



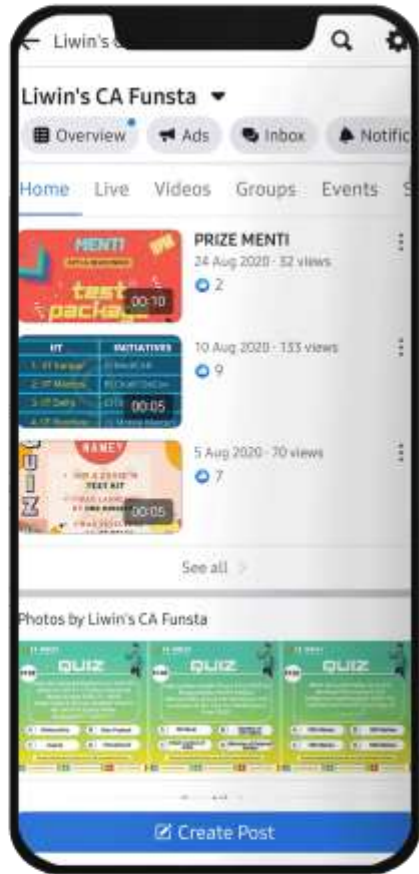
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# Important Days



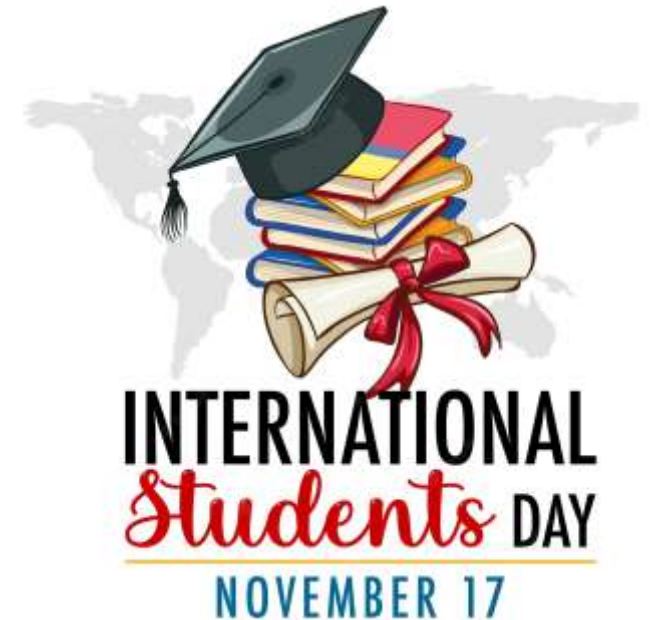
➤ **What historical event is associated with the establishment of International Students' Day?**

- a) Signing of the Treaty of Versailles
- b) Berlin Wall construction
- c) Nazi invasion of a Prague university in 1939
- d) Moon landing in 1969
- e) End of apartheid in South Africa

**Answer**

**c) Nazi invasion of a Prague university in 1939**

International Students' Day celebrates the global student community and the challenges faced by international students.



# Important Days



## History

- International Students' Day is celebrated on **November 17, the anniversary of the Nazi invasion of a university in Prague in 1939.**
- The Nazis imprisoned nearly a thousand students, closed the university, and killed and tortured several others.
- The aim of the day is to honour those students and to raise awareness of the challenges facing us today.
- Originally intended **to honour the more than 1,200 students of the University of Prague who lost their lives in World War II,** International Students' Day has evolved into an opportunity for higher education institutions around the world to take pride in their significant international student populations and the positive work they do in their local communities.



# Important Days



## National Epilepsy Day – November 17

- **National Epilepsy Day** is celebrated every year in India on **November 17** to raise awareness around the brain disorder and bust myths surrounding the disease
- **The day was first observed by the Epilepsy Foundation of India and was established by Dr Nirmal Surya.**
- The aim of this day was to help needy people who are not able to afford treatment for the disease and also to bust myths surrounding epilepsy, create awareness around symptoms and management of the disease





# Important Days



## National Epilepsy Day – November 17

- According to WHO, around **50 million people worldwide are affected by epilepsy and India accounts for nearly 10-20 percent (5-10 million) of the global burden of epilepsy.**
- **About 70 percent of people with epilepsy are able to successfully manage epilepsy seizures with medication and certain types of surgery.**
- Epilepsy is a brain disorder that can cause seizures due to abnormal brain activity or temporary changes in the brain's electrical functioning.



# Important Days



## Guinness World Records Day – November 17

- **Guinness World Records Day (GWR Day)**, a worldwide celebration of human achievements, is celebrated every year on **November 17**.
- The day reminds us of amazing things that humans are capable of, pushing the boundaries of what is thought to be possible.
- **The theme of the Guinness World Records Day 2023 is Super Skills**
- Guinness World Records Day was **first observed in 2004** to mark Guinness World Records becoming the best-selling copyright book of all time
- On Guinness World Records Day, people from all walks of life try to break previous records or establish brand-new ones, exhibiting a variety of skills and achievements.
- Guinness World Records Editor-in-Chief is Craig Glenday



# SPORTS



➤ Who inaugurated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hockey India Senior Women Inter Department National Championship 2023 and the tournament trophy at Shivaji Stadium?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Nirmala Sitharaman
- c) Hardeep Singh Puri
- d) Suresh Prabhu
- e) Piyush Goyal

**Answer**

**c) Hardeep Singh Puri**



## Explanation

- **Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs inaugurated the 3rd Hockey India Senior Women Inter Department National Championship 2023 and the tournament trophy at Shivaji Stadium.**
- The opening ceremony and the trophy unveiling was graced by Shri Pankaj Jain, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, Chairman IndianOil and Shri Bholanath, General Secretary, Hockey India along with Indian hockey legends like Ajit Pal Singh and Zaffar Iqbal.



## Explanation

- The tournament is being hosted by **Indian Oil Corporation limited.**
- At the event, historian and author of hockey in India, Sh K Armugum was honoured for his contribution to the game.
- Twenty-Five girls from his NGO, One Thousand Hockey Legs (OTHL) were give brand new Hockey sticks by the Hon'ble Minister and the dignitaries present.
- **The eight-team** participating in the tournament are **All Indian Police Sports Control Board, Railway Sports Promotion Board, UCO Bank, Sports Authority of India, Union Bank of India, Sashastra Seema Bal, Tamil Nadu Police and the host Indian Oil Corporation-Women.**



# SPORTS



## Titbits

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and  
Urban Affairs – **Hardeep Singh Puri**

Minister of state for Petroleum and Natural Gas &  
Labour and Employment – **Rameshwar Teli**



➤ **Which regulatory body issued the order leading to the suspension of EMI card issuance by Bajaj Finance?**

- a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- b) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)
- c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- d) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)
- e) Competition Commission of India (CCI)

**Answer**

**c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**



## Explanation

- Earlier, the Reserve Bank directed **Bajaj Finance to stop sanction and disbursement of loans under its two lending products , eCOM and Insta EMI Card** with immediate effect due to the non-adherence of the company to the extant provisions of digital lending guidelines of RBI particularly non-issuance of Key Fact Statements to the borrowers under these two lending products and the deficiencies in the Key Fact Statements issued in respect of other digital loans sanctioned by the company
- In August last year, the Reserve Bank issued **guidelines on digital lending** with an aim to protect the interest of borrowers.





## Explanation

- The regulatory framework is focused on **the digital lending ecosystem of RBI Regulated Entities (REs) and lending service providers (LSPs)** engaged by them to extend various permissible credit facilitation services.
- Earlier in January 2021, the central bank constituted a working group on 'digital lending, including lending through online platforms and mobile apps (WGDL).
- Pune-headquartered Bajaj Finance has reported a 28 per cent rise in its consolidated net profit to ₹3,551 crore for the second quarter ended September 30



## Titbits

Bajaj Finance  
Founded: May 2007  
Founder: Jamnalal Bajaj  
HQ: Pune , Maharashtra  
Chairman and Managing Director: Sanjiv Bajaj



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has recently been approved by RBI as a director of Jio Financial Services?

- a) Mukesh Ambani
- b) Anil Ambani
- c) Isha Ambani
- d) Nita Ambani
- e) Akash Ambani

**Answer**

**c) Isha Ambani**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **The RBI** approved the appointment of **Isha Ambani, Anshuman Thakur, and Hitesh Sethia** as **JFS directors** on November 15
- **Isha Ambani**, a graduate from Yale University with a double major in Psychology and South Asian Studies, and MBA from Stanford University, is **part of the executive leadership team at Reliance Retail**. She is also widely credited for conceptualising and launching Jio in India in 2016.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Anshuman Thakur** is a graduate in Economics and an MBA from IIM-Ahmedabad. With 24 years of experience, Thakur has experience in corporate strategy and investment banking and has worked across diverse industries. He is currently **the Senior Vice President at Jio Platforms Limited**, where he is responsible for strategy and planning functions. He joined the Reliance group in 2014
- **Hitesh Sethia** is a chartered accountant and an alumnus of Harvard Business School. He has been a **financial services executive with over 2 decades of experience** across Europe, Asia (India & Greater China) and North America



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- The company had also approved the appointment of **Hitesh Kumar Sethia as Managing Director and CEO of RSIL for a period of 3 years.**
- Jio Financial Services stock was last seen trading **0.51 per cent higher at Rs 225.40.** At this price, the company's turnover stood at Rs 35.12 crore with a market capitalisation (m-cap) of Rs 1,43,266.56 crore.
- The company has its presence in food, consumer electronics and fashion retail. It is the largest retailer by reach, scale and revenue.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

Jio Financial Services

Founded: 1999

President and CEO – Hithesh Kumar Sethia



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ In which country has Pedro Sánchez recently been officially elected as the Prime Minister?

- a) Italy
- b) Spain
- c) France
- d) Portugal
- e) Greece

**Answer**  
**b) Spain**





# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Socialist leader Pedro Sánchez** was re-elected as Spain's prime minister in a parliamentary vote, winning another term in office after a snap election in the summer proved inconclusive.
- Spanish deputies voted in **Sánchez for a second term by 179 votes to 171**. Only right-wing opposition lawmakers voted against him
- The vote allowed Sánchez to form a new minority leftist coalition government after his party - the Spanish Socialist Workers' party (PSOE) - was narrowly defeated by the centre-right People's party (PP) on 23 July
- Sánchez won an absolute majority in the Spanish parliament, obtaining the backing of **179 lawmakers in the 350-seat chamber**
- Sánchez will form a coalition **government with the left-wing Sumar (Joining Forces) party**.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

Spain

Capital: Madrid

Caretaker Prime minister: Pedro Sánchez

Currency: Euro



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has recently been appointed as a member of the Council of the Administrative Conference of the United States by President Joe Biden?

- a) Kamala Harris
- b) Shakuntla L Bhaya
- c) Nikki Haley
- d) Raj Shah
- e) Preet Bharara

**Answer**

**b) Shakuntla L Bhaya**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **US President Joe Biden** has appointed **Indian American Shakuntla L Bhaya** as a **member of the Council of the Administrative Conference of the United States**
- **Bhaya is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law**
- She is a **co-owner of a statewide Delaware law firm, Law Offices of Doroshow, Pasquale, Krawitz & Bhaya**. Her practice focuses on representing individuals who are seriously injured as a result of businesses and people making unsafe decisions
- She is currently a **member of the Delaware Democratic Party's State Executive Committee and the American Association for Justice and American Civil Liberties**
- Bhaya is the **first South Asian Indian** to be admitted to **the Delaware Bar Association**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

United States of America (USA)

Capital: Washington D.C

Currency: US Dollar

President: Joe Biden



# AWARDS

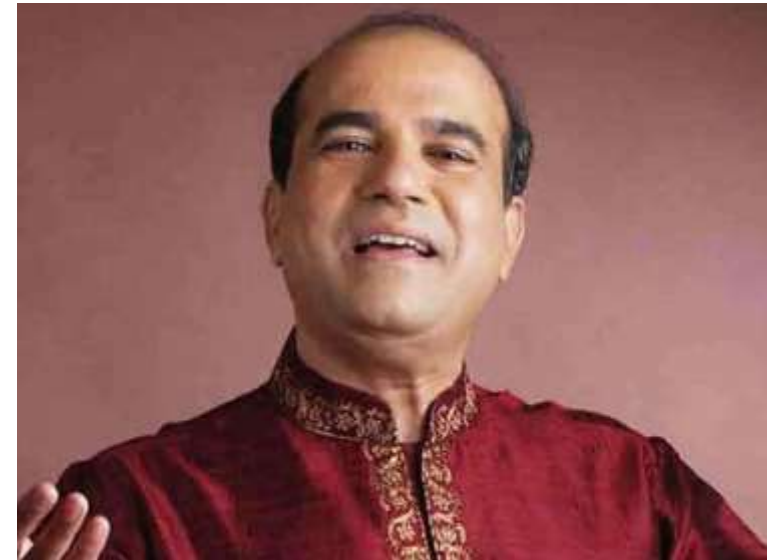


- **Who has been selected by the Maharashtra government for the 'Gansamragini Lata Mangeshkar Award' for 2023?**

- a) Kishore Kumar
- b) Asha Bhosle
- c) Suresh Ishwar Wadkar
- d) Lata Mangeshkar
- e) Kumar Sanu

**Answer**

- c) Suresh Ishwar Wadkar**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- **The Maharashtra government** has selected **veteran playback singer and National Award winner Suresh Ishwar Wadkar** from Kolhapur for its prestigious '**Gansamragini Lata Mangeshkar Award**' for 2023, announced by **Cultural Affairs Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar**
- **A Sangeet Natak Akademi laureate (2018), Wadkar, 68**, will be presented with a cash prize, a commendation and a memento as part of the award at a ceremony



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- **His earliest hit numbers were “Sona Kare jhilmil jhilmil” (film ‘Paheli’), “Seene Me Jalan” (‘Gaman’),** which caught Lata Mangeshkar’s attention and she recommended him to other top music composers of the day.
- Over the years, Wadkar sang for top Hindi and Marathi directors giving **memorable hits for 'Krodhi', 'Hum Paanch', 'Pyaasa Sawan', 'Prem Rog', 'Henna', 'Prem Granth', 'Ram Teri Ganga Maili', 'Parinda', and 'Sadma', among others.**
- Mungantiwar also announced other major awardees in various categories including **Pandit Ulhas Kashalkar, Pandit Shashikant S. Mulye, Suhasini Deshpande, Ashok Samel, Naina Apte-Joshi, Pandit Makarand Kundle and more artistes.**





# AWARDS



## Titbits

Maharashtra  
Capital: Mumbai  
CM: Eknath Sambhaji Shinde  
Governor: Ramesh Bais



➤ **What is the name of the AI chatbot recently launched by Google for teenagers?**

- a) Assistant Teen
- b) Bard
- c) ChatGenius
- d) TeenTalk AI
- e) YouthBot

**Answer**  
**b) Bard**



## Explanation

- **Google** is rolling out its **AI chatbot Bard for teenagers** in order to create a protected but immersive learning experience for younger users
- While **13 is the minimum age for a user to manage their own Google Account**, some countries have slightly higher benchmarks. Bard access will be permitted based on these regulations.
- The AI Chabot has also been trained to recognise and not show unsafe content to children



## Explanation

- Google will automatically run its **'double-check' response feature** when Bard is fielding fact-based queries, to avoid hallucination. However, this is not yet a default setting for all Bard users.
- Teen users will receive an AI literacy guide as well as a quick on-boarding video to teach them about Bard's underlying technology and using generative AI tools critically.
- For even more interactive learning, Google bringing a **math learning experience into Bard.**



## Titbits

### Google

Founders: Larry Page, Sergey Brin

HQ: California, USA

CEO: Sundar Pichai

CFO: Ruth Porat



➤ **What is the name of the joint military exercise between the armed forces of India and Sri Lanka that recently commenced its ninth edition?**

- a) Exercise Sampriti
- b) Operation Galle Shield
- c) Exercise Varuna
- d) Exercise Galle Guardian
- e) Exercise Mitra Shakti

**Answer**

**e) Exercise Mitra Shakti**



## Explanation

- **The ninth edition** of the **joint military exercise** between the armed forces of **India and Sri Lanka** commenced in **Aundh, Pune**.
- Taking place from **November 16 through 29**, the exercise, named "MITRA SHAKTI-2023", involves a contingent of **120 personnel from India**, primarily representing the **Maratha Light Infantry Regiment**.
- Representing **Sri Lanka**, **personnel from the 53rd Infantry Division** will actively participate in the exercise.
- Additionally, **15 members from the Indian Air Force and five from the Sri Lankan Air Force** are also partaking in this joint endeavor.



## Explanation

- The primary objective of the exercise is to **collectively practice sub conventional operations under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter**, focusing on coordinated responses during counter-terrorist operations. Tactical activities, including raids, search and destroy missions, and heliborne operations, will be rehearsed
- The overarching objective is **to enhance troop interoperability while minimizing risks to life and property, aligning with the UN's peacekeeping agenda.**
- The collaboration aims to strengthen defence cooperation between the Indian Army and the Sri Lankan Army, fostering closer ties between the two neighboring nations.





## Titbits

### Sri Lanka

Capital : Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte (legislative),  
Colombo (executive and judicial)

Currency : Rupee

President: Ranil Wickremesinghe

Prime Minister: Dinesh Gunawardena



➤ Which classes will be overseen by the Unified Body formed by the merger of SEBA and AHSEC in Assam?

- a) Class 8 and Class 10
- b) Class 10 and Class 12
- c) Class 6 and Class 8
- d) Class 12 and Graduation
- e) Class 5 and Class 7

**Answer**

**b) Class 10 and Class 12**



## Explanation

- **The Assam Government has officially given the nod to the merger of the Board of Secondary Education (SEBA) and the Assam Higher Secondary Education Council (AHSEC).**
- Following a decisive decision made during a cabinet meeting chaired by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, the state is now set to establish a singular entity overseeing the realms of **both Class 10 and Class 12 education boards** in Assam



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

Assam

Capital : Dispur

CM : Himanta Biswa Sarma

Governor : Shri Gulab Chand Kataria



➤ How much in grants has the Ministry of Defence (MoD) distributed to beneficiaries from the armed forces?

- a) Rs 500 crore
- b) Rs 732 crore
- c) Rs 832 crore
- d) Rs 932 crore
- e) Rs 1,032 crore



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**Answer**

**d) Rs 932 crore**

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## Explanation

- **A Defence Ministry organisation, Kendriya Sainik Board (KSB), has distributed grants worth Rs 932 crore to over 3.7 lakh beneficiaries of Army, Navy and Air Force in the last five years, starting from 2018, to meet their expenses like on education, for daughters' marriage and treatment of serious diseases.**
- The ten welfare schemes operated with the assistance of 34 State KSBs and 410 District Sainik Boards spread across the country .



## Explanation

- The grant given as follows
- non pensioners up to the rank of Havildar aged 65 - Rs 48,000 /annual,
- education grant upto Havildar - for each child studying from first standard to graduation – 12,000/ annual
- disabled children grant - Rs 36,000 annual upto Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) rank
- orphan children grant - Rs 36,000 annual
- maximum medical grant - Rs 50,000 annual upto Havildar rank
- for each of the two daughters' marriage grant upto Havildar rank – Rs 50,000
- one time vocational training grant - Rs 50,000 upto the Havildar rank
- serious diseases grants up to the JCO rank for one time with maximum limit - Rs1,50,000



## Explanation

- Among the beneficiaries are ex-servicemen, widows and their dependents who have availed the grant.
- A grant of approximately **Rs 250 crore** was **distributed to more than 99,000 beneficiaries in the financial year 2022-23.**





## Titbits

Ministry of Defence  
Union Minister of Defence: Rajnath Singh  
Union Minister of State for Defence: Ajay Bhatt



# QUICK RECALL



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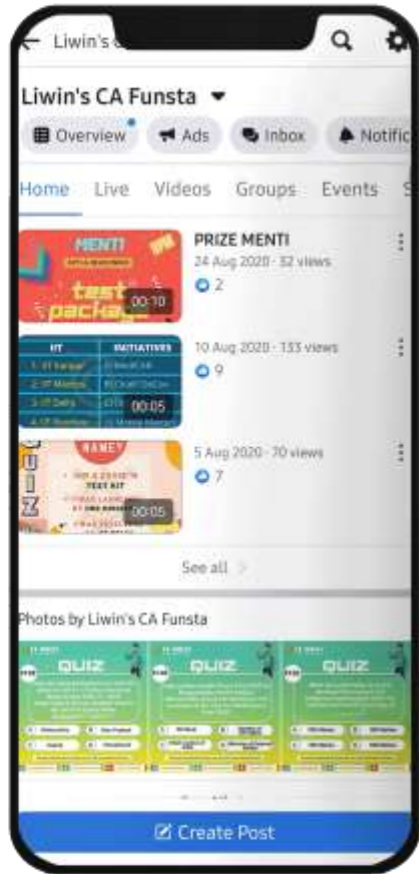
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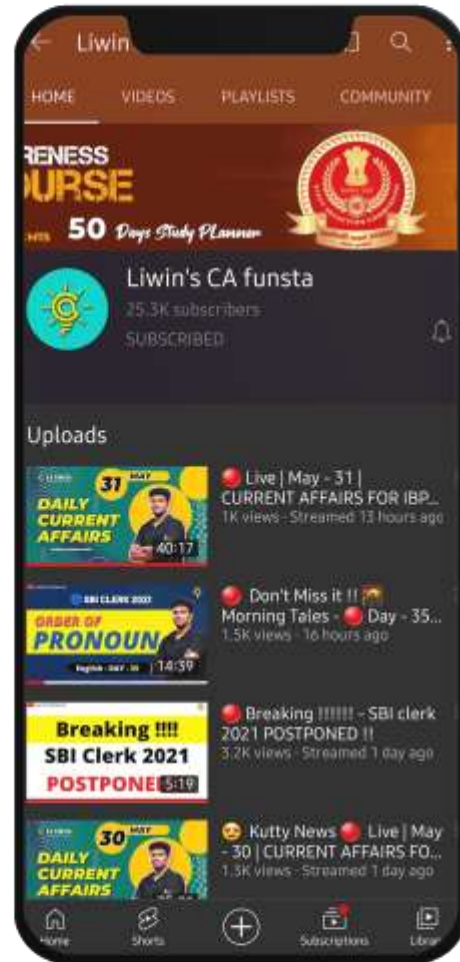
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