



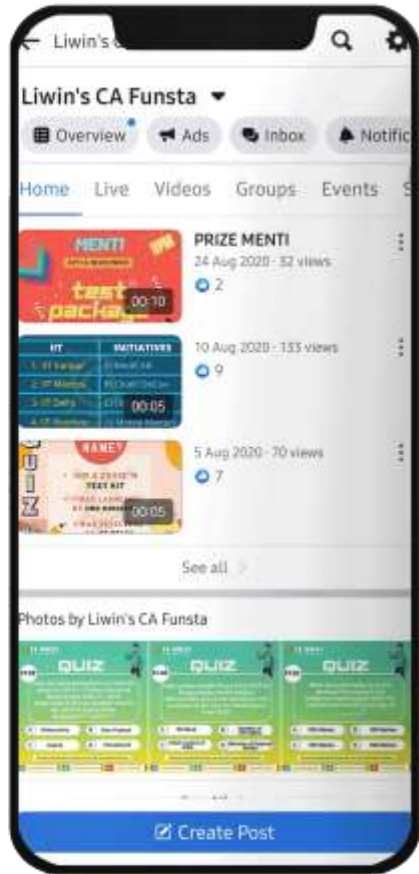
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Important Days



➤ **When is Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day observed annually?**

- A) February 14
- B) March 14
- C) April 14
- D) May 14
- E) June 14

Answer

A) February 14



Important Days



Explanation

- **Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day is observed annually on February 14 to spread awareness around CHDs or congenital heart defects which are present at birth and can range from mild to severe.**
- These heart defects can affect the structure of a baby's heart and the way it works.
- Congenital defects can occur due to genetic factors, environment factors like exposure to toxins, mother's diet and health condition or certain medications taken during critical periods of foetal development which could impact formation of organs and systems in the unborn baby.



Important Days



Explanation

- **In India, approximately 2 lakh children are born with congenital heart disease every year.**
- **Around one-fifth of these suffer from critical heart disease.**



➤ **Who recently celebrated a maiden ICC Men's Player of the Month of January?**

- A) Steve Smith
- B) Shamar Joseph
- C) Jason Holder
- D) Kraigg Brathwaite
- E) Chris Gayle

Answer

B) Shamar Joseph



Explanation

- **Shamar Joseph celebrates a maiden ICC Men's Player of the Month crown after making a sensational debut for the West Indies in their dramatic Test series in Australia.**
- Men's Player of the Month Joseph enjoyed a stellar start to his West Indies career.
- Brought into the side for their Test series against Australia, the 24-year-old made an instant impact, removing Steve Smith with his first ball in international cricket.



Explanation

- **The win saw the West Indies claim a historic 1-1 draw, with Joseph sealing the Player of the Series award for his impressive debut.**
- **This latest accolade means he is the first West Indian to win the ICC Men's Player of the Month award since its inception in January 2021.**
- **Amy Hunter is named the ICC Women's Player of the Month because of her rapid run-scoring feats in Ireland's T20I series victory over Zimbabwe last month.**



ICC:

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) is the global governing body of cricket.
- It was founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909 by representatives from Australia, England, and South Africa.
- It was renamed as the International Cricket Conference in 1965 and adopted its current name in 1987. The ICC has its headquarters in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.



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ICC:

- The ICC currently has 108 member nations: 12 Full Members that play Test matches, and 96 Associate Members.
- The ICC is responsible for the organisation and governance of cricket's major international tournaments, most notably the Cricket World Cup, T20 World Cup, and ICC World Test Championship
- Chairman: Greg Barclay



OBITUARY



➤ **Which cricket format did Dattajirao Gaekwad play for the Indian national team?**

- A) T20
- B) One Day International (ODI)
- C) Test
- D) Twenty20 International (T20I)
- E) None of the above

Answer
C) Test



OBITUARY



Explanation

- **Former Indian Test cricket team captain Dattajirao Gaekwad passed away at the age of 95.**
- **He was the country's oldest living test cricketer.**



OBITUARY



About Dattajirao:

- Dattajirao earlier played for Bombay University and then shifted to the Baroda team.
- He made his Test debut when the Indian team toured England in 1952.
- A right-handed batsman, Dattajirao played 11 Test matches in his cricketing career and captained the Indian team when it toured England in 1959.
- He scored 350 runs in his Test career that ended in 1961 when he played his last match against Pakistan.
- He was known to be a good fielder.



OBITUARY



About Dattajirao:

- He captained the Baroda squad that won the Ranji trophy in 1957-58 which he had described as one of his best memories.
- He played 110 first-class matches and scored 5,788 runs at an average of 36.40 apart from bagging 25 wickets.
- He hit 17 centuries with a top score of 259 runs



- **What has the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved regarding Coastal Energen Private Ltd (CEPL)?**
- A) Merger with another power company
 - B) Acquisition of a stake in Dickey Alternative Investment Trust
 - C) Acquisition of 100% shareholding by Dickey Alternative Investment Trust and Adani Power Ltd
 - D) Acquisition of renewable energy assets
 - E) Sale of its coal-based thermal power plant



Answer

C) Acquisition of 100% shareholding by Dickey Alternative Investment Trust and Adani Power Ltd



Explanation

- **The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the proposed combination involving acquisition of 100 per cent shareholding of Coastal Energen Private Ltd (CEPL) by Dickey Alternative Investment Trust (DAIT) and Adani Power Ltd (APL).**
- CEPL, which is engaged in the business of generation and sale of power using coal, owns and operates an imported coal based thermal power plant at Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu.
- This company is currently undergoing corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) 2016.



Note:

- CCI has also approved the acquisition of 100 per cent shareholding of Tianish Laboratories Private Limited by Matrix Pharma Private Ltd.



Adani Power:

- Adani Power is an Indian multinational power and energy company, subsidiary of Adani Group and based in Khodiyar in Ahmedabad, India.
- It is a private thermal power producer, with a capacity of 12,450 MW[3] and operates a mega solar plant of 40 MW at Naliya, Bitta, Kutch, Gujarat.
- Chairman: Gautam Adani
- MD and CEO: Anil Sardana



- **What collaboration has Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) entered into?**
- A) Setting up a solar power plant
 - B) Constructing a new terminal building
 - C) Establishing a green hydrogen plant with BPCL
 - D) Launching a new airline service
 - E) Building a luxury hotel on airport premises

Answer

C) Establishing a green hydrogen plant with BPCL



Explanation

- **Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) has tied up with BPCL to set up a green hydrogen plant in the airport premises.**
- **The collaborative effort, combining technological prowess and infrastructure, will result in the world's first green hydrogen plant and fuelling station located within an airport setting.**
- Green hydrogen, produced from water using renewable energy sources, is recognised as a future fuel and aligns with zero-carbon energy strategies.



Explanation

- CIAL, which is renowned for its effective deployment of green energy through the installation of big solar plants and hydel station, has a cumulative installed capacity of 50 MW producing two hundred thousand units of power a day.
- Ever since the installation of its first plant with a capacity of 12 MW, it has been augmenting its capabilities and now inked an MoU for a strategic collaboration with BPCL for setting up a 1,000 KW pilot project at the airport premises.



Keyperson:

- G. Krishnakumar, CMD, BPCL



BPCL:

- **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) is an Indian Multinational public sector undertaking (PSU) under the ownership of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Government of India.**
- **It operates three refineries in Bina, Kochi and Mumbai.**
- **BPCL is India's second-largest government-owned downstream oil producer, whose operations are overseen by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.**
- **HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra**
- **CMD: G Krishna Kumar**



➤ **Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of SBI Capital Markets?**

- A) Rajay Kumar Sinha
- B) Virendra Bansal
- C) Amitabh Chaudhry
- D) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- E) Shaktikanta Das

Answer

B) Virendra Bansal



Explanation

- **Virendra Bansal has been appointed as the new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of SBI Capital Markets (SBICAPS), the wholly-owned subsidiary and investment banking arm of State Bank of India (SBI).**
- **He replaces Rajay Kumar Sinha, who has been appointed as the Whole Time Member (Finance and Investment) of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for a period of three years in January 2024**



SBI CAPS:

- SBI Capital Markets (SBICAPS) is a wholly owned investment banking subsidiary of State Bank of India (SBI).
- Headquartered in Mumbai, SBICAPS has 6 regional offices across India (Ahmedabad, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, New Delhi and Bengaluru) and the United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi), and 3 subsidiaries - SBICAPS Securities Limited, SBICAPS Trustee Company Limited, and SBICAPS Ventures Limited.
- Wholetime Director and President and COO: Shesh Ram Verma



➤ What is the name of the innovative aircraft designed for Dubai's air taxi service?

- A) Airbus A380
- B) Boeing 737
- C) Joby Aviation S4
- D) Bell Nexus
- E) Volocopter VoloCity



Answer

C) Joby Aviation S4



Explanation

- **Dubai has inked agreements at the World Government Summit 2024 to launch the world's first air taxi service.**
- **Joby Aviation S4, an innovative aircraft designed to comfortably accommodate four passengers along with a pilot.**
- **Sporting six propellers and powered by four battery packs, the S4 boasts a maximum range of 161 km and a top speed of 321 km per hour.**
- **Its Vertical take-off and landing capabilities render it ideal for urban settings, minimizing the space requirements typical of conventional stations and reducing noise pollution compared to helicopters.**



Explanation

- The electric-powered aircraft can be swiftly recharged between flights, the initiative represents a bold step toward a more sustainable and accessible transportation future.
- **The air-taxi network will commence its operations in 2026, marking a significant milestone in Dubai's quest to redefine urban mobility.**



➤ **At which event did India secure the 9th GovTech Prize for its pioneering endeavors in AI-powered government services?**

- A) World Economic Forum
- B) United Nations General Assembly
- C) World Government Summit
- D) G20 Summit
- E) International Conference on Artificial Intelligence

Answer

C) World Government Summit



Explanation

- **India has secured the prestigious 9th GovTech Prize for its pioneering endeavors in AI-powered government services, at the World Government Summit 2024.**
- **The award was distributed by Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum, crown prince of Dubai, and received by Tadu Mamu, Consul at the Consulate General of India, on India's behalf.**
- The annual award is instituted by the government of the UAE and is presented to government entities, central or local, worldwide, to recognize creative and innovative solutions.



Explanation

- **India won under the category of 'AI-Powered Government Services'.**
- **The accolade recognizes the remarkable efforts of the Ministry for Road Transport & Highways, Government of India, for its transformative project known as iRASTE.**
- **iRASTE, a collaborative initiative involving the government, industry, and academia, is revolutionizing road safety through the integration of AI technology.**
- **By harnessing predictive insights generated by AI algorithms, iRASTE endeavors to prevent accidents before they occur, thus mitigating the risk of fatalities and injuries on Indian roads.**



World Government Summit:

- **In 2024, the World Governments Summit will take place under the theme of 'Shaping Future Governments' where the conversation will involve governments, international organizations, thought leaders, and private sector leaders from around the globe to international cooperation and enable governments to identify innovative solutions for future challenges– further rippling to inspire and empower the next generation of governments.**
- **It was held from 12-14 February 2024 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates**



Main themes

The agenda will focus on shaping a better future for humanity and will highlight 6 main themes:

- Government Acceleration and Transformation
- Artificial Intelligence and The Next Frontiers
- Reimagining Development and Future Economies
- Future Societies and Education
- Sustainability and The New Global Shifts
- Urbanization and Global Health Priorities



➤ **What is the state fruit of Assam?**

- A) Mango
- B) Banana
- C) Kaji Nemu
- D) Pineapple
- E) Papaya

Answer

C) Kaji Nemu



Explanation

- **'Kaji Nemu' (Citrus limon) is a tangy fruit native to the Assam state of India.**
- **This lemon type is oval and has thin, smooth skin that is usually light green.**
- **This lemon variety has now been declared as the state fruit of Assam.**
- **Kaji Nemu is a highly prized fruit for its culinary and medicinal properties.**
- **It has a distinctively strong and sour flavour, which adds a zesty flavour to a variety of dishes.**



Explanation

- **As per reports, it is also known for its digestive and anti-inflammatory properties.**
- **Kaji Nemu is a popular ingredient in traditional Assamese cuisine.**
- According to the commercial plantation of Kaji Nemu, there is 15.9 hectares of land under cultivation, with the production at 1.58 metric tonnes.
- In the last two years, this fruit has been exported to several countries, including to the Middle East."



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Titbits

Assam:

Capital: Dispur

Chief Minister: Himanta Biswa Sharma

Governor: Gulab Chand Kataria



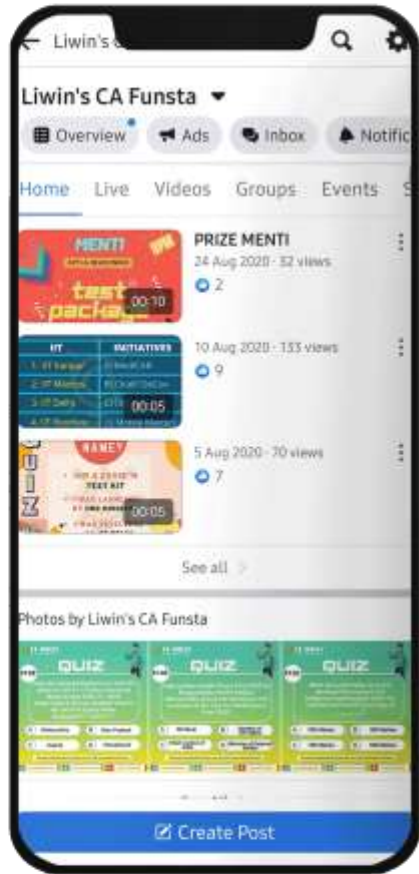
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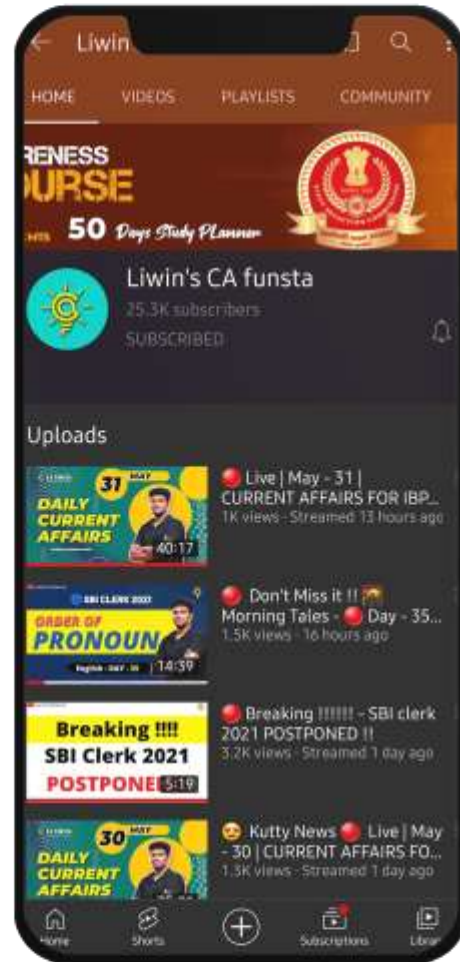
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