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Important Days



➤ **When is the International Day of Women and Girls in Science celebrated?**

- A) February 8
- B) February 10
- C) February 11
- D) February 12
- E) February 14

Answer

C) February 11

FEBRUARY 11



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
WOMEN AND GIRLS
IN SCIENCE



Important Days



Explanation

- **Every year, International Day of Women and Girls in Science is celebrated around the world on February 11.**
- **The annual observance was established by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to promote the full and equal access and participation of women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields.**
- **The United Nations General Assembly passed resolution 70/212 on December 22, 2015, which proclaimed the 11th day of February as the annual commemoration of the observance.**



➤ **Who were announced as joint winners of the SAFF Women's Under-19 Football Championships?**

- A) India and Nepal
- B) India and Sri Lanka
- C) India and Maldives
- D) India and Pakistan
- E) India and Bangladesh

Answer

E) India and Bangladesh



Explanation

- India was announced joint winners of the SAFF Women's Under-19 Football Championships alongside hosts Bangladesh following an unprecedented change in decision by match officials in Dhaka.

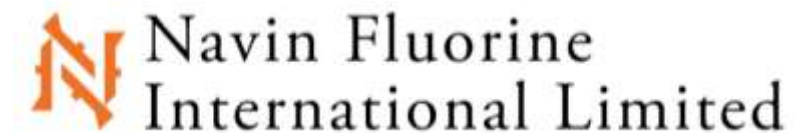


➤ What is the new percentage of shareholding of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) in Navin Fluorine International Ltd (NFIL)?

- A) 5.037%
- B) 6.034%
- C) 7.071%
- D) 8.012%
- E) 9.055%

Answer

C) 7.071%



Explanation

- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has increased its shareholding in Navin Fluorine International Ltd (NFIL) from 5.037 per cent to 7.071 per cent of the latter's paid-up capital.**
- **India's largest life insurer bought 10,08,208 equity shares of Navin Fluorine International from the open market at an average price of Rs 3,445.63 per share.**
- **Following this purchase, LIC holds 35,05,347 equity shares of the company, the flagship company of the Padmanabh Mafatlal Group.**



Explanation

- NFIL is primarily engaged in producing refrigeration gases, inorganic fluorides, speciality organofluorines, and offers contract research and manufacturing services.



Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC):

- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is an Indian multinational public sector life insurance company headquartered in Mumbai.**
- **It is under the ownership of Government of India and administrative control of the Ministry of Finance.**
- **The Life Insurance Corporation of India was established on 1 September 1956, when the Parliament of India passed the Life Insurance of India Act, nationalising the insurance industry in India.**
- **Chairperson: Siddharth Mohanty**



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the non-executive chairman of the Board and independent director of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) starting February 8, 2024?**

- A) Biswamohan Mahapatra
- B) Dilip Asbe
- C) Ajay Kumar Choudhary
- D) Venkatraman Srinivasan
- E) Rishikesha Krishnan

Answer

C) Ajay Kumar Choudhary



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) announced the appointment of Ajay Kumar Choudhary as non-executive chairman of the Board and independent director for a period of three years starting February 8, 2024.**
- **Choudhary succeeds Biswamohan Mahapatra who was appointed non-executive chairman in 2018.**
- **Dilip Asbe is the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of NPCI.**



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- Venkatraman Srinivasan, Rishiksha Krishnan, D Manjunath, and Padmini Khare Kaicker are independent directors at NPCI, an umbrella organisation handling retail payments and settlement systems in India.
- **It has retail payment products such as RuPay card, Immediate Payment Service (IMPS), Unified Payments Interface (UPI), Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM), Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS), National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) and Bharat BillPay**



APPOINTMENTS



NPCI:

- **The National Payments Corporation of India is an organization that operates retail payments and settlement systems in India.**
- **The organization is an initiative of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Indian Banks' Association (IBA) under the provisions of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, for creating a robust Payment & Settlement Infrastructure in India.**
- **HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra**
- **Non Executive Chairman: Biswamohan Mahapatra**
- **MD and CEO: Dilip Asbe**



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been appointed as the newest brand ambassador for the Fit India movement?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Narendra Kumar Yadav
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Rahul Gandhi
- E) Arvind Kejriwal

Answer

B) Narendra Kumar Yadav



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **The Fit India movement, a flagship initiative of the Government of India envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, takes a significant leap forward with the appointment of Narendra Kumar Yadav, Additional Director GST as its newest brand ambassador.**
- Known for his dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to public service, Narendra Yadav has consistently inspired civil servant aspirants with his motivational talks and mentorship.



APPOINTMENTS



Fit India Movement:

- **Fit India Movement is a nation-wide movement in India to encourage people to remain healthy and fit by including physical activities and sports in their daily lives.**
- **The movement was launched by Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi at Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi on 29 August 2019 (National Sports Day).**
- **Fit India was founded by Shri Suparno Satpathy in 1993.**



➤ **What does PACE stand for?**

- A) Planetary Analysis and Climate Exploration
- B) Polar Atmosphere and Climate Experiment
- C) Plankton, Aerosol, Climate, ocean Ecosystem
- D) Precipitation Assessment and Climate Evaluation
- E) Pacific Atmospheric and Climate Exploration



Answer

C) Plankton, Aerosol, Climate, ocean Ecosystem



Explanation

- **The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has launched the Plankton, Aerosol, Climate, ocean Ecosystem (PACE) satellite.**
- **The satellite launched into orbit aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Space Launch Complex 40 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, to study ocean health, air quality, and the effects of a changing climate for the benefit of humanity.**
- **The satellite's hyperspectral ocean color instrument will allow researchers to measure oceans and other waterbodies across a spectrum of ultraviolet, visible, and near-infrared light.**



Explanation

- This will enable scientists to track the distribution of phytoplankton and – for the first time from space – identify which communities of these organisms are present on daily, global scales.
- **The spacecraft also carries two polarimeter instruments, Hyper-Angular Rainbow Polarimeter #2 and Spectro-polarimeter for Planetary Exploration.**
- These will detect how sunlight interacts with particles in the atmosphere, giving researchers new information on atmospheric aerosols and cloud properties, as well as air quality at local, regional, and global scales.



Explanation

- Combining the instrument and the polarimeters will enable PACE to provide insights into the interactions of the ocean and atmosphere and how a changing climate affects these interactions



Titbits

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA):

Formed: 29 July 1958

HQ: Washington DC, USA

Administrator: Bill Nelson



➤ **What is the theme of the 2024 World Governments Summit in Dubai?**

- A) Building Stronger Communities
- B) Shaping Future Governments
- C) Advancing Global Economy
- D) Promoting Environmental Sustainability
- E) Fostering International Cooperation

Answer

B) Shaping Future Governments



Explanation

- **India, Türkiye, and Qatar have been declared the guests of honor at the 2024 World Governments Summit which set to take place in Dubai from February 12-14.**
- **The summit, themed 'Shaping Future Governments,' will see the participation of over 25 government and state heads from around the world.**
- **The delegations from Türkiye, India, and Qatar will be led by their respective leaders: President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani.**



Explanation

- The guest countries will showcase their successful government experiences and best developmental practices during the summit, which will bring together thought leaders, experts, and representatives of over 85 international and regional organisations with 120 governmental delegations, and 4,000 attendees.
- The event is expected to draw over 4,000 attendees, including representatives from 85 international and regional organizations.



Titbits

Turkiye:

Capital: Ankara

Currency: Turkish Lira

President: Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Qatar:

Capital: Doha

Currency: Qatari Riyal

Emir: Tamim Bin Hamad



➤ How much is the loan provided by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India for flood and riverbank erosion risk management along the Brahmaputra river in Assam?

- A) \$100 million
- B) \$150 million
- C) \$200 million
- D) \$250 million
- E) \$300 million

Answer

C) \$200 million



Explanation

- **The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Government of India have agreed to provide a \$200 million loan to bolster flood and riverbank erosion risk management measures along the 650 km long main stem of the Brahmaputra river situated in the state of Assam.**
- The objective of the project is to address recurrent flooding and riverbank erosion of the Brahmaputra river using ADB's cost-effective, adaptive and systematic river stabilization approach.



Explanation

- **The project interventions include stabilizing 60 km of riverbanks, installing 32 km of pro-siltation measures, and building 4 km of climate-resilient flood embankments in five high-priority districts: Dibrugarh, Goalpara, Kamrup Rural, Morigaon, and Tinsukia.**
- **The Flood and River Erosion Management Agency of Assam will be responsible for leading, managing, and coordinating the project activities.**



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Asian Development Bank:

- **The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is a regional development bank established on 19 December 1966, which is headquartered in 6 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong, Metro Manila 1550, Philippines.**
- **The bank also maintains 31 field offices around the world to promote social and economic development in Asia.**
- **The bank admits the members of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP, formerly the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East or ECAFE), and non-regional developed countries.**
- **Starting with 31 members at its establishment, ADB now has 68 members**
- **President: Masatsugu Asakawa**



➤ **Which organizations signed memorandums of understanding worth Rs 300 crore and Rs 200 crore respectively with EESL during the India Energy Week event?**

- A) Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh (LAHDC) and Vidhya Pratishthan
- B) Vidhya Pratishthan and Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh (LAHDC)
- C) Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) and Vidhya Pratishthan
- D) Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh (LAHDC) and Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL)
- E) Vidhya Pratishthan and Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL)



Answer

A) Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh (LAHDC) and Vidhya Pratishthan



Explanation

- **State-owned Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) has signed pacts worth Rs 500 crore with state and industry bodies at the four-day India Energy Week event.**
- **Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh (LAHDC), and Vidhya Pratishthan have signed memorandums of understanding worth Rs 300 crore and Rs 200 crore respectively with EESL during the event.**
- The partnerships aim to enhance energy efficiency in critical areas such as lighting, clean cooking, space heating, renewables, e-mobility, cooling, and consultancy.



Explanation

- The development follows the recent tie-up of the state-run company for the distribution of 2,000 induction cookstoves in Ladakh.
- At the second edition of India Energy Week, EESL showcased energy-efficient appliances, including induction cookstoves, rechargeable inverter bulb, 9-watt three-star LED Bulb, e-bicycles, 5-star rated BLDC ceiling fan, super-efficient air conditioners, and tube lights.



Note:

- **EESL is a joint venture of NTPC, Power Finance Corporation, REC, and Powergrid.**
- **It also acts as the resource centre for capacity building of state power distribution companies, financial institutions among others**



EESL:

- **Energy Efficiency Services Limited is a joint venture of state-run power companies, responsible for implementation of the Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All scheme, formerly known as the Domestic Efficient Lighting Programme.**
- **It has reduced the prices of LED bulbs by 75%.**
- **CEO: Arun Kumar Mishra**



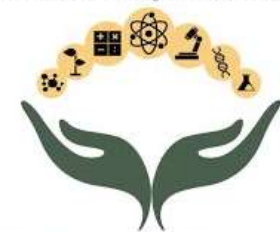
➤ **What is the full name of the "SWATI" Portal?**

- A) Science and Technology for Women Empowerment Portal
- B) Science for Women-A Technology & Innovation Portal
- C) STEM Education and Women Empowerment Portal
- D) Society for Women in Science and Technology Portal
- E) STEM Careers and Opportunities for Women Portal

Answer

B) Science for Women-A Technology & Innovation Portal

SWATI
Science For Women: A Technology & Innovation Portal



*JOIN US FOR THE LAUNCH OF SWATI PORTAL
On the International Day for Girls and Women in Science!*

Date: Feb 11, 2024 (Sunday)
Venue: Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi
Time : 9:30 am onwards



Explanation

- **A SINGLE ONLINE portal on Indian women in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics & Medicine was launched which could help policy-making to address the challenges of gender gap in sciences.**
- **The 'Science for Women-A Technology & Innovation (SWATI)" Portal is developed, hosted and maintained by NIPGR.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



- **Who will witness the launch of Unified Payment Interface (UPI) services in Sri Lanka and Mauritius, and RuPay card services in Mauritius?**
- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of Sri Lanka, Ranil Wickremesinghe
 - B) Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President of Sri Lanka, Ranil Wickremesinghe, and Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Jugnauth
 - C) President of Sri Lanka, Ranil Wickremesinghe, and Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Jugnauth
 - D) Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Jugnauth
 - E) Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of Sri Lanka, Gotabaya Rajapaksa

Answer

B) Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President of Sri Lanka, Ranil Wickremesinghe, and Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Jugnauth



Explanation

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi along President of Sri Lanka, Ranil Wickremesinghe, and Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Jugnauth will witness the launch of Unified Payment Interface (UPI) services in Sri Lanka and Mauritius and RuPay card services in Mauritius through video conferencing.
- The launch will enable the availability of UPI settlement services for Indian nationals travelling to Sri Lanka and Mauritius as well as for Mauritian nationals travelling to India.



Explanation

- The extension of RuPay card services in Mauritius will enable Mauritian banks to issue cards based on the RuPay mechanism in Mauritius and facilitate usage of RuPay Card for settlements both in India and Mauritius



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Srilanka:

Capital: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (Legislative),
Colombo (executive and judicial)

Currency: SriLankan Rupee

President: Ranil Wickremesinghe

Prime Minister: Dinesh Gunawardena



➤ What will the Regional Centre of Sangeet Natak Akademi in Hyderabad be known as?

- A) Dakshin Bharat Cultural Centre
- B) South Indian Cultural Centre
- C) Bharat Kala Mandapam
- D) Dakshin Bharat Sanskritik Kendra
- E) Sangeet Natak Akademi Hyderabad



Answer

D) Dakshin Bharat Sanskritik Kendra



Explanation

- **Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture and an apex body in the field of performing arts in the country is the preservation and promotion of the vast Intangible Cultural Heritage of India's diverse culture expressed in forms of music, dance and drama.**
- **To further promote the rich cultural heritage of South India, the Ministry of Culture intends to set up a Regional Centre of Sangeet Natak Akademi in Hyderabad that will be known as Dakshin Bharat Sanskritik kendra.**



Explanation

- The centre is envisaged for the promotion research and documentation of Music, folk and tribal arts, theater and puppetry and will be developed as a state of the art Regional centre and a leading cultural space that would foster the cultural growth and performative milieu of the state.
- **The Sangeet Natak Akademi under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India has proposed the construction of an auditorium that shall be known as “Bharat Kala Mandapam” within the “Dakshin Bharat Sanskritik kendra” at the CCRT Campus in Madhapur, Hyderabad.**
- **Former Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu and Shri G Kishan Reddy to inaugurate the Centre on 12th February.**



Note:

- **The Ministry of Culture, Government of India recently commemorated the 100th birth anniversary of the legendary musician par excellence, freedom fighter and Padma Awardee Sri Ghantasala Venkateswara Rao through yearlong celebrations starting in December 2022 and culminating in December 2023.**



➤ **What is the purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) and Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar?**

- A) To promote tourism in Odisha
- B) To foster innovation and research in the renewable energy sector
- C) To establish a new campus of IIT Bhubaneswar
- D) To organize cultural events in Bhubaneswar
- E) To develop infrastructure projects in Odisha



Answer

B) To foster innovation and research in the renewable energy sector



Explanation

- **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) has taken a significant step towards fostering innovation and research in the renewable energy sector, by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar.**
- **The MoU inked at the 100 Cube Start-up Conclave held at IIT Bhubaneswar, aims to support collaborative efforts in innovation and research initiatives, technology transfer, and nurturing the start-up ecosystem**



Explanation

- The collaboration between IREDA and IIT Bhubaneswar is poised to facilitate joint research efforts, facilitate technology transfer, and provide comprehensive support for the start-up ecosystem.
- **The MoU was signed by Chairman & Managing Director of IREDA Shri Pradip Kumar Das, and Independent Director of IIT Bhubaneswar Dr. Debi Prasad Dogra.**



IREDA:

- **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) is an Indian public sector enterprise which provides financial assistance and other services to projects related to renewable sources of energy and energy efficiency/conservation.**
- **Formed in 1987, IREDA is a Mini Ratna (Category – I) organisation owned by the Government of India and administratively controlled by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).**
- **CMD: Pradip Kumar Das**



➤ **Who inaugurated the two-day 100 Cube Start-up Conclave at IIT Bhubaneswar, Research and Entrepreneurship Park (REP)?**

- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B) Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
- C) Chief Minister of Odisha
- D) Director of IIT Bhubaneswar
- E) CEO of Oil India Ltd.



Answer

B) Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan



Explanation

- **Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, inaugurated the two-day 100 Cube Start-up Conclave at IIT Bhubaneswar, Research and Entrepreneurship Park (REP).**
- **The Minister also inaugurated the new auditorium and digitally laid the foundation stone of several infrastructure projects.**
- A short film on the REP was also shown in the programme.
- **MoUs were exchanged between 16 startups and REP.**



Explanation

- **Four startups incubated at IIT Bhubaneswar received grant cheques from Oil India Ltd.**
- An exhibition of startup products was set up that the dignitaries visited before the inauguration of the Conclave.
- **Current focus areas of the REP are Health & BioTech; Battery/EV/ClimateTech; Artificial intelligence (building models and applications); SpaceTech, Drones, UAVs; Semi-conductors; and Enterprise software (Developer Infra/Tools, Info/Enterprise Security).**



➤ What is the target year for the elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis in India?

- A) 2025
- B) 2027
- C) 2030
- D) 2035
- E) 2040

Answer
B) 2027



Explanation

- **Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel launched the first phase of the Bi-annual Nationwide Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaign for Lymphatic Filariasis elimination.**
- **The campaign aims to check disease transmission by providing free preventive medications to the residents in areas affected by the disease.**
- **The campaign will cover 92 districts across 11 states and will run for the next two weeks.**



Background:

- **Lymphatic Filariasis (elephantiasis) is a priority disease which is targeted to be eliminated by 2027.**
- **India has recently taken several measures to accelerate progress towards the goal of eliminating Lymphatic Filariasis.**
- **Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched an advanced five-pronged strategy for the elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis by 2027 on 13 January 2023 and one of the important strategies of which is 'Mission Mode India MDA Campaign' National Deworming Day (NDD) celebrated twice a year on 10 February and 10 August.**



Background:

- **The 11 endemic states, including Assam, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, and Gujarat will be participating in the campaign.**
- **Currently, there are 345 lymphatic filariasis endemic districts in 20 states and union territories of the country.**
- **75% of Mass Drug Administration (MDA) districts are from 5 states Bihar, Jharkhand, UP, Odisha and Telangana.**
- **Despite more than 15-20 rounds of MDA, only 138 districts have closed MDA.**



➤ **Who unveiled the 'India Year Book 2024' and 'Career Calling' publications at the New Delhi World Book Fair?**

- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B) Sanjay Jaju, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- C) Minister of Information and Broadcasting
- D) Chief Minister of Delhi
- E) President of India



Answer

B) Sanjay Jaju, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting



Explanation

- **Sanjay Jaju, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting unveiled the 'India Year Book 2024' and 'Career Calling' published by Publications Division at New Delhi World Book Fair at Pragati Maidan.**
- **'India Year Book 2024,' is a reference annual that captures the pulse of India's progress—an essential read for those keen on staying abreast of the nation's development.**
- **Another Publication of the department 'Career Calling,' is a thoughtfully curated collection of articles published in the weekly newspaper Employment News in the recent past that will provide career guidance to students and youth.**



➤ **What is the theme of the 52nd New Delhi World Book Fair?**

- A) Celebrating Literary Diversity
- B) Multilingual India: A Living Tradition
- C) Global Literary Connections
- D) Books and Beyond
- E) Literature Unbounded

Answer

B) Multilingual India: A Living Tradition



Explanation

- **Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the 52nd New Delhi World Book Fair at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.**
- **This year's theme of the fair 'Multilingual India: A Living Tradition' is celebrating India's linguistic diversity and global literary traditions.**
- **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the app of the National Digital Libraries for All, announced in the Budget 2023-34.**



Explanation

- **National e-library is a first-of-its-kind digital library for accessing a variety of non-academic books for Children and Adolescents** based on the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision statement, "When citizens read, the country leads."
- He also unveiled the **innovative learning E-learning platform, 'E-Jaadi Pitara', which is in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020**, comprising puzzles, riddles, and stories.
- The inclusive and informative content, translated into 22 languages using Artificial Intelligence (AI) aims to transform early childhood education.



Explanation

- The Minister also released **Special Modules aligned with NEP 2020, teaching-learning resources and subject-specific modules.**
- He also released the "**Igniting Collective Goodness Mann ki Baat @100**" anthology, comprising 100 episodes of the radio show, and published by NBT-India in 12 languages.
- He also released four new titles under the "**Creating Intellectual Heritage**" project, published by NBT-India.



Explanation

- He also **released the Hindi and English Braille editions of the book Exam Warriors penned by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and published by NBT-India.**
- The inaugural session was followed by a tour of the book fair, with the inauguration of the Theme Pavilion, a Photo Exhibition on the Journey of the History of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh, and the Guest Country Pavilion of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



Keypersons:

- Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to India, Mr. Saleh bin Eid Al-Husseini
- Minister of State for Education, Smt. Annpurna Devi
- Secretary, Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Shri Sanjay K. Murthy
- Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shri Sanjay Kumar
- Chairman, National Book Trust, Prof. Milind Sudhakar Marathe
- Director, National Book Trust, Shri Yuvraj Malik



- Which entities signed the agreement for developing prototypes for 10-Gigabit-capable symmetric Passive Optical Network (XGS-PON) Optical Line Terminal (OLT) and Optical Network Unit (ONU)?
- A) Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
 - B) C-DOT and Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-K)
 - C) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and Indian Institute of Management (IIM)
 - D) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs)
 - E) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER)

Answer

B) C-DOT and Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-K)



Explanation

- **C-DOT, the premier Telecom R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India and Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-K) signed an agreement for 'Developing Prototypes for 10-Gigabit-capable symmetric Passive Optical Network (i.e., XGS-PON) Optical Line Terminal (OLT) and Optical Network Unit (ONU).**



Explanation

- **The agreement is signed under the Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) scheme of Department of Telecommunications, Government of India, which is a scheme for providing funding support to domestic companies and institutions involved in technology design, development, commercialization of telecommunication products and solutions to enable affordable broadband and mobile services in rural and remote areas.**
- **Under this project, IIT Kharagpur will develop prototypes for 10-Gigabit-capable symmetric passive optical network (i.e., XGS-PON) optical line terminal (OLT) and optical network unit (ONU).**



Explanation

- It is envisioned that the project will yield new design, development, and commercialization of the state-of-the-art 10 Gbps upstream and downstream access network technology solution.
- This will facilitate growth of affordable broadband and mobile services in India.



C DOT:

- **The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) is an Indian Government owned telecommunications technology development centre.**
- **It was established in 1984 with initial mandate of designing and developing digital exchanges.**
- **C-DOT has expanded to develop intelligent computer software applications.**
- **HQ: NewDelhi**



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➤ **Who emerged as the successful bidders for the ISTS Transmission Projects?**

- A) M/s Avaada Energy Private Limited and M/s Juniper Green Energy Private Limited
- B) M/s Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL), M/s Indigrd 2 Limited & Indigrd 1 Limited (Consortium), and M/s Apraava Energy Private Limited
- C) Damodar Valley Corporation and Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC Limited)
- D) Ministry of Power and Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC Limited)
- E) Ministry of Power and M/s Avaada Energy Private Limited



Answer

B) M/s Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL), M/s Indigrd 2 Limited & Indigrd 1 Limited (Consortium), and M/s Apraava Energy Private Limited



Explanation

- **REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited (RECPDCL), a wholly owned subsidiary of REC Limited - the NBFC Maharatna central public sector enterprise under the aegis of Ministry of Power - has handed over five project-specific Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs), formed for Inter State Transmission Projects, through tariff-based competitive bidding process.**



Explanation

- **M/s Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL), M/s Indigrd 2 Limited & Indigrd 1 Limited (Consortium) and M/s Apraava Energy Private Limited emerged as the successful bidders for the ISTS Transmission Projects of Ministry of Power, Government of India. RECPDCL was the Bid Process Coordinator.**
- **RECPDCL also handed over Letters of Award (LOAs) to successful bidders, namely, M/s Avaada Energy Private Limited and M/s Juniper Green Energy Private Limited, for setting up 100 MW wind power projects of Damodar Valley Corporation.**



Explanation

- **These LOAs have been given under the “Scheme for flexibility in Generation and Scheduling of Thermal / Hydro Power Stations through bundling with Renewable Energy and Storage Power” of the Ministry of Power.**



About REC Limited:

- **REC Limited is an NBFC focusing on Power Sector Financing and Development across India. Established in 1969, REC Ltd. has completed over fifty years of operations.**
- **It provides financial assistance to the complete power-sector value chain; for various types of projects including Generation, Transmission & Distribution and Renewable Energy.**



About RECPDCL:

- **REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited, RECPDCL, a wholly owned subsidiary of REC Limited, has been providing knowledge-based consultancy and expert project implementation services to more than 50 State power distribution companies and Power Departments of States.**
- **RECPDCL has been acting as Bid Process Coordinator (BPC) for Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) in Transmission Line Projects & RE-Bundling projects.**



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- **Under Prime Minister's Development Package projects, RECPDCL has been executing critical infrastructure upgradation projects in distribution and transmission sectors in the UT of J&K and Ladakh.**
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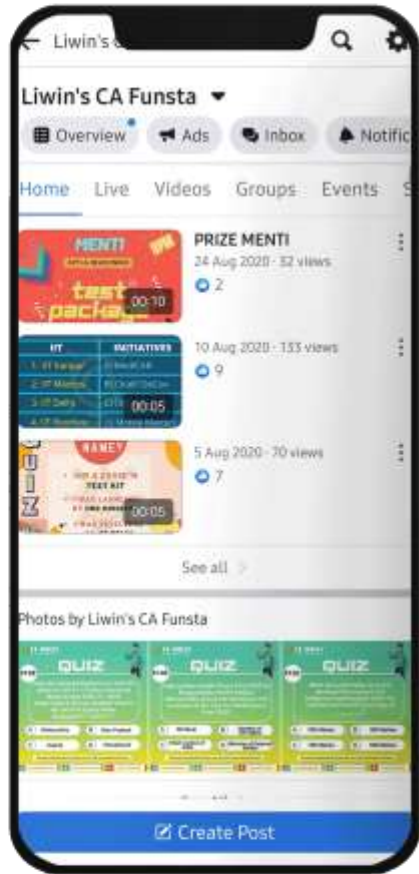
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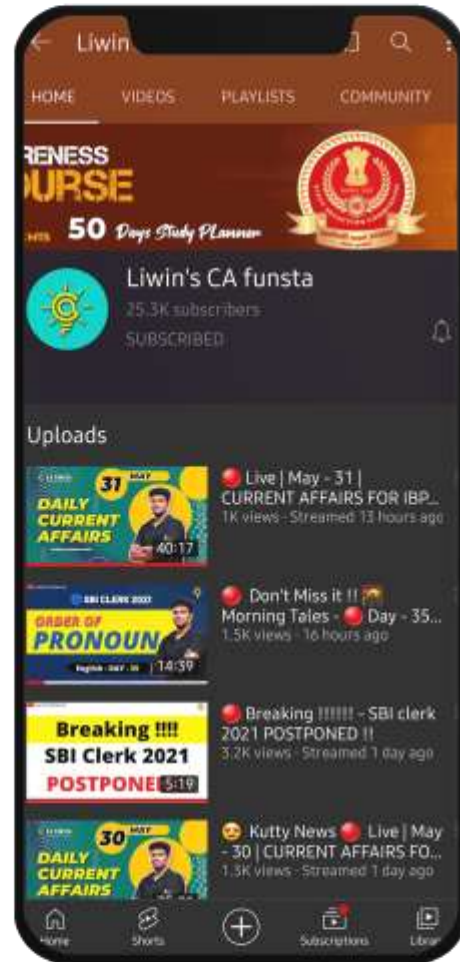
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- **RECPDCL hands over five Inter State Transmission Project SPVs to successful bidders**



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