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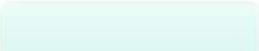


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# July 20 – 25 Revision



➤ **What historic achievement did Avani Lekhara accomplish at the Paris Paralympics?**

- A) Became the first Indian to win a Paralympic medal in archery
- B) Set a new world record in long jump
- C) Became the first Indian to win successive Paralympic gold medals in shooting
- D) Clinched India's first Paralympic medal in swimming
- E) Won a gold medal in wheelchair racing



**Answer**

**C) Became the first Indian to win successive Paralympic gold medals in shooting**



# SPORTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Avani Lekhara's performance at the Paris Paralympics
- **Location:** Paris, France



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Gold Medal Achievement:** Avani Lekhara won the gold medal in the women's 10m air rifle (SH1) shooting competition at the Paris Paralympics, setting a new Paralympic record with a score of 249.7, surpassing her own record of 249.6 set in Tokyo.
- **Historic Achievement:** Avani became the first Indian to win successive Paralympic gold medals in shooting.
- **Additional Achievement:** Mona Agarwal won the bronze medal in the same event, marking a historic double podium finish for India.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **10m Air Rifle (SH1):** A shooting event for athletes with physical impairments affecting the lower limbs, using a rifle at a distance of 10 meters.
- **Paralympic Record:** The best performance recorded in a particular event at the Paralympic Games.





## Static GK Information:

- **Paralympic Games:** A major international multi-sport event involving athletes with a range of disabilities, held after the Olympic Games.
- **Tokyo Paralympics:** The previous Paralympic Games held in Tokyo, Japan in 2021.



# SPORTS



## Tabular Summary:

| Event                  | Details   |
|------------------------|---|
| Athlete                | Avani Lekhara   |
| Achievement            | Retained gold in the women's 10m air rifle (SH1) shooting competition |
| Record Set             | Scored 249.7, breaking her own Paralympic record                      |
| Historic Feat          | First Indian to win successive Paralympic gold medals in shooting     |
| Additional Achievement | Mona Agarwal won bronze in the same event                             |
| Location               | Paris Paralympics   |



- **What is the primary feature of HDFC Bank's newly launched DigiPassBook on the SmartWealth app?**
- A) Allows users to apply for personal loans instantly
  - B) Enables users to view and manage all equity investments, ETFs, and demat accounts in one place
  - C) Provides real-time foreign exchange rates
  - D) Offers a platform for online shopping
  - E) Facilitates direct payments for utility bills



**Answer**

**B) Enables users to view and manage all equity investments, ETFs, and demat accounts in one place**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of DigiPassBook by HDFC Bank
- **Location:** Mumbai, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **DigiPassBook Feature:** HDFC Bank's DigiPassBook, available on the SmartWealth app, allows users to consolidate and manage all their equity investments, ETFs, and demat accounts under one platform.
- **Account Aggregator Framework:** The feature is supported by the account aggregator framework, enabling users to aggregate their financial assets from different institutions after providing one-time consent.
- **Future Expansion:** HDFC Bank plans to expand DigiPassBook to include investments in insurance and bonds, further enhancing the SmartWealth app's capabilities.
- **Comprehensive View:** The feature also allows users to view bank account balances, track income and expenses, and access detailed investment analytics, all in one place.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Equity Investments:** Investments made in the stock market where users buy shares of companies.
- **ETFs (Exchange-Traded Funds):** A type of investment fund that is traded on stock exchanges, much like stocks.
- **Account Aggregator:** A service regulated by the RBI that consolidates financial information across institutions, allowing users to view all their financial holdings in one place.



## Static GK Information:

- **HDFC Bank**
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
  - **Founded:** August 1994
  - **MD & CEO:** Sashidhar Jagdishan
  - **Tagline:** We understand your world



## Tabular Summary:

| Event            | Details  |
|------------------|--|
| Feature Launched | DigiPassBook on the SmartWealth app  |
| Date             | July-end 2024 (Live since)   |
| Primary Function | Consolidate and manage equity investments, ETFs, and demat accounts            |
| Support System   | Account Aggregator Framework   |
| Future Expansion | Inclusion of insurance and bonds investments                                   |
| Benefits         | Comprehensive view of investments, bank account balances, income, and expenses |





➤ What unique service is Karnataka Bank offering on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)?



- A) Credit card applications
- B) Home loans
- C) Personal loans
- D) Fixed deposit services
- E) Mutual fund investments

**Answer**

**C) Personal loans**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Karnataka Bank's announcement to offer personal loans on ONDC
- **Location:** Mangaluru, Karnataka



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Service Offered:** Karnataka Bank will offer personal loans through buyer apps on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), initially available for its existing customers.
- **Pioneering Initiative:** This move makes Karnataka Bank the first bank to provide personal loans through the ONDC platform, integrating traditional banking services with digital commerce.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce):** An initiative by the Government of India to democratize digital commerce, providing an open platform where buyers and sellers can interact, similar to an open-source e-commerce network.
- **Personal Loans:** A type of unsecured loan provided by banks to individuals based on their creditworthiness, typically used for personal financial needs.



## Static GK Information:

- **Karnataka Bank**
  - **Headquarters:** Mangaluru, Karnataka, India
  - **Founded:** 1924
  - **MD & CEO:** Mahabaleshwara M. S.
  - **Tagline:** Your Family Bank, Across India



## Tabular Summary:

| Event            | Details  |
|------------------|--|
| Service Launched | Personal loans on ONDC                                       |
| Bank             | Karnataka Bank   |
| Location         | Mangaluru, Karnataka   |
| Platform         | Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)                     |
| Target Customers | Initially available for existing customers of Karnataka Bank |
| Significance     | First bank to offer personal loans through ONDC              |



➤ **What was the GDP growth rate of India in the April-June quarter of 2024, and how does it compare to the previous quarter?**

- A) 5.3%, lower than the previous quarter
- B) 6.7%, the slowest pace in five quarters
- C) 7.9%, higher than the previous quarter
- D) 8.1%, matching the previous quarter
- E) 6.9%, a slight increase from the previous quarter



**Answer**

**B) 6.7%, the slowest pace in five quarters**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Reporting of India's GDP growth rate for the April-June quarter of 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi, India





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **GDP Growth Rate:** India's GDP grew at 6.7% in the April-June quarter of 2024, marking the slowest pace in five quarters.
- **Comparison to Previous Quarter:** This growth rate is lower compared to the previous quarter, where manufacturing growth was at 8.9%.
- **Government's Estimate:** Despite the slowdown, the government remains optimistic about achieving a 6.5-7% growth rate for the entire fiscal year.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **GDP (Gross Domestic Product):** The total value of goods produced and services provided in a country during one year.
- **Quarter:** A three-month period on a company's financial calendar that acts as a basis for periodic financial reports and the paying of dividends.



## Tabular Summary:

| Event                           | Details  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Quarter                         | April-June 2024 (Q1 of the fiscal year)                          |
| GDP Growth Rate                 | 6.7%   |
| Comparison to Previous Quarter  | Slowest pace in five quarters, down from previous quarter's 8.9% |
| Government's Full-Year Estimate | 6.5-7% growth rate for the entire fiscal year                    |



- **What is the main goal of the partnership between Visa and the Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council (THSC) in India?**

- A) To promote digital payments in the tourism industry
- B) To train 20,000 youth with tourism-relevant skill sets
- C) To boost India's global tourism ranking
- D) To increase Visa's market share in India
- E) To establish new tourism infrastructure



**Answer**

- B) To train 20,000 youth with tourism-relevant skill sets**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Visa and the Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council (THSC).
- **Location:** India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Up skilling Youth:** The partnership aims to up skill at least 20,000 Indian youth across 10 states in tourism-relevant skills.
- **Focus Areas:** The program will concentrate on essential roles within the domestic tourism industry, such as tour guides, customer service executives, naturalists, and paragliding tandem pilots.
- **Tourism Enhancement:** The initiative is designed to elevate the tourism service experience for tourists in India.
- **Economic Growth:** The collaboration is expected to contribute to India's economic growth by enhancing the employability of youth in the tourism sector.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council (THSC):** A council under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, focused on skill development in the tourism and hospitality sector.
- **Visa:** A global leader in digital payments, facilitating transactions across 200+ countries and territories, and committed to enhancing tourism in India through strategic initiatives.



## Static GK Information:

- **Visa**
  - **Headquarters:** Foster City, California, United States
  - **Founded:** 1958
  - **CEO:** Ryan McInerney
- **Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council (THSC)**
  - **Abbreviation:** THSC
  - **Founded:** 2014
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **CEO:** Varun Talwar





## Tabular Summary:

| Event                | Details   |
|----------------------|---|
| Date                 | August 30, 2024   |
| Location             | India   |
| Signatories          | Visa and the Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council (THSC)     |
| Objective            | Up skill 20,000 youth for India's tourism industry          |
| Duration             | 3 years   |
| Value of Partnership | Up to \$1 million USD                                       |
| Target States        | Assam, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal, among others |



➤ **What is the primary focus of the partnership between Mahindra Group and Sentrycs Ltd?**

- A) Development of new electric vehicles
- B) Manufacturing of commercial aircraft
- C) Creation of anti-drone solutions for civilian and military applications
- D) Establishment of a new automobile plant in India
- E) Development of smart city infrastructure

**Mahindra**  
Rise.



**sentrycs**

**Answer**

**C) Creation of anti-drone solutions for civilian and military applications**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Mahindra Group and Sentrycs Ltd
- **Date:** August 30, 2024



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Objective:** The partnership focuses on developing and providing anti-drone solutions for both civilian and military applications in India, under the 'Make in India' initiative.
- **Technology and Manufacturing:** The collaboration will involve the transfer of technology and manufacturing of radio frequency-based counter-drone systems. These systems will detect, track, identify, and mitigate incoming drone threats, distinguishing between friendly and hostile drones.
- **Key Applications:** The solutions will be used to protect military bases, military forces, borders, and critical infrastructure against drone threats.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Anti-Drone Solutions:** Technologies designed to detect, identify, track, and neutralize unauthorized or hostile drones, particularly in sensitive areas like military bases and critical infrastructure.
- **Make in India:** A government initiative aimed at encouraging companies to manufacture products in India to enhance investment, foster innovation, and build best-in-class manufacturing infrastructure.



## Static GK Information:

- **Mahindra Group**
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
  - **Founded:** 1945
  - **Chairman:** Anand Mahindra
- **Sentrycs Ltd**
  - **Headquarters:** Tel Aviv, Israel
  - **CEO:** Yoav Zaltzman



## Tabular Summary:

| Event              | Details   |
|--------------------|---|
| MoU Signed Between | Mahindra Group and Sentrycs Ltd                                     |
| Date               | August 30, 2024   |
| Objective          | Develop anti-drone solutions for civilian and military applications |
| Technology Focus   | Radio frequency-based counter-drone systems                         |
| Significance       | Protect military bases, critical infrastructure, and borders        |
| Alignment          | 'Make in India' initiative  |



- **What is the main objective of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Amazon India and the Indian Railways?**
- A) To develop new railway stations
  - B) To introduce luxury train services
  - C) To scale up e-commerce deliveries by leveraging the rail network
  - D) To build warehouses across India
  - E) To reduce ticket prices for passengers

**Answer**

**C) To scale up e-commerce deliveries by leveraging the rail network**

The Amazon India logo, consisting of the word "amazon.in" in a bold, black, sans-serif font with a curved orange arrow underneath it.



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Amazon India and Indian Railways
- **Location:** India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Objective:** The MoU aims to scale up e-commerce deliveries by utilizing the vast rail network of Indian Railways, enhancing the speed and reliability of Amazon India's package transportation.
- **Hub and Spoke Model:** Amazon India will collaborate with Indian Railways to establish a hub and spoke model for one origin-destination pair, with plans to scale it up across the network based on the learnings from this initial implementation.
- **Partnership Scope:** The partnership includes exploring first and last-mile delivery requirements, optimizing transit times, and providing recommendations to improve parcel logistics through Indian Railways.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Hub and Spoke Model:** A distribution method in which a central hub (warehouse or distribution center) feeds smaller locations (spokes) with goods, optimizing logistics efficiency.
- **Dedicated Freight Corridor:** A specialized railway corridor focused on transporting freight, offering faster and more efficient services compared to mixed-traffic lines.



## Static GK Information:

- **Indian Railways**
  - **Founded:** April 16, 1853
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Minister:** Ashwini Vaishnaw
- **Amazon India**
  - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka, India
  - **Founded:** 2013
  - **CEO:** Amit Agarwal



## Tabular Summary:

| Event                | Details  |
|----------------------|--|
| MoU Signed Between   | Amazon India and Indian Railways   |
| Objective            | Scale up e-commerce deliveries by leveraging the rail network                    |
| Model Implemented    | Hub and Spoke model for one origin-destination pair                              |
| Key Focus Areas      | First and last-mile delivery, transit times, cost options, policy enablers       |
| Previous Association | Amazon India, first e-commerce company to use Dedicated Freight Corridor in 2023 |



- **What is the primary purpose of Future Generali India Insurance's newly launched GenAI-enabled chatbot 'LEO' on WhatsApp?**
- A) To provide real-time stock market updates
  - B) To offer personalized and real-time assistance throughout the entire insurance policy cycle
  - C) To facilitate online shopping
  - D) To enable instant loan approvals
  - E) To track fitness and health data

**Answer**

**B) To offer personalized and real-time assistance throughout the entire insurance policy cycle**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of GenAI-enabled chatbot 'LEO' by Future Generali India Insurance (FGII)
- **Location:** Hyderabad, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **LEO Chatbot:** The GenAI-enabled LEO chatbot on WhatsApp is designed to provide personalized and real-time assistance to customers throughout the entire insurance policy cycle.
- **Customer Experience:** LEO aims to enhance the customer experience by offering an engaging and superior level of service, making the insurance process more accessible and efficient.
- **Technology Integration:** The integration of GenAI (Generative AI) into the chatbot allows it to handle customer queries and provide information in a more intuitive and responsive manner.





## Important Terms Explained:

- **GenAI (Generative AI):** A type of artificial intelligence that can generate text, images, or other media in response to prompts, providing personalized and context-aware interactions.
- **Chatbot:** An AI-powered tool that can simulate conversation with users, often used for customer service and support.



## Static GK Information:

- **Future Generali India Insurance (FGII)**
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
  - **Founded:** 2007
  - **CEO:** Anup Rau



# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



## Tabular Summary:

| Event            | Details   |
|------------------|---|
| Feature Launched | GenAI-enabled Chatbot 'LEO' on WhatsApp                                     |
| Company          | Future Generali India Insurance (FGII)                                      |
| Primary Function | Personalized and real-time assistance throughout the insurance policy cycle |
| Technology Used  | Generative AI (GenAI)   |
| Objective        | Enhance customer experience and engagement                                  |
| Location         | Hyderabad, India  |



➤ **What is the main focus of the Joint Commanders' Conference (JCC) set to be held in Lucknow on September 4-5, 2024?**

- A) Enhancing bilateral military relations with neighboring countries
- B) Discussing economic reforms in the defense sector
- C) Undertaking internal 'process reforms' within the armed forces
- D) Expanding India's military presence globally
- E) Promoting defense exports



**Answer**

**C) Undertaking internal 'process reforms' within the armed forces**



# DEFENCE



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** The first Joint Commanders' Conference (JCC)
- **Location:** Headquarters Central Command, Lucknow
- **Date:** September 4-5, 2024



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Theme:** The conference is themed 'Sashakt aur Surakshit Bharat: Transforming the Armed Forces,' focusing on strengthening and securing India.
- **Primary Focus:** The JCC will concentrate on undertaking internal 'process reforms' within the armed forces to better prepare for future conflicts.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Topics:**
  - **Geo-Political Impact:** Analyzing regional and global geo-political disruptions and their impact on military reforms.
  - **Future Wars:** Preparing the armed forces for future conflicts.
  - **Jointness & Integration:** Emphasizing jointness and integration among the Army, Navy, and Air Force.
  - **Technology Absorption:** Focusing on technology absorption, leveraging the government's 'Atmanirbharta' (self-reliance) initiative to achieve self-reliance in defense.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Atmanirbharta:** A government initiative aimed at promoting self-reliance in various sectors, including defense, to reduce dependency on foreign technology and resources.
- **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS):** The highest-ranking military officer, responsible for coordinating between the three services (Army, Navy, and Air Force) and implementing reforms within the armed forces.





## Static GK Information:

- **The Indian Army**
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **Founded:** 1 April 1895
  - **Commander-in-Chief:** President Droupadi Murmu
  - **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS):** General Anil Chauhan
  - **Chief of the Army Staff (COAS):** General Manoj Pande
  - **Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS):** Lieutenant General M. V. Suchindra Kumar



# DEFENCE



## Tabular Summary:

| Event                 | Details   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Date                  | September 4-5, 2024   |
| Location              | Headquarters Central Command, Lucknow   |
| Theme                 | 'Sashakt aur Surakshit Bharat: Transforming the Armed Forces'                 |
| Key Attendees         | Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan |
| Primary Focus         | Internal 'process reforms' within the armed forces                            |
| Key Areas of Emphasis | Future wars, jointness & integration, technology absorption, Atmanirbharta    |



➤ **What was the primary purpose of the Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) between the Indian Navy's INS Tabar and the Spanish Navy's Ship Atalaya?**

- A) To conduct anti-piracy operations
- B) To demonstrate naval superiority in the Mediterranean Sea
- C) To enhance maritime cooperation and bilateral naval ties between India and Spain
- D) To engage in humanitarian missions
- E) To carry out weapon testing and trials



**Answer**

**C) To enhance maritime cooperation and bilateral naval ties between India and Spain**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) between Indian Navy's INS Tabar and Spanish Navy's Ship Atalaya
- **Location:** Mediterranean Sea, following a visit to Malaga, Spain from August 25-27, 2024



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Bilateral Relations:** The MPX aimed to enhance the existing bilateral relations between India and Spain, particularly in the maritime domain.
- **Advanced Exercises:** The exercise included advanced maneuvers such as Station Keeping, Replenishment at Sea Approaches (RASAPs), Flying Exercise (FYEX), Steam Past, and PHOTOEX serials.
- **Professionalism and Commitment:** Both navies demonstrated high levels of professionalism and commitment, focusing on collaboration and enhancing maritime cooperation.
- **Significance:** The exercise is a testament to the Indian Navy's outreach and commitment to fostering partnerships with navies worldwide, further reinforcing strong bilateral naval ties with Spain.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **INS Tabar:** A frontline frigate of the Indian Navy, actively involved in various international naval exercises and operations.
- **Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX):** Naval exercises conducted between two or more countries to enhance cooperation, understanding, and operational readiness.
- **Replenishment at Sea Approaches (RASAPs):** Maneuvers conducted to practice the safe transfer of fuel, munitions, and supplies from one ship to another while underway.



## Static GK Information:

- **The Indian Navy**
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **Founded:** 26 January 1950
  - **Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS):** Admiral R. Hari Kumar
- **Spain**
  - **Capital:** Madrid
  - **Currency:** Euro (EUR)
  - **Prime Minister:** Pedro Sánchez



# DEFENCE



## Tabular Summary:

| Event               | Details   |
|---------------------|---|
| Date                | August 25-27, 2024  |
| Location            | Malaga, Spain, followed by the Mediterranean Sea                      |
| Participating Ships | INS Tabar (India) and Ship Atalaya (Spain)                            |
| Objective           | Enhance maritime cooperation and strengthen bilateral naval ties      |
| Key Exercises       | Station Keeping, RASAPs, Flying Exercise, Steam Past, PHOTOEX         |
| Significance        | Demonstrates Indian Navy's commitment to global maritime partnerships |





➤ **What is the main objective of Project NAMAN launched by the Indian Army?**

- A) To enhance the combat capabilities of the Indian Army
- B) To provide dedicated support and services to Defence Pensioners, Veterans, and their families
- C) To train new recruits in modern warfare techniques
- D) To promote digital literacy among military personnel
- E) To establish new military bases across India



**Answer**

**B) To provide dedicated support and services to Defence Pensioners, Veterans, and their families**



# DEFENCE



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Project NAMAN by the Indian Army
- **Location:** Across various key locations in India, with the first phase including 14 centres



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Project NAMAN:** A project designed to provide dedicated support and services to Defence Pensioners, Veterans, and their families, centering around the SPARSH (System for Pension Administration Raksha) digital pension system.
- **SPARSH Integration:** The project streamlines pension-related processes, making them more accessible to Veterans and Next of Kin (NOK) through Common Service Centres (CSCs).
- **Common Service Centres (CSCs):** These centres offer SPARSH-enabled pension services, Government to Citizen (G2C) services, and Business to Consumer (B2C) services, all in one place.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Expansion Plans:** Starting with 14 centres, the project aims to expand to approximately 200 centres nationwide over the next 2-3 years.
- **Support Structure:** The CSCs are managed by Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs), who are veterans or NOKs, and are supported by HDFC Bank with IT infrastructure and a monthly monetary grant.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **SPARSH (System for Pension Administration Raksha):** A digital pension administration system developed by the Ministry of Defence to facilitate pension-related processes for Defence Pensioners.
- **Common Service Centres (CSCs):** Service delivery points established in rural and remote areas to provide access to various digital services, now extended to Defence Pensioners under Project NAMAN.
- **Village Level Entrepreneur (VLE):** A person selected to manage the CSCs, typically a veteran or NOK, trained to deliver essential services.



## Static GK Information:

- **The Indian Army**
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **Founded:** 1 April 1895
  - **Chief of the Army Staff (COAS):** General Manoj Pande
  - **Project NAMAN Inauguration:** By General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff
- **HDFC Bank**
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **MD & CEO:** Sashidhar Jagdishan
  - **Tagline:** We understand your world



# DEFENCE



## Tabular Summary:

| Event          | Details  |
|----------------|--|
| Project Name   | Project NAMAN  |
| Launch Date    | August 30, 2024  |
| Location       | 14 centres across India, including New Delhi, Jalandhar, Leh, and more                     |
| Objective      | Provide dedicated support and services to Defence Pensioners, Veterans, and their families |
| Key Features   | SPARSH-enabled pension services, e-Governance services, and banking solutions at CSCs      |
| Expansion Plan | Approximately 200 centres to be established over the next 2-3 years                        |



➤ **What was the main purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Malaysia on August 20, 2024?**

- A) To boost political relations between India and Malaysia
- B) To strengthen cooperation in the field of tourism
- C) To enhance military cooperation
- D) To promote joint economic investments
- E) To establish a free trade agreement



**Answer**

**B) To strengthen cooperation in the field of tourism**





## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Tourism Cooperation
- **Location:** The MoU was signed between India and Malaysia on August 20, 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Promotion and Marketing:** Enhance the promotion and marketing of tourism products and services between India and Malaysia.
- **Tourism Research and Training:** Expand tourism research, training, and development, including exchange programs.
- **Investment in Tourism:** Encourage investment in tourism infrastructure, facilities, products, and services.
- **Medical Tourism:** Exchange information in the field of medical tourism and promote related products.
- **Business Tourism (MICE):** Develop business tourism, focusing on meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Cooperation among Stakeholders:** Promote cooperation between tourism stakeholders, including tour operators and travel agents.
- **Community-Based Tourism:** Promote and develop community-based tourism, eco-tourism, and responsible tourism.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Medical Tourism:** Traveling to another country to receive medical care; the MoU focuses on promoting this sector.
- **Business Tourism (MICE):** Tourism related to meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions, aimed at boosting business interactions.
- **Community-Based Tourism:** Tourism managed and owned by local communities, ensuring that benefits stay within those communities.
- **Eco-Tourism:** Responsible travel to natural areas, conserving the environment, and sustaining local communities.



## Static GK Information:

- **Malaysia**
  - **Capital:** Kuala Lumpur
  - **Currency:** Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)
  - **Prime Minister:** Anwar Ibrahim



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Event        | Details  |
|--------------|--|
| Date         | August 20, 2024  |
| Location     | India and Malaysia   |
| Signatories  | Shri Ganjendra Singh Shekhawat (India) & Mr. Y B Dato Sri Tiong King Sing (Malaysia) |
| Objective    | Strengthening cooperation in the field of tourism                                    |
| Significance | Expected to increase Malaysian tourist arrivals in India                             |



➤ **What is the primary objective of the e-Dispute Resolution Scheme (e-DRS) 2022 launched by CBDT?**

- A) To increase tax revenue collection
- B) To simplify the tax filing process
- C) To reduce litigation and provide relief to taxpayers
- D) To introduce new tax penalties
- E) To improve the efficiency of tax audits



**Answer**

**C) To reduce litigation and provide relief to taxpayers**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the e-Dispute Resolution Scheme (e-DRS) 2022 by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).
- **Location:** Across all 18 jurisdictional Principal Chief Commissioner of Income-tax (Pr. CCIT) regions in India.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Minimize Litigation:** The primary goal of e-DRS 2022 is to reduce litigation and provide relief to eligible taxpayers by enabling an electronic dispute resolution process.
- **Eligibility Criteria:** Taxpayers can opt for e-Dispute Resolution against a 'specified order' where the proposed variations do not exceed ₹10 lakh, and the returned income does not exceed ₹50 lakh.
- **DRC's Role:** The Dispute Resolution Committees (DRCs) can modify the variations, grant reductions or waivers of penalties, and decide on prosecution in accordance with the Income-tax Rules, 1962.
- **Application Process:** The application for e-DRS must be filed electronically within one month from the date of receipt of the specified order or by September 30, 2024, if an appeal is already pending.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT):** The apex body under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, responsible for framing policies related to direct taxes in India.
- **e-Dispute Resolution Scheme (e-DRS):** A scheme under Section 245MA of the Income-tax Act, 1961, aimed at reducing tax-related disputes by enabling electronic submission and processing of disputes.
- **Dispute Resolution Committees (DRCs):** Committees constituted across all 18 jurisdictional Pr. CCIT regions to handle applications filed under e-DRS.



## Static GK Information:

- **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)**
  - **Abbreviation:** CBDT
  - **Founded:** 1964
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Chairman:** Nitin Gupta



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Event                | Details  |
|----------------------|--|
| Date                 | August 30, 2024  |
| Scheme Name          | e-Dispute Resolution Scheme (e-DRS) 2022   |
| Organized by         | Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)   |
| Objective            | Minimize litigation and provide relief to taxpayers  |
| Eligible Applicants  | Taxpayers with specified orders where variations are $\leq$ ₹10 lakh and returned income $\leq$ ₹50 lakh |
| Application Deadline | Within one month from the receipt of specified order or by September 30, 2024                            |



➤ **What is the primary aim of the recently approved 12 new industrial cities under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP)?**

- A) To develop new tourist destinations
- B) To boost India's global manufacturing and economic competitiveness
- C) To promote agricultural development
- D) To create new educational hubs
- E) To enhance defense infrastructure



**Answer**

**B) To boost India's global manufacturing and economic competitiveness**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of 12 new industrial cities under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP)
- **Location:** Across 10 states in India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP):** India's most ambitious infrastructure initiative aimed at creating "Smart Cities" and integrated industrial corridors to enhance the country's manufacturing capabilities and global competitiveness.
- **Strategic Investments:** The NICDP focuses on cultivating a dynamic industrial ecosystem, attracting investments from large anchor industries and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- **Smart Cities and Modern Infrastructure:** Development of new industrial cities as greenfield smart cities with advanced infrastructure, incorporating 'plug-n-play' and 'walk-to-work' concepts.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Employment Generation:** NICDP is expected to create 1 million direct jobs and up to 3 million indirect jobs, contributing to regional socio-economic upliftment.
- **Sustainability:** Emphasis on ICT-enabled utilities and green technologies to ensure minimal environmental impact.





## Important Terms Explained:

- **National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP):** A comprehensive program aimed at developing industrial cities across India, integrating advanced infrastructure to enhance the country's manufacturing sector and global competitiveness.
- **Greenfield Smart Cities:** Newly developed cities built from scratch with advanced infrastructure and technologies, focusing on sustainability and efficiency.
- **PM GatiShakti:** A national master plan aimed at ensuring multi-modal connectivity, enabling seamless movement of people, goods, and services.



## Static GK Information:

- **Dholera Special Investment Region, Gujarat**
  - **Established:** 2016
  - **Target Sectors:** Defence, Aviation, High-Tech, Pharmaceuticals
  - **Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV):** Dholera Industrial City Development Ltd. (DICDL)
  - **Government Stake:** Gujarat - 51%, Government of India - 49%
- **Aurangabad Industrial Township Limited, Maharashtra**
  - **Size:** 10,000 acres
  - **Managed by:** Aurangabad Industrial Township Limited (AITL), a SPV between MIDC and NICDC Trust
  - **Land Use:** 60% industrial, 40% residential, commercial, and recreational



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Event                       | Details   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Programme Name              | National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP)      |
| Approval Date               | August 30, 2024   |
| Investment Value            | ₹28,602 crore   |
| Number of Industrial Cities | 12 new cities approved across 10 states                         |
| Primary Objective           | Boost India's global manufacturing and economic competitiveness |
| Employment Generation       | 1 million direct jobs, 3 million indirect jobs                  |
| Key Corridors               | Integrated industrial corridors planned along six major routes  |



➤ **What was one of the key points highlighted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2024 in Mumbai?**

- A) The challenges of FinTech regulation in India
- B) The decline of digital transactions in rural areas
- C) The role of FinTech in democratizing financial services and improving financial inclusion
- D) The need for more cash-based transactions
- E) The negative impact of FinTech on traditional banking



**Answer**

**C) The role of FinTech in democratizing financial services and improving financial inclusion**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2024
- **Location:** Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, Maharashtra



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **FinTech Revolution:** The Prime Minister highlighted the FinTech revolution in India as a transformative force improving financial inclusion and driving innovation.
- **Key Achievements:** He emphasized that India's Jan Dhan Yojana and UPI have been pivotal in boosting financial inclusion and revolutionizing the financial landscape.
- **Financial Empowerment:** The Jan Dhan Program has laid strong foundations for the financial empowerment of women, with over 29 crore bank accounts opened for women.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Social Impact:** The Prime Minister underlined the far-reaching social impact of FinTech, including democratizing financial services, making access to credit easier, and enhancing the ease of living.
- **Global Influence:** India's FinTech ecosystem, driven by innovation and adoption, is expected to play a significant role in enhancing the ease of living globally.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Jan Dhan Yojana:** A financial inclusion program launched by the Indian government to provide affordable access to financial services like banking, credit, and insurance.
- **UPI (Unified Payments Interface):** A real-time payment system developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) facilitating inter-bank transactions.





## Static GK Information:

- **Maharashtra**
  - **Capital:** Mumbai
  - **Chief Minister:** Eknath Shinde
  - **Governor:** Ramesh Bais
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das
  - **Founded:** 1 April 1935



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Event              | Details  |
|--------------------|--|
| Event Name         | Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2024   |
| Location           | Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, Maharashtra   |
| Date               | August 30, 2024  |
| Key Speaker        | Prime Minister Narendra Modi   |
| Highlighted Points | Role of FinTech in democratizing financial services and improving financial inclusion, Success of UPI, and Jan Dhan Yojana |
| Organizers         | Payments Council of India, National Payments Corporation of India, Fintech Convergence Council                             |



➤ **What was one of the major projects launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Palghar, Maharashtra?**

- A) Construction of a new international airport
- B) Launch of a national housing scheme
- C) Laying the foundation stone of Vadhvan Port
- D) Inauguration of a new metro line in Mumbai
- E) Development of a national highway



**Answer**

**C) Laying the foundation stone of Vadhvan Port**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Laying the foundation stone of Vadhvan Port and multiple fisheries projects
- **Location:** Palghar, Maharashtra



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Vadhvan Port:** A significant project worth around ₹76,000 crore, Vadhvan Port is set to become one of India's largest deep-water ports, enhancing the country's maritime connectivity and trade.
- **Strategic Importance:** The port will cater to large container vessels, offer deeper drafts, and accommodate ultra-large cargo ships, making it a key maritime gateway for international shipping routes.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Fisheries Projects:** The Prime Minister also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for 218 fisheries projects worth ₹1,560 crore, aimed at improving the sector's infrastructure and productivity across the country.
- **Vessel Communication System:** Launched the national rollout of a Vessel Communication and Support system, costing ₹360 crore, which will improve communication and safety for fishermen.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Vadhvan Port:** A proposed deep-water port near Dahanu in Palghar district, Maharashtra, designed to enhance India's maritime trade capabilities.
- **Fisheries Projects:** Initiatives aimed at developing and upgrading fishery infrastructure, including harbours, landing centers, and fish markets, to boost the fisheries sector.
- **Vessel Communication and Support System:** An indigenous communication system developed by ISRO to enhance safety and rescue operations for fishermen.



## Static GK Information:

- **Maharashtra**
  - **Capital:** Mumbai
  - **Chief Minister:** Eknath Shinde
  - **Governor:** C. P. Radhakrishnan





# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Event                | Details  |
|----------------------|--|
| Project Name         | Vadhvan Port   |
| Location             | Palghar, Maharashtra   |
| Investment Value     | ₹76,000 crore  |
| Additional Projects  | 218 fisheries projects worth ₹1,560 crore, Vessel Communication System at ₹360 crore |
| Significance         | Enhancing India's maritime trade and fisheries sector infrastructure                 |
| Strategic Importance | Largest deep-water port in India with international connectivity                     |



➤ **What is the primary purpose of the MoU signed between Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE) and National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL)?**

- A) To develop new shipbuilding technologies
- B) To supply and launch Double-Lane Class 70 modular steel and Bailey bridges
- C) To build new warships for the Indian Navy
- D) To enhance India's railway infrastructure
- E) To manufacture defense aircraft



**Answer**

**B) To supply and launch Double-Lane Class 70 modular steel and Bailey bridges**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between GRSE and NHIDCL
- **Date:** August 29, 2024



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Objective:** The MoU focuses on the fabrication, supply, and launching of Double-Lane Class 70 modular steel and Bailey bridges. These bridges are intended to enhance connectivity in critical forward areas along India's borders, facilitating the deployment of troops and equipment.
- **Bridge Specifications:** The bridges will have a 7.5-meter carriageway width, supporting two-way traffic, and are capable of handling wheeled and tracked vehicles up to 100/70 MT.
- **Previous Experience:** GRSE has previously supplied 44 similar bridges to the Border Roads Organization (BRO) under a similar MoU.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Double-Lane Class 70 Modular Steel Bridges:** These are portable, modular bridges designed for heavy loads, particularly useful in military and critical infrastructure applications.
- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat:** An initiative by the Indian government aimed at making India self-reliant in various sectors, including defense and infrastructure.



## Static GK Information:

- **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE)**
  - **Headquarters:** Kolkata, West Bengal
  - **Founded:** 1884
  - **Status:** Miniratna Category I Company since 2006
- **National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL)**
  - **Founded:** 2014
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Managing Director:** Chanchal Kumar



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Event                 | Details   |
|-----------------------|---|
| MoU Signed Between    | Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE) and National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) |
| Date                  | August 29, 2024   |
| Objective             | Supply and launch Double-Lane Class 70 modular steel and Bailey bridges   |
| Significance          | Enhance connectivity in critical forward areas along India's borders  |
| Bridge Specifications | 7.5-meter carriageway width, supports vehicles up to 100/70 MT  |



- What is the primary purpose of the partnership between Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) and SAFHAL Helicopter Engines Pvt. Ltd?



- A) To develop electric aircraft
- B) To manufacture commercial helicopters
- C) To design, develop, and manufacture 'Aravalli' engines for the Indian Armed Forces
- D) To build drones for civilian use
- E) To establish a new aerospace research center



**Answer**

**C) To design, develop, and manufacture 'Aravalli' engines for the Indian Armed Forces**





## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Partnership between Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) and SAFHAL Helicopter Engines Pvt. Ltd
- **Location:** Bengaluru, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Objective:** The partnership aims to design, develop, manufacture, supply, and support the 'Aravalli' engines, which are high-power engines intended to meet the specific requirements of the Indian Armed Forces.
- **Strategic Importance:** The development of the Aravalli engines aligns with India's defense objectives, enhancing self-reliance in critical aerospace technologies.
- **Partnership Scope:** The collaboration includes joint efforts in every aspect of the engine's lifecycle, from design to support.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Aravalli Engines:** High-power engines being developed for use in military applications by the Indian Armed Forces.
- **HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd):** An Indian state-owned aerospace and defense company involved in the design, manufacture, and assembly of aircraft, helicopters, and related equipment.



## Static GK Information:

- **Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)**
  - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka, India
  - **Founded:** 1940
  - **Chairman and Managing Director:** C. B. Ananthakrishnan
- **SAFHAL Helicopter Engines Pvt. Ltd**
  - **Industry:** Aerospace and Defense
  - **Specialization:** Helicopter engines



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Event        | Details   |
|--------------|---|
| Partnership  | Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) and SAFHAL Helicopter Engines Pvt. Ltd          |
| Location     | Bengaluru, India  |
| Objective    | Design, develop, and manufacture 'Aravalli' engines for the Indian Armed Forces |
| Significance | Enhances India's self-reliance in aerospace technology                          |
| Engine Type  | High-power engines for military use   |



➤ **What does the 'Navratna' status provide to the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) like NHPC and Solar Energy Corporation of India?**

- A) Increased foreign investment opportunities
- B) Privilege to issue their own currency
- C) More financial autonomy and operational flexibility
- D) Ability to bypass Indian regulations
- E) Exclusive rights to government contracts



**Answer**

**C) More financial autonomy and operational flexibility**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman accorded 'Navratna' status to four CPSEs.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Navratna Status:** This status grants more financial autonomy and operational flexibility to the CPSEs, enabling them to make decisions regarding capital expenditure, technology joint ventures, strategic alliances, and organizational restructuring without a monetary ceiling.
- **New Navratna CPSEs: The four companies that received Navratna status are:**
  - NHPC (National Hydroelectric Power Corporation)
  - Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)
  - Railtel Corporation of India (RCIL)
  - SJVN (Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd)





## Important Terms Explained:

- **Navratna Status:** A recognition given to well-performing Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) in India, allowing them more autonomy in financial and operational matters.
- **CPSE (Central Public Sector Enterprises):** Government-owned corporations in India, where the central government has a majority stake.



## Static GK Information:

- **NHPC (National Hydroelectric Power Corporation)**
  - **Founded:** 1975
  - **Headquarters:** Faridabad, Haryana, India
  - **Sector:** Hydropower Generation
- **Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)**
  - **Founded:** 2011
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Sector:** Renewable Energy



## Static GK Information:

- **Railtel Corporation of India (RCIL)**
  - **Founded:** 2000
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Sector:** Telecommunications, Information Technology
- **SJVN (Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd)**
  - **Founded:** 1988
  - **Headquarters:** Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, India
  - **Sector:** Hydropower Generation



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

| Event                           | Details  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| New Navratna CPSEs              | NHPC, Solar Energy Corporation of India, Railtel, SJVN   |
| Total Number of Navratna CPSEs  | 25   |
| Main Benefit of Navratna Status | More financial autonomy and operational flexibility  |
| Powers Granted                  | Capital expenditure, technology joint ventures, strategic alliances, organizational restructuring without monetary ceiling |
| Industry Sectors                | Hydropower, Renewable Energy, Telecommunications, IT   |



# QUICK RECALL



- **Avani Lekhara makes history with successive Paralympic golds in shooting, setting a new record at Paris 2024.**
- **HDFC Bank launches DigiPassBook on SmartWealth app to manage equity investments, ETFs, and demat accounts in one place.**
- **Karnataka Bank becomes the first to offer personal loans on ONDC, enhancing digital loan accessibility.**
- **India's GDP growth slows to 6.7% in Q1 2024, the lowest in five quarters.**
- **Visa and THSC partner to up skill 20,000 youth for India's booming tourism industry.**
- **Mahindra and Sentrycs partner to develop anti-drone solutions under 'Make in India' for civilian and military use.**
- **Amazon India partners with Indian Railways to scale up e-commerce deliveries via a hub and spoke model.**
- **Future Generali launches GenAI-enabled chatbot 'LEO' on WhatsApp for personalized, real-time insurance assistance.**



# QUICK RECALL



- **First Joint Commanders' Conference to focus on armed forces' internal 'process reforms' in Lucknow.**
- **INS Tabar conducts Maritime Partnership Exercise with Spanish Navy to boost bilateral naval ties.**
- **Indian Army launches Project NAMAN to support Defence Pensioners, Veterans, and families via SPARSH-enabled CSCs.**
- **India and Malaysia signed an MoU to strengthen tourism cooperation on August 20, 2024.**
- **CBDT launches e-DRS 2022 to minimize litigation and provide relief to taxpayers.**
- **Cabinet approves 12 new industrial cities under NICDP to enhance India's global manufacturing edge.**
- **PM Modi highlighted FinTech's role in democratizing financial services and enhancing financial inclusion at GFF 2024.**



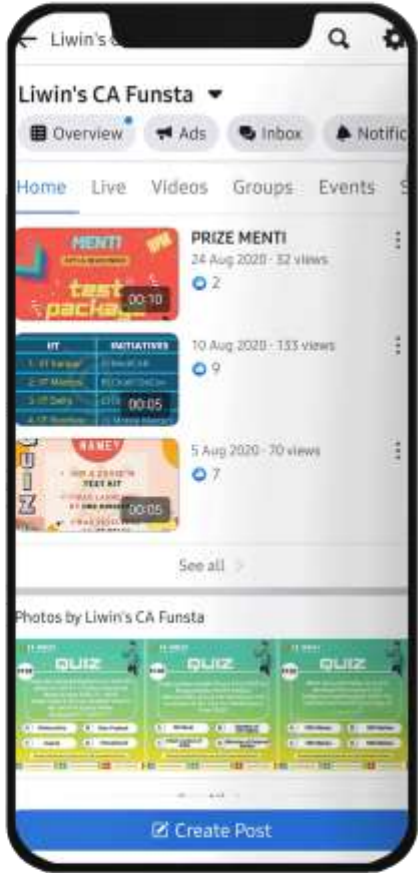
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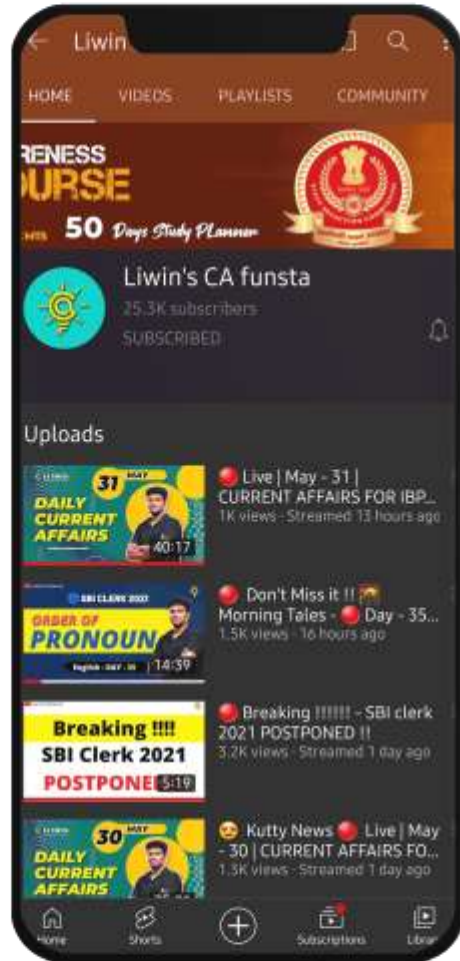
- **PM Modi lays foundation stone of Vadhvan Port in Maharashtra, a ₹76,000 crore project enhancing maritime trade.**
- **GRSE and NHIDCL sign MoU to supply and launch modular steel bridges, boosting border connectivity.**
- **HAL and SAFHAL collaborate to develop 'Aravalli' engines for the Indian Armed Forces, boosting defense capabilities.**
- **NHPC, SECI, Railtel, and SJVN achieve Navratna status, gaining enhanced financial autonomy and operational flexibility.**



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