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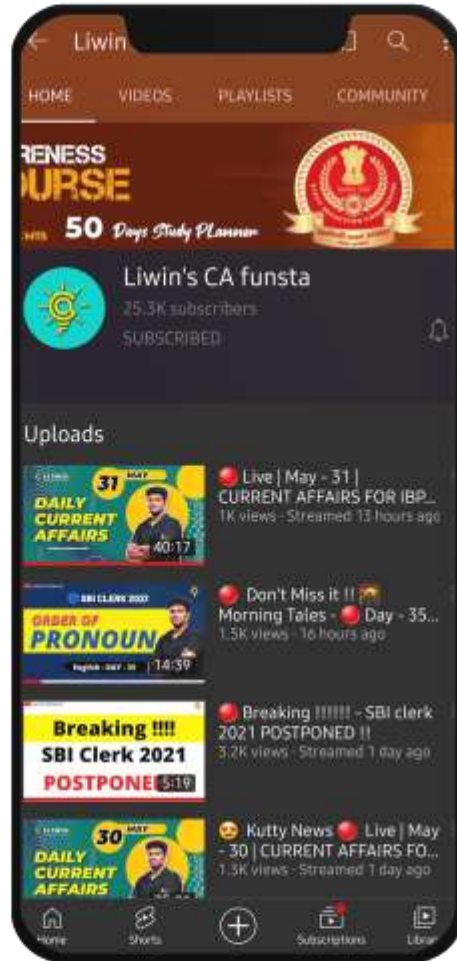
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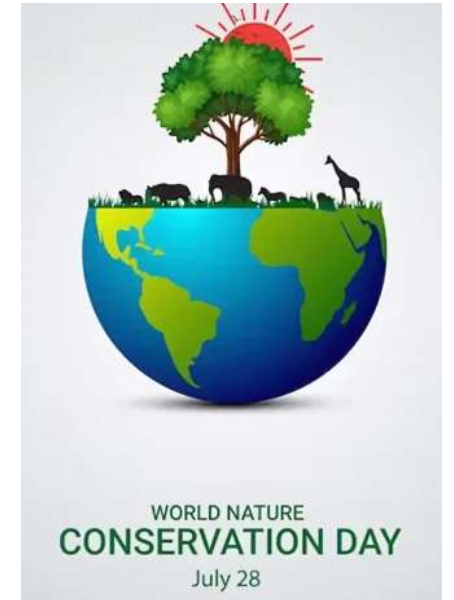


➤ **What is the theme for World Nature Conservation Day 2024, and on what date is it observed?**

- A) "Protect Our Forests"; July 29
- B) "Connecting People and Plants, Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation"; July 28
- C) "Climate Action Now"; July 27
- D) "Save the Oceans"; July 26
- E) "Green Future"; July 30

Answer

B) "Connecting People and Plants, Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation"; July 28



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Nature Conservation Day
- **Location:** Globally observed



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Date:** July 28, 2024
- **Theme:** "Connecting People and Plants, Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation"
- **Primary Aim:** Emphasize the importance of conserving natural resources and protecting the environment for future generations.



Important Days



Significance:

- **Conservation Definition:** Using resources wisely and adopting sustainable, eco-friendly practices.
- **Resources Included:** Air, water, minerals, soil.
- **Current Issues:** Climate change, global warming, pollution, endangerment, and extinction of species.
- **Objective:** Balance human needs with environmental preservation to ensure the availability of natural resources for future generations.
- **Events and Activities:** Programs, seminars, and events are organized globally to raise awareness and promote sustainable practices.



Important Days



History:

- **Origin:** Exact history and origin are unclear.
- **Awareness:** Growing awareness of climate change and natural disasters has emphasized the need for conservation efforts.



Important Days



Celebration:

- **Activities:** Various events, seminars, and activities focus on promoting conservation efforts and addressing climate change.
- **Participation:** Encourages individuals and communities to adopt sustainable practices and take action to protect the environment.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Conservation:** The sustainable use and management of natural resources to prevent depletion and ensure long-term environmental health.
- **Climate Change:** Long-term changes in temperature, precipitation, and other atmospheric conditions, largely due to human activities such as burning fossil fuels and deforestation.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1972
 - **Headquarters:** Nairobi, Kenya
 - **Executive Director:** Inger Andersen



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Theme	Significance
World Nature Conservation Day	Globally observed	July 28, 2024	"Connecting People and Plants, Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation"	Emphasizes the importance of conserving natural resources and protecting the environment for future generations.



Important Days



- **When is the International Day of Friendship observed, and what is its primary aim as proclaimed by the United Nations?**
- A) June 20; to promote tourism
 - B) July 30; to inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities
 - C) August 15; to celebrate cultural diversity
 - D) September 5; to recognize human rights
 - E) December 10; to advocate for social harmony



Answer

B) July 30; to inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Day of Friendship
- **Location:** Globally observed



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Date:** July 30
- **Proclaimed by:** United Nations General Assembly in 2011
- **Primary Aim:** Promote the idea that "friendship between peoples, countries, cultures, and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities."
- **Involvement:** Emphasis on engaging young people in community activities that include different cultures and promote international understanding and respect for diversity.
- **Encouragement:** Governments, international organisations, and civil society organisations are urged to hold events and activities supporting global efforts to advance mutual understanding, reconciliation, solidarity, and dialogue among civilizations.



Important Days



Significance:

- **Challenges Addressed:** Issues like poverty, human rights abuses, and factors undermining security, development, social harmony, and peace.
- **Aim:** Establish strong ties of trust to eradicate threats to a peaceful future.
- **Proposal Basis:** Based on UNESCO's recommendation to define a culture of peace with values, behaviours, and attitudes rejecting violence and preventing conflicts by addressing their root causes.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **United Nations General Assembly:** The main deliberative, policymaking, and representative organ of the United Nations.
- **UNESCO:** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, which proposes initiatives to foster peace and security through international cooperation in education, sciences, and culture.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **United Nations General Assembly:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1945
 - **Current President:** Dennis Francis
 - **Headquarters:** New York City, USA
- **UNESCO:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1945
 - **Director-General:** Audrey Azoulay
 - **Headquarters:** Paris, France



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
International Day of Friendship	Globally observed	July 30	To inspire peace efforts, build bridges between communities, and promote international understanding.



Important Days



➤ **What is the theme for the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2024, and what proportion of trafficking victims are children?**

- A) "Protect Every Adult"; 1 in 2
- B) "End Exploitation Now"; 1 in 4
- C) "Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking"; 1 in 3
- D) "Fight Online Exploitation"; 1 in 5
- E) "Save Our Future"; 1 in 6



Answer

C) "Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking"; 1 in 3



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
- **Location:** Globally observed



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Date:** July 30, 2024
- **Theme:** "Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking"
- **Primary Aim:** Urge accelerated action to end child trafficking
- **Statistics:**
 - Children represent 1 in 3 victims of human trafficking globally
 - In regions like Sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean, children make up 60% of detected trafficking victims



Important Days



Significance:

- **Challenges Faced:**
 - Increased vulnerability due to overlapping crises such as armed conflicts, pandemics, economic hardships, and environmental challenges
 - Exploitation through online platforms, social media, and the dark web
- **Forms of Trafficking:**
 - Forced labour
 - Criminal activities or begging
 - Illegal adoption
 - Recruitment into armed forces
 - Online and sexual abuse and exploitation



Important Days



Significance:

- **Root Causes:**
 - Poverty and inequality
 - Inadequate support for unaccompanied children
 - Armed conflicts
 - Dysfunctional families and lack of parental care



Important Days



Action Needed:

- **At National and International Levels:**
 - Prioritize child protection
 - Bolster legislation and improve law enforcement
 - Allocate resources to combat child trafficking
 - Address root causes like poverty and inequality
- **For Online Exploitation:**
 - Collaboration between tech companies and law enforcement
 - Robust legal frameworks
- **Role of Civil Society:**
 - Raise awareness
 - Provide support services
 - Advocate for policy reforms



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **UNODC:** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, responsible for assisting Member States in their struggle against illicit drugs, crime, and terrorism.
- **GLOTIP:** Global Report on Trafficking in Persons, published by UNODC, provides data and analysis on human trafficking.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1997
 - **Headquarters:** Vienna, Austria
 - **Executive Director:** Ghada Waly



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Theme	Significance
World Day Against Trafficking	Globally observed	July 30	"Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking"	Focus on ending child trafficking, highlighting children's disproportionate victimization.



➤ Which countries will host the 2025 and 2027 Men's Asia Cup cricket tournaments, and in what formats will these tournaments be held?

- A) India and Pakistan; T20 and ODI
- B) Sri Lanka and Bangladesh; T20 and ODI
- C) India and Bangladesh; T20 and ODI
- D) Pakistan and Sri Lanka; ODI and T20
- E) India and Sri Lanka; ODI and T20



Answer

C) India and Bangladesh; T20 and ODI



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Men's Asia Cup Cricket Tournaments
- **Locations:** India (2025), Bangladesh (2027)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **2025 Edition:**
 - **Host:** India
 - **Format:** T20
 - **Purpose:** Precursor to the T20 World Cup in India in 2026
- **2027 Edition:**
 - **Host:** Bangladesh
 - **Format:** ODI
 - **Purpose:** Precursor to the 50-over World Cup in South Africa in 2027



Significance:

- **Historical Context:** Since 2016, the Asia Cup has been used as a dress rehearsal for the respective World Cup formats.
- **2023 Edition:** Hosted by Pakistan in a 'Hybrid Model' due to India's refusal to travel to Pakistan, with matches held in Sri Lanka.
- **Team Participation:** Involves teams from Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and one non-Test playing member of the ACC selected through qualifying events.
- **Defending Champions:** India, having won three of the last four editions, including the 2023 50-over final against Sri Lanka in Colombo.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Asian Cricket Council (ACC):** Governing body for cricket in Asia, responsible for organizing the Asia Cup.
- **Hybrid Model:** A format where matches are hosted in multiple countries due to logistical or political reasons.



Static GK Information:

- **Asian Cricket Council (ACC):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1983
 - **Headquarters:** Colombo, Sri Lanka
 - **President:** Jay Shah



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Format	Significance
2025 Men's Asia Cup	India	2025	T20	Precursor to the T20 World Cup in India in 2026
2027 Men's Asia Cup	Bangladesh	2027	ODI	Precursor to the 50-over World Cup in South Africa in 2027



➤ Which Indian tennis player announced their retirement after the Paris 2024 Olympics, and in which event did they bow out?

- A) Leander Paes; Mixed Doubles
- B) Mahesh Bhupathi; Men's Singles
- C) Rohan Bopanna; Men's Doubles
- D) Sania Mirza; Women's Doubles
- E) Somdev Devvarman; Men's Singles

Answer

C) Rohan Bopanna; Men's Doubles



SPORTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Retirement of Rohan Bopanna from Indian tennis
- **Location:** Paris 2024 Olympics, Paris, France



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Announcement Date:** July 30, 2024
- **Match Details:**
 - **Event:** Men's Doubles first round
 - **Partners:** Rohan Bopanna and N. Sriram Balaji
 - **Opponents:** Gael Monfils and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (France)
 - **Result:** Lost 7-5, 6-2



Significance:

- **Retirement:** Marks the end of Rohan Bopanna's career in Indian tennis after the Olympics exit.
- **Career Highlights:**
 - **Asian Games 2022:** Won gold in mixed doubles with Rutuja Bhosale in Hangzhou.
 - **Davis Cup:** Ended 21-year Davis Cup career in September 2023 after helping India beat Morocco in their World Group II match.
 - **Grand Slam Titles:**
 - 2024 Australian Open (Men's Doubles with Matthew Ebden) - Oldest man to win a Grand Slam title in the Open Era at 43 years and nine months.
 - 2017 French Open (Mixed Doubles).
 - **Recent Achievement:** Reached the semifinals of the French Open 2024 with Matthew Ebden.



Future Plans:

- **ATP Circuit:** Despite retiring from Indian tennis, Rohan Bopanna will continue to play in the ATP circuit.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Men's Doubles:** A tennis match where two players team up to play against another duo.
- **Davis Cup:** An international team event in men's tennis.
- **Grand Slam:** The four most important annual tennis events (Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, and US Open).



Static GK Information:

- **Paris 2024 Olympics:**
 - **Host City:** Paris, France
 - **Date:** July 26 - August 11, 2024
- **Rohan Bopanna:**
 - **Born:** March 4, 1980
 - **Achievements:** Multiple Grand Slam titles, Asian Games gold medalist, significant contributor to Indian tennis in Davis Cup and other international events.



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Outcome	Significance
Retirement of Rohan Bopanna	Paris 2024 Olympics	July 30, 2024	Lost in Men's Doubles first round	End of Bopanna's career in Indian tennis, notable achievements include Grand Slam titles and Asian Games gold



➤ **Which event did Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh win bronze in at the Paris 2024 Olympics?**

- A) Men's 10m air pistol
- B) Women's 10m air pistol
- C) Mixed team 10m air pistol
- D) Men's 25m rapid fire pistol
- E) Women's 25m rapid fire pistol

Answer

C) Mixed team 10m air pistol



SPORTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 10m air pistol mixed team event
- **Location:** Paris 2024 Olympics



Details of the Match:

- **Result:** Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh won bronze by defeating South Korea 16-10.
- **Match Progress:**
 - Lost the first series
 - Led 4-2 after the third series
 - Extended the lead to 8-2 after five series
 - South Korea closed the gap to 6-10 after the eighth series
 - Final score: 16-10 in favor of India



Significance:

- **Manu Bhaker:**
 - First Indian to win multiple medals at a single Olympic Games
 - Opened India's account at the 2024 Paris Olympics with a bronze in the women's 10m air pistol event.
- **Sarabjot Singh:**
 - This is his first Olympic medal



Important Terms Explained:

- **10m Air Pistol:** A shooting event where participants fire a pistol at a target 10 meters away. The mixed team event involves teams of one male and one female shooter.



Static GK Information:

- **Olympic Games:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1896 (Modern Olympic Games)
 - **Frequency:** Every four years
 - **Organizing Body:** International Olympic Committee (IOC)
 - **Paris 2024:** Officially the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad
- **India's Olympic Achievements:**
 - **First Olympic Medal:** 1900 (Silver in Men's 200m and 200m Hurdles)
 - **Most Medals in a Single Edition (Before 2024):** 7 in Tokyo 2020



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Medal	Participants	Score	Significance
10m Air Pistol Mixed Team Event	Paris 2024 Olympics	July 30, 2024	Bronze	Manu Bhaker, Sarabjot Singh	16-10 vs. South Korea	Manu Bhaker first Indian to win multiple medals at a single Olympics, Sarabjot's first Olympic medal



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➤ Which two Indian establishments were featured on TIME Magazine's 'World's Greatest Places' list for 2024?

- A) Taj Mahal and Manam Chocolate
- B) Manam Chocolate and Naar
- C) Red Fort and Naar
- D) Manam Chocolate and Indian Museum
- E) Gateway of India and Naar

Answer

B) Manam Chocolate and Naar



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inclusion of two Indian establishments in TIME Magazine's 'World's Greatest Places' 2024 list
- **Location:** Hyderabad, Telangana and Himachal Pradesh, India



Manam Chocolate:

- **Location:** Hyderabad, Telangana
- **Description:** A premium craft chocolate brand that champions Indian-grown cacao.
- **Features:**
 - Established its flagship experiential space, Manam Chocolate Karkhana, in August 2023.
 - Offers a variety of products including chai biscuit and pistachio fudge chocolate bars, curry leaf shortbread biscuits, almond praline clusters, croissants, toasted coconut macarons, and chakkarakeli banana soft serve.
 - The space includes an airy, glass-walled atrium café that serves sweet and savoury items around a cacao tree.



RANKING



Manam Chocolate:

- **Recognition:** Known for its international accolades and innovative approach to craft chocolate.
- **Quote:** Chaitanya Muppala, Founder of Manam Chocolate, expressed pride in being recognized globally so early in their journey.



RANKING



Naar

- **Location:** Himachal Pradesh
- **Description:** An intimate restaurant in a boutique hotel, helmed by celebrated chef Prateek Sadhu.
- **Features:**
 - Focuses on celebrating the bounty of the mountains and aims to establish itself as a unique destination restaurant.
 - Offers dishes such as Himachali yak cheese, juniper-smoked lamb with Kashmiri mushqbudji rice, Ladakhi buckwheat pasta, Naga bamboo shoot pickles, and galgal lemons from Uttarakhand.
 - Accommodates 16 diners at a time, providing a personalized and exclusive dining experience.
- **Recognition:** Praised for its innovative and regionally inspired cuisine.



RANKING



Selection Process:

- **Criteria:** TIME Magazine's list focuses on places offering new and exciting experiences.
- **Nominations:** Places were nominated by TIME's international network of correspondents, contributors, and through an application process.
- **Categories:** Included hotels, cruises, restaurants, attractions, museums, parks, and more.



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **TIME Magazine's 'World's Greatest Places':** An annual list recognizing 100 extraordinary establishments worldwide that stand out in their field.
- **Craft Chocolate:** High-quality chocolate made in small batches, often emphasizing unique flavors and local ingredients.
- **Boutique Hotel:** A small, stylish hotel typically offering a unique, personalized experience.



RANKING



Static GK Information:

- **TIME Magazine:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1923
 - **Headquarters:** New York City, USA
 - **Editor-in-Chief:** Sam Jacobs



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Recognition	Significance
Inclusion in TIME's 'World's Greatest Places' 2024	Hyderabad and Himachal Pradesh	2024	Manam Chocolate and Naar featured in the list	Highlights innovative and regionally inspired establishments from India



- **Which companies recently secured the cross-border payment aggregator licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), and what can they now offer with this licence?**
- A) Paytm, Google Pay, PhonePe; Merchant services only
 - B) PayPal, Razorpay, Stripe; Domestic transactions only
 - C) Amazon Pay, Adyen, BillDesk; International trade payment services
 - D) PayU, Citrus Pay, Mobikwik; Cross-border remittance services
 - E) Square, Worldpay, Venmo; Local merchant payment methods



Answer

C) Amazon Pay, Adyen, BillDesk; International trade payment services



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Securing cross-border payment aggregator licence
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Date of Licences:**
 - **Cashfree:** July 22, 2024
 - **Adyen and Amazon Pay:** July 25, 2024
 - **BillDesk:** July 29, 2024
- **Objective:**
 - Provide payment services for international trade.
 - Offer merchant payment services in the domestic market.



Significance:

- **Market Opportunity:**
 - India is a significant market for international remittances and freelancers.
 - According to the Economic Survey 2024, India is expected to receive \$129 billion in remittances by 2025.
- **Services Enabled by Licence:**
 - Payment companies can now offer payment services in the export-import space.
 - Facilitate Indian exporters in accepting payments in international currencies.
 - Assist global brands in selling in India and accepting local payment methods.



Companies Involved:

- **BillDesk:** One of the largest bill processing entities in India.
- **Amazon Pay:** Offers mobile wallet payments, UPI-based transactions, and all forms of bill payments.
- **Adyen:** A global payment company headquartered in the Netherlands, processed close to 300 billion euros in transactions in the first quarter of 2024.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cross-Border Payment Aggregator Licence:** A licence that allows payment companies to provide services for international trade, including accepting payments in multiple currencies and facilitating transactions between domestic and international entities.
- **Merchant Payment Services:** Services that enable merchants to accept payments from customers, including mobile wallet payments, UPI transactions, and bill payments.



Static GK Information:

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1935
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
 - **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das
- **BillDesk:**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
 - **Founded Year:** 2000
 - **Specialization:** Bill processing and payment services
- **Amazon Pay:**
 - **Headquarters:** Seattle, Washington, USA
 - **Parent Company:** Amazon
 - **Services:** Mobile wallet payments, UPI transactions, bill payments



Static GK Information:

- **Adyen:**
 - **Headquarters:** Amsterdam, Netherlands
 - **Founded Year:** 2006
 - **CEO:** Pieter van der Does
 - **Specialization:** Global payment processing



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Objective	Significance
Securing cross-border payment licences	India	July 22, 25, 29, 2024	Provide international trade payment services	Enables companies to offer international trade payment services and merchant services in the domestic market.



- **Which entities have entered the test phase of the RBI's fifth cohort for the regulatory sandbox, and what are their innovative solutions?**
- A) Connectingdot Consultancy; Predicting loan defaults
 - B) Epifi Technologies; Digital NRE/NRO account opening
 - C) Finagg Technologies; Blockchain-based vendor financing
 - D) Indian Banks' Digital Infrastructure Company; Deep tier financing solution
 - E) All of the above



Answer
E) All of the above



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Initiation of the test phase for the fifth cohort of RBI's regulatory sandbox
- **Location:** India
- **Announcement Date:** October 2023
- **Test Phase Start:** August 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** Test innovative solutions in a controlled environment to promote financial technology and innovation.
- **Theme:** Theme-neutral (open to a variety of financial technologies)
- **Applications Received:** 22
- **Selected for Testing:** 5



Selected Entities and Solutions:

- **Connectingdot Consultancy Private Limited:**
 - **Solution:** High accuracy in predicting loan defaults by categorizing loan portfolios into risk categories (high, medium, low).
 - **Benefits:** Provides reasons for borrower defaults and recommends risk mitigation pathways for banks/lenders.
- **Epifi Technologies Private Limited:**
 - **Solution:** Digital opening of NRE/NRO accounts through video KYC and identity validations.
 - **Benefits:** Reduces cost and turnaround time, eliminates the need for physical documentation and verification, and provides a seamless account opening experience for NRIs.



Selected Entities and Solutions:

- **Finagg Technologies:**
 - **Solution:** Blockchain-based deep tier vendor financing for MSMEs in procurement supply chains of large enterprises (anchors).
 - **Benefits:** Converts receivables into blockchain tokens, enabling MSMEs to access credit from banks/NBFCs easily and affordably.
- **Indian Banks' Digital Infrastructure Company (IBDIC):**
 - **Solution:** Deep tier financing solution using blockchain and smart contracts for MSMEs in supply chains.
 - **Benefits:** Tokenizes OEM invoices accepted by anchors, facilitates digital transfer of tokens for payments, and provides affordable credit to MSMEs.



Selected Entities and Solutions:

- **Signzy Technologies:**
 - **Solution:** Unassisted video KYC solution for users to complete KYC independently without officials.
 - **Benefits:** Reduces time, increases success rates, lowers customer drop-offs, and ensures efficient KYC experience for both customers and regulated entities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Regulatory Sandbox:** A framework set up by a regulator that allows fintech companies to test their innovations in a controlled environment with real customers.
- **NRE/NRO Accounts:** Non-Resident External (NRE) and Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) accounts are bank accounts in India for NRIs to manage their income earned abroad and in India, respectively.
- **Blockchain:** A decentralized digital ledger that records transactions across many computers in a way that ensures security and transparency.



Static GK Information:

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



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Objective	Significance
Fifth Cohort Regulatory Sandbox	India	August 2024	Test innovative fintech solutions	Promotes financial technology and innovation, providing a controlled environment for testing and development.



➤ **What has the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved regarding Mangalore Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited (MCFL) and Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL)?**

- A) Acquisition of PPL by MCFL
- B) Merger of PPL with Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd
- C) Amalgamation of MCFL with PPL and acquisition of MCFL shares by ZMPPL
- D) Acquisition of ZMPPL by PPL
- E) Merger of MCFL with Zuari Maroc Phosphates Private Limited



Answer

C) Amalgamation of MCFL with PPL and acquisition of MCFL shares by ZMPPL



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval by Competition Commission of India (CCI)
- **Location:** India
- **Announcement Date:** July 30, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Amalgamation and Acquisition:**
 - **Amalgamation:** Mangalore Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited (MCFL) will be amalgamated with Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL).
 - **Acquisition:** Zuari Maroc Phosphates Private Limited (ZMPPL) will acquire 3,92,06,000 equity shares of MCFL from Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd (ZACL).



Companies Involved:

- **Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL):**
 - **Ownership:** Majority shareholding held by ZMPPL.
 - **Primary Activities:** Production and marketing of complex phosphatic fertilizers.
 - **Group:** Part of the Adventz group of companies.
- **Mangalore Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited (MCFL):**
 - **Ownership:** Majority shareholding (54.03%) held by ZACL.
 - **Primary Activities:** Production and marketing of complex phosphatic fertilizers.
 - **Group:** Part of the Adventz group of companies.



Companies Involved:

- **Zuari Maroc Phosphates Private Limited (ZMPPL):**
 - **Ownership:** 50:50 joint venture between Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd (ZACL) and OCP S.A. (OCP).
 - **Primary Activities:** Trading of fertilizers.
 - **Current Stake:** Holds 56.08% equity stake in PPL.



Significance:

- **Market Impact:** The amalgamation and acquisition will streamline operations within the Adventz group, potentially leading to greater efficiency in the production and marketing of phosphatic fertilizers.
- **Strategic Realignment:** The consolidation of assets and operations under PPL will enhance the group's market position and operational capabilities.



Future Implications:

- **Detailed Order:** The CCI will issue a detailed order providing further specifics on the approval and its implications for the market and stakeholders.

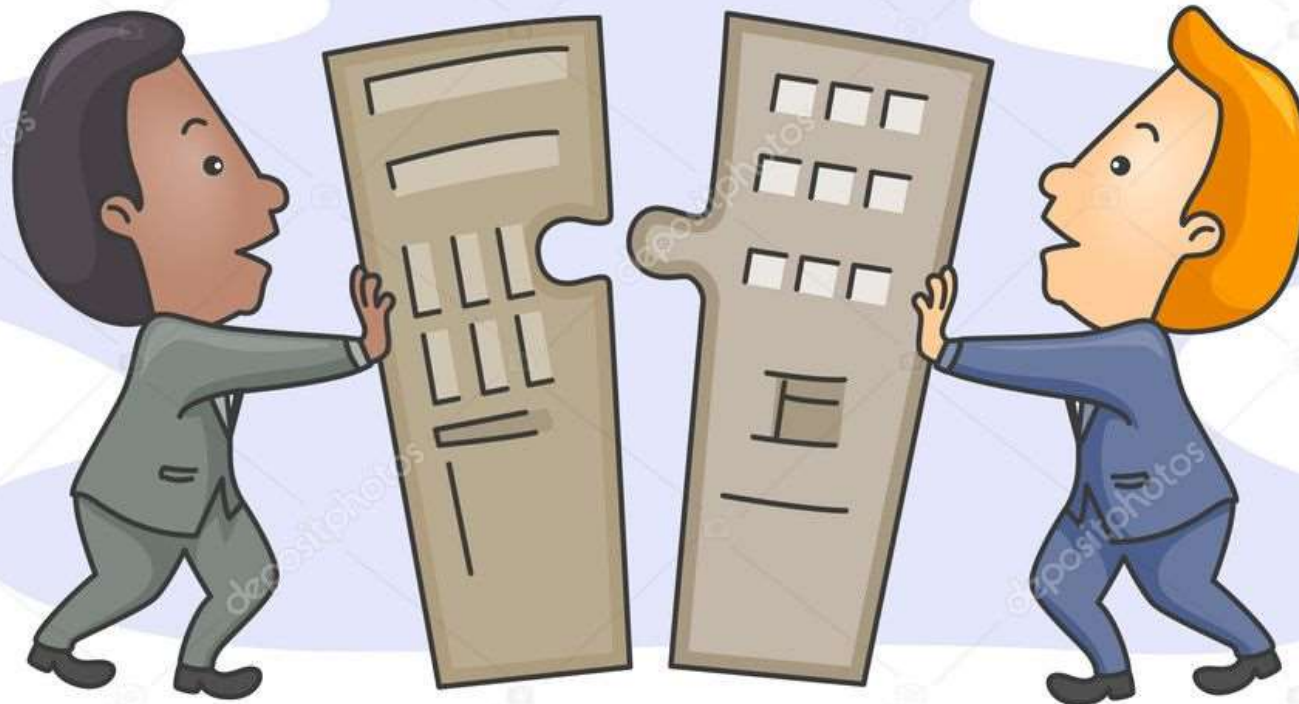


Important Terms Explained:

- **Amalgamation:** The combination of two or more companies into a new entity.
- **Equity Shares:** Shares that represent ownership in a company, entitling shareholders to a portion of the profits.



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Static GK Information:

- **Competition Commission of India (CCI):**
 - **Founded Year:** 2003
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairperson:** Ashok Kumar Gupta
- **Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1981
 - **Headquarters:** Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India
 - **Primary Activity:** Production of phosphatic fertilizers
- **Mangalore Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited (MCFL):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1966
 - **Headquarters:** Mangalore, Karnataka, India
 - **Primary Activity:** Production of complex phosphatic fertilizers



Static GK Information:

- **Zuari Maroc Phosphates Private Limited (ZMPPL):**
 - **Founded Year:** 2010
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Primary Activity:** Trading of fertilizers



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Companies Involved	Activity
CCI Approval for Amalgamation	India	July 30, 2024	MCFL, PPL, ZMPPL, ZACL	Amalgamation of MCFL with PPL and acquisition of MCFL shares by ZMPPL



- **What is the primary objective of the co-lending partnership between UGRO Capital and SIDBI?**
- A) To enhance digital literacy in rural areas
 - B) To provide housing loans to urban populations
 - C) To offer timely, affordable credit to MSMEs
 - D) To fund large-scale infrastructure projects
 - E) To support agricultural advancements



Answer

C) To offer timely, affordable credit to MSMEs



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of co-lending partnership between UGRO Capital and SIDBI
- **Date:** July 30, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Partnership Aim:** Provide timely and affordable credit to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- **Organizations Involved:**
 - **UGRO Capital:** A data-tech non-banking financial company (NBFC).
 - **SIDBI:** Small Industries Development Bank of India, a financial institution dedicated to the growth and development of MSMEs in India.



Significance:

- **Impact on MSMEs:**
 - Facilitates access to credit for MSMEs, aiding their growth and development.
 - Helps in overcoming the challenges of financing for small businesses.
- **Economic Growth:** Supports the broader economic objective of fostering entrepreneurship and employment through the growth of MSMEs.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Co-Lending:** A financing arrangement where two or more lenders share the lending risks and benefits. In this case, UGRO Capital and SIDBI collaborate to provide loans.
- **NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company):** Financial institutions that offer various banking services but do not hold a banking license.
- **MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises):** Businesses that maintain revenues, assets, or number of employees below a certain threshold. They are crucial for economic growth and job creation.



Static GK Information:

- **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1990
 - **Headquarters:** Lucknow, India
 - **Chairman and Managing Director:** Sivasubramanian Ramann
 - **Objective:** Promote, finance, and develop the MSME sector in India.
- **UGRO Capital:**
 - **Founded Year:** 2018
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
 - **Objective:** Provide customized financial solutions to MSMEs using data and technology.



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Date	Partnership Objective	Significance
Co-Lending Partnership	July 30, 2024	Offer timely, affordable credit to MSMEs	Enhances access to finance for MSMEs, supporting their growth and contributing to economic development



- **What new device did Paytm launch for offline merchants, and what are its primary features?**
- A) NFC card reader; accepts only NFC payments
 - B) QR code scanner; displays transaction amounts
 - C) NFC card sandbox; enables UPI and NFC card payments
 - D) Mobile POS terminal; supports multiple languages
 - E) Digital cash register; offers 10-day battery life



Answer

C) NFC card sandbox; enables UPI and NFC card payments



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of NFC card sandbox by Paytm
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** July 30, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Device Name:** NFC Card Soundbox
- **Purpose:** Enable offline merchants to accept UPI and NFC card payments through a single device.



Key Features:

- **Payment Methods:**
 - Tap debit or credit card (NFC technology)
 - Scan QR code for payments
- **Battery Life:** 10 days
- **Transaction Confirmation:**
 - Instant audio confirmation
 - Display screen for transaction amounts



Additional Information:

- **Previous Innovations:** Paytm pioneered the Soundbox, which supports audio payment notifications in 11 languages.
- **Merchant Support:** The device is designed to help small merchants by providing affordable and advanced technology to accept all types of payments.



Important Terms Explained:

- **NFC (Near Field Communication):** A technology that allows wireless communication between devices over short distances, used for contactless payments.
- **UPI (Unified Payments Interface):** A real-time payment system developed in India, facilitating inter-bank transactions.



Static GK Information:

- **Paytm (One 97 Communications Limited):**
 - **Founded Year:** 2010
 - **Headquarters:** Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India
 - **Founder & CEO:** Vijay Shekhar Sharma
 - **Primary Services:** Digital payments and financial services
- **Unified Payments Interface (UPI):**
 - **Launched Year:** 2016
 - **Developed by:** National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
 - **Purpose:** Facilitate inter-bank transactions in real-time



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Device Launched	Primary Features
Launch of NFC Card Soundbox	India	July 30, 2024	NFC Card Soundbox	Enables UPI and NFC card payments, instant audio confirmation, 10-day battery life, multilingual support



- **What is the primary goal of Infosys' collaboration with TDC Net?**
- A) To expand TDC Net's market share in Asia
 - B) To modernise TDC Net's IT infrastructure and improve customer experience
 - C) To develop new telecommunications hardware
 - D) To provide cybersecurity solutions
 - E) To implement blockchain technology in TDC Net's operations



Answer

B) To modernise TDC Net's IT infrastructure and improve customer experience



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Collaboration announcement between Infosys and TDC Net
- **Location:** Bengaluru, India
- **Date:** July 30, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Goals:**
 - Modernise TDC Net's IT infrastructure
 - Improve customer experience
 - Optimise IT and operational service costs



Important Terms Explained:

- **AI-Driven Hyper-Automation:** The use of artificial intelligence to automate complex processes and workflows, improving efficiency and reducing manual intervention.
- **Customer-Centric Technology Company:** A business model that prioritizes customer needs and experiences in all aspects of operations and service delivery.



Static GK Information:

- **Infosys:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1981
 - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka, India
 - **CEO:** Salil Parekh
 - **Primary Services:** IT services, consulting, and business process outsourcing
- **TDC Net:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1882
 - **Headquarters:** Copenhagen, Denmark
 - **Primary Services:** Digital infrastructure and connectivity provider



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Collaboration Goals	Significance
Infosys and TDC Net Collaboration	Bengaluru, India	July 30, 2024	Modernise IT infrastructure, improve customer experience, and optimise costs	Transform TDC Net into a customer-centric technology company using AI-driven hyper-automation and industry-standard processes



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



- **What acquisition did the Competition Commission of India (CCI) recently approve, and which three shareholders will receive minority stakes in Bunge as part of the transaction?**
- A) Bunge acquires Glencore; shareholders are CPP Investments and BCI
 - B) Bunge acquires Viterra; shareholders are Glencore, CPP Investments, and BCI
 - C) Viterra acquires Bunge; shareholders are BCI and Glencore
 - D) CPP Investments acquires Viterra; shareholders are Bunge and BCI
 - E) Glencore acquires Bunge; shareholders are Viterra and CPP Investments



Answer

B) Bunge acquires Viterra; shareholders are Glencore, CPP Investments, and BCI



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** CCI approval for acquisition
- **Location:** India
- **Announcement Date:** July 30, 2024



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Acquisition:** 100% share capital of Viterra by Bunge Global SA
- **Consideration:** Viterra's three main shareholders, Glencore PLC, Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPP Investments), and British Columbia Investment Management Corporation (BCI), will receive Bunge stock and will own minority stakes in Bunge.



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Significance:

- **Market Impact:** This acquisition is set to strengthen Bunge's position in the global agricultural commodities market, particularly in the sale of oilseed meals and vegetable oils.
- **Shareholder Impact:** Glencore, CPP Investments, and BCI will hold minority stakes in Bunge, reflecting a strategic realignment of their investment portfolios.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Competition Commission of India (CCI):** A regulatory body in India responsible for enforcing The Competition Act, 2002 to prevent activities that have an adverse effect on competition.
- **Oilseeds:** Seeds used to produce vegetable oils, including soybean, sunflower, palm, and others.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Static GK Information:

- **Competition Commission of India (CCI):**
 - **Founded Year:** 2003
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairperson:** Ashok Kumar Gupta
- **Bunge Global SA:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1818
 - **Headquarters:** St. Louis, Missouri, USA
 - **CEO:** Greg Heckman
- **Viterra Limited:**
 - **Founded Year:** 2007
 - **Headquarters:** Rotterdam, Netherlands
 - **CEO:** David Mattiske



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Acquirer	Target	Shareholders Receiving Minority Stakes	Significance
Acquisition Approval by CCI	India	July 30, 2024	Bunge Global SA	Viterra Limited	Glencore PLC, CPP Investments, BCI	Strengthens Bunge's position in global agricultural market



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who won the presidential election in Venezuela?**

- A) Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia
- B) Elvis Amoroso
- C) Juan Guaidó
- D) Nicolas Maduro
- E) María Corina Machado



Answer
D) Nicolas Maduro



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Presidential Election
- **Location:** Venezuela



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Winner:** Nicolas Maduro
- **Term:** 2025 to 2031
- **Votes Received:**
 - **Nicolas Maduro:** 5,150,092 valid votes (51.2% of counted votes)
 - **Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia:** 4,445,978 votes (44.2% of counted votes)
- **Voter Turnout:** 59% of eligible voters
- **Polling Stations Counted:** 80%



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Significance:

- **Nicolas Maduro's Victory:** This marks Maduro's third term as the President of Venezuela.
- **Competitive Candidate:** Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia from the Unitary Platform coalition was a significant challenge.
- **Number of Candidates:** Maduro was running against nine presidential candidates.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **National Electoral Council (CNE):** The principal body overseeing electoral processes in Venezuela.
- **Unitary Platform Coalition:** A political coalition in Venezuela representing opposition parties.



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Static GK Information:

- **Venezuela:**
 - **Capital:** Caracas
 - **Currency:** Venezuelan Bolívar
 - **Current President:** Nicolas Maduro
 - **Previous President:** Hugo Chávez (1999–2013)



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Winner	Votes Received	Voter Turnout
Presidential Election	Venezuela	2024	Nicolas Maduro	5,150,092 (51.2% of votes)	59%



➤ **What is the purpose of the Indian Coast Guard's 'Suvidha Software Version 1.0', and where was it launched?**

- A) To improve maritime patrols; Mumbai
- B) To enhance training protocols; Visakhapatnam
- C) For logistics management; Chennai
- D) To track maritime vessels; Kolkata
- E) For communication enhancements; Goa



Answer

B) To enhance training protocols; Visakhapatnam



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of 'Suvidha Software Version 1.0'
- **Location:** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- **Date:** July 30, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:**
 - Enhance training protocols.
 - Ensure consistency across all Indian Coast Guard (ICG) platforms.



Significance:

- **Conference:** Launched during the maiden 'Annual Operational Sea Training Conference'.
- **Keynote Address:** Delivered by Deputy Director General (Sea Training) Inspector General Anupam Rai.
 - Emphasized the importance of fostering a culture of excellence and adaptability within the ICG.
- **Participation:** Senior officers from various ICG regions attended.
 - Underlined the need for a unified approach to complex operations.
 - Discussed best practices, shared insights, and aligned strategies to address the dynamic maritime security landscape.
- **Commitment:** The event underscores ICG's commitment to excellence and innovation in operational training.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Coast Guard (ICG):** A maritime security agency responsible for protecting India's maritime interests and enforcing maritime law.
- **Training Protocols:** Procedures and guidelines designed to ensure standardized and effective training.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Coast Guard (ICG):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1978
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Director General:** K. Natarajan
- **Visakhapatnam:**
 - **Location:** Andhra Pradesh, India
 - **Significance:** Major port city and headquarters of the Eastern Naval Command.



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Software Launched	Purpose
Launch of Suvidha Software	Visakhapatnam	July 30, 2024	Suvidha Software Version 1.0	Enhance training protocols and ensure consistency



➤ **Which facilities are to be established under the UP Defence Industrial Corridor according to the recent MoU signed by the Ministry of Defence (MoD)?**

- A) Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence, and Robotics
- B) Unmanned Aerial System, Communications, and Mechanical & Material
- C) Marine Technology, Space Exploration, and Quantum Computing
- D) Nuclear Technology, Bioengineering, and Cyber Warfare
- E) Renewable Energy, Smart Grids, and Nanotechnology



Answer

B) Unmanned Aerial System, Communications, and Mechanical & Material



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of MoU to set up testing facilities
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** July 30, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Facilities to be Established:**
 - **Mechanical & Material (M&M) Domain:** Lucknow
 - **Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Domain:** Kanpur
 - **Communications Domain:** Kanpur



Significance:

- **Framework:** Part of the Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS)
- **Inception of DTIS:** Launched in May 2020 by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh with an outlay of ₹400 crore.
- **Purpose:**
 - Promote indigenous defence production
 - Reduce imports
 - Enhance self-reliance in the defence sector



Additional Information:

- **Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor:** Agreement to set up three facilities in UAS, Electronic Warfare, and Electro Optics in Chennai was signed on July 2, 2024.



Important Terms Explained:

- **UP Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC):** A project aimed at developing a strong defence manufacturing ecosystem in Uttar Pradesh.
- **Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS):** A scheme launched to establish state-of-the-art testing facilities in collaboration with private industry and government.



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Defence (MoD):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1947
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Current Defence Minister:** Rajnath Singh
- **MIDHANI (Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1973
 - **Headquarters:** Hyderabad, Telangana, India
 - **Primary Activities:** Manufacturing of specialized metals and alloys for defence and other strategic sectors



Static GK Information:

- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1940
 - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka, India
 - **Primary Activities:** Aerospace and defence manufacturing
- **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1954
 - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka, India
 - **Primary Activities:** Manufacturing of advanced electronic products for the Indian Armed Forces



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Facilities to be Established	Primary Aim
Signing of MoU for Testing Facilities	New Delhi	July 30, 2024	Unmanned Aerial System, Communications, Mechanical & Material	Enhance defence testing infrastructure and self-reliance



➤ **What is the purpose of the MoU signed between iDEX and AFMS, and what initiative will it launch?**

- A) To enhance cybersecurity for the Armed Forces; Cyber Innovation Challenge
- B) To improve logistics and supply chain; Logistics Excellence Program
- C) To develop advanced medical technologies; Medical Innovations and Research Advancement (MIRA)
- D) To promote AI in warfare; AI Warfare Program
- E) To innovate in aerospace technologies; Aerospace Innovation Initiative



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Answer

**C) To develop advanced medical technologies;
Medical Innovations and Research Advancement
(MIRA)**



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of MoU between iDEX and AFMS
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** July 30, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Foster innovation and research in developing novel medical technologies and their induction into the Armed Forces.
- **Initiative Launched:** Medical Innovations and Research Advancement (MIRA)
- **Signatories:**
 - **iDEX-DIO:** Additional Secretary (Defence Production) & CEO, DIO Shri Anurag Bajpai
 - **AFMS:** Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services Lt Gen Daljit Singh



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Significance:

- **Defence India Start-up Challenge (DISC) Edition MIRA:** Aimed at targeting critical medical challenges faced by the Armed Forces.
- **Goals:** Create a robust healthcare ecosystem to meet current and future medical needs of the Armed Forces.
- **Innovation Focus:** Harness the innovative capabilities through iDEX to advance medical science and technology.



Key Highlights:

- **iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence):**
 - **Established:** By the Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO) under the Department of Defence Production.
 - **Achievements:** Recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration in Innovation Category in 2021.
 - **Impact:** Engaged with over 400 start-ups and MSMEs, procurement of 37 items worth over Rs 2,000 crore cleared, and has created numerous job opportunities.
 - **Initiatives:** Launched 11 editions of DISC and the ADITI scheme to promote innovations in critical and strategic defence technologies.



Key Highlights:

- **AFMS (Armed Forces Medical Services):**
 - **Role:** Provide medical care to the Armed Forces and induct new medical technologies.
 - **Collaboration Goal:** Enhance the quality of medical care and harness innovative capabilities for substantial advancements in medical science and technology.



Important Terms Explained:

- **MoU (Memorandum of Understanding):** A formal agreement between two or more parties to collaborate on a specific project or initiative.
- **iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence):** A flagship initiative of the Ministry of Defence aimed at fostering innovation in the defence sector.
- **AFMS (Armed Forces Medical Services):** The medical branch of the Indian Armed Forces responsible for providing medical care and services.



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Defence (MoD):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1947
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Current Defence Minister:** Rajnath Singh
- **iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence):**
 - **Established:** By the Defence Innovation Organisation under the Department of Defence Production.
 - **Objective:** Promote innovation in the defence sector and support start-ups and MSMEs.
- **AFMS (Armed Forces Medical Services):**
 - **Founded:** 1948
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Current Director General:** Lt Gen Daljit Singh



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	MoU Signed Between	Purpose	Initiative Launched
Signing of MoU for Medical Innovations	New Delhi	July 30, 2024	iDEX and AFMS	Develop novel medical technologies for Armed Forces	Medical Innovations and Research Advancement (MIRA)



➤ **What is the primary purpose of the Indian Army's E-SeHAT Tele-consultancy module launched on July 30, 2024?**

- A) To facilitate remote education for soldiers' families
- B) To provide tele-consultation healthcare services for ECHS beneficiaries
- C) To enhance communication between military bases
- D) To track the health records of active-duty soldiers
- E) To monitor the fitness levels of new recruits



SeHAT

Answer

B) To provide tele-consultation healthcare services for ECHS beneficiaries



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of E-SeHAT Tele-consultancy module
- **Location:** Launched at 12 ECHS Polyclinics including Baramulla, Imphal, Churachandpur, Dimapur, and Aizawal
- **Date:** July 30, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Enable ECHS beneficiaries to obtain online tele-consultation for medical treatment from their homes without visiting the ECHS Polyclinic.
- **Features:**
 - Provides healthcare services through safe and structured video-based clinical consultations.
 - Adheres to telemedicine practice guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in consultation with NITI AAYOG (March 2020).



Implementation:

- **IT Infrastructure:** IT hardware and equipment provided to all 427 ECHS Polyclinics.
- **Training:** Staff trained to offer online medical advice.
- **Future Phases:**
 - Pre-consultation vital checks.
 - Home delivery of medicines.
 - Referral to empaneled hospitals by Medical Officers.



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Significance:

- **Pilot Project:** Launched at 12 ECHS Polyclinics, aiming for a pan India rollout in November 2024.
- **Digital India Vision:** Aligns with the Government of India's Digital India vision, promoting digital inclusivity and efficiency in public services.
- **Healthcare Transformation:** Aims to transform healthcare delivery for veterans, ensuring timely and quality medical attention from the comfort of their homes.



Important Terms Explained:

- **E-SeHAT:** Electronic Services e-Health Assistance and Tele-consultation, a module providing tele-consultation services to ECHS beneficiaries.
- **ECHS (Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme):** A healthcare scheme providing medical services to ex-servicemen and their dependents.



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare:**
 - **Founded Year:** 1947
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Current Minister:** Mansukh Mandaviya
- **NITI Aayog:**
 - **Founded Year:** 2015
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Current Chairman:** Narendra Modi (Prime Minister of India)



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Purpose	Significance
Launch of E-SeHAT Tele-consultancy	12 ECHS Polyclinics, India	July 30, 2024	Provide tele-consultation healthcare services	Enhances healthcare delivery for veterans, ensuring timely and quality medical attention from home



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➤ **What is the primary objective of the 'One DAE One Subscription' (ODOS) initiative, and where was it inaugurated?**

- A) To enhance nuclear safety; New Delhi
- B) To provide medical aid; Chennai
- C) To enable read and publish access to research papers; Mumbai
- D) To fund scientific projects; Bengaluru
- E) To organize scientific conferences; Hyderabad



Answer

C) To enable read and publish access to research papers; Mumbai



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of 'One DAE One Subscription' (ODOS)
- **Location:** Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai
- **Date:** July 29, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:**
 - Enable Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and all its units/subunits (about 60) to access national and international research papers and scientific journals under one umbrella.
 - Facilitate digital sharing of resources and collective evolution of knowledge.
- **Consortium Agreements:**
 - Signed with M/s. Wiley India Private Limited
 - Signed with M/s. Springer Nature Group



Significance:

- **Transformative Agreement:**
 - Described as a significant milestone by Dr. A. K. Mohanty, Secretary, DAE and Chairman AEC.
 - Expected to benefit thousands of scientists, engineers, students of Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI), and researchers of aided institutes.
 - ODOS will later merge with the One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) initiative by the Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India.
- **Goals:**
 - Make knowledge accessible to as many people as possible.
 - Support the vision of a developed India by democratizing access to scientific information.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ODOS (One DAE One Subscription):** Initiative to provide unified access to research and scientific journals for all units under the Department of Atomic Energy.
- **ONOS (One Nation One Subscription):** A larger national initiative to make scientific knowledge accessible across the nation, initiated by the Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India.



Static GK Information:

- **Department of Atomic Energy (DAE):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1954
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
 - **Secretary and Chairman AEC:** Dr. A. K. Mohanty
- **Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI):**
 - **Established Year:** 2005
 - **Location:** Mumbai, India
 - **Affiliation:** Department of Atomic Energy, India



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Objective	Significance
Inauguration of ODOS	Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai	July 29, 2024	Enable read and publish access to research papers and journals	A significant milestone for DAE, supporting thousands of scientists, engineers, students, and researchers.



➤ Who are the primary participants in the five-day Digital Governance training program organized by the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) and IIM Vishakhapatnam?

- A) IT students from various colleges
- B) Government officials from various states
- C) Private sector employees
- D) International delegates
- E) Local business owners



Answer

B) Government officials from various states



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Five-Day Training Programme on Digital Governance
- **Location:** Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Vishakhapatnam
- **Dates:** July 29, 2024 - August 2, 2024



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Organizers:** National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) in partnership with IIM Vishakhapatnam
- **Participants:** 19 senior officers from IT departments representing 11 states
- **Ranks:** Commissioner, Project Director, Program Director, Chief Operating Officer, Assistant Director, Joint Director



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Program Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Develop competencies and aptitude of officers to conceptualize and implement e-governance projects.
- **Focus:** Equip officers with skills and strategies for utilizing digital technologies in public service delivery.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Digital Governance:** Use of digital technologies to improve government service delivery, increase transparency, and enhance citizen engagement.
- **E-Governance:** Electronic governance, where government services are provided to citizens through electronic means.
- **Business Process Reengineering:** A business management strategy focusing on the analysis and redesign of workflows and processes within an organization.



Static GK Information:

- **National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG):**
 - **Founded Year:** 2014
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Director General:** Shri V. Srinivas
- **Indian Institute of Management Vishakhapatnam (IIMV):**
 - **Founded Year:** 2015
 - **Location:** Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India
 - **Director:** Prof. M. Chandrasekhar



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Participants	Significance
Digital Governance Training Programme	IIM Vishakhapatnam	July 29 - August 2, 2024	19 senior officers from IT departments of 11 states	Enhances competencies and skills in digital governance, improves public service delivery through technology



➤ **What initiative did Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launch, and what is its primary aim?**

- A) Skill India Mission; to enhance digital literacy
- B) Digital India Initiative; to improve internet access
- C) NATS 2.0 Portal; to democratize apprenticeship and bridge skills gap
- D) Startup India Scheme; to support new businesses
- E) Make in India; to boost manufacturing



Answer

C) NATS 2.0 Portal; to democratize apprenticeship and bridge skills gap



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of National Apprenticeship and Training Scheme 2.0 (NATS 2.0) Portal
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** July 30, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Initiative:** NATS 2.0 Portal
- **Primary Aim:** Democratize apprenticeship, bridge skills gap, fulfill youth aspirations, and make them future-ready.
- **Fund Disbursal:** ₹100 crore stipends disbursed to apprentices through Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT) mode.
- **Participants:** 19 senior officers from IT departments representing 11 states attended the program.



Static GK Information:

- **National Apprenticeship and Training Scheme (NATS):**
 - **Launched Year:** Initially launched in 1961, revamped to NATS 2.0 in 2024.
 - **Managing Body:** Ministry of Education, Government of India.
 - **Objective:** To provide practical training to graduates and diploma holders to enhance their employability.
- **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1945
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairman:** Prof. T G Sitharam
- **University Grants Commission (UGC):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1956
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairman:** Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Initiative	Objective
Launch of NATS 2.0 Portal	New Delhi	July 30, 2024	NATS 2.0	Democratize apprenticeship and bridge skills gap
Fund Disbursal	New Delhi	July 30, 2024	₹100 crore stipends	Stipend disbursed through DBT to apprentices
Training Program	IIM Visakhapatnam	July 29 - Aug 2, 2024	Five-day training	Develop competencies and aptitude in digital governance



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- **International Day of Friendship is celebrated on July 30 globally.**
- **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is observed on July 30.**
- **World Nature Conservation Day is observed on July 28.**
- **India to host 2025 Men's Asia Cup in T20 format.**
- **Rohan Bopanna retires from Indian tennis after Paris 2024 Olympics.**
- **Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh win bronze in 10m air pistol mixed team at Paris 2024.**
- **Manam Chocolate and Naar featured in TIME's 'World's Greatest Places' 2024 list.**
- **Amazon Pay, Adyen, and BillDesk secured cross-border payment licences from RBI.**
- **RBI announces test phase for the fifth cohort of its regulatory sandbox starting August 2024.**
- **CCI approves amalgamation of MCFL with PPL.**
- **UGRO Capital and SIDBI form co-lending partnership to support MSMEs.**



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- **Paytm launches NFC card sandbox for offline merchants on July 30, 2024.**
- **Infosys collaborates with TDC Net to modernise IT infrastructure and enhance customer experience.**
- **CCI approves Bunge's acquisition of Viterra.**
- **Nicolas Maduro wins Venezuela's presidential election for the third time.**
- **ICG launches Suvidha Software Version 1.0 to enhance training protocols.**
- **MoD signs MoU to set up three testing facilities under UP Defence Industrial Corridor.**
- **iDEX and AFMS sign MoU to develop advanced medical technologies for the Armed Forces.**
- **Indian Army launches E-SeHAT Tele-consultancy for ECHS beneficiaries on July 30, 2024.**
- **ODOS initiative inaugurated at Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai on July 29, 2024.**



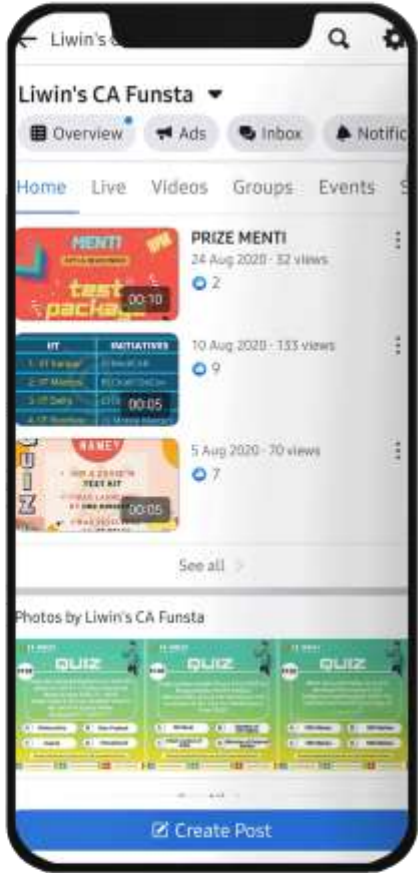
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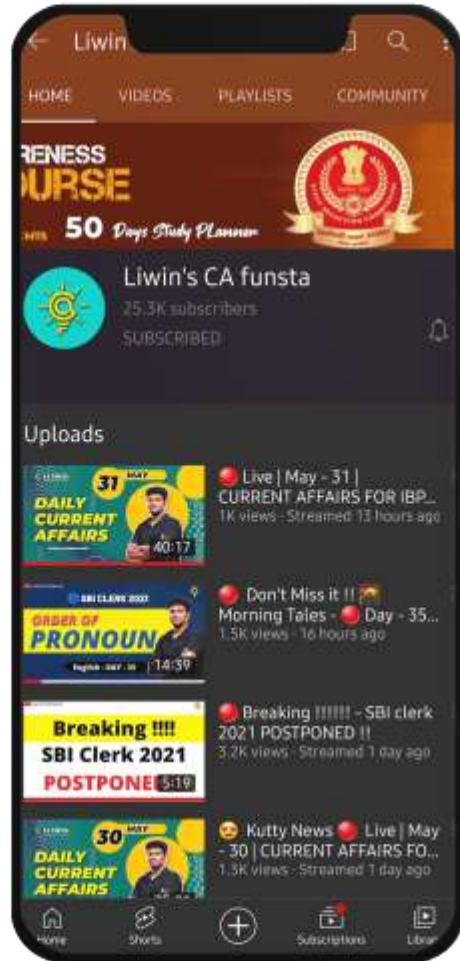
- **NCGG and IIM Vishakhapatnam commence five-day Digital Governance training.**
- **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launches NATS 2.0 portal.**



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