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Important Days



➤ **What is the theme of World Zoonoses Day 2024?**

- A) Prevent Zoonoses: Save Lives
- B) One Health, One World
- C) Zoonoses: The Hidden Threat
- D) One World, One Health: Prevent Zoonoses
- E) Break the Cycle of Zoonoses

Answer

D) One World, One Health: Prevent Zoonoses



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Zoonoses Day 2024
- **Date:** July 6, 2024
- **Location:** Global observance



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Raise awareness about zoonotic diseases (diseases transmitted from animals to humans)
- **Historical Significance:** Commemorates the successful administration of the first rabies vaccine by Louis Pasteur on July 6, 1885



Important Days



Zoonotic Diseases:

- **Definition:** Diseases that spread from vertebrate animals to humans and vice versa
- **Types of Pathogens:**
 - Viruses
 - Bacteria
 - Fungi
 - Protozoa
 - Parasites
- **Transmission Methods:**
 - Direct contact with infected animals' body fluids (saliva, blood, urine, mucus, feces)
 - Indirect contact with contaminated environments
 - Consumption of contaminated food or water
 - Bites from vectors (ticks, mosquitoes, fleas)



Important Days



2024 Theme:

- **Theme:** "One World, One Health: Prevent Zoonoses"
 - **Emphasis:** Breaking the transmission cycle to prevent future pandemics like COVID-19



Important Days



Examples of Zoonotic Diseases:

- **Bacterial Zoonoses:** Anthrax, salmonellosis, tuberculosis, Lyme disease, brucellosis, plague
- **Viral Zoonoses:** Rabies, AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome), Ebola, avian influenza (COVID)
- **Parasitic Zoonoses:** Echinococcosis, trichinosis, toxoplasmosis, trematodosis, giardiasis, malaria
- **Fungal Zoonoses:** Ringworm



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **Louis Pasteur:** French biologist who administered the first rabies vaccine on July 6, 1885



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Description
Event	World Zoonoses Day 2024
Date	July 6, 2024
Theme	"One World, One Health: Prevent Zoonoses"
Objective	Raise awareness about zoonotic diseases
Historical Significance	Commemorates the first rabies vaccine by Louis Pasteur
Transmission Methods	Direct and indirect contact, contaminated food/water, vector bites
Types of Pathogens	Viruses, bacteria, fungi, protozoa, parasites
Examples of Zoonotic Diseases	Anthrax, rabies, malaria, ringworm, AIDS, Ebola, avian influenza (COVID)



Important Days



➤ **What is the theme for the International Day of Cooperatives 2024?**

- A) Multilateral Solutions for a Better Tomorrow
- B) Co-operatives and Climate Action
- C) Cooperatives Building a Better Future for All
- D) Sustainable Development through Cooperatives
- E) Cooperatives: Unity in Diversity



**INTERNATIONAL DAY
OF COOPERATIVES**

Answer

C) Cooperatives Building a Better Future for All



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Day of Cooperatives
- **Date:** July 6, 2024
- **Location:** Worldwide observance



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Celebrate and showcase cooperatives' contributions to sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- **Theme:** "Cooperatives Building a Better Future for All"
 - **Alignment:** With the upcoming UN Summit of the Future theme "Multilateral solutions for a better tomorrow"



Important Days



Cooperatives' Contributions:

- **Economic and Social Development:**
 - Promote inclusive and sustainable growth
 - Serve as stewards for the environment and fight climate change
 - Foster democratic governance and shared ownership
 - Set examples for peace and stability
 - Support marginalized groups
- **Sustainable Development Goals:** Accelerate efforts to implement SDGs by 2030
- **2025 International Year of Cooperatives:** Build momentum towards this event



Important Days



Background:

- **Co-operative Movement:**
 - Recognized as a major stakeholder in national and international affairs
 - Open membership model promotes wealth creation and poverty elimination
 - Community-based focus ensures sustainable development
 - People-centered approach distributes wealth more fairly
- **Global Impact:**
 - Committed to bringing the benefits of their model globally
 - Aspires to govern globalization with cooperative values to prevent inequality and excesses
 - Highly democratic, locally autonomous, but internationally integrated



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **United Nations:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1945
 - **Secretary-General:** António Guterres
 - **Headquarters:** New York, USA
- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):**
 - **Number of Goals:** 17
 - **Adoption Year:** 2015
 - **Target Year for Achievement:** 2030



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Description
Event	International Day of Cooperatives 2024
Date	July 6, 2024
Theme	"Cooperatives Building a Better Future for All"
Objective	Celebrate and showcase cooperatives' contributions to sustainable development and SDGs
Alignment with UN Summit	"Multilateral solutions for a better tomorrow"
Cooperatives' Contributions	Inclusive growth, environmental stewardship, democratic governance, support for marginalized groups
2025 International Year of Cooperatives	Build momentum towards the event
Co-operative Movement	Major stakeholder, open membership, wealth distribution, community development, global impact
United Nations	Founded in 1945, Secretary-General António Guterres, headquartered in New York, USA
Sustainable Development Goals	17 goals adopted in 2015, targeted for achievement by 2030



➤ Who is leading India's 28-member athletics squad for the 2024 Paris Olympics?

- A) Avinash Sable
- B) Tajinderpal Singh Toor
- C) Neeraj Chopra
- D) Jyothi Yarraji
- E) Sarvesh Anil Kushare

Answer

C) Neeraj Chopra



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Announcement of India's 28-member athletics squad for the 2024 Paris Olympics
- **Location:** Paris, France



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Team Leader:**
 - **Neeraj Chopra:** Reigning Olympic and world champion in men's javelin throw
- **Team Composition:**
 - **Total Members:** 28 athletes (17 men and 11 women)
- **Notable Athletes:**
 - **Men:** Avinash Sable (3,000m steeplechase), Tajinderpal Singh Toor (shot put), Kishore Kumar Jena (javelin throw)
 - **Women:** Jyothi Yarraji (100m hurdles), Parul Chaudhary (3,000m steeplechase and 5,000m), Abha Khatua (shot put)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Selection Criteria:**
 - Based on performances, world rankings, and qualifying marks
- **Upcoming Inclusion:**
 - **Jeswin Aldrin:** Expected to join after the formal notification of M Sreeshankar's withdrawal due to injury



Important Terms Explained:

- **Diamond League:** A series of elite track and field athletic competitions.
- **Steeplechase:** A distance race in track and field which includes barriers and water jumps.
- **Mixed Marathon Race Walk:** A team event in race walking combining male and female athletes.



Static GK Information:

- **Neeraj Chopra:**
 - **Date of Birth:** December 24, 1997
 - **Achievements:** Tokyo 2020 Gold Medallist, World Champion in Javelin Throw
- **Athletics Federation of India (AFI):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1946
 - **President:** Adille Sumariwalla
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Description
Event	Announcement of India's 28-member athletics squad for 2024 Paris Olympics
Location	Paris, France
Team Leader	Neeraj Chopra
Total Members	28 athletes (17 men and 11 women)
Notable Athletes (Men)	Avinash Sable, Tajinderpal Singh Toor, Kishore Kumar Jena, Suraj Panwar
Notable Athletes (Women)	Jyothi Yarraji, Parul Chaudhary, Abha Khatua, Priyanka Goswami
Upcoming Inclusion	Jeswin Aldrin (long jump)
Steeplechase	A distance race with barriers and water jumps
Diamond League	Elite track and field athletic competitions
Mixed Marathon Race Walk	A team event combining male and female athletes in race walking
Neeraj Chopra	Tokyo 2020 Gold Medallist, World Champion in Javelin Throw
Athletics Federation of India	Founded in 1946, President Adille Sumariwalla, Headquarters in New Delhi, India



➤ **Which cities will host the 133rd edition of the Durand Cup in 2024?**

- A) Kolkata, Delhi, Bangalore, Jamshedpur
- B) Shillong, Guwahati, Kolkata, Kokrajhar
- C) Kolkata, Shillong, Jamshedpur, Kokrajhar
- D) Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Guwahati
- E) Kolkata, Hyderabad, Pune, Shillong

Answer

C) Kolkata, Shillong, Jamshedpur, Kokrajhar



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 133rd edition of the Durand Cup football tournament
- **Location:** Four cities - Kolkata, Shillong, Jamshedpur, Kokrajhar



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Dates:**
 - **Start Date:** July 27, 2024
 - **End Date:** August 31, 2024
- **Organizers:** HQ Eastern Command of the Indian Army, Durand Football Tournament Society (DFTS)
- **Host Cities:**
 - **Kolkata:** Host for the last five years
 - **Kokrajhar:** Hosting for the second consecutive year
 - **Jamshedpur and Shillong:** New additions as host cities



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Participation:**
 - **Teams:** 24 teams from Indian Super League, I-League, Armed Forces, and invitational teams
 - **Format:** Round-robin league-cum-knockout, with 43 matches
 - **Group Stage:** 24 teams divided into six groups; group toppers and two best second-placed teams advance to knockout stage
- **Final Venue:** Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (VYBK), Kolkata



Important Terms Explained:

- **Durand Cup:** Asia's oldest football tournament, inaugurated in 1888.
- **Round-robin league-cum-knockout format:** Teams play against each other in groups, with top teams advancing to knockout rounds.
- **Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (VYBK):** Also known as Salt Lake Stadium, located in Kolkata, West Bengal.



Static GK Information:

- **Durand Cup:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1888
 - **Current Champion:** Mohun Bagan Super Giant (17 titles)
- **Host Cities:**
 - **Kolkata:** Known for its football culture and the iconic VYBK stadium
 - **Kokrajhar:** A city in Assam
 - **Jamshedpur:** Known for its steel industry
 - **Shillong:** Capital city of Meghalaya



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Description
Event	133rd edition of the Durand Cup football tournament
Location	Kolkata, Shillong, Jamshedpur, Kokrajhar
Start Date	July 27, 2024
End Date	August 31, 2024
Organizer	HQ Eastern Command of the Indian Army, Durand Football Tournament Society (DFTS)
Participating Teams	24 teams from Indian Super League, I-League, Armed Forces, and invitational teams
Tournament Format	Round-robin league-cum-knockout, with 43 matches
Final Venue	Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (VYBK), Kolkata
Defending Champion	Mohun Bagan Super Giant
Broadcast	LIVE on Sony Sports Network, live-streamed on SonyLiv OTT platform



OBITUARY



➤ **When did veteran actor Smriti Biswas pass away, and at what age?**

- A) July 1, 2024, at the age of 95
- B) July 3, 2024, at the age of 100
- C) July 5, 2024, at the age of 98
- D) July 2, 2024, at the age of 101
- E) July 4, 2024, at the age of 99

Answer

B) July 3, 2024, at the age of 100



OBITUARY



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Death of veteran actor Smriti Biswas
- **Location:** Nashik, India



OBITUARY



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandates and Objectives:**
 - **Date of Death:** July 3, 2024
 - **Age:** 100 years
 - **Cause of Death:** Age-related illness



OBITUARY



Life and Career:

- **Active Years:** 1930-1960
- **Early Career:** Started as a child artiste
- **Debut Film:** 1930 Bengali film "Sandhya"
- **Final Film:** 1960 movie "Model Girl"
- **Career Highlights:**
 - Worked in Bengali, Hindi, and Marathi films
 - **Notable Films:** "Nek Dil," "Aparajita," "Hamsafar," "Hamdard," "Chitgaon," "Baap Re Baap"
 - Worked with prominent directors like Guru Dutt, V Shantaram, Mrinal Sen, Bimal Roy, BR Chopra, and Raj Kapoor
 - Shared screen with actors like Dev Anand, Kishore Kumar, and Balraj Sahni



OBITUARY



Life and Career:

- **Personal Life:**
 - Married filmmaker SD Narang and left acting post-marriage
 - Moved to Nashik after her husband's death in 1986
 - Survived by her sons Satyajeeet and Rajeev



OBITUARY



Static GK Information:

- **Smriti Biswas:**
 - **Date of Birth:** February 17, 1924
 - **Major Contributions:** Significant roles in Bengali, Hindi, and Marathi cinema from the 1930s to the 1960s



OBITUARY



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Description
Event	Death of veteran actor Smriti Biswas
Location	Nashik, India
Date of Death	July 3, 2024
Age at Death	100 years
Cause of Death	Age-related illness
Career Duration	1930-1960
Debut Film	"Sandhya" (1930, Bengali)
Final Film	"Model Girl" (1960)
Notable Films	"Nek Dil," "Aparajita," "Hamsafar," "Hamdard," "Chitgaon," "Baap Re Baap"
Prominent Directors Worked With	Guru Dutt, V Shantaram, Mrinal Sen, Bimal Roy, BR Chopra, Raj Kapoor
Actors Worked With	Dev Anand, Kishore Kumar, Balraj Sahni
Family	Sons Satyajeet and Rajeev
Significant Event	Celebrated her 100th birthday on February 17, 2024



- **Which bank was penalized ₹1.31 crore by the RBI for non-compliance with directions regarding loans and advances and KYC?**
- A) The Gujarat Rajya Karmachari Co-operative Bank
 - B) The Rohika Central Co-operative Bank
 - C) Punjab National Bank
 - D) The National Co-operative Bank
 - E) The Bank Employees' Co-operative Bank

Answer

C) Punjab National Bank



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI imposes penalties on five banks
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Punjab National Bank (PNB) Penalty:**
 - **Amount:** ₹1.31 crore
 - **Reason:** Non-compliance with RBI directions on 'Loans and Advances: Statutory and Other Restrictions' and 'Reserve Bank of India (Know Your Customer (KYC) Direction, 2016'
 - **Date:** July 3, 2024
- **Other Banks Penalized:**
 - **The Gujarat Rajya Karmachari Co-operative Bank:** Located in Gujarat
 - **The Rohika Central Co-operative Bank:** Located in Madhubani, Bihar
 - **The National Co-operative Bank:** Located in Mumbai
 - **The Bank Employees' Co-operative Bank:** Located in West Bengal



Important Terms Explained:

- **Statutory Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation (ISE 2022):** An inspection conducted by the RBI to evaluate the financial position and regulatory compliance of banks.
- **Banking Regulation Act, 1949:** An act that regulates all banking firms in India, including provisions for penalties and compliance.
- **Know Your Customer (KYC):** A process used by banks to verify the identity of their clients to prevent money laundering and other illegal activities.



Static GK Information:

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



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Description
Event	RBI imposes penalties on five banks
Location	India
Date	July 3, 2024 (penalty on PNB)
Penalized Banks	PNB, The Gujarat Rajya Karmachari Co-operative Bank, The Rohika Central Co-operative Bank, The National Co-operative Bank, The Bank Employees' Co-operative Bank
PNB Penalty Amount	₹1.31 crore
Reason for PNB Penalty	Non-compliance with RBI directions on loans and advances and KYC
Legal Basis for Penalty	Banking Regulation Act, 1949
Statutory Inspection (ISE 2022)	Conducted based on financial position as of March 31, 2022



➤ **What is the primary objective of LIC's 'Jeevan Samarth' project?**

- A) Expand overseas operations
- B) Transform agency ecosystem
- C) Launch new insurance products
- D) Increase stake in other banks
- E) Reduce operational costs



Answer

B) Transform agency ecosystem



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of LIC's 'Jeevan Samarth' project.
- **Location:** India.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of LIC:** To transform the agency ecosystem to better align with the evolving needs of Indian families.
- **Objective of the Transformation:** Enhance the agency framework, provide agents with more tools and skills, and establish global best practices in the insurance sector.



Important Terms Explained:

- **'Jeevan Samarth' Project:**
 - An agency transformation project undertaken by LIC to meet the evolving needs of customers.
- **A T Kearney:**
 - A global management consulting firm partnering with LIC to review and revamp the existing agency framework.



Static GK Information:

- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1956
 - **CEO and Managing Director:** Siddhartha Mohanty
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India



Tabular Summary:

Details	Description
Event	Launch of LIC's 'Jeevan Samarth' project
Partner	A T Kearney
Objective	Transform agency ecosystem to meet evolving customer needs
CEO's Statement	Focus on aligning agency operations with the needs of Indian families, providing long-term solutions
Transformation Scope	Revamp agency operations at branch, division, and zonal levels
Significance	Establish global best practices in response to changing industry and regulatory landscape



➤ **What is one of the new features introduced by Indian Overseas Bank for its customers?**

- A) Foreign currency exchange
- B) Enhanced savings account variants
- C) International remittance services
- D) New credit card offers
- E) Mortgage refinancing



Answer

B) Enhanced savings account variants



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian Overseas Bank launches upgradation facility on savings schemes.
- **Location:** Chennai, India.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of Indian Overseas Bank:** To simplify banking processes and enhance customer experience by leveraging digital technology.
- **Objective of the Upgradation:** To provide customers with enhanced features and greater flexibility through higher variants of savings accounts like "SB Max" and "SB HNI."



Important Terms Explained:

- **Savings Scheme Upgradation:**
 - Introduction of enhanced savings account variants offering concessions, waivers, and additional features.
- **Digilocker:**
 - A digital locker service by the Government of India that allows citizens to securely store and access documents online. Indian Overseas Bank now allows customers to access their loan account statements through this service.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1937
 - **CEO and Managing Director:** Ajay Kumar Srivastava
 - **Headquarters:** Chennai, India



Tabular Summary:

Details	Description
Event	Indian Overseas Bank launches upgradation facility on savings scheme
Date	7 July 2024
Location	Chennai, India
New Savings Account Variants	"SB Max" and "SB HNI"
Enhanced Features	Concessions, waiver of various charges, providing more value and flexibility
Additional Service	Access to loan account statements via Digilocker application or website
CEO's Statement	Focus on leveraging technology to simplify banking processes and enhance customer experience
Significance	Increased convenience and flexibility for customers through digital enhancements



- How many Integra Essentia shares will be issued to GG Engineering shareholders for every 100 GG Engineering shares after the amalgamation?

- A) 100
- B) 50
- C) 48
- D) 24
- E) 12

Answer

C) 48

Integra
Essentia Limited



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of amalgamation between Integra Essentia and GG Engineering
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Amalgamation Details:**
- **Shares Issued:** 48 Integra Essentia shares for every 100 GG Engineering shares
- **Share Face Value:** INR 1 each
- **Benefits of Amalgamation:**
 - **For GG Engineering Shareholders:** Reduced finance costs, improved profitability, additional resources for growth
 - **For Integra Essentia Shareholders:** Business expansion, cost savings, increased value through synergies
 - **Overall Benefits:** Business and operational synergies, improved financial performance, enhanced growth opportunities



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Strategic Objectives:**
 - Preserve and expand businesses
 - Build a solid foundation
 - Achieve market competitiveness
 - Create long-term value for stakeholders



Important Terms Explained:

- **Amalgamation:** The combination of two or more companies into a single entity, aimed at creating synergies and improving financial and operational efficiencies.
- **Penny Stock:** A small-cap stock that trades at a low price per share, often subject to higher volatility.
- **Face Value:** The nominal or dollar value of a security stated by the issuer.



Static GK Information:

- **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1956
 - **Chairman:** Siddhartha Mohanty
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
- **Integra Essentia:**
 - **Type:** Small-cap company
 - **LIC Shareholding:** 97,19,832 shares (1.06% of total paid-up capital)
- **GG Engineering:**
 - **Type:** Engineering company



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Description
Event	Approval of amalgamation between Integra Essentia and GG Engineering
Location	India
Share Issuance Ratio	48 Integra Essentia shares for every 100 GG Engineering shares
Share Face Value	INR 1 each
LIC Shareholding in Integra Essentia	97,19,832 shares (1.06% of total paid-up capital)
Benefits for GG Engineering Shareholders	Reduced finance costs, improved profitability, additional resources for growth
Benefits for Integra Essentia Shareholders	Business expansion, cost savings, increased value through synergies
Overall Benefits	Business and operational synergies, improved financial performance, enhanced growth opportunities
Strategic Objectives	Preserve and expand businesses, build a solid foundation, achieve market competitiveness, create long-term value for stakeholders



➤ **What unique feature does the Ageas Federal Life Insurance Golden Years Pension Plan offer to encourage early retirement planning for individuals aged 18-35?**

- A) High interest rate
- B) Early Investment Booster
- C) Additional tax benefits
- D) Free annual health check-ups
- E) Premium holiday option

Answer

B) Early Investment Booster



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Ageas Federal Life Insurance Golden Years Pension Plan featuring Bluechip Pension Fund
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Plan Overview:**
 - **Type: Unit Linked Individual Pension Plan (ULIP)**
 - **Returns:** Linked to the performance of the Bluechip Pension Fund
 - **Participation:** Non-participating (no share in insurer's profits but protected from losses beyond invested amount)
- **Unique Features:**
 - **Early Investment Booster:** Additional allocations for early retirement planning for ages 18-35
 - **Golden Waiver of Premium:** Waives future premiums upon policyholder's death to continue retirement savings for beneficiaries



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Entry Ages:**
 - **Classic Option:** 18 to 70 years
 - **Golden Waiver of Premium Option:** Up to 60 years
- **Other Benefits:**
 - **Guaranteed Loyalty Booster:** Annual increases with timely premium payments and active policy status
 - **Refund of Premium Allocation Charges:** Enhances the plan's value
 - **Death Benefit:** 105% of total premiums paid, with future premiums waived under the Golden Waiver of Premium Option



Important Terms Explained:

- **Unit Linked Individual Pension Plan (ULIP):** A retirement plan combining investment and insurance, where returns depend on the performance of a designated investment fund.
- **Early Investment Booster:** A feature offering extra allocations to policyholders who start their retirement planning early, specifically aimed at individuals aged 18-35.
- **Bluechip Stocks:** Shares in large, well-established, and financially sound companies known for their reliable performance.
- **Golden Waiver of Premium:** A provision that ensures future premiums are waived upon the policyholder's death, maintaining the retirement savings plan for beneficiaries.



Static GK Information:

- **Ageas Federal Life Insurance:**
 - **Founded Year:** 2007
 - **CEO:** Vighnesh Shahane
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Description
Event	Launch of Ageas Federal Life Insurance Golden Years Pension Plan featuring Bluechip Pension Fund
Location	India
Plan Type	Unit Linked Individual Pension Plan (ULIP)
Returns Linked to	Performance of Bluechip Pension Fund
Participation	Non-participating
Unique Features	Early Investment Booster, Golden Waiver of Premium
Early Investment Booster Age Range	18-35 years
Golden Waiver of Premium Age Range	Up to 60 years
Guaranteed Loyalty Booster	Annual increase with timely premium payments and active policy status
Death Benefit	105% of total premiums paid, with future premiums waived under Golden Waiver of Premium Option
Fund Investment Focus	Listed equities, reverse repos, treasury bills, mutual funds



➤ For how many years has BPCL partnered with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) as the official principal partner?

- A) 2 years
- B) 3 years
- C) 4 years
- D) 5 years
- E) 6 years

Answer

C) 4 years



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Partnership between BPCL and Indian Olympic Association (IOA)
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Partnership Details:**
 - **Duration:** Four years
 - **Events Covered:** Paris Olympics 2024 and Los Angeles Olympics 2028
 - **Goal:** Support and uplift Indian athletes, many of whom come from humble backgrounds and remote corners of India
- **Initiatives by BPCL:**
 - Launch campaigns to support and inspire the Indian contingent
 - Foster national pride and unity
 - Nurture sporting talent from their initial years through their careers



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Statements from Officials:**
 - **G. Krishnakumar, C&MD BPCL:** Emphasized BPCL's long-term support for over 200 sportspersons across various disciplines
 - **P T Usha, President IOA:** Highlighted the shared commitment to nurturing sporting talent
 - **Sukhmal Jain, Director (Marketing), BPCL:** Stressed the importance of the Olympics in fostering national pride
 - **Neerav Tomar, MD, IOS Sports & Entertainment:** Spoke about rallying support for athletes and inspiring future athletes



Important Terms Explained:

- **Maharatna:** A status given to Central Public Sector Enterprises in India that allows greater autonomy and privileges.
- **Fortune Global 500:** An annual ranking of the top 500 corporations worldwide as measured by revenue.
- **Indian Olympic Association (IOA):** The governing body for the Olympic Movement and Commonwealth Games in India.



Static GK Information:

- **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1952
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
 - **C&MD:** G. Krishnakumar
 - **Industry:** Oil and Gas
- **Indian Olympic Association (IOA):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1927
 - **President:** P T Usha
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Description
Event	Partnership between BPCL and Indian Olympic Association (IOA)
Location	New Delhi, India
Duration	Four years
Events Covered	Paris Olympics 2024 and Los Angeles Olympics 2028
Goal	Support and uplift Indian athletes
BPCL's Initiatives	Campaigns to support athletes, foster national pride, and nurture sporting talent
Statements from Officials	G. Krishnakumar (C&MD BPCL), P T Usha (President IOA), Sukhmal Jain (Director Marketing BPCL), Neerav Tomar (MD IOS Sports & Entertainment)
BPCL Information	Founded in 1952, headquartered in Mumbai, C&MD G. Krishnakumar, operates in Oil and Gas industry
IOA Information	Founded in 1927, headquartered in New Delhi, President P T Usha



➤ What percentage stake did LIC recently acquire in IDFC First Bank?

- A) 0.20%
- B) 1.50%
- C) 2.68%
- D) 3.00%
- E) 5.00%

Answer
C) 2.68%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** LIC increases its stake in IDFC First Bank.
- **Location:** India.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of LIC:** To increase its investment and influence in the banking sector by acquiring a larger stake in IDFC First Bank.
- **Objective of IDFC First Bank:** To strengthen its capital base and enhance financial stability by selling shares to LIC.



Important Terms Explained:

- **LIC (Life Insurance Corporation of India):**
 - India's largest life insurance company, providing life insurance services for over 65 years.
- **IDFC First Bank:**
 - A universal bank in India offering a range of financial solutions through various channels such as branches, the Internet, and mobile services.



Static GK Information:

- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1956
 - **Chairman:** Siddhartha Mohanty
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
- **IDFC First Bank:**
 - **Founded Year:** 2015 (post-merger of IDFC Bank and Capital First)
 - **CEO:** V. Vaidyanathan
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India



Tabular Summary:

Details	Description
Event	LIC increases its stake in IDFC First Bank
Date	4 June 2024
Stake Increased From	0.20%
Stake Increased To	2.68%
Number of Shares Bought	18,60,34,900
Average Price per Share	Rs 80.63
Transaction Method	Private placement offer
LIC Share Price (4 June 2024)	Rs 1,010.05 (+2.25%)
IDFC First Bank Share Price (4 June 2024)	Rs 81.19 (+0.40%)
Significance	Strengthening LIC's investment portfolio and providing capital support to IDFC First Bank



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➤ **Who has been appointed as the interim MD & CEO of Bandhan Bank following Chandra Shekhar Ghosh's retirement?**

- A) Mithun Dasgupta
- B) Ratan Kumar Kesh
- C) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- D) Rajat Sharma
- E) Anil Ambani

Answer

B) Ratan Kumar Kesh



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Interim MD & CEO at Bandhan Bank
- **Location:** Kolkata, India



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Ratan Kumar Kesh's Appointment:**
 - **Position:** Interim MD & CEO
 - **Duration:** Three months or until the new MD & CEO takes charge, whichever is earlier
 - **Effective Date:** July 10, 2024
 - **Approval:** Reserve Bank of India and Bandhan Bank's Nomination and Remuneration Committee
 - **Condition:** Subject to shareholders' approval
- **Chandra Shekhar Ghosh's Retirement:**
 - **Date of Retirement:** July 9, 2024
 - **Tenure:** Nearly a decade as MD & CEO since July 10, 2015
 - **Future Role:** Larger strategic role at Bandhan group level



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Interim MD & CEO:** A temporary position held by an executive to manage the company's operations until a permanent MD & CEO is appointed.
- **Nomination and Remuneration Committee:** A committee responsible for recommending board members' appointments and overseeing remuneration policies.
- **Microfinance Institution:** A financial institution specializing in providing small loans and other financial services to individuals or small businesses lacking access to traditional banking.



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Static GK Information:

- **Bandhan Bank:**
 - **Founded Year:** 2015 (as a universal bank)
 - **Founder:** Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
 - **Headquarters:** Kolkata, India
 - **Current Interim MD & CEO:** Ratan Kumar Kesh
- **Chandra Shekhar Ghosh:**
 - **Date of Birth:** 1961
 - **Role:** Founder of Bandhan Bank, former MD & CEO
 - **Notable Achievements:** Established Bandhan in 2001 as an NGO for women's empowerment and poverty alleviation; transformed it into the largest microfinance institution in India by 2010.



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Tabular Summary:

Detail	Description
Event	Appointment of Interim MD & CEO at Bandhan Bank
Location	Kolkata, India
Date	July 10, 2024 (effective date for Interim MD & CEO)
Outgoing MD & CEO	Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
New Interim MD & CEO	Ratan Kumar Kesh
Duration of Interim Position	Three months or until the new MD & CEO takes charge
Board Approval Date	July 6, 2024
Chandra Shekhar Ghosh's Tenure	Nearly a decade as MD & CEO since July 10, 2015
Future Role for Ghosh	Larger strategic role at Bandhan group level
Bandhan Bank's Establishment	August 23, 2015 as a universal bank; started as an NGO in 2001
Key Contributions by Ghosh	Empowerment of women, poverty alleviation, largest microfinance institution in India by 2010



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who administered the oath to Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi as the 15th Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court?**

- A) Chief Minister Hemant Soren
- B) Speaker Rabindra Nath Mahato
- C) Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra
- D) Governor C P Radhakrishnan
- E) Chief Justice of India

Answer

D) Governor C P Radhakrishnan



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Swearing-in of Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi as the 15th Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court
- **Location:** Raj Bhavan, Jharkhand



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi:**
 - **Position:** 15th Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court
 - **Oath Administered by:** Governor C P Radhakrishnan
 - **Retirement Date:** Scheduled to retire on July 20, 2024
 - **Previous Position:** Permanent Judge of the Orissa High Court since June 20, 2013
 - **Legal Practice:** 27 years of regular practice as a lawyer at the Bar before the High Court of Orissa and the Supreme Court
- **Swearing-in Ceremony:**
 - **Attendees:** Chief Minister Hemant Soren and Speaker Rabindra Nath Mahato



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Chief Justice:** The head judge of a high court, responsible for the administration of the judiciary within the state.
- **Raj Bhavan:** The official residence of the Governor of a state in India.
- **Collegium System:** A system used in India for the appointment and transfer of judges that involves the Chief Justice of India and a forum of senior judges.



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Static GK Information:

- **Jharkhand High Court:**
 - **Established Year:** 2000
 - **Location:** Ranchi, Jharkhand
- **Governor C P Radhakrishnan:**
 - **Current Position:** Governor of Jharkhand
 - **Role:** Administers oaths to the Chief Justice and other constitutional positions
- **Chief Minister Hemant Soren:**
 - **Current Position:** Chief Minister of Jharkhand
- **Speaker Rabindra Nath Mahato:**
 - **Current Position:** Speaker of the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly



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Tabular Summary:

Detail	Description
Event	Swearing-in of Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi as 15th Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court
Location	Raj Bhavan, Jharkhand
Oath Administered by	Governor C P Radhakrishnan
Retirement Date	July 20, 2024
Previous Position	Permanent Judge of Orissa High Court
Legal Practice	27 years at the Bar before the High Court of Orissa and the Supreme Court
Collegium System	Considered his name for appointment as CJ of Jharkhand HC
Swearing-in Ceremony Attendees	Chief Minister Hemant Soren, Speaker Rabindra Nath Mahato



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➤ Who has been re-designated as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)?

- A) Arnab Kumar Chowdhury
- B) Charulatha S Kar
- C) Siddhartha Mohanty
- D) Rajesh Ramesh
- E) G. Krishnakumar

Answer

C) Siddhartha Mohanty



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Re-designation of LIC Chairman to MD & CEO
- **Location:** India



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Siddhartha Mohanty's New Role:**
 - **Position:** Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of LIC
 - **Effective Date:** June 30, 2024
 - **Previous Position:** Chairperson of LIC from April 2023 to June 29, 2024
 - **Tenure:** Until June 7, 2025
- **Other Appointments:**
 - **Arnab Kumar Chowdhury:** Executive Director (ED) of RBI
 - **Departments:** Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation, Foreign Exchange, International Department
 - **Charulatha S Kar: Executive Director (ED) of RBI**
 - **Departments:** Department of Communication, Human Resource, Right to Information (First Appellate Authority)



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Managing Director (MD):** A senior management position responsible for the overall operations of a company.
- **Chief Executive Officer (CEO):** The highest-ranking executive in a company, responsible for making major corporate decisions.
- **Executive Director (ED):** A senior executive responsible for managing a specific area or department within an organization.



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Static GK Information:

- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1956
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1935
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Description
Event	Re-designation of LIC Chairman to MD & CEO
New MD & CEO	Siddhartha Mohanty
Effective Date	June 30, 2024
Previous Position of Mohanty	Chairperson of LIC (April 2023 - June 29, 2024)
Tenure as MD & CEO	Until June 7, 2025
Other Appointments	Arnab Kumar Chowdhury and Charulatha S Kar as EDs of RBI
Chowdhury's Departments	Deposit Insurance, Credit Guarantee Corporation, Foreign Exchange, International Department
Kar's Departments	Department of Communication, Human Resource, Right to Information (First Appellate Authority)



➤ Which company developed and supplied the first-ever indigenous chip-based 4G mobile base station to the Indian Army?

- A) Reliance Jio
- B) Signaltron
- C) Airtel
- D) Qualcomm
- E) BSNL

Signaltron

Answer

B) Signaltron



DEFENCE



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Induction of the first-ever indigenous chip-based 4G mobile base station by the Indian Army
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Supplier:** Signaltron, a Bangalore-based firm
- **Development:** Using Signalchip technology
- **Product: Sahyadri LTE base stations**
 - **Weight:** 7 kgs
 - **Capabilities:** Secure wireless communication for audio, video, and data
 - **Operating Modes:** Standalone and cellular modes
 - **Quantity Supplied:** 20 units initially



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Significance:

- **Indigenous Development:** First Indian system running on Indian chips for complex communication technology
- **Security:** High degree of control over system security due to the use of indigenous chips
- **Flexibility:** Light and mobile units allow strategic deployment based on operational needs



Company Background:

- **Signaltron:** Founded by Himamshu Khasnis in 2010 as a fabless semiconductor company (Signalchip) to develop chips for 4G and 5G networks
- **Manufacturing:** Chips fabricated through third-party wafer fabs, similar to companies like Nvidia, Qualcomm, Mediatek



Market Insights:

- **Indian Base Station Market:** Expected to be about USD 24 billion by 2029
- **Global CNPN 4G/5G Market:** Expected to cross USD 30 billion by 2030



Important Terms Explained:

- **Fabless Semiconductor Company:** A company that designs and sells hardware and semiconductor chips but outsources the fabrication (manufacturing) of the chips.
- **Network In a Box (NIB):** A compact, all-in-one mobile base station system.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Army:**
 - **Founded:** April 1, 1895
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
- **Government e-Marketplace (GeM):**
 - **Launch Year:** 2016
 - **Purpose:** Facilitating online procurement of goods and services by various government departments and organizations in India.



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Description
Event	Induction of the first-ever indigenous chip-based 4G mobile base station by the Indian Army
Supplier	Signaltron
Technology Used	Signalchip
Product	Sahyadri LTE base stations
Weight	7 kgs
Capabilities	Secure wireless communication for audio, video, and data
Operating Modes	Standalone and cellular modes
Initial Quantity Supplied	20 units
Founding Year of Signaltron	2010
Expected Market Size (India)	USD 24 billion by 2029
Expected Global CNPN Market Size	USD 30 billion by 2030
Government e-Marketplace (GeM)	Launched in 2016 to facilitate online procurement of goods and services by government departments



QUICK RECALL



- **World Zoonoses Day 2024 theme: "One World, One Health: Prevent Zoonoses."**
- **Theme for International Day of Cooperatives 2024: "Cooperatives Building a Better Future for All."**
- **Neeraj Chopra leads India's 28-member squad for the 2024 Paris Olympics.**
- **The 133rd Durand Cup will be hosted in Kolkata, Shillong, Jamshedpur, and Kokrajhar starting July 27, 2024.**
- **Veteran actor Smriti Biswas passes away at 100 on July 3, 2024.**
- **RBI imposes ₹1.31 crore penalty on PNB for non-compliance with loans and KYC directions.**
- **Indian Overseas Bank launches upgradation facility on savings schemes with enhanced features.**
- **Integra Essentia to issue 48 shares for every 100 GG Engineering shares post-amalgamation.**
- **Ageas Federal launches Golden Years Pension Plan with Early Investment Booster for ages 18-35.**



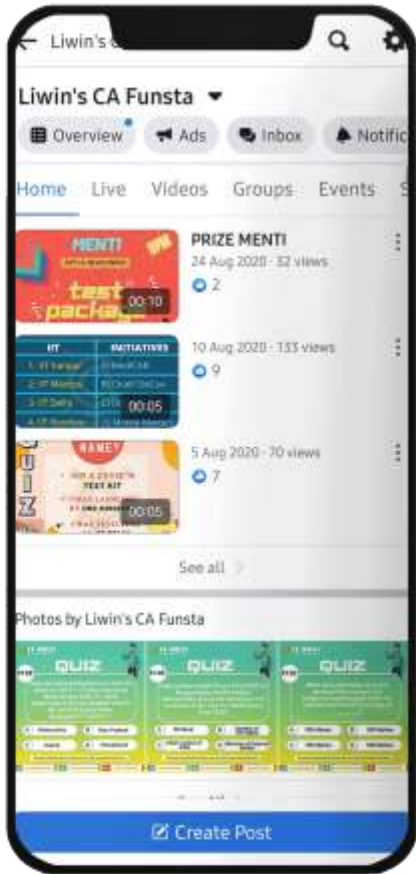
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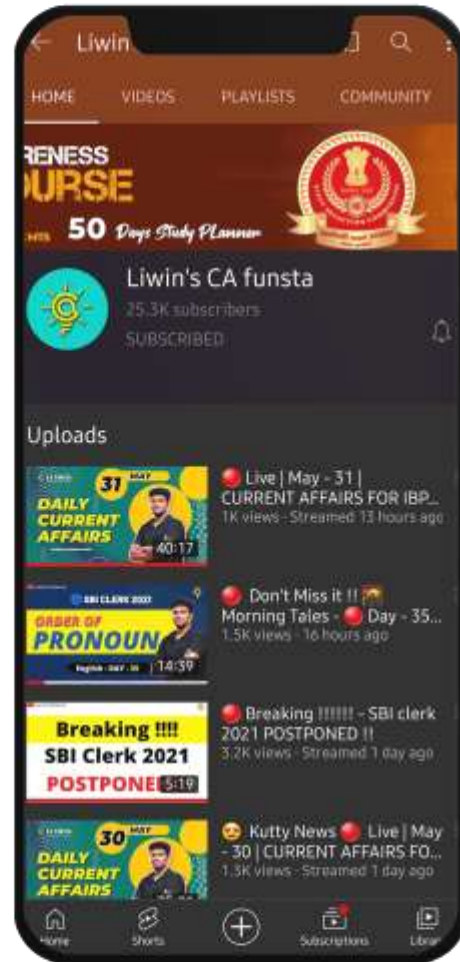
- LIC raises stake in IDFC First Bank from 0.20% to 2.68%.
- LIC launches 'Jeevan Samarth' project to meet customers' evolving needs.
- Ratan Kumar Kesh appointed Interim MD & CEO of Bandhan Bank effective July 10, 2024.
- Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi sworn in as 15th Chief Justice of Jharkhand HC by Governor C P Radhakrishnan.
- Siddhartha Mohanty re-designated as MD & CEO of LIC effective June 30, 2024.
- Signaltron developed and supplied the first-ever indigenous chip-based 4G mobile base station to the Indian Army.



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