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# Important Days



➤ **When is the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination observed?**

- A) 20 March
- B) 21 March
- C) 22 March
- D) 23 March
- E) 24 March

**Answer**

**B) 21 March**



# Important Days



## Explanation

- **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed on 21 March**
- **The UN General Assembly resolution 2142 (XXI), adopted on 26 October 1966, proclaimed 21 March as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to be commemorated annually.**
- On that day, in 1960, police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa, against the apartheid "pass laws".
- Proclaiming the Day in 1966 which signifies the struggle to end the policy of apartheid in South Africa, the General Assembly called on the international community to redouble its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination.



# Important Days



## World Poetry Day is observed on March 21

- **World Poetry day is observed on March 21.**
- **Standing on the Shoulders of Giants is the theme for World Poetry Day in 2024.**
- **The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) decided to celebrate World Poetry Day annually during its 30<sup>th</sup> General Conference in Paris in 1999.**
- **Even after the UNESCO declaration in 1999, some countries still celebrate Poetry Day on October 15, on the birthday of the Roman poet Virgil - famous for his epic poem Aeneid.**





# Important Days



## **World Poetry Day is observed on March 21**

- World Poetry Day is devoted to supporting "linguistic diversity using poetic expression", according to the UN.
- **Most UN member nations now observe this day to converge the art of poetry with other creative art forms like theatre, painting and dancing.**
- **The day aims to give voices to poems of endangered languages.**



# Important Days



**World Forestry Day is observed on March 21**

- **World Forestry Day is observed on March 21**
- **Theme: 'Forests and Innovation: New Solutions for a Better World,'**
- The day calls for planting trees, raising awareness about forest conservation, and promoting sustainable practices.
- **The idea of World Forestry Day was proposed in 1971 by the General Assembly of the European Confederation of Agriculture.**
- **March 21 was chosen by the United Nations as it aligns with the Vernal Equinox and Autumn Equinox in the northern and southern hemispheres, respectively.**



➤ **How much lending commitment has DBS Bank India announced for new-age start-ups?**

- A) USD 100 million
- B) USD 200 million
- C) USD 250 million
- D) USD 300 million
- E) USD 500 million



**Answer**

**C) USD 250 million**



## Explanation

- **DBS Bank India announced a lending commitment of USD 250 million for new-age start-ups.**
- **The initiative is part of the bank's focus on fostering innovation and entrepreneurship within the country's thriving start-up ecosystem.**



## Titbits

### DBS Bank:

HQ: Singapore

Chairman: Peter Seah

CEO: Piyush Gupta



➤ What is the daily limit for cash withdrawal using the IOB Gold Powered Card?

- A) Rs 10,000
- B) Rs 20,000
- C) Rs 30,000
- D) Rs 40,000
- E) None of the above

**Answer**

**B) Rs 20,000**



## Explanation

- **Chennai-headquartered Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has introduced two new jewel loan products - IOB Gold Powered Card and Jewel Loan Suvidha.**



## IOB Gold Powered Card:

- IOB Gold Powered Card will provide instant access to a card linked directly to their jewel loan overdraft accounts.
- It will provide the flexibility for customers to service both interest and principal at the maturity of the loan i.e., 12 months from the date of sanction.
- Offering loan amounts ranging from Rs 25,000 to Rs 25 lakh, IOB Gold Powered Card can also be used for cash withdrawal at ATM and for POS and e-commerce transactions.





## IOB Gold Powered Card:

- The cash withdrawal limit per transaction is Rs 20,000 with a daily limit of Rs
- 1 lakh. For e-commerce and POS transactions, the per day and per transaction limit is Rs 25.00 lakh. Validity extends to three years, subject to annual reassessment.



## Jewel Loan Suvidha:

- Jewel Loan Suvidha is described as an exclusive jewel loan product that has been developed to cater to the unique needs of housing loan borrowers, not only from IOB but also from other banking institutions. It seeks to address critical financial requirements such as margin money, registration charges and unforeseen project escalation costs that may arise during a housing loan period.
- This solution offers reimbursement within a 12-month timeframe from the date of incurring expenses.



## **Jewel Loan Suvidha:**

- The loan amount will range from Rs 25,000 to Rs 50 lakh and it provides flexible repayment options, including bullet payment and EMI modes, while also availing income tax benefits subject to fulfilment of the conditions prescribed under the Income Tax Act, 1960.



## Titbits

### Indian Overseas Bank:

HQ: Chennai

MD and CEO: Ajay Kumar Srivatsava



➤ How much worth of exclusive benefits can cardholders avail per annum with the 'Titan SBI Card'?

- A) Over Rs 1,00,000
- B) Over Rs 2,00,000
- C) Over Rs 3,00,000
- D) Over Rs 4,00,000
- E) Over Rs 5,00,000

**Answer**

**B) Over Rs 2,00,000**



## Explanation

- **SBI Card, country's largest pure play credit card issuer, has partnered Titan Company Ltd (Titan) to launch 'Titan SBI Card'.**
- **This one-of-its-kind shopping credit card is designed for addressing the consumers' aspirational spending needs.**
- **With features that include cashbacks, Titan gift vouchers and Reward Points, cardholders can avail exclusive benefits of over Rs 2,00,000 worth per annum.**



## Explanation

- **Cardholders are eligible for 5 per cent cashback when they shop using Titan SBI Card from Mia, Caratlane, and Zoya across their offline and online stores.**
- **Additionally, upon shopping from Tanishq, they get Titan gift vouchers worth 3 percent value of the spends.**



# BANKING AND FINANCE



## Keyperson:

- Abhijit Chakravorty, MD and CEO, SBI Card
- C K Venkataraman, MD, Titan Company Limited





# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who is the new Chairman of the Indian Banks Association (IBA)?**

- A) M V Rao
- B) Dinesh Kumar Khara
- C) S L Jain
- D) N Kamakodi
- E) None of the above

**Answer**  
**A) M V Rao**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Indian Banks Association (IBA) has a new Chairman in M V Rao, Managing Director and CEO, Central Bank of India.**
- **Rao has been elected as IBA Chairman for the term 2023-24 at a meeting of the Managing Committee of IBA.**
- **Three Deputy Chairmen for IBA would be Dinesh Kumar Khara, Chairman, State Bank of India (SBI); S L Jain, MD and CEO , Indian Bank and N Kamakodi, Managing Director and CEO, City Union Bank.**



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been elected as the President of the Indian Steel Association (ISA)?

- A) Dilip Oommen
- B) Naveen Jindal
- C) Mukesh Ambani
- D) Lakshmi Mittal
- E) None of the above



**Answer**  
**B) Naveen Jindal**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Explanation

- **Naveen Jindal, Chairman of Jindal Steel and Power, has been elected as the President of the Indian Steel Association (ISA) by the apex committee, the governing body of Indian Steel Association (ISA).**
- **Jindal succeeds Dilip Oommen the CEO of AMNS India and Executive Vice-President, Arcelor Mittal.**



# AWARDS



➤ Who has been conferred with the prestigious Maharashtra Gaurav Award?

- A) Dr. Uma Rele
- B) Uday Sawant
- C) Deepak Vasant Kesarkar
- D) Both A and C
- E) Both A and B

**Answer**  
**A) Dr. Uma Rele**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- **Dr. Uma Rele, the esteemed Principal of Nalanda Nritya Kala Mahavidyalaya, Mumbai, has been conferred with the prestigious Maharashtra Gaurav Award.**
- The honour was bestowed upon her by Maharashtra Industrial Minister Uday Sawant and Minister Deepak Vasant Kesarkar in recognition of her invaluable contributions to the realm of Indian classical dance, particularly Bharata Natyam.



# AWARDS



➤ **Who is the recipient of the CERAWeek Leadership Award?**

- A) Daniel Yergin
- B) Dr. Sultan Al Jaber
- C) Both A and B
- D) Dr. Al Jaber's Deputy
- E) None of the above

**Answer**

**B) Dr. Sultan Al Jaber**



# AWARDS



## Explanation

- **Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, the President of COP28, UAE Special Envoy for Climate Change and Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and Managing Director and Group CEO of ADNOC is the recipient of the CERAWeek Leadership Award, presented in Houston at the world's preeminent energy conference, CERAWeek by S&P Global.**
- Dr. Al Jaber, appearing virtually, received the award from Daniel Yergin, Vice Chairman of S&P Global and CERAWeek conference chair.





# AWARDS



## Explanation

- **He demonstrated tremendous leadership in building the UAE Consensus from 198 Parties to raise ambition to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement and limit global warming to 1.5°C and to translate those goals into practical action.**



- **What is the objective of the MoU between NCC and NPCIL?**
- A) To conduct various awareness programmes on the use of nuclear weapons
  - B) To enhance public perceptions on the peaceful use of nuclear power
  - C) To facilitate cadets to visit various nuclear weapon facilities
  - D) To disseminate fake information about nuclear energy
  - E) None of the above



**Answer**

**B) To enhance public perceptions on the peaceful use of nuclear power**



## Explanation

- **National Cadet Corps (NCC) and Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi to conduct various awareness programmes throughout the country to enhance public perceptions on peaceful use of nuclear power and disseminate scientific & authentic information.**
- **The MoU was signed between DG NCC Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh and Executive Director (Corporate Communication & Corporate Planning), NPCIL Shri BVS Shekhar.**



## Explanation

- The NPCIL will be providing resource persons in this initiative for field engagements with the NCC during the camps and various activities by educating the cadets.
- The MoU also facilitates a unique opportunity to the cadets to visit various facilities of NPCIL across the country, thereby giving a first-hand experience on peaceful use of nuclear energy, its technical and technological aspects.



➤ Which countries are participating in the India Mozambique Tanzania (IMT) Tri Lateral (TRILAT) Exercise?

- A) India and Mozambique
- B) India, Mozambique, and Tanzania
- C) India and Tanzania
- D) Mozambique and Tanzania
- E) India only

**Answer**

**B) India, Mozambique, and Tanzania**



## Explanation

- **INS Tir and INS Sujata will participate in the forthcoming second edition of India Mozambique Tanzania (IMT) Tri Lateral (TRILAT) Exercise, a joint maritime exercise scheduled from 21-29 Mar 24.**
- **The first edition of IMT TRILAT exercise conducted in Oct 22, saw participation of INS Tarkash with the Tanzanian and Mozambique Navies.**
- The current edition of the exercise is planned in two phases.
- As part of the harbour phase scheduled from 21-24 Mar 24, Naval ships Tir and Sujata will engage with the respective Navies at the ports of Zanzibar (Tanzania) and Maputo (Mozambique).



## Explanation

- The sea phase of the exercise is scheduled from 24-27 Mar 24 covering practical aspects of countering asymmetric threats, Visit Board Search and Seizure procedures, boat handling, manoeuvres and firing exercise.



➤ What is the name of the precision agriculture platform launched by FMC India?

- A) AgriTech Pro
- B) FarmSync
- C) Arc farm intelligence
- D) CropSense
- E) PrecisionAg



**Answer**

**C) Arc farm intelligence**





## Explanation

- **FMC India, an agricultural sciences company and arm of US-based FMC Corporation, has launched a precision agriculture platform Arc farm intelligence in India.**
- **By combining real-time data and predictive modelling, Arc farm intelligence assists farmers in monitoring field conditions and pest pressure.**
- **Arc farm intelligence, a one-stop solution for farmers, will support them in making informed decisions based on real-time field insights for more effective and efficient crop care, thus providing them with enhanced precision, productivity and profitability.**



## Explanation

- **The multi-lingual app is available in Hindi, English, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Marathi.**
- The Arc farm intelligence app will also provide farmers easy access to FMC India's boom spray service.
- Available at their fingertips, farmers can easily schedule a spray and pay using an integrated payment gateway on the app.
- Farmers can better plan their spray calendar with 10 days' advance weather forecast and make informed crop-care decisions.



➤ Where was the opening ceremony of the 3<sup>rd</sup> North East Games 2024 held?

- A) Dimapur
- B) Kohima
- C) Sovima
- D) Chumoukedima
- E) Mokokchung

**Answer**  
**C) Sovima**



## Explanation

- In Nagaland, the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of North East Games 2024 kick-started with a glittering opening ceremony at Regional Centre for Sporting Excellence, Sovima.
- Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio officially declared open the 3<sup>rd</sup> North East Games 2024.
- More than 3000 athletes from eight North Eastern states are competing in 15 disciplines being held in 12 venues across three districts Chumoukedima, Dimapur and Kohima.



## Titbits

### Nagaland:

Capital: Kohima

Chief Minister: Neiphiu Rio

Governor: La Ganesan



# QUICK RECALL



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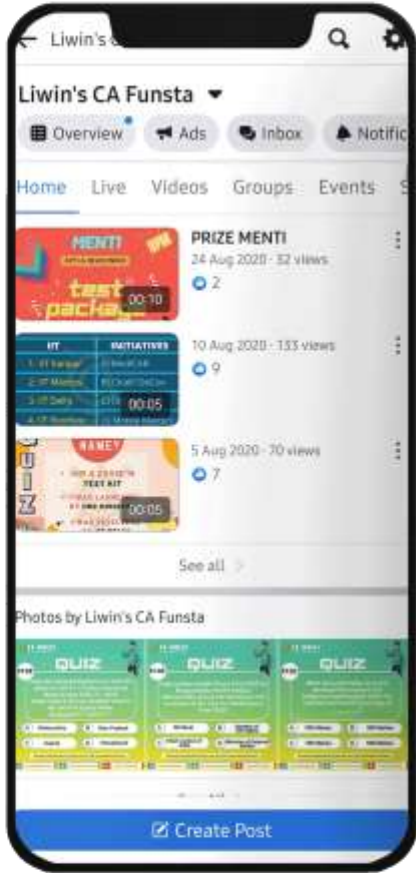
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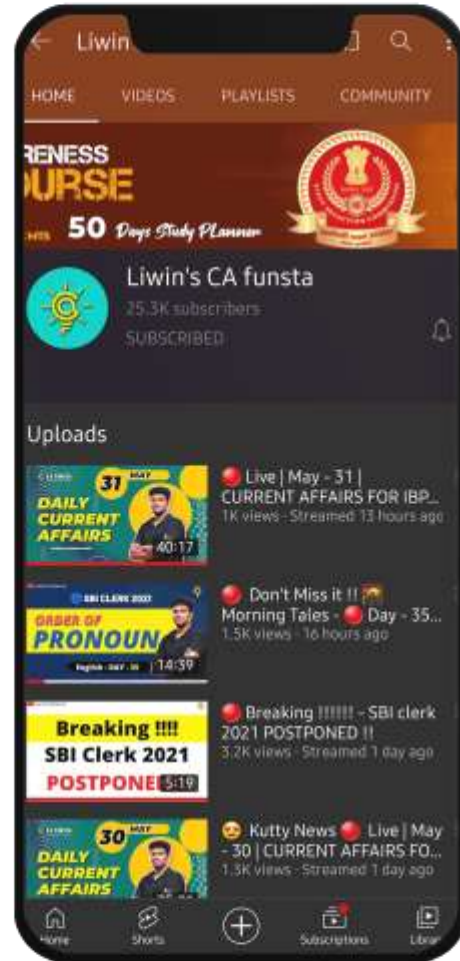
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- **NCC & NPCIL ink MoU to raise awareness on peaceful use of nuclear power through various programmes pan India**
- **India - Mozambique - Tanzania Trilateral Exercise IMT TRILAT- 2024**
- **FMC India launches precision agriculture platform**
- **3rd Edition Of North East Games 2024 Begins In Nagaland**



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