



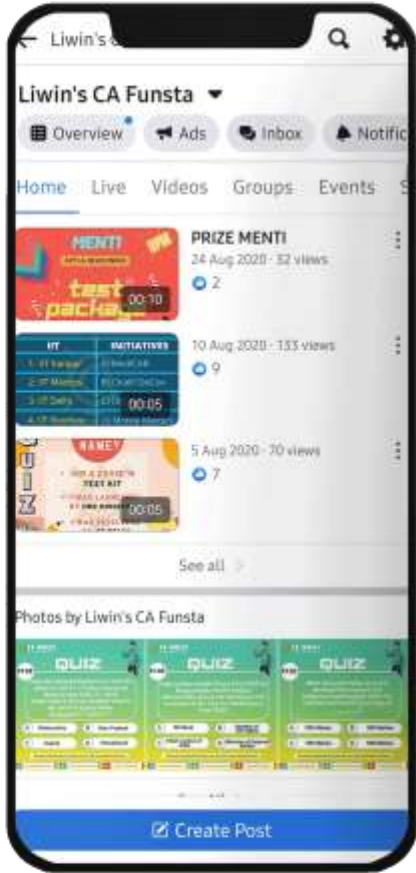
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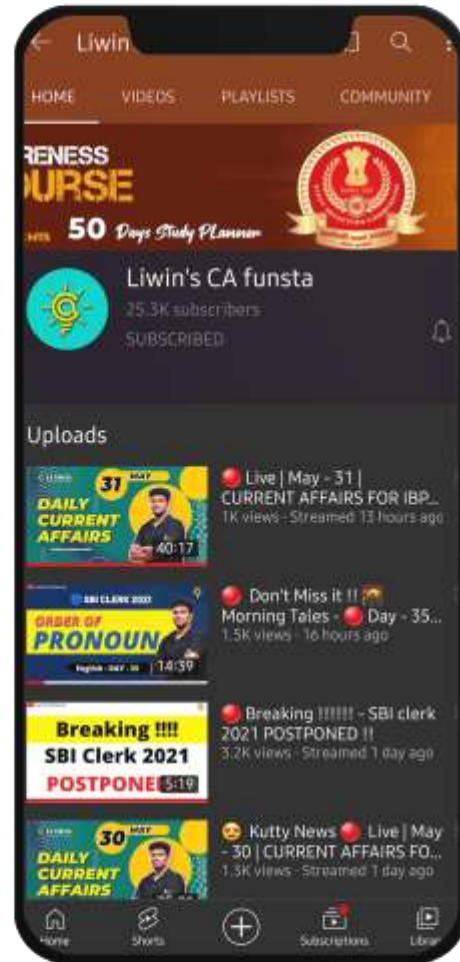
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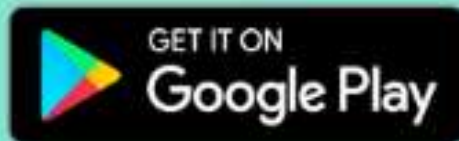
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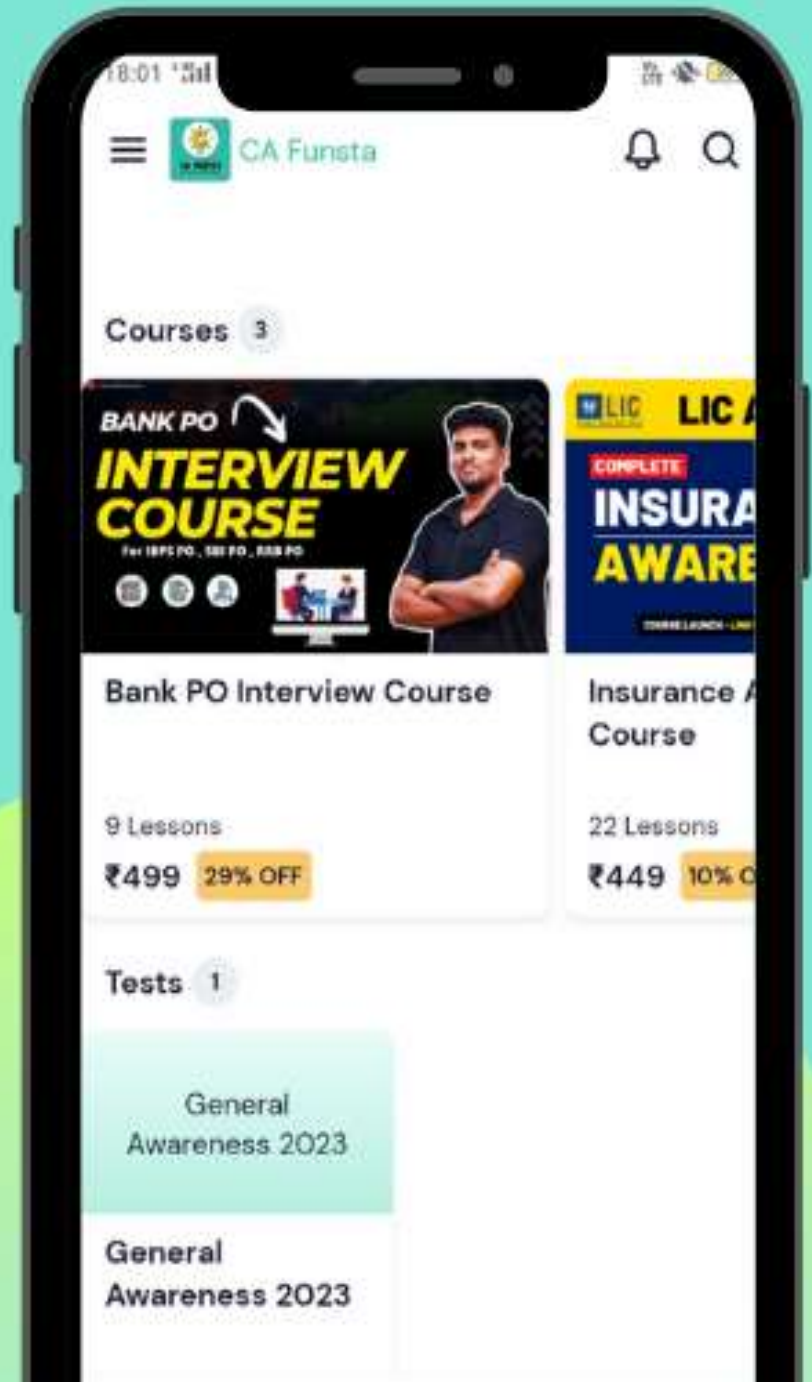


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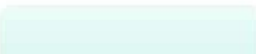


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- Which country won the men's and mixed doubles titles at the Asian Squash Doubles Championship 2024?

- A) Malaysia
- B) Hong Kong
- C) India
- D) Pakistan
- E) China

Answer
C) India



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Asian Squash Doubles Championship 2024
- **Location:** Arena Emas, Johor, Malaysia
- **Date:** 4 to 7 July 2024
- **Significance:** India won men's doubles and mixed doubles titles.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Men's Doubles Title:**
 - **Winners:** Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar
 - **Opponents:** Ong Sai Hung and Syafiq Kamal of Malaysia
 - **Outcome:** Straight sets victory
- **Mixed Doubles Title:**
 - **Winners:** Abhay Singh and Joshna Chinappa
 - **Opponents:** Tong Tsz Wing and Ming Hong Tang of Hong Kong China
 - **Outcome:** 2-1 (11-8, 10-11, 11-5) on 7 July 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Previous Achievements:**
 - **Abhay Singh:** Gold at 19th Hangzhou Asian Games, Goodfellow Classic, and Willingdon Masters squash titles.
 - **Velavan Senthilkumar:** Batch Open Challenger Squash 2024
- **Asian Team Squash Championship:**
 - Organised by Asian Squash Federation with host country's Squash Federations.
 - Biennial event, first held in 1981 in Karachi, Pakistan.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Asian Squash Doubles Championship:**
 - A continental event featuring teams from various Asian countries competing in men's, women's, and mixed doubles squash.
- **Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI):**
 - Governs and promotes squash in India.
 - Recognized by the government, member of World Squash Federation and Asian Squash Federation.
 - Headquarters in Chennai.
 - **President:** Debendranath Sarangi



Static GK Information:

- **India:**
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Currency:** Indian Rupee
 - **President:** Droupadi Murmu
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
- **Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI):**
 - **Headquarters:** Chennai
 - **President:** Debendranath Sarangi



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Asian Squash Doubles Championship 2024
Location	Arena Emas, Johor, Malaysia
Date	4 to 7 July 2024
Significance	India won men's doubles and mixed doubles titles.
Men's Doubles Winners	Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar
Mixed Doubles Winners	Abhay Singh and Joshna Chinappa
Key Opponents	Tong Tsz Wing and Ming Hong Tang (Hong Kong China), Ong Sai Hung and Syafiq Kamal (Malaysia)
Asian Team Championship History	Pakistan: Most successful men's team (15 titles), Malaysia: Most successful women's team (10 titles), India: Men's title (2022)
Organising Body	Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI)
SRFI Headquarters	Chennai
SRFI President	Debendranath Sarangi



➤ **Who has been appointed as the Head Coach of Team India (Senior Men) starting from the upcoming away series against Sri Lanka in July 2024?**

- A) Rahul Dravid
- B) Paras Mhambrey
- C) Vikram Rathour
- D) Gautam Gambhir
- E) VVS Laxman

Answer

D) Gautam Gambhir



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of new Head Coach for Team India (Senior Men)
- **Location:** India, announcement made by BCCI



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To appoint a new Head Coach for Team India, replacing Rahul Dravid after his tenure.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Head Coach:** The main coach responsible for the overall strategy, development, and performance of the cricket team.
- **BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India):** The governing body for cricket in India.



Static GK Information:

- **BCCI**
 - **Founded:** 1928
 - **President:** Roger Binny
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **Secretary:** Jay Shah



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Appointment of Head Coach for Team India
Location	India
Date	9 th July 2024
New Head Coach	Gautam Gambhir
Predecessor	Rahul Dravid
Significance	Marks a new chapter for Team India
Upcoming Series	Sri Lanka (3 ODIs & 3 T20Is starting July 27, 2024)



RANKING



➤ Which city ranks as the most expensive for expatriates in 2024 according to Mercer's study?

- A) Zurich
- B) Singapore
- C) Geneva
- D) Hong Kong
- E) New York

Answer

D) Hong Kong



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Mercer Study on Most Expensive Cities for Expats in 2024
- **Location:** Global (with specific focus on top cities like Hong Kong, Singapore, and others)



RANKING



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To rank cities based on their cost of living for expatriates, considering factors like housing costs, inflation, and global mobility challenges.



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **Housing Costs:** Expenses associated with renting or owning accommodation.
- **Inflation:** The rate at which the general level of prices for goods and services rises, eroding purchasing power.
- **Global Mobility:** The ability of individuals or labor to move and work freely across borders, often impacted by living costs and economic conditions.



RANKING



Static GK Information:

- **Hong Kong**
 - **Capital:** Hong Kong (special administrative region of China)
 - **Currency:** Hong Kong Dollar (HKD)
 - **Chief Executive:** John Lee Ka-chiu
- **Singapore**
 - **Capital:** Singapore
 - **Currency:** Singapore Dollar (SGD)
 - **Prime Minister:** Lee Hsien Loong



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Most Expensive Cities for Expats in 2024
Location	Global
Top 2 Cities	Hong Kong, Singapore
Date	2024
Study Conducted By	Mercer
Significance	Highlights cost of living challenges for expatriates



➤ Which company launched the revolutionary health insurance product 'Elevate'?

- A) HDFC Ergo
- B) Bajaj Allianz
- C) ICICI Lombard
- D) New India Assurance
- E) Tata AIG



Answer

C) ICICI Lombard



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of 'Elevate' Health Insurance Product
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Product Launched: 'Elevate' by ICICI Lombard**
 - **AI-Powered:** Utilizes artificial intelligence for personalized solutions.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Features:**
 - **Infinite Sum Insured:** Unlimited coverage to prevent policyholders from running out of coverage.
 - **Infinite Claim Amount:** Comprehensive financial protection with infinite claim amount for one-time claim during the policy lifetime.
 - **Power Booster Add-on:** 100% cumulative bonus annually, irrespective of claims, for an indefinite period.
 - **Reset Benefit:** Unlimited resets of coverage ensuring continuous protection.
 - **Infinite Assurance:** Immediate benefit for pre-existing conditions like asthma, diabetes, etc., after 30 days.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Additional Features:**
 - **Critical Illness Cover:** Coverage for 20 critical illnesses.
 - **Personal Accident:** Personal accident coverage.
 - **Maternity and Newborn Cover:** Includes accommodation and travel benefits.
 - **Preventive Care:** Preventive healthcare coverage.
 - **Inflation Protector:** Protects against medical inflation.
 - **Air Ambulance:** Air ambulance services.
 - **Personalized Home Care:** Home care services.
- **Company Philosophy:** Power of infinite personalization and customer-centricity.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Infinite Sum Insured:** Unlimited insurance coverage ensuring no cap on the amount payable by the insurer.
- **Power Booster Add-on:** Provides a 100% cumulative bonus annually, regardless of claims.
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Static GK Information:

- **ICICI Lombard:**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **MD & CEO:** Bhargav Dasgupta
 - **Founded:** 2001
 - **Tagline:** Nibhaaye Vaade



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Launch of 'Elevate' Health Insurance Product
Location	India
Product Name	'Elevate'
Key Features	Infinite Sum Insured, Infinite Claim Amount, Power Booster Add-on, Reset Benefit, Infinite Assurance
Additional Features	Critical Illness Cover, Personal Accident, Maternity and Newborn Cover, Preventive Care, Air Ambulance
AI-Powered	Yes, for personalized coverage recommendations
Company Philosophy	Power of infinite personalization and customer-centricity
ICICI Lombard Headquarters	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
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➤ Since when has the RBI been conducting the quarterly order books, inventories, and capacity utilization survey of the manufacturing sector?

- A) 2000
- B) 2005
- C) 2008
- D) 2012
- E) 2015

Answer
C) 2008



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of quarterly "Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilisation" (OBICUS) survey
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Conducted By:** Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- **Purpose:** To collect key inputs for monetary policy formulation.
- **Survey Frequency:** Quarterly



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Survey Details:**
 - Quantitative Data Collected:
 - New orders received during the reference quarter (April-June 2024).
 - Backlog of orders at the beginning of the quarter.
 - Pending orders at the end of the quarter.
 - Total inventories with a breakdown between finished goods, work-in-progress, and raw material inventories.
 - Item-wise production in terms of quantity and value during the quarter.
 - Installed capacity and reasons for changes in production/installed capacity during the quarter.
 - **Capacity Utilisation:** Estimated from responses.



Confidentiality:

- **Data Handling:** Company-level data are treated as confidential and are never disclosed.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Order Books:** Records of orders received by companies during a specific period.
- **Inventories:** Stocks of finished goods, work-in-progress, and raw materials held by companies.
- **Capacity Utilisation:** Measure of the extent to which a company's productive capacity is being used.



Static GK Information:

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI):**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das
 - **Founded:** April 1, 1935



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Launch of quarterly "Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilisation" survey
Location	India
Purpose	Collect key inputs for monetary policy formulation
Survey Frequency	Quarterly
Data Collected	New orders, backlog of orders, pending orders, inventories, item-wise production, capacity changes
Capacity Utilisation	Estimated from survey responses
Confidentiality	Company-level data are treated as confidential and never disclosed
RBI Headquarters	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
RBI Governor	Shaktikanta Das
RBI Founded	April 1, 1935



➤ Which regulatory body issued new guidelines to streamline the operations of credit rating agencies?

- A) RBI
- B) IRDAI
- C) SEBI
- D) NABARD
- E) PFRDA

Answer
C) SEBI



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Issuance of new guidelines for credit rating agencies
- **Location:** India
- **Effective Date:** August 01, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Streamline operations and enhance the ease of doing business for credit rating agencies (CRAs).



Key Guidelines:

- **Communication Timelines:**
 - Ratings must be communicated to companies within one working day of the rating committee meeting.
 - Companies have three working days to request a review or appeal of the rating decision.
 - Press release dissemination on CRA's website and intimation to the stock exchange or debenture trustee must occur within seven working days of the rating committee meeting.
- **Record Maintenance:**
 - CRAs must maintain records of disclosures for 10 years and share them with debenture trustees upon request.



Key Guidelines:

- **Non-Cooperative Issuers:**
 - Daily updates on the list of non-cooperative issuers to ensure prompt information for stakeholders.
- **Unaccepted Ratings:**
 - CRAs are required to maintain information on unaccepted ratings for 12 months.
- **Compliance Monitoring:**
 - Monitored through half-yearly internal audits as per CRA norms.



Purpose:

- **Ease of Doing Business:** Enhance the operational efficiency of credit rating agencies.
- **Uniformity:** Provide specific timelines for dealing with appeals regarding rating actions.
- **Investor Protection:** Ensure timely and accurate information dissemination to stakeholders.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Credit Rating Agencies (CRAs):** Organizations that assign credit ratings to issuers of debt securities, indicating their creditworthiness.
- **Periodic Surveillance:** Regular review and update of credit ratings based on current financial and operational data.
- **Non-Cooperative Issuers:** Companies that fail to provide necessary information to CRAs for accurate rating assessment.



Static GK Information:

- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):**
 - **Abbreviation:** SEBI
 - **Founded:** April 12, 1992
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **Chairman:** Madhabi Puri Buch



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Issuance of new guidelines for credit rating agencies
Location	India
Effective Date	August 01, 2024
Objective	Streamline operations and enhance ease of doing business for CRAs
Communication Timelines	Ratings to companies within one working day, appeals within three working days
Press Release Dissemination	Within seven working days of the rating committee meeting
Record Maintenance	Records maintained for 10 years, shared with debenture trustees upon request
Non-Cooperative Issuers	Daily updates on non-cooperative issuers
Unaccepted Ratings	Information maintained for 12 months
Compliance Monitoring	Through half-yearly internal audits as per CRA norms
SEBI Headquarters	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
SEBI Chairman	Madhabi Puri Buch
SEBI Founded	April 12, 1992



- **What is the main benefit of the bancassurance tie-up between Federal Bank and Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance?**
- A) Increased loan opportunities for customers
 - B) Seamless access to life insurance products
 - C) Enhanced digital banking services
 - D) Lower interest rates on savings accounts
 - E) Improved international banking facilities



Answer

B) Seamless access to life insurance products



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Bancassurance tie-up between Federal Bank and Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To enable Federal Bank customers to access Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance products across the bank's extensive network.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bancassurance:** The partnership between a bank and an insurance company allowing the bank to sell the insurance company's products.
- **Life Insurance:** A contract where an insurer guarantees payment to beneficiaries upon the insured's death.



Static GK Information:

- **Federal Bank**
 - **Founded:** 1931
 - **Headquarters:** Aluva, Kerala, India
 - **MD & CEO:** Shyam Srinivasan
- **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance**
 - **Founded:** 2001
 - **Headquarters:** Pune, Maharashtra, India
 - **MD & CEO:** Tarun Chugh



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Bancassurance tie-up
Location	India
Date	9th July 2024
Key Participants	Federal Bank and Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
Main Benefit	Seamless access to life insurance products
Federal Bank Executives	Shyam Srinivasan, Shalini Warriar, Venkatraman Venkateswaran
Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Executives	Tarun Chugh, Dheeraj Sehgal



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the Principal Advisor at the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme?**

- A) Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- B) Dr. Soumya Swaminathan
- C) Dr. Balram Bhargava
- D) Dr. Randeep Guleria
- E) Dr. Vinod Paul

Answer

B) Dr. Soumya Swaminathan



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Principal Advisor for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme
- **Location:** Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, India



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To provide technical advice, policy directions, and support for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Principal Advisor:** A senior expert providing strategic guidance and policy recommendations.
- **National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme:** A government initiative aimed at eradicating tuberculosis in India.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare**
 - **Founded:** 1947
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Minister:** Mansukh Mandaviya
- **Dr. Soumya Swaminathan**
 - **Previous Roles:** Chief Scientist of WHO, Director General of ICMR



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Appointment of Principal Advisor for TB Elimination Programme
Location	Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, India
Date	9th July 2024
Appointed Person	Prof. (Dr.) Soumya Swaminathan
Role	Principal Advisor (pro bono)
Key Responsibilities	Technical advice, policy suggestions, research strategy, forming expert groups
Previous Positions	Chief Scientist of WHO, Director General of ICMR



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who are the newly appointed Independent Directors on the board of TFCILTD?**

- A) Dr. Raghuram Rajan and Mr. Deepak Parekh
- B) Mr. Deepak Amitabh and Dr. Mahabaleshwara MS
- C) Mr. Uday Kotak and Dr. Arundhati Bhattacharya
- D) Mr. Aditya Puri and Dr. Shikha Sharma
- E) Dr. Urjit Patel and Mr. Rajnish Kumar



Answer

B) Mr. Deepak Amitabh and Dr. Mahabaleshwara MS



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of new Independent Directors
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To enhance the strategic capabilities and operational framework of TFCILTD by involving seasoned professionals.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Independent Director:** A board member who does not have a material or pecuniary relationship with the company, providing unbiased judgment.
- **NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company):** A financial institution that offers various banking services but does not hold a banking license.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **TFCILTD (Tourism Finance Corporation of India Ltd)**
 - **Founded:** 1989
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Managing Director:** Atul Bhargava
- **Karnataka Bank**
 - **Headquarters:** Mangaluru, Karnataka, India
 - **MD and CEO:** Srikrishnan Harihara Sarma
 - **Founded:** 1924



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Appointment of Independent Directors
Location	New Delhi, India
Date	9th July 2024
New Directors	Mr. Deepak Amitabh, Dr. Mahabaleshwara MS
Mr. Deepak Amitabh's Role	Advisor for Business Development at Adani Group
Dr. Mahabaleshwara MS's Role	Former MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank
Significance	Strengthening market presence and operational framework of TFCILTD



AWARDS



➤ Which state won the Best Agriculture State Award for 2024?

- A) Punjab
- B) Gujarat
- C) Karnataka
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Rajasthan

Answer

D) Maharashtra



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Best Agriculture State Award 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi
- **Date:** July 10, 2024
- **Chief Guest:** Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Maharashtra Government Initiatives:**
 - **Bamboo Cultivation:** Launch of the largest bamboo mission in India covering 21 lakh hectares.
 - **Shri Anna Abhiyan:** Focus on cereal cultivation.
 - **Biomass Utilization:** Using biomass for thermal power generation to reduce coal burning.
- **Climate Action Commitments:**
 - **Tree Planting:** Commitment to planting trees on 21 lakh hectares.
 - **Coal Replacement:** Aiming to replace 5% of coal with biomass.
- **Irrigation Projects:** Enhancing irrigation across 17 lakh hectares with 123 projects.
- **Green Belt Initiative:** Establishing a green belt covering 1.20 lakh acres in Nandurbar district.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bamboo Cultivation:**
 - Large-scale cultivation of bamboo for environmental and economic benefits.
- **Shri Anna Abhiyan:**
 - An initiative focused on increasing the production and consumption of cereals.
- **Biomass Utilization:**
 - Using organic materials (biomass) as a renewable energy source for power generation.
- **Green Belt:**
 - An area of land dedicated to vegetation to improve air quality and provide environmental benefits.



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

- **Maharashtra:**
 - **Capital:** Mumbai
 - **Chief Minister:** Eknath Shinde
 - **Governor:** Ramesh Bais



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Best Agriculture State Award 2024
Location	New Delhi
Date	July 10, 2024
Chief Guest	Nitin Gadkari, Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Significance	Recognition of Maharashtra's sustainable development policies focusing on environmental protection and food security.
Key Initiatives	Bamboo cultivation, Shri Anna Abhiyan, biomass utilization, tree planting, and green belt establishment.
Notable Figures Present	Ambassadors from Brazil, Algeria, Netherlands; Ministers from Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, and other dignitaries.
Government's Climate Actions	Commitment to tree planting, coal replacement with biomass, and proactive steps in response to UN Secretary-General's call for climate action.
Budget Provisions	Allocation for green belt in Nandurbar district and irrigation projects across 17 lakh hectares.



AWARDS



➤ **Who was awarded the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur by France?**

- A) Sundar Pichai
- B) Satya Nadella
- C) Roshni Nadar Malhotra
- D) N. Chandrasekaran
- E) Mukesh Ambani

Answer

C) Roshni Nadar Malhotra



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Conferring of the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur
- **Location:** Ceremony in Delhi, India
- **Presented by:** H.E. Thierry Mathou, Ambassador of France to India, on behalf of the French President



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Award Recipient: Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Chairperson of HCLTech**
 - **Contributions:** Business world, promoting economic ties between France and India, commitment to social and environmental causes.
- **HCLTech in France:**
 - **Presence:** Since 2009, partner to G2000 French companies in aerospace, manufacturing, financial services, and pharmaceuticals.
 - **Initiatives:** Partnership with Apprentis d'Auteuil to improve software coding skills in middle schools and boost the local tech ecosystem.



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Roshni Nadar Malhotra's Impact:**
 - **Leadership:** Exceptional corporate and philanthropic leadership.
 - **Focus Areas:** AI and cybersecurity, promoting business relations between France and India.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur:**
 - France's highest civilian award, recognizing exceptional contributions to various fields.
- **HCLTech:**
 - A global IT services company providing digital transformation solutions.
- **Apprentis d'Auteuil:**
 - A French organization focused on education and social integration.



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

- **HCLTech:**
 - **Headquarters:** Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India
 - **Chairperson:** Roshni Nadar Malhotra
 - **CEO:** C Vijayakumar
 - **Founded:** 1976



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Conferring of the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur
Location	Delhi, India
Presented by	H.E. Thierry Mathou, Ambassador of France to India
Recipient	Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Chairperson of HCLTech
Significance	Contributions to business, economic ties between France and India, and social/environmental causes
HCLTech Initiatives	Partnering with G2000 French companies, Apprentis d'Auteuil, focus on AI and cybersecurity
HCLTech Presence in France	Since 2009, partner to companies in aerospace, manufacturing, financial services, and pharmaceuticals
Important Awards	Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur: France's highest civilian award



AWARDS



➤ **Who has been selected for the Dr. C. Narayana Reddy National Literary Award?**

- A) Perumal Murugan
- B) Jeyamohan
- C) Sivashankari
- D) S. Ramakrishnan
- E) Ashokamitran

Answer
C) Sivashankari



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Dr. C. Narayana Reddy National Literary Award
- **Location:** Ceremony on July 29, 2024
- **Presented by:** Sushila Narayana Reddy Trust



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Award Recipient: Sivashankari, noted Tamil writer**
 - **Recognition:** Contribution to the field of literature.
 - **Award Includes:**
 - Cash Prize: ₹5 lakh
 - Memento
 - Shawl
- **Award Significance:**
 - **Purpose:** Recognize and honor contributions to literature.
 - **Organizer:** Sushila Narayana Reddy Trust



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Dr. C. Narayana Reddy National Literary Award:**
 - An award given to distinguished writers for their contributions to literature.
- **Sushila Narayana Reddy Trust:**
 - An organization dedicated to promoting literature and honoring literary excellence.



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

- **Tamil Nadu:**
 - **Capital:** Chennai
 - **Chief Minister:** M.K. Stalin
 - **Governor:** R.N. Ravi



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Dr. C. Narayana Reddy National Literary Award
Location	Ceremony on July 29, 2024
Award Includes	Cash prize of ₹5 lakh, memento, shawl
Presented by	Sushila Narayana Reddy Trust
Recipient	Sivashankari, noted Tamil writer
Significance	Recognizing contributions to the field of literature
Organizer	Sushila Narayana Reddy Trust
Tamil Nadu	Capital: Chennai Chief Minister: M.K. Stalin Governor: R.N. Ravi



AWARDS



➤ **What is the highest civilian award of Russia received by PM Modi in 2024?**

- A) Order of Merit for the Fatherland
- B) Order of St. George
- C) Order of St Andrew the Apostle
- D) Order of Honour
- E) Order of Friendship

Answer

C) Order of St Andrew the Apostle



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** PM Modi receiving Russia's highest civilian award
- **Location:** Award ceremony by Russian President Vladimir Putin



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To honor PM Modi for exceptional services in promoting bilateral ties between India and Russia.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Order of St Andrew the Apostle:** The highest state decoration of Russia, established in 1698 by Tsar Peter the Great.



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

- **Russia**
 - **Capital:** Moscow
 - **Currency:** Russian Ruble (RUB)
 - **President:** Vladimir Putin
 - **Prime Minister:** Mikhail Mishustin



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	PM Modi receiving the Order of St Andrew the Apostle
Location	Award ceremony by Russian President Vladimir Putin
Date	9 th July 2024
Recipient	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Award Significance	Exceptional services in promoting India-Russia bilateral ties
Established	1698 by Tsar Peter the Great



➤ Where was the 12th Joint Defence Cooperation Committee meeting between India and UAE held?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Dubai
- C) Abu Dhabi
- D) Mumbai
- E) Sharjah

Answer
C) Abu Dhabi



DEFENCE



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 12th Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) Meeting
- **Location:** Abu Dhabi, UAE



DEFENCE



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To strengthen bilateral defence and security cooperation between India and UAE through discussions on various areas of collaboration.



Important Terms Explained:

- **JDCC (Joint Defence Cooperation Committee):** A platform for India and UAE to discuss and enhance bilateral defence relations.
- **Maritime Security:** Protection of maritime interests, including preventing piracy and ensuring safe navigation.



Static GK Information:

- **UAE (United Arab Emirates)**
 - **Capital:** Abu Dhabi
 - **Currency:** UAE Dirham (AED)
 - **President:** Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
 - **Prime Minister:** Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	12 th JDCC Meeting
Location	Abu Dhabi, UAE
Date	9th July 2024
Key Participants	Indian delegation led by Joint Secretary Shri Amitabh Prasad; UAE delegation led by Brig. General Staff Jamal Ebrahim Mohamed Almazrooqi
Discussion Topics	Training, joint military exercises, defence industrial cooperation, regional security, maritime security
Significance	Strengthening defence and security ties between India and UAE



➤ Which company launched the 'Ghar Ghar Solar' initiative in Uttar Pradesh?

- A) Reliance Industries
- B) Tata Power
- C) Adani Power
- D) NTPC
- E) Larsen & Toubro

Answer
B) Tata Power



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of 'Ghar Ghar Solar' initiative
- **Location:** Uttar Pradesh, starting from Varanasi
- **Date:** July 6, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Initiative Launched:** 'Ghar Ghar Solar, Tata Power ke Sang' by Tata Power Solar Systems Limited
 - **Objective:** Power every home in Uttar Pradesh with clean energy through rooftop solar solutions.
 - **Environmental Benefits:** Promote sustainability and reduce carbon footprint.
 - **Financial Savings:** Substantial savings on electricity bills.



Subsidy Details:

- **Maximum Subsidy:** Up to Rs. 1,08,000 on rooftop solar installation.
 - **Central Government Subsidy:** Rs. 78,000 for up to 3 kW.
 - **State Government Subsidy:** Maximum of Rs. 30,000 (Rs. 15,000 per kW for up to 3 kW), over and above the Central Government subsidy.



Innovative Features:

- **Advanced Technology:**
 - **Bifacial Panels:** Absorb light on both sides, ensuring higher efficiency in less space.
 - **Rapid Installation:** Quick turnaround of 7 days from inquiry to installation.
- **Flexible Financing:** Various financing options to make solar power accessible to everyone.
- **Trained Workforce:** Skilled technicians ensure seamless installation and maintenance.



Company Commitment:

- **Quality and Innovation:** Ensures superior performance and longevity of solar panels.
- **Support Network:** Robust channel partner network for expedited rooftop solar connections.
- **CEO's Statement:** Praveer Sinha, CEO & MD, Tata Power, emphasizes driving a sustainable energy future and providing financial relief to homeowners.



Static GK Information:

- **Tata Power:**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **CEO & MD:** Praveer Sinha
 - **Founded:** 1911



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



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Advanced Technology	Bifacial panels, rapid installation
Financial Relief	Significant savings on electricity bills
CEO & MD of Tata Power	Praveer Sinha
Tata Power Headquarters	Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
Founded	1911



➤ **What is the primary objective of the MoU between ISLRTC and YUNIKEE?**

- A) Launching accessibility training programs
- B) Providing free and accessible skills to the deaf community
- C) Developing software tools for accessibility education
- D) Supporting the Accessible India Campaign 2.0
- E) Rectifying policies that undermine the RPwD Act-2016

Answer

B) Providing free and accessible skills to the deaf community



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of two MoUs by DEPwD
- **Location:** PIB Delhi



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To empower persons with disabilities through targeted initiatives.



Important Terms Explained:

- **MoU (Memorandum of Understanding):** An agreement between parties outlining the terms and details of an understanding.
- **Universal Design:** Design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without adaptation.
- **RPwD Act-2016:** The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, is a law in India to ensure equal rights for persons with disabilities.



Innovative Features:

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Signing of MoUs
Location	PIB Delhi
Date	9th July 2024
First MoU	DEPwD and Enable Me Access Association
Primary Objective (First MoU)	Training on Universal Design, supporting Accessible India Campaign 2.0
Second MoU	ISLRTC and YUNIKEE
Primary Objective (Second MoU)	Providing free and accessible skills to the deaf community
Key Attendees	Rajesh Aggarwal, Rajiv Sharma, Honnareddy N, Chaitanya Kothapalli, Peter Gibson, Anubha Singhal
Significance	Empowering persons with disabilities



➤ Where has BNP Paribas launched its new branch to facilitate comprehensive product offerings?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Mumbai
- D) GIFT City
- E) Chennai

Answer

D) GIFT City



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of BNP Paribas operations at GIFT City
- **Location:** GIFT City, Gujarat, India



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To facilitate a comprehensive product offering to attract new business opportunities with onshore and offshore clients.



Important Terms Explained:

- **GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City):** A financial and technology hub in Gujarat, India.
- **BNP Paribas:** A leading European bank and key player in international banking.



Static GK Information:

- **BNP Paribas**
 - **Founded:** 2000 (merger of Banque Nationale de Paris and Paribas)
 - **Headquarters:** Paris, France
 - **CEO:** Jean-Laurent Bonnafé



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Launch of BNP Paribas operations
Location	GIFT City, Gujarat, India
Date	9th July 2024
Objective	Comprehensive product offering for onshore and offshore clients
Key Person	Sanjay Singh, Head of Territory & CEO, BNP Paribas India
Significance	Contributing to India's \$5 trillion economy goal by 2025



QUICK RECALL



- **India wins men's and mixed doubles at Asian Squash Doubles Championship 2024.**
- **Hong Kong and Singapore top the list of most expensive cities for expats in 2024.**
- **ICICI Lombard launches AI-powered 'Elevate' health insurance.**
- **RBI launches quarterly OBICUS survey for manufacturing sector.**
- **SEBI issues new guidelines for credit rating agencies.**
- **Federal Bank partners with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance for bancassurance, enhancing access to insurance products.**
- **Gautam Gambhir appointed as Head Coach of Team India (Senior Men).**
- **Dr. Soumya Swaminathan appointed as Principal Advisor for National TB Elimination Programme.**
- **Deepak Amitabh and Dr. Mahabaleshwara MS join TFCILTD as Independent Directors.**
- **Maharashtra won Best Agriculture State Award 2024.**



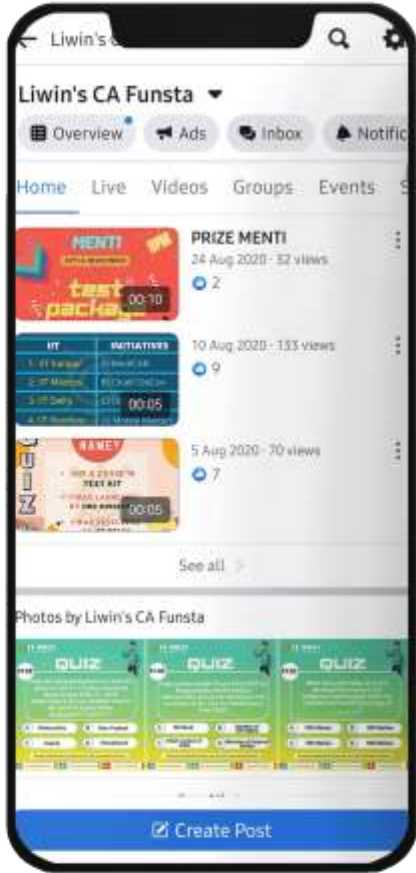
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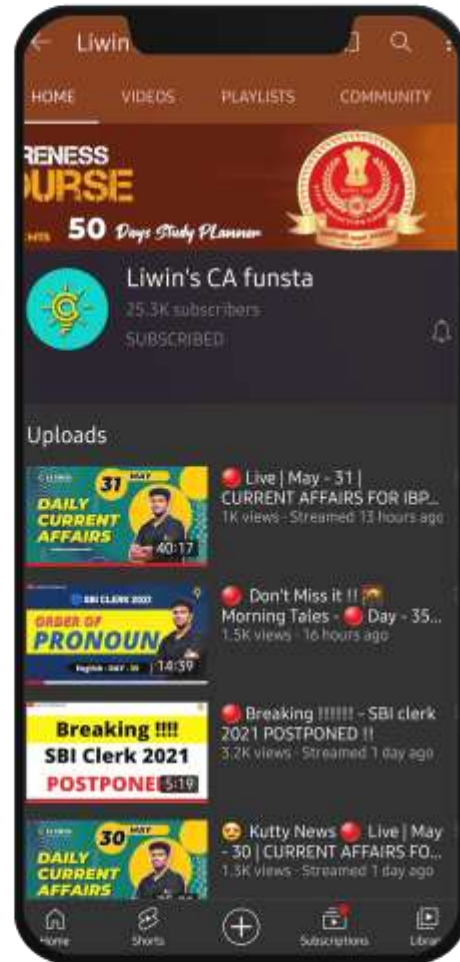
- **Roshni Nadar Malhotra awarded France's highest civilian honor.**
- **Tamil writer Sivashankari wins Dr. C. Narayana Reddy National Literary Award.**
- **PM Modi honored with Russia's highest civilian award, Order of St Andrew the Apostle.**
- **12th JDCC meeting between India and UAE held in Abu Dhabi to bolster defence ties.**
- **Tata Power launches 'Ghar Ghar Solar' initiative in Uttar Pradesh.**
- **DEPwD signs MoUs for accessibility training and skills development for persons with disabilities.**
- **BNP Paribas launches new branch at GIFT City to expand product offerings and attract new business.**



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