



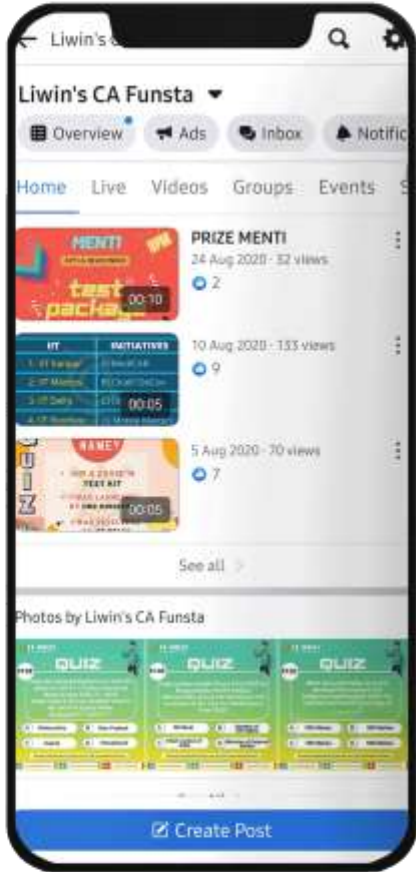
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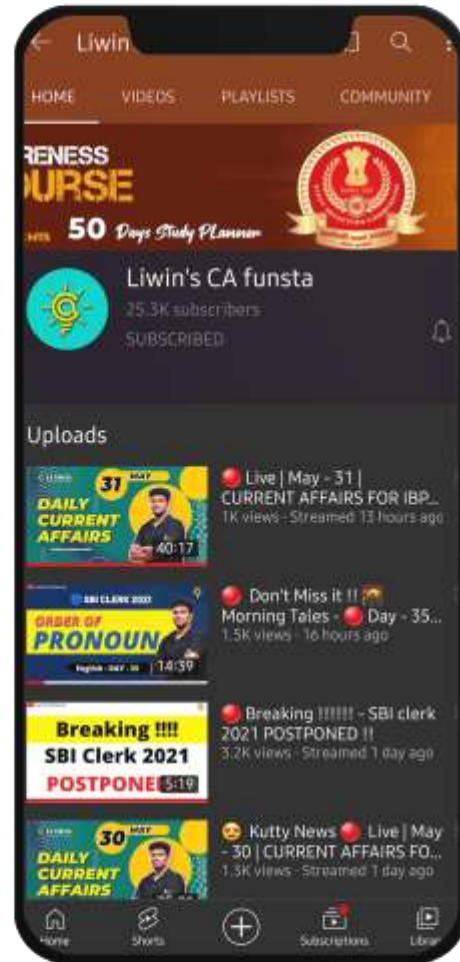
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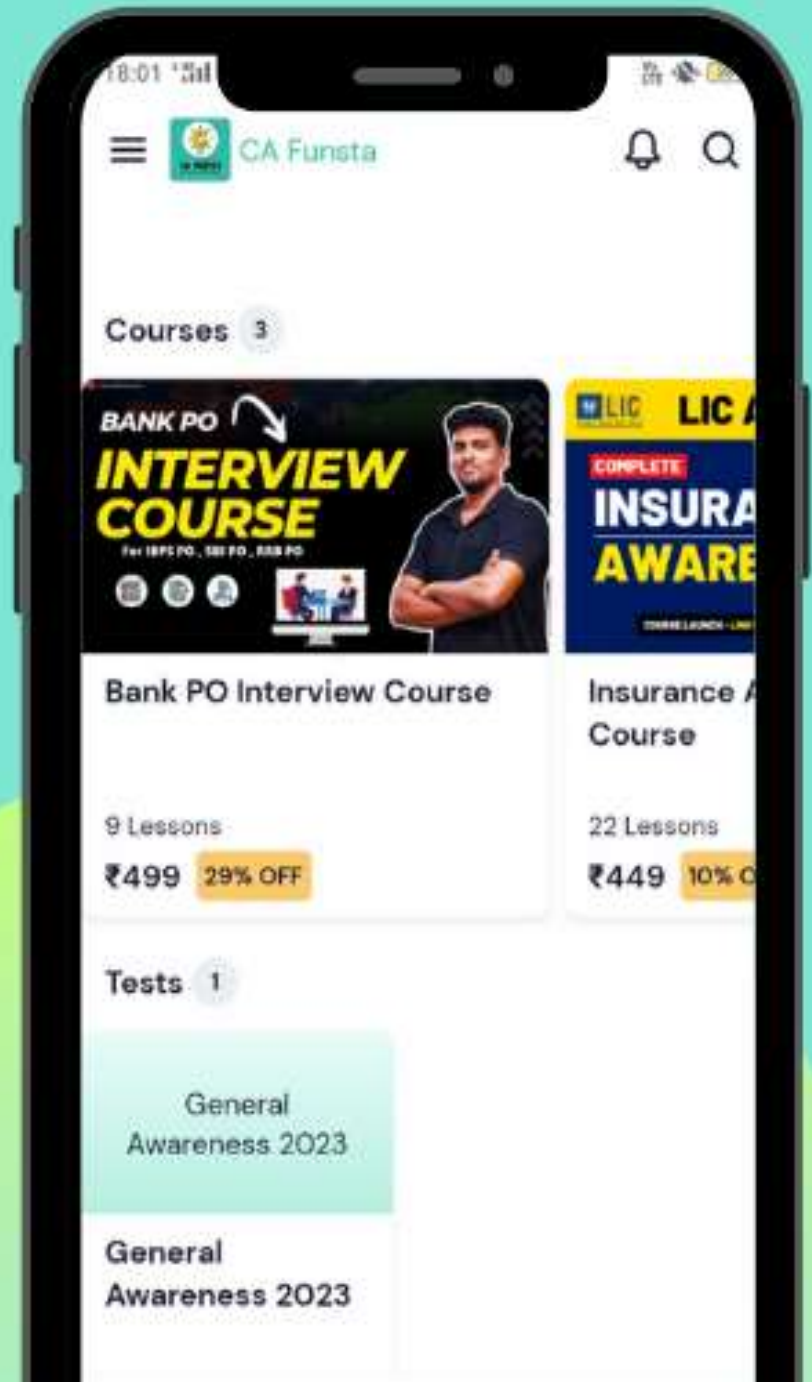


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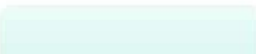


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# Important Days



➤ **When and where will the 2024 Edition of World Kiswahili Language Day be celebrated?**

- A) 06 July 2024, New York
- B) 05 July 2024, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris
- C) 07 July 2024, Nairobi
- D) 05 July 2024, Addis Ababa
- E) 04 July 2024, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris



**Answer**

**B) 05 July 2024, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Kiswahili Language Day 2024
- **Date:** 05 July 2024
- **Location:** UNESCO Headquarters, Paris
- **Theme:** "Kiswahili: education and culture of peace"
- **Chair:** Permanent Delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo





# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Improved Knowledge:** Promote Kiswahili as a medium for peace and multiculturalism.
- **Promotion:** Highlight the values, ideas, thoughts, and philosophy of renowned Kiswahili advocates.
- **Assessment:** Evaluate the availability of Kiswahili language resources and tools for peace promotion.
- **Awareness:** Increase awareness of Kiswahili's historical, current, and future international relevance.
- **Encouragement:** Foster research and socio-cultural activities to enhance multiculturalism through Kiswahili.
- **Interest:** Boost Kiswahili usage among youth via social media, music, and cultural activities focusing on peace.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Kiswahili:** A major African language with over 230 million speakers, widely used in sub-Saharan Africa and globally recognized for its cultural and communicative importance.
- **UNESCO:** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the host of the event, focusing on promoting peace and security through international cooperation in education, arts, sciences, and culture.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **UNESCO:**
  - **Founded Year:** 1945
  - **Director-General:** Audrey Azoulay
  - **Headquarters:** Paris, France



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	World Kiswahili Language Day 2024
Date	05 July 2024
Location	UNESCO Headquarters, Paris
Theme	"Kiswahili: education and culture of peace"
Chair	Permanent Delegation of the Democratic Republic of Congo
Expected Results	- Improved knowledge of Kiswahili as a peace vehicle - Promotion of Kiswahili values and ideas - Assessment of Kiswahili resources - Awareness of Kiswahili's international significance - Encouragement of research and socio-cultural activities - Strengthened interest and use of Kiswahili among youth
Activities	- Official ceremony - Panel conference - Cultural evening - Workshops for children - Social media campaign
Notable Participation	UNESCO Field Offices, including Addis Ababa and New York offices





➤ **How long had it been since Lewis Hamilton's last win before his victory at the British Grand Prix?**

- A) One year
- B) Two years, seven months, and two days
- C) Six months
- D) Three years
- E) Four years



**Answer**

**B) Two years, seven months, and two days**



# SPORTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** British Grand Prix 2024
- **Location:** Silverstone Circuit, United Kingdom
- **Winner:** Lewis Hamilton



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Redemption:** Hamilton sought to overcome past challenges and prove his resilience.
- **Team Effort:** Mercedes' improvements and strategic changes played a crucial role in the win.
- **Emotional Impact:** The victory was highly emotional for Hamilton, reflecting on his journey since his last win.
- **Continued Improvement:** Mercedes is looking forward to further upgrades to maintain competitive performance.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **British Grand Prix:** An annual Formula 1 race held at Silverstone Circuit in the United Kingdom.
- **Mercedes:** The Formula 1 team backed by Mercedes-Benz, with which Hamilton has won multiple championships.





## Static GK Information:

- **Mercedes:**
  - **Headquarters:** Stuttgart, Germany
  - **Founded:** 1926 (as Daimler-Benz)
  - **CEO:** Ola Källenius
  - **Tagline:** "The best or nothing"
- **United Kingdom:**
  - **Capital:** London
  - **Currency:** Pound Sterling
  - **Prime Minister:** Keir Starmer



# SPORTS



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	British Grand Prix 2024
Location	Silverstone Circuit, United Kingdom
Winner	Lewis Hamilton
Time Since Last Win	Two years, seven months, and two days
Significant Factors	Emotional victory, team collaboration, strategic race management
Mercedes' Recovery	Key technical changes led by James Allison
Next Upgrades	Planned for Hungary and Belgium races
Previous Winners (Last 2 Years)	Max Verstappen (2022, 2023)



# OBITUARY



➤ **What was Jon Landau's role in the production of the "Titanic" film?**

- A) Director
- B) Producer
- C) Screenwriter
- D) Actor
- E) Cinematographer

**Answer**  
**B) Producer**



# OBITUARY



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Death of Jon Landau
- **Date:** July 5
- **Location:** Los Angeles





# OBITUARY



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Legacy:** Remembered for his impactful contributions to cinema through iconic films.
- **Career:** Known for producing some of the highest-grossing films of all time.
- **Influence:** Celebrated for his warmth, visionary approach, and dedication to storytelling and filmmaking.



# OBITUARY



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Producer:** A producer in film is responsible for overseeing the production process, coordinating tasks, managing budgets, and ensuring the project's completion.
- **Academy Award:** Prestigious award in the film industry, also known as an Oscar, given for excellence in cinematic achievements.



# OBITUARY



## Static GK Information:

- **Jon Landau:**
  - **Birthplace:** New York City
  - **Education:** University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts
  - **Notable Roles:** Executive Vice President of Feature Production at 20th Century Fox, Chief Operating Officer at Lightstorm Entertainment
  - **Key Films Produced:** "Titanic," "Avatar," "Avatar: The Way of Water," "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids," "Dick Tracy," "Solaris," "Alita: Battle Angel"
- **Titanic:**
  - **Director:** James Cameron
  - **Release Year:** 1997
  - **Gross Revenue:** Over \$2 billion
  - **Awards:** 11 Academy Awards, including Best Picture



# OBITUARY



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Death of Jon Landau
Date	July 5
Location	Los Angeles
Age at Passing	63 years
Key Contributions	Produced "Titanic," "Avatar," "Avatar: The Way of Water"
Career Highlights	Executive roles at 20th Century Fox and Lightstorm Entertainment
Awards and Recognition	Academy Award for Best Picture ("Titanic")
Family	Survived by wife Julie Landau, sons Jamie and Jodie Landau, siblings Tina, Kathy, and Les Landau
Upcoming Projects	Producer of the third "Avatar" film slated for 2025 release





# RANKING



➤ **Which country leads in the total number of GenAI patents filed from 2014 to 2023?**

- A) United States
- B) Republic of Korea
- C) Japan
- D) India
- E) China

**Answer**  
**E) China**



# RANKING



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Ranking of countries by GenAI patents filed
- **Date:** 8 July 2024
- **Location:** Worldwide



# RANKING



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **China's Leadership:** China leads with 38,210 GenAI patents.
- **India's Position:** India ranks fifth with 1,350 patents.
- **Growth Rate:** India records the highest annual growth rate in GenAI patent publications at 56%.



# RANKING



## Important Terms Explained:

- **GenAI (Generative AI):** Technology that generates text, images, or other media in response to prompts.
- **Patents:** Legal documents granting exclusive rights to an invention.



# RANKING



## Static GK Information:

- **WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organisation):**
  - **Founded:** 14 July 1967
  - **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland
  - **Director-General:** Daren Tang



# RANKING



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Ranking of countries by GenAI patents filed
Date	8 July 2024
Leader in Patents	China (38,210 patents)
India's Rank	Fifth (1,350 patents)
India's Growth Rate	Highest annual growth rate of 56%
Top Companies	Tencent, Ping An Insurance Group, Baidu
Key Indian Patents	RN Chidakashi Technologies (Miko Robotics), Tata Consultancy Services
Total Patents Published	54,358 from 2014 to 2023





- What is the amount of the deal signed between ADB and AHFL to expand women's access to housing loans in India?



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- A) \$30 million
- B) \$60 million
- C) \$90 million
- D) \$100 million
- E) \$120 million

**Answer**

**B) \$60 million**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** ADB and AHFL Sign \$60 Million Deal
- **Date:** 25 June 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Financial Support:** ADB provided \$60 million to AHFL to expand housing loans for women.
- **Target States:** At least half of the funding will be used in Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.
- **Focus on Women:** The financing aims to address the challenges women face in accessing housing loans.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Nonconvertible Debentures:** A type of long-term financial instrument that cannot be converted into equity and typically offers higher interest rates.
- **Affordable Housing:** Housing that is deemed affordable to those with a median household income as rated by the government.



## Static GK Information:

- **Asian Development Bank (ADB):**
  - **Member Countries:** 68
  - **Founded Year:** 1966
  - **Headquarters:** Manila, Philippines
  - **Head:** Masatsugu Asakawa
- **Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL):**
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
  - **CEO:** Rishi Anand
  - **Focus:** Low-income housing finance
  - **Network:** 471 branches across 20 states and union territories



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	ADB and AHFL Sign \$60 Million Deal
Date	25 June 2024
Location	New Delhi, India
Amount	\$60 million (in Indian rupee equivalent)
Disbursement	\$30 million disbursed as of today
Target Beneficiaries	Women borrowers or coborrowers
Focus States	Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal
Objective	Expand housing loans and address financing shortages in low-income segments
AHFL Loan Size	Average ticket size of 900,000 Indian rupees (around \$10,875)
AHFL CEO	Rishi Anand
ADB Goal	Prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and Pacific





➤ **What is the percentage growth in domestic retail advances for Bank of Baroda as on 31 June 2024 compared to the previous year?**

- A) 5.25%
- B) 8.14%
- C) 8.51%
- D) 20.86%
- E) 8.83%

**Answer**

**D) 20.86%**



**बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा**  
**Bank of Baroda**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Bank of Baroda reports growth in domestic advances and plans to raise capital.
- **Date:** 31 June 2024
- **Location:** India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Domestic Advances Growth:** 8.51% increase to Rs 8,81,817 crore from Rs 8,12,626 crore.
- **Domestic Deposits Growth:** 5.25% increase to Rs 11,05,459 crore from Rs 10,50,582 crore.
- **Domestic Retail Advances:** 20.86% increase to Rs 2,22,495 crore from Rs 1,84,091 crore.
- **Global Business Growth:** 8.52% increase to Rs 23,77,467 crore from Rs 21,90,896 crore.
- **Global Deposits:** 8.83% increase to Rs 13,05,821 crore.
- **Global Advances:** 8.14% increase to Rs 10,71,646 crore.
- **Capital Raising:** Approval to raise up to Rs 7,500 crore via debt instruments.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Tier 1 (AT 1) and Tier II Debt Capital Instruments:** Types of regulatory capital that banks must hold as a cushion against losses. AT 1 is high-quality capital and can absorb losses, while Tier II is supplementary capital.
- **Domestic Retail Advances:** Loans and advances given to individuals for personal, consumption, or housing needs.
- **Global Business:** The total of domestic and international business activities of the bank.



## Static GK Information:

- **Bank of Baroda:**
  - **Headquarters:** Vadodara, Gujarat, India
  - **MD and CEO:** Debadatta Chand
  - **Tagline:** "India's International Bank"
  - **Government Stake:** 63.97% as of 31 March 2024



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Bank of Baroda reports Q1 growth and capital raise plan
Date	31 June 2024
Domestic Advances Growth	8.51% YoY to Rs 8,81,817 crore
Domestic Deposits Growth	5.25% YoY to Rs 11,05,459 crore
Domestic Retail Advances	20.86% YoY to Rs 2,22,495 crore
Global Business Growth	8.52% YoY to Rs 23,77,467 crore
Global Deposits Growth	8.83% YoY to Rs 13,05,821 crore
Global Advances Growth	8.14% YoY to Rs 10,71,646 crore
Capital Raise	Up to Rs 7,500 crore via AT 1 or Tier II debt instruments
Government Stake	63.97% as of 31 March 2024
Standalone Net Profit Q4 FY24	2.33% growth to Rs 4,886.49 crore
Total Income Q4 FY24	15.18% rise to Rs 33,774.87 crore
Branches	8,243
ATMs and Cash Recyclers	11,033
International Presence	91 overseas offices in 17 countries



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who won the Iranian presidential elections after Ebrahim Raisi's death?**

- A) Saeed Jalili
- B) Ebrahim Raisi
- C) Masoud Pezeshkian
- D) Hassan Rouhani
- E) Ali Khamenei

**Answer**

**C) Masoud Pezeshkian**





# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Iranian Presidential Election
- **Date:** July 6
- **Location:** Iran
- **Winner:** Masoud Pezeshkian



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Reformist Leadership:** Pezeshkian's win signals a shift towards more pragmatic and moderate policies.
- **Foreign Policy Influence:** Potential easing of tensions with the West and renewal of nuclear talks.
- **Economic Impact:** Possible reduction in sanctions could benefit Iran's trade partners, including India.
- **Social Policies:** Possible relaxation of the mandatory hijab law.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Reformist:** A political stance in Iran advocating for gradual change and modernization within the existing political system.
- **Nuclear Pact:** Refers to the 2015 agreement between Iran and major powers to limit Iran's nuclear program in exchange for lifting economic sanctions.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **Iran:**
  - **Capital:** Tehran
  - **Currency:** Iranian Rial
  - **Supreme Leader:** Ayatollah Ali Khamenei
  - **President-elect:** Masoud Pezeshkian



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Iranian Presidential Election
Date	July 6
Location	Iran
Winner	Masoud Pezeshkian
Age	69 years
Profession	Cardiac Surgeon
Foreign Policy Stance	Pragmatic approach, potential easing of West tensions
Impact on India	Potential revival of trade, especially in oil, and strengthening of economic ties
Key Projects	International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), Chabahar Port
Trade Figures	Trade between India and Iran reduced to \$1.836 billion in 2023 from \$2.499 billion in 2022



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who is the new president of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) starting July 2024?

- A) T. Raja Kumar
- B) Manesh Samtani
- C) Elisa de Anda Madrazo
- D) Suzanne Gaboury
- E) Rishi Anand

**Answer**

**C) Elisa de Anda Madrazo**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Elisa de Anda Madrazo assumes FATF presidency
- **Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024





# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Term Duration:** July 2024 to June 2026
- **Core Principles:** Inclusiveness, diversity, transparency
- **Key Priorities:**
  1. Promoting risk-based implementation of FATF Standards
  2. Revamping assessment processes for effectiveness
  3. Strengthening cohesion among FATF members and partners
  4. Implementing revised FATF Standards, focusing on asset recovery, beneficial ownership, and virtual assets
  5. Enhancing understanding of terrorist financing and proliferation risks



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **FATF (Financial Action Task Force):** An intergovernmental organization founded to combat money laundering, terrorist financing, and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **FATF:**
  - **Founded:** July 1989
  - **Headquarters:** Paris, France
  - **Current President:** Elisa de Anda Madrazo



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Elisa de Anda Madrazo assumes FATF presidency
Date	4th July 2024
New President	Elisa de Anda Madrazo
Term Duration	July 2024 to June 2026
Core Principles	Inclusiveness, diversity, transparency
Key Priorities	Risk-based implementation, revamped assessments, strengthening cohesion, implementing revised standards, understanding risks
FATF Founded	July 1989
FATF Headquarters	Paris, France



➤ **What is the name of the light tank recently unveiled by DRDO in collaboration with Larsen & Toubro?**

- A) Bhisma
- B) Arjun
- C) Zorawar
- D) Ajeya
- E) PT-76

**Answer**  
**C) Zorawar**



# DEFENCE



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Unveiling of Zorawar Light Tank
- **Location:** Hazira, Gujarat



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Modernization Effort:** Propel indigenization and modernization of Indian armed forces.
- **Design and Development:** Collaboration between DRDO and Larsen & Toubro.
- **High-Altitude Operations:** Address needs identified during the Galwan Valley standoff with China.
- **Tribute:** Named after General Zorawar Singh, a renowned General of the Dogra Dynasty.



## Key Features of Zorawar Light Tank:

- **Engine:** Powered by a 750 HP Cummins Engine (to be replaced by a domestically developed engine in future units).
- **Armor:** Composite modular armor for enhanced protection.
- **Weaponry:**
  - 105mm rifled cannon-fitted turret by John Cockerill.
  - Paseo Electro-Optical cameras by SAFRAN.
  - Remote-Controlled Weapon System (RCWS) by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).
  - Launchers for Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGMs) and Smoke Launchers.





## Key Features of Zorawar Light Tank:

- **Additional Systems:** Laser Warning Receivers (LWRs), Active Protection System (APS), Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems (C-UAS).
- **Mobility:** Amphibious capabilities for crossing rivers and other water bodies.



## Development and Deployment:

- **Projected Timeline:** Development completion by 2027.
- **Trials:** Multiple trials in the next 12 to 18 months.
- **Deployment:** High-altitude regions like Ladakh, Sikkim, or Kashmir.
- **Quantity:** Indian military looking to acquire over 350 light tanks.



## Historical Context:

- **Previous Tanks:** Indian Army currently operates T-90 “Bhisma”, T-72 “Ajeya”, and Arjun main battle tanks.
- **Past Light Tanks:** Previously operated Russia-made PT-76 Light Tanks, used during the 1971 Indo-Pak war.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **DRDO:** Defence Research & Development Organization, India's premier agency for defense research and development.
- **Larsen & Toubro (L&T):** Major Indian multinational involved in engineering, construction, manufacturing, and technology.



## Static GK Information:

- **DRDO:**
  - **Abbreviation:** Defence Research and Development Organisation
  - **Founded:** 1958
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, Delhi
  - **Chairman:** Samir V Kamat



# DEFENCE



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Unveiling of Zorawar Light Tank
Location	Hazira, Gujarat
Developed By	DRDO in collaboration with Larsen & Toubro
Named After	General Zorawar Singh
Key Features	Composite modular armor, 105mm rifled cannon, RCWS, ATGMs, amphibious
Engine	750 HP Cummins Engine (future units to have domestically developed engine)
Trials Timeline	12 to 18 months
Deployment Areas	High-altitude regions (Ladakh, Sikkim, Kashmir)
Total Tanks Planned	Over 350 light tanks under Buy Indian-IDDM category
Current Main Battle Tanks	T-90 "Bhisma", T-72 "Ajeya", Arjun
Previous Light Tanks	Russia-made PT-76



➤ Who declared the mica mines in Jharkhand as 'Child Labour Free'?

- A) Bhuwan Ribhu
- B) Priyank Kanoongo
- C) Anil Chauhan
- D) Audrey Azoulay
- E) Debadatta Chand

**Answer**

**B) Priyank Kanoongo**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Declaration of Jharkhand Mica Mines as 'Child Labour Free'
- **Location:** Koderma, Jharkhand





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Complete Withdrawal:** All child labourers withdrawn from mica mines.
- **Education:** Enrolled children in schools to ensure continued education.
- **Collaboration:** Success attributed to the combined efforts of children, communities, civil society organizations, and government bodies.
- **Sustained Efforts:** Monitoring to continue until 2025 to prevent relapse into child labour.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **NCPCR (National Commission for Protection of Child Rights):** A statutory body under the Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005, tasked with ensuring that all laws, policies, and programs are in accordance with the Child Rights perspective.
- **Child Labour Free Mica Program:** An initiative aimed at eradicating child labour from mica mining and ensuring the education and welfare of affected children.



## Static GK Information:

- **NCPCR:**
  - **Abbreviation:** National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
  - **Founded:** 2007
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Chairperson:** Priyank Kanoongo
- **Jharkhand:**
  - **Capital:** Ranchi
  - **CM:** Hemant Soren
  - **Governor:** C.P. Radhakrishnan



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Declaration of Jharkhand Mica Mines as 'Child Labour Free'
Location	Koderma, Jharkhand
Chairperson	Priyank Kanoongo
Program	Child Labour Free Mica
Objective	Eradicate child labour and ensure education
Collaborators	State and local governments, civil society organizations, children, communities
Results Achieved	20,584 children withdrawn from mica mining, 30,364 enrolled in schools
Future Monitoring	Program will continue monitoring until 2025



- **What percentage concession in licensing fees has been announced for women entrepreneurs by Union Minister Piyush Goyal?**

- A) 50%
- B) 60%
- C) 70%
- D) 80%
- E) 90%

**Answer**  
**D) 80%**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Announcement of licensing fee concessions
- **Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Licensing Fee Concession:**
  - **Women Entrepreneurs:** 80% concession
  - **MSMEs:** 50% fee reduction
- **Goal:** Encourage greater participation and entrepreneurship by women and MSMEs.
- **Safety and Compliance:** Collaborate with CPCB and MoPNG to establish safety guidelines for petrol pumps near habitations.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **PESO (Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation):** A regulatory authority responsible for ensuring the safety and security of hazardous substances like petroleum and explosives in India.
- **DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade):** A government body that promotes and regulates industrial and trade activities in India.
- **MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises):** Businesses whose turnover or investment in plant and machinery/equipment falls under defined limits.





## Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Commerce & Industry:**
  - **Current Minister:** Piyush Goyal
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Key Focus Areas:** Trade policy, industrial development, promoting exports, and improving ease of doing business.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Announcement of licensing fee concessions
Date	4th July 2024
Location	New Delhi, India
Concession for Women Entrepreneurs	80% licensing fee concession
Concession for MSMEs	50% licensing fee reduction
Collaboration for Safety Guidelines	CPCB and MoPNG
Initiatives for Efficiency	Integrating TPIAs, developing online permission modules
Committees Formed	MoPNG, industry associations, regulatory bodies to recommend regulatory amendments
Stakeholder Consultation	Attended by over 150 stakeholders from various industrial sectors



- **What agreement did the Union Cabinet approve India to sign to conserve marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction?**
- A) Paris Agreement
  - B) Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement
  - C) Kyoto Protocol
  - D) Montreal Protocol
  - E) Convention on Biological Diversity

**Answer**

**B) Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of India signing the BBNJ Agreement
- **Date:** 02 July 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **BBNJ Agreement:** An international treaty under UNCLOS to protect marine biodiversity in high seas.
- **Conservation Efforts:** Establish mechanisms for sustainable use of marine biological diversity.
- **Strategic Presence:** Enhance India's presence beyond its EEZ.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **High Seas:** Ocean areas beyond national jurisdiction.
- **UNCLOS:** United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, a legal framework for marine and maritime activities.



## Static GK Information:

- **UNCLOS:**
  - **Founded:** 10 December 1982
  - **Came into Force:** 16 November 1994
  - **Headquarters:** Kingston, Jamaica
  - **International Seabed Authority:** Regulates mining and activities on the ocean floor beyond national jurisdiction.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	India to sign BBNJ Agreement
Date	02 July 2024
Location	New Delhi, India
Agreement Name	Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement
Objective	Conservation and sustainable utilization of marine biological diversity
Implemented By	Ministry of Earth Sciences
Strategic Benefits	Enhances India's presence beyond EEZ, promotes marine conservation
SDG Goal	Contributes to SDG14 (Life Below Water)
Signatories	91 countries signed, 8 ratified as of June 2024
Associated Agreements	1994 Part XI Implementation Agreement, 1995 UN Fish Stocks Agreement





➤ **What collaboration did ICAI and MeitY initiate to enhance corporate oversight in India?**

- A) Developing a new tax software
- B) Creating an AI-powered audit tool
- C) Launching a cybersecurity initiative
- D) Establishing a new financial regulation
- E) Forming a data privacy task force

**Answer**

**B) Creating an AI-powered audit tool**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** ICAI and MeitY collaboration announcement
- **Date:** 08 July 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **AI Audit Tool:** To track corporate performance and detect fraud.
- **Proposal:** Sent to MeitY Secretary Krishnan by ICAI President Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal.
- **Goal:** Enhance transparency and accountability in corporate India.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **ICAI (Institute of Chartered Accountants of India):** A professional body that regulates the profession of Chartered Accountancy in India.
- **MeitY (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology):** Government ministry responsible for IT policy and development.



## Static GK Information:

- **ICAI:**
  - **Founded:** 1949
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **President:** Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal
- **MeitY:**
  - **Founded:** 1999
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Secretary:** Krishnan



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	ICAI and MeitY to develop AI Audit Tool
Date	08 July 2024
Location	New Delhi, India
Tool Purpose	Track corporate performance, detect fraud
Initiated By	ICAI President Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal
Proposal Sent To	MeitY Secretary Krishnan
Objective	Enhance corporate transparency and accountability



# QUICK RECALL



- **World Kiswahili Language Day 2024 at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris on 05 July 2024.**
- **Lewis Hamilton wins British Grand Prix after 945 days since last victory.**
- **Jon Landau, Oscar-winning producer of "Titanic" and "Avatar," dies at 63.**
- **China leads in GenAI patents with 38,210 filed from 2014 to 2023.**
- **ADB and AHFL sign \$60 million deal to boost women's access to housing loans in India.**
- **Bank of Baroda domestic retail advances grow 20.86% YoY as of June 2024.**
- **Masoud Pezeshkian wins Iranian presidential election, signaling potential policy shifts.**



# QUICK RECALL

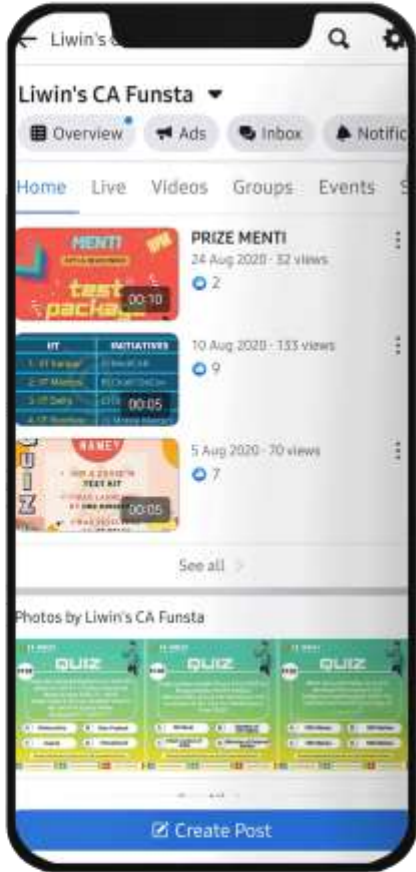


- **Elisa de Anda Madrazo assumes FATF presidency from July 2024 to June 2026.**
- **DRDO and L&T unveil Zorawar light tank designed for high-altitude operations.**
- **NCPCR declared Jharkhand mica mines child labour free.**
- **Union Minister Piyush Goyal announces 80% licensing fee concession for women entrepreneurs.**
- **India to sign the BBNJ Agreement to protect marine biodiversity in high seas.**
- **ICAI and MeitY to create AI Audit Tool to track corporate performance and detect fraud.**

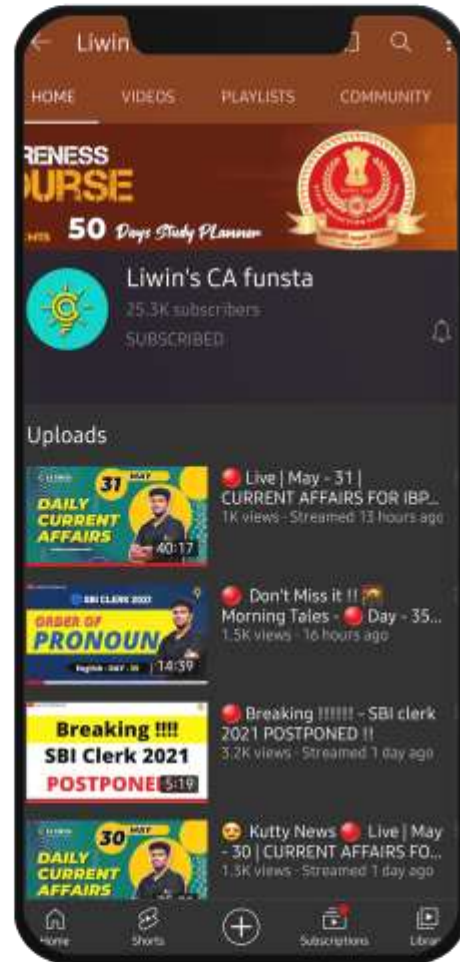




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