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➤ Which country recently climbed to the third position in the latest FIFA rankings?

- A) Argentina
- B) France
- C) Spain
- D) England
- E) Brazil

Answer
C) Spain



SPORTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of the latest FIFA men's rankings
- **Location:** Worldwide



Mandates and Objectives:

- **FIFA Rankings:** FIFA releases these rankings to provide an official standing of men's national football teams based on their performance in international competitions and matches.



Important Terms Explained:

- **FIFA Rankings:** A system used by FIFA to rank national teams in association football. The rankings are based on the results of national teams, with more recent matches and more significant competitions weighing more heavily.
- **Copa América:** A major international football tournament in South America.
- **EURO 2024:** The 2024 edition of the UEFA European Championship, a major football competition for European national teams.



Static GK Information:

- **Argentina:**
 - **Country Name:** Argentina
 - **Capital:** Buenos Aires
 - **Currency:** Argentine Peso (ARS)
 - **President:** Alberto Fernández
- **Spain:**
 - **Country Name:** Spain
 - **Capital:** Madrid
 - **Currency:** Euro (EUR)
 - **Prime Minister:** Pedro Sánchez



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Latest FIFA men's rankings
Location	Worldwide
Date	July 18, 2024
Significant Teams	Argentina, Spain, India
Argentina Rank	1 st
Spain Rank	3 rd (up 5 places)
India Global Rank	124 th
India Asia Rank	22 nd
Top 10 Nations	Argentina, France, Spain, England, Brazil, Belgium, Netherlands, Portugal, Colombia, Italy



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Which oil field in Azerbaijan did ONGC Videsh acquire a stake in?

- A) Shah Deniz
- B) Balakhany-Sabunchu-Ramana
- C) Offshore Azeri Chirag Gunashli
- D) Neft Dashlari
- E) Surakhani

Answer

C) Offshore Azeri Chirag Gunashli



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** ONGC Videsh acquires stake in an oil field
- **Location:** Offshore Azeri Chirag Gunashli (ACG) oil field, Azerbaijan



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **ONGC Videsh Acquisition:** The acquisition involves ONGC Videsh obtaining a 0.615% participating interest in the Offshore Azeri Chirag Gunashli (ACG) oil field from Equinor, as well as a 0.73% share in the Baku Tbilisi Ceyhan pipeline company.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Important Terms Explained:

- **ONGC Videsh (OVL):** The international arm of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), responsible for oil and gas exploration and production outside India.
- **Azeri Chirag Gunashli (ACG) Oil Field:** One of the largest oil fields in Azerbaijan located in the Caspian Sea.
- **Baku Tbilisi Ceyhan Pipeline:** A pipeline that transports Caspian oil to the Mediterranean Sea.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Static GK Information:

- **ONGC Videsh (OVL):**
 - **Founded:** 1965
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Managing Director:** Alok Kumar Gupta
- **Equinor:**
 - **Founded:** 1972
 - **Headquarters:** Stavanger, Norway
 - **CEO:** Anders Opedal



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	ONGC Videsh acquires stake in oil field
Location	Offshore Azeri Chirag Gunashli (ACG) oil field, Azerbaijan
Date	July 19, 2024
Acquisition Details	0.615% participating interest in ACG oil field from Equinor
Pipeline Share	0.73% share in Baku Tbilisi Ceyhan pipeline company
Total Investment	Up to \$60 million
Seller	Equinor



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been re-elected as the President of the European Commission for a second term?**

- A) Jean-Claude Juncker
- B) Angela Merkel
- C) Emmanuel Macron
- D) Ursula von der Leyen
- E) Charles Michel

Answer

D) Ursula von der Leyen



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Re-election of the President of the European Commission
- **Location:** European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Role of Commission President:** The President of the European Commission sets the Commission's policy agenda and represents the EU internationally.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **European Parliament (EP):** The legislative body of the European Union, composed of Members of the European Parliament (MEPs).
- **European Commission:** The executive branch of the European Union, responsible for proposing legislation, implementing decisions, and managing the day-to-day business of the EU.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **European Parliament:**
 - **Founded:** 1952
 - **Headquarters:** Strasbourg, France (official seat); Brussels, Belgium (secondary seat)
 - **President:** Roberta Metsola
- **European Commission:**
 - **Founded:** 1958
 - **Headquarters:** Brussels, Belgium
 - **Current President:** Ursula von der Leyen



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Re-election of Ursula von der Leyen as President of the European Commission
Location	European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium
Date	July 18, 2024
Votes in Favour	401
Total MEPs	719
Majority Required	360
Votes Against	284
Blank/Invalid Votes	22
Next Steps	Member states to propose candidates for European Commissioner posts
Term Length	5 years



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been re-elected for a second term as Chairperson of PwC India?**

- A) Shyamal Mukherjee
- B) Rajiv Memani
- C) Sanjeev Krishan
- D) Deepak Kapoor
- E) Nitin Bhatt

Answer

C) Sanjeev Krishan



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Re-election of PwC India Chairperson
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **PwC India Chairperson Re-election:** Sanjeev Krishan has been re-elected as the Chairperson of PwC India. His second term will begin on April 1, 2025, and will last for four years.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers):** A multinational professional services network of firms operating as partnerships under the PwC brand. It is among the largest professional services networks in the world.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **PwC India:**
 - **Founded:** 1998 (merger of Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand)
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Global Chairman:** Robert Moritz
- **Sanjeev Krishan:**
 - **Joined PwC:** 2006 as a partner
 - **Position:** Chairperson of PwC India
 - **Role:** Leading the firm internally and externally for a four-year term starting April 1, 2025



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Re-election of PwC India Chairperson
Location	New Delhi, India
Date	July 19, 2024
Chairperson	Sanjeev Krishan
Term Start Date	April 1, 2025
Term Duration	Four years
Previous Role	Partner since 2006, led firm's transactions in Private Equity



AWARDS



➤ Which organization won the Global CSR ESG Award 2024 for Child and Women Development?



- A) Tata Trusts
- B) Infosys Foundation
- C) Sobha Group's Sri Kurumba Trust
- D) Reliance Foundation
- E) Aditya Birla Group

Answer

C) Sobha Group's Sri Kurumba Trust



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Global CSR, Sustainability, and ESG Awards 2024
- **Location:** Hyatt Regency, Gurgaon, India



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Award Purpose:** The Global CSR & ESG Awards aim to recognize and honor leaders and organizations that contribute positively to society through social and environmental initiatives.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility):** Business practices involving initiatives that benefit society.
- **ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance):** Criteria for measuring the sustainability and societal impact of an investment in a company or business.
- **Sri Kurumba Educational and Charitable Trust:** The CSR wing of the Sobha Group focused on child and women development initiatives.



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

- **Sobha Group:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1995
 - **Chairman:** PNC Menon
 - **Headquarters:** Bangalore, Karnataka
- **Hyatt Regency, Gurgaon:**
 - **Location:** Gurgaon, Haryana, India



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Global CSR, Sustainability, and ESG Awards 2024
Location	Hyatt Regency, Gurgaon
Date	2024
Awarded Organization	Sobha Group's Sri Kurumba Trust
Award Category	Best Child and Women Development Initiatives
Award Presenter	Marketing and Brand Honchos
Recipient	Mr. Nagarajan S, Vice President of Projects, Sobha Ltd.
Significant Contributions	Empowering children and women through education and vocational training programs
Event Purpose	Recognize social and environmental contributions



AWARDS



- Which company has been awarded the Taxnet 2.0 project by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?

- A) Reliance Jio
- B) Vodafone Idea
- C) Bharti-Airtel Ltd
- D) Tata Communications
- E) BSNL

Answer

C) Bharti-Airtel Ltd



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Awarding of the Taxnet 2.0 project
- **Location:** India



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Taxnet 2.0 Project:** The project aims to upgrade the network connectivity, facility management services, and video conferencing services for the Income Tax Department (ITD). The initiative focuses on enhanced security, improved reliability, and seamless connectivity.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT):** A part of the Department of Revenue in the Ministry of Finance, responsible for administering direct tax laws in India.
- **Income Tax Department (ITD):** The government agency responsible for the collection of income tax and enforcement of direct tax laws in India.



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

- **Bharti-Airtel Ltd:**
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Founded:** 1995
 - **CEO:** Gopal Vittal
 - **Tagline:** "Airtel - The Smartphone Network"



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Awarding of Taxnet 2.0 project to M/s Bharti-Airtel Ltd
Location	India
Date	July 19, 2024
Awarded By	Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
Awarded To	Bharti-Airtel Ltd
Project Purpose	Enhance network connectivity, facility management, and video conferencing services for ITD
Key Features of Taxnet 2.0	Enhanced security, higher reliability, seamless connectivity
Significance	Modernize digital infrastructure and improve tax services
Selection Process	Open tender selection



➤ Which initiative aims to train voice-over artists in various languages through a collaboration between the National Film Development Corp. and Netflix India?

- A) The Voicebox
- B) Azaadi ki Amrit Kahaniya
- C) Voice-Over Academy
- D) Netflix Voice Initiative
- E) NFDC-Netflix Collaboration

Answer

A) The Voicebox



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Collaboration between the National Film Development Corp. (NFDC) and Netflix India to train voice-over artists
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Training Initiative:** The initiative named 'The Voicebox' is designed to train voice-over artists in various languages to enhance their skills and provide better opportunities in the media and entertainment sector.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Film Development Corp. (NFDC):** A state-run organization in India that promotes and develops the Indian film industry.
- **Netflix India:** The Indian subsidiary of Netflix, a global streaming service offering a wide variety of award-winning TV shows, movies, anime, documentaries, and more.
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):** A formal agreement between two or more parties. In this context, it is between NFDC and Netflix India to collaborate on training voice-over artists.



Static GK Information:

- **National Film Development Corp. (NFDC):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1975
 - **Managing Director:** Prithul Kumar
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Netflix India:**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **Senior Director:** Kiran Desai



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Collaboration to train voice-over artists
Location	India
Date	July 18, 2024
Significant Organizations	National Film Development Corp., Netflix India
Initiative Name	The Voicebox
Training Locations	New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kochi
Participants	7 batches of 30 participants each, 50% women
Special Project	Azaadi ki Amrit Kahaniya
Training Partner	Pearl Academy
MoU Signatories	Prithul Kumar (NFDC), Kiran Desai (Netflix India)
Chief Guest	I&B Secretary Sanjay Jaju



➤ Who inaugurated the 'Lok Samvardhan Parv' at Delhi Haat in New Delhi?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Kiren Rijiju
- E) Piyush Goyal

Answer
D) Kiren Rijiju



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of 'Lok Samvardhan Parv'
- **Location:** Delhi Haat, New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Lok Samvardhan Parv:** A 100-day program organized by the Ministry of Minority Affairs to showcase the schemes, programs, and achievements of the Ministry. The event also highlights activities undertaken in collaboration with partner organizations and showcases success stories from various schemes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NMDFC (National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation):** A government body that provides financial assistance for the development of minority communities in India.
- **MOUs (Memorandums of Understanding):** Agreements signed between the NMDFC and various banks and state missions to implement schemes aimed at minority communities.



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Minority Affairs:**
 - **Founded:** 2006
 - **Minister:** Kiren Rijju
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
- **National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT):**
 - **Founded:** 1986
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
- **National Institute of Design (NID):**
 - **Founded:** 1961
 - **Headquarters:** Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Inauguration of 'Lok Samvardhan Parv'
Location	Delhi Haat, New Delhi
Date	July 18, 2024
Inaugurated By	Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister for Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs
Significant Contributions	Release of Coffee table book, Credit Plan, MOUs with banks and state missions
Exhibitors and Participants	NIFT, NID, EPCH, UNICEF YuWaah, GeM, ONDC, Ambedkar University, and 162 artisans
Cultural Activities	Traditional dances and craft demonstrations
Main Objective	Showcase and promote the development programs of the Ministry of Minority Affairs



➤ Which academic institution has recently signed an MoU with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) to promote standardization?

- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IIT Madras
- C) NIT Trichy
- D) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
- E) IIT Kanpur

Answer

D) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between BIS and IISc
- **Location:** Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru



Mandates and Objectives:

- **BIS Standardization Chair Professor:** The initiative aims to promote standardization and conformity assessment through collaborative activities between BIS and IISc. This partnership seeks to integrate standardization topics into academic programs and engage academia in national and international standardization efforts.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS):** The national standards body of India responsible for the development and maintenance of standardization in the country.
- **Indian Institute of Science (IISc):** A premier public research university in Bengaluru, India, known for its advanced research and education in science and engineering.
- **Standardization and Conformity Assessment:** Processes to develop and implement technical standards to ensure products and services are safe, reliable, and of high quality.



Static GK Information:

- **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS):**
 - **Founded:** 1986
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Director General:** Pramod Kumar Tiwari
- **Indian Institute of Science (IISc):**
 - **Founded:** 1909
 - **Location:** Bengaluru, Karnataka, India
 - **Director:** Govindan Rangarajan



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Signing of MoU to promote standardization
Location	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
Date	July 3, 2024
Parties Involved	Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
Main Initiative	Establishment of BIS Standardization Chair Professor
Purpose	Promote collaborative activities in standardization and conformity assessment
Key Objectives	Integration of standardization curricula, active participation in standardization activities, infrastructure support for R&D, co-hosting events, knowledge sharing, exploring centres of excellence, laboratory facilities sharing
Other Collaborations	IIT Bombay, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Kanpur, IIT Madras, NIT Rourkela, NIT Trichy



➤ **What is the theme for the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2024 announced by Union Minister Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia?**

- A) Innovation for the Future
- B) Technology Unleashed
- C) The Future is Now
- D) Bridging the Digital Divide
- E) Global Connectivity

Answer

C) The Future is Now



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Unveiling of the theme for India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2024
- **Location:** Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Theme:** "The Future is Now" signifies India's leadership in technological advancements and its role in shaping the future of global technology.
- **Objective:** To provide a platform for showcasing innovative solutions, services, and use cases in the technology ecosystem.



Important Terms Explained:

- **India Mobile Congress (IMC):** An annual event that brings together global leaders, visionaries, pioneers, and innovators to collaborate and showcase technological advancements.
- **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Telecom Excellence Awards:** Awards given annually to recognize outstanding contributions in telecom innovations, services, and manufacturing.



Static GK Information:

- **Department of Telecommunications (DoT):**
 - **Founded:** 1985
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Secretary:** Neeraj Mittal
- **Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI):**
 - **Founded:** 1995
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairman:** Abhijit Kishore



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Unveiling of IMC 2024 Theme
Location	Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
Date	July 18, 2024
Theme	The Future is Now
Inaugurated By	Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
Purpose	Showcase technological advancements and facilitate global collaboration
Special Announcements	Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Telecom Excellence Awards 2023, Testing Scheme for Startups & MSMEs
Concurrent Events	World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024, Global Standards Symposium (GSS) 2024
IMC 2024 Dates	October 15-24, 2024
Expected Participants	Over 400 exhibitors, 640 startups, and 150,000 attendees



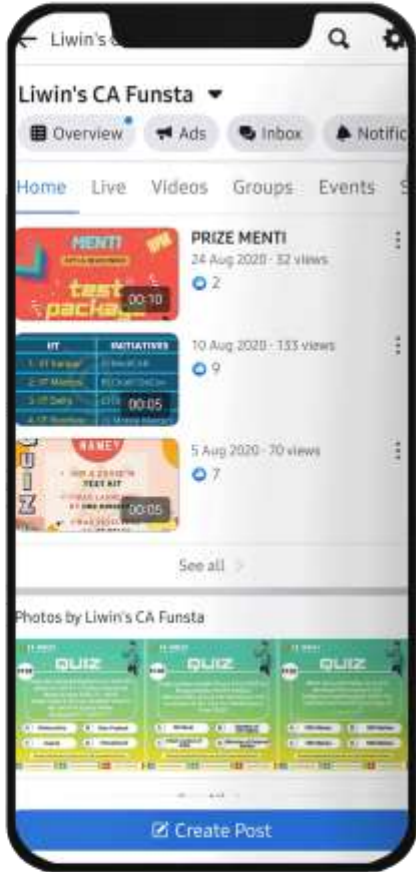
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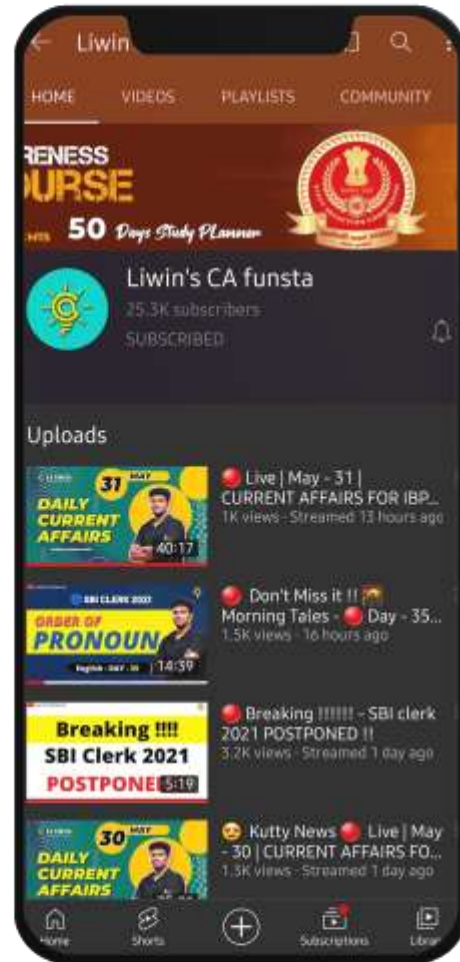
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- BIS and IISc signed an MoU to promote standardization.
- IMC 2024 theme "The Future is Now" unveiled by Union Minister Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia.



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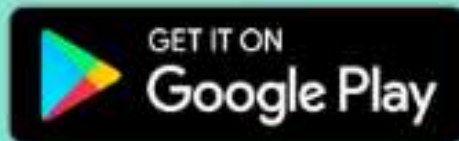
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