

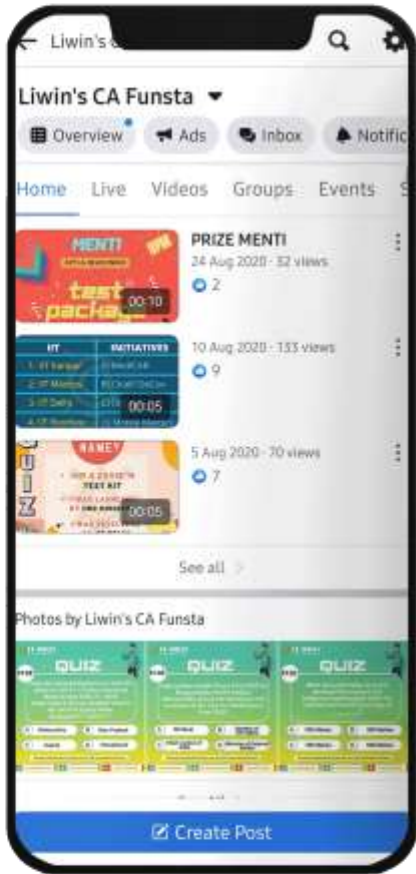


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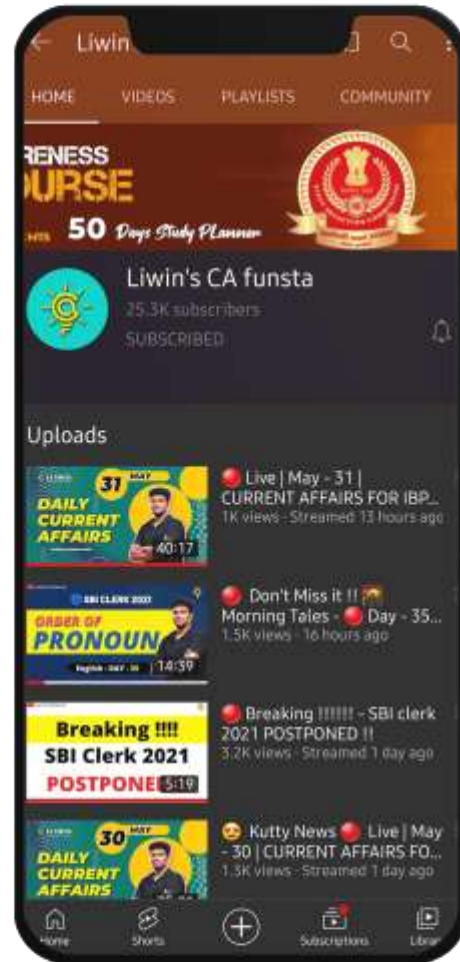
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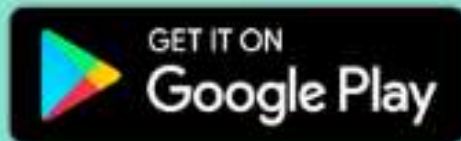
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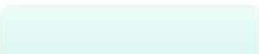


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August 10 – 15 Revision



Month	Men's Player of the Month	Women's Player of the Month
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February	Temba Bavuma (South Africa)	Eimear Richardson (Ireland)
March	Shai Hope (West Indies)	Smriti Mandhana (India)
April	Shubman Gill (India)	Marizanne Kapp (South Africa)
May	David Warner (Australia)	Sophie Ecclestone (England)
June	Daryl Mitchell (New Zealand)	Tahlia McGrath (Australia)
July	Ben Stokes (England)	Harmanpreet Kaur (India)
August	Rassie van der Dussen (South Africa)	Hayley Matthews (West Indies)



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August 10 – 15 Revision



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Answer

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August 10 – 15 Revision



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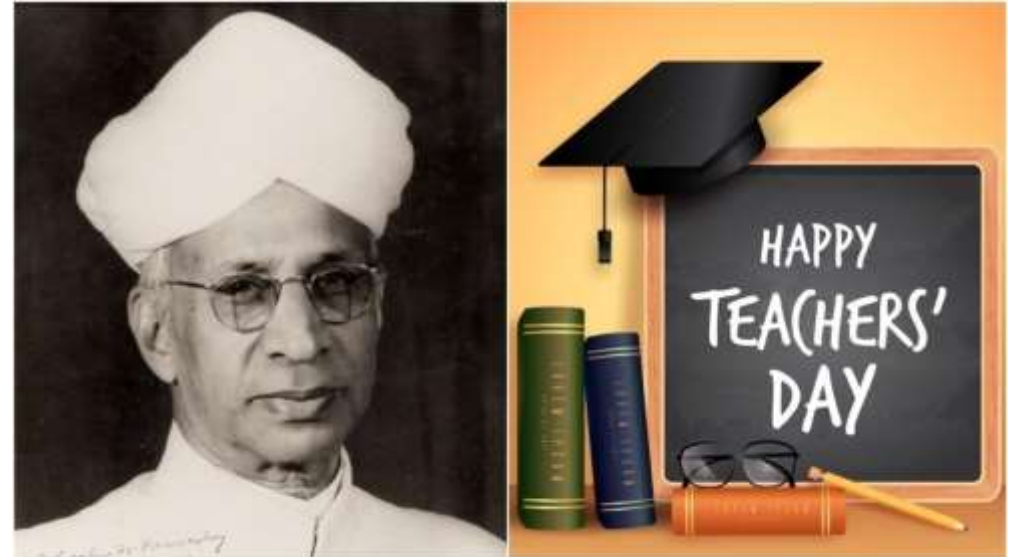


➤ On which date is Teachers' Day celebrated in India?

- A) August 15
- B) January 26
- C) September 5
- D) October 2
- E) November 14

Answer

C) September 5



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Teachers' Day 2024
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** September 5, 2024
- **Chief Guest/Key Person:** Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, 2nd President of India



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Honouring Educators:** A day to recognise teachers' contributions in shaping students' futures.
- **Strengthening Teacher-Student Bonds:** Celebrates the special relationship between teachers and students.
- **Acknowledging Teachers' Role:** Highlights the hard work, dedication, and passion of educators.
- **Promoting the Value of Education:** Teachers' Day serves as a reminder of the essential role of education in society.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan:**
 - 2nd President of India, academic, philosopher, and statesman.
 - He requested that his birthday be dedicated to honouring teachers instead of celebrating himself.
- **Teachers' Day Celebration:**
 - Students organise cultural programs, performances, and award ceremonies to honour teachers.
 - In some schools, students take on the roles of teachers for a day to experience their responsibilities.
 - Teachers receive flowers, cards, and gifts as tokens of appreciation.
 - Social media is often used to express heartfelt tributes to teachers.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **India**
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR)
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
 - **President:** Droupadi Murmu



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	Teachers' Day 2024
Date	September 5, 2024
Location	India
Chief Guest/Key Person	Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
Significance	Celebrating the contributions of teachers and educators
Celebrations	Cultural performances, awards, role reversals, gifts



Important Days



➤ **The International Day of Charity is observed on which date, and in whose honour is this day dedicated?**

- A) January 30, in honour of Mahatma Gandhi
- B) October 2, in honour of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam
- C) September 5, in honour of Mother Teresa
- D) December 10, in honour of Nelson Mandela
- E) June 5, in honour of Martin Luther King Jr.

Answer

C) September 5, in honour of Mother Teresa



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Day of Charity 2024
- **Location:** Worldwide
- **Date:** September 5, 2024
- **Significance:** A day to promote charitable efforts and honour Mother Teresa's legacy in aiding the poor.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Honouring Mother Teresa:** Observed on the anniversary of her death, celebrating her life's dedication to the underprivileged.
- **Promoting Global Charity:** Raises awareness about the importance of charity and encourages donations, volunteering, and humanitarian actions.
- **Encouraging Social Responsibility:** Focuses on global solidarity and community-driven charitable initiatives to support the needy.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mother Teresa:**
 - Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1979 for her humanitarian work.
 - Founded the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata in 1950, dedicated to serving "the poorest of the poor."
 - Her selfless service spanned over 45 years, benefiting the sick, orphaned, and impoverished around the world.
- **Missionaries of Charity:**
 - A religious order founded by Mother Teresa in 1950.
 - The organisation is committed to aiding the poor, taking vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **United Nations (UN)**
 - **Founded:** 24 October 1945
 - **Headquarters:** New York City, USA
 - **Secretary-General:** António Guterres
 - **Established the International Day of Charity:** 2012



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	International Day of Charity 2024
Date	September 5, 2024
Location	Worldwide
Significance	Honouring Mother Teresa and promoting global charity
Mother Teresa's Role	Founded Missionaries of Charity, Nobel Peace Prize winner
UN Involvement	Established by the United Nations in 2012



➤ **Who won India's first-ever Para archery gold medal at Paris 2024?**

- A) Sheetal Devi
- B) Mohammad Reza Arab Ameri
- C) Harvinder Singh
- D) Rakesh Kumar
- E) Lukasz Ciszek

Answer

C) Harvinder Singh



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Para Archery at Paris 2024
- **Location:** Paris, France
- **Date:** 2024
- **Key Athlete:** Harvinder Singh, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Historic Achievement:**
 - Harvinder Singh made history by winning India's first-ever Para archery gold in the men's individual recurve open competition.
- **Unpredictability in Archery:**
 - Singh focused on each arrow and match without worrying about the medal outcome.
- **Confidence in Shooting:**
 - Confidence played a key role in Singh's success, helping him stay consistent and focused.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Para Archery:**
 - A sport for athletes with physical impairments, Para archery follows similar rules to able-bodied archery, with additional equipment or modifications to suit the athlete's needs.
- **Men's Individual Recurve Open:**
 - A category in Para archery where athletes with impairments compete using a recurve bow.



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	Men's Individual Recurve Open Para Archery at Paris 2024
Date	2024
Gold Medalist	Harvinder Singh (India)
Opponent in Final	Lukasz Ciszek (Poland)
Bronze Medalist	Mohammad Reza Arab Ameri (Iran)
Significance	India's first-ever Para archery gold



➤ Which Indian para-athlete won a silver medal in the men's shot put F46 event at the Paris 2024 Paralympics, breaking the Asian record?

- A) Rohit Kumar
- B) Sachin Sarjerao Khilari
- C) Mohd Yasser
- D) Luka Bakovic
- E) Greg Stewart

Answer

B) Sachin Sarjerao Khilari



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Men's Shot Put F46 (Para athletics)
- **Location:** Paris 2024 Paralympic Games
- **Date:** 2024
- **Athlete:** Sachin Sarjerao Khilari
- **Medal:** Silver
- **Distance Thrown:** 16.32m (Asian record)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Sachin Sarjerao Khilari's Achievement:**
 - Won silver in the F46 shot put event with an Asian record of 16.32m.
 - **F46 Classification:** For athletes with arm impairments, such as above or below elbow amputations.
- **Competition:**
 - **Gold: Greg Stewart (Canada)** – 16.38m (season-best)
 - **Bronze: Luka Bakovic (Croatia)** – 16.27m (personal best)
 - **Other Indian Participants:**
 - **Mohd Yasser** – 8th place (14.21m)
 - **Rohit Kumar** – 9th place (14.10m)



Important Terms Explained:

- **F46 Classification:**
 - A Paralympic sports class for athletes with arm impairments.
 - Sachin Khilari, who lost the function of his left hand due to an injury, competes in this category.
- **Shot Put:**
 - An athletic event where competitors throw a heavy spherical object (shot) as far as possible.
- **Greg Stewart:**
 - Canadian athlete who won gold in the men's shot put F46 event at Paris 2024 and defended his title from the Tokyo Paralympics.



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Tabular Summary:

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Date	2024
Location	Paris 2024 Paralympic Games
Silver Medalist	Sachin Sarjerao Khilari
Gold Medalist	Greg Stewart (Canada)
Bronze Medalist	Luka Bakovic (Croatia)
Sachin's Record	16.32m (Asian record)
Medal Tally Impact	India's medal count reached 21 at Paris 2024



➤ **Which companies have partnered with POP to launch India's first multi-brand co-branded credit card?**

- A) RuPay and Axis Bank
- B) MasterCard and HDFC Bank
- C) RuPay and Yes Bank
- D) Visa and SBI
- E) Paytm and ICICI Bank

Answer

C) RuPay and Yes Bank



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of India's first multi-brand co-branded credit card.
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 2024
- **Partnership:** POP with RuPay and Yes Bank



Mandates and Objectives:

- **POP's New Credit Card:**
 - Aimed at providing users with multi-brand benefits, the card collaborates with top brands such as Zomato, Blinkit, Cleartrip, Cult, Rapido, and Pharmeasy.
 - Users earn POPcoins on every transaction, which are redeemable within the POP app.
- **Credit on UPI:**
 - This card leverages the RuPay network to make credit on UPI transactions easier for users, providing a seamless experience for daily expenses like e-commerce, groceries, F&B, travel, and health and fitness.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Collaborating Brands:**
 - The card covers essential spending categories, partnering with popular brands like Zomato (F&B), Blinkit (groceries), Cleartrip (travel), and Pharmeasy (healthcare).



Important Terms Explained:

- **RuPay:**
 - India's own domestic payment network, providing a cost-effective and secure payment solution.
- **Yes Bank:**
 - A leading private-sector bank in India, providing financial services such as credit cards, loans, and digital banking solutions.
- **POPcoins:**
 - A reward point system within the POP app, allowing users to accumulate and redeem points earned through credit card transactions.



Static GK Information:

- **Yes Bank**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **MD and CEO:** Prashant Kumar
 - **Tagline:** Experience Our Expertise
- **RuPay**
 - **Founded:** 2012
 - **Parent Organisation:** National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
 - **Tagline:** One Life. One RuPay.



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	Launch of India's first multi-brand co-branded credit card
Date	2024
Partnership	POP with RuPay and Yes Bank
Collaborating Brands	Zomato, Blinkit, Cleartrip, Cult, Rapido, Pharmeasy
Rewards	POPcoins redeemable within the POP app
Key Focus Areas	E-commerce, groceries, F&B, travel, health, fitness



➤ Which bank launched GIGA, a set of financial services targeting India's gig workers?

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) Axis Bank
- C) HDFC Bank
- D) SBI
- E) Yes Bank



Answer
C) HDFC Bank



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of GIGA, financial services for India's gig workforce
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **GIGA Initiative:**
 - HDFC Bank launched GIGA, targeting gig workers and freelancers in India, estimated to number between 30 and 50 million.
 - The suite includes savings and current accounts, debit and credit cards, health insurance, and investment options.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Benefits for Gig Workers:**
 - **GIGA Savings Account:**
 - Quarterly balance of Rs 5,000 or Rs 10,000 (depending on rural/semi-urban or urban area).
 - Complimentary personal accidental death coverage of up to Rs 10 lakh.
 - **Debit and Credit Card:**
 - 55-day interest-free credit period for credit cards.
 - Deals on co-working spaces, upskilling courses, book-keeping, health and wellness.
 - **Health Insurance:** Starting at Rs 20 per day.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Loans:**
 - **Car Loans:** Up to 100% financing on the vehicle's on-road value.
 - **Two-Wheeler Loans:** Ranging from Rs 26,000 to Rs 50 lakh.
 - **Business and Gold Loans:** Tailored for gig workers' needs.
- **Partnerships:**
 - **Razorpay:** Facilitating digital payments for domestic and international customers.
 - **Payoneer:** Enabling freelancers to accept payments in 11 major global currencies.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Gig Workers:**
 - Individuals engaged in temporary, flexible jobs, often freelancing or working in various short-term roles.
- **Razorpay:**
 - A digital payments platform enabling businesses to accept, process, and disburse payments in India.
- **Payoneer:**
 - A global payments platform allowing freelancers to receive payments from international clients and marketplaces in multiple currencies.



Static GK Information:

- **HDFC Bank**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **MD & CEO:** Sashidhar Jagdishan
 - **Founded:** 1994
 - **Tagline:** We Understand Your World



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	Launch of GIGA financial services for gig workers
Date	2024
Bank	HDFC Bank
Target Audience	Gig workers and freelancers
Key Benefits	Savings/current accounts, health insurance, loans, debit/credit cards
Partnerships	Razorpay, Payoneer



➤ How much did Canara Bank raise through its 5-year bond issuance in 2024?

- A) \$100 million
- B) \$200 million
- C) \$300 million
- D) \$400 million
- E) \$500 million



Answer

C) \$300 million



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Canara Bank issues \$300 million in 5-year bonds
- **Location:** Issued through its IFSC Banking Unit (GIFT City)
- **Date:** September 5, 2024
- **Maturity Date:** September 11, 2029



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Bond Issuance:**
 - \$300 million raised through bonds priced at T+125 basis points with a semi-annual coupon rate of 4.896%.
 - The proceeds are intended for general corporate purposes within the bank's IFSC/GIFT banking unit and other offshore branches.
- **Market Response:**
 - The bond issuance was oversubscribed by more than 2.5 times, reflecting strong investor interest from Asia, the Middle East, and Europe.
 - The bond issuance marks Canara Bank's return to the international bond market after a 5-year halt.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Background:**
 - This issuance is part of the bank's USD 3 billion Medium-Term Note (MTN) program.
 - The last bond issued by Canara Bank in 2019 was priced at T+170 basis points and matured in March 2024.



Important Terms Explained:

- **IFSC Banking Unit:**
 - International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) located in GIFT City, Gujarat, allows banks to engage in offshore financial transactions under specific regulatory conditions.
- **T+125 Basis Points:**
 - The bond pricing refers to the spread above the benchmark rate (T-bills or treasury rate) by 125 basis points, where 1 basis point equals 0.01%.
- **Medium-Term Note (MTN):**
 - A type of debt instrument issued by corporations that typically has a maturity of 5 to 10 years, allowing flexibility in terms of borrowing.



Static GK Information:

- **Canara Bank**
 - **Founded:** 1906
 - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka
 - **MD & CEO:** K. Satyanarayana Raju
 - **Tagline:** Together We Can
- **GIFT City**
 - **Full Name:** Gujarat International Finance Tec-City
 - **Location:** Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India
 - **Purpose:** India's first operational smart city and international financial services centre.



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	Canara Bank issues \$300 million in 5-year bonds
Bond Pricing	T+125 basis points
Coupon Rate	4.896% (semi-annual)
Maturity Date	September 11, 2029
Proceeds Usage	General corporate purposes within IFSC/GIFT unit
Investor Interest	Oversubscribed by more than 2.5 times
Previous Issuance	Last bond issued in 2019, matured in March 2024



- **Which group is the new specialised crypto investment service by CoinSwitch targeted at?**
- A) Retail investors
 - B) High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNIs) and institutions
 - C) Government employees
 - D) Small businesses
 - E) Startups



Answer
B) High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNIs) and institutions



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of specialised crypto investment services by CoinSwitch
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** September 5, 2024
- **Launched By:** CoinSwitch, a crypto trading platform



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Target Audience:**
 - The service is aimed at High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNIs) and institutional investors with investments of ₹10 lakhs or more, including family offices.
- **Key Features:**
 - Access to Premium Crypto Investment Opportunities: Tailored opportunities in crypto markets for HNIs and institutions.
 - Personalized Advisory: Specialized advice on crypto investments to cater to the individual needs of HNIs and institutional clients.
 - Robust Risk Management Solutions: Comprehensive risk management to safeguard investments in the volatile crypto market.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Industry Impact:**
 - This service is designed to provide wealthier clients with more exclusive access and strategic advice in crypto markets, filling the gap for premium crypto investment services in India.



Important Terms Explained:

- **High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNIs):**
 - Individuals with substantial wealth, typically defined as having investable assets exceeding a certain threshold (in this case, ₹10 lakhs or more).
- **Family Offices:**
 - Private wealth management advisory firms serving ultra-wealthy individuals or families, providing a wide range of services including investment management and financial planning.



Static GK Information:

- **CoinSwitch**
 - **Founded:** 2017
 - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka, India
 - **CEO & Co-Founder:** Ashish Singhal
 - **Mission:** To make cryptocurrency trading accessible and straightforward for all users, including retail and institutional investors.



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	Launch of specialised crypto investment services for HNIs and institutions
Date	5th September 2024
Target Audience	HNIs and institutional investors with ₹10 lakhs or more
Key Features	Premium crypto opportunities, personalized advisory, risk management
Company	CoinSwitch
Founder & CEO	Ashish Singhal



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been named the first Indian ambassador of the ITTF Foundation?



- A) Mihai Bobocica
- B) Sharath Kamal
- C) Zeina Shaban
- D) Vita Dani
- E) Rohan Bopanna

Answer

B) Sharath Kamal



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Sharath Kamal's appointment as ITTF Foundation Ambassador
- **Location:** Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai, India
- **Date:** During Day 11 of the Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) season five in 2024



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Sharath Kamal's New Role:**
 - Appointed as the first Indian ambassador of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Foundation.
 - Will promote the development of table tennis globally and support using the sport for social impact.
- **Contributions to Table Tennis Development:**
 - Sharath had been collaborating with Madras Seva Sadan to teach table tennis to children of daily-wage labourers, using the sport to give them a sense of direction.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Recognition and Presence:**
 - Sharath's new ambassadorial role was announced in the presence of Zeina Shaban, Jordanian princess and two-time Olympian, and Vita Dani, Chairperson of UTT and ITTF board member.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **ITTF Foundation:**
 - The International Table Tennis Federation Foundation focuses on using table tennis as a tool for development and social change worldwide.
- **Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT):**
 - A professional table tennis league in India, which Sharath Kamal is participating in as the captain of the Chennai Lions team in the ongoing season.
- **Commonwealth Games Achievements:**
 - Sharath Kamal holds the record for the most medals in table tennis at the Commonwealth Games, with 13 medals to his name, including three golds and a silver at the 2022 Birmingham Games.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)**
 - **Founded:** 1926
 - **Headquarters:** Lausanne, Switzerland
 - **President:** Petra Sörling
 - **Purpose:** Governing body for all national table tennis associations and promoting global development of the sport.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	Sharath Kamal named first Indian ITTF Foundation Ambassador
Date	UTT 2024 (Day 11)
Location	Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai, India
Appointed By	ITTF Foundation
Sharath's Current Role	Captain of Chennai Lions in UTT
Commonwealth Games Record	13 medals, including 3 golds at 2022 Birmingham Games



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has recently joined the BCCI men's selection committee led by Ajit Agarkar?**

- A) Salil Ankola
- B) Subroto Banerjee
- C) Sridharan Sarath
- D) Ajay Ratra
- E) SS Das

Answer

D) Ajay Ratra



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Ajay Ratra appointed to BCCI men's selection committee
- **Location:** India
- **Committee Head:** Ajit Agarkar



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Ajay Ratra's Role:**
 - Replaces Salil Ankola in the BCCI men's selection committee.
 - Will collaborate with the existing committee to identify and nurture the next generation of cricketers for India.
- **Experience:**
 - Former India wicketkeeper-batter with 6 Tests and 12 ODIs played.
 - Extensive experience in domestic cricket with 99 First-Class matches and over 5000 runs.
 - Coaching Experience: Head coach of Assam, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh, and part of the Indian team's coaching staff in 2023.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **BCCI Selection Committee:**
 - The committee is responsible for selecting players for the Indian national cricket team.
 - Chaired by Ajit Agarkar, the current members include SS Das, Subroto Banerjee, and Sridharan Sarath.
- **First-Class Cricket:**
 - The highest level of domestic cricket, where Ajay Ratra had an impressive career, with over 350 dismissals as a wicketkeeper.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India)**
 - **Founded:** 1928
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - **President:** Roger Binny
 - **Secretary:** Jay Shah
 - **Key Responsibility:** Governing cricket in India, including managing the national team.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	Ajay Ratra joins BCCI men's selection committee
Date	2024
Location	India
Role	Selection committee member, replacing Salil Ankola
Committee Head	Ajit Agarkar
Ratra's Experience	Former India wicketkeeper, coach, and domestic cricket stalwart



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been appointed as the vice chairperson of the UP Women's Commission?

- A) Babita Chauhan
- B) Charu Chaudhary
- C) Aparna Yadav
- D) Anandiben Patel
- E) Akhilesh Yadav

Answer

C) Aparna Yadav



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Aparna Yadav as Vice Chairperson of UP Women's Commission
- **Location:** Uttar Pradesh, India
- **Date:** 2024



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Aparna Yadav's Role:**
 - Appointed as vice chairperson of the Uttar Pradesh Women's Commission alongside Charu Chaudhary.
 - Babita Chauhan has been nominated as the chairperson of the commission.
- **Background:**
 - Aparna Yadav is the younger daughter-in-law of the late Samajwadi Party founder Mulayam Singh Yadav and sister-in-law of Akhilesh Yadav, Samajwadi Party chief.
 - She joined the BJP in January 2022 after contesting the 2017 UP Assembly elections from Lucknow Cantt on a Samajwadi Party ticket, though unsuccessfully.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Commission Term:**
 - The appointments, including Aparna Yadav, are for one year or until further decisions from the UP government.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **UP Women's Commission (UP Rajya Mahila Aayog):**
 - A state commission focused on promoting the welfare, rights, and empowerment of women in Uttar Pradesh.
 - The commission addresses grievances, recommends policies, and works to ensure gender equality and safety for women.
- **Governor of Uttar Pradesh:**
 - Anandiben Patel, the current Governor, has nominated Babita Chauhan as the chairperson of the UP Women's Commission.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Uttar Pradesh**
 - **Capital:** Lucknow
 - **Chief Minister:** Yogi Adityanath
 - **Governor:** Anandiben Patel
- **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)**
 - **Founded:** 1980
 - **President:** J.P. Nadda
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Political Stance:** Centre-right, nationalist



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	Aparna Yadav appointed Vice Chairperson of UP Women's Commission
Date	2024
Location	Uttar Pradesh, India
Chairperson	Babita Chauhan
Vice Chairpersons	Aparna Yadav and Charu Chaudhary
Governor	Anandiben Patel
Political Background	Aparna Yadav joined BJP in January 2022



AWARDS



➤ **Which initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development won the National Award for e-Governance 2024?**

- A) Mission Poshan 1.0
- B) Mission Poshan 2.0
- C) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
- D) National Nutrition Mission
- E) Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram

Answer

B) Mission Poshan 2.0



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Ministry of Women and Child Development wins National Award for e-Governance 2024 (Gold)
- **Location:** India
- **Award Category:** National Award for e-Governance (Gold)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Poshan Tracker Initiative:**
 - The Poshan Tracker uses real-time monitoring to track the growth of children aged 0-6 years.
 - The initiative relies on WHO growth charts to monitor children's height and weight, helping Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) identify growth issues and enable timely interventions.
- **Mission Poshan 2.0:**
 - A comprehensive program aimed at addressing malnutrition in India. The Poshan Tracker is a core component of this mission.
 - Covers 8.9 crore children, with 8.57 crore children measured in just one month.



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Poshan Maah and Poshan Pakhwada:**
 - Poshan Maah (September 1-30) and Poshan Pakhwada (fortnight in March) are campaigns to raise awareness about nutrition, contributing to over 100 crore nutrition-centric activities since 2018.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Poshan Tracker:**
 - An ICT-based platform used for the real-time monitoring of children's growth and nutritional status.
 - Helps identify health issues early on and supports targeted interventions to ensure the well-being of children.
- **Anganwadi Workers (AWWs):**
 - Key personnel at Anganwadi Centers responsible for monitoring and assessing children's growth using tools like the Poshan Tracker and Growth Measuring Devices (GMDs).



Important Terms Explained:

- **Mission Poshan 2.0:**
 - A continuation of the National Nutrition Mission, integrating technology to address malnutrition, improve nutritional outcomes, and track the growth of children across India.



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Women and Child Development**
 - **Founded:** 2006
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Minister:** Smriti Zubin Irani
 - **Mission:** Promoting the well-being of women and children, focusing on nutrition and child development.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	National Award for e-Governance 2024 (Gold)
Awarded to	Ministry of Women and Child Development
Initiative	Poshan Tracker (Part of Mission Poshan 2.0)
Reach	Covers 8.9 crore children (0-6 years)
Poshan Maah	September 1-30
Technology	ICT-based real-time monitoring of children's growth



➤ What is the name of India's first fashion forecasting initiative launched by the Ministry of Textiles?

- A) Paridhi
- B) VisioNxt
- C) FashionNxt
- D) TrendX
- E) DeepVision

Answer
B) VisioNxt



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of VisioNxt Fashion Forecasting Initiative
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 5th September 2024
- **Launched By:** Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh



Mandates and Objectives:

- **VisionNxt:**
 - India's first fashion forecasting initiative developed by the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT).
 - AI (Artificial Intelligence) and EI (Emotional Intelligence) driven trend insights aimed at the Indian fashion industry.
 - Launched alongside the India-specific Fashion Trend Book titled Paridhi 24x25.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Features:**
 - Provides real-time trend insights and forecasts for the Indian market, enabling fashion brands, weavers, manufacturers, and designers to produce consumer-targeted collections.
 - Uses DeepVision, an AI model, to analyze patterns in apparel, identifying Indian wear and Western wear categories.
 - Includes a comprehensive dataset of over 70,000 primary apparel images and 280,000 secondary images for accurate pattern and trend predictions.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Cultural Impact:**
 - Promotes Indian fashion globally, reducing reliance on international trend agencies.
 - Focuses on the plurality and cultural diversity of India, offering geo-specific and socio-economic trend insights.
- **Bilingual Access:**
 - The report and insights are available in both Hindi and English on the VisioNxt portal.



Important Terms Explained:

- **AI and EI:**
 - Artificial Intelligence (AI) helps analyze massive amounts of fashion data, while Emotional Intelligence (EI) considers consumer behavior and cultural preferences in trend forecasting.
- **DeepVision Model:**
 - A deep learning model designed to predict fashion trends by analyzing attributes like style, color, and regional influences using neural network architecture.



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Textiles, India**
 - **Founded:** 1962
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Minister:** Shri Giriraj Singh
 - **Objective:** To promote textile development and support the fashion industry.
- **National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)**
 - **Founded:** 1986
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Director General:** Shantmanu
 - **Mission:** To foster fashion education and research in India.



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	Launch of VisionNxt Fashion Forecasting Initiative
Date	5th September 2024
Launched by	Union Minister of Textiles Shri Giriraj Singh
Key Initiative	AI and EI-based fashion trend insights
Portal	www.visionxt.in
Trend Book	Paridhi 24x25
Technology Used	DeepVision Model, AI-based trend prediction



➤ Which country hosted the 20th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) in 2024?

- A) India
- B) Japan
- C) South Korea
- D) China
- E) Singapore

Answer

C) South Korea



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 20th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM)
- **Location:** Incheon, South Korea
- **Date:** 3rd to 4th September 2024
- **Host:** Korea Coast Guard



Mandates and Objectives:

- **ICG Participation:**
 - The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) participated in the 20th HACGAM to discuss key issues such as maritime law enforcement, safety at sea, marine environment protection, and illicit trafficking.
- **Bilateral Meeting:**
 - The 12th ICG-KCG Bilateral Meeting between India and Korea was also held on 4th September 2024, focusing on maritime search & rescue, pollution response, and law enforcement.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **HACGAM Overview:**
 - HACGAM promotes cooperation among 23-member Coast Guard agencies in Asia.
 - The meeting includes discussions on ensuring safe, secure, and clean seas in the region, with participation from two associate members:
 - **ReCAAP:** Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia.
 - **UNODC:** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Working Groups:**
 - The HACGAM meeting is organized into four Working Groups focusing on:
 - Search and Rescue (ICG is the chair)
 - Environmental Protection
 - Controlling Unlawful Acts at Sea
 - Information Sharing



Important Terms Explained:

- **ICG:**
 - The Indian Coast Guard, a maritime law enforcement agency responsible for the safety and protection of India's maritime zones.
- **HACGAM:**
 - A forum for Asian Coast Guard Agencies to cooperate on common maritime issues such as safety at sea, pollution control, and law enforcement.
- **KCG:**
 - The Korea Coast Guard, responsible for maritime security and safety in South Korean waters.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)**
 - **Founded:** 1978
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Director General:** Rakesh Pal
- **South Korea**
 - **Capital:** Seoul
 - **Currency:** South Korean Won (KRW)
 - **President:** Yoon Suk-yeol



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	20 th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM)
Date	3 rd to 4 th September 2024
Location	Incheon, South Korea
Bilateral Meeting	12 th ICG-KCG Bilateral Meeting (India-South Korea)
Key Focus Areas	Maritime law enforcement, pollution response, illicit trafficking
ICG's Role	Chair of Search and Rescue Working Group



- **Which two countries recently signed agreements to cooperate in the field of semiconductors and digital technology?**

- A) India and Japan
- B) India and Taiwan
- C) India and Singapore
- D) India and South Korea
- E) India and the USA

Answer

C) India and Singapore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India and Singapore sign key bilateral agreements on semiconductors and digital technology.
- **Location:** Singapore
- **Date:** During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 2-day visit to Singapore in 2024.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Bilateral Agreements:**
 - The Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) covers semiconductor cooperation, digital technology, education and skill development, and healthcare.
 - The agreement also focuses on sustainability, cybersecurity, and critical emerging technologies.
- **Semiconductor Cooperation:**
 - Aimed at boosting semiconductor manufacturing in India to meet domestic demand in sectors like electronics, electric vehicles, and manufacturing.
 - Singapore's established semiconductor ecosystem contributes 7-8% of its GDP and 10% of global semiconductor output, focusing on low-end chips for electric cars and smartphones.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Digital Cooperation:**
 - Focuses on data protection and cybersecurity, with both countries exploring digital public infrastructure and frameworks for data flow governance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership:**
 - India and Singapore have elevated their relationship to a comprehensive strategic partnership, signifying deeper cooperation across multiple sectors.
- **Semiconductors:**
 - Semiconductors are crucial components in electronics, smartphones, electric vehicles, and other technological devices. India aims to become a global node for semiconductor production.
- **CECA (Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement):**
 - The trade agreement signed between India and Singapore in 2005, currently undergoing its third review to further strengthen trade relations.



Static GK Information:

- **Singapore**
 - **Capital:** Singapore City
 - **Currency:** Singapore Dollar (SGD)
 - **Prime Minister:** Lee Hsien Loong
 - **President:** Tharman Shanmugaratnam
- **India**
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR)
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
 - **President:** Droupadi Murmu



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	India-Singapore sign agreements on semiconductors and digital technology
Date	2024
Location	Singapore
Agreements Signed	Semiconductors, Digital Technology, Education, Healthcare
India's Objective	Establish a global node for semiconductor manufacturing
Singapore's Contribution	10% of global semiconductor output, focusing on low-end chips
Bilateral Trade	\$35.3 billion, with \$14.4 billion in exports from India



➤ Where was the 6th edition of the Joint Committee on Defence Cooperation (JCDC) between India and Saudi Arabia held?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Riyadh
- C) Jeddah
- D) Mumbai
- E) Mecca

Answer
B) Riyadh



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 6th Meeting of Joint Committee on Defence Cooperation (JCDC)
- **Location:** Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- **Date:** 4th September 2024
- **Organized By:** India and Saudi Arabia



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose of the Meeting:**
 - To explore new avenues for strengthening the long-standing defence cooperation between India and Saudi Arabia.
 - Discussions included military training, defence industry collaboration, and research & development (R&D).
- **MoU on Defence Cooperation:**
 - Serves as the framework for defence cooperation between the two nations.
 - The Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JCDC) operates as an institutional mechanism to promote defence collaboration.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Delegation:**
 - **India:** Led by Shri Amitabh Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence.
 - **Saudi Arabia:** Co-chaired by Major General Salman Bin Awadh Al-Harbi.



Important Terms Explained:

- **JCDC:**
 - Joint Committee on Defence Cooperation, an institutional mechanism established under the MoU on Defence Cooperation between India and Saudi Arabia, focusing on expanding defence collaboration.
- **MoU on Defence Cooperation:**
 - A Memorandum of Understanding that provides the structure for defence-related cooperation between two nations, allowing joint initiatives, exchanges, and collaborative projects.



Static GK Information:

- **Saudi Arabia**
 - **Capital:** Riyadh
 - **Currency:** Saudi Riyal
 - **King:** Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
 - **Crown Prince & Prime Minister:** Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud
- **India**
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR)
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
 - **President:** Droupadi Murmu



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	6 th Meeting of Joint Committee on Defence Cooperation (JCDC)
Date	4 th September 2024
Location	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Indian Delegation Head	Joint Secretary Shri Amitabh Prasad
Saudi Delegation Head	Major General Salman Bin Awadh Al-Harbi
Key Focus Areas	Military, Training, Defence Industry, R&D



➤ Which institution has the US government partnered with to work on solar, green hydrogen, and other sustainable technologies?

- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IIT Delhi
- C) IIT Madras Research Park
- D) IISc Bangalore
- E) NIT Trichy

Answer

C) IIT Madras Research Park



Event and Location:

- **Event:** US government to partner with IIT Madras Research Park
- **Location:** Chennai, India
- **Date:** September 2024
- **Announced By:** Chris Hodges, Consul General of the United States in Chennai



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Partnership Focus Areas:**
 - Solar Energy: Research and development in solar power to advance clean energy solutions.
 - Green Hydrogen: Collaborating on green hydrogen technology, a clean alternative to fossil fuels.
 - Electric Vehicles (EVs) and Batteries: Joint efforts in EV technology and battery innovation.
 - Green Buildings: Sustainable practices for energy-efficient buildings.
- **Environmental Impact:**
 - This collaboration aims to promote sustainable energy and reduce carbon emissions in India.
 - The US government is also interested in helping Chennai clean up the Cooum River, as part of its environmental initiatives.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Green Hydrogen:**
 - Hydrogen produced using renewable energy sources like wind and solar, resulting in zero carbon emissions.
- **Electric Vehicles (EVs):**
 - Vehicles powered by electricity rather than conventional fuels, offering a cleaner alternative for transportation.



Static GK Information:

- **IIT Madras Research Park**
 - **Founded:** 2010
 - **Location:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu
 - **Mission:** To foster innovation and promote industry-academia collaboration in technology and research.
- **United States Consulate, Chennai**
 - **Mission:** Strengthen the relationship between the US and South India, promote trade, education, and cultural exchange.



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	US partners with IIT Madras Research Park for clean energy and sustainability
Date	September 2024
Location	Chennai, India
Focus Areas	Solar, Green Hydrogen, EVs & Batteries, Green Buildings
Announced By	Chris Hodges, US Consul General in Chennai
Environmental Focus	Cleaning up the Cooum River



➤ Who is organizing the national conference on 'Universal Access to Healthcare: Digital Solutions' in collaboration with Sankala Foundation?

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- C) NHRC, India
- D) WHO
- E) MEITY

Answer
C) NHRC, India



Event and Location:

- **Event:** National Conference on Universal Access to Healthcare: Digital Solutions
- **Location:** India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
- **Date:** 6th September 2024
- **Organizers:** NHRC, India and Sankala Foundation, supported by NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW).



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Goal:**
 - The conference aims to bring together stakeholders and experts to explore digital healthcare solutions for ensuring universal access to affordable and quality healthcare, particularly for those in rural, remote, and hilly areas.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Participants:**
 - Dr. V.K. Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog (Inauguration)
 - Apurva Chandra, Secretary, MoHFW (Keynote address)
 - Bharat Lal, Secretary General, NHRC (Challenges and context)
 - Eminent figures from ICMR, MEITY, National Health Authority, and Tata MD.
 - Representatives from WHO, UNDP, and state governments.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Session Topics:**
 - Models of Change in Healthcare
 - Future Frontiers in Digital Health
 - Technology-enabled Universal Health Coverage (UHC)
- **Report Release:**
 - A report titled Leveraging Digital Solutions for Universal Health Coverage based on field research by the Sankala Foundation will be released during the conference.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Universal Health Coverage (UHC):**
 - A global health initiative to ensure that everyone can access necessary healthcare services without facing financial hardship. India aims to achieve UHC by 2030.
- **National Health Mission (NHM):**
 - A flagship health program of the Government of India aimed at improving Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health (RMNCHA+N) and other essential health outcomes.
- **Digital Health:**
 - The use of technology to improve healthcare delivery, such as telemedicine, e-health records, and AI-enabled diagnostics, especially in underserved and remote areas.



Static GK Information:

- **National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India**
 - **Founded:** 1993
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairperson:** Justice Arun Kumar Mishra
- **NITI Aayog**
 - **Founded:** 2015
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairperson:** Narendra Modi
 - **Vice-Chairperson:** Suman Bery



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	National Conference on Universal Access to Healthcare: Digital Solutions
Date	6th September 2024
Location	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
Organizer	NHRC, India, Sankala Foundation
Support	NITI Aayog, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW)
Key Topics	Digital healthcare solutions, Universal Health Coverage
Report Released	Leveraging Digital Solutions for Universal Health Coverage



➤ **What is the purpose of the SAMRIDH initiative launched by MeitY?**

- A) To support hardware startups
- B) To accelerate Indian software product startups
- C) To promote digital literacy in rural areas
- D) To develop AI-based government applications
- E) To provide scholarships for tech students



Answer

B) To accelerate Indian software product startups



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the 2nd Cohort of SAMRIDH (Startup Accelerators of MeitY for Product Innovation, Development, and Growth)
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 4th September 2024
- **Organized By:** Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **SAMRIDH Initiative:**
 - Aims to accelerate 300 software product startups over 4 years with an outlay of ₹99 crore.
 - Launched under the National Policy on Software Products (NPSP) – 2019.
 - Provides matching funding of up to ₹40 lakh per startup, along with mentorship, business plan development, market fit, and international expansion opportunities.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Second Cohort:**
 - The second cohort was launched by Secretary S. Krishnan and will select 125 startups through potential accelerators to meet the goal of nurturing 300 startups.
 - Accelerators are selected from various sectors like health-tech, ed-tech, agri-tech, consumer-tech, fin-tech, and Software as a Service (SaaS).
- **Accelerator Network:**
 - The first cohort included 22 accelerators from 12 states, consisting of government-supported organizations, academic institutions, and private sector platforms.



Important Terms Explained:

- **SAMRIDH:**
 - Startup Accelerators of MeitY for Product Innovation, Development, and Growth.
 - A flagship programme to support the growth of software product startups in India under the National Policy on Software Products (NPSP) – 2019.
- **Accelerators:**
 - Organizations or institutions that help startups grow by providing funding, mentorship, and access to networks.
- **MeitY:**
 - Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. It is responsible for promoting digital technology, startups, and innovation in India.



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**
 - **Founded:** 1970
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Minister:** Ashwini Vaishnaw
 - **Secretary:** S. Krishnan
 - **Mission:** Promoting digital innovation, software products, and startup growth in India.



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Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	Launch of 2nd Cohort of SAMRIDH
Date	4th September 2024
Organized By	MeitY
Target	Support 125 startups through accelerators
Total Startups Supported	300 startups by the end of the programme
Matching Funding	Up to ₹40 lakh per startup
Key Sectors	Health-tech, Ed-tech, Agri-tech, SaaS, Fin-tech, etc.



➤ Who inaugurated the Department of Posts Officers' Conclave 2024?

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- C) Jyotiraditya M Scindia
- D) Rajnath Singh
- E) Nitin Gadkari

Answer

C) Jyotiraditya M Scindia



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Officers' Conclave 2024 organized by the Department of Posts
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 5th September 2024
- **Inaugurated By:** Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia, Union Minister of Communications & Development of North Eastern Region



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Goal of the Conclave:**
 - To drive transformation and innovation in India Post, aligning with the nation's digital and financial inclusion goals.
 - To strategize the future role of India Post as a financial powerhouse and key driver of the economy.
- **5 Pillars of Transformation:**
 - Lead to Inspire
 - Resolve to Innovate
 - Inclusive Growth
 - Transforming through Collective Action
 - Staying true to Jan Sewa (Public Service)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Discussions:**
 - Expanding services like Post Office Passport Seva Kendras, Aadhaar Services, and Dak Ghar Niryat Kendras.
 - Strengthening financial services like Post Office Savings Bank (POSB), India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), Postal Life Insurance (PLI), and Rural Postal Life Insurance (RPLI).
 - Emphasizing the PM Gatishakti National Master Plan (NMP) to enhance postal infrastructure and operational efficiency.



Important Terms Explained:

- **India Post:**
 - A department under the Ministry of Communications with a legacy of over 150 years, offering postal, financial, and logistics services across the country.
- **Post Office Savings Bank (POSB):**
 - A savings bank service provided by India Post, offering secure and government-backed financial products.
- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB):**
 - A bank that operates under India Post, focusing on financial inclusion through digital banking services, especially in rural and underserved areas.



Static GK Information:

- **India Post**
 - **Founded:** 1854
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Parent Organization:** Ministry of Communications, Government of India
 - **Minister:** Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia
- **Ministry of Communications**
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Minister:** Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia
 - **Mission:** To provide comprehensive communication services across India.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	Department of Posts Officers' Conclave 2024
Date	5th September 2024
Inaugurated By	Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia
Key Focus Areas	Innovation, transformation, public service excellence
Services Discussed	POSB, IPPB, PLI, RPLI, Aadhaar, Dak Ghar Niryat Kendras
Pillars of Transformation	Leadership, Innovation, Growth, Collective Action, Jan Sewa



- **What is the primary purpose of the BhuMeet platform launched by PDRL?**
- A) To sell agricultural drones
 - B) To provide drone technology for e-commerce
 - C) To connect drone service providers with farmers for agricultural services
 - D) To offer drone-based logistics for urban areas
 - E) To provide drone training for pilots



Answer

C) To connect drone service providers with farmers for agricultural services



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of BhuMeet, a SaaS platform for drone services in agriculture
- **Location:** Mangaluru, India
- **Date:** September 5, 2024
- **Launched By:** PDRL (an innovator in drone technology)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **BhuMeet Platform:**
 - A SaaS (Software as a Service) platform connecting farmers with drone service providers for essential agricultural services like spraying and surveying.
 - Aims to revolutionize agriculture by streamlining operations that once took weeks, allowing them to be completed in just hours using drones.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Features:**
 - Find and Hire: Farmers can find and hire local drone service providers based on proximity and service records.
 - Operational Efficiency: Tasks such as drone spraying that used to take weeks can now be done much faster.
 - Business Growth: Drone service providers can expand their reach, connect with more customers, and manage their services better through the platform.
- **Industry Impact:**
 - BhuMeet is set to modernize Indian agriculture, empowering farmers to leverage drone technology for efficient farming practices.



Important Terms Explained:

- **SaaS (Software as a Service):**
 - A software distribution model where applications are hosted by a service provider and made available to customers over the internet.
- **Drone Spraying:**
 - The use of drones to spray pesticides, fertilizers, or other agricultural inputs over large fields, providing efficiency and precision.



Static GK Information:

- **PDRL (Precision Development and Research Labs)**
 - **Founded:** 2018
 - **Founder & CEO:** Anil Chandaliya
 - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka, India
 - **Mission:** To innovate and provide cutting-edge drone solutions for various industries, including agriculture.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Key Detail	Description
Event	Launch of BhuMeet SaaS platform for drone services in agriculture
Date	5th September 2024
Location	Mangaluru, India
Launched By	PDRL
Platform Type	SaaS (Software as a Service)
Target Audience	Farmers and drone service providers
Key Services	Agricultural spraying, surveying
Founder & CEO	Anil Chandaliya



QUICK RECALL



- **Teachers' Day is celebrated on September 5, honouring Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's birthday.**
- **International Day of Charity, celebrated on September 5, honours Mother Teresa's charitable legacy.**
- **Harvinder Singh wins India's first-ever Para archery gold at Paris 2024.**
- **Sachin Sarjerao Khilari won silver in F46 shot put, breaking the Asian record with 16.32m.**
- **POP, RuPay, and Yes Bank launched India's first multi-brand co-branded credit card.**
- **HDFC Bank launches GIGA, financial services tailored for India's gig workforce.**
- **Canara Bank issued \$300 million in 5-year bonds through its IFSC Banking Unit.**
- **CoinSwitch launches specialised crypto services for HNIs and institutions with ₹10 lakhs or more in investments.**



QUICK RECALL



- **Sharath Kamal becomes the first Indian ambassador of the ITTF Foundation during UTT 2024.**
- **Ajay Ratra joins BCCI men's selection committee, replacing Salil Ankola.**
- **Aparna Yadav appointed as vice chairperson of UP Women's Commission alongside Charu Chaudhary.**
- **Ministry of Women and Child Development wins National e-Governance Award 2024 for Poshan Tracker.**
- **VisioNxt, India's first fashion forecasting initiative, launched by Shri Giriraj Singh.**
- **ICG participated in the 20th HACGAM and held its 12th bilateral meeting with the Korea Coast Guard.**
- **India and Singapore signed agreements on semiconductors and digital technology, elevating ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership.**



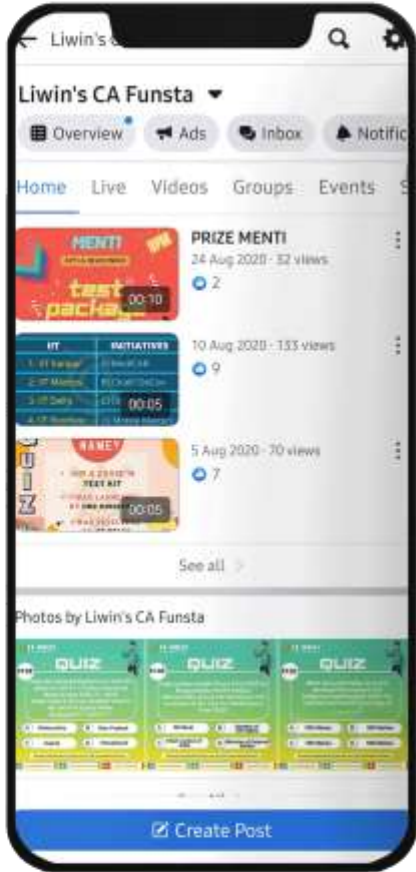
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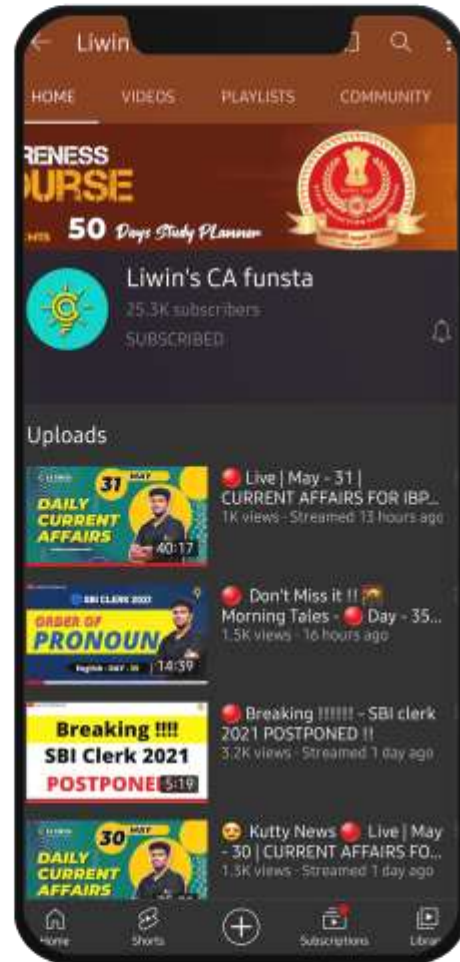
- **India and Saudi Arabia held the 6th JCDC meeting on 4th September 2024 in Riyadh.**
- **US govt partners with IIT Madras Research Park to promote solar, green hydrogen, and sustainability.**
- **NHRC, India organizes a national conference on digital solutions for universal healthcare on 6th September 2024.**
- **MeitY launches the 2nd cohort of SAMRIDH to support 125 startups.**
- **Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia inaugurated the Department of Posts Officers' Conclave 2024, urging innovation in India Post.**
- **PDRL launches BhuMeet, a platform to connect farmers with drone service providers for agriculture.**



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