the week of **26 February 2024**.



Titbits

Commerce and Industry , Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution & Textiles

Minister : Piyush Goyal

Constituency : Rajya Sabha MP, Maharashtra

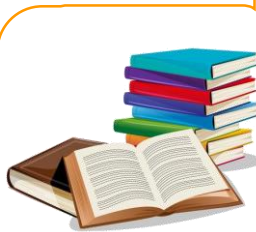
United Arab Emirates (UAE)

President- Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Prime Minister- Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al
Maktoum

Capital- Abu Dhabi

Currency- United Arab Emirates Dirham



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$130 million loan agreement to enhance agricultural productivity and promote horticulture agribusinesses in which state of India?

- A) Himachal Pradesh
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Punjab
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- E) Maharashtra

Answer

A) Himachal Pradesh



Explanation

- **Government of India** and the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** have signed a **USD 130 million loan** agreement to increase agricultural productivity, improve access to irrigation and promote horticulture agribusinesses to raise farmers' income in Himachal Pradesh.
- The project interventions will help increase the income and resilience to the effects of climate change of at least 15,000 farm households across seven districts of the state namely Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Mandi, Sirmour, Solan, and Una.
- The project will improve on-farm irrigation and water management in about 6,000 hectares of farmland by rehabilitating or building new irrigation schemes and strengthening the capacity of WUAs for micro-irrigation management through joint efforts from the state's Jal Shakti Vibhag (Water Resources Department) and Department of Horticulture (DOH).



Explanation

- The project will also help create an ecosystem to enhance farmers' access to markets of subtropical horticulture, adding, the farmers will be organised into cluster-wide community horticulture production and marketing associations (CHPMAs) and district-wide CHPMA cooperative societies.



Titbits

Asian Development Bank

Member Countries: 68

Founded Year : 1966

Headquarters: Manila, Philippines

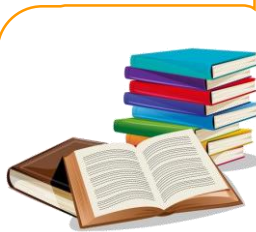
Head : Masatsugu Asakawa

Himachal Pradesh

Capital : Shimla

CM : Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

Governor : Shiv Pratap Shukla



Which companies have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to build six submarines for the Indian Navy?

- A) Thyssenkrupp (Germany) and Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (India)
- B) Samsung (South Korea) and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (Japan)
- C) BAE Systems (United Kingdom) and DCNS (France)
- D) Lockheed Martin (United States) and Hyundai Heavy Industries (South Korea)
- E) Siemens (Germany) and Larsen & Toubro (India)

Answer

A) Thyssenkrupp (Germany) and Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (India)



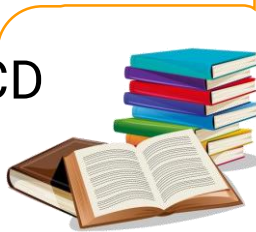
Explanation

- **Germany's Thyssenkrupp and India's Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders** have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to build six submarines for the Indian Navy, estimated to be worth approximately **\$5.2 billion**.
- Under the terms of the collaboration, Thyssenkrupp will be responsible for the engineering and design aspects, while Mazagon Dock will oversee the construction and delivery of the six submarines that the Indian Navy has tendered.
- The company signed an MoU with the shipbuilding company, **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited**, to explore the construction of conventional, air-independent-propulsion submarines.
- The ceremony, held on 7 June 2023 in Mumbai, was attended by **Boris Pistorius**, the German Defence Minister.



Explanation

- **In March**, the central government allocated a budget of **\$6.8 billion for the Indian Navy**. The military division at present operates 16 conventional submarines, 11 of which are over 20 years old, alongside two domestically developed nuclear-powered submarines.
- **Early last year**, The Israeli Ministry of Defence agreed to purchase three new Dakar-class submarines from **Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems** in a deal worth \$3.4bn
- As recently as **2018**, **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders** awarded a contract to Germany-based **Thyssenkrupp Marine Systems** to overhaul and upgrade the **Indian Navy's Shishumar-class submarine INS Shishumar**.
- In **2021**, ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems were commissioned to construct six new **Type 212 Common Design submarines for the Norwegian and German Navies**. Valued at around €5.5bn (\$5.8bn), the contracts involved the delivery of two 212CD submarines to Germany and the remaining four to Norway.



Titbits

ThyssenKrupp AG

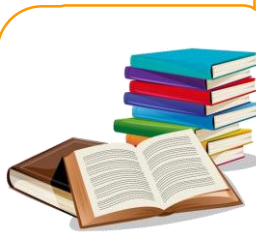
Headquarters: Essen, Germany

CEO: Ulrich Lehner

Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited

Headquarters : Mazagaon, Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman & Managing Director: Shri Sanjeev Singhal



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Where was the Supreme Audit Institutions-20 (SAI20) Engagement Group meeting held under India's G20 Presidency?

- A) Goa
- B) Delhi
- C) Mumbai
- D) Kolkata
- E) Bengaluru

Answer
A) Goa



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

Meeting	Held	Address/Inaugurate
G20 Supreme Audit Institutions-20 (SAI20) Engagement Group meeting	Goa	Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) of India Shri Girish Chandra Murmu
G20 Development Ministers' conclave	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Which ship of the ASW Shallow Water Craft (SWC) Project was launched for the Indian Navy?

- A) Anjadip
- B) Bharati
- C) Chetak
- D) Devraj
- E) Ganga



Answer
A) Anjadip



Explanation

- **'Anjadip'**, the **3rd of eight ships of ASW Shallow Water Craft (SWC) Project** being built by **M/s GRSE** for Indian Navy, was launched at **M/s L&T, Kattupalli**.
- The Launch Ceremony was presided over by **VAdm R B Pandit, C-in-C (SFC)**.
- The ship has been named **Anjadip** to signify the **strategic maritime importance accorded to the island of Anjadip, located off Karwar**.
- The island is connected to the mainland by a breakwater and is part of **INS Kadamba**. On completion of the event **VAdm R B Pandit** also laid the keel for the **7th ASW SWC ship**.
- The contract for building **eight ASW SWC ships** was signed between **MoD** and **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata** on **29 Apr 19**.
- As per the build strategy, four ships are being built at **GRSE, Kolkata** and construction of balance four ships has been sub-contracted to **M/s L&T Shipbuilding, Kattupalli**.



Explanation

- Arnala class of ships will replace the in-service Abhay class ASW Corvettes of Indian Navy and are designed to undertake anti-submarine operations in coastal waters, Low Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO), and Mine Laying operations including subsurface surveillance in littoral waters.
- The 77 m long ASW SWC ships have a displacement of 900 tons with a maximum speed of 25 knots and endurance of 1800 NM.



'Sanshodhak', Fourth Ship Of Survey Vessel (Large) Project

- **'Sanshodhak'**, the fourth of four ships of Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) Project, being built by **L&T/ GRSE for Indian Navy** was launched at **Kattupalli, Chennai**.
- The chief guest of the Launch Ceremony was VAdm Adhir Arora, Chief Hydrographer to Government of India.
- The ship named **'Sanshodhak'**, meaning **'Researcher'**, signifies the primary role of the ship as a Survey Vessel.
- The contract for building four SVL ships was signed between MoD and **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)**, Kolkata on **30 Oct 18**.
- As per the build strategy, the first ship would be built at GRSE, Kolkata and construction of the remaining three ships upto outfitting stage, has been sub-contracted to M/s L&T Shipbuilding, Kattupalli.



Explanation

- The first three ships of the project, **Sandhayak, Nirdeshak and Ikshak were launched on 05 Dec 21, 26 May 22 and 26 Nov 22 respectively.**
- SVL ships will replace the existing Sandhayak Class survey ships, with new generation hydrographic equipment, to collect oceanographic data.
- The Survey Vessel (Large) ships are 110 m long, 16 m wide with a displacement of 3,400 tons.
- The hull of these ships is made from indigenously developed DMR 249-A steel manufactured by Steel Authority of India Limited.



Titbits

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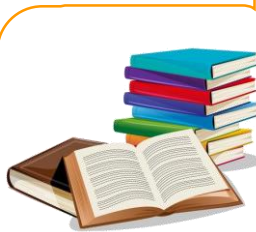
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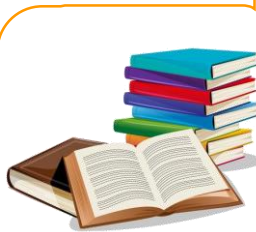
- **International Albinism Awareness day is observed annually on June 13.**
- **Ace Indian long jumper Murali Sreeshankar secured a creditable third place in the Paris Diamond League**
- **Irish international Harry Tector has been named International Men's Player of the Month by the International Cricket Council – the first Irish men's cricketer to win the prestigious award.**
- **Silvio Berlusconi, the former prime minister of Italy, has died aged 86.**
- **Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) climbed eight spots to the 45th rank, the highest for an Indian company on Forbes' latest Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide**
- **South Indian Bank has introduced SIB SWIFTe, an innovative and customer-centric digital account opening platform that eliminates the hassle of paper-based documentation.**
- **Kotak Life Signs MoU With DGR To Provide Employment Opportunities For Ex-Servicemen**
- **Public sector Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has launched 'My Account My Name' for savings bank account customers.**
- **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) has launched a new deposit scheme 'Vikas Ashadeep 400 days'.**



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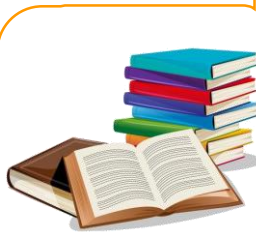
- **The Ministry of Steel has given three months extension to Amitava Mukherjee to hold the additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) OF NMDC Steel Limited (NSL).**
- **Amit Agrawal and Subodh Kumar Singh have been appointed as CEO Unique Identification Authority of India and director general of the National Testing Agency, respectively,**
- **At the 4th Annual Health for All Film Festival, a documentary titled "When Climate Change Turns Violent" directed by Vandita Saharia from Rajasthan won a special prize in the 'Health for All' category.**
- **India's Azista BST Aerospace launched its first satellite, ABA First Runner (AFR), onboard the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket as part of the Transporter-8 Mission.**
- **The 12th edition of joint military exercise "Ex Ekuverin" between the Indian Army & the Maldives National Defence Force has commenced at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand**
- **Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal attended the first joint committee meeting of the India-UAE CEPA in New Delhi, Delhi.**



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- **ADB, India sign \$130 million loan to promote horticulture in Himachal Pradesh**
- **Germany's Thyssenkrupp and India's Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders have signed a MoU to build six submarines for the Indian Navy, estimated to be worth approximately \$5.2 billion.**
- **The SAI20 Summit of the SAI20 Engagement Group under India's G20 Presidency in Goa**
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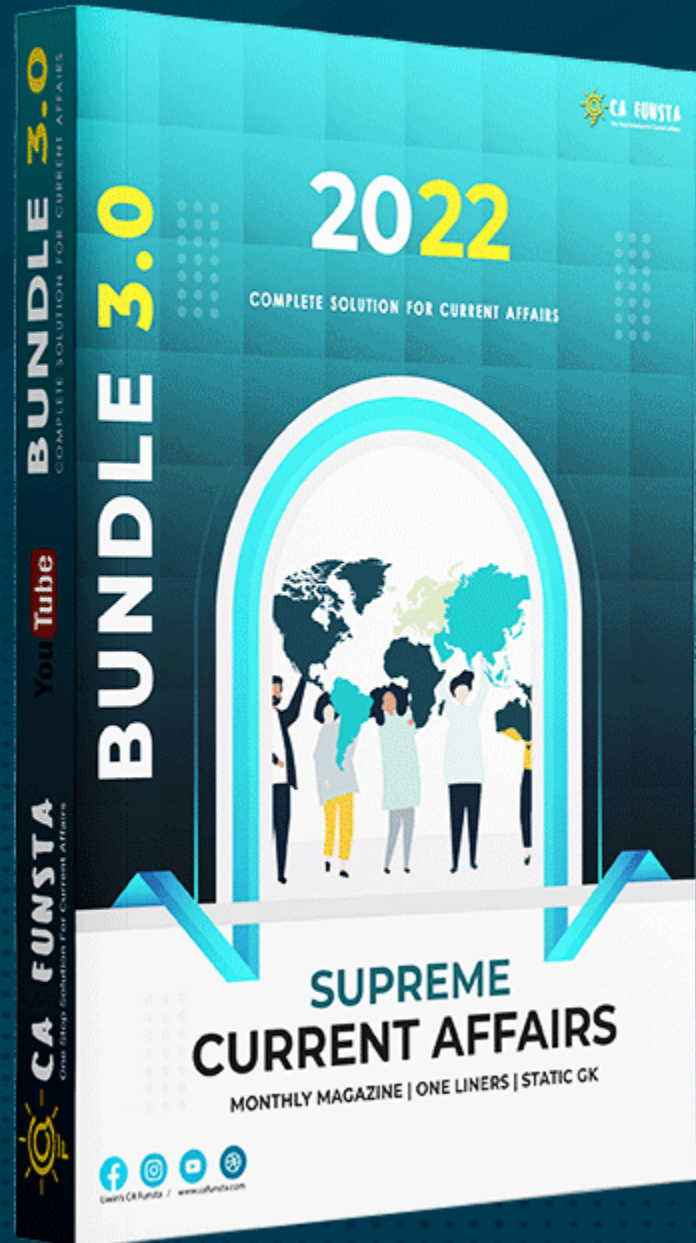
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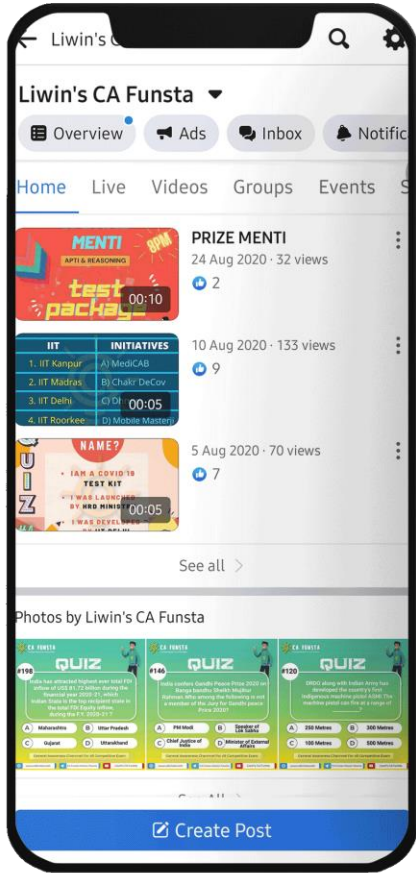
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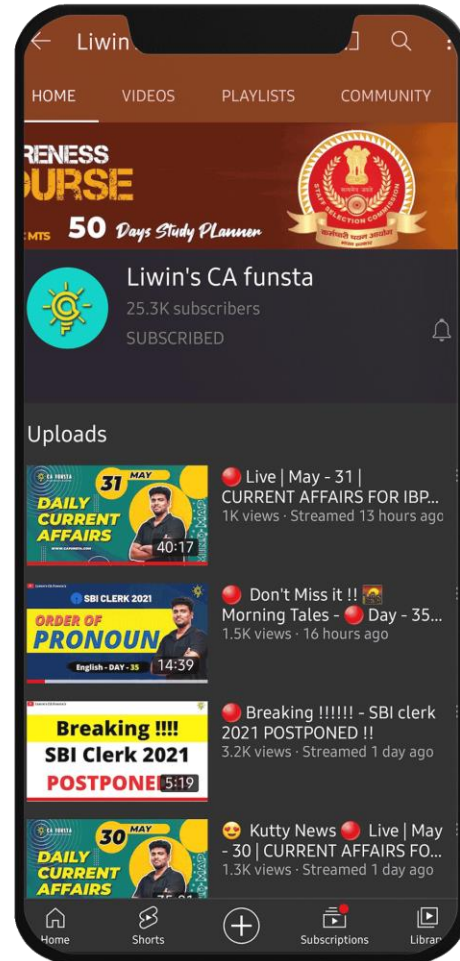
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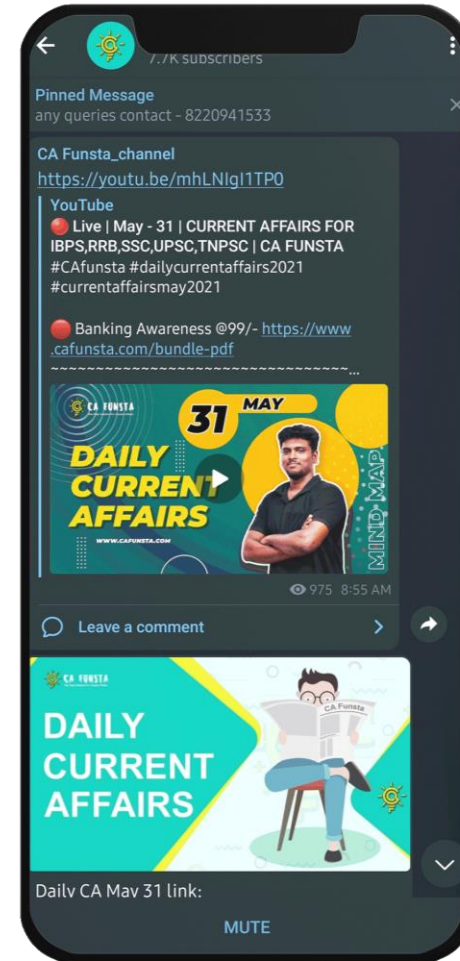
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