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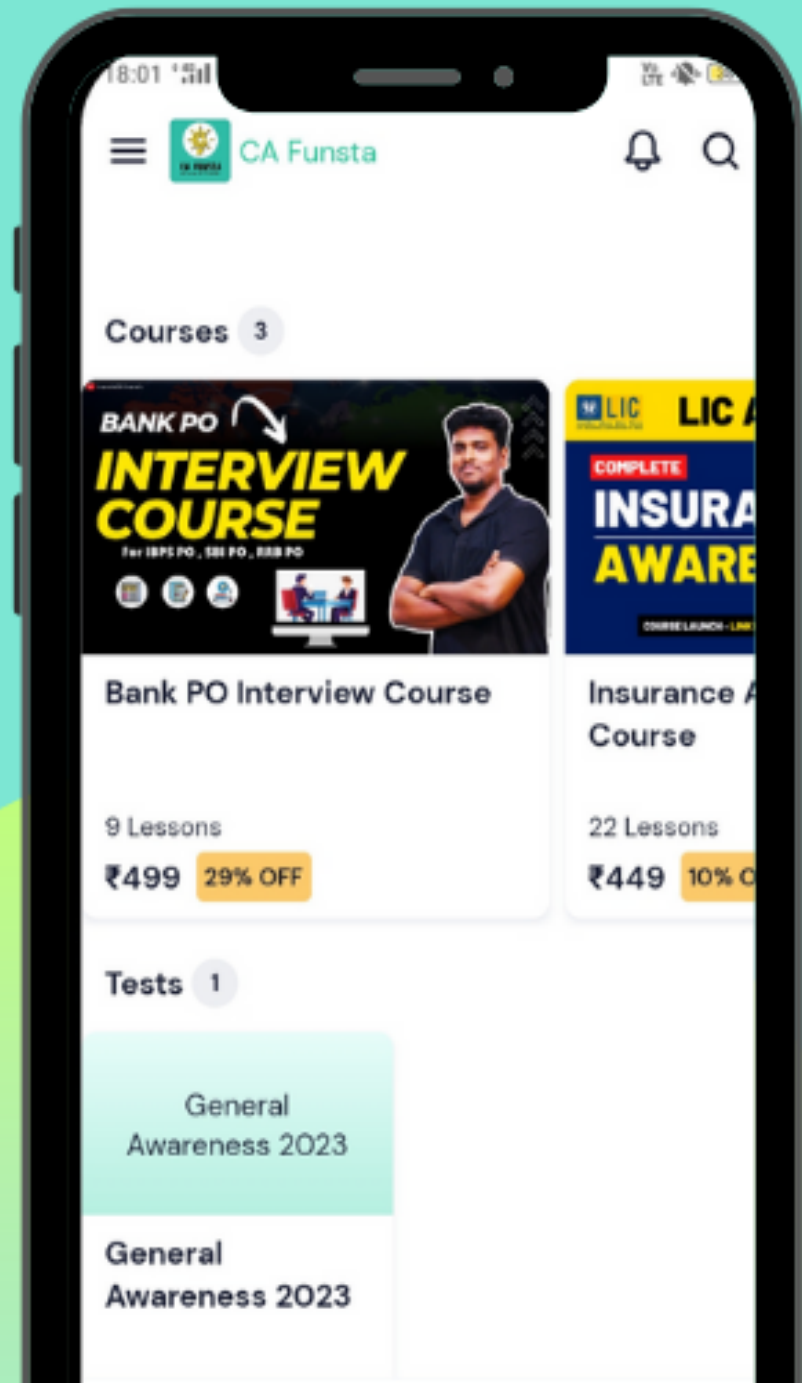
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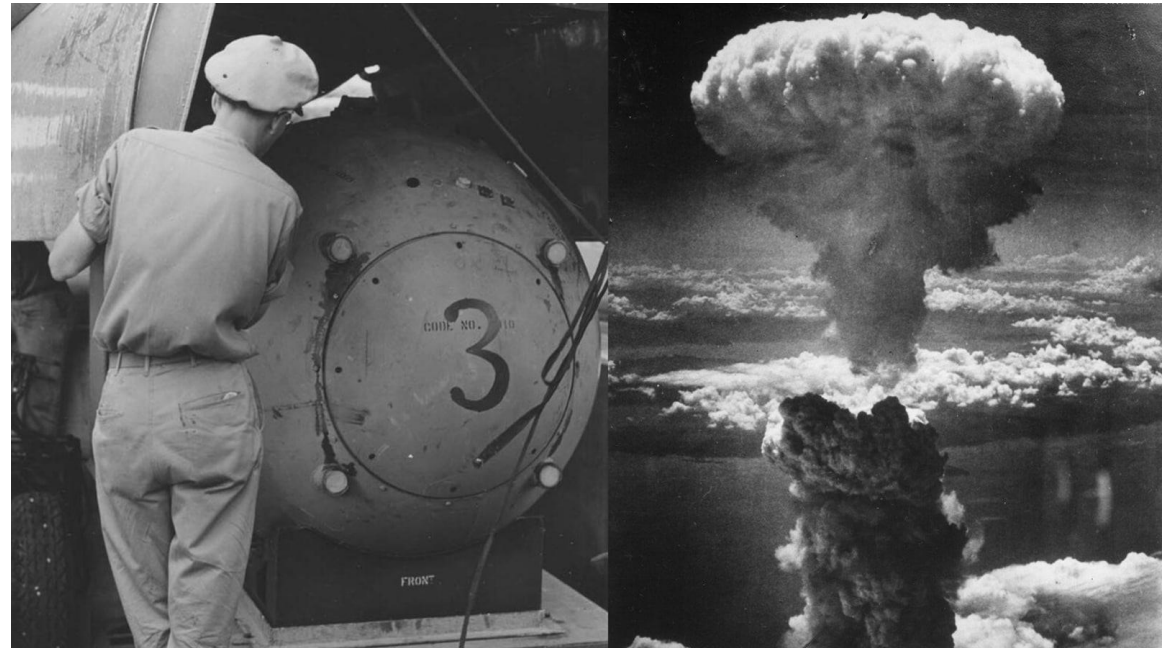
# Important Days



**What date is Hiroshima Day observed every year?**

- A) August 6
- B) August 9
- C) September 6
- D) September 9
- E) October 6

**Answer**  
**B) 15th**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- Every **August 6, Hiroshima Day** is observed as a solemn occasion to advocate for peace politics and raise awareness of the catastrophic consequences of the atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima.
- This date, back in **1945**, marked the tragic loss of thousands of lives in an instant due to the detonation of an atomic weapon, making Hiroshima the first city to suffer such a devastating nuclear attack.
- This year commemorate the **76th anniversary of this event**.
- In remembrance of both the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by the United States in **1945**, a yearly event is held at the Galway Alliance War in Eyre Square.

# Important Days



## Explanation

- The historical context reveals that in 1945, the United States deployed two atomic bombs, named '**The Little Boy**' and '**The Fat Man,**' on **Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, respectively.**
- The bombing of Hiroshima resulted in the loss of 39 per cent of the city's civilian population.



# Important Days



## National Handloom Day 2023

- In India, **National Handloom Day** is observed annually on **August 7th** to honour the handloom weavers and their significant role in the country's economy and culture.
- The theme designated for National Handloom Day in 2023 is "**Handlooms for Sustainable Fashion**".
- The origins of National Handloom Day can be traced back to the **Swadeshi Movement of 1905**.
- This movement was aimed at boycotting British goods in favour of Indian-made products, and handloom textiles were one of the key products that were promoted during this time.
- The Government of India officially designated August 7 as National Handloom Day in **2015**.

# Important Days



## National Javelin Day in India

- **August 7** is celebrated as **National Javelin Day in India**.
- The Athletics Federation of India, the apex body for the athletics in India, took the decision to celebrate August 7 as the National Javelin Day to commemorate Neeraj Chopra's historic gold medal during the Tokyo Olympics.
- It was on **August 7 2021**, that Chopra hurled javelin at a distance of 87.58m during the men's Javelin Throw final of the Tokyo Games to win the gold medal.
- With the gold medal at Tokyo, Chopra also became the second individual gold medalist from India after Abhinav Bindra's gold-medal winning performance at the 2008 Beijing Games.

**Who became India's first-ever male Archery world champion with a historic gold in individual compound?**

- A) Ojas Pravin Deotale
- B) Deepika Kumari
- C) Atanu Das
- D) Tarundeep Rai
- E) Bombayla Devi Laishram

**Answer**

**A) Ojas Pravin Deotale**



## Explanation

- **Ojas Pravin Deotale** won the **third gold medal for India** in the ongoing **World Archery Championships 2023** in **Berlin**.
- Earlier **Aditi Swami Gopichand** clinched a historic first-ever individual gold medal for India, while the Compound Women's Team also won Gold a day before.
- Ojas Pravin Deotale has now become the first-ever Male Archery World Champion from India. He defeated Poland's Lukasz Przybylski with a perfect score of 150, while the Polish archer scored 149
- India won three gold medals and one bronze with all four coming in the Compound event – which is a non-Olympic event with only archery recurve competitions taking place at the Olympics.

# SPORTS



**Former Nepal captain Gyanendra Malla has announced his retirement from which sport?**

- A) Football
- B) Cricket
- C) Basketball
- D) Hockey
- E) Tennis

**Answer**  
**B) Cricket**



## Explanation

- Former **Nepali national cricket team captain Gyanendra Malla** announced his retirement from **national as well as international cricket**
- **Malla** amassed 876 runs in ODIs, including seven half-centuries. His greatest score in the format is 75, which he scored against Namibia in 2022.
- **In T20Is**, he scored one century and two fifties while amassing 883 runs at a strike rate of 120.29.
- His 107 against Bhutan in 2019 is Nepal's second-highest individual score in T20Is.
- Malla made his international debut in 2014 and has since played 37 ODIs and 45 T20Is.
- One of the members who represented Nepal during the golden era of Nepali cricket, Malla made his debut with entry into the U-15 cricket team in 2005.

## Explanation

- In the same year, **Gyanendra represented Nepal in U-17 and U-19.**
- Making his debut in the senior team in 2006 he was last seen on the pitch during ICC World Cup Qualifiers this year as the Rhinos faced Ireland in Zimbabwe.
- In 2006, Malla first played in Nepal's jersey **against Namibia in Intercontinental Cup.**
- Before stepping into the role of team captain, Gyanendra Malla remained the vice-captain for a decade from 2009 when Paras Khadka was made the team captain.
- The subsequent resignation of Khadka from the post in 2019 opened the way for Malla to step up as the captain of the national team.

## Explanation

- Malla was removed from the post of captain after he became vocal against the authorities who didn't provide the agreed facilities. Soon after the disciplinary action, Malla only played two games- T-20 World Cup selected held in Oman and League-II in UAE.
- In his cricket career expanding 18 years Gyanendra Malla has played 37 one-day international and 45 T-20 matches for Nepal.
- In 77 List A cricket, he made a total of One thousand eight hundred and two runs



**Who inaugurated the 132nd Durand Cup in Kokrajhar, Assam?**

- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B) President Ram Nath Kovind
- C) Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh
- D) Chief Minister of Assam Himanta Biswa Sarma
- E) Home Minister Amit Shah

**Answer**

**C) Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh**



## Explanation

- The **132nd edition of Durand Cup** kicked off in **Kokrajhar, Assam**.
- **Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh** graced the opening ceremony, which marked the grand beginning of the annual football competition for the first time in the Assamese city.
- The tournament is organised by the Armed Forces and supported by the Government of Assam.
- The inaugural ceremony was followed by the opening match of the tournament between Bodoland FC and Rajasthan United FC.

## Explanation

- Kokrajhar will witness eight group matches and one quarter-final to be played on August 24, 2023.
- A total of 24 teams, including two foreign teams from Nepal and Bangladesh, all three teams of Indian Armed Forces and the local team of Bodoland FC will clash at three venues in Kolkata, Guwahati and Kokrajhar during the tournament.

**Which insurance company has entered into a bancassurance tie-up with Standard Chartered Bank?**

- A) HDFC Ergo General Insurance
- B) Max Bupa Health Insurance
- C) ICICI Lombard General Insurance
- D) Star Health Insurance
- E) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

**Answer**

**D) Star Health Insurance**



## Explanation

- **Star Health and Allied Insurance (Star Health)**, a standalone health insurer, has entered into a **strategic corporate alliance with Standard Chartered Bank (SCB)**.
- Under this tie-up, SCB will offer Star Health's insurance products through their extensive branch network across India. SCB currently has 100 branches spread across 42 cities.
- With this branch network, SCB will serve as a convenient one-stop destination for its customers seeking comprehensive health insurance coverage.
- **Bancassurance** is an insurance distribution model where insurance companies partner with banks to sell policies.
- Both the bank and the insurance company get to benefit from this arrangement. While the bank earns a commission from the insurance company, the insurer gains from the bank's distribution network.

## Titbits

### **Standard Chartered Bank**

Headquarters : London, United Kingdom

CEO: Bill Winters

### **Star Health and Allied Insurance**

Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Chairman & CEO: Mr. V. Jagannathan

**Bandhan Bank has partnered with which state government to strengthen OTDC payment solutions?**

- A) West Bengal
- B) Odisha
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Karnataka
- E) Rajasthan

**Answer**  
**B) Odisha**



## Explanation

- **Bandhan Bank** announced its tie-up with the **Odisha Government** to help them strengthen payment solutions for **Odisha Tourism Development Corporation (OTDC) Ltd.**
- The Bank has provided Point of Sale (PoS) machines to facilitate card payments by tourists. Prime locations, including Puri, Bhubaneshwar, Konark, Chilka and Gopalpur, will be covered under this tie up
- These PoS machines will hasten payment collections from tourists thus bringing convenience, both for the tourists and OTDC officials.
- The EDC machines will also help prevent revenue loss for OTDC, which may be caused by the lack of cash carried by the tourists.
- This initiative is also aligned to the nation's vision of becoming a less cash economy



## Titbits

### **Bandhan Bank**

Headquarters: Kolkata, West Bengal

MD & CEO: Chandra Shekhar Ghosh

Tagline: Aapka Bhalai, Sabki Bhalai

### **Odisha**

Capital : Bhubaneswar

Chief Minister - Naveen Patnaik

Governor - Ganeshi Lal

**Bajaj Finance has partnered with which insurance company to offer motor insurance policies?**

- A) HDFC ERGO General Insurance
- B) ICICI Lombard General Insurance
- C) New India Assurance
- D) SBI General Insurance
- E) Reliance General Insurance

**Answer**

**B) ICICI Lombard General Insurance**



## Explanation

- **Bajaj Finance** has partnered with **ICICI Lombard General Insurance** along with other partners to provide car and two-wheeler insurance plans on the platform Bajaj Finance Insurance Mall.
- These policies can be bought instantly on the platform through an all-digital and seamless customer experience journey.
- The ICICI Lombard Car and Two-wheeler Insurance policies offer comprehensive damage coverage, including third-party cover and various add-on benefits to vehicle owners.
- These policies provide extensive coverage against various risks and damages to vehicles.

## Explanation

Here are some of the key features and benefits offered by ICICI Lombard

- **two-wheeler and car insurance policies:** Offers comprehensive coverage: Get complete coverage for the insured vehicle as well as for the third party.
- **Offers own damage cover:** These policies cover damages caused to the insured vehicle by accidents, thefts, natural calamities and fire.
- **Offers third-party cover:** Get financial coverage for third-party liabilities. In case the policyholder is at fault and causes damages to third-party property or injures the person, the policy will cover all the incurred expenses. It will compensate the third party on behalf of the policyholder for the repair cost or medical expenses, if any.

## Explanation

- **Offers personal accident cover:** This cover provides financial support in case of an accident resulting in injuries or death of the owner/driver. Get a personal accident cover up to Rs. 15 lakh.
- **No Claim Bonus (NCB):** Offers NCB for not making any claims in the previous policy year. The policyholder can benefit from the NCB by getting a discount on the renewal premium based on the bonus accumulated.
- Apart from the above features, ICICI Lombard also offers a range of add-on covers to help customers enhance their vehicle insurance. These covers provide additional financial backup, ensuring the customers stay fully covered in case of any emergency.
- Add-on covers available on ICICI Lombard motor insurance policies

## Explanation

Here are some of the add-on covers offered to reduce repair expenses.

- **No Claim Bonus (NCB) protector cover:** This add-on cover ensures that the accumulated bonus remains intact even if the policyholder makes a claim during the policy year. In simple words, the policyholder will not lose any NCB.
- **24x7 roadside assistance cover:** The policyholder can call for immediate assistance during emergencies such as flat tyres, battery discharge, fuel shortage and more.
- **Zero depreciation add-on cover:** Covers the full cost of repairs without any deduction of depreciation. It covers the repair or replacement costs of the parts that depreciate over time. Most insurers deduct the depreciation value when settling the claim. This add-on cover ensures the entire claim settlement without any deductions.

## Explanation

- **Engine protection add-on cover:** Covers the repair or replacement cost in case of engine damage due to accidents, floods or other factors.
- **Additional nine add-on covers:** Covers electrical/non-electrical accessories like fog lights, music system, seat covers and more.

## Titbits

### **Bajaj Finance Limited**

Headquarters: Pune, Maharashtra

MD: Rajeev Jain

### **ICICI Lombard General Insurance**

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

CEO : Bhargav Dasgupta



**Which company secured USD 1 billion financing for the green HVDC link project in Mumbai?**

- A) Tata Power
- B) Reliance Power
- C) Adani Energy Solutions
- D) Mahindra Renewables
- E) Greenko Energy Holdings

**Answer**

**C) Adani Energy Solutions**

## Explanation

- **Adani Energy Solutions Limited (AESL)** has achieved financial closure for its **USD 1 billion green high voltage direct current (HVDC) link project**, that will increase renewable energy supply to Mumbai.
- The 80-km multi-faceted project will offer a technological upgradation to the Mumbai city. The construction work for this link will begin in **October 2023**
- HVDC transmission technology is superior to other conventional technologies as it stabilizes power distribution networks, where sudden new loads or blackouts in one part of the network may lead to synchronization problems and cascading failures.

## Explanation

- Besides, it is the only technology suitable for islands where submarine cables are used for procuring power supply and results in lower energy losses.
- The link shall bulk inject an additional 1,000 MW of renewable power into the city, thus ensuring uninterrupted power supply in future. Adani Electricity Mumbai Ltd (AEML), being the largest electricity distribution company, has committed to increasing the share of renewable energy in the overall mix to 60 per cent by 2027.
- The credit facility is part of the USD 700 million revolving project finance facility tied up in October 2021 for its under-construction transmission assets portfolio.

# APPOINTMENTS



**Who has been appointed as the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia?**

- A) Hun Sen
- B) Norodom Sihamoni
- C) Sam Rainsy
- D) Kem Sokha
- E) Hun Manet

**Answer**  
**E) Hun Manet**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni** has approved the nomination of **Prime Minister Hun Sen's son Hun Manet** as the country's new leader after Cambodian People's Party won the election for the 7th legislature of the National Assembly
- He replaced **samdech techo hun sen**.

# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### **Cambodia**

Capital: Phnom Penh

Currency: Cambodian riel

Prime Minister: Hun Manet

**Who launched the digital portal of the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS) office in Pune, Maharashtra?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Rajnath Singh
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Nirmala Sitharaman
- E) Nitin Gadkari

**Answer**  
**C) Amit Shah**



## Explanation

- Union **Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah** launched the digital portal of the **Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS) office in Pune, Maharashtra**
- Several dignitaries including Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Eknath Shinde and Union Minister of State for Ministry of Cooperation, Shri B L Verma were present on the occasion.
- 1,555 multi-state cooperative societies in the country will benefit from the portal and 42% of these societies are in Maharashtra
- The government has created three new multistate cooperative societies.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS

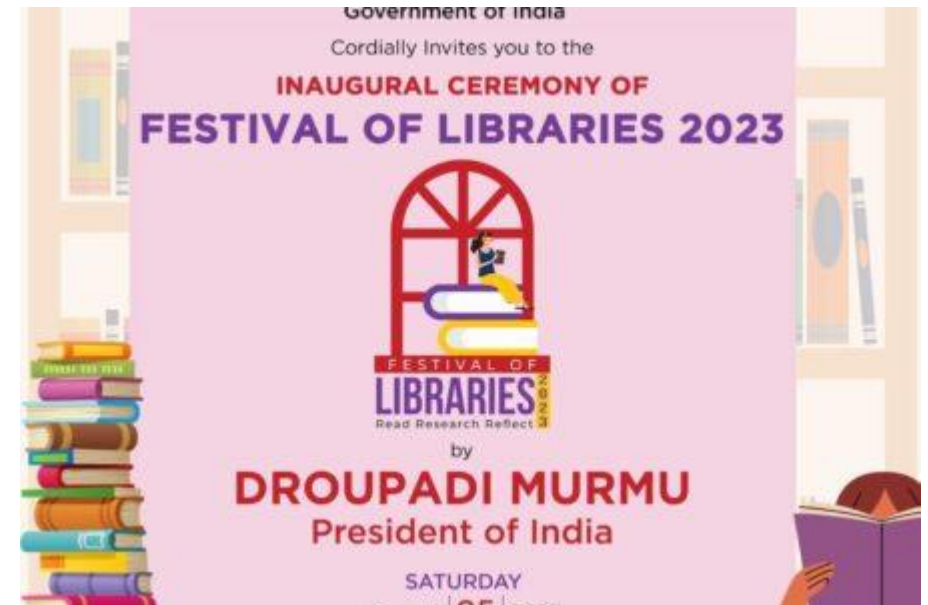


**Who inaugurated the 'Festival of Libraries' in New Delhi?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Smt Droupadi Murmu
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) Nirmala Sitharaman

**Answer**

**C) Smt Droupadi Murmu**



## Explanation

- The **President of India**, Smt Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the **'Festival of Libraries'** in New Delhi
- This Festival is being organized by the **Ministry of Culture** with the aim to promote development and digitization of Libraries and cultivate the culture of reading.

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



**With how many institutions did the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to foster collaboration in standardization and conformity assessment?**

- A) 15
- B) 25
- C) 35
- D) 45
- E) 55

**Answer**  
**C) 35**



## Explanation

- **Bureau of Indian Standards**, the National Standards Body of India signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with **35 prestigious institutions** across the country for fostering collaboration in standardization and conformity assessment.
- The institutions included some prominent NITs, Government and Private Engineering colleges from different states across the country.
- The MoU will pave the way for the partner institutions to participate in standardization activities by associating with the technical committees of the Bureau at the national and international level, getting infrastructure support for relevant R&D Projects, jointly organizing events on Standardization and Conformity Assessment, exchanging publications, introducing standardization curricula in academics, exploring a Centre of Excellence for Standardization, testing, and Conformity Assessment, and sharing laboratory facilities.

## Explanation

- **BIS** is a statutory body functioning under the aegis of **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India.**
- It operates various schemes like Product Certification (ISI mark), Management Systems Certification, Hall Marking of Gold and Silver Jewellery/Artefacts and Laboratory Services for the benefit of the industry and in turn aiming at consumer protection.

## Titbits

### **Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS)**

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Founded: 23 December 1986

Director General: Pramod Kumar Tiwari

**Who laid the foundation stone for the 'Iconic Site Museum' at Adichanallur archaeological site in Tamil Nadu?**

- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B) President Ram Nath Kovind
- C) Union Home Minister Amit Shah
- D) Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman
- E) Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu M.K. Stalin

**Answer**

**D) Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**



## Explanation

- **Union Finance Minister Tmt. Nirmala Sitharaman** visited Adichanallur, an ancient and historical Iron-age burial site located in **Thoothukudi District Tamil Nadu**, set along the banks of the Tamirabarani (Porunai) river.
- This archaeological site was one of five declared to be developed as 'Iconic Sites' in the Union Budget 2020-21.
- On the occasion, the Union Finance Minister also laid the foundation stone for the 'Iconic Site Museum' at the Adichanallur site.



## Explanation

- The 'Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya', another notable project, has been established as a tribute to every Prime Minister of India since Independence.
- This museum serves as a narrative record of their contributions to the nation's development over the past 75 years.

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



**Who launched the intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0 in Tamil Nadu?**

- A) Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin
- B) Tamil Nadu Health Minister Ma Subramanian
- C) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- D) Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- E) President Ram Nath Kovind

**Answer**

**B) Tamil Nadu Health Minister Ma Subramanian**



## Explanation

- **Tamil Nadu Health Minister Ma Subramanian** launched the **intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0** to immunise pregnant women and children below five years against life-threatening diseases.
- A fortnight-long enumeration of households in the state from **July 15-31 this year** revealed that about 72,760 children and 14,180 pregnant women were yet to be vaccinated.
- The present initiative would prioritise the "left out" beneficiaries and the details about their vaccination would be uploaded on U-WIN vaccinator portal of the Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry

## Explanation

- During this intensified mission, vaccination against 12 Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (VPD) i.e. diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, hepatitis B, meningitis and pneumonia, Haemophilus influenzae type B infections, Japanese encephalitis, rotavirus vaccine, pneumococcal conjugate vaccine and measles-rubella would be provided
- The **Indradhanush programme** was launched in **2014**
- The IMI 5.0 will be held in three phases: from August 7 -12, September 11 - 16 and October 9 - 14, with each camp lasting for six days

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### Tamil Nadu

Capital : Chennai

CM : Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin

Governor : Banwarilal Purohit

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



**How many orders has Dhaksha Unmanned Systems, an arm of Coromandel International, received for drones?**

- A) 400
- B) 500
- C) 600
- D) 700
- E) 800

**Answer**  
**C) 600**



## Explanation

- **Coromandel International's subsidiary, Dhaksha Unmanned Systems** has bagged an order worth **Rs 165 crore** for defence and agri drones, from the Indian Army.
- The order is for the supply of **200 medium altitude logistics drones** and accessories to the Indian Army.
- Daksha Unmanned Systems had recently also bagged a **400-drone contract** from **agri inputs cooperative IFFCO for supply of agri-spraying drones**.
- These are planned to be delivered over the course of **next 12 months**.
- The current year order for the company has exceeded Rs 165 crore including the order from defence and IFFCO.
- The company is the only player in the country to receive type certificates from DGCA for three drone models in medium and small categories for agriculture and surveillance applications.

**Which Indian state government recently announced the extension of its social security scheme for the elderly, widows, and other vulnerable sections?**

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

**Answer**

**B) Odisha**



## Explanation

- **The Odisha government** expanded the coverage of the **state's social security scheme** to cover 50 more categories of workers including delivery boys, boatmen, pickle and papad makers, saw-mill workers, travel and tour guides, photographers and milk vendors.
- The scheme, which started in **May 2017**, currently covers about 3.65 lakh registered workers of 10 categories of workers such as domestic helpers, transport workers, roadside vendors and rickshaw pullers among others

## Explanation

- chief minister Naveen Patnaik has also **increased** the ex-gratia assistance in case of accidental death of workers registered under the Odisha Unorganised Workers' Social Security Board Welfare Scheme **from ₹2 lakh to ₹4 lakh**.
- Similarly, assistance in case of death due to natural reasons has been increased from ₹1 lakh to ₹2 lakh. Other categories of workers included in the scheme are carpentry workers, folk artists, painters, butchers, gemstone workers, goldsmiths, welders, potters, railway coolies, electricians and bricklayers.

## Explanation

- In December 2021, the state government announced social security scheme for newspaper hawkers under which newspaper hawkers were provided assistance of ₹1.5 lakh in case of permanent disability, ₹80,000 in case of partial disability (loss of both limbs) and ₹40,000 in case of loss of one limb.
- Under the scheme, beneficiaries including the elderly, widows, persons with disabilities, unmarried women, AIDS patients, transgender persons and orphan children of COVID-affected families receive Rs 500, Rs 700 and Rs 900 per month under different categories

**How many new districts has Rajasthan received, and who launched the websites for these districts?**

- A) 14, CM Vasundhara Raje
- B) 17, CM Ashok Gehlot
- C) 12, CM Vasundhara Raje
- D) 19, CM Ashok Gehlot
- E) 15, CM Vasundhara Raje

**Answer**

**B) 17, CM Ashok Gehlot**



## Explanation

- **Seventeen new Rajasthan districts** came into being with **Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot** virtually unveiling inauguration plaques and participating in a yajna
- Prayers and yajnas were also held in the new district headquarters in the presence of the ministers in-charge.
- **Gehlot** also launched **the websites of the new districts** during the function at the Birla Auditorium.
- The Rajasthan government notified the formation of 17 new districts following a Cabinet approval on August 4, taking the total number of districts in the state to 50.

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### Rajasthan

Capital : Jaipur

CM: Ashok Gehlot

Governor :Kalraj Mishra

**How many mine counter-measure vessels (MCMVs) is the Indian Navy planning to buy from Indian shipyards?**

- A) 6
- B) 8
- C) 10
- D) 12
- E) 15

**Answer**

**D) 12**

## Explanation

- The **Indian Navy** has launched a fresh hunt to buy **12 mine counter-measure vessels (MCMVs)** from Indian shipyards to strengthen its mine-warfare capabilities
- The minesweepers, capable of finding, destroying and laying mines, would be constructed over a period of eight years, with the order to be split between the lowest and the second-lowest bidding shipyards
- The anticipated delivery timeline for the MCMVs is proposed between 2030 and 2037. The order is planned to be split between L1 (lowest bidder) and L2 shipyards in the ratio of 8:4, wherein L2 shipyard will be required to construct the ships at the L1 cost



## Explanation

- The **₹32,640-crore programme for 12 MCMVs** to be built at **Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)** in collaboration with a Busan-based yard, Kangnam Corporation, was then pegged as one of the costliest Make in India initiatives.
- Also, in 2014, the government had scrapped a contract to build minesweepers in India in partnership with Kangnam Corporation amid allegations that the Korean firm had hired middlemen to swing the deal in its favour.

## Titbits

### **The Indian Navy**

Founded: 26 January 1950

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

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

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

**What are the names of the anti-tank guided missiles that India has successfully concluded trials for?**

- A) Agni and Prithvi
- B) BrahMos and Nirbhay
- C) Akash and Astra
- D) Helina and Dhruvastra
- E) Shaurya and Nag

**Answer**

**D) Helina and Dhruvastra**



## Explanation

- According to officials from the **Ministry of Defence**, the indigenously developed helicopter-launched Anti-Tank Guided Missile '**HELINA**' has successfully completed all trials.
- The missile utilizes an Imaging Infra-Red (IIR) Seeker operating in the Lock on Before Launch mode, making it one of the most advanced anti-tank weapons globally.
- Additionally, **the Indian Air Force (IAF) is** in the process of inducting a variant of the HELINA Weapon System called '**DHRUVA**'.
- As per reports, **in 2022**, the DRDO successfully conducted flight tests of the indigenously developed HELINA missile at high-altitude ranges as part of user validation trials. The joint effort involved teams of scientists from DRDO, the Indian Army, and the Indian Air Force (IAF).

## Explanation

- The flight trials were carried out from an Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) and included the firing and engagement of a simulated tank target. Following the trials and validation from the army and IAF, the government is now preparing for the induction of HELINA into the Indian Army
- Furthermore, the successful validation trials conducted at Pokhran in Rajasthan pave the way for the integration of HELINA on the ALH, adding to the capabilities of the Indian Armed Forces
- The **Nag ATGM** is ready for induction into the **Indian Army** after completing all required flight and user trials.
- The Nag missile is categorized as a third-generation Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) that operates on a fire-and-forget principle.

## Explanation

- The DRDO has disclosed that the Nag missile boasts an operational range of up to 4 kilometers and is equipped with a tandem high-explosive anti-tank (HEAT) warhead.
- In terms of its physical specifications, the Nag ATGM measures approximately 1.834 meters in length, has a diameter of 0.158 meters, and weighs around 44 kilograms.
- Notably, the Nag ATGM has been successfully mounted on helicopters, which transforms it into the Helicopter-Launched Nag Missile system, known as HELINA.

**Which organization has developed the application 'MASI' for real-time monitoring of Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and their inspection mechanism in India?**

- A) National Commission for Women (NCW)
- B) Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD)
- C) National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)
- D) Child Rights Commission of India (CRCI)
- E) Indian Council for Child Welfare (ICCW)

**Answer**

**C) National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)**



## Explanation

- **National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)** has developed an application '**MASI**' - **Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection** for real time monitoring of the Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and their inspection mechanism across the country.
- The effective and efficient functioning of the mechanism for inspection of CCIs provided under **the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015** (as amended in 2021) and synchronous monitoring of the system is the rationale behind developing this comprehensive application.
- The app is linked to the monitoring Portal where the automatic reports are generated. '**MASI**' enables unified inspections by Child Welfare Committees (CWCs), State Inspection Committees, District Inspection Committees, Members of Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs) and State Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCRs) as laid down under the JJ Act, 2015.



## Explanation

- It serves as a single platform for inspections of all the CCIs across the country by any of the above stated authorities. Regular follow-up is done before and after the completion of cycle of inspection.
- The complete reports are automatically generated on the Portal as soon as the questionnaire is filled and submitted by the authority. 4268 inspections, as on 24.07.2023, have been completed on MASI Portal by 32 States/UTs.
- As per Mission Vatsalya Scheme Guideline, financial support of **Rs.9,25,800/-** is provided for setting up of two rooms of 300 sq. ft. for the CWC in the Children Home / VatsalyaSadhan (an Integrated Home Complex of **CCIs (Children Home, Observation Home, Special Home, Place of Safety)** along with offices for JJB and CWC within single premises for implementation of the JJ Act) for which grants for construction are sanctioned under the Scheme.

# QUICK RECALL



- **Every August 6, Hiroshima Day is observed; In India, National Handloom Day is observed annually on August 7<sup>th</sup>; August 7 is celebrated as National Javelin Day in India**
- **Ojas Pravin Deotale won the third gold medal for India in the ongoing World Archery Championships 2023 in Berlin.**
- **Former Nepali national cricket team captain Gyanendra Malla announced his retirement from national as well as international cricket**
- **The 132nd edition of Durand Cup kicked off in Kokrajhar, Assam.**
- **Star Health and Allied Insurance (Star Health), a standalone health insurer, has entered into a strategic corporate alliance with Standard Chartered Bank (SCB).**

# QUICK RECALL



- **Bandhan Bank announced its tie-up with the Odisha Government to help them strengthen payment solutions for Odisha Tourism Development Corporation (OTDC) Ltd.**
- **Bajaj Finance has partnered with ICICI Lombard General Insurance along with other partners to provide car and two-wheeler insurance plans on the platform Bajaj Finance Insurance Mall.**
- **Adani Energy Solutions Limited (AESL) has achieved financial closure for its USD 1 billion green high voltage direct current (HVDC) link project, that will increase renewable energy supply to Mumbai**
- **Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni has approved the nomination of Prime Minister Hun Sen's son Hun Manet as the country's new leader**
- **Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah launched the digital portal of the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS) office in Pune, Maharashtra**

# QUICK RECALL



- **The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the 'Festival of Libraries' in New Delhi**
- **Bureau of Indian Standards, the National Standards Body of India signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with 35 prestigious institutions across the country for fostering collaboration in standardization and conformity assessment.**
- **Union Finance Minister Tmt. Nirmala Sitharaman visited Adichanallur, an ancient and historical Iron-age burial site located in Thoothukudi District Tamil Nadu, set along the banks of the Tamirabarani (Porunai) river.**
- **Tamil Nadu Health Minister Ma Subramanian launched the intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0 to immunise pregnant women and children below five years against life-threatening diseases.**

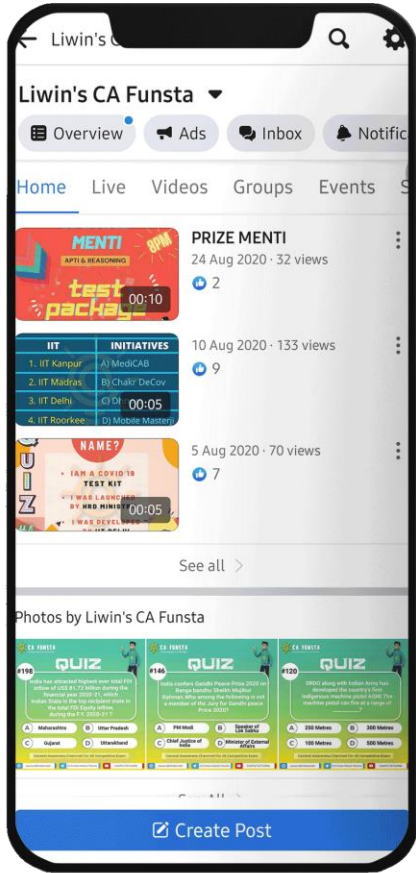
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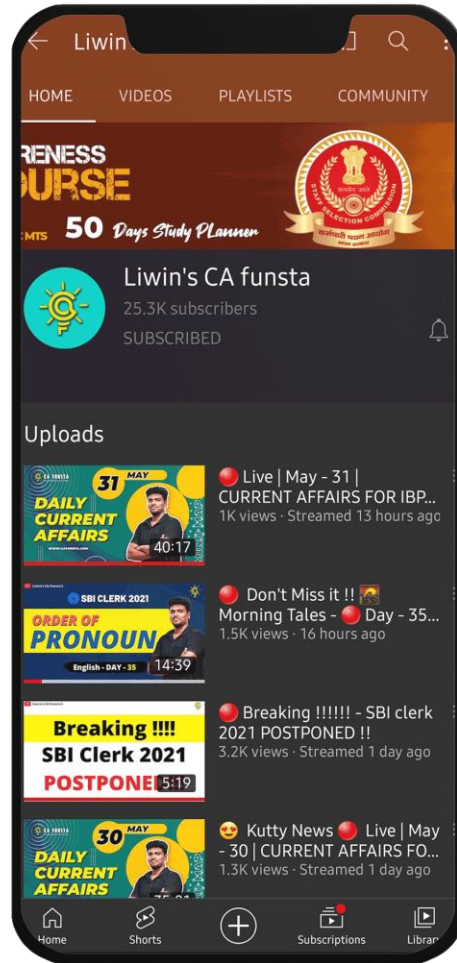
- **Coromandel International's subsidiary, Dhaksha Unmanned Systems has bagged an order worth Rs 165 crore for defence and agri drones, from the Indian Army.**
- **The Odisha government expanded the coverage of the state's social security scheme to cover 50 more categories of workers including delivery boys, boatmen, pickle and papad makers, saw-mill workers, travel and tour guides, photographers and milk vendors.**
- **Seventeen new Rajasthan districts came into being with Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot virtually unveiling inauguration plaques and participating in a yajna**
- **The Indian Navy has launched a fresh hunt to buy 12 mine counter-measure vessels (MCMVs) from Indian shipyards to strengthen its mine-warfare capabilities**
- **According to officials from the Ministry of Defence, the indigenously developed helicopter-launched Anti-Tank Guided Missile 'HELINA' has successfully completed all trials.**
- **National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has developed an application 'MASI' - Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection for real time monitoring of the Child Care Institutions (CCIs) and their inspection mechanism across the country.**



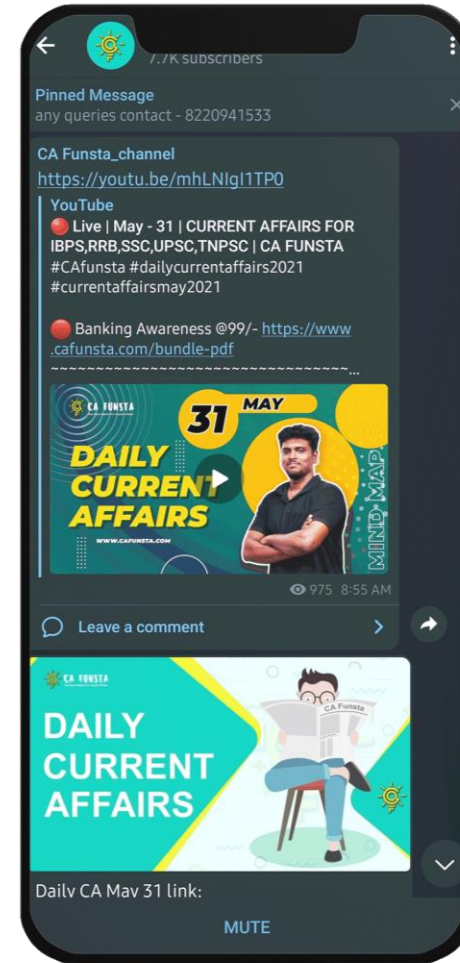
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