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# Important Days



➤ **What is the theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2024?**

- A) Birds Without Borders
- B) Save the Birds: Conserve Their Habitat
- C) Protect Insects, Protect Birds
- D) Migration and Climate Change
- E) Birds Connect Our World

**Answer**

**C) Protect Insects, Protect Birds**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2024
- **Location:** Global





# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To raise awareness about the ecological importance of migratory birds, the threats they face, and the need for international cooperation in their conservation.
- **Activities:** Public events such as bird festivals, education programs, exhibitions, and bird-watching excursions.
- **Significance:** Emphasizes the necessity of conserving migratory birds due to the perilous nature of their migration across international borders with varying environmental policies.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Migratory Birds:** Birds that travel from one place to another at regular times often over long distances to breed or find food.
- **Theme 'Protect Insects, Protect Birds':** Focuses on the crucial role of insects in migratory birds' lives, aiding in navigation and providing essential nourishment during their migration.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **First Established:** 1993
- **Original Organizers:** Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- **Current Organizer:** Environment for the Americas, in collaboration with Convention on Migratory Species and Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Water Birds.
- **Annual Observation:** Second Saturday of May and October



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Date	Theme	Location	Significance
World Migratory Bird Day 2024	11 May 2024 and 12 October 2024	Protect Insects, Protect Birds	Global	To raise awareness and promote conservation efforts for migratory birds and their habitats.



# Important Days



➤ **What is the theme of National Technology Day 2024?**

- A) Innovation for a Sustainable Future
- B) Technology for Everyone
- C) School to Startups - Inspiring Young Minds to Innovate
- D) Advancing Science, Enhancing Life
- E) Bridging the Digital Divide



**Answer**

**C) School to Startups - Inspiring Young Minds to Innovate**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** National Technology Day 2024
- **Location:** India



# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To honor scientists, researchers, and engineers who contribute to India's technological advancements and to inspire innovation and startup culture among young minds.
- **Activities:** Seminars, conferences, exhibitions, and the announcement of the Rashtriya Vigyan Purashkar (National Science Awards).



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Theme 'School to Startups - Inspiring Young Minds to Innovate':** Focuses on encouraging young individuals to engage in innovation and to consider establishing startups, fostering a culture of scientific inquiry and entrepreneurial spirit.
- **Rashtriya Vigyan Purashkar:** A set of national awards presented by the Indian government to recognize outstanding contributions to science and technology.





# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **First Celebrated:** 11 May 1999
- **Inspiration for the Event:** India's successful nuclear missile tests at Pokhran on 11 May 1998, known as "Operation Shakti."
- **Prime Minister during First Celebration:** Atal Bihari Vajpayee



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Date	Theme	Location	Significance
National Technology Day	11 May 2024	School to Startups - Inspiring Young Minds to Innovate	India	To celebrate and promote technological advancements and inspire innovation in young minds.



# Important Days



➤ **What is the theme for International Nurses Day 2024 as declared by the International Council of Nurses?**

- A) Nursing the World to Health
- B) Our Nurses Our Future, The Economic Power of Care
- C) A Voice to Lead - Health for All
- D) Nurses: A Force for Change
- E) Innovation in Nursing



**Answer**

**B) Our Nurses Our Future, The Economic Power of Care**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Nurses Day 2024
- **Location:** Ayurvigyan Auditorium, Army Hospital (R & R), India



# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To celebrate and recognize the contributions of nurses to society, highlight the challenges in the nursing profession, and discuss empowerment and digitalization in healthcare.
- **Significance:** The event serves as a platform to discuss key issues in nursing and to motivate nurses to uphold professional standards and contribute positively to healthcare.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Theme 'Our Nurses Our Future, The Economic Power of Care':** Focuses on the significant role nurses play in the healthcare system and their impact on the economy through their care.
- **Artificial Intelligence in Nursing:** The topic of debate discussing whether AI is a beneficial tool or a detriment in the nursing profession.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **Chief Guest:** Maj Gen Kanwarjit Singh, Offg Commandant Army Hospital (R&R)
- **Awards:** Pushpnanjan Award given to Capt Deepa Shajan



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Date	Theme	Location	Significance
International Nurses Day 2024	11 May 2024	Our Nurses Our Future, The Economic Power of Care	Ayurvigyan Auditorium, Army Hospital (R & R), India	Highlights the crucial role of nurses in healthcare and their impact on the economic aspects of care.





➤ **What record does Colin Munro hold for New Zealand in T20 International cricket?**

- A) Highest individual score
- B) Most T20I runs
- C) Most centuries
- D) Highest batting average
- E) Most wickets taken



**Answer**

**C) Most centuries**



# SPORTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Colin Munro's retirement from international cricket
- **Location:** New Zealand



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Colin Munro announced his retirement from international cricket, reflecting on his successful career and expressing his intentions to continue playing franchise cricket.
- **Significance:** Munro's retirement marks the end of an era for New Zealand cricket, where he was known for his aggressive batting style and significant contributions across all formats.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **T20 International Centuries:** Munro holds the record for the most hundreds scored by a New Zealand player in T20 Internationals, with three centuries to his name.



## Static GK Information:

- **Career Span:** Munro played for New Zealand from his debut in 2012 until his last match in 2020.
- **Formats Played:** 65 T20Is, 57 ODIs, and 1 Test match.
- **Notable Achievements:** Sixth highest run-scorer in T20Is for New Zealand with 1,724 runs at a strike rate of 156.4.



# SPORTS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Date	Key Achievement	Location	Significance
Colin Munro's Retirement	Announced in 2023	Holds record for most T20I centuries for New Zealand	New Zealand	Marks the end of a significant career in international cricket; highlights his contribution to New Zealand cricket in T20Is.



➤ **What is the primary function of Thomas Cook India's newly launched digital service, TCPay?**

- A) Online hotel booking
- B) International money transfers
- C) Airline ticket purchases
- D) Package holiday sales
- E) Domestic bill payments



**Answer**

**B) International money transfers**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of TCPay by Thomas Cook India
- **Location:** New Delhi, India





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To provide a digital solution for international money transfers that simplifies the process, making it more accessible and efficient.
- **Significance:** TCPay aims to transform the traditional, cumbersome method of sending money abroad by introducing a user-friendly digital interface with 24x7 availability.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **TCPay:** A digital service platform launched by Thomas Cook India specifically designed for seamless international money transfers.
- **Video KYC:** A digital know-your-customer process integrated into TCPay to facilitate safe, quick, and convenient transactions.



## Static GK Information:

- **Company:** Thomas Cook (India) Limited
  - **Executive Vice President:** Deepesh Varma



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Date	Key Feature	Location	Significance
Launch of TCPay by Thomas Cook	Recently	Digital international money transfers	New Delhi, India	Enhances ease and efficiency of money transfers, making the process accessible anytime with digital convenience.



➤ **What entity received the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India's (IRDAI) approval for the acquisition of Reliance Capital?**

- A) Hinduja Group's IndusInd International Holdings
- B) Nippon Life Insurance
- C) Aasia Enterprises LLP
- D) Cyqure India Pvt Ltd
- E) Ecopolis Properties

**Answer**

**A) Hinduja Group's IndusInd International Holdings**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval by IRDAI for the acquisition of Reliance Capital
- **Location:** Mumbai, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To facilitate the acquisition of Reliance Capital by Hinduja Group's IndusInd International Holdings, including the transfer of stakes in insurance subsidiaries.
- **Significance:** This approval is crucial for progressing the resolution plan for Reliance Capital, especially considering the insurance arms are major revenue contributors.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **IRDAI:** Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, which regulates and licenses the insurance industry in India.
- **Reliance Capital:** A financial services company undergoing corporate restructuring and insolvency resolution.
- **Nippon Life Insurance:** Japanese company partnered in a joint venture with Reliance for life insurance services in India.





## Static GK Information:

- **Hinduja Group Chairman:** Ashok Hinduja
- **Administrator Appointed for Reliance Capital:** Nageswara Rao Y
- **Reliance Capital's Debt:** Over ₹40,000 crore at the time of insolvency



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Date	Approval	Location	Significance
IRDAI Approval for Acquisition	10 May 2024	Hinduja Group's IIHL	Mumbai, India	Key step in the restructuring and resolution of Reliance Capital, impacting its insurance subsidiaries.



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who was declared the official winner of the recent presidential elections in Chad?**

- A) Prime Minister Succes Masra
- B) Mahamat Déby
- C) Yaya Dillo
- D) Hissène Habré
- E) Idriss Déby Itno

**Answer**  
**B) Mahamat Déby**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Presidential elections in Chad
- **Location:** Chad, N'Djamena



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** The elections aimed to transition from military to civilian rule, although the results and circumstances suggest continuity rather than change in governance.
- **Significance:** The election marks the continuation of the Déby family's rule after Idriss Déby's three-decade leadership, followed by his son, Mahamat Déby.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Mahamat Déby:** The current military ruler of Chad who has just been declared the winner of the presidential elections, securing 61.3% of the votes.
- **Prime Minister Succes Masra:** The closest rival in the election, garnering 18.53% of the vote, and disputed the election results.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **Chad's Independence:** Gained from France in 1960.
- **Previous Leader:** Idriss Déby Itno, who was in power until his death in April 2021.
- **Mahamat Déby's Initial Pledge:** Promised an 18-month interim leadership which was later extended, and initially stated he would not run for president.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Winner	Location	Significance
Chad's Presidential Election	Mahamat Déby	N'Djamena, Chad	Continues the Déby family's long-standing rule; marks a contentious transition from military to supposed civilian rule, though heavily criticized.





# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been reappointed as Russia's Prime Minister by President Vladimir Putin?**

- A) Mikhail Mishustin
- B) Dmitry Medvedev
- C) Sergey Lavrov
- D) Vyacheslav Volodin
- E) Alexei Navalny

**Answer**

**A) Mikhail Mishustin**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Reappointment of Mikhail Mishustin as Prime Minister of Russia
- **Location:** Russia



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To continue the administrative and policy direction under President Vladimir Putin with a trusted official who has demonstrated competence and a low-profile approach.
- **Significance:** Ensures stability and continuity in the Russian government, aligning with Putin's governance style and strategic objectives.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Mikhail Mishustin:** Reappointed as Prime Minister of Russia, previously headed Russia's tax service, known for his technical skills and non-political stance.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **Russian President:** Vladimir Putin
- **Parliament Speaker:** Vyacheslav Volodin
- **State Duma:** The lower house of the Federal Assembly of Russia, where Mishustin's candidacy was to be considered.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Key Figure	Reason for Appointment	Location
Reappointment of Mikhail Mishustin	Mikhail Mishustin	Valued for his skills and lack of political ambition	Russia



➤ **What is the main purpose of Lieutenant General DS Rana's official visit to Tanzania?**

- A) To participate in military exercises
- B) To reinforce defence ties and discuss regional security collaboration
- C) To sign new trade agreements
- D) To vacation in Tanzania's national parks
- E) To retire from his military career

**Answer**

**B) To reinforce defence ties and discuss regional security collaboration**



# DEFENCE



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Official visit of Lieutenant General DS Rana, Director General Defence Intelligence Agency (DG DIA) of India, to Tanzania.
- **Location:** United Republic of Tanzania





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** The visit aims to further reinforce robust defence ties and discuss opportunities for regional security collaboration between India and Tanzania.
- **Activities:** Lt Gen DS Rana is scheduled to meet with senior military leadership in Tanzania, inaugurate the Defence Wing at the Indian High Commission, present bulletproof jackets, and lay the foundation stone for a gymnasium.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **DG DIA (Director General Defence Intelligence Agency):** A high-ranking official within the Indian military structure responsible for overseeing defence intelligence matters.
- **TPDF (Tanzania Peoples' Defence Force):** The armed forces of Tanzania.



## Static GK Information:

- **Tanzania:**
  - **Country Name:** United Republic of Tanzania
  - **Currency:** Tanzanian Shilling
  - **Capital:** Dodoma
  - **President:** Samia Suluhu Hassan



# DEFENCE



## Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Official visit of Lieutenant General DS Rana to Tanzania
Location	Various locations including Dar Es Salaam and Arusha in Tanzania
Date	13-15 May 2024
Chief Guests	Lt Gen DS Rana, General Jacob John Mkunda, Maj Gen MN Mkeremy
Significance	Strengthen defence ties, inaugurate new facilities, and foster regional security collaboration



➤ **What was the primary purpose of the 4th ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) Joint Committee meeting held in Putrajaya, Malaysia?**

- A) To terminate AITIGA
- B) To initiate new trade agreements with countries outside ASEAN
- C) To review and upgrade AITIGA to make it more trade-facilitative
- D) To reduce the number of ASEAN trade partners
- E) To finalize the ASEAN membership of India



**Answer**

**C) To review and upgrade AITIGA to make it more trade-facilitative**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** The 4th Joint Committee meeting for the review of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) was held to discuss revisions aimed at enhancing the agreement's trade facilitation and benefits for businesses across the region.
- **Location:** Putrajaya, Malaysia



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** The main objective of this meeting was to review AITIGA to make it more conducive for trade and beneficial for regional businesses.
- **Progress:** The Joint Committee finalized its Terms of Reference and the Negotiating Structure in earlier meetings and initiated negotiations for AITIGA's review from its third meeting.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **AITIGA (ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement):** A trade agreement aimed at increasing trade facilitation between ASEAN countries and India through improved regulations and standards.
- **Sub-Committees:** Groups designated to handle different aspects of the AITIGA review, such as market access, rules of origin, and technical regulations.





## Static GK Information:

- **ASEAN:**
  - **Full Name:** Association of Southeast Asian Nations
  - **Members:** 10 Southeast Asian countries
  - **Founded:** 8 August 1967
  - **Headquarters:** Jakarta, Indonesia



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	4th ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement Joint Committee meeting
Location	Putrajaya, Malaysia
Date	7-9 May 2024
Chief Guests	Shri Rajesh Agrawal, Ms. Mastura Ahmad Mustafa
Significance	Review and enhancement of AITIGA to boost trade facilitation and regional business benefits



➤ **What is the primary purpose of India's recent financial contribution to the U.N. Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund?**

- A) To promote educational programs in developing countries
- B) To support the U.N.'s environmental initiatives
- C) To enhance international trade regulations
- D) To support multilateral efforts to combat terrorism
- E) To increase India's influence in the United Nations

**Answer**

**D) To support multilateral efforts to combat terrorism**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's contribution to the U.N. Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund
- **Location:** United Nations



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To reaffirm India's commitment to the global fight against terrorism and to support the capacity-building initiatives of member states to effectively address terrorist threats.
- **Significance:** This contribution underscores India's ongoing dedication to combating terrorism through multilateral cooperation and strategic financial support to the United Nations' efforts.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **U.N. Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund (CTTF):** A fund established to support the activities of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, focusing on initiatives such as Countering Financing of Terrorism (CFT) and Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CTTP).
- **Countering Financing of Terrorism (CFT):** Targets the prevention of financial support to terrorist groups.
- **Countering Terrorist Travel Programme (CTTP):** Aims to prevent the movement and travel of terrorists, particularly in critical regions like eastern and southern Africa.



## Static GK Information:

- **India's Permanent Representative to the U.N.:**  
Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj
- **Under Secretary General, United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism:** Vladimir Voronkov
- **Total Indian Contribution to CTTF till Date:** \$2.55 million



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Date	Contribution	Purpose	Location
India's Contribution to UN Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund	May 7,	\$500,000	Support multilateral efforts to combat terrorism	United Nations





# QUICK RECALL



- **World Migratory Bird Day will be celebrated on two days, 11 May and 12 October.**
- **National Technology Day is celebrated every year on May 11.**
- **International Nurses Day is an international day observed around the world on 12 May each year.**
- **Colin Munro's retirement from International cricket after T20 World Cup snub.**
- **Launch of TCPay by Thomas Cook India.**
- **Reliance Capital acquisition: Hinduja Group's IHL gets IRDAI approval.**
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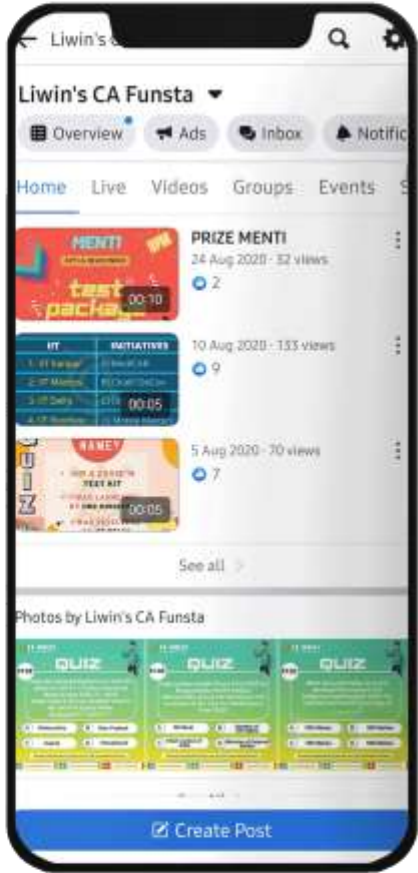
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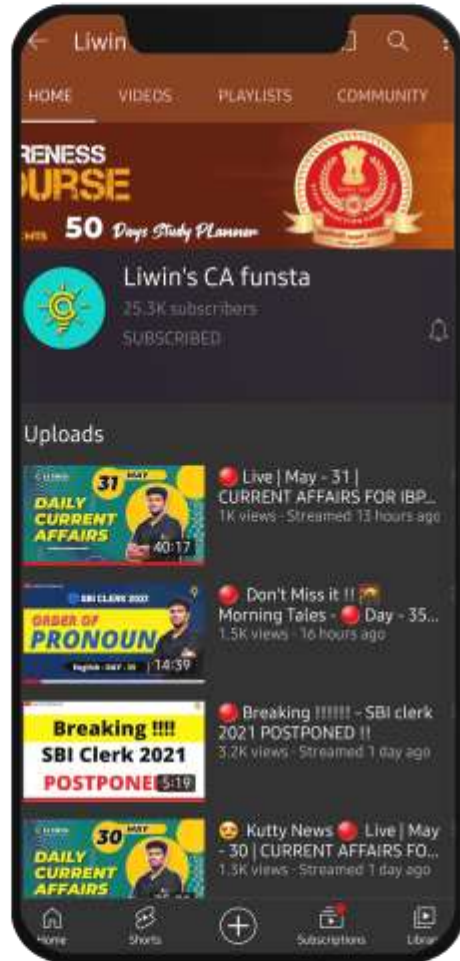
- **Official visit of Lieutenant General DS Rana, Director General Defence Intelligence Agency (DG DIA) of India, to Tanzania.**
- **4th Meeting of ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement Joint Committee.**
- **India contributes \$5,00,000 to U.N. Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund.**



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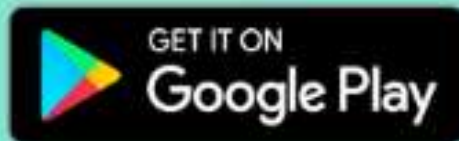
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