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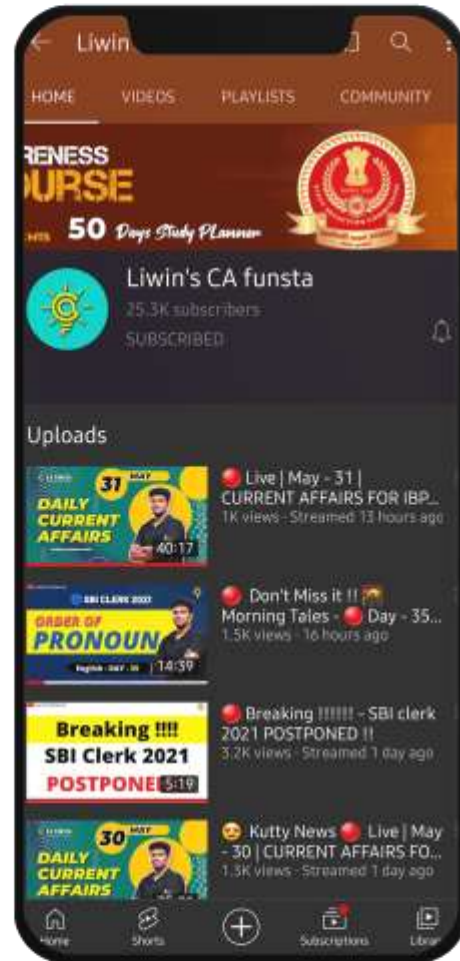
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Important Days



➤ **When is the International Day of Zero Waste observed?**

- A) 15 March
- B) 22 March
- C) 30 March
- D) 7 April
- E) 15 April

Answer

C) 30 March



Important Days



Explanation

- **The International Day of Zero Waste is observed on 30 March**
- **The International Day of Zero Waste highlights both the importance of bolstering waste management globally and the need to promote sustainable consumption and production patterns.**
- Millions worldwide observed the inaugural International Day of Zero Waste in 2023, raising awareness of national, subnational, regional, and local zero-waste initiatives and their contribution to achieving sustainable development.
- The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) facilitate the observance of the Day.



Important Days



➤ What is the name of the indigenous mobile application launched on World Meteorological Day?

- A) WMO Weather
- B) BISAG Forecast
- C) INMAC Weather Pro
- D) INDRA
- E) METOC Monitor

Answer
D) INDRA



Important Days



Explanation

- **The World Meteorological Day is commemorated every year on 23rd March.**
- **It marks the origin of World Meteorological Organization (WMO) on 23 Mar 1950 and signifies the invaluable contribution and essential role of the meteorologists in this field.**
- **As part of the World Meteorological Day celebrations, a METOC (Meteorological and Oceanographic) seminar _'Meghayan-24'_ was conducted by School of Naval Oceanology & Meteorology (SNOM) and Indian Naval Meteorological Analysis Centre (INMAC) at Southern Naval Command.**



Important Days



Explanation

- The seminar was based on the theme **'At the Frontline of Climate Action'** as promulgated by WMO for the year 2024.
- On this occasion an indigenous mobile application **INDRA (Indian Naval Dynamic Resource for Weather Analysis)** to disseminate weather related information and forecasts empowering optimal & quick decision making was also launched.
- The application has been developed by **BISAG (Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics)** in coordination with **Directorate of Naval Oceanology and Meteorology, Indian Navy.**



Important Days



Explanation

- The event was attended by Rear Admiral Upal Kundu, Chief of Staff, Southern Naval Command, Cmde Abhinav Barve, Commodore (NOM), Naval Headquarters and Mr. Miren Karamta, Director, BISAG.
- The seminar served as a platform towards sharing of knowledge & insights on weather and climate services as well as way ahead to face the challenges of climate change.



➤ Where will the International Chess Federation (FIDE)-rated Rapid Chess Tournament be hosted?

- A) IIT Delhi
- B) IIT Bombay
- C) IIT Madras
- D) IIT Kanpur
- E) IIT Kharagpur

Answer

C) IIT Madras



Explanation

- **An International Chess Federation (FIDE)-rated Rapid Chess Tournament will be hosted by IIT Madras on March 30 and 31, 2024.**
- The '6th Shaastra Rapid FIDE Rated Chess Tournament' will witness the participation of six Grandmasters, sixteen International Masters, three Women Grandmasters and a Women International Master.
- The total prize fund of the tournament is ₹5,00,000 with the first prize being ₹65,000.



SPORTS



Titbits

IIT Madras:

Chairman: Pawan Kumar Goenka

Director: Prof V Kamakoti



➤ Who recently became the first Bangladeshi umpire to join the ICC's Elite Umpires' Panel?

- A) Sharfuddoula Ibne Shahid
- B) Mohammad Ashraful
- C) Mashrafe Mortaza
- D) Shakib Al Hasan
- E) Mushfiqur Rahim



Answer

A) Sharfuddoula Ibne Shahid



Explanation

- **Sharfuddoula Ibne Shahid, who last year became the first Bangladeshi umpire to officiate at a World Cup, has become the first to join the elite panel.**
- The umpire, who has been on the international panel since 2006, to become the first Bangladeshi to join the ICC's Elite Umpires' Panel.
- The Elite Umpires' Panel is responsible for umpiring most men's Tests and One-Day Internationals, while the Match Umpires' Panel also oversees Twenty20 Internationals.



Explanation

- **The ICC's Elite Panel of Umpires now consists of six members: David Boon of Australia, Jeff Crowe of New Zealand, Ranjan Madugalle of Sri Lanka, Andy Pycroft of Zimbabwe, Richie Richardson of the West Indies and Javagal Srinath of India.**



SPORTS



Titbits

Bangladesh:

Capital: Dhaka

Currency: Taka

President: Mohammed Shahabuddin

Prime Minister: Sheikh Hasina



OBITUARY



➤ **What field was Daniel Kahneman associated with?**

- A) Physics
- B) Psychology
- C) Economics
- D) Biology
- E) Chemistry

Answer

B) Psychology



OBITUARY



Explanation

- **Daniel Kahneman, a psychologist whose work casting doubt on the rationality of decision-making helped spawn the field of behavioral economics and won him a Nobel Prize, has died at the age of 90.**
- Kahneman upended assumptions about rationality that had dominated economics for decades.
- He was able to show the logic behind a number of puzzling behaviors - why people refuse to sell stocks that have lost value, or why they will drive to a distant store to save money on a small item, but not to make the same saving on an expensive one.



OBITUARY



➤ Which award did Louis Gossett Jr. win for his role in "An Officer and a Gentleman"?

- A) Emmy Award
- B) Golden Globe
- C) Academy Award
- D) Grammy Award
- E) Tony Award

Answer

C) Golden Globe



OBITUARY



Explanation

- **Louis Gossett Jr., the first Black man to win a supporting actor Oscar and an Emmy winner for his role in the seminal TV miniseries "Roots," has died at the age of 87.**
- Gossett broke through on the small screen as Fiddler in the groundbreaking 1977 miniseries "Roots," which depicted the atrocities of slavery on TV.
- The sprawling cast included Ben Vereen, LeVar Burton and John Amos.



OBITUARY



Explanation

- Gossett became the third Black Oscar nominee in the supporting actor category in 1983.
- He won for his performance as the intimidating Marine drill instructor in "An Officer and a Gentleman" opposite Richard Gere and Debra Winger.
- He also won a Golden Globe for the same role.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been selected as the next CMD of New India Assurance?**

- A) Girija Subramanian
- B) Bhupesh Sushil Rahul
- C) Neerja Kapur
- D) S Tripathy
- E) Rashmi Bajpai



Answer

A) Girija Subramanian



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB), the head-hunting agency for public sector banks and insurance firms, has selected Girija Subramanian, Chairperson and MD of Agriculture Insurance Company (AIC), and Bhupesh Sushil Rahul, AIC General Manager, as the next CMDs of New India Assurance and United India Insurance, respectively.**
- **The post of CMD at United India Insurance is vacant as S Tripathy retired in February.**



APPOINTMENTS



Explanation

- **The top post at New India Assurance will fall vacant after Neerja Kapur retires in April end.**
- The nine executive directors picked for PSU general insurers are: Rashmi Bajpai and Amit Misra for Oriental Insurance Company (OIC), HJ Joshi and Radhika CS for GIC Re, T. Babu Paul and CG Prasad for National Insurance Company (NICL), Sunita Gupta and PC Gothwal for United India Insurance and Dasarathi Singh for AICIL.



APPOINTMENTS



Titbits

New India Insurance:
HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra
CMD: Neerja Kapur



AWARDS



➤ Who was awarded the Times Power Icon 2024 Award?

- A) Rajesh Sharma
- B) Vijay Jain
- C) Neha Kapoor
- D) Sanjay Patel
- E) Preeti Singh

Answer

B) Vijay Jain



AWARDS



Explanation

- **Vijay Jain, Managing Director of Star Estate, was adjudged the prestigious Times Power Icon 2024 Award.**
- The award ceremony, held in Noida, was organized by The Times Group.
- The visionary leadership and outstanding achievements of Vijay Jain in the real estate sector were acknowledged and celebrated on the occasion.
- Founded in 2012 as the fastest-growing Real Estate enterprise, Star Estate offers a wide range of consulting services in residential, commercial and retail verticals and more.



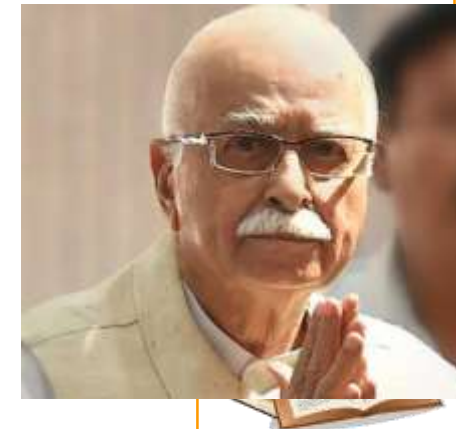
AWARDS



➤ How many of the Bharat Ratna awards this year are posthumous?

- A) One
- B) Two
- C) Three
- D) Four
- E) None

Answer
D) Four



AWARDS



Explanation

- **President Droupadi Murmu will present Bharat Ratna to five eminent personalities-Former PMs Chaudhary Charan Singh, PV Narasimha Rao, former Bihar Chief Minister Karpoori Thakur, Agronomist MS Swaminathan, and BJP veteran LK Advani at Rashtrapati Bhavan.**
- **Four of the five awards this year are posthumous.**
- **Advani, 96, is the only one alive.**
- **Advani is a founding BJP member credited with charting the course of its rise through the 1990s.**
- **With this, the number of recipients of the prestigious award, instituted in 1954, has risen to 53.**



AWARDS



Explanation

- **Karpoori Thakur was a champion of backward empowerment.**
- **On the other hand, Rao, a Congress veteran, was prime minister from 1991 to 1996 and Chaudhary Charan Singh was one of the pioneers of anti-Congress politics.**
- **A Jat leader from western Uttar Pradesh, Singh became prime minister in 1979-80.**
- **Dr Swaminathan played a pivotal role in helping India achieve self-reliance in agriculture during challenging times and made outstanding efforts towards modernizing Indian agriculture.**



AWARDS



Explanation

- **Bharat Ratna is the highest civilian honour conferred for exceptional service towards any field of human endeavour, without distinction of race, occupation, position, or sex.**
- **The provision of Bharat Ratna was introduced in 1954.**



➤ **Where did the India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise, IMT TRILAT 24, take place?**

- A) Mumbai, India
- B) Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- C) Nacala, Mozambique
- D) Goa, India
- E) Colombo, Sri Lanka

Answer

C) Nacala, Mozambique



Explanation

- **The India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise, known as IMT TRILAT 24, recently concluded in Nacala, Mozambique.**
- **This week-long exercise aimed to enhance maritime cooperation and interoperability among the navies of India, Mozambique, and Tanzania.**
- **Two Indian naval ships, INS Tir and Sujata, participated in IMT TRILAT 24 from March 21-28, engaging in joint exercises, training sessions, and collaborative activities.**
- **The exercise unfolded in two phases.**
- **The initial harbour phase, held from March 21-24, involved intensive training sessions onboard INS Tir at Zanzibar and INS Sujata at Maputo.**



Explanation

- Activities included training on Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure (VBSS), Damage Control, Firefighting Drills, communication procedures, and medical lectures.
- The sea phase commenced on March 24th, with INS Tir and INS Sujata conducting joint operations with Mozambique Naval ship Namatili and Tanzanian naval ship Fatundu.
- **The closing ceremony held onboard INS Tir and INS Sujata at Nacala, Mozambique, saw representatives from all three navies.**



Explanation

- The ceremony highlighted successful collaboration and understanding of maritime capabilities, stressing India's commitment as the preferred security partner in the region.



Titbits

Mozambique:

Capital: Maputo

Currency: Metical

President: Filipe Nyusi

Prime Minister: Adriano Maleiane



➤ **What is ABRASAT?**

- A) Indian Space Agency
- B) Brazilian Satellite Communications Association
- C) European Space Agency
- D) Russian Space Agency
- E) Chinese National Space Administration



Answer

B) Brazilian Satellite Communications Association



Explanation

- **The SatCom Industry Association of India (SIA-India) announced a partnership with ABRASAT, the Brazilian Satellite Communications Association, to boost advancement in the space sector.**
- The two associations signed an MoU to foster collaboration in the space sector, paving the way for innovative ventures and technological cooperation.
- It will also facilitate the business expansion and cooperation between India and Brazil in various areas such as satellite communication, rocket and satellite launches, payload development, satellite platforms, and ground instrumentation.



➤ **What strategic collaboration has European accelerator Starburst formed?**

- A) Collaboration with NASA
- B) Collaboration with SpaceX
- C) Collaboration with the Indian Institute of Management-Mumbai
- D) Collaboration with ISRO
- E) Collaboration with Boeing



Answer

C) Collaboration with the Indian Institute of Management-Mumbai



Explanation

- **European accelerator Starburst has formed a strategic collaboration with the Indian Institute of Management-Mumbai for promoting aerospace, new space, and defence (ASD) startups in India.**
- **The partnership aims to catalyse the growth of ASD startups by providing them with access to mentorship, funding opportunities, and international networks.**
- **Starburst is a leading European Aerospace, new Space, and Defence (ASD) accelerator.**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Keyperson:

- Starburst founder and CEO: Francois Chopard



QUICK RECALL



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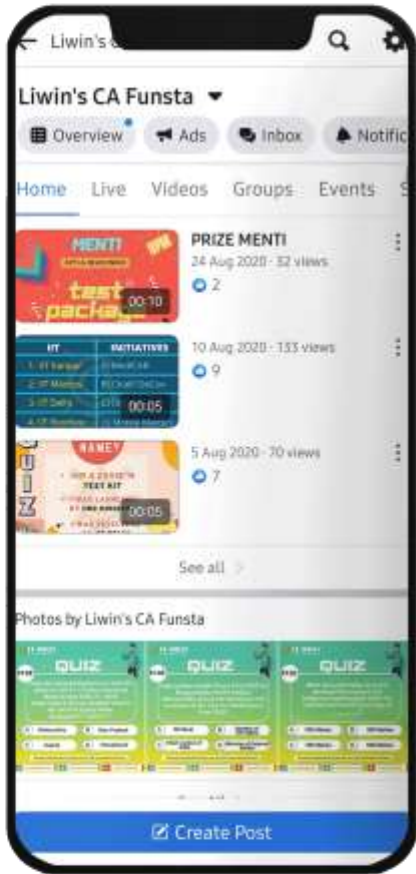
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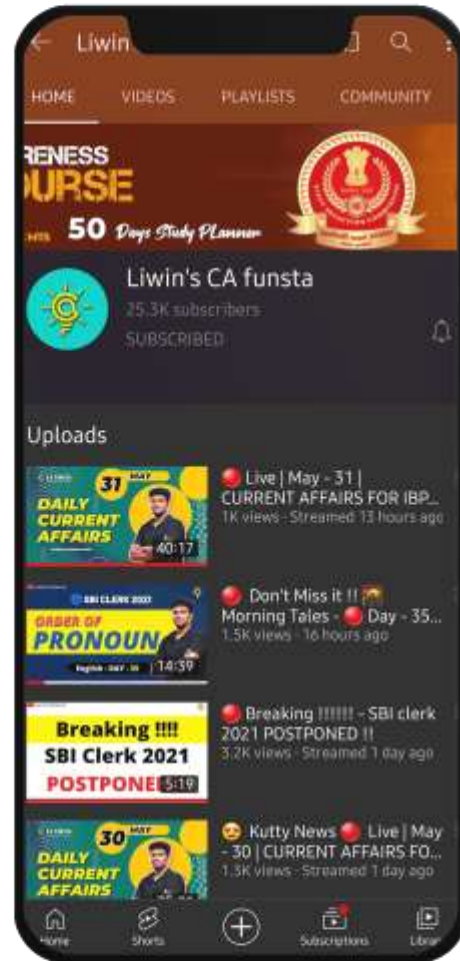
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- **IMT Trilateral Drill Concludes; Enhances Maritime & Regional Security**
- **SIA-India, Brazil's ABRASAT ink MoU to boost advancements in space sector**
- **IIM Mumbai, Starburst collaborate to boost aerospace, new space, defence start-ups**
- **Metoc Seminar 'Meghayan 2024' - An Insight Into The Frontline Of Climate Change**



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