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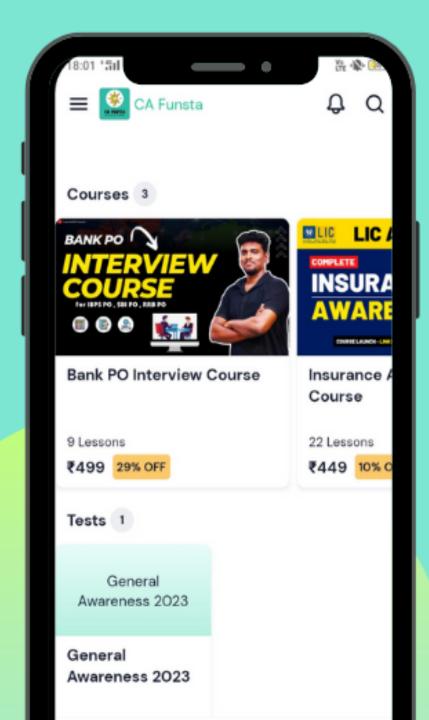
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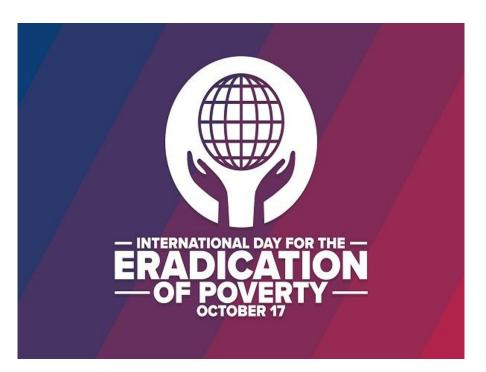


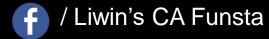
### **Important Days**

#### On which date is the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty celebrated annually?

A) January 1
B) April 22
C) July 4
D) October 17
E) December 31

Answer D) October 17









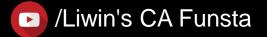
### **Important Days**



- The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, celebrated annually on October 17
- The theme of International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2023 is "Decent Work and Social Protection: Putting dignity in practice for all"
- The observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty can be traced back to October 17, 1987.
- On that day, over a hundred thousand people gathered at the Trocadero in Paris, where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed in 1948, to honour the victims of extreme poverty, violence and hunger.
- The gathering proclaimed that poverty is a violation of human rights and affirmed the need to come together to ensure that these rights are respected. Since then, people of all backgrounds, beliefs and social origins have gathered every year on October 17 to renew their commitment and show their solidarity with the poor.
- Through resolution 47/196 adopted on **22 December 1992**, the UN General Assembly declared 17 October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.







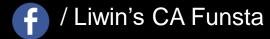
### **Important Days**



#### Explanation

#### World Migratory Bird Day

- World Migratory Bird Day is officially celebrated **on the second Saturday of May** (May 13th in 2023), and the **second Saturday of October** (October 14th in 2023).
- Both May and October under the theme "Water: Sustaining Bird Life."
- First Edition: 2008





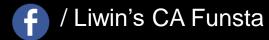


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#### In the Global Pension Index 2023, what position did India hold among the 47 countries assessed?

A) 5th position
B) 12th position
C) 25th position
D) 45th position
E) 47th position

Answer D) 45th position







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#### Explanation

- India slipped to 45th position out of 47 countries on the Global Pension Index 2023 as compared to 41st position out of 44 countries in 2022 and 40th out of 43 countries in 2021.
- While India's score improved marginally from 44.4 in 2022 to 45.9 in 2023
- The **Netherlands topped** the index with a score of 85 followed by Iceland with a score of 83.5 and **Denmark** with a score of 81.3, released by the **Mercer and CFA Institute**
- The Index is made up of three sub-indices, including adequacy, sustainability and integrity, to measure each retirement income system against more than 50 indicators.
- Global Pension Index 2023 compares 47 retirement income systems, with the inclusion of Botswana, Croatia and Kazakhstan, with regard to adequacy, sustainability and integrity. These 47 retirement income systems represent 64% of the world's population



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What penalty has the Reserve Bank imposed on ICICI Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank for non-compliance with regulatory norms?

A) Rs 2.5 crore on ICICI Bank and Rs 5.5 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank.

B) Rs 15.19 crore on ICICI Bank and Rs 7.95 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank.

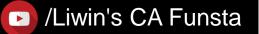
C) Rs 12.19 crore on ICICI Bank and Rs 3.95 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank.

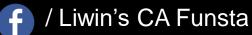
D) Rs 1.2 crore on ICICI Bank and Rs 2.95 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank.

E) Rs 20 crore on ICICI Bank and Rs 8 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank. **Answer** 

C) Rs 12.19 crore on ICICI Bank and Rs 3.95 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank.











- The **Reserve Bank** has imposed a penalty or **Rs 12.19 crore on ICICI Bank and Rs 3.95 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank** for non-compliance of certain regulatory norms.
- The penalty on private sector lender ICICI Bank has been imposed for contravention of norms related to 'Loans and Advances-Statutory and Other restrictions' and 'Frauds classification and reporting by commercial banks and select Fls'
- In another statement, the RBI said the penalty on Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited has been imposed for contravention of directions related to "Managing Risks and Code of Conduct in Outsourcing of Financial Services by banks", "Recovery Agents engaged by Banks", "Customer Service in Banks", and "Loans and Advances - Statutory and Other Restrictions".
- In both cases, the RBI said the penalties are based on the deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the banks with their customers.







#### Titbits

#### **ICICI Bank**

Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra MD & CEO : SandeepBakshi Tagline : Hum Hai Na, KhayalApka **Kotak Mahindra Bank** Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra Interim MD and CEO : Dipak Gupta Tagline : Let's make money simple, Ab Kona KonaKotak







Which regulatory authority granted a direct insurance broking license to BimaKavach, allowing the firm to market its customized insurance products for businesses in India?

A) SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India)
B) RBI (Reserve Bank of India)
C) PFRDA (Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority)
D) IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India)
E) NITI Aayog

Answer D) IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India)



**Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority** 





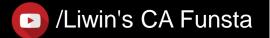




- BimaKavach has received a direct insurance broking licence from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), enabling the firm to actively market its customised range of insurance products for businesses across India.
- The company specialises in digitising and offering instant quotes for cyber and crime insurance, thereby facilitating online purchases and serviceability. Additionally, it provides tailored solutions and guidance.
- With a portfolio of 18 insurance products divided into categories such as liability, asset, engineering, marine, and group health insurance, BimaKavach simplifies the insurance acquisition process for businesses.
- Companies can now manage multiple coverage options in one centralised location, obviating the need for multiple brokers.







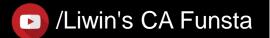
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#### IRDAI

Abbreviation:The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India Act: The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999 Headquarters: Hyderabad, Telangana Chairman : Debasish Panda







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Cashfree Payments has partnered with which organization to simplify cross-border payments for Indian exporters?

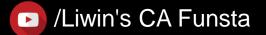
A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
B) National Stock Exchange (NSE)
C) Global Trade Plaza
D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
E) Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO)

Answer C) Global Trade Plaza



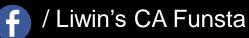




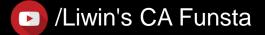




- **Cashfree Payments**, a firm specialising in API banking solutions, announced on Monday its collaboration with **Global Trade Plaza**, a global B2B marketplace, to simplify cross-border payments for Indian exporters.
- The partnership aims to facilitate international trade promotion by allowing Indian exporters to collect payments in over 15 foreign currencies.
- Funds received will be converted into Indian Rupees and transferred to local Indian bank accounts within 48 hours.
- Exporters will also receive auto-generated foreign inward remittances advice (e-FIRA)
- Cashfree Payments' Global Collections solution will enable exporters to share their account details with international clients via email, SMS or WhatsApp. Buyers can then make payments using local systems like Automated Clearing House (ACH) and Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA).
- Cashfree Payments recently rebranded its subsidiary Zecpe, which it acquired in February, to Ecom360. The subsidiary focuses on addressing the end-to-end growth challenges of directto-consumer businesses.







#### Titbits

#### **Cashfree Payments**

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka CEO and Co-Founder : Akash Sinha







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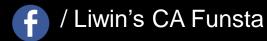
### **ACQUISTIONS AND MERGERS**

How much stake does the Union government propose to sell in Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) through an offer for sale (OFS)?

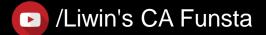
A) Up to 3%
B) Up to 5%
C) Up to 7%
D) Up to 10%
E) Up to 15%

Answer C) Up to 7%







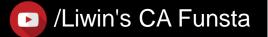


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### **ACQUISTIONS AND MERGERS**

- The Union government has proposed to sell up to 7% stake in Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) through an offer for sale (OFS).
- The floor price for the offer has been fixed at **Rs 79** per share.
- The offer price is at a 12% discount to the current market price.
- Under the OFS, the government will offload 7 crore equity shares, representing about 3.5% of equity with an oversubscription option of another 3.5%.

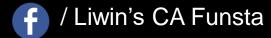




### **ACQUISTIONS AND MERGERS**

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#### Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd (HUDCO) Headquarters: New Delhi Founded: 25 April 1970 CMD: Shri Sanjay Kulshrestha







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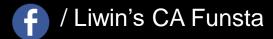
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Who has been elected to the Board of the International Dairy Federation (IDF) from the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)?

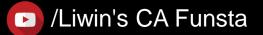
A) Dr. Verghese KurienB) Anand MahindraC) Meenesh ShahD) Ratan TataE) Mukesh Ambani

Answer C) Meenesh Shah









#### Explanation

- Dr Meenesh Shah, Chairman & Managing Director, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has been elected to the Board of International Dairy Federation (IDF) during the General Assembly of IDF held on October 15.
- Dr Shah has been associated with IDF since long in different capacities and has been instrumental in sensitising the world about the unique smallholder-based Indian dairying system in different international forums.
- He is the Member Secretary of the Indian National Committee and also a member of the Standing Committee on Dairy Policy and Economics.
- IDF is the leading source of scientific and technical expertise for all stakeholders of the dairy chain





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#### **International Dairy Federation (IDF)**

Headquarters: Schaerbeek, Belgium Founded: 1903 Director General: Ms. Caroline Emond







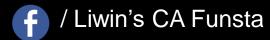
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Who has been appointed as India's next permanent representative to the United Nations and related global bodies in Geneva by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)?

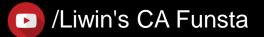
A) Narendra ModiB) Arindam BagchiC) Sushma SwarajD) Amit ShahE) Rahul Gandhi

Answer B) Arindam Bagchi









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- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced the appointment of career diplomat Arindam Bagchi as India's next permanent representative to the United Nations and related global bodies in Geneva.
- The exact date when he would assume the charge was not disclosed, but the ministry noted that he would take over the assignment "shortly".
- Bagchi would be succeeding Indra Mani Pandey, the incumbent Indian envoy to the UN in Geneva.
- He was given the key charge in July 2020, and is now set to return to New Delhi after a three-year stint.
- Bagchi, notably, is an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of the 1955-batch. He was given the key charge of MEA spokesperson in March 2020, at a time when the world was facing the COVID-19 pandemic.
- During his tenure, Bagchi was known for deftly handling media discussion around crucial topics such as the Sino-Indian border row in eastern Ladakh, Indian government's COVID-19 strategy and New Delhi's G20 presidency.
- Bagchi had also served as a director in the Prime Minister's Office, and also at India's permanent mission at the UN in New York.





Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court?

A) Justice Siddharth Mridul
B) Justice Dipak Misra
C) Justice Indira Banerjee
D) Justice Ranjan Gogoi
E) Justice R.M. Lodha

Answer A) Justice Siddharth Mridul



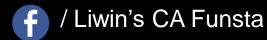






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- The Union government notified the much-delayed appointment of **Delhi high court judge Siddharth Mridul** as the new full-time **chief justice of the Manipur high court**, more than three months after the collegium's recommendation.
- Since February, the Manipur High Court has been functioning without a **permanent Chief** Justice and Justice Muralidharan has been serving as its acting Chief Justice.
- Despite a request from Justice Muralidharan to either shift him to the Madras High Court, his
  parent court, or allow him to continue in Manipur, the Collegium transferred him to the Calcutta
  High Court for "better administration of justice" on October 9.







What organization awarded Tamil Nadu's Guidance Bureau for Excellence in investment promotion at the World Investment Forum?

A) United Nations

- B) World Trade Organization
- C) World Bank
- D) International Monetary Fund
- E) Asian Development Bank

Answer A) United Nations





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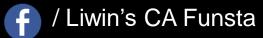




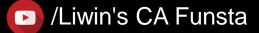




- Tamil Nadu was recognised for its excellence in investment promotion when it was given a United Nations Award at the biennial World Investment Forum in the United Arab Emirates
- Guidance, the nodal agency for investment promotion under the Tamil Nadu's Department
  of Industries, received the United Nations Promotion Award 2023 for Excellence in Scaling
  Up Energy Transition Investments at the 8th edition of the World Investment Forum held in
  Abu Dhabi
- **Guidance Tamil Nadu** is South Asia's only investment promotion agency to receive the UN award.
- Guidance Managing Director and CEO V Vishnu received the award from Director General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Rebeca Grynspan.
- The World Investment Forum, organised by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development since 2008, monitors the mainstreaming of sustainable development goals by Investment Promotion agencies.







#### Who received the Best Actor Award at the 69th National Film Awards?

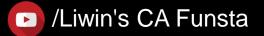
A) Shah Rukh Khan
B) Aamir Khan
C) Allu Arjun
D) Rajinikanth
E) Amitabh Bachchan

#### Answer C) Allu Arjun









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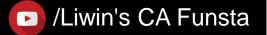


#### Explanation

- President Droupadi Murmu will confer the 69th National Film Awards 2023 on 17 October at the Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
- Earlier in August this year, the winners' names were announced.



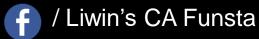




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#### Here is the full list of winners at the 69th National Film Awards:

- Best Feature Film: Rocketry
- Best Director: Nikhil Mahajan, Godavari
- Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: RRR
- Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration: The Kashmir Files
- Best Actor: Allu Arjun, Pushpa
- Best Actress: Alia Bhatt, Gangubai Kathiawadi and Kriti Sanon, Mimi
- Best Supporting Actor: Pankaj Tripathi, Mimi
- Best Supporting Actress: Pallavi Joshi, The Kashmir Files
- Best Child Artist: Bhavin Rabari, Chhello Show
- Best Screenplay (Original): Shahi Kabir, Nayattu
- Best Screenplay (Adapted): Sanjay Leela Bhansali & Utkarshini Vashishtha, Gangubai Kathiawadi
- Best Dialogue Writer: Utkarshini Vashishtha & Prakash Kapadia, Gangubai Kathiawadi
- Best Music Director (Songs): Devi Sri Prasad, Pushpa





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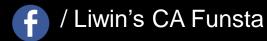


- Best Music Direction (Background Music): MM Keeravaani, RRR
- Best Male Playback Singer: Kaala Bhairava, RRR
- Best Female Playback Singer: Shreya Ghoshal, Iravin Nizhal
- Best Lyrics: Chandrabose, Konda Polam's Dham Dham Dham
- Best Hindi Film: Sardar Udham
- Best Kannada Film: 777 Charlie
- Best Malayalam Film: Home
- Best Gujurati Film: Chhello Show
- Best Tamil Film: Kadaisi Vivasayi
- Best Telugu Film: Uppena
- Best Maithili Film: Samanantar
- Best Mishing Film: Boomba Ride
- Best Marathi Film: Ekda Kaay Zala
- Best Bengali Film: Kalkokkho



#### Here is the full list of winners at the 69th National Film Awards:

- Best Assamese Film: Anur
- Best Meiteilon Film: Eikhoigi Yum
- Best Odiya Film: Pratikshya
- Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film of a Director: Meppadiyan, Vishnu Mohan
- Best Film on Social Issues: Anunaad The Resonance
- Best Film on Environment Conservation/Preservation: Aavasavyuham
- Best Children's Film: Gandhi and Co
- Best Audiography (Location Sound Recordist): Arun Asok & Sonu K P, Chavittu
- 'Best Audiography (Sound Designer): Aneesh Basu, Jhilli
- Best Audiography (Re-recordist of the final mixed track): Sinoy Joseph, Sardar Udham
- Best Choreography: Prem Rakshith, RRR

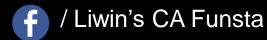


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### AWARDS



- Best Cinematography: Avik Mukhopadhayay, Sardar Udham
- Best Costume Designer: Veera Kapur Ee, Sardar Udham
- Best Special Effects: Srinivas Mohan, RRR
- Best Production Design: Dmitrii Malich and Mansi Dhruv Mehta, Sardar Udham
- Best Editing: Sanjay Leela Bhansali, Gangubai Kathiawadi
- Best Make-up: Preetisheel Singh, Gangubai Kathiawadi
- Best Stunt Choreography: King Soloman, RRR
- Special Jury Award: Shershaah, Vishnuvardhan
- Special Mention: 1. Late Shri Nallandi, Kadaisi Vivasayi 2. Aranya Gupta & Bithan Biswas, Jhilli 3. Indrans, Home 4. Jahanara Begum, Anur





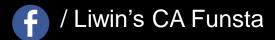


What did the Prime Minister unveil, outlining a blueprint for the Indian Maritime blue economy?

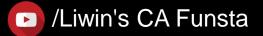
A) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
B) Make in India Initiative
C) Digital India Campaign
D) Amrit Kaal Vision 2047
E) Clean Ganga Mission

Answer D) Amrit Kaal Vision 2047







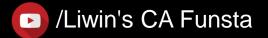




- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the third edition of Global Maritime India Summit 2023 in Mumbai via video conferencing.
- The Prime Minister also unveiled '**Amrit Kaal Vision 2047'**, a blueprint for the Indian maritime blue economy.
- In line with this futuristic plan, the Prime Minister inaugurated, dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone for projects worth more than Rs 23,000 crores that are aligned with the 'Amrit Kaal Vision 2047' for the Indian maritime blue economy.
- The summit provides an excellent platform for attracting investment in the country's maritime sector.
- The **Prime Minister** laid the foundation stone of **Tuna-Tekra all-weather deep-draft terminal**, to be built at a cost of more than Rs 4,500 crore at Deendayal Port Authority in Gujarat.

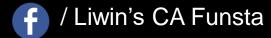








- This greenfield terminal will be developed in public-private partnership (PPP) mode. The terminal, which is likely to emerge as an international trade hub, will handle next-gen vessels exceeding 18,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) and will act as a gateway for Indian trade via the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC).
- The Prime Minister also dedicated more than 300 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) worth more than Rs 7.16 lakh crore for global and national partnerships in the maritime sector.







Which police station became the first women police station in India to receive ISO certification?

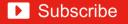
A) New Delhi Police Station
B) Mumbai Women's Police Station
C) Kolkata Police Station
D) Hyderabad Women's Police Station
E) Bhopal's Mahila Thana

Answer E) Bhopal's Mahila Thana



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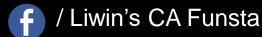






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- The Mahila thana (women police station) of Bhopal became the first women-centric police station across the entire country to be conferred with the ISO 9001:2015 certificate.
- The certificate was conferred on the police station. Senior police officials, including Commissioner of Police (CP) of Bhopal Harinarayanachari Mishra, Additional Commissioner of Police Anurag Sharma and others were also present on the occasion.
- The police station was made 'victim friendly'. A swing house has been set up for children and more than five toilets have been built. A feeding room has also been set up for women. ISO is an independent organization with membership of about 160 countries. The organization issues certificates to businesses after checking their products or services for quality, safety and efficiency.
- The ISO certificate is issued for three years. The Misrod police station of Bhopal received the ISO certificate in May this year. Director of Infinity Certification Services Hemlata Sharma presented the certificate to Bhopal Police Commissioner Harinarayan Chari Mishra.





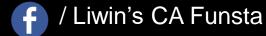
Which organization has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NICSI for ICT and digital transformation?

A) RBI (Reserve Bank of India)
B) ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization)
C) REC (Rural Electrification Corporation)
D) BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited)
E) DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organization)

Answer C) REC (Rural Electrification Corporation)

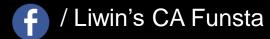




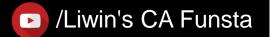




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- The MoU will benefit the REC ecosystem by facilitating the exploration of the latest technology in evolving areas like IoT, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Data Analytics, Blockchain, Cyber Security etc, an official statement said.
- The MoU was signed by Pankaj Gupta, GM & HOD (IT) of REC Limited and Vinay Thakur, MD of NICSI, in New Delhi.



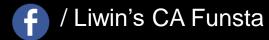




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#### Rural Electrification Corporation Limited(REC Limited)

Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi Founded: 25 July 1969 CMD: Vivek Kumar Dewagan **National Informatics Centre Services Inc. (NICSI)** Established: 1955 Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi MD: Dr. Vinay Thakur



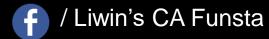




What is the cost of the contract signed by the Defence Ministry for the construction of one training ship for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)?

A) Rs 1,200 crore
B) Rs 1,800 crore
C) Rs 2,000 crore
D) Rs 310 crore
E) Rs 2,500 crore

Answer D) Rs 310 crore









- The Ministry of Defence signed a contract for the construction of one Training Ship for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL), Mumbai at a cost of Rs 310 crore under the Buy (Indian- IDDM) category in New Delhi.
- This is the first dedicated training platform with integral helicopter capabilities that will
  provide basic sea training to 70 Coast Guard and other international under-trainee officers to
  prepare these budding mariners on the multi-dimensional maritime aspects of Coast Guard
  life.
- This training ship with advanced and modern high-tech surveillance and monitoring systems
  will provide profound insight and expertise to the ICG cadets on the challenges at sea while
  ensuring the security of coastline and offshore assets

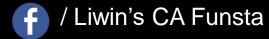




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#### Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL)

Chairman & Managing Director(CMD): Sanjeev Singhal Established: 1934 Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra







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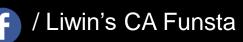
Which organizations signed an MoU for Academic and Research Collaboration to synergize their professional capabilities?

- A) Indian Institute of Management (IIM) and National Institute
- of Technology (NIT)
- B) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and Indian Statistical Institute (ISI)
- C) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) and National Institute of Communication Finance (NICF)
- D) Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)
- E) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) and National Institute of Design (NID)

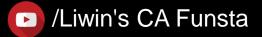
#### Answer

C) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) and National Institute of Communication Finance (NICF)



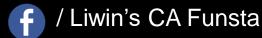


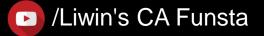






- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) and National Institute of Communication Finance (NICF)
- The MoU intends to synergise the professional capabilities of both institutions towards advocacy, research support, technical and handholding assistance and capacity building services in the various areas of finance, restructuring, turnaround, competition law, corporate law, corporate governance, Insolvency and Bankruptcy law, leadership, organisational effectiveness, telecommunication policies, spectrum auction etc.
- The MoU was signed by Prof (Dr) Naveen Sirohi from IICA and Shri A K Singh, Deputy Director General from NICF.
- Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) is an institution established by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Government of India as an autonomous body to act as a think-tank and a centre of excellence to support the growth of the corporate sector in India through an integrated and multi-disciplinary approach.

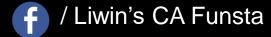




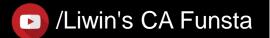


#### Explanation

 National Institute of Communication Finance (NICF) is an apex level training institute, operating under the aegis of the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, which caters to the training needs of Indian Posts and Telecom Accounts and Finance Service (IP&TAFS) officers.



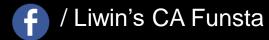




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#### The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)

Founded: 2012 Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana Director General & CEO: Shri Praveen Kumar **National Institute of Communication Finance (NICF)** Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi Director General: Shri Awadhesh Kumar





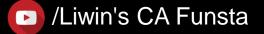


### **QUICK RECALL**

- World Migratory Bird Day is officially celebrated on the second Saturday of May (May 13th in 2023), and the second Saturday of October (October 14th in 2023). The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, celebrated annually on October 17
- India slipped to 45th position out of 47 countries on the Global Pension Index 2023 as compared to 41st position out of 44 countries in 2022 and 40th out of 43 countries in 2021.
- The Reserve Bank has imposed a penalty or Rs 12.19 crore on ICICI Bank and Rs 3.95 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank for non-compliance of certain regulatory norms.
- BimaKavach has received a direct insurance broking licence from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), enabling the firm to actively market its customised range of insurance products for businesses across India.
- Cashfree Payments, a firm specialising in API banking solutions, announced on Monday its collaboration with Global Trade Plaza, a global B2B marketplace, to simplify cross-border payments for Indian exporters.
- The Union government has proposed to sell up to 7% stake in Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) through an offer for sale (OFS).
- Dr Meenesh Shah, Chairman & Managing Director, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has been elected to the Board of International Dairy Federation (IDF) during the General Assembly of IDF held on October 15.







### **QUICK RECALL**

- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced the appointment of career diplomat Arindam Bagchi as India's next permanent representative to the United Nations and related global bodies in Geneva.
- The Union government notified the much-delayed appointment of Delhi high court judge Siddharth Mridul as the new full-time chief justice of the Manipur high court, more than three months after the collegium's recommendation.
- Tamil Nadu was recognised for its excellence in investment promotion when it was given a United Nations Award at the biennial World Investment Forum in the United Arab Emirates
- President Droupadi Murmu will confer the 69th National Film Awards 2023 on 17 October at the Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the third edition of Global Maritime India Summit 2023 in Mumbai via video conferencing.
- The Mahila thana (women police station) of Bhopal became the first women-centric police station across the entire country to be conferred with the ISO 9001:2015 certificate.







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