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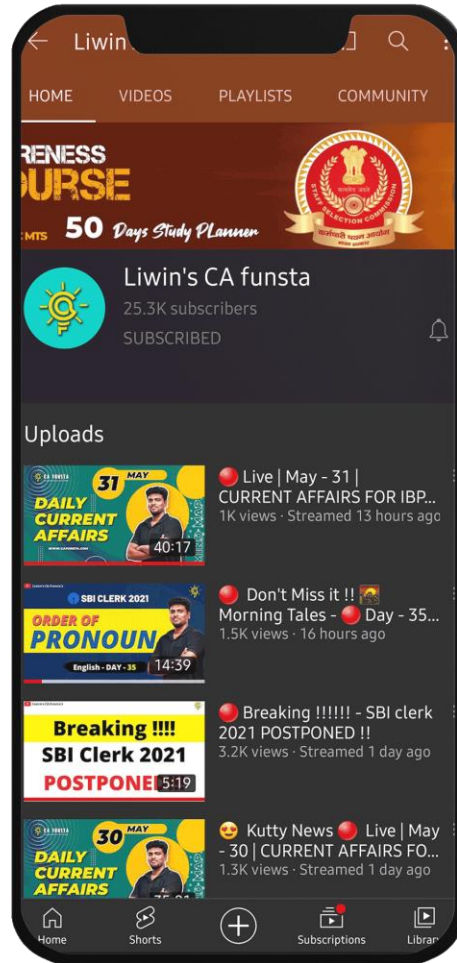




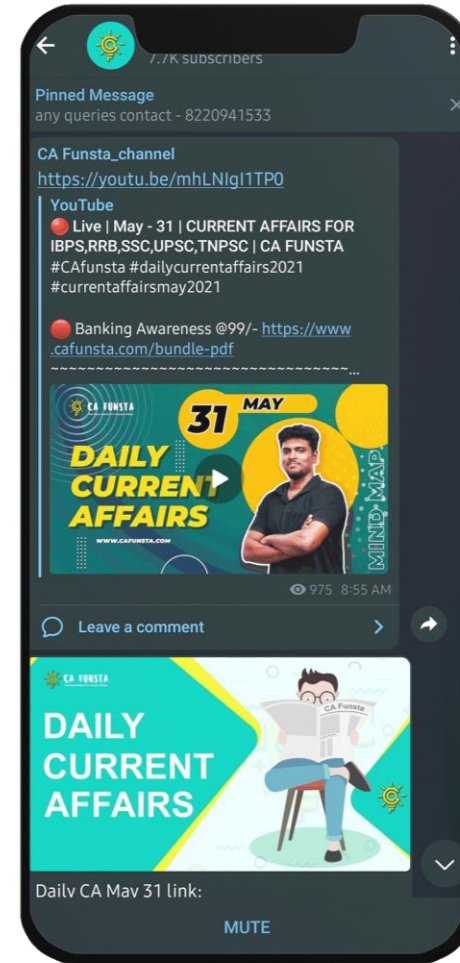
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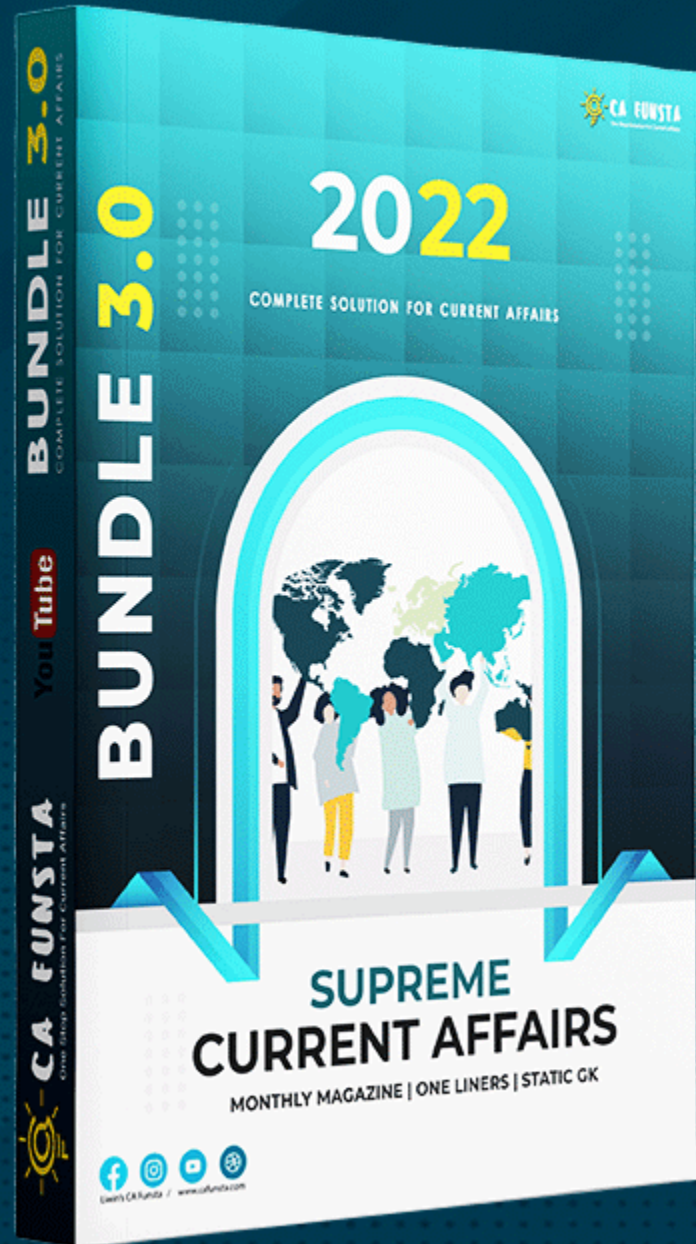
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# Important Days



**On which date is the National Insurance Awareness Day observed in India?**

- A) June 28
- B) July 1
- C) August 15
- D) October 2
- E) December 31

**Answer**  
**A) June 28**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- **National Insurance Awareness Day** is observed on **June 28**.
- The day aims to highlight the importance of insurance and raise awareness about the vital role it plays in our lives.



# Important Days



## World Allergy Week

- **World Allergy Week 2023** is observed on **18-24 June**.
- This year the focus is on managing allergic diseases amidst environmental changes.
- First observed on **2011**.
- **Theme:** Managing Allergic Diseases amidst Climate change.

**Which insurance company has partnered with actyv.ai to offer insurance products to MSMEs?**

- A) Kotak General Insurance
- B) ICICI Lombard General Insurance
- C) HDFC ERGO General Insurance
- D) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- E) New India Assurance Company

**Answer**

**A) Kotak General Insurance**





## Explanation

- **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Co. Ltd (Kotak General Insurance)** announced that it has partnered with **actyv.ai** to offer bite-sized insurance products to new-age Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) companies.
- Kotak General Insurance will leverage actyv.ai's AI-powered platform to provide insurance solutions to support the business sustainability of small businesses.
- Through actyv.ai's technology stack and Kotak General Insurance's customized insurance products, this partnership will offer innovative insurance products to the enterprise and close to one lakh supply chain partner ecosystem to focus on driving growth without worrying about business risks.

## Titbits

### **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance**

Hq: Mumbai, Maharashtra  
MD & CEO :Suresh Agarwal

### **actyv.ai**

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka  
Founder and CEO: Raghu Subramanian

**Which regulatory authority cancelled the banking license of Mahalaxmi Cooperative Bank Dharwad?**

- A) RBI (Reserve Bank of India)
- B) SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India)
- C) IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India)
- D) PFRDA (Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority)
- E) CCI (Competition Commission of India)

**Answer**

**A) RBI (Reserve Bank of India)**



## Explanation

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** directed Karnataka-based **Mahalaxmi Cooperative Bank, Dharwad** to function only as a non-banking institution.
- The RBI cancelled the banking licence dated **March 23, 1994** granted to the Mahalaxmi Cooperative Bank Dharwad, the banking regulator said. The cancellation of licence is with effect from the close of business on June 27, 2023.
- This makes it obligatory on the part of **Mahalaxmi Cooperative Bank Ltd.**, Dharwad, and Karnataka to stop conducting the business of 'banking' within the meaning of section 5(b) of the Act ibid, including acceptance of deposits from non-members with immediate effect.

## Explanation

- **Mahalaxmi Cooperative Bank Ltd., Dharwad, Karnataka** will ensure to repay unpaid and unclaimed deposits of non-members held by it, whenever demanded, even after being notified as non-banking Institution.
- In April 2023, the central bank cancelled the banking licence of Adoor Co-operative Urban Bank and allowed it to operate only as NBFC.
- The RBI imposed penalties on seven cooperative banks for contravention of/non-adherence with the certain norms issued by the central bank for the same.
- These cooperative banks were –Textile Traders Co-operative Bank Ltd, Ujjain Nagarik Sahakari Bank Maryadit, Panihati Co-operative Bank, The Berhampur Co-operative Urban Bank, Solapur Siddheshwar Sahakari Bank, Uttar Pradesh Co-operative Bank Limited and the Uttarpara Co-operative Bank, the central bank said in statements.

## Explanation

- The central bank had imposed a penalty of ₹28 lakhs on Uttar Pradesh Co-operative Bank Limited.
- A monetary penalty of ₹4.50 lakhs was imposed on Textile Traders Co-operative Bank Ltd. Further, the central bank imposed ₹2.50 lakh penalty each on Panihati Co-operative Bank and The Uttarpara Co-operative Bank.
- Solapur Siddheshwar Sahakari Bank faced a penalty of ₹1.50 lakh. Similarly, ₹1 lakh each penalty was imposed on Ujjain Nagarik Sahakari Bank Maryadit and The Berhampur Co-operative Urban Bank.



**Which two entities signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for disbursement of financial assistance to veteran artists?**

- A) Ministry of Culture and HDFC Bank
- B) Ministry of Culture and ICICI Bank
- C) Ministry of Culture and State Bank of India
- D) Ministry of Culture and Canara Bank
- E) Ministry of Culture and Axis Bank

**Answer**

**D) Ministry of Culture and Canara Bank**



## Explanation

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between **Ministry of Culture and Canara Bank** for disbursement of financial assistance to veteran artists under the “**Scheme for Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists**”.
- Ministry of Culture administers a Scheme namely “Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists” under which financial assistance of **Rs. 6000/- per month** is provided to artists and scholars above the age of **60 years** who have contributed significantly in their specialized fields of performing arts and culture in their active age or are still contributing, but due to old age they are facing difficulty and are in penury condition.
- Currently, under the scheme, disbursement of financial assistance in respect of artists selected before 2017 is made through LIC while for the artists approved post 2017, it is made directly by the Ministry.

## Explanation

- It has been noted that the receipt of documents from the beneficiaries often get delayed resulting in disbursement of amount as lump sum instead of being released on a regular basis. With the signing of the MoU with Canara Bank, in a period of approximately two months post streamlining of the process, disbursement of financial assistance to the veteran artists would commence on monthly basis, also ensuring redressal of long pending grievances of beneficiaries.
- This initiative is reflective of the Culture Ministry's commitment to constantly improve the interface with the artists' community and the services provided to them.



## Titbits

### Canara Bank

Hq: Bengaluru, Karnataka

MD and CEO :K. Satyanarayana Raju

Tagline : Together we can

**Which two insurance companies have jointly launched the insurance solution 'iShield'?**

- A) HDFC Ergo General Insurance and HDFC Life Insurance
- B) ICICI Lombard General Insurance and ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- C) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance and Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- D) SBI General Insurance and SBI Life Insurance
- E) Tata AIG General Insurance and Tata AIA Life Insurance

**Answer**

**B) ICICI Lombard General Insurance and ICICI Prudential Life Insurance**

## Explanation

- **ICICI Lombard General Insurance and ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** have jointly launched an insurance solution, '**iShield**', which will provide customers with both health and life insurance.
- iShield, will enable customers to take care of expenses required for medical treatments. Besides, it will also provide a lump sum amount to the family in case of the unfortunate demise of the policyholder.
- The health insurance component covers expenses related to hospitalisation, day-care treatments, pre and post hospitalisation, and homecare treatment, to name just a few.
- On the other hand, the life insurance cover will continue till the age of 85 ensuring the family has sufficient financial resources to continue with their lives.

## Titbits

### **ICICI Lombard General Insurance**

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

CEO : Bhargav Dasgupta

### **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance**

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO: N. S. Kannan

Which IT company has partnered with BSNL for the deployment of a private 5G network?

- A) Infosys
- B) Wipro
- C) L&T Technology Services
- D) TCS (Tata Consultancy Services)
- E) Tech Mahindra

**Answer**

**C) L&T Technology Services**





## Explanation

- **Global engineering services company L&T Technology** has announced its partnership with the state-owned telecom operator **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)**.
- This new partnership will drive and enable global enterprises in their private 5G network deployments. Both companies plan to co-innovate and jointly bring to market private 5G connectivity solutions to accelerate digital transformation for enterprises.
- According to the agreement framework signed by the companies, the spectrum will be provided by BSNL using both PLMN and isolated allotment.

## Explanation

- Meanwhile, L&T will anchor the private network requirements by deploying equipment, apps, servers, technology and software along with core for the integration of devices/sensors within the customer's ecosystem.
- This partnership marks L&T's foray into the 5G private network space, with LTTS assuming the role of a master system integrator for customers, offering a choice of technologies, equipment and use case buildout, while BSNL will be the official network provider.

## Titbits

### **L&T Technology Services Ltd**

Headquarters: Vadodara, Gujarat

Founded: 14 June 2012

CEO: Amit Chadha

### **BSNL**

Abbreviation: Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

Headquarters: New Delhi

CEO: Pravin Kumar Purwar

Founded: 15 September 2000

# APPOINTMENTS



**Who recently assumed the position of Managing Director and CEO at Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL)?**

- A) Rohit Jawa
- B) Anand Sharma
- C) Deepak Gupta
- D) Priya Singh
- E) Sanjay Patel

**Answer**  
**A) Rohit Jawa**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Rohit Jawa** took charge as the **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of FMCG major Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL)**. Jawa has replaced **Sanjiv Mehta** who retired after the company's annual general meeting.
- Mehta handed over the baton to **Jawa**, who was appointed as an Additional Director and CEO-Designate from April 1, from the close of business hours on June 26.
- Mehta was at the helm for almost a decade and was with the company for more than 30 years.
- Prior to this role, Jawa was the Chief of Transformation for Unilever in London.  
Mehta had taken over as the MD & CEO of HUL in October 2013.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### **Hindustan Unilever Ltd**

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO: Rohit Jawa

# APPOINTMENTS



**Who is appointed as part-time Chairman of Federal Bank?**

- A) AP Hota
- B) Raghuram Rajan
- C) Chanda Kochhar
- D) Shikha Sharma
- E) Aditya Puri

**Answer**  
**A) AP Hota**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **The Federal Bank** announced that the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has given approval for the appointment of **AP Hota** as **part time chairman** of the private sector bank with effect from June 29, 2023, till January 14, 2026.
- **AP Hota** has banking experience of over 27 years in Reserve Bank, mostly in technology and payment systems, from 1982- 2009.
- While at Reserve Bank of India, he served as nominee director to the Board of Vijaya Bank and subsequently Andhra Bank.

# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- AP Hota was appointed as Independent Director of Federal Bank Limited with effect from January 15, 2018.
- Earlier this month, Federal Bank had elevated its wholesale banking head Harsh Dugar as executive director of the bank with immediate effect. RBI has approved Harsh Dugar's appointment for three years, effective June 23.

# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### **Federal Bank**

Headquarters : Aluva, Kerala

CEO : Shri Shyam Srinivasan

Tagline : Your Perfect Banking Partner



# AWARDS



**Who among the following will receive an honorary Oscar at the motion picture academy's annual Governors Awards?**

- A) Angela Bassett
- B) Mel Brooks
- C) Carol Littleton
- D) All of the above
- E) None of the above

**Answer**  
**D) All of the above**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- **Angela Bassett, Mel Brooks and editor Carol Littleton** will receive honorary Oscars at the motion picture academy's annual Governors Awards in November during a ceremony that will also include the presentation of the **Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award** to the **Sundance Institute's Michelle Satter**.
- Bassett, 64, was nominated for a supporting actress Oscar this year for her turn as Queen Ramonda in "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever," becoming the first actor to earn academy recognition for a Marvel movie.
- Brooks, who turns 97, is a comedy legend, one of 18 people to belong to the EGOT club as a winner of Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony awards. Brooks' Oscar win came for writing the original screenplay for 1967's "The Producers." (A later Broadway adaptation of the film earned him three Tonys.) Brooks was nominated twice in 1975 – for writing the adapted screenplay for "Young Frankenstein" and for writing the title song for "Blazing Saddles."

# AWARDS



## Explanation

- Littleton, 80, earned an Oscar nomination for her editing work on Steven Spielberg's "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" and collaborated with Jonathan Demme ("Beloved," "The Manchurian Candidate") and Lawrence Kasdan ("Body Heat," "The Big Chill") on multiple films.
- She has served as governor of the academy's film editors branch, president and vice president of the Motion Picture Editors Guild and on the board of directors of American Cinema Editors.
- **Satter** has also led the **Sundance Institute's international initiatives in Asia, Europe, India, Latin America and the Middle East**. She established and manages the vision and content of Sundance Collab, a global digital storytelling community and learning platform.

# AWARDS



## Explanation

- **The Honorary Award**, an Oscar statuette, is given “to honor extraordinary distinction in lifetime achievement, exceptional contributions to the state of motion picture arts and sciences, or for outstanding service to the Academy.”
- The **Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award**, also an Oscar statuette, is given “to an individual in the motion picture arts and sciences whose humanitarian efforts have brought credit to the industry.”
- The four Oscar statuettes will be given at the academy’s 14th Governors Awards on Nov. 18 at the Fairmont Century Plaza in Los Angeles.

**What was the purpose of the 'Anusandhaan Chintan Shivir' organized by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)?**

- A) To promote international collaborations in military R&D.
- B) To showcase the latest technological advancements in the defense sector.
- C) To encourage military R&D within the industry and academia.
- D) To develop strategies for defense exports and technology transfer.
- E) To address cybersecurity challenges in the military domain.

**Answer**

**C) To encourage military R&D within the industry and academia.**



The poster for the 'Anusandhaan Chintan Shivir' event features logos for G20 India 2023, DRDO, and the 75th anniversary of India's independence. The main title is 'Anusandhaan Chintan Shivir' with the subtitle 'Release of 75 Technology Priority Areas for Industry & Academia'. The event is organized by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and is scheduled for 27th June 2023, starting at 1400 Hrs Onwards at the Dr. DS Kothari Auditorium, DRDO Bhawan, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi. The poster also includes the theme 'Catalysing Atmanirbhar Defence Ecosystem by Prioritising Technology Areas for the Industry & Academia' and the motto 'Priority Technologies for an Inclusive Ecosystem : We Progress Together'. A Sanskrit quote is present: 'सृजनार्थं परिश्रम्यति यन्त्राणि च समर्पिताः । विज्ञानं प्रगतिं दृष्ट्वा तत्र संस्कृतयः सिन्ताः ॥'. The bottom of the poster provides contact information for further details and the office address at DRDO Bhawan, Rajaji Marg, New Delhi-110011.

## Explanation

- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** organised an '**Anusandhaan Chintan Shivir**' in New Delhi, with the aim to encourage Defence R&D within the industry and academia. Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan was the Chief Guest at the event.
- A list of 75 technology priority areas were released on the occasion. The list identified by the DRDO is further divided into 403 technological categories, which further spread out to 1,295 current & future technology development tasks.
- Unveiling the 75 technology priority areas will provide a major fillip to the defence manufacturing sector by encouraging the industry to indigenise and innovate on defence technologies in order to place India on the self-reliance trajectory; thereby, promoting military technology design & development in the country through engagement with industry and academia.

**Which organization recently signed an MoU with IBM to create employment opportunities for ex-servicemen?**

- A) Directorate General of Resettlement
- B) Indian Army
- C) Ministry of Home
- D) Indian Air Force
- E) Indian Navy

**Answer**

**A) Directorate General of Resettlement**



## Explanation

- **Directorate General Resettlement (DGR)** under Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **IBM** to engage ex-servicemen and to facilitate their seamless integration into the civilian workforce.
- Through this MoU, DGR will collaborate with IBM to tap into the rich talent pool of ex-servicemen for relevant job opportunities that may continue to arise at the company and its affiliates.
- DGR and IBM will collaborate, on a continuous basis, to identify ex-servicemen with skillset and aptitude suitable for various open positions within the company.
- After assessment & shortlisting of candidates, IBM will leverage its resources and expertise to facilitate the recruitment, training, and upskilling of ex-servicemen for those roles.

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### **The International Business Machines Corporation(IBM)**

CEO: Arvind Krishna

Headquarters: Armonk, New York, United States

Founded: 16 June 1911

**Who launched the new guidelines of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) called 'Sagar Samajik Sahayog'?**

- A) Shri Sarbananda Sonowal
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Nitin Gadkari
- E) Piyush Goyal

**Answer**

**A) Shri Sarbananda Sonowal**



## Explanation

- The **Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush Shri Sarbananda Sonowal** launched '**Sagar Samajik Sahayyog**' - the new guidelines of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.
- The new guidelines empower ports to undertake CSR activities directly.
- The event was also attended by Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Shri Shantanu Thakur & Union Minister of State of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Shripad Yesso Naik.
- The new CSR guidelines unveiled will impact projects and programmes relating to activities specified in Section 70 of the Major Port Authorities Act, 2021.

## Explanation

- For the purpose of planning and implementing CSR projects, a Corporate Social Responsibility Committee shall be constituted in each major port. The Committee shall be headed by the Dy. Chairperson of the Major Port and shall have 2 other Members.
- Each major port shall prepare a Corporate Social Responsibility Plan for every financial year, and integrate its CSR in Business Plan with the social and environmental concerns related to the business of the entity.
- CSR Budget will be mandatorily created through a Board Resolution as a percentage of net profit.
- A port with an annual net profit of ₹100 crores or less can fix between 3% - 5% for CSR expenses.

## Explanation

- Similarly, ports with a net profit between ₹100 crores to ₹500 crores annually, can fix its CSR expenses between 2% and 3% of its net profit, subject to a minimum of ₹3 crores.
- For ports, whose annual net profit is above ₹500 crores per year, the CSR expenses can be between 0.5% and 2% of its net profit. 20% of CSR expenses must be earmarked to Sainik Kalyan Board at district level, National Maritime Heritage Complex and National Youth Development Fund.
- 78% of funds should be released for the social & environmental welfare of the community in areas like drinking water, education, vocational training, skill development, electricity through non-conventional & renewable sources, health & family welfare, promotion of livelihood for economically weaker section of society, community centres, hostels etc.
- A sum of 2% total CSR expense has been earmarked for monitoring of the projects under the CSR programmes by the Ports.

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



How many Vande Bharat trains did Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi launch?

- A) 2
- B) 3
- C) 4
- D) 5
- E) 6

**Answer**  
**D) 5**



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Faster connectivity between  
Goa and Maharashtra





## Explanation

- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched **five Vande Bharat trains** to improve connectivity across six states in the country.
- The semi-high speed trains will run in **Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Goa, Bihar and Jharkhand.**
- Two of the trains are for Madhya Pradesh, where assembly elections are scheduled later this year.
- The launch was attended by **railway minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, governor Mangubhai Patel and Union ministers Narendra Singh Tomar and Jyotiraditya Scindia.**
- The Prime Minister flagged off the five semi-high speed trains for Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Goa, Bihar and Jharkhand – two physically and three in virtual mode – from Rani Kamalapati railway station in Bhopal.

## Explanation

- The semi high-speed trains inaugurated are Rani Kamalapati (Bhopal)-Jabalpur Vande Bharat Express, Khajuraho-Bhopal-Indore Vande Bharat Express, Madgaon (Goa)-Mumbai Vande Bharat Express, Dharwad-Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express, and Hatia-Patna Vande Bharat Express.
- The **Rani Kamalapati-Jabalpur Vande Bharat Express** will connect Mahakaushal region (Jabalpur) to the central region (Bhopal) of Madhya Pradesh.
- The **Khajuraho-Bhopal-Indore Vande Bharat Express** will improve connectivity of Malwa region (Indore) and Bundelkhand region (Khajuraho) to central region (Bhopal), the statement said.
- The **Madgaon (Goa)-Mumbai Vande Bharat Express** is Goa's first Vande Bharat Express. It will run between Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus and Goa's Madgaon station.

## Explanation

- The **Dharwad-Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express** will connect important cities in Karnataka – Dharwad, Hubballi and Davangere – with the state capital Bengaluru.
- The **Hatia-Patna Vande Bharat Express** is the first Vande Bharat train for Jharkhand and Bihar. Enhancing connectivity between Patna and Ranchi, the train will be a boon for tourists, students and businessmen

**Which airport in Pithoragarh recently received an aerodrome license from the DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation)?**

- A) Pithoragarh Airport
- B) Naini Saini Airport
- C) Himalayan Airport
- D) Uttarakhand International Airport
- E) Kumaon Aviation Airport

**Answer**

**B) Naini Saini Airport**

## Explanation

- **Uttarakhand's Naini Saini airport**, which shut down within a year of beginning operations in 2019, will become functional once again.
- The Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the country's aviation regulator, has granted an aerodrome licence to the **Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority (UCADA)**, which currently manages the airport located strategically close to the India-China border in the state's Pithoragarh district.
- Earlier, the airport was operational in **2019** with flights to Delhi and Dehradun, but operations were stopped within a year.
- Currently, Uttarakhand has two major airports; **Jolly Grant Airport in Dehradun and Pantnagar Airport in Udham Singh Nagar.**

## Explanation

### **NAINI SAINI AIRPORT IN BRIEF**

- The Naini Saini Airport was constructed in **1991** for administrative purposes. A nine-seater aircraft operated in February 2019, but stopped operating in January 2020 for technical reasons.
- Earlier in February 2023, the airport was transferred to the Indian Air Force.
- With an airstrip of nearly 1,500 meters, the airport can handle small turbo-prop aircraft such as ATR 72-600.

## Titbits

### Uttarakhand

Capital : Dehradun(Winter), Gairsain(Summer)

CM : Pushkar Singh Dhami

Governor : Gurmit Singh

### **The Directorate General of Civil Aviation(DGCA)**

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Director General: Vikram Dev Dutt

Founded: January 1978



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



**Which state government has partnered with Caspian Equity to launch a Rs 250 crore fund for investment in state SMEs in agriculture?**

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Assam
- C) Karnataka
- D) Gujarat
- E) Tamil Nadu

**Answer**  
**B) Assam**



## Explanation

- **Caspian Impact Investment Adviser (Caspian Equity)** has partnered with the **Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Society (ARIAS)** to launch a new investment fund aimed at supporting small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the agribusiness and allied sectors in Assam, India.
- The collaboration was formalized through a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the two parties.
- ARIAS will establish and implement the Assam Agribusiness Investment Fund (AAIF), a contributory and determinate investment trust. The fund, with a corpus of Rs 250 crores, will be managed by Caspian Equity. Under the determinate trust structure, the share of beneficiaries is determined during the lifespan of the trust,

## Explanation

- AAIF will operate as a Category II Alternative Investment Fund registered with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- The World Bank will provide anchor funding for the fund through the Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project (APART). The primary objective of the fund is to improve agricultural productivity and generate employment opportunities in Assam.

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### Assam

Capital : Dispur

CM : Himanta Biswa Sarma

Governor : Shri Gulab Chand Kataria

**What did the Cabinet of India approve regarding the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)?**

- A) Ratification of the Headquarters Agreement (HQA)
- B) Establishment of a new disaster management organization
- C) Funding for CDRI projects
- D) Expansion of CDRI membership
- E) Withdrawal from CDRI partnership

**Answer**

**A) Ratification of the Headquarters Agreement (HQA)**

## Explanation

- **The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi**, has given its approval for ratification of the Headquarters Agreement (HQA) between Government of India (GoI) and Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) signed on 22nd August, 2022.
- The CDRI was launched by the **Hon'ble Prime Minister of India during the United Nations Climate Action Summit on the 23'd September, 2019, at New York**. It is a major global initiative launched by the Government of India and is seen as India's attempts to obtain a global leadership role in climate change and disaster resilience matters.
- On the 28 August, 2019, the Cabinet had approved the setting up of CDRI along with its supporting Secretariat in New Delhi and also gave the approval for Government of India financial support of Rs. 480 crore to CDRI over a period of 5 years from 2019-20 to 2023-24.

## Explanation

- Subsequently, on the 29th June, 2022, the Cabinet had approved recognition of CDRI as an International Organization and for signing of Headquarters Agreement (HQA) for granting CDRI exemptions, immunities and privileges as contemplated under Section-3 of the UN (P&I) Act, 1947.
- In pursuance of the Cabinet decision, on 22nd August, 2022 the HQA was signed between the Gol and CDRI.
- CDRI is a global partnership of National Governments, UN agencies and programmes, multilateral development banks and financing mechanisms, the private sector, academic and knowledge institutions that aims to promote the resilience of infrastructure systems to climate and disaster risks, thereby ensuring sustainable development.



## Explanation

- Since its launch, thirty-one (31) Countries, six (06) International Organizations and two (02) private sector organizations have become members of CDRI
- Ratification of the signed Headquarters Agreement between Gol and CDRI will facilitate grant of exemptions, immunities and privileges as contemplated under Section- 3 of the United Nations (Privileges & Immunities) Act, 1947 will provide CDRI an independent and international legal persona so that it can carry out its functions internationally, more efficiently.

Who launched the android-based mobile app "Report Fish Disease"?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Parshottam Rupala
- E) Nitin Gadkari

**Answer**  
**D) Parshottam Rupala**



## Explanation

- **Shri Parshottam Rupala**, Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India launched an android-based mobile app as “**Report Fish Disease**” in presence of Dr. L. Murugan, Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri J.N. Swain, Secretary, Department of Fisheries, MoFAH&D, Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, Officer on Special Duty, MoFAH&D and Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, New Delhi.
- Contributing to the vision of “Digital India”, the ‘Report Fish Disease’ has been **developed by ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR), Lucknow** and launched under the National Surveillance Programme for Aquatic Animal Diseases.

## Explanation

### Background:

- The Department of Fisheries has allocated **₹33.78 crore** for a period of **three years** for the implementation of the second phase of the NSPAAD under the PMMSY scheme.
- With the launch of this App, NSPAAD was able to meet the national and international obligations through transparent reporting.
- The app will be a central platform for connecting and will integrate fish farmers, field-level officers and fish health experts seamlessly.
- The disease problem faced by the farmers which used to go unnoticed or not reported earlier, will reach to the experts and the problem will be addressed in efficient manner within a short period of time.

## Explanation

### Benefits:

- The farmers using this app will be able to connect directly to district fisheries officers and scientists.
- The Farmers and stakeholders can make self-reporting of diseases of finfish, shrimps and molluscs on their farms through this app for which scientific technical assistance will be provided through the same App by our scientists/ Experts to the farmers.
- Early warning system and scientific advice being provided to the farmers will be helping the farmers to reduce their losses due to diseases and will further strengthen the disease reporting by fish farmers in the country.

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### **Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**

Minister : Parshottam Rupala

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# QUICK RECALL



- **National Insurance Awareness Day is observed on June 28. World Allergy Week 2023 is observed on 18-24 June.**
- **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Co. Ltd (Kotak General Insurance) has partnered with actyv.ai to offer bite-sized insurance products to new-age Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) companies.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) directed Karnataka-based Mahalaxmi Cooperative Bank, Dharwad to function only as a non-banking institution.**
- **A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Ministry of Culture and Canara Bank for disbursement of financial assistance to veteran artists under the “Scheme for Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists”.**
- **ICICI Lombard General Insurance and ICICI Prudential Life Insurance have jointly launched an insurance solution, 'iShield', which will provide customers with both health and life insurance.**
- **Global engineering services company L&T Technology has announced its partnership with the state-owned telecom operator Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).**



# QUICK RECALL



- **Rohit Jawa took charge as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of FMCG major Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL).**
- **The Federal Bank announced that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given approval for the appointment of AP Hota as part time chairman of the private sector bank with effect from June 29, 2023, till January 14, 2026.**
- **Angela Bassett, Mel Brooks and editor Carol Littleton will receive honorary Oscars at the motion picture academy's annual Governors Awards**
- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) organised an 'Anusandhaan Chintan Shivir' in New Delhi**
- **Directorate General Resettlement (DGR) under Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IBM to engage ex-servicemen and to facilitate their seamless integration into the civilian workforce.**
- **The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launched 'Sagar Samajik Sahayyog' - the new guidelines of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.**





# QUICK RECALL



- **Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched five Vande Bharat trains to improve connectivity across six states in the country.**
- **Pithoragarh's Naini Saini Airport Receives Aerodrome License By DGCA**
- **Caspian Impact Investment Adviser (Caspian Equity) has partnered with the Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Society (ARIAS) to launch a new investment fund aimed at supporting small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the agribusiness and allied sectors in Assam, India.**
- **The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for ratification of the Headquarters Agreement (HQA) between Government of India (GoI) and Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) signed on 22nd August, 2022.**
- **Shri Parshottam Rupala, Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India launched an android-based mobile app as "Report Fish Disease"**



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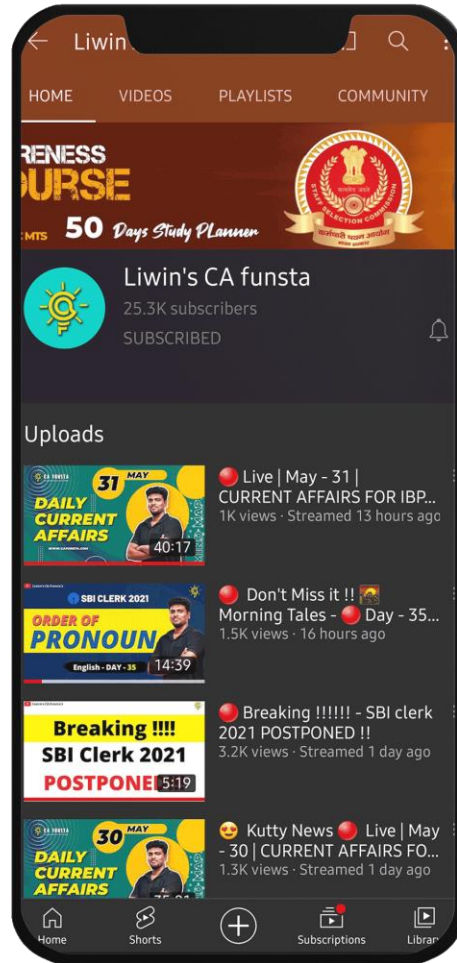
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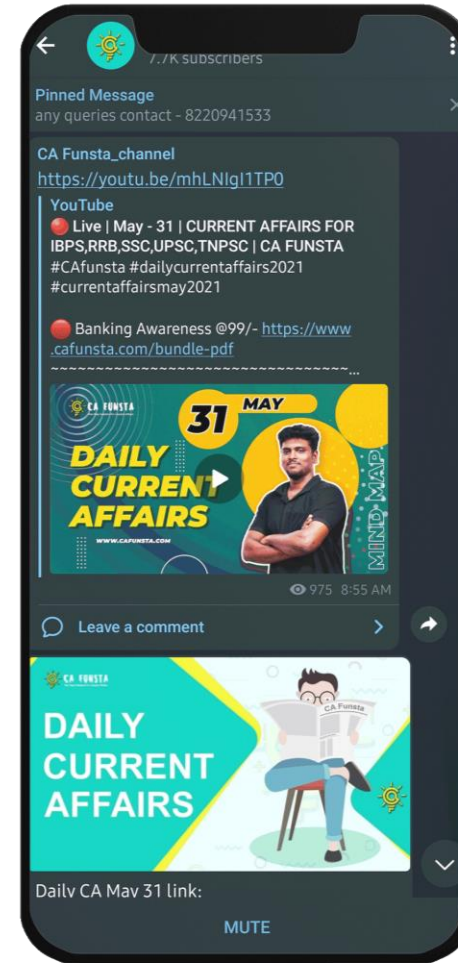
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