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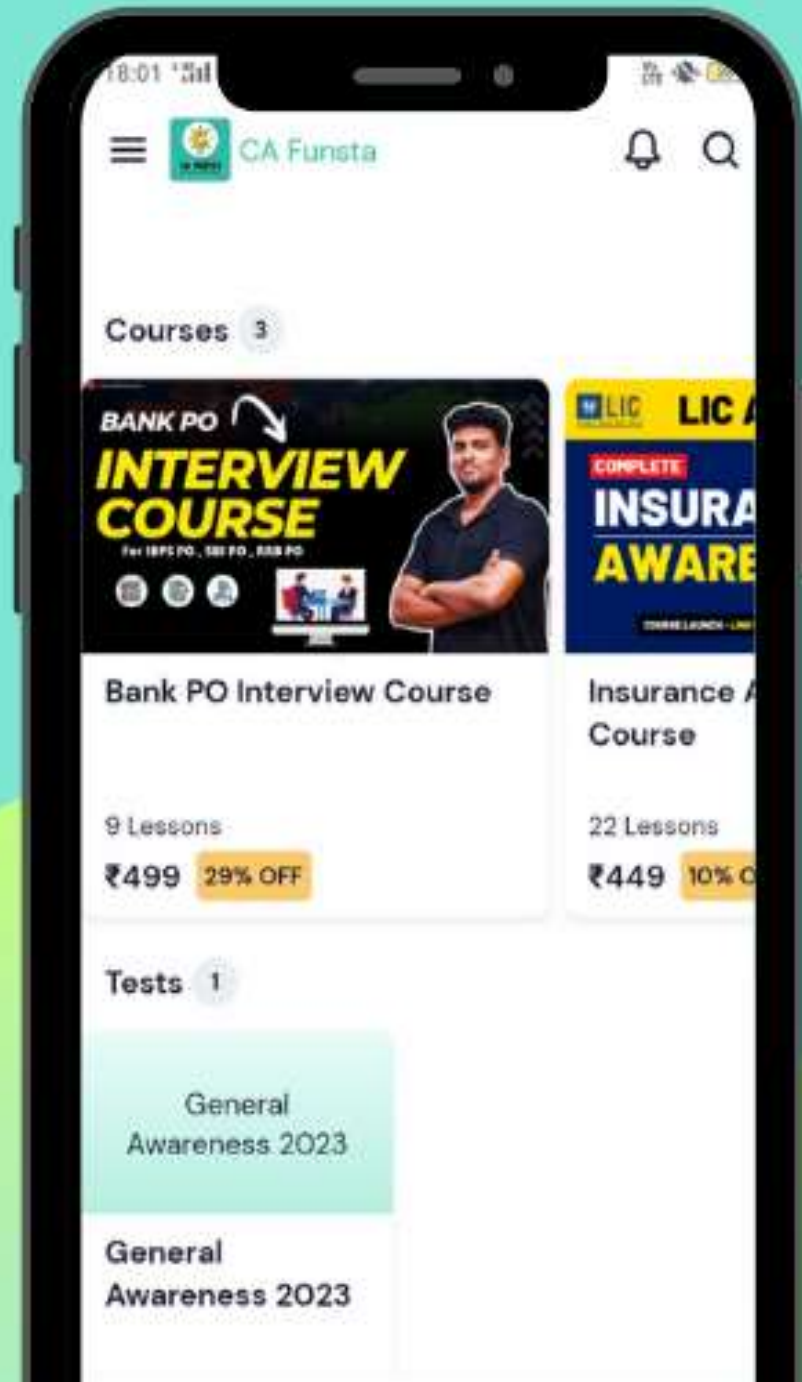
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# Important Days



➤ **On which date did the Indian Coast Guard organize the International Coastal Cleanup Day 2024 across India?**

- A) 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- B) 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024
- C) 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024
- D) 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024
- E) 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Answer**

**B) 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Coastal Cleanup Day 2024 (ICC-2024).
- **Location:** Across all coastal states and Union Territories of India.





# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG), aligned with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, led the ICC-2024 campaign on 21st September 2024.
- The event engaged NCC cadets, NSS volunteers, school and college students, along with government organizations, NGOs, and private enterprises to clean coastlines.
- The aim was to remove litter and debris from the beaches, promote marine conservation, and raise public awareness of sustainable practices to protect marine life.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **International Coastal Cleanup Day (ICC):**
  - Observed annually on the third Saturday of September, supported by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme.
- **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan:**
  - A national campaign launched by the Government of India in 2014, aimed at promoting cleanliness and sanitation across the country.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **Indian Coast Guard (ICG):**
  - **Founded Year:** 1977
  - **Director-General:** Rakesh Pal
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **Objective:** Marine safety, environmental protection, and law enforcement.



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Event	International Coastal Cleanup Day 2024 (ICC-2024)
Organized By	Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
Date	21st September 2024
Location	Across coastal states and Union Territories of India
Participants	NCC cadets, NSS volunteers, school/college students, NGOs, private enterprises
Key Focus Areas	Cleaning coastlines, raising awareness of marine conservation
Global Context	Celebrated globally on the third Saturday of September under UNEP
India's Role	Indian Coast Guard has led ICC efforts since 2006



# Important Days



➤ **When is the International Day of Peace observed, and why is it particularly significant this year?**

- A) 1 September
- B) 11 November
- C) 21 September
- D) 25 December
- E) 31 October

**Answer**

**C) 21 September**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Day of Peace
- **Date:** 21 September (Observed annually since 1981)
- **Location:** Global, with a notable observance at UN Headquarters, New York.



# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- The International Day of Peace was established by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 1981 to promote:
  - Peace, non-violence, and ceasefire.
  - Encouragement of dialogue, conflict resolution, and peace education.
  - Addressing armed conflicts, geopolitical tensions, and social inequalities.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Global Risks Report 2024:** Published by the World Economic Forum, this report highlights the world's top risks such as armed conflict, polarization, and technological threats.
- **UN's Summit of the Future:** A high-level UN initiative addressing contemporary global challenges and new multilateral frameworks.
- **Pact for the Future:** A document signed by UN members to rejuvenate global cooperation towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).





# Important Days



## Significance of 2023 Observance:

- This year's theme, "Cultivating a Culture of Peace", responds to mounting conflicts like those in the Middle East, Sudan, Ukraine, and elsewhere.
- The day coincides with the UN's Summit of the Future and the signing of the Pact for the Future, which seeks to address modern global challenges like the digital divide, artificial intelligence regulation, and climate action.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **United Nations (UN)**
  - **Founded:** 1945
  - **Secretary-General:** António Guterres
  - **Headquarters:** New York, USA
- **World Economic Forum (WEF)**
  - **Founded:** 1971
  - **Founder:** Klaus Schwab
  - **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Event	International Day of Peace
Date	21 September
Location	Globally, especially at UN Headquarters, New York
2023 Theme	"Cultivating a Culture of Peace"
Coinciding Event	UN's Summit of the Future & Signing of the Pact for the Future
Significance	Geopolitical tensions, conflicts, and global risks



# Important Days



➤ **What is the theme for World Alzheimer's Day 2024?**

- A) Time for Action on Alzheimer's
- B) Care for the Caregivers
- C) Act on Dementia, Act on Alzheimer's
- D) Eradicate Alzheimer's Stigma
- E) Alzheimer's Awareness Across the Globe

**Answer**

**C) Act on Dementia, Act on Alzheimer's**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Alzheimer's Day
- **Date:** 21 September (Annually observed)
- **Location:** Global observance, marked by awareness campaigns, education, and support activities.



# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **World Alzheimer's Day** was established to:
  - Raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and dementia.
  - Combat the stigma and discrimination associated with these conditions.
  - Promote education, early diagnosis, and support for individuals and caregivers affected by Alzheimer's.
  - Encourage government action and global collaboration for an Alzheimer-friendly society.
- **World Alzheimer's Month** extends the observance throughout September, amplifying outreach and educational efforts globally.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI):** A global federation founded to spread awareness of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, first launching World Alzheimer's Day in 1994 during its 10th anniversary.
- **World Health Organization (WHO):** Collaborates with ADI and other organizations to emphasize the importance of early diagnosis, support systems, and research for Alzheimer's and dementia.
- **Dementia:** A collective term used to describe conditions characterized by a decline in cognitive function, affecting memory, reasoning, and behavior.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI)**
  - **Founded:** 1984
  - **Headquarters:** London, UK
  - **Mission:** Global awareness and support for Alzheimer's and dementia
- **World Health Organization (WHO)**
  - **Founded:** 1948
  - **Director-General:** Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
  - **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland





# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Event	World Alzheimer's Day
Date	21 September
2024 Theme	"Time to Act on Dementia, Time to Act on Alzheimer's"
Founded By	Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI)
Key Objective	Raise awareness, reduce stigma, and support Alzheimer's research
Related Observance	World Alzheimer's Month (Entire month of September)



# Important Days



➤ **When is International Red Panda Day 2024 celebrated?**

- A) September 19
- B) September 21
- C) Third Saturday of September
- D) September 22
- E) September 18



**Answer**

**C) Third Saturday of September**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Red Panda Day
- **Date:** Observed annually on the third Saturday of September (falls on September 21 in 2024).
- **Location:** Celebrated globally, focusing on regions where red pandas are found, including India, Nepal, Bhutan, China, and Myanmar.



# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To raise awareness about the endangered status of the red panda and promote conservation efforts.
  - Educates people about the red panda's habitat, characteristics, and threats.
  - Highlights the importance of conservation, aiming to prevent the extinction of this species.
  - Encourages donations and fundraising for red panda protection organizations like the Red Panda Network.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Red Panda Network:** An organization founded in 2005 dedicated to the conservation of red pandas and their habitats.
- **IUCN Red List:** The red panda is classified as Endangered on this list due to habitat loss, poaching, and climate change.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **Red Panda**
  - **Scientific Name:** Ailurus fulgens
  - **Habitat:** Eastern Himalayas (India, Nepal, Bhutan, China, Myanmar)
  - **State Animal:** Sikkim (India)
  - **Conservation Status:** Endangered (IUCN Red List)
- **World Wildlife Fund (WWF)**
  - **Founded:** 1961
  - **Headquarters:** Gland, Switzerland
  - **Mission:** Conservation of nature and reducing human impact on the environment



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Event	International Red Panda Day
Date	Third Saturday of September (21 September 2024)
Key Objective	Raise awareness about red pandas and promote conservation efforts
Established By	Red Panda Network in 2010
Main Threats	Habitat loss, poaching, climate change
Conservation Focus	Protecting red pandas in the Eastern Himalayas



# Important Days



➤ **What is the primary objective of World Rose Day?**

- A) Celebrating cancer survivors
- B) Raising awareness about cancer and offering support to patients
- C) Organizing charity events for cancer research
- D) Promoting environmental conservation
- E) Honoring doctors and medical staff



**Answer**

**B) Raising awareness about cancer and offering support to patients**





# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Rose Day (also known as Day for the Welfare of Cancer Patients)
- **Date:** 22 September (Annually observed)
- **Location:** Observed globally to raise awareness and offer support to cancer patients.



# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **World Rose Day** was established to:
  - Raise awareness about cancer and its different forms.
  - Offer support, encouragement, and compassion to cancer patients and their families.
  - Serve as a symbol of hope, encouraging cancer patients to stay resilient during their treatment.
  - Honor the memory of Melinda Rose, a Canadian girl who fought cancer and brought comfort to fellow patients through her letters and poems.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Askin's Tumor:** A rare and aggressive form of blood cancer, which Melinda Rose was diagnosed with at the age of 12.
- **Cancer Awareness:** The day emphasizes the significance of early detection, ongoing research, and advancements in treatment for various types of cancer.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **Cancer Awareness**
  - **Key Objective:** Increase public knowledge about cancer and encourage early screening.
  - **Importance:** Early detection can lead to better treatment outcomes and improved survival rates.
- **Askin's Tumor**
  - **Type:** Rare and aggressive cancer of the Ewing's sarcoma family of tumors.
  - **Primarily Affects:** The chest wall and occurs mainly in children and young adults.



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Event	World Rose Day
Date	22 September
Key Objective	Raise awareness about cancer and offer support to patients
Named After	Melinda Rose, a Canadian girl who fought cancer
Significance	Spreads hope, compassion, and kindness to cancer patients
Symbol	Rose, representing love, care, and support



# Important Days



➤ How many species of Javan rhinos are left in the world?

- A) 75
- B) 80
- C) 2,500
- D) 3,700
- E) 18,000

**Answer**  
**A) 75**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Rhino Day
- **Date:** 22 September (Observed annually)
- **Location:** Globally celebrated, with a focus on countries where rhinos are found, such as India, Nepal, and Indonesia.



# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **World Rhino Day** is observed to:
  - Raise awareness about the five endangered species of rhinos: Javan, Sumatran, Black, Greater One-Horned, and White rhinos.
  - Highlight the uniqueness of rhinos, their critical role in ecosystems, and the threats they face due to poaching and habitat loss.
  - Promote conservation efforts, including fundraising, adoption of rhinos, and supporting charities dedicated to protecting rhinos.
- The day also encourages educational activities such as visiting zoos, learning about rhinos, and spreading awareness about their endangered status.





# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Greater One-Horned Rhino:** Also known as the Indian rhino, primarily found in India and Nepal, with a population of 3,700.
- **Javan Rhino:** The rarest rhino species, with only 75 individuals remaining, mainly found in Indonesia.
- **White Rhino:** The most populous rhino species, with around 18,000 individuals.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **Greater One-Horned Rhino**
  - **Habitat:** India and Nepal
  - **Conservation Status:** Vulnerable
  - **Population:** Approximately 3,700
- **Javan Rhino**
  - **Habitat:** Indonesia (primarily Ujung Kulon National Park)
  - **Conservation Status:** Critically Endangered
  - **Population:** Only 75 individuals left



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Event	World Rhino Day
Date	22 September
2024 Theme	Awareness of the five endangered rhino species
Key Objective	Raise awareness, encourage conservation efforts, and prevent extinction
Notable Species	Javan, Sumatran, Black, Greater One-Horned, White Rhinos
Population of Javan Rhino	75



# Important Days



➤ **What is the theme for World Rivers Day 2024?**

- A) Rivers of Life
- B) Waterways and Ecosystems
- C) Waterways of Life
- D) Lifeblood of the Earth
- E) Protecting River Systems



**Answer**  
**C) Waterways of Life**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Rivers Day
- **Date:** 22 September 2024 (Observed annually on the fourth Sunday of September)
- **Location:** Globally celebrated, focusing on rivers and ecosystems across the world.



# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **World Rivers Day** is a global initiative that:
  - Raises awareness about the importance of rivers in supporting ecosystems, agriculture, industry, and human life.
  - Encourages efforts to conserve and restore rivers facing threats such as pollution, deforestation, and climate change.
  - Educates the public on the vital role rivers play in sustaining biodiversity and maintaining the balance of natural habitats.
  - Emphasizes that rivers are not just resources for exploitation, but “Waterways of Life” that deserve respect and protection.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Waterways of Life:** The 2024 theme highlights the interconnectedness of rivers, ecosystems, and human societies. Rivers are essential for life and their conservation is crucial for sustainable human development.
- **International River Network:** An organization dedicated to the protection of rivers worldwide, which played a significant role in the creation of World Rivers Day in 2005.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **International River Network**
  - **Founded:** 1985
  - **Headquarters:** Berkeley, California, USA
  - **Mission:** Protect rivers globally and ensure the sustainable management of freshwater resources.
- **World Rivers Day**
  - **First Celebrated:** 2005
  - **Purpose:** Raise awareness about the importance of rivers and the threats they face.





# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Event	World Rivers Day
Date	22 September 2024
2024 Theme	"Waterways of Life"
Founded By	International River Network (2005)
Key Objective	Raise awareness, protect rivers, and ensure sustainable water management
Significance	Rivers are essential for biodiversity, human survival, and the global ecosystem



➤ What is the new flat transaction fee for orders above ₹10 crore on the Government e Marketplace (GeM) platform as per the new policy?

- A) ₹5 Lakh
- B) ₹10 Lakh
- C) ₹3 Lakh
- D) ₹72.5 Lakh
- E) ₹1 Lakh

**Answer**  
**C) ₹3 Lakh**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** GeM celebrated 100 days of governance with the announcement of a new transaction fee structure.
- **Location:** Government e Marketplace (GeM) portal, India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- The Government e Marketplace (GeM) announced a New Revenue Policy effective from 9th August 2024.
- Transaction charges have been drastically reduced:
  - **Orders up to ₹10 Lakh:** Zero transaction charges.
  - **Orders above ₹10 Lakh to ₹10 Crore:** 0.30% of total order value (reduced from 0.45%).
  - **Orders above ₹10 Crore:** Flat fee of ₹3 Lakh (reduced from ₹72.5 Lakh).
- This new policy means 97% of the transactions on GeM will not incur any transaction charges, significantly benefiting sellers, particularly Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs).



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Government e Marketplace (GeM):**
  - A digital procurement platform for government entities to buy goods and services.
  - Aims to promote transparency, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness in public procurement.
- **New Revenue Policy:**
  - Introduced on 9th August 2024, reducing transaction charges to foster Ease of Doing Business and promote inclusivity.



## Static GK Information:

- **Government e Marketplace (GeM)**
  - **Founded Year:** 2016
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **CEO:** P.K. Singh
  - **Objective:** Promote digital and transparent procurement for government entities.



## Tabular Summary:

Event	GeM's 100 Days of Governance and Transaction Fee Reduction
Organized By	Government e Marketplace (GeM)
New Policy Date	9th August 2024
Orders Up to ₹10 Lakh	Zero transaction charges
Orders Above ₹10 Lakh to ₹10 Crore	0.30% of order value (reduced from 0.45%)
Orders Above ₹10 Crore	Flat fee of ₹3 Lakh (reduced from ₹72.5 Lakh)
Service GMV (Aug 2024)	₹1.39 Lakh Crore (65% of total Merchandise Value)
Significance	Promotes Ease of Doing Business, especially for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs)



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the next Chief of the Air Staff, replacing Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari?**

- A) Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
- B) Air Marshal Anil Chauhan
- C) Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh
- D) Air Marshal Harjit Singh Arora
- E) Air Marshal Balakrishnan Suresh

**Answer**

**C) Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh**





# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh as the next Chief of the Air Staff.
- **Location:** Indian Air Force (IAF), India.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh will take over as Chief of the Air Staff on September 30, 2024, succeeding Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari.
- Amar Preet Singh has had an illustrious career spanning nearly 40 years, serving in various Command, Staff, Instructional, and Foreign appointments.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Career Highlights:

- Alumnus of National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College, and National Defence College.
- A Qualified Flying Instructor and Experimental Test Pilot, with over 5,000 flying hours on a variety of aircraft.
- Commanded an operational fighter squadron and a frontline air base.
- Led the MiG-29 Upgrade Project Management Team in Moscow, Russia, and served as Project Director at National Flight Test Centre for the Tejas Light Combat Aircraft.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Chief of the Air Staff (CAS):**
  - The highest-ranking officer in the Indian Air Force, responsible for overseeing the entire operational and administrative functions of the Air Force.
- **MiG-29 Upgrade Project:**
  - A project to upgrade MiG-29 fighter jets, enhancing their combat capabilities, under Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh's leadership.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **Indian Air Force (IAF):**
  - **Founded Year:** 1932
  - **Outgoing Chief of Air Staff:** Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
  - **Incoming Chief of Air Staff:** Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh (as of 30th September 2024)
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Appointment of Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh as Chief of the Air Staff
Appointed By	Government of India
Effective Date	30th September 2024
Previous Chief of Air Staff	Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh's Role	Vice Chief of the Air Staff before his appointment
Key Contributions	MiG-29 Upgrade Project, Flight testing of LCA Tejas, 5,000+ flying hours
Rank	Air Chief Marshal



➤ **Which two air forces participated in Exercise Eastern Bridge VII at the RAFO airbase in Masirah?**

- A) Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force of Qatar
- B) Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force of Oman
- C) Indian Air Force and United States Air Force
- D) Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force of Saudi Arabia
- E) Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force of UAE



**Answer**

**B) Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force of Oman**



# DEFENCE



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Exercise Eastern Bridge VII.
- **Location:** RAFO Masirah airbase, Oman.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- Exercise Eastern Bridge VII was conducted between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO).
- The exercise featured participation of MiG-29 and Jaguar aircraft from IAF and F-16 and Hawk aircraft from RAFO.
- The objective was to enhance military cooperation, operational coordination, and tactical skills between the two forces.



# DEFENCE



## Key Activities:

- The exercise involved complex air operations, air-to-air combat drills, and mission scenarios to improve strategic and tactical capabilities.
- Joint briefings, debriefings, and cultural exchanges built professional bonds between the IAF and RAFO personnel, fostering mutual respect and cooperation.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Exercise Eastern Bridge:**
  - A biennial joint air force exercise between India and Oman, aimed at enhancing military coordination and operational capabilities.
- **RAFO Masirah:**
  - A key airbase for the Royal Air Force of Oman located on Masirah Island, Oman, used for strategic operations and military exercises.



## Static GK Information:

- **Indian Air Force (IAF):**
  - **Founded:** 1932
  - **Chief of Air Staff:** Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Oman (RAFO):**
  - **Capital:** Muscat
  - **Currency:** Omani Rial
  - **Sultan:** Haitham bin Tariq
  - **Air Force:** Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO)



# DEFENCE



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Exercise Eastern Bridge VII
Organized By	Indian Air Force (IAF) and Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO)
Location	RAFO Masirah airbase, Oman
Date	21st September 2024
Aircraft Involved	IAF: MiG-29, Jaguar; RAFO: F-16, Hawk
Objective	Enhance operational coordination and tactical skills
Significance	Strengthened military cooperation and interoperability
Cultural Exchange	Joint briefings, debriefings, and cultural interactions to foster respect



➤ **What was the focus of the second edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2024 held from 17-20 September?**

- A) Expanding naval trade routes
- B) Combat capability and maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region
- C) Diplomacy with neighboring nations
- D) Procurement of new ships
- E) Air force integration with naval operations



**Answer**

**B) Combat capability and maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region**



# DEFENCE



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Naval Commanders' Conference 2024/2.
- **Location:** Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi, from 17th to 20th September 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Focus:**
  - Enhance combat readiness, synergize operations, and discuss maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).
  - Deliberate on geo-strategic dynamics, evolving tactics, and emerging disruptive technologies in the maritime domain.
- **Key Areas:**
  - Ensure combat readiness of naval platforms and ordnance delivery.
  - Strengthen coastal defense, maritime security, and jointness with other services like the Indian Coast Guard.





## Key Participants and Contributions:

- **Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) Adm Dinesh K Tripathi** emphasized the need to maintain vigilance, technological advancements, and maritime defense.
- **Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh** acknowledged the Indian Navy's role in securing the Indian Ocean Region and protecting critical trade routes like the Gulf of Aden.
- **Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), and Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)** shared insights on joint operations and national defense.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Ocean Region (IOR):**
  - A strategically important maritime region for India due to its trade routes and security challenges.
- **Nausena Bhawan:**
  - The Indian Navy's headquarters in New Delhi, a key center for naval strategy and decision-making.



## Static GK Information:

- **Indian Navy (IN):**
  - **Founded Year:** 1950
  - **Chief of Naval Staff (CNS):** Adm Dinesh K Tripathi
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **Role:** Ensuring maritime security and defense of India's interests at sea.
- **Ministry of Defence:**
  - **Raksha Mantri:** Rajnath Singh
  - **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS):** General Anil Chauhan



# DEFENCE



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Naval Commanders' Conference 2024/2
Organized By	Indian Navy
Location	Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi
Date	17th - 20th September 2024
Chief Participants	CNS Adm Dinesh K Tripathi, RM Shri Rajnath Singh, CDS General Anil Chauhan
Focus Areas	Combat readiness, maritime security, interoperability with other services
Major Discussions	Operational readiness, emerging technologies, Indian Ocean security challenges
Tech Demonstrations	Autonomous systems, domain awareness, software-defined radios



➤ **During which event did Shri Piyush Goyal, India's Commerce and Industry Minister, discuss India's projected economic growth rate of 7-7.2% for 2024-25?**

- A) G20 Summit
- B) WTO Ministerial Conference
- C) East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting
- D) BRICS Summit
- E) ASEAN-India Trade Negotiation



**Answer**

**C) East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 12th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting (EAS EMM).
- **Location:** Vientiane, Lao PDR.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- Shri Piyush Goyal participated in discussions on regional and global economic developments.
- India emphasized its commitment to strengthening the East Asia Summit Forum and acknowledged its role in promoting peace, stability, and economic prosperity.
- Minister Goyal highlighted that while global economic growth is expected to be 3.2%, India's growth rate is projected at 7-7.2% for 2024-25.
- Discussions also covered India's WTO stance, commitment to net-zero emissions by 2070, and Mission LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment).



## Important Terms Explained:

- **East Asia Summit (EAS):**
  - An international forum focused on regional cooperation, comprising 18 members (ASEAN + 8 partners: **India, USA, Russia, China, Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand**).
- **WTO Reform:**
  - Minister Goyal emphasized India's support for WTO reforms that promote inclusivity and transparency, especially for the Global South.
- **Mission LIFE:**
  - An initiative by Prime Minister Modi to promote sustainable and eco-friendly lifestyles, introduced at COP26.





## Static GK Information:

- **Lao PDR**
  - **Capital:** Vientiane
  - **Currency:** Kip
  - **President:** Thongloun Sisoulith
  - **Prime Minister:** Sonexay Siphandone
- **Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA)**
  - **Founded Year:** 2008
  - **Headquarters:** Jakarta, Indonesia
  - **President:** Tetsuya Watanabe



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	12th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting (EAS EMM)
Organized By	East Asia Summit (ASEAN + 8 Partners)
Location	Vientiane, Lao PDR
Date	21st September 2024
Chief Participants	Economic Ministers of ASEAN and 8 EAS partners including India, USA, China, Japan
Key Discussion Points	Global economic outlook, WTO reforms, India's growth forecast, sustainability
India's Growth Forecast (2024-25)	7-7.2%
Net-Zero Emission Commitment	India committed to achieving net-zero emissions by 2070
WTO Ministerial Conference	Successful 13th WTO Ministerial Conference; India supports inclusivity in reforms
Significance	Strengthening economic cooperation in the East Asia region



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



- During the G7 Ministers' Meeting on Culture, which country was recently admitted as a permanent member of the G20, as highlighted by Shri Arunish Chawla?

- A) Brazil
- B) Canada
- C) African Union
- D) Japan
- E) United Kingdom

**Answer**  
**C) African Union**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** G7 Ministers' Meeting on Culture.
- **Location:** Naples, Italy.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- Indian delegation, led by Shri Arunish Chawla (Secretary, Ministry of Culture), participated in the Special Session of the G7 Culture Ministers' Meeting.
- Shri Chawla emphasized the need to recognize culture as a "standalone goal" in the post-2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, marking a significant shift in how we view development.
- The Naples Statement was signed on 'Culture for the Sustainable Development of Africa and the world', aimed at using culture as a driver for sustainable development, particularly in Africa.



## Key Points Discussed:

- Shri Chawla highlighted India's growing partnership with the African Union and praised the Union's admission to the G20 as a permanent member during India's Presidency.
- He also discussed the role of culture in advancing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) beyond 2030, stressing the importance of the creative economy and cultural heritage.
- India pledged USD 1 million to support cultural initiatives in Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Least Developed Countries (LDCs), and the African region.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **African Union (AU):**
  - A continental union consisting of 55 member states in Africa, which promotes economic, cultural, and political cooperation.
- **UNESCO World Heritage Convention (1972):**
  - A treaty focused on protecting world cultural and natural heritage.
- **Creative Economy:**
  - A sector based on creativity, arts, and culture, recognized for its potential in fostering sustainable development.



## Static GK Information:

- **Italy**
  - **Capital:** Rome
  - **Currency:** Euro
  - **Prime Minister:** Giorgia Meloni
  - **President:** Sergio Mattarella
- **African Union (New G20 Member)**
  - **Headquarters:** Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
  - **Founded:** 2002
  - **Chairperson:** Azali Assoumani





# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	G7 Ministers' Meeting on Culture
Organized By	G7 Nations in collaboration with cultural leaders and international bodies
Location	Naples, Italy
Indian Delegation Led By	Shri Arunish Chawla (Secretary, Ministry of Culture)
Key Discussions	Culture as a standalone SDG goal; India's partnership with African Union
Major Agreement	Naples Statement on Culture for Sustainable Development of Africa
India's Cultural Contributions	USD 1 Million pledge for cultural capacity building in SIDS, LDCs, Africa
Significance	Culture as a catalyst for sustainable growth beyond 2030



- **At the G-20 Ministerial Meeting in Brazil, which Union Minister from India reiterated the country's commitment to Green Tourism?**

- A) Shri Piyush Goyal
- B) Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- C) Shri Amit Shah
- D) Shri Nitin Gadkari
- E) Shri Hardeep Singh Puri

**Answer**

- B) Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** G-20 Ministerial Meeting on Tourism and Culture.
- **Location:** Belem, Brazil, held on 21st September 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- Union Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat represented India and highlighted the country's commitment to promoting Green Tourism, socio-economic development, and environmental sustainability.
- India's Dashboard for Global Best Practices, developed during India's G20 Presidency, received commendation for its role in data-driven decision making and aggregating best practices in tourism.



## Key Areas Highlighted by India:

1. **Green Tourism**
  2. **Digitalization**
  3. **Skills Development**
  4. **Support for Tourism MSMEs**
  5. **Destination Management**
- The Minister emphasized the importance of tourism in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the need for policies that focus on inclusion and resilience.



## Key Participants and Contributions:

- Shri Shekhawat participated in bilateral talks with ministers from Brazil, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Singapore, Spain, and others to enhance tourism collaboration.
- India supported UNWTO's Statistical Framework as a global knowledge hub for measuring tourism sustainability.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Green Tourism:**
  - A form of tourism that promotes environmental sustainability, reducing the ecological footprint of tourism activities.
- **Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment):**
  - An initiative by Prime Minister Narendra Modi aimed at promoting environmentally sustainable behaviors, with Travel for LiFE focusing on sustainable tourism.



## Static GK Information:

- **G20:**
  - **Founded Year:** 1999
  - **Member Countries:** 20 (including India, USA, Brazil, Japan)
  - **Current President (2024):** Brazil
- **UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organization):**
  - **Founded Year:** 1975
  - **Headquarters:** Madrid, Spain
  - **Secretary-General:** Zurab Pololikashvili





# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	G-20 Ministerial Meeting on Tourism and Culture 2024
Organized By	G-20 Member Nations
Location	Belem, Brazil
Date	21st September 2024
Indian Representative	Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Union Minister of Tourism & Culture)
Key Focus Areas	Green Tourism, Digitalization, Skills, MSMEs, Destination Management
Global Initiative Supported	UNWTO's Statistical Framework for Tourism Sustainability
India's Theme for Tourism	Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – "One Earth, One Family, One Future"
Bilateral Talks Held With	Ministers from Brazil, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Singapore, Spain, USA
Significance	India's leadership in Green Tourism and global tourism collaboration



➤ Which four countries are part of the Quad Cancer Moonshot Initiative launched to tackle cancer, starting with cervical cancer, in the Indo-Pacific region?

- A) India, Japan, China, Australia
- B) USA, India, Japan, Australia
- C) India, USA, Brazil, Japan
- D) USA, China, Japan, Brazil
- E) India, USA, South Korea, Japan



**Answer**

**B) USA, India, Japan, Australia**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the Quad Cancer Moonshot Initiative.
- **Location:** Indo-Pacific Region, announced during the G-20 Leaders Summit.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- Quad Cancer Moonshot Initiative aims to reduce the burden of cancer, beginning with cervical cancer, in the Indo-Pacific region.
- Cervical cancer is a preventable disease, but it remains the third leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the Indo-Pacific.
- Quad countries will promote HPV vaccination, increase access to screening, and expand treatment options in underserved areas.
- This initiative focuses on strengthening health infrastructure, expanding research collaborations, and building data systems to improve cancer care in the region.



## Key Focus Areas:

- **HPV vaccination:** Less than 10% of women in the Indo-Pacific have completed their HPV vaccination.
- **Screening:** Cervical cancer is treatable if detected early, but screening rates are low in the region.
- **Collaboration:** Quad countries will collaborate with UN agencies, including the International Atomic Energy Agency and Gavi, to improve access to diagnostics and treatment.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Cancer Moonshot Initiative:**
  - A global effort inspired by the Biden-Harris Administration to reduce cancer deaths and improve the quality of life for cancer patients.
- **HPV (Human Papillomavirus):**
  - A virus that causes cervical cancer, preventable through vaccination.



## Static GK Information:

- **Quad Countries (USA, India, Japan, Australia):**
  - A strategic forum aimed at enhancing cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region, focusing on security, health, and economic challenges.
- **World Health Organization (WHO):**
  - **Founded:** 1948
  - **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland
  - **Director-General:** Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Launch of Quad Cancer Moonshot Initiative
Organized By	USA, India, Japan, Australia
Location	Indo-Pacific Region
Focus Disease	Cervical Cancer
Key Initiative Areas	HPV vaccination, screening, treatment, infrastructure improvement
Key Partners	UN agencies, Gavi, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
Long-term Goal	Save hundreds of thousands of lives through cancer prevention and treatment





➤ Which Australian Minister will co-chair the 19<sup>th</sup> India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission meeting with Shri Piyush Goyal in Adelaide?

- A) Senator Penny Wong
- B) Hon'ble Don Farrell
- C) Scott Morrison
- D) Anthony Albanese
- E) Dan Tehan

**Answer**

**B) Hon'ble Don Farrell**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 19<sup>th</sup> India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission.
- **Location:** Adelaide, Australia, on 25th September 2024.



## **Mandates and Objectives:**

- Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry, will co-chair the Joint Ministerial Commission with Australia's Minister of Trade and Tourism, Don Farrell.
- The meeting will focus on enhancing bilateral economic engagement between India and Australia.



## Key Focus Areas:

- Discussions will cover sectors like critical minerals, manufacturing, education, renewable energy, infrastructure, tourism, and space.
- The Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) between India and Australia has boosted trade and investment ties, and this meeting will further explore new investment avenues.



## **Business and Community Engagement:**

- Shri Goyal will interact with Australian and Indian CEOs, industry leaders, and representatives of Australian pension funds.
- He will highlight investment opportunities in India and promote the Make in India and Future Made in Australia initiatives.
- He will also meet with the Indian diaspora in Sydney and business communities from organizations like the Business Council of Australia and India Australia Business Community Alliance.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA):**
  - A bilateral trade agreement to strengthen economic ties between India and Australia, finalized in recent years.
- **Make in India Initiative:**
  - A campaign by the Government of India to encourage manufacturing and foreign investment in India.



## Static GK Information:

- **India-Australia Bilateral Relations:**
  - **Prime Minister of India:** Narendra Modi
  - **Prime Minister of Australia:** Anthony Albanese
  - **Current Trade Focus:** Manufacturing, renewable energy, education, and infrastructure.



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## Tabular Summary:

Event	19th India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission Meeting
Co-Chairs	Shri Piyush Goyal (India) and Hon'ble Don Farrell (Australia)
Location	Adelaide, Australia
Date	25th September 2024
Focus Areas	Bilateral economic engagement, critical minerals, renewable energy, education
Key Agreements	India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA)
Business and Industry Engagement	Meetings with CEOs, industry leaders, pension funds, and the Indian diaspora
Significance	Strengthen strategic partnerships, job creation, and economic benefits





# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Which two organizations signed an MoU on food safety during the Global Food Regulators Summit 2024 in New Delhi?

- A) FSSAI and FDA
- B) FSSAI and Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Brazil
- C) FSSAI and Ministry of Health of Brazil
- D) MAPA and Ministry of Health of India
- E) FSSAI and WHO



**Answer**

**B) FSSAI and Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Brazil**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Food Safety.
- **Location:** Global Food Regulators Summit 2024, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and Brazil's Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAPA) signed the MoU to enhance food safety through technical collaboration and joint projects.
- The MoU marks a significant step in fostering bilateral cooperation in food safety standards between India and Brazil.



## Key Outcomes:

- The partnership will focus on:
  - Technical cooperation,
  - Knowledge exchange, and
  - Joint initiatives to improve food safety systems in both countries.



## Key Participants:

- The MoU was signed by Mr. Carlos Henrique Baqueta Fávaro, Agriculture and Livestock Minister of Brazil, and Shri G. Kamala Vardhana Rao, CEO of FSSAI.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India):**
  - India's premier regulatory authority for food safety, working under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to ensure safe food practices.
- **MAPA (Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Brazil):**
  - The government body responsible for agriculture, livestock, and food safety regulations in Brazil.



## Static GK Information:

- **FSSAI:**
  - **Founded Year:** 2011
  - **CEO:** Shri G. Kamala Vardhana Rao
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Brazil:**
  - **Capital:** Brasília
  - **Currency:** Brazilian Real
  - **President:** Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
  - **Minister of Agriculture and Livestock:**  
Carlos Henrique Baqueta Fávaro



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Signing of MoU on Food Safety
Organized By	FSSAI and Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAPA), Brazil
Location	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Date	21st September 2024
Signatories	Mr. Carlos Henrique Baqueta Fávaro (Brazil) and Shri G. Kamala Vardhana Rao (India)
Purpose	Enhance food safety through joint projects and technical collaboration
Key Focus Areas	Technical cooperation, knowledge exchange, and joint initiatives in food safety
Significance	Strengthened India-Brazil collaboration in food safety





➤ Who will preside as the Chief Guest during the Sign Language Day 2024 celebrations in New Delhi?

- A) Shri B.L. Verma
- B) Dr. Sharanjeet Kaur
- C) Shri Rajeev Sharma
- D) Dr. Virendra Kumar
- E) Shri Rajesh Aggrawal

**Answer**

**D) Dr. Virendra Kumar**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Sign Language Day 2024 celebrations.
- **Location:** Bhim Hall, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi, on 23rd September 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- The event is organized by the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- Dr. Virendra Kumar, Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, will be the Chief Guest.
- The theme for Sign Language Day 2024 is 'Sign up for Sign Language Rights'.



## Key Initiatives to Be Launched:

1. **Launch of 2500 new terms** in Indian Sign Language (ISL), covering various subjects like mathematics, science, and sports, developed in collaboration with organizations like YUNIKEE and India Signing Hands.
2. **Launch of 100 concept videos** in ISL for hearing-impaired children in class 6, focusing on subjects like math, science, and social science.
3. **Launch of ISL dictionary** in 10 regional languages to promote accessibility.
4. **Educational animated videos** to foster moral values and inclusive learning for hearing-impaired children.
5. **Deaf Role Model Videos** to inspire and motivate hearing-impaired children.



## Key Participants:

- MoS (SJE) Shri B.L. Verma will be the Guest of Honour.
- Representatives from National Association of Deaf, All India Federation of Deaf Women, and Indore Deaf Bilingual Academy will be present, alongside officials from DEPwD.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Indian Sign Language (ISL):**
  - A visual language used by the deaf community in India, with its own unique structure and grammar.
- **Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC):**
  - A premier institute under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment working to promote Indian Sign Language and ensure inclusivity for the deaf community.



## Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (India):**
  - **Minister:** Dr. Virendra Kumar
  - **MoS:** Shri B.L. Verma
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Brazil:**
  - **Capital:** Brasília
  - **Currency:** Brazilian Real
  - **President:** Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
  - **Minister of Agriculture:** Carlos Henrique Baqueta Fávaro



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Sign Language Day 2024 Celebrations
Organized By	Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC)
Location	Bhim Hall, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
Date	23rd September 2024
Chief Guest	Dr. Virendra Kumar (Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment)
Guest of Honour	Shri B.L. Verma
Key Initiatives	Launch of ISL terms, concept videos, and ISL dictionary in 10 languages
Theme	'Sign up for Sign Language Rights'
Significance	Promoting the rights of deaf communities and creating awareness of ISL





➤ Which department participated in the Swachhata Hi Seva, 2024 Campaign and organized a drawing competition for the wards of Safaimitra?

- A) Ministry of Education
- B) Ministry of Health
- C) Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
- D) Ministry of Environment
- E) Ministry of Defence



**Answer**

**C) Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Participation in Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS), 2024 campaign.
- **Location:** Drawing competition organized at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- 600 swachhata-related activities are to be undertaken by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.
- Participation includes subordinate, autonomous bodies, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), and field offices across India.
- Campaign observed from 17th September to 1st October 2024 with the theme 'Swabhav Swachhata – Sanskaar Swachhata'.
- It culminates on Swachh Bharat Diwas, 2nd October 2024.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS), 2024:**
  - Spearheaded by Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation and Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.
  - **Theme (2024):** "Swabhav Swachhata – Sanskaar Swachhata."
- **Safaimitra:**
  - Workers engaged in sanitation duties. Their wards (children) were the participants of the drawing competition.



## Static GK Information:

- **Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare**
  - **Founded Year:** 1947
  - **Secretary:** Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS), 2024 Campaign
Organized By	Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
Location	Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Date	21st September 2024
Chief Guest	Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi (Secretary, Dept. of Agriculture)
Number of Swachhata Activities	600 activities by subordinate/autonomous bodies, PSUs, etc.
Theme	"Swabhav Swachhata – Sanskaar Swachhata"
Associated Campaign	Swachhata Hi Seva spearheaded by Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
Significance	Promoting cleanliness and involving the wards of Safaimitra in activities.



➤ **According to the Third Advance Estimates for 2023-24, what is the expected total horticulture production in India?**

- A) 355.48 Million Tonnes
- B) 352.23 Million Tonnes
- C) 353.19 Million Tonnes
- D) 360.50 Million Tonnes
- E) 348.25 Million Tonnes

**Answer**

**C) 353.19 Million Tonnes**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of Third Advance Estimates (2023-24) of horticultural crops.
- **Location:** Compiled based on data from States/UTs and Government agencies.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- The Third Advance Estimates project total horticulture production for 2023-24 to be around 353.19 million tonnes.
- The estimates include area and production data for various crops such as fruits, vegetables, spices, flowers, and more.
- **Key findings include:**
  - A decrease of 0.65% in total horticulture production compared to 2022-23 (22.94 lakh tonnes decrease).
  - Increase in production of fruits, honey, flowers, plantation crops, spices, and aromatic & medicinal plants.
  - Increase in vegetable production like tomato, cabbage, and cauliflower; however, decrease in potato, onion, and other vegetables.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Third Advance Estimates:**
  - This refers to the provisional estimates of crop production, subject to further revision as more detailed data becomes available.
- **Horticultural Crops:**
  - Include fruits, vegetables, flowers, medicinal plants, spices, and more.
  - Significant crops mentioned: Mango, banana, tomato, potato, and onion.



## Static GK Information:

- **Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare**
  - **Founded Year:** 1947
  - **Secretary:** Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Bihar (State with decrease in potato production)**
  - **Capital:** Patna
  - **Chief Minister:** Nitish Kumar
  - **Governor:** Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
- **West Bengal (State with decrease in potato production)**
  - **Capital:** Kolkata
  - **Chief Minister:** Mamata Banerjee
  - **Governor:** C.V. Ananda Bose



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Third Advance Estimates of Horticultural Crops 2023-24
Organized By	Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
Date Released	21st September 2024
Total Horticulture Production	353.19 Million Tonnes
Area Under Cultivation	28.98 Million Ha
Decrease in Production	0.65% (22.94 Lakh Tonnes) compared to 2022-23
Fruit Production	112.73 Million Tonnes (Increase of 2.29% over 2022-23)
Vegetable Production	205.80 Million Tonnes
Key Crops with Increase	Mango, Banana, Tomato, Cabbage, Cauliflower
Key Crops with Decrease	Apple, Sweet Orange, Potato, Onion, Brinjal



➤ Which ministry organized the plantation drive at Millennium Park under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign?

- A) Ministry of Environment
- B) Ministry of Power
- C) Ministry of Coal
- D) Ministry of Agriculture
- E) Ministry of Mines

**Answer**

**C) Ministry of Coal**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Plantation drive under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative as part of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign.
- **Location:** Millennium Park.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- Ministry of Coal conducted the plantation drive led by Secretary, Shri V.L. Kantha Rao.
- The drive is part of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign promoting environmental sustainability.
- Under the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative, PSUs planted over 3.3 million saplings across 1,388 hectares during FY 2024-25.
- The Vriksharopan Abhiyan 2024 was inaugurated by Union Minister of Coal and Mines, Shri G. Kishan Reddy, from Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL), Dhanbad.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam:**
  - A tree plantation initiative launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to promote environmental sustainability.
- **Vriksharopan Abhiyan 2024:**
  - A tree planting drive launched under the Ministry of Coal, aimed at increasing green cover in coal and lignite mining regions.
- **Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign:**
  - A national campaign aimed at promoting cleanliness and sustainability, actively supported by multiple government bodies.





## Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Coal**
  - **Founded Year:** 1972
  - **Secretary:** Shri V.L. Kantha Rao
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL)**
  - **Founded Year:** 1972
  - **Headquarters:** Dhanbad, Jharkhand
  - **Chairman & MD:** Gopal Singh



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Plantation Drive under "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" Initiative
Organized By	Ministry of Coal
Location	Millennium Park
Date	21st September 2024
Key Participants	Shri V.L. Kantha Rao (Secretary, Ministry of Coal)
Initiative	Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, part of Swachhata Hi Seva campaign
Saplings Planted (FY 2024-25)	Over 3.3 million saplings across 1,388 hectares
Vriksharopan Abhiyan 2024	Inaugurated by Shri G. Kishan Reddy (Union Minister of Coal & Mines)
Significance	Promotes a clean and green environment; supports Swachh Bharat Mission



➤ **Which Union Minister inaugurated the two-day National Symposium of CLFMA of India in Goa in 2024?**

- A) Shri Piyush Goyal
- B) Shri Rajnath Singh
- C) Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh
- D) Shri Nitin Gadkari
- E) Shri Amit Shah

**Answer**

**C) Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** National Symposium of the Compound Livestock Feed Manufacturers Association (CLFMA) of India.
- **Location:** Goa, inaugurated by Union Minister Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, on 20th September 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- The symposium focused on:
  - Organizing the unorganized dairy sector.
  - Addressing the shortage of feed and fodder in India.
- The Minister emphasized domestic solutions for animal husbandry and reducing reliance on imports.
- The importance of collaboration between government, industry, and research institutes to benefit the livestock sector was highlighted.



## Key Participants and Contributions:

- **Shri Suresh Deora**, Chairman of CLFMA, spoke about the livestock sector's contribution to the Indian economy, which has an annual turnover of ₹12 lakh crore.
- **Dr. Abhijit Mitra**, Animal Husbandry Commissioner, stressed the need for better coordination among stakeholders.
- **Shri O.P. Choudhary**, former Joint Secretary, was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **CLFMA of India:**
  - The Compound Livestock Feed Manufacturers Association (CLFMA) is a premier association that represents the livestock feed industry in India.
- **Feed and Fodder Shortage:**
  - A critical issue in India's livestock industry, impacting productivity and sustainability, prompting the need for domestic feed production solutions.



## Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying:**
  - **Minister:** Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh (alias Lalan Singh)
  - **Founded Year:** 2019
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi





# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	National Symposium of CLFMA of India
Organized By	CLFMA of India
Location	Goa
Date	20th September 2024
Inaugurated By	Union Minister Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh
Key Focus Areas	Organizing the unorganized dairy sector, addressing feed and fodder shortage
Industry Turnover	₹12 lakh crore
Award Presented	Lifetime Achievement Award to Shri O.P. Choudhary
Significance	Domestic solutions for animal husbandry and promoting collaboration



# QUICK RECALL



- **Indian Coast Guard organized International Coastal Cleanup Day 2024 across India's coastlines.**
- **International Day of Peace is celebrated on 21 September, with 2023's theme being "Cultivating a Culture of Peace."**
- **World Alzheimer's Day 2024 theme: "Time to Act on Dementia, Time to Act on Alzheimer's."**
- **International Red Panda Day is celebrated on the third Saturday of September to promote conservation.**
- **World Rose Day is observed on 22 September to raise awareness and offer support to cancer patients.**
- **World Rhino Day is celebrated on 22 September to raise awareness about endangered rhino species.**
- **World Rivers Day 2024 theme is "Waterways of Life," emphasizing rivers' role in sustaining ecosystems.**
- **GeM reduces transaction charges for orders over ₹10 crore to a flat fee of ₹3 Lakh.**
- **Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh to become the Chief of the Air Staff from September 30, 2024.**



# QUICK RECALL



- **Indian Air Force successfully completes Exercise Eastern Bridge VII with RAFO at Masirah, Oman.**
- **The Naval Commanders' Conference 2024 focused on combat readiness and maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region.**
- **Shri Piyush Goyal participated in the 12th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting in Lao PDR.**
- **India participated in the G7 Ministers' Meeting on Culture in Naples, Italy.**
- **Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat reiterated India's commitment to Green Tourism at the G-20 Ministerial Meeting.**
- **Quad Cancer Moonshot Initiative launched by USA, India, Japan, and Australia to tackle cervical cancer in the Indo-Pacific.**
- **Shri Piyush Goyal to co-chair the 19th India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission with Don Farrell.**
- **FSSAI and Brazil's Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock sign an MoU to enhance food safety collaboration.**



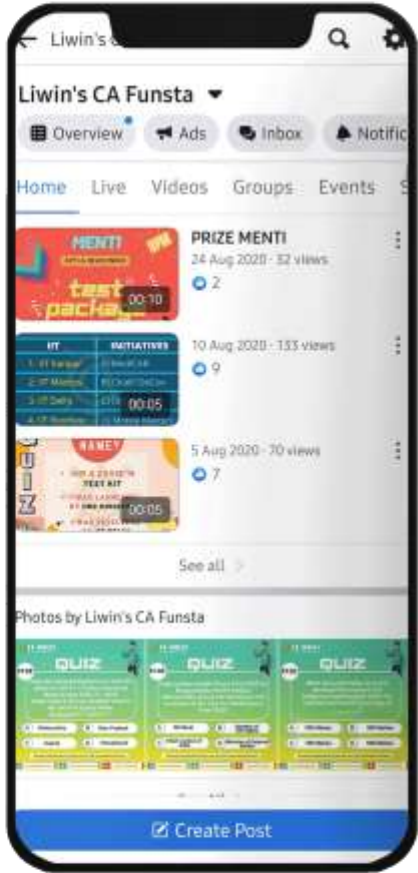
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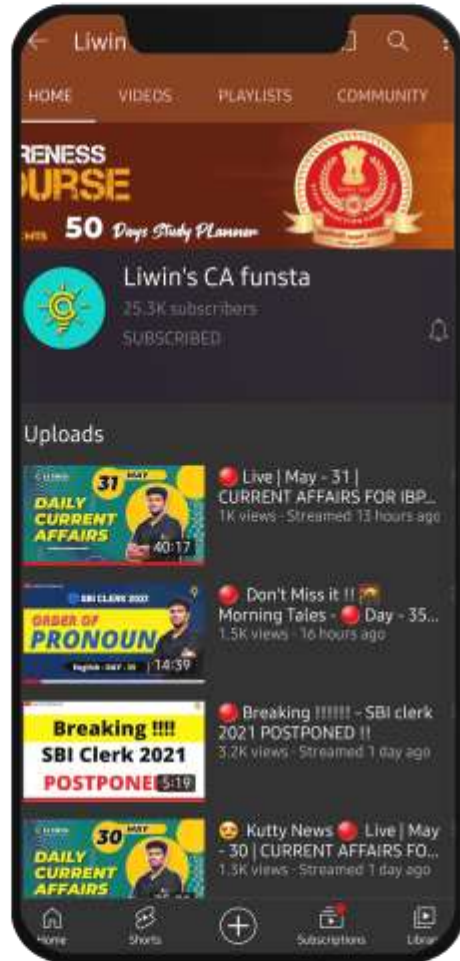
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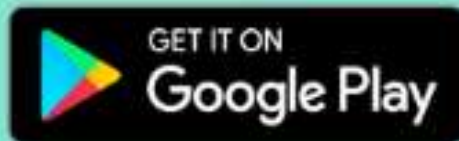
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