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Important Days



- **What is the purpose of National Civil Service Day as observed in India?**
- A. To celebrate India's independence
 - B. To acknowledge the contributions of the military forces
 - C. To honor the contributions of civil servants
 - D. To commemorate the founding of the civil service
 - E. To remember the leaders of India

Answer

C. To honor the contributions of civil servants



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** National Civil Service Day is observed to honor the achievements and contributions of civil servants in India.
- **Location:** The official celebration often occurs at Vigyan Bhavan.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- The day is meant to **recognize and appreciate** the hard work and dedication of civil servants who are essential in administering public services and ensuring the welfare of the citizens.
- It serves as a reminder of their continuous efforts to enhance living standards and ensure a good life for the people.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Civil Servants:** Employees of the government who are not part of the legislative, judiciary, or military sectors. They perform public duties including administration, development programs, and public service delivery.
- **Vigyan Bhavan:** A premier convention center in New Delhi, India, often used for major governmental and public events.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	National Civil Service Day
Date Observed	April 21 each year
Location	Typically observed at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi
Chief Guest	Often prominent national leaders or government officials
Significance	To honor and acknowledge the contributions and efforts of civil servants
Historical Note	First proposed by Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel in 1947
First Celebration	April 21, 2006, at Vigyan Bhavan



Important Days



➤ What is the theme for World Earth Day in 2024?

- A. Clean Water for All
- B. Renewable Energy Now
- C. Planet vs Plastics
- D. Urban Green Spaces
- E. Sustainable Agriculture

Answer

C. Planet vs Plastics



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Earth Day 2024
- **Location:** Celebrated globally



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of World Earth Day 2024:** To raise awareness and promote actions aimed at reducing plastic pollution as part of broader environmental conservation efforts.
- **Theme of 2024:** 'Planet vs Plastics' focuses on a commitment to drastically reduce plastic production by 2040 to improve human and planetary health.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Earth Day:** An annual event dedicated to environmental protection, observed on April 22 since its inception in 1970.
- **Circular Economy:** An economic system aimed at minimizing waste and making the most of resources. This contrasts with a traditional linear economy, which has a 'take, make, dispose' model of production.
- **NCPE (No Deforestation, No Peat, No Exploitation) Policy:** A commitment by businesses to sustainability by ensuring their supply chains do not contribute to deforestation, peatland destruction, or exploitation.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **First Earth Day:** 1970
- **Founder:** Gaylord Nelson and Denis Hayes
- **Significant Outcome:** Mobilized 20 million people in the U.S. during the first event, leading to annual global observance.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	World Earth Day 2024
Date Observed	April 22, 2024
Global Theme	Planet vs Plastics
Significance	Aims to reduce the production of all plastics by 60% by 2040
Historical Background	Initiated in 1970 following environmental concerns from a large oil spill
Founder	Gaylord Nelson, a US Senator, and Denis Hayes, a student activist
First Observed	April 22, 1970, across the United States
International Expansion	1990, becoming a global event with activities in numerous countries



➤ Who won the Shanghai Grand Prix, finishing 13.7 seconds ahead of the second-place driver?

- A. Lando Norris
- B. Sergio Perez
- C. Max Verstappen
- D. Charles Leclerc
- E. Lewis Hamilton

Answer

C. Max Verstappen



SPORTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Shanghai Grand Prix
- **Location:** Shanghai, China



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the Race:** To compete in a Formula 1 race, showcasing speed, strategy, and team coordination.
- **Verstappen's Performance:** Dominated the race, maintaining a significant lead and showcasing superior vehicle handling and speed.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Pole Position:** The position at the front of the starting grid, awarded to the driver who achieves the fastest time in qualifying rounds.
- **Safety Car:** A car used in motorsports to lead the race at reduced speed to allow marshals to clear hazards safely.



Static GK Information:

- **Formula 1:** The highest class of international auto racing for single-seater formula racing cars sanctioned by the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA).
- **Red Bull Racing:** Max Verstappen's team, known for their competitive performance in Formula 1.



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Shanghai Grand Prix
Winner	Max Verstappen
Second Place	Lando Norris
Team of Winner	Red Bull Racing
Lead Time	13.7 seconds ahead of the second-place driver
Notable Incidents	Safety car deployment due to Valtteri Bottas' engine blowout and other incidents
Next Race	Miami Grand Prix on May 5
Seasonal Performance	Verstappen won four of the five races this season



➤ **Who became the youngest ever challenger for the world chess title by winning the Candidates Chess Tournament?**

- A. Hikaru Nakamura
- B. Ian Nepomniachtchi
- C. D Gukesh
- D. Fabio Caruana
- E. Ding Liren

Answer
C. D Gukesh



Event and Location:

- **Event:** D Gukesh winning the Candidates Chess Tournament to become the youngest challenger for the world chess title.
- **Location:** The specific city is not mentioned, but the event likely took place at a major international venue given its significance.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the Event:** The Candidates Chess Tournament determines who will challenge the reigning world chess champion. D Gukesh's win at this event sets him up as the challenger for the world title, previously held by Garry Kasparov's record when he qualified at the age of 22.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Candidates Chess Tournament:** A high-level chess competition that decides who will challenge the reigning world chess champion.
- **Grandmaster:** The highest title a chess player can attain. Gukesh became the third youngest to earn this title at the age of 12.



Static GK Information:

- **Current World Champion:** Ding Liren of China, whom Gukesh will challenge in the upcoming championship match.
- **Chess Grandmasters Mentioned:** Viswanathan Anand, a five-time world champion and the only other Indian to win the Candidates Tournament, previously won in 2014.



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	D Gukesh wins the Candidates Chess Tournament
Significance	Gukesh becomes the youngest ever challenger for the world chess title
Previous Record Holder	Garry Kasparov, who qualified to challenge for the title at age 22
Opponent in Final Round	Hikaru Nakamura
Final Score	Gukesh finished with 9 points out of a possible 14
Prize	Gukesh won a cash award of 88,500 Euros
Next Event	World championship match against Ding Liren, dates and venue TBD



➤ **What new identity has Aegon Life Insurance adopted following its takeover by Bandhan Financial Holdings?**

- A. Bandhan Life
- B. Bharat Life
- C. Aegon Bandhan Life
- D. Bharat Bandhan Life
- E. Bandhan Insurance

Answer

A. Bandhan Life



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Rebranding of Aegon Life Insurance to Bandhan Life.
- **Location:** The company announcement did not specify a location, but it involves corporate changes at the headquarters level.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Rebranding:** To align with the new ownership under Bandhan Financial Holdings and to emphasize a renewed focus on digital innovation and expansive service delivery across India.
- **Growth Strategy:** Recruitment of 1,000 new employees to support an aggressive expansion plan and improve service excellence.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bandhan Financial Holdings:** The new parent company of Bandhan Life, which has taken over Aegon Life Insurance, emphasizing a strong backing and financial support.
- **Tagline 'Bharat Ki Udaan, Bandhan Se':** Translates to "India's Flight, With Bandhan," symbolizing support and empowerment of Indian citizens' aspirations through insurance solutions.



Static GK Information:

- **CEO/MD:** Satishwar B. (Managing Director and CEO of Bandhan Life)
- **Industry:** Insurance
- **Company's New Direction:** Focusing on becoming a leading multi-channel insurance company with an expansion in all relevant product categories.



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Rebranding of Aegon Life Insurance to Bandhan Life
New Name	Bandhan Life
Parent Company	Bandhan Financial Holdings
Growth Strategy	Recruitment of 1,000 new employees as part of expansion
CEO/MD Comments	Satishwar B. highlighted the vision and new chapter under Bandhan Life
Tagline and Symbolism	'Bharat Ki Udaan, Bandhan Se' with a logo of a growing bud
Future Vision	Transform into a leading multi-channel insurance company



- **What recent approval did fintech firm Cred receive from the Reserve Bank of India?**
- A. Final approval for Payment Aggregator role
 - B. In-principle approval for Payment Aggregator role
 - C. License for operating a new digital bank
 - D. Authorization for international transactions
 - E. Approval for acquiring another fintech company



CRED

Answer

B. In-principle approval for Payment Aggregator role



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Cred received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as a payment aggregator.
- **Location:** Cred is based in Bengaluru, India.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the Approval:** To allow Cred to facilitate and transfer funds between customers and merchants, enhancing its service offerings in the fintech sector.
- **Next Steps:** Cred is expected to receive the final authorization or license within six to twelve months, during which it can continue operations under the current in-principle approval.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Payment Aggregator (PA):** A service provider that acts as an intermediary in payment transactions, collecting payments from customers on behalf of merchants.
- **In-principle Approval:** An initial approval that allows the company to continue its business operations while awaiting final authorization from the regulatory body.



Static GK Information:

CRED

- **CEO/Founder:** Kunal Shah
- **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, India
- **Industry:** Fintech
- **Key Services:** Credit card bill payments, e-commerce platform, vehicle management, travel packages, and wealth management.



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Cred receives in-principle approval to operate as a Payment Aggregator from the RBI
Location	Bengaluru, India
CEO/Founder	Kunal Shah
Market Presence	Fourth-largest market share on UPI, over 15 million active customers
Financial Performance FY23	Revenue of ₹1,400 Crore; Losses of ₹1,347 Crore
Strategic Acquisitions	Kuvera, a wealth management service provider
Future Expectations	Awaiting final authorization within six to twelve months



➤ **What significant step has Airtel Payments Bank taken to align with India's One Nation, One Card vision?**

- A. Launched a series of credit cards
- B. Introduced a new mobile banking app
- C. Launched eco-friendly NCMC enabled debit and pre-paid cards
- D. Expanded their ATM network nationwide
- E. Started a new digital loan service



Answer

C. Launched eco-friendly NCMC enabled debit and pre-paid cards



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of eco-friendly NCMC enabled debit and pre-paid cards by Airtel Payments Bank.
- **Location:** The announcement does not specify a city, but it concerns Airtel Payments Bank's operations across India.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the Launch:** To support India's vision of a unified payment solution ("One Nation, One Card") and promote environmental sustainability through the use of eco-friendly materials.
- **Benefits:** These cards facilitate seamless, secure, and contactless payments across various services like metro, buses, and parking, enhancing user convenience and reducing environmental impact.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NCMC (National Common Mobility Card):** A card system promoted by the Indian government enabling payments across different transportation media and retail purchases, intended to ensure compatibility and convenience for all user segments.
- **E-PVC:** Environmentally-friendly PVC, used here to manufacture debit and pre-paid cards, emphasizing sustainability.



Static GK Information:

- **Bank Name:** Airtel Payments Bank
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
- **Chief Operating Officer:** Ganesh Ananthanarayanan
- **Key Partnership:** National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- **Industry:** Banking and Financial Services



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Launch of NCMC enabled eco-friendly debit and pre-paid cards
Location	Across India, specific city not mentioned
Objective	To align with India's One Nation, One Card vision and promote environmental sustainability
Product Details	NCMC enabled, made from recycled e-PVC, can be used for transit and retail payments
COO of Airtel Payments Bank	Ganesh Ananthanarayanan
COO of NPCI Comment	Praveena Rai, emphasized the partnership's impact on transit payment ecosystems
Availability	Debit cards via Airtel Thanks App, banking points, and metro stations; pre-paid cards soon on various platforms



- **What funding strategy has HDFC Bank planned to implement as approved by its board?**
- A. To raise Rs 60,000 crore through public equity issuance
 - B. To raise Rs 60,000 crore through various debt instruments
 - C. To sell off non-core business assets to raise funds
 - D. To secure a loan from international banks
 - E. To invest Rs 60,000 crore into new technological ventures



Answer

B. To raise Rs 60,000 crore through various debt instruments



Event and Location:

- **Event:** HDFC Bank's board approval for fund raising.
- **Location:** The board meeting took place at the bank's headquarters, though the specific location is not mentioned in the provided information.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Fund Raising:** To secure funding through the issuance of various debt instruments such as Long-Term Bonds (for financing infrastructure and affordable housing), Perpetual Debt Instruments (part of Additional Tier I capital), and Tier II Capital Bonds. This funding is aimed at enhancing the bank's financial base for future growth and expansion.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** The fund-raising plan is subject to the approval of shareholders and necessary regulatory approvals, ensuring adherence to corporate governance and regulatory standards.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Debt Instruments:** Financial instruments that define a financial obligation that one party has to another. HDFC Bank plans to use these instruments to raise capital, typically involving the repayment of principal and interest.
- **Perpetual Debt Instruments:** A type of debt instrument with no maturity date, often used by banks to raise Additional Tier 1 capital to meet Basel III requirements.



Static GK Information:

- **Bank Name:** HDFC Bank
- **Founded Year:** 1994
- **CEO/MD:** Sashidhar Jagdishan.
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	HDFC Bank's board approval for fund raising through debt instruments
Amount	Rs 60,000 crore
Funding Instruments	Long-Term Bonds, Perpetual Debt Instruments, and Tier II Capital Bonds
Objective	To finance infrastructure, housing, and strengthen capital base
Regulatory Requirements	Subject to shareholder and regulatory approvals
Recent Financial Performance	Net profit of Rs 16,511 crore for Jan-Mar quarter of 2023-24
Global Standing	HDFC Bank is among the top 50 banks by assets in the Asia-Pacific region



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been appointed as the Director-General of the National Security Guard (NSG)?

- A. Sapna Tewari
- B. Daljit Singh Chawdhary
- C. Nalin Prabhat
- D. AN Pramod
- E. Both A and B

Answer
C. Nalin Prabhat



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of the Director-General of the National Security Guard (NSG).
- **Location:** The appointment order was issued by the Personnel Ministry of India.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Appointment:** To lead and manage the operations of NSG, a critical counter-terrorism force in India. Nalin Prabhat's appointment aims to utilize his extensive experience in law enforcement to enhance NSG's capabilities.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Security Guard (NSG):** An Indian special forces unit under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), primarily used for counter-terrorism purposes as well as VIP protection.
- **Director-General (D-G):** The highest-ranking officer in the NSG, responsible for the overall administration and operation of the force.
- **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC):** A committee responsible for making appointments to top positions in the Government of India.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

NSG

- **Founded Year of NSG:** 1984
- **CEO/MD/Chairman:** Nalin Prabhat (as the newly appointed D-G)
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Appointment of the Director-General of the National Security Guard (NSG)
Location	Personnel Ministry, Government of India
New Director-General	Nalin Prabhat
Previous Charge	Held by Daljit Singh Chawdhary (additional charge)
Significance	Leadership change in a critical counter-terrorism force in India
Term of Appointment	Until August 31, 2028



APPOINTMENTS



➤ What is one of the top priorities for Ajith Kumar K.K. as the incoming CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank?

- A. To reduce non-performing assets
- B. To focus on retail banking exclusively
- C. To raise capital
- D. To expand internationally
- E. To implement new technology in banking operations

Answer
C. To raise capital



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Ajith Kumar K.K. as the CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank.
- **Location:** Dhanlaxmi Bank, based in Thrissur, India.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Objective:** Raising capital to improve the bank's financial stability and meet regulatory requirements.
- **Challenges:** Kumar inherits a history of high executive turnover and the need to stabilize the bank's financial position.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR):** A measure of a bank's available capital expressed as a percentage of its credit exposures. Regulated by banking standards to ensure banks can absorb a reasonable amount of loss.
- **Rights Issue:** A way by which a company raises additional capital by offering more shares to existing shareholders at a discounted price on a proportional basis.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Bank Name:** Dhanlaxmi Bank
- **Founded Year:** 1927
- **CEO/MD:** Ajith Kumar K.K.
- **Headquarters:** Thrissur, Kerala, India



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Appointment of Ajith Kumar K.K. as CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank
Location	Thrissur, Kerala, India
Predecessor	JK Shivan
Main Objective	Raising capital to ensure financial stability and compliance with RBI mandates
Financial Health	Capital Adequacy at 12.37%, with a minimum required of 11.5%
Strategic Moves	Rights issue approved to raise Rs 300 crore
Performance Indicators	Gross NPA improved to 4.81%, Net NPA to 1.27%, Cost-to-income ratio at 77.67%



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of Intel's newly formed India region?**

- A. Hans Chuang
- B. Santhosh Viswanathan
- C. Chuang Hans
- D. Abhishek Pandey
- E. Irina Ghose



Answer
B. Santhosh Viswanathan



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Santhosh Viswanathan as the Managing Director for Intel's India region.
- **Location:** Intel's announcement regarding the India region, part of its strategic focus within the Sales, Marketing, and Communications Group.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the Appointment:** To leverage Viswanathan's extensive experience within Intel to drive value, customer-centricity, and capitalize on business opportunities in the rapidly growing Indian market.
- **Strategic Importance:** The formation of a separate India region underlines Intel's commitment to addressing specific market needs and maximizing the potential in one of the world's fastest-growing technology markets.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **SMG (Sales, Marketing, and Communications Group):** A segment within Intel responsible for the company's sales operations, marketing strategies, and communication activities globally.
- **MD (Managing Director):** A role that involves significant responsibility over the company's operations, strategy, and overall business success in a designated region.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Company:** Intel Corporation
- **Industry:** Semiconductor and Microprocessor Manufacturing
- **Headquarters:** Santa Clara, California, USA



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Appointment of Santhosh Viswanathan as MD of Intel's India region
New Role	Vice President and Managing Director, India region
Experience at Intel	21 years
Objective	To drive value and customer-centricity, capitalize on local opportunities
Related Appointment	Hans Chuang as GM of SMG Asia Pacific and Japan
Location of Hans Chuang	Taiwan, responsible for APJ region



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the new chairman of HDFC Life Insurance following Deepak Parekh's resignation?**

- A. VK Viswanathan
- B. Prasad Chandran
- C. Keki M Mistry
- D. Venkatraman Srinivasan
- E. Renu Sud Karnad

Answer
C. Keki M Mistry



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Keki M Mistry as the new chairman of HDFC Life Insurance.
- **Location:** The announcement was made through a company exchange filing.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Appointment:** To fill the leadership role vacated by Deepak S Parekh, ensuring continuity in HDFC Life Insurance's strategic and operational leadership.
- **Regulatory Approval:** The appointment is subject to the approval of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA).



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Non-Executive Director:** A board member without management responsibilities in the day-to-day running of the company. Keki Mistry held this position prior to becoming chairman.
- **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA):** The national agency responsible for regulating and licensing the insurance and reinsurance industries in India.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Company:** HDFC Life Insurance
- **Industry:** Insurance
- **Previous Role of Keki Mistry:** Vice Chairman & CEO of HDFC Limited



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Appointment of Keki M Mistry as chairman of HDFC Life Insurance
Location	HDFC Life Insurance, India
Predecessor	Deepak S Parekh
New Chairman	Keki M Mistry
Regulatory Approval	Pending approval from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
Professional Background	Chartered Accountant, previous Vice Chairman & CEO of HDFC Limited
Additional Roles	Non-Executive Director on the Board of HDFC Bank Limited



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who was recently appointed as the CEO of Tata Power Delhi Distribution?**

- A. Gajanan Sampatrao Kale
- B. TP Western Odisha
- C. Tata Power Ajmer Distribution
- D. BHEL Bhopal
- E. Central Railway Nagpur Division

Answer

A. Gajanan Sampatrao Kale



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The appointment of Gajanan Sampatrao Kale as the CEO of Tata Power Delhi Distribution.
- **Location:** Tata Power Delhi Distribution, which operates in North Delhi, India.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Appointment:** To continue the company's legacy of technological advancements and excellence in the power distribution sector, driving growth, fostering innovation, and delivering value to customers and stakeholders.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **CEO (Chief Executive Officer):** The highest-ranking executive in a company, responsible for making major corporate decisions, managing the overall operations and resources of a company.
- **Discom:** Short for Distribution Company, involved in the post-production of electricity distribution.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Company:** Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (Tata Power-DDL)
- **Industry:** Power Distribution
- **Area Served:** North Delhi, serving a populace of seven million



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Appointment of Gajanan Sampatrao Kale as CEO of Tata Power Delhi Distribution
Effective Date	April 19, 2024
Previous Roles	CEO of TP Western Odisha Distribution, CEO of Tata Power Ajmer Distribution
Company Background	Tata Power-DDL distributes electricity in North Delhi, serving seven million people
Professional Background	Began career at BHEL in Bhopal, held positions at Central Railway Nagpur Division, Delhi Vidyut Board/Tata Power-DDL
Objectives as CEO	Drive growth, foster innovation, and enhance customer and stakeholder value



AWARDS



➤ **What award did Deepika Soreng win at the Hockey India 6th Annual Awards 2023?**

- A. Best Goalkeeper of the Year
- B. Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year
- C. Best Forward of the Year
- D. Player of the Year
- E. Most Valuable Player of the Tournament



Answer

B. Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Deepika Soreng receiving the Hockey India Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year.
- **Location:** The award was given during the Hockey India 6th Annual Awards 2023 in New Delhi, India.



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the Award:** To recognize and motivate young talents in Indian hockey. The award acknowledges Deepika Soreng's outstanding performances and her potential as a future star in the sport.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Hockey India Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year:** Named after Asunta Lakra, a former captain of the Indian Women's Hockey Team, this award honors emerging players who show significant promise and performance.
- **FIH Women's Hockey5s World Cup:** An international tournament organized by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) featuring a shorter and faster variant of field hockey, known as Hockey5s.



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

Sports Authority of India

- **SAI Centre Location:** Bangalore, India
- **Function:** A training facility used by various Indian sports teams, including hockey, for national and international preparation.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Hockey India 6th Annual Awards 2023
Location	New Delhi, India
Award Received	Asunta Lakra Award for Upcoming Player of the Year
Achievements	Gold medal in Women's Junior Asia Cup, Silver in FIH Women's Hockey5s World Cup, Named Young Player of the Tournament
Role in Team	Forward, Key Player
Future Training	Part of the 33-member National Women's Team Core group at the SAI Centre, Bangalore
Personal Development	Working closely with senior players and coaches, aiming to join the Indian Senior Women's Hockey Team



AWARDS



➤ **Which significant honor was recently awarded to Professor Kaushik Rajashekara?**

- A. Nobel Prize in Physics
- B. International Fellow of the Engineering Academy of Japan
- C. Lifetime Achievement Award in Engineering
- D. IEEE Medal of Honor
- E. Global Energy Prize



Answer

B. International Fellow of the Engineering Academy of Japan



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Professor Kaushik Rajashekara being elected as an International Fellow of the Engineering Academy of Japan.
- **Location:** University of Houston, Houston, Texas.



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the Honor:** To recognize Professor Rajashekara's outstanding contributions to power conversion, electrification of transportation, and his efforts toward energy efficiency and environmental security.
- **Significance of the Election:** This international fellowship highlights the global impact and recognition of his scientific and technical developments in the energy sector.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Engineering Academy of Japan:** An esteemed institution that recognizes outstanding achievements in engineering, often honoring individuals whose work has significantly advanced their field internationally.
- **PEMSEC (Power Electronics, Microgrids and Subsea Electrical Systems Centre):** A research center at the University of Houston directed by Rajashekara, focusing on critical areas of power engineering.



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

- **Professional Background:** Former lead propulsion system engineer for GM's IMPACT electric vehicle and chief technologist at Rolls-Royce Corporation.
- **Awards:** Received the Global Energy Prize in 2022, one of the most prestigious awards in the field of energy.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Election of Kaushik Rajashekara as an International Fellow of the Engineering Academy of Japan
Location	University of Houston, Houston, Texas
Recognition For	Contributions to power conversion, transportation electrification, energy efficiency, and environmental security
Number of Fellows	Less than 10 from the US among 800 fellows and 15 international fellows
Career Highlights	Work with General Motors and Rolls-Royce, seminars in Japan, directing PEMSEC
Other Major Award	Global Energy Prize in 2022
Future Vision	Belief in the potential of flying cars as the next significant technological advancement



AWARDS



- **Which award was Pavuluri Subba Rao recently honored with for his contributions to astronautics in India?**
- A. Padma Bhushan
 - B. Bharat Ratna
 - C. Aryabhata Award
 - D. Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize
 - E. Vikram Sarabhai Award

Answer
C. Aryabhata Award



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Pavuluri Subba Rao receiving the Aryabhata Award.
- **Location:** The specific location of the award ceremony is not mentioned, but Rao's company, Ananth Technologies, is based in Hyderabad, India.



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the Award:** To recognize and honor significant contributions to the field of astronautics in India.
- **Significance of Rao's Contributions:** His work includes designing and developing advanced avionics for ISRO and the Defence sector, impacting numerous space missions.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Aryabhata Award:** An honor bestowed by the Aeronautical Society of India (ASI) to individuals for their outstanding lifetime achievements in astronautics.
- **Avionics:** Electronic systems used on spacecraft, artificial satellites, and aircraft.



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

- **Company:** Ananth Technologies Limited
- **Founded Year:** 1992
- **Founder:** Pavuluri Subba Rao
- **Industry:** Aerospace and Defence
- **Headquarters:** Hyderabad, India



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Pavuluri Subba Rao awarded the Aryabhata Award
Awarding Body	Aeronautical Society of India (ASI)
Recognition For	Lifetime contribution to astronautics in India
Professional Background	Former ISRO scientist, Founder of Ananth Technologies
Company Impact	Supplied components to 98 satellites and 78 launch vehicles
Location of Company	Hyderabad, India
Additional Honors	ASI's 'Distinguished Fellow' title



AWARDS



➤ Which high-ranking Indian official was among the recipients of the Padma awards in 2024?

- A. M Venkaiah Naidu
- B. Jagdeep Dhankhar
- C. Narendra Modi
- D. Amit Shah
- E. S Jaishankar

Answer

A. M Venkaiah Naidu



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Padma awards 2024 ceremony.
- **Location:** Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the Awards:** To recognize and honor exceptional and distinguished service across various fields such as arts, social work, public affairs, and more.
- **Significance:** These awards signify national recognition of contributions to various sectors that impact the nation and its people.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Padma Vibhushan:** The second-highest civilian award in India, given for exceptional and distinguished service.
- **Padma Bhushan:** The third-highest civilian award in India, awarded for distinguished service of high order.
- **Padma Shri:** The fourth-highest civilian award in India, conferred for distinguished service in any field.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Padma awards 2024 ceremony
Location	Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
Prominent Recipients	M Venkaiah Naidu, Mithun Chakraborty, Ram Naik, among others
Types of Awards	Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri
Total Awards Announced	132 awards including two duo cases
Attendees	Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, PM Narendra Modi, others



➤ **What is the main purpose of the Indian Navy's 'Poorvi Leher' exercise conducted along the East Coast?**

- A. To celebrate the Indian Navy's founding day
- B. To conduct a ceremonial parade of ships
- C. To test its operational readiness and maritime security capabilities
- D. To initiate new recruits into maritime operations
- E. To promote tourism along the East Coast



Answer

C. To test its operational readiness and maritime security capabilities



DEFENCE



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 'Poorvi Leher' mega exercise conducted by the Indian Navy.
- **Location:** Along the East Coast of India.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the Exercise:** To validate the Navy's procedures and assess its preparedness in meeting maritime security challenges, emphasizing operational readiness and interoperability with other services.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Operational Readiness:** The state of being ready and able to perform military operations effectively.
- **Interoperability:** The ability of different military forces to conduct joint operations with coordination and cooperation.
- **Maritime Domain Awareness:** The effective understanding of anything associated with the maritime environment that could impact the security, safety, economy, or environment.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Navy:** The naval branch of the Indian Armed Forces responsible for securing the nation's maritime borders.
- **Eastern Naval Command:** One of the three major formations of the Indian Navy. It operates from Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	'Poorvi Leher' mega exercise
Location	East Coast of India
Purpose	To test operational readiness and assess maritime security capabilities
Activities Involved	Ships, submarines, aircraft, special naval forces, live-fire drills
Interoperability Test	With the Indian Air Force, Andaman and Nicobar Command, and Coast Guard
Outcome	Enhanced readiness and reinforced commitment to maritime security



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



- **What is the primary focus of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) of India and the Ministry of Civil Service of Cambodia?**
- A. To enhance trade relations between India and Cambodia
 - B. To cooperate in the field of Human Resource Development in Civil Service
 - C. To increase tourism between the two countries
 - D. To collaborate on environmental conservation efforts
 - E. To establish a free trade agreement

Answer

B. To cooperate in the field of Human Resource Development in Civil Service



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India's DARPG and Cambodia's Ministry of Civil Service.
- **Location:** Phnom Penh, Cambodia.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the MoU:** To foster cooperation in the field of Human Resource Development in Civil Service, aimed at enhancing administrative capabilities through exchanges and capacity building.
- **Duration:** The MoU spans the next five years, emphasizing long-term collaboration.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Human Resource Development in Civil Service:** Focuses on improving the skills, competencies, and abilities of civil servants through various training and developmental initiatives.
- **Amrit Kaal Period:** A term used by the Indian government, referring to a pivotal phase aiming at major developmental milestones as India approaches its 100th year of independence.



Static GK Information:

- **DARPG:** Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Administration, and Pensions, India.
- **Ministry of Civil Service, Cambodia:** Government body responsible for managing and developing human resources for Cambodia's civil service.



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	MoU signing between DARPG of India and Ministry of Civil Service of Cambodia
Date of Event	22 April 2024
Location	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Signatories	Hun Many for Cambodia, Devyani Khobragade for India
Objective	To cooperate in Human Resource Development in Civil Service
Activities Included	Exchange visits, webinars, research publications, institutional exchanges, capacity building programs
Focus	Strengthening bilateral exchanges, adoption of administrative reforms
Impact on Governance	Supports India's policy maxim of "Maximum Governance – Minimum Government"



- **What is the primary focus of the Animation Crash Course & VFX Pipeline workshop at the 18th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF)?**
- A. To celebrate the history of Indian cinema
 - B. To provide networking opportunities for filmmakers
 - C. To train participants in animation and VFX techniques
 - D. To showcase award-winning films
 - E. To discuss the financial aspects of filmmaking

Answer

C. To train participants in animation and VFX techniques

The logo for NFDC (National Film Development Corporation), featuring the letters "NFDC" in large, bold, red font, with a horizontal line underneath, and the text "cinemas of india" in a smaller, black, lowercase font below the line.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Animation Crash Course & VFX Pipeline workshop at the 18th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF).
- **Location:** NFDC, 24 Dr. Gopalrao Deshmukh Marg, Mumbai 400026.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the Workshop:** To provide intensive training in animation and VFX, equipping participants with practical skills and industry knowledge to enhance their careers in the animation sector.
- **Duration of the Program:** Five days, from June 16th to June 20th.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Important Terms Explained:

- **Animation:** The technique of photographing successive drawings, models, or even puppets, to create an illusion of movement in a sequence.
- **VFX (Visual Effects):** Processes by which imagery is created or manipulated outside the context of a live-action shot in film making.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Static GK Information:

- **NFDC:** National Film Development Corporation, a central agency established to encourage high-quality Indian cinema.
- **MIFF:** Mumbai International Film Festival, organized by NFDC under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, focusing on documentaries, short films, and animation.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Animation Crash Course & VFX Pipeline workshop
Date	June 16th - June 20th, 2024
Location	NFDC, Mumbai
Purpose	To train participants in modern animation and VFX techniques
Target Audience	Aspiring animators, no prior animation experience necessary
Capacity	Limited to 20 participants
Fee	₹10,000/-, includes access to Blender software
Industry Relevance	Reflects the growing demand and opportunities in the Indian animation sector
Certification	Participants will receive a certificate from NFDC



QUICK RECALL



- **National Civil Service Day is celebrated annually on April 21st in India.**
- **World Earth Day is celebrated annually on 22 April.**
- **Verstappen wins Chinese Grand Prix to increase F1 championship lead.**
- **D Gukesh: The youngest challenger for Chess World Title.**
- **Aegon Life Insurance gets new identity, will now be called 'Bandhan Life'.**
- **Cred receives in-principle approval from RBI for payment aggregator business.**
- **Airtel Payments Bank Launches Interoperable Eco-friendly NCMC Enabled Debit and Pre-paid Cards.**
- **HDFC Bank approves Rs 60,000 crore fund raise via debt instruments.**
- **Nalin Prabhat appointed as D-G of National Security Guard. Dhanlaxmi Bank gets RBI approval for Ajith Kumar KK as MD and CEO.**
- **Intel announces Santhosh Viswanathan as India region head.**



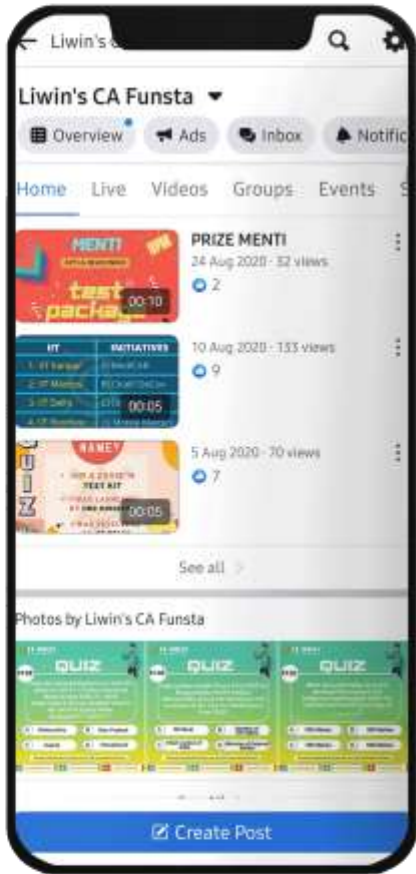
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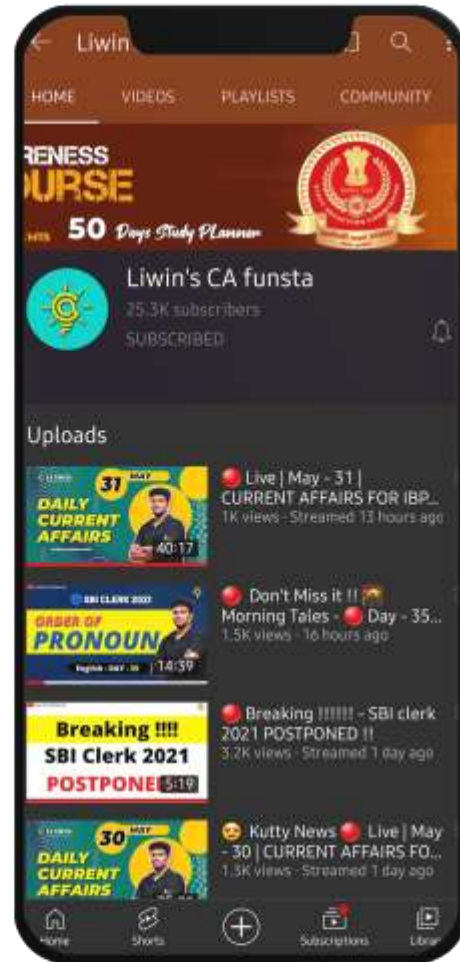
- **Banker Deepak S Parekh resigns as HDFC Life Chairman, succeeded by Keki Mistry.**
- **Tata Power Delhi Distribution appoints Gajanan Kale as its CEO.**
- **Hardik Singh and Salima Tete win Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of The Year 2023.**
- **Kaushik Rajashekara Honored with International Fellowship by the Engineering Academy of Japan.**
- **Pavuluri Subba Rao Honoured with Aryabhata Award for Astronautics Contribution.**
- **Venkaiah Naidu, Mithun Chakraborty, Usha Uthup conferred with Padma awards.**
- **Indian Navy Conducts 'Poorvi Leher' Mega Exercise to Test Maritime Preparedness.**
- **DARPG signs MoU with Cambodia on cooperation in the field of HR Development in Civil Service.**
- **NFDC announces animation workshop at Mumbai International Film Festival.**



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