



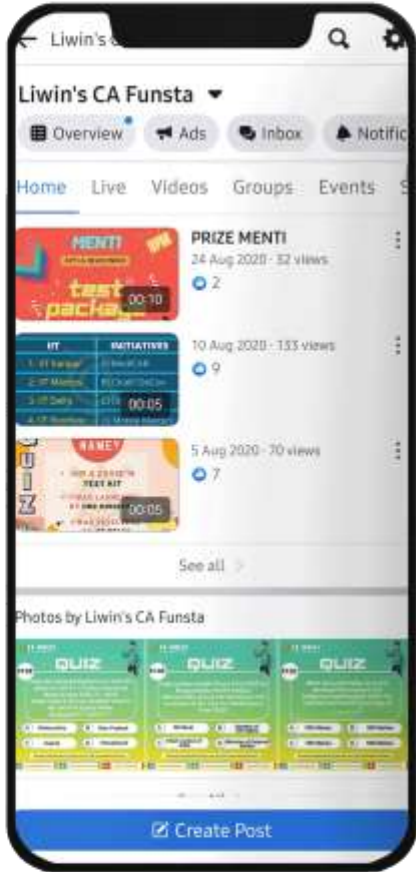
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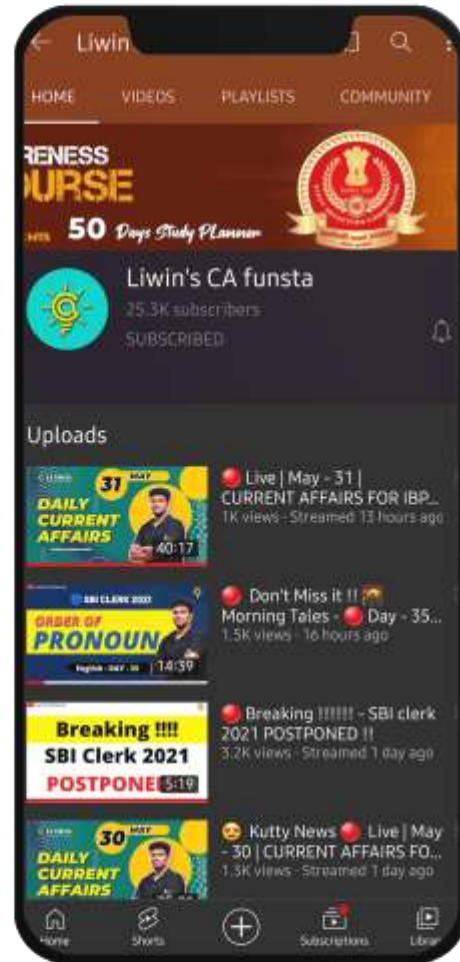
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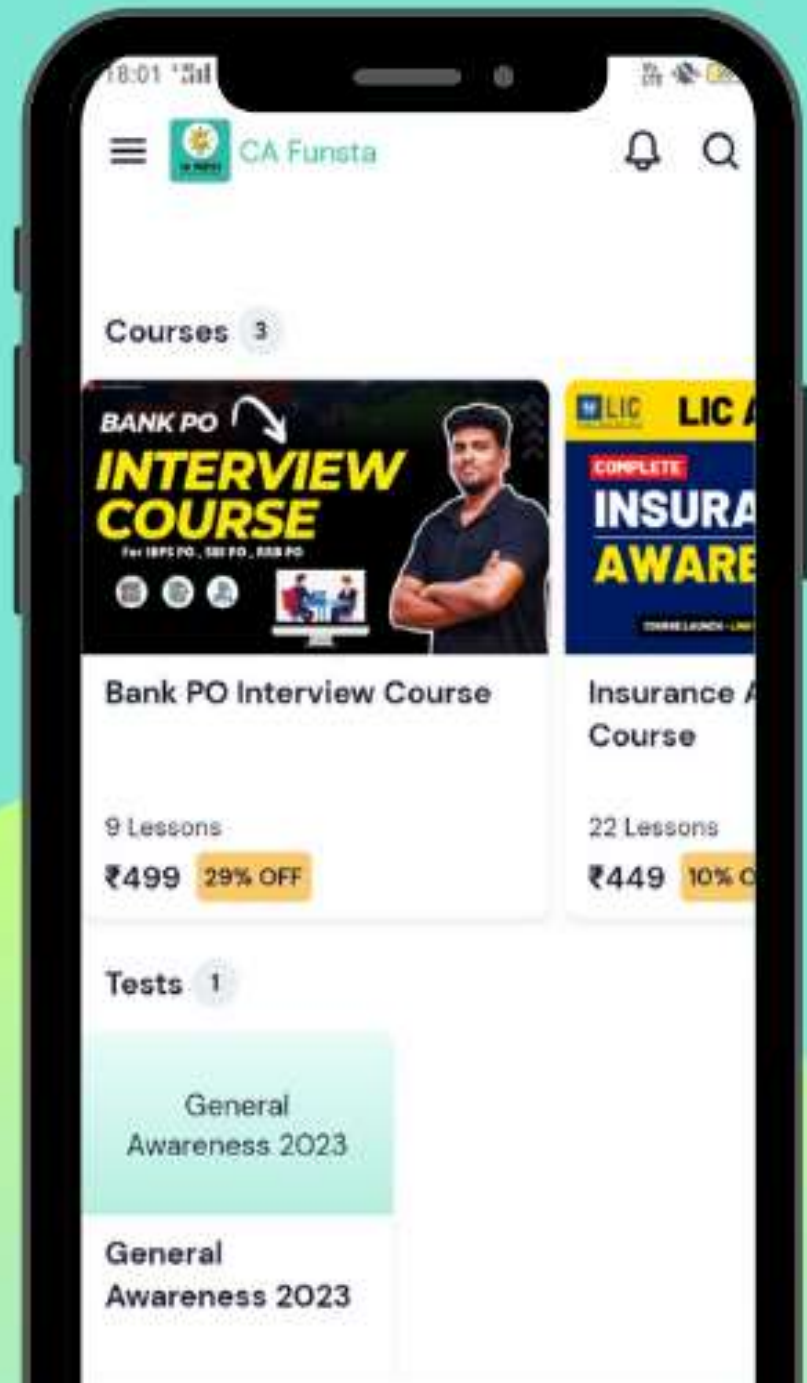
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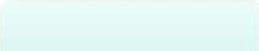


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Important Days



➤ **On which date is National Javelin Day celebrated in India to honor Neeraj Chopra's historic Olympic gold medal?**

- A) August 15
- B) August 12
- C) August 7
- D) July 23
- E) September 1

Answer
C) August 7



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** National Javelin Day
- **Location:** India
- **Significance:**
 - Commemorates Neeraj Chopra's historic gold medal in the men's javelin throw at the Tokyo Olympics on August 7, 2021.
 - First-ever gold medal in track and field for India at the Olympics.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Designated by:** Athletics Federation of India
- **Purpose:**
 - **Honour Neeraj Chopra's Achievement:** To recognize his 87.58-meter throw that won India's first Olympic gold in track and field.
 - **Promote Javelin Throwing:** Encourage the sport of javelin throwing across the country.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Javelin Day:**
 - Celebrated on August 7 to honor Neeraj Chopra's gold medal win at the Tokyo Olympics.
- **Athletics Federation of India (AFI):**
 - Governing body for athletics in India, responsible for promoting and managing athletic events and disciplines.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **Neeraj Chopra:**
 - **Birth Date:** December 24, 1997
 - **Titles:** Olympic Champion, World Champion in Men's Javelin Throw
 - **Achievements:**
 - First Asian to win Olympic and World Championship gold in javelin throw.
 - Olympic Gold Medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.
 - World U20 Record of 86.48 meters.
 - Gold medals at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, 2018 Asian Games, and 2022 Asian Games.
- **Athletics Federation of India (AFI):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1946
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **President:** Adille Sumariwalla



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	National Javelin Day
Location	India
Date	August 7
Chief Guest	Honored by Athletics Federation of India
Significance	Celebrates Neeraj Chopra's historic Olympic gold medal in javelin
First Celebration	After Neeraj Chopra's 2021 Tokyo Olympics win



➤ Which Indian cricketer was signed by Paarl Royals for the third season of the SA20 League?

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) MS Dhoni
- C) Dinesh Karthik
- D) Rohit Sharma
- E) Suresh Raina

Answer

C) Dinesh Karthik



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Dinesh Karthik's signing by Paarl Royals
- **Location:** New Delhi, India / South Africa (SA20 League)
- **Significance:**
 - Dinesh Karthik becomes the first Indian cricketer to participate in the South African SA20 League.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Role:** Player for Paarl Royals
- **Purpose:**
 - **Return to Competitive Cricket:** After retiring in June 2023, Karthik will return to play in a T20 league.
 - **Mentorship and Coaching:** Continues his role as a mentor-cum-batting coach for Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in the IPL.



Important Terms Explained:

- **SA20 League:**
 - A professional Twenty20 cricket league in South Africa, featuring various franchises.
- **Paarl Royals:**
 - A franchise team in the SA20 League, associated with the Rajasthan Royals of the IPL.



Static GK Information:

- **Dinesh Karthik:**
 - **Born:** June 1, 1985
 - **Role:** Former Indian wicketkeeper-batsman
 - **Achievements:**
 - Represented India in multiple formats over a long career.
 - Played for various IPL franchises including Kolkata Knight Riders and Royal Challengers Bangalore.
- **Paarl Royals:**
 - **Headquarters:** Paarl, South Africa
 - **Association:** Linked with the Rajasthan Royals of the Indian Premier League (IPL).



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Dinesh Karthik Signed by Paarl Royals for SA20
Location	New Delhi, India / South Africa
Date	Announced on Tuesday
Significance	First Indian cricketer to participate in the SA20 League
Role for Karthik	Player for Paarl Royals, returning to competitive cricket
Previous Roles	Mentor-cum-batting coach for RCB, former Indian cricketer



➤ What is the maximum limit for GST payment through UPI mode at Karnataka Bank?

- A) ₹50,000
- B) ₹75,000
- C) ₹1 lakh
- D) ₹2 lakh
- E) ₹5 lakh



Answer
C) ₹1 lakh



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Introduction of GST payment through UPI by Karnataka Bank
- **Location:** Mangaluru, Karnataka, India
- **Date:** Announced on August 7, 2024
- **Significance:**
 - Karnataka Bank becomes one of the banks facilitating GST payments via UPI, providing an additional and convenient payment method for GST-registered users.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **New Feature:** GST payment through UPI (Unified Payments Interface) mode
- **Maximum Payment Limit:** ₹1 lakh per transaction
- **Beneficiaries:**
 - **GST-Registered Users:** This facility is available to all GST-registered users, including Karnataka Bank customers.
 - **Existing Services:**
 - Karnataka Bank already offers GST payments through its branches and internet banking on behalf of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).



Important Terms Explained:

- **UPI (Unified Payments Interface):**
 - A real-time payment system developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) that allows instant money transfers between bank accounts through mobile devices.
- **GST (Goods and Services Tax):**
 - An indirect tax levied on the supply of goods and services in India, which has replaced many other indirect taxes.



Static GK Information:

- **Karnataka Bank:**
 - **Headquarters:** Mangaluru, Karnataka, India
 - **MD & CEO:** Srikrishnan H
 - **Founded:** 1924
 - **Tagline:** "Your Family Bank, Across India"



Tabular Summary:

Event	Karnataka Bank Enables GST Payment Through UPI
Location	Mangaluru, Karnataka
Date	Announced on August 7, 2024
Maximum Limit	₹1 lakh
Beneficiaries	GST-registered users including Karnataka Bank customers
Existing Services	GST payment through branches and internet banking



➤ **Which companies have partnered to offer non-life insurance policies to Mahindra Finance customers?**

- A) ICICI Lombard and SBI
- B) Chola MS and HDFC Bank
- C) Tata AIG and Bajaj Finance
- D) Chola MS and Mahindra Finance
- E) New India Assurance and Mahindra Finance



Mahindra FINANCE

Answer

D) Chola MS and Mahindra Finance



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Partnership to offer non-life insurance policies
- **Location:** Announced in Chennai, India
- **Date:** August 7, 2024
- **Significance:**
 - Chola MS General Insurance and Mahindra Finance have teamed up to offer comprehensive motor and other non-life insurance solutions to over 10 million Mahindra Finance customers.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Partnership:**
 - **Chola MS General Insurance:** Provider of non-life insurance products.
 - **Mahindra Finance:** One of India's leading non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), focusing on rural and semi-urban areas.
- **Objective:**
 - To provide comprehensive insurance solutions, including motor insurance, to a vast customer base.
- **Impact on Share Prices:**
 - **Mahindra Finance:** The share price rose by 9.90 points to close at ₹303.05 in NSE and by 9.55 points to close at ₹302.70 in BSE, indicating positive market reception to the partnership.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Non-Life Insurance:**
 - Insurance policies that provide financial protection for losses related to property, motor vehicles, health, and other risks excluding life insurance.
- **NSE (National Stock Exchange) & BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange):**
 - Major stock exchanges in India where the shares of companies are traded.



Static GK Information:

- **Chola MS General Insurance:**
 - **Founded:** 2001
 - **Headquarters:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
 - **MD & CEO:** V. Suryanarayanan
 - **Parent Companies:** Joint venture between the Murugappa Group and Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Group
- **Mahindra Finance:**
 - **Founded:** 1991
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **MD & CEO:** Ramesh Iyer
 - **Tagline:** "Rise"



Tabular Summary:

Event	Chola MS and Mahindra Finance Partner for Non-Life Insurance
Location	Chennai, India
Date	August 7, 2024
Partnership	Chola MS General Insurance and Mahindra Finance
Objective	Offer motor and other non-life insurance policies to Mahindra Finance customers
Impact on Share Prices	Mahindra Finance rose by 9.90 points in NSE and 9.55 points in BSE
Customer Base	Over 10 million Mahindra Finance customers



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who will lead the interim government in Bangladesh that is set to be sworn in August 08?**

- A) Sheikh Hasina
- B) Mohammed Shahabuddin
- C) Waker-Uz-Zaman
- D) Muhammad Yunus
- E) Nahid Islam

Answer

D) Muhammad Yunus



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Swearing-in of Bangladesh's Interim Government
- **Location:** Bangladesh
- **Significance:**
 - Muhammad Yunus, a Nobel Laureate, appointed to lead the interim government following the removal of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Led by:** Muhammad Yunus as Chief Adviser
- **Purpose:**
 - **Steer the Nation:** Guide Bangladesh through a "democratic process" amid political turmoil.
 - **Advisory Council:** Yunus will head a council of 15 members to address the country's current challenges.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Interim Government:**
 - A temporary government established to manage state affairs during a period of transition.
- **Chief Adviser:**
 - Title held by Muhammad Yunus, indicating his leadership role in the interim government.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Bangladesh:**
 - **Capital:** Dhaka
 - **Currency:** Taka
 - **President:** Mohammed Shahabuddin
 - **Prime Minister:** (Former) Sheikh Hasina
- **Muhammad Yunus:**
 - **Born:** June 28, 1940
 - **Known for:** Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, founder of Grameen Bank, pioneer in microcredit and microfinance.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Swearing-in of Bangladesh's Interim Government
Location	Bangladesh
Leader	Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Laureate
Significance	Transitional government following the removal of Sheikh Hasina
Advisory Council	Comprising 15 members



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has taken over as the 22nd Director General of Assam Rifles?**

- A) Lt Gen (retd) PC Nair
- B) Lt Gen (retd) Waker-Uz-Zaman
- C) Lt Gen Vikas Lakhera
- D) Lt Gen Neeraj Chopra
- E) Lt Gen Adille Sumariwalla

Answer

C) Lt Gen Vikas Lakhera



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Lt Gen Vikas Lakhera as Director General of Assam Rifles
- **Location:** Guwahati, Assam
- **Significance:**
 - Lt Gen Lakhera succeeds Lt Gen (retd) PC Nair as the 22nd Director General of Assam Rifles.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Role:** Director General of Assam Rifles (DGAR)
- **Responsibilities:**
 - Commanding the oldest paramilitary force in India, focused on counter-insurgency and border security in the Northeast region.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Assam Rifles:**
 - A paramilitary force under the Ministry of Home Affairs, primarily tasked with counter-insurgency operations and guarding India's northeastern borders.
- **Director General of Assam Rifles (DGAR):**
 - The highest-ranking officer responsible for commanding the Assam Rifles, ensuring operational efficiency and strategic leadership.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Assam Rifles:**
 - **Founded:** 1835
 - **Headquarters:** Shillong, Meghalaya
 - **Director General:** Lt Gen Vikas Lakhera
- **Lt Gen Vikas Lakhera:**
 - **Commissioned:** June 9, 1990, from Indian Military Academy
 - **Previous Roles:**
 - Additional DG Military Operations, Inspector General of Assam Rifles (North), and Commander of 15 Infantry Brigade at Sriganganagar.
- **Awards:** Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Sena Medal, Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card, and two Army Commander Commendation Cards.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Lt Gen Vikas Lakhera Appointed as DG Assam Rifles
Location	Guwahati, Assam
Predecessor	Lt Gen (retd) PC Nair
Significance	22nd Director General of Assam Rifles
Notable Roles of Lt Gen Lakhera	Extensive experience in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI)?**

- A) Dinesh Kumar Khara
- B) Rajnish Kumar
- C) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
- D) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- E) Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh

Answer

C) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Challa Sreenivasulu Setty as Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI)
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Significance:**
 - Setty's appointment marks a significant leadership change at India's largest commercial bank, effective from August 28, 2024.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Position:** Chairman of State Bank of India
- **Appointed by:** Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)
- **Term Length:** Three years from the date of assuming office, or until further orders.
- **Predecessor:** Dinesh Kumar Khara, who is set to retire on August 28, 2024, upon reaching the age of 63.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **State Bank of India (SBI):**
 - **Role:** The largest commercial bank in India, offering a wide range of banking products and services.
 - **Importance:** Plays a crucial role in the financial system of India.
- **Challa Sreenivasulu Setty:**
 - **Previous Role:** Managing Director overseeing Global Markets & Technology at SBI.
 - **Experience:** Extensive experience in corporate credit, retail banking, digital banking, international banking, and operations in developed markets.
- **Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB):**
 - Recommended Setty for the Chairman position at SBI.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **State Bank of India (SBI):**
 - **Founded:** July 1, 1955
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **Tagline:** "The Banker to Every Indian"
 - **New Chairman:** Challa Sreenivasulu Setty



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Appointment of Challa Sreenivasulu Setty as SBI Chairman
Location	New Delhi, India
Date	Effective from August 28, 2024
Appointed by	Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)
Predecessor	Dinesh Kumar Khara
New Position	Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI)
Term Length	Three years or until further orders



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and CEO of Coromandel International?

- A) V. Suryanarayanan
- B) Ramesh Iyer
- C) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
- D) S. Sankarasubramanian
- E) S. P. Singh Baghel

Answer

D) S. Sankarasubramanian



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of S. Sankarasubramanian as MD and CEO
- **Location:** Hyderabad, Telangana, India
- **Date:** Announced on August 7, 2024
- **Significance:**
 - S. Sankarasubramanian has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Coromandel International, a Murugappa Group company known for its agri solutions.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Previous Role:**
 - **S. Sankarasubramanian:** He was previously the Executive Director of Coromandel International's Nutrient Business.
- **New Role:**
 - **Managing Director & CEO:** He will now lead the company, focusing on its strategic direction and overall growth.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Coromandel International:**
 - A leading agri-solutions provider in India, part of the Murugappa Group, involved in the production and marketing of fertilizers, crop protection products, and specialty nutrients.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Coromandel International:**
 - **Founded:** 1961
 - **Headquarters:** Hyderabad, Telangana, India
 - **Parent Company:** Murugappa Group
 - **New MD & CEO:** S. Sankarasubramanian



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Appointment of S. Sankarasubramanian as MD & CEO of Coromandel International
Location	Hyderabad, Telangana, India
Date	August 7, 2024
New Role	Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO)
Previous Role	Executive Director of Nutrient Business at Coromandel International
Company	Coromandel International
Parent Company	Murugappa Group



- **Which Indian Naval Ship conducted the Maritime Partnership Exercise with the German Navy on August 5, 2024?**

- A) INS Vikrant
- B) INS Tabar
- C) INS Shivalik
- D) INS Kalvari
- E) INS Chakra

Answer

B) INS Tabar



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)
- **Location:** Off Kiel Canal, Germany
- **Date:** August 5, 2024
- **Significance:**
 - The exercise between INS Tabar and the German Navy's Sea Lynx marked a significant milestone in maritime cooperation between India and Germany.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Participating Units:**
 - Indian Navy: INS Tabar, a frontline frigate
 - German Navy: Sea Lynx helicopter from the 3rd Squadron Naval Air Wing 5 (MFG5)
- **Purpose:**
 - Strengthening maritime relations between India and Germany.
 - Enhancing collaboration and interoperability through advanced maritime operations.
- **Operations Conducted:**
 - Ship Controlled Approaches
 - Winching exercises
 - Vertical Replenishment (VERTREP) serials



Important Terms Explained:

- **INS Tabar:**
 - A Talwar-class frigate of the Indian Navy, actively involved in international maritime exercises.
- **Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX):**
 - A naval exercise aimed at improving coordination and operational synergy between participating navies.
- **Sea Lynx:**
 - A multi-role helicopter used by the German Navy, known for its capabilities in anti-submarine warfare, search and rescue, and other maritime roles.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Navy:**
 - **Founded:** 1612 (as the East India Company's Marine)
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chief of Naval Staff:** Admiral R. Hari Kumar
- **Germany:**
 - **Capital:** Berlin
 - **Currency:** Euro
 - **President:** Frank-Walter Steinmeier
 - **Chancellor:** Olaf Scholz



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	INS Tabar Conducts MPX with German Navy's Sea Lynx
Location	Off Kiel Canal, Germany
Date	August 5, 2024
Indian Naval Ship	INS Tabar
German Naval Unit	Sea Lynx of 3rd Squadron Naval Air Wing 5 (MFG5)
Key Operations	Ship Controlled Approaches, Winching exercises, VERTREP serials
Significance	Strengthening bilateral naval ties and maritime cooperation



➤ How much total investment was made for the Namami Gange Mission 2.0 projects operationalized in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar?

- A) Rs 500 crore
- B) Rs 750 crore
- C) Rs 920 crore
- D) Rs 1000 crore
- E) Rs 1200 crore

Answer

C) Rs 920 crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Operationalization of Namami Gange Mission 2.0 projects
- **Location:** Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, India
- **Significance:**
 - The central government has operationalized four major projects under the Namami Gange Mission 2.0, aimed at improving the water quality of the Ganga River.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Investment: Rs 920 crore**
 - **Key Deliverables:**
 - **Sewage Treatment Capacity:** Addition of 145 MLD (Megaliters per day)
 - **Sewer Networks:** Expansion and improvement in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.
 - **Technology Used:**
 - Projects are based on the Advanced Sequencing Batch Reactor technology.
 - Adherence to the stringent standards set by the National Green Tribunal (NGT).
- **Model:** Projects executed under the Hybrid Annuity PPP (HAM) model.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Namami Gange Mission 2.0:**
 - A government initiative aimed at cleaning and rejuvenating the Ganga River by improving sewage treatment infrastructure and ensuring better management of water resources.
- **Hybrid Annuity PPP (HAM) Model:**
 - A public-private partnership model where the government and private sector share the financial risk, with the government providing a fixed revenue stream to the private partner.
- **National Green Tribunal (NGT):**
 - A specialized body established in 2010 for the expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources.



Static GK Information:

- **Namami Gange Mission 2.0:**
 - **Launched Year:** 2014 (original mission), with the 2.0 phase focusing on more advanced interventions.
 - **Launched By:** Government of India
 - **Beneficiary:** Rivers and water bodies in the Ganga Basin, specifically targeting pollution reduction.
- **National Green Tribunal (NGT):**
 - **Abbreviation:** National Green Tribunal
 - **Founded:** 2010
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, Delhi
 - **Chairman:** Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Operationalization of Namami Gange Mission 2.0 Projects
Location	Uttar Pradesh and Bihar
Investment	Rs 920 crore
Sewage Treatment Capacity	Addition of 145 MLD
Technology Used	Advanced Sequencing Batch Reactor technology
Execution Model	Hybrid Annuity PPP (HAM)



➤ Which country received India's first export of GI-tagged fig juice from Purandar Highlands?

- A) Germany
- B) France
- C) Poland
- D) Spain
- E) Italy

Answer
C) Poland



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Export of India's first GI-tagged fig juice
- **Location:** Purandar Highlands, India to Poland
- **Significance:**
 - This marks the first time Indian fig juice, specifically made from GI-tagged Purandar Figs, is exported to the European market.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Product:** Fig juice made from GI-tagged Purandar Figs
- **Exporting Entity:** Purandar Highlands Farmers Producer Company Ltd
- **Destination:** Poland, Europe



Important Terms Explained:

- **GI Tag (Geographical Indication):**
 - A GI tag is a certification that a product possesses certain qualities, is made according to traditional methods, or enjoys a certain reputation due to its geographical origin.
- **Purandar Figs:**
 - A variety of figs grown in the Purandar region of Maharashtra, India, known for their sweet taste, size, and nutritional benefits.



Static GK Information:

- **Geographical Indication (GI) Tag:**
 - **Purpose:** Protects the unique identity and authenticity of a product linked to a specific geographical region.
 - **Benefits:** Ensures that only products genuinely originating from that region are allowed to use the geographical name.
- **Poland:**
 - **Capital:** Warsaw
 - **Currency:** Polish złoty (PLN)
 - **President:** Andrzej Duda
 - **Prime Minister:** Mateusz Morawiecki



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Export of India's First GI-Tagged Fig Juice
Location	Purandar Highlands, India to Poland
Date	August 6, 2024
Exporting Company	Purandar Highlands Farmers Producer Company Ltd
Product	GI-tagged Purandar Fig Juice
Significance	First-time entry of Indian fig juice into the European market



➤ Which company has collaborated with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya to launch the first executive training program for the aviation sector?

- A) Boeing
- B) Airbus
- C) SpiceJet
- D) IndiGo
- E) Air India

Answer
B) Airbus



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the first executive training program for the aviation sector
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Significance:**
 - The program is a collaboration between Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya and Airbus, aimed at enhancing the skills of professionals in the aviation sector.



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Program Duration:** Three days
- **Focus Area:** Safety Management Systems in aviation
- **Participants:**
 - Professionals from leading airlines, Airbus representatives, Ministry of Civil Aviation officials.
 - International professionals from Nepal and Bhutan are also attending.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya:**
 - A specialized university focused on education and training in infrastructure, logistics, and transportation sectors.
- **Safety Management Systems (SMS):**
 - A systematic approach to managing safety, including the necessary organizational structures, accountabilities, policies, and procedures.



Static GK Information:

- **Airbus:**
 - **Headquarters:** Leiden, Netherlands, and Toulouse, France
 - **Founded:** December 18, 1970
 - **CEO:** Guillaume Faury
- **Ministry of Civil Aviation (India):**
 - **Headquarters:** Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, New Delhi, India
 - **Minister:** Jyotiraditya Scindia
 - **Objective:** Formulates national policies and programs for the development and regulation of the Civil Aviation sector.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya and Airbus Executive Training Program
Location	New Delhi, India
Date	Program began yesterday
Collaborators	Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya and Airbus
Focus Area	Safety Management Systems in Aviation
Participants	Airlines professionals, Airbus, Ministry of Civil Aviation, and international professionals from Nepal and Bhutan



➤ **What is the primary aim of the newly launched Digital Shakti Centre by NCW?**

- A) To promote online shopping
- B) To empower women against cybercrime
- C) To offer online education
- D) To develop mobile applications
- E) To promote digital marketing



Answer

B) To empower women against cybercrime



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the Digital Shakti Centre
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Significance:**
 - The initiative is aimed at addressing the rising issue of cyber crimes against women in India, providing them with the necessary tools and resources to navigate the digital world safely.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Launched by:** National Commission for Women (NCW) in collaboration with CyberPeace Foundation
- **Key Objectives:**
 - **Awareness:** Educating women about the dangers of cyber crimes like identity theft, cyberstalking, and sexual exploitation.
 - **Support:** Offering technical support to women in registering complaints related to cybercrimes.
 - **Empowerment:** Empowering women to protect themselves online.
 - **Timely Solutions:** Ensuring that solutions to cybercrime issues are provided promptly.
 - **Safe Online Spaces:** Creating a safer digital environment for women across India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Commission for Women (NCW):**
 - A statutory body of the Government of India, responsible for advising the government on all policy matters affecting women.
- **CyberPeace Foundation:**
 - A non-profit organization focused on promoting peace in cyberspace, including initiatives to combat cybercrime.



Static GK Information:

- **National Commission for Women (NCW):**
 - **Founded:** January 31, 1992
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairperson:** Rekha Sharma
- **CyberPeace Foundation:**
 - **Founded:** 2013
 - **Headquarters:** Ranchi, Jharkhand, India
 - **Focus Area:** Cybersecurity, cybercrime prevention, and promoting cyber peace.



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Launch of Digital Shakti Centre by NCW
Location	New Delhi, India
Collaborators	NCW and CyberPeace Foundation
Key Objective	Empower women against cybercrime
Focus Areas	Cybercrime awareness, support, empowerment, timely solutions



➤ Which initiative was launched by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to enhance transparency, accountability, and effectiveness in Panchayats?

- A) BharatNet Project
- B) Digital Shakti Campaign
- C) eGramSwaraj
- D) AuditOnline
- E) Citizen Charter

Answer

C) eGramSwaraj



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Implementation of e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP)
- **Location:** India, under the Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- **Significance:**
 - Aimed at making Panchayats more transparent, accountable, and effective as local self-governments through digital platforms.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Initiative Launched: eGramSwaraj on April 24, 2020**
- **Key Features of eGramSwaraj:**
 - Comprehensive digital platform for Panchayat functions including planning, budgeting, accounting, monitoring, asset management, and online payments.
 - Significant adoption across India, with 2.44 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) uploading their Development Plans (GPDPs) for 2024-25.
 - 2.06 lakh Panchayats completed online transactions for 15th Finance Commission grants.
- **Supporting Application: AuditOnline**
 - Facilitates online audit of Panchayat accounts for transparency and accountability.
 - 2.52 lakh Audit Plans created and 2.48 lakh Audit Reports generated for FY 2022-23.



Important Terms Explained:

- **e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP):**
 - A Digital India initiative aimed at digitalizing Panchayat functions to improve governance at the grassroots level.
- **BharatNet Project:**
 - A project to connect all Gram Panchayats by broadband, with 2.17 lakh GPs made service-ready so far.
- **Citizen Charter:**
 - A framework for delivering services across 29 sectors aligned with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by over 2.32 lakh GPs.



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Panchayati Raj:**
 - **Founded:** 2004
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Minister:** Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel
- **BharatNet Project:**
 - **Implemented by:** Department of Telecommunications (DoT)
 - **Objective:** To connect all Gram Panchayats by broadband.



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Tabular Summary:

Event	e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project Implementation
Location	India
Date	eGramSwaraj launched on April 24, 2020
Key Initiative	eGramSwaraj
Supporting Applications	AuditOnline
Significance	Enhances transparency, accountability, and effectiveness in Panchayat governance



➤ **Who chaired the roundtable consultation with executive search firms at IICA on August 2, 2024?**

- A) Dr. Niraj Gupta
- B) Mr. Mathew John
- C) Dr. Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- D) Mr. Manoj Singh
- E) Mr. Rajesh Sharma



Answer

C) Dr. Ajay Bhushan Pandey



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Roundtable Consultation with Executive Search Firms
- **Location:** Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Gurugram, India
- **Date:** August 2, 2024
- **Significance:**
 - Aimed at enhancing board composition and governance in Indian corporations through collaboration with executive search firms.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Chaired by:** Dr. Ajay Bhushan Pandey, Chairman, Director General & CEO of IICA, and Chairman of National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)
- **Purpose:**
 - Enhance Board Governance: Strengthen the composition and effectiveness of Indian boardrooms.
 - Collaboration with Executive Search Firms: Engage with industry stakeholders to improve board member recruitment practices.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Discussion Topics:**
 - Insights from executive search firms on board practices and director selection.
 - Value propositions of the Independent Director Databank (IDDB) to the industry.
 - Strategies to enhance search firms' access to and utilization of the IDDB.
 - Opportunities for collective enhancement of search firm engagement by corporates.
- **Outcome:** The consultation provided valuable insights that will shape future strategies and initiatives by IICA to promote corporate governance excellence in India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Independent Director Databank (IDDB):**
 - A repository designed to provide a platform for individuals to register as independent directors and for companies to search for qualified independent directors, enhancing corporate governance.
- **Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA):**
 - An autonomous institution under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, focused on capacity building, research, and advocacy in corporate governance, business responsibility, and related areas.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA):**
 - **Founded:** 2008
 - **Headquarters:** Gurugram, Haryana, India
 - **Chairman, Director General & CEO:** Dr. Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- **National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA):**
 - **Founded:** 2018
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairman:** Dr. Ajay Bhushan Pandey



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Roundtable Consultation with Executive Search Firms
Location	IICA Campus, Gurugram, India
Date	August 2, 2024
Chaired by	Dr. Ajay Bhushan Pandey
Key Participants	Managing partners, equity partners, senior partners from leading executive search firms in India
Main Objective	Strengthen board composition and governance in Indian corporations
Key Discussion Topics	Board practices, IDDB utility, search firm collaboration



➤ Which river linking project has been approved by the Maharashtra government with an estimated cost of ₹87,342 crore?

- A) Krishna-Godavari
- B) Wainganga-Nalganga
- C) Tapi-Purna
- D) Godavari-Penna
- E) Damanganga-Pinjal

Answer

B) Wainganga-Nalganga



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of the Wainganga-Nalganga River Linking Project
- **Location:** Maharashtra, India
- **Date:** Approved during a Cabinet meeting on August 7, 2024
- **Significance:**
 - The project aims to transform agriculture in drought-prone areas, particularly Marathwada, which has been severely affected by water scarcity and farmer suicides.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Project Cost:** ₹87,342.86 crore
- **Key Benefits:**
 - **Irrigation Coverage:** The project will irrigate approximately 3.75 lakh hectares of land.
 - **Target Areas:** Primarily benefits drought-prone regions like Marathwada.
- **Goal:**
 - To enhance agricultural productivity and alleviate water scarcity in regions plagued by drought and farmer distress.



Important Terms Explained:

- **River Linking Project:**
 - An initiative aimed at connecting two or more rivers to ensure the equitable distribution of water resources across regions.
- **Marathwada:**
 - A region in Maharashtra known for its recurrent droughts and water scarcity issues, making it one of the focus areas for irrigation and water management projects.



Static GK Information:

- **Maharashtra:**
 - **Capital:** Mumbai
 - **Chief Minister:** Eknath Shinde
 - **Governor:** Ramesh Bais
 - **Key Projects:** Wainganga-Nalganga River Linking Project



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Approval of Wainganga-Nalganga River Linking Project
Location	Maharashtra, India
Date	Approved on August 7, 2024
Project Cost	₹87,342.86 crore
Irrigation Coverage	3.75 lakh hectares
Beneficiary Region	Drought-prone areas, especially Marathwada
Significance	Addresses water scarcity, supports agricultural transformation



QUICK RECALL



- **National Javelin Day is celebrated on August 7 in India to honor Neeraj Chopra's Olympic gold.**
- **Dinesh Karthik becomes first Indian cricketer to join SA20, signed by Paarl Royals.**
- **Karnataka Bank introduces UPI-based GST payment with a maximum limit of ₹1 lakh.**
- **Chola MS and Mahindra Finance partner to provide non-life insurance to 10 million customers.**
- **Bangladesh's interim government led by Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus to be sworn in tomorrow.**
- **Lt Gen Vikas Lakhera appointed as the 22nd Director General of Assam Rifles.**
- **Challa Sreenivasulu Setty appointed as the new Chairman of State Bank of India.**
- **S. Sankarasubramanian appointed as MD and CEO of Coromandel International.**



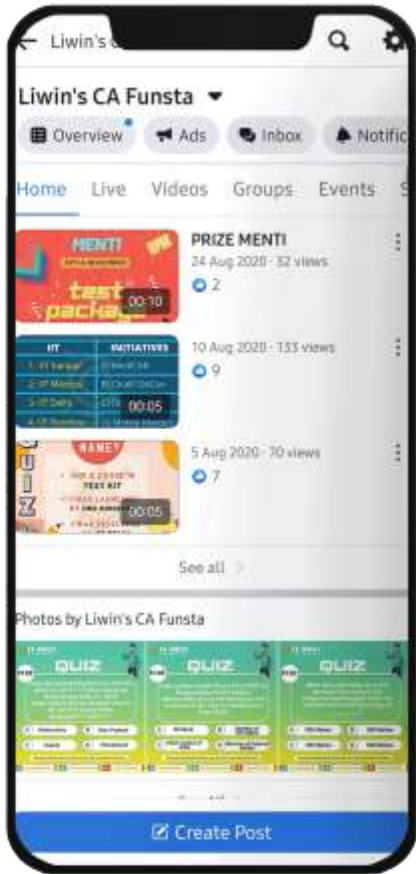
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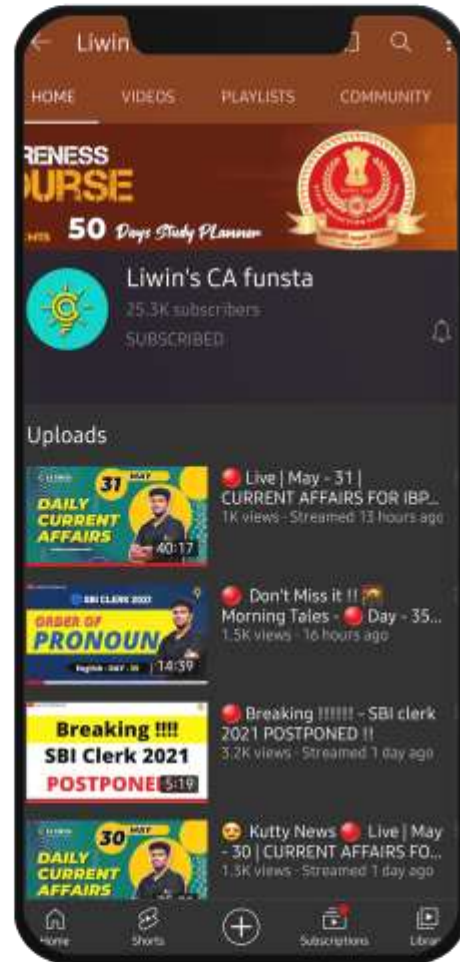
- **INS Tabar conducted a maritime exercise with German Navy's Sea Lynx off Kiel Canal on August 5, 2024.**
- **Rs 920 crore Namami Gange Mission 2.0 projects operationalized in UP and Bihar.**
- **India's first GI-tagged fig juice from Purandar Highlands exported to Poland.**
- **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya partners with Airbus for an executive training program in New Delhi.**
- **NCW launches Digital Shakti Centre to empower women against cybercrime.**
- **Ministry of Panchayati Raj implements e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project for effective local governance.**
- **Dr. Ajay Bhushan Pandey chairs roundtable consultation at IICA to enhance board governance.**
- **Maharashtra approves ₹87,342 crore Wainganga-Nalganga river linking project to aid drought-prone Marathwada.**



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