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# Important Days



➤ **On which date is Hindi Journalism Day observed annually?**

- A) April 30
- B) May 15
- C) May 30
- D) June 15
- E) July 30

**Answer**  
**C) May 30**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Hindi Journalism Day
- **Location:** Observed nationwide in India





# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Date:** Hindi Journalism Day is observed annually on May 30.
- **History:** Udant Martand, the first Hindi newspaper in India, was published on May 30, 1826, in Calcutta during British rule.
- **Significance:** Celebrates the role of Hindi journalism in making information accessible to those not fluent in English, and honors journalists who provide accurate news.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Hindi Journalism:** The practice of reporting news and events in the Hindi language, facilitating the spread of information to a broader audience in India.
- **Udant Martand:** The first Hindi newspaper in India, marking the beginning of Hindi journalism.
- **Fourth Pillar of Democracy:** Refers to the media's role in maintaining a democratic society by providing information and ensuring transparency.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **India**
  - **Language:** Hindi
  - **First Hindi Newspaper:** Udant Martand
  - **First Published:** May 30, 1826
  - **Significance of Date:** Commemorates the launch date of Udant Martand



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Hindi Journalism Day
Date	May 30
First Hindi Newspaper	Udant Martand
First Published	May 30, 1826
Significance	Celebrates the contribution of Hindi journalism to society



# Important Days



➤ Who was announced as the brand ambassador for Tobacco Control on World No Tobacco Day 2024?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Deepika Padukone
- C) PV Sindhu
- D) Sachin Tendulkar
- E) Priyanka Chopra

**Answer**  
**C) PV Sindhu**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** World No Tobacco Day 2024
- **Location:** Organized by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India



# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Date:** May 31, 2024
- **Theme:** “Protecting Children from Tobacco Industry Interference”
- **Key Focus Areas:**
  - Strict enforcement of India's National Tobacco Control Law - COTPA 2003
  - Establishing Tobacco Cessation Centres in medical institutions
  - Increasing tobacco-free educational institutions and villages
  - Intensified public awareness campaigns



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **COTPA 2003:** Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, India's National Tobacco Control Law
- **Tobacco Cessation Centres:** Facilities aimed at helping individuals quit tobacco use
- **OTT Platforms:** Over-the-top media services that offer streaming content over the internet





# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **India**
  - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
  - **Capital:** New Delhi
  - **Event Organized by:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	World No Tobacco Day 2024
Date	May 31, 2024
Theme	Protecting Children from Tobacco Industry Interference
Brand Ambassador	PV Sindhu
Key Announcements	Enforcement of COTPA 2003, Tobacco Cessation Centres, anti-tobacco warnings on OTT platforms



- **By how much has the gratuity limit been increased for central government employees as per the latest announcement?**

- A) Rs 10 lakh
- B) Rs 15 lakh
- C) Rs 20 lakh
- D) Rs 25 lakh
- E) Rs 30 lakh

**Answer**

- D) Rs 25 lakh**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Increase in gratuity limit for central government employees
- **Location:** Central Government of India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **DA Hike:** Dearness Allowance (DA) increased by 4% to 50%
- **Gratuity Limit Increase:** Retirement Gratuity and Death Gratuity limit increased by 25% from Rs 20 lakh to Rs 25 lakh
- **Effective Date:** The new gratuity limit effective from January 1, 2024



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Dearness Allowance (DA):** A cost of living adjustment allowance paid to government employees, public sector employees, and pensioners in India
- **Retirement Gratuity:** A lump sum payment made to employees upon retirement as a token of appreciation for their service
- **Death Gratuity:** A lump sum payment made to the family of an employee in case of their death during service
- **Gratuity:** A defined benefit plan provided by the employer to employees who have rendered continuous service for five years or more, payable upon superannuation, retirement, or resignation



## Static GK Information:

- **Central Government of India**
  - **Scheme/Policy:** Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972
  - **Founded Year:** 1947 (Post-Independence of India)
  - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Increase in gratuity limit for central government employees
Location	Central Government of India
Date	Effective from January 1, 2024
Gratuity Limit	Increased from Rs 20 lakh to Rs 25 lakh
Significance	Result of the DA hike to 50%





➤ What is the name of India's first electric vehicle index launched by NSE Indices?



- A) Nifty Auto
- B) Nifty Green
- C) Nifty EV
- D) Nifty Transport
- E) Nifty Mobility

**Answer**  
**C) Nifty EV**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Nifty EV Index
- **Location:** New Delhi



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Launch Date:** May 31, 2024
- **Purpose:** Track the performance of companies involved in the electric vehicle (EV) ecosystem
- **Investment Facilitation:** Create opportunities for asset managers and investors to invest in the EV and new-age automotive market
- **Government's Role:** Promote EV adoption and attract global investments to boost the Make in India initiative



## Important Terms Explained:

- **NSE Indices:** A subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange responsible for creating and managing stock indices
- **Nifty EV Index:** A thematic index launched to track companies in the EV ecosystem
- **Base Date and Value:** The index's base date is April 2, 2018, with a base value of 1,000
- **Reconstitution and Rebalancing:** The index will be reconstituted semi-annually and rebalanced quarterly
- **Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs):** Investment funds traded on stock exchanges, much like stocks



## Static GK Information:

- **National Stock Exchange (NSE)**
  - **Founded Year:** 1992
  - **CEO:** Ashishkumar Chauhan
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Launch of Nifty EV Index
Location	New Delhi
Date	May 31, 2024
Index Name	Nifty EV
Base Date and Value	April 2, 2018, and 1,000
Significance	Facilitates investment in the EV and new-age automotive market



➤ **What is one of the key strategic moves by RBI to internationalise the Indian Rupee (INR)?**

- A) Banning foreign investments
- B) Opening of rupee accounts outside India
- C) Increasing interest rates
- D) Printing more currency
- E) Reducing foreign trade

**Answer**

**B) Opening of rupee accounts outside India**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI's strategic move to internationalise the Indian Rupee
- **Location:** Mumbai, India





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Strategic Plan:** Allowing the opening of rupee accounts outside India to promote the internationalisation of INR
- **Liberalisation:** Liberalising the external commercial borrowing (ECB) framework
- **Rationalisation:** Rationalising various guidelines under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA)
- **Platform Launch:** 'Go-live' for phase I of the SPECTRA project for ECBs and trade credits reporting and approval
- **Accounts Permitted:** Persons resident outside India (PROIs) can open rupee (INR) accounts outside India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Investments:** Enabling foreign direct investment (FDI) and portfolio investment through special accounts like Special Nonresident Rupee (SNRR) and Special Rupee Vostro Account (SRVA)
- **Remittance Scheme:** Rationalising the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)
- **IFSC Regulations:** Reviewing regulations under the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC)



## Important Terms Explained:

- **External Commercial Borrowing (ECB):** Loans availed by Indian entities from non-resident lenders in foreign currency
- **SPECTRA:** Software platform for ECBs and trade credits reporting and approval
- **Special Nonresident Rupee (SNRR) Account:** An account maintained by a non-resident in India for business purposes
- **Special Rupee Vostro Account (SRVA):** An account held by a foreign bank in India in INR
- **Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA):** A regulatory framework for foreign exchange transactions in India



## Static GK Information:

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



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	RBI's strategic move to internationalise INR
Location	Mumbai, India
Date	May 31, 2024
Key Move	Allowing opening of rupee accounts outside India
Significance	Facilitates settlement of bilateral trade in local currencies



➤ **Why did the RBI decide to move 100 tonnes of gold back to India?**

- A) To invest in the local market
- B) To save on vaulting and insurance costs
- C) To sell the gold locally
- D) To support the Indian jewelry market
- E) To lend gold to other countries

**Answer**

**B) To save on vaulting and insurance costs**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI moves 100 tonnes of gold reserves back to India
- **Location:** Mumbai, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Reason for Move:**
  - Volatile global developments, including unrest in West Asia and the conflict between Iran and Iraq
  - Save on vaulting and insurance costs by storing gold in India
- **Gold Holdings:**
  - RBI has been increasing its gold reserves, reaching 822 tonnes as of April-end
  - The central bank purchased 25 tonnes of gold since the start of the year, exceeding last year's purchase of 16 tonnes





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Gold Storage:**
  - Previously, RBI stored about 414 tonnes of gold abroad, mainly in the Bank of England vault
- **Government Support:**
  - The government waived the import duty of 15% and 5% agriculture infrastructure development cess on gold imported by the RBI



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Vaulting Costs:** Expenses related to storing gold in secure facilities abroad
- **Hedge:** An investment made to reduce the risk of adverse price movements in an asset
- **Agriculture Infrastructure Development Cess:** A tax imposed on certain imported goods to raise funds for agricultural infrastructure



## Static GK Information:

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



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	RBI moves 100 tonnes of gold back to India
Location	Mumbai, India
Date	May 31, 2024
Reason	Save on vaulting and insurance costs, manage reserves amid global uncertainty
Gold Reserves	822 tonnes as of April-end
Government Support	Waived import duty and agriculture cess on RBI-imported gold



➤ **What is the name of the app launched by Jio Financial Services for UPI and digital banking?**

- A) JioBank
- B) JioMoney
- C) JioFinance
- D) JioPay
- E) JioWallet



**Answer**  
**C) JioFinance**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of 'JioFinance' app in beta version
- **Location:** New Delhi



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Launch Date: May 31, 2024**
- **Purpose:** Offer UPI, digital banking, and other financial services
- **Key Features:**
  - Instant digital account opening
  - Streamlined bank management with the 'Jio payments bank account' feature
  - Integrated UPI transactions, bill settlements, and insurance advisory
  - Consolidated view of accounts and savings in one interface



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Future Plans:**
  - Expand loan solutions starting with loans on mutual funds and progressing to home loans
- **Customer Focus:**
  - Prioritises trust, relevance, and transparency
  - Launching in beta to gather user feedback for continual improvement





## Important Terms Explained:

- **UPI (Unified Payments Interface):** A real-time payment system facilitating inter-bank transactions
- **Beta Version:** A pre-release version of software made available for testing by a limited audience
- **Digital Banking:** Online banking services allowing customers to conduct financial transactions via the internet



## Static GK Information:

- **Jio Financial Services**
  - **Parent Company:** Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)
  - **Founded Year:** July 22, 1999
  - **CEO:** Hitesh Sethia
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Launch of 'JioFinance' app
Location	New Delhi
Date	May 31, 2024
App Name	JioFinance
Key Features	Instant digital account opening, UPI, digital banking, insurance advisory
Future Plans	Expand loan solutions starting with loans on mutual funds, progressing to home loans
Significance	Simplifies finance management in a single platform for users across demographics



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the new brand ambassador of Muthoot Pappachan Group?**

- A) Amitabh Bachchan
- B) Salman Khan
- C) Shah Rukh Khan
- D) Aamir Khan
- E) Akshay Kumar

**Answer**

**C) Shah Rukh Khan**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Shah Rukh Khan as Brand Ambassador
- **Location:** Kochi



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Strategic Collaboration:** Reinforce Muthoot Pappachan Group's (MPG) brand presence.
- **Audience Connection:** Enhance connection with a diverse audience across the country.
- **Mission:** Empower the common man across the nation by making financial services accessible.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Muthoot Pappachan Group (MPG):** A conglomerate known as Muthoot Blue, promoting leading Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).
- **Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs):** Financial institutions that offer various banking services but do not hold a banking license.
- **Muthoot FinCorp Limited:** The flagship company of MPG.
- **Brand Ambassador:** A person who promotes a company's products or services, embodying its values in promotional campaigns.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **Muthoot Pappachan Group**
  - **Founded Year:** 1887
  - **Chairman:** Thomas John Muthoot
  - **CEO (Muthoot FinCorp):** Shaji Varghese
  - **Headquarters:** Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala





# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Appointment of Shah Rukh Khan as Brand Ambassador
Location	Kochi
Date	May 30, 2024
Chief Guest/Key Personality	Shah Rukh Khan
Significance	Reinforces MPG's brand presence and mission to empower the common man



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been approved by IRDAI as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of ICICI Prudential?**

- A) Shikha Sharma
- B) Sandeep Batra
- C) Chanda Kochhar
- D) Anup Bagchi
- E) Suresh Kumar

**Answer**

**B) Sandeep Batra**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Sandeep Batra as Chairman of the Board of Directors of ICICI Prudential
- **Location:** Announcement made by ICICI Prudential



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Approval by IRDAI:** The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has approved Sandeep Batra's appointment.
- **Effective Date:** Batra's appointment will take effect on June 30, 2024.
- **Leadership Role:** Sandeep Batra will lead the Board of Directors of ICICI Prudential.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **IRDAI:** Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, a regulatory body overseeing the insurance sector in India.
- **ICICI Prudential:** A leading life insurance company in India, part of the ICICI Group.
- **Executive Director:** A senior role within a company's board responsible for managing day-to-day operations.
- **Company Secretary:** A professional responsible for ensuring that a company complies with legal and regulatory requirements.
- **Chartered Accountant:** A qualified accounting professional responsible for financial management and auditing.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company**
  - **Founded Year:** 2000
  - **CEO:** Mr. Anup Bagchi
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Approval of Sandeep Batra as Chairman of ICICI Prudential
Location	Announcement made by ICICI Prudential
Date	June 30, 2024 (Effective Date)
Chief Guest/Key Personality	Sandeep Batra
Significance	Strengthens leadership at ICICI Prudential



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been elected as the new Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health?**

- A) Dr. Monique Eloit
- B) Dr. Emmanuelle Soubeyran
- C) Dr. Margaret Chan
- D) Dr. Tedros Adhanom
- E) Dr. Anthony Fauci

**Answer**

**B) Dr. Emmanuelle Soubeyran**





# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Election of Dr. Emmanuelle Soubeyran as Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)
- **Location:** Paris, France



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Election Date:** May 28, 2024, during the 91st General Session
- **Mandate Duration:** 5-year term from 2024 to 2029
- **Leadership Vision:** Advance animal health governance, promote a safer and healthier future for both animals and humans



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH):** An international organization committed to global animal health
- **Director General:** The chief executive officer responsible for leading and overseeing the organization's activities
- **Observatory:** A monitoring mechanism of the implementation of WOAH Standards
- **ANIMUSE:** A global database on animal antimicrobial use



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)**
  - **Founded Year:** 1924
  - **Headquarters:** Paris, France
  - **Predecessor:** Dr. Monique Eloit
  - **Current Director General:** Dr. Emmanuelle Soubeyran



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Election of Dr. Emmanuelle Soubeyran as Director General of WOAH
Location	Paris, France
Date	May 28, 2024
Mandate Duration	2024-2029
Significance	Marks a new chapter in advancing global animal health



# AWARDS



➤ Which prestigious award did NIMHANS receive from the WHO in 2024?

- A) Global Health Leaders Award
- B) Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion
- C) Public Health Champion Award
- D) Health Excellence Award
- E) Mental Health Advocate Award

**Answer**

**B) Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion**



# AWARDS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** NIMHANS receives Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion from WHO
- **Location:** Bengaluru, India



# AWARDS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Award Details:**
  - **Recipient:** National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS)
  - **Award:** Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion 2024
  - **Organization:** World Health Organization (WHO)
- **Significance:**
  - This award comes as NIMHANS celebrates its 50th anniversary and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its precursor, the All India Institute of Mental Health (AIIMH)
- **Institutional Achievements:**
  - Recognized for its contributions to health promotion and mental health
  - NIMHANS has been at the forefront of mental health and neuro sciences in India and globally





# AWARDS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **NIMHANS:** The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, a premier institute for mental health and neuroscience education and research
- **WHO:** World Health Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for international public health
- **Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion:** An award given by WHO to recognize outstanding contributions to health promotion



## Static GK Information:

- **National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS)**
  - **Founded Year:** 1974
  - **Precursor:** All India Institute of Mental Health (AIIMH)
  - **Location:** Bengaluru, Karnataka, India



# AWARDS



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	NIMHANS receives Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion
Location	Bengaluru, India
Date	May 31, 2024
Award	Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion
Organization	World Health Organization (WHO)
Significance	Celebrates NIMHANS' 50th anniversary and 70th anniversary of AIIMH



➤ **Which Indian space startup launched the world's first rocket powered by a fully 3D-printed engine?**

- A) ISRO
- B) Skyroot Aerospace
- C) Agnikul Cosmos
- D) SpaceX
- E) Blue Origin

**Answer**

**C) Agnikul Cosmos**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the world's first rocket powered by a fully 3D-printed engine by Agnikul Cosmos
- **Location:** Sriharikota, from the privately-developed launchpad "Dhanush"



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Strategic Achievement:** Demonstrates the potential of India's private space industry and Agnikul's innovative prowess
- **Test Flight Purpose:** Gather critical data for Agnikul's upcoming orbital launch vehicle, "Agnibaan"
- **Mission Objective:** Democratise access to space by offering affordable and customisable launch solutions



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Agnibaan - SOrTeD:** Sub-Orbital Technology Demonstrator, a test flight rocket powered by a fully 3D-printed engine
- **Dhanush:** India's first privately-developed launchpad, established by Agnikul Cosmos
- **Semi-Cryogenic Engine:** An engine that uses a combination of liquid and gaseous fuels, designed and manufactured indigenously by Agnikul
- **IN-SPACe:** Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center, a regulatory body for private space activities in India



## Static GK Information:

- **Agnikul Cosmos**
  - **Incubated At:** IIT Madras
  - **Chairman (ISRO):** Dr. S. Somanath
  - **Chairman (IN-SPACE):** Dr. Pawan Goenka





## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Launch of the world's first rocket powered by a fully 3D-printed engine
Location	Sriharikota
Chief Guest/Key Personalities	Dr. S. Somanath, Dr. Pawan Goenka, Lt. Gen. A.K. Bhatt (Retd.)
Significance	Marks a significant milestone for India's private space industry



➤ Which aircraft did the Indian Air Force deploy for the 'Red Flag Alaska' exercise?

- A) Sukhoi Su-30MKI
- B) Mirage 2000
- C) Tejas
- D) Rafale
- E) MiG-29

**Answer**  
**D) Rafale**



# DEFENCE



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian Air Force joins 'Red Flag Alaska' military exercise
- **Location:** Alaska, USA



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Exercise Duration:** May 30 to June 14
- **Training Purpose:** Provide realistic training in a simulated combat environment
- **Participation:** Approximately 3100 service members and over 100 aircraft
- **Goals:** Improve interoperability and exchange tactics, techniques, and procedures



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Red Flag-Alaska:** A joint military exercise held in Alaska, designed to offer realistic combat training
- **Rafale Fighter Jets:** Advanced multirole fighter aircraft deployed by the Indian Air Force
- **IL-78 Air-to-Air Refuellers:** Aircraft used for in-flight refueling to extend the operational range of fighter jets
- **C-17 Transport Aircraft:** Military transport aircraft used for strategic airlift missions



## Static GK Information:

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



# DEFENCE



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Indian Air Force joins 'Red Flag Alaska' exercise
Location	Alaska, USA
Date	May 30 to June 14, 2024
Aircraft Deployed	Rafale fighter jets
Significance	Enhance training and interoperability in simulated combat environment



➤ **What is the new Antarctic research station announced by India?**

- A) Bharati-II
- B) Maitri-II
- C) Dakshin Gangotri-II
- D) Nehru Station
- E) Indira Station

**Answer**  
**B) Maitri-II**





## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Hosting of the 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM-46) and the 26th Committee on Environmental Protection (CEP-26)
- **Location:** Kochi, Kerala, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Dates:** May 20 to May 30, 2024
- **Participants:** Over 400 delegates from 56 countries
- **Key Announcements:**
  - India announced plans to establish a new Antarctic research station, Maitri-II.
  - Release of a customized MyStamp with the ATCM-46 logo in collaboration with India Post.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Main Themes:**
  - **Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam:** "One Earth, one family, one future," promoting peace, scientific cooperation, and preservation of Antarctica.
  - **Environmental Protection:** Parties adopted 17 revised and new management plans for Antarctic Specially Protected Areas (ASPAs).
  - **Tourism Framework:** Discussion on developing a framework for regulating tourism and non-governmental activities in Antarctica.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Antarctic Treaty (1959):** An international agreement ensuring Antarctica is used for peaceful purposes and scientific research.
- **Madrid Protocol (1991):** A protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty.
- **ASPAs:** Antarctic Specially Protected Areas designated for their environmental, scientific, historic, aesthetic, or wilderness values.
- **MyStamp:** A personalized postage stamp initiative by India Post.



## Static GK Information:

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



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Hosting of ATCM-46 and CEP-26
Location	Kochi, Kerala, India
Dates	May 20 to May 30, 2024
Key Announcement	India's plan to establish Maitri-II
Significance	Promotes peace, scientific cooperation, and environmental protection in Antarctica



# QUICK RECALL



- **Hindi Journalism Day is observed annually on May 30 to honor the contributions of Hindi journalism and its role in disseminating information.**
- **Union Health Secretary announces PV Sindhu as brand ambassador for Tobacco Control and outlines key initiatives on World No Tobacco Day 2024.**
- **Gratuity limit for central government employees increased to Rs 25 lakh after DA touches 50%.**
- **NSE Indices launches Nifty EV, India's first electric vehicle index, to track the performance of companies in the EV ecosystem and facilitate investment opportunities.**
- **RBI allows opening of rupee accounts outside India as part of its strategic move to internationalise the Indian Rupee (INR).**
- **Jio Financial Services launches 'JioFinance' app in beta to offer UPI, digital banking, and a comprehensive suite of financial services.**



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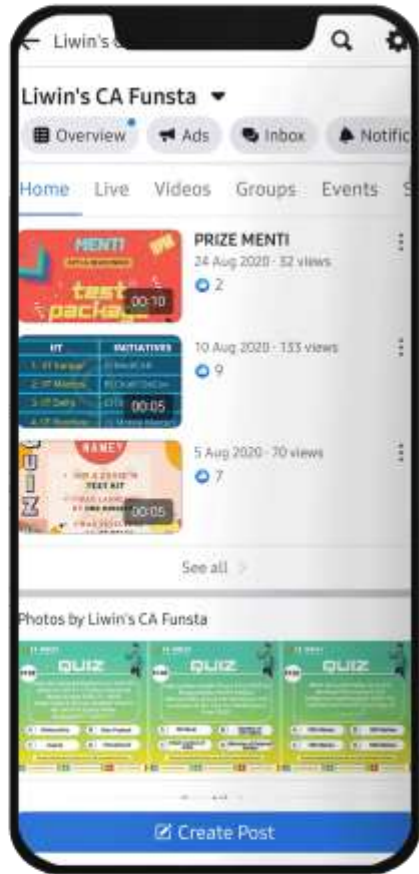


- **RBI moves 100 tonnes of gold back to India to save on vaulting and insurance costs amid global uncertainty.**
- **Shah Rukh Khan appointed as brand ambassador of Muthoot Pappachan Group.**
- **IRDAI approves Sandeep Batra's appointment as Chairman of ICICI Prudential, effective June 30, 2024.**
- **Dr. Emmanuelle Soubeyran elected as the new Director General of the World Organisation for Animal Health, effective May 28, 2024.**
- **NIMHANS receives WHO's Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion 2024 as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.**
- **Indian space startup Agnikul launches world's first rocket with a fully 3D-printed engine from Sriharikota.**
- **Indian Air Force deploys Rafale fighter jets for 'Red Flag Alaska' military exercise in the US from May 30 to June 14.**
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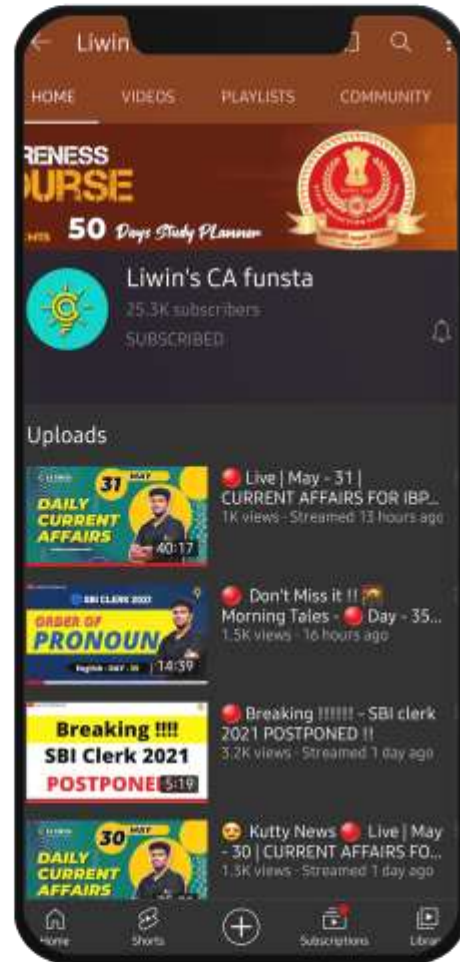




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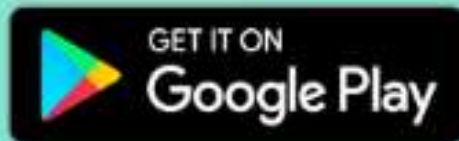
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