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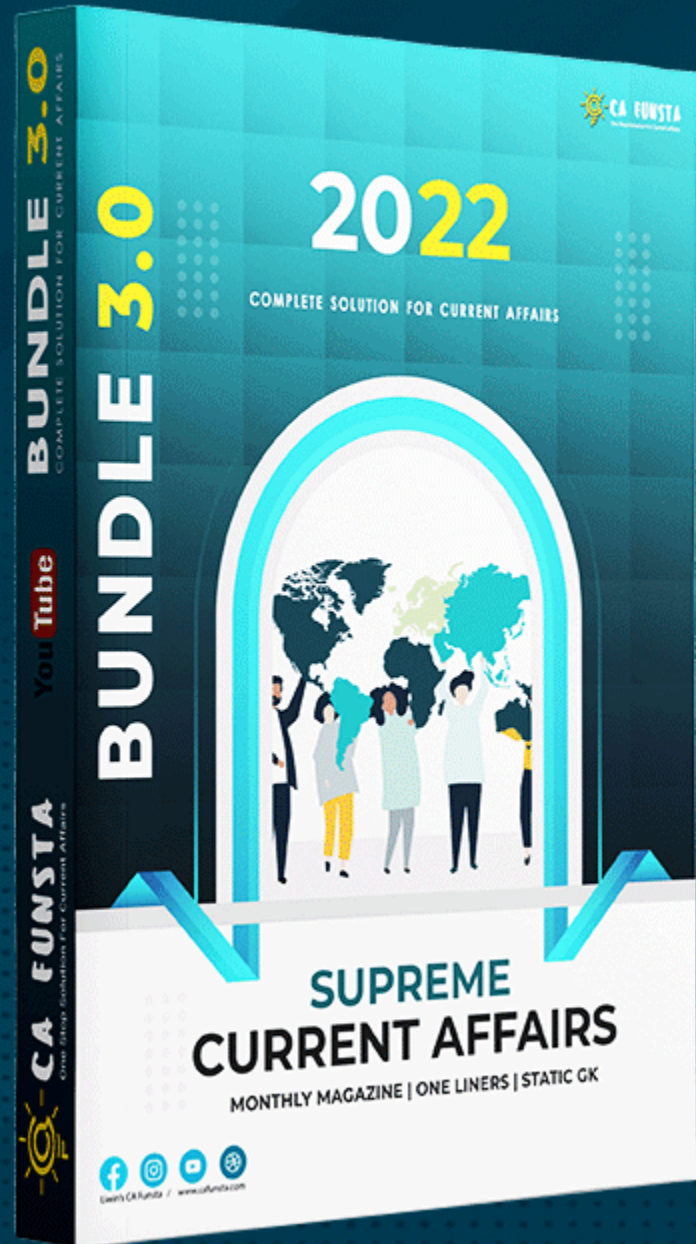


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Who won the Men's Singles title in the Yonex US Open?

- A) Kento Momota (Japan)
- B) Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
- C) Li Shi Feng (China)
- D) Chou Tien-chen (Chinese Taipei)
- E) Anthony Sinisuka Ginting (Indonesia)

Answer

C) Li Shi Feng (China)



SPORTS



Explanation

- Held in: Council Bluffs, Iowa, United States
- Date: 11 to 16 July 2023

Category	Winner		Runner	
	Name	Country	Name	Country
Men's Singles	Li Shi Feng	China	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	Thailand
Women's Singles	Supanida Katethong	Thailand	Gao Fang Jie	China
Men Double	Goh Sze Fei	Malaysia	Fang-Chih Lee	Chinese Taipei
	Nur Izzuddin	Malaysia	Fang-Jen Lee	Chinese Taipei
Women Doubles	Liu Sheng Shu	China	Maiken Fruergaard	Denmark
	Tan Ning	China	Sara Thygesn	Denmark
Mixed Doubles	Ye Hong Wei	Taiwan	Mathias Thyrri	Denmark
	Lee Chia Hsin	Taiwan	Amalie Magelund	Denmark

SPORTS



In the Duleep Trophy 2023, which zone emerged as the winner?

- A) North Zone
- B) East Zone
- C) South Zone
- D) West Zone
- E) Central Zone

Answer
C) South Zone



Duleep Trophy Or Mastercard Duleep Trophy 2023

- **Edition:** 60th
- **Held in:** M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bangalore, Karnataka
- **Date:** 28th June to 16th July
- **Winner:** South Zone
- **Runner:** West Zone
- **2023 – 19th title of South Zone**(Last title : 2013-14)
- **Player of the Match & Player of the series :** Vidwath Kaverappa

RANKING



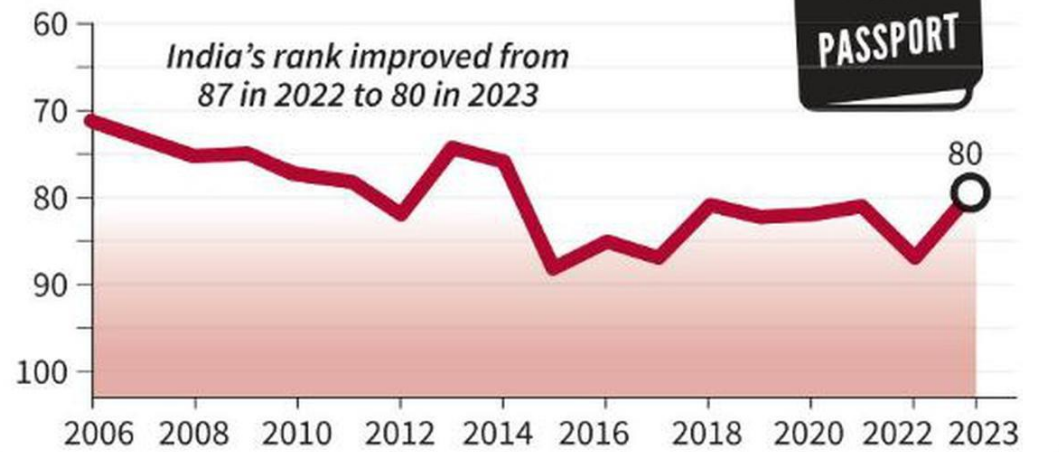
In the Henley Passport Index, India is ranked at which position?

- A) 50th
- B) 65th
- C) 80th
- D) 95th
- E) 110th

Answer
C) 80th

Slight uptick

A look at India's ranking over the years, according to the Henley Passport Index



RANKING



Explanation

- India has climbed seven places on **Henley Passport Index 2023** to **80th rank from 87 last year**.
- In **2014**, India ranked **76** with 52 countries allowing Indian passport holders visa free access but its performance has not been linear.
- It ranked **88 in 2015 (visa free access to 51 countries)**, **85 in 2016**, **87 in 2017**, **81 in 2018**, **82 in 2019 and 2020**, and **81 in 2021**.
- **Countries: 277**

RANKING



Explanation

Rank	Country	Visa free travel to Countries
1	Singapore	192
2	Germany, Italy, Spain	190
3	Austria, Finland, France, Japan, South Korea, Luxembourg, Sweden	189
4	Denmark, Ireland, Netherlands, UK	188
5	Belgium, Czech Republic, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Switzerland	187
80	India, Togo, Senegal	57
99	Yemen, Somalia	35
100	Pakistan	33
101	Syria	30
102	Iraq	29
103	Afghanistan	27

RANKING



Titbits

Henley & Partners

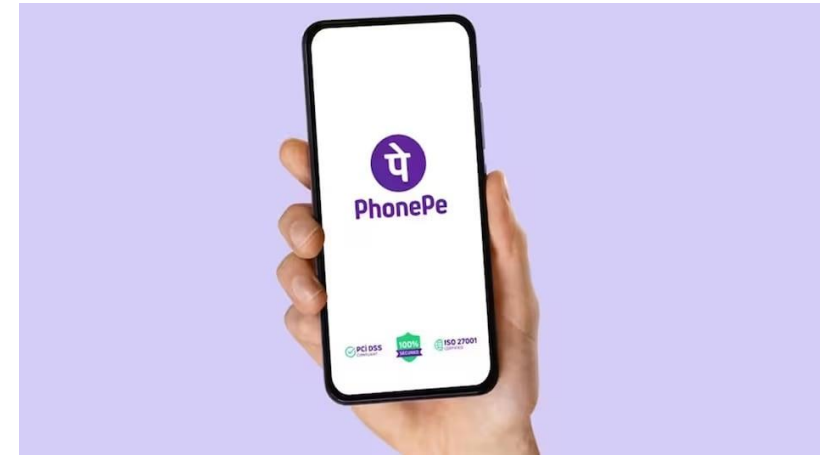
Headquarters: London, UK

CEO: Dr. Juerg Steffen

Which company has launched India's first Health Insurance platform with monthly subscriptions?

- A) Google Pay
- B) Paytm
- C) PhonePe
- D) Amazon Pay
- E) MobiKwik

Answer
C) PhonePe



Explanation

- **PhonePe Insurance Broking Services** announced the launch of **health insurance plans** offering comprehensive insurance in partnership with leading insurers.
- Its insurance plans have a coverage of up to **Rs 1 crore** and allow users to choose any hospital room without limit.
- A user can avail of a bonus cover up to **seven times the base cover amount** for each claim-free year.
- Customers can purchase health insurance on the company's website, compare policies, and set up a monthly mandate or pay annually for a policy.

Explanation

- Its health insurance plans provide pre and post-sales assistance to help users make decisions, file claims, and access other services.
- PhonePe Insurance Broking Services is registered with IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority) as a direct broker (life and general).
- **PhonePe** has been recognized as the Most Trusted Brand for Digital Payments as per the **Brand Trust Report for two consecutive years (2022 & 2023)** by **Trust Research Advisory (TRA)**.

BANKING AND FINANCE



Titbits

PhonePe

Founded: 2015

CEO: Sameer Nigam

Headquarters : Bengaluru, Karnataka

BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Who is the author of the book "THROUGH THE BROKEN GLASS: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY"?

- A) T.N. Seshan
- B) R.K. Narayan
- C) Arundhati Roy
- D) Vikram Seth
- E) Jhumpa Lahiri

Answer

A) T.N. Seshan

BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Explanation

<u>Book Name</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Published By</u>
Through The Broken Glass: An Autobiography	TN Seshan, Former Chief Election Commissioner(1990-1995)	Rupa Publications

APPOINTMENTS



Nivruti Rai, the former country head of Intel India, has recently assumed the position of Managing Director and CEO of which organization?

- A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B) NITI Aayog
- C) Invest India
- D) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- E) State Bank of India (SBI)

Answer
C) Invest India



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Ms. Nivruti Rai** joined as the **Managing Director & CEO of Invest India**
- She has taken over the charge from **Ms. Manmeet K Nanda, Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** who had assumed this **additional charge of MD & CEO ad-interim** in March 2023.
- **Rai** joins Invest India after a 29 years of stint at Intel as a global business and technology leader.
- She led **Intel India** as country head for the past seven years.
- The board of Invest India is chaired by **Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary, DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade)**.

APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Other members of the board include P K Tripathi, Secretary (Coordination), Cabinet Secretariat; Arti Bhatnagar, Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor, DPIIT; Md. Noor Rahman Sheikh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs; Anand Mahindra, Chairperson, Mahindra Group; Pankaj R Patel, Chairperson, Cadilla Healthcare; Harshvardhan Neotia, Chairperson, Ambuja Neotia Group; Rekha M Menon, Chairperson and Senior MD, Accenture; and Debjani Ghosh, President, NASSCOM.
- Invest India is an investment promotion agency.
- It facilitates investors looking to invest in the country.
- The new MD and CEO Rai is the recipient of the prestigious Nari Shakti Puraskar for her remarkable contributions in the field of technology.

APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Invest India platform has been playing a key role in executing the government's flagship initiatives including Make in India, Startup India, National Single Window System, Project Monitoring Group, and Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council.

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Invest India

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Founded: 2010

MD & CEO: Ms. Nivruti Rai

APPOINTMENTS



Who has been appointed as the 25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard?

- A) DG Ramesh Kumar
- B) DG Rakesh Pal
- C) DG Rajesh Sharma
- D) DG Rajendra Singh
- E) DG Ravi Prakash

Answer
B) DG Rakesh Pal



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **DG Rakesh Pal** has been appointed as the **25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)**.
- He is an alumnus of the **Indian Naval Academy** and joined **Indian Coast Guard in January 1989**.
- In his distinguished career spanning over 34 years, the flag officer has held several key appointments, prominent among them are **Commander Coast Guard Region (North West), Gandhinagar, Deputy Director General (Policy & Plans), and Additional Director General Coast Guard at Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi**.
- Besides, he has held various prestigious staff assignments viz. Director (Infra & Works) and Principal Director (Administration) at Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi.

APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- He has vast sea experience and commanded all classes of ICG ships namely; **ICGS Samarth, ICGS Vijit, ICGS Sucheta Kriplani, ICGS Ahalyabai, and ICGS C-03.**
- The Officer has also Commanded two Coast Guard bases of the forward area in Gujarat - Okha & Vadinar.
- DG Rakesh Pal was elevated to the rank of Additional Director General in February 2022 and was posted at Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi. He was given the **additional charge of Director General Coast Guard in February 2023.**
- DG Rakesh Pal was conferred with **Tatrakshak Medal in 2013 and President Tatrakshak Medal in 2018 for his illustrious service.**

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

The Indian Coast Guard

Founded: 1 February 1977

Headquarters: Indian Coast Guard Headquarters, New
Delhi

Director General: DG Rakesh Pal

APPOINTMENTS



Who has recently taken charge as MD & CEO of SBI Capital Markets Limited (SBICAPS)?

- A) Rajay Kumar Sinha
- B) Rajesh Sharma
- C) Rakesh Pal
- D) Ravi Prakash
- E) Ramesh Kumar

Answer

A) Rajay Kumar Sinha



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Rajay Kumar Sinha** has taken charge of **MD & CEO of SBI Capital Markets Limited (SBICAPS)** is the wholly owned investment banking arm of SBI.
- Prior to this, he was in charge of Treasury operations at **State Bank of India (SBI)**, managing investment portfolio, money market, equity, private equity & forex operations of the bank
- **SBICAPS** is the wholly owned **investment banking arm of SBI**.
- **Sinha**, who joined SBI in 1991 as a Probationary Officer, has replaced Amitava Chatterjee, who has moved to SBI, Corporate Centre, as Deputy Managing Director, in charge of Commercial Clients Group.

APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **SBICAPS**, the **State Bank of India Capital Markets Limited**, was founded in August 1986.
- **During January 1997**, the Asian Development Bank acquired a 13.84% equity stake in SBICAPS.
- However, in March 2010, State Bank of India repurchased this share, regaining full ownership of SBICAPS.

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

SBI Capital Markets Limited

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO: Rajay Kumar Sinha

AWARDS



Who were recently conferred with the prestigious Chevalier award by the French government?

- A) A. R. Rahman and Zakir Hussain
- B) Aruna Sairam and Shashank Subramanyam
- C) Lata Mangeshkar and Amjad Ali Khan
- D) Pandit Jasraj and Hariprasad Chaurasia
- E) K. S. Chithra and L. Subramaniam

Answer

B) Aruna Sairam and Shashank Subramanyam

Maîtres de cérémonie : Shruthi Josepn - Adrienne Allamano



AWARDS



Explanation

- **Carnatic vocalist Aruna Sairam and flautist Shashank Subramanyam** were conferred with the prestigious **Chevalier award by the French government** at a ceremony in Chennai.
- The award was given in recognition of their contribution to the music field and development of Indo-France relations.
- The award was intended to honour personalities for their creativity in cultural spheres and their works that formed the wealth of the cultural heritage.
- Ms. Sairam and Mr. Subramanyam were conferred the title of **Chevalier De L'orde Des Arts Et Des Lettres**.

AWARDS



Explanation

- Ms. Sairam has received several honours, including the **Padma Shri (2009)** and **Sangita Kalanidhi from The Music Academy(2018)**
- Ms. Sairam elected Vice Chairperson of the Sageet Nadak Akademi.
- Mr. Subramanyam too has been awarded with several titles, including the **Tamil Nadu government's Kalaimamani(2001)** for his prowess in instrumental music, **Sageet Nadak Akademi senior award(2017)**.

AWARDS



T. Pradeep, who has been selected for the International Eni Award, is a professor in which department at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M)?

- A) Department of Electrical Engineering
- B) Department of Computer Science
- C) Department of Mechanical Engineering
- D) Department of Chemistry
- E) Department of Civil Engineering

Answer

D) Department of Chemistry



AWARDS



Explanation

- **T. Pradeep**, professor in the Department of Chemistry of the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) has been selected for **15th International Eni Award**.
- Instituted by the **Italian energy company Eni**, the award is in recognition of his work on sustainable and affordable nanoscale material for removing toxic contaminants from water.
- The Eni Award is highly regarded globally, with previous recipients including renowned Nobel laureates and distinguished scientists.

AWARDS



Explanation

- **Established in 2007**, the award aims to foster radical breakthroughs in energy efficiency, renewables, decarbonisation, and environmental preservation.
- The selection committee, which includes Nobel laureates, ensures that only exceptional individuals receive this prestigious recognition.
- He won award including the prestigious **Padma Shri(2020), Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water(2022), and Nikkei Asia Prize(2020)Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize(2008)**.

AWARDS



G Kishan Reddy, the Union Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Development of Northeast Region, was honored with the 'Global Incredible Inc Leadership Award' by which organization?

- A) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- B) World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC)
- C) The International Council of Tourism Partners (ICTP)
- D) The US India SME Council
- E) World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

Answer

D) The US India SME Council



AWARDS



Explanation

- **Union Minister of Tourism, Culture and Development of Northeast Region G Kishan Reddy** was conferred with '**Global Incredible Inc Leadership Award**' from **The US India SME Council** - an organisation that promotes trade, commerce, and people-to-people exchange programmes between the United States and India.
- The award was conferred by eminent citizens from **Maryland State, U.S.**, in recognition of his endeavours towards promoting tourism and the rich culture of India.
- Mr. Kishan Reddy is in the **United States** and had participated in the **United Nations High Level Political Forum (UN HLPF) on economic, social and environmental sustainability on tourism** held in **New York, USA** with theme **Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels.**

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Which trade bloc did the UK formally sign on to?

- A) North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
- B) Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)
- C) Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)
- D) European Economic Area (EEA)
- E) African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

Answer

C) Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)



Explanation

- The **UK** formally signed the **Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) trade bloc**
- UK Business and Trade Secretary **Kemi Badenoch**, who is also leading the ongoing free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations with India, signed the pact agreed earlier this year during a visit to Auckland and hailed it as a major post-Brexit win for the country.

Explanation

- The CPTPP is a free trade agreement between **11 countries (12 including the UK)**. The agreement was signed by all 11 founding member countries on 8 March 2018 but has come into effect at different times in some countries. It came into force **on 30 December 2018 for Australia, Canada, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, and Singapore, later followed by Vietnam, Peru, Malaysia, Chile, and Brunei.**
- The UK will be the first non-founding member of the CPTPP, as well as the first European member.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

The United Kingdom(UK)

Capital: London

Prime minister: Rishi Sunak

Currency: Pound sterling

Which organization released the TCRM Matrix Framework to promote and drive Innovation and Entrepreneurship in India?

- A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B) Ministry of Finance
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- E) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Answer
C) NITI Aayog



Explanation

- The **NITI Aayog**, released, under the NITI Working Paper series, the **Techno-Commercial Readiness and Market Maturity Matrix (TCRM Matrix) framework**, a pioneering assessment tool designed to revolutionize technology evaluation, foster innovation, and fuel entrepreneurship in India.
- The Working Paper casts light on the historical evolution of technology assessment frameworks, including the **Technology Readiness Level (TRL)**, **Commercialization Readiness Level (CRL)**, and **Market Readiness Level (MRL) scales**.
- By building upon these frameworks' core principles, the TCRM Matrix framework presents an integrated assessment model that offers in-depth insights and actionable intelligence to stakeholders at every stage of the technology development cycle.

Explanation

- The working paper provides clear guidelines for integrating the TCRM Matrix framework within the broader innovation ecosystem. By doing so, policymakers, strategists, academicians, and investors can unlock its full potential and drive meaningful change.
- The adoption of the TCRM Matrix framework necessitates a comprehensive analysis and contextualization within the unique national and sectoral innovation landscapes.
- The working paper is **authored by Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Member, NITI Aayog along with Dr. Neeraj Sinha, Senior Adviser, Sh. Naman Agrawal, Specialist, Ms. Naba Suroor, Associate and Sh. Siddhey G Shinde, Young Professional, NITI Aayog.**

Explanation

- The Government of India, through NITI Aayog, remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.
- The release of this working paper is a testament to the government's continuous efforts to drive technological advancements and economic growth.
- The TCRM Matrix framework is set to play a pivotal role in catalyzing India's innovation ecosystem and creating a conducive environment for transformative ideas.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

NITI Aayog

Abbreviation: National Institution for Transforming India
Aayog

Founded : 2015

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

CEO : B. V. R. Subrahmanyam

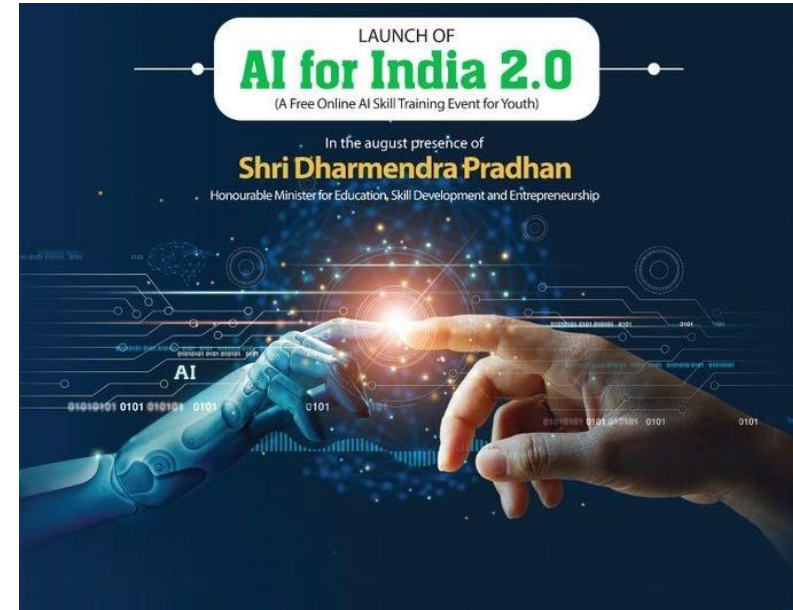
Vice Chairman: Sh. Suman K Bery

Who launched AI for India 2.0, a free AI skill training course in Indian languages, on the occasion of World Youth Skills' Day?

- A) Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad
- B) Shri Nitin Gadkari
- C) Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
- D) Shri Piyush Goyal
- E) Shri Amit Shah

Answer

C) Shri Dharmendra Pradhan



Explanation

- **Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan** launched **AI for India 2.0**, a free online training programme on Artificial Intelligence on World Youth Skills' Day.
- A joint initiative of Skill India and **GUVI, this NCVET and IIT Madras** accredited online programme will equip youth with frontier skills.
- GUVI, an IIT Madras incubated startup is a tech platform that enables tech learning in vernacular languages.
- This program has been curated in **9 Indian languages**.

The first barge of the series LSAM 7 (Yard 75) has been delivered to which organization?

- A) Indian Coast Guard
- B) Indian Air Force
- C) Indian Army
- D) Indian Navy
- E) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

Answer
D) Indian Navy



Explanation

- **First Barge of the series LSAM 7 (Yard 75)** has been delivered to **Indian Navy**.
- This special Barge was handed over to the Navy in presence of **Cmde Iftekhar Alam, Commanding Officer, INS Tunir**.
- The Barge has been built under the classification rules of Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) with a service life of **30 years**.
- Induction of MCA Barges will provide impetus to operational commitments of Navy by facilitating Transportation, Embarkation and Disembarkation of ammunition to Indian Navy Ships both alongside jetties and at outer harbours.
- The **3rd Meeting of the Working Group on Military Cooperation of the Indian-Russian Intergovernmental Commission on Military and Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-M&MTC)** held in **Delhi** on 18 July.

Titbits

The Indian Navy

Founded: 26 January 1950

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS): Admiral R. Hari Kumar

Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS): Vice Admiral
Sanjay Jasjit Singh

Which Chief Minister launched the Aapda Rahat Kosh-2023 website?

- A) Arvind Kejriwal
- B) Yogi Adityanath
- C) Mamata Banerjee
- D) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
- E) Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Answer

D) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

Explanation

- **Chief minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu** launched the **Aapda Rahat Kosh-2023 website**, initiating a digital platform aimed at aiding the disaster-affected people of **Himachal Pradesh**.
- Individuals can donate money in Aapda Rahat Kosh-2023 from anywhere using various payment methods such as debit card, credit card, net banking, QR code and UPI.
- To facilitate this support, the department of digital technology and governance developed a transparent web link where anyone can donate online and receive a receipt on their mobile device.
- The system has been integrated with multiple payment gateways to ensure seamless transactions.

Titbits

Himachal Pradesh

Capital : Shimla

CM : Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

Governor : Shiv Pratap Shukla

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



The Ministry of Culture and the Indian Navy signed an MoU to revive which ancient shipbuilding method?

- A) Plank-On-Frame method
- B) Lapstrake method
- C) Dugout canoe method
- D) Tankai method
- E) Cold-Molding method

Answer
D) Tankai method



Explanation

- In a remarkable initiative to revive and preserve the 2000-year-old technique of shipbuilding known as the **'stitched shipbuilding method'**, the **Ministry of Culture and the Indian Navy have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**.
- The MoU signing ceremony held was graced by the presence of distinguished individuals including **Shri Govind Mohan, Secretary, Ministry of Culture; Smt. Uma Nanduri, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture; Smt. Priyanka Chandra, Director (AKAM), Ministry of Culture; Rear Admiral Shri K.S. Srinivas; and Commodore Shri Sujeet Bakshi, Commander Shri Sandeep Roy from the Indian Navy**.
- The Indian Navy will oversee the implementation and execution of the entire project.

Explanation

- The stitched ship holds significant cultural value in India, given its historical importance and the preservation of traditional craftsmanship.
- It aims to revive the maritime memory and instill a sense of pride in India's rich maritime heritage among its citizens.
- Additionally, it aims to promote cultural memories among the Indian Ocean littoral countries. Thorough documentation and cataloging of the project will ensure that valuable information is preserved for future reference.
- This project not only represents a unique boat-building endeavor but also serves as a testament to India's diverse cultural heritage and ancient seafaring traditions.

Titbits

Culture , Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region

Minister:G. Kishan Reddy

Constituency: Secunderabad, Telangana

Which state in India celebrates the Chachin Grazing Festival?

- A) Himachal Pradesh
- B) Sikkim
- C) Arunachal Pradesh
- D) Uttarakhand
- E) Nagaland

Answer
C) Arunachal Pradesh



Explanation

- **Chachin grazing festival** was celebrated with great fervour by the local graziers of **Tawang region near Bumla Pass, Arunachal Pradesh** .
- The two-day event held at **Chachin** saw enthusiastic participation from Graziers from all over the Tawang region.
- Chachin and other traditional grazing areas, near Bumla Pass have historically served as the backbone of the local Monpa lifestyle that is largely dependent on nomadic herding – a primitive form of subsistence farming - as means of livelihood.
- The festival featured a medical camp for aiding the local graziers who often live in remote locations without the medical facilities prevalent in urban areas.
- A veterinary camp was also organized to provide similar medical support to the animals –yaks of the local graziers – along with a lecture on animal health that would facilitate the graziers in ensuring better care for their livestock.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Arunachal Pradesh

Capital : Itanagar

CM : Pema Khandu

Governor : Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik

India's top oil firm IOC (Indian Oil Corporation) has signed long-term LNG deals with which companies?

- A) ExxonMobil and Chevron
- B) PetroChina and Gazprom
- C) Abu Dhabi Gas Liquefaction Co Ltd and TotalEnergies
- D) Royal Dutch Shell and BP
- E) Qatar Petroleum and ENI

Answer

C) Abu Dhabi Gas Liquefaction Co Ltd and TotalEnergies

Explanation

- **India's top oil firm IOC** has signed deals to import **liquefied natural gas (LNG)** from **UAE's Abu Dhabi Gas Liquefaction Co Ltd** and **TotalEnergies of France** on a **long-term basis**.
- Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) signed the deals during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to France and the UAE.
- **Head of Agreement (HoA) (was signed)** between Indian Oil Corporation Limited and TotalEnergies Gas and Power Ltd (TotalEnergies) to establish a long-term LNG sale and purchase agreement (SPA).
- IOC signed a deal to import 1.2 million tonnes per annum of LNG from Adnoc-LNG for 14 years starting in 2026.
- The deal with TotalEnergies is for the import of 0.8 million tonnes a year of LNG for 10 years starting in 2026.

Explanation

- This is the first long-term deal TotalEnergies has signed with an Indian company. Also, this is the first time an Indian company has signed a long-term LNG import deal with Adnoc.
- **TotalEnergies** is the **third largest LNG supplier in the world** and would be supplying LNG to IOC from their diversified portfolio across the world.
- ADNOC LNG is the national oil and gas company of the Abu Dhabi government and is the oldest supplier of natural gas from the Middle East.
- India and UAE have a **CEPA (Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement) with UAE Govt** which provides for zero customs duty to be applied on LNG imports from UAE against an applicable customs duty of 2.5 per cent plus surcharge

Explanation

- LNG is natural gas that has been cooled to minus 162 degrees Celsius, changing it from a gas into a liquid that is 1/600th of its original volume. This allows it to be shipped in specially designed LNG vessels.
- **India has seven LNG import facilities on the east and west coasts.** IOC operates a 5 million tonne a year import terminal at Ennore in Tamil Nadu.

Titbits

Indian Oil Corporation Limited

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Chairperson: Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

TotalEnergies SE

Headquarters: Courbevoie, France

Chairman & CEO: Patrick Pouyanné

QUICK RECALL



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- **Union Minister of Tourism, Culture and Development of Northeast Region G Kishan Reddy was conferred with 'Global Incredible Inc Leadership Award' from The US India SME Council**
- **The UK formally signed the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) trade bloc**
- **The NITI Aayog, released, under the NITI Working Paper series, the Techno-Commercial Readiness and Market Maturity Matrix (TCRM Matrix) framework**
- **Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched AI for India 2.0, a free online training programme on Artificial Intelligence on World Youth Skills' Day.**

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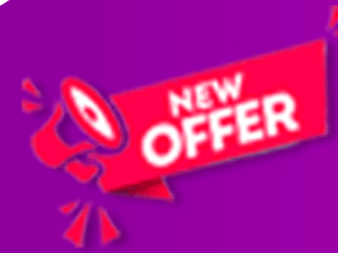
- **First Barge of the series LSAM 7 (Yard 75) has been delivered to Indian Navy.**
- **Chief minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched the Aapda Rahat Kosh-2023 website, initiating a digital platform aimed at aiding the disaster-affected people of Himachal Pradesh.**
- **In a remarkable initiative to revive and preserve the 2000-year-old technique of shipbuilding known as the 'stitched shipbuilding method', the Ministry of Culture and the Indian Navy have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).**
- **Chachin grazing festival was celebrated with great fervour by the local graziers of Tawang region near Bumla Pass, Arunachal Pradesh .**
- **India's top oil firm IOC has signed deals to import liquefied natural gas (LNG) from UAE's Abu Dhabi Gas Liquefaction Co Ltd and TotalEnergies of France on a long-term basis.**

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