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Important Days



➤ **When is Bihar Diwas observed?**

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

Answer

C) March 22



Important Days



Explanation

- **Bihar Diwas is observed on March 22**
- **The day marks the anniversary of the founding of Bihar state in 1912.**
- The state was previously part of the Bengal Presidency.
- **The first Bihar Diwas event was organized in 2010 to commemorate the 111th anniversary of the state.**



Important Days



➤ **What was the theme for the International Day of Forests in 2024?**

- A) Biodiversity conservation in forests
- B) Forests and climate change mitigation
- C) Forests and innovation: new solutions for a better world
- D) Sustainable forest management
- E) Indigenous peoples and forests



Answer

C) Forests and innovation: new solutions for a better world



Important Days



Explanation

- **National Zoological Park, New Delhi (Delhi Zoo) has celebrated International Day of Forests on 21st March, 2024.**
- **The theme for this year's International Forest Day is "Forests and innovation: new solutions for a better world".**
- The purpose of this event is to create awareness among visitors about plants and their importance in our lives.



➤ **What type of business will PB Pay Private Limited engage in?**

- A) Insurance aggregation
- B) Lending services
- C) Payment aggregation
- D) Real estate transactions
- E) E-commerce

Answer

C) Payment aggregation



Explanation

- **The online insurance aggregator, PB Fintech, which runs insurance and lending product aggregator Policybazaar, has received approval from the board to establish a fully owned subsidiary to carry on the payment aggregator business.**
- **PB Pay Private Limited will continue to operate as a payment aggregator for both domestic and cross-border markets, subject to Reserve Bank of India approval, by providing merchants with offline and/or digital payment acceptance infrastructure, or both.**
- **The planned business will have a paid-up share capital of Rs 27 Crore.**



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who was unanimously elected as the president of FIEO, replacing A Sakthivel?**

- A) Ashwani Kumar
- B) A Sakthivel
- C) Focal Point Industries Association
- D) Effluent Treatment Society
- E) Integrated Association of SMEs

Answer

A) Ashwani Kumar



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Ashwani Kumar was elected as president of The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)**
- **He has replaced A Sakthivel.**
- Besides serving as the Regional Chairman (Northern Region) of the organisation, Kumar has also represented various forums of Jalandhar including its Focal Point Industries Association, Effluent Treatment Society, Management Association, Badminton Association, and Integrated Association of SMEs.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

FIEO:

HQ: New Delhi

President: Ashwani Kumar

Director General and CEO: Ajay Sahai



➤ **What were the main areas of cooperation discussed during the first '2+2' defence and foreign ministerial dialogue between India and Brazil?**

- A) Space exploration and agriculture
- B) Energy, critical minerals, technology, and counter-terrorism
- C) Healthcare and education
- D) Tourism and cultural exchange
- E) Environmental conservation and trade policies



Answer

B) Energy, critical minerals, technology, and counter-terrorism



Explanation

- **India and Brazil explored ways to expand cooperation in areas of energy, critical minerals, technology and counter-terrorism at their first '2+2' defence and foreign ministerial dialogue.**
- **The dialogue took place in Delhi.**
- It was co-chaired by additional secretary in the external affairs ministry G V Srinivas and joint secretary in the defence ministry Vishwesh Negi.
- The Brazilian delegation was led by Director at Brazilian foreign ministry Marcelo Camara and Rear Admiral Fernando de Luca Marques de Oliviera.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

Brazil:

Capital: Brazilia

President: Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva



➤ **What is the name of the operation initiated by India to evacuate its nationals from Haiti?**

- A) Operation Haiti Rescue
- B) Operation Indravati
- C) Operation Caribbean Relief
- D) Operation Santo Domingo Evacuation
- E) Operation Ariel Henry Support



Answer
B) Operation Indravati



Explanation

- **India has started Operation Indravati to evacuate its nationals from Haiti to the Dominican Republic.**
- **The move comes days after India was looking at evacuating up to 90 of its nationals from Haiti in view of the deteriorating security situation in the Caribbean nation.**
- **Various gangs have launched coordinated attacks on key installations in Haiti in an attempt to force the resignation of the country's embattled Prime Minister Ariel Henry.**
- **India doesn't have an embassy in Haiti and the situation in the country is being monitored by the Indian mission at Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic.**



➤ **What is the significance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi being the recipient of the Order of the Druk Gyalpo?**

- A) He is the first Indian Prime Minister to receive it
- B) He is the youngest recipient of the award
- C) He received it for his contributions to global peace
- D) He was awarded for his environmental initiatives
- E) He received it for his contribution to science and technology



Answer

A) He is the first Indian Prime Minister to receive it



Explanation

- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was conferred the Order of the Druk Gyalpo, Bhutan's highest civilian decoration, by His Majesty the King of Bhutan in a public ceremony at the Tendrelthang, Thimphu.**
- **Prime Minister Modi is the first foreign leader to be given this prestigious award.**
- **His Majesty the King of Bhutan had announced the conferment of the award during Bhutan's 114th National Day celebrations held at the Tashichhodzong, Thimphu in December 2021.**



Explanation

- **The award recognizes Prime Minister Modi's contribution to strengthening India-Bhutan friendship and his people centric leadership.**
- The citation added that the award also honours India's rise as a global power under his leadership, and celebrates Bhutan's special bond with India.



Titbits

Bhutan:

Capital: Thimphu

Currency: Ngultrum

Prime Minister: Tshering Tobgay



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ **What was the name of the winged vehicle used in the RLV LEX-02 experiment?**

- A) Falcon
- B) Eagle
- C) Pushpak
- D) Voyager
- E) Phoenix

Answer
C) Pushpak



Explanation

- **ISRO has achieved a major milestone in the area of reusable launch vehicle technology through the RLV LEX-02 landing experiment.**
- **This is the second of the series conducted at Aeronautical Test Range, Chitradurga, in Karnataka.**
- **RLV-LEX-02 demonstrated the autonomous landing capability of the reusable launch vehicle (RLV) from off-nominal initial conditions at release from a helicopter.**
- **The winged vehicle, called Pushpak, was lifted by an Indian Air Force Chinook helicopter and was released from 4.5 km altitude.**



Explanation

- After release at a distance of 4 km from the runway, Pushpak autonomously approached the runway along with cross-range corrections.
- It landed precisely on the runway and came to a halt using its brake parachute, landing gear brakes and nose wheel steering system.
- **The mission was accomplished by Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) along with the Liquid Propulsion System Centre (LPSC) and the ISRO Inertial Systems Unit (IISU).**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Titbits

ISRO:

Founded: 15 August 1969

HQ: Bengaluru

Chairman: Sreedhara Somnath



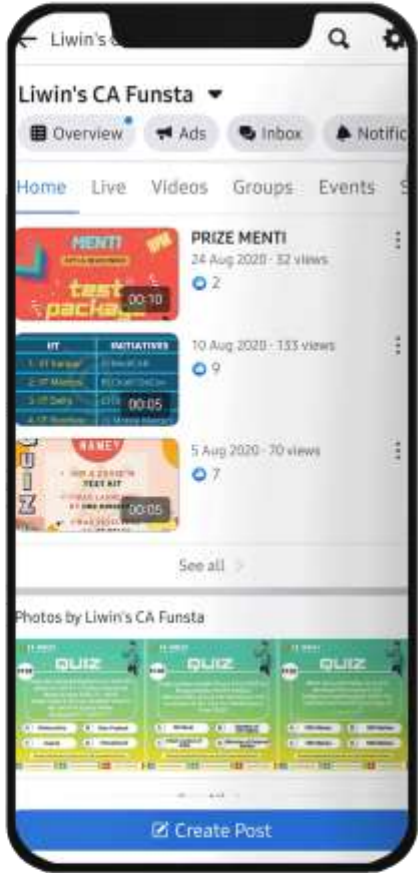
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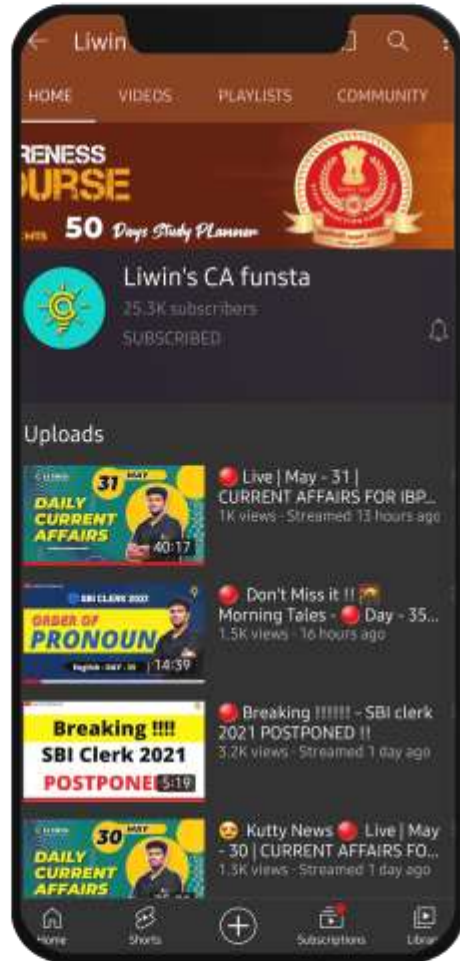
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- **Exporters body FIEO unanimously elects Ashwani Kumar as new President**
- **India, Brazil hold first '2+2' defence ministerial dialogue on tech, energy**
- **Operation 'Indravati' begins to evacuate Indians from Haiti to Dominican Republic: Jaishankar**
- **Prime Minister conferred with the Order of the Druk Gyalpo**
- **ISRO's Pushpak lands successfully; India's first Reusable Launch Vehicle**



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