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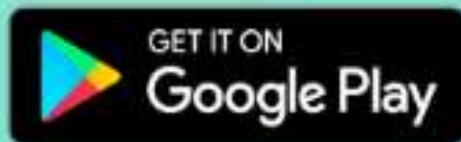
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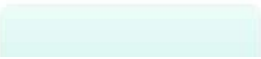
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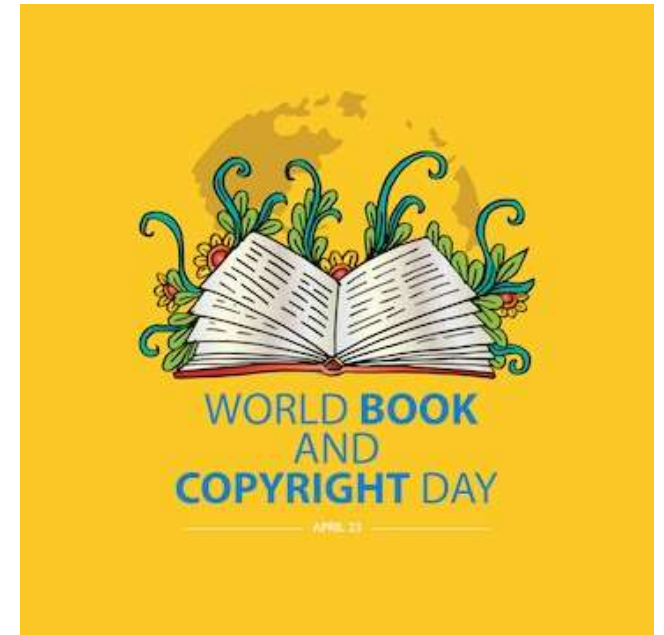
Important Days



➤ **What is the theme for World Book and Copyright Day in 2024?**

- A) Explore New Worlds
- B) Books Unite Us
- C) Read Your Way
- D) Reading is Power
- E) Discover the World Through Books

Answer
C) Read Your Way



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Book and Copyright Day 2024
- **Location:** Celebrated globally, with Strasbourg being the World Book Capital for the year.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- The day promotes reading, publishing, and the protection of intellectual property through copyright laws.
- UNESCO organizes this event to encourage reading habits among all age groups and backgrounds, emphasizing the role of books in fostering cultural diversity and creativity.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Book and Copyright Day:** An international celebration organized by UNESCO to promote the joy of books and the rights of their authors.
- **UNESCO World Book Capital:** Each year, UNESCO selects a city to be the World Book Capital, which then hosts activities to promote books and reading. For 2024, this city is Strasbourg.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

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



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
World Book and Copyright Day	Global	April 23, 2024	Promotes reading and copyright, highlighting Strasbourg as the World Book Capital
Theme: "Read Your Way"	-	-	Encourages diverse reading habits and appreciation for literary works



SPORTS



➤ **Which tennis player won the Barcelona Open over the weekend?**

- A) Novak Djokovic
- B) Rafael Nadal
- C) Casper Ruud
- D) Stefanos Tsitsipas
- E) Roger Federer

Answer

C) Casper Ruud



SPORTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Casper Ruud won the Barcelona Open.
- **Location:** Barcelona, Spain.



Mandates and Objectives:

- The victory at the Barcelona Open represents a significant achievement for Casper Ruud, marking his first title in a tournament ranked at the 500 level on the ATP Tour.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Barcelona Open:** A prestigious ATP 500 level tennis tournament played on clay, held annually in Barcelona, Spain.
- **ATP 500:** Tournaments classified under this category award 500 ranking points to the winner, positioned below the Grand Slams and ATP Masters 1000 in terms of prestige and points.



Static GK Information:

- **Casper Ruud**
 - **Nationality:** Norwegian
 - **Career Highlights:** Three-time Grand Slam runner-up, 11 ATP Tour titles including one ATP 500 title.
- **Stefanos Tsitsipas**
 - **Nationality:** Greek
 - **Ranking:** World No. 7



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
Barcelona Open Tennis Tournament	Barcelona, Spain	Last weekend	Casper Ruud wins his first ATP 500 tournament, defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas



➤ Which companies have recently partnered to facilitate financing for solar rooftop installations?

- A) Tata Power and HDFC Bank
- B) Tata Power and Indian Bank
- C) Reliance Power and State Bank of India
- D) Adani Power and ICICI Bank
- E) Mahindra Renewables and Axis Bank

Answer

B) Tata Power and Indian Bank



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Partnership announcement between Tata Power Solar Systems Limited (TPSSL) and Indian Bank for financing solar rooftop installations.
- **Location:** The announcement is applicable across India, although specific locations for the installations were not mentioned.



Mandates and Objectives:

- The collaboration aims to promote the adoption of solar rooftop systems in residential areas, facilitated through financing under government schemes.
- This partnership is expected to make solar energy more accessible to homeowners by providing financial support.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tata Power Solar Systems Limited (TPSSL):** A subsidiary of Tata Power focused on solar energy solutions, including manufacturing of solar modules and providing EPC services for solar projects.
- **Indian Bank:** A major Indian state-owned financial services company providing a range of banking and financial services.



Static GK Information:

- **Tata Power**
 - **Founded Year:** 1911
 - **CEO/MD/Chairman:** Praveer Sinha
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
- **Indian Bank**
 - **Founded Year:** 1907
 - **CEO/MD/Chairman:** Shanti Lal Jain
 - **Headquarters:** Chennai, India



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Significance
Tata Power and Indian Bank Partnership	Across India	Facilitates financing for solar rooftop installations, promoting renewable energy adoption in residences



➤ **What is the new payment product launched by BharatPe?**

- A) BharatPe Max
- B) BharatPe One
- C) BharatPe Pay
- D) BharatPe POS
- E) BharatPe Quick

Answer

B) BharatPe One



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of BharatPe One, an all-in-one payment device by BharatPe.
- **Location:** The product launch will cover approximately 100 cities in the first phase, expanding to around 450 cities in the next six months, across India.



Mandates and Objectives:

- The BharatPe One device is designed to enhance the efficiency of payment processes for offline merchants by integrating multiple payment functionalities into a single device.
- This product aims to cater to the varied needs of small and medium businesses by providing a cost-effective, comprehensive payment solution.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BharatPe One:** A payment device that combines POS, QR code scanner, and a speaker, equipped with features like a high-definition touchscreen, 4G/Wi-Fi connectivity, and powered by Android.
- **POS (Point of Sale):** A system used by merchants to manage transactions, accept payments through various methods, and record sales.



Static GK Information:

- **BharatPe**
 - **Founded Year:** 2018
 - **CEO:** Nalin Negi
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Significance
Launch of BharatPe One	India, 100 cities initially	Introduction of an integrated payment device aimed at enhancing transaction efficiency for merchants



DEFENCE



➤ **As of 2023, what position does India hold in global military spending?**

- A) First
- B) Second
- C) Third
- D) Fourth
- E) Fifth

Answer
D) Fourth



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India was ranked as the world's fourth-largest military spender in 2023.
- **Location:** The ranking pertains to global standings, with specific reference to the report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri).



Mandates and Objectives:

- India's increased military spending is part of a strategic initiative to modernize and enhance its defense capabilities, especially in light of ongoing border tensions with China.
- The modernization includes investments in various military technologies such as fighter jets, helicopters, warships, and unmanned capabilities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri):** An independent international institute dedicated to research into conflict, armaments, arms control, and disarmament.
- **Ladakh Standoff:** Refers to the ongoing military standoff between India and China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh that began in May 2020.



DEFENCE



Top 10 countries with highest military spending in 2023:

1. United States: \$916 billion
2. China: \$296 billion (estimated)
3. Russia: \$109 billion (estimated)
4. India: \$83.6 billion
5. Saudi Arabia: \$75.8 billion (estimated)
6. United Kingdom: \$74.9 billion
7. Germany: \$66.8 billion
8. Ukraine: \$64.8 billion
9. France: \$61.3 billion



Static GK Information:

- **India**
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR)



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
India's Military Spending Rank	Global	2023	India ranked fourth in global military expenditure, reflecting strategic enhancements in defense capabilities.
Military Expenditure	-	-	\$83.6 billion spent on modernizing India's defense systems



➤ **Which officials met in New Delhi to discuss combating transnational illegal activities at sea and promoting regional cooperation?**

- A) Indian Navy and Royal Navy
- B) Indian Coast Guard and Royal Oman Police Coast Guard
- C) Indian Maritime Force and Pakistan Maritime Security Agency
- D) Indian Ocean Naval Symposium members
- E) ASEAN Maritime Task Force and Indian Coast Guard



Answer

B) Indian Coast Guard and Royal Oman Police Coast Guard



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The 5th Annual High-Level Meeting between the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Royal Oman Police Coast Guard (ROPCG).
- **Location:** New Delhi, India.



Mandates and Objectives:

- The meeting's objective is to enhance cooperation in combating transnational illegal activities at sea and to strengthen regional maritime safety and security.
- Key focus areas included capacity building, cross ships' visits, implementation of the Sea Rider programme, and establishing linkages between pollution reporting centers.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Coast Guard (ICG):** A maritime law enforcement and search and rescue agency of India.
- **Royal Oman Police Coast Guard (ROP CG):** Responsible for maintaining Oman's maritime law and order, including preventing transnational maritime crime.
- **Sea Rider Programme:** A bilateral initiative aimed at enhancing the operational capability through joint activities and knowledge exchange.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Coast Guard**
 - **Founded Year:** 1978
 - **Director General:** Rakesh Pal
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
- **Royal Oman Police Coast Guard**
 - **Assistant Officer Commanding:** Colonel Abdul Aziz Mohammed Ali Al Jabri



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
5th Annual High-Level Meeting ICG & ROPCG	New Delhi, India	April 23, 2024	Discussions on combating illegal activities at sea and enhancing regional maritime cooperation



➤ Which organizations have recently partnered to undertake biomedical research for the Armed Forces?

- A) DRDO and AIIMS
- B) IIT and NIT
- C) AFMS and ICMR
- D) CSIR and ISRO
- E) NIMHANS and Indian Navy

Answer

C) AFMS and ICMR



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).



Mandates and Objectives:

- The MoU facilitates collaborative research and training in biomedical research and academics to solve health issues relevant to the Armed Forces, such as high altitude health problems, battle-related trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder, aerospace medicine, and infectious diseases.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS):** A unified medical services branch of the Indian Armed Forces, which provides medical services to all personnel and their families.
- **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR):** The apex body in India for the formulation, coordination, and promotion of biomedical research.
- **ICMR-AcSIR PhD Programme:** A doctoral program under the Academy of Scientific & Innovative Research (AcSIR), offering PhD opportunities in collaboration with ICMR.



Static GK Information:

- **AFMS**
 - **Founded Year:** 1943
 - **Director General:** Lt Gen Daljit Singh
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
- **ICMR**
 - **Founded Year:** 1911
 - **Director General:** Dr. Rajiv Bahl
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
MoU Signing between AFMS & ICMR	India	April 23, 2024	Enhances cooperation in biomedical research to address health issues specific to Armed Forces personnel



➤ Which institution has recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with French Starburst Aerospace to advance aerospace, defence, and homeland security innovation?

- A) Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar
- B) National Defence Academy
- C) Rashtriya Raksha University
- D) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- E) National Institute of Advanced Studies



Answer

C) Rashtriya Raksha University



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) and Starburst Aerospace.
- **Location:** Gandhinagar, India.



Mandates and Objectives:

- The MoU aims to foster innovation and advancements in aerospace, defence, and homeland security through the creation of a venture capital fund and export promotion support for Indian startups.
- This collaboration reflects the strengthening of the India-France Strategic Partnership in defence and space sectors.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU):** An educational institution in Gandhinagar, India, focused on national security, defence, policing, and allied fields.
- **Starburst Aerospace:** A French company that supports the aerospace and defence industries through its accelerator programme, helping startups scale their businesses.
- **Venture Capital Fund:** A fund created to invest in early-stage companies in the aerospace, defence, and security technology sectors.



Static GK Information:

- **Rashtriya Raksha University**
 - **Founded Year:** 2010
 - **Vice-Chancellor:** Bimal Patel
 - **Location:** Gandhinagar, India
- **Starburst Aerospace**
 - **Founded Year:** 2012
 - **CEO & FOUNDER:** Francois Chopard
 - **Headquarters:** France



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Significance
MoU Signing between RRU and Starburst Aerospace	Gandhinagar, India	Advances in aerospace, defence, and homeland security innovation through strategic India-France partnership



- Which organizations have partnered to provide vocational training to tribal and underprivileged youth across India?
- A) UNICEF and WHO
 - B) NSDC and ISKCON
 - C) UNESCO and Gates Foundation
 - D) Tata Trusts and Reliance Foundation
 - E) NITI Aayog and UNDP

Answer
B) NSDC and ISKCON



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Partnership between the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) for vocational training.
- **Location:** Initial focus on Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh, India.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Mandates and Objectives:

- The partnership aims to provide vocational training and industry-recognized certifications to tribal and marginalized youth to enhance their employability.
- It also includes setting up ECO villages and training centers to support local economies and provide skill development opportunities.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Important Terms Explained:

- **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC):** A not-for-profit public limited company in India aimed at promoting skill development by catalyzing the creation of large, quality, for-profit vocational institutions.
- **International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON):** A worldwide confederation of devotees of Krishna, known for promoting spiritual education and culture.
- **Skill India Digital Hub:** A platform under the Skill India initiative that offers access to skill training resources and certifications.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Static GK Information:

- **NSDC**
 - **Founded Year:** 2008
 - **Chairman:** A.M. Naik,
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
- **ISKCON**
 - **Founded Year:** 1966
 - **Founder:** A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
 - **Headquarters:** Mayapur, West Bengal, India



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
NSDC-ISKCON Vocational Training Partnership	Multiple states in India	April 22, 2023	Empowers tribal and marginalized youth with vocational training and employment opportunities



➤ Which organizations have partnered to develop "Automated Service Management in Network of 5G and beyond Using AI"?

- A) DRDO and IIT Delhi
- B) C-DOT and IIT Jodhpur
- C) ISRO and IIT Bombay
- D) CSIR and IIT Kanpur
- E) NITI Aayog and IIT Madras

Answer

B) C-DOT and IIT Jodhpur



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Agreement signing between C-DOT and IIT Jodhpur for the development of automated service management in 5G and beyond networks using AI.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Mandates and Objectives:

- The partnership aims to create AI-driven solutions for network management, fault detection, and diagnostics in 5G and beyond networks.
- The project is supported by the Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) under the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Important Terms Explained:

- **C-DOT:** Centre for Development of Telematics, the premier telecom R&D institution of the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India.
- **IIT Jodhpur:** Indian Institute of Technology, Jodhpur, a leading technology institution in India.
- **O-RAN:** Open Radio Access Network, a framework for building next-generation RAN infrastructure.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Static GK Information:

- **C-DOT**
 - **Founded Year:** 1984
 - **Director:** Dr. Pankaj Kumar Dalela
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
- **IIT Jodhpur**
 - **Founded Year:** 2008
 - **Director:** Avinash Kumar Agarwal
 - **Location:** Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Tabular Summary:

Event	Significance
Agreement Signing between C-DOT & IIT Jodhpur	Partnership for advancing 5G and beyond network management using AI technologies



QUICK RECALL



- **World Book and Copyright Day, also known as World Book Day is observed on 23 April, every year.**
- **Barcelona Open: Tsitsipas overcomes Lajovic and faces Ruud in final.**
- **Tata Power and Indian Bank have recently partnered to facilitate financing for solar rooftop installations.**
- **BharatPe One is the new payment product launched by BharatPe.**
- **Pavuluri Subba Rao was recently awarded the Aryabhata Award for significant contributions to astronautics in India.**
- **India holds fourth position in global military spending.**
- **Indian Coast Guard and Royal Oman Police Coast Guard discussed combating transnational illegal activities at sea and promoting regional cooperation.**
- **AFMS and ICMR have recently partnered to undertake biomedical research for the Armed Forces.**



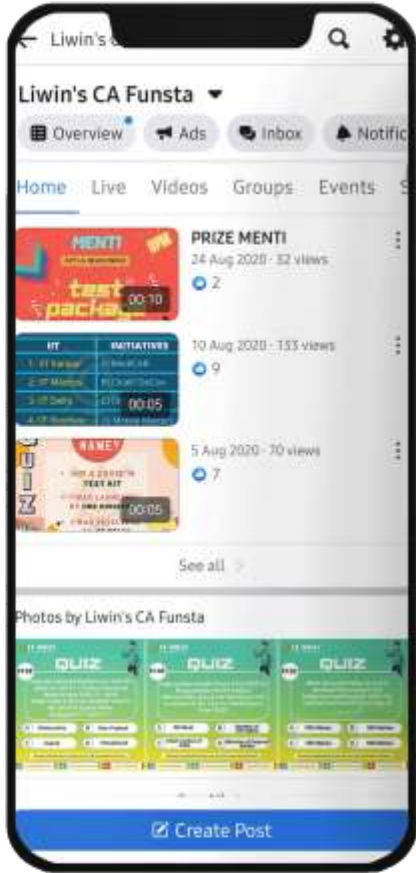
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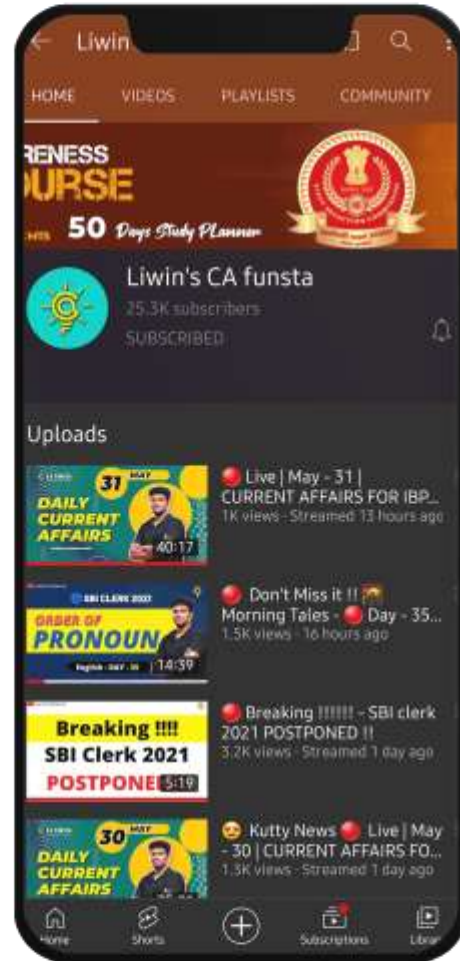
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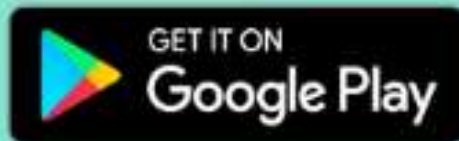
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