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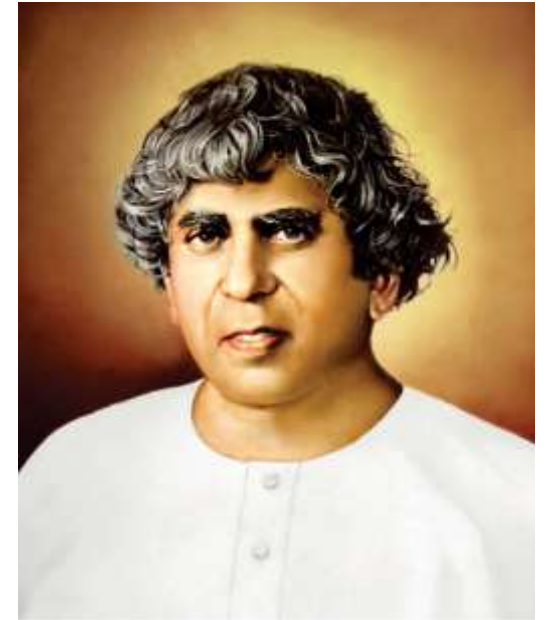


Important Days



➤ **Why was November 25, 2023, declared as 'No non-veg day' in Uttar Pradesh?**

- A) To celebrate a religious festival
- B) In honor of Sadhu TL Vaswani's birth anniversary
- C) To promote vegetarianism
- D) A political decision
- E) None of the above



Answer

B) In honor of Sadhu TL Vaswani's birth anniversary



Important Days



Explanation

- **Uttar Pradesh declared 25th November 2023 as 'No non-veg day' on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sadhu TL Vaswani.**
- **Sadhu Thanwardas Lilaram Vaswani, a distinguished educationist and founder of the Mira Movement, was born on November 25, 1879.**
- This day is celebrated annually by the **Sadhu Vaswani Mission, an organisation dedicated to spreading awareness about his life's mission.**
- On Vaswani's birthday, November 25, the mission observes International Meatless Day as a tribute to his fervent promotion of vegetarian living.
- Sadhu T.L. Vaswani passed away on January 16, 1966, at the age of 86.



Important Days



Titbits

Uttar Pradesh:

Capital: Lucknow

Chief Minister: Yogi Adityanath

Governor: Anantiben Patel



➤ **Who played a crucial role in Italy's victory by defeating Alex de Minaur in the Davis Cup final?**

- A) Jannik Sinner
- B) Marco Cecchinato
- C) Matteo Berrettini
- D) Fabio Fognini
- E) Lorenzo Sonego

Answer

A) Jannik Sinner



Explanation

- **Italy defeated Australia 2-0 to become Davis Cup champions for the first time since 1976** as Jannik Sinner crushed Alex de Minaur 6-3, 6-0 to seal a 2-0 win over Australia **in Malaga, Spain.**
- Italy won Davis Cup for first time in 47 years.
- **Italy reached a final match of Davis Cup in 1998.**
- Prior to 2023 win, **Italy won Davis Cup in 1976.**



SPORTS



Davis Cup:

- The Davis Cup is the **premier international team event in men's tennis**.
- It is run by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and is contested annually between teams from 140 competing countries.



SPORTS



Champions:

- United States – 32 Titles
- Australia – 28 Titles
- Great Britain – 10 Titles
- France – 10 Titles

Terms used in Davis Cup (Tennis)

- Tie – an Elimination Round
- Rubber – an Individual Match



SPORTS



Titbits

Davis Cup

Founded: 1900

Founder: Dwight F Davis

No of Teams: 155



➤ **Who won the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Championship?**

- A) Anupama Ramachandran
- B) Vidya Pillai
- C) Pankaj Advani
- D) Geet Sethi
- E) Ronnie O'Sullivan

Answer
B) Vidya Pillai



Explanation

- In Doha, Qatar, veteran cueist Vidya Pillai born from Trichy, Tamilnadu won the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Championship after defeating fellow countryman Anupama Ramachandran 4-1.

Other Titles:

- IBSF World Team Snooker Championship – 2013 - Gold
- IBSF Australian Women's Ranking Snooker Championship – 2016 - Gold
- The first female Indian to advance to the WLBSA World Women's Snooker Championship finals – 2017
- She is a 9-time winner of the National Championship Title
- Ekalaviya Award by Karnataka Government – For outstanding performance in Sports – 2016



➤ **What is the new minimum issue size for non-profit organizations on the Social Stock Exchange (SSE) as per SEBI's recent decision?**

- A) 25 Lakh
- B) 50 Lakh
- C) 75 Lakh
- D) 1 Crore
- E) 1.5 Crore

Answer
B) 50 Lakh



Explanation

- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) reduced by half the minimum issue size (from 1 Crore to 50 Lakh) for non-profit organizations (NPOs) on the Social Stock Exchange (SSE).**
- **The regulator has also decreased the minimum application size for public issuances through Zero Coupon Zero Principal Instruments (ZCZP) by organizations on SSE from Rs 2 Lakh to Rs 10,000.**
- **Sebi has also replaced the term 'social auditor' with 'social impact assessor' to bring comfort to companies.**



Social Stock Exchange:

- The SSE would function as a separate segment within the existing stock exchange and help social enterprises raise funds from the public through its mechanism.

Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP):

- NPOs can raise money either through issuance of ZCZP instruments from private placement or public issue, or donations from mutual funds.
- A ZCZP bond entails zero coupons and no principal payment at maturity.



Titbits

Security Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Founded: 12 April 1988

HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman: Madhabi Puri Buch



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



➤ Who authored the biography titled 'Pranab, My Father: A Daughter Remembers'?

- A) Pranab Mukherjee
- B) Sharmishtha Mukherjee
- C) Rupa Publications
- D) Sharmila Tagore
- E) Amartya Sen

Answer

B) Sharmishtha Mukherjee



Explanation

- **Pranab Mukherjee's biography penned by his daughter, classical dancer Sharmishtha Mukherjee.**
- **The book, titled 'Pranab, My Father: A Daughter Remembers', is being brought out by Rupa Publications.**
- The book is also a mirror to the father-daughter relationship between Pranab Mukherjee and Sharmishtha.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Explanation

- Pranab Mukherjee was the **13th President of India from 2012 to 2017.**
- He was **the first person from West Bengal to hold the post of President of India.**
- Prior to his election as President, **Mukherjee was Finance Minister from 2009 to 2012.**
- He got **Padma Vibhushan in 2008.**
- He was awarded **India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, in 2019**



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been approved as an additional independent director by the board of HDFC Bank?

- A) V Srinivasa Rangan
- B) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala
- C) Aditya Puri
- D) Shyamala Gopinath
- E) Arundhati Bhattacharya

Answer

B) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- The board of **HDFC Bank** has approved the **appointment of former NABARD chairman Harsh Kumar Bhanwala as an additional independent director.**
- Bhanwala has been appointed **for a period of three consecutive years from January 25, 2024 to January 24, 2027.**
- **Currently, Non-Executive Chairman of MCX,** Bhanwala also serves as the Director on the boards of IIM Rohtak and Bayer Crop Science Ltd.
- **Prior to leading National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), he was the chairman and managing director of the India Infrastructure Finance Company (IIFCL).**



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- The board also approved the **appointment of V Srinivasa Rangan, chief financial officer of erstwhile Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd, as executive director for three years with effect from November 23, 2023.**
- **HDFC Bank – Additional independent Director – Harsh Kumar Banwala**
- **HDFC Bank – Executive Director – V Srinivasa Rangan**



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

HDFC Bank

It is the world's 5th Largest Bank by Market capitalization as of August 2023.

HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman: Atanu Chakraborty

CEO: Sashidhar Jagadesan

Tagline: We Understand Your World



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Which bank has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the appointment of Rajat Kumar Jain as its part-time chairman?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) Fino Payments Bank
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) State Bank of India (SBI)

Answer

B) Fino Payments Bank



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Mumbai-based Fino Payments Bank has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the appointment of Rajat Kumar Jain, as its part-time chairman.**
- **Jain was the managing director and non-executive director at Xerox India from February 2012 to December 2017.**
- **Jain also served as the managing director and global senior vice president at Walt Disney India from July 2004 to June 2007.**
- **He served as a non-executive director of Aditya Birla and Mahindra conglomerates.**



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

Fino Payment Bank:

Fino Payment bank present in 90% of India's districts with over 724671 banking outlets, 54 Bank Branches and 130 Customer Service Points.

Founded: 4 April 2017

MD and CEO: Rishi Gupta



AWARDS



➤ **Which ministry of the Government of India was awarded the Special Appreciation Medal for Excellence in Display at the India International Trade Fair 2023?**

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C) Ministry of Power
- D) Ministry of External Affairs
- E) Ministry of Agriculture

Answer
C) Ministry of Power



AWARDS



Explanation

- **The Ministry of Power, Government of India has been awarded the Special Appreciation Medal for Excellence in Display, at India International Trade Fair 2023, held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.**
- The Ministry received the award for the Power Pavilion set up by it at **42nd edition of the IITF.**
- **The Pavilion was set up under the umbrella of the Ministry of Power, with NTPC as the nodal agency and with contribution from 11 other PSUs under the Ministry.**
- **The Pavilion was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy Shri R. K. Singh.**



AWARDS



Explanation

- It is aimed to present the key initiatives in the power sector before the domestic and international industry and to also improve public awareness and participation in the schemes and policies of the government.
- **The award was received by Director, Ministry of Power, Shri Ajay Agarwal and Chief General Manager (Corporate Communications), NTPC, Shri Harjit Singh, at the Award Presentation ceremony.**



AWARDS



Titbits

Ministry of Power:

Minister of Power (Independent Charge) – Raj Kumar Singh



AWARDS



Titbits

National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC):

- As on 31.03.2023 the company has 17% of the total national capacity and, it contributes 25% of total power generation of India due to its focus on high efficiency.
- In 2019, NTPC is recognized as “Laureate” for consistently ranking among “Top 50 Best Companies to Work for in India” for last 11 years in the Great Place to Work and Economic Times survey

Founded: 7 November 1975

HQ: New Delhi

Chairman and MD: Gurdeep Singh

Maharatna Status: 2010

Total Installed Capacity: 73, 874 MW



AWARDS



➤ **What category of award did Michael Douglas receive at the 54th International Film Festival of India?**

- A) Best Actor
- B) Best Director
- C) Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award
- D) Excellence in Screenwriting
- E) Outstanding Producer



Answer

c) Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award



AWARDS



Explanation

- **Renowned Hollywood actor and producer Michael Douglas was honoured with the prestigious Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Cinema at the 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.**
- The award is an illustrious recognition of Michael Douglas, who has captivated audiences worldwide with over five decades of exceptional talent and unwavering commitment to his craft



AWARDS



Other Honors:

- 2 Oscars, 5 Golden Globe Awards, Primetime Emmy Award

His Films: (Actor)

- Wall Street, Fatal Attraction, The American President, Basic Instinct, Traffic, and Romancing the Stone, among many others.

His Productions:

- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, The China Syndrome, and The Game.



AWARDS



The Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award :

- It celebrates individuals whose unparalleled contributions have enriched the cinematic landscape.

Previous edition Winners:

- Martin Scorsese, Bernardo Bertolucci, Dilip Kumar, Carlos Saura, Krzysztof Zanussi, and Wong Kar-wai



AWARDS



- **Who directed the film "Drift," which received the ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at the 54th International Film Festival of India?**

- A) Anthony Chen
- B) Wong Kar-wai
- C) Bong Joon-ho
- D) Quentin Tarantino
- E) Greta Gerwig

Answer

A) Anthony Chen



AWARDS



Explanation

- **French, British and Greek co-production Drift directed by Anthony Chen received the prestigious ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at 54th International Film Festival of India.**
- The film is an emotional portrait of an immigrant woman who seems condemned to wander by the traumatic and terrible reality of human madness.
- In this film, 'Jacqueline' (Refugee) played by Cynthia Erivo and Alia Shawkat played as a tour guide of her.



AWARDS



ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal :

- It was established by **ICFT Paris and UNESCO**.
- It was **introduced in 2015 at the 46th IFFI**.
- This is a yearly tribute presented at IFFI to a film that best mirrors Mahatma Gandhi's vision of peace, non-violence, compassion and universal brotherhood.



AWARDS



- **Who directed the Persian film 'Endless Borders,' which won the Golden Peacock for Best Film at IFFI54?**

- A) Asghar Farhadi
- B) Abbas Amini
- C) Jafar Panahi
- D) Majid Majidi
- E) Bahman Ghobadi

Answer
b) Abbas Amini



AWARDS



Explanation

- **The 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) held in at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium in Goa.**
- **The jury for this year comprised of veterans in the cinema industry such as,**
 - **Indian filmmaker Shekhar Kapoor, the Chairperson of the Jury**
 - **Spanish Cinematographer Jose Luis Alcaine**
 - **French film producers Jerome Paillard and Catherine Dussart**
 - **Australian film producer Helen Leake.**



Golden Peacock Medal:

- A selection of 15 exceptional films consisting of 12 International and 3 Indian films competed for the prestigious Golden Peacock Award at the festival, held in Goa.
- The award consists of **Rs 40 Lacs, a Certificate and a Golden Peacock Medal.**
- **The coveted 'Golden Peacock' for Best Film was conferred upon the Persian masterpiece, 'Endless Borders,' directed by Abbas Amini.**
- The award consists of **Rs 40 Lacs, a Certificate and a Golden Peacock Medal**



AWARDS



Silver Peacock Medal:

- Bulgarian Director Stephan Komandarev gets Silver Peacock for Best Director for Blaga's Lessons.
- The award consists of Rs 15 Lacs, a Certificate and the Silver Peacock medal.

Silver Peacock Medal (Actor):

- Pouria Rahimi Sam honoured with Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Male), for richness of acting.
- The award consists of Rs 10 Lacs, a Certificate and Silver Peacock medal.



AWARDS



Silver Peacock Medal: Actor- Female):

- Melanie Thierry bags Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Female) for Party of Fools.
- It consists of Rs 10 Lacs, a Certificate and a Silver Peacock medal.

Special Jury Award:

- Indian Filmmaker Rishab Shetty bags Special Jury Award for Kantara.
- The award consists of a Silver Peacock medal, Rs. 15 Lacs and a Certificate.



AWARDS



Best Debut Feature Film:

- Reger Azad Kaya receives Award for Best Debut Feature Film of a Director for When the Seedlings Grow.
- The award consists of Silver Peacock Medal, 10 lakh INR as cash prize and a certificate.



AWARDS



54th International Film Festival of India:

S No	Category	Film	Name of Artists	Prize Amount
1	Golden Peacock Award	Endless Borders	Directed by Abbas Amini from Iran	Rs 40 Lakh, Certificate, Golden Peacock Medal
2	Silver Peacock Medal (Best Director)	Blaga's Lessons	Directed by Stephen Komandarev (Bulgarian)	Rs 15 Lakh, Certificate, Silver Peacock Medal
3	Silver Peacock Medal (Best Actor – Male)	Endless Borders	Pouria Rahimi Sam (Iranian)	Rs 10 Lakh, Certificate, Silver Peacock Medal
4	Silver Peacock Medal (Best Actor – Female)	Party of Fools	Melanie Thierry (French)	Rs 10 Lakh, Certificate, Silver Peacock Medal
5	Silver Peacock Medal (Best Debut Film)	When the Seedings Grow	Directed By Reger Azad Kaya (Arabic)	Rs 10 Lakh, Certificate, Silver Peacock Medal
6	Special Jury Award	Kantara	Directed by Rishab Shetty (Kannada)	Rs 15 Lakh, Certificate, Silver Peacock Medal
7	ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Medal	Drift (UK, France, Greek)	Directed by Anthony Chen	
8	Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award		Micahel Douglas (American)	Rs 10 Lakh, Certificate, Silver Peacock Medal
9	Indian Film Personality of the Year Award		Madhuri Dixit (Actor)	Rs 10 Lakh, Certificate, Silver Peacock Medal
10	IFFI Best OTT Series Award	Panchayat 2	Directed by Deepak Kumar Mishra (India)	



AWARDS



54th International Film Festival of India:

- Held from 20 – 28 November 2023
- Founded: 24 January 1952
- Location: Goa, India



➤ **According to Merriam-Webster, what is the Word of the Year for 2023?**

- A) Genuine
- B) Authentic
- C) Original
- D) True
- E) Real

Answer
B) Authentic



Explanation

- As per the America's Oldest Dictionary, Merriam-Webster, 'authentic' is the Word of the year 2023
- The dictionary describes authentic as a word with manifold meanings such as
 - Not false or imitation
 - Real and actual
- True to one's own personality, spirit, or character
- Other contenders for 'Word of the Year' included 'deepfake' – "an image or recording that has been convincingly altered and manipulated to misrepresent someone as doing or saying something that was not actually done or said."



Titbits

Merriam Webster:

Founded: 1831

Founder: George Merriam

HQ: Springfield, Massachusetts, USA



➤ **Where was the 4th edition of the ASEAN India Grassroots Innovation Forum (AIGIF) launched, according to the statement?**

- A) New Delhi, India
- B) Jakarta, Indonesia
- C) Manila, Philippines
- D) Langkawi, Malaysia
- E) Bangkok, Thailand

Answer

D) Langkawi, Malaysia



Explanation

- **India along with 10 ASEAN Member States (AMS) were represented by 200 participants, at the 4th edition of the annual ASEAN India Grassroots Innovation Forum (AIGIF) that was launched in Langkawi, Malaysia on 28th November 2023.**
- The AIGIF is an annual programme focused on fostering a strengthened relationship between India and AMS on the premise of cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI).



Explanation

- The annual program is a collaboration between the ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology, and Innovation (COSTI); Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India; National Innovation Foundation (NIF) – India and the Science and Technology Ministry of the host nation, Malaysia's Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) in the year 2023. Yayasan Inovasi Malaysia (YIM) is an agency under MOSTI which is executing the AIGIF this year.
- Mr YB Chang Lih Kang, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Government of Malaysia launched the AIGIF 2023.



Keypersons in this event:

- Abhay Karandikar, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India.
- Mr. B. N. Reddy, High Commissioner of India to Malaysia.
- Mr. Awang Haji Mohammad Nazi Haji Mohammad Yusof, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Transport and Info-communications, Brunei Darussalam, Chairman of ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation (COSTI)
- Dr Arvind C Ranade, Director, NIF
- Dr Sulakshana Jain, Scientist E, International Cooperation Division, DST, Government of India.



Past editions of AIGIF:

- Jakarta, Indonesia (2018)
- Davao, Philippines (2019)
- Phnom Penh, Cambodia (2022)



➤ Which country is Angkor Wat located in?

- A) Vietnam
- B) Thailand
- C) Cambodia
- D) Laos
- E) Myanmar

Answer
C) Cambodia



Explanation

- **Angkor Wat, in the heart of Cambodia, has beaten Pompeii in Italy to become the eighth Wonder of the World.**
- It is located in northern province of Siem Reap in Cambodia.
- Angkor Wat is a huge temple complex and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- **It was built in the 12th century by King Suryavarman II,**
- **It was originally dedicated to the Hindu deity Vishnu.**
- Angkor is also famous for its statue of eight-armed Vishnu, also revered by the locals as their protecting deity.



Explanation

- The transition from Hinduism to Buddhism is evident in the intricate carvings that adorn the temple walls, depicting scenes from Hindu and Buddhist mythology.
- Angkor Wat hold the Guinness World Records for being the largest religious structure in the world, spread across some 400 km sq.
- **The temple spans an area of approximately 500 acres, with a massive moat surrounding its outer walls.**
- **The central temple complex is a marvel of symmetry and precision, featuring five lotus-shaped towers that represent Mount Meru, the mythical abode of the gods in Hindu and Buddhist cosmology.**



Titbits

Cambodia:

Capital: Phnom Penh

Currency: Cambodian Riel

Prime Minister: Hun Manet



- **What is the total cost of the contract for the procurement of Upgraded Super Rapid Gun Mounts for the Indian Navy?**

- A) Rs 2000.45 Cr
- B) Rs 2505.67 Cr
- C) Rs 2750.82 Cr
- D) Rs 2956.89 Cr
- E) Rs 3100.34 Cr

Answer

D) Rs 2956.89 Cr



Explanation

- **The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with M/s Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Haridwar , for procurement of 16 Upgraded Super Rapid Gun Mount (SRGM) along with associated equipment/ accessories for Indian Navy under Buy (Indian) category at a total cost of Rs 2956.89 Cr.**
- **Super Rapid Gun Mount is a medium caliber anti-missile/anti aircraft point defence weapon system which provides a sustained rate of fire and high accuracy.**
- Upgraded SRGMs will be installed onboard Indian Navy's in-service and newly built ships by M/s Mazagaon Dock and Shipbuilders Ltd., Mumbai, and Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers, Kolkata.



BHEL Haridwar:

- It is Heavy Electrical Equipment Plant Of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd for manufacturing large power station machinery.



Titbits

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL):

Founded: 1956

HQ: New Delhi

CMD: T S Murthy



➤ **What is the significance of Yard 12706 (Imphal) in the context of Indian Navy projects?**

- A) Submarine Project
- B) Aircraft Carrier Project
- C) Guided Missile Destroyer Project
- D) Frigate Project
- E) Patrol Vessel Project



Answer

C) Guided Missile Destroyer Project



Explanation

- **The crest of Yard 12706 (Imphal), the third amongst the four Project 15B stealth guided missile destroyers, was unveiled by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh in New Delhi on November 28, 2023.**
- **The crest design depicts the Kangla Palace on the left and 'Kangla-Sa' on the right.**
- **The Kangla Palace is an historical and archaeological site of Manipur, and was the traditional seat of the past kingdom.**
- **With a dragon's head and lion's body, the 'Kangla-Sa' is a mythical being from Manipur history, and is symbolic as the guardian/protector of its people.**



Explanation

- **Kangla-Sa is also the state emblem of Manipur.**
- **Designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau and built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai.**
- **The ship was delivered by the MDL to the Indian Navy on October 20, 2023.**
- **This is the first capital warship to be named after a city in the North-Eastern region, the approval for which was accorded by the President on April 16, 2019.**



Features:

- A guided missile destroyer has a **displacement of 7,400 tons and overall length of 164 meters.**
- Imphal is **equipped with state-of-the-art weapons and sensors, including surface-to-air missiles, anti-ship missiles and torpedoes.**
- Powered by **Combined Gas and Gas (COGAG) propulsion, it is capable of achieving speeds in excess of 30 knots (56 km/hr).**



Features:

- The ship boasts of a high indigenous content of approximately 75% that includes the following:
 - Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missiles (BEL, Bangalore)
 - BrahMos Surface-to-Surface Missiles (BrahMos Aerospace, New Delhi)
 - Indigenous Torpedo Tube Launchers (Larsen & Toubro, Mumbai)
 - Anti-Submarine Indigenous Rocket Launchers (Larsen & Toubro, Mumbai)
 - 76mm Super Rapid Gun Mount (BHEL, Haridwar)



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Keypersons present in this event:

- Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan
- Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral R Hari Kumar



➤ What is the primary focus of the strategic partnership between NIDM and TERI?

- A) Space Exploration
- B) Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)
- C) Information Technology
- D) Environmental Conservation
- E) Healthcare Innovation



Answer

B) Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)



Explanation

- **The National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) forged a strategic partnership in disaster risk reduction to foster knowledge and innovation in disaster risk reduction (DRR) and to cultivate a culture of safety.**
- **The collaboration between NIDM and TERI aims to address critical challenges posed by disasters and climate-related risks.**
- **This partnership enhances Research Initiatives, Capacity Building and Training, Policy Advocacy, and Implementation.**



Explanation

- **NIDM established the India Universities and Institutions Network on Disaster Risk Reduction (IUINDRR-NIDM).**
- **This is in alignment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 10 Point Agenda-6 on Disaster Risk Reduction.**



Titbits

National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM):

Founded: 1995

Location: New Delhi

President: Union Home Minister of India, Amit Shah

Executive Director: Rajendhra Ratnoo

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI):

Founded: 1974

Location: New Delhi

Founder: Darbari S Seth

Director General: Dr Vibha Dhawan



➤ **What is the expected investment and the number of CBG projects facilitated by the CBG Blending Obligation (CBO) by 2028–29?**

- A) Rs 25,000 crore, 500 projects
- B) Rs 30,000 crore, 600 projects
- C) Rs 35,000 crore, 650 projects
- D) Rs 37,500 crore, 700 projects
- E) Rs 40,000 crore, 750 projects

Answer

D) Rs 37,500 crore, 700 projects



Explanation

- **The government announced the mandatory blending of compressed biogas in the compressed natural gas (transport) and piped natural gas (domestic) segments of the city gas distribution sector.**
- **The key objectives of the CBO are to stimulate the demand for compressed bio-gas in the city gas distribution sector, provide for an import substitution for liquefied natural gas, save forex, and assist in achieving the country's target of net zero emissions.**
- **The CBG Blending Obligation (CBO) will encourage a Rs 37500 crore investment and will facilitate the establishment of 750 CBG projects by 2028–29.**



Explanation

- CBO will be **voluntary till FY 2024-2025** and a **mandatory from FY 2025–26**.
- CBO shall be kept at **1%, 3%, and 4% of total CNG/PNG consumption for FY 2025–26, 2026–27, and 2027–28, respectively**.
- The contribution will be **5% from 2028–29**.
- A Central Repository Body will monitor and implement the blending mandate based on the operational guidelines approved by the Ministry.



Explanation

- The government has also set indicative blending percentage targets for sustainable aviation fuel.
- Targets for Sustainable Aviation Turbine Fuel
 - 1% sustainable aviation fuel indicative blending target for 2027
 - 2% Sustainable Aviation Fuel blending target in 2028
 - Both targets were initially set for international flights



- Which film had its Asia premiere at the 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa as the closing film of the festival?

- A) The Heavyweight
- B) The Featherweight
- C) The Lightweight
- D) The Middleweight
- E) The Bantamweight

Answer

B) The Featherweight



Explanation

- **The American film 'The Featherweight' has its Asia premier at 54th IFFI in Goa as the closing film of the festival.**
- **It is directed by Robert Kolodny.**
- The film is about the real life story of the Italian-American boxer Willie Pep who has a record of highest number fights in boxing.
- He had the record of 241 fights in his career.



Crew of 'The Feather weight'

- Actor: James Madio
- Director: Rober Kolodny
- Producer: Bennett Elliott



Titbits

National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM):

Founded: 1995

Location: New Delhi

President: Union Home Minister of India, Amit Shah

Executive Director: Rajendhra Ratnoo

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI):

Founded: 1974

Location: New Delhi

Founder: Darbari S Seth

Director General: Dr Vibha Dhawan



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- **Uttar Pradesh declares November 25 as 'No Non-Veg Day'**
- **Italy defeat Australia to win Davis Cup for first time since 1976**
- **Vidhya won IBSF 6 Red Snooker Championship**
- **SEBI reduces minimum issue size on Social Stock Exchanges by 50% to Rs 50 lakh**
- **Pranab Mukherjee's daughter pens his biography**
- **HDFC Bank appoints former NABARD chairman Bhanwala as director**
- **Fino Payments Bank Ropes In Former Xerox India Exec Rajat Kumar Jain As Chairman**
- **Ministry of Power receives Special Appreciation Medal for Excellence in Display at IITF 2023**
- **Hollywood actor and producer Michael Douglas honored with Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Cinema**
- **'Drift' by Anthony Chen bags prestigious ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at IFFI 54**



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- **Persian Film 'Endless Borders' by Abbas Amini bags Golden Peacock for Best Film at IFFI54; the film portrays the power of love transcending political and emotional borders in face of prejudices.**
- **Merriam-Webster selects 'authentic' as word of the year 2023**
- **4th edition of ASEAN India Grassroots Innovation Forum (AIGIF) launched**
- **Angkor Wat becomes the 8th wonder of the world**
- **Ministry of Defence inks contract with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited to procure 16 Upgraded Super Rapid Gun Mount & accessories worth Rs 2956.89 Cr for Indian Navy.**



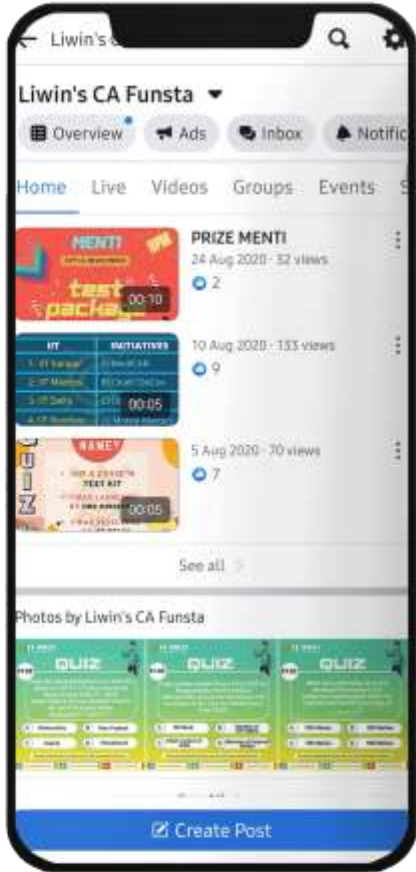
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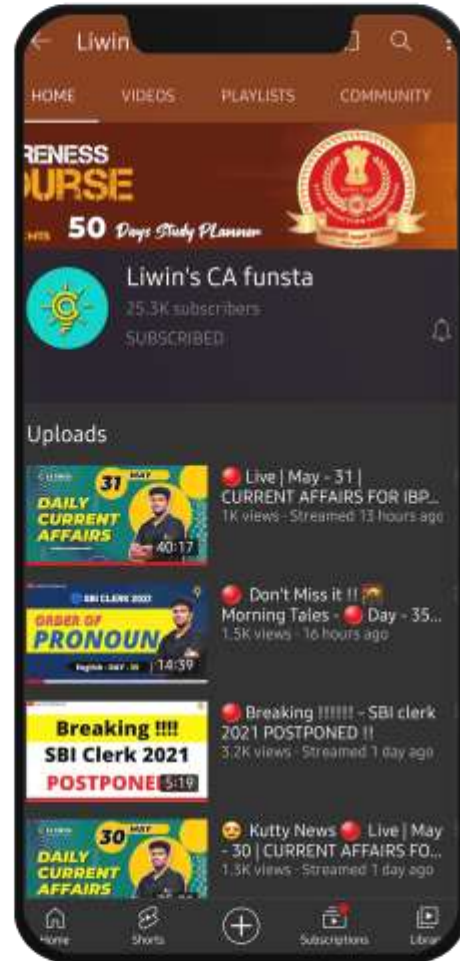
- **Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh unveils crest of Project 15B stealth guided missile destroyer Yard 12706 (Imphal)**
- **NIDM, TERI sign strategic partnership in disaster risk reduction**
- **The government mandates compressed bio-gas blending in CNG and PNG segments, with blending targets for Sustainable Aviation Fuel.**
- **Closing Film 'The Featherweight' has its Asia premier at 54th IFFI**



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