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Important Days



On which date is International Chess Day celebrated every year?

- A) January 20
- B) March 15
- C) July 20
- D) September 10
- E) December 5

Answer
C) July 20



Important Days



Explanation

- **International Chess Day** is celebrated on **July 20** every year with the aim to raise awareness about the game of chess and appreciate chess players across the world.
- International Chess Day was announced in **1996** by UNESCO to commemorate the establishment of the International Chess Federation, commonly known as **FIDE** by its French acronym.
- On **December 12, 2019**, the General Assembly proclaimed **20 July** as World Chess Day, marking the establishment of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in Paris in **1924**.
- FIDE was founded in **Paris, France**, and currently has its **headquarters in Switzerland**.
- FIDE is an international body responsible for connecting various international chess federations and acts as the governing body for international chess competitions.
- FIDE was recognised by the International Olympic Committee in 1999.

Important Days



Other Important Days

Federation Internationale des Echecs(World Chess Federation)

Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland

Founded: 20 July 1924

President: Arkady Dvorkovich

Abbreviation: FIDE

SPORTS



Where will the 132nd edition of the Durand Cup Football Tournament begin?

- A) Chennai
- B) Kolkata
- C) Mumbai
- D) New Delhi
- E) Bengaluru

Answer
B) Kolkata



Explanation

- The **132nd edition of Durand Cup Football tournament** will begin at **Kolkata** on **August 3**.
- It will be the oldest existing club football tournament in Asia.
- It is an annual event hosted by the **Durand Football Tournament Society in collaboration with the Indian Army**, on behalf of the three services.
- The trophy tour of the prestigious Durand Cup reached Air Force Academy (AFA), Dundigal, Hyderabad
- The trophies were unveiled by **Air Marshal B Chandra Sekhar, Commandant Air Force Academy**.

Explanation

- General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) is the President of the tournament. The three Service Chiefs are its Vice Presidents.
- The Trophy tour is planned in various parts of the country to generate enthusiasm among the young generation and inspire them.
- The final is scheduled on **September 3**.

SPORTS



Where was the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2023 held?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Mumbai
- C) Greater Noida
- D) Bengaluru
- E) Kolkata

Answer
C) Greater Noida



Explanation

- **Held in:** Gautam Buddha University in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- The Indian senior weightlifting contingent ended the campaign at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2023 with a rich haul of **20 medals(9 Gold, 9 Sliver, 2 Bronze)**
- Indian lifters won **16 medals, four gold, seven silver and five bronze**, at the **Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2021 held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan**

Championships 2023: India's medal winners - senior category

- N Ajith - gold medal in men's 73kg
- Ajay Singh - gold medal in men's 81kg
- Shubham Todkar - gold medal in men's 61kg
- Popy Hazarika - gold medal in women's 59kg
- Komal Kohar - gold medal in women's 45kg
- Gyaneshwari Yadav - gold medal in women's 49kg
- Mukund Aher- gold medal in men's 55kg
- S Nirupama Devi - gold medal in women's 64kg
- Vanshita Verma - gold medal in women's 81kg
- Jhilli Dalabehera - silver medal in women's 49kg
- Shrabani Das - silver medal in women's 55kg

Championships 2023: India's medal winners - senior category

- T Madhavan - silver medal in men's 67kg
- Harjinder Kaur - silver medal in women's 71kg
- Pallavi S - silver medal in women's 64kg
- Amarjit Guru - silver medal in men's 89kg
- Harshad Wadekar - silver medal in men's 96kg
- Harcharan Singh - silver medal in men's 102kg
- Lovepreet Singh - silver medal in men's 109kg
- Jagdish Vishwakarma - bronze medal in men's 96kg
- Purnima Pandey - bronze medal in women's +87kg

How many medals did India win in the 25th edition of the Asian Athletics Championships?

- A) 15 medals - 5 gold, 6 silver, and 4 bronze
- B) 27 medals - 6 gold, 9 silver, and 12 bronze
- C) 20 medals - 8 gold, 5 silver, and 7 bronze
- D) 10 medals - 3 gold, 4 silver, and 3 bronze
- E) 32 medals - 7 gold, 10 silver, and 15 bronze

Answer

B) 27 medals - 6 gold, 9 silver, and 12 bronze



Explanation

- **India** finished the **25th edition of Asian Athletics Championships** by winning **27 medals – six gold, nine silver, and 12 bronze medals** respectively.
- The **Asian Athletics Championships 2023** was held at **Suphachalasai National Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand, from July 12 to 16.**
- This achievement equaled their previous record -in 2017 edition held at Bhubaneshwar.
- The **Asian Athletics Championships** was held after a gap of four years after the **2021 edition in Hangzhou, China was cancelled** due to COVID-19.
- The previous edition, **Doha 2019**, saw India finish with 16 medals - two gold, seven silver and seven bronze.

Explanation

- In the overall Asian Athletics Championships 2023 medals table, **India finished third**, behind **Japan** and the **People's Republic of China**.
- Japan won in 37 medals, including 16 golds, while China bagged 22 medals, including eight golds.
- **Mascot:** Hanuman – Hindu God

Indian medal winners at Asian Athletics Championships 2023

Athlete	Event	Medal
Jyothi Yarraji	Women's 100m hurdles	Gold
Abdulla Aboobacker	Men's triple jump	Gold
Parul Chaudhary	Women's 3000m steeplechase	Gold
Ajay Kumar Saroj	Men's 1500m	Gold
Tajinderpal Singh Toor	Men's shot put	Gold
Rajesh Ramesh, Aishwarya Mishra, Amoj Jacob, Subha Venkatesan	Mixed 4x400m relay team	Gold
Shaili Singh	Women's long jump	Silver
Anil Sarvesh Kushare	Men's high jump	Silver
Murali Sreeshankar	Men's long jump	Silver
Swapna Barman	Heptathlon	Silver
Priyanka Goswami	Women's 20km race walk	Silver
Chanda	Women's 800m	Silver
Parul Chaudhary	Women's 5000m	Silver

SPORTS



Indian medal winners at Asian Athletics Championships 2023

Athlete	Event	Medal
Krishan Kumar	Men's 800m	Silver
Abha Khatua	Women's shot put	Silver
DP Manu	Men's javelin throw	Silver
Jyothi Yarraji	Women's 200m	Silver
Amoj Jacob, Muhammed Ajmal, Mijo Chacko Kurian, Rajesh Ramesh	Men's 4x400m relay	Silver
Abhishek Pal	Men's 10000m	Bronze
Aishwarya Mishra	Women's 400m	Bronze
Tejaswin Shankar	Men's decathlon	Bronze
Santhosh Kumar	Men's 400m hurdles	Bronze
Vikash Singh	Men's 20km race walk	Bronze
Ankita	Women's 5000m	Bronze
Manpreet Kaur	Women's shot put	Bronze
Gulveer Singh	Men's 5000m	Bronze
Rezoana Mallick Heena, Aishwarya Mishra, Jyothika Sri Dandi, Subha Venkatesan	Women's 4x400m relay	Bronze

SPORTS



Asian Athletics Championships 2023 medals table

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Japan	16	11	10	37
2	China	8	8	6	22
3	India	6	12	9	27
4	Sri Lanka	3	2	3	8
5	Qatar	2	1	1	4

RANKING



What is the current FIFA ranking of India's national football team?

- A) 45
- B) 72
- C) 99
- D) 58
- E) 81

Answer
C) 99

RANKING



Explanation

- The **Indian men's football team** achieved **sub-100 FIFA ranking** for the first time since 2018 as it moved up one spot to **99th** after its SAFF Championship triumph.
- **Lebanon** also gained two places to be just below India at **100th spot** while **Kuwait** moved up four places to be at **137th**.
- India now have 1208.69 points.
- India's best FIFA ranking was 94th, attained in 1996. The country had also reached 99th spot in 1993 and 96th in 2017 and 2018. It was placed at 100th last month.
- Overall, world champions **Argentina** continued to be at the top, followed by **France, Brazil, England and Belgium**.
- In Asia, Japan led the chart at 20th spot, followed by Iran (22), Australia (27), Korea (28) and Saudi Arabia (54) in top five

RANKING



Titbits

The Fédération internationale de football association(FIFA)

Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland

Founded: 21 May 1904

President: Gianni Infantino

What action did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) take regarding United India Co-operative Bank, a bank based in Uttar Pradesh?

- A) The RBI renewed the bank's license for an extended period.
- B) The RBI imposed a fine on the bank for regulatory violations.
- C) The RBI upgraded the bank's license to a higher banking category.
- D) The RBI cancelled the bank's license to operate.
- E) The RBI merged United India Co-operative Bank with another bank.

Answer

D) The RBI cancelled the bank's license to operate.

Explanation

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has cancelled the licence of **Uttar Pradesh-based United India Co-operative Bank**.
- Consequently, the bank (**Nagina, Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh**) will cease to carry on banking business with effect from the close of business on July 19, 2023.
- The bank does not have adequate capital and earning prospects and has failed to comply with the requirements of relevant Sections of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- Every depositor would be entitled to receive deposit insurance claim amount of his/her deposits up to a ceiling of **₹5 lakh** from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

Explanation

- Giving reasons for cancellation of the licence, it said United India Co-operative Bank, based out of Bijnor in Uttar Pradesh, does not have adequate capital and earning prospects.
- With the licence cancelled, the bank has been prohibited from conducting regular business, which includes acceptance and repayment of deposits.
- The Commissioner and Registrar of Cooperative, Uttar Pradesh, has also been requested to issue an order for winding up the bank and appoint a liquidator for the bank.

Which two entities signed an MoU to facilitate the provision of financial assistance to Veteran Artists?

- A) Ministry of Finance and HDFC Bank
- B) Ministry of Culture and Canara Bank
- C) Ministry of Education and State Bank of India
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs and Axis Bank
- E) Ministry of Health and ICICI Bank

Answer

B) Ministry of Culture and Canara Bank

Explanation

- An MoU has been signed between the **Ministry of Culture** and **Canara Bank** for disbursal of financial assistance to the selected beneficiaries under the **“Scheme for Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists”** earlier known as **“Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artists”**.
- As per the MoU, master data of selected beneficiaries both for fresh as well as legacy data is to be uploaded by the Ministry in the online portal to be developed by the Canara Bank for this purpose.
- Based on the scheme guidelines Canara Bank is required to work out the quarterly requirement of funds and raise the demand for the same to the Ministry.

Explanation

- Upon receipt of demand of funds from Canara Bank, the same will be released in advance on quarterly basis by the Ministry to the Bank for releasing the same on monthly basis to the eligible beneficiaries.
- An artist aged 60 years and above who have contributed in the field of art and culture in their active age and whose annual income is not more than **Rs. 48,000/-** can apply under the scheme either through Art & Culture Department of concerned State Government/UT or Zonal Cultural Center.
- Release of financial assistance on monthly basis to the eligible beneficiaries is one of the main objectives of the MoU entered with Canara Bank.

Explanation

- Under this scheme an amount of Rs. 26.00 crore has been allocated in B.E. for the year 2023-24.
- To ensure transparency and efficient utilization of funds, the scheme guidelines provides for direct transfer of amount to the account of selected beneficiaries.

APPOINTMENTS



Who has recently assumed the position of Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)?

- A) Mr. A. Madhava Rao (Retd.)
- B) Mr. B. Ramesh Kumar (Retd.)
- C) Ms. C. Suresh Gupta (Retd.)
- D) Mr. D. Rajendra Prasad (Retd.)
- E) Mr. E. Srinivas Reddy (Retd.)

Answer

A) Mr. A. Madhava Rao (Retd.)



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Mr A Madhava Rao (Retd.)** has assumed charge as **Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)**.
- He had joined **BDL** in **March 2020** as Executive Director and was currently holding the post of Director (Technical) with additional charge of Director (Production).
- An Alumnus of various prestigious educational Institutes and Universities, he has a B.Tech in Electrical Engineering, ME in Electronics & Telecommunication, MSc in Defence Studies, MBA in Finance and Master of Management Studies.

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

BDL

Abbreviation: Bharat Dynamics Limited

Headquarters: Hyderabad, Telangana

Founded: 1970

Chairman & MD : Mr. A. Madhava Rao

AWARDS



Which rating did Howrah station receive under the Indian Green Building Council's Green Railway Stations Rating System?

- A) CII-IGBC Platinum Rating
- B) CII-IGBC Gold Rating
- C) CII-IGBC Silver Rating
- D) CII-IGBC Bronze Rating
- E) CII-IGBC Green Rating

Answer

B) CII-IGBC Gold Rating

AWARDS



Explanation

- **Howrah railway station**, the largest in the country in terms of number of platforms, was awarded the **CII-IGBC gold rating for incorporating green buildings and passenger-friendly features**.
- The features that brought the honour to the 169-year-old station include the installation of station rooftops, water management, mechanised cleaning, no artificial lighting during the daytime, solid waste management, fresh air ventilation, universal accessibility, pedestrian friendliness and first- and last-mile connectivity.
- The station, which witnesses a daily footfall of approximately 6.5 lakh passengers, was awarded the **CII-IGBC (Confederation of Indian Industry-Indian Green Building Council)** gold rating under its green railway stations rating system.
- **Built in 1854** with just one platform, Howrah station now has 23 platforms.



AWARDS



Explanation

- The first train which moved from it on August 15, 1854, went to Hooghly station over 38 kilometres away.
- The objective of the CII-IGBC rating is to facilitate the adoption of green concepts, thereby reducing the adverse environmental impacts due to station operation and maintenance, and enhancing the overall commuter experience at stations.

AWARDS



Titbits

CII

Abbreviation: Confederation of Indian Industry

President: R Dinesh

Headquarters: New Delhi

Founded: 1895

AWARDS



Which state of India was conferred with the Bhoomi Samman award for its outstanding contribution in achieving the objectives of the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP)?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Odisha
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Uttar Pradesh
- E) Rajasthan

Answer
B) Odisha

AWARDS



Explanation

- **President Droupadi Murmu** conferred **Bhoomi Samman award on Odisha** as the **best state of India** for outstanding contribution in achieving the objectives of Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP).
- Out of total 767 districts in the country **67 districts** have been awarded Platinum awards under six components of DILRMP.
- Out of 68 districts, received the Bhoomi Samman, Odisha has the highest number of 19 districts.
- Land records and Janaseva have been digitised in Odisha to minimise the physical presence of people and to reduce the role of middlemen.
- As many as 34 services of the Revenue department have been digitised.

AWARDS



Titbits

Odisha

Capital : Bhubaneswar
Chief Minister - Naveen Patnaik
Governor - Ganeshi Lal

AWARDS



Which ministry received the "Best Engagement" Award for Procurement through the GeM (Government e-Marketplace) Portal?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C) Ministry of Coal
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs
- E) Ministry of External Affairs

Answer

C) Ministry of Coal

AWARDS



Explanation

- **Coal Ministry** bags “**Best Engagement**” **Award** for Procurement through GeM Portal.
- The Ministry has performed consistently well on GeM platform for two financial years in a row.
- **Coal Ministry** was recently awarded for its **achievements on e- procurement through GeM by Ministry of Commerce.**
- The Ministry of Coal has been awarded in “**Best Engagement**” **category**, Coal India Limited (CIL) has been awarded “**Rising Star**” and **NLC India Limited** has been awarded in the “**Timely Payments**” category.

AWARDS



Titbits

Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines
Minister :Pralhad Joshi
constituency :Dharwad, Karnataka

What is the purpose of Argentina's Defence Ministry signing a Letter of Intent with HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited)?

- A) To acquire fighter jets for the Air Force.
- B) To purchase light and medium utility helicopters.
- C) To collaborate on the development of advanced radar systems.
- D) To establish a joint naval base in the South Atlantic.
- E) To conduct joint military exercises with the Indian Armed Forces.

Answer

B) To purchase light and medium utility helicopters.

Explanation

- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** and **Argentina's Ministry of Defence** signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) on productive cooperation and acquisition of Light and Medium Utility Helicopters for its armed forces.
- The LoI was signed by Argentinian Defence Minister Jorge Taiana, and HAL Chairman and Managing Director C B Ananthakrishnan.

Titbits

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

Founded: 23 December 1940

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

Chairman & MD : Shri C.B. Ananthakrishnan

Argentina

Capital : Buenos Aires

Currency : Argentine Peso

President: Alberto Fernández

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) signed MoUs with which companies to explore opportunities in the power and energy sectors and AI-based conversational solutions?

- A) PowerTech Solutions Pvt. Ltd. and AI-Cornerstone
- B) Energy Innovations Group and ConversAI Technologies
- C) Gabriel Power and CoRover Private Limited
- D) PowerCo India Limited and TechBot AI
- E) EnergyTech Solutions and ChatGenius

Answer

C) Gabriel Power and CoRover Private Limited



Explanation

- **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**, a Navratna Defence PSU, announced that it had signed MoUs with **Gabriel Power and CoRover Private Limited** to leverage opportunities across the power and energy sectors and AI-based conversational solutions.
- The MoU with Gabriel Power and Energy Pvt Ltd will focus on collaborating as partners and developing cutting-edge technologies that can be manufactured in India for the Government and private sectors.
- The partnership will impact job creation within the power and energy sectors
- As part of the MoU, BEL, and Gabriel would work closely together to usher in technologies that would be further optimized and manufactured in India.

Explanation

- The partnership will encompass a wide range of products, including EV Chargers, Smart Meters, Green Hydrogen Generation, Hydrogen Gensets, and Solar Steam Solutions.
- It has signed another non-exclusive MoU with a human-centric conversational and generative AI company, **CoRover Private Limited, for two years.**
- As part of this agreement, both parties will collaborate as partners and indigenously develop and deploy emerging technologies and technical solutions to address the requirements of AI-based solutions, especially Conversational AI-based virtual assistants.
- The MoU will enable both companies to collaborate in areas of the Generative AI platform, particularly the BharatGPT platform of Co-Rover.

Titbits

BEL

Abbreviation: Bharat Electronics Limited

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

Chairman & MD : Mr Dinesh Kumar Batra

Found: 1954

Gabriel Power and Energy Pvt Ltd

Headquarters: Pune, Maharashtra

CEO: Thomas Mathew

CoRover Private Limited

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

CEO; Ankush Sabharwal

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



The Ministry of Ayush and which organization joined hands to establish advanced health research centers at AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences)?

- A) WHO (World Health Organization)
- B) IIT (Indian Institutes of Technology)
- C) UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)
- D) ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research)
- E) UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund)

Answer

D) ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research)



Explanation

- The **Ministry of Ayush and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** have joined hands to establish **Ayush-ICMR Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research (AI-ACIHR)** at AIIMS across India in phases.
- These Centres envisage developing a dynamic and vibrant ecosystem of integrative health research through integrating ancient wisdom (traditional medicine) with conventional bio-medicine, and modern technology to bring integrative health care to the people.
- This collaboration will promote high-impact research to generate evidence in priority areas of national importance in healthcare utilizing modern scientific methods.

Titbits

Ports, Shipping and Waterways & AYUSH

Minister: Sarbananda Sonowal

Constituency: Rajya Shaba, Assam

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

Founded: 1911

Headquarters: New Delhi. Delhi

Director General: Dr Rajiv Bahl

Which two entities jointly launched the 'One District One Product' Wall at Garvi Gujarat Bhawan?

- A) NITI Aayog and Government of Maharashtra
- B) Ministry of MSME and Government of Uttar Pradesh
- C) DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade) and Government of Gujarat
- D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Government of Rajasthan
- E) FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) and Government of Madhya Pradesh

Answer

C) DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade) and Government of Gujarat



Explanation

- **One District One Product (ODOP) program**, an initiative under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, launched its first collaboration with the **Government of Gujarat in New Delhi** to promote the indigenous crafts and artisans of the State. Smt. Manmeet Nanda, Joint Secretary, DPIIT, and Smt. Arti Kanwar, Resident Commissioner and Secretary (Economic Affairs) Finance Department, Government of Gujarat jointly inaugurated the ODOP Wall at Garvi Gujarat Bhawan.
- Gujarat, with its 33 districts, exemplifies the vast geographic coverage and potential for diverse products across the state.
- ODOP-Gujarat features a rich collection of 68 unique products, ranging from traditional crafts like Gamthi Block print and Mata-ni-Pachedi to agricultural goods such as groundnuts and cumin.

Explanation

- In a significant collaboration, ODOP has partnered with the Government of Gujarat to implement product tagging and story cards, enhancing the promotion and recognition of Gujarat's unique products.
- This collaboration aims to drive consumers towards emporia, boosting sales and increasing the visibility of Gujarat's products at the national level.
- Garvi Gujarat Bhawan has integrated ODOP products into its interiors to better showcase Gujarat handicrafts.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Gujarat

Capital : Gandhinagar

CM : Bhupendra Patel

Governor : Acharya Dev Vrat

Which command of the Indian Air Force (IAF) developed a satellite-based real-time aircraft tracking system?

- A) IAF Eastern Command
- B) IAF Western Command
- C) IAF Southern Command
- D) IAF Central Command
- E) IAF Maintenance Command

Answer

E) IAF Maintenance Command

Explanation

- **The Indian Air Force's Maintenance Command** has developed a satellite-based real time aircraft tracking system that can get information about the location of an aircraft.
- The tracking system is satellite-based and can track the path of an aircraft.

Which organization did the Karnataka State Government's Finance Department partner with to develop Human Resource Management System version 2.0?

- A) Infosys
- B) Kellton
- C) Wipro
- D) TCS (Tata Consultancy Services)
- E) Accenture

Answer
B) Kellton



KELLTON

Explanation

- **Kellton**, a leading global IT solutions provider, announced that it has secured a highly prestigious, multi-year large-scale project from the **Karnataka State Government's Finance Department** to develop and implement **HRMS Version 2.0** for over 600,000 state government employees in Karnataka.
- The HRMS 2.0 system will significantly enhance the existing capabilities, encompassing critical areas such as recruitment, cadre management, transfers, promotion, service register, leave management, and operational reports.
- This upgrade will provide a more efficient and user-friendly experience for the employees.
- Kellton will develop and integrate new modules, including employee self-service, retirement management, annual performance management, service register with core history, and analytical reports with data analytics.

Explanation

- These additions aim to improve the Karnataka State Government's human resource processes, allowing for better management and optimization.
- In addition, Kellton will undertake the complex task of migrating terabytes of data from **HRMS 1.0 to HRMS 2.0**, ensuring a seamless transition while preserving historical employee information.
- The HRMS 2.0 solution includes over 200 API integrations with more than 45 Karnataka State Government departments and select Central Government departments.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Kellton Tech Solutions Ltd

Headquarters: Hyderabad/Secunderabad, Telangana

Executive Chairman: Niranjan Chintam

Karnataka

Capital : Bengaluru

CM : Siddaramaiah

Governor : Thaawarchand Gehlot

Which state launched the world's largest Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme Gruha Lakshmi for women whereby every woman head of the family in the state?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Karnataka
- E) Uttar Pradesh

Answer

D) Karnataka

Explanation

- **Karnataka** launched the **world's largest Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme Gruha Lakshmi** for women whereby every woman head of the family in the state, irrespective of caste, creed or religion, will receive **Rs 2000 every month** in her bank account
- The scheme is expected to benefit 1.28 crore women, each of whom will receive ₹24,000 annually.
- Government had allocated **₹24,166 crore** for the scheme in its recent budget announcement.
- The scheme will come into effect from August 16 onwards
- It will cost the government ₹35,000 crore every year.

Explanation

- Women from both Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Above Poverty Line (APL) households are eligible for the scheme as long as they - or the husbands - do not fall under the tax-paying bracket.
- The registration for the scheme is free of cost.

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Titbits

Karnataka

Capital : Bengaluru

CM : Siddaramaiah

Governor : Thaawarchand Gehlot

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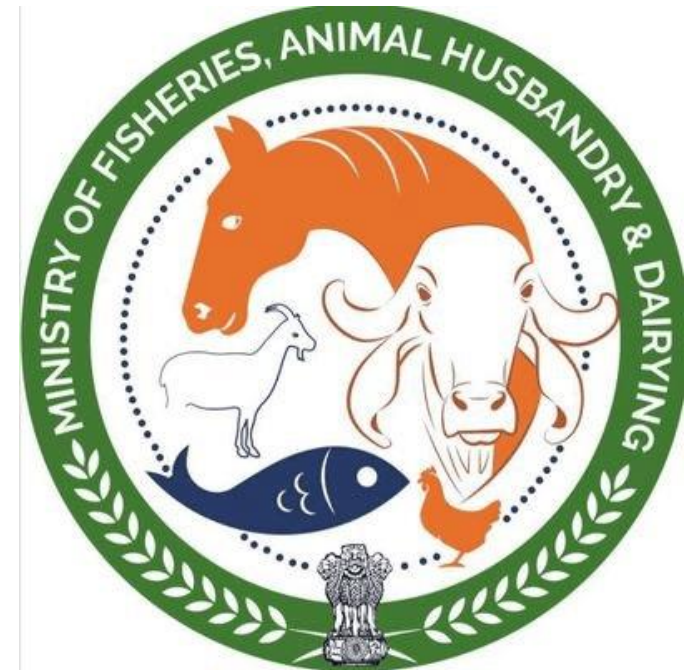


Which department under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying is implementing the Credit Guarantee Scheme as part of the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)?

- A) Department of Agriculture
- B) Department of Fisheries
- C) Department of Rural Development
- D) Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying
- E) Department of Food Processing

Answer

D) Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying



Explanation

- **Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fishries**, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing the **Credit Guarantee Scheme under Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)** to strengthen credit delivery system and facilitate smooth flow of credit to the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise (MSMEs) engaged in Livestock sector without hassles of collateral security.
- For operationalizing the scheme, DAHD has established a Credit Guarantee fund Trust of **Rs. 750.00 crores**, which will provide credit guarantee coverage up to 25% of the credit facilities extended to the MSMEs by the eligible lending institutions.
- The credit guarantee scheme facilitates access to finance for un-served and under-served livestock sector, making availability of financial assistance from lenders to mainly first-generation entrepreneurs and under privileged section of society, who lack collateral security for supporting their ventures.

Explanation

- The main objective of the Credit Guarantee Scheme is that the lender should give importance to project viability and secure the credit facility purely on the basis primary security of the assets financed.
- The establishment of credit guarantee fund trust was approved under the Prime Minister's **AtmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan stimulus package of Rs.15000 crores** "**Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund**" (AHIDF) for incentivizing investments by individual entrepreneurs, private companies, MSMEs, Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) and Section 8 companies to **establish (i) the dairy processing and value addition infrastructure, (ii) meat processing and value addition infrastructure, (iii) Animal Feed Plant, (iv) Breed Improvement technology and Breed Multiplication Farm (v) Animal Waste to Wealth Management (Agri Waste Management) and (vi) Setting up of Veterinary Vaccine and Drugs Manufacturing facilities.**

Explanation

- One of the key features of the AHIDF scheme is the establishment of a Credit Guarantee Fund Trust of **Rs. 750.00 Crores**.
- DAHD has formed a trust with NABSanrakshan Trustee Company Private Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of NABARD for the establishment of a Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for extending the credit guarantee to Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises under AHIDF scheme.
- This fund trust established in **March 2021** is the Nation's first ever fund trust under Credit guarantee scheme of AHIDF in the agriculture and Animal Husbandry sector and is a path-breaking initiative taken by DAHD which would exponentially increase the number of MSME units getting benefits of AHIDF scheme and strengthen the ecosystem for the collateral-free credit from the banks.

Explanation

- The credit guarantee portal has been developed as a rule based B2B portal and implemented the enrollment of eligible lending institutions under Credit Guarantee Scheme, issuance/renewal of Credit Guarantee Cover and Settlement of Claims.
- **Key Features of AHIDF scheme:**
 - Interest Subvention of 3%
 - loan up to 90% of the total project cost from any Scheduled Bank, National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).

Who inaugurated the first-ever Global Food Regulators Summit 2023?

- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B) Union Home Minister Amit Shah
- C) Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
- D) Minister of External Affairs S. Jaishankar
- E) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman



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Answer

C) Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya

Explanation

- **Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** inaugurates **first-ever Global Food Regulators Summit 2023** in presence of Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Shri Narendra Tomar and Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Govt. of Nepal, Dr. Bedu Ram Bhusal in New Delhi.
- This summit is an endeavour of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) under the aegis of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) to create a global platform of food regulators to exchange perspectives on strengthening food safety systems and regulatory framework across the food value chain.
- **The Union Health Minister** also launched the common regulators platform '**SaNGRAH**' - **Safe food for Nations: Global food Regulatory Authorities Handbook**. It is a database of Food Regulatory Authorities of 76 countries across the world, their mandate, food safety ecosystem, food testing facilities, contact details for food authorities, SPS/ TBT/Codex/ WAHO etc.

Explanation

- Apart from Hindi and English, SaNGRAH is also available in six regional languages – **Gujarati, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam.**
- **A Common Digital Dashboard** was also launched during the Summit by the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare. The Dashboard is a common unified IT-portal that provides comprehensive information on standards, regulations, notifications, advisories, guidelines, contamination limits and the latest developments by Food Regulators in India.
- Dr Mandaviya also inaugurated a two-day exhibition during the **Global Food Regulator Summit 2023**. This exhibition will provide an avenue for the exchange of ideas and information on food safety, food standards, food testing capabilities, product reformulation and advancement in food technologies.

Explanation

- A total of 35 exhibitors including Food Business Operators (FBOs), Rapid Analytical Food Testing (RAFT) manufacturers and esteemed organizations like the Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Export Inspection Council (EIC), Spice Board, Tea Board and Coffee Board will showcase their expertise and contributions to the field during the two days. The exhibition also showcases stalls on Shree Anna (millets).

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Health and Family Welfare & Chemicals and Fertilizers

Minister : Mansukh L. Mandaviya

Constituency : Rajya sabha MP , Gujarat

In which city was the MoU signed between the Gujarat government, London-based company OneWeb, and the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, for setting up a 'Satellite Network Portal Site'?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Gandhinagar
- C) Mumbai
- D) Chennai
- E) Kolkata

Answer

B) Gandhinagar

Explanation

- **The Gujarat government** signed an MoU in Gandhinagar with **London-based Company, OneWeb** and the **Department of Science and Technology, Government of India** for setting up a country's first '**Satellite Network Portal Site.**'
- The MoU was signed by Vijay Nehra, Secretary, the State Department of Science and Technology, and Rahul Vatts, Director of OneWeb India Communication Pvt. Ltd.
- OneWeb is setting up two 'Satellite Network Portal Sites' and one of them will be in Mehsana district of Gujarat.
- The satellite network portal site is to be launched in Jotana, Mehsana district.

Explanation

- It will provide high-speed, low-latency, and affordable connectivity to the government, businesses, consumers, schools, among others. It will provide continuous and secure satellite internet access at affordable rates in the country.
- This is a prestigious and of its kind project for providing internet in an affordable manner to villages, district panchayats, local administrative bodies, government departments, among other, across India under the Digital India initiative.
- Under this, two Satellite Network Portals (SMPs) are being set up in India, one in Gujarat and the other in Tamil Nadu through OneWeb.
- This satellite network portal, to be set up at Katosan and Tejpura in Jotana, will be commissioned in 2023 with a possible investment of over **Rs. 100 crores in Phase-I.**

Explanation

- It will create approximately 500 direct and indirect employment opportunities in the state.
- This project under Digital India, aims to provide affordable, secure and high speed internet access to villages, district panchayats, local administrative bodies, government departments, and other entities throughout the country.
- This technology, which is considered safe, is currently working in Europe and Canada.

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Titbits

Gujarat

Capital : Gandhinagar

CM : Bhupendra Patel

Governor : Acharya Dev Vrat

OneWeb

Headquarters : London, United Kingdom

CEO : Neil Masterson

QUICK RECALL



- **International Chess Day is celebrated on July 20 every year**
- **The 132nd edition of Durand Cup Football tournament will begin at Kolkata on August 3.**
- **The Indian senior weightlifting contingent ended the campaign at the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2023 with 20 medals(9 Gold, 9 Silver, 2 Bronze)**
- **India finished the 25th edition of Asian Athletics Championships by winning 27 medals – six gold, nine silver, and 12 bronze medals respectively.**
- **The Indian men's football team achieved sub-100 FIFA ranking for the first time since 2018 as it moved up one spot to 99th**
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the licence of Uttar Pradesh-based United India Co-operative Bank.**

QUICK RECALL



- **An MoU has been signed between the Ministry of Culture and Canara Bank for disbursal of financial assistance to the selected beneficiaries under the “Scheme for Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists” earlier known as “Scheme for Pension and Medical Aid to Artists”.**
- **Mr A Madhava Rao (Retd.) has assumed charge as Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL).**
- **Howrah railway station, the largest in the country in terms of number of platforms, was awarded the CII-IGBC gold rating for incorporating green buildings and passenger-friendly features.**
- **President Droupadi Murmu conferred Bhoomi Samman award on Odisha as the best state of India for outstanding contribution in achieving the objectives of Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP).**
- **Coal Ministry bags “Best Engagement” Award for Procurement through GeM Portal.**

QUICK RECALL



- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Argentina's Ministry of Defence signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) on productive cooperation and acquisition of Light and Medium Utility Helicopters for its armed forces.**
- **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), a Navratna Defence PSU, announced that it had signed MoUs with Gabriel Power and CoRover Private Limited to leverage opportunities across the power and energy sectors and AI-based conversational solutions.**
- **The Ministry of Ayush and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) have joined hands to establish Ayush-ICMR Advanced Centre for Integrative Health Research (AI-ACIHR) at AIIMS across India in phases.**
- **DPIIT and Govt. of Gujarat jointly launch 'One District One Product' Wall at Garvi Gujarat Bhawan**
- **The Indian Air Force's Maintenance Command has developed a satellite-based real time aircraft tracking system that can get information about the location of an aircraft**

QUICK RECALL



- **Kellton has secured a highly prestigious, multi-year large-scale project from the Karnataka State Government's Finance Department to develop and implement HRMS Version 2.0 for over 600,000 state government employees in Karnataka.**
- **Karnataka launched the world's largest Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme Gruha Lakshmi for women whereby every woman head of the family in the state**
- **Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is implementing the Credit Guarantee Scheme under Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF)**
- **Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates first-ever Global Food Regulators Summit 2023**
- **The Gujarat government signed an MoU in Gandhinagar with London-based Company, OneWeb and the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India for setting up a country's first 'Satellite Network Portal Site.'**



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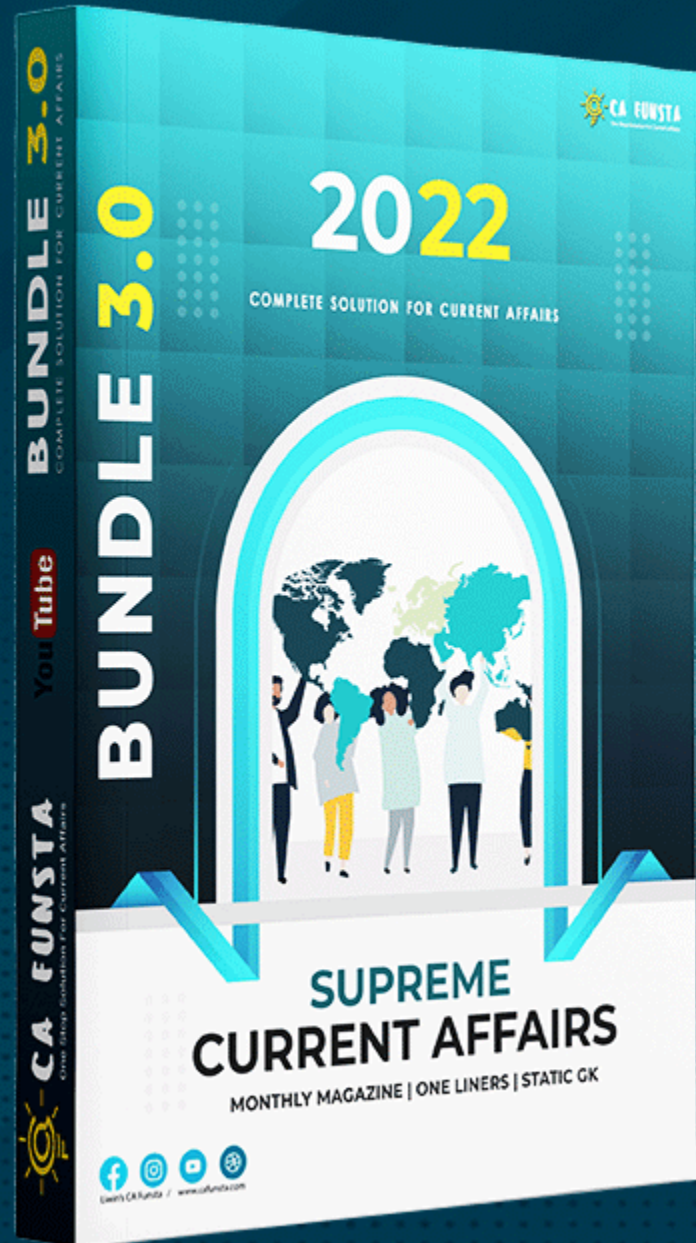
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