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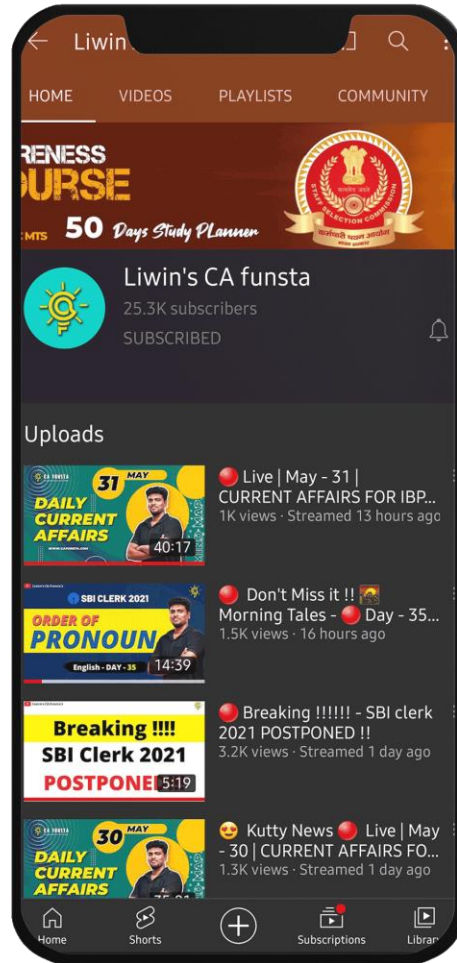




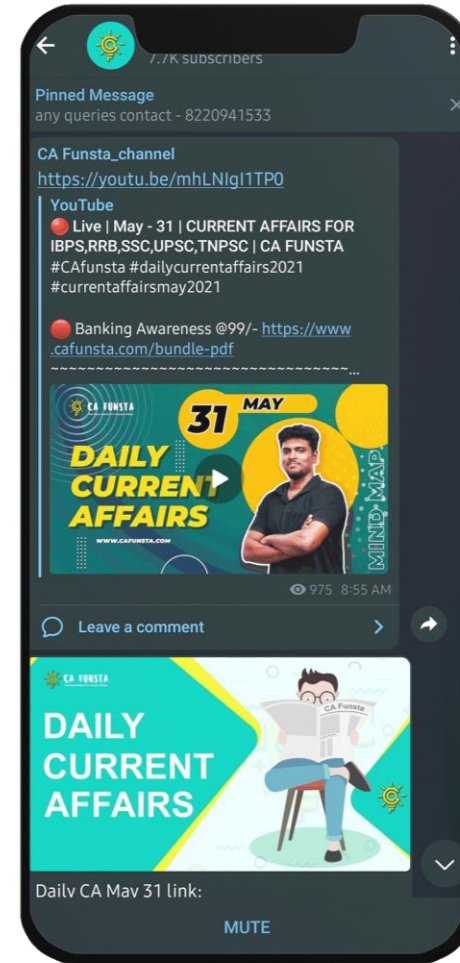
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# Important Days



**On which date is International Malala Day celebrated every year?**

- A) 8 March
- B) 12 July
- C) 20 November
- D) 1 October
- E) 10 December

**Answer**  
**B) 12 July**





# Important Days



## Explanation

- **International Malala Day** is celebrated on **12 July**, every year, to honour and observe the bravery of **Malala Yousafzai**.
- The United Nations first celebrated International Malala Day on July 12, 2013 - a year after she was shot by a Taliban gunman in Pakistan for opposing their restrictions on female education in the country.
- The meeting of the UN was addressed by former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who was then serving as UN Special Envoy for Global Education. The day also coincides with Malala's birthday.
- She won the Nobel Peace Prize in **2014** at just the age of 17 for her advocacy of girls' education.
- In 2013, she and her father co-founded the Malala Fund to bring awareness to the social and economic impact of girls' education and to empower girls to demand change.

# SPORTS



**How many medals did India win in the World Archery Youth Championships 2023 held in Limerick, Ireland, across the U18 and U21 age groups?**

- A) 4 medals
- B) 6 medals
- C) 9 medals
- D) 11 medals
- E) 14 medals

**Answer**  
**D) 11 medals**



## Explanation

- India won **11 medals** at the **World Archery Youth Championships 2023** in **Limerick, Ireland** held from July 3-9. The medal haul of the 24-member Indian contingent included **six gold, one silver and four bronze**.
- The World Archery Youth Championships 2023 had events for men's and women's recurve and compound archers in the under-21 and under-18 age categories.
- Individual, as well as team events, took place at the University of Limerick. India sent 12 archers each in the U21 and U18 age groups.
- At the last edition of the **World Archery Youth Championships held in 2021 in Wroclaw, Poland, India won 15 medals, including eight golds**.



## Explanation

### World Archery Youth Championships 2023 U21: Indian medal winners

Archer	Event	Medal
Priyansh	Compound men's individual	Gold
Parth Salunkhe	Recurve men's individual	Gold
Avneet Kaur and Priyansh	Compound mixed team	Gold
Avneet Kaur, Parneet Kaur and Pragati	Compound women's team	Gold
Parth Salunkhe and Ridhi	Recurve mixed team	Bronze
Bhajan Kaur	Recurve women's individual	Bronze

### World Archery Youth Championships 2023 U18: Indian medal winners

Archer	Event	Medal
Aishwarya Sharma, Aditi Gopichand Swami and Ekta Rani	Compound women's team	Gold
Aditi Gopichand Swami	Compound women individual	Gold
Manav Ganeshrao Jadhao, Pawan Gat and Ganesh Mani Ratnam	Compound men's team	Silver
Aishwarya Sharma and Manav Ganeshrao Jadhao	Compound mixed team	Bronze
Ujjwal Dhama, Goldi Mishra and Agastay Singh	Recurve men's team	Bronze

# OBITUARY



**Who is the former Spanish Ballon d'Or winner who died?**

- A) Luis Suarez
- B) Lionel Messi
- C) Cristiano Ronaldo
- D) Andres Iniesta
- E) Xavi Hernandez

**Answer**  
**A) Luis Suarez**



# OBITUARY



## Explanation

- **Former Barcelona and Inter Milan midfielder Luis Suarez**, the only male footballer born in Spain to win the Ballon D'Or, died
- Nicknamed "**The Architect**" the Spaniard won the prestigious award in 1960 and later coached La Roja at the 1990 World Cup.
- Suárez won the **Ballon d'Or** in **1960** and was **runner-up in 1961 and 1964**. He played on Spain's team that won the 1964 European Championship, its first major title.
- He also managed Spain's national side from 1988-91.
- Spanish midfielder **Alexia Putellas** has won the **women's Ballon d'Or twice**.



**Which bank inaugurated an IFSC Banking Unit at GIFT City?**

- A) State Bank of India
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) Bank of Baroda
- D) Bank of India
- E) ICICI Bank

**Answer**  
**D) Bank of India**



## Explanation

- **Bank of India**, inaugurated its **IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) in the International Financial Services Centre at GIFT SEZ area** in Gandhinagar.
- The first IBU was set up at GIFT City by **Yes Bank in 2015**.
- The IBU, which will be initially manned by 10 employees, will be BOI's 22nd international branch.
- The BOI – IBU will provide a range of global banking solutions, External Commercial Borrowing (ECBs), Trade Finance Facilities, Foreign Currency Loans, Syndication Loans (Origination, Underwriting & Distribution), Foreign Currency deposit account -Current & Term Deposits, besides offering digital banking facilities through transaction-based Internet Banking facility.
- Mr. Karnatak also inaugurated the NRI Help Centre (NRI HC) housed in the premises of the Centralised Foreign Exchange Back Office (FEBO), on 18th Floor in Tower-1 in GIFT City, Gandhinagar.

## Titbits

### Bank of India

Hq: Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD and CEO : Rajneesh Karnatak

Tagline : Relationship Beyond Banking



# APPOINTMENTS



**Who has been named as the Managing Director of Microsoft India?**

- A) Satya Nadella
- B) Sundar Pichai
- C) Indra Nooyi
- D) Arvind Krishna
- E) Irina Ghose

**Answer**  
**E) Irina Ghose**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- Software giant **Microsoft** has announced the appointment of **Irina Ghose** as the **Managing Director of India**.
- Irina Ghose, who previously served as Chief Operating Officer of Microsoft India, will now take on the responsibility of leading the company's operations in the country.
- This development comes after the resignation of **Anant Maheshwari**, the former President of Microsoft India, who decided to pursue new opportunities.

# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### Microsoft India

Headquarters: Hyderabad, Telangana

MD: Irina Ghose



# AWARDS



**How many gold medals did India secure at the 34th International Biology Olympiad?**

- A) One gold medal
- B) Two gold medals
- C) Three gold medals
- D) Four gold medals
- E) Five gold medals

**Answer**

**D) Four gold medals**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- **India** topped the medals tally at the **34th International Biology Olympiad (IBO) 2023**, held in **Al Ain, UAE**, from July 3 to 11, by securing four gold medals.
- For the first time, India has turned in an all-gold performance and topped the medals tally in IBO.
- The student's team this year was **Dhruv Advani (Gold) from Bengaluru, Karnataka, Ishan Pednekar (Gold) from Ratnagiri, Maharashtra, Megh Chhabda (Gold) from Jalna, Maharashtra, Rohit Panda (Gold) from Risali, Chhattisgarh.**
- The team was accompanied by two leaders, Professor **Madan M. Chaturvedi (Former Senior Professor, Delhi University)** and **Dr Anupama Ronad (Homi Bhabha Center for Science Education, TIFR)**, and two Scientific Observers, **Dr V. V. Binoy (National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru)** and **Dr Rambhadur Subedi (NIRRH, Mumbai).**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- There were 293 students from 76 countries in this year's IBO. After India, Singapore was the only other country to secure four gold medals.
- In all 29 gold medals were awarded.
- Earlier, **India** topped the medals tally in **Astronomy and Astrophysics (in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2015, and 2021), Physics (in 2018), and Junior Science (in 2014, 2019, 2021, and 2022)**.
- The International Biology Olympiad organises the world's premier biology competition for secondary school students with an aim to stimulate and expand their talents to promote their future careers as students.

**What is the name of Elon Musk's newly launched artificial intelligence firm?**

- A) NeuralNet Solutions
- B) RoboLogic Systems
- C) Algenius Technologies
- D) xAI
- E) SynthoTech Innovations

**Answer**  
**D) xAI**



## Explanation

- Billionaire **Elon Musk's xAI** announced the formation of the artificial intelligence (AI) start-up with the launch of its website, unveiling a team made up of engineers who have worked at companies from Alphabet-owned Google to Microsoft and **OpenAI**.
- The start-up will be led by **Musk**, the CEO of Tesla and owner of Twitter.
- Musk in March registered a firm named X.AI Corp, incorporated in Nevada.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Who launched the Standards Coordination Portal in collaboration with TEC, C-DoT, and TSDSI?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- C) K Rajaraman
- D) Kavin Kumar
- E) Narendra Kumar

**Answer**  
**C) K Rajaraman**



## Explanation

- **Department of Telecommunications (DoT) secretary K Rajaraman** has launched the **Standards Coordination Portal**, developed by the **Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC)** in association with **the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT)** and **Telecommunications Standards Development Society, India (TSDSI)** to drive the country's engagement in global standardisation activities.
- The portal by bringing together experts from diverse sectors including industry, academia, research institutes, and government aims to boost India's involvement in global standardisation activities.
- The portal shall also serve as a central hub for sharing information and promoting collaboration in the standardisation of telecom and related ICT domains.
- Rajaraman has also launched the TEC standard on "Fairness Assessment and Rating of Artificial Intelligence Systems".

## Titbits

### **Centre for Development of Telematics(C-DOT)**

Founded: August 1984

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

CEO: Dr. Rajkumar Upadhyay

### **Telecommunications Standards Development Society, India(TSDSI)**

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Director General: Ms. Pamela Kumar

**How many Rafale-M fighter aircraft did the Defense Acquisition Council approve for purchase by the Indian Navy?**

- A) 18
- B) 20
- C) 24
- D) 26
- E) 30

**Answer**  
**D) 26**



## Explanation

- **The Defense Acquisition Council** approved the proposal to buy **26 Rafale-M fighter aircraft** for the Indian Navy.
- These include 22 single-seated Rafale marine aircraft, and four twin-seater trainer versions.
- Also, three additional Scopene class submarines will also be bought for the Indian Navy. The deals are expected to be worth around **Rs 90,000 crore**.
- These planes will be used by the Indian Navy on the INS Vikrant and INS Vikramaditya, which currently employ the MiG-29. This will be the second such fighter jet purchase from the French aerospace major Dassault Aviation in recent years.



**Which organizations signed an MoU to promote the use of millets and healthy eating practices among the Armed Forces and ensure safe and nutritious food?**

- A) Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- B) Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
- C) Ministry of Defence (MoD) and National Institute of Nutrition (NIN)
- D) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
- E) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and National Institute of Nutrition (NIN)

**Answer**

**A) Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)**

## Explanation

- In a significant step towards promoting the use of millets and healthy eating practices among the armed forces and ensure availability of safe and nutritious food, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the **Ministry of Defence (MoD) and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** in the presence of Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and Union Health Minister, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya.
- Both Ministers also unveiled a book titled 'Healthy Recipes for Defence' to promote the consumption of Shree Anna (millets) and its health benefits.
- The MoU was signed by Lt. Gen. Preet Mohindera Singh, Director General (Supplies and Transport) on behalf of Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Ms Inoshi Sharma, Executive Director, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

## Explanation

- It aims to create awareness about the nutritional benefits of diet diversity and millet-based food products among the personnel.
- The book 'Healthy Recipes for Defence', developed by FSSAI, includes a range of millet-based dishes. It will serve as a valuable resource for different canteens and food outlets under the MoD.

## Titbits

### **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India(FSSAI)**

Founded: August 2011

Headquarters: New Delhi

Chairperson: Shri Rajesh Bhushan

**Who inaugurated the 'SAGAR SAMPARK' Differential Global Navigation Satellite System to strengthen the maritime sector?**

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

**Answer**

**D) Shri Sarbananda Sonowal**





## Explanation

- The **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways** is committed towards innovation, building best infrastructure, and strengthening the Indian Maritime sector to further the digital initiative in maritime sector the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the indigenous **Differential Global Navigation Satellite System (DGNSS) 'SAGAR SAMPARK'** in the presence of Shri Shripad Y. Naik, the Minister of State of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; Shri TK Ramachandran, IAS Secretary, MoPSW and other senior officials from the ministry and Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships.
- DGNSS is a terrestrial based enhancement system which corrects the errors and inaccuracies in the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) allowing for more accurate positioning information.
- The DGNSS service will help mariners in safe navigation and will reduce the risk of collisions, groundings, and accidents in the port and harbour areas. This will lead to safe & efficient movement of vessels.

# QUICK RECALL



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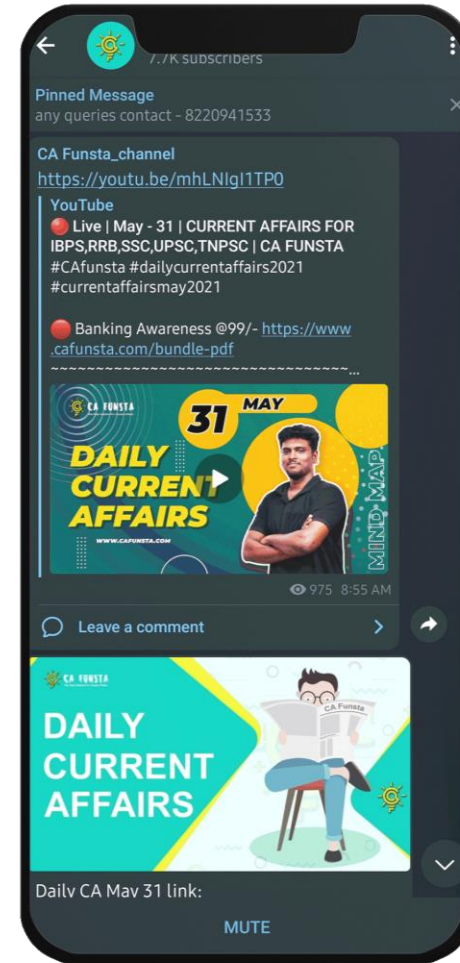
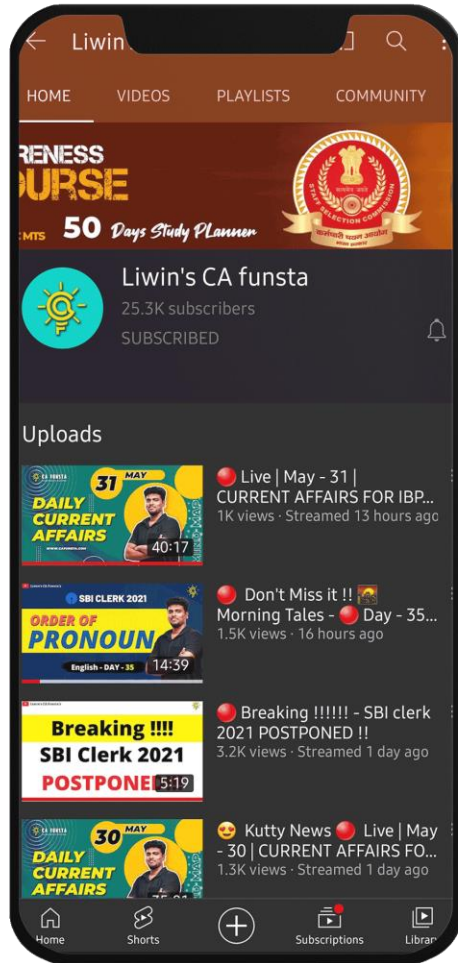
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