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Important Days



➤ **When is International Chocolate Day celebrated, and who is it associated with?**

- A) July 7, coinciding with the discovery of chocolate
- B) September 13, in honour of Milton S Hershey
- C) July 13, celebrating chocolate farming
- D) September 7, dedicated to global chocolate consumption
- E) July 13, associated with Swiss chocolatiers



Answer

B) September 13, in honour of Milton S Hershey



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Chocolate Day 2024
- **Location:** Global
- **Date:** September 13
- **Coincides With:** Birthday of Milton S Hershey, founder of The Hershey Chocolate Company



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- Celebrates the global love for chocolate.
- Recognizes Milton S Hershey's contributions in making chocolate affordable and accessible.
- Highlights the historical and cultural importance of chocolate, tracing back to Mesoamerican civilizations.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Dark Chocolate:**
 - Contains 70% or more cocoa, providing significant health benefits.
- **Flavonoids and Polyphenols:**
 - Antioxidants found in dark chocolate, essential for reducing oxidative stress and chronic disease risks.
- **Glycemic Index:**
 - Dark chocolate's low glycemic index helps regulate blood sugar levels, beneficial for diabetics.



Important Days



Health Benefits of Dark Chocolate:

- **Rich in Antioxidants:**
 - Contains flavonoids that lower oxidative stress and reduce the risk of chronic diseases.
- **Improves Heart Health:**
 - Lowers LDL cholesterol, improves blood flow, and reduces the risk of heart disease.
- **Boosts Brain Function:**
 - Stimulants like caffeine and theobromine improve alertness and cognitive function.
- **Improves Mood and Reduces Stress:**
 - Encourages the production of endorphins and serotonin, boosting mood and acting as an antidepressant.
- **Regulates Blood Sugar Levels:**
 - Low glycemic index benefits those with diabetes by stabilizing blood glucose levels.



Important Days



Chocolate Addiction:

- **Dopamine:**
 - The sugar in chocolate triggers the release of dopamine, activating the brain's reward system.
- **Caffeine:**
 - Chocolate contains caffeine, enhancing alertness and mood.
- **Psychological Effects:**
 - Chocolate is often linked with emotional relief during stress, making it more addictive.



Important Days



Chocolate in India:

- **Introduction:**
 - Chocolate was introduced to India in 1798.
- **Cocoa Farming:**
 - Gained significance in 1960s-70s in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka.
- **Industry Growth:**
 - Cadbury and Nestlé dominate the Indian chocolate market today, with major support from institutions like Kerala Agricultural University and CAMPCO.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **Tamil Nadu**
 - **Capital:** Chennai
 - **CM:** Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin
 - **Governor:** Banwarilal Purohit
- **Milton S Hershey**
 - **Founder:** The Hershey Chocolate Company
- **The Hershey Company**
 - **Founded:** 1894
- **Cadbury in India**
 - Major player in the Indian chocolate market since the 1960s-70s
- **Nestlé in India**
 - Global chocolate company established in India
- **Kerala Agricultural University**
 - Played a significant role in boosting cocoa cultivation in India



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Significance
International Chocolate Day	Global	September 13	Celebrates chocolate's global love and Hershey's role in its popularization
World Chocolate Day	Global	July 7	Celebrates the enjoyment of chocolate globally



➤ **Which school won the 63rd Subroto Cup International Football Tournament in 2024?**

- A) Meghalaya's Myngken Christian Higher Secondary School
- B) Bangladesh School Team
- C) Nepal School Team
- D) Manipur's TG English School
- E) Sri Lanka School Team



Answer

D) Manipur's TG English School



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 63rd Subroto Cup International Football Tournament
- **Location:** New Delhi, India
- **Date:** September 2 - 11, 2024
- **Category:** Under-17 Boys



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Premier inter-school football competition in India, promoting grassroots football talent.
- **International Participants:** Teams from Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka participated, giving it an international dimension.
- **Tournament Evolution:**
 - **1960:** Tournament inaugurated for U-17 Boys
 - **1998:** U-14 Boys category introduced
 - **2012:** U-17 Girls category added



Important Terms Explained:

- **Penalty Shootout:**
 - A method used to decide the winner when a football match ends in a draw after regulation time.
- **Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari:**
 - Chief Guest at the award ceremony, current Chief of the Indian Air Force.
- **Harmilan Bains:**
 - 2022 Asian Games double silver medallist in track and field, who also attended the prize ceremony.



Tournament Overview:

- **Participants:**
 - Indian school teams with international participants from Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.
- **Grand Finale:**
 - **Final Match:**
 - **Teams:** Manipur's TG English School vs. Meghalaya's Myngken Christian Higher Secondary School
 - **Score:** Ended in a 1-1 draw in regulation time
 - **Penalty Shootout:** Manipur's TG English School won 4-3.



Tournament Overview:

- **Key Players:**
 - Namdigong (Manipur) scored the first goal in the 32nd minute
 - Banpliebok Khongjoh (Meghalaya) equalized in the 64th minute
- **Prizes:**
 - **Winners (Manipur):** Trophy + ₹5 lakh
 - **Runners-up (Meghalaya):** ₹3 lakh



History and Significance:

- **Origins:**
 - Subroto Cup was founded in 1960, in memory of Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee, who promoted sports among youth.
 - Organized by the Subroto Mukerjee Sports Education Society under the Indian Air Force.
- **Evolution and Expansion:**
 - Initially limited to U-17 Boys but expanded to U-14 Boys and U-17 Girls over the years.



History and Significance:

- **Significance:**
 - **Grassroots Development:** A platform for young football talent.
 - **National and International Exposure:** Teams from various Indian states and international participants foster national integration and global exposure.
 - **Talent Scouting:** Identifies and nurtures future football stars.



Static GK Information:

- **Manipur**
 - **Capital:** Imphal
 - **CM:** N. Biren Singh
 - **Governor:** Anusuiya Uikey
- **Meghalaya**
 - **Capital:** Shillong
 - **CM:** Conrad Sangma
 - **Governor:** Phagu Chauhan



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Winner	Runner-Up	Significance
63 rd Subroto Cup	New Delhi, India	September 2-11, 2024	Manipur's TG English School	Meghalaya's Myngken Christian Higher Secondary School	Premier inter-school football event with international teams



OBITUARY



➤ **Which political party did Shri. Sitaram Yechury serve as General Secretary?**

- A) Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- B) Indian National Congress (INC)
- C) Communist Party of India (CPI)
- D) Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)]
- E) Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)



Answer

D) Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)]



OBITUARY



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Passing of Shri. Sitaram Yechury
- **Location:** AIMS Hospital, New Delhi
- **Birthplace:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu in 1952



OBITUARY



Mandates and Objectives:

- Shri. Sitaram Yechury was a prominent figure in Indian politics, particularly in leftist movements.
- His role in shaping the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and the broader political discourse was significant.
- General Secretary of CPI(M): Succeeded Prakash Karat as General Secretary in 2015.
- Played an important role in the Indo-US nuclear deal negotiations, where Left parties withdrew support from the UPA-I government.



OBITUARY



Important Terms Explained:

- **Rajya Sabha:**
 - The upper house of India's Parliament, where Shri. Yechury served representing West Bengal for 12 years.
- **Emergency (1975-1977):**
 - A period of political crisis in India when Yechury, a student leader, was arrested for his opposition.



OBITUARY



Political Career Highlights:

- Joined the Student Federation of India (SFI) in 1974.
- Elected to Rajya Sabha representing West Bengal for 12 years.
- Became General Secretary of CPI(M) in 2015, succeeding Prakash Karat.
- Key figure during the Indo-US nuclear deal discussions, leading to the withdrawal of Left support from the UPA-I government.



OBITUARY



Static GK Information:

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



OBITUARY



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
Passing of Sitaram Yechury	AIMS Hospital, New Delhi	Yesterday	Political leaders across India	Tribute to a leader who shaped the CPI(M) and had significant contributions to Indian politics



RANKING



➤ Which state has the highest number of AYUSH doctors in Primary Health Care Centers (PHCs) according to the latest Government of India report?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Odisha

Answer

C) Madhya Pradesh



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Government of India Report on Health Dynamics
- **Location:** India
- **Top Performer:** Madhya Pradesh (MP) for having the highest number of AYUSH doctors in Primary Health Care Centers (PHCs).



Mandates and Objectives:

- The Government of India (GoI) Report provides a comprehensive analysis of the health infrastructure across India, including the availability of specialist doctors, technical staffing, and AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy) facilities in PHCs.
- Madhya Pradesh has the most significant AYUSH facilities in both urban areas and tribal pockets, with:
 - 328 AYUSH doctors in urban PHCs
 - 228 AYUSH doctors in tribal areas



RANKING



Key Data from the Report:

- **Facilities in India:**
 - **Sub-centres (SCs):** 1,69,615
 - **Primary Health Centres (PHCs):** 31,882
 - **Community Health Care Centres (CHCs):** 6,359
 - **Sub-divisional/District Hospitals (SDHs):** 1,340
 - **District Hospitals (DHs):** 714
 - **Medical Colleges (MCs):** 362



RANKING



Key Data from the Report:

- **Staffing Across India:**
 - **Health Workers (SCs): 2,39,911**
 - **Doctors/Medical Officers (PHCs): 40,583**
 - **Specialists & Medical Officers (CHCs): 26,280**
 - **Doctors and Specialists (SDHs & DHs): 45,027**
 - **Staff Nurses (PHCs): 47,932**
 - **Nursing Staff (CHCs): 51,059**
 - **Paramedical Staff (SDHs & DHs): 1,35,793**



RANKING



Top Performing States (Health Infrastructure):

- **Primary Health Centers (PHCs):**
 - **Maharashtra: 906**
 - **Uttar Pradesh: 598**
 - **Andhra Pradesh: 542**
 - **West Bengal: 467**
 - **Tamil Nadu: 444**
 - **Madhya Pradesh: 328**
- **Top States with AYUSH Doctors in Tribal Pockets:**
 - **Odisha: 296**
 - **Chhattisgarh: 279**
 - **Madhya Pradesh: 228**



RANKING



Top Performing States (Health Infrastructure):

- **Top States in Sub-divisional/District Hospitals:**
 - **Tamil Nadu: 281**
 - **Karnataka: 147**
 - **Madhya Pradesh: 144**
- **Top States with Community Health Care Centers (CHCs):**
 - **Uttar Pradesh: 939**
 - **Rajasthan: 650**
 - **Gujarat: 350**
 - **Madhya Pradesh: 332**



RANKING



Static GK Information:

- **Madhya Pradesh**
 - **Capital:** Bhopal
 - **CM:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan
 - **Governor:** Mangubhai C. Patel
- **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (India)**
 - **Founded:** 1976
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Minister:** Mansukh Mandaviya



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Top Performer	Significance
Gol Health Report on AYUSH Doctors	India	Madhya Pradesh	MP has the most AYUSH doctors in PHCs and tribal health centres.



➤ **Which global initiative did Union Bank of India join, marking its commitment to managing climate risk?**

- A) Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)
- B) Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF)
- C) Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)
- D) Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)
- E) United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)



Answer

B) Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF)



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Union Bank of India joins PCAF
- **Location:** India
- **Date:** 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- Union Bank of India has become the first major Indian bank to join the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF).
- **PCAF:**
 - A global initiative that brings together financial institutions to develop a standardized method for assessing and disclosing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions linked to loans and investments.
 - Union Bank's participation aligns with global efforts to manage climate risk, specifically addressing Scope 3 emissions, which come from its lending and investment portfolios.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **RBI Draft Guidelines (2024):**
 - Issued on February 28, 2024, by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), these guidelines focus on enhancing climate risk reporting for banks.
 - Banks are expected to disclose information on governance, strategy, risk management, and metrics to address climate-related financial risks.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF):**
 - A global initiative that provides a standardized method for assessing GHG emissions related to banks' loans and investments.
- **Climate-Related Financial Risk:**
 - Financial risks linked to climate change or evolving climate regulations. These risks can affect banks' portfolios, especially as regulatory and environmental changes increase.
- **Scope 3 Emissions:**
 - Indirect greenhouse gas emissions that occur through an institution's lending and investment activities. These emissions are often more substantial than operational emissions.



Static GK Information:

- **Union Bank of India**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **MD & CEO:** A. Manimekhalai
 - **Tagline:** Good People to Bank With
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
 - **Founded:** April 1, 1935
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das
- **PCAF (Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials)**
 - **Founded:** 2015
 - **Objective:** To standardize methods for disclosing greenhouse gas emissions from financial portfolios.



BANKING AND FINANCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Entity	Significance
Union Bank of India joins PCAF	India	2024	Union Bank of India	First major Indian bank to join PCAF, emphasizing commitment to climate risk management
RBI Climate Guidelines	India	February 28, 2024	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	Framework for disclosing climate-related financial risks for banks



➤ **What was the retail inflation rate in August 2024, and how did it compare to July 2024?**

- A) 3.65%, higher than July's 3.6%
- B) 3.5%, lower than July's 3.6%
- C) 4%, equal to July's inflation rate
- D) 3.9%, higher than July's 3.8%
- E) 3.65%, lower than July's 4%



Answer

A) 3.65%, higher than July's 3.6%



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Retail Inflation and IIP Growth Reports
- **Location:** India
- **Date (Inflation and IIP data):**
 - **Inflation (August 2024):** 3.65%
 - **IIP (July 2024):** 4.8%



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Retail Inflation:**
 - **August 2024:** Retail inflation increased slightly to 3.65%, up from 3.6% in July 2024, but remained below the RBI's target of 4%.
 - The increase is largely attributed to the high base effect from the previous year.
- **Food Inflation:**
 - **August:** Increased to 5.66%, primarily due to rising prices in vegetables (10.71%), fruits (6.45%), eggs (7.14%), and non-alcoholic beverages (2.40%).
 - Cereals (7.31%), milk (2.98%), and meat & fish (4.30%) saw slower price growth, while pulses experienced a 13.6% price increase.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Core Inflation:**
 - Core inflation (excluding volatile food and fuel components) remained steady at 3.5%.
 - Fuel prices continued to decline at -5.31%.
- **IIP Growth:**
 - **July 2024:** The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) saw an increase of 4.83%, up from 4.72% in June 2024.
 - Manufacturing output grew by 4.6%, while mining and electricity grew by 3.7% and 7.9%, respectively.
 - Capital goods and intermediate goods showed strong growth, but consumer durables and non-durables experienced contractions, reflecting challenges in rural demand.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Consumer Price Index (CPI)-Based Inflation:**
 - A measure of changes in the price level of a basket of consumer goods and services purchased by households.
- **Core Inflation:**
 - Inflation that excludes volatile components like food and fuel to provide a clearer picture of underlying inflation trends.
- **Index of Industrial Production (IIP):**
 - A statistical measure that reflects the growth of various sectors in an economy such as manufacturing, mining, and electricity.



Economic Forecasts:

- **Rajani Sinha, CARE Ratings:**
 - Attributed the August inflation rise to higher food prices and lagging sowing of pulses and oilseeds.
- **Aditi Nayar, ICRA:**
 - Forecasted a potential slight increase in core CPI inflation due to service demand and reduced cotton sowing.
- **Madan Sabnavis, Bank of Baroda:**
 - Predicted that the RBI is unlikely to cut rates until inflation shows a consistent downward trend.



Static GK Information:

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
 - **Founded:** April 1, 1935
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das
- **Bank of Baroda**
 - **Headquarters:** Vadodara, Gujarat
 - **MD & CEO:** Debadatta Chand
 - **Tagline:** India's International Bank



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Retail Inflation	IIP Growth	Significance
Retail Inflation for August 2024	India	August 2024	3.65% (up from 3.6%)	4.83% (up from 4.72%)	Retail inflation remains below RBI's 4% target; IIP shows modest growth
IIP for July 2024	India	July 2024	N/A	4.83% (up from 4.72%)	Manufacturing output grew; consumer durables contracted, indicating rural stress



- **What is the main objective of EaseMyTrip's newly launched platform ScanMyTrip.com?**
- A) To provide a booking platform exclusively for flights
 - B) To enable travel services to be offered on the ONDC Network
 - C) To focus on homestay bookings only
 - D) To offer luxury travel services to high-end customers
 - E) To provide an exclusive travel marketplace for MSMEs



Answer

B) To enable travel services to be offered on the ONDC Network



Event and Location:

- **Event:** EaseMyTrip.com launched ScanMyTrip.com, an innovative travel marketplace.
- **Location:** India, on the ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce) platform.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** ScanMyTrip.com aims to enable travel services such as flights, hotels, and homestays to be listed and sold via the ONDC network.
- **Target Users:** It caters to OTAs (Online Travel Agencies), MSMEs, travel agents, and homestays.
- **Key Objective:** To democratize the travel industry by helping smaller providers compete on a digital platform, ensuring inclusive growth for all businesses, irrespective of size.
- **Significance:** This platform simplifies onboarding for travel businesses, helping them connect with potential travellers and grow.



Important Terms Explained:

- **ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce):**
 - A government initiative to foster open, transparent digital marketplaces.
 - It enhances opportunities for MSMEs and small homestays by connecting them to larger audiences.
- **MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises):**
 - Smaller businesses that can now use advanced digital tools to scale through the ONDC network.
- **OTA (Online Travel Agencies):**
 - Online platforms providing travel-related services, which will benefit from this initiative to improve digital reach.



Static GK Information:

- **EaseMyTrip:**
 - **Founded Year:** 2008
 - **Co-founders:** Nishant Pitti and Rikant Pittie
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
- **ONDC:**
 - **Founded Year:** 2021
 - **MD and CEO:** Thampy Koshy
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



Tabular Summary:

Event	EaseMyTrip launches ScanMyTrip on ONDC
Location	India
Date	2023
Chief Guest/Participants	Rikant Pittie (Co-founder, EaseMyTrip), Thampy Koshy (MD & CEO, ONDC)
Platform Objective	Provide travel services on ONDC, benefiting OTAs, MSMEs, and homestays
Significance	First-of-its-kind travel marketplace on ONDC, promoting inclusive growth



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Iceland?**

- A) B. Shyam
- B) R. Ravindran
- C) Vivek Katju
- D) Ajay Bisaria
- E) Rajeev Chander

Answer

B) R. Ravindran



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of R. Ravindran as Ambassador to Iceland
- **Location:** Iceland
- **Announced by:** Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), India



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- R. Ravindran, an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer from the 1999 batch, has been appointed as the Ambassador to Iceland.
- He will succeed B. Shyam and is expected to join the office soon, as per the MEA's statement.
- **Key Objective:** His appointment will facilitate India's engagement with Iceland and strengthen efforts toward India's European Free Trade Agreement with Scandinavian countries.



APPOINTMENTS



Career Highlights:

- **Indian Foreign Service (1999 Batch):**
 - Currently serving as India's Deputy Permanent Representative at the United Nations, New York, since September 2020.
- **Past Diplomatic Roles:**
 - Served at the Indian Embassy in Cairo (2001-03).
 - Worked in Libya's Tripoli (2004-07).
 - Held the position of Regional Passport Officer in Bengaluru (2007-10).
 - Diplomatic service at India's embassies in Colombo (Sri Lanka) and Côte d'Ivoire.
- **United Nations Role:**
 - Served at India's Permanent Mission at the UN in New York from 2010-13 before his role as Deputy Permanent Representative.



APPOINTMENTS



Strategic Importance:

- **India-Iceland Relations:**
 - R. Ravindran's appointment is crucial in advancing India's European Free Trade Agreement with the Scandinavian countries, including Iceland, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.
 - His experience and diplomatic expertise will help ensure a smooth investment flow between these countries and India.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), India**
 - **Founded:** 1946
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Minister:** Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- **Iceland**
 - **Capital:** Reykjavik
 - **Currency:** Icelandic króna
 - **Prime Minister:** Katrín Jakobsdóttir



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Appointee	Previous Position	Significance
Appointment of Ambassador to Iceland	Iceland	R. Ravindran	Deputy Permanent Representative to UN	Strengthens India's European Free Trade Agreement and bilateral relations with Iceland



➤ **What event did Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurate in Jodhpur on September 12, 2024?**

- A) Aero India 2024
- B) DefExpo 2024
- C) India Defence Aviation Exposition (IDAX-24)
- D) Exercise Tarang Shakti-24
- E) International Aerospace Expo

Answer

C) India Defence Aviation Exposition (IDAX-24)



DEFENCE



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India Defence Aviation Exposition (IDAX-24)
- **Location:** Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- **Date:** September 12-14, 2024
- **Inaugurated by:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh



Mandates and Objectives:

- The IDAX-24 aims to showcase the latest advancements in aviation technology from various Indian Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), private industries, and startups.
- The expo serves as a platform for domestic and international participants to engage with cutting-edge aviation technologies, contributing to India's defense ecosystem.



Highlights of IDAX-24:

- **Participants:**
 - Indian DPSUs, DRDO, private industries, and startups.
 - International participants are also involved, adding a global dimension to the event.
- **Technologies Showcased:**
 - Advanced products and technologies related to aviation and defense.



Exercise Tarang Shakti-24:

- Exercise Tarang Shakti-24 is a multinational air exercise running alongside the expo, aimed at enhancing mutual cooperation and defense collaboration between partner countries.
- **Key Participants:**
 - Air forces from USA, Japan, Australia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, UAE, and Greece.
 - 16 countries are participating as observers.
- **Air Show:**
 - The event features an air show with displays from the Suryakiran and Sarang aerobatic teams, as well as Tejas and Sukhoi-30 fighter jets.



Participation and Observations:

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, alongside the Army Chiefs of India and foreign Air Force Chiefs, will witness the air show.
- The event promotes India's aviation industry, showcasing indigenous skills and technology to the global audience.



Static GK Information:

- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**
 - **Founded:** 1958
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, Delhi
 - **Chairman:** Samir V Kamat
- **Indian Air Force (IAF)**
 - **Founded:** October 8, 1932
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
 - **Chief of the Air Staff:** Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Inaugurated by	Significance
India Defence Aviation Exposition (IDAX-24)	Jodhpur, Rajasthan	September 12-14, 2024	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh	Showcased aviation advancements from DPSUs, DRDO, and startups
Exercise Tarang Shakti-24	Jodhpur, Rajasthan	September 2024	Attended by Defence Minister	Multinational air exercise fostering defense cooperation



➤ **When was the 2nd International Conference on Green Hydrogen inaugurated, and where was it held?**

- A) September 11, 2024, in Mumbai
- B) September 12, 2024, in Gujarat
- C) September 11, 2024, in New Delhi
- D) September 10, 2024, in Bengaluru
- E) September 13, 2024, in Hyderabad

Answer

C) September 11, 2024, in New Delhi



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 2nd International Conference on Green Hydrogen
- **Location:** Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, India
- **Date:** September 11-13, 2024
- **Inauguration by:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi



Mandates and Objectives:

- The three-day conference is focused on establishing India as a global leader in green hydrogen.
- **Key Objectives:**
 - Discussing technological advances in green hydrogen production.
 - Encouraging strategic investments and fostering partnerships for green hydrogen adoption.
 - Supporting India's National Green Hydrogen Mission, which aims to develop a 5 million metric ton per year green hydrogen production capacity by 2030.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Green Hydrogen:**
 - Hydrogen produced via electrolysis of water using renewable energy like solar, wind, or hydroelectric power.
 - Used in fuel cells for vehicles, reducing carbon emissions compared to fossil fuels.
- **National Green Hydrogen Mission:**
 - Launched on January 4, 2023, with an outlay of Rs 19,744 crores.
 - Targeting 5 million metric tons of green hydrogen production by 2030 to drive India's transition to clean energy.
- **Electrolysis:**
 - A process of splitting water into hydrogen and oxygen using electricity, ideally sourced from renewable energy.



Key Stakeholders:

- **Organizers:**
 - Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
 - Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India
- **Partners:**
 - Gujarat government as the state partner
 - Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) as the implementation partner
 - EY as the knowledge partner
 - FICCI as the industry partner
 - Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Department of Science and Technology, and Department of Scientific and Industrial Research as associate partners.



Key Stakeholders:

- **Dignitaries Attending:**
 - Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy
Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi
 - Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas
Hardeep Singh Puri
 - Principal Scientific Adviser Prof. Ajay K. Sood



Additional News:

- **World Bank Loan:**
 - The World Bank has approved a \$1.5 billion loan to support the low carbon energy sector, contributing to global efforts for clean energy solutions.



Static GK Information:

- **Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy**
 - Responsible for promoting renewable energy and implementing the National Green Hydrogen Mission.
- **Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)**
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
 - **Established:** 2011
 - **Focus:** Implements India's solar and green energy initiatives.
- **World Bank**
 - **Founded:** 1944
 - **Headquarters:** Washington, D.C., USA
 - **President:** Ajay Banga



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Chief Guest	Significance
2 nd International Conference on Green Hydrogen	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi	September 11-13, 2024	Prime Minister Narendra Modi	Aims to establish India as a global leader in green hydrogen adoption



➤ **Where will the QUAD Leaders Summit be held on 21st September 2024?**

- A) Tokyo, Japan
- B) New Delhi, India
- C) Sydney, Australia
- D) Wilmington, Delaware, USA
- E) Canberra, Australia

Answer

D) Wilmington, Delaware, USA



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** QUAD Leaders Summit
- **Location:** Wilmington, Delaware, USA
- **Date:** September 21, 2024
- **Host:** US President Joe Biden



Mandates and Objectives:

- The QUAD Summit will bring together leaders from India, Japan, Australia, and the United States to discuss global and regional issues.
- **Vision:**
 - To promote a free, open, stable, and prosperous Indo-Pacific.
 - The QUAD is a diplomatic partnership that complements bilateral, regional, and multilateral cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.



Key QUAD Principles:

- **Strategic Goal:**
 - The QUAD aims to ensure that Indo-Pacific sea lanes remain free from external military or political influences.
- **Discussion Topics:**
 - Complex and emerging technologies
 - Connectivity and infrastructure
 - Cybersecurity
 - Maritime security
 - Humanitarian aid and disaster relief
 - Climate change
 - Pandemics
 - Education



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Leaders Attending the Summit:

- **India:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- **Australia:** Prime Minister Anthony Albanese
- **Japan:** Prime Minister Fumio Kishida
- **United States:** President Joe Biden



QUAD's Role in the Indo-Pacific:

- **Formation:**
 - The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (QUAD) was initially formed after the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami to coordinate disaster relief.
 - It was later revived in 2017 as concerns over China's rising influence in the Indo-Pacific grew.
- **Purpose:**
 - The QUAD now focuses on maintaining peace and security in the Indo-Pacific region, while promoting economic collaboration and technological development.



Static GK Information:

- **United States of America (USA)**
 - **Capital:** Washington, D.C.
 - **Currency:** US Dollar
 - **President:** Joe Biden
- **India**
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **Currency:** Indian Rupee
 - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
- **Japan**
 - **Capital:** Tokyo
 - **Currency:** Japanese Yen
 - **Prime Minister:** Fumio Kishida
- **Australia**
 - **Capital:** Canberra
 - **Currency:** Australian Dollar
 - **Prime Minister:** Anthony Albanese



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	Host	Leaders Attending	Significance
QUAD Leaders Summit	Wilmington, Delaware, USA	September 21, 2024	US President Joe Biden	Narendra Modi (India), Fumio Kishida (Japan), Anthony Albanese (Australia)	Discusses regional and global issues related to the Indo-Pacific



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➤ When did the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) start?



- A) 24th September 2024
- B) 28th September 2024
- C) 10th September 2024
- D) 15th September 2024
- E) 30th September 2024

Answer

C) 10th September 2024



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** 79th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Session
- **Location:** New York, United States
- **Date:** Started on 10th September 2024
- **General Debate Dates:** 24th September - 30th September 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- The UNGA provides a forum for multilateral discussions on international issues. It is attended by world leaders from 193 member states, where they can discuss, debate, and make recommendations on matters concerning peace, security, development, human rights, and international law.
- **General Debate Theme:**
 - **“Leaving no one behind:** acting together for the advancement of peace, sustainable development, and human dignity for present and future generations.”



President and Secretary-General:

- **President of UNGA:**
 - Philemon Yang from Cameroon is the President of the 79th UNGA session. He emphasized unity in diversity, peace, sustainable development, and human dignity as his key priorities.
- **UN Secretary-General:**
 - António Guterres continues to serve as the UN Secretary-General.



Static GK Information:

- **United Nations (UN)**
 - **Founded:** 24 October 1945
 - **Headquarters:** New York City, USA
 - **Secretary-General:** António Guterres
- **Cameroon**
 - **Capital:** Yaoundé
 - **Currency:** Central African CFA Franc
 - **President:** Paul Biya
 - **UNGA President (2024):** Philemon Yang



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	UNGA President	Significance
79 th UNGA Session	New York, USA	10th September 2024	Philemon Yang (Cameroon)	Forum for discussing global peace, security, human rights, and sustainable development
General Debate Dates	New York, USA	24th-30th September 2024	Philemon Yang	Theme: "Leaving no one behind: Acting together for peace, development, and dignity"



➤ Which country has recently been authorized to join the BRICS New Development Bank (NDB)?

- A) Egypt
- B) Bangladesh
- C) Algeria
- D) Uruguay
- E) United Arab Emirates

Answer
C) Algeria



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Algeria Joins BRICS New Development Bank (NDB)
- **Location:** Cape Town, South Africa (announced during the ninth annual meeting)
- **Date:** 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- **BRICS New Development Bank (NDB):**
 - Established by Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa in 2015, the NDB aims to fund infrastructure and sustainable development projects in emerging economies.
- **Algeria's Membership:**
 - Algeria has officially joined the NDB, which will support its economic growth and integration into the global financial system.
 - Economic Impact: As a major natural gas exporter in Africa, Algeria's membership is expected to boost its development prospects by accessing alternative financing options from the NDB, instead of relying solely on traditional institutions like the World Bank and IMF.



Expansion and Membership:

- **Original BRICS Members:**
 - BRIC was formed in 2009, and South Africa joined in 2010, making it BRICS.
- **New Members (2021 Onwards):**
 - Countries like Bangladesh, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, and Uruguay joined the NDB, with Algeria being the latest to be admitted in 2024 after its macroeconomic indicators were favorably assessed.



Economic Influence of BRICS:

- **Global GDP Influence:**
 - The BRICS nations account for a significant portion of global GDP and are vital players in international trade.
- **Annual Summits:**
 - The BRICS group holds annual summits to coordinate policies on global economic, political, and developmental issues.



Static GK Information:

- **BRICS New Development Bank (NDB)**
 - **Founded:** 2015
 - **Headquarters:** Shanghai, China
 - **President:** Dilma Rousseff
- **Algeria**
 - **Capital:** Algiers
 - **Currency:** Algerian Dinar
 - **President:** Abdelmadjid Tebboune
 - **Major Export:** Natural Gas



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	New Member	Significance
Algeria Joins BRICS New Development Bank (NDB)	Cape Town, South Africa	2024	Algeria	Algeria joins NDB, enhancing its integration into global finance and supporting economic growth.



➤ **What is the primary function of the Aviio app launched by Adani Airports Holdings Limited (AAHL)?**

- A) Provides flight booking services
- B) Real-time updates on airport operations like waiting times and baggage
- C) Offers in-flight entertainment
- D) Manages flight schedules for airlines
- E) Facilitates airport parking services



Answer

B) Real-time updates on airport operations like waiting times and baggage



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the Aviio app by Adani Airports Holdings Limited (AAHL)
- **Location:** India, across seven AAHL-operated airports
- **Date:** 2024



Mandates and Objectives:

- Aviiio is a first-of-its-kind app designed to provide real-time information related to various airport operations. It aims to enhance the passenger experience by delivering crucial updates such as:
 - **Waiting times at security checks**
 - **Gate changes**
 - **Baggage updates**
 - **Other passenger-related services**
- The app is part of a broader Smart Airport Operations System, described as an 'Airport-in-a-Box' model, to enhance collaboration between the aviation community and improve the airport ecosystem.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Real-Time Information:**
 - Passengers will receive live updates on security checks, gate changes, and baggage status, improving their transit through airports.
- **Multi-Airport Governance:**
 - The Aviio app will be used across multiple AAHL-operated airports, helping with resource management, capacity planning, and operational efficiencies.
- **Airport Ecosystem:**
 - Apart from passengers, Aviio will also serve airlines, airport ground staff, and other partners like retailers and security personnel.



CEO's Vision:

- Arun Bansal, the CEO of AAHL, stated that the app will significantly improve operational efficiencies and help integrate new airports into the AAHL portfolio. It will play a key role in multi-airport governance and have a sustained impact on topline growth by enhancing service delivery across airports.



Static GK Information:

- **Adani Airports Holdings Limited (AAHL)**
 - **Headquarters:** Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India
 - **CEO:** Arun Bansal
 - **Operates:** Seven airports across India, including major ones like Mumbai and Ahmedabad.



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	Date	App Name	Significance
Launch of Aviio	Across AAHL Airports	2024	Aviio	Provides real-time airport data, improves passenger experience, and efficiency



➤ What has Port Blair been renamed to, as announced by the Indian government?

- A) Netaji Subhas Puram
- B) Shaheed Dweep
- C) Swaraj Dweep
- D) Sri Vijaya Puram
- E) Param Vir Puram



Answer

D) Sri Vijaya Puram



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Renaming of Port Blair
- **Location:** Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- **New Name:** Sri Vijaya Puram
- **Announced by:** Home Minister Shri. Amit Shah



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Reason for Renaming:**
 - The renaming of Port Blair to Sri Vijaya Puram is part of a broader initiative to free India from colonial imprints. This decision also honors the significance of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in India's freedom struggle.
- **Historical Significance:**
 - The Andaman and Nicobar Islands have a special place in India's history.
 - Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose first unfurled the Tiranga (Indian national flag) here during India's freedom struggle.
 - The island was once a naval base of the Chola Empire and played a crucial role in the Indian freedom movement, symbolizing victory and resilience.



Important Historical Links:

- **Cellular Jail:**
 - The Cellular Jail in Port Blair (now Sri Vijaya Puram) housed several freedom fighters, including Veer Savarkar.
- **Role of Andaman in India's Freedom Struggle:**
 - It was a prominent site where Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose marked India's presence during the freedom struggle.



Previous Renaming Initiatives:

- In 2023, the Government of India renamed 21 unnamed islands of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands after Param Vir Chakra awardees.
- Ross Island was renamed as Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Island.
- Neil Island and Havelock Island were renamed as Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep, respectively, to honor the memory of India's freedom struggle.



Static GK Information:

- **Andaman and Nicobar Islands**
 - **Capital:** Sri Vijaya Puram (formerly Port Blair)
 - **Lieutenant Governor:** Devendra Kumar Joshi
 - **Significance:** Played a critical role in India's freedom struggle, home to Cellular Jail and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's Tiranga unfurling.



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Location	New Name	Announced by	Significance
Renaming of Port Blair	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Sri Vijaya Puram	Home Minister Amit Shah	Renamed to honor the Andaman's role in India's freedom struggle and move away from colonial names



QUICK RECALL



- **International Chocolate Day is celebrated on September 13, honouring Milton S Hershey.**
- **63rd Subroto Cup won by Manipur's TG English School in penalty shootout.**
- **Sitaram Yechury, CPI(M) leader, passes away at 72 in New Delhi.**
- **Madhya Pradesh leads in having the most AYUSH doctors at Primary Health Care Centers (PHCs) across India.**
- **Union Bank of India becomes the first major Indian bank to join PCAF.**
- **India's retail inflation rose slightly to 3.65% in August 2024, remaining below RBI's 4% target.**
- **R. Ravindran has been appointed as the next Indian Ambassador to Iceland.**
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated IDAX-24 in Jodhpur on September 12, 2024.**



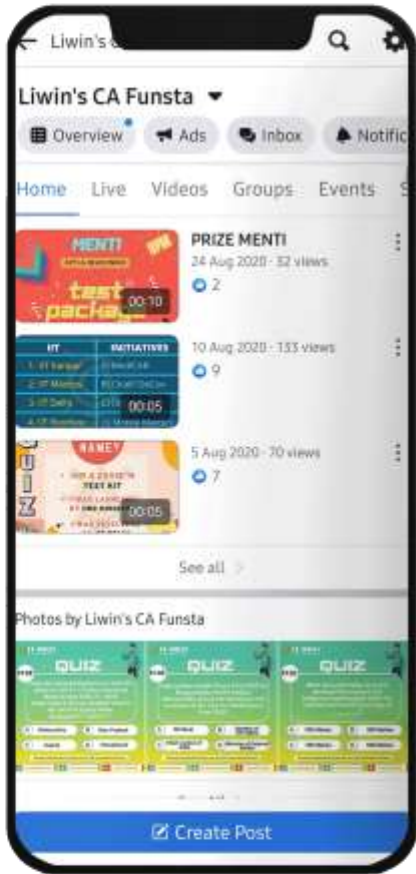
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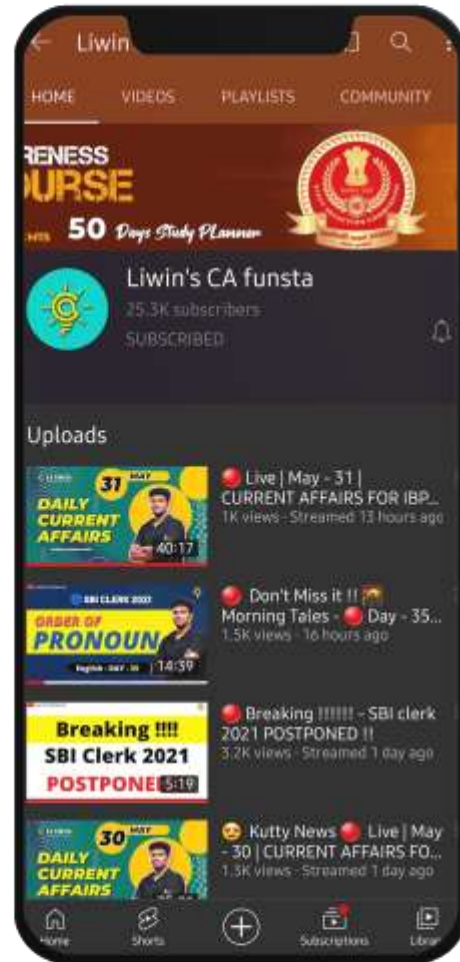
- **PM Modi inaugurated the 2nd International Conference on Green Hydrogen in New Delhi.**
- **QUAD Leaders Summit will be hosted by Joe Biden in Wilmington, USA on September 21, 2024.**
- **The 79th UNGA session began on 10th September 2024 in New York.**
- **Algeria joins the BRICS New Development Bank (NDB) in 2024, expanding its membership.**
- **Adani Airports launched Aviio, an app providing real-time airport data like wait times and baggage updates.**
- **Port Blair has been renamed as Sri Vijaya Puram by the Government of India.**



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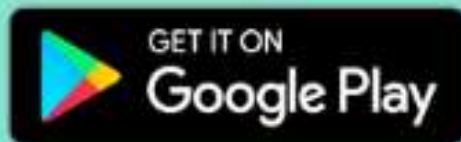
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