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# OBITUARY



➤ How many international games did Andreas Brehme play for West Germany and unified Germany combined?

- A) 50
- B) 60
- C) 70
- D) 80
- E) 86

**Answer**  
**E) 86**



# OBITUARY



## Explanation

- **Germany's 1990 World Cup hero Andreas Brehme has died.**
- **Andreas Brehme, who scored the only goal as West Germany beat Argentina to win the 1990 World Cup final.**
- Known affectionately as "Andi" Brehme, the Hamburg-born player was a star of German soccer in the 1980s and 1990s.
- **Brehme played 86 international games for West Germany and unified Germany.**



# OBITUARY



➤ **During which years did Manohar Joshi serve as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra?**

- A) 1990-1995
- B) 1995-1999
- C) 1999-2002
- D) 2002-2004
- E) 2004-2008

**Answer**

**B) 1995-1999**





# OBITUARY



## Explanation

- **Former Maharashtra CM and ex-Lok Sabha Speaker Manohar Joshi, who counted among Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray's most trusted aides, passed away at the age of 86.**
- Mr. Joshi became the Chief Minister of a non-Congress government for the first time in Maharashtra after the undivided Shiv Sena-Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) mahayuti coalition came to power in 1995.
- Mr. Joshi remained as **Maharashtra's CM from 1995-99, then serving as the Union Heavy Industries Minister in Atal Bihari Vajpayee's government at the Centre from 1999-2002.**
- He became **Lok Sabha Speaker, serving between 2002-04.**
- He was also **Mumbai's Mayor between 1976-77.**



➤ Who launched the "Automated Search Portal" to assist public sector banks with antecedent verification of prospective borrowers and non-performing assets?

- A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B) Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB)
- C) State Bank of India (SBI)
- D) Ministry of Finance
- E) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

**Answer**

**B) Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB)**



## Titbits

### Central Economic Intelligence Bureau:

- **The Central Economic Intelligence Bureau (CEIB) is an Indian intelligence agency responsible for gathering information and monitoring the economic and financial sectors for economic offences and warfare.**
- **HQ: New Delhi**
- **Director General: Amit Mohan Govil**



# APPOINTMENTS



- **Who is set to return as the Prime Minister of Pakistan according to the power-sharing agreement between the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP)?**

- A) Imran Khan
- B) Nawaz Sharif
- C) Shehbaz Sharif
- D) Bilawal Bhutto Zardari
- E) Asif Ali Zardari

**Answer**

**C) Shehbaz Sharif**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Shehbaz Sharif is all set to return as the Prime Minister and Asif Ali Zardari as the President of Pakistan after the two old-guard parties, the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), reached a power-sharing agreement**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

### Pakistan:

Capital: Islamabad

Currency: Pakistani Rupee

President: Asif Ali Zardari

Prime Minister: Shehbaz Sharif



# AWARDS



➤ Who won the award for Best Actor at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards?

- A) Aamir Khan
- B) Salman Khan
- C) Shah Rukh Khan
- D) Ranbir Kapoor
- E) Hrithik Roshan

**Answer**

**C) Shah Rukh Khan**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- **The prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards was held on February 20, 2024, in Mumbai.**
- **Shah Rukh Khan won Best Actor and his film Jawan bagged the best film award.**

### **International Film Festival Awards winners list:**

- Best Film: Jawan
- Best Film (Critics): 12th Fail
- Best Actor: Shah Rukh Khan (Jawan)
- Best Actress (Critics): Kareena Kapoor (Jaane Jaan)
- Best Actress: Rani Mukerji (Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway)
- Best Director (Critics): Atlee (Jawan)
- Best Director: Sandeep Reddy Vanga (Animal)
- Best Actor (Critics): Vicky Kaushal (Sam Bahadur)
- Best Music Director: Anirudh Ravichander (Jawan)





# AWARDS



## International Film Festival Awards winners list:

- Best Playback Singer (Male): Varun Jain and Sachin Jigar (Tere Vaste from Zara Hatke Zara Bachke)
- Best Playback Singer (Female): Shilpa Rao (Besharam Rang from Pathaan)
- Best Actor in a Negative Role: Bobby Deol (Animal)
- Best Actor in a Comic Role: Ayushmann Khurranna (Dream Girl 2)
- Best Actress in a Comic Role: Sanya Malhotra (Kathal)
- Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Anil Kapoor (Animal)
- Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Dimple Kapadia (Pathaan)
- Most Promising Actor: Vikrant Massey (12th Fail)
- Most Promising Actress: Adah Sharma (The Kerala Story)
- Most Versatile Actress: Nayanthara
- Best Lyricist: Javed Akhtar (Nikle The Kabhi Hum Ghar Se from Dunki)
- Best Short Film: Good morning



# AWARDS



## International Film Festival Awards winners list:

- Best International Feature Film: Oppenheimer
- Best Cinematographer: Gnana Shekar VS (IB71)
- Best Actress in a Television Series: Rupali Ganguly (Anupamaa)
- Best Actor in a Television Series: Neil Bhatt (Ghum Hai Kisikey Pyaar Meiin)
- Television Series of the Year: Ghum Hai Kisikey Pyaar Meiin
- Best Web Series: Farzi
- Best Actor in a Web Series: Shahid Kapoor (Farzi)
- Best Actress in a Web Series: Sushmita Sen (Aarya Season 3)
- Best Actor in a Web Series (Critics): Aditya Roy Kapur (Night manager)
- Best Actress in a Web Series (Critics): Karishma Tanna (Scoop)
- Outstanding Contribution to the Film Industry: Moushumi Chatterjee
- Outstanding Contribution to the Music Industry: KJ Yesudas



➤ **Which Indian vessels participated in the exercise Dosti - 16?**

- A) ICGS Samarth, ICGS Abhinav & ICG Dornier
- B) INS Vikramaditya, INS Kochi & INS Chennai
- C) INS Viraat, INS Mysore & INS Kolkata
- D) INS Arighat, INS Vishal & INS Vikrant
- E) INS Vajra, INS Pralay & INS Nirbhay



**Answer**

**A) ICGS Samarth, ICGS Abhinav & ICG Dornier**



## Explanation

- **During the 16th edition of the India-Maldives-Sri Lanka trilateral exercise "Dosti" with Bangladesh as observer, ICGS Samarth (with integral helo), ICGS Abhinav & ICG Dornier arrived in Male.**
- The Chinese research vessel Xiang Yang Hong 03 also participated in this exercise.
- It was held from February 22 to 25



## Titbits

### Maldives:

Capital: Male

Currency: Maldivian Rufiya

President: Mohamed Muizzu



➤ **What is the objective of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme launched by the Ministry of Railways?**

- A) To develop new railway lines across the country
- B) To modernize and improve facilities at 1275 railway stations nationwide
- C) To increase the speed of trains on existing tracks
- D) To introduce bullet train services in major cities
- E) To reduce travel time between cities through better signaling systems



**Answer**

**B) To modernize and improve facilities at 1275 railway stations nationwide**



## Explanation

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of 550 Amrit Bharat stations to improve facilities at railway stations by developing rooftop plazas and city centres at a cost of Rs 40,000 crore.**
- He will also lay the foundation stone of nearly 1,500 road overbridges and underbridges across different states during a function that will be conducted virtually at over 2,000 railway stations.
- Prizes will also be given to about 50,000 school students who had participated in speech, essay and poetry writing competitions on the “2047 – Viksit Bharat ki Railway” theme



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Amrit Bharat Station Scheme:

- **Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is an ongoing Indian Railways mission launched in February 2023 by Ministry of Railways to redevelop 1275 stations nationwide.**
- **It involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, Executive Lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.**
- **The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks, 'Roof Plazas' as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.**
- **The scheme envisages high-level platforms (760-840 millimetres) at all categories of stations.**
- **According to the scheme, the length of the platforms shall generally be 600 metres**





➤ **What is the mascot for the 7th North East Youth Festival 2024?**

- A) Phayre's leaf monkey
- B) Red Panda
- C) Indian Rhinoceros
- D) Bengal Tiger
- E) Snow Leopard



**Answer**

**A) Phayre's leaf monkey**



## Explanation

- **The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports revealed the logo for the upcoming 7th North East Youth Festival 2024, symbolizing the essence of the eight northeastern states.**
- **Phayre's leaf monkey, was declared the mascot for the festival.**
- **It is scheduled to occur in Tripura from February 26 to 29.**
- It will bring together youth representatives from the National Service Scheme (NSS) and Nehru Yuva Sansthan across the eight states in the North Eastern region.
- Highlights of this festival includes, competitions in folk music, folk dance, drama, rock band, guitar, clay modeling, drawing, and photography



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### Tripura:

Capital: Agartala

Chief Minister: Manik Saha

Governor: N Indrasena reddy



➤ Where will the International Gita Mahotsav's fifth edition be held?

- A) India
- B) Sri Lanka
- C) Mauritius
- D) London
- E) Canada

**Answer**  
**B) Sri Lanka**



## Explanation

- **The three-day fifth edition of the International Gita Mahotsav (IGM) on the foreign soil will be organised in Sri Lanka from March 1 to 3.**
- The event will be jointly organised by the Kurukshetra Development Board (KDB) and the government of Sri Lanka.
- A copy of the Gita will be presented in the Parliament of Sri Lanka.
- **Earlier, the IGM was organised in Mauritius, London, Canada and Australia.**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### **Srilanka:**

Capital: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (legislative),  
Colombo (Executive and Judicial)

Currency: Srilankan Rupee

President: Ranil Wickremesinghe

Prime Minister: Dinesh Gunawardene



- How much loan has the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved to support fintech education, research, and innovation at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT)?
- A) USD 10 million
  - B) USD 15 million
  - C) USD 20 million
  - D) USD 23 million
  - E) USD 30 million

**Answer**  
**D) USD 23 million**



## Explanation

- **The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has greenlit a USD 23 million loan to foster the growth of fintech education, research, and innovation at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) in India.**
- Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT), a state-owned enterprise, serves as a cornerstone for nurturing fintech ecosystems and financial services within India





# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Titbits

### Gujarat:

Capital: Ahmedabad

Chief Minister: Bhupendrabhai Patel

Governor: Acharya Devvrat



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



- **Which ministries are collaborating on the project for tribal student healthcare through Ayurvedic interventions?**
- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Education
  - B) Ministry of AYUSH and Ministry of Tribal Affairs
  - C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
  - D) Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Rural Development
  - E) Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Home Affairs



**Answer**

**B) Ministry of AYUSH and Ministry of Tribal Affairs**



## Explanation

- **Union Minister for Tribal Affairs; Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Arjun Munda launched the joint National level Project for Screening and Health Management of tribal students through Ayurvedic Interventions, along with Union Minister of AYUSH; Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, in New Delhi.**
- **The Ministry of AYUSH, in collaboration with its Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), has undertaken this health initiative for tribal students in partnership with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and ICMR-National Institute of Research in Tribal Health (NIRTH), Jabalpur.**
- **It aims to cater to the healthcare requirements of students residing in Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) across tribal areas in the country.**
- **This project is set to benefit over 20,000 tribal students.**
- **This project aims to benefit students aged 10-18 years enrolled in classes 6th to 12th in 55 identified EMRS across 14 States of the country.**
- **The screenings will focus on identifying issues such as Anaemia, Haemoglobinopathies, Malnutrition, and Tuberculosis.**
- **Shri Arjun Munda and Shri Sarbananda Sonowal also unveiled an e-book and released a brochure outlining their collaborative health initiatives**



## Keyperson:

- **Vibhu Nayar, Secretary, Tribal Affairs**

## Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS):

- **The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing the Central Sector Scheme of Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) to provide quality education to tribal students in their own environment.**
- EMRSs are established on par with Navodaya Vidyalayas, offering special facilities for sports training and skill development.
- It plays a crucial role in providing quality education to Scheduled Tribes (ST) children in remote areas, enabling them to access higher education and employment opportunities across various sectors.
- **Currently, there are 402 functional EMRSs across the country, each offering state-of-the-art facilities for quality education, sports training, and skill development.**



# QUICK RECALL



- **Andreas Brehme, scorer of West Germany's winning goal in the 1990 World Cup final, dies at 63**
- **Former Maharashtra CM, ex-Lok Sabha speaker, and Shiv Sena stalwart Manohar Joshi passes away at 86**
- **Central Economic Intelligence Bureau launches “automated search portal” for public sector banks**
- **Shehbaz Sharif to be Pakistan PM and Asif Ali Zardari President**
- **The prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards was held on February 20, 2024, in Mumbai**
- **Trilateral Exercise 'Dosti-16' Kicks Off In Maldives With Chinese Research Vessel Nearby**



# QUICK RECALL



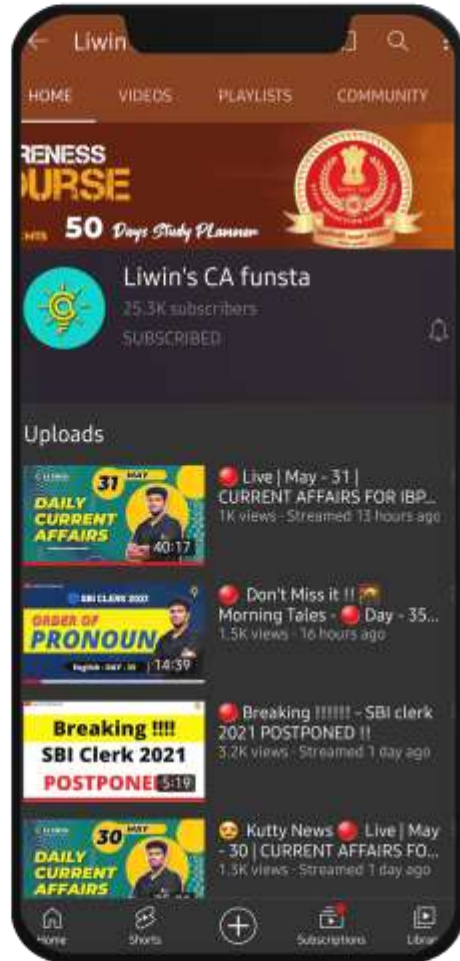
- **PM Modi to lay foundation stone of 550 Amrit Bharat stations on February 26**
- **Ministry of YAS unveils logo for 7th North East Youth Festival 2024**
- **Gita Mahotsav in Sri Lanka from March 1**
- **Govt decides to continue women safety scheme till 2025-26**
- **ADB approves \$23 million loan to catalyze fintech development in Gujarat**
- **Ministries of Tribal Affairs and AYUSH jointly launch a National level Project for Screening and Health Management of tribal students through Ayurvedic Interventions**



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