



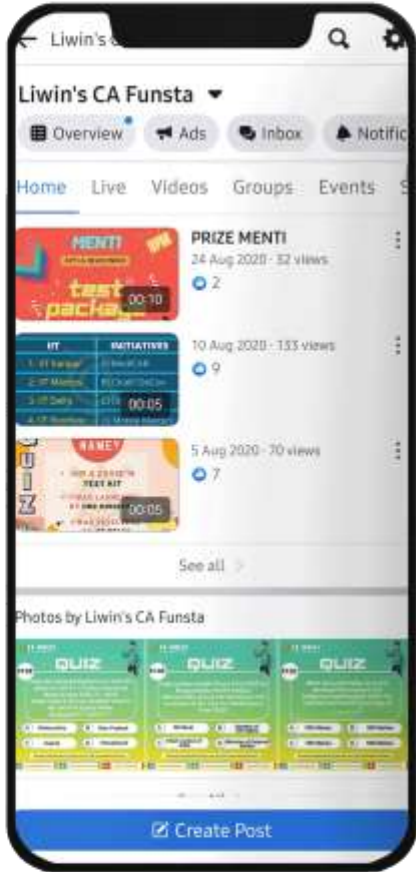
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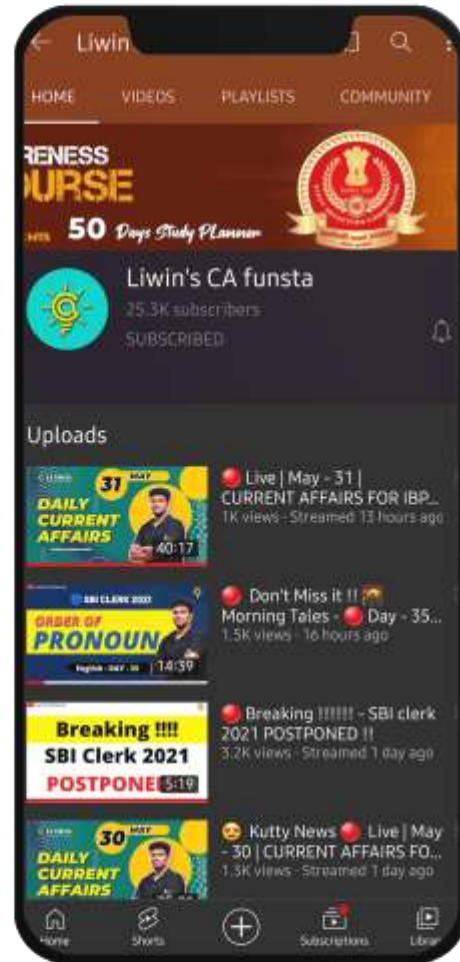
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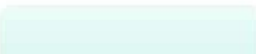


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# Important Days



➤ **What is the theme of World Youth Skills Day 2024?**

- A) Youth Skills for Employment
- B) Youth Skills for Peace and Development
- C) Youth Skills for Economic Growth
- D) Youth Skills for Social Inclusion
- E) Youth Skills for Innovation



**Answer**

**B) Youth Skills for Peace and Development**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Youth Skills Day 2024
- **Date:** July 15, 2024
- **Location:** Global





# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Promote the development and empowerment of young people worldwide through skills development.
- **Objectives:**
  - Address unemployment and underemployment among youth.
  - Encourage investment in training and education for youth.
  - Integrate youth into the workforce effectively.
  - Foster personal development and economic empowerment of young people.
  - Highlight the role of youth in peacebuilding and sustainable development.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **World Youth Skills Day:**
  - **Designated By:** United Nations General Assembly in November 2014.
  - **Purpose:** Promote youth skills development to tackle unemployment and underemployment.
  - **Observance:** Encourages governments, educational institutions, employers, and organizations to invest in youth training and education.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **2024 Theme:** "Youth Skills for Peace and Development":
- **Focus:** Role of youth in peacebuilding and conflict resolution.
- **Activities:**
  - Skill development workshops
  - Training programs
  - Career fairs
  - Skill competitions
  - Awareness campaigns
- **Significance:** Offers practical learning opportunities, connects youth with potential employers, and advocates for the importance of youth skills in sustainable development.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **United Nations General Assembly**
  - **Founded Year:** 1945
  - **President:** Dennis Francis
  - **Headquarters:** New York City, USA





# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Event	World Youth Skills Day 2024
Date	July 15, 2024
Theme	Youth Skills for Peace and Development
Significance	Promotes youth skills development for tackling unemployment and underemployment
Mandate	Empower youth through skills development
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Address youth unemployment and underemployment</li><li>- Encourage investment in training and education</li><li>- Integrate youth into the workforce</li><li>- Foster economic and personal development</li><li>- Highlight youth's role in peacebuilding and sustainable development</li></ul>
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Skill development workshops</li><li>- Training programs</li><li>- Career fairs</li><li>- Skill competitions</li><li>- Awareness campaigns</li></ul>
Advocacy	Emphasizes investment in youth skills as an investment in society's future



# SPORTS



➤ Which team did Spain defeat to win the Euro 2024 Championship?

- A) Germany
- B) France
- C) Italy
- D) Portugal
- E) England

**Answer**  
**E) England**



# SPORTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Euro 2024 Championship Final
- **Location:** Olympiastadion, Berlin, Germany



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Compete for the European Championship title.
- **Objectives:**
  - Secure the championship title.
  - Demonstrate superior team performance and strategy.
  - Overcome the challenge posed by the opposing team, England.





## Important Terms Explained:

- **European Championship (Euro):**
  - A prestigious football tournament held every four years.
  - Organized by the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA).
  - Features top national teams from Europe competing for the title.
- **Key Players:**
  - **Mikel Oyarzabal:** Scored the decisive goal for Spain in the 87th minute.
  - **Nico Williams:** Scored the opening goal for Spain with an assist from Lamine Yamal.
  - **Cole Palmer:** Scored the equalizing goal for England in the 73<sup>rd</sup> minute.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Historical Significance:**
  - Spain's fourth European Championship title, adding to their victories in 1964, 2008, and 2012.
  - England continues its search for a major trophy since their 1966 World Cup triumph.



## Static GK Information:

- **Spain**
  - **Capital:** Madrid
  - **Currency:** Euro
  - **Prime Minister:** Pedro Sánchez
  - **King:** Felipe VI
- **England**
  - **Capital:** London
  - **Currency:** Pound Sterling
  - **Prime Minister:** Rishi Sunak
  - **Monarch:** King Charles III



# SPORTS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Euro 2024 Championship Final
Location	Olympiastadion, Berlin, Germany
Winner	Spain
Runner-up	England
Final Score	Spain 2 - 1 England
Decisive Goal	Mikel Oyarzabal in the 87th minute
Notable Contributions	- Nico Williams (Spain): Opening goal   - Lamine Yamal (Spain): Assist   - Cole Palmer (England): Equalizing goal
Historical Significance	Spain's fourth European Championship title
Significant Figures Present	Prince William, King Felipe VI of Spain
Emotional Impact	- Nico Williams (Spain): Overwhelmed by the moment   - Dani Carvajal (Spain): Visibly moved by the victory





➤ Which team did India defeat to win the World Championship of Legends?

- A) Australia
- B) England
- C) South Africa
- D) Pakistan
- E) New Zealand

**Answer**  
**D) Pakistan**



# SPORTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Championship of Legends Final
- **Location:** Birmingham, England



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Compete and win the World Championship of Legends.
- **Objectives:**
  - Achieve victory in the final match against Pakistan.
  - Showcase strong team performance and strategic gameplay.
  - Secure the championship title through effective batting and bowling.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **World Championship of Legends:**
  - A prestigious cricket tournament featuring legendary players.
  - Teams compete to win the championship title.
- **Key Players:**
  - **Yuvraj Singh (India):** Captain and remained unbeaten at 15 runs in the final.
  - **Sharjeel Khan (Pakistan):** Opening batsman, scored 12 runs.
  - **Shoaib Malik (Pakistan):** Top scorer for Pakistan with 41 runs.
  - **Ambati Rayudu (India):** Scored 50 runs off 30 balls.
- **Match Summary:**
  - **Pakistan Innings:** 156/6 in 20 overs.
  - **India Innings:** Chased the target with 5 balls to spare, winning by 5 wickets.





## Static GK Information:

- **India**
  - **Capital:** New Delhi
  - **Currency:** Indian Rupee
  - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
  - **President:** Droupadi Murmu
- **Pakistan**
  - **Capital:** Islamabad
  - **Currency:** Pakistani Rupee
  - **Prime Minister:** Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar
  - **President:** Arif Alvi



# SPORTS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	World Championship of Legends Final
Location	Birmingham, England
Teams	India vs. Pakistan
Pakistan's Score	156/6 in 20 overs
India's Score	157/5 in 19.1 overs
Result	India won by 5 wickets
Top Performers	- India: Ambati Rayudu (50 runs), Yusuf Pathan (30 runs), Anureet Singh (3 wickets) - Pakistan: Shoaib Malik (41 runs), Aamir Yamin (2 wickets)
Significance	India wins the World Championship of Legends



➤ **Who scored the winning goal for Argentina in the Copa America final against Colombia?**

- A) Lionel Messi
- B) Angel Di Maria
- C) Lautaro Martínez
- D) Giovani Lo Celso
- E) Paulo Dybala



**Answer**

**C) Lautaro Martínez**



# SPORTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Copa America Final 2024
- **Location:** Hard Rock Stadium, Miami, USA



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Compete in the Copa America final and secure the championship title.
- **Objectives:**
  - Win the Copa America title.
  - Overcome the challenge posed by Colombia.
  - Achieve victory despite key player Lionel Messi's injury.
  - End Colombia's 28-game unbeaten streak.





## Important Terms Explained:

- **Copa America:**
  - The primary football competition contested among national teams from South America.
  - Organized by the South American Football Confederation (CONMEBOL).
- **Lautaro Martínez:**
  - An Argentine professional footballer who plays as a forward.
  - Scored the decisive goal in the 112th minute of the Copa America final.
- **Lionel Messi:**
  - Captain of the Argentine national team and one of the greatest football players.
  - Suffered a non-contact injury in the 64th minute of the final.



## Static GK Information:

- **Argentina**
  - **Capital:** Buenos Aires
  - **Currency:** Argentine Peso
  - **President:** Alberto Fernández
- **Colombia**
  - **Capital:** Bogotá
  - **Currency:** Colombian Peso
  - **President:** Gustavo Petro



# SPORTS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Copa America Final 2024
Location	Hard Rock Stadium, Miami, USA
Teams	Argentina vs. Colombia
Final Score	Argentina 1 - 0 Colombia
Winning Goal Scorer	Lautaro Martínez (112th minute)
Significance	Argentina's 16th Copa America title
Key Moments	- Lionel Messi's injury in the 64th minute - Lautaro Martínez's goal assisted by Giovanni Lo Celso
Argentina's Achievements	- Third consecutive major title - 2021 Copa America - 2022 World Cup
Colombia's Streak Ended	28-game unbeaten streak



➤ **What status did Jio Financial Services achieve with the approval from the Reserve Bank of India?**

- A) Non-Banking Financial Company
- B) Core Investment Company
- C) Deposit-taking Financial Company
- D) Mutual Fund Company
- E) Insurance Company



**Answer**

**B) Core Investment Company**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI approval for Jio Financial Services to become a Core Investment Company
- **Date:** July 11, 2024
- **Location:** India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Conversion of Jio Financial Services from an NBFC to a Core Investment Company (CIC).
- **Objectives:**
  - Focus on investments and management of subsidiaries.
  - Ensure at least 90% of net assets are in group companies.
  - Provide better value discovery for investors.
  - Gain operational flexibility to focus on core investment activities.
  - Diversify investment portfolio across different sectors.





## Important Terms Explained:

- **Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC):**
  - A financial institution that provides banking services without meeting legal definitions of a bank.
  - Engages in various financial services such as loans and credit facilities.
- **Core Investment Company (CIC):**
  - A type of NBFC predominantly involved in the investment and management of group companies.
  - Must hold at least 90% of net assets in equity shares, preference shares, or debt instruments of its group companies.
  - Does not engage in financial services beyond investments.



## Static GK Information:

- **Jio Financial Services**
  - **Parent Company:** Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)
  - **Debut on Bourses:** August 21, 2023
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
  - **Founded Year:** 1935
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das



## Tabular Summary:

Event	RBI approval for Jio Financial Services to become a Core Investment Company
Date	July 11, 2024
Previous Status	Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)
New Status	Core Investment Company (CIC)
Mandate	Conversion from NBFC to CIC
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Focus on investments and management of subsidiaries</li><li>- Ensure 90% of net assets in group companies</li><li>- Provide better value discovery for investors</li><li>- Gain operational flexibility</li><li>- Diversify investment portfolio</li></ul>
Parent Company	Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)
Debut on Bourses	August 21, 2023
Conditions by RBI	Hold not less than 90% of net assets in equity shares, preference shares, bonds, debentures, debt, or loans in group companies



➤ **How much financing did the World Bank approve to support India's low-carbon energy sector?**

- A) USD 1 billion
- B) USD 1.2 billion
- C) USD 1.5 billion
- D) USD 1.8 billion
- E) USD 2 billion

**Answer**

**C) USD 1.5 billion**



**The World Bank**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of financing for India's low-carbon energy sector
- **Date:** June 29, 2024
- **Location:** India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Support the development of low-carbon energy in India.
- **Objectives:**
  - Scale up renewable energy production.
  - Develop green hydrogen technologies.
  - Stimulate climate finance for low-carbon energy investments.
  - Boost the production of green hydrogen and electrolyzers.
  - Integrate renewable energy into the Indian electricity grid.
  - Develop a national carbon credit market.





## Important Terms Explained:

- **Low-Carbon Energy Programmatic Development Policy Operation:**
  - A World Bank initiative aimed at supporting policies and reforms to promote low-carbon energy.
  - Includes financing and policy reforms to enhance renewable energy and green hydrogen production.
- **Green Hydrogen:**
  - Hydrogen produced using renewable energy sources, minimizing carbon emissions.
  - Critical for reducing emissions in hard-to-abate industrial sectors.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Electrolyzers:**
  - Devices that use electricity to split water into hydrogen and oxygen.
  - Essential technology for producing green hydrogen.
- **Renewable Energy:**
  - Energy from sources that are naturally replenishing such as solar, wind, and hydro power.
  - Key to reducing carbon emissions and mitigating climate change.



## Static GK Information:

- **World Bank**
  - **Founded Year:** 1944
  - **Headquarters:** Washington, D.C., USA
  - **President:** Ajay Banga



# BANKING AND FINANCE



## Tabular Summary:

Event	World Bank Financing for India's Low-Carbon Energy Sector
Date of Approval	June 29, 2024
Financing Amount	USD 1.5 billion
Purpose	Promote low-carbon energy by scaling up renewable energy, developing green hydrogen, and stimulating climate finance
Previous Approval	USD 1.5 billion First Low-Carbon Energy Programmatic Development Policy Operation (June 2023)
Key Focus Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Renewable energy production</li><li>- Green hydrogen production</li><li>- Climate finance</li><li>- Battery energy storage solutions</li><li>- Amendments to Indian Electricity Grid Code</li></ul>
Expected Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 450,000 metric tons of green hydrogen annually</li><li>- 1,500 MW of electrolyzers per year</li><li>- Reduction of 50 million tons of emissions annually</li><li>- Increase in renewable energy capacity</li></ul>
Additional Initiatives	Development of a national carbon credit market



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Which company acquired HUL's Pureit water purification business?

- A) Tata Chemicals
- B) AO Smith
- C) Kent RO Systems
- D) Eureka Forbes
- E) Livpure

**Answer**  
**B) AO Smith**



*Hindustan Unilever Limited*



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Sale of Pureit water purification business
- **Date:** Announced on July 15, 2024
- **Location:** Mumbai, India



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Sell the Pureit water purification business to AO Smith.
- **Objectives:**
  - Focus on core categories within HUL's business strategy.
  - Enhance AO Smith's leadership position and market penetration in South Asia.
  - Strengthen AO Smith's premium product portfolio and distribution capabilities.





# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Pureit:**
  - A water purifier brand launched by Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) in 2004.
  - Offers a range of products including Copper RO, Eco Range, Ultima RO, UV purifiers, Classic UV Water Purifier, and Marvella UV Water Purifiers.
- **Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL):**
  - A leading Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) company in India.
  - Known for products in home care, personal care, foods, and refreshments.



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **AO Smith:**
  - An American multinational corporation specializing in water heating equipment and water purification products.
  - Aims to expand its market presence in South Asia through the acquisition of Pureit.
- **Slump Sale:**
  - The transfer of one or more undertakings as a result of the sale for a lump sum consideration without values being assigned to the individual assets and liabilities.



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Static GK Information:

- **Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)**
  - **Founded Year:** 1933
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
  - **CEO & Managing Director:** Rohit Jawa
- **AO Smith**
  - **Founded Year:** 1874
  - **Headquarters:** Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
  - **Chairman and CEO:** Kevin J. Wheeler



# ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Sale of Pureit Water Purification Business
Date of Announcement	July 15, 2024
Location	Mumbai, India
Seller	Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)
Buyer	AO Smith
Sale Amount	Rs. 601 crore (USD 72 million)
Method of Sale	Slump sale
Launch of Pureit	2004 in Chennai, nationwide in 2008
Projected Closure Date	By the end of 2024
Annual Turnover (FY2023-24)	Rs. 293 crore (less than 1% of HUL's turnover)
Market Projection	Indian water purifier market expected to grow to USD 5,738.82 million by 2032 at a CAGR of 18.4%



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the new CMD of BSNL?**

- A) P K Purwar
- B) Robert Jerard Ravi
- C) M S Rao
- D) Anupam Shrivastava
- E) Gopal Vittal

**Answer**

**B) Robert Jerard Ravi**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of new CMD of BSNL
- **Date:** July 13, 2024 (Updated),  
Effective from July 15, 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Appointment of Robert Jerard Ravi as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).
- **Objectives:**
  - Oversee and manage the operations of BSNL.
  - Implement strategic initiatives to improve BSNL's performance.
  - Ensure the continuation of BSNL's services and projects effectively.





# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD):**
  - The highest executive position in a company, responsible for overall management and decision-making.
  - Oversees the execution of company policies and strategies.
- **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL):**
  - An Indian state-owned telecommunications company.
  - Provides telecom services and network management across India except for Mumbai and New Delhi.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **BSNL**
  - **Founded Year:** 2000
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Outgoing CMD:** P K Purwar



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Appointment of Robert Jerard Ravi as CMD of BSNL
Date of Announcement	July 13, 2024
Effective Date	July 15, 2024
Location	New Delhi, India
New CMD	Robert Jerard Ravi
Outgoing CMD	P K Purwar (tenure ends July 14, 2024)
Significance	Leadership change in BSNL
BSNL Founded Year	2000
BSNL Headquarters	New Delhi, India



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Paytm Payments Bank?**

- A) Surinder Chawla
- B) Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- C) Arun Kumar Bansal
- D) Bhavesh Gupta
- E) Sumit Mathur

**Answer**

**C) Arun Kumar Bansal**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of new CEO of Paytm Payments Bank
- **Date:** Announced on June 20, 2024
- **Location:** India



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Appointment of Arun Kumar Bansal as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Paytm Payments Bank.
- **Objectives:**
  - Lead Paytm Payments Bank towards strategic goals and regulatory compliance.
  - Oversee the reconstitution of the board and manage ongoing operational challenges.
  - Implement policies to stabilize the bank following senior-level exits and regulatory restrictions.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Paytm Payments Bank:**
  - An associate entity of One97 Communications (OCL) operating under the Paytm brand.
  - Provides banking and financial services with a focus on digital payments and financial inclusion.
- **Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO):**
  - The highest-ranking executive position in a company, responsible for overall management and strategic direction.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI):**
  - India's central banking institution responsible for regulating the country's monetary policy and financial system.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **Paytm Payments Bank**
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **MD & CEO:** Arun Kumar Bansal
  - **Tagline:** Aapka Bank Aapka Dwar
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
  - **Founded Year:** 1935
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das





# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Appointment of Arun Kumar Bansal as CEO of Paytm Payments Bank
Date of Announcement	June 20, 2024
Location	India
New CEO	Arun Kumar Bansal
Previous CEO	Surinder Chawla
Reason for Previous CEO's Resignation	Personal reasons (April 2024)
Significance	Leadership change amidst regulatory challenges and senior-level exits
RBI Approval Date	Communicated on June 20, 2024
Paytm Payments Bank Headquarters	New Delhi, India



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as Nepal's Prime Minister for the third time?**

- A) Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda
- B) Sher Bahadur Deuba
- C) Ram Chandra Paudel
- D) K P Sharma Oli
- E) Bidhya Devi Bhandari

**Answer**

**D) K P Sharma Oli**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Nepal's Prime Minister
- **Location:** Kathmandu, Nepal



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Form and lead the new coalition government.
- **Objectives:**
  - Provide political stability in Nepal.
  - Lead the coalition government formed by the Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) and Nepali Congress (NC).



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Article 76 (2) of the Constitution:**
  - Refers to the constitutional provision allowing the President to appoint a Prime Minister who commands a majority in the House of Representatives.
- **House of Representatives (HoR):**
  - The lower house of Nepal's federal parliament.
- **Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML):**
  - A major political party in Nepal.
  - Led by K P Sharma Oli.
- **Nepali Congress (NC):**
  - Another major political party in Nepal.
  - Collaborating with CPN-UML to form the coalition government.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **Nepal**
  - **Capital:** Kathmandu
  - **Currency:** Nepalese Rupee
  - **President:** Ram Chandra Paudel
  - **Prime Minister:** K P Sharma Oli



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Appointment of K P Sharma Oli as Prime Minister of Nepal
Location	Kathmandu, Nepal
New Prime Minister	K P Sharma Oli
Predecessor	Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda
Coalition Parties	CPN-UML and Nepali Congress
Key Support	165 HoR members (77 from CPN-UML and 88 from NC)
Previous Terms as PM	- October 11, 2015 to August 3, 2016   - February 5, 2018 to July 13, 2021



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been named the Co-Chair of the Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders?**

- A) Ester Baiget
- B) Jesper Brodin
- C) Feike Sijbesma
- D) Rich Lesser
- E) Sumant Sinha

**Answer**

**E) Sumant Sinha**





# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of new Co-Chair for the Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders
- **Date:** Announced on July 15, 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Lead the Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders as Co-Chair.
- **Objectives:**
  - Collaborate with 130-member CEOs across 12 industries.
  - Drive strategic priorities for climate action and decarbonization.
  - Support the global energy transition towards net-zero emissions.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders:**
  - The largest CEO-led climate alliance in the world.
  - A flagship initiative of the World Economic Forum (WEF).
  - Comprises influential leaders from top global **companies committed to climate action.**
- **Sumant Sinha:**
  - Chairman and CEO of ReNew.
  - Named Co-Chair of the Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders.
  - Known for commitment to net-zero targets and innovative decarbonization solutions.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **ReNew:**
  - A renewable energy solutions provider.
  - Committed to net-zero by 2040.
  - Mitigated over 21 million tonnes of carbon emissions in the past two years.
- **World Economic Forum (WEF):**
  - An international organization for public-private cooperation.
  - Engages political, business, and other leaders to shape global, regional, and industry agendas.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **ReNew**
  - **Headquarters:** Gurugram, Haryana, India
  - **Chairman & CEO:** Sumant Sinha
  - **Portfolio:** 21.4 GW (contracted and in pipeline)
- **World Economic Forum (WEF)**
  - **Founded Year:** 1971
  - **Headquarters:** Cologny, Switzerland
  - **Founder and Executive Chairman:** Klaus Schwab



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Appointment of Sumant Sinha as Co-Chair of Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders
Date of Announcement	July 15, 2024
Location	New Delhi, India
New Co-Chair	Sumant Sinha
Organization	Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders
Initiative By	World Economic Forum (WEF)
Key Collaborators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ester Baiget (CEO, Novonesis)</li><li>- Jesper Brodin (CEO, Ingka Group Ikea)</li><li>- Feike Sijbesma (Chairman of Supervisory Board, Royal Philips)</li><li>- Rich Lesser (Global Chair of BCG and Alliance Chief Advisor)</li></ul>
Alliance Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 130-member CEOs</li><li>- Representing \$4 trillion in revenues</li><li>- 5.2 GT of carbon emissions</li></ul>
ReNew's Contribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Net-zero target by 2040</li><li>- 21 million tonnes of carbon emissions mitigated over the past two years</li></ul>
Initiatives by ReNew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)</li><li>- Solar module manufacturing</li><li>- Carbon markets</li><li>- Power trading</li><li>- Energy storage</li></ul>



# AWARDS

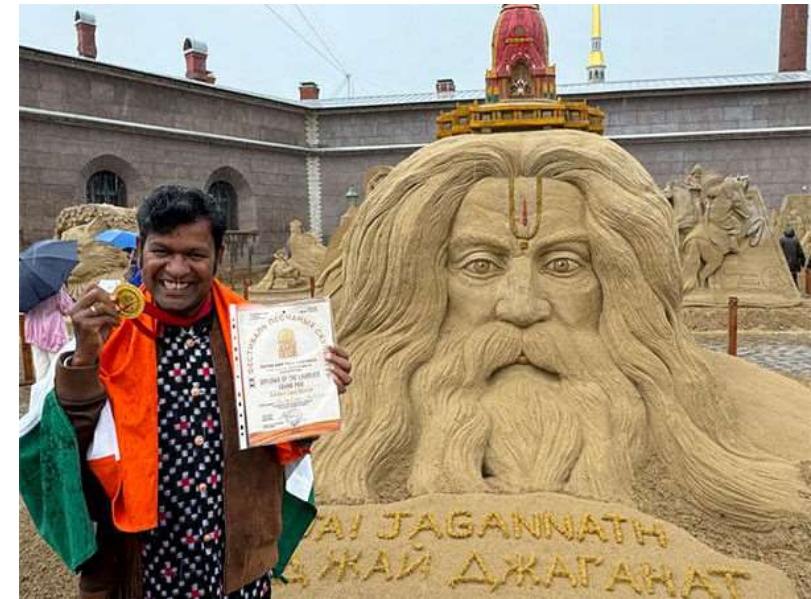


➤ Who won the Gold Medal in the International Sand Sculpture Championship held in St. Petersburg, Russia?

- A) Mohan Charan Majhi
- B) Balaram Das
- C) Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda
- D) Sudarsan Pattnaik
- E) Kamran Akmal

**Answer**

**D) Sudarsan Pattnaik**



# AWARDS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Sand Sculpture Championship
- **Date:** July 4 to July 12, 2024
- **Location:** St. Petersburg, Russia





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Participate in the International Sand Sculpture Championship and create a sand sculpture based on the given theme.
- **Objectives:**
  - Showcase artistic talent in sand sculpting.
  - Create a sculpture that aligns with the theme “History, mythology, and fairy tales”.
  - Represent India in an international competition.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **International Sand Sculpture Championship:**
  - An annual competition where master sand sculptors from around the world create sculptures based on a specific theme.
  - Held in St. Petersburg, Russia.
- **Sudarsan Pattnaik:**
  - Renowned Indian sand artist.
  - Winner of the Golden Sand Master award and gold medal at the championship.
  - Created a 12-feet high sand Ratha (chariot) of Mahaprabhu Jagannath with his devotee and poet Balaram Das.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Balaram Das:**
  - A great devotee of Lord Jagannath and the author of Dandi Ramayan in the 14th century A.D.
  - Known for carving statues of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, and Devi Subhadra on the beach after being denied access to the chariot during Ratha Yatra.



# AWARDS



## Static GK Information:

- **Odisha**
  - **Capital:** Bhubaneswar
  - **Chief Minister:** Mohan Charan Majhi
  - **Governor:** Ganeshi Lal



# AWARDS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	International Sand Sculpture Championship
Date	July 4 to July 12, 2024
Location	St. Petersburg, Russia
Winner	Sudarsan Pattnaik
Winning Sculpture	12-feet high sand Ratha of Mahaprabhu Jagannath and Balaram Das
Theme	History, mythology, and fairy tales
Participants	21 World's master sand sculptors
Significance	Sudarsan Pattnaik's achievement brought pride to Odisha and India
Congratulatory Note	Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi congratulated Sudarsan Pattnaik



➤ **Who inaugurated the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) Towers in Mumbai?**

- A) Eknath Shinde
- B) Devendra Fadnavis
- C) Ajit Pawar
- D) Ramesh Bais
- E) Narendra Modi

**Answer**  
**E) Narendra Modi**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) Towers
- **Date:** July 13, 2024
- **Location:** Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai, Maharashtra



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Provide a modern and efficient office space for the Members of INS.
- **Objectives:**
  - Serve as the nerve center for the newspaper industry in Mumbai.
  - Strengthen India's democracy by facilitating better working conditions for the media.
  - Enhance the role of media in creating awareness about rights and potential of citizens.
  - Promote campaigns like Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Har Ghar Tiranga, and 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'.





## Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Newspaper Society (INS):**
  - An organization representing the newspaper industry in India.
  - Formed before India's independence, it plays a significant role in the media landscape.
- **Bandra Kurla Complex:**
  - A prominent business district in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
  - Hosts various corporate offices, including the new INS Towers.
- **Jan Dhan Yojna:**
  - A financial inclusion program by the Indian government.
  - Aims to ensure access to financial services, such as banking, savings and deposit accounts, remittance, credit, insurance, and pension.



## Static GK Information:

- **Maharashtra**
  - **Capital:** Mumbai
  - **Chief Minister:** Eknath Shinde
  - **Governor:** Ramesh Bais
- **Indian Newspaper Society (INS)**
  - **Founded Year:** 1939
  - **President:** Rakesh Sharma
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Inauguration of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) Towers
Date	July 13, 2024
Location	Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai, Maharashtra
Inaugurated By	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Purpose	Provide modern office space for INS members
Significance	Strengthens the role of media in India's democracy
Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ramesh Bais (Governor of Maharashtra)</li><li>- Eknath Shinde (Chief Minister of Maharashtra)</li><li>- Devendra Fadnavis (Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra)</li><li>- Ajit Pawar (Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra)</li><li>- Rakesh Sharma (President of INS)</li></ul>
Key Initiatives Mentioned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav</li><li>- Har Ghar Tiranga</li><li>- 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam'</li><li>- Jan Dhan Yojna</li><li>- Swachh Bharat</li><li>- Startup India</li></ul>
Suggestions by PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Promote tourism by state</li><li>- Enhance global presence of Indian newspapers</li><li>- Expand publications in UN languages</li></ul>



➤ **Which organization is organizing the workshop for BIMSTEC countries to promote scientific capacity and regional cooperation?**

- A) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- B) Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)
- C) National Institute of Oceanography (NIO)
- D) National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF)
- E) Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)

**Answer**

**D) National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF)**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** High-level workshop for BIMSTEC countries
- **Date:** July 15 to July 26, 2024
- **Location:** NCMRWF, Noida, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Enhance skill and share knowledge in Data Assimilation and Forecast Verification Techniques.
- **Objectives:**
  - Promote regional cooperation among BIMSTEC countries.
  - Build scientific capacity and skill in meteorological services.
  - Foster practical understanding and application of weather forecasting models and techniques.
  - Enhance human resources capacity building and knowledge sharing.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation):**
  - A regional organization comprising Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.
  - Focuses on technical and economic cooperation among member countries.
- **National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF):**
  - A sub-ordinate office of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
  - Organizes workshops and provides training in meteorological services.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **WRF (Weather Research and Forecasting) Model:**
  - A numerical weather prediction system designed for both atmospheric research and operational forecasting needs.
- **Data Assimilation:**
  - The process of integrating observational data into a weather model to improve its accuracy.
- **Forecast Verification Techniques:**
  - Methods used to assess the accuracy and reliability of weather forecasts.





## Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)**
  - **Founded Year:** 2006
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Minister:** Kiren Rijiju
- **BIMSTEC Countries:**
  - Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	High-Level Workshop for BIMSTEC Countries
Organizer	National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF)
Date	July 15 to July 26, 2024
Location	Noida, India
Inaugurated By	Shri Vishwajeet Sahay, Additional Secretary and Finance Adviser, MoES
Participants	Officials from National Hydrology and Meteorology Services of BIMSTEC members
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Enhance skill and share knowledge in Data Assimilation and Forecast Verification Techniques</li><li>- Promote regional cooperation among BIMSTEC countries</li></ul>
Training Modules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Interactive sessions with domain experts</li><li>- Hands-on training in WRF model and forecast verification</li></ul>



➤ Which institute organized the 'Saushrutam 2024' seminar with live surgical demonstrations?

- A) AIIMS Bhopal
- B) AIIMS New Delhi
- C) All-India Institute of Medical Sciences
- D) All-India Institute of Ayurveda
- E) National Institute of Ayurveda

**Answer**

**D) All-India Institute of Ayurveda**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Saushrutam 2024 National Seminar
- **Date:** July 13 to July 15, 2024
- **Location:** All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Organize a national seminar to celebrate Sushruta Jayanti and demonstrate advanced surgical techniques.
- **Objectives:**
  - Honor Sushruta, the father of surgery, by showcasing surgical practices.
  - Integrate Ayurveda with modern surgical technology.
  - Provide learning opportunities through live surgical demonstrations.
  - Empower aspiring Ayurvedic surgeons with advanced skills and confidence in integrated surgical practices.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Sushruta Jayanti:**
  - Celebrated annually on July 15 to honor Sushruta, an ancient Indian surgeon considered the father of surgery.
- **Shalya Tantra:**
  - A branch of Ayurveda that deals with surgery.
- **Live Surgical Demonstrations:**
  - Practical sessions where complex surgical procedures are performed live for educational purposes.



## Static GK Information:

- **All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)**
  - **Founded Year:** 2017
  - **Location:** New Delhi, India
  - **Director:** Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Nesari



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Saushrutam 2024 National Seminar
Date	July 13 to July 15, 2024
Location	All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi
Occasion	Sushruta Jayanti
Chief Guest	Prof. Sandeep Kumar, Founder Director, AIIMS Bhopal
Key Figures	- Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Nesari, Director AIIA - Prof. Dr. Yogesh Badwe, HoD Shalya Tantra
Participants	More than 160 registered participants including PG/Ph.D scholars, resident doctors, surgeons, and faculty members
Key Activities	- Live surgical demonstrations - Paper presentation competition - Sushruta Poojan ceremony
Techniques Demonstrated	VAAFT, Laparoscopy, laser, and traditional Shalya methods
Notable Procedures	Operations for Bhagandar (Fistula-in-ano), Arsha (Hemorrhoids), Pilonidal sinus, Gall bladder stone, hernia





➤ What is the name of the new target-oriented research plan launched by ICAR?

- A) One Scientist One Research
- B) One Product One Research
- C) One Scientist One Product
- D) One Research One Product
- E) One Crop One Scientist

**Answer**

**C) One Scientist One Product**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of "One Scientist One Product" research plan by ICAR
- **Date:** Announced on July 15, 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mandate:** Implement a target-oriented research plan over the next five years.
- **Objectives:**
  - Drive maximum productivity in agricultural research.
  - Avoid duplicity of efforts among researchers.
  - Regularly monitor the progress from the top management.
  - Release 100 seed varieties in various crops as part of the government's 100-day plan.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR):**
  - The apex body in India responsible for coordinating agricultural education and research.
  - Aims to enhance productivity and ensure sustainable agriculture development.
- **One Scientist One Product:**
  - A strategic plan where each scientist focuses on a single product.
  - Aimed at maximizing research productivity and efficiency.



## Static GK Information:

- **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)**
  - **Founded Year:** 1929
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Director General:** Dr. Himanshu Pathak



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Launch of "One Scientist One Product" Research Plan
Date of Announcement	July 15, 2024
Location	New Delhi, India
Organization	Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
Plan Duration	5 years
Monitoring	Regular monitoring from the top management
Additional Initiative	Release of 100 seed varieties in various crops
Objective	Maximize productivity and avoid duplicity in research efforts



# QUICK RECALL



- **World Youth Skills Day 2024 theme is Youth Skills for Peace and Development.**
- **Spain wins Euro 2024, beating England 2-1 in the final.**
- **India wins the World Championship of Legends by defeating Pakistan.**
- **Argentina wins 16th Copa America title with 1-0 victory over Colombia.**
- **Jio Financial Services becomes a Core Investment Company with RBI approval.**
- **World Bank approves USD 1.5 billion for India's low-carbon energy sector.**
- **AO Smith acquires HUL's Pureit for Rs. 601 crore.**
- **Robert Jerard Ravi appointed as CMD of BSNL, effective July 15, 2024.**
- **Arun Kumar Bansal appointed CEO of Paytm Payments Bank.**



# QUICK RECALL

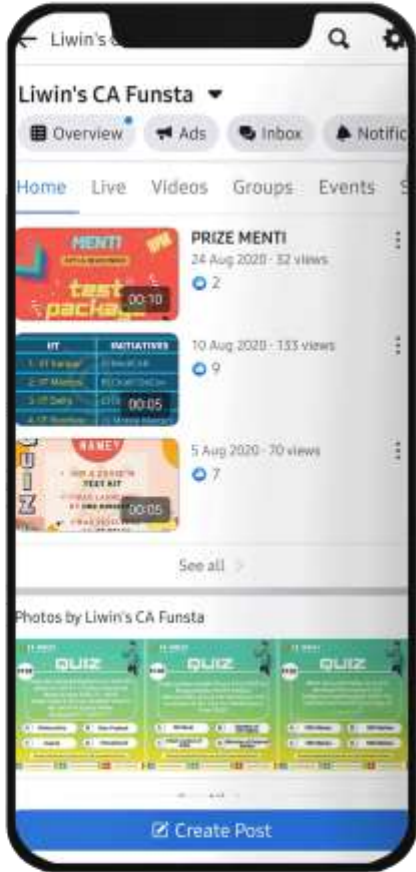


- **K P Sharma Oli becomes Nepal's Prime Minister for the third time.**
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- **ICAR launches "One Scientist One Product" research plan.**

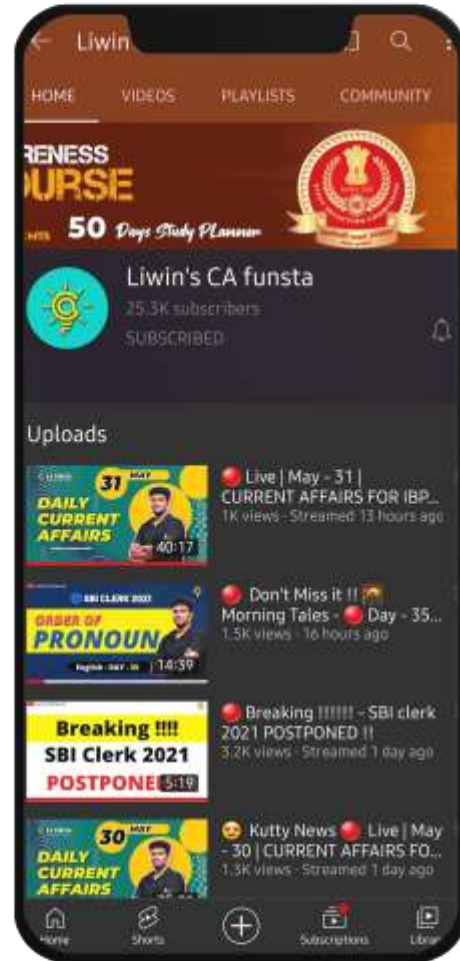




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