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Important Days



➤ **What is the theme for World Immunization Week 2024?**

- A) Human Health First
- B) Global Vaccine Awareness
- C) Vaccines Save Lives
- D) Humanly Possible: Saving lives through immunization
- E) Immunization for a Healthy Future



Answer

D) Humanly Possible: Saving lives through immunization



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Immunization Week 2024
- **Location:** Global



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To promote the usage of vaccines and protect people of all ages from infectious diseases.
- **Objectives:** To aid governments in launching effective immunization programs and to educate the public on the importance and safety of vaccinations.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Health Organization (WHO):** An international body responsible for public health initiatives globally. They coordinate World Immunization Week.
- **Vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs):** Diseases caused by viruses or bacteria that can be prevented through vaccination, such as polio, diphtheria, tetanus, and COVID-19.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **World Health Organization (WHO):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1948
 - **CEO/MD/Chairman:** Tedros Adhanom (Director-General)
 - **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Theme	Significance
World Immunization Week	Global	24th - 30th April 2024	Humanly Possible: Saving lives through immunization	Emphasizes the role of immunization in preventing infectious diseases and saving lives, especially among children.



Important Days



➤ **What is the theme for World Malaria Day 2024?**

- A) United to End Malaria
- B) Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world
- C) Malaria Prevention for All
- D) Eliminate Malaria, Save Lives
- E) Fight Malaria, Fight Poverty

Answer

B) Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world



Important Days



Event and Location:

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



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To raise awareness about malaria and promote measures to prevent the disease.
- **Objectives:** To emphasize the need for equitable access to malaria prevention, detection, and treatment services across the globe.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Health Organization (WHO):** The global health authority within the United Nations that coordinates international health activities and helps governments improve health services.
- **Malaria:** A life-threatening disease transmitted through the bites of infected mosquitoes, characterized by fever, chills, and flu-like illness.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **World Health Organization (WHO):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1948
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Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Theme	Significance
World Malaria Day	Global	25th April 2024	Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world	Focuses on reducing global disparities in malaria prevention and treatment, aligning with broader health rights initiatives.



Important Days



➤ **What is the main goal of observing International Girls in ICT Day?**

- A) To provide free technology training globally
- B) To promote gender equality and women's empowerment in the ICT sector
- C) To increase funding for tech startups
- D) To recognize women's contributions to technology historically
- E) To celebrate achievements in technology



Answer

B) To promote gender equality and women's empowerment in the ICT sector



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Girls in ICT Day 2024
- **Location:** Global



**International
Girls in ICT Day
2024**



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To promote participation of women and girls in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector.
- **Objectives:** To encourage girls and young women to acquire skills in ICT, thereby advancing gender equality in the tech industry and empowering them to pursue successful careers in STEM fields.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Information and Communication Technology (ICT):** Refers to technologies that provide access to information through telecommunications. This includes the internet, wireless networks, cell phones, and other communication mediums.
- **International Telecommunication Union (ITU):** A specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for issues concerning information and communication technologies.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **International Telecommunication Union (ITU):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1865
 - **Secretary-General:** Houlin Zhao
 - **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
International Girls in ICT Day	Global	25th April 2024	Aims to empower women and girls in the ICT sector and promote gender equality in STEM fields.



RANKING



➤ Which passport is ranked as the second cheapest to obtain in the world?

- A) Singapore Passport
- B) Canadian Passport
- C) Indian Passport
- D) British Passport
- E) Australian Passport

Answer

C) Indian Passport



RANKING

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Ranking of passport costs globally
- **Location:** International comparison



RANKING

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Providing affordable travel documents to citizens
- **Objectives:** To offer an economical means for Indian citizens to travel internationally, promoting global connectivity and opportunities.



RANKING

Important Terms Explained:

- **Visa-free travel:** Allows holders of a particular passport to enter various countries without needing to obtain a visa beforehand.
- **Cost per year of validity:** This refers to the average annual cost of maintaining a passport over its period of validity, highlighting its economic efficiency.



RANKING

Static GK Information:

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



RANKING

Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Significance
Indian Passport Ranked as Second Cheapest Globally	International	Highlights the economic accessibility of Indian passports, promoting international mobility for Indian citizens.



RANKING



➤ Which states in India are leading the clean energy transition according to a recent report?

- A) Karnataka and Gujarat
- B) Kerala and Punjab
- C) Jharkhand and Bihar
- D) Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal
- E) Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh



Answer

A) Karnataka and Gujarat



RANKING

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of a report on India's clean energy transition
- **Location:** India



RANKING

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To evaluate the progress of Indian states in transitioning to clean electricity.
- **Objectives:** To identify leading and lagging states in clean energy initiatives and recommend strategies to improve energy transition readiness and performance.



RANKING

Important Terms Explained:

- **Clean Energy Transition:** Refers to the shift from traditional energy sources like coal and oil to renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, and hydroelectric power.
- **Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA)** and **Ember:** Research organizations focusing on energy economics and clean energy transitions, respectively.



RANKING

Static GK Information:

- **Karnataka:**
 - **Capital:** Bengaluru
 - **Chief Minister:** Basavaraj Bommai
- **Gujarat:**
 - **Capital:** Gandhinagar
 - **Chief Minister:** Bhupendrabhai Patel



RANKING

Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Significance
Report on Clean Energy Transition	India	Highlights the leadership of Karnataka and Gujarat in adopting renewable energy and improving decarbonisation measures.



➤ What is the new minimum required Net Owned Fund (NOF) for ARCs to begin securitisation according to the latest RBI guidelines?

- A) Rs 100 crore
- B) Rs 200 crore
- C) Rs 300 crore
- D) Rs 500 crore
- E) Rs 1,000 crore

Answer

C) Rs 300 crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of RBI Master Guidelines for ARCs
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To strengthen the financial base of asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) by increasing the minimum Net Owned Fund (NOF).
- **Objectives:** To ensure that ARCs have sufficient financial stability to undertake securitization and asset reconstruction activities effectively.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs):** Financial institutions that acquire bad loans from banks and financial institutions to manage them and recover the funds.
- **Net Owned Fund (NOF):** The amount of adjusted net worth of an ARC, which includes paid-up equity capital and free reserves minus accumulated losses and other intangible assets.
- **Securitisation:** The process of pooling various types of debt – mortgages, car loans, or credit card debt – and selling them as bonds to investors, who receive periodic payments similar to the original loans.



Static GK Information:

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1935
 - **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	New Minimum NOF	Significance
RBI Releases Master Guidelines for ARC's	India	24th April 2024	Rs 300 crore	Raises financial standards for ARC's, enhancing stability and compliance in asset reconstruction and securitization activities.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **What is the duration of Amitabh Chaudhry's re-appointment as the CEO of Axis Bank?**

- A) From 2025 to 2028
- B) From 2025 to 2027
- C) From 2024 to 2027
- D) From 2024 to 2028
- E) From 2023 to 2026

Answer

B) From 2025 to 2027



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Re-appointment of Amitabh Chaudhry as MD & CEO of Axis Bank
- **Location:** India



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To continue leadership and management of the bank under Chaudhry's tenure.
- **Objectives:** To maintain and enhance the bank's operations and performance.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Managing Director & CEO:** The chief executive responsible for the operation and administration of an organization.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Axis Bank:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1993
 - **CEO/MD:** Amitabh Chaudhry
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
Re-appointment of Amitabh Chaudhry	India	January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027	Signifies continuity in leadership at Axis Bank.



➤ What is the capacity of the fuel cell that generates electricity in SJVN's new Green Hydrogen Pilot Project?

- A) 5 kW
- B) 10 kW
- C) 15 kW
- D) 20 kW
- E) 25 kW

Answer
E) 25 kW



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of India's first Multi-purpose Green Hydrogen Pilot Project
- **Location:** Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station (NJHPS), Jhakri, Himachal Pradesh



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To develop green hydrogen production infrastructure in the power sector.
- **Objectives:** To establish green hydrogen as a clean energy source and utilize it for both power generation and High Velocity Oxygen Fuel (HVOF) Coating.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Important Terms Explained:

- **Green Hydrogen:** Hydrogen fuel that is created through the electrolysis of water using renewable energy sources, resulting in zero carbon emissions.
- **High Velocity Oxygen Fuel (HVOF) Coating:** A thermal spray coating process used to improve or restore a component's surface properties or dimensions, thus extending equipment life by significantly increasing erosion and wear resistance and corrosion protection.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Static GK Information:

- **SJVN Limited:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1988
 - **CEO/MD/Chairman:** Smt. Geeta Kapur
 - **Headquarters:** Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, India



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
Inauguration of Green Hydrogen Pilot Project	Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station, Himachal Pradesh	April 24, 2024	Smt. Geeta Kapur, Chairperson and Managing Director	Marks the launch of India's first multi-purpose Green Hydrogen Pilot Project, integrating green hydrogen production for power and industrial use.



- **What is the purpose of the green loan secured by REC Limited?**
- A) To fund general corporate expenses
 - B) To finance eligible green projects that meet environmental standards
 - C) To cover operational costs of REC
 - D) To expand into non-energy sectors
 - E) To pay off existing debts

Answer

B) To finance eligible green projects that meet environmental standards



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Event and Location:

- **Event:** REC Limited securing a Green Loan
- **Location:** India



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Supporting sustainable development projects in the energy sector.
- **Objectives:** To utilize the loan for projects promoting renewable energy, green mobility, and energy efficiency, contributing to reduced carbon emissions.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Important Terms Explained:

- **Green Loan:** A loan earmarked for funding projects that have positive environmental impacts, such as renewable energy, energy efficiency improvements, and sustainable waste management.
- **SACE:** Italian Export Credit Agency that supports export and internationalization of Italian businesses. In this context, it guarantees 80% of the green loan to REC.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Static GK Information:

- **REC Limited:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1969
 - **CEO/MD/Chairman:** Shri Vivek Kumar Dewangan
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Chief Guest	Significance
REC Secures SACE-Covered Green Loan	India	Shri Vivek Kumar Dewangan	Marks a significant step in financing sustainable energy projects in India with international collaboration.



➤ **What international recognition did India's CPGRAMS system receive at the recent Commonwealth meeting?**

- A) Award for the best AI implementation
- B) Best practice in digital government transformation
- C) Recognition as a leading e-service provision
- D) Recognition as a best practice in governance
- E) Award for best cybersecurity measures



Answer

D) Recognition as a best practice in governance



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Commonwealth Secretaries of Public Service/Secretaries to Cabinet meeting
- **Location:** Marlborough House, London



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** Sharing knowledge and best practices in governance among Commonwealth countries.
- **Objectives:** To promote SMART government practices to enhance public service delivery.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Important Terms Explained:

- **CPGRAMS (Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System):** An Indian government initiative designed to address and monitor public grievances effectively.
- **SMART Government:** Systems that leverage technologies like AI to enhance efficiency and accountability in public administration.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Static GK Information:

- **Commonwealth Secretariat:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1965
 - **Secretary-General:** The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC
 - **Headquarters:** London, United Kingdom



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
Recognition of CPGRAMS at Commonwealth Meeting	Marlborough House, London	22nd - 24th April 2024	The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC, Commonwealth Secretary-General	CPGRAMS recognized as a governance best practice, showcasing India's leadership in digital government transformation.



➤ **What is the new motto of the Indian Historical Records Commission (IHRC)?**

- A) Preserving the Past, Enlightening the Future
- B) Where history is preserved for the future
- C) Keeping History Alive for Tomorrow
- D) Documenting Yesterday for Tomorrow
- E) Archiving the Past, Serving the Future



Answer

B) Where history is preserved for the future



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Adoption of a new logo and motto by the IHRC
- **Location:** India



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To advise the Government of India on archival matters and promote historical research.
- **Objectives:** To preserve, study, and make accessible India's historical records.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Logo Representation:** The logo includes lotus petals representing resilience and the Sarnath pillar symbolizing India's glorious past. The brown color theme emphasizes the mission of preserving history.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Static GK Information:

- **Indian Historical Records Commission (IHRC):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1919
 - **Head:** Union Minister of Culture
 - **Function:** Advisory body on archival matters in India



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
IHRC Adopts New Logo and Motto	India	2023	Reflects IHRC's commitment to preserving historical records for future generations.



➤ **What are the main benefits of the partnership between NABARD and RBIH regarding agri loans?**

- A) Increased loan amounts for farmers
- B) Speeding up the loan processing time
- C) Offering training to farmers on financial management
- D) Expanding the range of crops covered by loans
- E) Providing new farming equipment



Answer

B) Speeding up the loan processing time



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Partnership between Nabard and RBIH to streamline agri loans
- **Location:** India



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates:** To revolutionize digital agriculture lending in India.
- **Objectives:** To reduce the time for processing agricultural loans from weeks to minutes.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Kisan Credit Card (KCC):** A system in India that provides farmers with timely access to credit.
- **e-KCC:** Electronic version of the Kisan Credit Card, facilitating digital loan processing.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Static GK Information:

- **Nabard (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1982
 - **CEO/MD/Chairman:** Mr. Shaji K V
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Chief Guest	Significance
Nabard and RBIH Partnership for Agri Loans	India	Mr. Shaji K V, Mr. Rajesh Bansal	Streamlines the agri loan process, significantly reducing processing time for farmers' benefit.



QUICK RECALL



- **World Immunization Week is celebrated on 24th - 30th April 2024.**
- **World Malaria Day 2024 is observed across the world on April 25th, 2024.**
- **'International Girls in ICT Day' is observed on the fourth Thursday of April.**
- **Indian Passport is ranked as the second cheapest to obtain in the world.**
- **Karnataka and Gujarat are leading the clean energy transition according to a recent report.**
- **The new minimum required Net Owned Fund (NOF) for ARCs is Rs 300 crore.**



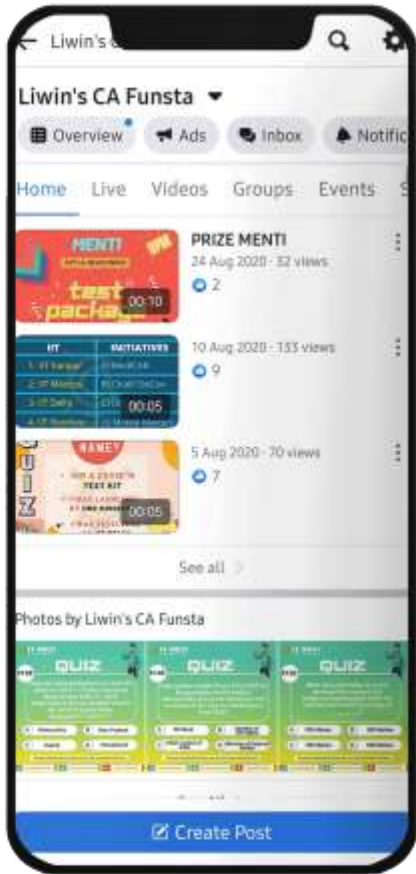
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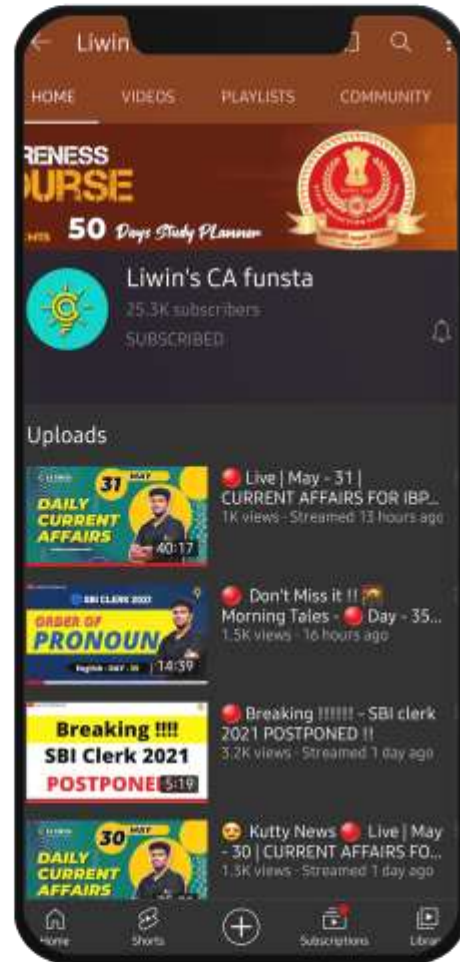
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- **SJVN sets milestone with Inauguration of First Multi-purpose Green Hydrogen Pilot Project of the Nation.**
- **REC Limited avails SACE-Covered Green Loan for ~ 60.5 Billion Japanese Yen.**
- **India's CPGRAMS recognized as a best practice in Commonwealth Secretaries.**
- **Indian Historical Records Commission (IHRC) Adopts a New Logo and Motto.**
- **NABARD, RBIH link up to ease agri loan access.**



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