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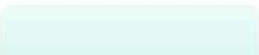
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Important Days



➤ **What significant historical event does Jharkhand Foundation Day commemorate?**

- A) Formation of India's 29th state
- B) Passing of the Bihar Reorganisation Act of 2000
- C) Birth anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- D) Formation of India's 28th state
- E) Partition of Bihar and Jharkhand in 1990

Answer

D) Formation of India's 28th state



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Jharkhand Foundation Day, also known as Jharkhand Sthapana Diwas.
- **Location:** Observed across Jharkhand, with significant celebrations in **Ranchi**.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Date:** Celebrated every year on November 15 to mark Jharkhand's formation.
- Commemorates the creation of India's 28th state under the Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000.
- The date also coincides with the birth anniversary of **Birsa Munda**, a revered tribal leader and freedom fighter.



Important Days



Historical Context:

- **Jharkhand's formation:** The state was carved out from Bihar in 2000, acknowledging the unique cultural and tribal heritage of the region.
- Known as the “**Land of Forests**” due to its significant forest cover and rich biodiversity.
- Home to the **Santhal Pargana** and the **Chhotanagpur Plateau**, crucial for their mineral and ecological significance.



Important Days



Significance of Birsa Munda's Birth Anniversary:

- Birsa Munda, also referred to as **Bhagwan Birsa**, played a vital role in the tribal resistance movement against British colonial rule.
- His legacy symbolizes the resilience and strength of Jharkhand's tribal communities.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **Jharkhand:**
 - **Capital:** Ranchi
 - **Chief Minister:** Hemant Soren
 - **Governor:** C. P. Radhakrishnan
- **Birsa Munda:**
 - **Born:** November 15, 1875
 - **Contribution:** Tribal leader and freedom fighter, instrumental in the Ulgulan movement against British exploitation.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	Jharkhand Foundation Day 2024
Date	November 15, 2024
Significance	Commemorates Jharkhand's formation as India's 28th state in 2000
Special Occasion	Birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, tribal leader
State Features	Rich in mineral resources, biodiversity, and tribal culture
Main Celebration Location	Jharkhand Vidhan Sabha, Ranchi



Important Days



➤ **What does National Press Day in India commemorate?**

- A) Establishment of the first newspaper in India
- B) Founding of the Press Council of India (PCI)
- C) Launch of the Press and Registration of Periodicals Act
- D) Recognition of journalists' contribution to social reform
- E) Role of media in the freedom struggle



Answer

B) Founding of the Press Council of India (PCI)



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event: National Press Day 2024.**
- **Date:** Observed annually on **November 16.**



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- Celebrate the press as the "**Fourth Pillar of Democracy**", emphasizing its role in:
 - **Reporting truthfully,**
 - **Holding power accountable, and**
 - **Informing the public responsibly.**
- Encourage reflection on press freedom and challenges in India.



Important Days



Significance of National Press Day:

- Commemorates the establishment of **the Press Council of India (PCI)** on **November 16, 1966**.
- The PCI works to:
 - Uphold **journalistic ethics**,
 - Safeguard **freedom of the press**, and
 - Promote **accountability in media practices**.



Important Days



Historical Background:

- **History of the Press in India:**
 - Indian journalism evolved during the colonial era, contributing significantly to the freedom struggle.
 - **Prominent contributors:** Raja Ram Mohan Roy (Sambad Kaumudi), publications like Kesari and Amrita Bazar Patrika.
 - **Hicky's Bengal Gazette (1780):** First Indian newspaper.
 - **Udant Martand (1826):** First Hindi newspaper.
- **Press Council of India (PCI):**
 - **Founded:** 1966, reestablished in 1979 under the Press Council Act, 1978.
 - **Role:** Safeguards press freedom and maintains journalistic standards.



Important Days



Theme for National Press Day 2024:

- The theme is yet to be officially announced but typically revolves around:
 - Combating **misinformation**,
 - Promoting **accountability**, and
 - Encouraging **responsible journalism**.



Important Days



Contemporary Challenges:

- **Misinformation:** Proliferation of fake news via social media.
- **Media Ownership:** Growing concentration raises concerns about bias.
- **Threats to Journalists:** Instances of censorship and physical threats.
- **Economic Pressures:** Compromises on editorial integrity due to financial constraints.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **Press Council of India (PCI):**
 - **Founded:** 1966.
 - **Reestablished:** 1979 under the Press Council Act, 1978.
 - **Objective:** Upholding freedom of the press and ethical journalism.
 - **Composition:** 28 members representing journalists, newspaper management, academia, law, literature, and Parliament.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **First Newspaper in India:**
 - **Name:** Hicky's Bengal Gazette.
 - **Founded:** 1780 by James Augustus Hicky.
- **Father of the Indian Press:**
 - **Name:** James Augustus Hicky.
- **First Hindi Newspaper in India:**
 - **Name:** Udant Martand.
 - **Published:** 1826 by Pandit Jugal Kishore Shukla.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Event	National Press Day 2024
Date	November 16, 2024
Established by	Press Council of India (PCI)
Significance	Celebrates press freedom, accountability, and journalistic ethics
Theme for 2024	To be announced
Historical Background	Commemorates the founding of the PCI in 1966
Key Highlights	Reflects on press challenges, celebrates its role in democracy



➤ **What recent approval did Unifi Asset Management receive from SEBI?**

- A) Approval to increase AUM for its PMS and AIF offerings
- B) Permission to launch equity-based ETFs
- C) Approval to commence mutual fund operations
- D) Approval to expand debt platform operations abroad
- E) License to operate in international markets



Answer

C) Approval to commence mutual fund operations



Event and Location:

- **Event:** SEBI's approval for Unifi Asset Management to start mutual fund operations.
- **Location:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- **Date:** Announced on November 15, 2024.



Mandates and Objectives:

- Transition from offering Portfolio Management Services (PMS) and Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) to include mutual funds.
- Expand the company's reach to retail investors, complementing its existing high-net-worth and institutional client base.



Unifi Asset Management Overview:

1. Established: 2001.

2. Current Offerings:

- Portfolio Management Services (PMS).
- Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs).
- Manages assets under management (AUM) of approximately ₹27,000 crore (\$3.2 billion).
- Operates across equity and debt platforms in India and abroad.

3. Experienced Team:

- Blends internal expertise with strategic external hires to manage mutual fund operations effectively.



Significance of SEBI Approval:

- Enables Unifi to enter **the mutual fund industry**, broadening its investment offerings to cater to a larger and more diverse investor base.
- Reflects the company's capability and compliance with SEBI's regulatory framework.



Static GK Information:

- **Unifi Capital:**
 - **Founded:** 2001.
 - **Headquarters:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
 - **Current AUM:** ₹27,000 crore (\$3.2 billion).
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):**
 - **Founded:** 12 April 1992.
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra.
 - **Chairperson:** Madhabi Puri Buch
 - **Mandate:** Regulate securities markets, protect investor interests, and promote market development.



Tabular Summary:

Event	SEBI Approval for Unifi Asset Management's Mutual Fund Operations
Date	November 15, 2024
Location	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Approval By	SEBI
Key Expansion	Entry into mutual fund operations
Current Offerings	PMS and AIFs across equity and debt platforms
Current AUM	₹27,000 crore (\$3.2 billion)



➤ **What is the primary objective of the WEP and Urban Company collaboration in the beauty and wellness sector?**



- A) To provide financial grants to women salon owners
- B) To train and empower women salon and beauty parlor entrepreneurs
- C) To develop beauty products for MSMEs
- D) To establish a chain of government-owned beauty parlors
- E) To promote salon franchises across India



Answer

B) To train and empower women salon and beauty parlor entrepreneurs



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of a pilot initiative under the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) in collaboration with Urban Company.
- **Location:** Targeting women entrepreneurs in Delhi NCR as the pilot cohort.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Focus Area:** Empower women entrepreneurs in the beauty and wellness sector.
- **Specific Goals:**
 - **Offer comprehensive training across six ecosystem needs:** Skilling, Legal and Compliance, Access to Finance, Market Linkages, Business Development, Mentorship and Networking.
 - Upscale women-led Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the beauty industry.
- **Cohort Selection:**
 - 25 women entrepreneurs from Delhi NCR will be selected via open applications for the pilot program.
 - Insights from the program will be used to develop templates for scaling up nationwide.



WEP Background and Vision:

- Launched in 2018 by NITI Aayog, transitioned into a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in 2022.
- Aims to promote women-led development by strengthening the entrepreneurship ecosystem.
- Provides a platform for government, private sector, civil society, and philanthropy stakeholders to converge their efforts towards women empowerment.



Urban Company's Role:

- Acts as a key partner to implement and spearhead the pilot program.
- Facilitates the identification of women MSMEs and supports them through training and business development.



Static GK Information:

- **Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP):**
 - **Founded:** 2018 by NITI Aayog.
 - **Mission Director:** Ms. Anna Roy, Principal Economic Adviser, NITI Aayog.
- **Urban Company:**
 - **Headquarters:** Gurugram, Haryana.
 - **Founded:** 2014.
 - **CEO:** Abhiraj Singh Bhal.
- **NITI Aayog:**
 - **Abbreviation:** National Institution for Transforming India.
 - **Founded:** 1 January 2015.
 - **Chairperson:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Tabular Summary:

Event	WEP Partnership with Urban Company for Beauty & Wellness Sector
Program Title	Award to Reward Initiative
Location	Delhi NCR (Pilot Cohort)
Launch Year	2024
Number of Women Entrepreneurs	25 in pilot phase; over 30,000 engaged under WEP
Key Focus Areas	Training, Skilling, Mentorship, and Networking
Key Partners	Urban Company and WEP
Significance	Promote sustainable women-led businesses in beauty and wellness



➤ **What is the key feature of the new 'Galaxy Promise' health insurance product launched by Galaxy Health Insurance?**

- A) Free lifetime coverage for chronic illnesses
- B) Sum insured options ranging from ₹3 lakh to ₹1 crore
- C) Subsidized premiums for senior citizens
- D) Focus on rural healthcare only
- E) Single-plan option targeting corporate employees

Answer

B) Sum insured options ranging from ₹3 lakh to ₹1 crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Galaxy Health Insurance's first product, 'Galaxy Promise'.
- **Location:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- **Date:** Announced on November 14, 2024.



Mandates and Objectives:

- Provide affordable and flexible health insurance coverage to families.
- Address the rising healthcare costs with a focus on preventive health and wellness.



Features of Galaxy Promise:

1. Sum Insured Options:

- Offers coverage ranging from ₹3 lakh to ₹1 crore.

2. Plan Variants:

- Available in three customizable plans: Signature, Elite, and Premier.
- Ensures flexibility and tailored coverage for different customer needs.

3. Target Audience:

- Focused on families seeking comprehensive and affordable health insurance solutions.



Galaxy Health Insurance Company:

- **Jointly promoted by:**
 - **Venu Srinivasan**, Chairman Emeritus of TVS Motor Company and Sundaram-Clayton Ltd.
 - **V Jagannathan**, founder of Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Ltd.
- Approved by IRDAI earlier in 2024 to commence operations.



Static GK Information:

- **Galaxy Health Insurance:**
 - **Headquarters:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
 - **CEO:** G Srinivasan.
 - **Promoters:** Venu Srinivasan and V Jagannathan.
 - **IRDAI Approval:** 2024.
- **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI):**
 - **Founded:** 2000.
 - **Headquarters:** Hyderabad, Telangana.
 - **Chairman:** Debasish Panda.



Tabular Summary:

Event	Launch of 'Galaxy Promise' Health Insurance Scheme
Date	November 14, 2024
Location	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Product Name	Galaxy Promise
Coverage Range	₹3 lakh to ₹1 crore
Plan Options	Signature, Elite, Premier
Target Audience	Families seeking affordable health insurance
Promoters	Venu Srinivasan and V Jagannathan



AWARDS



➤ **What was the achievement of RINL's Lean Quality Circle (LQC) teams at ICQCC-2024?**

- A) Received Bronze Awards for operational excellence
- B) Won three Gold Awards for their case studies
- C) Introduced a new quality control process
- D) Conducted training sessions on quality control in Colombo
- E) Launched a new quality control tool internationally



Answer

B) Won three Gold Awards for their case studies



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Convention on Quality Control Circles (ICQCC-2024).
- **Location:** Colombo, Sri Lanka, conducted in hybrid mode from 11th to 14th November 2024.



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- Showcase quality control innovations through case studies presented by participating teams.
- Recognize outstanding contributions in quality control and productivity improvements internationally.



RINL's Achievements:

- RINL's (Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited) Lean Quality Circle (LQC) teams won three Gold Awards for their innovative case studies.
- **Participating teams and their contributions:**
 - 1. ARMOR Team from Special Bar Mill (SBM):**
 - Case study: Minimizing Power & Free hook (P&F) Chain Downtime by eliminating Structure Damage.
 - 2. TARANGINI Team from Quality Assurance & Technology Development (QA&TD):**
 - Case study: Cyanide determination in water using micro diffusion cells.
 - 3. SADHANA Team from Steel Melt Shop-1 (SMS-1):**
 - Case study: Surge Hopper-2 Modification.



AWARDS



Significance:

- Demonstrates RINL's commitment to innovation, quality improvement, and productivity.
- Reinforces RINL's reputation on the international stage for consistent excellence in quality control.



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

- **Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL):**
 - **Founded:** 1982.
 - **Headquarters:** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
 - **CMD (additional charge):** Sri AK Saxena
- **ICQCC (International Convention on Quality Control Circles):**
 - **Founded:** 1976.
 - **Purpose:** Promote innovation and quality practices through Quality Control Circles globally.
- **Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Quality and Productivity (SLAAQP):**
 - Organizers of ICQCC-2024.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Event	ICQCC-2024
Location	Colombo, Sri Lanka
Date	11-14 November 2024
Organizer	Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Quality and Productivity (SLAAQP)
RINL Teams Participated	ARMOR, TARANGINI, SADHANA
Awards Won	3 Gold Awards for case studies
Significance	Demonstrates excellence in quality control and productivity



AWARDS



➤ What was the main highlight of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying's event on 13th November 2024?

- A) Launch of a new dairy program
- B) Distribution of Rajbhasha Awards and release of 'Surabhi' magazine
- C) Announcement of new regional language policies
- D) Launch of a national-level animal husbandry campaign
- E) Distribution of dairy development grants



Answer

B) Distribution of Rajbhasha Awards and release of 'Surabhi' magazine



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Official Language award distribution ceremony by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD).
- **Date:** 13th November 2024.
- **Location:** Conducted in-person and via video conferencing with participation from subordinate offices.



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- To recognize winners of essay and poetry competitions organized during the “**Hindi Pakhwada**”.
- Encourage the adoption of the official language (Hindi) in daily administrative work.
- Promote regional and dialect-based inclusivity alongside official language use.



Key Highlights:

1. Rajbhasha Awards:

- Certificates distributed to winners of the All-India Essay Competition by Minister of State Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel.
- Awards aim to promote Hindi language proficiency and usage among employees.

2. Second Edition of 'Surabhi' Magazine:

- Official language magazine released by the Minister.
- Features interesting facts and stories about the Hindi language and regional dialects.

3. Minister's Address:

- **Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel emphasized:**
 - Preserving dialects, attire, and food habits as a mark of identity.
 - Adoption of Hindi and regional languages in administrative practices.



AWARDS



Significance of the Event:

- Encourages linguistic pride and the practical use of Hindi in government work.
- Reinforces cultural identity through language, attire, and food traditions.



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

- **Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD):**
 - **Founded:** 1991 (as a separate department).
 - **Ministry:** Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India.
 - **Current Minister of State:** Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel.
- **Official Language (Hindi Pakhwada):**
 - Observed annually to promote the use of Hindi as India's official language.
 - Encourages employees to participate in literary and creative activities in Hindi.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Event	Rajbhasha Awards Ceremony and Release of 'Surabhi' Magazine
Date	13th November 2024
Occasion	Hindi Pakhwada
Highlight	Release of the second edition of 'Surabhi' magazine
Award Presented By	Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel
Focus	Adoption of official and regional languages in administrative work



- **What is the primary objective of NADA India's 'Know Your Medicine (KYM)' app launched by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya?**
- A) To promote traditional medicines for athletes
 - B) To provide doping-related legal assistance to athletes
 - C) To ensure medicines comply with WADA guidelines
 - D) To penalize athletes for inadvertent doping
 - E) To guide athletes about physical fitness practices



Answer

C) To ensure medicines comply with WADA guidelines



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the 'Know Your Medicine (KYM)' app.
- **Location:** Nationwide announcement by PIB Delhi.



Mandates and Objectives:

- Promote the use of the KYM app among athletes, coaches, and sports professionals to avoid doping.
- Strengthen anti-doping education and foster a culture of fair play in Indian sports.
- Encourage athletes to verify medicines for compliance with WADA's prohibited substance list.



Features of KYM App:

- **Real-time verification:** Quickly checks medicines and ingredients for prohibited substances.
- **User-friendly tools:** Includes image and audio search for enhanced accessibility.
- **Sport-specific features:** Tailored guidance for athletes across different sports categories.
- **Seamless access:** Smartphone-compatible, making it convenient for athletes to stay informed.



Important Terms Explained:

1. NADA (National Anti-Doping Agency):

- Established to ensure sports in India are free from doping practices.
- Focuses on anti-doping awareness, testing, and result management.

2. WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency):

- Oversees and enforces global anti-doping regulations.
- Maintains the Prohibited List, which the KYM app refers to for compliance.

3. KYM App:

- An innovative initiative by NADA India to empower athletes.
- Prevents inadvertent doping by providing real-time data on medicines and substances.



Static GK Information:

- **NADA India:**
 - **Founded:** 2005
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Director General:** Ritu Sain
- **World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA):**
 - **Founded:** 1999
 - **Headquarters:** Montreal, Canada
 - **President:** Witold Bańka
- **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya:**
 - Union Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports in India.



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Launch of 'Know Your Medicine (KYM)' App by NADA India
Date	14 November 2024
Location	Nationwide announcement (PIB Delhi)
Launched By	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
Objective	Combat doping in sports and ensure fair play
Significance	Real-time verification of medicines; promotes ethical sportsmanship



➤ **What is the theme of the 1st Bodoland Mohotsov inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?**

- A) Cultural Diversity and Sustainability
- B) Peace and Harmony for Prosperous Bharat
- C) Building Vibrant Bodoland through Education
- D) Unity in Diversity Across Borders
- E) Promoting Tourism in the North-East

Answer

B) Peace and Harmony for Prosperous Bharat



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** 1st Bodoland Mohotsov inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **Location:** SAI Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, New Delhi.



Mandates and Objectives:

- Celebrate language, literature, and culture to foster peace and build a vibrant Bodo society.
- Highlight the rich cultural and linguistic heritage of the Bodo community and the Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR).
- Integrate indigenous Bodo communities across Assam, West Bengal, Nepal, and neighboring areas.



Significance of the Event:

- Commemorates the Bodo Peace Accord of 2020, which resolved decades of conflict in Bodoland.
- Aims to sustain peace and progress in the BTR while celebrating recovery and resilience post-conflict.
- Promotes the touristic potential and ecological biodiversity of Bodoland.



Key Highlights:

1. Sessions:

- Rich Bodo Culture, Tradition, and Literature: Contributions to Indian heritage.
- Challenges and Opportunities of Mother Tongue Medium-of-Instruction: Insights under the National Education Policy, 2020.
- Indigenous Cultural Meet: Discussions on building Vibrant Bodoland through culture and tourism.

2. Participants:

- Over 5,000 cultural, linguistic, and art enthusiasts from across India and neighboring regions like Nepal and Bhutan.



Static GK Information:

- **Bodo Peace Accord (2020):**
 - Signed under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
 - Aimed at ending decades of conflict and violence in Bodoland.
- **Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR):**
 - **Established:** Post-Bodo Peace Accord in 2020.
 - **Significance:** Autonomous region in Assam, recognized for its rich biodiversity and cultural heritage.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi:**
 - Leader instrumental in facilitating peace agreements and promoting cultural diversity.



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Tabular Summary:

Event	1st Bodoland Mohotsov
Date	November 15-16, 2024
Venue	SAI Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, New Delhi
Inaugurated By	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Theme	Peace and Harmony for Prosperous Bharat
Significance	Commemoration of the 2020 Bodo Peace Accord and cultural integration
Participants	Over 5,000 from India and neighboring countries like Nepal, Bhutan



➤ What is the estimated budget for the project to rescue Ganga River Dolphins under the Clean Ganga Mission?

- A) ₹50 lakh
- B) ₹1 crore
- C) ₹2 crore
- D) ₹78.09 lakh
- E) ₹11 crore

Answer

B) ₹1 crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of a special Dolphin Ambulance under the Clean Ganga Mission.
- **Location:** Focused on Ganga River Basin regions, with broader coverage across India, Nepal, and Bangladesh.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Special Dolphin Ambulance:**
 - Developed under the project titled "**Advancing Rescue System for the Protection of Stranded Ganges River Dolphins.**"
 - **Focus:** Rescue and assist distressed Ganga River Dolphins, India's national aquatic animal.
 - **Estimated Budget:** ₹1 crore.
 - Objectives include community awareness and capacity building through training.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Turtle Conservation Project:**
 - Aimed at rehabilitating endangered turtles and reintroducing three highly threatened species in the Ganga basin (Uttar Pradesh).
 - Includes the establishment of a spatial monitoring and reporting tool at the National Chambal Sanctuary.
 - **Estimated Budget:** ₹78.09 lakh.
- **Environmental Flow Project:**
 - Assessing environmental flow in rivers Chambal, Son, Damodar, and Tons.
 - **Estimated Budget:** ₹11 crore.
 - **Objectives:** Develop hydrological models, evaluate flow systems scientifically, and ensure biodiversity conservation.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **"Rag-Rag Mein Ganga - Ek Jeevan Dhara" Season 3:**
 - Approved for a new season of the travelogue series.
 - Focuses on ecological balance, aquatic life protection, eco-tourism, cultural heritage, and community involvement.



Significance of Ganga Dolphin Conservation:

- Ganga Dolphin, an endangered species, is found in the river systems of **India, Bangladesh, and Nepal**.
- Conservation is essential for preserving the river's rich biodiversity and ecological balance.



Static GK Information:

- **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG):**
 - **Founded:** 2011
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Objective:** Cleaning and conserving the Ganga River and its ecosystem.
- **Ganga River Dolphin:**
 - **Status:** Endangered.
 - **Significance:** Declared India's National Aquatic Animal in 2009.
- **National Chambal Sanctuary:**
 - **Location:** Spans Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan.
 - **Significance:** Known for conserving Gharials, Gangetic dolphins, and turtles.



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Special Dolphin Ambulance and Related Initiatives
Dolphin Rescue Project Budget	₹1 crore
Turtle Conservation Project Budget	₹78.09 lakh
Environmental Flow Project Budget	₹11 crore
Key Rivers Covered	Ganga, Chambal, Son, Damodar, Tons
Significance of Rag-Rag Mein Ganga Season 3	Focuses on conservation, eco-tourism, and cultural heritage



➤ **Who unveiled the commemorative postage stamp for Birsa Munda's 150th birth anniversary?**

- A) Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar Shri Nitish Kumar
- B) President of India Droupadi Murmu
- C) Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi
- D) Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda
- E) Union Minister for Communication Ashwini Vaishnaw



Answer

C) Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of a special commemorative postage stamp honoring the 150th birth anniversary of Birsa Munda.
- **Date:** 15th November 2024.
- **Location:** A grand celebration held in Jamui, Bihar.



Mandates and Objectives:

- Tribute to Bhagwan Birsa Munda on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas (Tribal Pride Day).
- Recognize Birsa Munda's role in India's freedom struggle and his efforts to empower tribal communities.
- Promote awareness of his advocacy for "Munda Raj" and tribal rights.



Significance of Birsa Munda:

- **Birthplace:** Ulihatu, Bihar (now Jharkhand) on 15th November 1875.
- **Contribution:**
 - Led the Ulgulan (Great Rebellion) from 1899 to 1900, rallying against British colonial exploitation.
 - Advocated for a self-governed society and tribal unity.
- **Legacy:**
 - Revered as Bhagwan (God) by tribal communities.
 - Continues to inspire movements for tribal empowerment.



Details of the Postage Stamp:

- **Design:** Created by Shri Sankha Samanta, featuring a resolute Birsa Munda addressing his followers.
- **Symbolism:** Represents tribal unity, empowerment, and self-governance.
- Includes a First Day Cover (FDC) and a Brochure, available as collectibles through the e-post office portal.



Static GK Information:

- **Birsa Munda:**
 - **Born:** 15th November 1875, Ulihatu, Jharkhand (then Bihar).
 - **Known for:** Leading the Ulgulan (Great Rebellion) against British colonial exploitation.
 - **Death:** 9th June 1900 at the age of 25.
- **Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas (Tribal Pride Day):**
 - **Date:** Observed annually on 15th November, marking Birsa Munda's birth anniversary.
 - Recognizes the contributions of India's tribal communities in nation-building and freedom struggles.



Static GK Information:

- **Department of Posts:**
 - **Established:** 1st October 1854.
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi.
 - **Minister of Communications:** Ashwini Vaishnaw



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Release of Special Postage Stamp for Birsa Munda
Date	15th November 2024
Unveiled By	Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi
Location	Jamui, Bihar
Occasion	Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas
Designed By	Shri Sankha Samanta
Significance of Stamp	Honors Birsa Munda's contributions to tribal rights and freedom



➤ **What is the key objective of PMAY-U 2.0 launched in September 2024?**

- A) To provide free housing to the urban poor
- B) To offer financial assistance for housing to 1 crore urban families
- C) To provide interest-free loans to the middle class
- D) To develop smart cities across India
- E) To build affordable homes in rural areas



Answer

B) To offer financial assistance for housing to 1 crore urban families



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of MoUs for the Interest Subsidy Scheme (ISS) under PMAY-U 2.0.
- **Location:** National Workshop on PMAY-U 2.0, held in New Delhi.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **PMAY-U 2.0 Launch:**
 - Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 17, 2024.
 - Aims to provide financial assistance to 1 crore urban poor and middle-class families over the next five years.
 - Focus on addressing housing shortages and improving urban living standards.
- **Interest Subsidy Scheme (ISS):**
 - Facilitates interest subsidies for borrowers through 116 Primary Lending Institutions (PLIs).
 - Includes housing finance companies, public/private sector banks, regional rural banks, small finance banks, and cooperative banks.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Unified Web Portal – ISS:**
 - Introduced by NIC and Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) for seamless implementation of ISS.



Key Highlights:

1. Stakeholder Participation:

- Financial sector lauded for contributing to the success of the Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS).
- Collaboration among banks, financial institutions, and housing finance companies emphasized.

2. Ministerial Insights:

- Manohar Lal, Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs, stressed the need for a humane borrower-lender interface.
- Srinivas Katikithala, Secretary, MoHUA, highlighted the scheme's significance as the world's largest housing program.



Key Highlights:

3. Scheme Evolution:

- New paradigms introduced to address previous bottlenecks and issues in the earlier CLSS.
- Focus on innovative housing solutions considering technological advancements and aspirations of the younger generation.



Static GK Information:

- **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U):**
 - **Launched:** 25th June 2015 (Phase 1), PMAY-U 2.0: September 17, 2024.
 - **Ministry:** Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
 - **Objective:** Provide affordable housing for all urban poor by 2024.
 - **Components:**
 - In-situ Slum Redevelopment.
 - Affordable Housing in Partnership.
 - Subsidy for Beneficiary-Led Construction.
 - Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS).



Static GK Information:

- **National Housing Bank (NHB):**
 - **Founded:** 1988.
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India.
 - **MD:** Sanjay Shukla



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Tabular Summary:

Event	Signing of MoUs for PMAY-U 2.0 Interest Subsidy Scheme (ISS)
Date	November 14, 2024
Key Announcement	PMAY-U 2.0 to provide housing assistance to 1 crore urban families
Stakeholders Involved	116 PLIs including banks, housing finance companies, and more
Unified Portal Launched By	NIC and Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
Objective of ISS	Ensure affordable housing through interest subsidies



QUICK RECALL



- **Jharkhand Foundation Day** marks the creation of India's 28th state on November 15, 2000.
- **National Press Day 2024** marks the establishment of the Press Council of India (1966).
- **SEBI approves Unifi Asset Management** to begin mutual fund operations.
- **WEP and Urban Company** partner to empower women MSMEs in the beauty and wellness sector.
- **Galaxy Health Insurance** launches 'Galaxy Promise' offering coverage from ₹3 lakh to ₹1 crore.
- **RINL teams** win three Gold Awards at ICQCC-2024 for quality innovations.
- **DAHD** distributed Rajbhasha Awards and released the second edition of 'Surabhi' magazine.
- **NADA India** launches KYM app to empower athletes and combat inadvertent doping.



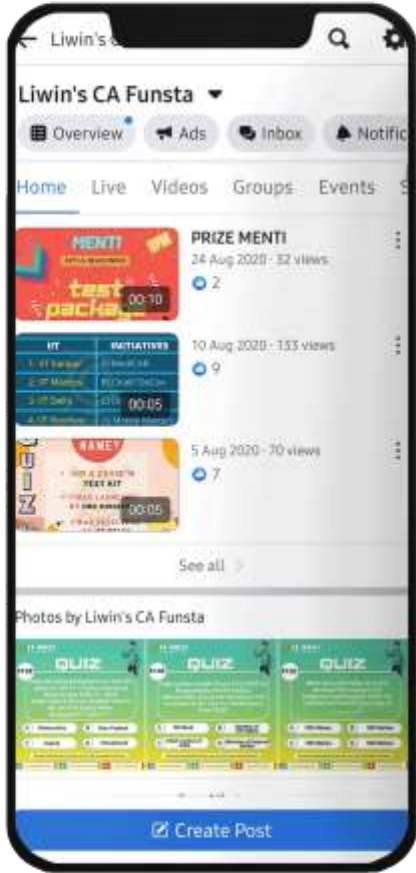
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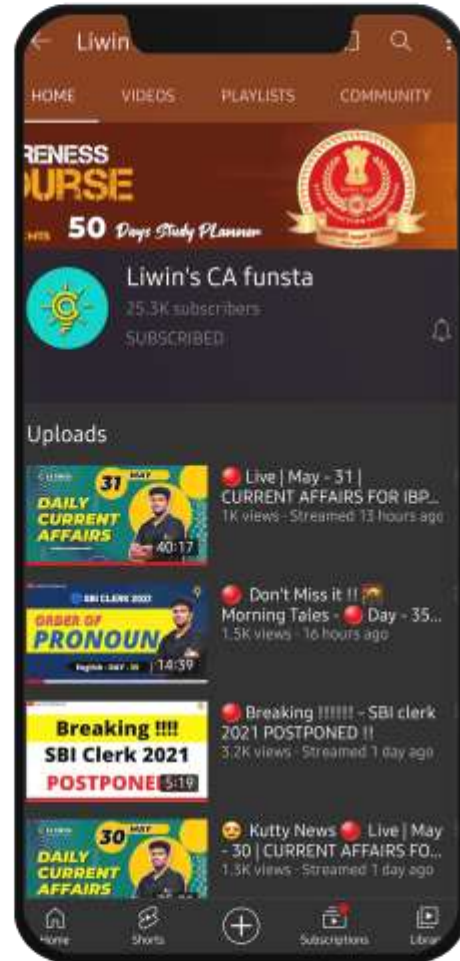
- **NMCG launches special Dolphin Ambulance with ₹1 crore budget for Ganga Dolphin rescue.**
- **PM Modi unveiled a special postage stamp honoring Birsa Munda on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas.**
- **PMAY-U 2.0 launched to assist 1 crore urban families with financial aid for housing.**



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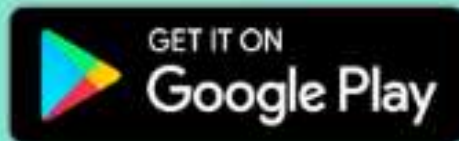
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