



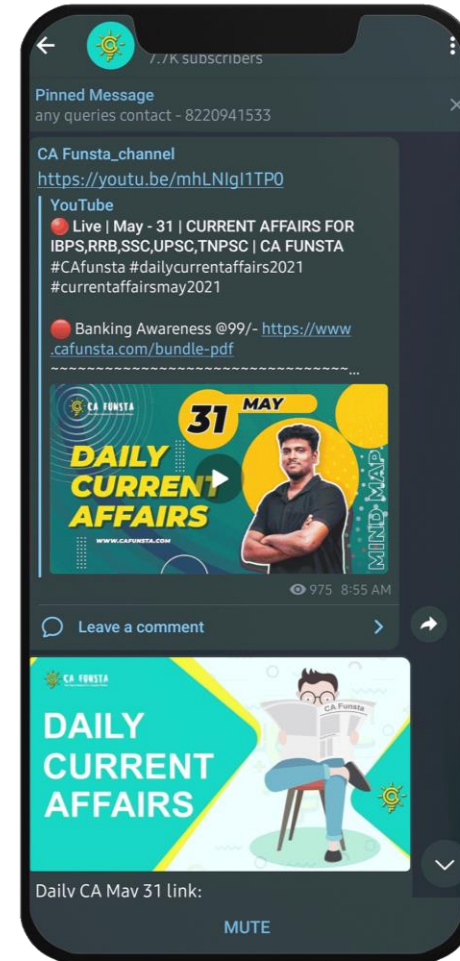
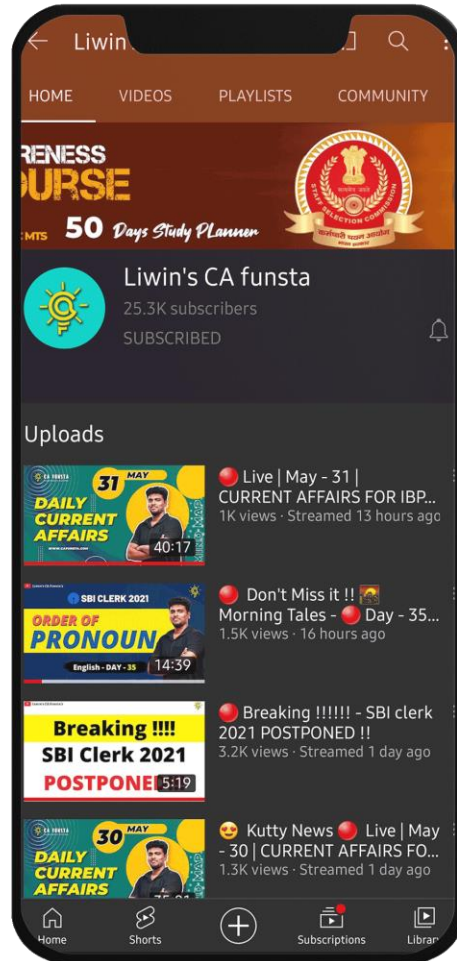
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# Important Days



On which date is the day observed each year World Day Against Trafficking in Persons?

- A) July 20
- B) July 25
- C) July 30
- D) August 5
- E) August 10

**Answer**  
**C) July 30**



**WORLD DAY AGAINST  
TRAFFICKING  
IN PERSONS  
30 JULY**

# Important Days



## Explanation

- **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons** is observed on **July 30 every year** to raise awareness about the trends in human trafficking identified by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
- World Day Against Trafficking in Persons was adopted at a high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly through Resolution A/RES/68/192.
- The resolution reaffirms the commitment of the United Nations to end trafficking in persons, especially women and children, and states that trafficking in persons is a serious threat to "human dignity and physical integrity, human rights and development".
- The theme of World Day against Trafficking in Persons 2023 is "**Reach every victim of trafficking, leave no one behind**".

# Important Days



## International Tiger Day

- **International Tiger Day**, observed on **July 29** each year, serves as a platform to raise awareness about the endangered tiger species.
- The day marks the **13th International Tiger Day** is celebrated worldwide to promote comprehensive efforts in safeguarding tigers and their natural habitats, fostering harmonious coexistence between humans and these magnificent creatures.
- Global Tiger Day, commonly referred to as **International Tiger Day**, was first established in **2010** during the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit by nations that are home to tigers.
- The **Global Tiger Initiative (GTI)**, a grouping of nations, international organisations, and conservation organisations committed to tiger conservation, organised the summit, which took place in St. Petersburg, Russia.
- The **Tiger Range Countries (TRCs)**, or nations with wild tiger populations, gathered during this summit to discuss the worrying global drop in tiger numbers.

**Which sports association has been recognized as the National Sports Federation for Handball in India?**

- A) Indian Olympic Association (IOA)
- B) All India Council of Sports (AICS)
- C) Sports Authority of India (SAI)
- D) Handball Federation of India (HFI)
- E) Handball Association of India (HAI)

**Answer**

**E) Handball Association of India (HAI)**





## Explanation

- The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has decided to recognise **Handball Association of India (HAI)** as a National Sports Federation (NSF) for the promotion and regulation of the sport in the country with immediate effect
- The list of office-bearers: **President - Digvijay Singh Chautala. Secretary-general - A. Jagan Mohan Rao. Treasurer - Tejraj Singh.**

# SPORTS



## Tidbits

### **Handball Association India(HAI)**

President: Digvijay Chautala

Founded: 1972

Secretary General: Jagan Mohan Rao

Headquarters: Indore, Madhya Pradesh

**Which insurance company has been designated as the "Lead Insurer" for Uttar Pradesh by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)?**

- A) HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited
- B) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited
- C) SBI Life Insurance Company Limited
- D) Max Life Insurance Company Limited
- E) Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited



**Answer**

**D) Max Life Insurance Company Limited**

## Explanation

- **Max Life Insurance Company Ltd.** has been designated as the "**Lead Insurer**" for **Uttar Pradesh** by the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)**.
- This move is part of IRDAI's State Insurance Plan to promote financial awareness and insurance inclusion.
- Max Life aims to increase awareness and accessibility of affordable insurance coverage in Uttar Pradesh through digital insurance awareness activities in Chandauli and Varanasi
- The IRDAI introduced a lead insurer concept in line with the lead bank concept in banking, where a bank with a dominant presence in a state is responsible for leading development objectives.

## Explanation

- **Max Life** has also been appointed as the lead insurer for **Arunachal Pradesh** and aims to expand its presence within the state in a phased manner.
- Max Life Insurance Company Limited is a Joint Venture between **Max Financial Services Limited and Axis Bank Limited**. Max Financial Services Ltd. is a part of Max Group.

## Titbits

### **Max Life Insurance**

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

CEO: Prashant Tripathy

# BANKING AND FINANCE



**Dvara KGFS has entered into a co-lending pact with which bank to provide support to micro businesses in rural India?**

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) State Bank of India (SBI)
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) Punjab National Bank (PNB)

**Answer**  
**C) HDFC Bank**



## Explanation

- **Dvara KGFS**, a Chennai-based NBFC, has entered into a co-lending partnership with **HDFC Bank** to provide capital to micro business units operating primarily in the unorganised sector.
- Dvara KGFS is a rural-focused non-banking lender.
- It launched an enterprise loan vertical in 2020, focussing on grocery, dairy, and agri value chains.
- The collaboration with HDFC Bank will help the company to realise its ambition of extending credit to micro businesses across the 10 States it serves.
- The concept of co-lending has been gaining traction, under which loan origination is done by one entity, but the risk is shared by two entities.
- An NBFC is the originator while a bank is where the major portion of the loan rests.



## Titbits

### **Dvara KGFS**

Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu  
MD & CEO: LVLN MURTY

### **HDFC Bank**

Headquarters: Mumbai , Maharashtra  
Tagline : We Understand Your World  
CEO :Sashidhar Jagdishan

**Which company has launched the MoneySaver Export Account, allowing SME exporters to save 50% on international bank transfers?**

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



**Answer**  
**C) Razorpay**

## Explanation

- Payments and banking platform for businesses **Razorpay** launched a MoneySaver Export Account specifically for small and mid-size exporters.
- The facility allows exporters to open an account in any country (out of more than 160 countries) and receive payments locally via the Razorpay platform in order to save from high transfer costs, chargebacks and payment failures.
- The facility offers **50 per cent savings** on international bank transfers for exporters.

# BANKING AND FINANCE



## Titbits

### Razorpay

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

CEO: Harshil Mathur

**The RBI's Digital Payments Index increased to 395.57 in March 2023 from what value in September 2022?**

- A) 362.18
- B) 383.94
- C) 377.46
- D) 402.22
- E) 415.89

**Answer**  
**C) 377.46**

## Explanation

- **The Reserve Bank of India's Digital Payments Index**, a measure of the extent of digitisation of payments across the country, rose to **395.57 in March 2023 from 377.46 in September 2022 and 349.30 in March 2022.**
- The RBI introduced the composite Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) in **January 2021** with **March 2018 as the base, to capture digitisation of payments.**
- The index has since been steadily rising, crossing the 300-point mark in September 2021.
- The RBI-DPI comprises five parameters to measure the deepening and penetration of digital payments over different time periods.

## Explanation

- Of these parameters, payment enablers account for 25 per cent of the index, payment infrastructure – demand-side factors for 10 per cent, payment infrastructure – supply-side factors for 15 per cent, payment performance for 45 per cent, whereas consumer centricity holds five per cent weightage.

# APPOINTMENTS



**Who has been elected as the new chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)?**

- A) Greta Thunberg
- B) Al Gore
- C) James Ferguson Skea
- D) David Attenborough
- E) Leonardo DiCaprio

**Answer**

**C) James Ferguson Skea**





# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **James Ferguson 'Jim' Skea** of the **United Kingdom** was elected as the new chair of the **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in Nairobi, Kenya**
- Skea beat his nearest rival, **Thelma Krug of Brazil**, in a run-off.
- Scotsman Skea was the Co-Chair of Working Group III during the IPCC's just completed sixth assessment cycle.
- The election of the new IPCC Bureau, which will have **34 members**, including the Chair, opens the way for work to start on the IPCC's Seventh Assessment Report, expected to be completed in the coming five to seven years.

# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- The Panel will also elect the **12 members** of the Task Force Bureau on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (TFI).
- The IPCC completed its **Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) in March 2023**. The key findings of the AR6 Synthesis Report are:
  - The pace and scale of climate action are insufficient to tackle climate change.
  - Multiple, feasible, and effective options are available to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to human-caused climate change.
  - Enabling conditions include finance, technology, capacity building, and international cooperation.

# APPOINTMENTS



**Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED)?**

- A) Ritesh Chauhan
- B) Rajesh Kumar Singh
- C) Ravi Verma
- D) Rekha Sharma
- E) Ranjit Patel

**Answer**

**A) Ritesh Chauhan**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Ritesh Chauhan (IAS)** has been appointed as **Managing Director (MD)** of the **National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED)**.
- According to an order issued from the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), he has been given additional charge of the post for a period of three months with effect from May 1, 2023 or till appointment of regular incumbent or until further orders, whichever is the earlier.
- Presently, he is serving as **CEO of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojan (PMFBY)** and **Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture**.

# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- NAFED an apex organisation of marketing cooperatives for agricultural produce in India, National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd, Official website.

# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### **National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)**

Founded: 1958

Managing Director : Ritesh Chauhan

Headquarters : New Delhi, Delhi

# APPOINTMENTS



**Who is India's permanent ambassador to the United Nations and has assumed the chair of the 62nd Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD)?**

- A) Syed Akbaruddin
- B) Hardeep Singh Puri
- C) Ruchira Kamboj
- D) T. S. Tirumurti
- E) S. Jaishankar

**Answer**

**C) Ruchira Kamboj**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **India's permanent ambassador to United Nations Ruchira Kamboj** has assumed the chair of the **62nd Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD)**
- Earlier, **on February 15**, India was elected as the Chair of the 62nd Session of the Commission for Social Development, marking a momentous occasion, as it is the first time since 1975 that India has held this esteemed position within the Commission for Social Development.
- The Chair is backed by Vice-Chairs from **Luxembourg, North Macedonia, Dominican Republic**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- The central theme for the 62nd session is "Fostering Social Development and Social Justice through Social Policies to accelerate progress on the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to achieve the overarching goal of poverty eradication."
- This theme underscores the vital connection between social development and social justice, as they form the bedrock for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### **UN Commission for Social Development**

Founded: 16 February 1946

Headquarters: New York, USA

Chair: Ruchira Kamboj

**Which company launched Hughes Network Systems' Jupiter 3 satellite to modernize space-based internet access?**

- A) NASA
- B) Blue Origin
- C) SpaceX
- D) European Space Agency (ESA)
- E) Roscosmos (Russian Space Agency)

**Answer**  
**C) SpaceX**



## Explanation

- **SpaceX** launched **Jupiter 3** on a **Falcon Heavy mission** from Launch Complex 39A at Kennedy Space Center in Florida
- Jupiter 3, also known as **EchoStar XXIV**, will double the capacity of the Hughes satellite fleet with an additional 500 Gbps over the United States, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, and more countries in South America.
- It will give Hughes much-needed capacity as the satellite operator is maxed out on its current fleet and continually losing subscribers amid competition from Starlink.

## Explanation

- The satellite will be positioned at 95 degrees West and support in-flight Wi-Fi, maritime connections, enterprise networks, backhaul for mobile network operators, Community Wi-Fi solutions, and residential broadband.
- Manufactured by **Maxar Technologies**, Jupiter 3 has more than 300 spot beams, each carrying 500 MHz or more, which will provide more than 1 Gbps to the VSAT users in each cell, allowing for faster service plans of up to 100 Mbps. It is a Ka-band satellite with Q- and V-band gateways.
- Launch was the culmination of many years of development and delays.

## Explanation

- **Hughes ordered the satellite in 2017** and it was originally supposed to launch in 2021.
- Maxar faced challenges manufacturing the satellite and last year agreed to waive about \$50 million in fees to EchoStar to compensate for additional delays in the program.

# SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



## TIDBITS

### SpaceX

**Headquarters: Hawthorne, California, United States of America**

**Founded: 6 May 2002**

**CEO: Elon Musk**

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



**The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) of India and which country's Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to share INDIA STACK?**

- A) Nepal
- B) Bhutan
- C) Sri Lanka
- D) Bangladesh
- E) Papua New Guinea

**Answer**  
**E) Papua New Guinea**





## Explanation

- **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) of India** and the **Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) of Papua New Guinea** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to share **INDIA STACK** – a collection of open APIs and digital public goods that aim to facilitate identity, data, and payment services on a large scale.
- This collaboration comes after the Union Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Electronics & IT, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar met with Timothy Mark Masiu, MP & Minister for ICT, Papua New Guinea.
- During the meeting, they discussed mutual cooperation in the fields of IT, emerging technologies, and the India stack.

## Explanation

- The MoU was signed in the presence of Mr. Abhishek Singh, President & CEO of the National eGovernance Division, Ministry of Electronics and IT, Government of India, Mr. Sushil Pal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and IT, Government of India, as well as senior officials from the Ministry of External Affairs & National E-Governance Division, MeitY.
- Earlier in June 2023, India signed MoU with four countries on sharing INDIA STACK during the meeting. Around 150 foreign delegates from 50 countries and over 250 delegates attended the summit in-person and more than 2000 persons attended the summit live.

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## TIDBITS

### **Papua New Guinea**

Capital: Port Moresby

Currency: Papua New Guinean kina

Prime Minister: James Marape

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



**Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched "Urea Gold," a new variety of urea that is coated with sulphur, during an event in which Indian state?**

- A) Gujarat
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Maharashtra

**Answer**  
**B) Rajasthan**



## Explanation

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** launched "**Urea Gold**"--a new variety of urea that is coated with sulphur--during an event in **Rajasthan's Sikar**
- It is a new variety of urea that is coated with sulphur, which is expected to address sulphur deficiencies in the soil.
- As per the government statement, urea gold comes with these benefits –
  - The use of urea gold instead of conventional urea fertiliser will address sulphur deficiencies in the soil.
  - Urea Gold fertiliser is more economical and efficient than neem-coated urea.
  - It improves efficiency of nitrogen use in plants.
  - Urea gold reduces the consumption of fertiliser, and enhances crop quality.
  - It will save input costs for the farmers and also raise incomes for farmers with enhanced production and productivity.

## Explanation

- **Besides Urea Gold**, the prime minister also released **14th Instalment of PM KISAN Scheme** and inaugurated a slew of projects in the poll-bound state.
- He also launched the onboarding of **1500 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) on Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)**.
- PM Modi also dedicated **1.25 lakh PM Kisan Samriddhi Kendras (PMKSKs) to the nation**.
- PMKSKs are being developed to provide a one-stop solution for all farmers' needs. From information on agri-inputs (fertilisers, seeds, implements) to testing facilities for soil, seeds, and fertilisers, to information regarding various government schemes.

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### Rajasthan

Capital : Jaipur

CM: Ashok Gehlot

Governor :Kalraj Mishra

**Which two entities signed a deal to establish a botanical garden in Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu?**

- A) Tamil Nadu and Japan
- B) Tamil Nadu and United States
- C) Tamil Nadu and United Kingdom (UK)
- D) Tamil Nadu and China
- E) Tamil Nadu and France

**Answer**

**C) Tamil Nadu and United Kingdom (UK)**



## Explanation

- A memorandum was officially exchanged between **UK cabinet minister for environment, food and rural affairs Therese Coffey, Kew Gardens director Richard Deverell and Tamil Nadu forest minister Mathiventhan** to set up a botanic garden spread on 137 hectares at Kadambur in Chengalpattu.
- Another project that was rolled out was UK Partnering for **Accelerated Climate Transitions (UK PACT's) mangrove project**, which aims to demonstrate how community MRV (measuring, reporting and verification) can be implemented through inclusive community-based mechanisms.
- The project will specifically build capacities of forest communities – tribals of the Nilgiris district, fisherfolk of Pichavaram mangrove ecosystem in Cuddalore district and small-holder subsistence farmers and agricultural labourers, living in inland areas of the wetland of Coimbatore district.

## Explanation

- The voluntary '**Green Indexing of Industries**' is another landmark initiative mooted by Tamil Nadu with the help of UK.
- Recently G20 Environment and Climate ministerial in Chennai

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### **Tamil Nadu**

Capital : Chennai

CM : Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin

Governor : Banwarilal Purohit

### **The United Kingdom(UK)**

Capital: London

Prime minister: Rishi Sunak

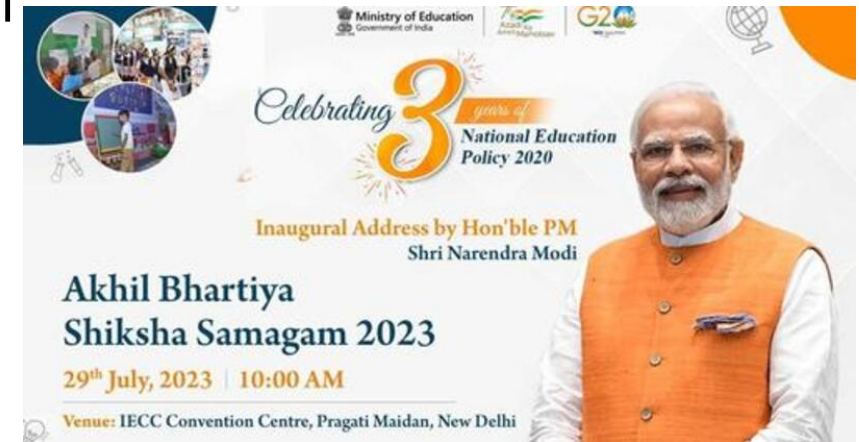
Currency: Pound sterling

**Where did the Prime Minister inaugurate Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam 2023?**

- A) India Gate, New Delhi
- B) Rajpath, New Delhi
- C) Red Fort, New Delhi
- D) Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
- E) Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi

**Answer**

**D) Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi**



## Explanation

- The **Prime Minister** inaugurated **Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam 2023** at **Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi** on 3rd anniversary of NEP 2020.
- On the sidelines, the Union Minister of Education and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**, launched the **logo, slogan-Jan Jan Sakshar** and mobile application of **ULLAS: Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram** at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- The **ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society) initiative** is poised to revolutionise education and literacy across the nation, by fostering a learning ecosystem that reaches every individual, bridging the gaps in basic literacy and critical lifeskills.
- It imparts basic education, digital and financial literacy and critical life skills to citizens aged 15 and above who lost on the opportunity to go to school. It is being implemented through volunteerism.

## Explanation

- The new logo and slogan, "**ULLAS: Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram**," reflect the enthusiasm and vigour of the campaign.
- It symbolises the light of knowledge spreading across every corner of the country, empowering citizens with the power of education, and igniting the flame of curiosity and learning in every individual making Jan Jan Sakshar.
- He also released the first installment of funds under the PM SHRI Scheme. 6207 schools received the first installment with a total amounting to 630 crore Rupees.
- He also released education and skill curriculum books translated into 12 Indian languages.

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### **Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship**

Minister: Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

Constituency: Rajya Sabha MP, Madhya Pradesh

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



**At the ongoing SemiconIndia in Gandhinagar, the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) announced the exchange of signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between which organizations?**

- A) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru and Intel India
- B) Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE) at IISc, Bengaluru and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- C) CeNSE at IISc, Bengaluru and Lam Research India
- D) MeitY and Qualcomm India
- E) CeNSE at IISc, Bengaluru and Google India

**Answer**

**C) CeNSE at IISc, Bengaluru and Lam Research India**





## Explanation

- **Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY)** announced the exchange of signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the **Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE) at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru** and **Lam Research India** at the ongoing SemiconIndia in Gandhinagar
- The collaboration, initiated by this Ministry, brings together the academic excellence of IISc's CeNSE and the global expertise of Lam Research, a renowned supplier of innovative wafer fabrication equipment.

## Explanation

- Lam Research's ambitious goal is to utilise Semiverse Solutions to develop a 60,000 strong workforce in nano-fabrication in India over the next 10 years.
- The core objective of this collaboration is to jointly develop a customised course offering for Indian universities, dedicated to teaching semiconductor fabrication technology.
- This will utilise Lam Research's cutting-edge Semiverse Solutions virtual fabrication software, SEMulator3D.
- The first stage is expected to be completed by December 2023, with the second stage is anticipated to be concluded by June 2024.

**Who launched the AMC Repo Clearing Limited (ARCL) and Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF)?**

- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B) Home Minister Amit Shah
- C) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
- D) Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman
- E) External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar

**Answer**

**D) Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman**

## Explanation

- **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** launch the **Rs. 33,000-crore backstop** fund for mutual funds (MFs).
- The backstop facility, termed the **Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF)**, was cleared by the capital markets regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), in March.
- The fund corpus will be created by pooling money from debt schemes. The initiative aims to provide liquidity to debt schemes during periods of market stress.
- Debt schemes – excluding passive, overnight, and gilt funds – will contribute 25 basis points (bps) of their assets under management towards the creation of the CDMDF.

## Explanation

- Conservative hybrid funds will also contribute to the fund. In addition, asset management companies (AMCs) will make a one-time contribution of 2 bps.
- The total collection will be around **Rs. 3,300 crore**.
- The fund can avail itself of credit for up to 10 times the initial corpus whenever needed. The circular also details the investment framework of the CDMDF and the pricing models.
- During phases of market dislocation, MF schemes will be able to sell their investment-grade papers to the CDMDF at a fair value rather than selling at distressed prices in the market to meet redemptions. They can sell bonds to the fund to the extent of their contribution.

## Explanation

- The fund has been set up in the form of an alternative investment fund and will enjoy a guarantee from the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company
- Under the Stock Exchanges and Clearing Corporations (SECC) Regulations, 2018, **AMC Repo Clearing Limited (ARCL)**, which was established in **April 2021**, has received in-principle approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- Sitharaman flag off the **AMC Repo Clearing**, a limited-purpose clearing corporation backed by Sebi and funded by AMCs.
- The platform will help all regulated entities – such as AMCs, insurance companies, market makers, and short-term traders – take positions and manage their risks in listed corporate bonds and debentures (non-convertible debt securities), commercial papers, and certificates of deposit.
- ARCL is a **Central Counter Party (CCP)** that provides clearing and settlement services to all trades made in corporate debt securities on the NSE and BSE.

**Which two organizations have signed a pact to collaborate in the transport infrastructure sector?**

- A) RITES and Indian Railways
- B) IRFC and Indian Railways
- C) RITES and IRFC
- D) RITES and NHAI
- E) IRFC and NHAI



**Answer**  
**C) RITES and IRFC**

## Explanation

- Engineering firm **RITES** has signed a pact with the **Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC)** to explore possibilities of collaborating in the railway ecosystem and transport infrastructure sector.
- It will offer consultancy and advisory services and assist in ascertaining the financial & technical viability of projects, while IRFC will provide financial services to projects/ institutions that have got backwards and forward linkages with the Railways.
- **RITES Limited**, under the **Ministry of Railways**, is a leading player in the transport consultancy and engineering sector.



## Titbits

### **Rail India Technical and Economic Service Limited(RITES Ltd)**

Founded: 1974

Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana

Chairman & Managing Director: Rahul Mithal

### **Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC)**

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Founded: 12 December 1986

Chairman & MD: Smt.Shelly Verma

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



The Chhattisgarh government has signed an agreement with which company for transforming 36 government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) into an Industry 4.0 Technology Hub?

- A) Infosys
- B) Wipro
- C) Tata Technologies
- D) Tech Mahindra
- E) HCL Technologies

**Answer**  
**C) Tata Technologies**



## Explanation

- The **Chhattisgarh government** has signed an agreement worth **Rs 1,188.36 crore** with **Tata Technologies** for transforming 36 government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) into an Industry 4.0 Technology Hub.
- Under the agreement, Tata Technologies will offer six new trades and 23 new short-term courses in the 36 ITIs, with state-of-the-art technical workshops and trainer arrangements
- The company will also provide two trainers
- The project aims to train over 10,000 youth annually in advanced skills, fostering better employment opportunities and will also provide employment opportunities to the skilled youth

## Titbits

### Chhattisgarh

Capital : Raipur

Chief Minister : Bhupesh Baghel

Governor : Biswabhusan Harichandan

### **Tata Technologies Limited**

Headquarters: Singapore

CEO: Warren Harris

Chairman: Ajoyendra Mukherjee

**Which company has received DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation) certification for its new agri-drone model?**

- A) TechAviation
- B) AeroDynamics India
- C) SkySense Aviation
- D) IoTechWorld Avigation
- E) AgriFly Innovations

**Answer**

**D) IoTechWorld Avigation**

## Explanation

- Agri-drone maker **IoTechWorld Avigation** has received certificate from Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for its new indigenous product '**AGRIBOT A6**' which is more advanced and compact than previous model.
- Type Certificate for drones is an official document issued by the DGCA certifying that a specific type of drone meets all the technical parameters and safety standards for operation in India
- IoTechWorld said it has established partnership with agrochemical company Syngenta and has undertaken more than 25,000 kilometres of drone yatra in various parts of the country.

## Titbits

### **IoTechWorld Avigation Pvt Ltd**

Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana

Director & Co-Founder: DEEPAK BHARDWAJ, ANOOP  
UPADHYAY

### **The Directorate General of Civil Aviation(DGCA)**

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Director General: Vikram Dev Dutt

Founded: January 1978

# QUICK RECALL



- **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is observed on July 30 every year; International Tiger Day, observed on July 29 each year**
- **The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has decided to recognise Handball Association of India (HAI) as a National Sports Federation (NSF)**
- **Max Life Insurance Company Ltd. has been designated as the "Lead Insurer" for Uttar Pradesh by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).**
- **Dvara KGFS, a Chennai-based NBFC, has entered into a co-lending partnership with HDFC Bank to provide capital to micro business units operating primarily in the unorganised sector.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India's Digital Payments Index, a measure of the extent of digitisation of payments across the country, rose to 395.57 in March 2023 from 377.46 in September 2022 and 349.30 in March 2022.**



# QUICK RECALL



- **James Ferguson 'Jim' Skea of the United Kingdom was elected as the new chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in Nairobi, Kenya**
- **Ritesh Chauhan (IAS) has been appointed as Managing Director (MD) of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED).**
- **India's permanent ambassador to United Nations Ruchira Kamboj has assumed the chair of the 62nd Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD)**
- **SpaceX launched Jupiter 3 on a Falcon Heavy mission from Launch Complex 39A at Kennedy Space Center in Florida**
- **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) of India and the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) of Papua New Guinea have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to share INDIA STACK**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched "Urea Gold"--a new variety of urea that is coated with sulphur--during an event in Rajasthan's Sikar**

# QUICK RECALL



- **A memorandum was officially exchanged between UK cabinet minister for environment, food and rural affairs Therese Coffey, Kew Gardens director Richard Deverell and Tamil Nadu forest minister Mathiventhan to set up a botanic garden spread on 137 hectares at Kadambur in Chengalpattu.**
- **The Prime Minister inaugurated Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam 2023 at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi**
- **Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) announced the exchange of signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE) at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru and Lam Research India at the ongoing SemiconIndia in Gandhinagar**
- **FM Launches AMC Repo Clearing Ltd And The Corporate Debt Market Development Fund**
- **Engineering firm RITES has signed a pact with the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) to explore possibilities of collaborating in the railway ecosystem and transport infrastructure sector.**

# QUICK RECALL



- **The Chhattisgarh government has signed an agreement worth Rs 1,188.36 crore with Tata Technologies for transforming 36 government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) into an Industry 4.0 Technology Hub.**
- **Agri-drone maker IoTechWorld Avigation has received certificate from Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for its new indigenous product 'AGRIBOT A6' which is more advanced and compact than previous model.**

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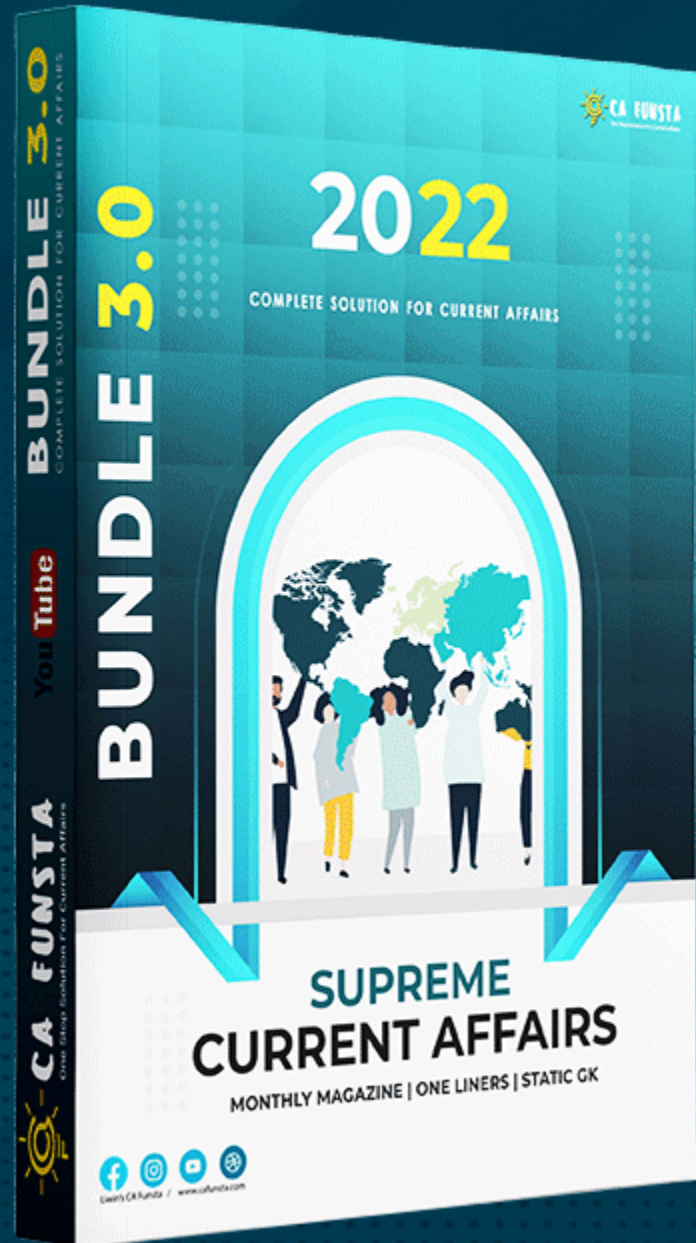
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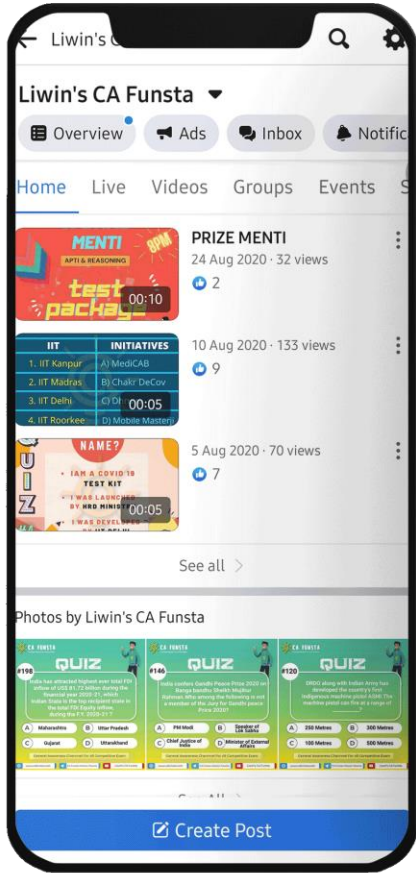
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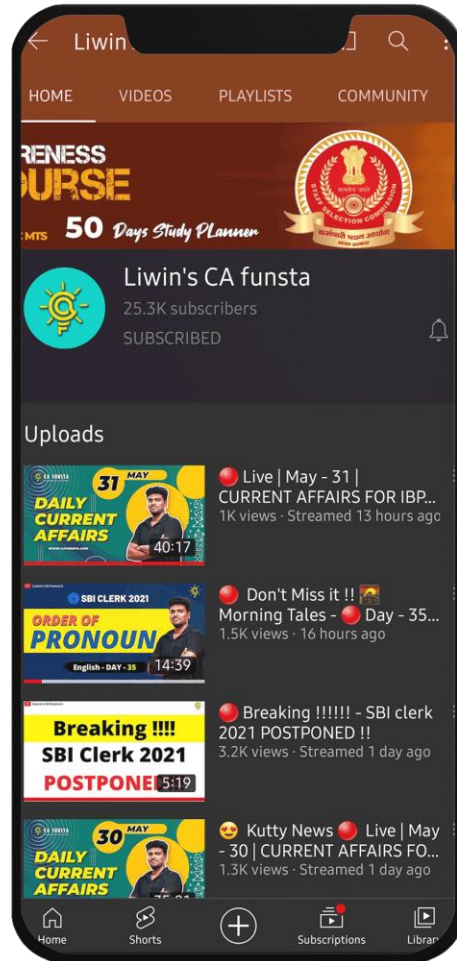
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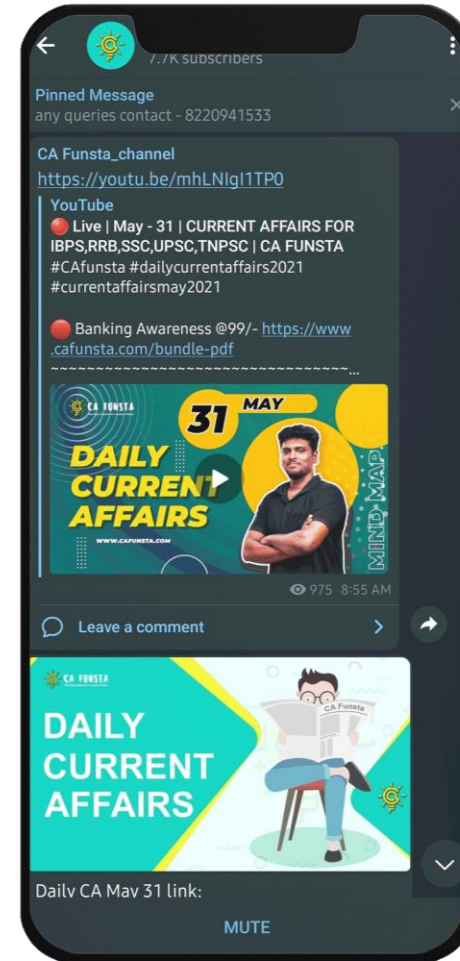
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