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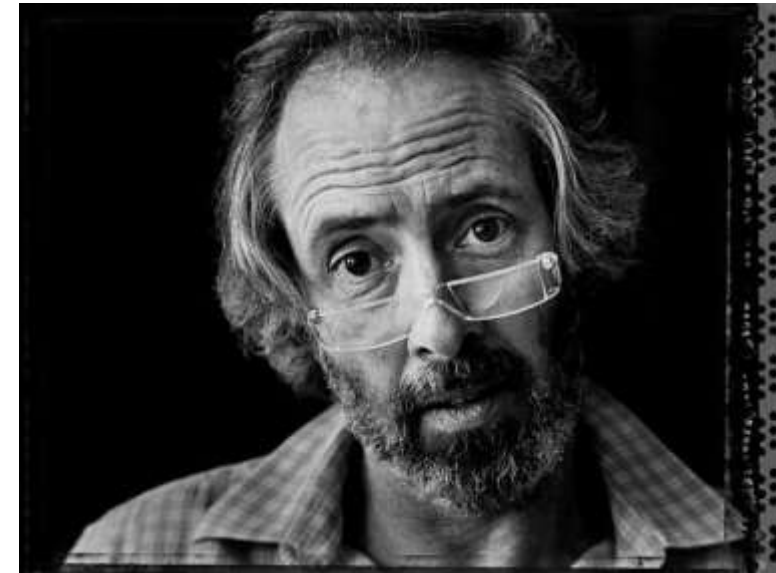


➤ Who was the Oscar-winning screenwriter of "Chinatown" who recently passed away at the age of 89?

- A) Edward Taylor
- B) Roman Polanski
- C) Robert Evans
- D) Robert Towne
- E) Warren Beatty

Answer

D) Robert Towne



OBITUARY



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Death of Robert Towne, Oscar-winning screenwriter of "Chinatown"
- **Location:** Los Angeles, California



OBITUARY



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Notable Works:** Robert Towne was known for his screenplays for "Chinatown," "Shampoo," and "The Last Detail."
- **Awards:** Won an Academy Award for "Chinatown" and received a lifetime achievement award from the Writers Guild of America in 1997.
- **Contributions:** Worked uncredited on "The Godfather" and "Bonnie and Clyde."



OBITUARY



Important Terms Explained:

- **Screenwriter:** A writer responsible for writing scripts for films, television series, and other visual media.
- **Ghostwriting:** Writing material for someone else who is officially credited as the author.



OBITUARY



Static GK Information:

- **Robert Towne**
 - **Full Name:** Robert Bertram Schwartz
 - **Born:** November 23, 1934
 - **Died:** June 26, 2024
 - **Notable Awards:** Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay (Chinatown), Writers Guild of America Lifetime Achievement Award (1997)
- **Writers Guild of America**
 - **Founded Year:** 1954 (WGAE) and 1951 (WGAW)
 - **Headquarters:** Los Angeles, California
 - **Purpose:** Represents writers in motion pictures, television, radio, and other media.



OBITUARY



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
Death of Robert Towne	Los Angeles, California	June 26, 2024	Oscar-winning screenwriter of "Chinatown"



➤ **Where has India launched UPI to boost transactions ahead of the Paris Olympics 2024?**

- A) Louvre Museum
- B) Champs-Élysées
- C) Galeries Lafayette
- D) Notre-Dame
- E) Arc de Triomphe

Answer

C) Galeries Lafayette



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of UPI at Galeries Lafayette
- **Location:** Haussmann Boulevard, Paris



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Expand UPI acceptance and facilitate seamless transactions for Indian visitors in Paris.
- **Launch Date:** July 3, 2024
- **Key Figures:** Launched by Indian Ambassador to France, Monaco Jawed Ashraf, with CEO of Galeries Lafayette, Nicolas Houze, and Chairman of Lyra Group, Alain Lacour.
- **Significance:** Enhances digital payment solutions ahead of Paris Olympics 2024.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UPI (Unified Payments Interface):** An instant payment system developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) in 2016.
- **NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India):** The organization responsible for managing and operating UPI.



Static GK Information:

- **UPI**
 - **Launched Year:** 2016
 - **Developed By:** National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
 - **International Launch:** Singapore, 2018
- **Galleries Lafayette**
 - **Founded Year:** 1912
 - **Headquarters:** Paris, France
 - **CEO:** Nicolas Houze



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
Launch of UPI at Galeries Lafayette	Hausmann Boulevard, Paris	July 3, 2024	Indian Ambassador to France, Monaco Jawed Ashraf	Facilitates UPI transactions for Indian visitors ahead of Paris Olympics



➤ **What new option does ICICI Pru iProtect Smart introduce for monthly income security?**

- A) Life Insurance
- B) Life Cover
- C) Life Continuity
- D) Health Insurance
- E) Savings Plan

Answer

C) Life Continuity



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Introduction of the 'Life Continuity' option in ICICI Pru iProtect Smart
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Provide beneficiaries with the death benefit payout as monthly income instead of a lump sum.
- **Benefits:** Helps families manage ongoing expenses and ensures sustained financial security.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Life Continuity:** An option in term life insurance that allows beneficiaries to receive monthly payments.
- **Critical Illness Benefit:** Covers 34 critical conditions, providing financial support upon diagnosis.



Static GK Information:

- **ICICI Prudential Life**
 - **Founded Year:** 2001
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
 - **CEO:** N.S. Kannan
 - **Claim Settlement Ratio (FY2024):** 99.17%
 - **Average Claim Settlement Time:** 1.27 days



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
Introduction of 'Life Continuity' option	India	July 5, 2024	Offers monthly income security to beneficiaries



➤ What is the key feature of the Shriram Life Deferred Annuity Plan recently launched?

- A) Immediate payout
- B) Lump sum benefit
- C) Deferred annuity
- D) Term insurance
- E) Critical illness cover



Answer

C) Deferred annuity



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the Shriram Life Deferred Annuity Plan
- **Location:** Chennai, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To offer affordable retirement benefits with insurance protection.
- **Target Audience:** Younger professionals and entrepreneurs.
- **Key Feature:** Balances long-term savings growth with insurance protection.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Deferred Annuity:** A type of annuity plan where the payouts begin after a specified period, allowing the savings to grow over time before distributions start.



Static GK Information:

- **Shriram Life Insurance**
 - **Founded Year:** 2005
 - **Headquarters:** Hyderabad, India
 - **MD & CEO:** Casparus Kromhout
- **Shriram Life Deferred Annuity Plan**
 - **Key Feature:** Provides steady retirement income with deferred payouts.
 - **Benefits:** Affordable premiums with insurance protection.



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
Launch of Shriram Life Deferred Annuity Plan	Chennai, India	July 5, 2024	Offers affordable retirement benefits and insurance protection



➤ What is the amount of monetary penalty imposed by the RBI on Punjab National Bank (PNB)?

- A) ₹50 lakh
- B) ₹75 lakh
- C) ₹1.00 crore
- D) ₹1.32 crore
- E) ₹2.00 crore



Answer

D) ₹1.32 crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI imposes monetary penalty on PNB
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Penalty Amount:** ₹1.32 crore (₹131.80 lakh)
- **Reason:** Non-compliance with RBI directions on 'Loans and Advances' and 'Know Your Customer (KYC)' guidelines.
- **Action:** Notice issued to PNB advising to show cause for non-compliance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Know Your Customer (KYC):** A process used by financial institutions to verify the identity of their clients to prevent fraud and money laundering.



Static GK Information:

- **Punjab National Bank (PNB)**
 - **Founded Year:** 1894
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **MD & CEO:** Atul Kumar Goel
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
 - **Founded Year:** 1935
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
 - **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
RBI imposes monetary penalty on PNB	India	July 5, 2024	₹1.32 crore penalty for non-compliance with RBI guidelines



➤ Which consulting firm has LIC partnered with for the "Jeevan Samarth" project?

- A) McKinsey & Company
- B) Bain & Company
- C) Boston Consulting Group
- D) A. T. Kearney
- E) Deloitte

Answer
D) A. T. Kearney



Event and Location:

- **Event:** LIC's partnership with A. T. Kearney for the "Jeevan Samarth" project
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To future-proof LIC's 14 lakh agent workforce and review the existing agency framework.
- **Goals:**
 - Transform agency operations at Branch, Division, and Zonal levels.
 - Establish global best practices in the insurance sector.
- **Impact:** Enhance skills and tools for agents to better meet evolving customer needs.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Jeevan Samarth:** A transformation project aimed at improving LIC's agency ecosystem.
- **A. T. Kearney:** A global strategy consulting firm involved in the transformation project.



Static GK Information:

- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**
 - **Founded Year:** 1956
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
 - **Chairman:** M.R. Kumar
- **A. T. Kearney**
 - **Founded Year:** 1926
 - **Headquarters:** Chicago, Illinois, USA
 - **CEO:** Alex Liu



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
LIC partners with A. T. Kearney for "Jeevan Samarth" project	India	July 5, 2024	S. Mohanty	Transform and future-proof LIC's agent workforce



➤ **What is the significant feature of the Bajaj Freedom motorcycle launched recently?**

- A) It runs on diesel
- B) It is electric-powered
- C) It is solar-powered
- D) It runs on CNG
- E) It is a hybrid motorcycle

Answer

D) It runs on CNG



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the world's first CNG-powered bike, Bajaj Freedom
- **Location:** Pune, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To offer significant fuel cost savings by reducing expenses by around 50% compared to petrol motorcycles.
- **Launch Details:** Unveiled in the presence of Union Minister Nitin Gadkari.



Important Terms Explained:

- **CNG (Compressed Natural Gas):** An eco-friendly alternative fuel that offers cost savings and reduced emissions compared to petrol.



Static GK Information:

- **Bajaj Auto**
 - **Founded Year:** 1945
 - **Headquarters:** Pune, India
 - **Chairman:** Rahul Bajaj
- **Bajaj Freedom CNG Motorcycle**
 - **Key Feature:** World's first motorcycle powered by CNG.
 - **Benefits:** Significant fuel cost savings, approximately 50% compared to petrol motorcycles.



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
Launch of Bajaj Freedom CNG motorcycle	Pune, India	July 5, 2024	Union Minister Nitin Gadkari	World's first CNG-powered bike

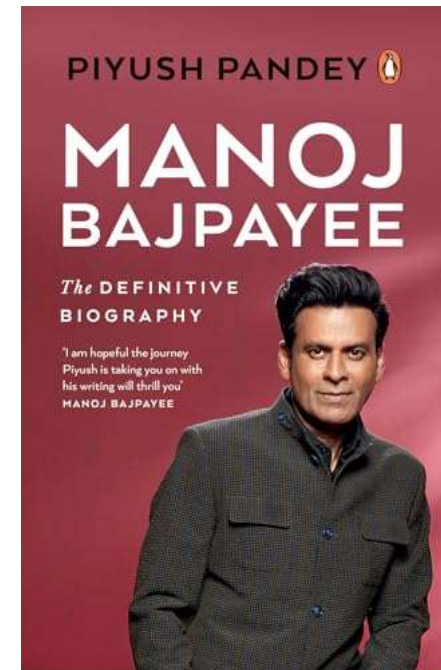


➤ Who is the subject of the biography titled "MANOJ BAJPAYEE: The Definitive Biography"?

- A) Piyush Pandey
- B) Shekhar Kapur
- C) Nirmal Pandey
- D) Ram Gopal Verma
- E) Manoj Bajpayee

Answer

E) Manoj Bajpayee



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of the biography "MANOJ BAJPAYEE: The Definitive Biography"



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Biography Focus:** Chronicles the journey of Manoj Bajpayee from a small village to becoming a notable actor in Bollywood.
- **Author:** Piyush Pandey, who was inspired by Bajpayee's story and shadowed him for over a decade.
- **Objective:** To showcase Manoj Bajpayee's struggles and successes in the film industry, highlighting his persistence and dedication to his craft.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Manoj Bajpayee:** An acclaimed actor known for his method acting and memorable roles in Indian cinema.
- **Piyush Pandey:** Journalist and author of the biography, inspired by Bajpayee's journey.
- **Method Acting:** A technique of acting in which actors fully immerse themselves into the character they are portraying.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Static GK Information:

- **Manoj Bajpayee**
 - **Notable Roles:** Bhiku Mhatre (Satya), Sardar Khan (Gangs of Wasseypur), Ganpat Bhonsale (Bhonsale), Shrikant Tiwari (Family Man)
 - **Birthplace:** Belwa, Bihar
 - **Career Start:** Through theatre in Delhi
 - **Achievements:** Known for his intense method acting and critically acclaimed performances
- **Bollywood Film Industry**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **Key Figures:** Directors like Shekhar Kapur, Ram Gopal Verma, Prakash Jha
 - **Notable Films:** Satya, Gangs of Wasseypur, Bhonsale, Family Man



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Date	Significance
Release of "MANOJ BAJPAYEE: The Definitive Biography"	June 28, 2024	Chronicles the life of actor Manoj Bajpayee



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has become Maharashtra's first female Chief Secretary?**

- A) Nitin Kareer
- B) Sujata Saunik
- C) Usha Thorat
- D) Preeti Sudan
- E) Vinita Bali

Answer

B) Sujata Saunik



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Sujata Saunik becomes Maharashtra's first female Chief Secretary.
- **Location:** Mantralaya, the State Secretariat in south Mumbai.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Appointment:** Sujata Saunik was appointed by the MahaYuti government.
- **Term Duration:** She will serve a one-year tenure.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **MahaYuti Government:** Refers to the coalition government in Maharashtra, often formed by a major alliance of political parties.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Maharashtra**
 - **Capital:** Mumbai
 - **Chief Minister:** Eknath Shinde
 - **Deputy Chief Minister:** Devendra Fadnavis
 - **Governor:** Ramesh Bais
 - **State Formation:** May 1, 1960
 - **Largest City:** Mumbai
 - **Official Language:** Marathi
- **Maharashtra State Secretariat (Mantralaya)**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai
 - **Function:** The administrative headquarters of the state government of Maharashtra.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
Sujata Saunik becomes Maharashtra's first female Chief Secretary	Mantralaya, South Mumbai	June 30, 2024	First female Chief Secretary of Maharashtra



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Punjab & Haryana High Court?**

- A) Justice Dipak Misra
- B) Justice Sheel Nagu
- C) Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- D) Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde
- E) Justice N. V. Ramana



Answer
B) Justice Sheel Nagu



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Justice Sheel Nagu as Chief Justice
- **Location:** Punjab & Haryana High Court



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Appointment:** Notified by the Ministry of Law & Justice on July 4, 2024
- **Authority:** The appointment is made under the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 217 of the Constitution of India.
- **Previous Position:** Justice Sheel Nagu was a Judge of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Article 217 of the Constitution of India:** Relates to the appointment and conditions of the office of a Judge of a High Court.
- **Chief Justice:** The highest judicial officer in a High Court responsible for its administration and judicial work.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Punjab & Haryana High Court**
 - **Location:** Chandigarh, India
 - **Founded Year:** 1919
 - **Jurisdiction:** States of Punjab and Haryana, and the Union Territory of Chandigarh
- **Justice Sheel Nagu**
 - **Previous Position:** Judge of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh
 - **Appointment Date:** July 4, 2024



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
Appointment of Justice Sheel Nagu as Chief Justice	Punjab & Haryana High Court	July 4, 2024	Appointment of a new Chief Justice



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who is set to take oath as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand on July 4, 2024?

- A) Rajesh Thakur
- B) C.P. Radhakrishnan
- C) Hemant Soren
- D) Shibu Soren
- E) Babulal Marandi

Answer

C) Hemant Soren



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Oath-taking ceremony of Hemant Soren as Chief Minister
- **Location:** Raj Bhavan, Ranchi, Jharkhand



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Position:** Hemant Soren is set to take oath as Chief Minister of Jharkhand.
- **Appointment:** Invited by Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan to form the government.
- **Coalition Decision:** Unanimously elected by leaders of the JMM-led alliance as the Legislature Party leader.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Chief Minister (CM):** The head of the government of a state in India.
- **JMM (Jharkhand Mukti Morcha):** A regional political party in Jharkhand.
- **Raj Bhavan:** The official residence of the Governor.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Jharkhand**
 - **Capital:** Ranchi
 - **Chief Minister:** Hemant Soren
 - **Governor:** C.P. Radhakrishnan
 - **Formation:** November 15, 2000
 - **Official Language:** Hindi



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
Oath-taking ceremony of Hemant Soren as CM	Raj Bhavan, Ranchi	July 4, 2024	Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan	Hemant Soren becomes Chief Minister of Jharkhand



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the principal spokesperson of the central government on July 4, 2024?**

- A) Sheyphali B Sharan
- B) Dhirendra K Ojha
- C) Y K Baweja
- D) Rajesh Thakur
- E) C.P. Radhakrishnan

Answer

B) Dhirendra K Ojha



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of the principal spokesperson of the central government
- **Location:** New Delhi



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **New Appointment:** Senior IIS officer Dhirendra K Ojha appointed as the principal spokesperson of the central government.
- **Additional Charge:** Ojha will also hold the charge of the principal director general, Press Information Bureau (PIB).
- **Successor:** Succeeds Sheyphali B Sharan, who has been appointed as the director general of the Publications Division.
- **Previous Position:** Ojha served as the director general, Central Bureau of Communications (CBC).



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Information Service (IIS):** A branch of the Indian civil services responsible for handling information and broadcasting for the government.
- **Press Information Bureau (PIB):** The nodal agency of the Government of India for disseminating information to the print and electronic media.
- **Central Bureau of Communications (CBC):** An agency responsible for advertising and media strategy for all central government organizations.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Dhirendra K Ojha**
 - **Batch:** 1990 IIS
 - **Current Position:** Principal spokesperson and principal director general, Press Information Bureau
 - **Previous Position:** Director General, Central Bureau of Communications
- **Press Information Bureau (PIB)**
 - **Founded Year:** 1919
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
 - **Function:** Dissemination of information about government policies, programmes, and activities to the media.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
Appointment of Dharendra K Ojha as principal spokesperson of central government	New Delhi	July 4, 2024	Dhirendra K Ojha succeeds Sheyphali B Sharan



➤ **Which Indian NBFC was selected for The Financial Action Task Force's (FATF) Mutual Evaluation report 2023-24?**

- A) Bajaj Finance
- B) HDFC Ltd
- C) Shriram Transport Finance
- D) Muthoot Finance
- E) Tata Capital



Answer
D) Muthoot Finance



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Selection of Muthoot Finance for FATF Mutual Evaluation report 2023-24
- **Location:** Chennai, India



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Significance:** Muthoot Finance is the only Indian Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) selected for the FATF Mutual Evaluation report.
- **Achievement:** Recognizes Muthoot Finance's legacy and global trust.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **FATF (Financial Action Task Force):** An intergovernmental organization founded to develop policies to combat money laundering and terrorism financing.
- **Mutual Evaluation Report:** A comprehensive evaluation of a country's adherence to FATF's recommendations on anti-money laundering (AML) and counter-terrorist financing (CTF).



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

- **Muthoot Finance**
 - **Founded Year:** 1939
 - **Headquarters:** Kochi, Kerala, India
 - **Managing Director:** George Alexander Muthoot
 - **Industry:** Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)
- **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**
 - **Founded Year:** 1989
 - **Headquarters:** Paris, France
 - **Objective:** Combat money laundering, terrorist financing, and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
Selection of Muthoot Finance for FATF Mutual Evaluation report	Chennai	July 4, 2024	Only Indian NBFC selected for the report



➤ **Where was the first Secretary-level meeting between the Defence Ministries of India and the Democratic Republic of Congo held?**

- A) Kinshasa
- B) Mumbai
- C) New Delhi
- D) Bengaluru
- E) Kolkata

Answer
C) New Delhi



DEFENCE



Event and Location:

- **Event:** First Secretary-level meeting between the Defence Ministries of India and the Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Location:** New Delhi



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Identify areas for collaboration to enhance bilateral defence cooperation.
- **Indian Delegation:** Led by Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane.
- **Congolese Delegation:** Led by Permanent Secretary of Defence, Major General Lukuikila Metikwiza Marcel.



DEFENCE



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bilateral Defence Cooperation:** Collaboration between two nations in defense-related areas such as training, technology, and industry.



Static GK Information:

- **India**
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
 - **Defence Minister:** Rajnath Singh
- **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)**
 - **Capital:** Kinshasa
 - **President:** Félix Tshisekedi
 - **Currency:** Congolese franc (CDF)



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
First Secretary-level meeting between Defence Ministries of India and DRC	New Delhi	July 5, 2024	Shri Giridhar Aramane	Enhancing bilateral defence cooperation



➤ **Where will the 57th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting be held?**

- A) Bangkok
- B) Manila
- C) Jakarta
- D) Vientiane
- E) Kuala Lumpur



Answer
D) Vientiane



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** 57th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting
- **Location:** Vientiane, Laos
- **Dates:** July 21 to 27, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Preparations:** Lao authorities are preparing for the event, which includes accommodation, transport, communication, and internet facilities for ministers and delegations from over 34 countries.
- **Leadership:** Chaired by Lao Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Saleumxay Kommasith.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations):** A regional organization comprising ten Southeast Asian countries that promotes intergovernmental cooperation and facilitates economic, political, security, military, educational, and sociocultural integration among its members.
- **Foreign Ministers' Meeting:** An annual meeting where ASEAN foreign ministers discuss regional and international issues and work towards greater regional cooperation.



Static GK Information:

- **Laos**
 - **Capital:** Vientiane
 - **Prime Minister:** Sonexay Siphandone
 - **President:** Thongloun Sisoulith
 - **Currency:** Lao Kip (LAK)
 - **Official Language:** Lao
- **ASEAN**
 - **Founded Year:** 1967
 - **Members:** 10 countries (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam)
 - **Headquarters:** Jakarta, Indonesia



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
57 th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting	Vientiane, Laos	July 21-27, 2024	Saleumxay Kommasith	Major regional event with delegations from over 34 countries



➤ **When has the Smart Cities Mission been extended till?**

- A) December 2024
- B) March 2025
- C) June 2025
- D) December 2025
- E) March 2026

Answer
B) March 2025



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Extension of the Smart Cities Mission
- **Location:** New Delhi



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mission Launch:** The Smart Cities Mission (SCM) was launched in June 2015.
- **Objective:** To develop 100 cities as smart cities through a competitive selection process.
- **Extension:** The mission has been extended till March 31, 2025.
- **Development Plan:** Focuses on area development within selected cities to create model areas that influence other parts of the city and nearby towns.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Smart Cities Mission (SCM):** An initiative by the Union Urban Development Ministry aimed at promoting sustainable and inclusive urban development.
- **Union Urban Development Ministry:** The central government ministry responsible for urban development and planning.



Static GK Information:

- **Smart Cities Mission**
 - **Launched Year:** June 2015
 - **Launched By:** Union Urban Development Ministry, Government of India
 - **Target:** Development of 100 smart cities
 - **Key Objectives:** Area development, urban sustainability, improved infrastructure
- **Union Urban Development Ministry**
 - **Founded Year:** 1952
 - **Minister:** Hardeep Singh Puri
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
Smart Cities Mission extended	New Delhi	July 03, 2024	Extension till March 31, 2025



➤ **Who launched the 'Lokpath Mobile App' in Madhya Pradesh?**

- A) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- B) Kamal Nath
- C) Jyotiraditya Scindia
- D) Mohan Yadav
- E) Uma Bharti

Answer

D) Mohan Yadav



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the 'Lokpath Mobile App'
- **Location:** Media centre, State Assembly Building, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To resolve road problems reported by the public within seven days and ensure the accountability of officers.
- **Developer:** Madhya Pradesh State Electronic Development Corporation Limited
- **Implementation:**
 - **Phase 1:** Includes national highways, state highways, and main district roads.
 - **Phase 2:** Expands to include other district and rural routes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Lokpath Mobile App:** An application allowing the public to report road issues, ensuring resolutions within seven days.
- **Madhya Pradesh State Electronic Development Corporation Limited:** The developer of the app, focused on technological advancements for state welfare.



Static GK Information:

- **Madhya Pradesh**
 - **Capital:** Bhopal
 - **Chief Minister:** Mohan Yadav
 - **Governor:** Mangubhai C. Patel
- **Public Works Department (PWD), Madhya Pradesh**
 - **Headquarters:** Bhopal
 - **Function:** Management of public infrastructure including roads, bridges, and government buildings.



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
Launch of 'Lokpath Mobile App'	Media centre, State Assembly Building, Bhopal	July 2, 2024	Mohan Yadav	App to resolve public road problems within seven days



- Which program was launched to empower women entrepreneurs with financial literacy and business skills in India?

- A) SWAYAM
- B) SEHER
- C) UDYAM
- D) SARTHAK
- E) SAKSHAM

Answer
B) SEHER



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the SEHER program
- **Location:** New Delhi



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Empower women entrepreneurs in India with financial literacy content and business skills.
- **Partners:** Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) and TransUnion CIBIL
- **Focus:** Improve financial knowledge, credit access, and business growth.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **SEHER:** A credit education program aimed at empowering women entrepreneurs.
- **Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP):** A NITI Aayog initiative to support women entrepreneurs.
- **TransUnion CIBIL:** An information and insights company providing financial solutions.



Static GK Information:

- **NITI Aayog**
 - **Founded Year:** 2015
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **CEO:** Parameswaran Iyer
- **TransUnion CIBIL**
 - **Founded Year:** 2000
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
 - **MD and CEO:** Rajesh Kumar



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
Launch of SEHER program	New Delhi	July 5, 2024	Ms. Anna Roy	Empowering women entrepreneurs with financial literacy



➤ **Which organizations signed an MoU for the development of a framework and assessment of logistics costs in India?**

- A) DPIIT and NITI Aayog
- B) DPIIT and NCAER
- C) Ministry of Commerce & Industry and FICCI
- D) NITI Aayog and NCAER
- E) Ministry of Commerce & Industry and CII

Answer
B) DPIIT and NCAER



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of MoU for the development of a framework and assessment of logistics costs
- **Location:** New Delhi



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Develop a detailed framework for logistics cost assessment in India.
- **Key Deliverables:**
 - Framework for logistics cost assessment
 - Comprehensive study for 2023-24
 - Assessment of cost differentials across various parameters
- **Significance:** Part of the National Logistics Policy to reduce logistics costs as a percentage of GDP.



Important Terms Explained:

- **DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade):** Part of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, responsible for formulating and implementing promotional and developmental measures for growth of the industrial sector.
- **NCAER (National Council of Applied Economic Research):** A premier economic research institution in India.



Static GK Information:

- **DPIIT**
 - **Founded Year:** 1995
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Secretary:** Rajesh Kumar Singh
- **NCAER**
 - **Founded Year:** 1956
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Director General:** Poonam Gupta



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
Signing of MoU between DPIIT and NCAER	New Delhi	July 5, 2024	Rajesh Kumar Singh	Development of framework for logistics cost assessment



➤ **Who presented the Gallantry Awards at the Defence Investiture Ceremony-2024 (Phase-I)?**

- A) Vice President of India
- B) Prime Minister of India
- C) Union Minister for Defence
- D) Chief of Defence Staff
- E) President of India

Answer

E) President of India



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Defence Investiture Ceremony-2024 (Phase-I)
- **Location:** Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Presentation of Gallantry Awards
- **Presenter:** President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu
- **Dignitaries Present:** Vice President of India, Prime Minister of India, and Union Minister for Defence



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Gallantry Awards:** Honors awarded for acts of bravery and sacrifice by military personnel.



Static GK Information:

- **India**
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **President:** Smt Droupadi Murmu
 - **Vice President:** Jagdeep Dhankhar
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
 - **Defence Minister:** Rajnath Singh



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
Defence Investiture Ceremony-2024 (Phase-I)	Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi	July 5, 2024	President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu	Presentation of Gallantry Awards



➤ Who is jointly hosting the international GenAI conclave in Kochi with the Kerala government?

- A) Microsoft
- B) Google
- C) IBM
- D) Intel
- E) Amazon

Answer
C) IBM



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** International GenAI Conclave
- **Location:** Kochi, Kerala



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Showcase Kerala's strengths as a destination for AI and robotics enterprises.
- **Dates:** July 11-12, 2024
- **Partnership:** Kerala government and IBM



Important Terms Explained:

- **GenAI (Generative Artificial Intelligence):** A type of AI that can generate new content, such as text, images, or other media, based on the input it receives.



Static GK Information:

- **Kerala**
 - **Capital:** Thiruvananthapuram
 - **Chief Minister:** Pinarayi Vijayan
 - **Governor:** Arif Mohammed Khan
 - **Official Language:** Malayalam
- **IBM**
 - **Founded Year:** 1911
 - **Headquarters:** Armonk, New York, USA
 - **CEO:** Arvind Krishna



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
International GenAI Conclave	Kochi, Kerala	July 11-12, 2024	Highlights Kerala as a destination for AI and robotics enterprises



➤ **Which sections of the Telecommunications Act were notified by the government for optimal utilisation of spectrum and prohibition of equipment blocking telecommunications?**

- A) Sections 1-5
- B) Sections 6-8, 48, and 59(b)
- C) Sections 10-15
- D) Sections 20-25
- E) Sections 30-35

Answer

B) Sections 6-8, 48, and 59(b)



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Notification of additional provisions in the Telecommunications Act
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:**
 - Optimal utilisation of spectrum
 - Prohibition of equipment blocking telecommunications
 - Criteria for appointing Chairperson and Members of TRAI
- **Sections Notified:** 6-8, 48, and 59(b)
- **Effective Date:** July 5, 2024
- **Key Features:** Efficient spectrum utilisation, flexible spectrum use, enforcement mechanism, and criteria for TRAI appointments.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Spectrum:** The range of electromagnetic frequencies used for transmitting voice, data, and video.
- **TRAI (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India):** The regulator of the telecommunications sector in India.



Static GK Information:

- **Telecommunications Act**
 - **Initial Implementation Date:** June 26, 2024
 - **Notified Sections:** 1, 2, 10-30, 42-44, 46, 47, 50-58, 61, 62
 - **Recent Notifications:** Sections 6-8, 48, and 59(b)
- **TRAI**
 - **Founded Year:** 1997
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
Notification of additional provisions in the Telecommunications Act	New Delhi	July 5, 2024	Ensures optimal spectrum utilisation and prohibits telecom-blocking equipment



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- **Robert Towne, Oscar-winning screenwriter of "Chinatown," dies at 89 in Los Angeles.**
- **India launches UPI at Galeries Lafayette in Paris to boost transactions ahead of the 2024 Olympics.**
- **ICICI Pru iProtect Smart introduces 'Life Continuity' option for monthly income security.**
- **Shriram Life launches Deferred Annuity Plan for affordable retirement income with insurance protection.**
- **RBI imposes ₹1.32 crore penalty on PNB for non-compliance with 'Loans and Advances' and 'KYC' guidelines.**
- **LIC partners with A. T. Kearney for "Jeevan Samarth" project to enhance agent workforce and operations.**
- **Bajaj Auto launches Bajaj Freedom, the world's first CNG-powered motorcycle, in Pune.**
- **Biography highlights Manoj Bajpayee's journey from Belwa to Bollywood.**
- **Sujata Saunik becomes Maharashtra's first female Chief Secretary.**



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- **Justice Sheel Nagu appointed Chief Justice of Punjab & Haryana High Court.**
- **Hemant Soren to take oath as Jharkhand Chief Minister.**
- **Dhirendra K Ojha appointed as principal spokesperson of central government, succeeding Sheyphali B Sharan.**
- **Muthoot Finance selected for FATF Mutual Evaluation report 2023-24, recognizing its global trust.**
- **India and DRC hold first Secretary-level meeting in New Delhi to boost defence cooperation.**
- **Laos to host the 57th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Vientiane from July 21-27, 2024.**
- **Smart Cities Mission extended till March 31, 2025.**
- **Madhya Pradesh CM Mohan Yadav launches 'Lokpath Mobile App' for quick road problem resolution.**



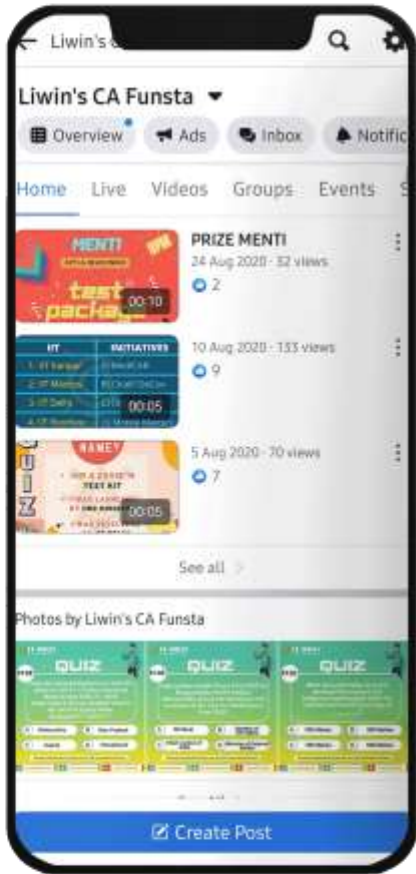
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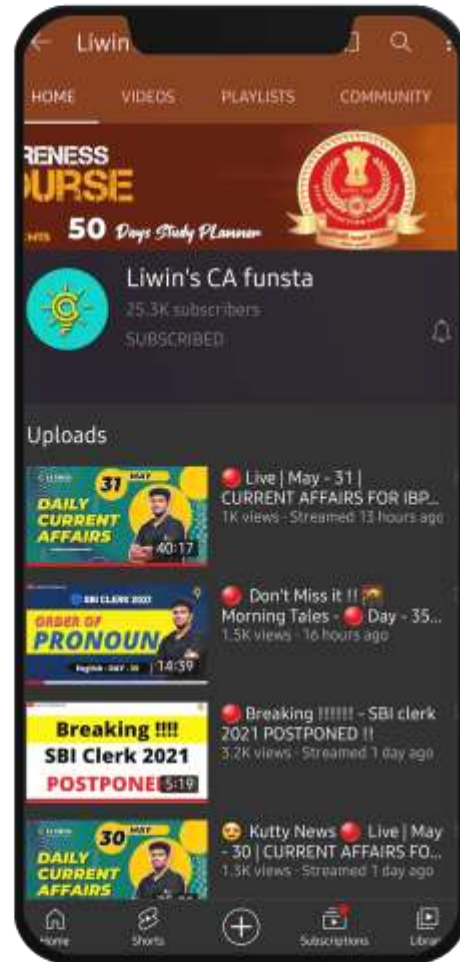
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- **President Droupadi Murmu presents Gallantry Awards at the Defence Investiture Ceremony-2024.**
- **Kerala government and IBM to host international GenAI conclave in Kochi on July 11-12, 2024.**
- **Government notifies additional sections of the Telecommunications Act for optimal spectrum use and telecom-blocking equipment prohibition.**



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