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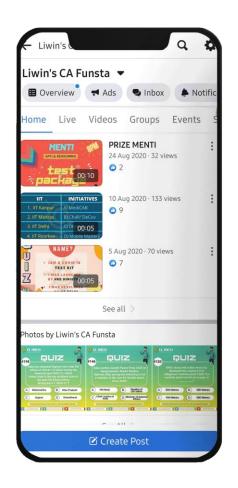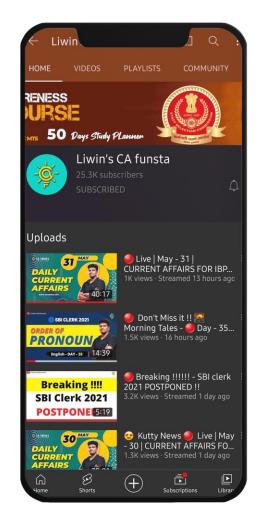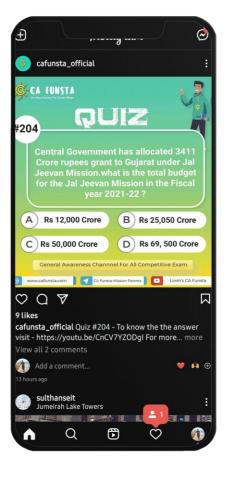
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On which date is World Thyroid Day celebrated every year?

A) 12 June
B) 5 April
C) 25 May
D) 18 July
E) 3 September

Answer
C) 25 May

Explanation

- **World thyroid day** is celebrated every year on **25 May**.
- Members of the Thyroid Federation International declared World Thyroid Day in **2007**.
- The date was chosen to honour the birth of the European Thyroid Association (ETA), which was formed on **May 25, 1965**.

International Missing Children's Day

- **International Missing Children's Day** is celebrated every year on 25 May.
- National Missing Children's Day was proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in **1983** to acknowledge the many children who go missing each and every year.
- **First edition**: 2001

What is the rank of AI Supercomputer 'AIRAWAT', installed at C-DAC, Pune in 61ˢᵗ edition of Top 500 Global Supercomputing List?

A) 56
B) 34
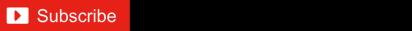C) 75
D) 67
E) 93

Answer
C) 75

Explanation

- The AI Supercomputer '**AIRAWAT(AI Research Analytics and Knowledge Dissemination Platform)'**, installed at **C-DAC, Pune** has been ranked **75th** in the world. It was declared so in the **61st edition of Top 500 Global Supercomputing List** at the International Supercomputing Conference (ISC 2023) in Germany.
- The AIRAWAT PoC of 200 AI Petaflops integrated with PARAM Siddhi – AI of 210 AI Petaflops gives a total peak compute of 410 AI Petaflops Mixed Precision and sustained compute capacity of 8.5 Petaflops (Rmax) Double Precision. The peak compute capacity (Double Precision, Rpeak) is 13 Petaflops.

RANKING

Explanation

Rank	Super Computer	Country
1	Frontier	USA
2	Fugaku	Japan
3	LUMI	Finland
4	Leonardo	Italy
5	Summit	USA
75	AIRAWAT	India
131	PARAM Siddhi	India

What did Paytm launch to enable customers to pay directly within the merchant app?

A) E-commerce platform
B) Digital wallet
C) UPI SDK
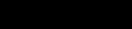D) Payment gateway
E) Loyalty program

Answer
C) UPI SDK

Explanation

- **Paytm** owner One97 Communications Limited has launched **Paytm UPI SDK**, which will allow customers of online merchants to make UPI payments directly and in-line from the merchant's mobile app without getting redirected during checkout.
- The new feature will allow customers to pay directly from their bank accounts by entering their UPI PIN without leaving the merchant app.
- Online businesses can offer their customers the ability to conveniently check their account balance, create VPA handles, add more UPI linked accounts and set/reset UPI PIN in real-time within their app prior to making a payment.
- This is part of the existing UPI acquiring arrangement between Paytm Payments Services Ltd. and Paytm Payments Bank, under which Paytm Payments Services Ltd provides UPI acquisition service to merchants. This UPI SDK is an add-on feature under the same arrangement.

Titbits

Paytm Payments Bank
Headquarters : Noida,Uttar Pradesh
MD & CEO : Surinder Chawla
Tagline: Simplifying Payments for India
Part-time Chairman: Vijay Shekhar Sharma

Who has been elected as the President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the year 2023-24?

A) R Dinesh
B) N Chandrasekaran
C) Ratan Tata
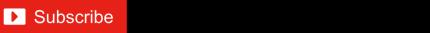D) Adi Godrej
E) Anand Mahindra

Answer
A) R Dinesh

Explanation

- R **Dinesh**, Executive Vice Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions has been elected the **President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2023-24.** He takes over from **Sanjiv Bajaj,** Chairman and Managing Director, Bajaj Finserv Limited.
- Dinesh started TVS Supply Chain Solutions (erstwhile known as TVS Logistics) in 1995.
- **Sanjiv Puri** took over as **President-Designate of CII for the year 2023-24.** He is the Chairman and Managing Director of ITC Limited.
- **Rajiv Memani** has been appointed as **Vice President of CII** for the current fiscal. He is Chairman of the India region of EY (Ernst & Young), a leading global professional services organization. He is also a member of EY's global management body as the Chair of its Global Emerging Markets Committee.
- Dinesh has won many awards including **'Icon of the Year' from ICT Academy of Tamil Nadu for the year 2018, Entrepreneur of the Year Award for 'Services' category by Ernst & Young in 2017. He is also the recipient of TiECON's "Next Gen Entrepreneur of the Year 2014" award and 'Emerging Entrepreneur' award by CII in 2010.**

Titbits

CII

Abbreviation: Confederation of Indian Industry
President: R Dinesh
Headquarters: New Delhi
Founded: 1895

Who has been elected as the chairman of the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) for the term 2023-25?

A) Mukesh Ambani
B) Ratan Tata
C) Harsh Jain
D) Sundar Pichai
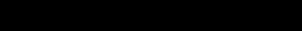E) Nita Ambani

Answer
C) Harsh Jain

Explanation

- **Harsh Jain, co-founder, and CEO of Dream Sports**, has been elected the **chairman of the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) for 2023-25**. He replaces **Sanjay Gupta,** vice president and country manager of Google India.
- The IAMAI governing council election is held every two years.
- IAMAI announced that **Rajesh Magow**, co-founder and group CEO of MakeMyTrip, and **Satyan Ganjwani**, vice chairman of Times Internet, have been elected the **vice chairman and the treasurer** of the association. The two will replace **Shivnath Thukral**, Meta's director and head of India public policy, and **Harshil Mathur**, CEO and co-founder Razorpay, respectively.
- Jain, Magow and Ganjwani would form the association's executive council, along with **Subho Ray**, who is president of IAMAI.
- It is 24 member council.

Titbits

Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)
Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
Founded: 2004
Chairman: Harsh Jain

Who was named as the caretaker prime minister in Greece?

A) Ioannis Sarmas
B) Alexis Tsipras
C) Kyriakos Mitsotakis
D) Georgios Papandreou
E) Antonis Samaras

Answer
A) Ioannis Sarmas

Explanation

- Senior judge **Ioannis Sarmas** was named **caretaker prime minister in Greece** after a general election failed to produce a new government.
- His appointment was announced after the conservative **New Democracy party of Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis** won a landslide victory in a general election, beating his left-wing opponents by 20 percentage points but falling short of a parliamentary majority.

Titbits

Greece
Capital: Athens
Currency: Euro
Caretaker Prime Minister: Ioannis Sarmas
President: Katerina Sakellaropoulou

Who has been appointed as the acting chief justice of the Madras High Court?

A) Justice S Vaidyanathan
B) Justice S. Abdul Nazeer
C) Justice N. V. Ramana
D) Justice A. M. Khanwilkar
E) Justice D. Y. Chandrachud

Answer
A) Justice S Vaidyanathan

Explanation

- **Justice S Vaidyanathan** was appointed as the **acting chief justice of the Madras High Court** under **article 223 of the Constitution of India.**
- Incumbent acting chief **justice T Raja** demits office upon attaining the age of 62 years.
- With this appointment, Justice Vaidyanathan will be the third judge to hold the office of Acting Chief Justice in the last nine months after Justice Duraiswamy and Justice T Raja. The position of Chief Justice of Madras High Court has remained vacant since September last year when Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari attained superannuation and demitted office.
- He was a lawyer in Madras High Court on August 27, 1986. He was elevated as an additional judge of Madras HC on October 25, 2013.
- He became a permanent judge on April 14, 2015.

Which country successfully test-launched a ballistic missile with a potential 2,000-km range?

A) United States
B) China
C) Russia
D) Iran
E) North Korea

**Answer
D) Iran**

Explanation

- **Iran** successfully test-launched a ballistic missile with a potential **2,000-km range**.
- The launch of an upgraded version of Iran's **Khoramshahr 4 ballistic missile** with a range of 2,000 km (1,243 miles) and able to carry a 1,500-kg (3,300-pound) warhead.
- The liquid-fuel missile had been named the **"Kheibar"**, a reference to a Jewish castle overrun by Muslim warriors in the early days of Islam.
- It developed **Aerospace Industries Organization** under Iran's Ministry of Defence.
- The Khorramshahr-4 is named after an Iranian city that was the scene of heavy fighting during the Iran-Iraq War in the 1980s.

Titbits

Iran

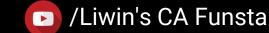Capital : Tehran
Currency : Rial
President: Ebrahim Raisi

Which aircraft successfully undertook its first night landing on the indigenously-built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant?

A) Sukhoi Su-30MKI
B) Dassault Rafale
 C) MiG-21 Bison
D) MiG-29K
E) HAL Tejas

**Answer
D) MiG-29K**

Explanation

- For the first time, the **MiG-29K fighter aircraft** undertook night landing on **indigenously-built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant**.
- The night landing of the Russian-origin MiG-29K took place when the ship was sailing in the Arabian Sea.
- In **February**, **Russian-origin MiG-29K** and a prototype of the Naval variant of the indigenously developed **Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas** jets had conducted day landings on the aircraft carrier.
- In September last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned India's first indigenously-built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant that made the country part of an elite group of nations capable of manufacturing aircraft carriers above 40,000 tonnes category.
- Built at a cost of around **Rs 23,000 crore**, INS Vikrant has a sophisticated air defence network and anti-ship missile systems.
- It has the capacity to hold 30 fighter jets and helicopters.

Where did the 2nd G20 anti-corruption working group meeting begin?

A) New York
B) Tokyo
C) London
D) Narendra Nagar
E) Paris

Answer
D) Narendra Nagar

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Explanation

Meeting	Place	Address/Inaugurate by	Organise	Theme
2nd G20 anti-corruption working group meeting	Narendra Nagar, Tehri Garhwal district, Uttarakhand	Union minister of state (MoS) for defence & tourism Ajay Bhatt	Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT)	-
B20 International Conference on 'Chemicals and Petrochemicals: Sustainable transitions through Green Technologies and digitalization'	New Delhi, Delhi	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya	Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	-
2nd Trade & Investment Working Group meeting	Bengaluru, Karnataka	Union Ministers of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel and Som Prakash	-	-
76th session of the World Health Assembly	Geneva, Switzerland	Narendra Modi & Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya		WHO at 75: Saving lives, driving health for all

Which state has become India's first e-governed state?

A) Maharashtra
B) Tamil Nadu
C) Kerala
D) Karnataka
E) Gujarat

Answer
C) Kerala

Explanation

- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan declared the **southern state as India's first fully e-governed state** where an entire range of government services have been digitised so that they can be provided to the citizens promptly and transparently.
- **e- Sevanam**, a single window portal launched by the government, will offer 900 government services online.
- The portal offers citizen services including various registrations and services related to social security pension. Also available are permits, licences and approvals from various departments like Land Revenue, Motor Vehicles, and Civil Supplies. Services related to the opening of new businesses, purchase of equipment by farmers, and students' services, are also available.
- Setting up the **country's first digital university in the state** and launch of the digital **science park project worth ₹ 1,500 crore** were the other major steps taken by the government to bridge the digital divide and bring about total e-governance.

Explanation

- The **Kerala State Wide Area Network programme** is being launched to connect the data centre with 14 district centres and 152 block panchayats. The KFi programme to offer wifi at public places is being implemented. Over 2,000 hotspots have been set up and steps are being taken to launch another 2,000. All village offices are being converted into smart village offices.
- The '**Unique thandaper' programme** is also being implemented. The country's first digital science park is being set up in the state at a cost of `1,500 crore.
- The e-office system was established in secretariats, collectorates, RTO offices and commissionerates for speedy file movement. Steps are being taken to expand it to the taluk level.
- The K-FON project will be a reality next month. It will help Kerala make great strides in internet penetration and people would be able to make good use of online services. A state data centre was established to strengthen e-governance efforts.

Titbits

Kerala
Capital : Thiruvananthapuram
CM : Pinarayi Vijayan
Governor : Arif Mohammed Khan

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Which ministries have joined hands for the development of the Unani Medicine system?

A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Ayush
B) Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Commerce and Industry
C) Ministry of Minority Affairs and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
D) Ministry of Minority Affairs and Ministry of Ayush
E) Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer
D) Ministry of Minority Affairs and Ministry of
Ayush

Explanation

- The **Ministry of Minority Affairs and the Ministry of Ayush** have come together for the development of the **Unani Medicine system**.
- The Ministry of Minorities Affair has granted **Rs. 45.34 crores** for this development under the **Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)** which is a (Centrally Sponsored Scheme) CSS.
- The proposals were considered by the Empowered Committee of the Ministry of Minority Affairs in its meeting held on March 02, 2023 and Rs. 4.86 Crores has already been released to the CCRUM as the first instalment (25%) of total sanctioned cost of its three projects at Chennai, Lucknow and Silchar.
- **PMJVK** is an area development programme under which community infrastructure and basic amenities are being created in the identified areas.

Explanation

Ministry Name	Proposed Cost
Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM)	Rs. 35.52 crores
National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM), Bengaluru	Rs. 9.81 crores
Fundamental research in Unani Medicine at National Research Institute of Unani Medicine for Skin Disorders, Hyderabad	Rs. 16.05 crores
Preclinical laboratory facility at Regional Research Institute of Unani Medicine, Chennai	Rs. 8.15 crores
Ilaj bit Tadbeer (regimenal therapy) for musculoskeletal disorders at Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine, Lucknow	Rs. 8.55 crores
Centre of Ilaj bit Tadbeer (regimenal therapy) for skin and lifestyle disorders at Regional Research Institute of Unani Medicine, Silchar	Rs. 2.75 crores
NIUM, Bengaluru (for Vishram Girah for patient's attendants)	Rs. 5.55 Crores
Centre of model Unani cosmetic care, a small-scale Unani pharmacy and Unani crude drug storage	Rs. 4.26 Crores

Titbits

Women and Child Development, Minority Affairs
Minister : Smriti Irani
Constituency : Amethi, Uttar Pradesh
Ports, Shipping and Waterways & AYUSH
Minister: Sarbananda Sonowal
Constituency:Rajya Shaba, Assam

Who inaugurated the "e-Office portal of PCIM&H" and "Online portal"?

A) Narendra Modi
B) Amit Shah
C) Sarbananda Sonowal
D) Rajnath Singh
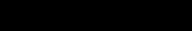E) Nitin Gadkari

Answer
C) Sarbananda Sonowal

Explanation

- **Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal** visited Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H), Ghaziabad and inaugurated "**e-Office portal of PCIM&H" and "Online portal".**
- Online portal is for selling the softcopies of pharmacopoeial monographs.
- Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homoeopathy (PCIM&H) under Ministry of Ayush is actively engaged in Standardization and Quality Control of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathic (ASU&H) drugs and is publishing the standards in the form of Pharmacopoeias.
- The online portal will promote the hassle free reach of pharmacopoeia monographs among the stakeholders across the world.
- Minister also released the Monthly Newsletters published by PCIM&H.

Titbits

Ports, Shipping and Waterways & AYUSH
Minister: Sarbananda Sonowal
Constituency:Rajya Shaba, Assam

How many Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) did the Tamil Nadu government sign with Singapore Institutions at the Singapore investment conclave?
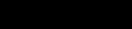
A) 2
B) 3
C) 4
D) 5
E) 6

Answer
E) 6

Explanation

- During an investor meeting in Singapore, several industrial organizations from Tamil Nadu and Singapore came together to **sign six Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs).** These agreements cover a range of areas, including cooperation among organizations, investment, research and innovation, economic activities and development, knowledge partnership, and technical and vocational education and training.
- One of the MoUs was signed between Guidance **Tamil Nadu and Hi-P International Private Limited**, a Singaporean firm specializing in electronics component manufacturing. Hi-P International proposed an investment of **Rs 312 crore** to establish a facility in Tamil Nadu, which is expected to create employment opportunities for 700 individuals over a span of six years.

Explanation

- The **Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry signed an MoU with Guidance TN** to foster collaboration in research and innovation. This includes initiatives such as university collaboration, incubators, cooperation between government entities and the private sector, as well as support for export activities of industries in Tamil Nadu.
- **SIPCOT (State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu) and the Singapore-India Partnership Office** also signed an MoU to establish cooperation in economic activities and development.
- Furthermore, a tripartite MoU was signed among the **Singapore India Partnership Office, FaMeTN, and StartupTN,** aiming to enhance collaboration and cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

Explanation

- In the field of education, an MoU was signed between the **Singapore University of Technology and Design and Guidance TN**. This MoU designates the university as a knowledge partner for the development of futuristic and industry-ready curriculum and courses in technology and design.
- Lastly, the MoU between **TN Skill Development Corporation and ITE Education Services of Singapore** aims to establish a long-term partnership in the realm of technical and vocational education and training. This partnership encompasses initiatives such as capacity building, continuing education, and fostering collaborations to promote startup ecosystem activities.
- Overall, these MoUs signify the commitment of both Tamil Nadu and Singapore to foster cooperation, innovation, and economic growth in various sectors.

Titbits

Tamil Nadu
Capital : Chennai
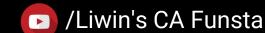CM : Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin
Governor : RN Ravi

Who flagged off the inaugural run of Vande Bharat Express from Dehradun to Delhi?

A) Rahul Gandhi
B) Arvind Kejriwal
C) Nitin Gadkari
D) Narendra Modi
E) Amit Shah

Answer
D) Narendra Modi

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Prime Minister
Shri Narendra Modi
will flag off the inaugural run of
VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS
from Dehradun to Delhi
via Video Conferencing

Explanation

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the inaugural run of **Vande Bharat Express** from **Dehradun to Delhi** via video conferencing.
- The train which is the first Vande Bharat to be introduced in Uttarakhand will cover the distance between Dehradun and Delhi in four-and-a-half hours.
- This will be the sixth Vande Bharat connecting Delhi from different routes. Till now, the national capital is connected with Ajmer, Varanasi, Katra, Bhopal, and Amb Andaura.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw were present at Dehradun railway station.

Titbits

Uttarakhand
Capital : Dehradun(Winter), Gairsain(Summer)
CM : Pushkar Singh Dhami
Governor : Gurmit Singh

Delhi
Capital: New Delhi
CM: Arvind Kejriwal
Governor: Vinai Kumar Saxena

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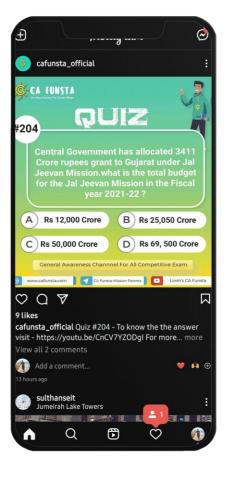
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