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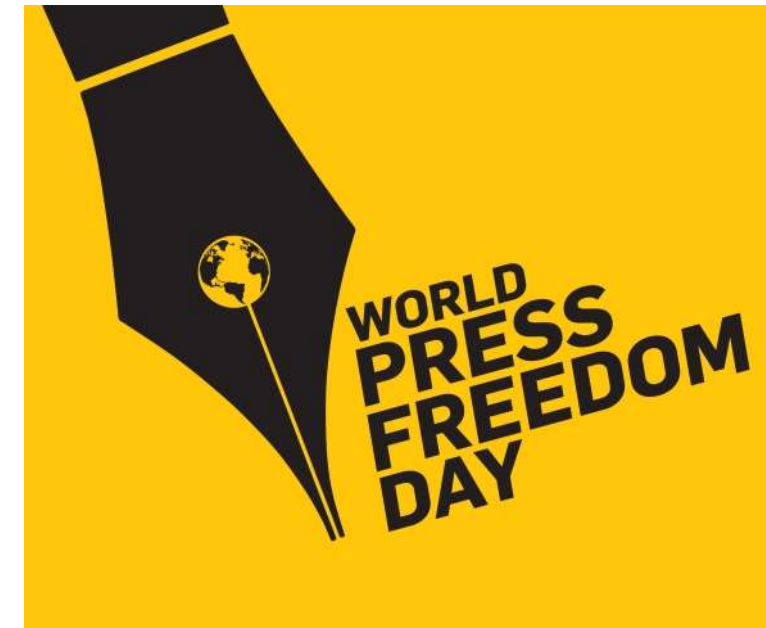
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Important Days



➤ **What is the theme for World Press Freedom Day in 2024?**

- A) Journalism and Democracy: Protecting Open Information
- B) A Press for Equality: Gender and Media Freedom
- C) Media for Democracy: Journalism and Elections in Times of Disinformation
- D) A Press for the Planet: Journalism in the Face of the Environmental Crisis
- E) Information as a Public Good



Answer

D) A Press for the Planet: Journalism in the Face of the Environmental Crisis



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Press Freedom Day is observed on May 3 every year to emphasize and raise awareness about the importance of press freedom.
- **Location:** The 2024 World Press Freedom Day Conference will be held in Santiago, Chile.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- The day is dedicated to **highlighting the critical role of free media in society** and the conditions under which journalists operate—often facing threats, violence, and censorship.
- **Objectives for 2024** include informing the public about environmental issues, holding corporations and governments accountable, and promoting action against environmental crises.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Press Freedom Day:** Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1993, it aims to support and celebrate the freedom of the press.
- **The Windhoek Declaration:** Adopted in Windhoek, Namibia, in 1991, it emphasizes the necessity of a free, independent, and pluralistic press for democracy and development.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **United Nations**
 - **Founded Year:** 1945
 - **Secretary-General:** Antonio Guterres
 - **Headquarters:** New York City, USA
- **UNESCO**
 - **Founded Year:** 1945
 - **Director-General:** Audrey Azoulay
 - **Headquarters:** Paris, France
- **Chile**
 - **Country Name:** Republic of Chile
 - **Currency:** Chilean Peso
 - **Capital:** Santiago
 - **President:** Gabriel Boric



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	World Press Freedom Day
Date	Annually on May 3
2024 Theme	A Press for the Planet: Journalism in the Face of the Environmental Crisis
Location	Santiago, Chile
Chief Guest	UNESCO collaboration
Significance	Promotes freedom of press and highlights the challenges faced by journalists globally



➤ Which teams has Amul sponsored for the upcoming T20 World Cup?

- A) USA and Netherlands
- B) USA and South Africa
- C) South Africa and Sri Lanka
- D) USA and Canada
- E) Netherlands and Sri Lanka

Answer

B) USA and South Africa



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Amul's sponsorship announcement for the T20 World Cup teams.
- **Location:** New York, USA, where the sponsorship ceremony took place.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Amul's Sponsorship:** To expand its global presence and popularity of cricket, especially in nations like the USA where Amul products are being marketed.
- Amul aims to support and promote cricket through strategic partnerships, enhancing both the sport's and the brand's visibility on an international stage.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Amul:** Known as the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), Amul is an Indian dairy cooperative. It is famous worldwide for its milk products and has a rich history of sports sponsorships.
- **T20 World Cup:** A global cricket tournament featuring the Twenty20 format, where the matches are limited to 20 overs per team.



Static GK Information:

- **GCMMF (Amul)**
 - **Founded Year:** 1946
 - **Managing Director:** Jayen Mehta
 - **Headquarters:** Anand, Gujarat, India
- **USA**
 - **Country Name:** United States of America
 - **Currency:** US Dollar (USD)
 - **Capital:** Washington, D.C.
 - **President:** Joe Biden
- **South Africa**
 - **Country Name:** Republic of South Africa
 - **Currency:** South African Rand (ZAR)
 - **Capital:** Pretoria (administrative), Cape Town (legislative), Bloemfontein (judicial)
 - **President:** Cyril Ramaphosa



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Amul Sponsorship Announcement
Date	Upcoming T20 World Cup, starting June 2024
Sponsored Teams	USA and South Africa
Location of Ceremony	New York, USA
Significance	Enhances global visibility of Amul and supports cricket development in new markets
Amul's Global Market Presence	Amul products available in the USA and other countries; plans to launch more products soon



- **What is the duration of Devon Thomas's ban from all forms of cricket as per the ICC Anti-Corruption Code?**
- A) Two years
 - B) Three years
 - C) Five years, with the last 18 months suspended
 - D) Five years
 - E) Ten years

Answer

C) Five years, with the last 18 months suspended



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Devon Thomas, a West Indies cricketer, has been banned from all forms of cricket for five years under the Anti-Corruption Code.
- **Location:** The decision was made by the International Cricket Council (ICC) which acted in its capacity as the Designated Anti-Corruption Official.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Ban:** To uphold the integrity of cricket by penalizing breaches of anti-corruption codes and to deter others from engaging in similar conduct.
- The ban includes a suspension of the last 18 months, conditional on no further breaches.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ICC Anti-Corruption Code:** A set of rules and regulations set by the ICC to combat corruption in cricket, including match-fixing, illegal betting, and failure to report corrupt approaches.
- **Designated Anti-Corruption Official:** An appointed official by the ICC or a cricket board to oversee the enforcement of anti-corruption policies.



Static GK Information:

- **ICC (International Cricket Council)**
 - **Founded Year:** 1909
 - **Chairman:** Greg Barclay
 - **Headquarters:** Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- **Devon Thomas**
 - **Nationality:** West Indies
 - **Role in Cricket:** Player



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Ban imposed on Devon Thomas
Date of Announcement	Current (23 May 2023, backdated to when provisional suspension began)
Term of Ban	5 years, with last 18 months suspended
Key Violations	Multiple breaches of the anti-corruption codes in different leagues
Implications	Ineligibility from all cricket for the specified period
Objective	To maintain the sport's integrity and deter corruption



➤ **Where will the 2025 BWF World Junior Championship be held?**

- A) Pune
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Guwahati
- D) New Delhi
- E) Chengdu



Answer
C) Guwahati



SPORTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Guwahati has been chosen as the host city for the 2025 BWF World Junior Championship.
- **Location:** The championship will be held at the National Centre of Excellence in Guwahati, which boasts modern facilities and a seating capacity for approximately 4000 spectators.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To showcase India's capability as a host for major international badminton events and to promote the development of young badminton talent on a global stage.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BWF World Junior Championship:** An annual event organized by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) that features the world's best young badminton players competing in both team and individual categories.
- **National Centre of Excellence:** A state-of-the-art sports facility in Guwahati, equipped with 14 badminton courts, an international standard gymnasium, and significant spectator capacity, designed to host major sports events.



Static GK Information:

- **Badminton World Federation (BWF)**
 - **Founded Year:** 1934
 - **President:** Paul-Erik Hoyer
 - **Headquarters:** Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- **Badminton Association of India (BAI)**
 - **Secretary-General:** Sanjay Mishra
 - **Role:** Governing body for badminton in India
- **India's Previous BWF Hostings**
 - **2008 World Juniors in Pune:** Notable for Saina Nehwal's championship win.
 - **2009 World Championships in Hyderabad**
 - **2014 Thomas & Uber Cup Finals in New Delhi**



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	2025 BWF World Junior Championship
Location	National Centre of Excellence, Guwahati, India
Facility Features	14 badminton courts, international standard gymnasium, seating capacity of 4000
Significance	Enhances India's reputation as a host for major international badminton events
Previous Hostings	Pune (2008), Hyderabad (2009), New Delhi (2014)
BWF Official's Comment	Highlighted the importance of hosting to showcase emerging talent and India's role as a badminton powerhouse



OBITUARY



➤ Which former Union Minister and BJP MP from Chamarajanagar passed away at the age of 76?

- A) B S Yediyurappa
- B) Siddaramaiah
- C) V Sreenivasa Prasad
- D) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- E) None of the above

Answer

C) V Sreenivasa Prasad



OBITUARY



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The passing of V Sreenivasa Prasad, a veteran politician, BJP MP, and former Union Minister.
- **Location:** He was being treated at a private hospital where he passed away.



OBITUARY



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Prasad's Public Service:** Throughout his 50 years in public life, Prasad served in various capacities, including as an MP, MLA, and Union Minister, advocating for social justice and supporting the oppressed, particularly the Dalit community.



OBITUARY



Important Terms Explained:

- **BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party):** A major political party in India that Prasad was affiliated with during different periods of his political career.
- **Union Minister:** A member of the Union Cabinet in the Government of India. Prasad served as the Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution from 1999 to 2004.



OBITUARY



Static GK Information:

- **V Sreenivasa Prasad**
 - **Career:** Long-standing political figure with affiliations to multiple parties over his career; notably served as a Union Minister and multiple-term MP.
 - **Constituency:** Chamarajanagar, Karnataka
- **Karnataka**
 - **Capital:** Bengaluru
 - **Chief Minister:** Siddaramaiah
 - **Notable Political Figures:** B S Yediyurappa, a former Chief Minister



OBITUARY



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Death of V Sreenivasa Prasad
Age at Death	76 years
Political Role	BJP MP, Former Union Minister
Significance	Recognized as a strong advocate for Dalit rights
Political History	Served in various parties, had a significant impact on Karnataka's political landscape
Condolences	Expressed by figures such as Siddaramaiah and B S Yediyurappa



➤ **What is the aim of the NIPL and Bank of Namibia partnership?**

- A) Payment system development
- B) Financial integration
- C) Currency creation
- D) Banking venture
- E) Credit enhancement

Answer

A) Payment system development



Event and Location:

- **Event:** NIPL's partnership with the Bank of Namibia to develop an instant payment system.
- **Location:** Agreement signing took place in Mumbai, headquarters of NPCI International Payments Limited.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To support the development of a UPI-like payment system in Namibia that improves financial services' accessibility, affordability, and interoperability.
- This strategic initiative focuses on modernizing Namibia's financial ecosystem, particularly targeting real-time digital transactions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UPI (Unified Payment Interface):** An innovative payment system developed by NPCI that simplifies and integrates various banking services and transactions into one platform.
- **NIPL (NPCI International Payments Limited):** An entity of NPCI focused on the international adoption of India's payment technologies.



Static GK Information:

- **NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India)**
 - **Founded:** 2008
 - **CEO:** Dilip Asbe
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
- **Bank of Namibia**
 - **Established:** 1990
 - **Governor:** Johannes !Gawaxab
 - **Location:** Windhoek, Namibia
- **Namibia**
 - **Country:** Republic of Namibia
 - **Currency:** Namibian Dollar
 - **Capital:** Windhoek
 - **President:** Hage Geingob



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Partnership agreement between NIPL and Bank of Namibia
Objective	To develop a UPI-like payment system in Namibia
Significance	Enhancing digital financial services and connectivity
Target	Facilitate efficient, real-time transactions
Technological Focus	Security, scalability, and interoperability
Location	Agreement signed in Mumbai, India
Stakeholders	NIPL, Bank of Namibia, Namibian financial sectors



➤ **What is the interest rate announced by the RBI for the Floating Rate Savings Bond 2034 for the period from April 30, 2024, to October 29, 2024?**

- A) 5%
- B) 6%
- C) 7%
- D) 8%
- E) 9%

Answer

D) 8%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announces the interest rate for the Floating Rate Savings Bond 2034.
- **Location:** The announcement is applicable in India, as indicated by the RBI's jurisdiction.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Floating Rate Savings Bond (FRSB) 2034:** To offer investors an interest rate that adjusts every six months according to market conditions, providing a dynamic investment opportunity reflective of the current financial environment.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Floating Rate Bond (FRB):** A bond with an interest rate that adjusts periodically (every six months in this case) based on a specified benchmark, which is the average yield of recent Treasury Bill auctions in this context.
- **Treasury Bills:** Short-term government securities issued at a discount from face value and reflecting current interest rates.



Static GK Information:

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
 - **Founded Year:** 1935
 - **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- **Government of India**
 - **System of Government:** Federal parliamentary democratic republic
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	RBI announces interest rate for Floating Rate Bond 2034
Interest Rate	8% for the period from April 30, 2024, to October 29, 2024
Adjustment Frequency	Every six months
Basis for Rate Setting	Based on the average yield of recent Treasury Bill auctions plus a fixed amount
Bond Maturity	2034
Investment Security	Backed by the Government of India, thus highly secure
Payment Frequency	Semi-annually on January 1 and July 1
Minimum Investment	Rs 1,000
Maximum Investment	No limit
Lock-in Period	Seven years with pre-mature encashment options available



➤ Which bank recently joined the league of India's top five companies by market capitalization, with a market cap of Rs 8.14 trillion?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) State Bank of India
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) Kotak Mahindra Bank



Answer
C) ICICI Bank



Event and Location:

- **Event:** ICICI Bank's market capitalization reaches Rs 8.14 trillion, making it one of the top five companies by market value in India.
- **Location:** The update is relevant to the Indian financial market.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** ICICI Bank's market capitalization growth reflects its robust financial performance and investor confidence, bolstered by better-than-expected quarterly results and positive assessments from financial analysts.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Market Capitalization:** The total market value of a company's outstanding shares. It is calculated by multiplying the current market price of the company's share by the total number of outstanding shares.
- **Shares:** Units of ownership interest in a corporation or financial asset that provide for an equal distribution in any profits, if any are declared, in the form of dividends.



Static GK Information:

- **ICICI Bank**
 - **Type:** Private Sector Bank
 - **Founded:** 1994
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **CEO:** Sandeep Bakhshi
- **Reliance Industries**
 - **Market Cap:** Rs 19.8 trillion
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **Chairman:** Mukesh Ambani
- **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**
 - **Market Cap:** Rs 14 trillion
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **CEO:** Rajesh Gopinathan



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	ICICI Bank's market cap reaching Rs 8.14 trillion
Significance	Entry into the top five companies by market value
Current Market Cap	Rs 8.14 trillion
Market Cap Ranking	One of the top five companies in India
Comparison	Behind Reliance Industries and TCS, ahead of SBI
Stock Performance	Reached all-time high of Rs 1,163 before closing higher
Financial Analysis	Upgrades and positive ratings from CLSA and JPMorgan



➤ **What is the target corpus of the venture capital fund launched by Dhruv Dhanraj Bahl's Eternal Capital?**

- A) ₹120 crore
- B) ₹240 crore
- C) ₹1,500 crore
- D) ₹2,100 crore
- E) ₹600 crore



Answer

B) ₹240 crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of a new venture capital fund called Eternal Capital by Dhruv Dhanraj Bahl, former COO of BharatPe.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Eternal Capital:** To invest in 40 start-ups over the next three years, focusing on solutions for the future in various sectors from seed to pre-series stages.
- The fund is sector-agnostic and aims to create a diversified portfolio.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Venture Capital Fund:** A fund that invests in early-stage companies with high growth potential in exchange for equity, or partial ownership, of those companies.
- **Greenshoe Option:** A provision in an IPO or fund offering that allows underwriters to sell more shares to investors than originally planned if the demand and conditions are favorable.



Static GK Information:

- **Dhruv Dhanraj Bahl**
 - **Previous Role:** Chief Operating Officer (COO) at BharatPe
 - **Current Position:** Founder and Managing Partner at Eternal Capital
- **Eternal Capital**
 - **Fund Size:** ₹240 crore, with a greenshoe option of ₹120 crore
 - **Investment Focus:** Seed to pre-series stage investments in diverse sectors



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Launch of Eternal Capital VC fund
Founder	Dhruv Dhanraj Bahl
Fund Size	₹240 crore with a greenshoe option of ₹120 crore
Objective	To invest in 40 start-ups in their seed to pre-series stages
Investment Strategy	Sector-agnostic, focusing on solutions for the future
Initial Investment Plans	Identified about six companies for initial investments
Timeline for Investment	Planning to start deploying funds in the first week of June
Regulatory Status	Currently completing necessary regulatory paperwork



➤ How much funding has Adani Green Energy Ltd secured for its solar projects in Gujarat and Rajasthan?

- A) \$200 million
- B) \$300 million
- C) \$400 million
- D) \$500 million
- E) \$600 million

Answer
C) \$400 million

The logo for Adani Renewables, with "adani" in a blue-to-purple gradient font and "Renewables" in a grey font below it, separated by a horizontal line.

Event and Location:

- **Event:** Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) secures funding for solar projects.
- **Location:** The solar projects are located in Rajasthan and Gujarat, India.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Funding:** To finance the construction of 750 MW solar projects, which include a 500 MW project in Rajasthan and a 250 MW project in Gujarat. These projects are expected to diversify AGEL's revenue streams and enhance project revenue.
- The funding aims to support AGEL's efforts in expanding its renewable energy footprint and capitalizing on the merchant energy market.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Green Loan:** A type of loan instrument exclusively used to finance or re-finance, in part or full, new and/or existing eligible green projects.
- **Merchant Power Project:** A power plant developed for the purpose of selling electricity in the open market, rather than through long-term contracts (PPAs).



Static GK Information:

- **Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL)**
 - **Type:** India's largest and a leading global renewable energy company
 - **Operational Portfolio:** 10,934 MW, including solar, wind, and wind-solar hybrid capacities
 - **Headquarters:** Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Adani Green secures funding for solar projects
Funding Amount	\$400 million
Project Locations	Rajasthan (500 MW), Gujarat (250 MW)
Energy Capacity	750 MW total
Funding Purpose	Construction of solar projects with merchant and PPA structures
Financial Partners	DBS Bank, Intesa Sanpaolo, MUFG Bank, Rabobank, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking
Significance	Enhances AGEL's renewable energy portfolio and market positioning
Expected Operational Start	From November 2024 onwards



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **What is the term of Pratima Singh's appointment as Director in the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)?**

- A) 3 years
- B) 5 years
- C) Until the completion of the Central Staffing Scheme
- D) 5 years or until further orders, whichever comes earlier
- E) Indefinitely until further notice

Answer

D) 5 years or until further orders, whichever comes earlier



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Pratima Singh as Director in the DPIIT.
- **Location:** The appointment was coordinated through the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT).



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To enhance the functioning of the DPIIT in promoting industry, attracting investments, and increasing competitiveness in global markets.
- Pratima Singh's role will focus on leveraging her expertise in revenue matters to streamline processes and resolve industry challenges.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **IRS (Indian Revenue Service):** A revenue service under the Government of India, responsible for collecting and administering direct taxes through its two components, IRS (Income Tax) and IRS (Customs and Central Excise).
- **DPIIT (Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade):** Part of India's Ministry of Commerce and Industry, tasked with promoting industrial growth, facilitating investment, and enhancing global competitiveness of Indian industries.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT)**
 - **Founded Year:** 1970 (as Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms)
 - **Minister Responsible:** Dr. Jitendra Singh
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
- **Pratima Singh**
 - **Batch:** 2009 IRS
 - **Previous Role:** Served in the Department of Revenue



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Appointment of Pratima Singh as Director in DPIIT
Term of Office	5 years or until further orders, whichever comes earlier
Location	DPIIT, under the Department of Personnel & Training
Significance	Enhance industrial growth and attract investments
Role Background	Pratima Singh's experience in revenue matters is expected to be beneficial



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who was elected as the new prime minister of Solomon Islands?**

- A) Manasseh Sogavare
- B) Matthew Wale
- C) Jeremiah Manele
- D) David Vunagi
- E) Wang Yi

Answer

C) Jeremiah Manele



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Jeremiah Manele was elected as the new prime minister of Solomon Islands.
- **Location:** The announcement was made outside the parliament house in Solomon Islands.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Manele's Leadership:** To continue the Pacific Island nation's international policy that has drawn it closer to China, and to address internal issues such as economic recovery and policy reforms in tax, forestry, and minerals.
- Manele aims to uphold a foreign policy characterized by neutrality, with the principle "friends to all and enemies to none".



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Governor General:** The representative of the monarch in a commonwealth country, performing ceremonial duties. In this case, Sir David Vunagi announced the election results.
- **Foreign Policy:** A government's strategy in dealing with other nations. For Solomon Islands, it includes maintaining relationships with major powers like China and traditional allies such as Australia and the U.S.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Solomon Islands**
 - **Country Name:** Solomon Islands
 - **Currency:** Solomon Islands Dollar
 - **Capital:** Honiara
 - **Governor General:** Sir David Vunagi
- **Jeremiah Manele**
 - **Previously:** Foreign Minister
 - **Entered Parliament:** 2014
 - **Diplomatic Activity:** Traveled to China in 2019 to formalize diplomatic ties shift from Taiwan to Beijing



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Election of the new prime minister
New Prime Minister	Jeremiah Manele
Location	Solomon Islands, outside the parliament house
Votes	Manele won 31 votes against Matthew Wale's 18 in the 50-seat parliament
Significance	Manele's leadership is expected to continue strengthening ties with China
Political Context	Manele's OUR party will focus on infrastructure and economic policies



➤ Which of the following activities was not part of the International Sun Day celebrations organized by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) in 2024?

- A) 'Run for Sun' Marathon in New Delhi
- B) Installation of Solar Stops in six Indian cities
- C) All-India Intra-School Solar Art Competition called Solart
- D) International Renewable Energy Conference
- E) Distribution of commendation certificates to winners of the Solart competition



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Answer

D) International Renewable Energy Conference



Event and Location:

- **'Run for Sun' Marathon:** Held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi, featured races of 3 km and 5 km to promote awareness of solar power's role in climate change mitigation.
- **Solar Stops:** Educational kiosks set up in malls across six cities (Delhi NCR, Bengaluru, Vadodara, Guwahati, Varanasi, and Chennai) with installations that highlight the significance of solar energy.
- **Solart Competition:** An All-India Intra-School Solar Art Competition aimed at fostering creativity and raising awareness about solar energy among school students.



Mandates and Objectives:

- The International Sun Day celebration aims to:
 - Promote the benefits of solar energy.
 - Encourage physical fitness and well-being.
 - Educate the public on the environmental and sustainable benefits of solar energy.
 - Engage school students in creative activities related to solar energy.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Solar Energy:** Energy derived from the sun's radiation, utilized through technologies like solar panels to generate electricity.
- **International Sun Day:** A day designated to highlight the importance of solar energy for environmental sustainability and health.



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1992
 - **Minister:** Raj Kumar Singh
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
'Run for Sun' Marathon	Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi	3rd May 2024	Shri Bhupinder S. Bhalla, Secretary MNRE	Raises awareness about solar power and its benefits.
Solar Stops	Malls in Delhi NCR, Bengaluru, Vadodara, Guwahati, Varanasi, Chennai	3rd May 2024	-	Educate on solar energy, featuring installations in six cities.
Solart Competition	Nationwide Schools	3rd May 2024	-	Promotes solar energy awareness through art among students.



➤ **What was the percentage increase in iron ore production in India for FY 2023-24 compared to FY 2022-23?**

- A) 1.2%
- B) 7.4%
- C) 7.5%
- D) 10.7%
- E) 2.1%

Answer
B) 7.4%



Event and Location:

- **Index of Mineral Production:** Recorded in March 2024 and for the entire fiscal year FY 2023-24, showing significant growth in the production of various minerals and metals in India.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Mining Sector Growth:** To meet the robust demand in user industries such as steel, cement, energy, infrastructure, construction, automotive, and machinery by increasing the production of key minerals and metals.



Important Terms Explained:

- **MCDR Minerals:** Refers to minerals regulated under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, which includes iron ore and limestone, among others.
- **Primary Aluminium Metal:** Aluminium produced directly from mined ores rather than recycled materials, important for various industrial applications.



Static GK Information:

- **India's Global Production Rankings:**
 - **2nd largest Aluminium producer**
 - **3rd largest lime producer**
 - **4th largest iron ore producer**



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
Record Production in Mining Sector	India	FY 2023-24	Demonstrates significant growth in mineral and metal production, impacting various industrial sectors.
Iron Ore Production Record	India	FY 2023-24	Achieved a new production record of 277 MMT, reflecting a 7.4% growth.
Limestone Production Record	India	FY 2023-24	Set a new record with a 10.7% increase to 450 MMT.
Aluminium Production Increase	India	FY 2023-24	Primary aluminium production grew by 2.1% to 41.59 LT.



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- **World Press Freedom Day is observed on May 3 every year.**
- **Amul's sponsorship announcement for the T20 World Cup teams USA and South Africa.**
- **Devon Thomas, a West Indies cricketer, has been banned from all forms of cricket for five years under the Anti-Corruption Code.**
- **Guwahati has been chosen as the host city for the 2025 BWF World Junior Championship.**
- **V Sreenivasa Prasad, a veteran politician, BJP MP, and former Union Minister passed away.**
- **NIPL's partnership with the Bank of Namibia to develop an instant payment system.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announces the interest rate for the Floating Rate Savings Bond 2034.**
- **ICICI Bank's market capitalization reaches Rs 8.14 trillion, making it one of the top five companies by market value in India.**



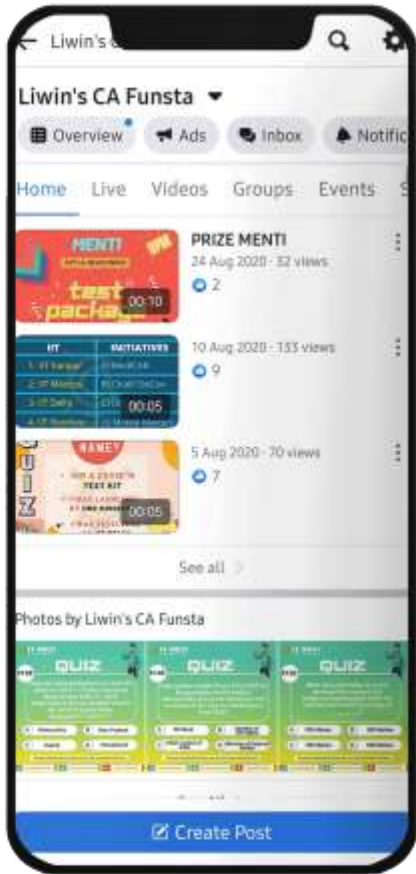
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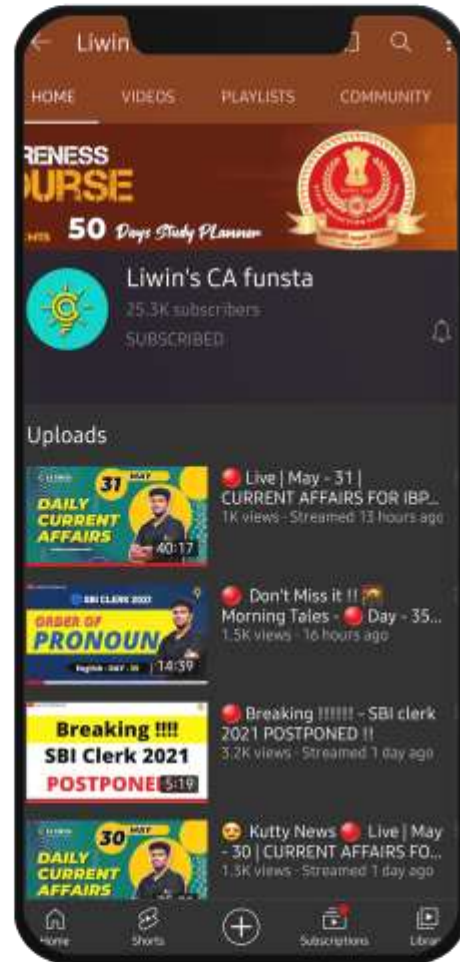
- **Launch of a new venture capital fund called Eternal Capital by Dhruv Dhanraj Bahl, former COO of BharatPe.**
- **Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) secures funding for solar projects.**
- **Appointment of Pratima Singh as Director in the DPIIT.**
- **Jeremiah Manele was elected as the new prime minister of Solomon Islands.**
- **'Run for Sun' Marathon held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi, featured races of 3 km and 5 km to promote awareness of solar power's role in climate change mitigation.**
- **7.4% was the percentage increase in iron ore production in India for FY 2023-24 compared to FY 2022-23.**



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