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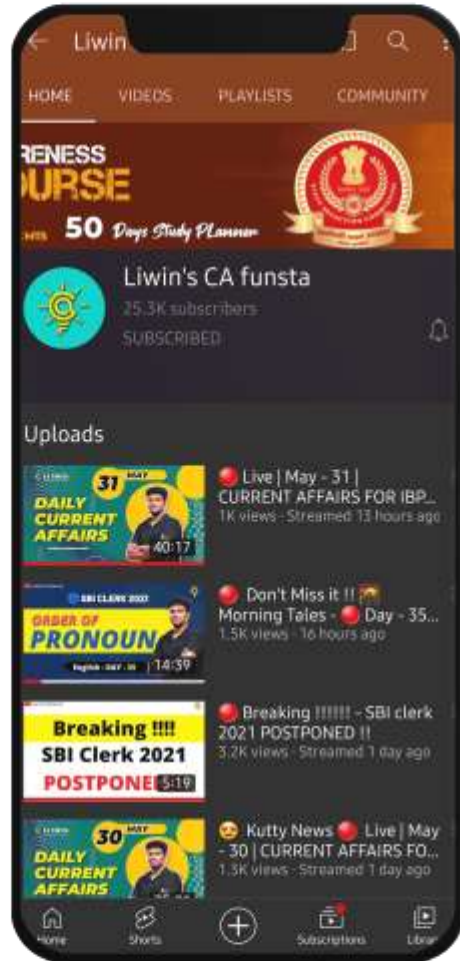
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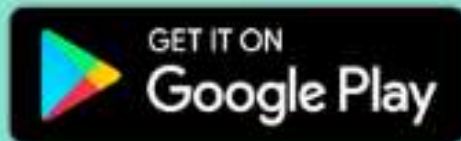
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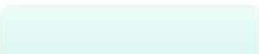


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August 21 to 25 Revision



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August 21 to 25 Revision



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August 26 to 31 Revision



Important Days



➤ **What is the theme for International Literacy Day 2024?**

- A) Literacy for a Sustainable Future
- B) Literacy and Skills Development
- C) Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace
- D) Literacy in a Digital World
- E) Literacy for All

Answer

C) Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Literacy Day (ILD) 2024
- **Date:** 8 September annually
- **Global Celebration:** 9-10 September 2024 in Yaoundé, Cameroon



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:**
 - ILD reminds the world of the critical importance of literacy in creating just, peaceful, and sustainable societies.
 - Literacy is a fundamental human right and opens doors to other freedoms, global citizenship, and the enjoyment of rights.
- **2024 Theme:**
 - "Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace".
 - Emphasizes the transformative potential of literacy for promoting social cohesion and peace through multilingual education.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Literacy Crisis:**
 - 754 million adults lack basic literacy skills.
 - 250 million children aged 6-18 are out of school globally, facing difficulties acquiring reading, writing, and numeracy skills.
- **Global Celebration in Cameroon:**
 - A conference and award ceremony for the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes.
 - Side events such as meetings of the Global Alliance of Literacy (GAL) and the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Multilingual Education:** An educational approach that uses multiple languages, including the first language of students, to enhance learning outcomes.
- **UNESCO International Literacy Prizes:** Awards recognizing innovative and impactful literacy programs globally.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization):**
 - **Founded:** 16 November 1945
 - **Headquarters:** Paris, France
 - **Director-General:** Audrey Azoulay
- **Cameroon:**
 - **Capital:** Yaoundé
 - **Currency:** Central African CFA Franc
 - **President:** Paul Biya
 - **Prime Minister:** Joseph Ngute



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	International Literacy Day 2024
Date	8 September annually
Global Celebration	9-10 September 2024, Yaoundé, Cameroon
Theme for 2024	Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace
Purpose	Promote literacy as a tool for peace, social cohesion, and global citizenship
Global Crisis	754 million adults lack literacy skills, 250 million children out of school



Important Days



➤ **On which date is the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies 2024 observed?**

- A) 5 September
- B) 7 September
- C) 8 September
- D) 10 September
- E) 15 September

Answer

B) 7 September



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies 2024
- **Date:** 7 September 2024
- **Theme:** Invest in #CleanAirNow
- **Location:** Worldwide



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **UN Resolution:**
 - On 26 November 2019, the United Nations General Assembly designated 7 September as the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies to raise awareness about the need for cleaner air.
- **2024 Theme:**
 - "Invest in #CleanAirNow" emphasizes the need for stronger partnerships, increased investment, and shared responsibility in tackling air pollution.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Statistics:**
 - 8.1 million deaths annually are linked to air pollution, especially due to noncommunicable diseases like stroke, heart disease, and lung cancer.
 - 99% of people worldwide breathe polluted air.
 - Over 700,000 children under 5 die from causes related to household and outdoor air pollution annually.
- **Potential Impact:**
 - Acting now could halve global crop losses by 2050 and reduce methane emissions, potentially saving \$4 billion to \$33 billion.
 - The cost of inaction is enormous, with air pollution estimated to cost the global economy \$8.1 trillion annually, equating to 6.1% of global GDP due to healthcare expenses and lost productivity.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Air Pollution:** Contamination of the atmosphere by harmful substances, which can cause health issues like heart disease, respiratory conditions, and even premature death.
- **Methane:** A significant greenhouse gas and air pollutant contributing to climate change and respiratory diseases, targeted for reduction in emission initiatives.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **United Nations (UN):**
 - **Founded:** 24 October 1945
 - **Headquarters:** New York City, USA
 - **Secretary-General:** António Guterres



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies 2024
Date	7 September 2024
Theme	Invest in #CleanAirNow
Purpose	Raise awareness about the need for clean air and reduce air pollution
Global Deaths from Air Pollution	8.1 million annually
Children Under 5 Deaths	Over 700,000 annually from air pollution
Economic Cost of Inaction	\$8.1 trillion per year globally



Important Days



➤ **World Duchenne Awareness Day is observed annually on which date?**

- A) 7 September
- B) 5 September
- C) 8 September
- D) 6 September
- E) 9 September

Answer

A) 7 September



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Duchenne Awareness Day
- **Date:** 7 September annually
- **Recognized by:** United Nations (from 2024 onwards)
- **Purpose:** To raise awareness about Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) and support individuals affected by the disease.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Raise Awareness:**
 - Highlight the challenges faced by individuals and families affected by Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
 - Encourage global solidarity and empathy towards those living with rare diseases.
- **Advocacy:**
 - Amplify voices to advocate for the rights, inclusion, and well-being of people living with DMD and other dystrophinopathies.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Education and Campaigns:**
 - Stakeholders are encouraged to organize national campaigns, educational programs, and disseminate information to foster understanding.
- **Theme for the Year:**
 - "Raise your voice for Duchenne": Emphasizes the importance of collective action to create an inclusive world for those with disabilities.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD):**
 - A rare, progressive genetic disorder caused by a mutation on the X-chromosome.
 - Leads to the absence of dystrophin, a protein crucial for muscle protection.
 - Primarily affects males due to its X-linked inheritance pattern.
 - Symptoms include muscle weakness, difficulty walking, and eventually impacts breathing and heart function.
 - Associated with learning and behavioral issues due to the protein's role in the brain.
 - Named after Dr. Duchenne de Boulogne, who detailed the disease in the 1860s.



Important Days



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Important Days



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Event	World Duchenne Awareness Day
Date	7 September annually
Recognized by	United Nations (from 2024 onwards)
Purpose	Raise awareness about Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD)
Theme for 2024	"Raise your voice for Duchenne"
Key Focus	Advocacy for rights and inclusion of people with DMD
Important Figure	Dr. Duchenne de Boulogne (detailed DMD in the 1860s)



Important Days



➤ **When is the UN International Day of Police Cooperation observed?**

- A) 5 September
- B) 6 September
- C) 7 September
- D) 8 September
- E) 10 September

Answer

C) 7 September



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** UN International Day of Police Cooperation
- **Date:** 7 September annually
- **First Observed:** 2023
- **Organized by:** United Nations (UN)



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:**
 - Recognizes the critical work of global law enforcement in ensuring security.
 - Aims to strengthen international cooperation to prevent and combat transnational crime and terrorism.
- **UN General Assembly Resolution:**
 - Adopted on 16 December 2022, marking 7 September as the official International Day of Police Cooperation.
- **Significance:**
 - 7 September coincides with INTERPOL's centenary; the International Criminal Police Commission (ICPC), now INTERPOL, was created on 7 September 1923.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Focus Areas:**
 - Combatting cybercrime, terrorism, organized crime, and financial crime.
 - Strengthening border controls to combat human trafficking and illicit goods movement.
 - Sharing intelligence and best practices for stronger global security.
- **Key Collaborators:**
 - INTERPOL and the UN: They work together to issue Special Notices alerting police worldwide to individuals and entities under UN Security Council sanctions.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Global Policing Goals (GPGs):**
 - Developed in line with the UN 2030 Agenda and focus on safeguarding communities and international cooperation.
 - Align with UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly:
 - **SDG 5:** Gender equality
 - **SDG 16:** Peace, justice, and strong institutions
 - **SDG 17:** Partnerships for sustainable development



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **INTERPOL:** The International Criminal Police Organization, providing a platform for international police cooperation to tackle transnational crime.
- **SDG 16.A:** A specific target under UN Sustainable Development Goal 16, focusing on enhancing international cooperation to combat terrorism and crime by building capacity and strengthening national institutions.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **INTERPOL (International Criminal Police Organization):**
 - **Founded:** 7 September 1923 (as ICPC)
 - **Headquarters:** Lyon, France
 - **Secretary-General:** Jürgen Stock
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 - **Founded:** 24 October 1945
 - **Headquarters:** New York City, USA
 - **Secretary-General:** António Guterres



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	UN International Day of Police Cooperation
Date	7 September annually
First Observed	2023
Purpose	To enhance international police cooperation and global security
Key Collaborator	INTERPOL
Significance	Coincides with INTERPOL's centenary (7 September 1923)
SDG Alignment	SDG 5, SDG 16, SDG 17



Important Days



➤ **When is International Vulture Awareness Day 2024 celebrated?**

- A) 1st September
- B) First Saturday of September
- C) 5th September
- D) 10th September
- E) Last Saturday of September

Answer

B) First Saturday of September



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Vulture Awareness Day 2024
- **Date:** First Saturday of September (7 September 2024)
- **First Observed:** 2009
- **Organized by:** Endangered Wildlife Trust's Birds of Prey Programme (South Africa) and Hawk Conservancy Trust (England)



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:**
 - To raise awareness about the critical role vultures play in ecosystems and the challenges they face, such as habitat destruction, poisoning, and hunting.
- **Significance:**
 - Vultures are essential for maintaining healthy ecosystems by acting as nature's cleaners, efficiently disposing of carcasses and organic waste, thus preventing the spread of diseases.
- **Conservation Efforts:**
 - Efforts focus on protecting habitats, reducing human-vulture conflict, and supporting conservation initiatives to ensure the long-term survival of vulture populations.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Vultures' Ecological Role:** Vultures help prevent the spread of diseases by consuming carcasses, reducing the need for costly waste management and minimizing disease transmission among wildlife, livestock, and humans.
- **Conservation Initiatives:** These include habitat preservation, community education, and research on effective conservation strategies to protect these vital birds.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **Endangered Wildlife Trust:**
 - **Founded:** 1973
 - **Headquarters:** Johannesburg, South Africa
- **Hawk Conservancy Trust:**
 - **Founded:** 1966
 - **Headquarters:** Hampshire, England



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	International Vulture Awareness Day 2024
Date	First Saturday of September (7 September 2024)
First Observed	2009
Organizers	Endangered Wildlife Trust and Hawk Conservancy Trust
Purpose	Raise awareness on the importance of vultures and their conservation
Key Focus	Vultures' role in preventing disease spread and maintaining ecosystems



Important Days



➤ **When was the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) established?**

- A) 7 September 2014
- B) 7 September 2016
- C) 7 September 2018
- D) 7 September 2020
- E) 7 September 2012

Answer

B) 7 September 2016



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 8th Foundation Day of the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)
- **Date:** 7 September 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **IEPFA's Purpose:**
 - Formed under Section 125 of the Companies Act, 2013.
 - Mission: Safeguard investor interests and promote financial literacy across India.
- **Foundation Day Theme:**
 - "Empowering Investors: Financial Literacy as the Key to Combat Fraud and Digital Scams".
 - Focus on educating investors to prevent fraud in an era of rising digital scams.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Initiatives:**
 - Niveshak Didi with India Post Payments Bank and Niveshak Sarathi with Common Service Centres.
 - Financial Literacy Camps in collaboration with ICAI.
 - Gyandarshan tele-lecture series with IGNOU.
- **Handbooks:**
 - Tailored for school students, college students, homemakers, retirees, and self-help groups, addressing their unique financial literacy needs.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **IEPFA:** An authority under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) tasked with protecting investors and promoting financial literacy.
- **Financial Literacy:** Educating individuals about financial products, safe investments, and fraud prevention strategies.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **IEPFA (Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority):**
 - **Founded:** 7 September 2016
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
 - **CEO:** Anita Shah Akella
- **NCAER (National Council of Applied Economic Research):**
 - **Founded:** 1956
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	8 th Foundation Day of IEPFA
Date	7 September 2024
Established	7 September 2016
Theme for 2024	Empowering Investors: Financial Literacy to Combat Fraud
Key Programs	Niveshak Didi, Niveshak Sarathi, Gyandarshan Tele-Lectures
Key Attendees	Anita Shah Akella (CEO, IEPFA), Dharendra Kumar, Lt. Col. Rajesh Kumar



➤ In which event did Hokato Hotozhe Sema win the bronze medal at the Paris 2024 Paralympics?

- A) Javelin Throw
- B) Discus Throw
- C) High Jump
- D) Shot Put
- E) Long Jump

Answer
D) Shot Put



SPORTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Men's Shot Put F57 class at the Paris 2024 Paralympics
- **Date:** 2024
- **Location:** Paris, France



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Athlete:** Hokato Hotozhe Sema, a 40-year-old para-athlete from India and an Army veteran.
- **Achievement:** He won the bronze medal in the Men's Shot Put F57 category with a personal best throw of 14.65m on his fourth attempt.
- **Classification:** The F57 class is for field athletes who perform seated throws, with movement limitations in one or two legs.
- **Gold and Silver:**
 - **Gold:** Yasin Khosravi from Iran with a Paralympic record-breaking throw of 15.96m.
 - **Silver:** Thiago Paulino dos Santos from Brazil with a throw of 15.06m.
- **Indian Teammate:** Soman Rana finished in fifth place with a throw of 14.07m.



Important Terms Explained:

- **F57 Classification:** A classification in para athletics for athletes with impairments affecting one or two legs who compete in seated throwing events.
- **Shot Put:** A track and field event where athletes throw a heavy spherical object (the "shot") as far as possible from a specified position.



Static GK Information:

- **India:**
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR)
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
- **Paris 2024 Paralympics:**
 - **Host City:** Paris, France
 - **Total Indian Medals:** 27 medals (6 gold, 9 silver, 12 bronze)



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Men's Shot Put F57 class at Paris 2024 Paralympics
Date	2024
Athlete	Hokato Hotozhe Sema
Medal Won	Bronze
Personal Best	14.65m
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Silver Medalist	Thiago Paulino dos Santos (15.06m)
India's Total Medal Count	27 (6 gold, 9 silver, 12 bronze)



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary in September 2024?**

- A) T V Somanathan
- B) Sanjay Malhotra
- C) Tuhin Kanta Pandey
- D) Ajay Seth
- E) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer

C) Tuhin Kanta Pandey



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of a new Finance Secretary
- **Location:** New Delhi
- **Date:** 8 September 2024



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Tuhin Kanta Pandey:**
 - Appointed as the new Finance Secretary by the Cabinet Committee on Appointments.
 - Replaces T V Somanathan, who was appointed as the Cabinet Secretary.
 - Pandey is a 1987-batch IAS officer from the Odisha cadre.
- **Previous Role:**
 - Pandey served as the Secretary of the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) before his new role.
- **Appointment Process:**
 - The appointment of the Finance Secretary follows a convention where the senior-most secretary in the Ministry of Finance is selected.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Finance Secretary:** The senior-most position in the Ministry of Finance responsible for coordinating and managing the financial policies of the country.
- **DIPAM (Department of Investment and Public Asset Management):** A department under the Ministry of Finance responsible for managing the government's investments and disinvestment in public sector enterprises.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM):**
 - **Founded:** 2000 (earlier known as Department of Disinvestment)
 - **Role:** Manages the government's investments in public enterprises, including disinvestment and asset management.
- **India:**
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR)
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Appointment of Tuhin Kanta Pandey as Finance Secretary
Location	New Delhi
Date	8 September 2024
Appointing Body	Cabinet Committee on Appointments
Predecessor	T V Somanathan
Previous Role of Tuhin Kanta Pandey	Secretary of Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM)
Significance	Senior-most position in Ministry of Finance



➤ Which of the following sports schemes was highlighted by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya at the 44th General Assembly of the Olympic Council of Asia?

- A) Swachh Bharat
- B) Khelo India
- C) Digital India
- D) Make in India
- E) Skill India

Answer
B) Khelo India



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 44th General Assembly of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)
- **Location:** Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- **Date:** 8 September 2024
- **Key Attendees:**
 - Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment
 - Shri J. P. Nadda, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers
 - Smt. Raksha Khadse, Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports
 - Shri Raja Randhir Singh, President, OCA
 - Smt. P. T. Usha, President, Indian Olympic Association



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Khelo India:**
 - Grassroots sports talent identification and sports excellence promotion.
 - Annual budget: USD 119 million.
 - Includes scholarships for over 2,700 young athletes.
 - Established 1,050 district-level centers to provide infrastructure, training, and allowances.
- **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS):**
 - Helps athletes prepare for Olympic and international competitions.
 - 28 Khelo India athletes are among the 117 representing India at the Paris Olympics.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **ASMITA:**
 - Focuses on promoting gender equality and increasing women's participation in sports across 18 disciplines.
- **Budget Increase:**
 - India's sports budget increased from USD 143 million (2014-15) to USD 417 million.
- **Achievements:**
 - Secured 107 medals at the Asian Games.
 - Won 111 medals at the Asian Para Games, setting new records.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Khelo India:** A flagship scheme aiming at grassroots sports promotion and providing necessary support for young athletes.
- **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS):** An initiative supporting elite athletes in their Olympic preparations.
- **ASMITA:** A program advancing gender equality by enhancing women's participation in sports.



Khelo India Program:

- **Launched:** 2018 by the Government of India.
- **Objective:** To promote sports culture and enhance sports infrastructure across the country, particularly at the grassroots level.
- **Key Components:** Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG): Annual multi-disciplinary sporting event for under-17 and under-21 athletes.
- **Khelo India University Games (KIUG):** Encourages university-level athletes.



Khelo India Program:

- **Talent Identification:** Provides scholarships and support to talented athletes through the Khelo India Talent Development Scheme.
- **Funding:** Offers financial assistance to states for sports infrastructure development, coaching, and training programs.
- **Goal:** To identify and nurture talent for international competitions like the Olympics.



Static GK Information:

- **Olympic Council of Asia (OCA):**
 - **Founded:** 1982
 - **President:** Shri Raja Randhir Singh
 - **Headquarters:** Kuwait City, Kuwait
- **India:**
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR)
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi



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Tabular Summary:

Event	44 th General Assembly of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)
Location	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Date	8 September 2024
Chief Guests	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Shri J. P. Nadda, Smt. Raksha Khadse
Programs Highlighted	Khelo India, TOPS, ASMITA
Significance	Promotion of India's sports achievements and initiatives
Medals at Asian Games	107
Medals at Asian Para Games	111
Sports Budget Increase	From USD 143 million to USD 417 million



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- Which of the following cities received the Swachh Vayu Survekshan Award 2024 under Category-1 (population over 10 Lakhs)?

- A) Raebareli
- B) Firozabad
- C) Surat
- D) Jhansi
- E) Nalgonda

Answer
C) Surat



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Swachh Vayu Survekshan Awards 2024, held on International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies (Swachh Vayu Diwas)
- **Location:** Jaipur, Rajasthan
- **Date:** 7 September 2024



Event and Location:

- **Key Attendees:**

- Shri Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
- Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma, Chief Minister of Rajasthan
- Shri Sanjay Sharma, Minister of State for Forest, Environment & Climate Change (Rajasthan)
- Shri Jhabar Singh Kharra, Union Minister of State for Urban Development and Local Self-Government (Rajasthan)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Swachh Vayu Survekshan:**
 - Awards presented to the best-performing NCAP cities based on air quality improvements.
- **Categories based on city population:**
 - **Category-1 (population over 10 Lakhs):** Surat, Jabalpur, Agra
 - **Category-2 (population between 3 and 10 Lakhs):** Firozabad, Amravati, Jhansi
 - **Category-3 (population under 3 Lakhs):** Raebareli, Nalgonda, Nalagarh



Mandates and Objectives:

- **NCAP (National Clean Air Programme):**
 - Focuses on reducing air pollution across Indian cities.
 - Achievements: 51 cities reduced PM10 levels by over 20%, and 21 cities achieved more than a 40% reduction since the base year 2017-18.
- **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam:**
 - A campaign aimed at promoting tree plantations; 100 saplings were planted at Matri Van, Jaipur.
- **Green Initiatives in Rajasthan:**
 - 7 crore saplings planted under the tree plantation drive.
 - Introduction of electric buses for intercity and intracity routes.
 - State preparing a 'Green Growth Budget' focused on improving air quality.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Swachh Vayu Survekshan:** An award program under the NCAP, recognizing cities for their efforts in reducing air pollution.
- **NCAP (National Clean Air Programme):** A national initiative to improve air quality in non-attainment cities by reducing air pollution through strategic interventions.
- **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam:** A campaign encouraging tree plantation to mitigate pollution and improve environmental quality.



Static GK Information:

- **Rajasthan:**
 - **Capital:** Jaipur
 - **Chief Minister:** Bhajan Lal Sharma
 - **Governor:** Kalraj Mishra
- **National Clean Air Programme (NCAP):**
 - **Launched:** 2019
 - **Focus:** Reducing PM2.5 and PM10 levels in non-attainment cities
 - **Target:** 20-30% reduction in particulate matter by 2024



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Swachh Vayu Survekshan Award 2024 on Swachh Vayu Diwas
Location	Jaipur, Rajasthan
Date	7 September 2024
Chief Guests	Shri Bhupender Yadav, Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma
Cities Awarded (Category-1)	Surat, Jabalpur, Agra
Other Award Categories	Firozabad, Amravati, Jhansi (Category-2); Raebareli, Nalgonda, Nalagarh (Category-3)
Significance	Recognizing cities for air quality improvements under NCAP
Key Initiative	'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' (100 saplings planted)
Key Achievement	51 cities reduced PM10 by more than 20%



➤ **What is the theme of International Literacy Day 2024 as highlighted by Shri Sanjay Kumar during the "Spectrum of Literacy" conference?**

- A) Literacy and Digital Empowerment
- B) Promoting Literacy Through Multilingualism
- C) Literacy for Sustainable Development
- D) Global Literacy Initiatives
- E) Literacy for All

Answer

B) Promoting Literacy Through Multilingualism



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Conference on "Spectrum of Literacy"
- **Location:** CIET, NCERT, New Delhi (Virtual)
- **Date:** 7 September 2024
- **Organized by:** Ministry of Education, Government of India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:**
 - The conference, held as a prelude to International Literacy Day 2024, aimed to discuss the evolving dimensions of literacy globally, with a focus on multilingualism and its role in promoting literacy.
- **Theme:**
 - Promoting Literacy Through Multilingualism.
 - Highlights how children learn best in their Mother Tongue and emphasizes multilingualism as a key pillar of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **ULLAS Program:**
 - ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram was discussed as a framework to bridge the literacy gap between urban and rural populations and males and females in India.
- **Key Sessions:**
 - "Exploring the 'Spectrum of Literacy' in India": Focus on diverse literacy challenges within India.
 - "Global Perspectives on Literacy": Discussed international approaches, including the impact of artificial intelligence on literacy.



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Important Terms Explained:

- **NEP 2020:** India's National Education Policy emphasizes multilingual education, recognizing that children learn more effectively in their native languages.
- **ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram:** A national adult literacy program aimed at fostering literacy across India.



Static GK Information:

- **NCERT (National Council of Educational Research and Training):**
 - **Founded:** 1961
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Director:** Prof. Dinesh Prasad Saklani
- **AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education):**
 - **Founded:** 1945
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairman:** Prof. T.G. Sitharam



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Tabular Summary:

Event	International Conference on 'Spectrum of Literacy'
Date	7 September 2024
Location	CIET, NCERT, New Delhi (Virtual)
Organized by	Ministry of Education, Government of India
Key Theme for 2024	Promoting Literacy Through Multilingualism
ULLAS Program	Framework for bridging literacy gaps in India
Key Focus	Multilingualism as a central pillar of NEP 2020



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- **International Literacy Day 2024 focuses on multilingual education for peace and social cohesion.**
- **International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies is observed on 7 September with the theme "Invest in #CleanAirNow".**
- **World Duchenne Awareness Day is observed on 7 September to raise awareness about DMD.**
- **UN International Day of Police Cooperation is observed on 7 September to enhance global police collaboration.**
- **International Vulture Awareness Day is observed on the first Saturday of September to promote vulture conservation.**
- **Hokato Hotozhe Sema won bronze in men's shot put F57 class at Paris 2024 Paralympics.**
- **Tuhin Kanta Pandey appointed as Finance Secretary following T V Somanathan's move to Cabinet Secretary.**
- **The "Spectrum of Literacy" conference on 7 September 2024 sets the stage for International Literacy Day.**



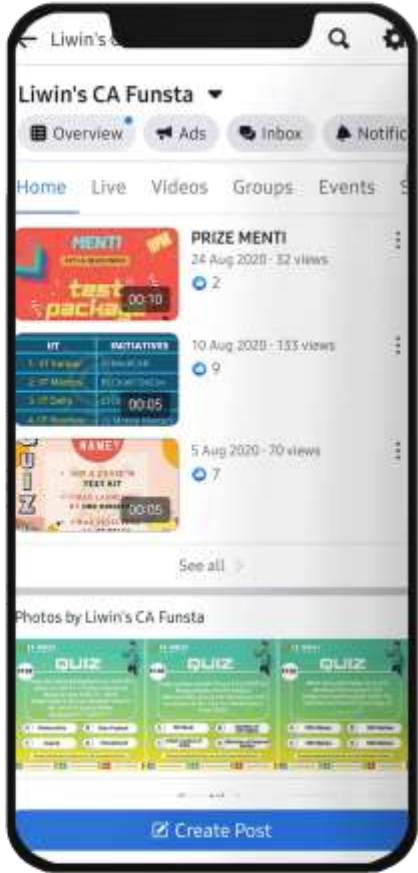
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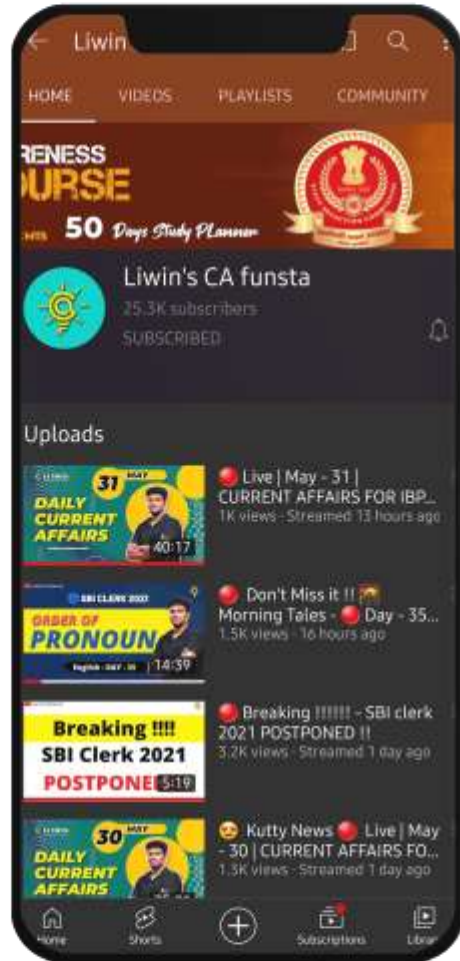
- **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the 44th OCA Assembly, promoting Khelo India and TOPS initiatives.**
- **Swachh Vayu Survekshan Awards honored best-performing NCAP cities on International Day of Clean Air.**
- **The International Conference on 'Spectrum of Literacy' highlighted multilingualism as a key pillar of literacy.**
- **IEPFA celebrated its 8th Foundation Day focusing on financial literacy and investor protection.**



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