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Important Days



➤ **What is the primary focus of International Tiger Day celebrated on July 29?**

- A) Promoting tourism in tiger habitats
- B) Celebrating the beauty of tigers
- C) Raising awareness about tiger conservation
- D) Encouraging people to adopt tigers
- E) Organizing tiger shows in zoos



Answer

C) Raising awareness about tiger conservation



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Tiger Day
- **Date:** July 29, 2024



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Raising Awareness:** To spread awareness about the conservation of tigers.
- **Protecting Natural Habitats:** Focus on protecting the natural habitats of tigers.
- **Addressing Threats:** Highlighting the threats like habitat loss, human-wildlife conflict, and poaching.
- **Government Efforts:** Promoting sustainable livelihoods for local communities and expanding protected areas.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tiger Conservation:** Efforts to protect and sustain the population of tigers in their natural habitats.
- **Habitat Loss:** The destruction of natural environments that are home to tigers, primarily due to deforestation and human encroachment.
- **Poaching:** Illegal hunting of tigers for their parts, such as skin and bones, which are sold in the black market.
- **Human-Wildlife Conflict:** Clashes between humans and tigers, often resulting from encroachment on tiger habitats by human activities.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit:**
 - **Held in:** 2010
 - **Goal:** To double the tiger population by 2022 through coordinated actions.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	Date	Focus	Significance	Goals
International Tiger Day	July 29, 2024	Tiger conservation	Raising awareness about tiger threats	Protecting natural habitats and addressing poaching



Important Days



➤ What significant event did the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) celebrate on July 27, 2024?



सत्यमेव जयते

Ministry of Earth Sciences
Govt. of India

- A) Launch of a new satellite
- B) 18th Foundation Day
- C) Opening of a new research center
- D) Major scientific discovery
- E) International conference on climate change



Answer
B) 18th Foundation Day



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 18th Foundation Day of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES)
- **Location:** Prithvi Bhavan Headquarters, New Delhi, India



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Foundation Day Celebration:** Marking nearly two decades of contributions to Earth system sciences since its inception on July 27, 2006.
- **Inaugural Ceremony:** Attended by senior government officials, scientists, and key stakeholders.
- **Chief Guest:** Professor Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India.
- **Achievements Highlighted:** Contributions in air, water, land, solid earth, and life sciences.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Earth System Sciences:** Study of the interactions between the atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere, cryosphere, and biosphere.
- **India Meteorological Department (IMD):** An agency of MoES that released the 'Standard Operation Procedure on Cyclone Warning in India'.
- **National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR):** An autonomous institute of MoES that released a report on the 14th Indian Arctic Expedition.
- **Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology (CMLRE):** An office of MoES that released a catalogue on deep-sea taxonomy.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES):**
 - **Founded:** July 27, 2006
 - **Headquarters:** Prithvi Bhavan, New Delhi, India
 - **Secretary:** Dr. M Ravichandran



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Key Participants	Significance
18th Foundation Day of MoES	Prithvi Bhavan, New Delhi	July 27, 2024	Dr. S. Jaishankar, Prof. Ajay K Sood, Dr. M Ravichandran	Marking nearly two decades of contributions to Earth sciences



➤ **What was the reason for George Russell's disqualification from the Belgian Grand Prix?**

- A) Unsafe driving
- B) Technical infringement
- C) False start
- D) Ignoring track limits
- E) Engine failure

Answer

B) Technical infringement



SPORTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Disqualification of George Russell from the Belgian Grand Prix
- **Location:** Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Minimum Weight Requirement:** Russell's car was found to be below the 798kg minimum weight limit.
- **Weight Check Procedure:** The car was weighed initially at 798kg but dropped to 796.5kg after fuel sample was taken.
- **Compliance with Regulations:** Article 4.1 of the FIA Formula 1 Technical Regulations was breached due to the car being underweight.



Important Terms Explained:

- **FIA:** Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile, the governing body for world motor sport.
- **Scrutineering:** The technical inspection of cars to ensure they comply with the regulations.
- **Minimum Weight Limit:** The least allowable weight of an F1 car including the driver but excluding fuel, set by the FIA.
- **Article 4.1 of FIA Technical Regulations:** Specifies the minimum weight a Formula 1 car must meet.



Static GK Information:

- **Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA):**
 - **Founded:** 1904
 - **Headquarters:** Paris, France
 - **President:** Mohammed Ben Sulayem



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Main Outcome	Significance
Disqualification of George Russell	Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium	July 29, 2024	Lewis Hamilton inherits victory	Russell's car found to be underweight
Second Place	Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium	July 29, 2024	Oscar Piastri moves to second place	Reclassification after Russell's disqualification
Third Place	Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium	July 29, 2024	Charles Leclerc classified third	Successfully held off Max Verstappen and Lando Norris



➤ **What was the percentage increase in digital payments in India as of March 31, 2024, according to the RBI?**

- A) 10.2%
- B) 11.8%
- C) 12.6%
- D) 13.4%
- E) 14.1%

Answer
C) 12.6%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Increase in digital payments in India
- **Date:** March 31, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Digital Payments Growth:** Digital payments across India saw a 12.6% YoY rise.
- **RBI-DPI Index:** The RBI's Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) stood at 445.5 at the end of March 2024.
- **Previous Index Values:** Compared to 418.77 in September 2023 and 395.57 in March 2023.



Important Terms Explained:

- **RBI-DPI:** Reserve Bank of India's Digital Payments Index, a composite index to measure the extent of digitization of payments.
- **YoY:** Year-over-Year, a method of evaluating two or more measured events to compare the results at one period with those of another period on an annualized basis.



Static GK Information:

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



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



Tabular Summary:

Event	Date	Increase Rate	Current Index Value	Previous Index Values	Key Growth Drivers
Increase in Digital Payments	March 31, 2024	12.6% YoY	445.5	418.77 (Sept 2023), 395.57 (Mar 2023)	Payment performance, infrastructure



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ What percentage stake in India Cements is UltraTech Cement acquiring?

- A) 22.77%
- B) 32.72%
- C) 39.45%
- D) 12.95%
- E) 15.5%

Answer

B) 32.72%



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** UltraTech Cement acquiring a stake in India Cements
- **Location:** Mumbai, India



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Stake Acquisition:** UltraTech Cement is acquiring a 32.72% stake in India Cements for ₹3,945 crore.
- **Open Offer:** UltraTech Cement will make an open offer to India Cements shareholders at ₹390 a share after regulatory approvals.
- **Share Purchase Agreement:** To be signed with N Srinivasan-led India Cements promoters and associates.
- **Financial Investment:** In June, UltraTech acquired 22.77% equity at ₹268 per share.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Open Offer:** A public offer made by a company to buy shares from shareholders, typically at a premium to the market price.
- **Regulatory Approvals:** Necessary permissions required from regulatory bodies for the transaction to be completed.
- **MTPA:** Million Tonnes Per Annum, a measure of production capacity.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Static GK Information:

- **UltraTech Cement:**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **Founded:** 1983
 - **Chairman:** Kumar Mangalam Birla
 - **Parent Company:** Aditya Birla Group
- **India Cements:**
 - **Headquarters:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
 - **Founded:** 1946
 - **Managing Director:** N Srinivasan



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Stake Acquired	Acquisition Value	Offer Price per Share	Significance
UltraTech acquires stake in India Cements	Mumbai	July 28, 2024	32.72%	₹3,945 crore	₹390	Enhances UltraTech's presence in Southern markets



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Which company is set to acquire KKR's stake in JB Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals?

- A) Sun Pharmaceuticals
- B) Dr. Reddy's Laboratories
- C) Cipla
- D) Torrent Pharmaceuticals
- E) Lupin



Answer

D) Torrent Pharmaceuticals



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Potential acquisition of KKR's stake in JB Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals
- **Location:** India



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Acquisition Deal:** Torrent Pharmaceuticals is likely to acquire KKR's nearly 54% stake in JB Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals.
- **Deal Size:** The deal is estimated to be around ₹17,000-18,000 crore or even higher.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Important Terms Explained:

- **KKR:** Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, a global investment firm specializing in private equity.
- **JB Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals:** A smaller rival in the pharmaceutical industry.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Static GK Information:

- **Torrent Pharmaceuticals:**
 - **Founded:** 1959
 - **Headquarters:** Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India
 - **Managing Director:** Aman Mehta
- **KKR (Kohlberg Kravis Roberts):**
 - **Founded:** 1976
 - **Headquarters:** New York, USA
 - **Chairman & CEO:** Henry Kravis and George Roberts



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Key Participants	Significance
Potential acquisition by Torrent Pharmaceuticals	India	July 29, 2024	Torrent Pharmaceuticals, KKR, JB Chemicals	Significant development in the pharmaceutical industry



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



➤ **What significant event did the Ministry of Education celebrate at the Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam 2024?**

- A) Launch of a new skill development program
- B) 10th anniversary of the National Education Policy
- C) Release of books promoting Indian Knowledge Systems
- D) Opening of a new university
- E) Inauguration of a digital education platform



Answer

C) Release of books promoting Indian Knowledge Systems



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS) 2024
- **Location:** Manekshaw Centre Auditorium, New Delhi, India



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Celebration:** Marking the 4th anniversary of the National Education Policy 2020.
- **Objective:** Promoting Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) among students and teachers.
- **Book Releases:** Several books and lecture notes by the IKS Division of the Ministry of Education were unveiled.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020:** A policy aimed at transforming India's education system by 2040.
- **Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS):** An initiative to integrate traditional Indian knowledge into modern education.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Education:**
 - **Founded:** 1947
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Current Minister:** Dharmendra Pradhan



BOOKS AND AUTHORS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Key Participants	Significance
Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS)	Manekshaw Centre Auditorium	July 29, 2024	Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Shri K. Sanjay Murthy, Shri Sanjay Kumar, academicians, Vice Chancellors	Celebrated the 4th anniversary of NEP 2020 and promoted Indian Knowledge Systems



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has recently taken charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of SIDBI?**

- A) Rajnish Kumar
- B) Shaktikanta Das
- C) Manoj Mittal
- D) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- E) Uday Kotak

Answer
C) Manoj Mittal



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Manoj Mittal as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)
- **Organization:** Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **New Leadership:** Manoj Mittal has taken charge as the CMD of SIDBI.
- **Experience:** He brings over 33 years of extensive experience in the finance sector.
- **Previous Positions:** Previously served as Managing Director and CEO at Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) and Deputy Managing Director at SIDBI.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **SIDBI:** Small Industries Development Bank of India, a financial institution aimed at aiding the growth and development of micro, small, and medium-scale enterprises (MSMEs) in India.
- **CMD:** Chairman and Managing Director, the highest-ranking executive officer in the organization, responsible for overall management and operations.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):**
 - **Founded:** 1990
 - **Headquarters:** Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
 - **CMD:** Manoj Mittal
 - **Objective:** To promote and develop micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in India.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Organization	Date	New Appointment	Significance
Appointment of new CMD	Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)	July 29, 2024	Manoj Mittal	Brings over 33 years of experience in finance sector



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who was elected as the new President of the Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI)?

- A) A Viswanathan
- B) Giridhar Aramane
- C) Abhishek Singh
- D) Ramkumar Shankar
- E) Sandeep Aggarwal

Answer

D) Ramkumar Shankar



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Election of new President of the Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI)
- **Location:** Chennai, India



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **New Leadership:** Ramkumar Shankar, Managing Director of Chemplast Sanmar Ltd, elected as the President.
- **Vice President:** A Viswanathan, President of Delphi TVS Technologies Ltd, elected as the Vice President.
- **Meeting:** Elections held at the 188th Annual General Meeting of MCCI.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **MCCI (Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry):** An organization representing business and industrial interests in Chennai, promoting trade, commerce, and industry.
- **Annual General Meeting (AGM):** A yearly meeting where members of an organization gather to discuss annual reports, elect officials, and make key decisions.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI):**
 - **Founded:** 1836
 - **Headquarters:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
 - **Current President:** Ramkumar Shankar



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Key Participants	Significance
Election of MCCI President	Chennai	July 29, 2024	Ramkumar Shankar, A Viswanathan	Ramkumar Shankar elected as President of MCCI



AWARDS



➤ Which organization won the GEEF Global WaterTech Award under the category 'Water Department of the Year' at the Global Water Tech Summit - 2024?

- A) National Water Development Agency (NWDA)
- B) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- C) Central Water Commission (CWC)
- D) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
- E) Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)

Answer

C) Central Water Commission (CWC)



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** GEEF Global WaterTech Award under the category 'Water Department of the Year'
- **Location:** Global Water Tech Summit - 2024, New Delhi



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Award Recognition:** Recognizes significant achievements in the water sector, including innovation, technology, conservation, and sustainable development.
- **CWC's Role:** Acknowledged for its role in hydro-meteorological data collection, flood forecasting, reservoir storage monitoring, water quality monitoring, coastal area management, water resources projects appraisal and monitoring, and resolving inter-state water issues.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **GEEF:** Global Energy and Environment Foundation, which organizes the Global Water Tech Summit and awards significant achievements in the water sector.
- **Hydro-Meteorological Data:** Data related to the study of water and weather, important for flood forecasting and water resource management.



Static GK Information:

- **Central Water Commission (CWC):**
 - **Founded:** 1945
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairman:** Shri Kushvinder Vohra
 - **Mandate:** To promote integrated and sustainable development and management of India's water resources.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Award	Date	Location	Recipient	Significance
GEEF Global WaterTech Award	Water Department of the Year	July 29, 2024	New Delhi	Central Water Commission (CWC)	Recognized for excellence in water management



DEFENCE



➤ **What is the primary purpose of the MoU signed between the Ministry of Defence and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE)?**

- A) To promote foreign investments in the defence sector
- B) To facilitate capital market access to MSMEs in the defence sector
- C) To launch a new defence technology program
- D) To increase export opportunities for defence products
- E) To provide tax benefits to defence companies



Answer

B) To facilitate capital market access to MSMEs in the defence sector



DEFENCE



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of MoU between Ministry of Defence (MoD) and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE)
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To facilitate MSMEs in the defence sector to raise productive capital for their growth plans through the NSE Emerge platform.
- **Duration:** The MoU will be in force for five years.
- **Awareness Drive:** DDP and NSE will conduct seminars, MSME camps, knowledge sessions, road shows, and workshops.
- **Support:** NSE will assist MSMEs in connecting with intermediaries and guide them regarding capital markets, capital raising mechanisms, and regulatory compliance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **MSMEs:** Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises, crucial for economic growth and employment.
- **NSE Emerge:** A platform by NSE for SMEs to raise equity capital from a diversified set of investors.
- **Capital Market Access:** The ability of companies to raise funds through the stock market by issuing equity or debt securities.



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Defence (MoD):**
 - **Founded:** 1947
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Defence Secretary:** Shri Giridhar Aramane
- **National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE):**
 - **Founded:** 1992
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **Managing Director:** Ashishkumar Chauhan



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Key Participants	Significance
MoU signing between MoD and NSE	New Delhi	July 29, 2024	Additional Secretary, DDP, Managing Director, NSE, Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane	Facilitates capital market access for MSMEs in the defence sector



➤ **What was the primary focus of the Defence Sector ICT Conclave co-hosted by the Department of Telecommunications and TEPC?**

- A) Launching a new defence policy
- B) Enhancing defence ICT exports
- C) Promoting telecom products to Indian consumers
- D) Discussing global telecom regulations
- E) Strengthening cooperation with African nations in the ICT sector



Answer

E) Strengthening cooperation with African nations in the ICT sector



DEFENCE



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Defence Sector ICT Conclave
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To showcase India's ICT capabilities in the defence sector and strengthen cooperation with African nations.
- **Participants:** Ambassadors, Defence Attachés, and Head of Commerce wings from more than 14 African nations.
- **Focus Areas:** Knowledge sharing, technology transfer, capacity building, skill development, and innovation in ICT.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ICT (Information and Communication Technology):** Technologies providing access to information through telecommunications, including the internet, wireless networks, cell phones, and other communication mediums.
- **TEPC (Telecom Equipment and Services Export Promotion Council):** An organization established to promote and develop the export of telecom equipment and services from India.
- **C-DOT (Centre for Development of Telematics):** An Indian government-owned telecommunications technology development centre.



Static GK Information:

- **Department of Telecommunications (DoT):**
 - **Founded:** 1985
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Minister:** Jyotiraditya Scindia
- **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA):**
 - **Founded:** 1948
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Minister:** S. Jaishankar



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Key Participants	Significance
Defence Sector ICT Conclave	New Delhi	July 29, 2024	Ms. Madhu Arora, Shri Abhishek Singh, Shri Sandeep Aggarwal, Dr. Pankaj K. Dalela, R. Shakya, Ambassadors, Defence Attachés	Strengthening ICT cooperation with African nations, showcasing Indian ICT capabilities



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which country issued the world's first-ever stamp depicting Shri Ram Lalla of Ayodhya?

- A) India
- B) Nepal
- C) Thailand
- D) Laos
- E) Cambodia

Answer
D) Laos



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Issuance of the world's first-ever stamp depicting Shri Ram Lalla of Ayodhya
- **Location:** Lao PDR (Lao People's Democratic Republic)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Significance of the Stamp:** Highlights the deep-rooted civilizational and cultural ties between Lao PDR and India.
- **Depiction:** The stamp features Shri Ram Lalla, the child form of Lord Ram.
- **Unveiling Ceremony:** Unveiled by India's External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and Lao PDR's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Saleumxay Kommasith in Vientiane.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Shri Ram Lalla:** The child form of Lord Ram, a revered deity in Hinduism, prominently featured in the Ram Temple in Ayodhya.
- **Commemorative Postage Stamp:** A special type of stamp issued to honor or commemorate a specific event, person, or theme.
- **Ramayana:** An ancient Indian epic, revered in India and Southeast Asia, known as Ramakien in Laos.



Static GK Information:

- **Laos:**
 - **Capital:** Vientiane
 - **Currency:** Kip
 - **President:** Thongloun Sisoulith
 - **Prime Minister:** Sonexay Siphandone
- **India:**
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR)
 - **President:** Droupadi Murmu
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
 - **External Affairs Minister:** Dr. S. Jaishankar



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Key Participants	Significance
Issuance of the first-ever stamp depicting Shri Ram Lalla	Lao PDR (Laos)	During Jaishankar's visit	Dr. S. Jaishankar, Saleumxay Kommasith, Prashant Agrawal	Highlights cultural ties between Lao PDR and India



➤ **What was the significant event that took place at Humayun's Tomb site in Delhi on July 29, 2024?**

- A) The unveiling of a new statue of Humayun
- B) The inauguration of a sunken museum
- C) The start of the 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee
- D) The restoration of the Humayun's Tomb complex
- E) The display of a newly found Mughal manuscript



Answer

B) The inauguration of a sunken museum



Event and Location:

- The event is the inauguration of India's first sunken museum.
- **Location:** Humayun's Tomb complex, Delhi, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Mandates and Objectives:

- The museum aims to showcase the legacy of Mughal emperor Humayun including lesser-known aspects of his life.
- It also highlights the heritage of the Nizamuddin area over the last seven centuries.
- The layout of the museum is inspired by medieval 'baolis' or traditional water tanks.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Sunken Museum:** A type of museum constructed below ground level, often integrating with the landscape and historical sites around it.
- **UNESCO World Heritage Site:** A landmark or area with legal protection by an international convention administered by UNESCO, recognized for having cultural, historical, scientific, or other forms of significance.



Static GK Information:

- **UNESCO World Heritage Committee (WHC):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1972
 - **Headquarters:** Paris, France



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
Inauguration of the sunken museum	Humayun's Tomb complex, Delhi	July 29, 2024	Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Prince Rahim Aga Khan	First sunken museum in India showcasing Mughal heritage



➤ **What initiative was launched by NIEPID and the Hans Foundation to empower children with disabilities?**

- A) Establishment of new therapy centers
- B) Distribution of educational materials
- C) Launch of Mobile Therapy Buses
- D) Creation of online therapy programs
- E) Opening of new special schools

Answer

C) Launch of Mobile Therapy Buses



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Mobile Therapy Buses initiative
- **Location:** Noida, Ghaziabad, Kolkata, Mumbai



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To address the unique needs of children with disabilities in marginalized communities.
- **Mobile Therapy Buses:** Designed to provide intensive and life-changing services.
- **Target Reach:** Expected to reach nearly 14,000 people with disabilities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NIEPID:** National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities.
- **Hans Foundation:** A philanthropic organization in India that supports initiatives in health, education, and disability sectors.
- **DEPwD:** Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, part of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.



Static GK Information:

- **National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID):**
 - **Founded:** 1984
 - **Headquarters:** Secunderabad, Telangana, India
 - **Director:** Dr. B V Ram Kumar
- **The Hans Foundation:**
 - **Founded:** 2009
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Director of Program and Strategic Initiatives:** Mr. Sudeep Sinha



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Key Participants	Significance
Launch of Mobile Therapy Buses	Noida, Ghaziabad, Kolkata, Mumbai	July 29, 2024	Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Mr. Sudeep Sinha, Dr. B V Ram Kumar	Provides intensive therapy services to children with disabilities



- **What is the purpose of the Ideas4LiFE portal launched by Shri Bhupender Yadav?**
- A) To promote e-commerce
 - B) To invite innovative ideas for environment-friendly lifestyles
 - C) To create a social networking site
 - D) To launch a new mobile application
 - E) To organize cultural events



Answer

B) To invite innovative ideas for environment-friendly lifestyles



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Ideas4LiFE portal
- **Location:** Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To invite ideas related to products and services that induce behavioral changes towards environment-friendly lifestyles.
- **Target Audience:** Students, research scholars, faculty, and innovators.
- **Themes:** Save Water, Save Energy, Reduce Waste, Reduce E-Waste, Say No to Single-Use Plastics, Adopt Sustainable Food Systems, and Adopt Healthy Lifestyles.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mission LiFE:** An initiative for mindful and deliberate utilization of resources, promoting sustainable consumption and environmental sustainability.
- **Ideas4LiFE Portal:** A platform for submitting innovative ideas and technologies aimed at adopting environment-friendly lifestyles.



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC):**
 - **Founded:** 1985
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Union Minister:** Shri Bhupender Yadav



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Key Participants	Significance
Launch of Ideas4LiFE portal	IIT Delhi	July 29, 2024	Shri Bhupender Yadav, Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh, Prof Rangan Benerjee	Encourages innovative ideas for environment-friendly lifestyles



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- **International Tiger Day on July 29 focuses on raising awareness about tiger conservation and habitat protection.**
- **MoES celebrates its 18th Foundation Day, releases important publications for public benefit.**
- **George Russell disqualified from Belgian GP for car being underweight, Hamilton takes victory.**
- **Digital payments in India rose 12.6% YoY by March-end 2024, RBI data shows.**
- **UltraTech acquires 32.72% stake in India Cements for ₹3,945 crore, boosting its capacity in Southern markets.**
- **Torrent Pharmaceuticals set to acquire KKR's 54% stake in JB Chemicals for around ₹17,000-18,000 crore.**
- **Ministry of Education releases books promoting Indian Knowledge Systems at Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam 2024.**



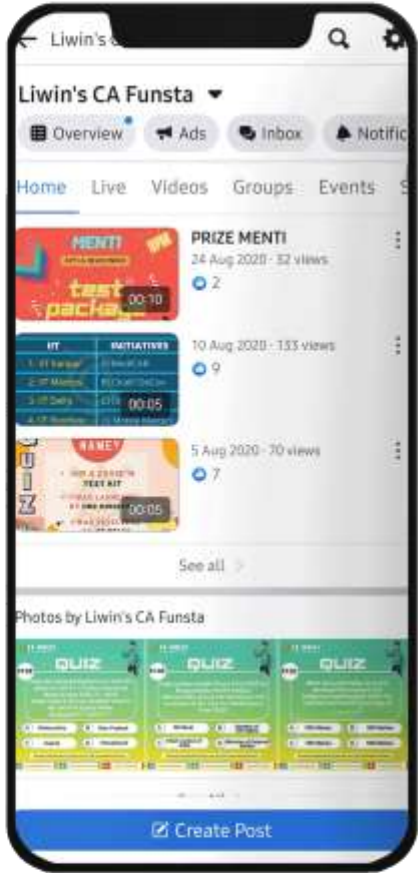
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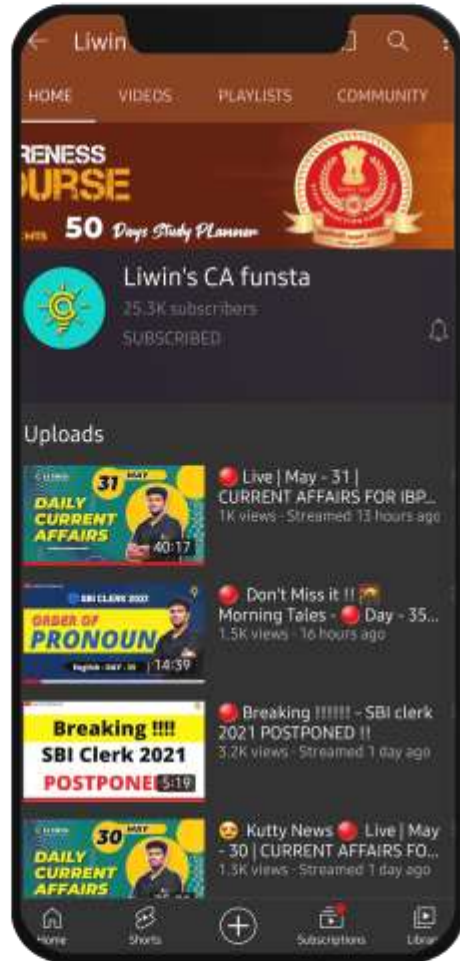
- **Manoj Mittal appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of SIDBI.**
- **Ramkumar Shankar elected as the new President of MCCI at the 188th AGM.**
- **CWC wins GEEF Global WaterTech Award for 'Water Department of the Year' at Global Water Tech Summit 2024.**
- **MoD and NSE sign MoU to facilitate capital market access for MSMEs in the defence sector.**
- **Laos issues the world's first stamp depicting Shri Ram Lalla, highlighting cultural ties with India.**
- **Inauguration of India's first sunken museum at Humayun's Tomb on July 29, 2024.**
- **NIEPID and Hans Foundation launch Mobile Therapy Buses to empower children with disabilities.**
- **Shri Bhupender Yadav launches Ideas4LiFE portal for innovative ideas on environment-friendly lifestyles.**



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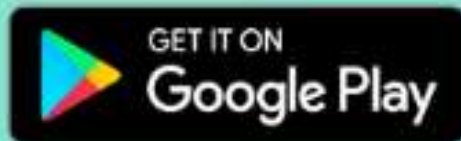
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