



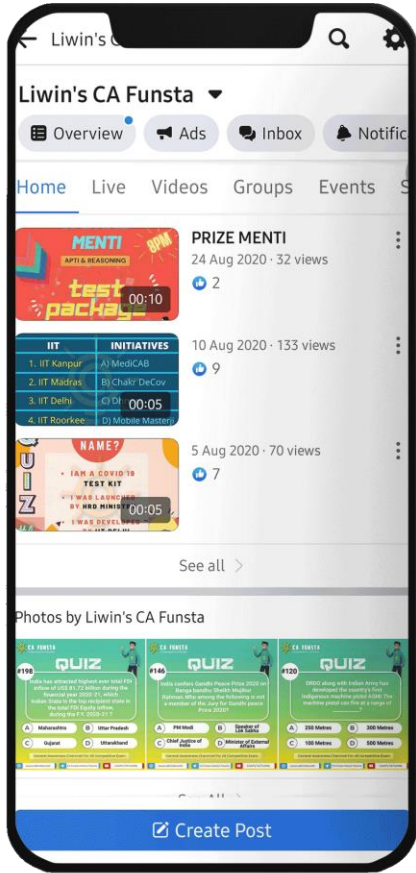
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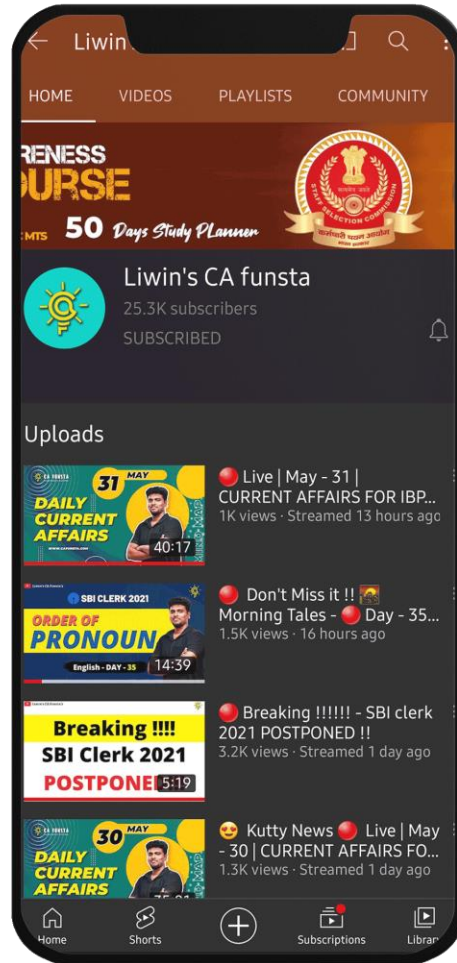
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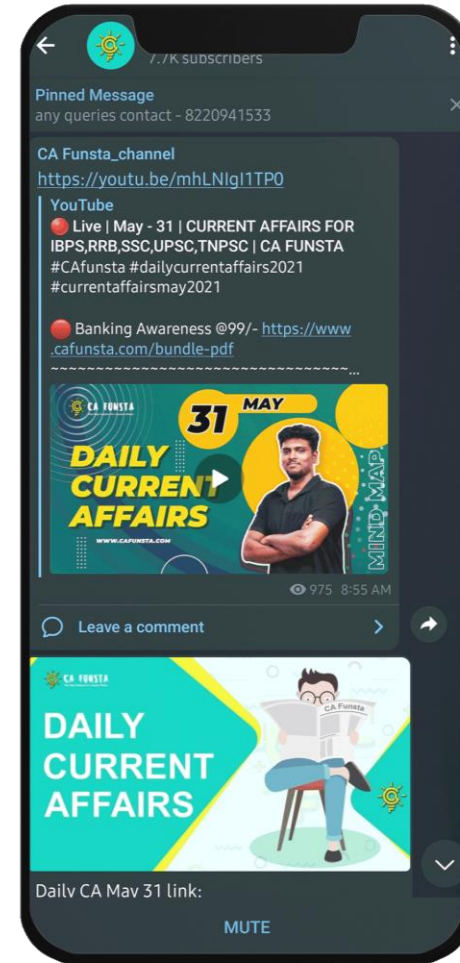
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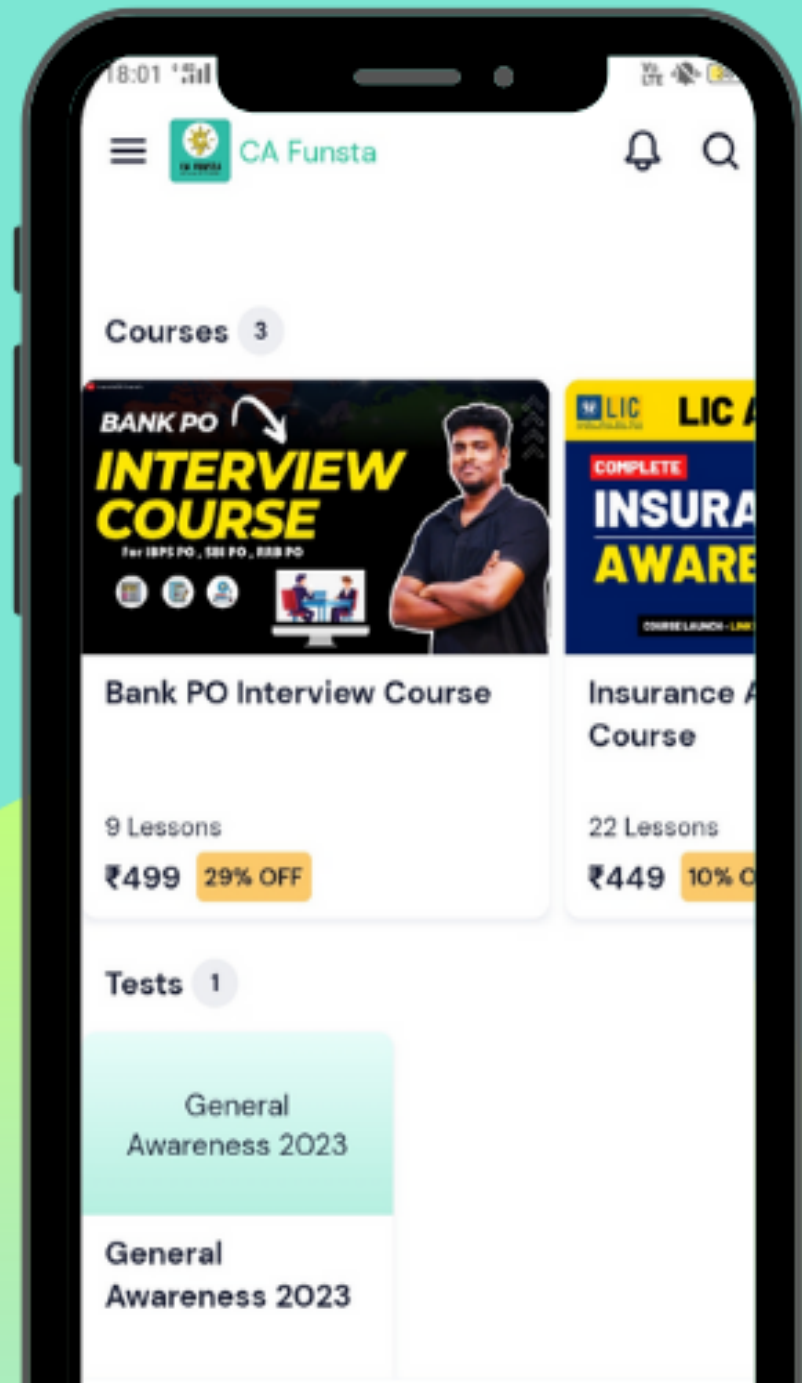
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# Important Days



**On which day is International Red Panda Day observed annually?**

- A) 1st Saturday of September
- B) 2nd Saturday of September
- C) 3rd Saturday of September
- D) 4th Saturday of September
- E) 1st Sunday of September

**Answer**

**C) 3rd Saturday of September**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- **International Red Panda Day** is celebrated annually to raise awareness about the endangered red panda species.
- It is observed on the **third Saturday of every September**, which this year falls on **September 16**.
- The International Red Panda Day was initially established by the Red Panda Network in the year **2010**, when there was a noticeable decline in the population of the species.
- After the establishment of the day, it was then celebrated on **September 18, 2010**.
- The Red Panda Network is an NGO which is headquartered in Eugene, Oregon, United States. The organisation works in the betterment of the red pandas'.
- The NGO also trains the forest guards to raise awareness and empathy for the red panda.

**How many times has India won the Asia Cup title?**

- A) 5 times
- B) 6 times
- C) 7 times
- D) 8 times
- E) 9 times

**Answer**  
**D) 8 times**





## Explanation

### Asia Cup

**Edition:** 16th

**Host:** Sri Lanka & Pakistan

**Date:** 30 Aug 2023 – 17 September 2023

**Winner:** India(8th Time - 1984, 1988, 1991, 1995, 2010, 2016, 2018, 2023)

**Runner:** Sri Lanka

**Final Held :** R Premadasa Stadium, Colombo, Sri Lanka

The first edition of the Asia Cup was held in **Sharjah in 1984**

# RANKING



**Who holds the highest approval rating among global leaders, according to recent data?**

- A) U.S. President Joe Biden
- B) Chinese President Xi Jinping
- C) Russian President Vladimir Putin
- D) Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- E) German Chancellor Angela Merkel



**Answer**

**D) Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

# RANKING



## Explanation

- **Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has been named as the **leader with the highest approval rating globally** by a survey following the successful conclusion of the G20 Summit
- The survey conducted by **Morning Consult**, which puts out weekly approval ratings of world leaders, said that 76 per cent of people approve of PM Modi's leadership, while 18 per cent disapprove and six per cent did not give any opinion.

# RANKING



## Explanation

### Top 10

1. Narendra Modi (India): 76%
2. Alain Berset (Switzerland) 64%
3. Andrés Manuel López Obrador (Mexico) 61%
4. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (Brazil) 49%
5. Anthony Albanese (Australia) 48%
6. Giorgia Meloni (Italy) 42%
7. Joe Biden (US) 40%
8. Pedro Sánchez (Spain) 39%
9. Leo Varadkar (Ireland) 38%
10. Justin Trudeau (Canada) 37%

**What is the name of the special fixed deposit (FD) scheme introduced by IDBI Bank, and what is its tenure?**

- A) Sukanya Samriddhi FD, 5 years
- B) NRI FD Plus, 3 years
- C) Amrit Mahotsav FD, 375 and 444 days
- D) Diamond Savings FD, 2 years
- E) Super Senior Citizen FD, 6 months

**Answer**

**C) Amrit Mahotsav FD, 375 and 444 days**



## Explanation

- **IDBI Bank** has extended the validity for **special fixed deposit (FD)**.
- In July, IDBI introduced a **special FD scheme called Amrit Mahotsav FD** for a tenure of **375 and 444 Days days**.
- It has extended these special fixed deposit deadlines to October 31 from the earlier September 30 deadline.
- On a special maturity bucket of 375 days, **IDBI Bank** offers an interest rate of **7.10% for the general public and 7.60% for senior citizens**.
- IDBI's Amrit Mahotsav FD" for 375 Days and 444 Days is valid up to August 15, 2023,

# BANKING AND FINANCE



## Titbits

### **IDBI Bank**

Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO : Rakesh Sharma

Tagline : Banking for All “Aao SocheinBada”

**What organization has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bank of Maharashtra for project financing?**

- A) RBI (Reserve Bank of India)
- B) NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development)
- C) IREDA (Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency)
- D) SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India)
- E) HDFC Bank (Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited Bank)

**Answer**

**C) IREDA (Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency)**





## Explanation

- The **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Bank of Maharashtra** to fund a diverse spectrum of renewable energy projects.
- IREDA's administrative control is under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- Under this agreement, the Bank of Maharashtra can invest in the Bonds issued by IREDA
- India aims to meet its 50 per cent energy needs through renewable sources by 2030.
- At the COP26 summit in Glasgow in 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi committed to an ambitious five-part "Panchamrit" pledge, including reaching 500 GW of non-fossil electricity capacity, to generate half of all energy requirements from renewables, to reduce emissions by 1 billion tons by 2030.
- India also aims to reduce the emissions intensity of GDP by 45 per cent. Finally, India commits to net-zero emissions by 2070.

## Titbits

### **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA)**

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Founded: 11 March 1987

Chairman and Managing Director : Shri Pradip Kumar  
Das

### **Bank of Maharashtra**

Hq: Pune, Maharashtra

CEO: A S Rajeev

Tagline : One Family One Bank

**How many non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) were placed under the upper layer as per scale-based regulation (SBR) by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the financial year 2023-24?**

- A) 5 NBFCs
- B) 10 NBFCs
- C) 15 NBFCs
- D) 20 NBFCs
- E) 25 NBFCs

**Answer**  
**C) 15 NBFCs**

## Explanation

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced the names of **15 non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) placed under the upper layer as per scale-based regulation (SBR) for 2023-24.**
- TMF Business Services (formerly Tata Motors Finance), eligible for categorisation under the upper layer, is not included in the current list due to ongoing business reorganisation, said the regulator.
- The Upper 15 squad - These 15 NBFCs have been identified by RBI in the upper tier for 2023-24:

## Explanation

- LIC Housing Finance
- Bajaj Finance
- Shriram Finance (formerly Shriram Transport Finance Company)
- Tata Sons Private Limited
- L & T Finance
- Piramal Capital & Housing Finance
- Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company
- Indiabulls Housing Finance
- Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services
- Tata Capital Financial Services
- PNB Housing Finance
- HDB Financial Services
- Aditya Birla Finance
- Muthoot Finance
- Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd.

## Explanation

- NBFCs have witnessed significant growth in size and interconnectedness in recent years, prompting the regulator to introduce SBR for these entities in October 2021.
- The SBR framework encompasses various aspects of NBFC regulation, including capital requirements, governance standards, and prudential regulation, among others.
- Under this framework, NBFCs are categorised into four layers based on their size, activities, and perceived riskiness.
- The **base layer** primarily consists of non-deposit-taking NBFCs with assets below Rs 1,000 crore engaged in activities such as peer-to-peer lending, account aggregation, and non-operative financial holding companies.
- The **middle layer** comprises all deposit-taking NBFCs and non-deposit-taking NBFCs with assets exceeding Rs 1,000 crore.

## Explanation

- The **upper layer** includes NBFCs specifically identified by the RBI as warranting enhanced regulatory requirements based on a set of parameters and scoring methodology
- The **top layer** should ideally remain empty but could be populated if the Reserve Bank perceives a substantial increase in potential systemic risk from specific NBFCs in the upper layer.
- In such cases, these NBFCs will transition from the upper layer to the top layer, as stipulated in the 2021 norms.

**National Highways Logistics Management (a fully owned company of NHAI) signed an agreement for the development of a multi-modal logistics park in Bengaluru.**

**What is the estimated cost of this project?**

- A) Rs 500 crore
- B) Rs 950 crore
- C) Rs 1,250 crore
- D) Rs 1,500 crore
- E) Rs 1,770 crore

**Answer**  
**E) Rs 1,770 crore**





## Explanation

- **National Highways Logistics Management**, a fully owned company of **NHAI** signed an agreement for the development of a **multi-modal logistics park in Bengaluru**, proposed to be developed at an estimated cost of **Rs 1,770 crore**
- The agreement has been signed between the government special purpose vehicle, Bengaluru MMLP Pvt Ltd and Concessionaire SPV M/s. PATH Bengaluru Logistics Park Pvt Ltd.
- The logistics park is being developed in an area of 400 acres at Muddelinganahalli in Bengaluru rural district in Karnataka.
- The project is poised to become the first and largest ever implemented in the country under the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.
- The park will be developed in three phases.
- The first phase is expected to be completed in two years.
- MMLP will cater to about 30 million metric tonnes (MMT) cargo by the end of the concession period of 45 years and will give a huge boost to the industrial zones in the catchment region such as Bengaluru and Tumkur.

## Titbits

### **National Highways Logistics Management Ltd (NHLML)**

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi

Chairman: Manoj Kumar

Incorporate: 19th January 2004

# APPOINTMENTS



**How long has Sashidhar Jagdishan been re-appointed as the MD & CEO of HDFC Bank as approved by the Reserve Bank of India?**

- A) One year
- B) Two years
- C) Three years
- D) Four years
- E) Five years

**Answer**  
**C) Three years**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has approved the re-appointment of **Sashidhar Jagdishan as HDFC Bank MD & CEO** for a period of **three more years** and he will remain at the post till 26 October 2026.
- Sashidhar Jagdishan has an overall experience of over thirty-one (31) years
- He joined the Bank in 1996 as a Manager in the Finance function.
- He became Business Head - Finance in 1999 and was appointed as Chief Financial Officer in 2008.
- He played a critical role in supporting the growth trajectory of the Bank, and led the finance function with a pivotal role in aligning the organization in achieving the strategic objectives over the years.
- Prior to his appointment as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the Bank, he was the Group Head of the Bank in addition to overseeing the functions of Finance, Human Resources, Legal & Secretarial, Administration, Infrastructure, Corporate Communications and Corporate Social Responsibility.

# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### **HDFC Bank**

Headquarters: Mumbai , Maharashtra

Tagline : We Understand Your World

CEO :Sashidhar Jagdishan

# APPOINTMENTS



**Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Mongolia?**

- A) Atul Malhari Gotsurve
- B) Ramesh Kumar Gupta
- C) Priya Sharma
- D) Anjali Verma
- E) Manoj Patel

**Answer**

**A) Atul Malhari Gotsurve**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Atul Malhari Gotsurve** has been appointed as **India's next Ambassador to Mongolia**
- He replaces **MP Singh** as Ambassador. **Gotsurve** is expected to take up the assignment shortly.
- In the Ministry of External Affairs, he has worked in the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) Division from 2010-2014 in various capacities.
- From 2014 to 2017, he worked as the Regional Passport Officer of Pune in the State of Maharashtra.
- In 2018, he was conferred with the Special Recognition Award by Sarkaritel.com for being one of the Youngest Ambassadors of India. Gotsurve has represented India at several International Conferences.

# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### **Mongolia**

Capital: Ulaanbaatar

Currency: Mongolian Tugrik

President: Ukhnaagiin Khürelsükh

Prime Minister: Luvsannamsrain Oyun-Erdene



# AWARDS



**What has UNESCO decided to inscribe on the World Heritage list in Karnataka?**

- A) Western Ghats
- B) Sacred Ensembles of Hoysalas
- C) Karnataka's Historic Temples
- D) Hampi Ruins
- E) Mysore Palace

**Answer**

**B) Sacred Ensembles of Hoysalas**



## Explanation

- **UNESCO** decided to inscribe **Karnataka's Sacred Ensembles of Hoysalas** in the **World Heritage list**.
- The ancient site was part of **UNESCO's Tentative list since 2014** and now the global body has decided to inscribe Sacred Ensembles of Hoysalas in the World Heritage list.
- The Hoysalas temples showcase India's rich cultural and historical heritage.
- Located in the Hassan district of Karnataka, the Hoysala temples of Belur are renowned for their exquisite architecture and intricate stone carvings.
- The temples depict the architectural prowess of the Hoysala dynasty, which ruled over the region between the 10th and 14th centuries.
- Chennakesava Temple which is one of the most significant temples was constructed by King Vishnuvardhana of the Hoysala dynasty in the 12th century to commemorate his victory over the Cholas.

# AWARDS



## Explanation

- Intricate carvings, finely detailed sculptures, and star-shaped architectural plans are the prime features of Sacred Ensembles of Hoysala at Halebid.
- The main Hoysaleswara temple was built in the 12th century during the reign of King Vishnuvardhana and is dedicated to Lord Shiva and the second Kedareshwara Temple showcases remarkable Hoysala architecture and stone carvings.

# AWARDS



## Titbits

### UNESCO

Abbreviation: The United Nations Educational, Scientific  
and Cultural Organization

Founded: 1945

Headquarters: Paris, France

Director-General : Audrey Azoulay

What agreement was reached between India and Russia regarding \_\_\_\_\_?

- A) Joint military exercises in polar regions
- B) Collaborative research on climate change in the Arctic
- C) Mutual support in Arctic oil exploration
- D) Training Indian seafarers in polar and Arctic waters
- E) Joint Arctic tourism promotion

**Answer**

**D) Training Indian seafarers in polar and Arctic waters**



## Explanation

- **India and Russia** agreed to train Indian seafarers in **polar and arctic waters in this far eastern Russian port** as the two sides discussed ways to widen maritime cooperation including possibility of usage of new transport corridors like the Northern Sea Route as well as the Eastern Maritime Corridor.
- Discussions on the maritime cooperation took place between visiting Union Ports, Shipping and Waters Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Minister of the Russian Federation for the Development of the Far East and the Arctic A O Chekunkov
- During the meeting, both the leaders discussed wide range of items of maritime communication between India and Russia to widen maritime cooperation including possibility of usage of new transport corridors like the Northern Sea Route (NSR) as well as the Eastern Maritime Corridor (EMC) between Vladivostok and Chennai.
- The two sides also agreed to train Indian seafarers in Polar and Arctic waters at the Russian Maritime Training Institute, named after GI Admiral Nevelsky, which is equipped with simulator training facilities, in Vladivostok

# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### Russia

Capital : Moscow

Currency : Russian ruble

President : Vladimir Putin

Prime Minister : Mikhail Mishustin

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



What name has been approved by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla for the Old Parliament building?

- A) Lok Shala
- B) Sabha Bhavan
- C) Sansad Bhavan
- D) Samvidhan Sadan
- E) Rajya Griha

**Answer**

**D) Samvidhan Sadan**





## Explanation

- **Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla** approved the name of **Old Parliament building** as '**Samvidhan Sadan**'.
- At the beginning of the second day of the session, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has proposed that the Old Parliament building can be called **Samvidhan Sadan (Constitution House)**.
- Members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha gathered at the historic Central Hall of the old Parliament building for the function
- The Samvidhan Sadan was constructed between 1921 and 1927 and saw some of the historic events of Indian history including the declaration of the Independence of India and the drafting of the Indian Constitution

**Which organization conducted the coastal security drill known as 'Operation Sajag' along the west coast?**

- A) Indian Navy
- B) Indian Army
- C) Indian Air Force
- D) Indian Coast Guard
- E) Indian Border Security Force

**Answer**

**D) Indian Coast Guard**



## Explanation

- **'Operation Sajag'**, a drill involving all stakeholders of the coastal security construct, was conducted by the **Indian Coast Guard** along the west coast
- The drill facilitates revalidation of the coastal security mechanism and bring awareness among the fishermen at sea.
- During the drill, extensive checking and verification of documents and crew passes of all fishing boats, barges and craft at sea was undertaken.
- A total of 118 ships including those from Customs, Marine Police, Ports & Indian Navy participated in the drill.
- In order to strengthen the coastal security construct, a slew of measures have been incorporated ranging from Issuance of Biometric cards for the fishermen, colour coding of fishing boats as per each state, manning of fish landing centres and access control at entry/exit check points, coastal mapping, designating specific marine band frequency for security agencies, training of marine police personnel by Indian Coast Guard amongst others.

## Explanation

- Biometric card readers have also been issued to security agencies.
- Besides monitoring of dhows, island security and community interaction programmes have been institutionalised under the coastal security construct.
- The day-long drill is conducted every month and the outcomes are further progressed for improvement in the coastal security construct.
- The drill enables to verify implementation of various coastal security measures besides bringing out important lessons and highlight trends in coastal security.

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### **The Indian Coast Guard**

Founded: 1 February 1977

Headquarters: Indian Coast Guard Headquarters, New  
Delhi

Director General: DG Rakesh Pal

**Which organization partnered with the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, to successfully organize the multi-sectoral workshop on "Risk-based management of spill over events in wildlife in India" in Hyderabad?**

- A) World Health Organization (WHO)
- B) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- C) World Bank
- D) World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)
- E) World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

**Answer**

**D) World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)**

## Explanation

- The **Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying**, Ministry of Fisheries Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, in partnership with the **World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)**, successfully organized a multi-sectoral workshop "**Risk-based management of spill over events in wildlife in India**" at the Radisson Hyderabad Hitec City, Hyderabad
- The workshop inaugurated by Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Dr Abhijit Mitra and WOAH Regional Representative for Asia Pacific, Dr Hirofumui Kugita featured distinguished experts from WOAH, including, Dr Paolo Tizzani, Dr Lesa Thompson, Dr Jacqueline Lusatand Dr Basilio Valdehuesa.
- The event brought together 25 participants from Animal Husbandry, Human Health, and Wildlife sectors representing six Indian states, namely **Kerala, Uttarakhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Telangana.**

## Explanation

- In addition to these, 13 experts from ICAR-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (NIVEDI), and the Centre for Wildlife IVRI participated, with observers from WHO, FAO, USAID Rise, and the One Health Support Unit (OHSU).
- The workshop focused on four key objectives on enhancing stakeholder knowledge about wildlife-origin disease risk analysis, conducting a thorough gap analysis of India's risk assessment and management, simulating disease spillover scenarios, and fostering communication and awareness among relevant stakeholders
- Also, **Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala** inaugurated **Second Edition of ICAR-CIBA's (ICAR-Central Institute of Brackish water Aquaculture) Shrimp Farmers Conclave-2023** at the **Navsari Agricultural University Campus in Gujarat**.



## Explanation

- About 410 aqua farmers across the coastal districts of Gujarat participated in the conclave.
- In his address, **Shri Parshottam Rupala** conveyed his gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, for approving the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampadan Yojana with the financial outlay of **Rs. 20,050 crores** for the sustainable development of fisheries and aquaculture sector.
- This paved the way for developing a project implemented by **ICAR-CIBA** on **“Genetic improvement program of Penaeus indicus (Indian white shrimp)- Phase-I”** with an outlay of Rs.25 crores under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) to establish a National Genetic Improvement Facility for shrimp breeding.
- The Minister also launched the **Shrimp Crop Insurance scheme developed by the Agricultural Insurance Company (AIC) with the support of ICAR-CIBA** during the occasion in the presence of the Chairman cum Managing Director of AIC, Smt. Grija Subramanian.

## Explanation

- Two Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) were signed between CIBA and National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB); CIBA and Fish Farmers Producer Organization (FFPO) of Gujarat respectively for implementing the crop insurance for aquaculture with premium subsidy offered by the NFDB and technology support for the FFPO.
- Shri Rupala also handed over a sum **Rs.40.05 Lakhs income earned by the SC, ST and Cage Culture beneficiaries of Navsari region through adoption of CIBA technologies for the livelihood development supported by NGRC-CIBA scientists.**
- Member of Parliament, Navsari constituency, Shri C.R. Patil participated in the Conclave as Guest of Honour.
- Shri Rupala hands over **CIBA produced Asian sea bass fish seeds to farmers**

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### **World Organisation for Animal Health(WOAH)**

Founded: 1924

Headquarters: Paris, France

Director General: Monique Eloit

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



**What initiatives were jointly unveiled by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Finance Minister, and Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Agriculture Minister?**

- A) KCC Ghar Ghar Abhiyaan and Kisan Rin Portal
- B) Kisan Rin Portal and WINDS manual
- C) KCC Ghar Ghar Abhiyaan and WINDS manual
- D) KCC Ghar Ghar Abhiyaan, Kisan Rin Portal, and WINDS manual
- E) KCC Abhiyaan and Kisan Portal

**Answer**

**D) KCC Ghar Ghar Abhiyaan, Kisan Rin Portal, and WINDS manual**



## Explanation

- In a landmark event, **Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman & Union Agriculture Minister Sh. Narendra Singh Tomar** unveiled initiatives focused on **agri-credit (KCC & MISS) and crop insurance (PMFBY/RWBCIS)**.
- The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare launched three initiatives, namely the **Kisan Rin Portal (KRP)**, **KCC Ghar Ghar Abhiyaan**, an ambitious campaign aiming to extend the benefits of the **Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme** to every farmer across the nation and a manual on Weather Information Network Data Systems (WINDS).
- These initiatives aim to revolutionize agriculture, enhance financial inclusion, optimize data utilization, and improve the lives of farmers across the nation.

## Explanation

### Kisan Rin Portal (KRP)

- Developed collaboratively by **MoA&FW, the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAH&D), Department of Fisheries (DoF), RBI, and NABARD**, KRP is poised to revolutionize access to credit services under the Kisan Credit Card (KCC).
- It will also assist farmers in availing subsidized agriculture credit through the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS).
- The KRP portal serves as an integrated hub, offering a comprehensive view of farmer data, loan disbursement specifics, interest subvention claims, and scheme utilization progress.
- By fostering seamless integration with banks, this pioneering portal enables proactive policy interventions, strategic guidance, and adaptive enhancements for more focused and efficient agriculture credit and optimum utilization of interest subvention.

## Explanation

### **Ghar-Ghar KCC Abhiyaan: Door to Door KCC Campaign**

- The event also marks the commencement of the "Ghar Ghar KCC Abhiyaan,". MoA&FW's commitment to universal financial inclusion is underscored by this campaign, ensuring that every farmer has unhindered access to credit facilities that drive their agricultural pursuits. The campaign will begin from 1st October 2023 to 31st December 2023.
- MoA&FW has diligently verified existing KCC account holders' data against the PM KISAN database, identifying account holders who match with the PM KISAN database and those who, although PM KISAN beneficiaries, do not have KCC accounts.
- This campaign plays a pivotal role in reaching out to non-KCC account holder PM KISAN beneficiaries and fostering the saturation of KCC Accounts among eligible PM Kisan beneficiary farmers.

## Explanation

### Launch of WINDS Manual

- The **Weather Information Network Data Systems (WINDS) initiative** stands as a pioneering effort to establish a network of Automatic Weather Stations & Rain Gauges at the taluk/block and gram panchayat levels.
- This initiative creates a robust database of hyper-local weather data, supporting various agricultural services.
- This comprehensive WINDS manual launched today provides stakeholders with an in-depth understanding of the portal's functionalities, data interpretation, and effective utilization.
- It guides States and Union Territories in establishing and integrating with the WINDS platform, fostering transparent and objective data observation and transmission. It also offers practical insights into leveraging weather data for improved crop management, resource allocation, and risk mitigation.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Who flagged off the SMVD Narayana Healthcare TB Mukht Express (Chalo Chale TB Ko Harane)?

- A) Dr. Manmohan Singh
- B) Dr. Jitendra Singh
- C) Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- D) Dr. Ramesh Kumar
- E) Dr. Narendra Modi

**Answer**  
**B) Dr. Jitendra Singh**



## Explanation

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, **Dr Jitendra Singh**, Public private partnership (PPP) with integrated strategy is essential to achieve '**TB Mukh Bharat**' which is actually inspired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's commitment of 'TB Mukh Bharat' by 2025
- Dr. Jitendra Singh flags off **SMVD Narayana Healthcare TB Mukh Express (Chalo Chale TB Ko Harane)**
- The slogan 'Chalo Chale TB Ko Harane'
- India's efforts to eradicate TB by 2025 is a role model for the world and urged citizens to work collectively towards TB elimination in the true spirit of Jan Bhagidari.

## Titbits

**Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy; and Minister of State in the Department of Space**

Name: Dr. Jitendra Singh

Constituency: Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir

Who launched the 'Skills on Wheels' initiative in collaboration with NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation) and IndusInd Bank to promote skilling?

- A) Shri Narendra Modi
- B) Shri Amit Shah
- C) Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
- D) Smt. Smriti Irani
- E) Shri Nitin Gadkari

**Answer**

**C) Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**



## Explanation

- **Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Speaker, Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla launched 'Skills on Wheels' initiative with NSDC and IndusInd Bank with a flagging off ceremony.**
- Under the partnership, 60,000 youth will be empowered over a period of **five years** with the objective of improving livelihood of rural households by providing relevant skills training to its youth population.
- Under the collaboration, a customized bus with retrofitted tools will promote the 'Skill India Mission' initiative through 'Skills on Wheels' and will travel across the length and breadth of aspirational and backward districts.
- The initiative is aimed at spreading awareness at grass root level about free skill training programs enabling youth to profoundly change the trajectory of their lives through robust skill training.

## Explanation

- Aligned with this mission, this partnership with IndusInd Bank is aimed at empowering the youth of the nation through the 'Skills on Wheels' project.
- The objective of Skills on Wheels is to enable a large number of youth to take up industry-relevant skill training that will improve their theoretical as well as practical knowledge and help them in securing a better livelihood by bringing necessary synergy, oversight, and effective coordination.
- It aims to bridge the gap between the skilled people required in the industry and the unemployed youth by ensuring that the right candidate with a passion for a particular job chooses the right course according to his/her academic background, aptitude, and skill set.

## Titbits

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

Minister: Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

Constituency: Rajya Sabha MP, Madhya Pradesh

### **NSDC**

Abbreviation: National Skill Development Corporation

Headquarters : New Delhi, Delhi

Founded: 2008

CEO: Ved Mani Tiwari

### **IndusInd Bank**

Hq: Pune , Maharashtra

CEO : Sumant Kathpalia

Tagline : We make You Feel Richer, We Care DilSe

# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



**Where did the fourth and final meeting of the G20 FWG (Finance Working Group) successfully conclude?**

- A) New Delhi, Delhi
- B) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- C) Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- D) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- E) Hyderabad, Telangana

**Answer**

**C) Raipur, Chhattisgarh**





## Explanation

- **The fourth and final meeting of the G20 Framework Working Group (FWG), under the Indian G20 Presidency, successfully concluded in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.**
- The FWG is co-chaired by **India and the UK.**
- The two-day meeting during 18-19 September 2023, was co-chaired by **Ms Chandni Raina, Adviser, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, and Ms. Sam Beckett, Chief Economic Adviser, HM Treasury, UK.**
- Around 65 delegates from G20 members and invitee countries and international and regional organisations attended the meeting.
- This year, the group successfully delivered two G20 reports, which were referenced in the New Delhi Leaders Declaration: G20 Report on Macroeconomic Impacts of Food and Energy Insecurity and G20 Report on Macroeconomic Risks Stemming from Climate Change and Transition Pathways.

## Explanation

- The Reserve Bank of India also hosted a number of Jan Bhagidari events to make G20 discussions more inclusive and human-centric. This consisted of events aimed at the general public, students, and self-help organisations, including a series of financial literacy programmes, a G20 awareness programme, a painting contest, a slogan-writing contest, and a quiz competition.

# QUICK RECALL



- **International Red Panda Day is observed on the third Saturday of every September, which this year falls on September 16.**
- **India wins 8th Asia Cup title**
- **Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been named as the leader with the highest approval rating globally**
- **IDBI Bank has extended the validity for special fixed deposit (FD).**
- **The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Bank of Maharashtra to fund a diverse spectrum of renewable energy projects.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the names of 15 non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) placed under the upper layer as per scale-based regulation (SBR) for 2023-24.**
- **National Highways Logistics Management, a fully owned company of NHAI signed an agreement for the development of a multi-modal logistics park in Bengaluru, proposed to be developed at an estimated cost of Rs 1,770 crore**
- **The Reserve Bank of India has approved the re-appointment of Sashidhar Jagdishan as HDFC Bank MD & CEO for a period of three more years and he will remain at the post till 26 October 2026.**
- **Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Atul Malhari Gotsurve has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Mongolia**

# QUICK RECALL



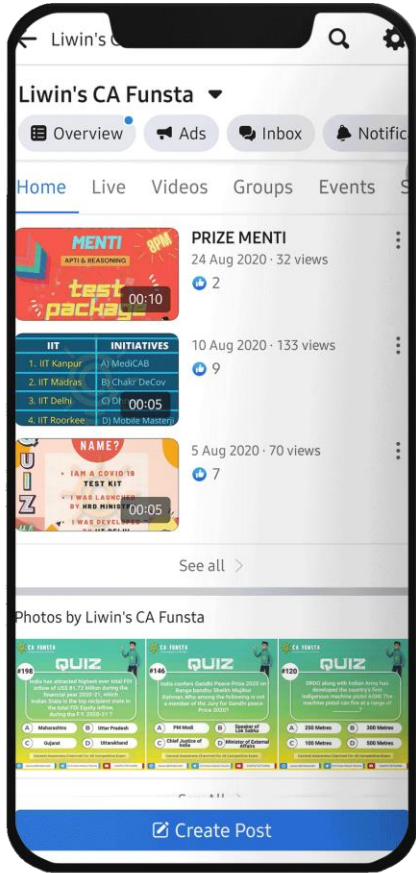
- **UNESCO decided to inscribe Karnataka's Sacred Ensembles of Hoysalas in the World Heritage list.**
- **India and Russia agreed to train Indian seafarers in polar and arctic waters in this far eastern Russian port**
- **Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla approved the name of Old Parliament building as 'Samvidhan Sadan'.**
- **'Operation Sajag', a drill involving all stakeholders of the coastal security construct, was conducted by the Indian Coast Guard along the west coast**
- **The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, in partnership with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), successfully organized a multi-sectoral workshop "Risk-based management of spill over events in wildlife in India" at the Radisson Hyderabad Hitec City, Hyderabad**
- **In a landmark event, Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman & Union Agriculture Minister Sh. Narendra Singh Tomar unveiled initiatives focused on agri-credit (KCC & MISS) and crop insurance (PMFBY/RWBCIS).**
- **Dr. Jitendra Singh flags off SMVD Narayana Healthcare TB Mukta Express (Chalo Chale TB Ko Harane)**

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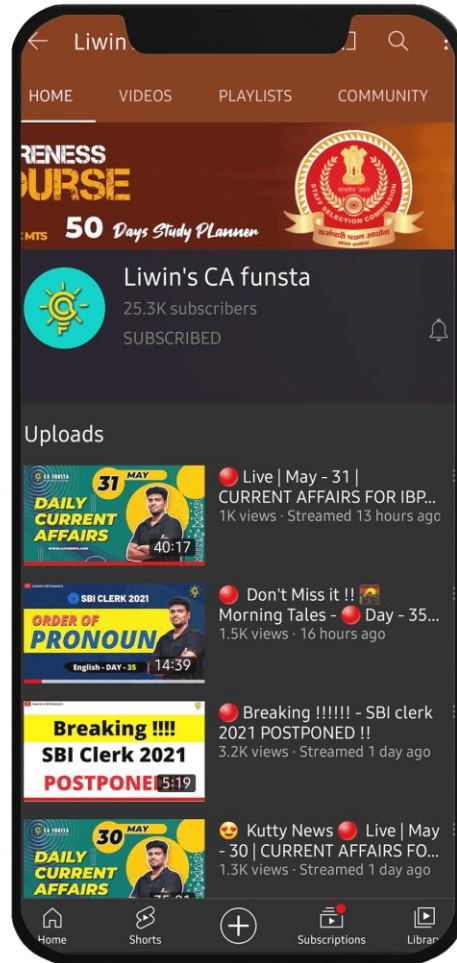


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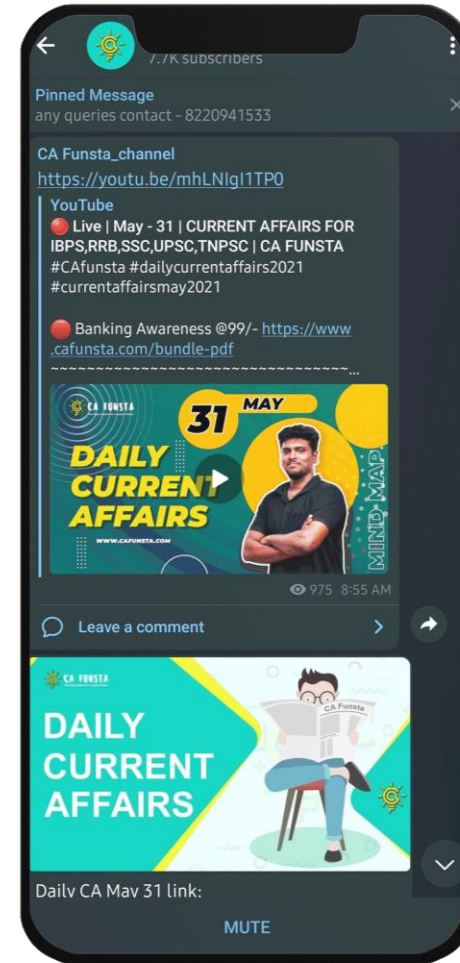
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