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# Important Days



➤ **What is the theme of World Children's Day 2024?**

- A) Education for All
- B) Protect Our Children
- C) Listen to the Future
- D) Rights for Every Child
- E) A Better World for Children



**Answer**

**C) Listen to the Future**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Children's Day 2024
- **Date:** November 20, 2024
- **Location:** Celebrated globally





# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:**
  - Amplify children's voices and highlight issues like education inequality, child labour, and healthcare challenges.
  - Encourage implementation of protective policies for children's safety and development.
- **Encouraged Actions:**
  - Advocacy for the promotion and protection of children's rights.
  - Supporting global collaboration to ensure equity and a brighter future for children.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Universal Children's Day (1954):**
  - Established by the United Nations to promote awareness and welfare for children worldwide.
- **Declaration of the Rights of the Child (1959):**
  - Adopted by the UN General Assembly as a moral guideline for the protection of children.
- **Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989):**
  - Legally binding agreement safeguarding children's rights globally.



# Important Days



## Significance:

- Raises awareness about critical challenges faced by children, including:
  - **Educational inequality**
  - **Child labour**
  - **Healthcare gaps**
- Celebrates children's potential while fostering their ability to express opinions and influence change.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

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



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	World Children's Day 2024
Date	November 20, 2024
Theme	"Listen to the Future"
First Observed	1954
Established By	United Nations
Significance	Promotes children's welfare and rights globally.



# Important Days



- **What is the theme of World Fisheries Day 2024 celebrated on November 21?**
- A) Promoting Aquaculture for Growth
  - B) India's Blue Transformation: Strengthening Small-Scale and Sustainable Fisheries
  - C) Transforming Coastal Aquaculture
  - D) Global Blue Revolution: Securing Livelihoods and Ecosystems
  - E) Towards a Sustainable Aquaculture Future



**Answer**

**B) India's Blue Transformation: Strengthening Small-Scale and Sustainable Fisheries**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Fisheries Day 2024
- **Date:** November 21, 2024
- **Location:** Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi



# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:**
  - Raise awareness about the importance of sustainable fishing practices and protecting marine ecosystems.
  - Recognize the contributions of small-scale fisheries to livelihoods and food security.
- **Focus for 2024:**
  - Emphasis on small-scale fisheries and transitioning towards a sustainable blue economy.





# Important Days



## Key Highlights of World Fisheries Day 2024:

- **Initiatives Launched:**
  - **5<sup>th</sup> Marine Fisheries Census:** For data-driven policymaking.
  - **National Plan of Action (NPOA) on Sharks:** Conservation of shark species.
  - **Bay of Bengal-Regional Plan of Action (BoB-RPOA):** Combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.
  - **IMO-FAO GloLitter Partnership Project:** Tackling marine plastic pollution.
  - **Single Window System for Coastal Aquaculture Registration:** Streamlining approvals for aquaculture farms.



# Important Days



## Key Highlights of World Fisheries Day 2024:

- **Awards:** Honoring States, individuals, and entrepreneurs contributing to fisheries growth.
- **Technical Sessions:**
  - South-South Cooperation for sustainable fisheries and food security.
  - Climate change challenges and mitigation strategies in fisheries.



# Important Days



## Significance of Fisheries in India:

- **Global Position:**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> largest fish producer globally.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> largest aquaculture nation.
  - Largest shrimp producer in the world.
- **Sector Contribution:**
  - Supports 30 million livelihoods.
  - Transition from marine fisheries to inland aquaculture, contributing 70% of fish production.



# Important Days



## Significance of Fisheries in India:

- **Government Initiatives:**
  - **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY):** Focused on increasing aquaculture productivity and doubling fisheries exports.
  - **Blue Revolution Scheme:** Launched in 2015-16 to enhance fish production and productivity.
  - **Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF):** Provides financial support for fisheries infrastructure development.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **World Fisheries Day**
  - **First Observed:** 1997
  - **Established By:** World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers
- **India's Fisheries Sector**
  - **Global Rank in Fish Production:** 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - **Global Rank in Aquaculture:** 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - **Largest Producer:** Shrimp
- **Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**
  - **Union Minister:** Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	World Fisheries Day 2024
Date	November 21, 2024
Theme	India's Blue Transformation: Strengthening Small-Scale and Sustainable Fisheries
Location	Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi
Key Initiatives	Marine Fisheries Census, NPOA on Sharks, BoB-RPOA, GloLitter Partnership
Focus	Promoting sustainable fishing practices and empowering fishing communities
Global Role	3rd largest fish producer, largest shrimp producer



➤ **Who won the men's and women's singles titles in the Maharashtra State Open Badminton Tournament 2024?**

- A) Soham Pathak and Devanshi Shinde
- B) Harshit Mahimkar and Prisha Shah
- C) Tanay Mehendale and Khushi Pahwa
- D) Nidhish More and Samia Shah
- E) Alfy Mekkadath and Ananya Rane

**Answer**

**B) Harshit Mahimkar and Prisha Shah**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Maharashtra State Open Badminton Tournament 2024
- **Date:** November 19, 2024
- **Location:** Willingdon Sports Club, Mumbai





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** The tournament showcased exceptional badminton talent from across Maharashtra, highlighting junior and senior categories.



## Key Performances:

- **Harshit Mahimkar:**
  - Won **the men's singles title** by defeating Soham Pathak (21-12, 21-17).
  - Secured **the U-17 boys' singles title** against Tanay Mehendale (21-7, 21-13).
- **Prisha Shah:**
  - Won the **women's singles title**, defeating Devanshi Shinde (21-18, 21-10).
  - Clinched the **U-17 girls' singles title** by beating Khushi Pahwa (21-16, 21-16).



# SPORTS



## Other Winners:

- **Boys' U-11 Singles:** Alfy Mekkadath
- **Girls' U-11 Singles:** Priya Amburle
- **Boys' U-17 Doubles:** Nidhish More and Tanay Mehendale
- **Women's Doubles:** Samia Shah and Shivani Herlekar



## Significance:

- The event provided a platform for young shuttlers to demonstrate their skills and gain recognition.
- The tournament emphasized the development of badminton in Maharashtra, managed by **Greater Mumbai Badminton Association (GMBA)** and **Maharashtra Badminton Association (MBA)**.



## Static GK Information:

- **Maharashtra**
  - **Capital:** Mumbai
  - **CM:** Eknath Shinde
  - **Governor:** Ramesh Bais
- **Willingdon Sports Club**
  - **Location:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **Founded:** 1918
- **Maharashtra Badminton Association (MBA)**
  - **Affiliated To:** Badminton Association of India



# SPORTS



## Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Maharashtra State Open Badminton Tournament 2024
Location	Willingdon Sports Club, Mumbai
Winners (Men)	Harshit Mahimkar: Men's Singles and U-17 Boys' Singles Titles
Winners (Women)	Prisha Shah: Women's Singles and U-17 Girls' Singles Titles
Other Key Winners	Boys' U-11: Alfy Mekkadath, Women's Doubles: Samia Shah and Shivani Herlekar
Organizers	Greater Mumbai Badminton Association (GMBA), Maharashtra Badminton Association (MBA)
Significance	Highlights the growth of badminton talent in Maharashtra



# SPORTS



➤ **When and where will the first-ever Kho Kho World Cup be held?**

- A) January 2025, Mumbai
- B) January 2025, New Delhi
- C) February 2025, Bengaluru
- D) December 2024, Kolkata
- E) February 2025, Hyderabad



**Answer**

**B) January 2025, New Delhi**



# SPORTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** First-ever Kho Kho World Cup
- **Date:** January 13–19, 2025
- **Location:** IGI Stadium, New Delhi, India





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:**
  - Celebrate and promote Kho Kho, an indigenous Indian sport, on a global platform.
  - Elevate the visibility and appreciation of traditional sports worldwide.
- **Organizers:**
  - Hosted by the Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) in partnership with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).
  - IOA has committed to enhancing the tournament's visibility and global outreach.



## Significance:

- **Participation:**
  - 24 countries from six continents, including India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Ghana, Kenya, England, Germany, Brazil, and Australia.
  - Includes both men's and women's teams, showcasing the global appeal of Kho Kho.
- **Historical Importance:**
  - Marks the first global Kho Kho tournament, putting the sport on the international sports map.
- **Cultural Impact:**
  - Highlights India's efforts to preserve and promote traditional sports as a vital part of cultural heritage.



## Static GK Information:

- **Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI)**
  - **Established:** 1955
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **President:** Sudhanshu Mittal
- **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)**
  - **Established:** 1927
  - **President:** PT Usha
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



# SPORTS



## Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	First-ever Kho Kho World Cup
Date	January 13–19, 2025
Location	IGI Stadium, New Delhi
Participants	24 countries from six continents
Organizers	Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) in partnership with Indian Olympic Association (IOA)
Significance	Promotes indigenous sport globally, with men's and women's teams competing



➤ **How many Grand Slam titles did Rafael Nadal win during his career?**

- A) 14
- B) 20
- C) 22
- D) 24
- E) 26

**Answer**  
**C) 22**



# SPORTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Rafael Nadal retires from professional tennis
- **Date:** November 19, 2024
- **Location:** Málaga, Spain



# SPORTS



## Key Highlights:

- **Retirement Match:** Lost 6-4, 6-4 to Botic Van de Zandschulp in the Davis Cup against the Netherlands.
- **Grand Slam Titles:** Nadal won a total of **22 Grand Slam titles**, the second-most in men's tennis history.



## Career Achievements:

- **French Open Dominance:**
  - **Won 14 titles**, the most by any player at a single Grand Slam.
  - **Record:** 112 wins and only 4 losses at Roland Garros.
- **Other Grand Slam Titles:**
  - 2 Australian Opens (2009, 2022)
  - 2 Wimbledon Titles (2008, 2010)
  - 4 US Opens (2010, 2013, 2017, 2019)
- **Davis Cup Success:**
  - Won 4 titles with Spain (2004, 2008, 2009, 2011).
- **Olympic Achievements:**
  - Gold in Singles (2008, Beijing).
  - Gold in Doubles (2016, Rio, partnered with Marc López).





# SPORTS



## Legacy:

- **Style of Play:** Known for his topspin-heavy forehand, baseline consistency, and unparalleled mental strength.
- **Notable Rivalries:**
  - **Roger Federer:** Most iconic match was the 2008 Wimbledon Final.
  - **Novak Djokovic:** Known for their intense battles in Australian Open and French Open finals.
- **Recognition:** Nadal's humility and sportsmanship made him a global ambassador for tennis.



## Static GK Information:

- **Rafael Nadal**
  - **Nickname:** "King of Clay"
  - **Grand Slam Titles:** 22
  - **Olympic Golds:** 2 (Singles in 2008, Doubles in 2016)
  - **Career Singles Titles:** 92
  - **Davis Cup Titles:** 4
- **Davis Cup**
  - **Established:** 1900
  - **Organizer:** International Tennis Federation (ITF)
  - **2024 Location:** Málaga, Spain



# SPORTS



## Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Rafael Nadal retires from professional tennis
Date	November 19, 2024
Location	Málaga, Spain
Total Grand Slams	22
Notable Rivalries	Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic
Major Achievements	14 French Opens, 4 US Opens, 2 Wimbledon, 2 Australian Opens
Olympic Achievements	2 Gold Medals (2008 Singles, 2016 Doubles)
Davis Cup Titles	4 (2004, 2008, 2009, 2011)
Legacy Statement	"I leave the world of professional tennis having found many friends."



# AWARDS



➤ **Who won the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2023 for promoting harmony between Israel and Palestine?**



- A) Daniel Barenboim and Mariam Said Awwad
- B) Malala Yousafzai and Kailash Satyarthi
- C) Greta Thunberg and Ban Ki-moon
- D) Shirin Ebadi and Muhammad Yunus
- E) Angela Merkel and Antonio Guterres

**Answer**

**A) Daniel Barenboim and Mariam Said Awwad**



# AWARDS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2023
- **Date:** November 19, 2024
- **Location:** Virtual ceremony



# AWARDS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** Recognizing efforts in promoting peace, disarmament, and development.
- **Awardees' Contribution:**
  - **Daniel Barenboim:** A renowned pianist and conductor, co-founder of the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra, bringing together Israeli and Arab musicians to foster dialogue.
  - **Mariam Said Awwad:** Widow of Edward Said, co-founder of the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra, advocating cultural reconciliation between Israel and Palestine.



# AWARDS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Indira Gandhi Peace Prize:**
  - Established in 1986 by the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.
  - Awarded annually for significant contributions to peace, development, and international cooperation.
- **West-Eastern Divan Orchestra:**
  - Founded in 1999 by Daniel Barenboim and Edward Said.
  - A cultural initiative fostering dialogue between musicians from conflicting regions like Israel and Palestine.



# AWARDS



## Significance:

- Recognizes the use of music and culture as tools to bridge political and social divides.
- Highlights the importance of collaborative efforts in peacebuilding between conflicting communities.





# AWARDS



## Static GK Information:

- **Indira Gandhi Peace Prize**
  - **Established:** 1986
  - **Presented By:** Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust
  - **Purpose:** Honors significant efforts in peace, disarmament, and development.
- **Daniel Barenboim**
  - **Profession:** Conductor and Pianist
  - **Nationality:** Argentine-Israeli
  - **Notable Achievement:** Co-founder of the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra
- **Mariam Said Awwad**
  - **Profession:** Cultural Activist
  - **Nationality:** Palestinian
  - **Notable Achievement:** Co-founder of the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra



# AWARDS



## Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2024 Presentation
Date	November 19, 2024
Awardees	Daniel Barenboim and Mariam Said Awwad
Contribution	Promoting Israel-Palestine amity through the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra
Significance	Recognizing cultural initiatives fostering peace in conflict regions



# AWARDS



- **What is the primary objective of the Film Bazaar held during the International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?**
- A) To promote Indian classical cinema
  - B) To showcase and sell world cinema in South Asia
  - C) To provide a platform for budding filmmakers to connect and collaborate
  - D) To award the best films from South Asia
  - E) To focus solely on feature-length films



**Answer**

- C) To provide a platform for budding filmmakers to connect and collaborate**



# AWARDS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 18<sup>th</sup> edition of Film Bazaar at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI).
- **Date:** November 20–24, 2024
- **Location:** Marriott Resort, Goa



# AWARDS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Film Bazaar's Primary Goal:**
  - Facilitate connections among budding filmmakers, industry professionals, and global buyers.
  - Nurture South Asian content and promote creative and financial collaborations.



# AWARDS



## Key Features of Film Bazaar 2024:

- **Record Participation:** Over 1500 registrations and more than 10 country-specific pavilions.
- **Creative Minds of Tomorrow (CMOT):** Expanded to include 100 young talents.
- **Co-Production Market:** Featuring 21 feature films and 8 web series from seven countries.
- **Viewing Room:** Includes 208 films (feature, mid-length, and short formats) for potential distribution and funding opportunities.
- **Online Film Bazaar Initiative:** A virtual platform to connect global buyers and sellers.



# AWARDS



## Significance:

- Serves as South Asia's premier film market, fostering cinematic innovation and collaboration.
- Encourages aspiring filmmakers to showcase ideas, secure deals, and explore co-productions.
- Bridges the gap between South Asian and international filmmakers, distributors, and producers.



# AWARDS



## Static GK Information:

- **International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**
  - **Established:** 1952
  - **Organizer:** Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
  - **Location:** Goa
- **Film Bazaar**
  - **Founded:** 2007
  - **Organizer:** National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)
  - **Focus:** South Asian films and global collaborations





# AWARDS



## Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	18th edition of Film Bazaar at IFFI, Goa
Dates	November 20–24, 2024
Location	Marriott Resort, Goa
Purpose	Nurture aspiring filmmakers and foster global collaborations
Key Features	Creative Minds of Tomorrow, Co-Production Market, Online Film Bazaar
Number of Films	208 (feature, mid-length, and short formats)
Country Pavilions	More than 10
Significant Guests	Sanjay Jaju, Shekhar Kapur, Prithul Kumar, Vrunda Manohar Desai



➤ **What is the name of India's first indigenous antibiotic developed to combat drug-resistant pneumonia?**

- A) Nafithromycin
- B) Azithromycin
- C) Amoxicillin
- D) Rifampicin
- E) Erythromycin

**Answer**

**A) Nafithromycin**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Soft launch of India's first indigenous antibiotic, Nafithromycin
- **Date:** November 20, 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:**
  - Combat Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR), a global health crisis.
  - Treat Community-Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia (CABP) caused by drug-resistant pathogens.
- **Developer:**
  - Created by Wockhardt under the trade name Mignaf, with support from Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).
  - Backed by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) through its Biotechnology Industry Partnership Program (BIPP).



## Features of Nafithromycin:

- First antibiotic in its class globally in over 30 years.
- 10 times more effective than azithromycin, validated through clinical trials.
- Shorter regimen of 3 doses over 3 days.
- Effective against typical and atypical pathogens.
- Minimal side effects and unaffected by food, offering superior safety and versatility.



## Significance:

- India bears 23% of the global community pneumonia burden.
- The drug is a response to widespread resistance to current treatments like azithromycin.
- Marks 14 years of research with an investment of ₹500 crores.
- Positioned to save millions of lives globally, reinforcing India's role as a leader in biotechnology innovation.



## Static GK Information:

- **Nafithromycin**
  - **Developer:** Wockhardt
  - **Support:** Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)
  - **Purpose:** Combat Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and treat Community-Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia (CABP)
- **Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)**
  - **Founded:** 2012
  - **Parent Organization:** Department of Biotechnology (DBT), India
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Chairman:** Dr. Rajesh S. Gokhale



## Static GK Information:

- **Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)**
  - **Founded:** 1940
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Role:** Regulatory authority for the approval of drugs and clinical trials in India





## Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Soft launch of Nafithromycin, India's first indigenous antibiotic
Date	November 20, 2024
Developer	Wockhardt
Support	BIRAC under DBT's Biotechnology Industry Partnership Program (BIPP)
Purpose	Combat AMR and treat Community-Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia (CABP)
Features	10x efficacy, 3-day regimen, minimal side effects
Global Impact	First antibiotic in its class developed globally in 30 years
Investment	₹500 crores over 14 years



➤ **What major initiative did Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva unveil at the G20 Summit 2024?**

- A) Climate Finance for Developing Countries
- B) Global Alliance to End Poverty and Hunger
- C) Sci-Tech Innovations for Global South
- D) Taxing the Super-Rich Initiative
- E) Sustainable Energy Transition Fund



**Answer**

**B) Global Alliance to End Poverty and Hunger**



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** G20 Summit 2024
- **Date:** November 18–19, 2024
- **Location:** Museum of Modern Art, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Initiative Unveiled:**
  - **Brazilian President Lula** launched a Global Alliance to End Poverty and Hunger, signed by 81 countries, including 18 G20 nations, the European Union, and the African Union.
  - Aimed at tackling hunger and poverty, Lula emphasized their root causes in political choices.



## Other Key Points Discussed:

- **Climate Finance:** Pressure on G20 to resolve impasses at COP29 over \$1 trillion annual climate financing for developing nations.
- **Wars Impacting Discussions:**
  - Middle East and Ukraine conflicts overshadowed the agenda.
  - Russia-Ukraine tensions not formally discussed but loomed over summit margins.
- **Major Announcements:**
  - China, Brazil, South Africa, and African Union collaboration for sci-tech innovation in the Global South.
  - US President Biden's farewell diplomacy included climate commitments, despite the looming prospect of Donald Trump withdrawing from the Paris Agreement.



## Static GK Information:

- **Brazil**
  - **Capital:** Brasília
  - **Currency:** Brazilian Real
  - **President:** Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
  - **Language:** Portuguese
- **G20**
  - **Established:** 1999
  - **Members:** 19 countries + European Union
  - **2024 Host:** Brazil



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	G20 Summit 2024
Date	November 18–19, 2024
Location	Museum of Modern Art, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Major Initiative	Global Alliance to End Poverty and Hunger
Signatories	81 countries, excluding Argentina
Other Highlights	Sci-tech initiative for Global South, Climate finance for developing nations
Wars Impact	Ukraine and Middle East conflicts overshadowed discussions



➤ **What was a key focus area during the 2<sup>nd</sup> India-Japan Joint Service Staff Talks (JSST) held in New Delhi?**

- A) Maritime Security and Trade Relations
- B) Collaboration in Space and Cyber Technologies
- C) Renewable Energy Initiatives
- D) Military Exercises in the Arctic Region
- E) Development of Nuclear Defence Capabilities



**Answer**

**B) Global Alliance to End Poverty and Hunger**





## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 2<sup>nd</sup> India-Japan Joint Service Staff Talks (JSST)
- **Date:** November 20, 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose of JSST:**
  - Advance defence cooperation through regular high-level operational discussions.
  - Enhance bilateral collaboration between India's Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) and the Japan Self-Defence Force (JSDF).
- **Focus Areas:**
  - Strengthen partnerships in space and cyber technologies, crucial in modern warfare.
  - Bolster defence engagements and explore avenues for cooperation under bilateral mechanisms.



## Key Highlights:

- **Co-Chairs:**
  - India: Air Vice Marshal Prashant Mohan, Assistant Chief of IDS.
  - Japan: Major General Minamikawa Nobutaka, Director General, Defence Plans and Policy Department (J5), JSDF.
- **Strategic Discussions:**
  - Importance of addressing emerging security challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.
  - Focus on safeguarding shared interests and promoting peace.
- **Outcomes:**
  - Reinforced the bilateral defence relationship with a commitment to meet regularly for further discussions.



## Significance:

- Reflects the long-term strategic partnership between India and Japan, built on mutual trust, respect, and shared values.
- Acknowledges the importance of India-Japan cooperation in Indo-Pacific security dynamics.



## Static GK Information:

- **India-Japan Defence Cooperation**
  - **Bilateral Frameworks:** 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue, Annual Defence Ministerial Meetings.
- **Key Exercises:**
  - **Dharma Guardian:** Joint Army exercises.
  - **JIMEX:** Naval exercises.
  - **Shinyuu Maitri:** Air Force exercises.
- **Japan**
  - **Capital:** Tokyo
  - **Currency:** Japanese Yen
  - **Prime Minister:** Fumio Kishida
- **India**
  - **Capital:** New Delhi
  - **President:** Droupadi Murmu
  - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	2nd India-Japan Joint Service Staff Talks (JSST)
Date	November 20, 2024
Location	New Delhi, India
Key Focus	Collaboration in space and cyber technologies
Co-Chairs	Air Vice Marshal Prashant Mohan (India) and Major General Minamikawa Nobutaka (Japan)
Significance	Strengthening Indo-Pacific security and fostering bilateral defence ties
Outcome	Reinforced bilateral defence partnership with plans for regular discussions



➤ Which village in Chhattisgarh has been selected for the UNWTO's Best Tourism Village Upgrade Programme?

- A) Dhudmaras
- B) Chitrakote
- C) Jagdalpur
- D) Mainpat
- E) Dantewada

**Answer**

**A) Dhudmaras**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Dhudmaras selected for UNWTO's Best Tourism Village Upgrade Programme.
- **Location:** Dhudmaras, Bastar district, Chhattisgarh.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Programme:**
  - UNWTO Best Tourism Village Upgrade Programme supports villages to enhance their tourism potential.
  - Focuses on developing tourism infrastructure, promoting cultural heritage, and improving residents' quality of life.
- **Selection Criteria:**
  - Cultural and natural richness.
  - Potential to become a model for sustainable rural tourism.



## Significance of Dhudmaras:

- Situated in Kanger Valley National Park, surrounded by dense forests and the Kanger River.
- **Known for:**
  - Natural beauty, biodiversity, tribal traditions, and local cuisine.
  - Eco-tourism activities like trekking, birdwatching, bamboo rafting, and kayaking.
  - Homestays offering a glimpse into traditional Dhurwa Tribe life.
- Empowered by the Tourism and Forest Departments, younger tribe members are trained in tourism-related activities.



## Initiatives for Development:

- Improvements in roads and transport by the Chhattisgarh government.
- Promotion of local handicrafts and sustainable resource use, such as bamboo-made items and mud houses.
- Integration of training and capacity building for eco-tourism activities.



## Static GK Information:

- **Chhattisgarh**
  - **Capital:** Raipur
  - **CM:** Bhupesh Baghel
  - **Governor:** Biswabhusan Harichandan
- **UNWTO**
  - **Full Form:** United Nations World Tourism Organisation
  - **Headquarters:** Madrid, Spain
  - **Founded:** 1975
  - **Secretary-General:** Zurab Pololikashvili



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## Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Dhudmaras selected for UNWTO's Best Tourism Village Upgrade Programme
Location	Dhudmaras, Bastar district, Chhattisgarh
Significance	Promoting eco-tourism, tribal heritage, and sustainable tourism development
Key Activities	Trekking, birdwatching, kayaking, bamboo rafting, homestays
Government Support	Road improvements, handicraft promotion, capacity-building initiatives



➤ Which organization recently signed an MoU with H2Global Stiftung to promote Green Hydrogen initiatives?

- A) NTPC Limited
- B) Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI)
- C) Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)
- D) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- E) Power Grid Corporation of India



**Answer**

**B) Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI)**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of an MoU between SECI and H2Global Stiftung to promote Green Hydrogen initiatives.
- **Date:** November 19, 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:**
  - Foster collaboration to enhance the Green Hydrogen economy.
  - Enable knowledge exchange on market-based mechanisms and facilitate joint tender design concepts.
- **Key Focus:**
  - Strengthen India's ambition to become an export hub for Green Hydrogen and its derivatives.
  - Provide insights into global hydrogen market dynamics, including trade logistics and stakeholder engagement.





## MoU Highlights:

- **Signatories:**
  - **SECI:** Shri Sanjay Sharma, Director (Solar).
  - **H2Global Stiftung:** Dr. Susana Moreira, Executive Director.
- **Presence of Key Dignitaries:**
  - Shri Prashant Kumar Singh (Secretary, MNRE).
  - Mr. Timo Bollerhey (CEO, HintCo).
  - Shri Abhay Bhakare (Mission Director, NGHM).



## Significance:

- Aligns with **India's National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM)**.
- Promotes India's position as a key player in the global Green Hydrogen ecosystem.
- Enhances collaboration on joint tenders, facilitating international partnerships for hydrogen export.



## Static GK Information:

- **Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI)**
  - **Founded:** 2011
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Chairman & MD:** Shri Suman Sharma
  - **Parent Ministry:** Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
- **H2Global Stiftung**
  - **Headquarters:** Germany
  - **Objective:** Promotes the global advancement of hydrogen technologies and economies.



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## Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	SECI signs MoU with H2Global Stiftung to promote Green Hydrogen initiatives
Date	November 19, 2024
Purpose	Strengthen collaboration in Green Hydrogen economy
Key Focus	Joint tender design, trade logistics, stakeholder engagement
Signatories	Shri Sanjay Sharma (SECI) and Dr. Susana Moreira (H2Global Stiftung)
Presence	MNRE Secretary, NGHM Mission Director, and HintCo CEO
Significance	Positions India as a potential Green Hydrogen export hub



➤ **What ambitious renewable energy target has India set for 2030, as highlighted by PM Modi at the G20 session?**

- A) 100 GW
- B) 200 GW
- C) 300 GW
- D) 500 GW
- E) 600 GW

**Answer**

**D) 500 GW**



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## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Prime Minister's address at the G20 Summit on Sustainable Development and Energy Transition
- **Date:** November 20, 2024
- **Location:** Brazil



## Key Highlights of PM Modi's Address:

- **India's Renewable Energy Targets:**
  - India aims to produce 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030, of which 200 GW has already been achieved.
- **Achievements in Sustainable Development:**
  - Provided 40 million families with housing in the last decade.
  - Supplied 120 million households with clean drinking water in the past five years.
  - Delivered clean cooking fuel to 100 million families and built toilets for 115 million families.



## Key Highlights of PM Modi's Address:

- **Global Initiatives by India:**
  - **International Solar Alliance (ISA):** Promoting solar energy.
  - **Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI):** Building resilient infrastructure.
  - **Mission LiFE:** Encouraging sustainable living practices.
  - **One Sun One World One Grid (OSOWOG):** Integrating solar grids globally.
  - **Global Biofuel Alliance:** Advancing biofuel adoption.





## Call for Global Cooperation:

- Urged prioritizing the Global South's needs, especially Small Island Developing States (SIDS).
- Advocated support for India's Global Development Compact announced at the Voice of the Global South Summit.



## Significance:

- Reaffirmed India's leadership in meeting its Paris Agreement commitments.
- Strengthened the focus on energy transition and sustainable development as G20 priorities.



## Static GK Information:

- **G20**
  - **Established:** 1999
  - **Members:** 19 countries + European Union
  - **2024 Presidency:** Brazil
- **India's Renewable Energy Targets**
  - **2030 Target:** 500 GW
  - **Achievements:** 200 GW (as of 2024)
- **Global Initiatives by India**
  - **International Solar Alliance (ISA):** Launched in 2015.
  - **Mission LiFE:** Announced at COP26 in 2021.
  - **Global Biofuel Alliance:** Established in 2023.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	PM Modi's address at G20 session on Sustainable Development and Energy Transition
Date	November 20, 2024
Location	Brazil
Renewable Energy Target	500 GW by 2030
Global Initiatives	International Solar Alliance, Mission LiFE, Global Biofuel Alliance, OSOWOG
Key Achievements	40M houses, 120M clean water connections, 100M clean cooking fuel, 115M toilets
Focus Areas	Energy transition, Global South's development needs



➤ What is the target global market share Karnataka aims to capture with its Draft Space Tech Policy 2024-2029?

- A) 2%
- B) 5%
- C) 10%
- D) 15%
- E) 20%

**Answer**  
**B) 5%**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of Karnataka's Draft Space Tech Policy 2024-2029
- **Date:** November 20, 2024
- **Location:** Bengaluru, Karnataka



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:**
  - Transform Karnataka into a global destination for space technologies.
  - Capture 50% of India's space market and 5% of the global market.
- **Key Goals:**
  - Create high-skill, deep-tech employment opportunities.
  - Strengthen the state's NewSpace ecosystem, which has already attracted \$150 million in funding.
  - Enhance Karnataka's role in both commercial and defence-related space activities.



## Key Features of the Draft Policy:

- **Focus Areas:**
  - All segments of the space value chain (upstream, downstream, and midstream).
  - Development of space-based applications for governance, defence, and research.
- **Training and Skill Development:**
  - Train 5,000 students, including 1,500 women, to enhance employability in the global space sector.





## Key Features of the Draft Policy:

- **Investment Targets:**
  - Attract \$3 billion in investments into Karnataka's space ecosystem.
- **Support for Startups and MSMEs:**
  - Direct support to 500 startups and MSMEs via grants, equity funding, and subsidies.
  - Enable the launch of over 50 satellites by Karnataka-based enterprises.



## Strategic Initiatives:

- Establish a space manufacturing cluster to achieve economies of scale.
- Build testing centres and facilities through Public-Private Partnerships (PPP).
- Promote indigenous development of space technologies in alignment with the Indian Space Policy 2023.



## Notable Statements:

- **S Somanath (Chairman, ISRO):**
  - Highlighted India's need to expand its contribution to the global space economy from 2% to 10%.
- **Anne Neuberger (Deputy National Security Advisor, USA):**
  - Stressed the role of private sector innovation and the importance of India-US partnerships in space.
- **Dr. BK Das (Director General, DRDO):**
  - Projected defence technologies as a \$138 billion opportunity for India in the coming years.



## Static GK Information:

- **Karnataka**
  - **Capital:** Bengaluru
  - **CM:** Siddaramaiah
  - **Governor:** Thawar Chand Gehlot
- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**
  - **Founded:** 1969
  - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka
  - **Chairman:** S Somanath
- **NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)**
  - **Founded:** 2019
  - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka
  - **Role:** Commercial arm of ISRO for satellite launches and manufacturing.



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## Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Karnataka releases Draft Space Tech Policy 2024-2029
Date	November 20, 2024
Location	Bengaluru, Karnataka
Global Market Target	Capture 5% of the global space market
Focus Areas	Training, investments, space-based solutions, manufacturing clusters
Support for Startups	Support for 500 startups/MSMEs through grants and subsidies
Investment Goal	Attract \$3 billion into Karnataka's space ecosystem
Notable Organizations	ISRO, IN-SPACE, NSIL, DRDO



➤ What is the purpose of the Finance Ministry's new Performance-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for senior executives of Public Sector Banks (PSBs)?

- A) Encourage hiring of fresh graduates
- B) Prevent migration of senior executives to private banks
- C) Promote digital banking initiatives
- D) Support the expansion of rural banking
- E) Incentivize public sector bank mergers



**Answer**

**B) Prevent migration of senior executives to private banks**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of a Performance-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for senior executives of PSBs by the Finance Ministry.
- **Date:** November 20, 2024
- **Location:** Mumbai



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose of the Scheme:**
  - To retain talent by addressing the migration of senior executives to private sector banks.
  - Boost morale and motivate performance among senior executives in the rank of Chief Manager and above.





## Key Features of the Scheme:

- **Eligibility:**
  - Open to all permanent employees, including lateral hires and officers on deputation, at the rank of Chief Manager and above.
- **Incentives:**
  - Rewards linked directly to the performance of the bank and individual contributions.
- **Objective:**
  - Ensure competitiveness of public sector banks in attracting and retaining top talent.



## Significance:

- Strengthens **the human resource framework** of public sector banks.
- Aims to reduce the talent drain to private banks by offering competitive incentives.
- Encourages senior executives to contribute actively towards achieving organizational goals.



## Static GK Information:

- **Finance Ministry of India**
  - **Current Finance Minister:** Nirmala Sitharaman
  - **Founded:** 1946
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
- **Public Sector Banks (PSBs)**
  - **Number of PSBs in India:** 12 (after mergers in 2020).
  - **Largest PSB:** State Bank of India (SBI).



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Finance Ministry unveils PLI scheme for senior executives of PSBs
Date	November 20, 2024
Location	Mumbai
Eligibility	Permanent employees, lateral hires, and officers on deputation (Chief Manager and above)
Purpose	Retain talent and prevent migration to private banks
Key Benefit	Performance-based incentives for senior executives



# QUICK RECALL



- **World Children’s Day is observed on November 20 annually, focusing on children’s welfare and rights.**
- **World Fisheries Day 2024 theme: India’s Blue Transformation: Strengthening Small-Scale and Sustainable Fisheries.**
- **Harshit Mahimkar and Prisha Shah secured double titles at the Maharashtra State Open Badminton 2024.**
- **First-ever Kho Kho World Cup will be held from January 13–19, 2025, in New Delhi.**
- **Rafael Nadal retires with 22 Grand Slam titles, including 14 French Opens.**
- **Daniel Barenboim and Mariam Said Awwad win the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2024.**
- **18th Film Bazaar launched during 55th IFFI, fostering connections for budding filmmakers.**
- **India launches its first indigenous antibiotic Nafithromycin, addressing drug-resistant pneumonia.**



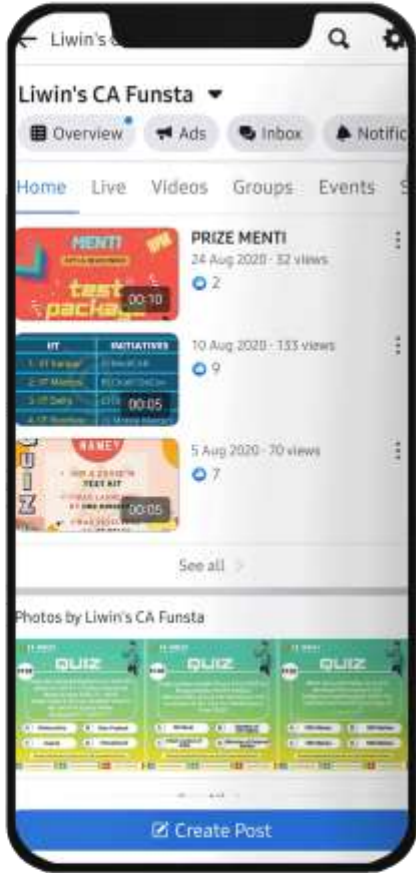
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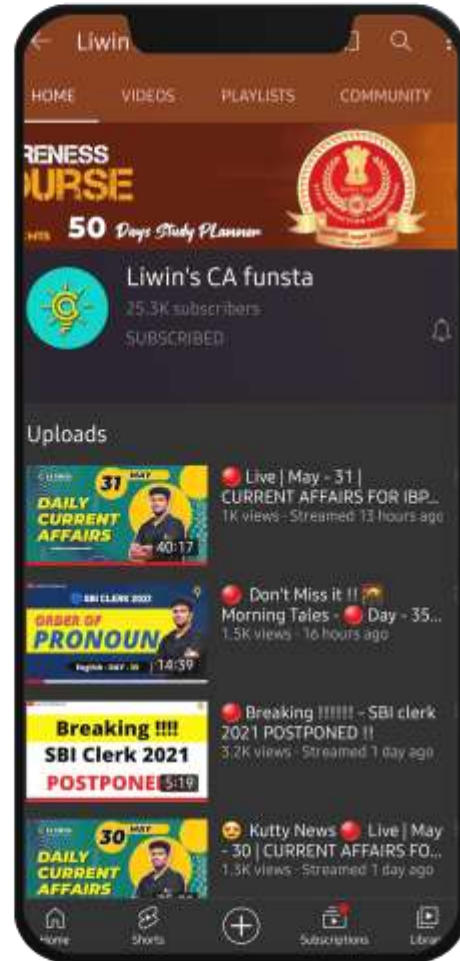
- **President Lula launched Global Alliance to End Poverty and Hunger at G20 Summit 2024.**
- **2nd India-Japan JSST focused on space and cyber technology collaboration in New Delhi.**
- **Dhudmaras, Chhattisgarh, selected for UNWTO's Best Tourism Village Upgrade Programme.**
- **SECI signed an MoU with H2Global Stiftung to advance Green Hydrogen initiatives.**
- **PM Modi highlighted India's 500 GW renewable energy target by 2030 at G20 session.**
- **Karnataka aims to capture 5% of the global space market with its Draft Space Tech Policy.**
- **Finance Ministry introduces PLI scheme for PSB senior executives to reduce talent drain.**



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