



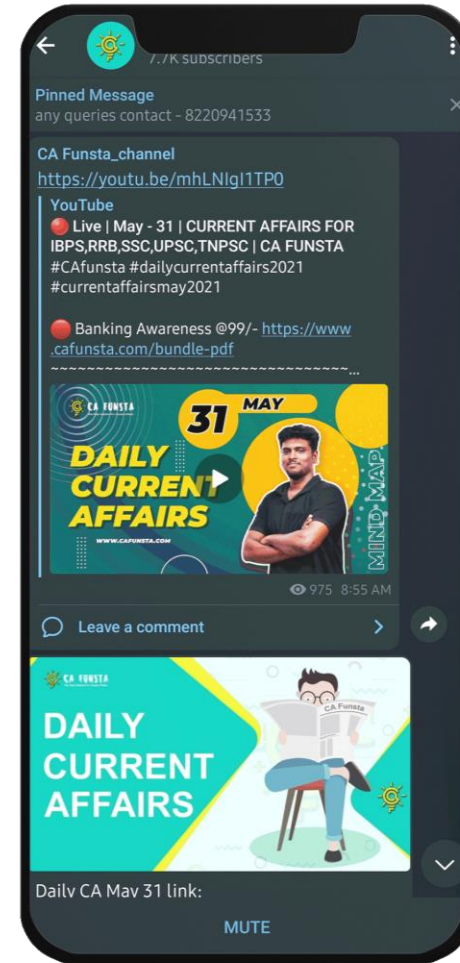
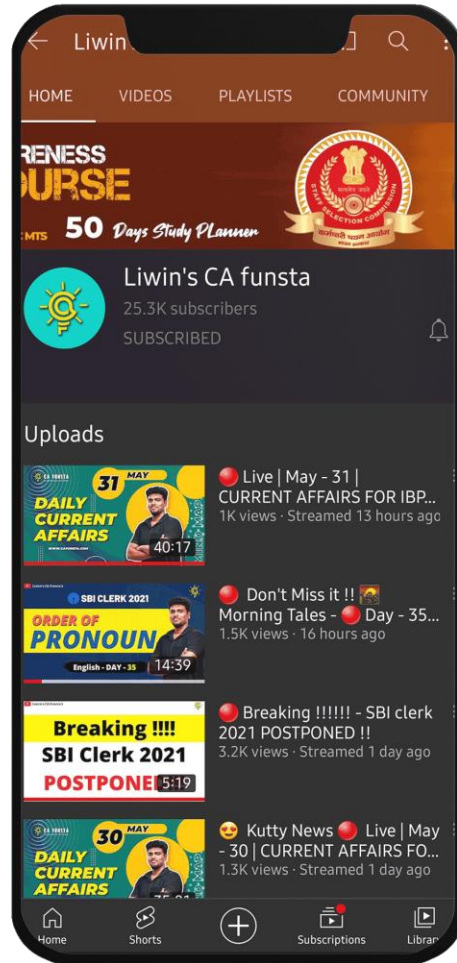
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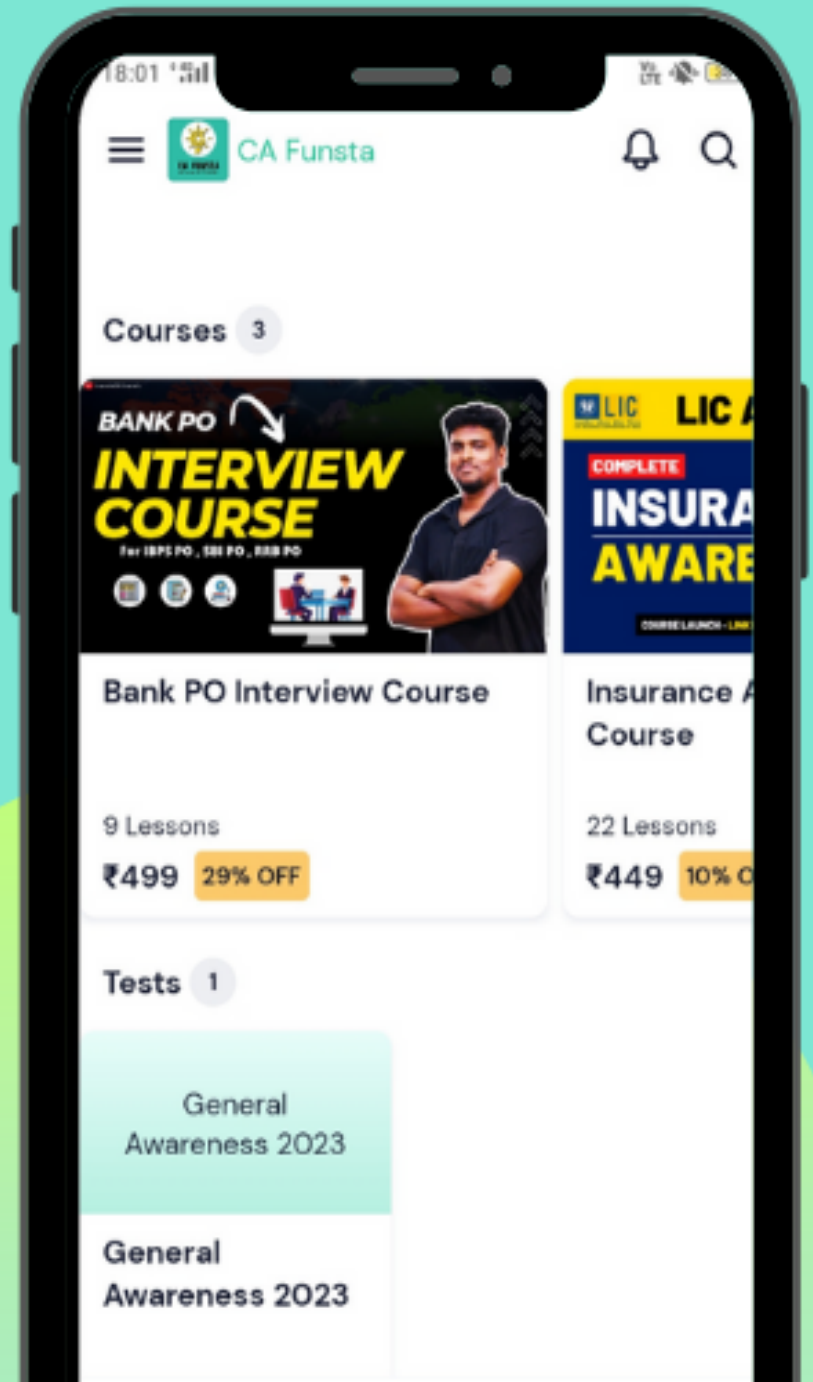
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Important Days



On which date is the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR) celebrated every year?

- A) 7 October
- B) 10 October
- C) 13 October
- D) 17 October
- E) 20 October

Answer
C) 13 October



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER REDUCTION



Important Days



Explanation

- The **International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR)** is celebrated **every year on 13 October**
- The theme of UN International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2023 is "**Fighting inequality for a resilient future.**"
- The history of International Day for Disaster Reduction dates back to **1989** when the United Nations General Assembly established the day to promote a culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction across the globe.
- Since then, the day is observed annually on **13 October** to appreciate and honor the efforts of communities in reducing the global risks of disasters through awareness, advocacy, and several other means.

Important Days



Explanation

Good Manufacturing Practice Day

- **Good Manufacturing Practice Day (cGMP Day)** on **10 October**, as they focus on improving the poor quality of many Indian drugs.
- **Theme:** cGMP: TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE
- **First :** 2023

SPORTS



Who recently announced their retirement from professional cricket and is also the record test run scorer for England?

- A) Joe Root
- B) Ben Stokes
- C) Kevin Pietersen
- D) Andrew Strauss
- E) Alastair Cook

Answer
E) Alastair Cook



Explanation

- Former **England captain Alastair Cook**, his country's record test run scorer, announced his **retirement from professional cricket**.
- The 38-year-old left-handed opener, who retired from international cricket in 2018, played his entire county career with Essex.
- Scorer of 12,472 test runs for England and capped 161 times
- Cook was **England test captain** from **2012 to 2017** and also captain for 69 one day internationals from 2010-14.
- He scored 766 runs in seven innings during the 2010-11 Ashes tour to help England to their first series win in Australia for 24 years.
- Overall, he has played 352 First-Class games and has scored a staggering 26,643 runs with the help of 74 centuries and 125 half-centuries.

Explanation

- In international cricket, he played for England from 2006 to 2018.
- He made his **debut against India in 2006** and famously hit a century in his maiden Test innings.
- He brought down curtains on his Test career after playing 161 Tests and he played 159 of them consecutively, a world record
- He scored 12,472 runs with the help of 33 centuries in Tests.
- He also led his country in 59 Tests from 2012 to 2017.

Who has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for September 2023?

- A) Mithali Raj
- B) Smriti Mandhana
- C) Chamari Athapaththu
- D) Ellyse Perry
- E) Jhulan Goswami

Answer

C) Chamari Athapaththu



Explanation

- **Chamari Athapaththu** is the **ICC Women's Player of the Month for September 2023** after inspiring Sri Lanka to a historic series triumph over England.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) revealed the ICC Women's Player of the Month award recipient for September 2023 following an action-packed month of cricket.
- Athapaththu beat out South Africa pair Laura Wolvaardt and Nadine de Klerk to earn the award after an outstanding month that included leading Sri Lanka to a stunning series victory.
- **India rising star Shubman Gill** is the **ICC Men's Player of the Month for September 2023** after dominating a stretch of ODIs ahead of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup.

SPORTS



Titbits

ICC

Abbreviation: The International Cricket Council

Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Founded: 15 June 1909

Chairman: Greg Barclay

CEO: Geoff Allardice

Why did the International Olympic Committee decide to suspend the Russian Olympic Committee indefinitely?

- A) For doping violations
- B) For political interference in sports
- C) For financial irregularities
- D) For refusing to host the Olympic Games
- E) For incorporating sports bodies in four Ukrainian regions

Answer

E) For incorporating sports bodies in four Ukrainian regions

Explanation

- **The International Olympic Council's (IOC) Executive Board** has issued a statement and announced the suspension of the **Russian Olympic Committee (ROC)** with immediate effect for "breach of charter".
- The move comes after the Russian Olympic Committee recognised regional organisations from four Ukrainian territories annexed since the invasion began in 2022.
- The 141st Session of the IOC will be held from October 15-17 and the IOC's Executive Board is meeting over two days, on October 12 and 13, to discuss the proposals it has to move forward to the Session.
- The National Olympic Committee (NOC) of Russia was suspended after it decided to include regional sports organisations which are under the authority of the NOC of Ukraine.

RANKING



According to the Global Residential Cities Index Q2 2023 by Knight Frank, what is Bengaluru's rank among Indian cities, and how has it changed from the previous year?

- A) 12th position, climbed from 44th in Q2 2022
- B) 5th position, dropped from 2nd in Q2 2022
- C) 22nd position, climbed from 77th in Q2 2022
- D) 35th position, maintained its rank from Q2 2022
- E) 2nd position, remained unchanged from Q2 2022

Answer

C) 22nd position, climbed from 77th in Q2 2022

RANKING



Explanation

- **Bengaluru** became the **second highest-ranked Indian city on the Global Residential Cities Index Q2 2023**, climbing to **22nd position from 77th in Q2 2022**, according to the **Global Residential Cities Index Q2 2023, Knight Frank**
- **Mumbai** too saw growth by securing the **19th rank** with a 6 per cent annual percentage change, compared to its **95th position in Q2 2022**.
- Meanwhile, **New Delhi** has claimed the **3rd spot** among Indian cities and the **25th spot globally**
- In Q2 2023, **Chennai and Kolkata** have taken the **4th and 5th positions among Indian cities**, and on the global index, they stand at **39th and 40th**, both showing a 2.5 per cent increase in the residential asset class.
- In the preceding year, these cities were ranked at **107th and 114th on the global scale**.

RANKING



Explanation

- The Knight Frank Global Residential Cities Index Q2 2023 reveals that the **Turkish capital, Ankara, leads the list with the highest growth rate of 105.9 per cent, followed by Istanbul at 85.1 per cent.**
- On the other end of the spectrum, **Stockholm ranks lowest in terms of price appreciation with a decline of -14.3 per cent** on the Global Residential Cities Index.

RANKING



In the Global Hunger Index-2023, where does India's rank stand among the 125 countries assessed?

- A) 1st
- B) 25th
- C) 73rd
- D) 111th
- E) 125th

Answer
D) 111th

Explanation

- **India ranked 111th out of 125 countries in the Global Hunger Index-2023**
- **India ranked 107th out of 121 countries in 2022.**
- The **Global Hunger Index (GHI)** is a tool for comprehensively measuring and tracking hunger at global, regional, and national levels.
- India's neighbouring countries **Pakistan (102th), Bangladesh (81st), Nepal (69th) and Sri Lanka (60th) have fared better than it in the index.**
- India stands in a group of 40 countries where the scale of global hunger has been termed as 'serious'.
- Four factors were taken into account for calculating the GHI scores: **undernourishment (refers to the entire population – both children and adults); child stunting (share of children who have low height for their age); child under-5 mortality; and child wasting (children who have low weight for their height).** All these indicators are components of the universally agreed UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- With a score of 28.7 on the Global Hunger Index-2023, India has a serious level of serious hunger, the report said.

Explanation

- It added that the rate of undernourishment in India stood at 16.6 per cent and under-five mortality at 3.1 per cent.
- The prevalence of anaemia in women aged between 15 and 24 years stood at 58.1 per cent, according to the controversial index.
- It ranked the country reporting the highest child-wasting rate, which is based on children's weight relative to their height, at 18.7 per cent.
- Global Hunger Index is a tool for comprehensively measuring and tracking hunger at global, regional, and national levels. It is released by the Alliance2015, a network of seven European non-government organisations engaged in humanitarian and development action.
- The index captures three dimensions of hunger: insufficient availability of food, shortfalls in the nutritional status of children and child mortality (which is, to a large extent, attributable to undernutrition).
- **Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chile, China and Croatia** are the top five countries in the list
- **Chad, Niger, Lesotho, Congo, Yemen, Madagascar, and Central African Republic** are bottom ranking in the list

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently cancelled the Certificate of Registration of which housing company based in Chennai?

- A) HDFC Limited
- B) Ind Bank Housing Ltd
- C) LIC Housing Finance
- D) Axis Housing Finance
- E) ICICI Home Finance Company



Answer

B) Ind Bank Housing Ltd

Explanation

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has cancelled the **Certificate of Registration of Chennai-based Ind Bank Housing Ltd.**
- **Indian Bank and HUDCO (Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd)** are major shareholders in the housing finance company, holding **51 per cent and 25 per cent stake**, respectively.
- The company was set up in 1991.
- The housing finance company's net loss widened to ₹55.78 lakh in FY23 against ₹12.93 lakh in FY22.
- The balance loss carried to balance sheet stood at ₹135.70 crore in FY23 against ₹135.15 crore in FY22, per the HFC's annual report.

BANKING AND FINANCE



Indian Bank Ltd recently signed an agreement with which Tata group companies to provide inventory financing solutions to authorized dealers for electric and other passenger vehicles?

- A) Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles Ltd (TMCV) and Tata Motors Finance Ltd (TMFL)
- B) Tata Motors Limited (TML) and Tata Motors Finance Ltd (TMFL)
- C) Tata Motors Limited (TML) and Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles Ltd (TMCV)
- D) Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd (TMPVL) and Tata Motors Finance Ltd (TMFL)
- E) Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd (TMPVL) and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd (TPEML)

Answer

E) Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd (TMPVL) and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd (TPEML)



Explanation

- **Indian Bank Ltd** signed an agreement with **Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd (TMPVL)** and **Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd (TPEML)** to provide inventory financing solutions to their authorised dealers for electric as well as other passenger vehicles.
- The PSU lender will provide the two wholly-owned subsidiaries of Tata Motors Ltd with inventory financing solutions through its digital SCF (supply chain finance).
- Last month, Indian Bank entered into a similar pact with Maruti Suzuki Ltd.

Titbits

Indian Bank

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

ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



HDFC Asset Management Co. Ltd recently offloaded over 2% stake in which company?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- C) Infosys
- D) Persistent Systems
- E) Wipro

Answer

D) Persistent Systems

ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- The country's third largest fund house **HDFC Asset Management Co. Ltd**, has booked profits by selling off over **2% stake in Persistent Systems Ltd for at least ₹905 crore**
- HDFC Mutual through its various schemes reduced its holding from **5.14 per cent to 3.06 per cent.**
- Earlier, in December 2021, HDFC MF had booked a similar profit by selling a 2.06% stake in the firm, reducing its overall holding to 5.14%.
- On 28 September, HDFC MF raised its stake by 2.01% to 8.56% in India's biggest winemaker Sula Vineyards. Recently, HDFC MF received the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) approval to raise stake to up to 9.5% in five private lenders—Karur Vysya Bank Ltd, DCB Bank Ltd, Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd, Federal Bank Ltd, and City Union Bank.

ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Titbits

HDFC Asset Management Company

Headquarters: Mumbai , Maharashtra

Managing Director & CEO: Navneet Munot

Persistent Systems

Headquarters: Pune, Maharashtra

CEO: Sandeep Kalra

APPOINTMENTS



Which brand recently announced Mohammed Shami as its brand ambassador in India?

- A) Nike
- B) Adidas
- C) Reebok
- D) Puma India
- E) Under Armour

Answer
D) Puma India



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Puma India** has added **Indian fast bowler Mohammed Shami** to its list of **brand ambassadors** as the sports brand launched spikes crafted for pacers.
- Shami joins Puma's star-studded roster, which consists of some of the greatest names from the world of sports, including Indian batting icon Virat Kohli, eight-time Olympic gold medalist Usain Bolt, football stars Neymar Jr and Sunil Chhetri, six-time World amateur boxing champion MC Mary Kom, and celebrated women cricketers like Harmanpreet Kaur and Harleen Deol.
- Shami has been a key member of the Indian squad since 2013, when he made his Test debut against the West Indies at the Eden Gardens, Kolkata.
- He picked up nine wickets in the match, the most by an Indian fast bowler on debut.
- The right-arm fast bowler has till now played 64 Tests, picking up 229 wickets at an average of 27.7.
- He also has 171 wickets in 94 One Day Internationals (ODIs) along with 24 scalps in 23 matches.

APPOINTMENTS



Who has recently been appointed as the new chair of the MCC World Cricket Committee?

- A) Kumar Sangakkara
- B) Sachin Tendulkar
- C) Ricky Ponting
- D) Steve Waugh
- E) Brian Lara

Answer

A) Kumar Sangakkara



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Legendary Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara** has been named as the **new chair of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) World Cricket Committee**.
- He took over the role from **former England captain Mike Gatting**, who served the role for six years
- Sangakkara was previously serving as MCC's president, which will be taken over by ex-Hampshire captain-turned-broadcaster Mark Nicholas.
- The 45-year-old was the first non-British President of the MCC in 2019 and served in it for two years before handing it off to Stephen Fry, who is currently the body's immediate past president.
- The MCC committee also consisted of **Ricky Skerritt, Heather Knight, Suzie Bates, Clare Connor, Justin Langer, Eoin Morgan, Ramiz Raja, Sourav Ganguly, and Kumar Dharmasena**.
- The committee meets twice a year to discuss urgent issues in the game as an adjunct to the International Cricket Council (ICC) and its member states.

APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Nicholas, who will take over for Stephen Fry as president of the MCC, has expressed his excitement about the new position.
- Along with Sangakkara and Nicholas, the MCC also announced the appointment of Chris Rogers as the new treasurer, who will succeed Tony Elgood, who served in the position for six years.
- He joined the Club in 1977 and has been a member of the finance committee since 2015.

APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Marylebone Cricket Club

Headquarters: Lord's Cricket Ground in London

Found: 1787

President: Mark Nicholas

AWARDS



Who was awarded the prestigious Saraswati Samman for the year 2022?

- A) Sivasankari
- B) Chetan Bhagat
- C) Arundhati Roy
- D) Amish Tripathi
- E) Jhumpa Lahiri

Answer

A) Sivasankari



AWARDS



Explanation

- **Noted author and activist Sivasankari** was honoured with the prestigious **Saraswati Samman for the year 2022** for her memoir written in Tamil, Surya Vamsam, at the National Museum in Delhi
- Former Union minister and a former recipient of the award, M Veerappa Moily, who was the chief guest at the event, hailed Sivasankari as a national icon.
- The Saraswati Samman, instituted by the KK Birla Foundation, carries a plaque, a citation, and a cash prize of ₹15 lakh.
- **Sivasankari is the 32nd recipient of the award**, joining a pantheon of writers over the years
- Sivasankari's literary career spans over five decades. She is the author of 36 novels, 48 novellas, 150 short stories, 15 travelogues, seven collections of essays, and three biographies.

AWARDS



Explanation

- Her 2019 memoir, Surya Vamsam, unfolds in two volumes – the first is the metamorphosis from a child to a young writer, and the second is the life and times of an acclaimed author spreading her wings.
- The work was selected by a Chayan Parishad (Selection Committee), headed by former Supreme Court judge Arjan Kumar Sikri.
- The Saraswati Samman, given annually for outstanding literary works in **22 Indian languages in the last 10 years**, is among the highest recognitions in the field of Indian literature.
- Besides the Saraswati Samman, the Vyas Samman and the Bihari Puraskar are other literary awards instituted by the foundation.

AWARDS



Who is set to receive the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award for their contributions to the film industry?

- A) Michael Douglas
- B) Satyajit Ray
- C) Steven Spielberg
- D) Meryl Streep
- E) Martin Scorsese

Answer

A) Michael Douglas



AWARDS



Explanation

- **Hollywood actor and producer Michael Douglas** will be presented with the **Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award at the 54th International Film Festival Goa**, Union minister of information and broadcasting
- The veteran actor's filmography includes the cult classic thriller 'Basic Instinct' and the Oscar winning '**One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**' and '**Wall Street**'.
- Michael Douglas **began his Hollywood career in 1966** and acted in more than 63 movies, winning the Academy Award for 'Best Actor' for the 1987 drama 'Wall Street'.
- He received an American Film Institute Lifetime Award in 2009 and has won and been nominated for several BAFTAs, Golden Globe Awards and Emmy Awards.
- The well known Hollywood actor Michael Douglas has mane accolades to his fame. These include two Academy Awards, five Golden Globe Awards, a Primetime Emmy Award, the Cecil B. DeMille Award, and the AFI Life Achievement Award.

AWARDS



Explanation

- The year 1987 saw Douglas star in the thriller Fatal Attraction with Glenn Close. That same year he played tycoon Gordon Gekko in Oliver Stone's Wall Street for which he received an Academy Award as Best Actor.
- Previous winners of the Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award include Martin Scorsese, Wong Kar-wai, Lata Mangeshkar and Dilip Kumar.
- In 2018, he starred with Alan Arkin in The Kominsky Method, playing Sandy Kominsky, an aging acting coach. He received a Golden Globe Award for his performance
- **The International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 's 54th edition will take place from November 20 to 28 in Goa.**
- **The Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award, instituted in the IFFI in 1999,** is presented to individuals whose exceptional contributions have significantly enriched and elevated the world of cinema

AWARDS



Explanation

- At the 76th Cannes Film Festival in May, where Douglas received an honorary Palme d'Or, he visited the India pavillion with L Murugan, then minister of state for information and broadcasting.

Spacetech start-up Skyroot Aerospace has signed memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with which two French companies as it prepares for the launch of its first commercial mission, the Vikram-1 orbital rocket?

- A) Airbus and Thales
- B) Dassault Aviation and Safran
- C) ArianeGroup and CNES
- D) Prométhée and ConnectSAT
- E) Eutelsat and Arianespace

Answer

D) Prométhée and ConnectSAT



Explanation

- As **spacetechnology start-up Skyroot Aerospace** gears up for the launch of its first commercial mission – **Vikram-1 orbital rocket** – it has inked two memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with a couple of French companies – **Prométhée and ConnectSAT**.
- While **Skyroot has signed an MoU with Prométhée Earth Intelligence** for providing satellite launch services for former's JAPETUS earth observation constellation, it has also inked a trilateral agreement with **ConnectSAT and Expleo**.
- As part of the trilateral pact, Expleo will provide reconfigurable software for ConnectSAT's IoT satellite which is to be launched on Vikram-1 for building the ConnectSAT's futuristic OSIRIS satellite constellation.
- The MoUs, inked at Skyroot's Hyderabad facility, will lead to procurement of Skyroot's launch services by these satellite companies over single or multi-launch agreements covering several Vikram space launches
- The two companies had entered into an exploratory understanding in Paris in July this year during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit.

Titbits

Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited
Headquarters: Hyderabad, Telangana
Head: Pawan Kumar Chandana

The Tamil Nadu government recently launched a project for the conservation of the state animal. What is the name of this project?

- A) Project Nilgiri Guardian
- B) Nilgiri Tahr Conservation Initiative
- C) Tamil Nadu Wildlife Safeguard
- D) Operation TahrCare
- E) State Animal Preservation Project

Answer

B) Nilgiri Tahr Conservation Initiative



Explanation

- The **Tamil Nadu government launched the Nilgiri Tahr**, an ambitious flagship programme to conserve the state animal.
- Chief Minister M K Stalin launched the project at a function held at the Secretariat here by unveiling a plaque and distributing books to school students to create awareness on the animal.
- Locally known as “**Varai Aadu**”, the Nilgiri Tahr is an endangered species endemic to the Western Ghats known for their gravity defying skills in climbing steep cliff. These mountain goats are aptly called “Mountain Monarch.”
- The Nilgiri Tahr finds mention in books such as Natrinai, Aingurunooru, Paripadal, Pathitruppathuu and Patinapalai from Pathinen Melkanakku Noolgal.
- The play, Courtallar Kuravanji, written by Trikoondarasappa Kavirayar in 1600-1700 A.D. describes Nilgiri Tahr in a song “Kurathi malai valam kooral.”
- It is one of the animals that indicates the biodiversity richness of the region
- As a testimony to its ecological and cultural significance in Tamil Nadu, Nilgiri Tahr was declared as a state animal of Tamil Nadu.

Explanation

- A Government Order issued in **December 2022**, said the project aimed at developing a better understanding of Nilgiri Tahr population, distribution and ecology, re-introduction of Nilgiri Tahr to their historic habitats, addressing proximate threat to Nilgiri Tahr besides increasing awareness among public about the species.
- The **Rs 25 crore project**, with office in Coimbatore, will focus on bi-annual synchronised surveys across the divisions, tranquilisation, collaring and monitoring of Tahr Individuals, diagnosis and treatment for affected individuals, Shola Grassland restoration in Upper Bhavani, implementation of eco-tourism programmes among the other things.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Tamil Nadu

Capital : Chennai

CM : Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin

Governor : RN Ravi

What initiative has the Kerala state government recently introduced to support the MSME sector?

- A) Interest-Free Loans for MSMEs
- B) Skill Development Program for Entrepreneurs
- C) Tax Exemption for Micro-Enterprises
- D) Comprehensive Insurance Scheme for MSMEs
- E) Technology Upgrade Grants for Small Businesses

Answer

D) Comprehensive Insurance Scheme for MSMEs



Explanation

- In a boost to **Kerala's thriving MSME sector**, the state government has introduced a **comprehensive insurance scheme covering Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises**.
- This initiative aims to safeguard these businesses from various risks and instill confidence in them to thrive in a competitive business environment
- The insurance scheme covers a range of risks, including natural disasters, fire accidents, theft, accidents, and market fluctuations, all of which can lead to significant financial losses for MSMEs.
- All MSMEs in the manufacturing, service, and trade sector with UDYAM registration in Kerala, and enrolled in the "Bharat Sookshma/Laghu Udyam scheme" from any of the four public sector insurance firms beyond **April 1, 2023**, are eligible for benefits under the scheme
- Enterprises are eligible for a reimbursement of 50 per cent of their annual premium, with a ceiling of Rs 2500.

Explanation

- MSMEs can purchase the insurance policy by paying the full annual premium, after which they should submit the application for reimbursement to the concerned DIC through the online portal, along with supporting documents.
- The scheme will be implemented through the District Industries Centres (DICs), which will process the applications and reimburse the eligible assistance directly to the bank accounts of MSMEs

Which central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Railways has been granted 'Navratna' status by the Union Ministry of Finance?

- A) Indian Oil Corporation
- B) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- C) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
- D) RITES Ltd
- E) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)

Answer
D) RITES Ltd



Explanation

- **BITES Limited**, a PSU under the Ministry of Railways involved in transport consultancy and the engineering sector, has now been upgraded to **Navratna status**.
- BITES has become the **16th Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) in India** to have been granted the Navratna status.
- The government categorises all Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in three categories, namely **Maharatna, Navratna and Miniratna**.
- To get **Navratna status**, the PSU should be a Miniratna-I, Schedule 'A' company, should have obtained 'excellent' or 'very good' MoU rating in three of the last five years and must have a composite score of 60 in six performance indicators.
- For a company to achieve the Navratna status, it must report a net profit of more than Rs 5,000 crore for three consecutive years and maintain an average annual turnover of Rs 25,000 crore for three years or have an annual average net worth of over Rs 15,000 crore for three years

Explanation

- The list of other 15 Navratna PSUs of India include **Bharat Electronics Limited, Container Corporation of India Limited, Engineers India Limited, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, National Aluminium Company Limited, National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited, Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited, NMDC Limited, Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited, Shipping Corporation of India Limited, Rail Vikas Nigam Limited, ONGC Videsh Ltd, Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited and IRCON.**

Titbits

Rail India Technical and Economic Service Limited(RITES Ltd)

Founded: 1974

Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana

Chairman & Managing Director: Rahul Mithal

Which city in India is set to become the country's first wetland city?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Jaipur
- C) Udaipur
- D) Chennai
- E) Kolkata

Answer
C) Udaipur

Explanation

- The **Rajasthan government**, in partnership with the **Environment and Forest Department**, is **dedicated to raising Udaipur**, often referred to as the '**City of Lakes**,' to global recognition by aspiring to achieve the distinction of being **India's inaugural wetland city**.
- Currently, there are **42 wetland cities worldwide**
- The **Ramsar Convention**, formally known as the **Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance** Especially as **Waterfowl Habitat**, is a global treaty aimed at the preservation and sustainable use of Ramsar-designated sites.
- It is often referred to as the Convention on Wetlands and takes its name from the city of Ramsar in Iran, where the agreement was signed in **1971**.
- In 2022, during the Convention's proceedings, 25 cities were acknowledged as wetland cities, including Sackville in Canada, Cape Town in South Africa, Ifrane in Morocco, and others from various countries. Presently, there are 42 wetland cities situated across 17 nations around the world, with China boasting the highest number at 13 such cities.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Rajasthan

Capital : Jaipur

CM: Ashok Gehlot

Governor :Kalraj Mishra

How many bridge projects have been approved in Arunachal Pradesh under the Setu Bandhan Scheme, as stated by Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari?

- A) 3 bridge projects
- B) 5 bridge projects
- C) 7 bridge projects
- D) 10 bridge projects
- E) 12 bridge projects

Answer
C) 7 bridge projects



सत्यमेव जयते

सड़क परिवहन
एवं राजमार्ग मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
**ROAD TRANSPORT
AND HIGHWAYS**

Explanation

- Union Minister for **Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari** in a post said in Arunachal Pradesh under the **Setu Bandhan Scheme** approval has been granted for 7 bridge projects with a cumulative cost of **₹118.50 Crores**, in the fiscal year 2023-24.
- -RCC bridge over Pacha River at Lachang, connecting Laimoya, Nerewa & Sorrowa villages in East Kameng District.
- -RCC bridge from Goang to Donigaon village over Pacha river at Goang, on the way to Donigaon in East Kameng District.
- -3 bridges on NH-313, spanning from Roing-Anini road to New Chidu village via NHPC colony in Lower Dibang District.
- -Double Lane steel composite bridge with RCC Decking at Kharsa, Dirang in West Kameng District.
- -RCC bridge at Pikte Point across the river Sigen to connect Tabiripo Saku village on Koyu-Goye road in Lower Siang District.

Explanation

- -RCC bridge over Ngopok River on Mebo-Dholla road in East Siang District.
- -Steel Composite bridge over river Panyor to connect Chullyu & Kebi village near Yazali Agri-Farm in Lower Subansiri District.

Which scheme was launched by Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh in collaboration with Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), at Hotel Imphal?

- A) Manipur State Business Support Scheme (MSBSS)
- B) Manipur State Credit Guarantee Scheme (MCGS)
- C) Manipur State Small Business Financing Scheme (MSSBFS)
- D) Manipur State Microenterprise Development Initiative (MSMDI)
- E) Manipur State Entrepreneurship Promotion Program (MSEPP)

Answer

B) Manipur State Credit Guarantee Scheme (MCGS)



Explanation

- The **Manipur State Credit Guarantee Scheme (MCGS)** was launched by **Chief Minister N. Biren Sing**.
- The Scheme was launched with the **Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE)**, set up by the **Ministry of MSME, the Government of India and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**.
- Earlier on September 30, the CM distributed a 'One-Time Financial Assistance' for the Education of Children of Labor Card Holders in Relief Camps at my Secretariat.
- A loan amount of **Rs 50,000 would be provided to the beneficiaries as an initial** stage for carrying out any activities for earning. Training for earning livelihood activities and marketing platforms for their products would be provided to the displaced people.
- With training, the displaced people would become experts in a specific activity and would facilitate in availing the benefit of Rs 10 lakh under the One Family One Livelihood scheme of the State Government once they return to their original places

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Titbits

Manipur

Capital : Imphal

CM: N. Biren Singh

Governor : Anusuiya Uikey

QUICK RECALL



- **The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR) is celebrated every year on 13 October; Good Manufacturing Practice Day (cGMP Day) on 10 October**
- **Former England captain Alastair Cook, his country's record test run scorer, announced his retirement from professional cricket.**
- **Chamari Athapaththu is the ICC Women's Player of the Month for September 2023 after inspiring Sri Lanka to a historic series triumph over England.**
- **The International Olympic Council's (IOC) Executive Board has issued a statement and announced the suspension of the Russian Olympic Committee (ROC) with immediate effect for "breach of charter".**
- **Bengaluru became the second highest-ranked Indian city on the Global Residential Cities Index Q2 2023, climbing to 22nd position from 77th in Q2 2022, according to the Global Residential Cities Index Q2 2023, Knight Frank**
- **India ranked 111th out of 125 countries in the Global Hunger Index-2023**
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the Certificate of Registration of Chennai-based Ind Bank Housing Ltd.**

QUICK RECALL



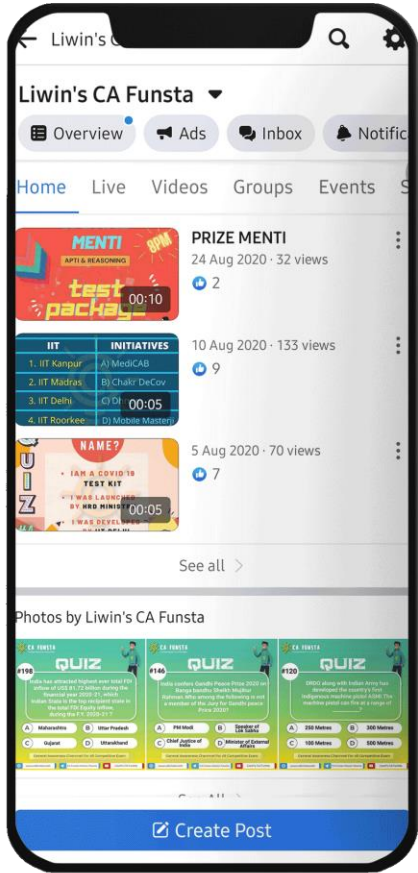
- **Indian Bank Ltd signed an agreement with Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd (TMPVL) and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd (TPEML) to provide inventory financing solutions to their authorised dealers for electric as well as other passenger vehicles.**
- **The country's third largest fund house HDFC Asset Management Co. Ltd, has booked profits by selling off over 2% stake in Persistent Systems Ltd for at least ₹905 crore**
- **Puma India has added Indian fast bowler Mohammed Shami to its list of brand ambassadors as the sports brand launched spikes crafted for pacers.**
- **Legendary Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara has been named as the new chair of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) World Cricket Committee.**
- **Noted author and activist Sivasankari was honoured with the prestigious Saraswati Samman for the year 2022 for her memoir written in Tamil, Surya Vamsam, at the National Museum in Delhi**
- **Hollywood actor and producer Michael Douglas will be presented with the Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award at the 54th International Film Festival Goa, Union minister of information and broadcasting**

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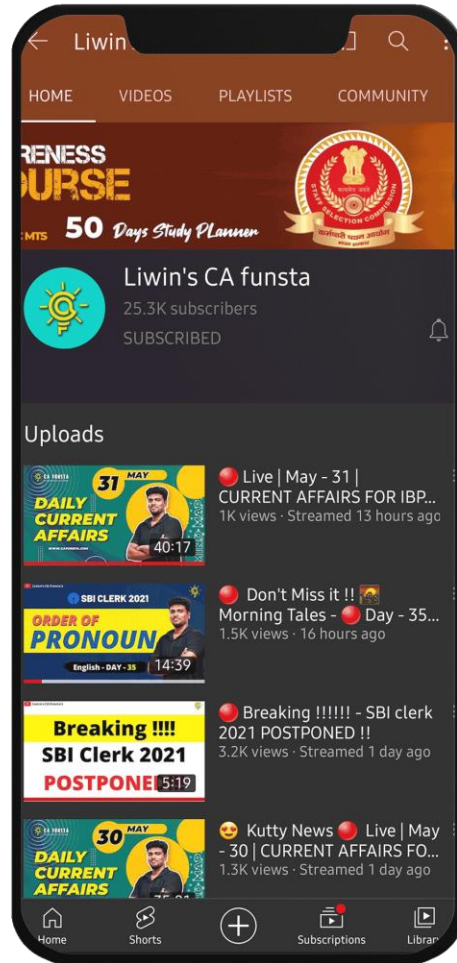


- **As spacetech start-up Skyroot Aerospace gears up for the launch of its first commercial mission – Vikram-1 orbital rocket – it has inked two memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with a couple of French companies – Prométhée and ConnectSAT.**
- **The Tamil Nadu government launched the Nilgiri Tahr, an ambitious flagship programme to conserve the state animal.**
- **In a boost to Kerala's thriving MSME sector, the state government has introduced a comprehensive insurance scheme covering Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises.**
- **RITES Limited, a PSU under the Ministry of Railways involved in transport consultancy and the engineering sector, has now been upgraded to Navratna status.**
- **The Rajasthan government, in partnership with the Environment and Forest Department, is dedicated to raising Udaipur, often referred to as the 'City of Lakes,' to global recognition by aspiring to achieve the distinction of being India's inaugural wetland city.**
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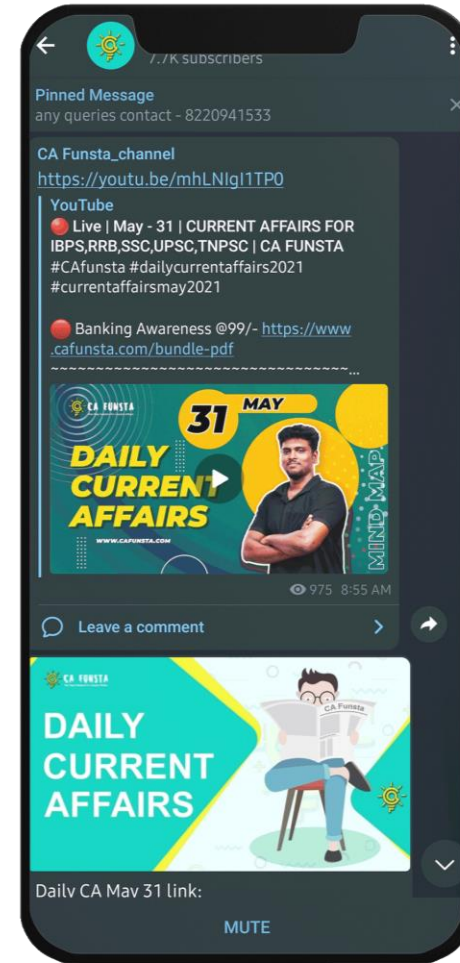
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