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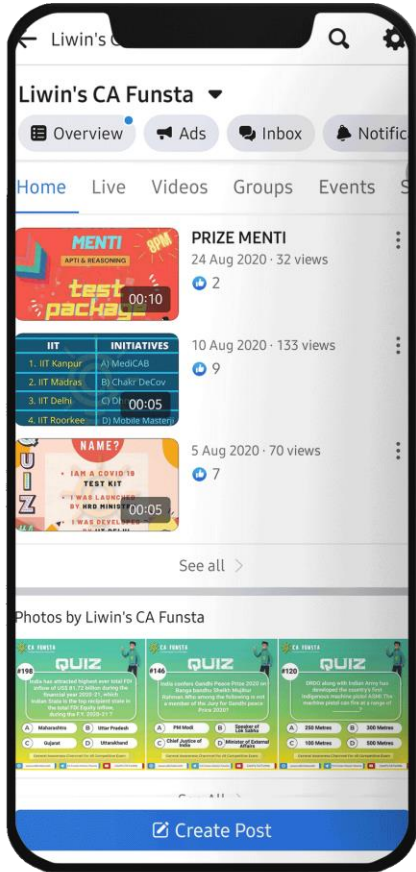
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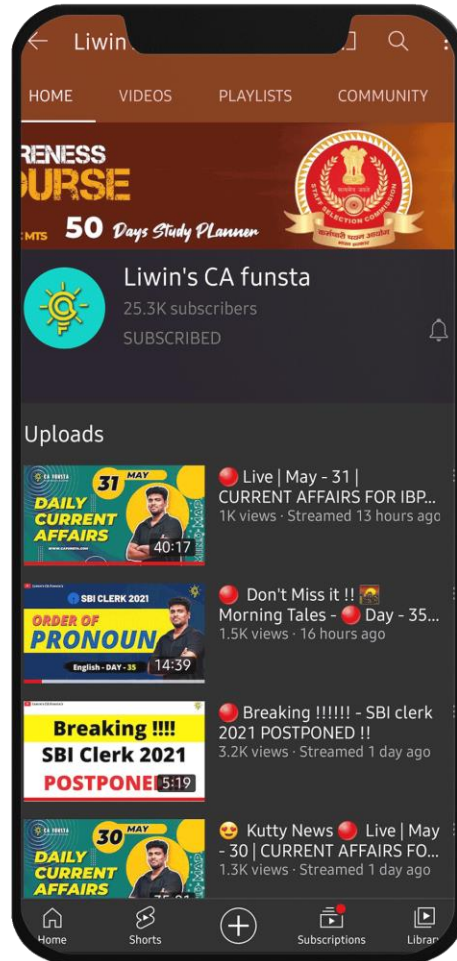
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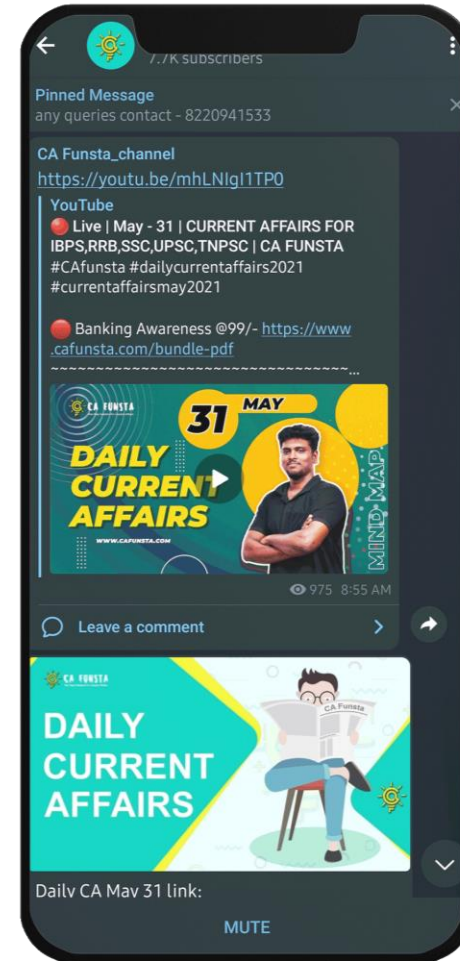
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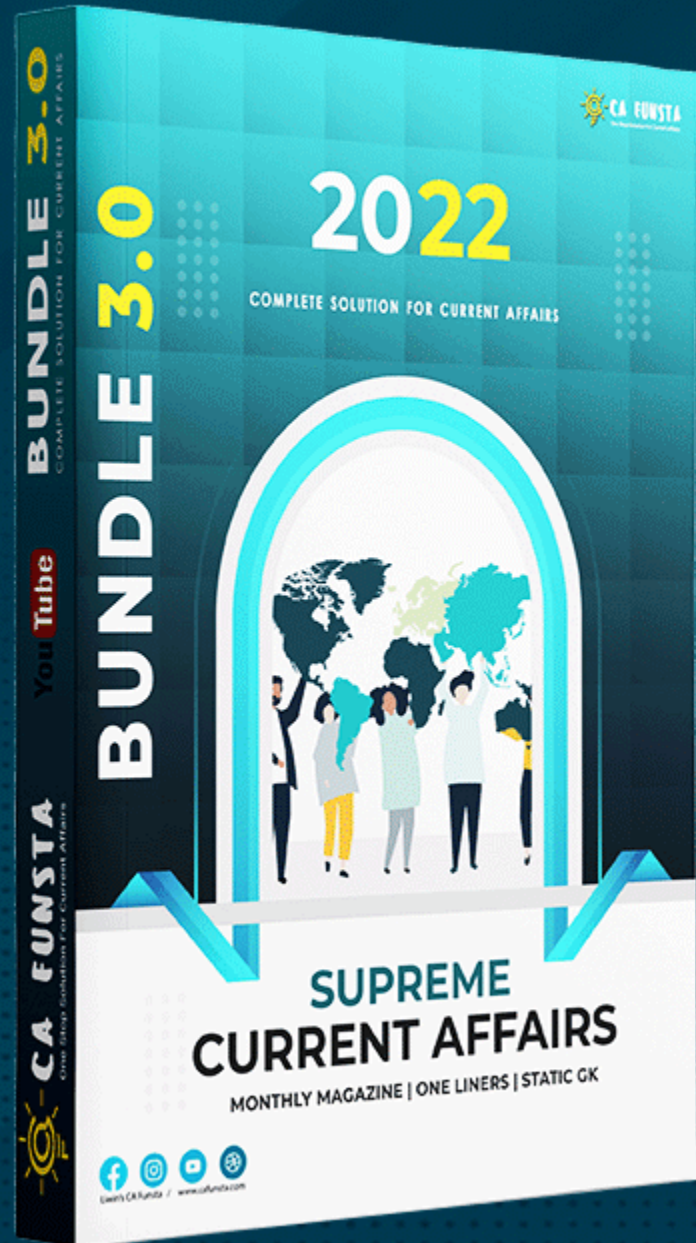


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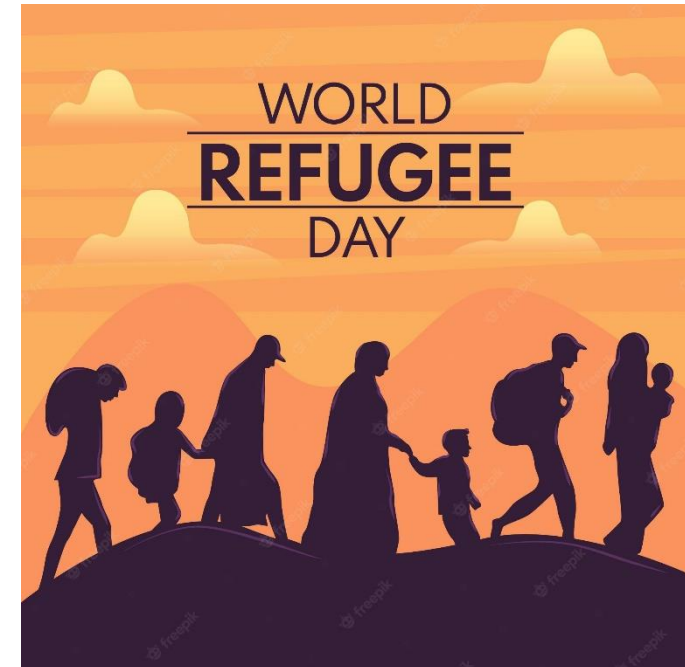
Important Days



When is World Refugee Day celebrated every year?

- A) 15th April
- B) 20th June
- C) 3rd September
- D) 10th December
- E) 25th March

Answer
B) 20th June



Important Days



Explanation

- **World Refugee Day** is celebrated every year on the **20th of June**, serving as a global reminder of the challenges faced by refugees and displaced persons around the world.
- The history of World Refugee Day dates back to **December 4, 2000**, when the United Nations General Assembly established it through Resolution 55/76.
- The resolution aimed to raise awareness about the increasing number of refugees worldwide and to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention.
- The 1951 Refugee Convention, adopted in the aftermath of World War II, established the legal framework for the protection and rights of refugees.
- The theme of World Refugee Day 2023 is “**hope away from home**”

Important Days



International Picnic Day

- International Picnic Day is observed on **June 18th** each year.
- The day highlights the importance of a picnic and the joy it brings.
- The term "picnic" finds its roots in the French word "pique-nique," and its popularity surged in France after the revolution, providing an opportunity to enjoy informal outdoor meals in the country's royal parks.

Important Days



International Day for Countering Hate Speech

- The International Day for Countering Hate Speech is marked every year on **June 18**.
- In **July 2021**, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution emphasizing the promotion of inter-religious and intercultural dialogue to counter this phenomenon.
- **First Edition: 2022**

Important Days



World Sickle Cell Awareness Day

- **World Sickle Cell Awareness Day** is observed on **June 19th** each year to raise awareness about sickle cell disease (SCD) and its impact on individuals, families and communities worldwide.
- World Sickle Cell Awareness Day has its origins in a United Nations General Assembly resolution adopted on **December 22, 2008**.
- Theme: **Building and strengthening global sickle cell communities, formalizing newborn screening and knowing your sickle cell disease status.**

Who emerged as the winner of the Canadian Grand Prix?

- A) Lewis Hamilton
- B) Sebastian Vettel
- C) Charles Leclerc
- D) Max Verstappen
- E) Valtteri Bottas

Answer

D) Max Verstappen



SPORTS



Explanation

- Held: Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve in Montreal, Quebec, Canada

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Car Company</u>
1	Max Verstappen	The Netherlands	Red Bull
2	Fernando Alonso	Spain	Aston Martin
3	Lewis Hamilton	UK	Mercedes

Which Indian badminton players won the Men's doubles title at the Kapal Api Group Indonesia Open 2023?

- A) P. V. Sindhu and Saina Nehwal
- B) Kidambi Srikanth and Parupalli Kashyap
- C) Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy
- D) Ashwini Ponnappa and N. Sikki Reddy
- E) H. S. Prannoy and Sameer Verma

Answer

C) Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy



Kapal Api Group Indonesia Open 2023 (Indonesia Open 2023)

- Held: Gelora Bung Karno Sports complex in Jakarta, Indonesia
- Edition: 41st
- **Satwik and Chirag Shetty** won the men's doubles final of the **Indonesian Open in Jakarta** defeating **Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Wooi Yik Soh** 21-17, 21-18.
- **Saina Nehwal (2010, 2012) and Kidambi Srikanth (2017) previously** won the singles title in Jakarta.
- Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games and bronze at the World Championships last year, defeated Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yika of Malaysia in a stunning 2-game battle in Jakarta.

SPORTS



Kapal Api Group Indonesia Open 2023 (Indonesia Open 2023)

Category	Winner		Runner	
	Name	Country	Name	Country
Men's Singles	Viktor Axelsen	Denmark	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	Indonesia
Women's Singles	Chen Yufei	China	Carolina Marin	Spain
Men's Doubles	Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty	India	Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik	Malaysia
Women's Doubles	Baek Ha Na and Lee So Hee	South Korea	Yuki Fukushima and Sayaka Hirota	Japan
Mixed Doubles	Zheng Si wei and Huang Ya Qiong	China	Yuta Watanabe and Arisa Higashino	Japan

NSE International Exchange (NSE IX) unveiled a new and refreshed brand identity of GIFT Nifty as a part of full-scale transition of SGX Nifty to Gift Nifty from ____?

- A) June 3, 2023
- B) July 3, 2023
- C) August 3, 2023
- D) September 3, 2023
- E) October 3, 2023

Answer

B) July 3, 2023

Explanation

- **NSE International Exchange (NSE IX)** unveiled a new and refreshed brand identity of GIFT Nifty as a part of full-scale transition of **SGX Nifty to Gift Nifty from July 3, 2023**.
- The new identity of Gift Nifty signifies the unique opportunity and new direction for the international investors to participate in India's growth story to access Nifty products through NSE IX at GIFT City.
- The new look of Gift Nifty is aligned with the flagship index NIFTY 50, which reflects the growth story of Indian equity markets.
- The unveiling of the new logo follows the recent announcement of full-scale operations of NSE IX-SGX Connect to start from July 3, 2023.
- This strategic initiative between NSE IX and SGX, enables Gift Nifty orders from SGX members to be routed to NSE IFSC for trading and execution with clearing and settlement through SGX Derivatives Clearing.

Explanation

- To begin with, market participants can access Gift Nifty 50, Gift Nifty Bank, Gift Nifty Financial Services and Gift Nifty IT derivative contracts on NSE IX and gradually other indices will be rolled out under Gift Nifty suite.
- These contracts are accessible for almost 21 hours, which overlaps Asia, Europe, and US trading hours.
- Gift Nifty offers a single pool of liquidity and venue to access USD denominated Nifty derivatives at NSE IX under the regulatory framework of International Financial Services Center Authority (IFSCA).
- In addition, NSE IX also unveiled its new corporate brand identity evolving distinctly designed IX along with NSE to signify the ambition and vision of NSE International Exchange to be a leader in global capital market landscape.

Explanation

- **The trading at NSE IX Limited** was launched on **June 5, 2017** post receiving grant of recognition from **SEBI**.
- NSE IX has already launched trading in Indian and global stock derivatives, index derivatives, currency derivatives, depository receipts and non-agriculture commodity derivatives.

Titbits

NSE

Abbreviation: National Stock Exchange of India Limited

Founded: 1992

Headquarters :Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman : Mr. Girish Chandra Chaturvedi

MD & CEO: Mr. Ashishkumar Chauhan

APPOINTMENTS



Who has been approved for the appointment of deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet?

- A) Raghuram Rajan
- B) Swaminathan Janakiraman
- C) Urjit Patel
- D) Shaktikanta Das
- E) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer

B) Swaminathan Janakiraman



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** has approved appointment of **SBI managing director Swaminathan Janakiraman** to the post of **deputy governor of Reserve Bank of India for a period of three years**.
- Current RBI DG **Mahesh Kumar Jain's** term is set to expire in June.
- Swaminathan Janakiraman is currently the managing director of the State Bank of India and is responsible for the bank's Corporate Banking and Subsidiaries vertical.
- Prior to this role, he was responsible for Bank's Assurance functions - Risk Management, Regulatory Compliance, and Stressed Assets verticals.
- He has also served as a nominee director of the SBI on the boards of Yes Bank, Jio Payments Bank, and NPCI as well as Bank of Bhutan, an SBI JV.
- Jain was appointed as a deputy governor in **June 2018** for three years. He was **re-appointed in June 2021 for a further two-year period**.

APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Jain is in-charge of the department of supervision, financial inclusion and development, consumer education and protection, among others.
- Currently, the other three deputy governors of the RBI are **Michael D Patra, T Rabi Sankar and Rajeshwar Rao**.
- MK Jain had served as the managing director and chief executive officer of IDBI Bank before being appointed as the deputy governor of the Reserve Bank Of India. Before joining IDBI Bank, he headed Indian Bank.

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

RBI

Abbreviation: Reserve Bank of India

Act: Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Governor– Shaktikanta Das

Deputy Governors– 4 (T Rabi Sankar, Swaminathan
Janakiraman, Michael Debabrata Patra, M. Rajeshwar
Rao)

AWARDS



Who has been awarded the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for 2023?

- A) Salman Rushdie
- B) J.K. Rowling
- C) Margaret Atwood
- D) Haruki Murakami
- E) Arundhati Roy

Answer

A) Salman Rushdie



AWARDS



Explanation

- **The Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for 2023** has been awarded to **British-American author Salman Rushdie**, "for his indomitable spirit, for his affirmation of life and for enriching our world with his love of storytelling".
- The Peace Prize of the German Book Trade, endowed with €25,000 (\$27,300), will be handed out in a ceremony in October during the Frankfurt Book Fair.
- The prize, **created in 1950**, recognizes a personality committed to serving international understanding between nations and cultures through their work.
- **Last year**, the award went to **Ukrainian author Serhiy Zhadan**.
- Previous recipients include, among others, Margaret Atwood, Orhan Pamuk, Susan Sontag, Amos Oz, Vaclav Havel .
- Rushdie served as the **president of the PEN American Center from 2004 to 2006**, and then as **chairman of the PEN World Voices International Literary Festival for 10 years**.



AWARDS



Which state was honored with the first prize in the Best State category at the National Water Awards 2022?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Gujarat

Answer

D) Madhya Pradesh



AWARDS



Explanation

- The **Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar** conferred the 4th National Water Awards at an award distribution ceremony being organised at **Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi** by the **Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD &GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti**.
- The Department has announced a total of **41 winners**, including joint winners, for the 4th National Water Awards, 2022, covering **11 categories**. Each award winner will be conferred with a citation and a trophy as well as cash prizes in certain categories.
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- The Vice President also launched an animated short film on 'Piku', the mascot of National Water Mission for telecast on Doordarshan to spread the message of water conservation.

AWARDS



Category-wise winners list - 4th National Water Awards, 2022

(i) Best State:

Sl. No.	Applications	Rank
1.	Madhya Pradesh	1st
2.	Odisha	2nd
3.	Andhra Pradesh	3rd (Joint Winner)
4.	Bihar	3rd (Joint Winner)

(ii) Best District:

Sl. No.	Applications	Rank
1.	Ganjam, Odisha	1st
2.	Namakkal, Tamil Nadu	2nd
3.	Adilabad, Telangana	3rd

AWARDS



Category-wise winners list - 4th National Water Awards, 2022

(iii) Best Village Panchayat:

Sl. No.	Applications	Rank
1.	Jagannadhapuram Village Panchayat, Bhadradi Kothagudem district, Telangana	1st
2.	Kadavur Village Panchayat, Karur district, Tamil Nadu	2nd(Joint Winner)
3.	Manickal Village Panchayat, Thiruvananthapuram district, Kerala	2nd (Joint Winner)
4.	Kadegaon Village Panchayat, Jalna district, Maharashtra	3rd (Joint Winner)
5.	Mawkyrdep Village Panchayat, Bhoi Rymbong Block, Ri Bhoi district, Meghalaya	3rd (Joint Winner)

AWARDS



Category-wise winners list - 4th National Water Awards, 2022

(iv) Best Urban Local Body:

Sl. No.	Applications	Rank
1.	Chandigarh Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh	1st
2.	Indore Municipal Corporation, Indore, Madhya Pradesh	2nd
3.	Surat Municipal Corporation, Surat, Gujarat	3rd (Joint Winner)
4.	Malkapur Municipal Council, Karad, Satara, Maharashtra	3rd (Joint Winner)

AWARDS



Category-wise winners list - 4th National Water Awards, 2022

(v) Best Media:

Sl. No.	Applications	Rank
1.	Advance Water Digest Private Limited Gurugram, Haryana	1st
2.	Centre For Environment and Sustainable Development, Srinagar, Jammu And Kashmir	2nd (Joint Winner)
3.	Regional News Unit, All India Radio, Guwahati, Assam	2nd (Joint Winner)
4.	Network Eighteen, Gautam Buddh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh	3rd

AWARDS



Category-wise winners list - 4th National Water Awards, 2022

(vi) Best School:

Sl. No.	Applications	Rank
1.	Jamiyatpura Primary School, Mehsana, Gujarat	1st
2.	KGBV School, Chagalamarri, Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh	2nd
3.	Government Senior Secondary School (GSSS), Baori, Jodhpur, Rajasthan	3rd

AWARDS



Category-wise winners list - 4th National Water Awards, 2022

(vii) Best Institution for Campus usage:

Sl. No.	Applications	Rank
1.	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, Reasi, Jammu and Kashmir	1st
2.	Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, Telangana	2nd
3.	Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, Punjab	3rd

AWARDS



Category-wise winners list - 4th National Water Awards, 2022

(viii) Best Industry:

Sl. No.	Applications	Rank
1.	Barauni Thermal Power Station, Begusarai, Bihar	1st
2.	Honda Motorcycle And Scooter India Pvt Ltd, Kolar, Karnataka	2nd
3.	Apollo Tyres Limited, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu	3rd (Joint Winner)
4.	CCL Products India Ltd, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh	3rd (Joint Winner)

AWARDS



Category-wise winners list - 4th National Water Awards, 2022

(ix) Best NGO:

Sl. No.	Applications	Rank
1.	Arpan Seva Sansthan, Udaipur, Rajasthan	1st
2.	AROH Foundation, NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh	2nd
3.	Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana, Pune, Maharashtra	3rd
4.	Accion Fraterna, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh	Special Mention (Consolation)

AWARDS



Category-wise winners list - 4th National Water Awards, 2022

(x) Best Water User Association

Sl. No.	Applications	Rank
1.	The Sanjeevani Piyat Sahkari Mandli Ltd, Narmada, Gujarat	1st
2.	Water User Association Nine Y-II, Ganganagar, Rajasthan	2nd (Joint Winner)
3.	Hathuka Vibhag Piyat Sahakari Mandali Ltd, Tapi, Gujarat	2nd (Joint Winner)
4.	Keliya Jamnakantha Nehroni Sahkari Mandali Ltd., Ambach, Navsari, Gujarat	3rd

AWARDS



Category-wise winners list - 4th National Water Awards, 2022

(xi) Best industry for CSR

Sl. No.	Applications	Rank
1.	HCL Technologies Ltd., Noida, Uttar Pradesh	1st
2.	Coca Cola India, Gurugram, Haryana	2nd
3.	GHCL Limited, Gir Somnath, Gujarat	3rd

Which multinational peacekeeping joint exercise has commenced in Mongolia, featuring participation from military contingents and observers from over 20 countries?

- A) Operation Blue Flag
- B) Exercise Cobra Gold
- C) Exercise Iron Fist
- D) Ex Khaan Quest 2023
- E) Exercise Red Flag

Answer

D) Ex Khaan Quest 2023



Explanation

- Multinational Peacekeeping Joint Exercise “**Ex Khaan Quest 2023**” featuring participation from military contingents and observers from **over 20 countries** has commenced in **Mongolia**.
- **Mr Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh**, the **Hon’ble President of Mongolia** inaugurated the Exercise in a ceremony organised at the exercise location in Mongolia.
- The exercise is co-sponsored by **Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF)** and **United States Army Pacific Command (USARPAC)**.
- The Indian Army is represented by a contingent from the **GARHWAL RIFLES**.

Explanation

- The 14-day exercise is aimed at enhancing interoperability of the participating nations, for sharing experience and to train uniformed personnel for the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations (UNPKO).
- The exercise will prepare participants for future UN Peacekeeping missions, develop peace operations capabilities and enhance military readiness.
- The exercise includes Command Post Exercise (CPX), Field Training Exercises (FTX), combat discussions, lectures and demonstration.
- The military exercise will enhance the level of defence co-operation between Indian Army and participating countries especially with the Mongolian Armed Forces which will enhance bilateral relations between the two countries.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Which country received the missile corvette INS Kirpan as a gift from India?

- A) Malaysia
- B) Thailand
- C) Vietnam
- D) Indonesia
- E) Philippines

Answer
C) Vietnam



Explanation

- **India** gifted the **indigenously-built in-service missile corvette INS Kirpan** to **Vietnam** to enhance that country's naval capabilities.
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** announced after bilateral talks with his visiting Vietnamese counterpart General Phan Van Gang.
- Both Ministers identified means to enhance existing areas of collaboration, especially in defence industry cooperation, maritime security and multinational cooperation.
- Earlier in the day, General Gang laid a wreath at the National War Memorial and was later given a Tri-Service guard of honour. He arrived in India on a two-day visit.
- **INS Kirpan is a Khukri** class missile corvette displacing 1,350 tonnes and was commissioned into the Navy on January 12, 1991.
- It has a displacement of close to 1,400 tonnes, a length of 91 metres, a beam of 11 metres, and is capable of speed in excess of 25 knots.

Explanation

- The ship is fitted with a medium range gun, 30 mm close range guns, chaff launchers, and surface to surface missiles, enabling it to perform a wide variety of roles, including coastal and offshore patrol, coastal security, surface warfare, anti-piracy, and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations, according to the Navy.
- **In June 2022**, India and Vietnam signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on mutual logistics support in the presence of the two Defence Ministers during Mr. Singh's visit to the Southeast Asian nation, and the two Defence Ministers signed the "**Joint Vision Statement on India-Vietnam defence partnership towards 2030**", which the Ministry had said would significantly enhance the scope and scale of existing defence cooperation.
- **Hanoi** has procured **12 high speed patrol boats** for the **Vietnamese border guard force** under a **\$100 million Line of Credit (LoC) extended in September 2014**.
- **In 2016**, India extended another **\$500 million defence LoC**, and discussions are under way to identify the equipment.

Explanation

- **In its first field training exercise** in a foreign country, a contingent of the Vietnam People's Army was also hosted by **India** for the three-week **"VINBAX"** in **August last year**.
- India has also announced gifting two simulators and monetary grant towards the setting up of a Language and IT Lab at the Air Force Officers Training School for capacity building in the Vietnamese armed forces.
- India and Vietnam have shared a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership since 2016 and defence cooperation is a key pillar of this partnership.
- Vietnam is an important partner in India's 'Act East' policy and the Indo-Pacific vision.

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Titbits

Vietnam

capital : Hanoi

Currency : Vietnamese dong

Prime Minister : Pham Minh Chinh

President: Vo Van Thuong

Which institutions signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem in India?

- A) Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT Delhi) and Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B) Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM Ahmedabad) and National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)
- C) Indian School of Business (ISB) and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- D) Indian Institute of Management, Jammu (IIM Jammu) and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- E) Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

Answer

D) Indian Institute of Management, Jammu (IIM Jammu) and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

Explanation

- **Indian Institute of Management, Jammu (IIM)** and the **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country on the sixth annual convocation at Jammu
- The MoU was signed between Prof **BS Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu**, and **Sudatta Mandal, Deputy Managing Director, SIDBI** in the presence of Chief Guest Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Education.
- As part of this MoU, joint initiatives/projects would be launched as part of the IIM Jammu-SIDBI partnership to strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country.

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Titbits

SIDBI

Abbreviation: Small Industries Development Bank of
India

Establishment – 2nd April 1990

Headquarters – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Chairman & Managing Director – Sivasubramanian
Ramann

Who launched the panchayat-level drugs shop scheme in Jharkhand?

- A) Hemant Soren
- B) Raghubar Das
- C) Babulal Marandi
- D) Arjun Munda
- E) Shibu Soren

Answer

A) Hemant Soren

Explanation

- **Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren** launched the **state government's ambitious panchayat-level drugs shop scheme**, aimed at making essential medicines available in remote areas.
- Soren inaugurated the scheme in Chatra district by handing over licences to three persons for operating the medicine shops in panchayats.
- A total of 15 people have been selected for licences in the district so far.
- The CM also laid the foundation of 177 projects worth around Rs 364 crore for the Chatra district. He inaugurated 42 projects to the tune of nearly Rs 14.6 crore on the occasion.

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Titbits

Jharkhand

Capital : Ranchi

CM: Hemant Soren

Governor : C. P. Radhakrishnan

Which company rolled out India's first Armoured Light Specialist Vehicle to the Indian Army?

- A) Tata Motors
- B) Maruti Suzuki
- C) Ashok Leyland
- D) Mahindra Defence
- E) Bajaj Auto

Answer
D) Mahindra Defence



Explanation

- Mahindra Group chairman Anand Mahindra announced that **Mahindra Defence Systems (MDS)**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of his company, has **started deliveries of 'Armado,' an Armoured Light Specialist Vehicle (ALSV)** built for the Indian armed forces (Indian Army).
- A fully-indigenous vehicle, Armado can accommodate a driver and 5 passengers, the manufacturer noted on its website, adding that above the standard 1,000 kg load capacity, the ALSV can carry another 400 kg.
- It gets ballistic protection up to the **B7 level and STANAG level-2.**
- Powering the 4-wheeler is a 3.2-litre multi-fuel diesel engine that generates 216 hp of maximum power. A 6-speed automatic gearbox sends power to the wheels through a dedicated 4x4 system.

Explanation

- Armado takes just 12 seconds to accelerate **from 0 to 160 kmph**, and runs at a speed of more than **120 kmph**.
- A modular vehicle, it can be used in counter-terrorism operations, raids in open and desert terrains, and reconnaissance missions. Special forces and quick reaction teams, too, can use it, doing so for conventional operations, weapon-carrying, border patrolling etc.

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Titbits

Mahindra Defence Systems

Headquarters– Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman: SP Shukla

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Which organization has signed a pact with the tourism ministry to promote heritage stays and cultural tourism?

- A) Expedia
- B) Booking.com
- C) MakeMyTrip
- D) Airbnb
- E) TripAdvisor

**Answer
D) Airbnb**



Explanation

- Online accommodation hosting platform **Airbnb** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Union Ministry of Tourism** to showcase India's heritage stays and promote cultural tourism.
- The company will partner the ministry in its vision to promote inbound tourism as a part of its 'Visit India 2023' initiative and under the MoU, it will launch a dedicated 'Soul of India' microsite for the global audience showcasing India's rich culture and built heritage.
- Additionally, Airbnb will also offer support to hosts in untapped tourist areas, assist them in promoting their homestays, build host capacity, and foster a culture of responsible hosting.

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Titbits

Airbnb, Inc

Headquarters: San Francisco, California, United States

CEO: Brian Chesky

Culture , Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region

Minister:G. Kishan Reddy

Constituency: Secunderabad, Telangana

Which organizations have signed an MoU with ITI Ltd to develop products for smart cities?

- A) BSNL and BHEL
- B) TCIL and BEL
- C) C-DOT and BSNL
- D) TCIL and C-DOT
- E) BEL and BHEL

Answer

D) TCIL and C-DOT

Explanation

- State-owned telecommunications firm **ITI Ltd** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) and Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL)** to produce new products and services for smart cities.
- This aims at establishing a framework for cooperation between the three in creating and delivering of “innovative telecommunication products and related services for Smart Cities”.
- Each project will be administered under a separate project agreement, in which **TCIL** will be the **lead partner**, **C-DOT** will be the **technology partner** and **ITI** will be the **manufacturing partner**.

Explanation

- Under the MoU, project agreements will specify the responsibilities of the parties involved, payment terms, and mutual objectives of the parties.
- This collaboration would “create an ecosystem capable of delivering end-to-end indigenous telecom networks/solutions”.
- In May, a consortium led by IT giant Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), which includes Tejas Networks, C-DOT, and ITI Ltd received an advance purchase order worth Rs 15,000 crore for BSNL's pan-India 4G deployment.

Titbits

Telecommunications Consultants India Limited(TCIL)

Founded: 1978

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

CMD: Shri Sanjeev Kumar

Indian Telephone Industries Limited(ITI)

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

Founded: 12 October 1948

CMD: Shri Rajesh Rai

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Where did the 4th Education Working Group Meeting commence?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Chennai
- C) Delhi
- D) Pune
- E) Kolkata

**Answer
D) Pune**



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Explanation

Meeting	Held	Chaired by	Organised By
4th Education Working Group meeting (EdWG)	Pune, Maharashtra	Secretary, Department of Higher Education Shri K. Sanjay Murthy	
G20 co-branded event titled 'Health of Youth-Wealth of Nation'	New Delhi, Delhi	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya	Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare + Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, Child Health (PMNCH), Geneva
Fourth Tourism Working Group of G20	Goa	Shri G. Kishan Reddy	

QUICK RECALL



- **World Refugee Day is celebrated every year on the 20th of June; International Picnic Day is observed on June 18th; The International Day for Countering Hate Speech is marked every year on June 18; World Sickle Cell Awareness Day is observed on June 19th;**
- **Max Verstappen wins Canadian GP**
- **Asian men's doubles champions Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy to win India's maiden BWF Super 1000 title at the Indonesia Open 2023 badminton tournament in Jakarta**
- **NSE International Exchange (NSE IX) unveiled a new and refreshed brand identity of GIFT Nifty as a part of full-scale transition of SGX Nifty to Gift Nifty from July 3, 2023.**
- **The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved appointment of SBI managing director Swaminathan Janakiraman to the post of deputy governor of Reserve Bank of India for a period of three years.**
- **The Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for 2023 has been awarded to British-American author Salman Rushdie**

QUICK RECALL



- **The Vice President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar conferred the 4th National Water Awards at an award distribution ceremony being organised at Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi**
- **Multinational Peacekeeping Joint Exercise “Ex Khaan Quest 2023” featuring participation from military contingents and observers from over 20 countries has commenced in Mongolia.**
- **India gifted the indigenously-built in-service missile corvette INS Kirpan to Vietnam to enhance that country’s naval capabilities.**
- **Indian Institute of Management, Jammu (IIM) and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country on the sixth annual convocation at Jammu**
- **Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren launched the state government’s ambitious panchayat-level drugs shop scheme, aimed at making essential medicines available in remote areas.**

QUICK RECALL



- **Mahindra Defence Systems (MDS), a wholly-owned subsidiary of his company, has started deliveries of 'Armado,' an Armoured Light Specialist Vehicle (ALSV) built for the Indian armed forces (Indian Army).**
- **Airbnb has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Union Ministry of Tourism to showcase India's heritage stays and promote cultural tourism.**
- **ITI Ltd has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) and Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL) to produce new products and services for smart cities.**
- **4th Education Working Group Meeting commences in Pune**



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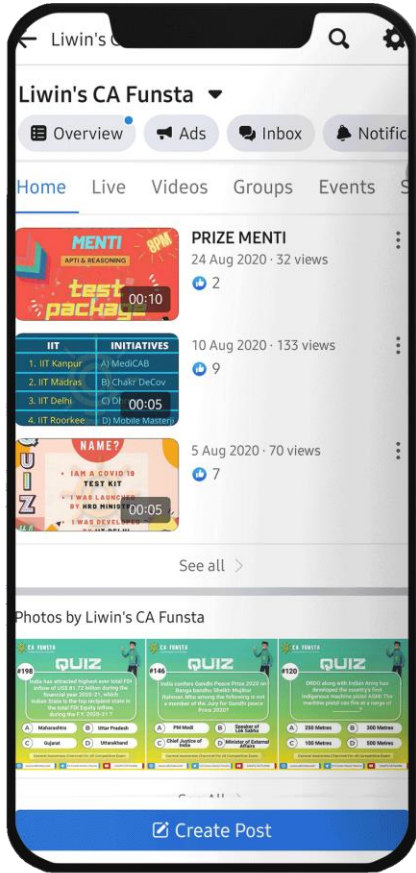
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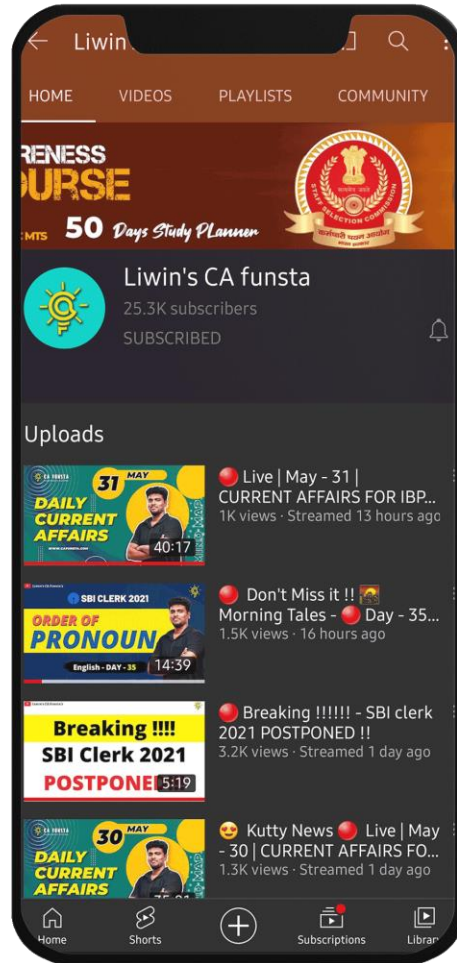
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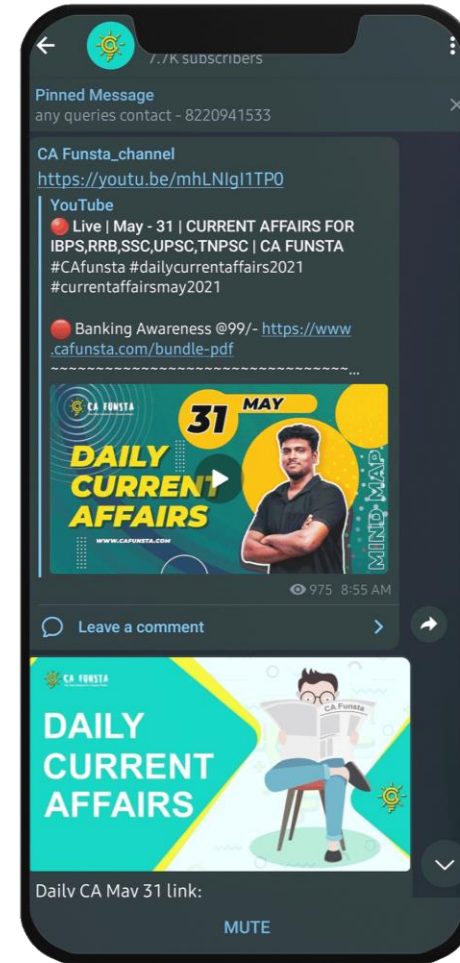
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