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# Important Days



➤ **When is National Vaccination Day observed?**

- A) 15 March
- B) 16 March
- C) 17 March
- D) 18 March
- E) 19 March

**Answer**

**B) 16 March**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- **National Vaccination day is observed on 16 March.**
- **In 1988, the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Polio Eradication Initiative was begun as the initial step of removing this disease from the planet.**
- **In 1995 the government of India began the pulse polio Vaccination Program as the first attempt of uprooting this sickness from the country.**
- **From that point forward, March 16 has been celebrated as National Vaccination Day.**



# RANKING



➤ According to the 2023/24 Human Development Report (HDR), what is India's position in the Human Development Index (HDI) in 2022?

- A) 133<sup>rd</sup>
- B) 134<sup>th</sup>
- C) 135<sup>th</sup>
- D) 136<sup>th</sup>
- E) 137<sup>th</sup>

**Answer**  
**B) 134<sup>th</sup>**





## Explanation

- **India's Human Development Index (HDI)** witnessed a resurgence in 2022, with the country climbing one position to the **134<sup>th</sup> place out of 193 nations** and territories, compared to its position of **135 out of 192 countries ranked in 2021**, as per the recently released 2023/24 Human Development Report (HDR) titled, **“Breaking the Gridlock: Reimagining Cooperation in a Polarized World.”**
- Following a stagnation in its HDI value in 2021, India's HDI value surged to 0.644 in 2022, showcasing improvements across vital indicators including life expectancy, education, and Gross National Income (GNI) per capita.



# RANKING



## Explanation

- Life expectancy in India rose from 67.2 to 67.7 years, while expected years of schooling reached 12.6, and mean years of schooling increased to 6.57.
- Additionally, GNI per capita saw a rise from \$6,542 to \$6,951.
- The report highlights India's progress in reducing gender inequality, with the country's Gender Inequality Index (GII) value of 0.437 better than both the global and South Asian averages.



➤ **In which states were the sales of ETHANOL 100 initiated?**

- A) Maharashtra, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh
- B) Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, New Delhi
- C) Gujarat, Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana
- D) Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal
- E) Bihar, Odisha, Assam, Jharkhand



**Answer**

**B) Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh,  
New Delhi**



## Explanation

- In a strategic advance towards cleaner fuel alternatives, India commenced the sale of ETHANOL 100 across 183 Indian Oil outlets in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, New Delhi and Tamilnadu.
- Union minister for petroleum & natural gas Hardeep Singh Puri, flagged off the high-octane, eco-friendly fuel, with the government eyeing a 20% ethanol-petrol blend by 2025-26.
- ETHANOL 100 is positioned as a cleaner alternative to gasoline, offering lower emissions and high performance for engines.





# APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL)?

- A) B Sairam
- B) Alok Kumar
- C) Rajesh Mishra
- D) Sanjay Gupta
- E) Priya Singh

**Answer**

**A) B Sairam**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **B Sairam has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL), the flagship subsidiary of Coal India Limited based in Singrauli.**
- **Before his appointment as CMD of NCL, Sairam served as Director (Technical) at Central Coalfields Limited in Ranchi.**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Note:

- Northern Coalfields Limited operates **10 highly mechanized mines in the Singrauli and Sonebhadra Districts of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, respectively.**
- The company is targeting over 135 million tonnes of coal production and dispatch in the fiscal year 2023-24.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Titbits

**Northern Coalfields Limited:**  
HQ: Singrauli





# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who are the joint recipients of the Chameli Devi Jain Award 2024 for Outstanding Woman Media Person of the Year?**

- A) Greeshma Kuthar and Nidhi Razdan
- B) Barkha Dutt and Sagarika Ghose
- C) Greeshma Kuthar and Ritika Chopra
- D) Rana Ayyub and Sheela Bhatt
- E) Faye D'Souza and Swati Chaturvedi

**Answer**

**C) Greeshma Kuthar and Ritika Chopra**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- Chameli Devi Jain Award 2024 for Outstanding Woman Media Person of the Year has been given jointly to **independent journalist Greeshma Kuthar, and Ritika Chopra of the Indian Express.**
- **Ms. Kuthar** is an independent multimedia journalist who has been engaged in deeply-researched long-form investigative reporting from conflict areas such as Manipur.
- Her reports have appeared in **The Caravan, Al Jazeera, etc.**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Ms. Chopra** is Chief, National Bureau (government) and national education editor at the Indian Express, Delhi.
- She oversees the newspaper's coverage of government policy, education and the Election Commission of India.
- **Set up by the Media Foundation in 1980, the Chameli Devi Jain Award for Outstanding Woman Media Person of the Year is named after Chameli Devi Jain, a freedom fighter and community reformer who was imprisoned during India's independence movement.**
- The first award was given in 1982 and since then, it has been presented every year to those practising impactful journalism in fields such as social development, politics, gender justice, human rights, health, conflict and consumer values.



# AWARDS



➤ Who has been chosen as the Sangita Kalanidhi awardee for 2024?

- A) Prof Parassala Ravi
- B) Geetha Raja
- C) T M Krishna
- D) Thiruvayyaru Brothers
- E) H K Narasimhamurthy

**Answer**  
**C) T M Krishna**





# AWARDS



## Explanation

- **Renowned carnatic musician, T M Krishna, has been chosen as the Sangita Kalanidhi awardee for 2024.**
- **The award, considered the Oscar equivalent for carnatic music, is given away by the Music Academy in Chennai.**
- The Music Academy has also named Prof Parassala Ravi (V Raveendran Nair), a mridangam artiste and teacher, and musician Geetha Raja, for the Sangita Kala Acharya award, and vocalists Thiruvayyaru Brothers (S Narasimhan and S Venkatesan), and violinist H K Narasimhamurthy for the 'TTK Award'.



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- The 'musicologist award' for 2024 goes to Dr Margaret Bastin, Principal, St Joseph's Arts and Science College for Women.
- Dancer Dr Neena Prasad, known for her proficiency in multiple hues of classical dance, such as Mohiniyattam, Bharata Natyam and Kathakali, gets the Nritya Kalanidhi award.



# AWARDS



- Who was awarded the prestigious PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for outstanding philanthropic contributions?

- A) Mukesh Ambani
- B) Ratan Tata
- C) Azim Premji
- D) N. R. Narayana Murthy
- E) Kumar Mangalam Birla

**Answer**  
**B) Ratan Tata**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- **Ratan Tata, former chairman of Tata Sons, was bestowed with the prestigious PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for his outstanding philanthropic contributions.**
- **The PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award, named after the former Prime Minister of India, is an award of recognition for individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to social welfare and humanitarian causes.**
- **Tata Sons Chairman emeritus Ratan Tata has also received two of the highest civilian awards of India - the Padma Vibhushan (2008) and Padma Bhushan (2000) – for his immeasurable contributions towards nation building.**



➤ Who will participate in the Joint Military Exercise "LAMITIYE-2024" besides the Indian Army?

- A) Sri Lankan Army
- B) Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF)
- C) Maldivian National Defence Force
- D) Mauritian Armed Forces
- E) Bangladeshi Army



**Answer**

**B) Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF)**



## Explanation

- **Indian Army contingent departed for Seychelles today to participate in the Tenth edition of Joint Military Exercise “LAMITIYE-2024” between the Indian Army and Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF).**
- **The Joint Exercise will be conducted at Seychelles from 18-27 March 2024.**
- **‘LAMITIYE’ meaning ‘Friendship’ in the Creole language is a biennial training event and has been conducted in Seychelles since 2001.**





## Explanation

- **45 personnel each from the GORKHA RIFLES of the Indian Army and Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF) will participate in the exercise.**
- The aim of the Exercise is to enhance interoperability in Sub-conventional Operations in Semi-Urban environment under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter on Peace Keeping Operations.
- The Exercise will enhance cooperation and interoperability between both the sides during Peace Keeping Operations.



## Titbits

### Seychelles:

Capital: Victoria

Currency: Seychellois Rupee

President: Wavel Ramkalawan



➤ How much budget has been allocated by the Union Ministry for Tribal Affairs for the establishment of the Centre for Preservation and promotion of Tribal Culture & Heritage in Kharsawan district of Jharkhand?

- A) Rs. 5 crores
- B) Rs. 10 crores
- C) Rs. 15 crores
- D) Rs. 20 crores
- E) Rs. 25 crores

**Answer**

**B) Rs. 10 crores**



## Explanation

- **Union Minister for Tribal Affairs; Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Arjun Munda, virtually laid the foundation stone of 'Centre for Preservation and promotion of Tribal Culture & Heritage' at Padampur, Kharsawan district, Jharkhand.**
- Union Ministry for Tribal Affairs has approved this initiative by allocating a **budget of Rs. 10 crores for the establishment of this Centre in Kharsawan district of Jharkhand.**
- It would be showcasing the physical and intangible tribal culture, its history and heritage of the region.



## Explanation

- Further, it would be a knowledge and information centre for assisting the tribal communities in their development.
- Shri Arjun Munda inaugurated the recently renovated the **National Unique Tribal Museum, e-Library and ST Girls' hostel funded by the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs at Bharatiya Adim Jati Sevak Sanghathan (BAJSS), in New Delhi.**



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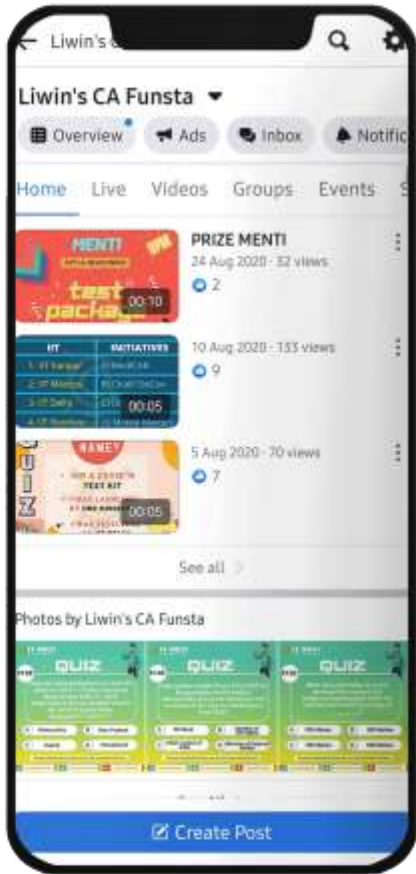


- **National Vaccination day is observed on 16 March.**
- **India now ranks 134 in Human Development Index among 193 nations: UN.**
- **'ETHANOL 100' hits the road at 183 Indian Oil stations in five states.**
- **B Sairam appointed new CMD Northern Coalfields Limited.**
- **Chameli Devi Jain Award 2024 for Outstanding Woman Media Person given jointly to Greeshma Kuthar and Ritika Chopra.**
- **T M Krishna to get Sangita Kalanidhi award.**
- **Ratan Tata awarded PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award for philanthropy work.**
- **Indian army Contingent departs for Seychelles for Joint Military Exercise "Exercise LAMITIYE – 2024".**
- **Shri Arjun Munda virtually lays foundation stone of a Rs. 10 crores project to establish a 'Centre for Preservation and promotion of Tribal Culture & Heritage' at Padampur, Kharsawan district, Jharkhand.**

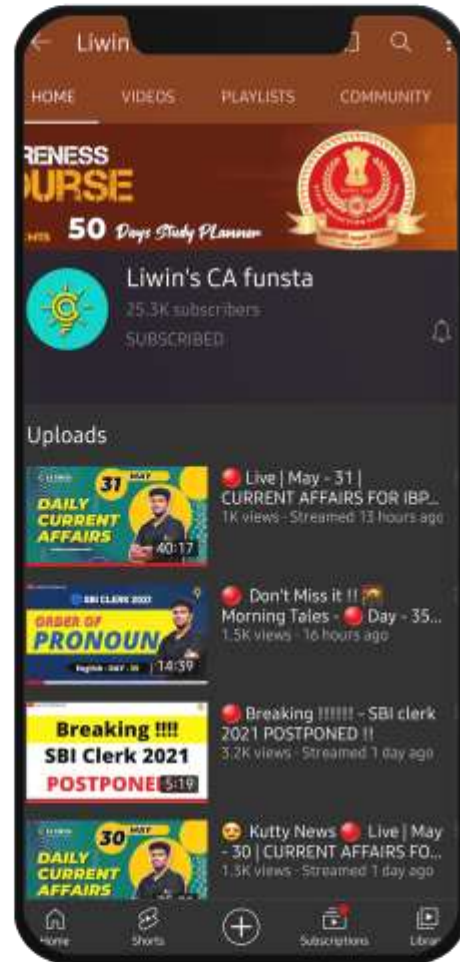




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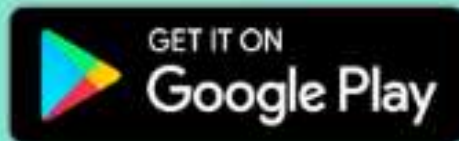
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