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Important Days



➤ **When is the International Day of the Arabian Leopard proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly?**

- A) February 10
- B) January 10
- C) March 10
- D) April 10
- E) May 10

Answer

A) February 10



Important Days



Explanation

- **To raise awareness about the Arabian leopard, the United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed February 10 as the International Day of the Arabian Leopard in resolution 77/295.**
- By celebrating this Day, the UN ultimately seeks to restore the Arabian leopard as a flagship species for conservation and sustainability in its native region.
- The Arabian leopard (*Panthera pardus nimr*) is a critically endangered leopard subspecies that inhabits the Arabian Peninsula.



Important Days



Explanation

- It is one of the smallest leopard subspecies, with an average weight of 30-40 kg for males and 25-35 kg for females.
- The Arabian leopard has a very limited distribution, being found only in a few isolated pockets of habitat in Saudi Arabia, Oman, Yemen, and the United Arab Emirates.



Important Days



World Pulses Day is observed on February 10

- **World Pulses Day is observed on February 10.**
- **The day focused on achieving universal goals for sustainable development outlined in the United Nations 2030 Agenda.**
- **Theme: 'Pulses: Nourishing Soils and People'**
- **In 2013, the UN General Assembly declared 2016 as the International Year of Pulses, led by the Food and Agriculture Organisation.**
- **In 2019, the General Assembly officially designated February 10 as World Pulses Day.**



- **Who will chair the group advisory committee formed by Paytm's parent company One 97 Communications?**

- A) M M Chitale
- B) R Ramachandran
- C) M Damodaran
- D) MD of Andhra Bank
- E) SEBI chairman

Answer

C) M Damodaran



Explanation

- **Paytm's parent company One 97 Communications will form a group advisory committee chaired by former Sebi chairman M Damodaran to help its board strengthen compliance and regulatory matters.**
- The committee will also include former Institute of Chartered Accountants of India president M M Chitale and banking veterans like R Ramachandran, former chairman and MD of Andhra Bank.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive of LIC Mutual Fund Asset Management?**

- A) Ravi Kumar Jha
- B) Anil Kumar Singh
- C) Rajesh Sharma
- D) Amit Kumar Gupta
- E) Sunil Kumar Mishra

Answer

A) Ravi Kumar Jha



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **LIC Mutual Fund Asset Management announced the appointment of Ravi Kumar Jha as its Management Director and Chief Executive.**



AWARDS



- Which Indian cricketer clinched the prestigious 'Sportsman of the year' title at the Sportstar ACES Awards 2024?

- A) Mohammed Shami
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) KL Rahul
- D) Jasprit Bumrah
- E) Ravindra Jadeja

Answer

A) Mohammed Shami



AWARDS



Full list of winners of Sportstar ACES Awards 2024

Sportsman of the Year (Track And Field)	Men's Relay Team
Sportswoman of the Year (Track And Field)	Parul Chaudhary
Sportsman of the Year (Team Sports)	Hardik Singh, Mohammed Shami
Sportswoman of the Year (Team Sports)	Vandana Katariya
Sportsman of the Year (Individual)	Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, Chirag Shetty
Sportswoman of the Year (Individual)	Rameshbabu Vaishali, Sift Kaur Samra
Sportsman of the Year (Parasports)	Sumit Antil
Sportswoman of the Year (Parasports)	Thulasimathi Murugesan
Coach of the Year	Rahul Dravid
Young Achiever of the Year (Male)	Prathamesh Samadhan Jawkar
Young Achiever of the Year (Female)	Tilottama Sen
Lifetime Achievement Award	Chandu Borde, Karnam Malleswari



AWARDS



Full list of winners of Sportstar ACES Awards 2024

Sportstar of the Year (Male)	Neeraj Chopra
Sportstar of the Year (Female)	Sheetal Devi
National Team of the Year	India Men's Cricket Team
Club/State Team of the Year	Saurashtra Cricket Team
Moment of the Year	Sheetal Devi Hits the Bullsye
International Icon	Muttiah Muralitharan
Best State For the Promotion of Sport	Tamil Nadu
Best Psu For the Promotion of Sport	NTPC Ltd
Best Corporate For the Promotion of Sport	Tata Steel Ltd
Best University For the Promotion of Sport	Srm Institute of Science And Technology
Sport For Social Good	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board
Ace of Aces Award	Rohan Bopanna



AWARDS



➤ **Who presented the Lakshminarayana International Award to Pyarelal Sharma at the Lakshminarayana Global Music Festival?**

- A) L Subramaniam
- B) Kavita Krishnamurti Subramaniam
- C) Both A and B
- D) Pyarelal Sharma
- E) Ustad Zakir Hussain



Answer

C) Both A and B (L Subramaniam and Kavita Krishnamurti Subramaniam)



AWARDS



Explanation

- **L Subramaniam and Kavita Krishnamurti**
Subramaniam presented the prestigious Lakshminarayana International Award to Pyarelal Sharma, composer of My Name Is Lakhan at the Lakshminarayana Global Music Festival.
- **Recently, Pyarelal was announced as a recipient of the Padma Bhushan, India's third highest civilian honour.**



AWARDS



- **Who will be conferred with the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, following LK Advani, PV Narasimha Rao, and Chaudhary Charan Singh?**

- A) MS Swaminathan
- B) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- C) Indira Gandhi
- D) Abdul Kalam
- E) Manmohan Singh

Answer

A) MS Swaminathan



AWARDS



Explanation

- **After senior BJP leader LK Advani, former Prime Ministers PV Narasimha Rao and Chaudhary Charan Singh, and eminent agricultural scientist MS Swaminathan will be conferred with the highest civilian award 'Bharat Ratna'.**
- All three of them to get the highest civilian award posthumously



AWARDS



About PV Narasimha Rao:

- Pamulaparthi Venkata Narasimha Rao (28 June 1921 – 23 December 2004), popularly known as P. V. Narasimha Rao, was an Indian lawyer and politician who served as the 9th Prime minister of India from 1991 to 1996.
- He is known for introducing various liberal reforms to India's economy



About Chaudhary Charan Singh:

- Chaudhary Charan Singh (23 December 1902 – 29 May 1987) was an Indian politician and a freedom fighter.
- He served as the 5th Prime minister of India and 5th Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.



AWARDS



About M S Swaminathan:

- Mankombu Sambasivan Swaminathan (7 August 1925 – 28 September 2023) was an Indian agronomist, agricultural scientist, plant geneticist, administrator, and humanitarian.
- Swaminathan was a global leader of the green revolution.
- He has been called the main architect of the green revolution in India for his leadership and role in introducing and further developing high-yielding varieties of wheat and rice.



➤ **Which organization is responsible for the construction of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project in India?**

- A) Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL)
- B) International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- C) Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)
- D) Rosatom State Corporation
- E) None of the above

Answer

D) Rosatom State Corporation



ROSATOM



Explanation

- **India and Russia have signed a protocol on amendments to the 2008 intergovernmental agreement on cooperation in construction of additional nuclear reactors in Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project site and in construction of Russia-designed nuclear power plants at new sites in India.**
- **During the two-day visit, the Russian delegation inspected the power units being constructed as the second and third stages of the KKNPP i.e., the construction of reactors 3 to 6 and discussed the long-term cooperation agenda.**



Explanation

- Alexey Likhachev, Director General of Rosatom State Corporation, and Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission of India, Secretary of Department for Atomic Energy of the Government of India, signed in the agreement during their visit to KKNPP site where the Russian nuclear energy agency has built 2 X 1,000 MWe VVER nuclear reactors and is constructing four more reactors with similar capacity.



Explanation

- During the two-day visit, the Russian delegation inspected the power units being constructed as the second and third stages of the KKNPP i.e., the construction of reactors 3 to 6 and discussed the long-term cooperation agenda
- As a result of the negotiations, a significant document was signed under the joint Russian-Indian project, namely a protocol to the intergovernmental agreement on the construction of power units of the second and third stages of the Kudankulam NPP as of 2008.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Russia:

Capital: Moscow

Currency: Ruble

President: Vladimir Putin

Prime Minister: Mikhail Mishustin



- **What is the objective of the Construction Skill Training Center established by the Assam government and Larsen & Toubro?**
- A) To provide free housing to unemployed individuals
 - B) To offer extensive training programs to adolescents
 - C) To promote tourism in Assam
 - D) To reduce unemployment by improving employability in the construction industry
 - E) To provide healthcare services to construction workers



Answer

D) To reduce unemployment by improving employability in the construction industry



Explanation

- **By providing adolescents with in-depth training for improved possibilities in construction, the Assam government and Larsen & Toubro established the Construction Skill Training Center with the goal of reducing unemployment.**
- **By giving young people access to extensive training programs and improving their employability in the construction industry, this initiative seeks to solve unemployment.**
- **A variety of training programs designed to satisfy the needs of the construction industry are available from the Construction Skill Training Center.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Assam:

Capital: Dispur

Chief Minister: Himanta Biswa Sarma

Governor: Gulab Chand Kataria



➤ **With which tech company did the Maharashtra government sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to utilize Artificial Intelligence (AI) for solutions in various sectors?**

- A) Microsoft
- B) Amazon
- C) Google
- D) Apple
- E) Facebook

Answer
C) Google



Explanation

- **The Maharashtra government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with search engine giant Google to utilize Artificial Intelligence for solutions in sectors like agriculture, healthcare and education.**
- It was signed by Sanjay Gupta, Country Head of Google India and Chief Secretary of Maharashtra government Nitin Kareer.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Maharashtra:

Capital: Mumbai

Chief Minister: Eknath Shinde

Governor: Ramesh Bias



➤ **What is the primary focus of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between ACME Group and Indian Gas Exchange (IGX)?**

- A) Developing the solar energy market
- B) Enhancing agricultural practices
- C) Promoting tourism in India
- D) Developing the green hydrogen and ammonia market
- E) Improving healthcare infrastructure



Answer

D) Developing the green hydrogen and ammonia market



Explanation

- **ACME Group has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for cooperation and collaboration on developing the green hydrogen and ammonia market in India with Indian Gas Exchange (IGX).**
- The MoU was signed by ACME Chairman Manoj Kumar Upadhyay, and IGX CEO Rajesh Kumar Mediratta, at the India Energy Week (IEW) in Goa.
- The MoU between IGX and ACME covers the partnership across the hydrogen and ammonia value chain, starting from production to logistics and supply to the industrial customers for use in a range of applications and reduce the overall emissions contributing to the national decarbonization targets.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Keyperson:

- Ashwani Kumar Dudeja, Group President and Director, Acme Group



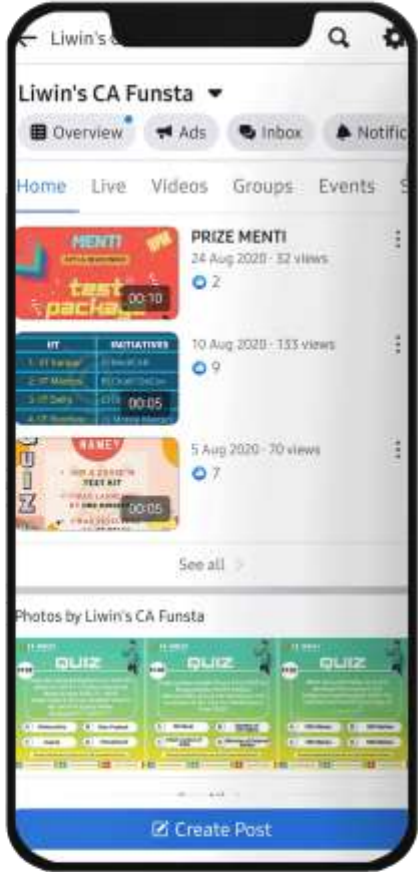
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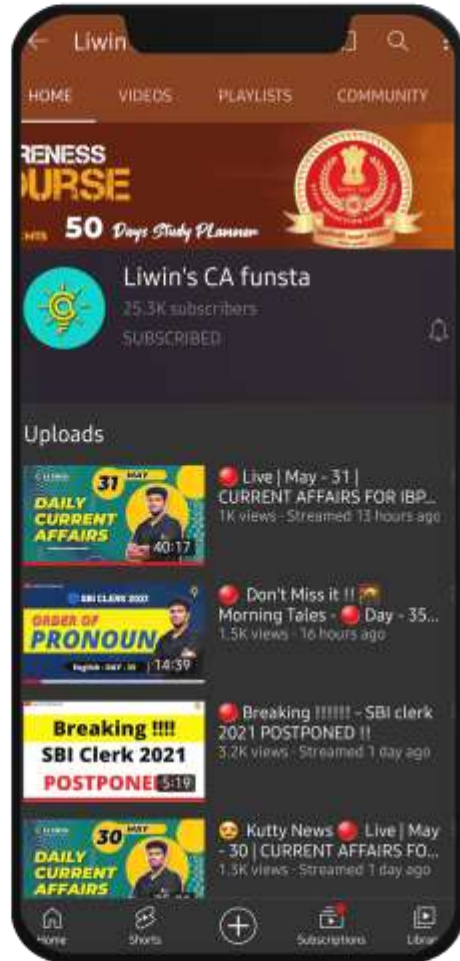
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- **LIC Mutual Fund appoints Ravi Kumar Jha as MD & CEO**
- **Mohammed Shami wins 'Sportsman of the year' at Sportstar ACES Awards 2024**
- **Veteran music composer Pyarelal Sharma awarded Lakshminarayana International Award**
- **PV Narasimha Rao, Chaudhary Charan Singh & Dr MS Swaminathan to get Bharat Ratna**
- **India, Russia agree to strengthen bilateral nuclear cooperation**
- **Assam CM inaugurates construction skill training centre to empower youth**
- **Maharashtra signs MoU with Google for harnessing AI**
- **IGX, ACME sign MoU to develop green hydrogen & ammonia market**



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