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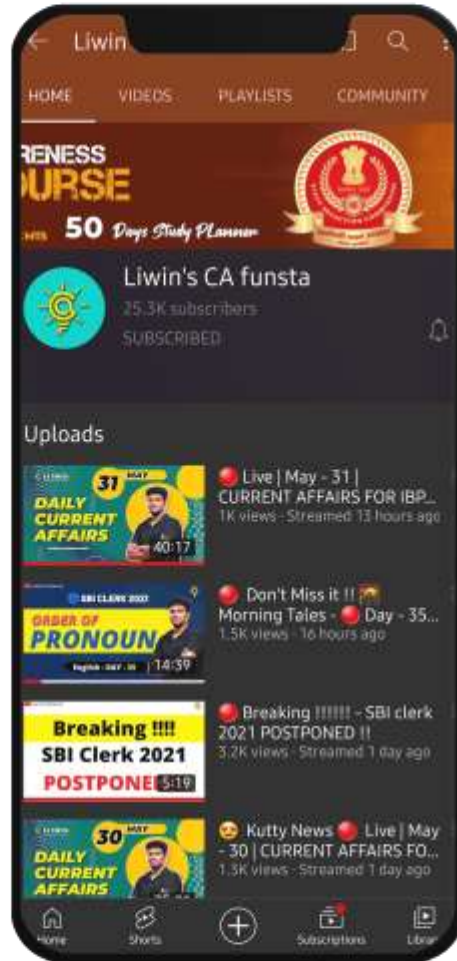
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# BOOKS AND AUTHORS



➤ **General VK Singh released a book titled 'SanskritikeAyaam.' Who is the author of the book?**

- A) General VK Singh
- B) Manorama Mishra
- C) Dr. Shashi Tharoor
- D) Chetan Bhagat
- E) Arundhati Roy



**Answer**

**B) Manorama Mishra**



# BOOKS AND AUTHORS



## Explanation

- The **Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Road Transport and Highways, General VK Singh (Retd)** released the book '**SanskritikeAyaam**' published by the **National Book Trust**.



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who recently won a fourth consecutive term in a landslide victory in Bangladesh?**

- A) Khaleda Zia
- B) Sheikh Hasina
- C) Abdul Hamid
- D) JatiyaSangsad
- E) Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir

**Answer**

**B) Sheikh Hasina**





# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina** has secured a record fourth **straight term as her Awami League party** registered a landslide victory in the general elections, which was boycotted by the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and its allies
- With this win, Hasina is poised to become the longest-serving Prime Minister in Bangladesh since the country's independence



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- Hasina's party has so far won 224 of the 300-seat Bangladesh Parliament, with counting of votes in two seats still underway. The results of 298 seats have so far been announced
- The Awami League has won 224 seats so far, as many as 62 constituencies have gone to independents, and the Jatiyo Party has won four seats. One seat has been won by another party.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### Bangladesh:

Capital: Dhaka

Currency: Taka

President: Mohammed Shahabuddin

Prime Minister: Sheik Hasina



# AWARDS



➤ **Where is the 81<sup>st</sup> edition of the Golden Globes being held?**

- A) New York City, New York
- B) London, United Kingdom
- C) Paris, France
- D) Los Angeles, California
- E) Tokyo, Japan

**Answer**

**D) Los Angeles, California**





# AWARDS



## Golden Globes Awards

Award Name	Winner
Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Motion Picture	Da'Vine Joy Randolph, "The Holdovers"
Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in any Motion Picture	Robert Downey Jr., "Oppenheimer"
Best Performance by an Actress in a Limited Series, Anthology Series or Motion Picture Made for Television	Ali Wong, "Beef"
Best Performance by an Actor in a Limited Series, Anthology Series or Motion Picture Made for Television	Steven Yeun, "Beef"
Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Television Series	Elizabeth Debicki, "The Crown"
Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Television Series	Matthew Macfadyen, "Succession"
Best Screenplay – Motion Picture	Justine Triet and Arthur Harari, "Anatomy of a Fall"
Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series – Musical or Comedy	Jeremy Allen White, "The Bear"
Best Performance in Stand-Up Comedy on Television	"Ricky Gervais: Armageddon"
Best Motion Picture – Non-English Language	"Anatomy of a Fall" (France)
Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series – Musical or Comedy	Ayo Edebiri, "The Bear"
Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series – Drama	Kieran Culkin, "Succession"



# AWARDS



## Golden Globes Awards

Award Name	Winner
Best Motion Picture – Animated	"The Boy and the Heron"
Best Director – Motion Picture	Christopher Nolan, "Oppenheimer"
Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy	Emma Stone, "Poor Things"
Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture – Drama	Cillian Murphy, "Oppenheimer"
Best Original Score – Motion Picture	Ludwig Göransson, "Oppenheimer"
Best Original Song – Motion Picture	"What Was I Made For?" by Billie Eilish and Finneas O'Connell (from "Barbie")
Cinematic and Box Office Achievement	"Barbie"
Best Television Limited Series, Anthology Series or Motion Picture Made for Television	"Beef"
Best Television Series – Musical or Comedy	"The Bear"
Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series – Drama	Sarah Snook, "Succession"
Best Television Series – Drama	"Succession"
Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy	Paul Giamatti, "The Holdovers"
Best Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy	"Poor Things"
Best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture – Drama	Lily Gladstone, "Killers of the Flower Moon"
Best Motion Picture – Drama	"Oppenheimer"



➤ Which country recently declared the snow leopard as its national symbol?



- A) Nepal
- B) Bhutan
- C) Kyrgyzstan
- D) Mongolia
- E) Kazakhstan

**Answer**  
**C) Kyrgyzstan**



## Explanation

- **Kyrgyzstan** has officially declared the **snow leopard** as its **national symbol**, underscoring its commitment to conservation and ecological balance.
- President Zhaparov also directed the Cabinet of Ministers to recognize the snow leopard as a national symbol, and protect its population and ecosystem. The Cabinet is tasked with developing a logo, exploring symbol usage at different levels, and defining its ideological content.





## Explanation

- In ancient Kyrgyz culture, Panthera uncia, or the snow leopard, held significance as a totem animal linked to the legendary hero of the Kyrgyz people, Manas. Within Kyrgyz culture, the snow leopard symbolizes greatness, nobility, courage, bravery, and resilience.
- Kyrgyzstan has taken a leading role in snow leopard conservation at the international level, hosting the inaugural Global Snow Leopard Forum in 2013 in the capital, Bishkek. During this event, the Bishkek Declaration on Snow Leopard Protection was unanimously adopted.



## Explanation

- Additionally, the Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Programme (GSLEP) was initiated with the collaboration of representatives from 12 snow leopard range countries and the global environmental community to safeguard these majestic mountain cats.



## Titbits

### Kyrgyzstan:

Capital: Bishkek

Currency: Kyrgyzstani Som

President: Sadyr Japarov



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ The Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways has announced a significant investment of ₹45,000 crore for the development of which tourism sector?

- A) Adventure Tourism
- B) Eco-Tourism
- C) River Cruise Tourism
- D) Heritage Tourism
- E) Medical Tourism

**Answer**

**C) River Cruise Tourism**





## Explanation

- The **ministry of ports, shipping, and waterways** has announced a **₹45,000 crore investment to develop river cruise tourism**, aiming to leverage India's inland waterways for economic growth.
- This investment includes ₹35,000 crore for cruise vessels and ₹10,000 crore for cruise terminal infrastructure by 2047
- The decision, aimed at transforming India's inland waterways into dynamic commercial channels, was taken at the inaugural Inland Waterways Development Council (IWDC) meeting in Kolkata.



## Explanation

- The plan includes expanding river cruise tourism from eight to 26 waterways and increasing cruise circuits with night stays from 17 to 80. The number of river cruise terminals is set to rise from 15 to 185, expecting a significant boost in cruise tourism traffic by 2047.
- To enhance inland waterways for cargo trade, a ₹15,200 crore investment was agreed upon at the Global Maritime India Summit (GMIS), held in Mumbai in October last year. This investment is expected to fuel a growth rate exceeding 400%, boosting volumes to up to 500 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) by 2047.



## Explanation

- Sonowal launched the 'HaritNauka' guidelines and 'River Cruise Tourism Roadmap, 2047' at the IWDC. The roadmap outlines over 30 potential cruise routes, including an action plan for river cruise development.
- Aligned with the Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime AmritKaal Vision 2047, the government's initiatives aim to increase the modal share of inland waterway transportation (IWT) from 2% to 5% and elevate IWT cargo volume to over 500 MTPA. Notable projects include the Jal Marg Vikas Project for the Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system and multimodal terminals at Varanasi, Sahibganj, and Haldia.



## Explanation

- The government is also promoting alternative propulsion fuels for ships, with eight electric catamaran vessels already deployed for pilgrimage tourism. Covering 24 states with 111 National Waterways, IWT is set to transform logistics and passenger movement across India.
- The Maritime AmritKaal Vision 2047 encompasses 46 initiatives to develop IWT, focusing on creating port-based agglomeration centres, coastal berths, and enhancing connectivity. This vision aims to harness India's 7,500km coastline and inland waterways for inclusive growth and employment.



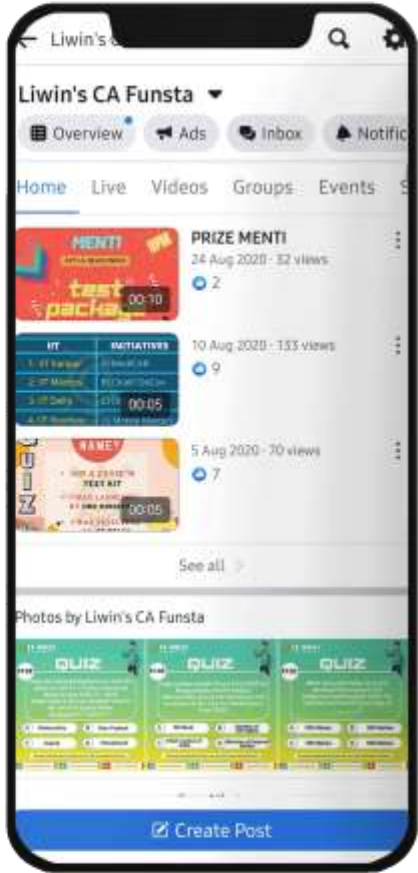
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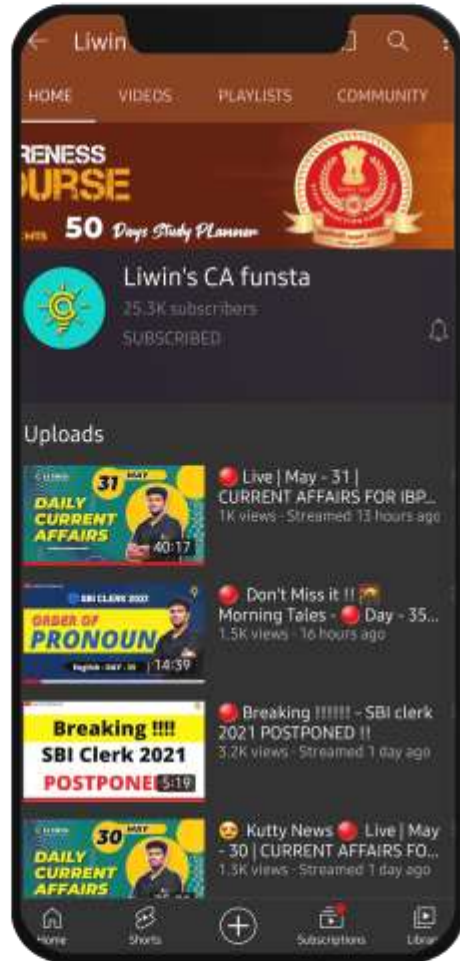
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