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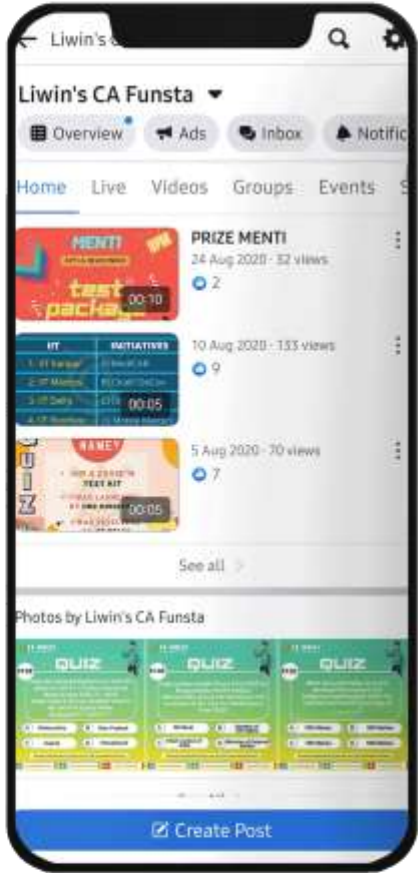
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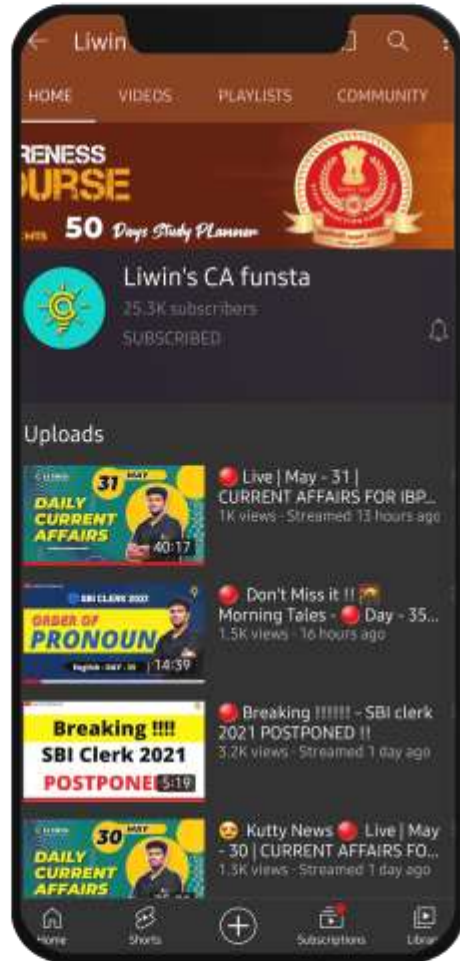
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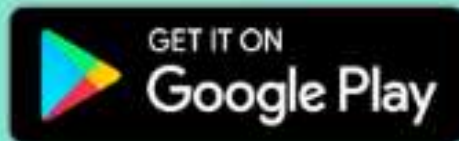
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Important Days



- **Which international organization collaborates with health care professionals and patient groups worldwide to observe COPD Day?**
- A) WHO (World Health Organization)
 - B) UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund)
 - C) CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
 - D) GOLD (Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease)
 - E) AMA (American Medical Association)

Answer

D) GOLD (Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease)



Important Days



Explanation

- **Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD)** in collaboration with health care professionals and patient groups worldwide will observe **November 15** as **World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Day**.
- The 2023 theme for World COPD Day is **“Breathing is Life - Act Earlier”**.



Important Days



COPD:

- The common symptoms of COPD include chronic cough, shortness of breath, wheezing, chest tightness, fatigue, frequent respiratory infections, unintended weight loss and difficulty in performing daily activities.



Important Days



Causes of COPD:

- Tobacco smoking
- Second-hand smoke exposure
- Occupational exposures
- Indoor air pollution
- Genetic Factors
- Repeated respiratory infections
- Poor Socio economic Conditions



OBITUARY



➤ In which language did P Valsala primarily contribute as a novelist and short story writer?

- A) Hindi
- B) Bengali
- C) Tamil
- D) Malayalam
- E) Kannada

Answer
D) Malayalam



OBITUARY



Explanation

- **Malayalam novelist and short story writer P Valsala passed away at the age of 85.**
- She published nearly 20 novels and over 300 short stories.
- **Her Novels:** Nellu, Agneyam, Koomankolli, Arakkillam, and Vilapam
- **She was known as the narrator Thirunelli, as several of her works depicted the life of the tribals in the Wayanad district.**
- Valsala also served as **the President of the Kerala Sahitya Academy.**
- She was conferred awards including **the Ezuthachchan Puraskaram and the Kerala Sahithya Academy Award among others.**



OBITUARY



➤ Who recently passed away and was a former holder of the Mr. India title?

- A) Milind Soman
- B) John Abraham
- C) Nongthombam Maipak
- D) Rahul Khanna
- E) Vidyut Jammwal



Answer

C) Nongthombam Maipak



OBITUARY



Explanation

- **Nongthombam Maipak, former Mr India title holder and veteran body builder of Manipur popularly known as Mister Maipak passed away** at Regional Institute of Medical Sciences in Imphal.
- Maipak also known as '**Son of Manipur**', won **the Mr India title in 1970**.
- **He represented India in the Mr Universe competition held from September 25-26, 1971 at Paris (France) and was honoured with the 'Best Indian Style Mythological Pose,' besides bagging the 10th position in the competition.**
- He once **broke the national records on behalf of Manipur team in hammer throw competition during National Games held at Delhi in 1958.**
- Mister Maipak was also a **popular athlete in hammer throw, shot put and discus throw events.**



RANKING



➤ Who is among the four Indian women featured in the BBC 100 Women List 2023?

- A) Priyanka Chopra
- B) Deepika Padukone
- C) Dia Mirza
- D) Aishwarya Rai
- E) Kareena Kapoor Khan



Answer
C) Dia Mirza



RANKING



Explanation

- **BBC** released the **11th edition** of the list on November 21, 2023
- **Four Indian women, including Bollywood actress Dia Mirza, made it to the BBC 100 Women List 2023.**
- BBC recognised Mirza's contribution towards the environment and named her a Climate Pioneer.



RANKING



About Dia Mirza

- She is a **goodwill ambassador of the United Nations Environment Programme.**
- She also **founded a production house, One India Stories, to produce stories that “make you pause and think”.**
- She is also an ambassador for **Save the Children, the International Fund for Animal Welfare, and a board member of the Sanctuary Nature Foundation.**
- Mirza began her **acting career in 2001 with Rehnaa Hai Terre Dil Mein.**
- She has featured in over **30 films and two web series in the past two decades.**



RANKING



4 Indian Women in BBC List:

- **Actress - Dia Mirza**
- **Captain of India's national women's cricket team - Harmanpreet Kaur**
- **National Geographic photographer - Arati Kumar-Rao**
- **Tibetan Buddhist nun Jetsunma Tenzin Palmo**



RANKING



Others

- Names of 28 women "who have been working to help their communities tackle climate change and take action to adjust to its impacts" were also included.
- The list of 100 remarkable and powerful women from around the world for 2023 also includes a Pakistani shepherdess from the isolated, rocky Shimshal Valley and a nurse who saved lives during the devastating floods of the previous year.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Which company is acquiring the additional stake in Niva Bupa Health Insurance, as approved by CCI?

- A) Max Bupa Health Insurance
- B) HDFC ERGO General Insurance
- C) ICICI Lombard General Insurance
- D) Bupa Singapore Holdings Pte
- E) Reliance General Insurance



Answer

D) Bupa Singapore Holdings Pte



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- CCI approved the acquisition of an additional stake in Niva Bupa Health Insurance Company by Bupa Singapore Holdings Pte.
- Bupa Singapore Holdings is a shareholder of Niva Bupa and a subsidiary of international healthcare group The British United Provident Association Ltd (Bupa).
- The transaction relates to the secondary purchase of shares by Bupa Singapore Holdings in the Niva Bupa Health Insurance Company from Fettle Tone LLP.
- After the transaction, **the shareholding of Bupa Singapore Holdings will increase to 63 per cent in Niva Bupa Health Insurance.**



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- Niva Bupa Health Insurance provides insurance policies in India, while Fettle Tone LLP is a special purpose vehicle (SPV) set up by private equity firm True North Fund.
- True North would be selling a 20 per cent holding in health insurer Niva Bupa for Rs 2,700 crore.
- The UK-headquartered Bupa is picking up the stake to become a majority shareholder in the venture post-deal.
- **True North became Niva Bupa's majority shareholder in 2019 after it had acquired a 51 per cent stake in the company from Analjit Singh's Max India.**



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Titbits

Niva Bupa Health Insurance

Founded: 2008

HQ: New Delhi

CEO: Krishnan Ramachandran

Competition Commission of India

Founded: 14 October 2003

HQ: New Delhi

Chairperson: Ravneet Kaur



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as an Additional Director at South Indian Bank?**

- A) Lakshmi Ramakrishna Srinivas
- B) Ravi Menon
- C) Priya Rajan
- D) Anand Sharma
- E) Nandini Iyer



Answer

A) Lakshmi Ramakrishna Srinivas



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Lakshmi Ramakrishna Srinivas has assumed the role of Additional Director at South Indian Bank.**
- Designated as a non-executive independent director, **her term is three years starting from 20 November 2023.**
- She previously served as the Chief General Manager of State Bank of India



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

South Indian Bank

HQ: Thrissur, Kerala

Chairman: V J Kurian

MD and CEO: M D Seshadri



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been elected as the Vice-Chair of the UN External Auditors' Panel from India?

- A) R. K. Mathur
- B) Girish Chandra Murmu
- C) Vinod Rai
- D) Shashi Kant Sharma
- E) Rajiv Mehrishi

Answer

B) Girish Chandra Murmu



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **CAG Girish Chandra Murmu participated in the sixty-third session of the Panel of External Auditors, held at the UN headquarters in New York from 20-21 November 2023.**
- **Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Mr. Girish Chandra Murmu, was elected as the Vice-Chair of the UN Panel of Auditors for the forthcoming year.**
- This recognition underscored India's commitment to the highest standards of external audit and its active participation in shaping the global audit landscape.
- On the sidelines of panel meeting, **CAG Murmu held a bilateral meeting with the Pierre Moscovici, First President of Cour des Comptes (Supreme Audit Institution of France) to discuss the strengthening of bilateral relations between the two SAI's.**



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **The Panel of External Auditors, composed of heads of 12 Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) globally, oversees the external audit of the UN Secretariat, funds and programmes, and specialised agencies.**
- **This independent body conducts financial, performance and compliance audits of UN entities.**
- **It includes representatives from Canada, Chile, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, The Philippines, Russia, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.**



➤ **From which platform was the anti-ship missile launched during the second trial?**

- A) Ground-based launcher
- B) Fighter jet
- C) Submarine
- D) Sea King 42B helicopter
- E) Navy Destroyer



Answer

D) Sea King 42B helicopter



Explanation

- India finished **the second trial for its indigenous navy anti-ship missile** which was conducted by the **Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and the Indian Navy**.
- It was launched from the Sea King 42B helicopter.
- The missile is **equipped with an in-house helicopter launcher, cutting-edge navigation, and integrated avionics as well as a guiding system**.
- This NASM-SR was **first fired from an Indian Navy Seaking helicopter at an integrated test range at Chandipur off the coast of Odisha in May 2022**.



Anti Ship Missile:

- A guided missile intended to be used against ships and large boats is called an anti-ship missile.
- A significant portion of anti-ship missiles track a ship's heat emissions using infrared homing.
- It can also be fully directed by radio command.



Other Planned Trials:

- **First tests of a new Long Range Anti-Ship Missile designed by DRDO, with a range of 500 km – far exceeding that of the BrahMos missile.**
- **Note: BrahMos, the Indo-Russian cruise missile, initially had a range of 290 kilometres but now has a range of 350 to 400 kilometres.**
- **In March 2023, the Indian Navy successfully fired a Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM) from INS Visakhapatnam, demonstrating its capacity to intercept 'Anti-Ship Missiles'.**
- **MRSAM was developed in collaboration with the DRDO and Israeli Aerospace Industries (IAI) and was built at Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL).**



Titbits

Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Founded: 1958

HQ: New Delhi

Chairman: Sameer V Kamat



➤ **What is the role of IN-SPACE in the context of satellite authorization in India?**

- A) Ground station management
- B) Satellite manufacturing
- C) Satellite launching
- D) Satellite promotion and marketing
- E) Satellite authorization and regulation



Answer

E) Satellite authorization and regulation



Explanation

- **The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) officially granted authorisation to Eutelsat OneWeb's satellite constellation for provisioning its capacity in India.**
- **OneWeb India Communication Private Limited, which becomes the first company authorised by IN-SPACe to provide Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite constellation capacity in the country.**
- **OneWeb India's aims to extend internet services to rural and unconnected areas, as well as territorial waters of India, on a 24x7 basis.**



Explanation

- **The Eutelsat OneWeb constellation, comprising 648 satellites in circular polar orbits at 1,200km altitude, is expected to deliver approximately 21 Gbps throughput over India.**
- **The authorisation granted to the Eutelsat OneWeb constellation is valid for five years and is subject to obtaining necessary spectrum and regulatory approvals.**



Other Approvals:

- **OneWeb India**, a subsidiary of Eutelsat Group and backed by Bharti Group, has received authorizations from IN-SPACe to launch **commercial satellite broadband services in India**.
- OneWeb India already **holds licenses from the Department of Telecommunications and has obtained approval to establish and operate gateways in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu**.

Note: The global commercial space market is expected to be worth \$1 trillion by 2030, and India aims to have a \$40 billion share by 2040.



Eutelsat:

- Eutelsat Group represents the combination between Eutelsat and OneWeb.
- They joined together to provide resilient GEO-LEO satellite services.
- Eutelsat Group is powered by its two strong business units, Video and Eutelsat OneWeb for connectivity.



One Web India:

- OneWeb India is part of the Bharti Group, which operates Airtel, and subsidiary of Eutelsat Group



Titbits

Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center (IN SPACE)

Founded: 2020

HQ: Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Eutelsat OneWeb:

Founded: 2012

Founder: Greg Wyler

HQ: London, England, United Kingdom



➤ **Which organization has partnered with Greenway for a carbon finance deal to transform rural cooking in India?**

- A) WHO (World Health Organization)
- B) ADB (Asian Development Bank)
- C) UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergen
- D) IMF (International Monetary Fund)
- E) WFP (World Food Programme)

Answer

B) ADB (Asian Development Bank)



Explanation

- **The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Greenway Grameen Infra Private Limited** have inked a groundbreaking deal, signing a **USD 6.5 million senior secured loan to manufacture and distribute 1 million improved cookstoves to rural households in India's Madhya Pradesh and Odisha states.**
- According to ADB, this transformative initiative also involves a USD 3.25 million first-loss liquidity reserve from the Climate Innovation and Development Fund (CIDF), administered by ADB.
- Compared to traditional mud chulhas or indoor stoves, these improved stoves boast a **65 per cent reduction in fuel needs and a 70 per cent decrease in smoke emissions, significantly mitigating black carbon and carbon monoxide.**



Explanation

- The project aims to subsidize the cost of these eco-friendly cookstoves for rural households still reliant on inefficient traditional cooking methods.
- The project anticipates a total reduction of 22.9 million tons of carbon dioxide.
- Greenway, through its subsidiary Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 13 Ventures Private Limited, plans to sell the carbon credits generated from improved cookstoves usage to international buyers.
- The Climate Innovation and Development Fund, managed by ADB and established in September 2021, has garnered significant philanthropic commitments, including USD 25 million from Bloomberg Philanthropies and Goldman Sachs.



Explanation

- **This fund is poised to unlock up to USD 500 million in private sector and government investments for sustainable low-carbon economic development.**
- **Greenway, established in 2010, has made substantial strides in the clean cooking sector, selling over 2.5 million improved cookstoves and employing more than 500 people.**



Titbits

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Founded: 1966

HQ: Mandaluyong, Manila, Philippines

Members: 68 Countries

President: Masatsugu Asakawa

Greenway

Founded: 2011

Founders: Ankit Mathur and Neha Juneja with Shoeb Kazi

Greenway's Co-founder and CEO, Ankit Mathur



➤ **What specific sector of tourism has earned recognition for Kerala on the UNWTO list?**

- A) Adventure Tourism
- B) Responsible Tourism
- C) Cultural Tourism
- D) Medical Tourism
- E) Eco-Tourism

Answer

B) Responsible Tourism



Explanation

- **Kerala and Maharashtra as the two Indian states that has been recognised by the UNWTO for showcasing exemplary projects.**
- **UNWTO cites that Kerala Tourism has succeeded in upholding UN Sustainable Development Goals while promoting travel industry.**
- **The Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve for Maharashtra and Kerala's RT Mission.**
- **This placed them among the distinguished seven G20 nations on the global stage, including Germany, Mexico, Turkey, Mauritius, Brazil, Italy, and Canada.**



Responsible Tourism – Kerala:

- **Responsible Tourism (RT) Mission** is the nodal agency formed by the **Government of Kerala** to **spread and implement the ideologies and initiatives of Responsible Tourism all over the State.**
- It was launched on **20th October 2017** by **Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan, Chief Minister of Kerala.**
- The Mission is envisaged with a **'triple-bottom-line' mission, which comprises economic, social and environmental responsibilities.**
- **Making Tourism as a tool to Eradicate poverty and giving emphasis to women empowerment are the main aims of the Responsible Tourism Mission.**



Note:

- Kerala hosted **first-ever Responsible Tourism Global Summit in February.**
- Kerala RT Mission also **receiving the Global Award in the 'Best for Local Sourcing – Craft and Food' category.**
- The award, conferred by **the Responsible Tourism Partnership and International Centre for Responsible Tourism, acknowledges Kerala's sustainable and women-inclusive initiatives.**



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Titbits

Kerala

Capital: Thiruvananthapuram
Chief Minister: Pinarayi Vijayan
Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan

Maharashtra

Capital: Mumbai
Chief Minister: Eknath Sambhaji Shinde
Governor: Ramesh Bais



- Which region in Jammu and Kashmir has recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for its saffron?

- A) Gulmarg
- B) Leh-Ladakh
- C) Kishtwar
- D) Pahalgam
- E) Jammu City



Answer
C) Kishtwar



Explanation

- **Saffron grown in Kishtwar area of Jammu and Kashmir has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Geographical Indications Registry.**
- **The spice is grown in some parts of Kishtwar region of Jammu along with parts of Kashmir.**
- Kishtwar's saffron production area is called locally as Mandal.
- Saffron, popularly known as Kumkum, is also a key cash crop in Jammu's isolated mountainous district of Kishtwar.
- Saffron cultivation is a cultural heritage that represents freshness and purity.



- **Which organization located in Dehradun recently signed an MOU with the National Book Trust and Daisy Forum of India?**
- A) National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Delhi
 - B) National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Mumbai
 - C) National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Dehradun
 - D) National Institute for the Blind, Kolkata
 - E) National Institute for the Deaf, Chennai

Answer

C) National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Dehradun



MoU with National Book Trust:

- **Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, NIEPVD signed MoU with the National Book Trust, New Delhi.**
- **The MOU paves the way for the establishment of a Universal Design Center for Reading in Dehradun, Uttarakhand.**
- **This center will showcase the National Book Trust's extensive collection of publications and learning materials in various accessible formats, including physical books, Braille books, e-books, and audio books.**



MoU with National Book Trust:

- **The collaboration aims to make reading materials more accessible to individuals with visual disabilities, ensuring equal opportunities for learning and education.**
- **The MOU was signed by Er. Manish Verma, Director (Offg), NIEPVD, and Shri Yuvraj Malik, Director, National Book Trust India.**



MoU with Daisy Forum of India:

- NIEPVD signed MoU with the Daisy Forum of India (DFI) **to provide an online library containing accessible books and related resources tailored for persons with print disabilities.**
- The collaboration seeks to create and disseminate accessible books **through SugamyaPustakalaya, an online library designed for persons with print disabilities in India.**



MoU with Daisy Forum of India:

- **Various accessible formats such as DAISY, E-Pub, BRF, and others will be employed to meet the diverse needs of the target audience.**
- **The MOU was signed by Er. Manish Verma, Director (Offg), NIEPVD, and Shri Dipendra Manocha, President, DFI, solidifying their commitment to enhancing accessibility to literature and educational resources for individuals with print disabilities across India.**



Note:

- **The National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan), Dehradun**, is a premier organization working towards the empowerment of individuals with visual disabilities.
- **The National Book Trust**, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Education, Government of India, is dedicated to the promotion of books and the habit of reading.
- **Daisy Forum of India** is a leading organization advocating for accessible reading materials for persons with print disabilities



Titbits

National Book Trust:

Founded: 1957

HQ: New Delhi

Chairman: Govind Prasad Sharma



➤ **Which company becomes the first to have a public-private agreement with Survey of India for digital twin-mapping?**

- A) MapmyIndia
- B) Genesys International
- C) Google Earth
- D) TomTom
- E) ESRI India

The logo for GENESYS, written in a large, blue, sans-serif font.

Answer

B) Genesys International



Explanation

- **National mapping agency Survey of India (Sol) and Genesys International, a leading Indian mapping company announced a tie-up for a three-dimensional (3D) digital twin-mapping programme in India.**
- Genesys thus becomes the first company to have a first public-private agreement with Sol for digital twin-mapping.
- **This partnership aims to create digital twins of major cities and towns, leveraging Genesys' all-India highly-accurate navigable maps, the Genesys constellation of sensors and SOI's recently-launched Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) network, which allows for real-time high precision positioning data.**



Explanation

- This collaboration is **aligned with the National Geospatial Policy 2022, promoting Atmanirbhar Bharat in geospatial data production and usage.**
- **A virtual representation of a real-world thing, such as a product, procedure, person, or place, that can understand and evaluate its physical counterparts is called a digital twin**
- The twin (digital copy) will also help policymakers understand how infrastructure will function in different situations such as high-footprints events, increase of population or during natural disasters.



Explanation

- The 3D digital twin aimed to be created will be used by government departments for various new initiatives.
- **Genesys have already finished a 2D map of the entire India, where it has digitised 8.5 million km of the road network, and has done around 1 million km of street imaging covering more than 1,500 towns in cities and it has almost 40 million points of addresses.**



Titbits

Survey of India

Founded: 1767

HQ: Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Surveyor General of India: Sunil Kumar

Genesys International

Founded: 1995

CMD: Sajid Malik



➤ **What was the primary objective of the State Educational Achievement Survey conducted by PARAKH?**

- A) Teacher Training Assessment
- B) Infrastructure Evaluation
- C) Understanding Baseline Performance in Competencies
- D) Financial Audit of Educational Institutions
- E) Health and Nutrition Assessment



Answer

C) Understanding Baseline Performance in Competencies



Explanation

- **The State Educational Achievement Survey by PARAKH was conducted to understand the baseline performance in the development of the competencies at the end of the foundational, preparatory, and middle stages.**
- **This survey is the assessment of educational competencies among students at the block level in India at grades 3, 6, and 9.**
- **This survey covered approximately 80 lakh students from 3 lakh schools at 5917 blocks across the nation.**
- **It also includes 6 lakh teachers and more than 3 lakh field investigators.**



Explanation

- **The primary objective of this survey is to assess the learning competencies of students at the end of each educational stage, i.e., foundational, preparatory, and middle with a primary focus on Language and Mathematics.**
- Barring Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan and West Bengal, all other States and UTs participated in the implementation of the survey.



PARAKH:

- In line with the NEP 2020, the National Assessment Centre, **PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development)** has been set up as a body for setting norms, standards, and guidelines for student assessment and evaluation for all recognized school boards of India.
- It will also guide **the State Achievement Survey (SAS) and undertake the National Achievement Survey (NAS)**, monitor achievement of learning outcomes and encourage and help school board to shift their assessment patterns towards meeting the skill requirements of the 21st century



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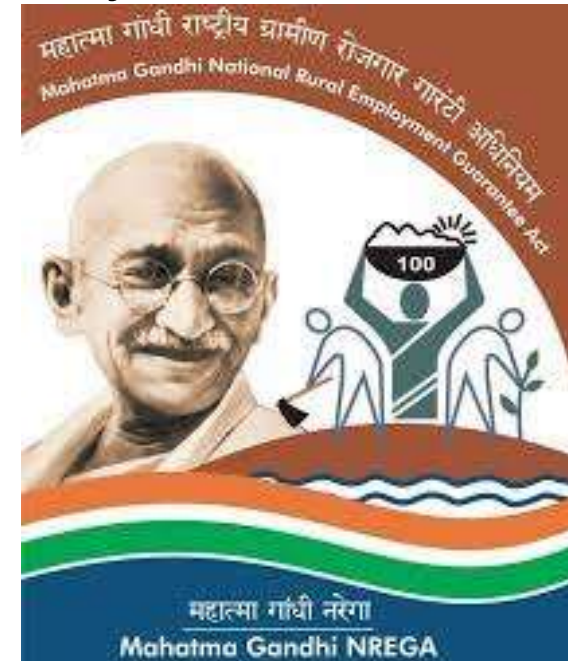


➤ How many States and Union Territories out of the total 34 have completed social audit of works done under MGNREGS in more than 50% of gram panchayats?

- A) 12
- B) 6
- C) 20
- D) 28
- E) 15

Answer

B) 6



Explanation

- Of the 34 States and Union Territories, only **six have completed social audit of works done under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in more than 50% of gram panchayats.**
- **Kerala is the only State to cover 100% gram panchayats.**
- **These numbers are sourced from the Management Information System (MIS) on Social Audit maintained by the Union Ministry of Rural Development as on November 10.**
- **Section 17 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) says the gram sabha “shall monitor the execution of works”.**



Explanation

- **Each State has social audit units which are supposed to work independent of the implementing authorities.**
- The auditing standards laid down by the Comptroller and Auditor General were issued only on December 19, 2016.



Explanation

- Under these, **every Social Audit Unit is entitled to funds equivalent to 0.5% of the MGNREGA expenditure incurred by the State in the previous year.**
- Other than Kerala, the States to cross the 50% mark are Bihar (64.4%), Gujarat (58.8%), Jammu and Kashmir (64.1%), Odisha (60.42%) and Uttar Pradesh (54.97%).
- Only three States have covered 40% or more villages, Telangana (40.5%), Himachal Pradesh (45.32%) and Andhra Pradesh (49.7%).

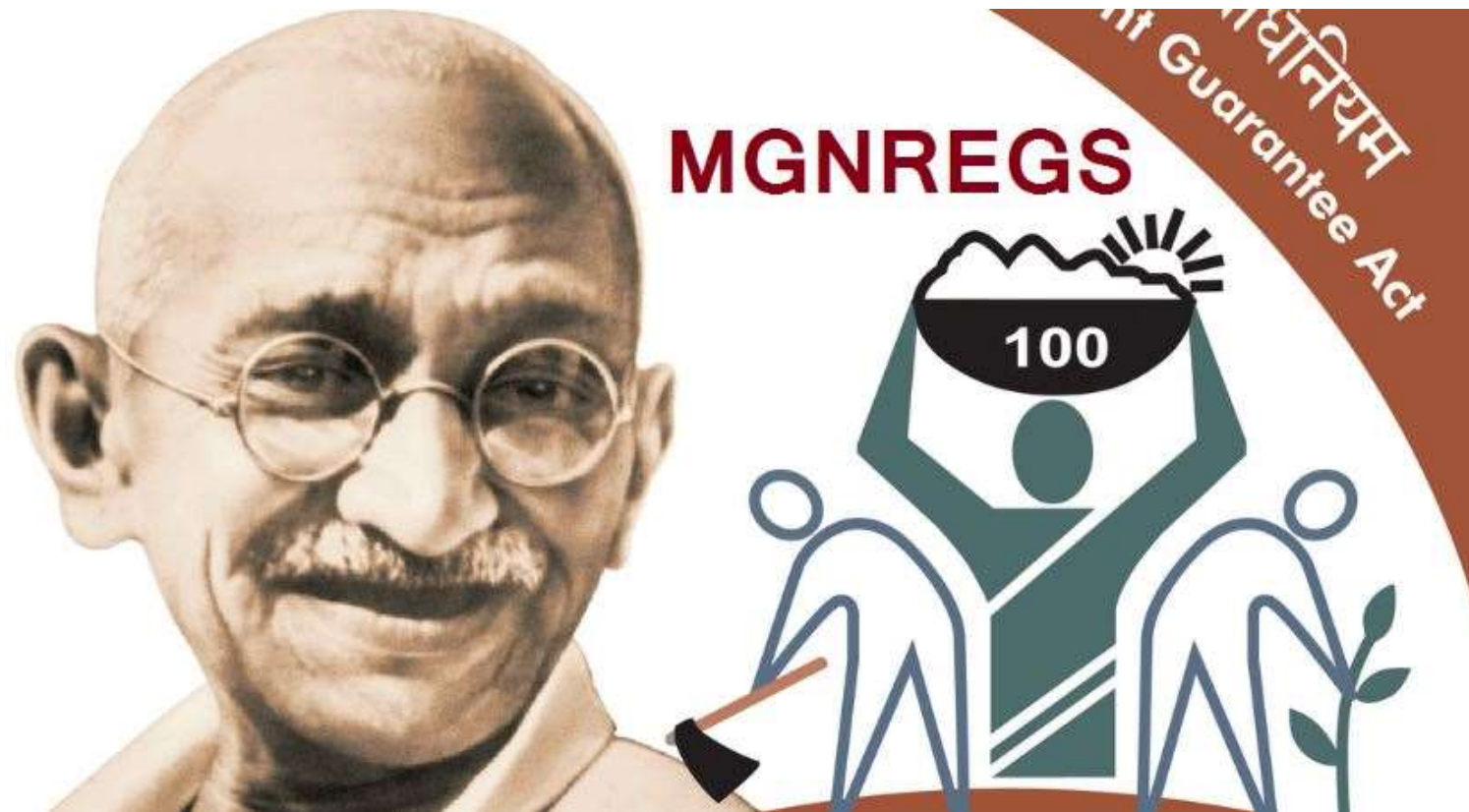


NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)

- Introduced: 22 March 2005



QUICK RECALL



- COPD Day is observed on November 15.
- Noted Malayalam novelist and short story writer P Valsala passes away at the age of 85
- Nongthombam Maipak, former Mr India title holder passed away
- Dia Mirza among 4 Indians in BBC 100 Women list
- CCI approves acquisition of additional stake in Niva Bupa Health Insurance
- Lakshmi Ramakrishna Srinivas Appointed Additional Director At South Indian Bank
- CAG Girish Chandra Murmu elected vice-chair of UN external auditors' panel
- India Conducts 2nd Trials Of Indigenously Developed Anti-ship Missile Over Arabian Sea
- Eutelsat OneWeb First Firm To Get IN-SPACE Nod For LEO Constellation



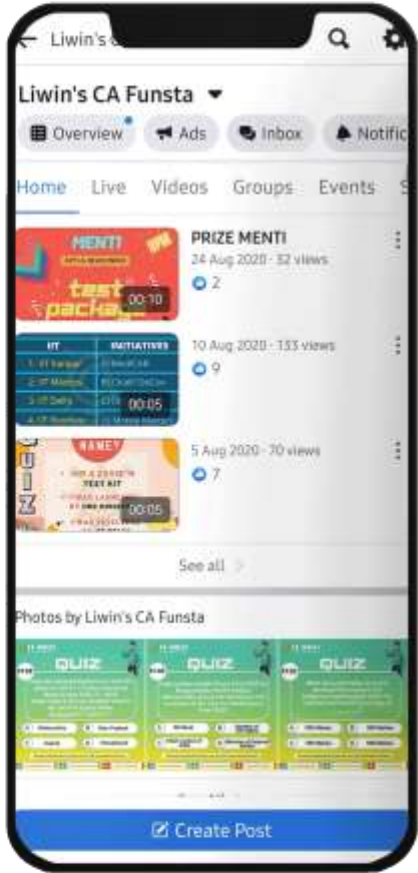
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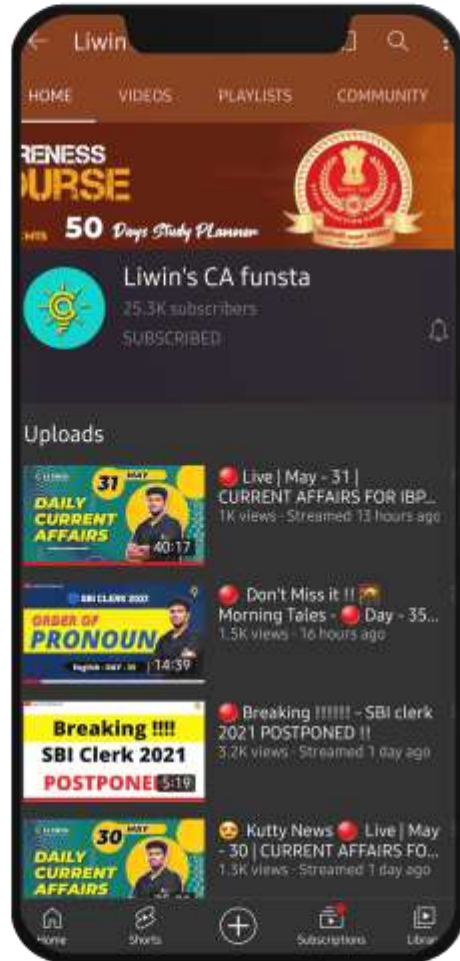
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