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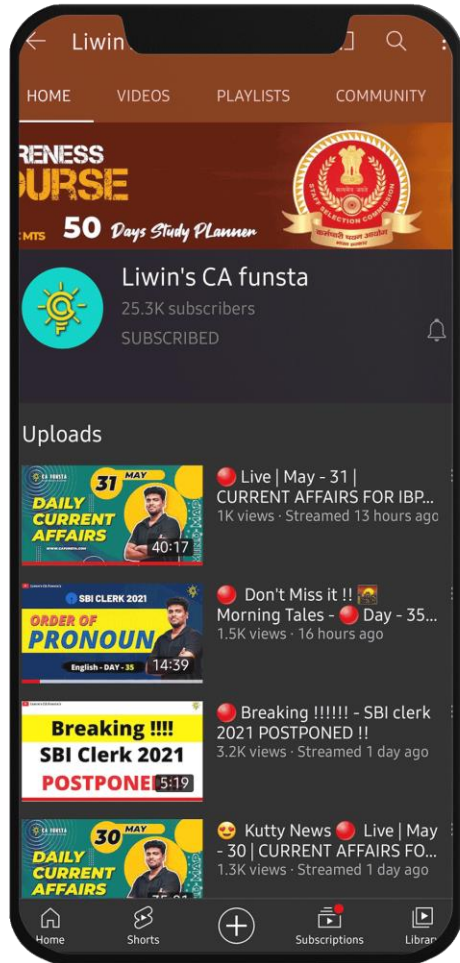
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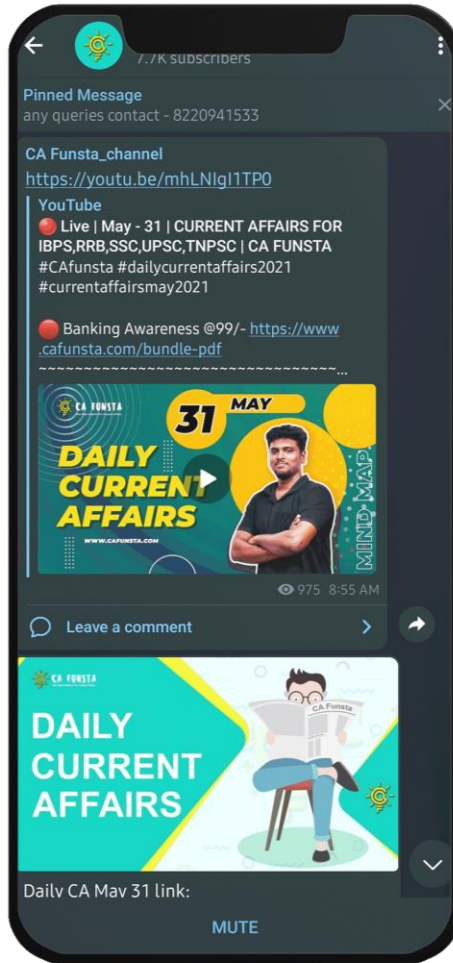
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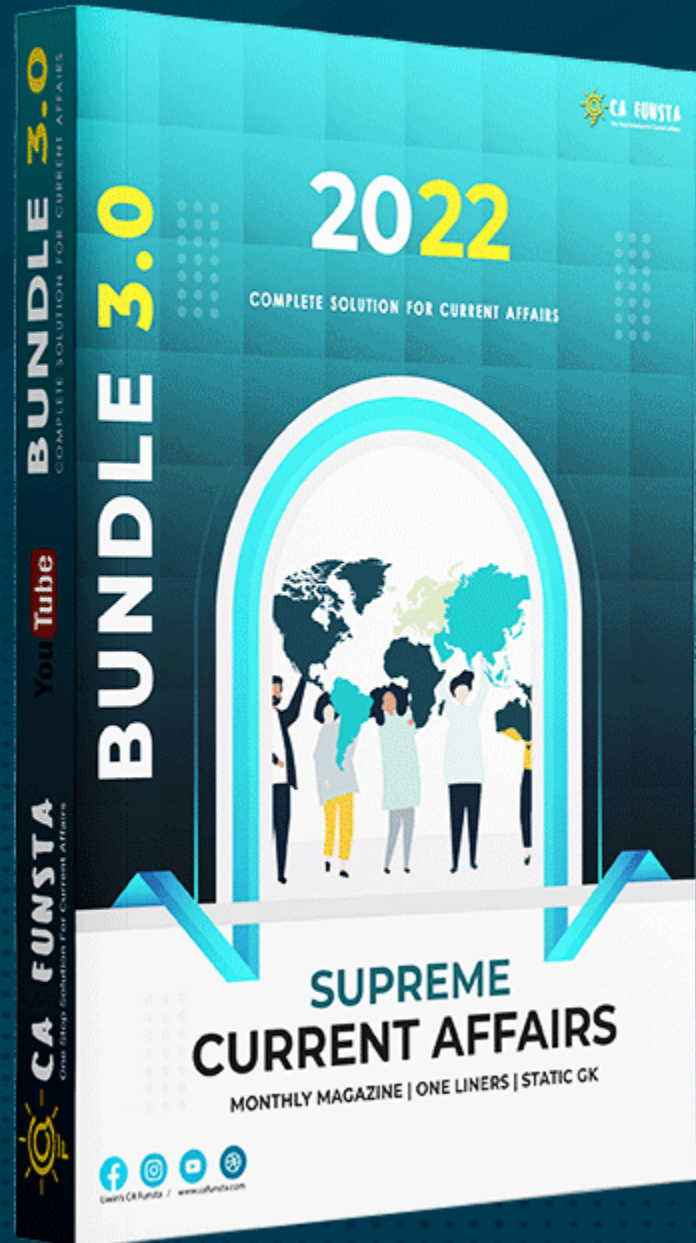


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# Important Days



**On which date is National Flag Adoption Day celebrated in India?**

- A) July 15
- B) July 20
- C) July 22
- D) July 25
- E) July 30

**Answer**  
**C) July 22**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- Every year, **National Flag Adoption Day** is celebrated in India on **July 22**.
- The day is observed to commemorate the Constituent Assembly's adoption of the tricolour in its current form in 1947, a month before our country gained Independence from British rule.

## History

- The National Flag was first designed in **1923** by Pingali Venkayya.
- The initial flag design by Venkayya had only two colours – red representing Hindus in the country and green representing the Muslim population.
- However, Gandhiji asked Venkayya to add a white colour representing peace and the remaining communities of India and also suggested adding a running wheel to symbolise the progress of the Nation.
- The Constituent Assembly on July 22, 1947, approved this flag, which was also called the Swaraj flag.

# Important Days



## Explanation

- After India received its freedom, the pattern of the flag remained the same, and the running wheel was replaced with the Ashok Chakra with 24 equally-spaced spokes.
- Also, the red colour of the flag was changed to saffron.
- Size: 2:3
- Nick Name: Tiranga



# Important Days



## Pi Approximation Day 2023

- Pi Approximation Day is celebrated on **July 22** every year.

### History

- The symbol of Pi was designed back in **1706** by mathematician Leonhard Euler.
- Pi Approximation Day, besides being celebrated on July 22, is also celebrated on November 10, as it is the 314th day of the year.
- Pi Day is also observed on March 14, as it looks like 3/14 when placed in the month/date format.



# Important Days



## World Brain Day

- **World Brain Day** is celebrated globally on **July 22nd** every year
- World Brain Day's 2023 theme is "**Brain Health and Disability: Leave No One Behind.**"
- The **World Federation of Neurology (WFN)** was founded on **July 22, 1957**. The Public Awareness and Advocacy Committee put up a suggestion that led to the creation of "World Brain Day" on July 22. This suggestion was presented during the World Congress of Neurology (WCN) Council of participants meeting on **September 22, 2013**, and the participants heartily welcomed it.
- Following this enthusiastic response, the Board of Trustees gave the idea its blessing at their meeting in **February 2014**, making it an annual celebration that would take place on the same day every year.



# Important Days



## National Mango Day

- The **National Day of the Mango** is celebrated every year on **July 22**.
- The **National Horticulture Board of India** came up with the idea for the International Mango Festival in **1987** as a way to honour the adored mango
- The name "mango" originates from the Malayan word "**manna**"

# Important Days



## National Broadcasting Day 2023

- **National Broadcasting Day** is observed on **July 23** every year in India.
- The India Broadcasting Company was established on **July 23, 1927** and became the first radio company in India.
- Nonetheless, the company faced liquidation in less than three years.
- Following, All India Radio (AIR) came into being in April 1930 as the Indian Broadcasting Service.
- On **June 8**, it was rebranded again as All India Radio.
- Since 1956, All India Radio has been officially known as '**Akashvani**'.



# Important Days



## Explanation

- The name **Akashvani (voice or announcement from the skies)** was formally adopted by the national broadcaster in 1956. The name was derived from a poem of the same name by Rabindranath Tagore in 1938. He wrote the poem for the inauguration of Kolkata's first short-wave radio station, as noted by historian Chandrika Kaul.
- In 1941, AIR came under the purview of the Department of Information and Broadcasting in British India.

**Who unveiled the mascot for the Hero Asian Champions Trophy?**

- A) Udhayanidhi Stalin
- B) M. K. Stalin
- C) Rajinikanth
- D) Kamal Haasan
- E) A. R. Rahman

**Answer**  
**A) Udhayanidhi Stalin**



## Explanation

- The mascot of the **Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023** was unveiled at the **Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Egmore**.
- The mascot, named “**Bomman**,” takes inspiration from the Oscar-winning documentary “The Elephant Whisperers,” in which Bomman cares for orphaned baby elephant Raghu along with Bellie – both belonging to indigenous tribes in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu.
- The mascot Bomman represents the majestic Asian elephant which is known for its intelligence and grace. It is a worthy mascot for the upcoming Asian Champions Trophy where India would be the favorites.
- The event was graced by the Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development of Tamil Nadu, **Udhayanidhi Stalin**, President of Hockey India, Dilip Tirkey, Secretary General of Hockey India, Bhola Nath Singh, Treasurer of Hockey India, Sekar J Manoharan and other famous Olympians from the state.

## Explanation

- The competition's 2023 edition will be held in Chennai from **August 3 to August 12**.
- This tournament marks the return of international hockey to Chennai after a gap of **16 years**.
- The city last hosted the an international hockey match back in 2007 during the Asia Cup.

# OBITUARY



**Who was the legendary pop and jazz singer from New York who recently passed away?**

- A) Frank Sinatra
- B) Michael Bublé
- C) Tony Bennett
- D) Louis Armstrong
- E) Ella Fitzgerald

**Answer**  
**C) Tony Bennett**





# OBITUARY



## Explanation

- **Tony Bennett**, the master pop vocalist, renowned for creating new standards in pop music, big band, show tunes, and jazz passed away.
- **Bennett** had won **20 Grammy Awards, a Lifetime Achievement Award, and two Primetime Emmy Awards.**
- Tony Bennett released more than **70 albums, bringing him 19 competitive Grammys.**
- In 2014, at age 88, Bennett broke his own record as the oldest living performer with a No. 1 album on the Billboard 200 chart for "Cheek to Cheek," his duets project with Lady Gaga.
- He served in the US army during World war II
- First Grammy Award: "**I Left My Heart in San Francisco**" - Grammy Awards for **Record of the Year and Best Male Solo Vocal Performance**



**Which bank has launched Resources Acquisition Centres?**

- A) State Bank of India
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Indian Bank
- E) Punjab National Bank

**Answer**  
**D) Indian Bank**



## Explanation

- Public sector **Indian Bank** launched **Resources Acquisition Centre (RAC)**.
- The primary objective of the initiative is to strengthen the retail deposit portfolio, which encompasses current deposit, savings bank and term deposit accounts.
- The dedicated RAC team will spearhead the concept of relationship banking, aiming to deepen existing client relationships while attracting potential new High-Value clients.
- The bank will focus on specific customer segments, including HNIs, government/institutional clients, salaried class, corporates, business community, traders and pensioners.
- The bank plans to open 20 RACs at ultra-potential centres in phase-I to bolster its deposit portfolio.
- The inaugural ceremony of the first Resources acquisition centre was held at Mumbai in which Mahesh Kumar Bajaj, executive director, Indian Bank was present.

## Titbits

### Indian Bank

Hq: Chennai, Tamilnadu  
MD & CEO: Shanti Lal Jain  
Tagline : Your Own Bank

# APPOINTMENTS



**Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the ICC World Cup 2023?**

- A) Amitabh Bachchan
- B) Shah Rukh Khan
- C) Aamir Khan
- D) Deepika Padukone
- E) Priyanka Chopra

**Answer**  
**B) Shah Rukh Khan**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Shah Rukh Khan** has been appointed as the **brand ambassador of ICC World Cup 2023**
- The World Cup will be held in India from **October 5 to November 19, 2023**.
- Opening match of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, between defending champions England and runner-up New Zealand, is scheduled for October 5 at Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium.
- India will start their campaign against Australia on October 8 and the Rohit Sharma led side will take on Pakistan at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on October 15.
- The tournament will feature 48 matches spread out over 46 days.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- India's World Cup campaign will kick off on **October 8** in **Chennai against Australia**.
- Apart from **Ahmedabad and Chennai**, the other cities are **Bengaluru, Delhi, Dharamsala, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, and Pune**.
- India and Pakistan will face off in the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 on October 15 at Ahmedabad's Narendra Modi Stadium.

# APPOINTMENTS



**Which private life insurer has announced its collaboration with ace cricketer Shubman Gill?**

- A) HDFC Life Insurance
- B) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- C) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- D) Max Life Insurance
- E) SBI Life Insurance

**Answer**

**C) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance**





# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- Insurance major **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance** has announced its collaboration with **ace cricketer, Shubman Gill**, to take forward its brand journey of being life goal enablers.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance**

Hq: Pune, Maharashtra

MD & CEO : Tarun Chugh

# APPOINTMENTS



**Who has been sworn in as the Chief Justice of Telangana High Court?**

- A) Justice Alok Aradhe
- B) Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- C) Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde
- D) Justice N. V. Ramana
- E) Justice Uday Umesh Lalit

**Answer**

**A) Justice Alok Aradhe**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Justice Alok Aradhe** was sworn in as the **Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court at Raj Bhavan**
- He was administered the oath of office by the Governor, Tamilisai Soundararajan. Chief Minister, K. Chandrashekhara Reddy, his Cabinet colleagues and senior officials were present on the occasion.
- Justice Aradhe succeeds **Justice Ujjal Bhuyan**, who is elevated as **Judge of the Supreme Court of India**.
- Earlier, Justice Aradhe served as Judge in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh High Courts.
- Chattisgarh Justice Aradhe enrolled as a lawyer in 1988.
- He took oath as Judge of Karnataka High Court on November 17, 2018, and also worked as the Acting Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court before being appointed as the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court.



# AWARDS



**Who conferred the 8th and 9th Community Radio Awards?**

- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B) President Ram Nath Kovind
- C) Union Minister Shri Anurag Thakur
- D) Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal
- E) Minister of External Affairs Dr. S. Jaishankar

**Answer**

**C) Union Minister Shri Anurag Thakur**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- The **Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Shri Anurag Thakur** conferred the **8th and 9th National Community Radio Awards**.
- The awards were conferred during the Inaugural Session of the **two-day Regional Community Radio Sammelan (North)** which was inaugurated by the Union Minister at the Indian Institute of Mass Communication in New Delhi.
- The winners of 8th and 9th National Community Radio Awards is a recognition of Community Radio Stations who have done commendable work in their field, in public interest.
- These awards are being conferred during Community Radio Regional Sammelan being held on the occasion of National Broadcasting Day on 23rd July 2023.
- For the **9th National Community Radio Awards a total of 12 Awards in 4 Categories are being given.**

# AWARDS



## Explanation

- The award winning Community Radio Stations are situated in the States of Haryana, Bihar, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Tripura.
- The Government of India instituted the National Community Radio Awards to promote better programming in Community Radio and encourage Community Radio Stations to generate programmes in the interest of local community.
- The National Community Radio Awards are given to those Community Radio Stations who have done exemplary work in the field of Community Radio Broadcasting through Community Centric Programmes.
- Community Radio is an important third tier in Radio Broadcasting, distinct from Public Service Radio broadcasting and Commercial Radio. Community Radio Stations (CRSs) are low power Radio Stations, which are meant to be set-up and operated by community based organisations.

# AWARDS



## Explanation

- The **National Community Radio Awards** carry 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for Rs, 1 Lakh, 75,000/= and 50,000/=respectively. Details of awardees are given below: -

### **Thematic Awards**

- First Prize: Radio Mind Tree, Ambala, Haryana; Name of Programme: **Hope Jeene Ki Rah**
- Second Prize: Radio Hirakhand, Sambalpur, Odisha; Name of Programme: **Adhar O PoshanBigyan**
- Third Prize: Green Radio, Sabour, Bihar; Name of Programme: **PoshanShrinkhla**

### **Most Innovative Community Engagement Awards**

- First Prize Radio SD, Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh; Name of the programme: **Hizra in Between**
- Second Prize Kabir Radio, Sant Kabir Nagar, Uttar Pradesh; Name of Program: **Selfie Le Le Re**
- Third Award: Radio Mind Tree, Ambala, Haryana Name of Programme: **Book Bugs**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

### Promoting Local Culture Awards

- First Prize: Voice of SOA, Cuttack, Odisha; Name of Programme: **Asmita**
- Second Prize: Friends FM, Tripura, Agartala; Name of Programme: **Revived a dying art: MASK & POT**
- Third Prize: PantnagarJanvani, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand; Name of Program: **Dadi Ma Ka Batua**

### Sustainability Model Awards

- First Prize: Radio Hirakhand, Sambhalpur, Odisha
- Second Prize: VayalagaVanoli, Madurai, Tamil Nadu
- Third Prize: VAGAD Radio "90.8", Banswara, Rajasthan

**Which institution signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)?**

- A) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore
- B) Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati
- C) Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad
- D) Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
- E) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Delhi

**Answer**

**B) Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati**



## Explanation

- The **Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)** to build capacity/skills in international affairs and foreign policy.
- As an outcome of Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar's visit to IIT Guwahati earlier this month, the Institute has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), India's premier and oldest think tank on foreign policy and international affairs.

## Explanation

- The MoU was signed between Prof. Parameswar K. Iyer, Officiating Director, IIT Guwahati, and Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, Director-General, ICWA, , with an objective to work together in pursuit of their goal of expanding awareness and knowledge on international affairs and Indian foreign policy.
- The agreement will be valid for a **period of 3 years**

**What was the name of the carrier rocket launched by China from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center?**

- A) CERES-1 Y6
- B) Long March 5
- C) Falcon 9
- D) Soyuz-2
- E) Ariane 5

**Answer**  
**A) CERES-1 Y6**



## Explanation

- **China's Galactic Energy** successfully launched **two satellites - Qiankun-1 and Taian** - into orbit
- The satellites were launched via a Ceres-1 carrier rocket from the **Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center**
- This is the sixth launch for this rocket series. The **Qiankun-1** remote earth probing satellite will be used to test "key breakthrough technologies for extremely low orbit and for establishment of an advance aerospace platform."
- The **Taian**, also known as **Xing Shidai-16**, is designed for a high-technology computer project.
- The Ceres-1 is solid-propellant four-stage light rocket fuel. It is 19 meters long, 1.4 meters wide and can take up to 400 kg of cargo into orbit.

## Explanation

- Overall, these rockets have launched 21 commercial satellites for 12 organizations.
- The launch was the **sixth flight mission of the CERES-1 rocket series.**

**What is the name of the unemployment scheme that has been extended by the government?**

- A) Atal Pension Yojana
- B) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
- C) Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana
- D) Employees' Provident Fund Scheme
- E) Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana

**Answer**

**C) Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana**





## Explanation

- **The government** has extended the unemployment scheme, the **Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana**, under the Employees' State Insurance Corporation for a period of **two years up to June 30, 2024**.
- It has been decided to extend the **Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana for the period 01.07.2022 to 30.06.2024** with the relaxed eligibility conditions and enhanced rate of relief
- ABVKY was launched in **2018** to provide employment opportunities to people who lost their jobs during the novel coronavirus pandemic, including industrial workers.
- ABVKY was launched on a pilot basis for two years with an aim to provide relief to those who were left unemployed during the Covid-19 pandemic

## Explanation

- Under this scheme, insured people are paid unemployment allowance at 50 per cent of wages for three months who lost their jobs for various reasons. People whose interests are protected by an insurance policy come under the category of insured.
- Employees who are covered under the ESI scheme can avail the benefits of ABVKY.

## Explanation

### **Eligibility criteria for Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana:**

- -Employees working with private companies, factories and industries can avail the benefits of ABVKY. Either an ESI card has to be made or benefits can be claimed with the help of documents given by the company.
- -Only those people can avail the benefits of ABVKY whose monthly salary is less than Rs 21,000 and in the case of specially disabled people, the limit is Rs 25,000.
- -The insured person must have insurable employment for a minimum time period of two years before his/her employment.
- -The insured person should also have contributed to ESI not less than 78 days in the contribution period immediately preceding unemployment to avail the benefits of the scheme. As per the government notification, the contribution should have been paid or payable by the employer.

## Explanation

- As per the government notification, the contribution should have been paid or payable by the employer.
- -If the person has lost his/her job due to punishment, misconduct, superannuation or voluntary retirement, then the benefits of ABVKY cannot be availed.
- -The Aadhaar and bank account of the insured person must be linked with the data base and the claims can be filed only by workers.
- -The claim will be due 30 days after the date of unemployment. Earlier, the limit was 90 days.

**What is the full name of the report released by NITI Aayog to assess the integrated impact of various green energy policies of the Government of India?**

- A) India's Energy Transition Roadmap (IETR)
- B) Green India Energy Policy Assessment (GIEPA)
- C) Integrated India Energy Policy (IIEP)
- D) Revamped India Energy Security Scenarios 2047 (IESS 2047 V3.0)
- E) NITI Aayog Green Energy Vision (NAGEV)

**Answer**

**D) Revamped India Energy Security Scenarios 2047  
(IESS 2047 V3.0)**

## Explanation

- A **Revamped India Energy Security Scenarios (IESS) 2047 (IESS 2047 V3.0)** to assess the integrated impact of various green energy policies of Government of India was released by NITI Aayog.
- An open-source tool, IESS incorporates several policies related to alternative energy resources like Green Hydrogen, Energy Storage, Renewable Purchase Obligations, PM-KUSUM, offshore wind strategy, Electric Vehicle policy, Energy efficiency, etc. Assessing the demand and supply of energy in the country, the tool helps in analysing emissions, cost, land, and water requirements till 2047.
- The release was attended by Shri Suman Bery, VC, NITI Aayog, Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Member, NITI Aayog, Shri B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, CEO, NITI Aayog, Shri Amitabh Kant, G-20 Sherpa, and other experts from Academia, Industry and the Government.

## Explanation

- With an aim of making this technology available to the people, this version of IESS is easily downloadable and facilitates users to generate their own pathways.
- It will help researchers and think tanks to develop user-specific scenarios and the option of customised applications on the basis of share of industry/services/agriculture, population, the pace of urbanisation, end-use energy demand etc.
- IESS 2047 is a user-friendly interactive tool that can help ministries/ departments to develop a variety of energy transition scenarios to achieve net-zero. The tool is flexible enough to provide many permutations and combinations of net-zero pathways. It provides capabilities to compute the energy needs and estimates of the country and hence reduce India's dependency on external agencies for the estimates.

## Explanation

- **Designed with the help of IIT Bombay**, the revamped IESS 2047 will be updated on yearly basis. The baseline has been **standardised at 2020 and calibrated up to 2022.**



# 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

**Which company has partnered with the Indian Army for the all-women motorcycle rally to commemorate the 24th Kargil Vijay Diwas?**

- A) Bajaj Auto
- B) Hero MotoCorp
- C) TVS Motor Company
- D) Yamaha Motor
- E) Royal Enfield

**Answer**  
**C) TVS Motor Company**



## Explanation

- To commemorate the **24th Kargil Vijay Diwas**, the **Indian Army** flagged off its women motorcycle rally, in partnership with **TVS Motor Company**, a reputed manufacturer of two and three-wheelers. The all women Motorcycle Rally was flagged off by Gen.
- **Manoj Pande, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC Chief of Army Staff** and Mrs Archana Pande, Chairperson of the Army Wives Welfare Association, and Vimal Sumbly, Head Business – Premium at TVS Motor Company from the National War Memorial, New Delhi.
- This expedition celebrates the indomitable spirit of women of the Indian Army, under the aegis of Headquarters Northern Command, that is behind the Nari Sashaktikaran Women Motorcycle Rally from National War Memorial Delhi to Kargil War Memorial, Dras (Ladakh).

## Explanation

- These 25 riders will be atop TVS RONIN motorcycle, which is the industry's first 'modern-retro' motorcycle from TVS Motor Company, made for those who dare to live the #Unscripted way of life.
- Offering a lifestyle statement that takes inspiration from the modern, new-age rider, this 225cc motorcycle has been engineered and designed with best-in-class features, to make it the perfect choice for this ride.
- **TVS RONIN** has been designed with style, technology, and unique riding experiences to promote an unscripted lifestyle for the new generation of urban riders.

## Explanation

- Its brand philosophy - '**Live the Unscripted life**' - stems from the motorcycle's unique capabilities, in the city and on the open road application, making it the perfect platform for this all women Motorcycle Rally.

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### **TVS Motor Company**

Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Chairman: Venu Srinivasan

**What is the name of the aircraft that the Indian Air Force is set to receive in September?**

- A) Boeing C-17 Globemaster III
- B) Lockheed Martin C-130J Super Hercules
- C) Airbus A320neo
- D) Airbus C295
- E) Dassault Rafale

**Answer**  
**D) Airbus C295**



## Explanation

- The planemaker **Airbus** will deliver India's first tactical military transport aircraft **C295** to **Indian Air Force (IAF)** in **September**.
- IAF crews will carry out acceptance trials of India's first C295 transport aircraft at the Airbus Defence and Space's Seville facility in southern Spain in early September before taking delivery of the plane.
- The **first 16 C295 aircraft** will be delivered to the IAF by **Airbus** in flyaway condition from Spain.
- Remaining forty planes are to be built in India, and work on domestic production is in full swing



## Explanation

- The delivery of **first C295 to India** will set in motion a crucial 'Make in India' project worth **₹21,935 crore** to equip the IAF with **56 such aircraft**.
- The first C295 aircraft has completed its maiden flight in May and second one is in final assembly stage at Airbus's Seville facility and will be delivered to IAF in May 2024, said the report.
- **Two years ago**, India's defence ministry had signed the contract with Airbus to boost self-reliance in the defence manufacturing sector. Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) and Airbus are jointly executing the project.

## Explanation

- Six IAF pilots and 20 technicians have been trained at the Seville facility, Jorge Tamarit, head of the C295 India programme
- Another 18 pilots and 60 technicians will be trained at Seville next year
- The main constituent assembly for the C295 set up by Tata at Hyderabad will be functional next week, while the final assembly line in Vadodara will be operational in November 2024, Jorge Madrid, another senior Airbus official associated with the Indian programme
- In October 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the manufacturing facility being set up by the Tata-Airbus consortium at Vadodara.

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



**What is the name of the project launched by the Telangana Government in collaboration with the World Economic Forum (WEF)?**

- A) Saagu Baagu
- B) Swachh Telangana
- C) Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas
- D) Green Telangana
- E) Smart Telangana

**Answer**  
**A) Saagu Baagu**



## Explanation

- **Telangana Government and World Economic Forum (WEF)** have launched “**Saagu Baagu**” project **Phase-I insights report**.
- The report was launched by **Telangana Minister for IT and Industries K.T.Rama Rao (KTR)** in the presence of Tamil Nadu IT Minister Palanivel Thiagarajan, Telangana Principal Secretary Jayesh Ranjan, Telangana State Agriculture and Cooperation department Secretary M. Raghunandan Rao, State IT Department Director( Emerging Technologies Wing) Rama Devi Lanka, C4IR India, WEF Chief Advisor J. Satyanarayana and World Economic Forum’s Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution in India Head Purushottam Kaushik.
- The state government plans to scale existing and additional agritech services in phase II (from 2023 onwards) to 20,000 chilli and ground nut farmers in three districts.

## Explanation

- The digital public infrastructure will also be introduced in phase II; in phase III (by 2025), the target is to reach 100,000 farmers in the state
- The project was initiated in **2022** and is being implemented by Digital Green (in consortium with three agritech startups) with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Currently, more than 7,000 chilli farmers in Khammam district in Telangana have accessed four agritech services, including AI-based advisories, soil testing, produce quality testing and e-commerce – all in the project's pilot phase.

## Explanation

- **AI4AI**, a collaborative initiative of Government of Telangana and WEF is transforming the chilli value chain in Khammam district of Telangana; 7,000 chilli farmers already have access to agritech services, according to a report.
- The **Artificial Intelligence for Agriculture Innovation (AI4AI) initiative** conceptualized in partnership with **World Economic Forum** aims to transform the agriculture sector in India by promoting the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies

## Titbits

### Telangana

Capital : Hyderabad

CM : K. Chandrashekar Rao

Governor : Tamilisai Soundararajan

### **World Economic Forum**

Headquarters: Cologny, Switzerland

Founded: January 1971

Executive Chairman : Klaus Schwab

**What is the name of the program that the Odisha Cabinet approved to extend for a further period of five years?**

- A) Canal Management and Improvement Scheme (CMIS)
- B) Water Conservation and Irrigation Program (WCIP)
- C) Canal Lining and System Rehabilitation Programme (CLSRP)
- D) Irrigation and Water Infrastructure Development Initiative (IWIDI)
- E) Agricultural Water Management Project (AWMP)

**Answer**

- A) Canal Management and Improvement Scheme (CMIS)**



## Explanation

- **Odisha Cabinet** chaired by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik approved a proposal to extend the **Canal Lining and System Rehabilitation Programme (CLSRP)** for a further period of **five years**
- the scheme would be extended from the financial year 2023-24 to 2027-28 with an outlay of **Rs 2,032.92 crore**.
- The scheme was launched by the government during **2013-14** and got positive responses from the public as the tail end of canals were getting sufficient water
- Under the scheme canal lining of **676.04** km was done in the first phase and 307.03 km was taken up in the second phase

## Explanation

- The cabinet decided to undertake canal lining work of 287.62 km in major and medium irrigation projects, 24.58 km at canal lining work in minor irrigation projects, new lining work of 660.28 km of lining in major and medium irrigation projects and 2995.34 km of canal lining work in minor irrigation projects.
- The scheme will be implemented as **Mukhya Mantri canal lining Yojana**. It will increase water use efficiently of the canals and stabilization of irrigation potential through improved service delivery in the whole system
- Odisha Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, approved **Mission Shakti Scooter Yojana**, under which interest subvention on bank loans up to Rs 1 lakh will be provided to beneficiaries to purchase a scooter.

## Explanation

- Around 75,000 SHG community support staff and nearly 1,25,000 SHG federation leaders will be benefited under the new scheme. The State government has made budgetary provision of Rs 528.55 crore for execution of the scheme over a period of next five years
- The Cabinet has approved a budget of **Rs 1001.14 crore for expanding Comprehensive Cancer Services** across the State with an objective to provide cancer care facilities nearer to the household of the patients.
- Odisha cabinet approved a provision of **Rs 500 crore for implementation of price support Scheme (PSS)** by the state Cooperative Marketing Federation for procurement of oilseeds and pulses on behalf of NAFED.
- the five years scheme from 2023-24 to 2027-28 is introduced with an objective to support more than 1500 of PACS, LAMPS/RMCs/FPOs/ WSHGs reaching around one lakh farmers in next five year to support the beneficiaries and will prevent distress sale.

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## Titbits

### Odisha

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

# QUICK RECALL



- **Every year, National Flag Adoption Day is celebrated in India on July 22.**
- **The mascot of the Asian Champions Trophy Chennai 2023 was unveiled at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Egmore.**
- **Tony Bennett, the master pop vocalist, renowned for creating new standards in pop music, big band, show tunes, and jazz passed away.**
- **Public sector Indian Bank launched Resources Acquisition Centre (RAC).**
- **Shah Rukh Khan has been appointed as the brand ambassador of ICC World Cup 2023**
- **Insurance major Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance has announced its collaboration with ace cricketer, Shubman Gill, to take forward its brand journey of being life goal enablers.**
- **Justice Alok Aradhe was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court at Raj Bhavan**



# QUICK RECALL



- **The Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Shri Anurag Thakur conferred the 8th and 9th National Community Radio Awards**
- **The Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) to build capacity/skills in international affairs and foreign policy.**
- **China's Galactic Energy successfully launched two satellites - Qiankun-1 and Taian - into orbit**
- **The government has extended the unemployment scheme, the Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana, under the Employees' State Insurance Corporation for a period of two years up to June 30, 2024.**
- **A Revamped India Energy Security Scenarios (IESS) 2047 (IESS 2047 V3.0) to assess the integrated impact of various green energy policies of Government of India was released by NITI Aayog.**



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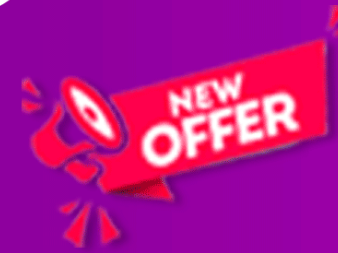
- **To commemorate the 24th Kargil Vijay Diwas, the Indian Army flagged off its women motorcycle rally, in partnership with TVS Motor Company, a reputed manufacturer of two and three-wheelers.**
- **The planemaker Airbus will deliver India's first tactical military transport aircraft C295 to Indian Air Force (IAF) in September.**
- **Telangana Government and World Economic Forum (WEF) have launched " Saagu Baagu" project Phase-I insights report.**
- **Odisha Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik approved a proposal to extend the Canal Lining and System Rehabilitation Programme (CLSRP) for a further period of five years**

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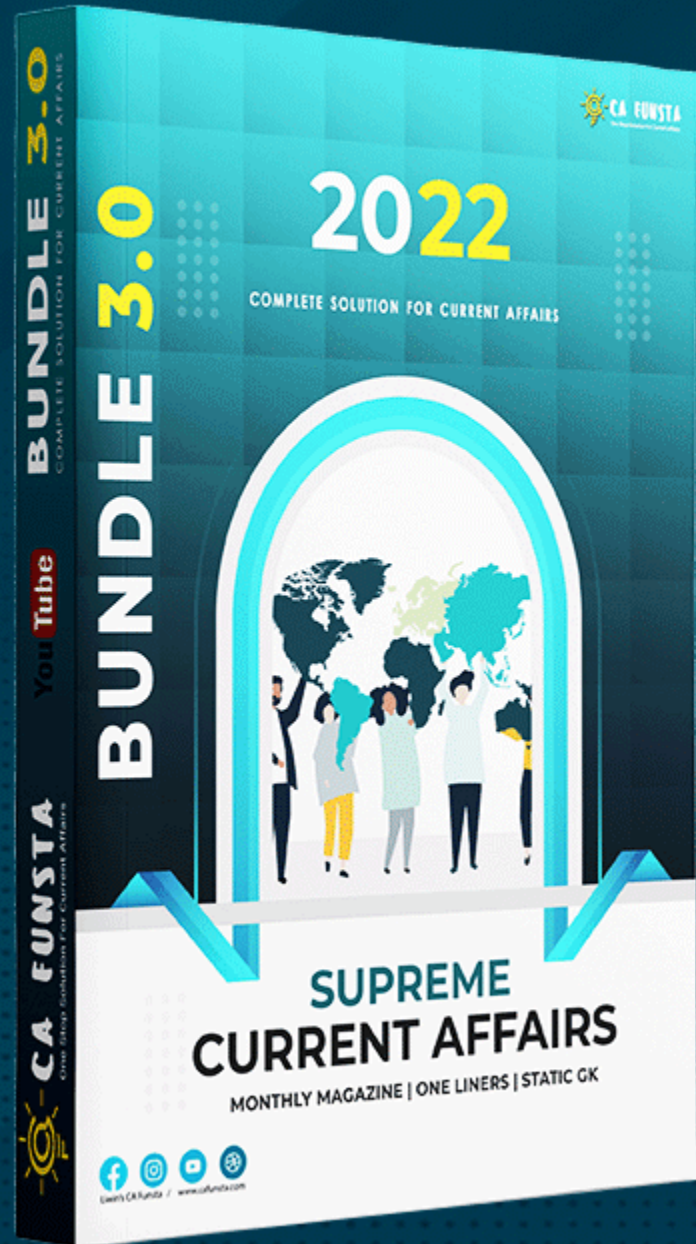


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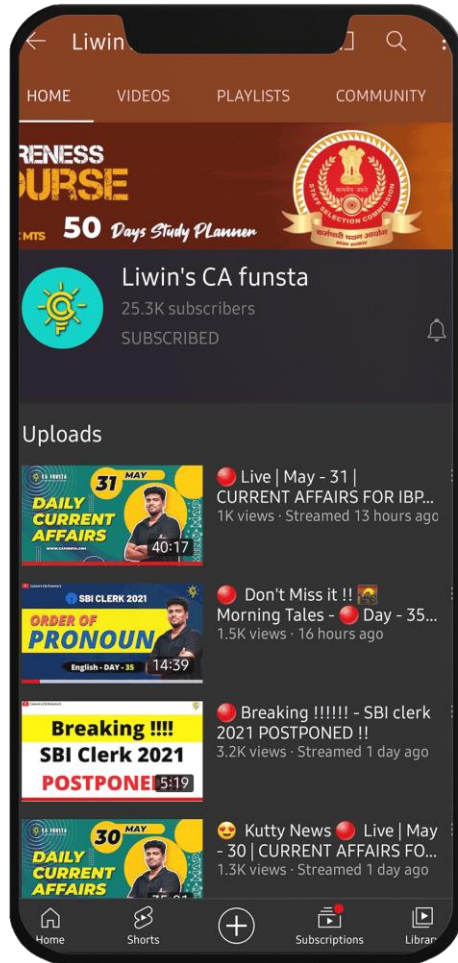
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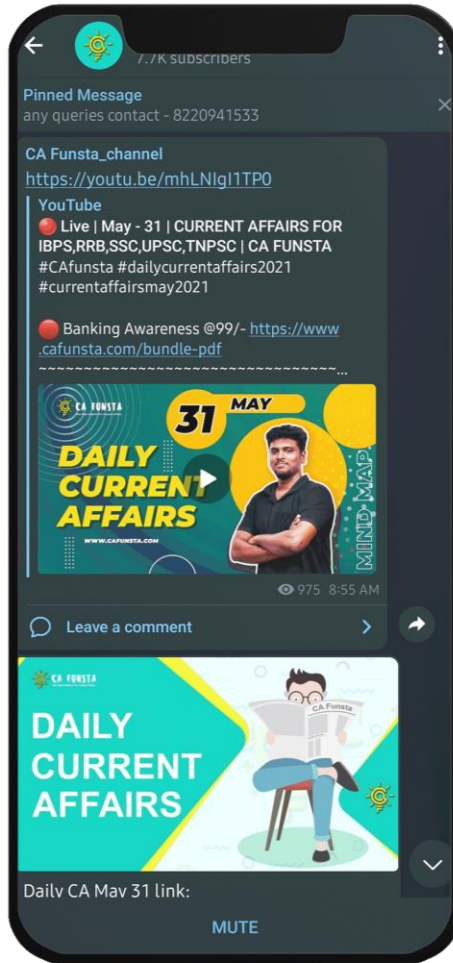
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