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➤ **Which German football legend recently announced his retirement from international football after the European Championship exit?**

- A) Mesut Ozil
- B) Thomas Muller
- C) Miroslav Klose
- D) Bastian Schweinsteiger
- E) Philipp Lahm

Answer

B) Thomas Muller



SPORTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Thomas Muller retires from international football
- **Location:** Germany



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Announcement Date:** July 5, 2024
- **Objective:** To end his 14-year international career following Germany's European Championship exit



Important Terms Explained:

- **European Championship:** A major football tournament for national teams in Europe, organized by UEFA.
- **Golden Boot:** An award given to the top goalscorer in a football tournament.
- **Young Player Award:** An award given to the best young player in a football tournament.



Detailed Explanation

- **Thomas Muller:**
 - Helped Germany win the 2014 World Cup.
 - Third most appearances for the national team with 131 caps and 45 goals.
 - Won the Golden Boot and Young Player Award in the 2010 World Cup.



Detailed Explanation

- **Final Tournament:** Participated in his last tournament on July 5, 2024, in Germany's 2-1 quarter-final defeat by Spain at the European Championship.
- **Career Highlights:**
 - Made first international appearance 14 years ago.
 - Notable for his contributions and character both at Bayern Munich and the national team.
 - Praised by German national team chief Rudi Voeller for his exemplary character and top striking abilities.



Static GK Information:

- **Germany**
 - **Currency:** Euro (€)
 - **Capital:** Berlin
 - **Prime Minister:** Olaf Scholz (Chancellor)



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Player	Thomas Muller
Retirement Announcement	July 5, 2024
Last Match	Germany vs. Spain, Euro 2024, Quarter-Final
Career Caps	131
Career Goals	45
World Cup Victory	2014
Awards	Golden Boot (2010), Young Player Award (2010)
Club	Bayern Munich
Notable Praise	Rudi Voeller: "Nobody is like Thomas Muller. His value for German football cannot be overestimated."



➤ **What is the interest rate offered by SBI on its newly launched 444-day term deposit scheme "Amrit Vrishti"?**

- A) 6.75%
- B) 7.00%
- C) 7.25%
- D) 7.50%
- E) 7.75%

Answer
C) 7.25%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** SBI launches Amrit Vrishti 444-day term deposit scheme
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Announcement Date:** Effective from July 15, 2024
- **Objective:** To offer a higher interest rate to attract depositors and meet diverse customer needs



Important Terms Explained:

- **Term Deposit:** A bank deposit held for a fixed term with a fixed interest rate.
- **Interest Rate:** The percentage at which interest is paid by a borrower for the use of money.
- **Senior Citizen:** Typically, a person aged 60 or above, eligible for additional benefits such as higher interest rates.



Detailed Explanation

- **Scheme Details:**
 - **Name:** Amrit Vrishti
 - **Tenor:** 444 days
 - **Interest Rate:** 7.25%
 - **Effective Date:** July 15, 2024
 - **Additional Interest for Senior Citizens:** 0.50% (making it 7.75%)
- **Eligibility:**
 - Available to both domestic and non-resident Indian (NRI) customers.



Detailed Explanation

- **Investment Channels:**
 - SBI branches, YONO SBI and YONO Lite (mobile banking apps), and SBI internet banking (INB).
- **Availability:** Scheme open for investment until March 31, 2025.
- **Comparison with Previous Scheme:**
 - Previous scheme "Amrit Kalash" had a 400-day tenor and offered 7.10% interest.



Detailed Explanation

- **Current Context:**
 - SBI's highest interest rate on a retail domestic term deposit (below ₹3 crore) is 7% for a 2-3 year maturity bucket.
 - Aim is to attract depositors as deposit growth lags behind credit growth.



Static GK Information:

- **State Bank of India (SBI)**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **Chairman:** Dinesh Kumar Khara
 - **Tagline:** "The Banker to Every Indian"



Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Scheme Name	Amrit Vrishti
Tenor	444 days
Interest Rate	7.25%
Additional Interest for Senior Citizens	0.50% (Total 7.75%)
Effective Date	July 15, 2024
Eligibility	Domestic and non-resident Indian customers
Investment Channels	SBI branches, YONO SBI, YONO Lite, SBI internet banking
Scheme Availability	Until March 31, 2025
Previous Scheme	Amrit Kalash (400 days, 7.10% interest)
Current Highest Interest Rate	7% for a 2-3 year maturity bucket



➤ What growth rate has the IMF predicted for India in FY25?

- A) 6.5%
- B) 6.7%
- C) 7.0%
- D) 7.2%
- E) 7.5%

Answer
C) 7.0%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** IMF predicts 7% growth for India in FY25
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Announcement Date:** July 16, 2024
- **Objective:** To provide an updated economic growth forecast for India



Important Terms Explained:

- **IMF:** International Monetary Fund, an international organization that aims to promote global economic growth and financial stability.
- **Fiscal Year (FY):** A one-year period that governments use for accounting and budget purposes. In India, it runs from April 1 to March 31.
- **Basis Points (bps):** A unit of measure used in finance to describe the percentage change in the value of financial instruments; 1 basis point is equal to 0.01%.



Detailed Explanation

- **Growth Prediction:**
 - IMF has revised India's growth forecast for FY25 to 7%, up by 20 basis points.
 - The revision reflects stronger economic activity in Asia, particularly in China and India.
- **Comparative Forecasts:**
 - IMF's prediction of 7% growth is higher than the World Bank's projection.
 - It is lower than the Reserve Bank of India's estimate.
- **Economic Factors:**
 - The growth forecast is driven by strong rural consumption and overall economic activity.



Static GK Information:

- **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**
 - **Founded:** 1944
 - **Headquarters:** Washington, D.C., United States
 - **Managing Director:** Kristalina Georgieva
- **India**
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (₹)
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
 - **President:** Droupadi Murmu



Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Growth Forecast	7% growth for India in FY25
Announced By	International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Factors for Growth	Strong rural consumption, increased economic activity
Comparative Forecasts	Higher than World Bank, lower than RBI's estimate
Announcement Date	July 16, 2024
Location	New Delhi, India



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the Head of Distribution at Kotak Mahindra Bank as part of its new distribution structure?**

- A) Ashok Vaswani
- B) Uday Kotak
- C) Pranav Mishra
- D) Shikha Sharma
- E) Aditya Puri

Answer

C) Pranav Mishra



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Kotak Mahindra Bank integrates physical and digital branches in new distribution structure
- **Location:** India



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To deliver an omnichannel seamless experience for customers across all group products and services



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Omnichannel:** A multichannel approach to sales that seeks to provide customers with a seamless shopping experience, whether they are shopping online, by telephone, or in a brick-and-mortar store.
- **Digital Branch Channel:** Includes mobile banking and net banking platforms.



APPOINTMENTS



Detailed Explanation

- **New Distribution Structure:**
 - Integrates physical branches, digital branch channels (mobile banking and net banking), and voice channels.
 - Aims to provide a seamless customer experience across all interaction channels.
 - Focuses on building synergy and improving service delivery.
- **Key Appointment:**
 - Pranav Mishra appointed as the Head of Distribution.
 - Mishra joins from ICICI Bank, where he served as Head of Liabilities, Deposit, Customer 360, Branch Banking, Marketing & Alliances, ATM, and Micro Market Strategy.
 - Previously headed distribution for ICICI Prudential Life Insurance.



APPOINTMENTS



Detailed Explanation

- **Statements:**
 - Ashok Vaswani, MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank, emphasized the importance of embedding banking services seamlessly into customer journeys for convenience and reliability.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **MD & CEO:** Ashok Vaswani
 - **Tagline:** "Let's make money simple"



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Announcement	Kotak Mahindra Bank integrates physical and digital branches in a new distribution structure
Key Appointment	Pranav Mishra as Head of Distribution
Objective	Delivering an omnichannel seamless experience for customers
New Structure Includes	Physical branch network, digital branch channel, voice channel
Previous Position of Pranav Mishra	Head of Liabilities, Deposit, Customer 360, Branch Banking, Marketing & Alliances, ATM, and Micro Market Strategy at ICICI Bank
CEO Statement	Emphasizes embedding banking services into customer journeys for convenience and reliability



➤ **Which organization has UPL University partnered with for R&D in chemical sciences?**

- A) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)
- B) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- C) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- D) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- E) Indian Institute of Science (IISc)



Answer

C) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)



Event and Location:

- **Event:** UPL University partners with ISRO for R&D in chemical sciences
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To advance research and innovation in chemical sciences



Important Terms Explained:

- **UPL University of Sustainable Technology:** An educational initiative by the UPL Group focusing on sustainable technology and research.
- **ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation):** The space agency of the Government of India, headquartered in Bengaluru, responsible for space research and exploration.
- **MoU (Memorandum of Understanding):** A formal agreement between two or more parties to establish official partnerships.



Detailed Explanation

- **Partnership Details:**
 - UPL University of Sustainable Technology and the Space Application Centre (SAC) of ISRO signed an MoU.
 - The partnership aims to foster research and innovation in chemical sciences.
- **Significance:**
 - Enhances collaboration between academia and a premier space research organization.
 - Focuses on sustainable and advanced technological solutions in chemical sciences.
- **UPL Group:** A leading global provider of sustainable agriculture products and solutions.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**
 - **Founded:** 1969
 - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka, India
 - **Chairman:** S. Somanath
- **UPL University of Sustainable Technology**
 - **Founded By:** UPL Group
 - **Focus:** Sustainable technology and research in various scientific fields.



Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Partnership	UPL University partners with ISRO
Objective	R&D in chemical sciences
Agreement Type	Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
ISRO Division Involved	Space Application Centre (SAC)
UPL University Focus	Sustainable technology and research
Location	India



➤ Which organization has GRSE signed a contract with for the delivery of an ocean research vessel worth ₹840 crore?

- A) Indian Navy
- B) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- C) National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR)
- D) Ministry of Defence
- E) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)



Answer

C) National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR)



DEFENCE



Event and Location:

- **Event:** GRSE signs a contract for the delivery of an ocean research vessel
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Announcement Date:** July 16, 2024
- **Objective:** To deliver an ocean research vessel for the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR)



Important Terms Explained:

- **GRSE (Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd):** A Kolkata-based defence public sector undertaking specializing in shipbuilding.
- **NCPOR (National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research):** An Indian government agency under the Ministry of Earth Sciences responsible for polar and ocean research.



Detailed Explanation

- **Contract Details:**
 - GRSE signed a contract with NCPOR, Ministry of Earth Sciences, for the delivery of an ocean research vessel (ORV).
 - The contract value is ₹840 crore.
- **Significance:**
 - The ocean research vessel will support polar and oceanographic research.
 - Enhances India's capabilities in marine and polar research.
- **GRSE's Role:**
 - A renowned shipbuilder with expertise in delivering complex vessels for defence and research purposes.



Static GK Information:

- **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE)**
 - **Founded:** 1884
 - **Headquarters:** Kolkata, West Bengal, India
 - **Chairman & Managing Director:** Commodore (Retd) P R Hari
- **National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR)**
 - **Founded:** 1998
 - **Headquarters:** Vasco da Gama, Goa, India
 - **Director:** Dr. M. Ravichandran



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Contract Signed By	GRSE (Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd)
Contract With	National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR)
Contract Value	₹840 crore
Objective	Delivery of an ocean research vessel (ORV)
Announcement Date	July 16, 2024
Location	New Delhi, India



➤ Which city has launched the trial operation of the world's first 3D-printed electric abra?

- A) Abu Dhabi
- B) Dubai
- C) Tokyo
- D) New York
- E) Singapore

Answer
B) Dubai



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Trial operation of the world's first 3D-printed electric abra
- **Location:** Dubai, United Arab Emirates



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To support the Dubai 3D Printing Strategy by reducing manufacturing time, costs, and enhancing environmental sustainability in marine transport



Important Terms Explained:

- **Abra:** A traditional half-boat, half-raft used to transfer people across water bodies, particularly in Dubai Creek.
- **3D Printing:** An advanced manufacturing process that creates a physical object from a digital design by layering material.



Detailed Explanation

- **Electric Abra Specifications:**
 - Accommodates 20 passengers.
 - Measures eleven meters in length and 3.1 meters in width.
 - Powered by an electric propulsion system with two 10-kilowatt motors and lithium batteries.
- **Benefits of 3D Printing:**
 - Shortens manufacturing time of abras by 90%.
 - Reduces manufacturing and operating costs by 30%.
- **Operational Details:**
 - Trial conducted at Sheikh Zayed Road Marine Transport Station on Line (TR6).
 - Performance to be monitored and compared with existing fiberglass abras.



Detailed Explanation

- **Manufacturers:**
 - Al Seer Marine Company, Abu Dhabi, in cooperation with Mitsubishi, Siemens, Torqeedo, and Tasneef.
- **Future Developments:**
 - RTA developing heritage abra stations in Dubai Creek used by over 14 million passengers annually.
 - Development includes four stations with completion expected by August 2025.



Static GK Information:

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



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Inaugurated By	Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority (RTA)
Event Name	Trial operation of the world's first 3D-printed electric abra
Location	Sheikh Zayed Road Marine Transport Station, Dubai
Passenger Capacity	20 passengers
Dimensions	11 meters long, 3.1 meters wide
Propulsion System	Electric with two 10-kilowatt motors
Manufacturers	Al Seer Marine, Mitsubishi, Siemens, Torqeedo, Tasneef
Benefits	90% reduction in manufacturing time, 30% cost reduction
Related Developments	Heritage abra stations in Dubai Creek



➤ **When will the second Asia Pacific ministerial conference on civil aviation be held in India?**

- A) September 9-10
- B) September 11-12
- C) September 13-14
- D) September 15-16
- E) September 17-18

Answer

B) September 11-12



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Second Asia Pacific ministerial conference on civil aviation
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Announcement Date:** Conference to be held on September 11 and 12
- **Objective:** To discuss and enhance civil aviation in the Asia Pacific region, focusing on sustainability, accessibility, and affordability



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO):** A specialized agency of the United Nations that coordinates and regulates international air travel.
- **Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation:** A conference aimed at discussing the growth and development of civil aviation in the Asia Pacific region.



Detailed Explanation

- **Event Details:**
 - Hosted by India in collaboration with ICAO APAC.
 - Scheduled for September 11 and 12, 2024, in New Delhi.
- **Participation:**
 - Representatives from around 40 countries, including Australia, Singapore, France, the US, the UK, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, DPR Korea, Pakistan, and Japan.
- **Conference Focus:**
 - Emphasizing sustainability in aviation growth.
 - Making aviation more accessible and affordable.



Detailed Explanation

- **India's Aviation Growth:**
 - Fastest-growing aviation market in the world.
 - Annual passenger traffic projected to reach 250 million.
 - Increase in the number of aircraft from 400 to more than 800.
 - Growth in airports from 74 to 157 in the last decade.



Static GK Information:

- **India**
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (₹)
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
 - **President:** Droupadi Murmu



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Conference Name	Second Asia Pacific ministerial conference on civil aviation
Dates	September 11-12, 2024
Location	New Delhi, India
Organizers	Indian government and ICAO APAC
Participants	Representatives from around 40 countries, including China and Pakistan
Focus Areas	Sustainability, accessibility, and affordability in aviation
India's Aviation Market	Fastest-growing in the world, third largest in the domestic segment
Growth Stats	Aircraft: 400 to 800+, Airports: 74 to 157 in the last decade



➤ **Where did the global conference on space research kick off recently?**

- A) Tokyo
- B) Seoul
- C) Busan
- D) Beijing
- E) Singapore

Answer
C) Busan



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Global Conference on Space Research
- **Location:** Busan, South Korea



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To foster international scientific research in space



Important Terms Explained:

- **Korea Aero Space Administration (KASA):** The national space agency of South Korea responsible for space exploration and research.
- **Committee on Space Research (COSPAR):** An international scientific organization that promotes and facilitates international collaboration in space research.



Detailed Explanation

- **Event Details:**
 - The 45th Scientific Assembly of the Committee on Space Research began in Busan, South Korea.
 - Attended by about 3,000 space scientists and industry officials from 60 nations.
 - First time South Korea is hosting this biennial global conference.
- **Conference Objectives:**
 - To promote international scientific collaboration in space research.
 - To discuss advancements, challenges, and future directions in space exploration and research.



Static GK Information:

- **South Korea**
 - **Capital:** Seoul
 - **Currency:** South Korean Won (₩)
 - **President:** Yoon Suk-yeol
 - **Prime Minister:** Han Duck-soo



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Conference Name	Global Conference on Space Research
Location	Busan, South Korea
Organizers	Committee on Space Research (COSPAR), Korea Aero Space Administration (KASA)
Participants	About 3,000 space scientists and industry officials from 60 nations
Significance	First time South Korea is hosting the biennial global conference
Objective	Foster international scientific research in space



➤ How much has India contributed as the first tranche to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for the year 2024-2025?

- A) \$1 million
- B) \$2 million
- C) \$2.5 million
- D) \$3 million
- E) \$5 million

Answer

C) \$2.5 million



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India releases the first tranche of \$2.5 million to the UNRWA
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To support the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine Refugees



Important Terms Explained:

- **UNRWA:** United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, which provides assistance and protection to Palestinian refugees.
- **Nakba:** Refers to the 1948 Palestinian exodus during the Israeli War of Independence when many Palestinians were displaced.



Detailed Explanation

- **India's Contribution:**
 - India released the first tranche of USD 2.5 million out of a total annual contribution of USD 5 million for the year 2024-2025.
 - India also pledged additional support in the form of medicines.
- **Significance of Contribution:**
 - Helps UNRWA in its mission to provide services to over 6 million Palestinian refugees across five areas of operation: Gaza Strip, West Bank, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon.
 - Important for preserving the rights and services for Palestinian refugees.



Detailed Explanation

- **Palestinian Embassy's Response:**
 - Expressed sincere thanks and appreciation to the Indian government.
 - Highlighted the importance of India's support amid ongoing challenges, including the Israeli government's actions against UNRWA and the Israeli war on Gaza.
- **Importance of UNRWA:**
 - Provides vital services and is linked to the preservation of Palestinian refugees' rights and their hope to return to their homes.



Static GK Information:

- **Palestine**
 - **Capital:** East Jerusalem
 - **Currency:** Israeli Shekel (ILS)
 - **President:** Mahmoud Abbas
 - **Prime Minister:** Mohammad Shtayyeh
- **UNRWA**
 - **Full Form:** United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
 - **Founded:** 1949
 - **Headquarters:** Amman, Jordan
 - **Commissioner-General:** Philippe Lazzarini



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Announcement	India releases the first tranche of \$2.5 million to UNRWA
Total Annual Contribution	\$5 million for 2024-2025
Additional Support	Medicines upon request
Beneficiaries	Over 6 million Palestinian refugees
Importance of UNRWA	Provides vital services and preserves refugees' rights
Key Areas of Operation	Gaza Strip, West Bank, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon
Palestinian Population in Gaza	About 2.2 million, with 66% as refugees
Challenges	Israeli plans to target UNRWA, Israeli war on Gaza



➤ **Who inaugurated the PM College of Excellence in Madhya Pradesh's 55 districts?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Mohan Yadav
- E) Inder Singh Parmar

Answer
C) Amit Shah



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of PM College of Excellence in Madhya Pradesh
- **Location:** Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To start colleges that align with the New Education Policy (NEP) aiming to make education employment-oriented



Important Terms Explained:

- **New Education Policy (NEP):** A framework introduced to revamp the Indian education system, aiming to make it more employment-oriented and globally competitive.
- **PM College of Excellence:** Special colleges developed to enhance educational quality and standards in line with the NEP.



Detailed Explanation

- **Event Details:**
 - Union Home Minister Amit Shah virtually inaugurated the PM College of Excellence across 55 districts in Madhya Pradesh.
 - The main program was held at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government Arts and Commerce College in Indore.
- **Significance of NEP:**
 - Aims to make India a developed country by 2047 by strengthening the foundation of education.
 - Focuses on quality education and encouraging students to think out of the box.
 - Aligns with international standards while preserving Indian culture.



Detailed Explanation

- **State Implementation:**
 - Madhya Pradesh was the first state to implement NEP.
 - The establishment of the PM College of Excellence was decided in the first cabinet meeting under CM Mohan Yadav.
 - The initiative includes 55 colleges with an estimated cost of Rs 486 crore.
 - Introduction of medical and engineering courses in Hindi for students' benefit.



Static GK Information:

- **Madhya Pradesh**
 - **Capital:** Bhopal
 - **Chief Minister:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan
 - **Governor:** Mangubhai C. Patel



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Inaugurated By	Amit Shah
Event Name	Inauguration of PM College of Excellence
Location	Madhya Pradesh
Main Program Venue	Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government Arts and Commerce College, Indore
Total Colleges	55
Estimated Cost	Rs 486 crore
NEP Focus	Employment-oriented education, international standards, cultural preservation
Key Speakers	Amit Shah, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Inder Singh Parmar



➤ Which Indian state's cabinet recently approved a plan to rationalise provisions of zero electricity bills for domestic users?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Punjab
- D) Haryana
- E) Rajasthan

Answer

B) Himachal Pradesh



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Himachal Pradesh Cabinet approves rationalisation of zero electricity bill provisions for domestic users
- **Location:** Himachal Pradesh



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To streamline and rationalise the provisions for zero electricity bills, ensuring the subsidy is limited to 'one family, one meter' and linking power connections with ration cards



Important Terms Explained:

- **Zero Electricity Bills:** A policy where domestic consumers do not pay for their electricity usage up to a certain limit.
- **Subsidy:** Financial aid provided by the government to help reduce the cost of electricity bills for consumers.



Detailed Explanation

- **New Policy Details:**
 - The subsidy will be restricted to 'one family, one meter'.
 - Power connections will be interlinked with ration cards to prevent misuse.
- **Subsidy Abolished For:**
 - Chief Minister, former CMs, speakers, deputy speakers, ministers, MPs, MLAs, former ministers, chairman of boards, advisors, OSDs, all Class-I and Class-2 employees of the government, corporations, boards, including IAS, IPS, other officers, and all income taxpayers.



Detailed Explanation

- **Electricity Bill Provision:**
 - Previously, electricity bills for up to 125 units per month were free.
- **Land Acquisition:**
 - Approved for families affected by Kangra airport expansion.
- **Bulk Drug Park:**
 - State share of capital costs approved for its construction in Haroli Assembly constituency, Una district.
- **Shimla Development Plan:**
 - Additional areas included under the green area ambit.



Detailed Explanation

- **Education Sector Approvals:**
 - Results declaration for Junior Office Assistant (postcodes 903 and 939) approved.
 - Filling up of 486 Lecturer Physical Education posts and 157 supernumerary Principal School Cadre posts.
 - Declaration of district cadres of Patwari and Kanunago and divisional cadre of Naib Tehsildar as state cadres.
- **State Award for School Teachers Scheme:**
 - Approved to recognise outstanding teachers in 2024.



Detailed Explanation

- **Motor Vehicles Rules Amendment:**
 - Requirement for an authorised receipt of two Bureau of Indian Standards-certified protective headgears for two-wheeler registration.
- **Ropeway Construction:**
 - Approved from taxi parking to Baba Balak Nath Temple Deothsidh, Hamirpur district.
- **Home Stay Rules Revision:**
 - Cabinet Sub-Committee to revise draft rules for the tourism department.



Static GK Information:

- **Himachal Pradesh**
 - **Capital:** Shimla
 - **Chief Minister:** Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
 - **Governor:** Shiv Pratap Shukla



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Approval By	Himachal Pradesh Cabinet
Policy Approved	Rationalisation of zero electricity bills
Location	Himachal Pradesh
Subsidy Restricted To	One family, one meter
Interlinked With	Ration cards
Subsidy Abolished For	CMs, ministers, MPs, MLAs, government employees, income taxpayers
Previous Provision	Free electricity for up to 125 units per month
Other Approvals	Land acquisition for Kangra airport, Bulk Drug Park construction, Shimla Development Plan, education sector posts, state awards for teachers, motor vehicle rules amendment, ropeway construction, and home stay rules revision



➤ **Where did the Uttarakhand Forest Department open its first-ever bird gallery?**

- A) Nainital
- B) Mussoorie
- C) Haridwar
- D) Rishikesh
- E) Dehradun

Answer

E) Dehradun



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Uttarakhand Forest Department opens its first-ever bird gallery
- **Location:** Nature Education Centre, Jolly Grant, Dehradun, Uttarakhand



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To promote wildlife education and conservation efforts by showcasing the avian diversity of Uttarakhand



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bird Gallery:** A dedicated space that showcases various bird species through displays, images, sounds, and information.
- **Nature Education Centre:** A facility aimed at educating the public about wildlife and nature conservation.



Detailed Explanation

- **Inauguration Details:**
 - Uttarakhand Forest Department established the bird gallery at the Nature Education Centre in Jolly Grant, Dehradun.
- **Purpose:**
 - To promote awareness about the importance of avian diversity in maintaining ecological balance.
 - To educate visitors about the role of birds in the ecosystem through themed displays and information.
- **Bird Species Highlighted:**
 - Himalayan Monal
 - White-capped Redstart
 - Himalayan Griffon
 - Rufous-bellied Woodpecker
 - Black-headed Jay



Detailed Explanation

- **Features:**
 - Ten themed areas showcasing different types of birds (ground-dwelling birds, birds of prey, water birds, forest birds, etc.).
 - Rich images, in-depth information, and bird calls to create an immersive experience.
 - Displays of abandoned nests and feathers to give visitors a closer look at bird life.
- **Statements:**
 - Sanjiv Chaturvedi, IFS and Chief Conservator of Forest (Research), emphasized the importance of understanding and appreciating the role of birds in the ecosystem.



Static GK Information:

- **Uttarakhand**
 - **Capital:** Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer)
 - **Chief Minister:** Pushkar Singh Dhami
 - **Governor:** Gurmit Singh



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Inaugurated By	Uttarakhand Forest Department
Event Name	Opening of the first-ever bird gallery
Location	Nature Education Centre, Jolly Grant, Dehradun
Objective	Promote wildlife education and conservation
Bird Species Highlighted	Himalayan Monal, White-capped Redstart, Himalayan Griffon, Rufous-bellied Woodpecker, Black-headed Jay
Special Features	Themed displays, bird calls, abandoned nests, feathers
Key Speaker	Sanjiv Chaturvedi, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forest (Research)



➤ **Where is the World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 2024 being held?**

- A) Paris
- B) New York
- C) New Delhi
- D) London
- E) Tokyo

Answer
C) New Delhi



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 2024
- **Location:** Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute of Archaeology, New Delhi, India



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Announcement Date:** 15 July 2024
- **Objective:** To enhance the expertise, skills, and capacities of young professionals in protecting, preserving, and promoting World Heritage.



Important Terms Explained:

- **World Heritage Committee:** A committee responsible for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention, which aims to protect cultural and natural heritage globally.
- **UNESCO World Heritage Education Programme:** A UNESCO initiative to educate and involve young people in World Heritage preservation and promotion.



Detailed Explanation

- **Event Details:**
 - Inaugurated by Sh. Govind Mohan, Secretary Ministry of Culture, and other notable figures.
 - Part of the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee from 21st to 31st July 2024 in New Delhi.
- **Participants:**
 - 50 young professionals (20 from India, 30 from abroad).
- **Forum Theme:**
 - "World Heritage in the 21st Century: Building Capacities and Exploring Opportunities for Youth."



Detailed Explanation

- **Focus Areas:**
 - Climate change and sustainable development.
 - Integrating innovative technologies for heritage promotion.
 - Community involvement in heritage conservation.
 - Strengthening sustainable tourism and young entrepreneurship.
- **Activities:**
 - Presentations, roundtable discussions, site visits to World Heritage sites like Qutb Minar, Red Fort, Humayun's Tomb in Delhi, and the Taj Mahal in Agra.
- **Outcome:**
 - Presentation of a 'Declaration' to the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee on 22nd July 2024.



Static GK Information:

- **India**
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (₹)
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
 - **President:** Droupadi Murmu



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Forum Name	World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 2024
Inaugurated By	Sh. Govind Mohan, Secretary Ministry of Culture
Location	Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute of Archaeology, New Delhi
Duration	14th to 23rd July 2024
Participants	50 young professionals (20 from India, 30 international)
Main Theme	"World Heritage in the 21st Century: Building Capacities and Exploring Opportunities for Youth"
Focus Areas	Climate change, sustainable development, innovative technologies, community involvement, sustainable tourism
Key Activities	Presentations, roundtable discussions, site visits to heritage sites
Outcome	Presentation of 'Declaration' to the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee on 22nd July 2024



➤ Which organizations have signed an MoU to promote climate-resilient agriculture in India?

- A) ICAR and Syngenta Foundation India
- B) ICAR and Monsanto India
- C) ICAR and Bayer CropScience
- D) ICAR and Corteva Agriscience
- E) ICAR and Dow AgroSciences



Answer

A) ICAR and Syngenta Foundation India



Event and Location:

- **Event:** ICAR and Syngenta sign MoU to promote climate-resilient agriculture
- **Location:** Mangaluru, India



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Announcement Date:** July 16, 2024
- **Objective:** To enhance training and capacity-building programmes for farmers and rural youth focusing on climate-resilient agricultural practices



Important Terms Explained:

- **ICAR:** Indian Council of Agricultural Research, the apex body for coordinating, guiding, and managing research and education in agriculture in India.
- **Syngenta Foundation India (SFI):** A non-profit organization focused on creating value for small farmers in India.
- **MoU:** Memorandum of Understanding, a formal agreement between two or more parties.



Detailed Explanation

- **Partnership Details:**
 - ICAR, Syngenta Foundation India (SFI), and Syngenta India Pvt Ltd signed the MoU.
 - Aim to promote climate-resilient agriculture and skill training.
- **Training and Capacity Building:**
 - Focus on farmers and rural youth.
 - Utilize ICAR's network of national research institutes, regional stations, krishi vigyan kendras (KVKs), and agricultural universities.
- **Objectives:**
 - Enhance farmers' knowledge of climate-resilient agricultural practices.
 - Build skills among rural youth to improve agricultural productivity and sustainability.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)**
 - **Founded:** 1929
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **President:** Narendra Singh Tomar (Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare)
- **Syngenta Foundation India (SFI)**
 - **Headquarters:** Pune, Maharashtra, India
 - **Focus:** Improving the livelihoods of small farmers in India through sustainable agriculture practices.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Agreement	ICAR, Syngenta Foundation India, and Syngenta India Pvt Ltd sign MoU
Objective	Promote climate-resilient agriculture and skill training for farmers
Focus Areas	Training and capacity-building programmes
Target Beneficiaries	Farmers and rural youth
Implementation Network	ICAR's national research institutes, regional stations, KVKs, agricultural universities
Announcement Date	July 16, 2024
Location	Mangaluru, India



QUICK RECALL



- **Thomas Muller retires from international football after 14 years and 131 caps.**
- **SBI launches Amrit Vrishti 444-day term deposit with 7.25% interest.**
- **IMF predicts 7% growth for India in FY25, driven by strong rural consumption.**
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank appoints Pranav Mishra as Head of Distribution in a new integrated structure.**
- **UPL University partners with ISRO for R&D in chemical sciences.**
- **GRSE signs ₹840 crore contract with NCPOR for ocean research vessel.**
- **Dubai launches the world's first 3D-printed electric abra for trial operation.**
- **India to host the 2nd Asia Pacific ministerial conference on civil aviation on September 11-12.**
- **Global Conference on Space Research kicked off in Busan, South Korea.**



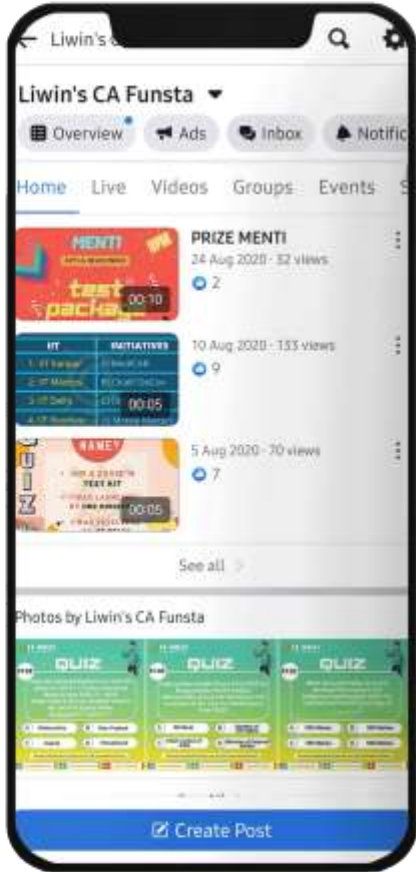
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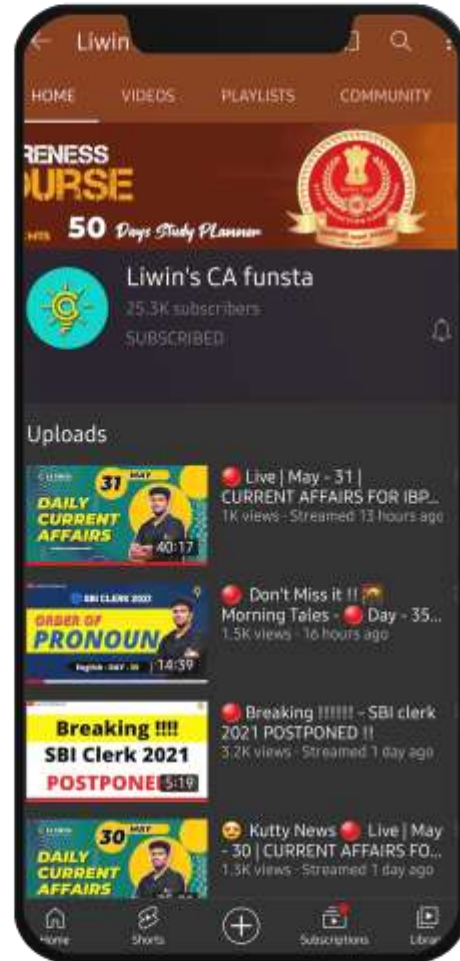
- **India contributes \$2.5 million to UNRWA as the first tranche of its annual support.**
- **Amit Shah inaugurates PM College of Excellence in MP's 55 districts.**
- **Himachal Cabinet restricts zero electricity bill subsidy to 'one family, one meter'.**
- **Uttarakhand Forest Department opens first bird gallery in Dehradun.**
- **World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 2024 inaugurated in New Delhi.**
- **ICAR and Syngenta sign MoU to promote climate-resilient agriculture.**



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