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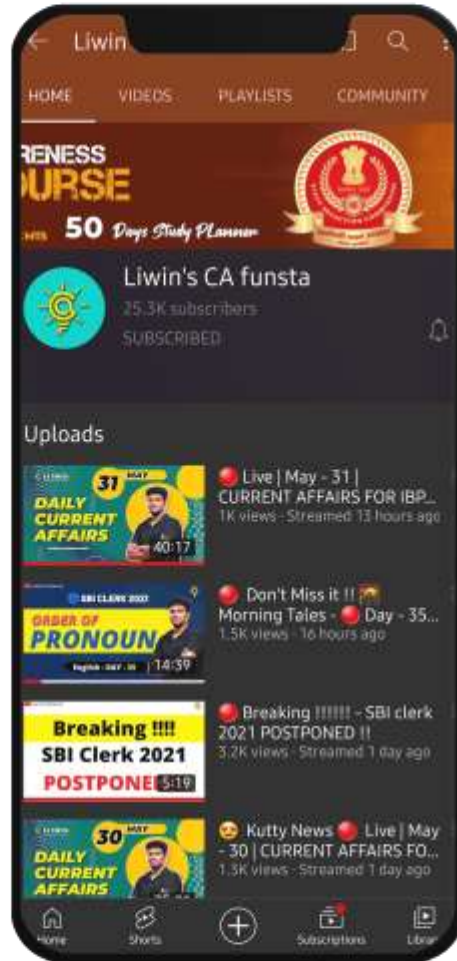
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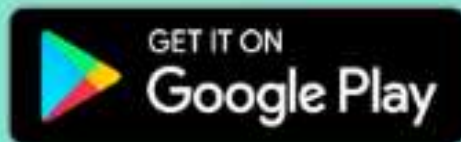
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# Important Days



➤ **World Teachers' Day 2024 is observed annually on which date?**

- A) September 5
- B) October 5
- C) November 5
- D) December 5
- E) August 5

**Answer**

**B) October 5**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Teachers' Day 2024
- **Date:** October 5, 2024
- **Location:** Globally celebrated.





# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **World Teachers' Day:**
  - Established by UNESCO in 1994 to honour teachers worldwide.
  - Recognises the crucial role teachers play in education, shaping future generations, and fostering lifelong learning.
  - Aims to reflect on teacher challenges such as insufficient resources, lack of support, and policy issues.
- **Objective:**
  - To celebrate and appreciate educators globally while addressing the evolving educational needs and the importance of quality education for all.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **ILO/UNESCO Recommendation 1966:**
  - A framework that outlines the rights, responsibilities, and professional standards for teachers worldwide.
  - It was a significant step in setting a benchmark for teacher status and working conditions.
- **UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization):**
  - A specialized agency of the United Nations established in 1945 to promote world peace and security through international collaboration in education, science, and culture.



# Important Days



## Theme for World Teachers' Day 2024:

- **Focus:** To recognise shared global challenges faced by teachers and promote best practices for improving education systems worldwide.



# Important Days



## History:

- **First Observed:** October 5, 1994.
- **Reason:** Commemorates the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.
- **Objective:** To honour the contributions of teachers and highlight their impact on global education.



# Important Days



## Significance:

- **Teachers' Role:**
  - Teachers are pivotal in shaping minds, acting as mentors and role models for students.
  - The day brings attention to the challenges teachers face, such as resource shortages, lack of support, and professional development issues.
  - It emphasizes the value of education and the need to advocate for teachers' rights and well-being.



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Event	World Teachers' Day 2024
Date	October 5, 2024
Observed Since	1994 (by UNESCO)
Theme	Focuses on global challenges in education and sharing best practices
Significance	Celebrates teachers' roles in shaping society and addresses the challenges faced by educators
Commemoration	Marks the signing of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation on the Status of Teachers



➤ **Who played a crucial role in guiding Mumbai to their 15<sup>th</sup> Irani Cup title after 27 years?**

- A) Sarfaraz Khan
- B) Shardul Thakur
- C) Tanush Kotian
- D) Mohit Avasthi
- E) Prithvi Shaw

**Answer**

**C) Tanush Kotian**



# SPORTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Mumbai wins their 15th Irani Cup title after 27 years.
- **Location:** BRSABV Ekana Cricket Stadium, Lucknow.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Tanush Kotian's Century:**
  - Tanush Kotian's unbeaten 114 off 150 balls was pivotal in Mumbai securing a first-innings lead against Rest of India (RoI), ultimately leading to their Irani Cup victory.
  - His partnership of 158 runs with Mohit Avasthi for the ninth wicket was the highest ever for that position in the Irani Cup's history.
- **Objective:**
  - Mumbai aimed to secure a first-innings lead to claim the title, having last won the Irani Cup 27 years ago in 1997-98.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Irani Cup:**
  - A prestigious domestic cricket competition in India played between the Ranji Trophy champions and a team called the Rest of India (RoI).
- **Khadoos Cricket:**
  - A term used to describe Mumbai's traditional cricketing attitude, focusing on grit, determination, and resilience.



## Static GK Information:

- **Mumbai Cricket Team**
  - **Home Ground:** Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai
  - **Captain:** Ajinkya Rahane
  - **Notable Players:** Tanush Kotian, Sarfaraz Khan, Shardul Thakur



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Mumbai wins 15th Irani Cup after 27 years
Key Player	Tanush Kotian (114* off 150 balls)
Highest Partnership	158 runs for the 9th wicket between Tanush Kotian and Mohit Avasthi
Significance	Mumbai's first Irani Cup title in 27 years (since 1997-98 season)
Location	BRSABV Ekana Cricket Stadium, Lucknow
Final Scores	Mumbai: 537 all out, 329/8 declared



# OBITUARY



➤ **Veteran actor Mohan Raj, who passed away recently, was renowned for his contributions to which language film industry?**

- A) Tamil
- B) Telugu
- C) Malayalam
- D) Kannada
- E) Hindi

**Answer**

**C) Malayalam**



# OBITUARY



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Veteran Malayalam actor Mohan Raj passed away on October 3, 2024.
- **Location:** Kanjirankulam, Kerala, India.



# OBITUARY



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mohan Raj's Contribution:**
  - He was renowned for his villainous roles in the Malayalam film industry, most notably his iconic portrayal of 'Keerikkadan Jose' in the film Kireedam.
  - With over 300 films across multiple languages, Mohan Raj left a lasting mark on Malayalam cinema through his powerful performances.
- **Objective:**
  - His career breakthrough came with his unforgettable role in Kireedam (1989), solidifying his status as a sought-after villain in the industry.



# OBITUARY



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Kireedam (Film):**
  - A Malayalam classic film released in 1989, starring Mohanlal. Mohan Raj's portrayal of Keerikkadan Jose became iconic and contributed significantly to his fame.





# OBITUARY



## Static GK Information:

- **Malayalam Film Industry (Mollywood)**
  - Based in Kerala, India.
  - Known for producing critically acclaimed films in the Malayalam language.
  - Popular actors include Mohanlal, Mammooty, and Dileep.



# OBITUARY



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Veteran Malayalam actor Mohan Raj passes away
Date of Passing	October 3, 2024
Famous Role	'Keerikkadan Jose' in the film Kireedam (1989)
Industry	Malayalam (Mollywood)
Other Notable Films	Chenkol, Narasimham, Spadikam
Legacy	Acted in over 300 films across multiple languages, primarily known for villainous roles in Malayalam cinema



# RANKING



➤ India has recently become the fourth country to surpass how much in foreign exchange reserves?

- A) 600 billion USD
- B) 650 billion USD
- C) 700 billion USD
- D) 750 billion USD
- E) 800 billion USD

**Answer**

**C) 700 billion USD**



# RANKING



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India becomes the fourth nation to surpass 700 billion USD in foreign reserves.
- **Location:** India.



# RANKING



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Foreign Exchange Reserves:** India's foreign exchange reserves reached 704.885 billion USD.
- **Objective:** Strengthen economic stability, safeguard the rupee, and manage global market uncertainties.



# RANKING



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Foreign Exchange Reserves:**
  - Assets held by a central bank in foreign currencies and gold to back liabilities.
  - Includes foreign currency assets, gold reserves, SDRs (Special Drawing Rights), and foreign securities.
- **Special Drawing Rights (SDRs):**
  - Created by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), SDRs serve as a supplementary reserve asset that countries can trade for liquidity during balance-of-payments issues.



# RANKING



## Static GK Information:

- **India**
  - **Currency:** Indian Rupee (INR)
  - **Capital:** New Delhi
  - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
  - **Managing Authority:** Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
  - **Foreign Exchange Reserves (October 2024):** 704.885 billion USD



# RANKING



## Tabular Summary:

Event	India surpasses 700 billion USD in forex reserves
Location	India
Date	Week ending September 27, 2024
Amount of Foreign Reserves	704.885 billion USD
Countries with over 700 billion USD	China, Japan, Switzerland, India
Gold Reserves	Increased by 2.184 billion USD to 65.796 billion USD
Special Drawing Rights (SDR)	Increased by 8 million USD to 18.547 billion USD
Significance	Strengthens India's financial stability and resilience against global economic challenges





- Federal Bank recently signed an MoU with which AI-Powered platform to enable vernacular language support in its AI Virtual Assistant, Feddy?



- A) Google Translate
- B) Amazon Alexa
- C) Bhashini
- D) ChatGPT
- E) DeepL



**Answer**  
**C) Bhashini**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Federal Bank partners with Bhashini to enhance its AI Virtual Assistant, Feddy, with vernacular language support.
- **Location:** Kolkata, India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Federal Bank's MoU with Bhashini:**
  - **Aim:** To enable vernacular language support for Federal Bank's AI chatbot, Feddy.
  - **Objective:** Promote banking inclusivity by offering multilingual services to a broader audience across India, aligning with RBIH's local language initiative.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Feddy (AI-Powered Assistant):**
  - Federal Bank's AI-driven virtual assistant that provides banking services to customers. With the integration of Bhashini's AI technology, it now supports 14 Indian languages.
- **Bhashini:**
  - An AI-powered language translation platform that promotes vernacular language usage in digital services.
- **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH):**
  - An initiative by the Reserve Bank of India to foster innovation and promote inclusivity in the financial sector through technological advancements like AI.



## Static GK Information:

- **Federal Bank**
  - **Headquarters:** Aluva, Kerala
  - **MD & CEO:** Shyam Srinivasan
  - **Tagline:** Your Perfect Banking Partner
- **Bhashini**
  - **Headquarters:** India
  - **CEO:** Amitabh Nag



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Federal Bank signs MoU with Bhashini for vernacular language support in AI assistant Feddy
Location	Kolkata, India
Date	October 1, 2024
Platform Integrated	Bhashini (AI-Powered Language Translation)
Languages Supported by Feddy	14 Indian languages including Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, Telugu, Marathi, Gujarati, etc.
Significance	Enhances financial inclusivity and makes banking services more accessible to diverse linguistic users



➤ **Which state-owned company secured the largest-ever foreign currency term loan of USD 1.265 billion?**

- A) State Bank of India
- B) Power Finance Corporation
- C) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- D) National Thermal Power Corporation
- E) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

**Answer**

**B) Power Finance Corporation**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Power Finance Corporation (PFC) secures the largest-ever foreign currency term loan.
- **Location:** IFSC GIFT City, Gandhinagar, India.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **PFC Loan Details:**
  - **Amount:** USD 1.265 billion (largest-ever for a state-owned PSU).
  - **Purpose:** Financing non-thermal generation projects, especially for the green energy transition and decarbonization initiatives.
  - **Loan Tenure:** 5 years, with a floating interest rate of 4.21% per annum.
- **Objective:**
  - The loan will aid PFC in financing renewable energy projects, fostering green energy growth and further diversifying its funding sources.
  - The multi-currency loan was sourced from banks in IFSC GIFT City (Gujarat), a key financial hub in India.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **IFSC GIFT City:**
  - International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at GIFT City in Gandhinagar is a financial and technology hub aimed at bringing global financial services to India.
- **Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR):**
  - A benchmark interest rate for US dollar-denominated loans in global financial markets.
- **Euro Interbank Offered Rate (EURIBOR):**
  - The interest rate at which European banks lend to each other, used as a benchmark for EUR-denominated loans.
- **Tokyo Overnight Average Rate (TONA):**
  - A key benchmark rate for the Japanese Yen (JPY), guiding floating rate loans in Japan.



## Static GK Information:

- **Power Finance Corporation (PFC)**
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Founded:** 1986
  - **Chairman & Managing Director:** Parminder Chopra
  - **Tagline:** Powering India's Growth



## Tabular Summary:

Event	PFC secures largest-ever foreign currency term loan of USD 1.265 billion
Loan Amount	USD 1.265 billion
Loan Purpose	Financing non-thermal generation projects and promoting green energy transition
Loan Tenure	5 years
Interest Rate	Floating rate, averaging 4.21% per annum
Currencies	USD, EUR, JPY
Lenders	SBI, IDBI, Axis, MUFG, Deutsche, SMBC
Significance	Supports India's decarbonization and green energy initiatives



➤ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a loan of how much to enhance tourism projects in Himachal Pradesh?



- A) \$100 million
- B) \$120 million
- C) \$162 million
- D) \$200 million
- E) \$250 million

**Answer**  
**C) \$162 million**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a loan for tourism development in Himachal Pradesh.
- **Location:** Himachal Pradesh, India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Tourism Development Loan:**
  - **Amount:** USD 162 million.
  - **Objective:** To boost tourism by upgrading and preserving cultural and heritage sites and constructing modern tourism facilities.
  - This initiative will promote sustainable and inclusive tourism, enhancing the tourism infrastructure of Himachal Pradesh.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Projects Funded:**
  - **Naggar Castle Restoration:** Restoration of the historic Naggar Castle in Kullu.
  - **Kangra Convention Center:** Construction of a convention center in Kangra with other amenities.
  - **Public Space Beautification:** Improvement of public spaces and wayside facilities in Kullu, Hamirpur, and Kangra.





## Important Terms Explained:

- **Asian Development Bank (ADB):**
  - A regional development bank that promotes social and economic development in Asia and the Pacific.
- **Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project:**
  - An initiative designed to enhance the tourism potential of Himachal Pradesh through infrastructure development, cultural site restoration, and promoting sustainable tourism practices.



## Static GK Information:

- **Himachal Pradesh**
  - **Capital:** Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter)
  - **Chief Minister:** Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
  - **Governor:** Shiv Pratap Shukla
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**
  - **Founded:** 1966
  - **Headquarters:** Manila, Philippines
  - **President:** Masatsugu Asakawa



## Tabular Summary:

Event	ADB approves USD 162 million loan for tourism development in Himachal Pradesh
Loan Amount	USD 162 million
Key Projects	Restoration of Naggar Castle, public space beautification, convention center in Kangra
Target Districts	Kullu, Kangra, Hamirpur, Mandi
Objective	Promote sustainable and inclusive tourism, strengthen tourism infrastructure
Significance	Enhances cultural heritage and tourism potential, boosting economic growth



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the new Executive Director (ED) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in October 2024?**

- A) Shaktikanta Das
- B) M Rajeshwar Rao
- C) Aviral Jain
- D) Urjit Patel
- E) T Rabi Sankar

**Answer**  
**C) Aviral Jain**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Aviral Jain as the new Executive Director of RBI.
- **Location:** Mumbai, India.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Role of Aviral Jain:**
  - As Executive Director (ED) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Aviral Jain will manage the Legal Department, the Premises Department, and oversee the Right to Information Act (as First Appellate Authority).
- **Objective:**
  - His extensive experience of over three decades in supervision, currency management, foreign exchange regulation, and human resource management will contribute to efficient management and execution of responsibilities in the RBI.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Right to Information (RTI) Act:**
  - A law that allows Indian citizens to request information from any public authority to promote transparency and accountability in government institutions.
- **Executive Director (ED):**
  - A senior management position in organizations like RBI, responsible for overseeing specific departments and ensuring the implementation of organizational strategies and policies.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
  - **Founded:** 1 April 1935
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das
  - **Executive Director (ED):** Aviral Jain (appointed on October 1, 2024)





# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Aviral Jain appointed as Executive Director (ED) of RBI
Appointment Date	October 1, 2024
Departments Overseen	Legal Department, Premises Department, Right to Information Act (First Appellate Authority)
Previous Role	Regional Director for Maharashtra
Experience	Over 30 years in supervision, currency management, foreign exchange regulation, and HR management
Significance	Jain's appointment strengthens RBI's management and legal operations



➤ **Which Indian Naval Squadron is on a long-range training deployment to Muscat, Oman in October 2024?**

- A) First Training Squadron (1TS)
- B) Second Training Squadron (2TS)
- C) Third Training Squadron (3TS)
- D) Fourth Training Squadron (4TS)
- E) Fifth Training Squadron (5TS)

**Answer**

**A) First Training Squadron (1TS)**



# DEFENCE



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian Naval Ships Tir, Shardul, and Coast Guard Ship Veera from the First Training Squadron (1TS) arrived in Muscat, Oman on October 5, 2024, for a long-range training deployment.
- **Location:** Muscat, Oman.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose of Deployment:**
  - Strengthen defence relations between India and Oman in the maritime domain.
  - Engage with the Royal Navy of Oman in maritime security, joint exercises, and interoperability.
- **Activities:**
  - Includes harbour interactions, training exchanges, and sports fixtures between the two navies.
  - Focus on professional interactions and joint exercises to bolster naval cooperation.
- **Key Official Visit:**
  - VAdm V Srinivas, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command, will be on an official visit to Oman from October 6-9, 2024, to hold bilateral discussions with key Omani military leaders.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **First Training Squadron (1TS):**
  - A naval training squadron responsible for the training and professional development of Indian Navy personnel.
- **Royal Navy of Oman (RNO):**
  - The naval force of Oman, which regularly engages in joint exercises and maritime security collaborations with the Indian Navy.



## Static GK Information:

- **Oman**
  - **Capital:** Muscat
  - **Currency:** Omani Rial
  - **Sultan:** Haitham bin Tariq Al Said
  - **Commander of Royal Navy of Oman (RNO):** Rear Admiral Saif bin Nasser bin Mohsen Al-Rahbi



# DEFENCE



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Indian Navy's First Training Squadron visits Muscat, Oman
Date	October 5-9, 2024
Naval Ships Involved	INS Tir, INS Shardul, ICGS Veera
Location	Muscat, Oman
Activities	Joint exercises, harbour interactions, professional exchanges, sports fixtures
Key Officials	VAdm V Srinivas (Indian Navy), VAdm Abdullah bin Khamis Al Raisi (Oman Armed Forces)
Significance	Strengthening defence ties, interoperability, and naval cooperation between India and Oman



➤ Which three countries signed a trilateral agreement for the export of 40 megawatts of electricity from Nepal to Bangladesh via India's power grid?

- A) India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka
- B) India, Nepal, and Bhutan
- C) India, Nepal, and China
- D) India, Nepal, and Bangladesh
- E) India, Nepal, and Pakistan



**Answer**

**D) India, Nepal, and Bangladesh**





## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Nepal, Bangladesh, and India signed a trilateral agreement for electricity export.
- **Location:** Kathmandu, Nepal.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Electricity Export Agreement:**
  - **Agreement:** Nepal will export 40 megawatts of electricity to Bangladesh using India's power grid.
  - **Objective:** This agreement marks the first time Nepal will sell electricity to Bangladesh, previously exporting only to India.
- **Transmission Process:**
  - Nepal will send the electricity to India through the 400 KV Dhalkebar-Muzaffarpur cross-border transmission line, and India will forward the electricity to Bangladesh using its grid infrastructure.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Dhalkebar-Muzaffarpur Transmission Line:**
  - A 400 KV cross-border transmission line between Nepal and India, facilitating the exchange of electricity between the two countries.
- **Sunkoshi-3 Hydropower Project:**
  - A proposed hydropower project under development with collaboration between Nepal, Bangladesh, and India to boost electricity generation and trade.



## Static GK Information:

- **Nepal**
  - **Capital:** Kathmandu
  - **Currency:** Nepalese Rupee
  - **Prime Minister:** Pushpa Kamal Dahal (Prachanda)
- **Bangladesh**
  - **Capital:** Dhaka
  - **Currency:** Bangladeshi Taka
  - **Prime Minister:** Sheikh Hasina
- **India**
  - **Capital:** New Delhi
  - **Currency:** Indian Rupee
  - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Nepal to export 40 MW of electricity to Bangladesh via India's power grid
Countries Involved	India, Nepal, and Bangladesh
Transmission Line	400 KV Dhalkebar-Muzaffarpur cross-border transmission line (Nepal to India to Bangladesh)
Electricity Export	40 megawatts
Nepal's Earnings	Estimated 330 million Nepalese Rupees
Future Projects	Sunkoshi-3 hydropower project and feasibility studies for more cross-border transmission lines



➤ Which system did DRDO successfully flight-test at Pokhran Field Firing Ranges in October 2024?

- A) Akash Missile
- B) Agni-V
- C) BrahMos
- D) VSHORADS
- E) Nirbhay Missile

**Answer**

**D) VSHORADS**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** DRDO successfully conducted flight-tests of the Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS).
- **Location:** Pokhran Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan, India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **VSHORADS Missile:**
  - A Man Portable Air Defence System designed to counter aerial threats.
  - Developed indigenously by the Research Centre Imarat (RCI) in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories.
  - The system was tested against high-speed targets to demonstrate its capabilities in terms of maximum range and maximum altitude interception.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:**
  - To ensure Aatmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India) in defence by developing modern defence systems like VSHORADS.
  - The system will be used to boost the Armed Forces' capabilities against aerial threats in various operational scenarios.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS):**
  - A 4th generation air defence system that is portable and capable of hitting aerial targets at very short range with high precision.
- **Development cum Production Partner (DcPP):**
  - A model where production agencies are involved early in the development process to facilitate faster user trials and production of defence equipment.



## Static GK Information:

- **DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation)**
  - **Founded:** 1958
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Chairman:** Dr. Samir V Kamat
- **Pokhran Field Firing Ranges**
  - Located in the Thar Desert, Rajasthan. Known for major defence tests including India's nuclear tests.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	DRDO successfully tests Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS)
Location	Pokhran Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan
Date	October 3-4, 2024
System Tested	VSHORADS (Very Short Range Air Defence System)
Technology	4th Generation, Man-Portable Air Defence System
Objective	To boost India's self-reliance in defence and protect against aerial threats
Key Involved Entities	DRDO, Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Armed Forces, DcPPs



➤ What is the amount of the 18<sup>th</sup> installment of PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi disbursed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Washim, Maharashtra?

- A) Rs 10,000 crore
- B) Rs 15,000 crore
- C) Rs 20,000 crore
- D) Rs 25,000 crore
- E) Rs 30,000 crore

**Answer**

**C) Rs 20,000 crore**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched various initiatives related to agriculture and animal husbandry worth Rs 23,300 crore in Washim, Maharashtra.
- **Location:** Washim, Maharashtra, India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi:**
  - 18th installment of Rs 20,000 crore was disbursed to around 9.4 crore farmers.
  - The PM-KISAN scheme provides financial support to farmers, ensuring income security and aiding agricultural growth.
- **Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF):**
  - Over 7,500 projects under AIF worth Rs 1,920 crore were dedicated to the nation, aimed at improving agricultural infrastructure like warehouses, cold storage units, and post-harvest management facilities.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs):**
  - 9,200 FPOs with a combined turnover of Rs 1,300 crore were also launched to enhance the collective bargaining and marketing power of farmers.
- **NaMo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi Yojana:**
  - The 5<sup>th</sup> installment of this scheme was also launched, disbursing Rs 2,000 crore to around 90 lakh farmers in Maharashtra.





## Important Terms Explained:

- **PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi:**
  - A scheme where eligible farmers receive Rs 6,000 annually, disbursed in three installments, to support them in agricultural activities.
- **Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs):**
  - Farmer-led organizations aimed at improving market access and reducing operational costs by leveraging collective power.
- **Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF):**
  - A financing facility for the creation of post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets to improve value addition in agriculture.



## Static GK Information:

- **Maharashtra**
  - **Capital:** Mumbai
  - **Chief Minister:** Eknath Shinde
  - **Governor:** Ramesh Bais



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches agricultural initiatives in Washim, Maharashtra
Total Funds Disbursed	Rs 23,300 crore
PM-KISAN 18th Installment	Rs 20,000 crore to 9.4 crore farmers
Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	Over 7,500 projects worth Rs 1,920 crore
Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)	9,200 FPOs with a combined turnover of Rs 1,300 crore
NaMo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi	Rs 2,000 crore disbursed to 90 lakh farmers in Maharashtra



- Which wildlife sanctuary was the focal point of NTPC's awareness campaign organized in collaboration with the Assam Forest Department?



- A) Kaziranga Wildlife Sanctuary
- B) Manas Wildlife Sanctuary
- C) Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary
- D) Nameri Wildlife Sanctuary
- E) Dibru-Saikhowa National Park

**Answer**

- C) Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** NTPC's Bongaigaon unit collaborated with the Divisional Forest Office (DFO) of Kokrajhar district to conduct an awareness drive as part of Wildlife Week celebrations.
- **Location:** Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary, Kokrajhar and Dhubri districts, Assam.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Awareness Programme:**
  - The event focused on raising awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation among local communities, students, and villagers.
  - It also emphasized the role of Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary in protecting the region's biodiversity.
- **Activities:**
  - Quiz and drawing competitions were organized for 160 school students to foster interest in wildlife and environmental conservation.
  - NTPC's environmental efforts were highlighted, including planting 2.5 lakh trees in the region as part of the company's sustainable development goals.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary:**
  - A 45.57 sq km sanctuary located in Kokrajhar and Dhubri districts of Assam.
  - It is renowned for the golden langur, which is its most famous inhabitant, and is the second protected habitat for this species in India.
  - The sanctuary is home to 119 bird species, several mammals, reptiles, and over 40 species of butterflies.



## Static GK Information:

- **Assam**
  - **Capital:** Dispur
  - **Chief Minister:** Himanta Biswa Sarma
  - **Governor:** Gulab Chand Kataria
- **NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation)**
  - **Founded:** 1975
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **Chairman & Managing Director:** Gurdeep Singh





# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

<b>Event</b>	<b>NTPC collaborates with Assam Forest Department for wildlife awareness campaign</b>
Location	Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary, Assam
Date	October 2-8, 2024 (Wildlife Week)
Key Focus	Raising awareness about wildlife conservation, especially in Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary
Activities	Quiz and drawing competitions for 160 students; discussion on tree plantation and biodiversity
Significance	Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary is a key habitat for the golden langur and various wildlife species



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- **World Teachers' Day 2024 is celebrated on October 5, recognising educators' contributions globally.**
- **Tanush Kotian's century leads Mumbai to their 15th Irani Cup title after 27 years, against Rest of India.**
- **Veteran Malayalam actor Mohan Raj, famed for his role in Kireedam, passed away at age 70.**
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- **Federal Bank partners with Bhashini to integrate 14 vernacular languages into its AI chatbot, Feddy.**
- **PFC secures USD 1.265 billion loan from IFSC banks to finance green energy transition projects.**
- **ADB approves USD 162 million loan to enhance tourism in Himachal Pradesh, focusing on heritage and cultural projects.**
- **Aviral Jain appointed as Executive Director of RBI, overseeing Legal and Premises departments.**



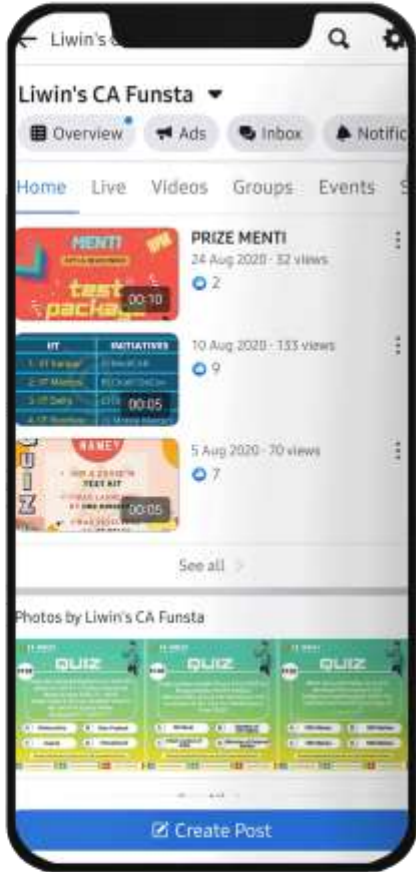
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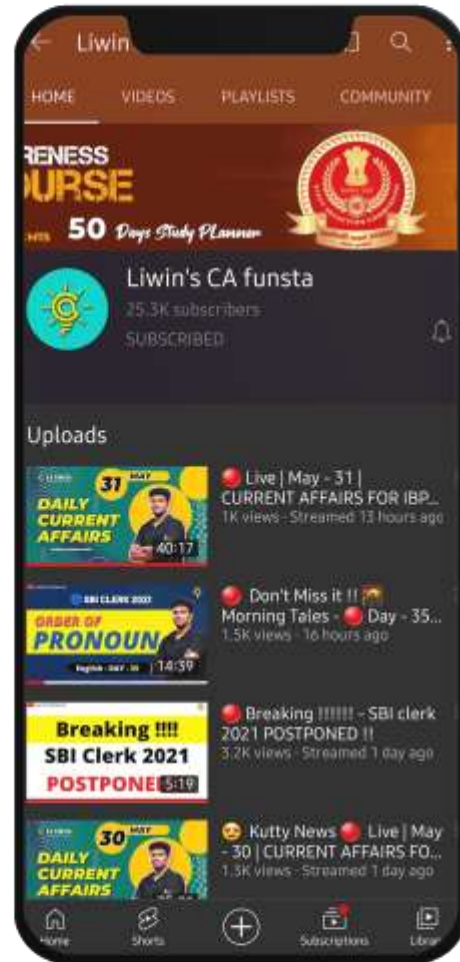
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- **Nepal to export 40 MW of electricity to Bangladesh via India's power grid in a historic trilateral agreement.**
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- **PM Modi disburses Rs 20,000 crore as part of PM-KISAN's 18th installment to 9.4 crore farmers in Maharashtra.**
- **NTPC's Bongaigaon unit organizes a wildlife awareness campaign at Chakrashila Wildlife Sanctuary during Wildlife Week.**



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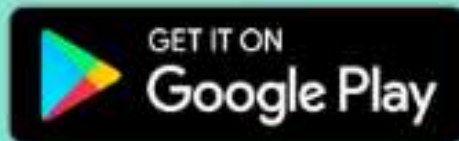
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