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Important Days



➤ **What is the theme of World Art Day 2024?**

- A) Art for Peace and Expression
- B) Colors of the Earth
- C) A Garden of Expression: Cultivating Community Through Art
- D) Art in Education: Building Creative Minds
- E) Celebrating Artistic Diversity



Answer

C) A Garden of Expression: Cultivating Community Through Art



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Art Day 2024
- **Location:** Global



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of World Art Day:** To promote the development, enjoyment, and distribution of art worldwide, highlighting its contribution to society and sustainable development.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Art Day (WAD):** Initiated during the 40th session of UNESCO's General Conference in 2019, World Art Day is an annual celebration intended to promote the arts and encourage wider participation in arts education and appreciation.
- **Theme 'A Garden of Expression':** Focuses on using art to build and enrich community connections, reflecting the belief in the transformative power of art to cultivate understanding and collaboration among diverse groups.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **UNESCO:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1945
 - **Director-General:** Audrey Azoulay
 - **Headquarters:** Paris, France



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	World Art Day 2024
Location	Global
Date	15 April 2024
Significance	Promotes art's role in education and cultural diversity
Theme	A Garden of Expression: Cultivating Community Through Art
Historical Reference	Established to honor Leonardo da Vinci, symbolizing art's universal appeal
Key Fact	Initiated by International Association of Art (IAA) in 2012



Important Days



➤ **Why is April 13 celebrated as International Turban Day?**

- A) It is the birthday of Guru Nanak Dev.
- B) It marks the establishment of the Khalsa Panth by Guru Gobind Singh.
- C) It is the day the Turban Day Act was passed in Manitoba, Canada.
- D) It is a traditional Sikh holiday unrelated to specific historical events.
- E) It coincides with the Sikh New Year.



Answer

B) It marks the establishment of the Khalsa Panth by Guru Gobind Singh.



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Turban Day
- **Location:** International



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of International Turban Day:** To honor Sikh heritage and values, promote religious harmony, and acknowledge the cultural significance of the turban in Sikhism.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Khalsa Panth:** The brotherhood of the Sikh community, founded by Guru Gobind Singh on April 13, 1699, to uphold Sikh values and defend religious freedoms.
- **Dastar:** The Punjabi term for the turban, symbolizing honor and responsibility in Sikh culture.
- **Dastar Bandi:** A ceremony marking a young Sikh boy's readiness to wear the turban and embrace his religious and cultural duties.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **Guru Gobind Singh:**
 - **Born:** December 22, 1666
 - **Died:** October 7, 1708
 - **Significance:** The tenth and last of the Sikh Gurus in human form, known for founding the Khalsa Panth.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	International Turban Day
Date	April 13, annually
Significance	Celebrates Sikh heritage, promotes religious harmony
Historical Context	Marks the establishment of the Khalsa Panth by Guru Gobind Singh in 1699
Cultural Significance	The turban symbolizes honor, nobility, and Sikh identity
Key Act	Turban Day Act passed in Manitoba, Canada in 2022



➤ How many times has Rashmi Kumari won the national women's carrom title?

- A) 4 times
- B) 8 times
- C) 12 times
- D) 10 times
- E) 6 times

Answer
C) 12 times



SPORTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 51st National Carrom Championship
- **Location:** Organized by the Madhya Pradesh Carrom Association



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the Event:** To determine the national champions in men's and women's carrom, promoting the sport and providing a competitive platform for top players from across India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **White Slam:** In carrom, a white slam refers to a player pocketing all their carrom men (white or black) in a single turn before the queen has been covered.
- **Chief Manager at ONGC:** A senior managerial role at Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, indicating Rashmi Kumari's professional status outside of her sports career.



Static GK Information:

- **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1956
 - **CEO/MD/Chairman:** Rajesh Kumar Srivastava
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	51st National Carrom Championship
Location	Organized by the Madhya Pradesh Carrom Association
Significance	Rashmi Kumari's record 12th national women's singles title
Sponsor	Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB) and SYNCO
Participants	237 men and 174 women from 12 institutions and 27 states
Men's Winner	K Srinivas
Women's Winner	Rashmi Kumari



OBITUARY



➤ **What significant contributions did Jack Clarke make during his tenure as Cricket Australia Chairman?**

- A) He started the Women's Big Bash League
- B) He launched the Big Bash League
- C) He introduced pink ball cricket in Test matches
- D) He established the Women's National Cricket League
- E) He restructured the Australian domestic cricket system



Answer

B) He launched the Big Bash League



OBITUARY



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Passing of former Cricket Australia chairman, Jack Clarke.
- **Location:** Adelaide, Australia



OBITUARY



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Clarke's Tenure:** To modernize and enhance Australian cricket through innovative initiatives like the Big Bash League and the implementation of the Argus review.



OBITUARY



Important Terms Explained:

- **Big Bash League (BBL):** A professional Twenty20 cricket league in Australia, which was one of the major initiatives launched during Jack Clarke's tenure to boost the sport's popularity and reach.
- **Argus Review:** A comprehensive review commissioned by Jack Clarke following Australia's defeat in the 2010-11 home Ashes series, aimed at improving the structures around player development and performance in Australian cricket.



OBITUARY



Static GK Information:

- **Cricket Australia:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1905 (as Australian Board of Control for International Cricket)
 - **CEO/MD/Chairman:** Current chairman is Mike Baird
 - **Headquarters:** Melbourne, Victoria, Australia



OBITUARY



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Passing of Jack Clarke, former Cricket Australia chairman
Location	Adelaide, Australia
Significance	Clarke's leadership and initiatives notably shaped modern Australian cricket
Tenure as Chairman	1999-2011
Key Initiatives	Launch of the Big Bash League, Commissioning of the Argus Review
Roles Beyond CA	ICC delegate, SACA director, Honorary Life Member of SACA in 2012



RANKING



➤ Which airport was ranked as the 10th busiest airport globally in the ACI 2023 ranking?

- A) Tokyo Haneda Airport
- B) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- C) Dubai International Airport
- D) Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
- E) Dallas Fort Worth International Airport



Answer

B) Indira Gandhi International Airport



RANKING

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of the annual global airport rankings by Airports Council International (ACI) for the year 2023.
- **Location:** Global



RANKING

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of ACI Ranking:** To track and report the traffic volumes at airports worldwide, providing insights into the recovery and growth of the civil aviation industry post-pandemic.



RANKING

Important Terms Explained:

- **ACI World (Airports Council International World):** A non-profit organization that represents the world's airports. ACI World issues annual rankings based on passenger traffic.
- **Passenger Traffic Recovery:** Refers to the resurgence in the number of passengers traveling via air, nearing pre-pandemic levels. In 2023, the global passenger traffic recovered to 93.8% of the pre-pandemic (2019) levels.



RANKING

Static GK Information:

- **Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport:**
 - **Country Name:** USA
 - **Founded Year:** 1926
 - **CEO/MD/Chairman:** Balram Bheodari
 - **Headquarters:** Atlanta, Georgia, USA



RANKING

Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Release of ACI 2023 global airport rankings
Significance	Highlights the recovery of the aviation sector post-pandemic
Top Airport	Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
2 nd and 3 rd Position	Dubai International Airport, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport
Remarkable Jump	Tokyo Haneda from 16 th (2022) to 5 th (2023)
Delhi Airport's Rank	10 th , previously 9 th in 2022
Total Forecasted Passengers for 2023	8.5 billion
Recovery Percentage	93.8% from 2019 levels



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been appointed as the new Joint Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)?

- A) Anurag Kumar
- B) Rajesh Kumar
- C) Suresh Singh
- D) Amit Shah
- E) Anil Sinha

Answer

A) Anurag Kumar



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Anurag Kumar as Joint Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- **Location:** India



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Appointment:** To enhance leadership within the CBI and leverage Anurag Kumar's expertise from his previous role in the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D).



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Joint Director of CBI:** A senior position within the CBI, responsible for overseeing various aspects of the bureau's operations, part of the executive leadership.
- **Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D):** A body under the Indian Ministry of Home Affairs aimed at research and development in policing and internal security.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1963
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Appointment of Anurag Kumar as Joint Director of CBI
Location	India
Date of Appointment	Effective until February 24, 2027
Previous Role	Officer in Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)
Cadre	2004 batch, Indian Police Service, Assam-Meghalaya cadre



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the new Secretary of the Department of Posts?**

- A) Vineet Pandey
- B) Vandita Kaul
- C) Rajesh Kumar
- D) Anurag Singh
- E) Amitabh Kant

Answer

B) Vandita Kaul



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Vandita Kaul as Secretary of the Department of Posts.
- **Location:** India



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the Appointment:** To provide leadership and direction in enhancing the services and operations of the Department of Posts, leveraging Vandita Kaul's extensive experience in banking and direct benefit transfers.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Secretary of the Department of Posts:** A senior government position responsible for overseeing the administrative functions of the postal services in India.
- **Postal Services Board:** The executive body of the Department of Posts which handles the direction and management of postal services in India.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Department of Posts:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1854
 - **Headquarters:** Dak Bhawan, New Delhi, India



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Appointment of Vandita Kaul as Secretary of the Department of Posts
Location	India
Predecessor	IPOS Vineet Pandey
Current Role	Member (Banking & Direct Benefit Transfer), Postal Services Board
Previous Roles	Additional Secretary in the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance



➤ **What is the total number of ambulances and school buses India has gifted to Nepal as of the latest donation?**

- A) 1,009 ambulances and 300 school buses
- B) 974 ambulances and 234 school buses
- C) 35 ambulances and 66 school buses
- D) 1,044 ambulances and 366 school buses
- E) 65 ambulances and 132 school buses

Answer

A) 1,009 ambulances and 300 school buses



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Donation of ambulances and school buses to Nepal by India.
- **Location:** Nepal



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Donation:** To support Nepal in strengthening its health and education sectors and to enhance bilateral relations between India and Nepal.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bilateral Relations:** Relationships between two countries in terms of political, economic, or cultural exchanges aimed at benefiting both nations.



Static GK Information:

- **India:**
 - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR)
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
- **Nepal:**
 - **Currency:** Nepalese Rupee (NPR)
 - **Capital:** Kathmandu
 - **Prime Minister:** Pushpa Kamal Dahal



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Donation of ambulances and school buses to Nepal
Location	Nepal
Chief Guest	Finance Minister Barshaman Pun
Significance	Enhances healthcare and education infrastructure in Nepal
Total Donations	1,009 ambulances and 300 school buses since 1994
Latest Donation	35 ambulances and 66 school buses
Special Mention	Two ambulances delivered in earthquake-affected areas



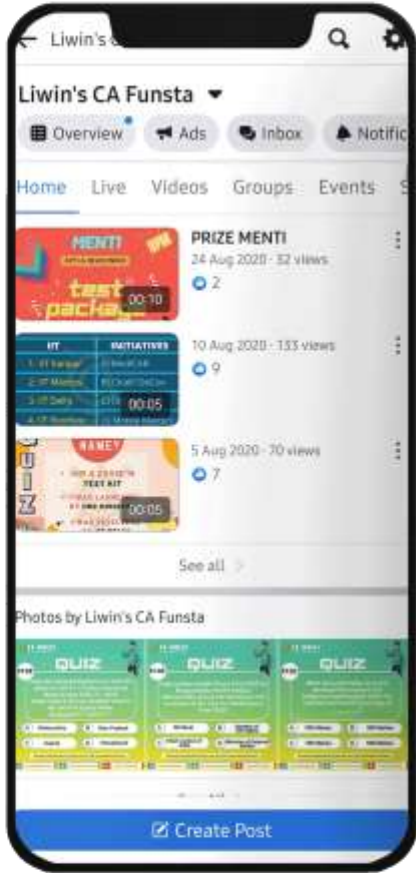
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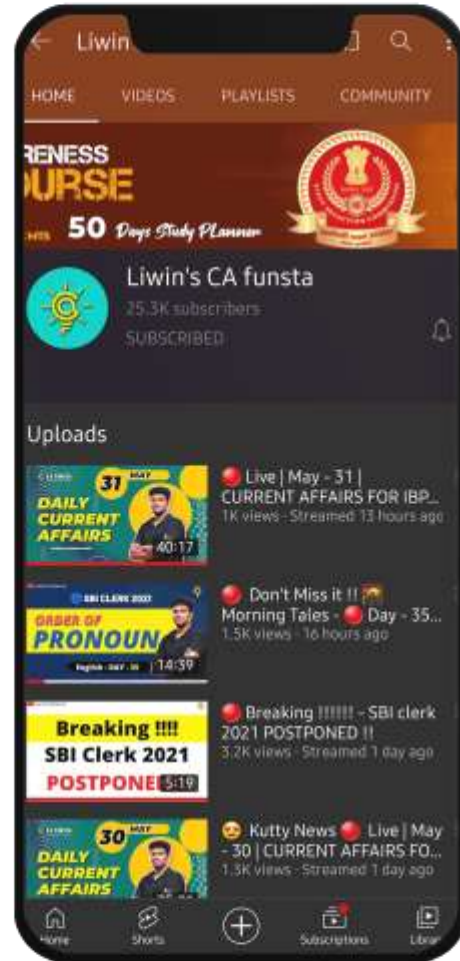
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- **International Turban Day is observed on April 13th to honour the rich cultural and religious significance of the turban in Sikhism.**
- **Rashmi Kumari won 12 times the national women's carrom title.**
- **Former Cricket Australia chair Jack Clarke has passed away in Adelaide aged 70.**
- **Indira Gandhi International Airport was ranked as the 10th busiest airport globally in the ACI 2023 ranking.**
- **Anurag Kumar has been appointed as the new Joint Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation.**
- **Vandita Kaul has been appointed as the new Secretary of the Department of Posts.**
- **India gifts 35 ambulances, 66 school buses to organisations in Nepal.**



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