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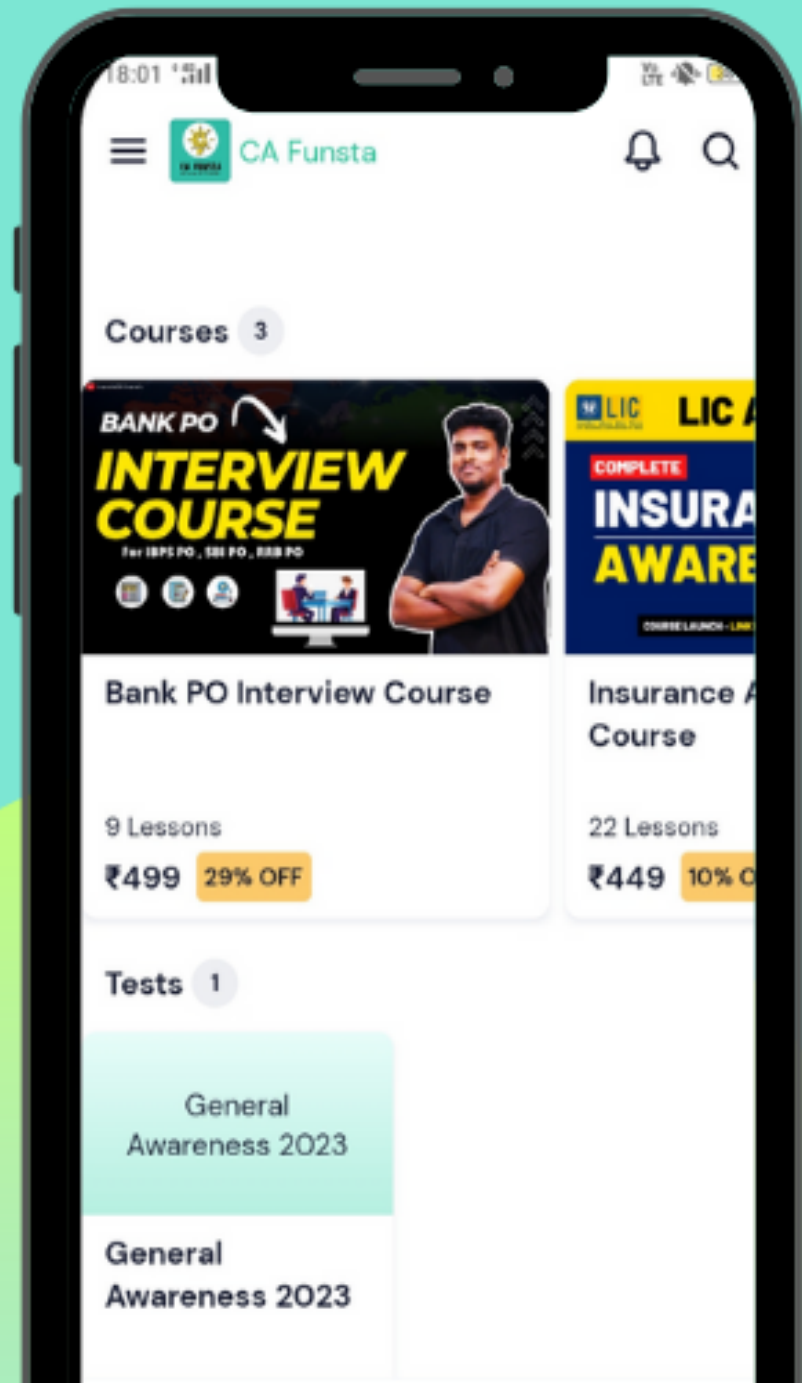
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# Important Days



**On which date is India celebrating its 77th Independence Day in the year 2023?**

- A) August 12
- B) August 13
- C) August 14
- D) August 15
- E) August 16

**Answer**  
**D) August 15**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- **India** is celebrating its **77th Independence Day on August 15, 2023**.
- This year, the theme for Independence Day is '**Nation First, Always First**' under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebration.
- Led by Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, the Independence movement began with World War I.
- On July 4, 1947, the Indian Independence Bill was introduced in the British House of Commons and was passed within a fortnight
- On this date in **1947**, the nation declared its independence from **the 200-year British rule**.
- This historic occasion honours the nation's laborious transition from the confines of colonial control to the lofty heights of sovereignty.
- On **August 15, 1947**, the first prime minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru, raised the Indian national flag above the Lahori Gate of Red Fort in Delhi.

# Important Days



## Manipur observes Patriots' Day

- **Manipur observed Patriots' Day on 13 August** to commemorate the heroes of the **1891 Anglo-Manipur War** with CM N Biren Singh saying that his government with public support is currently fighting those who attempted to break Manipur into pieces.
- On this day in 1891, Manipuri prince Bir Tikendrajit Singh and general Thangal were hanged to death by the British here on the charge of waging war against the queen.



**Sri Lanka's all-rounder Wanindu Hasaranga recently announced his retirement from which format of cricket?**

- A) One Day International (ODI)
- B) Twenty20 International (T20I)
- C) Test cricket
- D) First-class cricket
- E) List A cricket

**Answer**  
**C) Test cricket**



## Explanation

- **Sri Lankan allrounder Wanindu Hasaranga** announced his retirement from **Test cricket**
- Hasaranga made his Test debut against **South Africa at Centurion in 2020**, and played three more Tests thereafter.
- From four Tests, he took four wickets with his leg-spin. His last Test was against Bangladesh in Pallekele in 2021.
- Hasaranga has 91 wickets from 58 T20Is and amassed 533 runs with a fifty.
- Apart from plying his trade with the Royal Challengers Bangalore in the IPL, Hasaranga has also played for St Kitts and Nevis Patriots (CPL), Quetta Gladiators (PSL), Kandy Falcons and Jaffna Kings (LPL), Desert Vipers (IL T20) and Washington Freedom (MLC).

# SPORTS



**Which England cricketer won the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for his outstanding performance?**

- A) Joe Root
- B) Jofra Archer
- C) Ben Stokes
- D) Chris Woakes
- E) Jos Buttler

**Answer**  
**D) Chris Woakes**



## Explanation

- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** revealed the latest set of international stars to be named **ICC Players of the Month for July 2023**.
- **Australia's prolific all-rounder Ashleigh Gardner** becomes the first player to win back-to-back awards, claiming her fourth **ICC Women's Player of the Month** prize following another scintillating set of performances against England and Ireland in July.
- **England seamer Chris Woakes** wins the **ICC Men's Player of the Month award** for his fruitful contributions with the ball, helping his side claw back a two-nil deficit to close out their Ashes series on level terms.

# SPORTS



## Titbits

### ICC

Abbreviation: The International Cricket Council

Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Founded: 15 June 1909

Chairman: Greg Barclay

CEO: Geoff Allardice

# SPORTS



**Lima has been reinstated as the host city for which upcoming athletics event?**

- A) Olympic Games
- B) World Athletics Championships
- C) Under-18 Athletics World Championships
- D) Under-20 Athletics World Championships
- E) Commonwealth Games

**Answer**

**D) Under-20 Athletics World Championships**

## Explanation

- **Lima** has been reinstated as the host city for **next year's under-20 athletics world championships**, having initially withdrawn in April due to political instability, social unrest and natural disasters in Peru at the time.
- The championships will be held from **Aug. 26-31, 2024**, as previously scheduled.

# OBITUARY



**Bindeshwar Pathak, the founder of Sulabh International and a Padma Bhushan recipient, passed away recently. What was his notable contribution?**

- A) Literature
- B) Music
- C) Science
- D) Social work
- E) Politics

**Answer**  
**D) Social work**





# OBITUARY



## Explanation

- **Sulabh International founder, Padma Bhushan recipient, and social worker Bindeshwar Pathak** died of a cardiac arrest
- Mr. Pathak had founded Sulabh International Social Services Organisation in 1970 to introduce a public toilet system in India that would go on to become a feature of hundreds of towns.
- He went on to be conferred with the **Padma Bhushan** by the **Government of India in 1991** for social work and later became an important Ambassador for the government's Swachh Bharat Mission.
- The organisation had also been conferred with the **Gandhi Peace Prize for 2016** jointly with the Akshaya Patra Foundation.

# OBITUARY



## Explanation

- In **2003**, he was added to the **Global 500 Roll of Honour**, and in **2009**, he was awarded the prestigious **Stockholm Water Prize**.
- In 2020, a book detailing his work as a social innovator, 'Namaste, Bindeshwar Pathak!' was published.
- His other accolades include the Energy Globe Award, the Dubai International Award for Best Practices, and the Legend of Planet award from the French senate in Paris.
- He also had a day named after him in New York. In 2016, Mayor Bill De Blasio declared April 14 as Bindeshwar Pathak Day

**MCX, India's largest commodity exchange, has selected which company as the primary Online Dispute Resolution service provider?**

- A) Lex Consultancy Services
- B) Lex Carta Pvt
- C) LegalXpress Solutions
- D) LawBridge Solutions
- E) Lex Arbitration Services

**Answer**

**B) Lex Carta Pvt**

## Explanation

- **MCX**, the country's largest commodity exchange, has empaneled **Lex Carta Pvt** as the primary Online Dispute Resolution service provider.
- A complaint/dispute initiated through the ODR portal will be referred to an ODR Institution empaneled by a Market Infrastructure Institution.
- The ODR will provide an efficient mechanism for dispute resolution between investors/clients and all the stakeholders in the securities market.
- The ODR portal has the necessary features to facilitate the enrolment of investors/client and market participants, allowing them to file their complaints/dispute and to upload relevant documents.

## Titbits

### **Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd(MCX)**

Founded: 10 November 2003

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO: P.S. Reddy

**The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of ₹5.00 lakh on which bank for contravention of NABARD's guidelines on 'Frauds - Guidelines for Classification, reporting and Monitoring of Frauds'?**

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) ICICI Bank
- C) Punjab National Bank
- D) Baroda Gujarat Gramin Bank
- E) Axis Bank

**Answer**

**D) Baroda Gujarat Gramin Bank**

## Explanation

- The **Reserve Bank** has imposed monetary penalties on four co-operative banks for deficiencies in regulatory compliance. These banks are -- **Baroda Gujarat Gramin Bank, Vadodara, The Aska Co-operative Central Bank Ltd., Bally Cooperative Bank Ltd., Howrah and The Nabapalli Co-operative Bank Ltd., West Bengal.**
- The Reserve Bank imposed a monetary penalty of **₹5.00 lakh** on **Baroda Gujarat Gramin Bank, Vadodara (Gujarat)** for contravention of directions issued by NABARD on 'Frauds - Guidelines for Classification, reporting and Monitoring of Frauds'.

## Explanation

- The **Aska Co-operative Central Bank Ltd., Aska** was penalised **₹50,000** for non-compliance with certain provisions of the Reserve Bank's –Know Your Customer (KYC)) Direction, 2016.
- The Reserve Bank imposed a monetary penalty of **₹1,00,000 on Bally Cooperative Bank Ltd.**, Howrah, West Bengal for non-compliance with certain provisions of the central bank'-Know Your Customer (KYC)) Direction, 2016'.
- The apex bank imposed a monetary penalty of **₹2,50,000 on The Nabapalli Co-operative Bank Ltd., West Bengal** for non-compliance with the directions issued by RBI on 'Exposure Norms and Statutory/Other Restrictions - UCBs' and certain provisions of the 'Reserve Bank of India – (Know Your Customer (KYC)) Direction, 2016'.



# AWARDS



**The President of India has approved a total of 76 Gallantry awards, including four Kirti Chakras and 11 Shaurya Chakras, for which personnel?**

- A) Police officers
- B) Firefighters
- C) Civil servants
- D) Armed Forces and CAPF personnel
- E) Medical professionals

**Answer**

**D) Armed Forces and CAPF personnel**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- **President Droupadi Murmu** has approved **76 Gallantry awards to Armed Forces and Central Armed Police Forces personnel** on eve of Independence Day.
- These include **four Kirti Chakra, all posthumous, 11 Shaurya Chakras, including five posthumous, two Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry), 52 Sena Medals (Gallantry), three Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry) and four Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry).**
- The President has also approved 30 Mention-in-Despatches to the Army, including to Army dog Madhu (Posthumous), and one to Air Force personnel for their significant contributions in different military operations.
- The operations include Operation Rakshak, Operation Snow Leopard, Operation Casualty Evacuation, Operation Mount Chomo, Operation Pangsau Pass, Operation Meghdoot, Operation Orchid, Operation Kalisham Valley, Rescue Operation and Operation Evacuation.

# AWARDS



## Explanation

- President has also approved **one President's Tatrakshak Medal and five Tatrakshak Medals to the Indian Coast Guard personnel** for their act of conspicuous gallantry, exceptional devotion to duty and distinguished service.
- These awards are given to the personnel of the Indian Coast Guard on the occasion of Republic Day and Independence Day every year since 26th January, 1990.
- The Kirti Chakra awardees who received it posthumously are **Dilip Kumar Das, Raj Kumar Yadava, Bablu Rabha and Sambha Roy, all of the Central Reserve Police Force.**
- The Shaurya Chakra recipients include five personnel named for it posthumously, including Major Vikas Bhambhu and Major Mustafa Bohara of Army Aviation Squadron; Hav Vivek Singh Tomar of the Rajputana Rifles, Rifleman Kulbhushan Manta of the Rashtriya Rifles and Saifullah Qadri, SG constable, Jammu and Kashmir police.

# AWARDS



## Explanation

- Indian Army Majors Vikas Bhambhu and Mustafa Bohara awarded the Shaurya Chakra posthumously for flying away their crashing ALH Dhruv Rudra helicopter from a built up area and an ammunition point in Arunachal Pradesh in October, 2022 saving many precious lives.
- The two pilots lost their lives in the crash despite having liberty to land in open area but this could have caused damage to ammunition point and civilians on ground.
- Wing Commander Shrey Tomar awarded Vayu Sena Medal Gallantry for safely landing his twin engine fighter aircraft safely on single engine due to fire and preventing both loss of life and property.
- Havildar Vivek Singh Tomar awarded the Shaurya Chakra posthumously for saving the lives of fellow soldiers and preventing a major fire incident during deployment at the Siachen Glacier at an altitude of 18,300 feet. He observed a fire inside a snow tent in January this year and entered inside disregarding personal safety to contain the situation but laid down his life in the incident due to injuries

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently unveiled which mega scheme with an estimated outlay of Rs 13,000 to Rs 15,000 crore?**

- A) Atmanirbhar Yojana
- B) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- C) Vishwakarma Yojana
- D) Make in India Initiative
- E) Jan Dhan Yojana

**Answer**

**C) Vishwakarma Yojana**

## Explanation

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** announced a mega scheme, **Vishwakarma Yojana**, with an outlay of **Rs 13,000 to Rs 15,000 crore**, to boost livelihood opportunities for people engaged in traditional skills, including carpenters, masons and goldsmiths.
- The scheme, mainly benefiting people belonging to the **Other Backward Classes (OBC) category**, will be launched on Vishwakarma Jayanti that falls on September 17.
- The Rs 13,000-Rs 15,000 crore scheme will provide strength to carpenters, goldsmiths, masons, laundry workers, and barbers, who mostly belong to the Other Backward Class (OBC) community

**The government of which Indian state has introduced the 'Gramin Mitra' scheme aimed at delivering government services to people's doorsteps?**

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Kerala
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Gujarat
- E) Goa

**Answer**  
**E) Goa**

## Explanation

- The **Goa government** launched its flagship scheme "**Gramin Mitra**" to provide doorstep delivery of government services across the state and promote digital empowerment in rural areas
- State Minister for Information Technology, Electronics and Communication Rohan Khaunte, Union Minister Shripad Naik, Rajya Sabha MP Sadanand Shet Tanavade were present on the occasion
- The programme aims to empower rural communities with access to information and opportunities that can transform their lives and drive socio-economic growth
- Under the initiative, people can request public services by simply calling the dedicated call centre number, which operates from 8 am to 8 pm, seven days a week



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



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

**Answer**  
**C) Rajasthan**

## Explanation

- **Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot** will launch the **Mukhyamantri Nishulk Annapurna Food Packet Scheme** on the occasion of Independence Day
- Under the scheme, families covered under the **National Food Security Act (NFSA)** will get the Annapurna food packets **every month from the fair price shops (FPS) for free.**
- Each packet will contain one kg each of gram pulses, sugar and iodized salt, one litre soybean refined edible oil, 100 gram each of chili powder and coriander powder, and 50 grams turmeric powder.
- The launching ceremony will be organised at more than 25,000 FPS along with all district and block headquarters, including of the newly-formed districts

## Explanation

- The FPS kiosk will be set up at the district and block level function where public representatives will distribute the packets to beneficiaries through point of sale (POS) machines.
- Members of the state council, MLAs and other public representatives are expected to attend the programme.
- CM Gehlot had announced the scheme in his budget presented earlier this year.
- The scheme will cost the exchequer around Rs 4,500 crore annually

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### Rajasthan

Capital : Jaipur

CM: Ashok Gehlot

Governor :Kalraj Mishra



# QUICK RECALL



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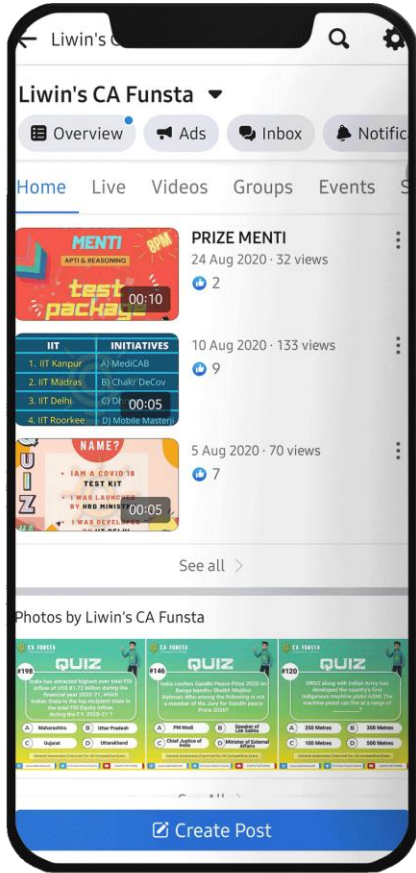


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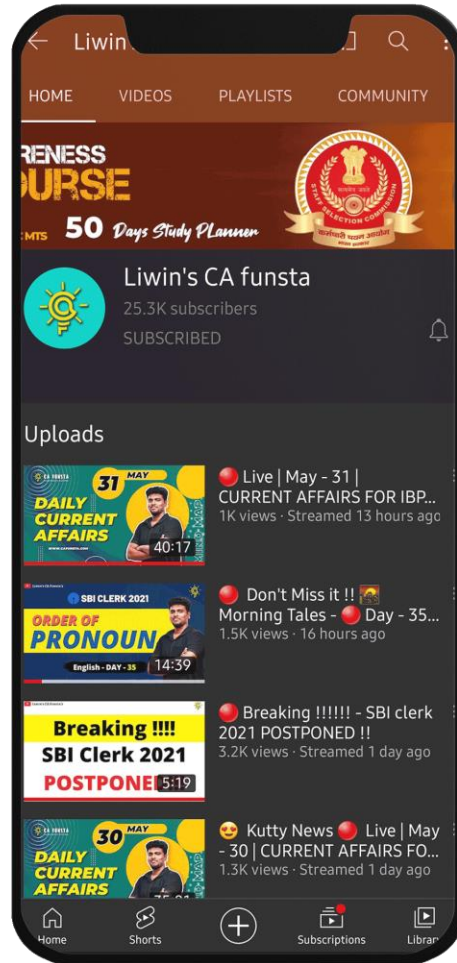


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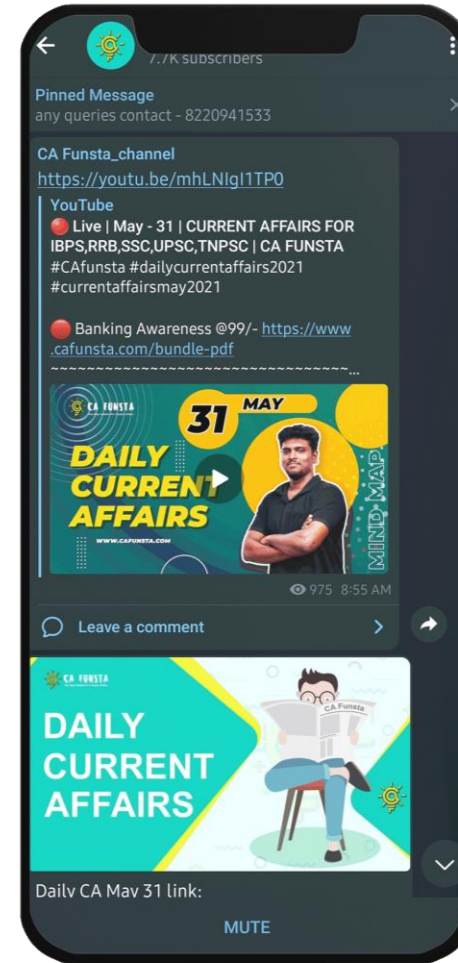
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