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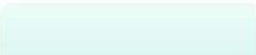
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Answer

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Answer

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Answer

B) Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana



July 26 – 31 Revision



OBITUARY



➤ **What sectors was former Arunachal Pradesh minister Medi Ram Dodum known for contributing to during his tenure?**

- A) Agriculture and Education
- B) Horticulture and Fisheries
- C) Health and Sanitation
- D) Infrastructure and Tourism
- E) Law and Order

Answer

B) Horticulture and Fisheries



OBITUARY



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Death of Former Arunachal Pradesh Minister Medi Ram Dodum
- **Location:** Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh
- **Date:** September 1, 2024
- **Cause of Death:** Prolonged illness



OBITUARY



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Tenure as Minister:**
 - Medi Ram Dodum served as a minister in Arunachal Pradesh and was a Congress leader.
 - He was particularly known for his contributions in:
 - Horticulture Sector
 - Fisheries Sector



OBITUARY



Important Terms Explained:

- **Horticulture:**
 - The branch of agriculture concerned with the cultivation of fruits, vegetables, flowers, and ornamental plants. Medi Ram Dodum's work in this sector likely involved the promotion and development of these areas within Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Fisheries:**
 - The sector dealing with the management and cultivation of fish and other aquatic organisms. Contributions by Dodum would have been focused on improving and sustaining the fisheries industry in the state.



OBITUARY



Static GK Information:

- **Arunachal Pradesh**
 - **Capital:** Itanagar
 - **CM:** Pema Khandu
 - **Governor:** Lt. General Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik



OBITUARY



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Death of Former Minister Medi Ram Dodum
Location	Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh
Date	September 1, 2024
Contributions	Horticulture and Fisheries Sectors
Political Affiliation	Indian National Congress



- Which company has partnered with the Ministry of Skill Development to upskill 20,000 youths for the tourism industry?

- A) Mastercard
- B) PayPal
- C) Visa
- D) American Express
- E) Google Pay

Answer
C) Visa



कौशल विकास और
उद्यमशीलता मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
**SKILL DEVELOPMENT
AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Partnership between Visa and the Ministry of Skill Development to upskill 20,000 youths for the tourism industry
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** August 31, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Upskilling Initiative:**
 - Visa has partnered with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, through the Tourism and Hospitality Skill Council (THSC), to upskill 20,000 Indian youths in tourism-relevant skills.
 - The program will focus on key roles within the domestic tourism industry, including:
 - Tour Guides
 - Customer Service Executives
 - Naturalists
 - Paragliding Tandem Pilots



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tourism and Hospitality Skill Council (THSC):**
 - An arm of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, responsible for developing skills in the tourism and hospitality sector.
- **Visa:**
 - A leading American digital payments company that has partnered with the Indian government to support skill development in the tourism industry.



Static GK Information:

- **Visa Inc.**
 - **Founded:** 1958
 - **Headquarters:** Foster City, California, United States
 - **CEO:** Ryan McInerney
 - **Industry:** Digital Payments
- **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship**
 - **Founded:** 2014
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Minister:** Dharmendra Pradhan



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	Partnership between Visa and the Ministry of Skill Development to upskill youths for the tourism industry
Location	New Delhi, India
Date	August 31, 2024
Partner Companies	Visa Inc. and Tourism and Hospitality Skill Council (THSC)
Target Beneficiaries	20,000 Indian youths
Focus Areas	Tour guides, customer service executives, naturalists, paragliding tandem pilots



➤ What was the percentage growth in GST collections in August 2024 compared to August 2023?

- A) 4%
- B) 6.5%
- C) 9.2%
- D) 10%
- E) 12.1%

Answer
D) 10%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** GST Collection Data for August 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** September 1, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **GST Collection Overview:**
 - The GST revenue for August 2024 was ₹1.75 lakh crore, reflecting goods consumed and services availed in July.
 - This represents a 10% year-on-year (YoY) increase compared to August 2023, indicating strong economic activity.
 - However, the August collection is approximately 4% lower compared to July 2024, showing a sequential decline.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Sectoral Insights:**
 - Growth in Collection from Imports: 12.1%
 - Growth in Collection from Domestic Sources: 9.2%
 - Despite the increase, a higher refund rate impacted the net collection, which saw a growth of 6.5% and rose to ₹1.5 lakh crore.
- **Regional Differences:**
 - Single-digit growth in GST collections was observed in states like Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu.
 - In contrast, double-digit growth was recorded in states such as Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Haryana, indicating strong consumption patterns and effective tax compliance measures.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Future Outlook:**
 - Experts anticipate an increase in GST collections due to the upcoming festival season and ongoing efforts to curb fake Input Tax Credit (ITC) usage.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Input Tax Credit (ITC):**
 - A mechanism in the GST framework that allows businesses to reduce the tax they have paid on inputs (purchases) from the tax they owe on their outputs (sales). This helps prevent tax cascading.
- **Inverted Duty Structure:**
 - A situation where the tax rate on inputs is higher than the tax rate on outputs, leading to higher working capital requirements for businesses. The government provides refunds in such cases to alleviate this burden.



Static GK Information:

- **India's GST (Goods and Services Tax)**
 - **Implemented:** July 1, 2017
 - **Type:** Indirect tax levied on the supply of goods and services
 - **Governing Body:** GST Council
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Current GST Rates:** 0%, 5%, 12%, 18%, and 28%



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	GST Collection for August 2024
Location	New Delhi, India
Date	September 1, 2024
August 2024 Collection	₹1.75 lakh crore
Year-on-Year Growth	10%
Sequential Decline	4% lower than July 2024
Net Collection Growth	6.5% (₹1.5 lakh crore)
Import vs Domestic Growth	Import: 12.1%, Domestic: 9.2%
State-wise Collection Insights	Double-digit in Maharashtra, Karnataka, UP; Single-digit in Gujarat, AP, TN



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been given the additional charge as Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL)?

- A) S M Vaidya
- B) V Satish Kumar
- C) Mukesh Kumar Surana
- D) Hardeep Singh Puri
- E) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

Answer

B) V Satish Kumar



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of V Satish Kumar as Indian Oil Corporation Chairman
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** September 1, 2024



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Appointment Details:**
 - V Satish Kumar, currently serving as Director (Marketing), has been given the additional charge of Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL).
 - This appointment follows the end of a one-year extension granted to the previous Chairman, S M Vaidya.
- **Education:**
 - Kumar holds a Mechanical Engineering degree and a postgraduate degree in Management from the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Professional Background:**
 - V Satish Kumar has been Director (Marketing) since October 2021.
 - He also held the additional charge of Director (Finance) for a year, during which time he managed challenges posed by the geopolitical tensions from the Ukraine-Russia conflict.
 - Kumar has a 35-year career with extensive experience in various regions and roles within IoCL.
 - He has served as the Non-Executive Chairman of Indian Oil Petronas and Indian Oil Mauritius.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL):**
 - The largest commercial enterprise in India, involved in the refining, distribution, and marketing of petroleum products.
- **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY):**
 - A Government of India initiative aimed at providing LPG connections to women from Below Poverty Line (BPL) households.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL)**
 - **Founded:** 1959
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairman:** V Satish Kumar (Additional Charge)
 - **Tagline:** Energizing India



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	V Satish Kumar appointed as IoCL Chairman
Location	New Delhi, India
Date	September 1, 2024
Previous Chairman	S M Vaidya
Current Position Held	Director (Marketing)
Educational Background	Mechanical Engineering, Management Degree



➤ During his visit to San Francisco, what investment amount did Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin secure for Chengalpattu district?

- A) ₹100 crore
- B) ₹200 crore
- C) ₹300 crore
- D) ₹400 crore
- E) ₹500 crore

Answer

D) ₹400 crore



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Investment Secured by Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin
- **Location:** San Francisco, United States of America
- **Date:** September 1, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Investment Details:**
 - Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin secured a ₹400 crore investment from Ohmium during his visit to San Francisco.
 - The investment is aimed at setting up a project in Chengalpattu district of Tamil Nadu.
 - The initiative is expected to create 500 jobs in the region.
- **Objective:**
 - The investment is focused on nurturing the ecosystem for green energy production and contributing towards a sustainable future.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Green Energy Production:**
 - Refers to the generation of energy from renewable, non-polluting sources such as wind, solar, and hydroelectric power. The investment by Ohmium will likely support this initiative in Chengalpattu.
- **Ohmium:**
 - A company known for its work in the green energy sector, particularly in the development and deployment of clean hydrogen technology.



Static GK Information:

- **Tamil Nadu**
 - **Capital:** Chennai
 - **CM:** Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin
 - **Governor:** Banwarilal Purohit



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Investment Secured by Tamil Nadu CM
Location	San Francisco, USA
Date	September 1, 2024
Investment Amount	₹400 crore
Investment Location	Chengalpattu district, Tamil Nadu
Jobs Created	500
Focus	Green Energy Production and Sustainable Future



➤ **What is the primary goal of the "Retired Sportsperson Empowerment Training" (RESET) Programme launched by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya?**

- A) To provide financial aid to retired sportspersons
- B) To create a pension scheme for retired athletes
- C) To offer training and employment opportunities to retired sportspersons
- D) To promote sports events for retired athletes
- E) To establish a sports academy for youth and retired sportspersons



Answer

C) To offer training and employment opportunities to retired sportspersons



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the Retired Sportsperson Empowerment Training (RESET) Programme
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** August 29, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **RESET Programme:**
 - Aims to empower retired sportspersons by enhancing their employability through specialized training and skills development.
 - Encourages retired athletes to share their rich experiences with the new generation, aiding in nurturing future champions and contributing to nation-building.
 - Offers hybrid training programs tailored for different educational levels, providing career development support, internships, and placement assistance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **RESET Programme:**
 - Focuses on the post-retirement phase of athletes, offering them opportunities to gain new skills, participate in internships, and explore entrepreneurial ventures.
 - Targets retired athletes aged 20-50 years who have participated in or won medals at international, national, or state-level sports events.
 - Programs are categorized based on educational qualifications (Class 12th and above, and Class 11th and below).



Static GK Information:

- **Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE)**
 - **Founded:** 1957
 - **Headquarters:** Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
 - **Role in RESET:** Lead institute for implementing the RESET Programme.



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	Launch of the Retired Sportsperson Empowerment Training (RESET) Programme
Location	New Delhi, India
Date	August 29, 2024
Chief Guest	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment
Significance	Empower retired sportspersons by providing training and employment opportunities, and leveraging their experience to nurture future athletes.
Lead Institute	Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIFE)
Eligibility	Retired athletes aged 20-50 years with international, national, or state-level achievements
Programme Structure	Hybrid mode with online learning, on-ground training, internships, and placement support



➤ **What are the key focus themes of the 7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024 launched by Union Minister Smt. Annpurna Devi?**

- A) Child education, Women empowerment, Technology in nutrition
- B) Anaemia, Growth Monitoring, Complementary Feeding, Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi
- C) Malnutrition, Education, Governance, Plantation
- D) Women's Safety, Diet Diversity, Environmental Sustainability
- E) Health Monitoring, Child Welfare, Governance, Plantation



Answer

B) Anaemia, Growth Monitoring, Complementary Feeding, Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the 7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024
- **Location:** Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- **Date:** August 31, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mission Poshan 2.0:**
 - Committed to combating malnutrition among children, adolescent girls, pregnant women, and lactating mothers across India.
 - Emphasizes a lifecycle approach to ensure better health and nutrition.
 - Focuses on four pillars: good governance, convergence, capacity building, community participation, and ownership.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi:**
 - A theme within Poshan Maah focusing on integrating education with nutrition efforts.
- **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam:**
 - A plantation drive aimed at promoting nutrition and environmental sustainability through the symbolic planting of fruit-bearing trees.



Static GK Information:

- **Gujarat**
 - **Capital:** Gandhinagar
 - **Chief Minister:** Bhupendrabhai Patel
 - **Governor:** Acharya Devvrat



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	Launch of the 7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024
Location	Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
Date	August 31, 2024
Chief Guest	Bhupendrabhai Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat
Significance	Promote nutrition awareness and well-being across India, particularly focusing on malnutrition.
Focus Themes	Anaemia, Growth Monitoring, Complementary Feeding, Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi, Technology for better Governance, Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam
Main Objective	Combat malnutrition through Mission Poshan 2.0 focusing on children, adolescents, pregnant women, and lactating mothers



➤ **What are the main sectors that will be impacted by the newly launched BioE3 policy in India?**

- A) Healthcare, Education, Infrastructure
- B) Food, Energy, Health
- C) Technology, Finance, Transportation
- D) Agriculture, Tourism, Environment
- E) Manufacturing, Retail, Export

Answer

B) Food, Energy, Health



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Formal release of the BioE3 policy
- **Location:** L Media Centre, India
- **Date:** August 31, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **BioE3 Policy:**
 - Aims to foster high-performance biomanufacturing in alignment with national initiatives like the 'Net Zero' carbon economy and Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment).
 - Emphasizes the PPP model (Public-Private Partnership) to incentivize industry participation and promote employment generation.
 - The policy will significantly impact various sectors, including food, energy, and health, driving India's bioeconomy forward.



Important Terms Explained:

- **BioE3 Policy:**
 - A landmark policy focusing on accelerating the growth of India's bioeconomy, fostering innovation, and enhancing biomanufacturing capabilities.
 - Identifies six thematic areas for development:
 - Bio-based chemicals and enzymes
 - Functional foods and Smart proteins
 - Precision biotherapeutics
 - Climate-resilient agriculture
 - Carbon capture and utilization
 - Futuristic marine and space research



Static GK Information:

- **Department of Biotechnology (DBT)**
 - **Founded:** 1986
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Secretary:** Dr. Rajesh Gokhale
- **NITI Aayog**
 - **Founded:** January 1, 2015
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairperson:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi



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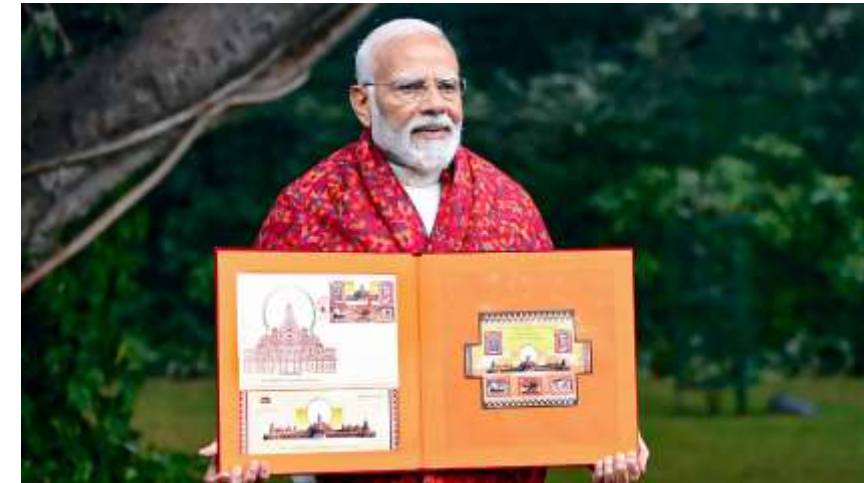
Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	Formal release of the BioE3 policy
Location	L Media Centre, India
Date	August 31, 2024
Chief Guest	Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (I/C) for Science & Technology
Significance	A milestone policy aimed at propelling India's bioeconomy and aligning with 'Viksit Bharat @2047'
Focus Sectors	Food, Energy, Health
Thematic Areas	Bio-based chemicals, Functional foods, Precision biotherapeutics, Climate-resilient agriculture, Carbon capture, Marine and space research
Bioeconomy Growth	From \$10 billion in 2014 to \$130 billion in 2024, projected to reach \$300 billion by 2030



➤ **What was the primary reason for releasing the commemorative postage stamp by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi?**

- A) To celebrate the 75th anniversary of India's independence
- B) To mark 75 years of the Supreme Court of India
- C) To honor the contributions of Indian freedom fighters
- D) To commemorate the launch of a new legal reform
- E) To celebrate the construction of the new Parliament building



Answer

B) To mark 75 years of the Supreme Court of India



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of a commemorative postage stamp on 75 Years of the Supreme Court of India
- **Location:** Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- **Date:** August 31, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Commemorative Stamp Release:**
 - Celebrates 75 years of the Supreme Court of India's establishment.
 - Symbolizes the Supreme Court's crucial role in upholding the rule of law, protecting citizens' rights, and shaping the nation's legal framework.
 - Acknowledges the enduring legacy of the Supreme Court in India's judicial history.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Supreme Court of India:**
 - Established on January 28, 1950, it serves as the apex judicial body responsible for ensuring justice and upholding the Indian Constitution.
- **Commemorative Postage Stamp:**
 - A special stamp issued to honor significant events, anniversaries, or contributions in various fields, in this case, the 75th anniversary of the Supreme Court of India.



Static GK Information:

- **Supreme Court of India**
 - **Established:** January 28, 1950
 - **Location:** New Delhi, India
 - **Current Chief Justice:** Dr. D Y Chandrachud



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	Release of a commemorative postage stamp on 75 Years of the Supreme Court of India
Location	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Date	August 31, 2024
Chief Guest	Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi
Significance	Marks 75 years since the establishment of the Supreme Court, highlighting its role in upholding justice and the rule of law
Supreme Court Establishment Date	January 28, 1950
Current Chief Justice	Dr. D Y Chandrachud



➤ Which three routes were connected by the Vande Bharat trains flagged off by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi?

- A) Chennai–Nagercoil, Hyderabad–Bengaluru, Meerut–Lucknow
- B) Madurai–Bengaluru, Chennai–Nagercoil, Lucknow–Varanasi
- C) Chennai–Bengaluru, Meerut–Lucknow, Chennai–Nagercoil
- D) Meerut–Lucknow, Madurai–Bengaluru, Chennai–Nagercoil
- E) Madurai–Bengaluru, Lucknow–Varanasi, Chennai–Nagercoil

Answer

**D) Meerut–Lucknow, Madurai–Bengaluru,
Chennai–Nagercoil**



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Flagging off three new Vande Bharat trains via video conferencing
- **Location:** Virtual event with trains serving Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka
- **Date:** August 31, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Vande Bharat Trains:**
 - Enhance connectivity between key cities: Meerut–Lucknow, Madurai–Bengaluru, and Chennai–Nagercoil.
 - These trains represent the modernization of Indian Railways, promoting the vision of Viksit Bharat and the PM Gati Shakti initiative.
 - Support the rapid development of Southern states as part of the broader national development strategy.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Vande Bharat Express:**
 - A state-of-the-art, high-speed train series developed under the 'Make in India' initiative, aiming to improve connectivity and passenger experience across the nation.
- **PM Gati Shakti:**
 - A national master plan for multi-modal connectivity aiming to achieve coordinated development of infrastructure in India.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Railways**
 - **Founded:** 16 April 1853
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Minister of Railways:** Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw
 - **Total Vande Bharat Trains as of 2024:** 102
- **Uttar Pradesh**
 - **Capital:** Lucknow
 - **Chief Minister:** Yogi Adityanath
 - **Governor:** Anandiben Patel



Static GK Information:

- **Tamil Nadu**
 - **Capital:** Chennai
 - **Chief Minister:** M. K. Stalin
 - **Governor:** R. N. Ravi
- **Karnataka**
 - **Capital:** Bengaluru
 - **Chief Minister:** Siddaramaiah
 - **Governor:** Thaawarchand Gehlot



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	Flagging off of three new Vande Bharat trains
Location	Virtual event covering Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka
Date	August 31, 2024
Chief Guest	Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi
Train Routes	Meerut–Lucknow, Madurai–Bengaluru, Chennai–Nagercoil
Significance	Boosts connectivity and development in the connected states, promoting economic growth and ease of travel
Key Themes	Vande Bharat's role in modernizing Indian Railways, supporting the vision of Viksit Bharat



➤ Which two companies were recently conferred with the Navratna status by the Government of India?



- A) SJVN and NTPC
- B) NHPC and NTPC
- C) NHPC and SJVN
- D) Power Grid and SJVN
- E) BHEL and NHPC

Answer

C) NHPC and SJVN



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Conferment of Navratna status to SJVN and NHPC by the Government of India
- **Location:** India (via orders from the Department of Public Enterprises)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Navratna Status:**
 - Awarded to select Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) that demonstrate exceptional financial performance and managerial efficiency.
 - Grants companies greater financial and operational autonomy, enabling them to undertake larger projects, form strategic partnerships, and contribute more significantly to national goals.
 - Allows companies to invest up to 30% of their net worth annually, form joint ventures, and set up overseas subsidiaries.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Navratna Status:**
 - A prestigious recognition given by the Government of India to Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) that have shown strong financial and managerial capabilities.
 - Confers enhanced autonomy, allowing these companies to make significant investments without financial ceilings and undertake larger projects, including joint ventures and overseas expansions.



Static GK Information:

- **SJVN Limited**
 - **Founded:** 1988
 - **Headquarters:** Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
 - **Chairman & MD:** Sushil Sharma
 - **Installed Capacity:** 2,466.5 MW (under operation)
- **NHPC Limited**
 - **Founded:** 1975
 - **Headquarters:** Faridabad, Haryana
 - **Chairman & MD:** R.K. Chaudhary
 - **Installed Capacity:** 7,144.20 MW



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	Conferment of Navratna status to SJVN and NHPC
Location	India (via Department of Public Enterprises)
Date	August 31, 2024
Companies Awarded	SJVN, NHPC
Significance	Enhanced autonomy for both companies to undertake larger projects, form joint ventures, and contribute to India's energy goals
SJVN Installed Capacity	2,466.5 MW (under operation)
NHPC Installed Capacity	7,144.20 MW
Key Projects	SJVN: Diverse energy portfolio, NHPC: Subansiri Lower (2000 MW), Dibang Multi-purpose (2880 MW) projects



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➤ Which tech giant has partnered with the Tamil Nadu government to build the state's AI ecosystem?

- A) Microsoft
- B) Apple
- C) Google
- D) Amazon
- E) Meta

Answer
C) Google



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Partnership between Google and the Tamil Nadu government to build the state's AI ecosystem
- **Location:** MoU signed at Google's Mountain View office in California, USA
- **Date:** August 31, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Tamil Nadu AI Labs:**
 - A collaboration between Google and the Tamil Nadu government to establish Tamil Nadu AI Labs in Chennai.
 - The lab aims to skill two million youths in AI, leveraging the state's flagship skilling scheme, Naan Mudhalvan.
 - The initiative is designed to position Tamil Nadu as a leader in AI technology and innovation, fostering a robust AI ecosystem in the state.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Naan Mudhalvan:**
 - Tamil Nadu's flagship skilling scheme aimed at providing high-quality training to the state's youth, enhancing their employability in various sectors.
- **Google:**
 - A leading global tech company known for its innovations in internet-related services and products, including AI technologies.



Static GK Information:

- **Google Inc.**
 - **Founded:** September 4, 1998
 - **Headquarters:** Mountain View, California, United States
 - **CEO:** Sundar Pichai
- **Tamil Nadu**
 - **Capital:** Chennai
 - **Chief Minister:** M. K. Stalin
 - **Governor:** R. N. Ravi



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	Partnership between Google and Tamil Nadu to build the state's AI ecosystem
Location	MoU signed at Google's Mountain View office in California, USA
Date	August 31, 2024
Key Initiative	Establishment of Tamil Nadu AI Labs in Chennai
Target Beneficiaries	Two million youths to be skilled in AI
Associated Skilling Scheme	Naan Mudhalvan
Key Objective	To develop a robust AI ecosystem in Tamil Nadu



- **What is the primary objective of the new unified regulatory framework introduced by IFSCA for listing securities in GIFT City?**
- A) To increase tax revenues
 - B) To promote foreign direct investment (FDI) in Indian real estate
 - C) To simplify access to capital markets for Indian and foreign issuers
 - D) To regulate cryptocurrency exchanges
 - E) To develop new infrastructure projects



Answer

C) To simplify access to capital markets for Indian and foreign issuers



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Introduction of a new unified regulatory framework by IFSCA for listing securities
- **Location:** GIFT City, Gujarat, India
- **Date:** August 31, 2024 (Framework became operational on August 30, 2024)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Unified Regulatory Framework:**
 - Issued by the International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA), the new framework is designed to simplify and streamline the process of accessing capital markets in GIFT City.
 - Provides Indian companies, particularly startups, with significant opportunities to access large pools of foreign capital.
 - Encourages greater flexibility and efficiency for both Indian and foreign issuers in listing their securities on stock exchanges within GIFT City.



Important Terms Explained:

- **GIFT City (Gujarat International Finance Tec-City):**
 - India's first operational smart city and international financial services center, located in Gujarat, aimed at providing a world-class infrastructure for financial services.
- **IFSCA (International Financial Services Centres Authority):**
 - The regulatory authority established by the Government of India to oversee financial products, financial services, and financial institutions in international financial services centers like GIFT City.



Static GK Information:

- **IFSCA (International Financial Services Centres Authority)**
 - **Founded:** 2020
 - **Headquarters:** Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India
 - **Chairperson:** Injeti Srinivas
- **GIFT City**
 - **Location:** Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India
 - **Founded:** 2007
 - **Specialization:** International financial services hub



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Information
Event	Introduction of a unified regulatory framework by IFSCA for listing securities
Location	GIFT City, Gujarat, India
Date	Framework operational from August 30, 2024
Main Objective	To simplify access to capital markets for Indian and foreign issuers
Significance	Opens significant opportunities for Indian companies, particularly startups, to access large pools of foreign capital
Regulatory Authority	IFSCA (International Financial Services Centres Authority)



➤ **What new feature did Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw unveil during his visit to Bengaluru?**

- A) Vande Bharat chair car
- B) Vande Bharat sleeper coach
- C) Vande Bharat Metro car
- D) Vande Bharat freight train
- E) Amrit Bharat Express



Answer

B) Vande Bharat sleeper coach



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Unveiling of the Prototype Version of Vande Bharat Sleeper Coach
- **Location:** Bengaluru, Karnataka
- **Date:** September 1, 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Prototype Unveiling:**
 - Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw unveiled the prototype version of the Vande Bharat sleeper coach at the BEML facility in Bengaluru.
 - The sleeper coach is designed for overnight journeys covering distances between 800 km to 1,200 km.
 - Key features include:
 - Oxygen level control inside the train.
 - Virus protection measures, inspired by lessons from the Covid-19 pandemic.
 - Fares are expected to be comparable to those of the Rajdhani Express.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **New Facility Initiatives:**
 - **Foundation Stone Laid:**
 - For a new Vande Bharat manufacturing facility at Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML).
 - For a new Hangar facility spanning 9.2 acres near the BEML Bengaluru complex. This facility will focus on the export of standard and broad-gauge rolling stock, expanding BEML's global reach.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Production and Testing:**
 - The sleeper coach will undergo rigorous trials and tests over the next ten days before rolling out on the track for further testing.
 - Full passenger operations are expected to begin within the next three months.
 - Series production of the sleeper coaches is expected to start in about one and a half years, with plans to roll out two to three trains per month.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Vande Bharat Sleeper Coach:**
 - A new configuration of the Vande Bharat trains, designed for overnight travel, featuring sleeper facilities and enhanced safety and comfort measures.
- **BEML (Bharat Earth Movers Limited):**
 - An Indian Public Sector Undertaking that manufactures a variety of heavy equipment, including rail coaches, for both domestic and international markets.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Railways**
 - **Founded:** 1853
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Minister of Railways:** Ashwini Vaishnaw
 - **Tagline:** Lifeline of the Nation
- **Karnataka**
 - **Capital:** Bengaluru
 - **CM:** Siddaramaiah
 - **Governor:** Thawar Chand Gehlot



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Unveiling of Vande Bharat Sleeper Coach Prototype
Location	Bengaluru, Karnataka
Date	September 1, 2024
Facility Inauguration	New Vande Bharat Manufacturing and Hangar Facility
Coach Features	Oxygen control, virus protection, Rajdhani-level fares
Testing Period	10 days, with operations starting in 3 months
Production Start	1.5 years, with 2-3 trains rolled out monthly



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- **Former Arunachal minister Medi Ram Dodum, known for horticulture and fisheries, passed away.**
- **Visa partners with Ministry of Skill Development to upskill 20,000 youths for the tourism industry.**
- **GST collections in August 2024 grew by 10% YoY to ₹1.75 lakh crore but fell 4% from July.**
- **V Satish Kumar takes additional charge as Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation.**
- **Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin secures ₹400 crore investment for green energy in Chengalpattu.**
- **RESET Programme launched to empower retired sportspersons with training and employment opportunities.**
- **7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024 focuses on Anaemia, Growth Monitoring, Complementary Feeding, and Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi.**



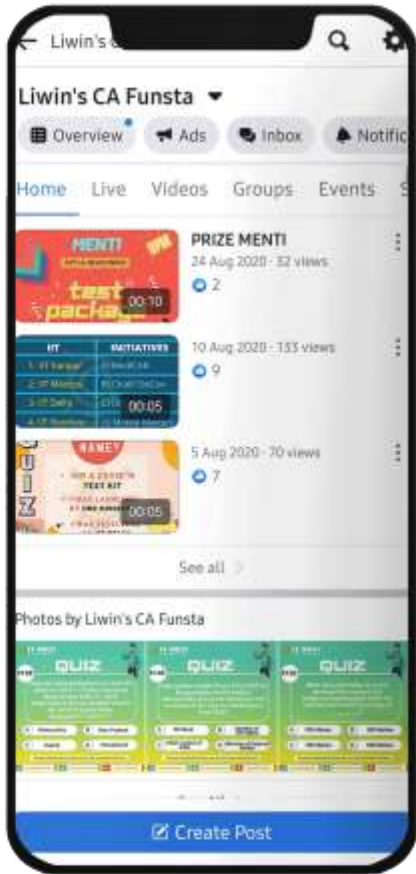
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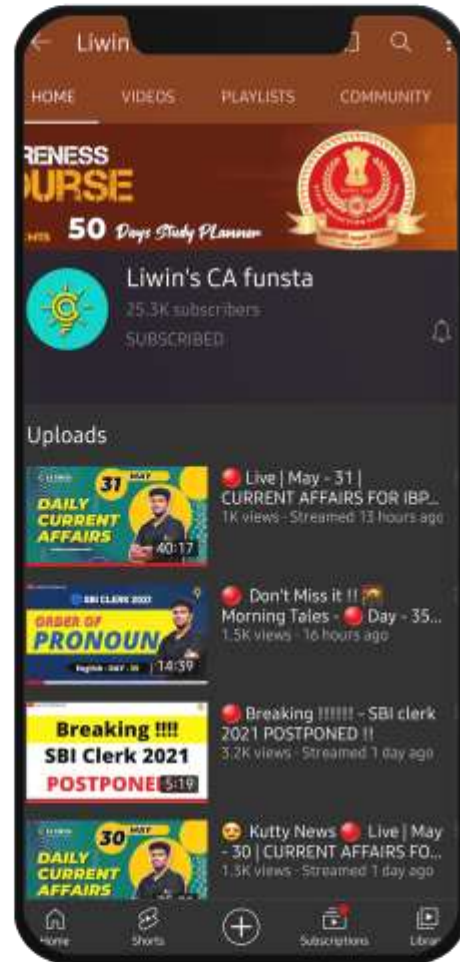
- **BioE3 policy launched to drive India's bioeconomy, focusing on food, energy, and health sectors.**
- **Commemorative stamp released by PM Modi marks 75 years of the Supreme Court of India.**
- **Three new Vande Bharat trains flagged off, connecting Meerut–Lucknow, Madurai–Bengaluru, Chennai–Nagercoil.**
- **SJVN and NHPC conferred with Navratna status, enhancing their financial and operational autonomy.**
- **Google partners with Tamil Nadu to establish AI Labs in Chennai, aiming to skill two million youths.**
- **IFSCA introduces a new framework in GIFT City to simplify capital market access for Indian and foreign issuers.**
- **Railway Minister unveils Vande Bharat sleeper coach prototype in Bengaluru, production starts in 1.5 years.**



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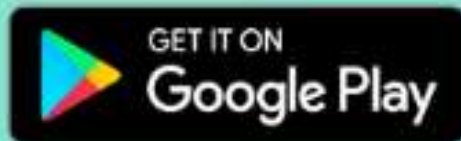
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