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Answer
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June 06 – 10 Revision



Important Days



- **What is the primary focus of World Humanitarian Day 2024?**
- A) Celebrating the achievements of humanitarian workers
 - B) Demanding stronger climate action
 - C) Confronting attacks on civilians and humanitarian workers and advocating for their protection
 - D) Promoting global education initiatives
 - E) Addressing global health crises

Answer

C) Confronting attacks on civilians and humanitarian workers and advocating for their protection



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Humanitarian Day 2024
- **Date:** 19 August 2024



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Focus:**
 - The 2024 World Humanitarian Day (WHD) campaign is centered on confronting the normalization of attacks on civilians, including humanitarian workers, and the impunity under International Humanitarian Law (IHL).
 - The campaign, themed #ActForHumanity, aims to build public support to pressure parties to conflict and world leaders to take action to ensure the protection of civilians and humanitarians in conflict zones.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Background and Significance:**
 - WHD was established in memory of the 22 humanitarian aid workers who were killed in a bomb attack on the Canal Hotel in Baghdad, Iraq, on 19 August 2003.
 - The United Nations General Assembly designated 19 August as World Humanitarian Day in 2008.
 - Each year, WHD highlights a theme that advocates for the survival, well-being, and dignity of people affected by crises, and the safety and security of aid workers.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **International Humanitarian Law (IHL):** A set of rules that seek to limit the effects of armed conflict, protecting people who are not or no longer participating in hostilities and restricting the means and methods of warfare.
- **#ActForHumanity:** The 2024 campaign theme urging world leaders and parties to conflicts to take action to protect civilians and humanitarian workers from attacks.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA):**
 - **Founded:** 1991
 - **Headquarters:** New York, USA
 - **Primary Role:** To coordinate international humanitarian response efforts, advocating for the protection of people in crisis and facilitating aid delivery.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	World Humanitarian Day 2024
Date	19 August 2024
Campaign Theme	#ActForHumanity
Focus	Confronting attacks on civilians and humanitarian workers
Significance	Advocating for protection under International Humanitarian Law (IHL)
Organized By	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)



OBITUARY



➤ **How did Indian Coast Guard Director-General Rakesh Pal pass away?**

- A) In a car accident
- B) Due to a cardiac arrest
- C) Following a prolonged illness
- D) During a surgical procedure
- E) From natural causes

Answer

B) Due to a cardiac arrest



OBITUARY



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Death of Indian Coast Guard Director-General Rakesh Pal.
- **Location:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India



OBITUARY



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Age and Position:**
 - He was 59 years old and held the position of Director-General of the Indian Coast Guard, where he played a crucial role in strengthening India's maritime security.



OBITUARY



Important Terms Explained:

- **Cardiac Arrest:** A sudden loss of heart function, leading to a cessation of blood flow to vital organs.
- **Angioplasty:** A medical procedure used to open blocked coronary arteries and restore blood flow to the heart.



OBITUARY



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Coast Guard:**
 - **Founded:** 1977
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Primary Role:** Protecting India's maritime interests and enforcing maritime law.



OBITUARY



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Death of Director-General Rakesh Pal
Location	Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
Date	18 August 2024
Cause of Death	Cardiac arrest
Age	59
Significance	Key figure in strengthening India's maritime security



RANKING



- **What achievement did RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das receive in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2024?**
- A) Introduced a new monetary policy
 - B) Ranked as the top central banker for the second consecutive year with an A+ grade
 - C) Announced the highest interest rate cut in history
 - D) Launched a new digital currency
 - E) Led the largest bank merger in India

Answer

B) Ranked as the top central banker for the second consecutive year with an A+ grade



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das was ranked as the top central banker in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2024.
- **Achievement:** He earned an A+ grade for the second consecutive year, recognizing his exceptional performance as a central banker.



RANKING



Significance:

- **Recognition:** The A+ grade indicates top-tier performance in managing monetary policy, maintaining economic stability, and responding effectively to financial challenges.
- **Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards:** This annual report ranks central bank governors based on their performance in areas such as inflation control, economic growth, and currency stability.



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **RBI (Reserve Bank of India):** The central banking institution of India, responsible for controlling the monetary policy of the Indian rupee.
- **A+ Grade:** The highest rating awarded in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards, reflecting outstanding performance in central banking.



RANKING



Static GK Information:

- **RBI Governor:**
 - **Name:** Shaktikanta Das
 - **Position:** Governor of the Reserve Bank of India since December 2018



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das ranked top central banker
Date	20 August 2024
Achievement	Earned A+ grade in Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2024
Significance	Recognized as the top central banker for the second consecutive year
Institution	Reserve Bank of India



- **What is the main significance of the merger between Slice and North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB)?**
- A) Expansion of Slice's services into Europe
 - B) Introduction of cryptocurrency trading in India
 - C) Combining digital expertise with grassroots banking to enhance financial inclusivity
 - D) Launching a new line of credit cards
 - E) Focusing solely on corporate banking

Answer

C) Combining digital expertise with grassroots banking to enhance financial inclusivity



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for the merger of Slice with North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB).
- **Approval:** The NCLT Guwahati bench has sanctioned the scheme of arrangement and amalgamation involving several entities, including Slice and NESFB.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Significance of the Merger:**
 - The merger combines Slice's digital capabilities with NESFB's grassroots banking expertise, aiming to deliver a superior financial experience to Indian consumers.
 - The combined entity is expected to leverage advanced technology and community insights to promote financial inclusion across India.
 - Customers will benefit from an expanded range of financial products, improved omni-channel offerings, and a seamless banking experience.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Impact on Financial Industry:**
 - This merger represents a significant step toward advancing financial inclusivity in India by setting new industry benchmarks through innovative technological solutions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Financial Inclusion:** The process of ensuring access to financial services and products to all individuals and businesses, especially the underserved and low-income populations.
- **Omni-channel Offerings:** Providing a seamless and integrated customer experience across multiple channels, including online, mobile, and physical branches.



Static GK Information:

- **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT):**
 - **Founded:** 2016
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Role:** Adjudicates issues related to company law in India, including mergers, demergers, and corporate restructuring.



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	NCLT approval for Slice and NESFB merger
Location	Guwahati, Assam, India
Date	20 August 2024
Primary Significance	Combining digital expertise with grassroots banking to enhance financial inclusivity
Impact on Customers	Expanded products, enhanced omni-channel offerings, seamless banking experience
Industry Impact	Setting new benchmarks in financial inclusivity through innovative tech solutions



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



- **What is the primary focus of the recent approval by the Competition Commission of India (CCI)?**
- A) Acquisition by Apollo Healthco in Advent
 - B) Merger of Apollo Healthco with Advent International
 - C) Acquisition by Rasmeli in Apollo Healthco and subsequent merger of Keimed into Apollo Healthco
 - D) Investment by Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited in Advent International
 - E) Sale of Keimed's business to Apollo Healthco

Answer

C) Acquisition by Rasmeli in Apollo Healthco and subsequent merger of Keimed into Apollo Healthco



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of a business combination involving acquisitions and a merger by the Competition Commission of India (CCI).
- **Location:** India



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Rasmeli's Investment in Apollo Healthco:** Rasmeli Limited, a Cyprus-based investment entity, proposes to make a minority investment in Apollo Healthco (AHL) over two tranches and gain certain rights in AHL.
- **Apollo Healthco's Acquisition of Keimed:** Apollo Healthco plans to acquire shares in Keimed Private Limited through primary and secondary transactions.
- **Merger of Keimed into Apollo Healthco:** Following Rasmeli's investment, Keimed is set to merge into Apollo Healthco within a specified period.
- **AHEL's Additional Investment in Apollo Healthco:** Before Rasmeli's investment, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited (AHEL) will subscribe to new equity shares of Apollo Healthco via preferential allotment and bonus issuance.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Competition Commission of India (CCI):** A statutory body responsible for enforcing the Competition Act, 2002, in India to prevent practices having adverse effects on competition.
- **Apollo 24|7:** A digital healthcare platform operated by Apollo Healthco, offering services such as doctor appointments, diagnostic tests, and pharmacy distribution.
- **Advent International, L.P.:** A global private equity firm focusing on investments across sectors like healthcare, technology, and consumer products.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Static GK Information:

- **Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited (AHEL):**
 - **Founded Year:** 1983
 - **Founder:** Dr. Prathap C. Reddy
 - **Headquarters:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
 - **Chairperson:** Dr. Preetha Reddy
- **Tamil Nadu**
 - **Capital:** Chennai
 - **CM:** Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin
 - **Governor:** Banwarilal Purohit



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	CCI approves combination involving acquisitions and a merger
Location	India
Date	20 August 2024
Involved Entities	Rasmeli (Cyprus), Apollo Healthco, Keimed, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited
Key Activities	Investment by Rasmeli, Acquisition by AHL, Merger of Keimed into AHL
Significance	Consolidation in the healthcare and pharmaceutical distribution sectors



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



- **What did the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approve regarding Invesco Asset Management (India) Private Limited?**
- A) Acquisition of 60% shareholding in Invesco AMC by Mango Crest Investment Ltd.
 - B) Merger of IndusInd International Holdings Limited with Invesco Trustee Private Limited
 - C) Acquisition of shareholding in Invesco Asset Management (India) Private Limited and Invesco Trustee Private Limited by IndusInd International Holdings Limited
 - D) Investment in Shriram Housing Finance Limited by IndusInd International Holdings Limited
 - E) Acquisition of shareholding in Invesco AMC by Shriram Housing Finance Limited

Answer

C) Acquisition of shareholding in Invesco Asset Management (India) Private Limited and Invesco Trustee Private Limited by IndusInd International Holdings Limited



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) of a significant acquisition involving Invesco and IndusInd International Holdings Limited.
- **Location:** India



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Acquisition Details:** The acquisition involves a 60% shareholding in both Invesco Asset Management (India) Private Limited (Invesco AMC) and Invesco Trustee Private Limited (Invesco Trustee) by IndusInd International Holdings Limited (IIHL).
- **Purpose:** IIHL will execute this investment through its wholly owned subsidiary, IIHL AMC Holdings Limited, established specifically for this acquisition.
- **Entities Involved:**
 - **IIHL:** A company incorporated in the Republic of Mauritius, primarily involved in investment holding across various sectors.
 - **Invesco AMC:** An asset management company managing Invesco Mutual Fund, approved by SEBI.
 - **Invesco Trustee:** The trustee company for Invesco Mutual Fund.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Competition Commission of India (CCI):** The regulatory authority in India responsible for promoting competition and preventing activities that have an adverse effect on competition.
- **Invesco Mutual Fund:** A mutual fund managed by Invesco AMC, regulated under SEBI guidelines.
- **IndusInd International Holdings Limited (IIHL):** A Mauritius-based investment holding company.



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Static GK Information:

- **IndusInd International Holdings Limited (IIHL):**
 - **Headquarters:** Republic of Mauritius
 - **Primary Activity:** Investment Holding
- **Invesco Asset Management (India) Private Limited:**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **Registered Under:** SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996
- **Mauritius:**
 - **Capital:** Port Louis
 - **Currency:** Mauritian Rupee
 - **President:** Prithvirajsing Roopun
 - **Prime Minister:** Pravind Jugnauth



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	CCI approves acquisition of shareholding in Invesco AMC and Invesco Trustee
Location	India
Date	20 August 2024
Acquirer	IndusInd International Holdings Limited (IIHL)
Acquired Entities	Invesco Asset Management (India) Private Limited, Invesco Trustee Private Limited
Significance	Strategic investment in India's asset management and mutual fund sectors



AWARDS



- **What was the main focus of the President of India's speech during the National Geoscience Awards-2023 ceremony?**
 - A) Promotion of renewable energy exclusively
 - B) The need for advanced technology in agriculture
 - C) Achieving self-sufficiency in mineral production and promoting geosciences
 - D) Enhancing space exploration efforts
 - E) Improving rural infrastructure

Answer

C) Achieving self-sufficiency in mineral production and promoting geosciences



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Presentation of the National Geoscience Awards-2023.
- **Location:** Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, New Delhi, India



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the Event:**
 - The National Geoscience Awards aim to honor individuals and teams for extraordinary achievements and outstanding contributions in various fields of geosciences.



AWARDS



Key Highlights from the President's Speech:

- **Self-Sufficiency in Mineral Production:**
 - President Droupadi Murmu emphasized the importance of achieving self-sufficiency in mineral production to help India reach its goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047.
 - She praised initiatives like the National Geoscience Data Repository Portal and the use of AI and emerging technologies in mineral exploration and mining.



AWARDS



Key Highlights from the President's Speech:

- **Sustainable Development and Green Transition:**
 - The President highlighted India's commitment to achieving Net Zero Carbon Emission and the importance of critical minerals and rare earth elements for green transition.
 - She expressed confidence that the National Critical Minerals Mission would help India become self-reliant in these essential resources.



Key Highlights from the President's Speech:

- **Disaster Management:**
 - The President also mentioned the establishment of the National Landslide Forecasting Centre in Kolkata, which will issue early warnings for landslide-prone areas.
- **Geo-tourism and Geo-heritage:**
 - She urged the youth to appreciate India's geological heritage and consider geo-tourism as a means to promote geosciences.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Geosciences:** The study of the Earth, including its composition, structure, processes, and history.
- **Critical Minerals:** Essential minerals that are crucial for the economic development and national security of a country, often used in advanced technologies.
- **National Critical Minerals Mission:** An initiative aimed at securing India's supply of critical minerals necessary for economic growth and green technologies.



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Mines, Government of India:**
 - **Established:** 1942
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Minister:** Pralhad Joshi



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	National Geoscience Awards-2023 ceremony
Location	Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, New Delhi, India
Date	20 August 2024
Main Focus	Achieving self-sufficiency in mineral production and promoting geosciences
Key Points Discussed	Use of AI in mining, National Critical Minerals Mission, disaster management, geo-tourism
Significance	Honoring achievements in geosciences and promoting sustainable development



➤ **What was the primary focus of the bilateral meeting between Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and his Japanese counterpart Mr. Kihara Minoru?**

- A) Discussing economic trade agreements
- B) Reviewing and enhancing defence cooperation between India and Japan
- C) Planning a joint cultural exchange program
- D) Launching a new educational initiative
- E) Negotiating a climate change accord

Answer

B) Reviewing and enhancing defence cooperation between India and Japan



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Bilateral meeting between Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh and Japanese Defence Minister Mr. Kihara Minoru.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Review of Defence Cooperation:**
 - The meeting focused on reviewing the existing defence cooperation activities between India and Japan, within the framework of the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership.
 - Both ministers discussed ways to further enhance cooperation in defence and security, reaffirming their commitment to strengthening bilateral relations and contributing to regional peace.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Defence Exercises and Technological Cooperation:**
 - The ministers welcomed the growing number and diversity of defence exercises and exchanges between the two countries, agreeing to expand the scope and complexity of these engagements.
 - They also discussed expanding cooperation in Defence Equipment, Technology, and critical emerging technology domains.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Industrial Cooperation:**
 - Discussions were held on enhancing industrial cooperation, particularly focusing on India's Make-in-India initiative and partnerships in co-production and co-development of defence technologies.
- **Vision for 2047:**
 - Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh highlighted India's vision for a "Viksit Bharat" by 2047, emphasizing that building domestic defence capabilities and partnering with Japan in defence technology will be crucial for achieving this goal.



Important Terms Explained:

- **India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership:** A framework that guides the bilateral relations between India and Japan, particularly focusing on security, defence, and strategic cooperation.
- **Make-in-India:** A government initiative aimed at encouraging companies to manufacture their products in India, thereby boosting domestic manufacturing and reducing import dependence.



Static GK Information:

- **Japan:**
 - **Capital:** Tokyo
 - **Currency:** Japanese Yen
 - **Prime Minister:** Fumio Kishida
 - **Minister of Defense:** Kihara Minoru



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Bilateral meeting between Indian and Japanese Defence Ministers
Location	New Delhi, India
Date	20 August 2024
Primary Focus	Reviewing and enhancing defence cooperation between India and Japan
Key Discussions	Defence exercises, technological cooperation, industrial cooperation, Make-in-India
Significance	Strengthening bilateral relations and regional peace



- **What was the significant development in China's nuclear energy sector as reported recently?**
- A) China decommissioned 11 nuclear reactors
 - B) China halted the construction of nuclear reactors
 - C) China approved the construction of 11 new nuclear reactors across five sites
 - D) China switched to fully renewable energy
 - E) China approved the expansion of coal power plants

Answer

C) China approved the construction of 11 new nuclear reactors across five sites



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of 11 new nuclear reactors by China.
- **Location:** Across five sites in China - Jiangsu, Shandong, Guangdong, Zhejiang, and Guangxi.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Significance of Approval:**
 - China has approved a record number of 11 nuclear reactors, spread across five different sites, with a total investment of approximately \$31 billion (220 billion yuan).
 - This move is part of China's strategy to rely more heavily on atomic energy to support its emission reduction goals.
 - The construction of these reactors is expected to take about five years.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **China's Nuclear Power Status:**
 - China currently has more nuclear reactors under construction than any other country in the world and aims to become the world's leading atomic power generator by 2030, surpassing France and the US.
 - The country already has 56 nuclear reactors in operation, contributing to about 5% of its total electricity demand.
- **Reactors and Technology:**
 - The new projects include advanced fourth-generation reactors, like the high-temperature gas-cooled reactor at the Xuwei plant in Jiangsu.
 - The Hualong One reactors, which are predominantly made from Chinese components, have become a common choice in recent projects.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Nuclear Reactors:** Facilities within nuclear power plants where nuclear fission is initiated to generate heat, which is then used to produce electricity.
- **Hualong One Reactor:** A type of third-generation nuclear reactor developed in China, known for its advanced safety features and use of domestically produced components.
- **Fourth-Generation Reactor:** A newer type of nuclear reactor with enhanced safety features, capable of producing both heat and electricity.



Static GK Information:

- **China:**
 - **Capital:** Beijing
 - **Currency:** Renminbi (Yuan)
 - **President:** Xi Jinping
 - **Nuclear Power Capacity:** China is rapidly expanding its nuclear capacity, with plans to lead the world in nuclear power generation by 2030.



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	China approves construction of 11 new nuclear reactors
Location	Jiangsu, Shandong, Guangdong, Zhejiang, Guangxi
Date	20 August 2024
Total Investment	\$31 billion (220 billion yuan)
Technologies Used	Hualong One Reactors, Fourth-Generation Reactors
Significance	Part of China's strategy to reduce emissions and become the leading atomic power by 2030



➤ **What are the key initiatives undertaken by the Ministry of Textiles to support the handloom sector?**

- A) Only promoting the India Handloom brand
- B) Providing loans exclusively for handloom organizations
- C) Implementing the National Handloom Development Programme and Raw Material Supply Scheme
- D) Focusing on export promotion only
- E) Establishing a single handloom producer company

Answer

C) Implementing the National Handloom Development Programme and Raw Material Supply Scheme



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Implementation of various schemes and initiatives by the Ministry of Textiles to promote the handloom sector.
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **National Handloom Development Programme:**
 - Provides financial assistance for upgrading looms, solar lighting, workshed construction, product design development, and marketing of handloom products.
 - Supports infrastructure development and technical assistance for handloom workers and organizations.
- **Weavers' MUDRA Loan/Concessional Credit Scheme:**
 - Offers margin money assistance, interest subvention, and credit guarantee fees on loans for weavers and handloom organizations.
- **Raw Material Supply Scheme:**
 - Includes transport subsidy for yarn delivery and a 15% price subsidy on cotton hank yarn, silk, woollen yarn, linen yarn, and blended yarn of natural fibers.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Welfare of Handloom Workers:**
 - Provides life and accidental insurance cover, scholarships for the wards of handloom workers, and financial support for awardee weavers above 60 years in indigent circumstances.
- **Export Promotion:**
 - Through the Handloom Export Promotion Council, the government organizes international fairs to promote Indian handloom products globally.
- **India Handloom Brand:**
 - Launched to promote niche, high-quality handloom products that are environmentally sustainable, with 1,998 registrations under 184 product categories since its launch.



Important Terms Explained:

- **National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP):** A government initiative aimed at supporting the handloom sector through financial assistance, infrastructure development, and market access.
- **Weavers' MUDRA Loan/Concessional Credit Scheme:** Provides financial aid to individual weavers and handloom organizations for boosting productivity and income.
- **India Handloom Brand:** A branding initiative to promote high-quality handloom products with a focus on zero defect and zero effect on the environment.



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Textiles:**
 - **Founded:** 1948
 - **Headquarters:** Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi, India
 - **Minister:** Piyush Goyal



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Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Implementation of National Handloom Development Programme and other schemes
Location	India
Date	20 August 2024
Key Initiatives	NHDP, Raw Material Supply Scheme, MUDRA Loan Scheme, India Handloom Brand
Significance	Comprehensive support for the handloom sector, including financial, marketing, and welfare assistance



➤ **What is the purpose of the recently launched DRIPS portal by the Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal?**

- A) To manage real-time electricity billing
- B) To track power sector employee performance
- C) To ensure rapid resource deployment in the power sector during disasters
- D) To monitor power consumption in coastal states
- E) To promote renewable energy projects in disaster-prone areas

Answer

C) To ensure rapid resource deployment in the power sector during disasters



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the DRIPS (Disaster Resilient Infrastructure for Power Sector) online portal.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose of DRIPS:**
 - DRIPS is designed to rapidly identify and deploy necessary resources in the power sector during disaster situations.
 - It ensures transparent, coordinated, and effective functioning of the power sector during emergencies, aiming to reduce human error and enhance disaster response efficiency.
- **Targeted Regions:**
 - Coastal states like Gujarat, Maharashtra, Kerala, and others, which are vulnerable to natural disasters, are the primary focus of this initiative.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Development and Implementation:**
 - The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) developed the DRIPS portal in-house, which serves as a single contact point for all nodal officers involved in managing power systems and critical supplies across the country.
- **Stakeholder Participation:**
 - The portal currently has 61 registered stakeholders, including power generation companies (GENCOs), transmission companies (TRANSCO), and distribution companies (DISCOMs).



Important Terms Explained:

- **DRIPS (Disaster Resilient Infrastructure for Power Sector):** An online portal to manage and deploy resources efficiently in the power sector during disasters.
- **CEA (Central Electricity Authority):** The organization responsible for developing and managing the DRIPS portal in coordination with the power sector entities.



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Power:**
 - **Minister:** Shri R. K. Singh
 - **Headquarters:** Shram Shakti Bhavan, New Delhi, India
 - **Founded:** 2 July 1992



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Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Launch of DRIPS portal by the Union Minister
Location	New Delhi, India
Date	20 August 2024
Purpose	To ensure rapid resource deployment in power sector during disasters
Key Stakeholders	GENCOS, TRANSCOs, DISCOMs, CEA
Significance	Enhances disaster preparedness and response in power sector



- **What is the main purpose of the JAL VIDYUT DPR portal launched by the Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal?**
- A) To monitor electricity billing in hydro projects
 - B) To manage environmental clearances for power projects
 - C) To monitor survey and investigation activities of Hydro Electric Projects and Pumped Storage Projects
 - D) To track consumer complaints in the power sector
 - E) To promote renewable energy installations in coastal areas

Answer

C) To monitor survey and investigation activities of Hydro Electric Projects and Pumped Storage Projects



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the JAL VIDYUT DPR portal for monitoring hydroelectric and pumped storage projects.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **JAL VIDYUT DPR Portal:**
 - **Purpose:** The portal is designed to monitor survey and investigation activities related to Hydro Electric Projects and Pumped Storage Projects (PSPs).
 - **Centralized Platform:** Developed by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), it serves as a centralized digital platform to enhance efficiency and transparency in project management.
 - **Current Projects:** The portal currently tracks 11 Hydro Electric Projects with a combined capacity of 9 GW and 39 Pumped Storage Projects with a capacity of 57 GW.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **JAL VIDYUT DPR Portal:**
 - **Improved Coordination:** It facilitates better communication between developers and various appraising agencies like the Central Water Commission (CWC), Geological Survey of India (GSI), and others, ensuring streamlined processes in the preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs).
 - **Government's Initiative:** This aligns with the broader goal of promoting ease of doing business by reducing timelines for appraisals and approvals.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Hydro Electric Projects:** Infrastructure projects that generate electricity by harnessing the energy from flowing or falling water.
- **Pumped Storage Projects (PSPs):** These projects store energy by pumping water to a higher elevation during low demand periods and releasing it to generate electricity during peak demand.



Static GK Information:

- **Central Electricity Authority (CEA):**
 - **Founded:** 1951
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Role:** CEA advises the government on policy matters and prepares national electricity plans.



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Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Launch of JAL VIDYUT DPR portal
Location	New Delhi, India
Date	20 August 2024
Purpose	To monitor survey and investigation activities of Hydro and Pumped Storage Projects
Key Features	Centralized platform, real-time tracking, improved project management
Significance	Enhances efficiency and transparency in DPR preparation and project management



➤ **What is the main function of the newly launched PROMPT portal by the Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal?**

- A) To manage electricity billing for consumers
- B) To monitor renewable energy projects in real-time
- C) To provide real-time tracking and analysis of thermal power projects
- D) To oversee environmental compliance in power projects
- E) To manage fuel supply logistics for power plants

Answer

C) To provide real-time tracking and analysis of thermal power projects



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the PROMPT (Portal for Online Monitoring of Projects – Thermal) by the Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **PROMPT Portal:**
 - **Purpose:** The portal is designed to facilitate real-time tracking and analysis of under-construction thermal power projects across India.
 - **Development:** Developed with the assistance of NTPC, the portal digitizes the monitoring process, allowing for efficient identification and resolution of issues.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Features:**
 - **Real-Time Tracking:** Provides a centralized platform to monitor project execution, ensuring that potential delays and issues are promptly addressed.
 - **Transparency and Accountability:** Enhances transparency in project management, reducing time and cost overruns.
 - **Resource Optimization:** Supports predictable resource availability, which is crucial for meeting the country's growing electricity demand.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Thermal Power Projects:** These projects involve the generation of electricity using heat energy, typically from coal, natural gas, or nuclear fuel.
- **Central Electricity Authority (CEA):** The body responsible for overseeing the power sector's development and ensuring the efficient execution of power projects.



Static GK Information:

- **NTPC Limited:**
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Founded:** 1975
 - **CEO:** Gurdeep Singh
 - **Tagline:** "Powering India's Growth"



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Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Launch of PROMPT portal for thermal power project monitoring
Location	New Delhi, India
Date	20 August 2024
Purpose	To provide real-time tracking and analysis of thermal power projects
Key Features	Real-time tracking, transparency, resource optimization
Significance	Enhances efficiency and transparency in the execution of thermal power projects



➤ **What was the primary focus of the second edition of the National Conference of Enforcement Chiefs of the State and Central GST Formations?**

- A) Launching new GST compliance software
- B) Discussing strategies to tackle fake registrations and GST evasion
- C) Implementing new GST rates
- D) Promoting ease of doing business through reduced GST rates
- E) Reviewing the performance of the GST Network (GSTN)

Answer

B) Discussing strategies to tackle fake registrations and GST evasion



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Second edition of the National Conference of Enforcement Chiefs of the State and Central GST Formations.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Important Terms Explained:

- **GST (Goods and Services Tax):** A comprehensive, multi-stage, destination-based tax levied on every value addition in India.
- **Fake Registrations:** Refers to the fraudulent registration of firms with the intent to claim undue Input Tax Credit (ITC) under the GST regime.
- **Input Tax Credit (ITC):** A mechanism that allows businesses to reduce the tax they have paid on inputs from the tax they owe on their final product.



Static GK Information:

- **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC):**
 - **Founded:** 1944
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairman:** Sanjay Agarwal



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Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Second National Conference of Enforcement Chiefs of GST Formations
Location	New Delhi, India
Date	20 August 2024
Primary Focus	Identifying and eliminating fake GST registrations
Key Participants	CBIC, CCTs, DGGI, State and Central GST Chiefs, Revenue Secretary
Significance	Strengthening enforcement against GST evasion and improving compliance



➤ **What is the main objective of the first certification program launched by ICA in partnership with the Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), Ministry of Defence?**

- A) To train defence officers for government roles
- B) To prepare senior defence officers as Independent Directors
- C) To provide technical training to defence personnel
- D) To promote defence cooperation between India and other countries
- E) To train officers in cybersecurity and IT management

Answer

B) To prepare senior defence officers as Independent Directors



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of the first certification program for senior defence officers to prepare them as Independent Directors.
- **Location:** IICA Campus, Manesar, Gurugram, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the Program:**
 - The two-week certification program aims to equip senior defence officers with the knowledge and skills necessary to serve as Independent Directors on corporate boards.
 - It is designed to provide participants with a conceptual and regulatory understanding of corporate governance, focusing on the roles and responsibilities of Independent Directors.
- **Participants:**
 - The program includes 30 senior officers from the Army, Navy, and Air Force, including Air Vice Marshals, Major Generals, and Rear Admirals, both serving and recently superannuated.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Keynote Address:**
 - Ms. Monica Agrawal emphasized the importance of boards in corporate governance and the valuable role defence officers can play in enhancing governance standards by bringing their leadership and strategic expertise to corporate boards.
- **Program Design:**
 - The curriculum is structured to align public governance, military governance, and corporate governance, with the aim of helping defence officers transition to roles in corporate leadership.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Independent Director:** An independent director is a member of a board of directors who does not have a material or pecuniary relationship with the company or its related entities, other than their director's fee.
- **Corporate Governance:** The system of rules, practices, and processes by which a company is directed and controlled, focusing on the relationship between a company's management, its board, shareholders, and other stakeholders.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA):**
 - **Founded:** 2008
 - **Headquarters:** Manesar, Gurugram, Haryana, India
 - **Primary Role:** IICA serves as a think tank, action research, service delivery, and capacity-building institute, supporting the corporate sector.
- **Directorate General Resettlement (DGR):**
 - **Affiliation:** Ministry of Defence, India
 - **Role:** DGR facilitates the resettlement of retired and retiring defence personnel through employment, self-employment, and skill development.



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Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	First certification program for preparing senior defence officers as Independent Directors
Location	IICA Campus, Manesar, Gurugram, India
Date	20 August 2024
Objective	To train senior defence officers in corporate governance and prepare them as Independent Directors
Participants	30 senior officers from all three services of the Indian Armed Forces
Significance	Bridges the gap between military governance and corporate governance



- **What is the primary objective of the Hackathon launched by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)?**
- A) To develop new manufacturing standards
 - B) To create a platform for online activities to promote awareness of Indian Standards
 - C) To improve infrastructure in educational institutions
 - D) To design a new logo for BIS
 - E) To develop a new consumer feedback system

Answer

B) To create a platform for online activities to promote awareness of Indian Standards



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of a Hackathon by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Hackathon Objective:**
 - The Hackathon aims to engage student teams from institutes that have signed an MoU with BIS. The main goal is to design and develop a platform for organizing online activities and games.
 - These activities are intended to cultivate interest, enhance knowledge, and raise awareness about Indian Standards, which play a crucial role in ensuring quality and safety.



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Mandates and Objectives:

- **Participation Details:**
 - Students participating in the Hackathon are tasked with creating innovative solutions that focus on promoting standards and quality awareness.
 - The platform to be developed should be capable of hosting various online activities, potentially linked to important events like World Standards Day and World Consumer Rights Day.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS):** The national standards body of India, responsible for the development and maintenance of quality standards across various industries.
- **Indian Standards:** A set of guidelines and specifications developed by BIS to ensure the quality and safety of products and services in India.



Static GK Information:

- **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS):**
 - **Founded:** 1986
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Director General:** Pramod Kumar Tiwari



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Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Launch of BIS Hackathon for students
Location	India
Date	20 August 2024
Objective	To create a platform for online activities promoting Indian Standards
Target Audience	Student teams from institutes with MoU with BIS
Significance	Enhances awareness of quality standards through interactive and engaging platforms



- **What was the main highlight of the Rajasthan government's preparations for the 'Rising Rajasthan' Investment Summit 2024?**
- A) Launch of a new industrial policy
 - B) Receiving investment proposals worth over Rs 5.21 lakh crore
 - C) Organizing a cultural festival
 - D) Signing an international trade agreement
 - E) Introducing new tax incentives for local businesses

Answer

B) Receiving investment proposals worth over Rs 5.21 lakh crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Rajasthan government's preparations for the 'Rising Rajasthan' Investment Summit 2024.
- **Location:** Jaipur, Rajasthan, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Investment Proposals:**
 - The Rajasthan government received investment proposals worth over Rs 5.21 lakh crore (over USD 62 billion) within two weeks of announcing the summit dates.
 - These investments have the potential to generate around 1.55 lakh direct employment opportunities, significantly impacting the state's economy.
- **Economic Impact:**
 - The investment proposals represent over 33% of Rajasthan's current Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), which is estimated to be INR 15.28 lakh crore for 2023-24.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Summit Details:**
 - The 'Rising Rajasthan' Investment Summit 2024 is scheduled to take place from December 9-11, 2024, in Jaipur.
 - The summit aims to attract global investment, innovation, and partnerships, making Rajasthan a prime investment destination.
- **Government Efforts:**
 - The Industries Department, led by Minister Colonel Rajyavardhan Rathore, has been actively working for several months to improve the investment climate in Rajasthan.
 - Efforts include enhancing the 'Ease of Doing Business,' creating a supportive infrastructure, and resolving issues faced by the business community.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Future Plans:**
 - The Rajasthan government plans to conduct domestic and international roadshows to engage with national and global industrialists, corporates, and international institutions.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP):** A measure of the economic output of a state, similar to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at the national level.
- **Ease of Doing Business:** Refers to the regulatory environment and the ease with which businesses can start and operate in a region.



Static GK Information:

- **Rajasthan:**
 - **Capital:** Jaipur
 - **Chief Minister:** Ashok Gehlot
 - **Governor:** Kalraj Mishra
 - **Bureau of Investment Promotion (BIP):** The nodal department responsible for facilitating investments in Rajasthan.



Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Preparations for 'Rising Rajasthan' Investment Summit 2024
Location	Jaipur, Rajasthan, India
Date	December 9-11, 2024
Investment Proposals Received	Rs 5.21 lakh crore
Employment Potential	1.55 lakh direct jobs
Economic Impact	Proposals represent over 33% of Rajasthan's GSDP



- **What was the total value of the deals and projects inaugurated by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu at Sri City, and what is the potential employment generation?**
- A) Rs 2,000 crore, generating 10,000 jobs
 - B) Rs 5,000 crore, generating 20,000 jobs
 - C) Rs 3,683 crore, generating 15,280 jobs
 - D) Rs 4,000 crore, generating 12,000 jobs
 - E) Rs 3,000 crore, generating 15,000 jobs

Answer

C) Rs 3,683 crore, generating 15,280 jobs



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration and foundation laying of industrial projects, along with the signing of deals by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu.
- **Location:** Sri City, Andhra Pradesh, India



Details:

- **Total Value of Projects and Deals:**
 - The total value of the projects and deals inaugurated, laid foundation for, and signed at Sri City amounts to Rs 3,683 crore.
- **Employment Generation:**
 - These projects and deals have the potential to generate 15,280 jobs.
 - **Breakdown of Investments:**
 - 15 industrial projects with a total investment of Rs 1,570 crore, generating 8,480 jobs.
 - 7 projects with an investment of Rs 900 crore, generating 2,740 jobs.
 - 5 deals signed involving an investment of Rs 1,213 crore, generating 4,060 jobs.



Details:

- **Chief Minister's Vision:**
 - Naidu emphasized that Sri City is being developed to become one of the best special economic zones (SEZ) globally, aiming to compete with places like Shenzhen in China.
 - He highlighted Andhra Pradesh's focus on electric vehicles, renewable energy, and green hydrogen.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Special Economic Zone (SEZ):** A designated area in a country that is subject to unique economic regulations that differ from other areas in the same country, often aiming to attract foreign investments and boost economic activity.
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU):** An agreement between two or more parties outlined in a formal document, signifying the intention of the parties to move forward with a project or cooperation.



Static GK Information:

- **Andhra Pradesh:**
 - **Capital:** Amaravati
 - **Chief Minister:** Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy
(N. Chandrababu Naidu was a former CM)
 - **Governor:** S. Abdul Nazeer



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Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Inauguration, foundation laying, and deal signing at Sri City
Location	Sri City, Andhra Pradesh, India
Date	19 August 2024
Total Investment Value	Rs 3,683 crore
Potential Employment Generation	15,280 jobs
Key Projects and Companies	Isuzu, Kobelco, Pepsi, Alstom, Foxconn, among others



➤ **What is the primary objective of the newly launched international trade financing platform by M1xchange at GIFT City?**

- A) To provide loans to large corporations
- B) To offer global liquidity and trade financing to Indian MSMEs
- C) To promote digital payments among Indian MSMEs
- D) To create a platform for international e-commerce
- E) To facilitate cryptocurrency trading for MSMEs

Answer

B) To offer global liquidity and trade financing to Indian MSMEs



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of an international trade financing platform by M1xchange.
- **Location:** GIFT City, Gujarat, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Objective:**
 - The primary objective of the platform, M1NXT ITFS, is to provide Indian MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) with access to global liquidity by enabling them to benefit from trade financing facilities offered by foreign banks at a lower cost.
 - The platform is designed to facilitate international trade financing for MSMEs, making it easier and more affordable for them to access global factoring services.
- **Significance:**
 - The initiative supports Indian MSMEs in their international trade operations by lowering financing costs and improving their cash flow through access to global financial markets.



Important Terms Explained:

- **MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises):** Small and medium-sized enterprises that form a significant part of the economy, particularly in developing countries like India.
- **Factoring Services:** A financial transaction where a business sells its accounts receivable (invoices) to a third party (factor) at a discount in exchange for immediate cash flow.
- **GIFT City:** Gujarat International Finance Tec-City, a business district in Gujarat, India, developed as a global financial and IT services hub.



Static GK Information:

- **M1xchange:**
 - **Founded:** 2017
 - **Headquarters:** Gurugram, Haryana, India
 - **Primary Role:** A digital platform for invoice discounting and trade financing for MSMEs.



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Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Launch of M1NXT ITFS platform by M1xchange
Location	GIFT City, Gujarat, India
Date	20 August 2024
Primary Objective	To offer global liquidity and trade financing to Indian MSMEs
Significance	Facilitates lower-cost international trade financing for Indian MSMEs
Platform Purpose	Providing access to global factoring services



➤ **What is the significance of the ARAI certification received by Plugzmart, an IIT Madras-incubated start-up?**

- A) It allows Plugzmart to export EV chargers to Europe
- B) It signifies that Plugzmart's EV charger meets India's operational safety and efficiency standards
- C) It enables Plugzmart to develop software for electric vehicles
- D) It permits Plugzmart to manufacture gasoline engines
- E) It signifies the launch of Plugzmart's first electric vehicle

Answer

B) It signifies that Plugzmart's EV charger meets India's operational safety and efficiency standards



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Plugzmart, an IIT Madras-incubated start-up, received certification from the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI).
- **Certification:** The certification was awarded for Plugzmart's 60kW DC Fast Charger and its proprietary controller card, indicating their compliance with Indian operational safety and efficiency standards.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Significance of ARAI Certification:**
 - The ARAI certification confirms that Plugzmart's EV charger meets the required safety and efficiency standards set by Indian authorities, specifically the Ministry of Heavy Industries.
 - This certification is a crucial step for Plugzmart in establishing its EV chargers as reliable and safe products within India's growing electric vehicle infrastructure.
- **Impact on EV Infrastructure:**
 - The certification represents a significant boost to indigenous electric vehicle infrastructure in India, supporting the country's efforts to enhance domestic production of EV components.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ARAI (Automotive Research Association of India):** A leading automotive research and certification organization in India, responsible for testing and certifying vehicles and components to ensure they meet regulatory standards.
- **DC Fast Charger:** A type of electric vehicle charger that provides high power output, enabling rapid charging of electric vehicles.



Static GK Information:

- **IIT Madras:**
 - **Founded:** 1959
 - **Location:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
 - **Notable for:** Being a leading institute in technology and research in India.



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Tabular Summary:

Detail	Information
Event	Plugzmart receives ARAI certification
Location	India
Date	20 August 2024
Product Certified	60kW DC Fast Charger and proprietary controller card
Certification Significance	Meets operational safety and efficiency standards in India
Impact on EV Infrastructure	Boost to indigenous EV infrastructure



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- **World Humanitarian Day 2024 focuses on confronting attacks on civilians and humanitarian workers under the campaign theme #ActForHumanity.**
- **Indian Coast Guard Director-General Rakesh Pal passed away in Chennai due to a cardiac arrest.**
- **RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das ranked as the top central banker for the second year in a row with an A+ grade in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2024.**
- **NCLT approves the merger of Slice with NESFB, combining digital expertise with grassroots banking to boost financial inclusivity.**
- **President Droupadi Murmu emphasizes self-sufficiency in mineral production and the promotion of geosciences at the National Geoscience Awards-2023.**
- **India and Japan reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing defence cooperation during bilateral talks in New Delhi.**



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- **China approves the construction of 11 new nuclear reactors, reinforcing its status as a global leader in atomic energy.**
- **CCI approves Advent's acquisition in Apollo Healthco and Keimed's merger into Apollo Healthco.**
- **CCI approves IndusInd International Holdings Limited's 60% acquisition in Invesco AMC and Invesco Trustee.**
- **Ministry of Textiles supports the handloom sector with NHDP, MUDRA loans, and the India Handloom brand.**
- **DRIPS portal launched to ensure rapid resource deployment in power sector during disasters.**
- **JAL VIDYUT DPR portal launched to monitor hydroelectric and pumped storage project activities effectively.**
- **PROMPT portal launched for real-time tracking and analysis of thermal power projects in India.**



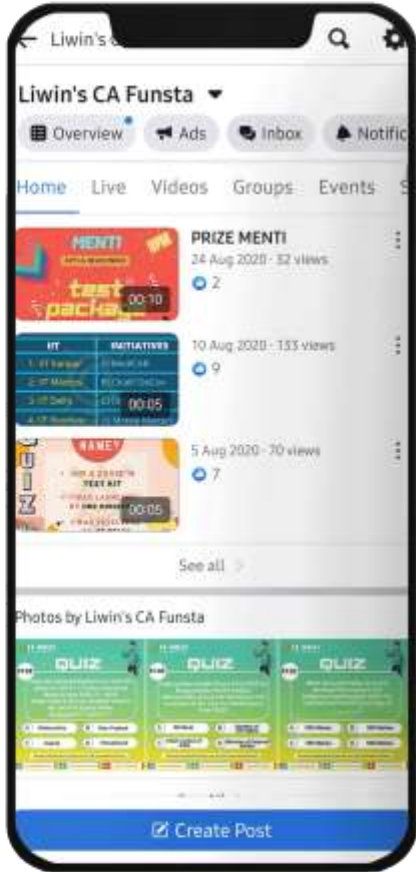
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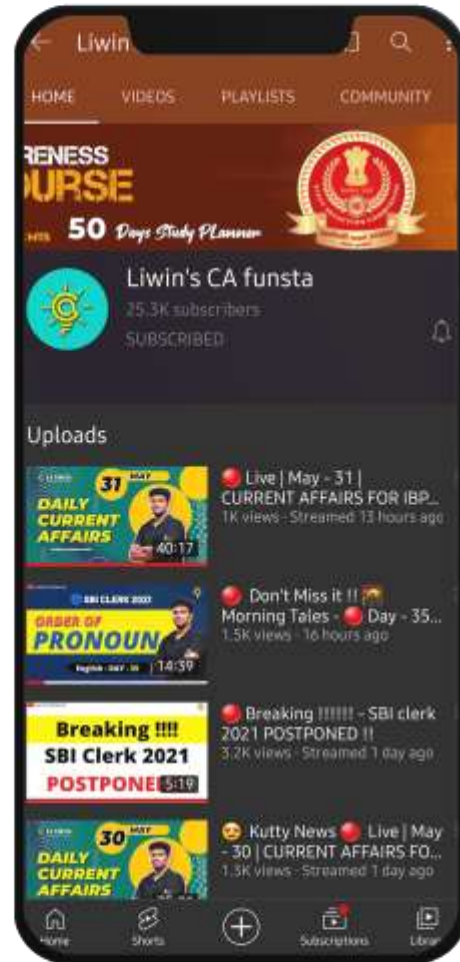
- **National Conference of GST Enforcement Chiefs focuses on tackling fake registrations and enhancing compliance.**
- **IICA and DGR launch a certification program to prepare senior defence officers as Independent Directors.**
- **BIS launches Hackathon for students to develop online platforms promoting Indian Standards awareness.**
- **Rajasthan govt receives investment proposals worth over Rs 5.21 lakh crore ahead of 'Rising Rajasthan' Investment Summit 2024.**
- **Andhra CM Chandrababu Naidu inaugurates projects and signs deals worth Rs 3,683 crore at Sri City, generating 15,280 jobs.**
- **M1xchange launches M1NXT ITFS at GIFT City to provide global trade financing for Indian MSMEs.**
- **Plugmart's 60kW DC Fast Charger receives ARAI certification, ensuring compliance with India's safety and efficiency standards.**



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