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Important Days



➤ **When is the International Day of Happiness observed?**

- A) March 12
- B) July 12
- C) March 20
- D) July 20
- E) April 20

Answer

C) March 20



Important Days



Explanation

- **International Day of Happiness is observed on March 20.**
- **On July 12, 2012, The General Assembly of the United Nations passed a resolution to proclaim March 20 as the International Day of Happiness.**



Important Days



➤ **When is French Language Day observed?**

- A) March 12
- B) July 12
- C) March 20
- D) July 20
- E) April 20

Answer
C) March 20



Important Days



Explanation

- **French Language Day is observed on March 20.**
- **In 2010, the UN's Department of Public Information made French Language Day official to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity.**
- The day is also used to promote the equal use of all six official languages throughout the UN which are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.
- **March 20 is also recognized as the International Day of La Francophonie that celebrates the anniversary of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation (ACCT) that began March 20, 1970.**



➤ Where has the Election Commission of India launched a special campaign to maximize voter turnout in 414 polling stations?

- A) Punjab
- B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Rajasthan
- E) Bihar

Answer

B) Himachal Pradesh



Explanation

- **The Election Commission (EC) of India has launched a special campaign in Himachal Pradesh to maximise voter turnout in 414 polling stations which registered less than 60% voting in the last Lok Sabha polls.**
- **Awareness campaigns and cultural events would be held besides making these 414 stations model polling stations.**
- **Booth youth icons from first time voters would be roped in and special invitation cards made by children would be given to prospective voters.**



➤ On what date did the Indian Army establish its inaugural Apache attack helicopter squadron at Nagtalao Army Base?

- A) 10 March 2024
- B) 12 March 2024
- C) 15 March 2024
- D) 20 March 2024
- E) 25 March 2024

Answer

C) 15 March 2024



Explanation

- On 15 March 2024, the Indian Army established its inaugural Apache attack helicopter squadron at Nagtalao Army Base north of Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- These attack helicopters, to be adorned in desert camouflage, will be operated by the 451st Army Aviation Squadron (AH).
- The unit is set to receive six Apache Guardian helicopters, with the initial batch scheduled to arrive in May.



➤ Which city has been declared as the primary tourism capital of Nepal by the Nepalese government?

- A) Kathmandu
- B) Pokhara
- C) Lumbini
- D) Bhaktapur
- E) Patan

Answer
B) Pokhara



Explanation

- **The Nepalese government has recently declared Pokhara, situated in the picturesque Gandaki province, as the primary tourism capital of the Himalayan nation.**
- **This official proclamation occurred during a special event held at Barahi Ghat, located on the serene banks of the stunning Phewa Lake.**



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Titbits

Nepal:

Capital: Kathmandu

Currency: Nepalese Rupee

President: Ram Chandra Poudel

Prime Minister: Pushpa Kamal Dahal



➤ **Which two countries are participating in the Tiger Triumph24 exercise?**

- A) India and Russia
- B) India and China
- C) India and Japan
- D) India and Australia
- E) India and the United States

Answer

E) India and the United States



Explanation

- **The partnership between India and US, a bilateral tri-Service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief HADR Exercise between both countries, Tiger Triumph24, is scheduled on the Eastern Seaboard from 18 to 31 March 2024.**
- **Indian Navy Ships with integral helicopters and landing crafts embarked, Indian Navy aircraft, Indian Army personnel and vehicles and Indian Air Force aircraft and helicopters along with the Rapid Action Medical Team RAMT would be participating in the exercise.**



Explanation

- **The US would be represented by US Navy Ships with embarked troops of the US Marine Corps and US Army.**
- **The exercise is aimed at developing interoperability for conducting HADR operations and refine Standard Operating**



➤ **Who launched the Curtain Raiser of World Telecom Standardization Assembly Delhi 2024 (WTSA 2024) and India Mobile Congress (IMC 2024)?**

- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B) Minister of Communications Ashwini Vaishnaw
- C) Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman
- D) Minister of External Affairs S. Jaishankar
- E) Minister of Home Affairs Amit Shah



Answer

B) Minister of Communications Ashwini Vaishnaw



Explanation

- Minister of Communications Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the Curtain Raiser of World Telecom Standardization Assembly Delhi 2024 (WTSA 2024) and India Mobile Congress (IMC 2024).
- The International Telecommunication Unions' (ITU) prestigious WTSA event will be held from 15-24 Oct 2024 preceded by Global Standards Symposium (GSS 2024) on 14 Oct 2024 and eighth edition of Asia's premier digital technology exhibition, IMC 2024 from 15-19 Oct 2024 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.



Explanation

- An MoU was also signed between the Department of Telecommunications and Ericsson for offering accredited courses on 5G for students of DoT's 100 5G use case labs.
- IMC 2024 to be held on 15-19 Oct 2024 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.
- India will host ITU's prestigious World Telecom Standardization Assembly Delhi 2024 (WTSA 2024) from 15th - 24th Oct 2024.



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➤ **Where was the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Indian Navy and Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur signed?**

- A) Indian Navy Headquarters, Mumbai
- B) Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur campus
- C) Naval Headquarters, New Delhi
- D) INS Shivaji, Lonavala
- E) Ministry of Defence, New Delhi

Answer

C) Naval Headquarters, New Delhi



Explanation

- **Indian Navy and Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at Naval Headquarters, New Delhi, symbolising their commitment to promote technology development, innovative solutions and joint R&D.**
- **The strategic collaboration focuses on joint research and development initiatives involving teams from Indian Navy and IIT Kharagpur.**
- **The MoU will be co-ordinated by INS Shivaji, Lonavala.**



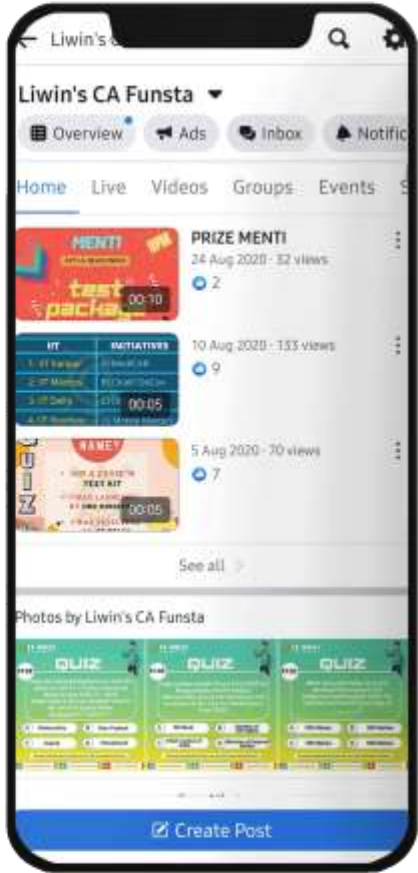
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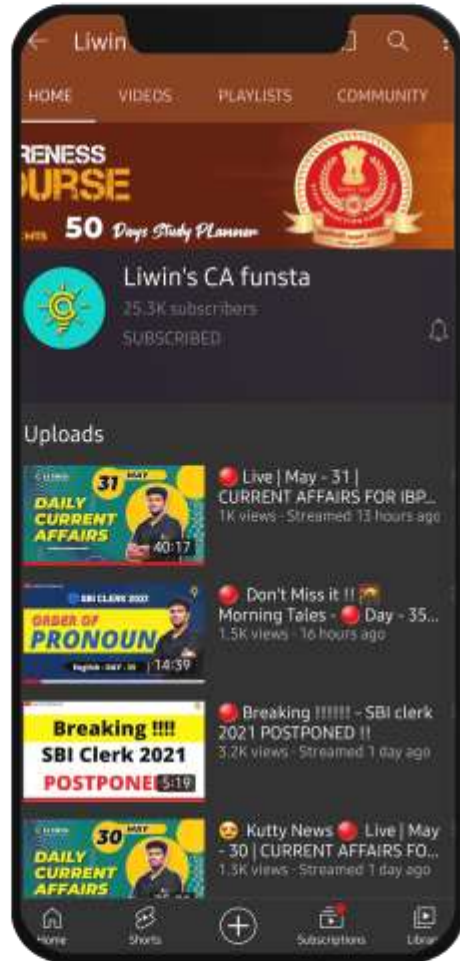
- **International Day of Happiness is observed on March 20**
- **French Language Day is observed on March 20**
- **Election Commission launches 'Mission 414' campaign in Himachal Pradesh to boost voter turnout**
- **First Indian Army Apache Guardian unit raised**
- **Pokhara officially Nepal's tourism capital now; to remain accessible 24 hours**
- **Tiger Triumph is scheduled from 18 to 3 March 2024**
- **Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announces telecom reforms including Spectrum Regulatory Sandbox and abolishing the requirement for a Wireless Operating License**
- **Memorandum Of Understanding Between Indian Navy And IIT Kharagpur**



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