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Important Days



➤ **When is International Malala Day observed, and what is its significance?**

- A) June 12; Celebrates the achievements of Malala Yousafzai
- B) July 12; Honors Malala Yousafzai's advocacy for girls' education
- C) August 12; Recognizes the fight against female oppression
- D) October 12; Marks the day Malala Yousafzai was shot
- E) November 12; Commemorates Malala Yousafzai's Nobel Prize win



Answer

B) July 12; Honors Malala Yousafzai's advocacy for girls' education



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Malala Day
- **Location:** Worldwide observance



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Date:** July 12, 2024
- **Objective:** Celebrate the life and legacy of Malala Yousafzai, an advocate for girls' education and the youngest recipient of the Nobel Prize.
- **Purpose:** To honor Malala Yousafzai's tireless support of women's education rights and to call for leaders to ensure free and mandatory education for girls.



Important Days



History of International Malala Day:

- **First Observed:** July 12, 2013
- **Context:** The United Nations first celebrated the day one year after Malala Yousafzai was shot by a Taliban gunman for advocating girls' right to education.
- **UN Declaration:** In 2015, the UN officially declared July 12 as International Malala Day.



Important Days



Significance of International Malala Day:

- **UN's Call:** The day calls for leaders to ensure free and mandatory education for girl children, emphasizing that education is a fundamental right.
- **Empowerment and Awareness:** The day empowers girls to fight for their rights and spreads awareness about the importance of education. It also serves as an opportunity to learn more about Malala Yousafzai's work and the efforts of other young activists.



Important Days



About Malala Yousafzai:

- **Birth:** July 12, 1997, in Mingora, Swat Valley, Pakistan.
- **Initial Fame:** Gained attention in 2009 through an anonymous blog for the BBC about life under Taliban rule.
- **Attack:** Shot on October 9, 2012, by a Taliban gunman, survived, and continued her advocacy.
- **UN Speech:** Delivered a speech on youth education to the UN on her 16th birthday in 2013.
- **Nobel Prize:** Co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.
- **Education:** Graduated from Oxford University with a degree in philosophy, politics, and economics.
- **Malala Fund:** Co-founded the Malala Fund with her father to advocate for girls' education.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Malala Fund:**
 - **Founded by:** Malala Yousafzai and her father.
 - **Objective:** Advocate for girls' education globally.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **Pakistan**
 - **Capital:** Islamabad
 - **Currency:** Rupee
 - **President:** Arif Alvi
 - **Prime Minister:** Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	International Malala Day
Date	July 12, 2024
Location	Worldwide
First Observed	July 12, 2013
UN Declaration	2015
Objective	Honor Malala Yousafzai's advocacy for education
Significance	Empower girls and spread awareness about education
Malala Fund	Founded by Malala Yousafzai and her father



➤ **Who has replaced James Anderson in the England squad for the second Test against West Indies, and what are some of his career statistics?**

- A) Ben Stokes; 704 wickets
- B) Chris Woakes; 188 Tests
- C) Mark Wood; 108 wickets
- D) Ollie Pope; 34 Tests
- E) Joe Root; 21 years career

Answer

C) Mark Wood; 108 wickets



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Replacement in the England squad for the second Test against West Indies
- **Location:** Trent Bridge, England



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Replace retired James Anderson with Mark Wood in the England squad
- **Reason:** James Anderson retired after completing his 188th Test match



About James Anderson:

- **Retirement:** Retired at 41 after a 21-year career
- **Career Statistics:**
 - **Tests Played:** 188
 - **Wickets Taken:** 704
 - **Rank:** Third-highest wicket-taker in Test cricket



About Mark Wood:

- **Career Statistics:**
 - **Tests Played:** 34
 - **Wickets Taken:** 108
 - **Last Test:** Against India in March



Important Terms Explained:

- **ECB (England and Wales Cricket Board):**
 - **Role:** Governing body of cricket in England and Wales
 - **Function:** Selects and manages the England cricket team



Static GK Information:

- **England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB)**
 - **Founded:** 1997
 - **Chairman:** Richard Thompson
 - **Headquarters:** Lord's Cricket Ground, London



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Mark Wood replaces James Anderson
Location	Trent Bridge, England
James Anderson's Career	188 Tests, 704 wickets, 21 years
Mark Wood's Career	34 Tests, 108 wickets
Second Test Start Date	Thursday
Third Test Start Date	July 26, 2024
England Squad	Ben Stokes (captain), Gus Atkinson, Shoaib Bashir, Harry Brook, Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Dan Lawrence, Dillon Pennington, Ollie Pope, Matthew Potts, Joe Root, Jamie Smith, Chris Woakes, Mark Wood



AWARDS



➤ **Who has been selected for the Hans von Hentig Award by the World Society of Victimology (WSV), and for what reason?**

- A) Janice Joseph; for contributions to criminal justice
- B) Manomaniam Sundaranar; for contributions to criminology
- C) K. Chockalingam; for significant contributions to victimology
- D) Hans von Hentig; for pioneering victimology
- E) Rajiv Gandhi; for youth development initiatives



Answer

C) K. Chockalingam; for significant contributions to victimology



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Selection for the Hans von Hentig Award
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Recognize significant contributions in the field of victimology
- **Recipient:** K. Chockalingam, an esteemed Indian professor and expert in victimology



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Hans von Hentig Award:**
 - **Purpose:** Recognize significant contributions in the field of victimology
 - **Instituted by:** World Society of Victimology (WSV)
- **World Society of Victimology (WSV):**
 - **Type:** Not-for-profit, non-governmental organization
 - **Consultative Status:** Special category consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and the Council of Europe



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

- **World Society of Victimology (WSV)**
 - **President:** Janice Joseph



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Selection for Hans von Hentig Award
Date	July 12, 2024
Location	New Delhi, India
Recipient	K. Chockalingam
Award Frequency	Once every three years
Award Presentation	18th WSV International Symposium on Victimology
Significant Contributions	In the field of victimology
UN Contributions	Adoption of the UN Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power



➤ **What is the objective of the IT Saksham Yuva Scheme approved by the Haryana Cabinet?**

- A) To promote women's education in rural areas
- B) To provide 5,000 jobs to youth in the first phase
- C) To improve healthcare facilities in Haryana
- D) To develop infrastructure in urban areas
- E) To provide housing for the poor in urban and rural areas



Answer

B) To provide 5,000 jobs to youth in the first phase



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of IT Saksham Yuva Scheme
- **Location:** Haryana, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Provide employment to 5,000 youths in the first phase
- **Scheme:** IT Saksham Yuva Scheme, 2024



Key Points of IT Saksham Yuva Scheme:

- **Mission 60,000:** Aimed to provide employment to 60,000 young individuals from poor families
- **Target Group:** Graduate or postgraduate applicants from IT backgrounds
- **Training:** Haryana IT programme (specially designed short-term courses) for a minimum of three months
- **Employment:** In various departments, boards, corporations, districts, registered societies, or private entities in Haryana
- **Remuneration:** ₹20,000 per month for the first six months, thereafter ₹25,000 per month
- **Unemployment Allowance:** ₹10,000 per month if not deployed



Additional Cabinet Approvals:

- **Takeover of Amarnath Bhagat Jairam Girls College:**
Located in Kaithal, with current 294 students
- **Amendment to Haryana Sikh Gurdwaras (Management) Act, 2014:** Increased qualifications for chairman of HSGJC
- **Land Lease in Nuh for Gaushala:** 20-year lease for establishing gaushala in Rangala, Nuh
- **Shifting Tehsils:** Village Badanpur and Sunderpura from tehsil Uchana to tehsil Narwana in Jind
- **Affordable Housing Schemes:** Mukhya Mantri Shehri Awas Yojana and Mukhya Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana for urban and rural poor
- **Ordinance to Amend Village Common Land Act:**
Ownership rights for land in shamilat deh



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mission 60,000:** Government initiative to provide jobs to 60,000 youths from poor families
- **HARTRON:** Haryana State Electronics Development Corporation Limited
- **HKCL:** Haryana Knowledge Corporation Limited
- **SVSU:** Shri Vishwakarma Skill University
- **HSGJC:** Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Judicial Commission
- **Mukhya Mantri Shehri Awas Yojana:** Scheme for providing housing to the urban poor
- **Mukhya Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana:** Scheme for providing housing to the rural poor



Static GK Information:

- **Haryana**
 - **Capital:** Chandigarh
 - **CM:** Manohar Lal Khattar
 - **Governor:** Bandaru Dattatreya
- **SVSU (Shri Vishwakarma Skill University)**
 - **Headquarters:** Haryana, India
 - **Notable Role:** Issuing completion certificates for IT Saksham Yuva Scheme participants



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Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Approval of IT Saksham Yuva Scheme
Date	July 13, 2024
Location	Haryana, India
Objective	Provide 5,000 jobs to youth in the first phase
Scheme Target	60,000 jobs to young individuals from poor families
Initial Remuneration	₹20,000 per month for first six months
Subsequent Remuneration	₹25,000 per month
Unemployment Allowance	₹10,000 per month if not deployed
Training Agencies	HARTRON, HKCL, SVSU
Additional Approvals	Takeover of Amarnath Bhagat Jairam Girls College, amendment to HSGMC Act, land lease for gaushala, shifting tehsils, affordable housing schemes, village common land act amendment



➤ **What is the main objective of the Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises (AgriSURE) recently announced by the government?**

- A) To promote women's education in rural areas
- B) To provide housing for the poor in urban and rural areas
- C) To support start-ups and agripreneurs through equity and debt investments
- D) To develop infrastructure in urban areas
- E) To improve healthcare facilities in rural areas



Answer

C) To support start-ups and agripreneurs through equity and debt investments



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises (AgriSURE)
- **Location:** Pre-Launch Stakeholder meet, NABARD Headquarters, Mumbai



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Support start-ups and agripreneurs through investments in sector-specific, sector-agnostic, and debt Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), as well as direct equity support.
- **Initial Corpus: ₹750 Crore**
 - **Contribution:** ₹250 crores each from the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) and NABARD, and ₹250 crores from other financial institutions.



Key Features of AgriSURE:

- **Type:** Category-II Alternative Investment Fund (AIF)
- **Support:** Provides equity and debt investments to start-ups and agripreneurs.
- **Focus Areas:**
 - Innovation in agriculture
 - Enhancing the farm produce value chain
 - Creating rural infrastructure
 - Generating employment
 - Supporting Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs)
 - Encouraging IT-based solutions and machinery rental services for farmers.
- **Duration:** Operates for 10 years, extendable by two or more years.
- **Fund Manager:** NABVENTURES, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NABARD



Additional Initiatives:

- **AgriSURE Greenathon 2024:**
 - **Objective:** Address key agricultural problems through innovation.
 - **Key Problem Statements:**
 - "Smart Agriculture on a Budget"
 - "Turning Agri-Waste into Profitable Business Opportunities"
 - "Tech Solutions Making Regenerative Agriculture Remunerative"



Important Terms Explained:

- **NABVENTURES:** A wholly-owned subsidiary of NABARD, acting as the fund manager for AgriSURE.
- **FPOs (Farmers Producer Organizations):** Collective organizations of farmers aimed at improving their economic and social status.
- **Regenerative Agriculture:** A farming approach that focuses on soil health, biodiversity, and ecosystem restoration.



Static GK Information:

- **NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development)**
 - **Founded:** 1982
 - **Chairman:** Shaji K.V.
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**
 - **Founded:** 1947
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Minister:** Narendra Singh Tomar



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Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Launch of AgriSURE
Location	NABARD Headquarters, Mumbai
Objective	Support start-ups and agripreneurs
Initial Corpus	₹750 Crore
Fund Contribution	₹250 crores each from DA&FW and NABARD, ₹250 crores from other institutions
Fund Manager	NABVENTURES
Focus Areas	Innovation, farm produce value chain, rural infrastructure, employment, FPOs, IT solutions, machinery rental services
Duration	10 years, extendable
Additional Initiative	AgriSURE Greenathon 2024
Hackathon Problem Statements	Smart Agriculture on a Budget, Turning Agri-Waste into Profitable Business Opportunities, Tech Solutions Making Regenerative Agriculture Remunerative



➤ **What significant announcement did Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath make at the Uttar Pradesh Mango Festival 2024?**

- A) The opening of new mango farms in Uttar Pradesh
- B) Export of 40 tonnes of mangoes to Japan and Malaysia
- C) Introduction of new mango varieties in the market
- D) Reduction of mango prices for local consumers
- E) Launch of a new mango-based product line



Answer

B) Export of 40 tonnes of mangoes to Japan and Malaysia



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Uttar Pradesh Mango Festival 2024
- **Location:** Awadh Shilp Gram, Lucknow



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Promote mango exports and highlight the significance of the Dussehri mango
- **Announcement:** Uttar Pradesh will export 40 tonnes of mangoes to Japan and Malaysia in 2024



Key Highlights:

- **Export Details:**
 - **Countries:** Japan, Malaysia, and the United States
 - **Quantity:** 40 tonnes to Japan and Malaysia
 - **Historic Export:** For the first time in 160 years, Lucknow's famous Dussehri mangoes will be exported to the United States



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Important Terms Explained:

- **Dussehri Mango:** A famous variety of mango from Lucknow, known for its sweetness and flavor.



Static GK Information:

- **Uttar Pradesh**
 - **Capital:** Lucknow
 - **Chief Minister:** Yogi Adityanath
 - **Governor:** Anandiben Patel



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Uttar Pradesh Mango Festival 2024
Location	Awadh Shilp Gram, Lucknow
Chief Guest	Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath
Export Announcement	40 tonnes of mangoes to Japan and Malaysia
Historic Export	Dussehri mangoes to the United States for the first time in 160 years



➤ **What significant progress was noted in the SDG India Index 2023-24, and what is the overall SDG score for India?**

- A) Significant progress in eliminating poverty and providing decent work; overall score of 60
- B) Significant progress in climate action and life on land; overall score of 71
- C) Significant progress in healthcare and education; overall score of 65
- D) Significant progress in economic growth and infrastructure; overall score of 70
- E) Significant progress in reducing inequalities and responsible consumption; overall score of 75

Answer

B) Significant progress in climate action and life on land; overall score of 71



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of SDG India Index 2023-24
- **Location:** NITI Aayog, Delhi



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Measure and track national progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- **Index Released by:** NITI Aayog



Key Highlights:

- **Overall Score:**
 - **2023-24:** 71
 - **2020-21:** 66
 - **2018 (Baseline):** 57
- **State Scores Range:** 57 to 79 in 2023-24, improved from 42 to 69 in 2018
- **Significant Progress in Goals:**
 - **Goal 1:** No Poverty
 - **Goal 8:** Decent Work and Economic Growth
 - **Goal 13:** Climate Action
 - **Goal 15:** Life on Land
- **Highest Increase in Scores:**
 - **Goal 13 (Climate Action):** Increased from 54 in 2020-21 to 67 in 2023-24
 - **Goal 1 (No Poverty):** Increased from 60 to 72



Progress of States and UTs:

- **Fastest Moving States (2018-2023-24):**
 - Uttar Pradesh (increase by 25 points)
 - Jammu & Kashmir (increase by 21 points)
 - Uttarakhand (increase by 19 points)
 - Sikkim (increase by 18 points)
 - Haryana (increase by 17 points)



Important Terms Explained:

- **NITI Aayog:** National Institution for Transforming India, responsible for SDG monitoring and implementation.
- **SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals):** A collection of 17 global goals designed to be a blueprint for achieving a better and more sustainable future.



Static GK Information:

- **NITI Aayog**
 - **Founded:** 2015
 - **Chairperson:** Prime Minister of India (Narendra Modi)
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



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Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Release of SDG India Index 2023-24
Location	NITI Aayog, Delhi
Overall SDG Score	71 in 2023-24
State Score Range	57 to 79 in 2023-24
Significant Progress	No Poverty, Decent Work, Climate Action, Life on Land
Highest Score Increase	Climate Action: 54 to 67, No Poverty: 60 to 72
Fastest Moving States	Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Haryana



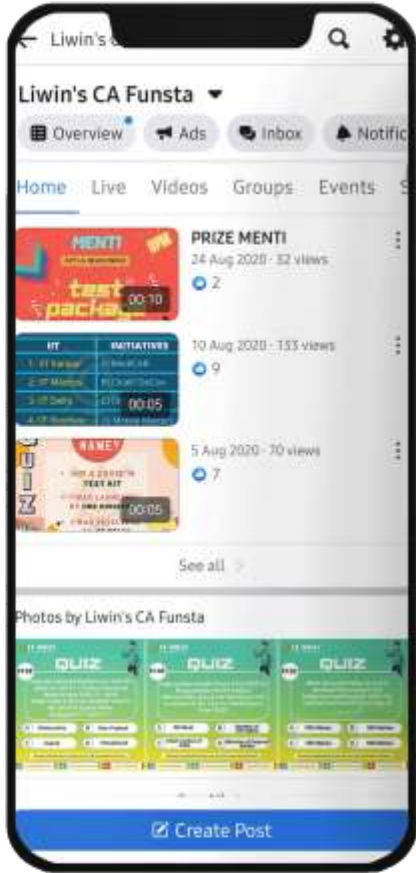
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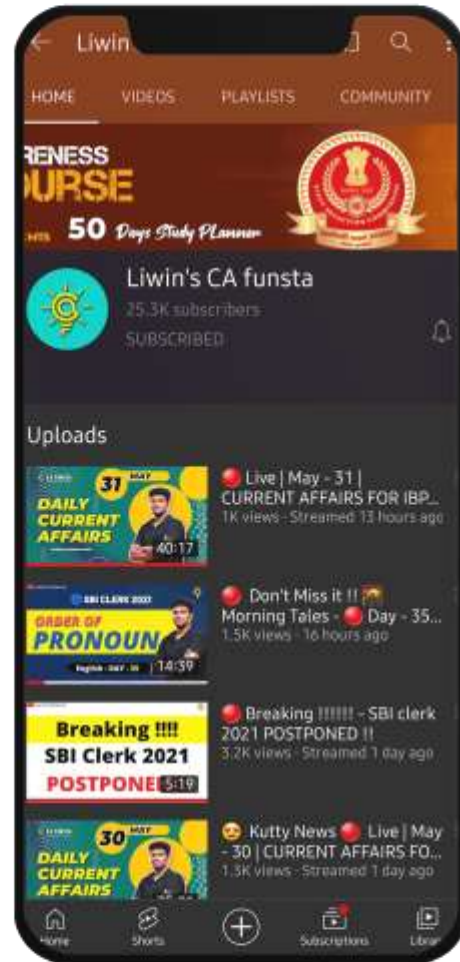
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- **Mark Wood replaces retired James Anderson in England squad.**
- **K. Chockalingam selected for WSV's Hans von Hentig Award.**
- **Haryana Cabinet approves IT Saksham Yuva Scheme for 5,000 jobs.**
- **Government launches AgriSURE to support start-ups and agripreneurs.**
- **India's SDG score improves to 71 in 2023-24.**
- **UP to export 40 tonnes of mangoes to Japan and Malaysia.**



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