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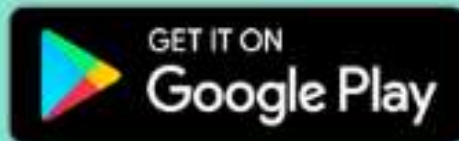
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➤ Which team won the 40<sup>th</sup> Governor's Gold Cup International Football Tournament in 2024?

- A) Gangtok Himalayan SC
- B) North-East United FC
- C) Shillong Lajong FC
- D) Aizawl FC
- E) East Bengal FC

**Answer**

**B) North-East United FC**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 40<sup>th</sup> All India Governor's Gold Cup International Football Tournament Final.
- **Location:** Paljor Stadium, Gangtok, Sikkim.
- **Date:** November 25, 2024.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:**
  - Recognize excellence in football and promote sportsmanship among Indian football clubs.
- **Tournament Format:**
  - International football tournament featuring clubs from across India and neighboring regions.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. Tournament Final:

- **Winner:**
  - North-East United FC, defeating Gangtok Himalayan SC in a penalty shootout (4-3).
- **Match Outcome:**
  - Regular time ended in a 1-1 draw.

### 2. Dignitaries Present:

- **Chief Minister:** Prem Singh Tamang-Golay.
- **Governor:** Om Prakash Mathur.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 3. Remarks by Chief Minister:

- Applauded North-East United FC for their dedication and victory.
- Praised Gangtok Himalayan SC for their inspiring journey to the final.
- Highlighted the enthusiastic support from the crowd, which made the event memorable.



## Static GK Information:

- **Sikkim:**
  - **Capital:** Gangtok
  - **Chief Minister:** Prem Singh Tamang-Golay
  - **Governor:** Om Prakash Mathur
  - **Famous Stadium:** Paljor Stadium



# SPORTS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Tournament Name	Governor's Gold Cup International Football Tournament
Edition	40th
Winner	North-East United FC
Runner-Up	Gangtok Himalayan SC
Venue	Paljor Stadium, Gangtok, Sikkim
Winning Margin	Penalty shootout (4-3)
Dignitaries Present	CM Prem Singh Tamang-Golay, Governor Om Prakash Mathur



➤ **Who won a gold medal for India at the World Military Wrestling Championships 2024?**

- A) Priyanka
- B) Reetika Hooda
- C) Jyoti Sihag
- D) Jaideep
- E) All of the above

**Answer**

**E) All of the above**



# SPORTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Military Wrestling Championships 2024.
- **Location:** Yerevan, Armenia.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:**
  - Promote excellence in military sports and recognize athletes' achievements.
  - Showcase women's participation in wrestling at an international level.





## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. Medal Wins for India:

- **Gold Medals:**
  - **Reetika Hooda:** Won gold in her category.
  - **Jyoti Sihag:** Secured gold in her category.
  - **Jaideep:** Achieved gold in his category.
- **Bronze Medal:**
  - **Priyanka:** Earned bronze in the 68 kg category.

### 2. Historic First for India:

- This was the first time India sent a women's contingent to the World Military Wrestling Championships.

### 3. Total Medals Won:

- India clinched seven medals, including three golds.



## Static GK Information:

- **Yerevan, Armenia:**
  - **Capital of Armenia:** Yerevan
  - **Currency:** Armenian Dram
  - **President:** Vahagn Khachaturyan
  - **Prime Minister:** Nikol Pashinyan
- **Wrestling in India:**
  - Wrestling is one of the oldest and most successful sports in India.
  - **Governing Body:** Wrestling Federation of India (WFI).
  - **Famous Wrestlers:** Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik, Vinesh Phogat.



# SPORTS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event Name	World Military Wrestling Championships 2024
Location	Yerevan, Armenia
Gold Medalists	Reetika Hooda, Jyoti Sihag, Jaideep
Bronze Medalist	Priyanka (68 kg category)
Significance	First-ever women's contingent from India participated
Total Medals for India	7 medals (3 golds, 1 bronze)



# OBITUARY



➤ **What is Shashikant Ruia's most notable contribution as Chairman of Essar Group?**

- A) Establishing Essar as a global conglomerate across multiple sectors
- B) Launching India's first e-commerce platform
- C) Founding Essar's healthcare division for rural development
- D) Introducing sustainable farming practices in Rajasthan
- E) Acquiring India's largest coal mining operations



**Answer**

**A) Establishing Essar as a global conglomerate across multiple sectors**



# OBITUARY



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Passing of Shashikant Ruia, Chairman of Essar Group, at the age of 81.
- **Date:** November 26, 2024.
- **Legacy:** Ruia played a pivotal role in transforming Essar from a family business into a global conglomerate.



# OBITUARY



## Key Contributions:

### 1. Foundation of Essar Group:

- Co-founded Essar with his brother Ravi Ruia after their father's passing in 1969.
- Diversified into sectors like infrastructure, steel, shipping, oil exploration, and telecom, marking Essar's global expansion.

### 2. Global Expansion:

- Acquired Stanlow refinery and retail outlets in the UK from Royal Dutch Shell in 2011.
- Sold Essar's telecom business to Vodafone for \$5 billion, a major success story.



# OBITUARY



## Key Contributions:

### 3. Challenges and Debt Management:

- Essar's rapid expansion was funded through significant debt, leading to financial difficulties by 2017.
- Ruia sold flagship ventures, including steel and oil businesses, to resolve debts totaling ₹1.35 trillion.

### 4. Essar 2.0 Plan:

- Post debt resolution, Shashikant Ruia supported the Essar 2.0 strategy, focusing on steel, hydrogen, and renewable energy projects globally.
- **Investments include:**
  - \$8 billion across the US, India, and Saudi Arabia for steel projects.
  - Blue hydrogen project in the UK and green ammonia terminal development.



# OBITUARY



## Tributes:

- Acknowledged as a visionary leader by political figures, industrialists, and former colleagues.
- Salman Khurshid noted his contributions as pivotal to India's corporate landscape.





# OBITUARY



## Static GK Information:

- **Essar Group:**
  - **Founded:** 1969
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **Key Industries:** Steel, Oil & Gas, Infrastructure, and Renewables
- **Stanlow Refinery (Essar Oil UK):**
  - **Acquired:** 2011 from Royal Dutch Shell
  - **Location:** Cheshire, UK



# OBITUARY



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Name	Shashikant Ruia
Role	Chairman, Essar Group
Key Achievements	Diversified Essar into a global conglomerate across multiple sectors
Major Acquisition	Stanlow Refinery (UK)
Key Projects Under Essar 2.0	Steel projects in Saudi Arabia, US, and India; blue hydrogen and green ammonia initiatives
Tributes	Recognized for shaping India's corporate and industrial landscape



- **What is the purpose of the newly launched OmniGen AI solution by Canara HSBC Life Insurance?**
- A) To reduce customer premiums for high-risk policies
  - B) To automate risk evaluation in underwriting using Generative AI
  - C) To enhance customer interaction via chatbots
  - D) To develop new insurance policies for Tier-3 cities
  - E) To train underwriters in manual risk assessment



**Answer**

**B) To automate risk evaluation in underwriting using Generative AI**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of OmniGen AI, a Generative AI-driven solution for risk evaluation.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India.
- **Date:** November 25, 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Objective:**
  - Automate and optimize risk evaluation in underwriting through Generative AI, reducing processing time and enhancing precision.
- **Key Goals:**
  - Ensure consistency in decision-making.
  - Minimize underwriting errors and operational costs.
  - Enhance customer and business outcomes.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. Features of OmniGen AI:

- **Generative AI Co-pilot Solution:**
  - Leverages Large Language Models (LLMs) to automate underwriting processes.
  - Analyzes underwriting manuals, risk models, and customer profiles for swift and accurate decisions.
- **Scalability and Consistency:**
  - Offers faster turnaround times (TAT) by reducing manual oversight and delays.
  - Scalable capacity to process large volumes of underwriting requests efficiently.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 2. Benefits to Stakeholders:

- **Underwriters:**
  - Improved accuracy and objectivity in risk evaluation.
  - Identifies key judgment points for enhanced decision-making.
- **Customers:**
  - Seamless policy buying experience with faster processing times.
  - Transparent rationale behind underwriting decisions.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 3. Operational Enhancements:

- Streamlines high-risk case assessments and fraud risk evaluation.
- Reduces backend workload and operational costs.

### 4. Strategic Implementation:

- Integrates Generative AI capabilities into servicing and claims settlement processes.
- Develops ecosystems where AI-driven manuals and risk frameworks are reviewed by human experts, creating a hybrid approach.





## About Canara HSBC Life Insurance:

- **Established:** 2008
- **Promoters:**
  - Canara Bank (51% ownership)
  - HSBC Insurance (Asia Pacific Holdings) (26% ownership)
  - Punjab National Bank (23% ownership)
- **Headquarters:** Gurugram, Haryana
- **Specialty:**
  - Offers life, health, term plans, and retirement solutions through multiple channels, including bancassurance, digital, and direct field force.



## Static GK Information:

- **Amazon Web Services (AWS):**
  - **Headquarters:** Seattle, Washington, USA
  - **CEO:** Adam Selipsky
  - **Specialty:** Cloud computing platform.



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Launch Name	OmniGen AI
Purpose	Automate and optimize risk evaluation in underwriting using Generative AI
Technology Used	Amazon Web Services (AWS), Generative AI, Large Language Models (LLMs)
Key Benefits	Faster processing, consistency, transparency, and cost-efficiency
Parent Company	Canara HSBC Life Insurance
Headquarters	Gurugram, Haryana



- **What will be the focus of Angel One Mutual Fund, recently approved by SEBI?**
- A) Active stock selection for high-risk investors
  - B) Exclusive passive investment solutions
  - C) Hedge fund management for institutional investors
  - D) Developing small-scale mutual funds for rural markets
  - E) Launch of real estate mutual fund schemes



**Answer**

**B) Exclusive passive investment solutions**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** SEBI approval for Angel One to act as an Asset Management Company (AMC) for Angel One Mutual Fund.
- **Location:** Mumbai.
- **Date:** November 26, 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Focus of Angel One Mutual Fund:**
  - Specialize in passive investment solutions, which track market indices instead of actively selecting stocks.
  - Cater to investors seeking low-cost, diversified investment options aligned with index performance.
- **Approval by SEBI:**
  - SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) regulates and approves the operation of mutual funds in India.
  - Ensures transparency and investor protection in the mutual fund market.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. Business Scope:

- Angel One Mutual Fund will focus entirely on passive investments, such as index funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

### 2. Advantages of Passive Investments:

- Lower fees compared to actively managed funds.
- Ideal for investors preferring market-linked returns without active stock management.

### 3. Future Implications:

- Entry into the mutual fund space strengthens Angel One's presence in the financial services sector.
- Aligns with growing investor demand for cost-efficient and transparent investment options.



## Static GK Information:

- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):**
  - **Founded:** 12 April 1988 (Statutory powers in 1992)
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **Chairperson:** Madhabi Puri Buch
- **Angel One Limited:**
  - **Founded:** 1987
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **CEO:** Narayan Gangadhar





## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event	SEBI approval for Angel One to act as AMC for its mutual fund
Mutual Fund Focus	Exclusive passive investment solutions
Regulatory Authority	Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
Advantages of Passive Funds	Low-cost, diversified options aligned with market indices
Company	Angel One Asset Management Company



➤ **What is the primary focus of the MoU signed between DPIIT and WinZO?**

- A) Launching a national esports tournament in India
- B) Bridging the talent gap and fostering startups in the gaming and interactive entertainment sector
- C) Developing hardware exclusively for interactive gaming
- D) Offering loans to small-scale gaming companies
- E) Promoting traditional Indian board games internationally



**Answer**

**B) Bridging the talent gap and fostering startups in the gaming and interactive entertainment sector**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of an MoU between DPIIT and WinZO to promote India's gaming and interactive entertainment sector.
- **Location:** India-wide implementation.
- **Date:** November 26, 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the MoU:**
  - Support over 2,000 startups in gaming and interactive entertainment.
  - Bridge the talent gap by training professionals in coding, animation, game design, and development.
  - Establish India as a global leader in the \$300 billion global gaming market.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. Support for Startups:

- Establishment of a Center of Excellence (CoE) to nurture startups and entrepreneurs.
- Provide mentorship, access to global opportunities, and industry insights.
- Drive innovation and scale 'Made in India' intellectual properties (IPs) for global markets.

### 2. Workforce Development:

- Focus on creating a skilled workforce aligned with the industry's needs.
- Address long-standing challenges in monetization and manufacturing of interactive technology products.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 3. Economic Growth Potential:

- The USISPF report projects India's interactive entertainment sector to grow to \$60 billion by 2034, creating over 2 million jobs.

### 4. WinZO's Role:

- Expand its Tech Triumph Program to mentor game developers.
- Showcase Indian gaming talent on global platforms like GDC and Gamescom LATAM.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 5. Global Vision:

- Attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).
- Establish India as a producer and exporter of world-class gaming assets.
- Align with PM Modi's Atmanirbhar Bharat vision, boosting India's self-reliance in interactive technologies.



## Static GK Information:

- **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT):**
  - **Founded:** 1995 (as Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion)
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **Parent Ministry:** Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- **WinZO:**
  - **Founded:** 2018
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **Focus:** Social gaming and interactive entertainment
- **USISPF:**
  - **Full Form:** U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum
  - **Headquarters:** Washington, D.C., USA





## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
MoU Between	DPIIT and WinZO
Focus Area	Bridging talent gaps, fostering startups, and scaling interactive entertainment in India
Key Initiative	Establishment of a Center of Excellence (CoE)
Economic Impact	Projected growth to \$60 billion by 2034, creating over 2 million jobs
Global Focus	Developing 'Made in India' intellectual property and attracting FDI



- **What recent acquisitions and combinations were approved by the Competition Commission of India (CCI)?**
- A) Mergers in the healthcare and real estate sectors
  - B) Acquisitions in banking, e-commerce, food services, and construction industries
  - C) Expansion of renewable energy investments
  - D) Development of blockchain technology partnerships
  - E) Licensing of intellectual property for startups

**Answer**

**B) Acquisitions in banking, e-commerce, food services, and construction industries**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of acquisitions and combinations by the Competition Commission of India (CCI).
- **Location:** Nationwide.
- **Date:** November 26, 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Objective:**
  - Ensure fair competition by approving combinations across industries.
  - Facilitate investments and business expansion in sectors like banking, e-commerce, food services, and construction.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. MUFG Bank's Acquisition in DMI Finance:

- **Approval:** MUFG Bank acquired additional securities in DMI Finance, raising its shareholding to 20%.
- **Acquirer:** MUFG Bank, a leading Japanese bank.
- **Target:** DMI Finance, an NBFC providing loans, including personal loans and MSME loans, in India.

### 2. Jongsong Investments' Acquisition in Rebel Foods:

- **Approval:** Subscription to compulsorily convertible preference shares and equity shares in Rebel Foods by Jongsong Investments.
- **Acquirer:** Jongsong Investments, a wholly owned subsidiary of Temasek Holdings, Singapore.
- **Target:** Rebel Foods, a leader in cloud kitchens and food services.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 3. Kotak Mahindra Bank's Acquisition from Standard Chartered Bank:

- **Approval:** Kotak Mahindra Bank acquired the unsecured personal loans portfolio of Standard Chartered Bank's India Branch.
- **Acquirer:** Kotak Mahindra Bank, a registered banking company in India.
- **Target Business:** Unsecured personal loans advanced to individual borrowers.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 4. Shoreline International Holdings' Investment in Flipkart:

- **Approval:** Subscription of shares in Flipkart Private Limited by Shoreline International Holdings, a subsidiary of Alphabet Inc. (Google).
- **Acquirer:** Shoreline International Holdings, focusing on investments.
- **Target:** Flipkart, part of the Walmart Group, engaged in e-commerce and wholesale operations.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 5. Starcin Holding's Acquisition of Fosroc Entities:

- **Approval:** Acquisition of 100% shares in Fosroc entities by Starcin Holding France SAS, a Saint-Gobain subsidiary.
- **Acquirer:** Saint-Gobain, specializing in construction materials and high-performance solutions.
- **Target Companies:** Fosroc entities manufacturing construction chemicals and admixtures.





## Static GK Information:

- **Competition Commission of India (CCI):**
  - **Established:** 2003
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **Objective:** Prevent anti-competitive practices and promote fair trade.
- **MUFG Bank:**
  - **Headquarters:** Tokyo, Japan
  - **Parent Company:** Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group
- **Temasek Holdings (Jongsong Investments):**
  - **Headquarters:** Singapore
  - **Portfolio:** Investments across diverse industries.



## Static GK Information:

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank:**
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
  - **MD & CEO:** Uday Kotak
- **Flipkart:**
  - **Parent Company:** Walmart Group
  - **Sector:** E-commerce and retail.
- **Saint-Gobain:**
  - **Headquarters:** Paris, France
  - **Specialty:** Construction materials and solutions.



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## Tabular Summary:

Acquirer	Target	Sector	Key Details
MUFG Bank	DMI Finance Private Limited	Banking/Finance	20% stake acquisition in an NBFC providing loans and lending services
Jongsong Investments	Rebel Foods Private Limited	Food Services	Investment in cloud kitchen and food service operations
Kotak Mahindra Bank	Standard Chartered Bank Loan Portfolio	Banking/Finance	Acquisition of unsecured personal loans portfolio
Shoreline International	Flipkart Private Limited	E-commerce	Investment in shares of Walmart Group subsidiary engaged in wholesale and marketplace services
Starcin Holding France SAS	Fosroc Top One, Top Two, and Fosroc Supply FZE	Construction Chemicals	100% acquisition of companies manufacturing chemical admixtures and building materials



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been recently appointed as India's next ambassador to Brazil?**

- A) Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- B) Ruchira Kamboj
- C) Dinesh Bhatia
- D) S. Jaishankar
- E) Harsh Vardhan Shringla

**Answer**

**C) Dinesh Bhatia**



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## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Dinesh Bhatia as India's next ambassador to Brazil.
- **Location:** Announcement by the Ministry of External Affairs, India.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Objective:**
  - Strengthen India's diplomatic relations with Brazil, a key partner in South America.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. About Dinesh Bhatia:

- **Current Role:** Ambassador of India to Argentina, since August 21, 2019.
- **Additional Accreditations:**
  - Represented India in Uruguay and Paraguay until February 2022.
- **Previous Positions:**
  - Consul General of India in Toronto.
  - Ambassador to Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, and Liberia.
  - Held diplomatic positions in Madrid, Kathmandu, and Kuwait.



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## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 2. Professional Background:

- **Education:**
  - Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Communication from Delhi College of Engineering.
  - Alumnus of the National Defence College (NDC).
  - Trained at the LBSNAA, Mussoorie, and the Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi.
- **Experience in India:**
  - Worked in the Department of Atomic Energy, Mumbai.
  - Served as Private Secretary to India's Tourism Minister.
  - Worked in various divisions of the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi.





# APPOINTMENTS



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 3. Publications and Contributions:

- **Author:**
  - Devi Purana—A Rendition of Srimad Devi Bhagavatam (2023).
  - Physics for Civil Services Prelims (1994).

### 4. Personal Details:

- Married to Seema Bhatia, an Ayurvedic practitioner, psychologist, and hypnotherapist.
- The couple has a daughter and a son.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **Brazil:**
  - **Capital:** Brasília
  - **Currency:** Brazilian Real
  - **President:** Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
- **Indian Ministry of External Affairs (MEA):**
  - **Minister:** Dr. S. Jaishankar
  - **Founded:** 1946
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Appointee Name	Dinesh Bhatia
New Role	Ambassador of India to Brazil
Previous Roles	Ambassador to Argentina, Consul General in Toronto, Ambassador to Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, and Liberia
Educational Background	BE in Electronics and Communication, Delhi College of Engineering
Notable Achievements	Author of Devi Purana and Physics for Civil Services Prelims
Brazil's Key Details	Capital: Brasília, Currency: Real, President: Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Maldives?**

- A) Dinesh Bhatia
- B) Munu Mahawar
- C) Ruchira Kamboj
- D) G. Balasubramanian
- E) Taranjit Singh Sandhu

**Answer**

**D) G. Balasubramanian**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Shri G. Balasubramanian as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Maldives.
- **Location:** Announcement made by the Ministry of External Affairs, India.
- **Date:** November 25, 2024.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Objective:**
  - Strengthen India's strategic and diplomatic relations with the Maldives, a key partner in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).



# APPOINTMENTS



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. About G. Balasubramanian:

- **Current Role:**
  - High Commissioner of India to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- **Educational Background:**
  - Post-graduate in Public Administration.
- **Diplomatic Career:**
  - IFS officer from the 1998 batch.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 2. Previous Roles:

- **Key Diplomatic Missions:**

- Held roles in Moscow, Dushanbe, Washington DC, and Bangkok.
- Deputy Chief of Mission in Bangkok and Moscow.
- Deputy Permanent Representative to UNESCAP, Bangkok.

- **MEA Assignments:**

- Desk Officer for Pakistan.
- Joint Secretary (Europe West).
- Joint Secretary (Administration).





## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 3. Strategic Importance of the Appointment:

- **India-Maldives Relations:**
  - Established diplomatic ties in 1965, reflecting shared ethnic, linguistic, and cultural bonds.
  - The Maldives is central to India's Neighbourhood First Policy and SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) vision.
  - India plays a pivotal role as a net security provider in the Indian Ocean Region.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **India-Maldives Relations:**
  - **Established:** 1965
  - **Strategic Role:**
    - Collaboration on maintaining security in the Indian Ocean Region.
    - Key player in India's SAGAR vision.
- **Maldives:**
  - **Capital:** Malé
  - **Currency:** Maldivian Rufiyaa
  - **President:** Mohamed Muizzu
- **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), India:**
  - **Minister:** Dr. S. Jaishankar
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Appointee Name	G. Balasubramanian
New Role	High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Maldives
Predecessor	Munu Mahawar (since November 2021)
Current Role	High Commissioner of India to Nigeria
Educational Background	Post-graduate in Public Administration
Diplomatic Career	Held roles in Moscow, Dushanbe, Washington DC, Bangkok; Deputy Permanent Representative to UNESCAP
India-Maldives Relations	Key partner in India's Neighbourhood First Policy and SAGAR vision for IOR stability and security



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who will take oath as Jharkhand's 14<sup>th</sup> Chief Minister on November 28, 2024?**

- A) Raghubar Das
- B) S L Jain
- C) Hemant Soren
- D) Arjun Munda
- E) Babulal Marandi

**Answer**

**C) Hemant Soren**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Hemant Soren's swearing-in ceremony as the 14<sup>th</sup> Chief Minister of Jharkhand.
- **Location:** Ranchi, Jharkhand.
- **Date:** November 28, 2024.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Election Results:**
  - The JMM-led alliance, part of the INDIA bloc, won 56 out of 81 seats, crossing the majority mark of 41 seats in the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly Elections 2024.
- **Alliance Composition:**
  - Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), Congress, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), and Left parties.
- **Key Objective:**
  - Form a stable government for Hemant Soren's second consecutive term as Chief Minister.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. Swearing-in Details:

- The oath-taking ceremony is scheduled for November 28, 2024.
- Until then, Hemant Soren will continue as caretaker Chief Minister.

### 2. Election Results and Alliance Strength:

- **JMM-led alliance performance:**
  - Secured 56 seats, ensuring a clear majority.
  - Outperformed the BJP-led NDA, which managed 21 seats (including 3 from allies).
- **Historic Achievement:**
  - First instance of an incumbent government being re-elected in Jharkhand since its formation in 2000.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 3. Leadership Election:

- Hemant Soren was unanimously elected as the Legislature Party Leader of the INDIA bloc in Jharkhand.





# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **Jharkhand:**
  - **Established:** November 15, 2000
  - **Capital:** Ranchi
  - **Governor:** C.P. Radhakrishnan
  - **Major Political Parties:** Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), BJP, Congress, RJD



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event Name	Hemant Soren's Swearing-in Ceremony
Position	14th Chief Minister of Jharkhand
Alliance Performance	JMM-led alliance: 56 seats; BJP-led NDA: 21 seats
Date of Oath-taking	November 28, 2024
Election Majority Mark	41 seats
Historic Achievement	First re-elected incumbent government in Jharkhand



# APPOINTMENTS

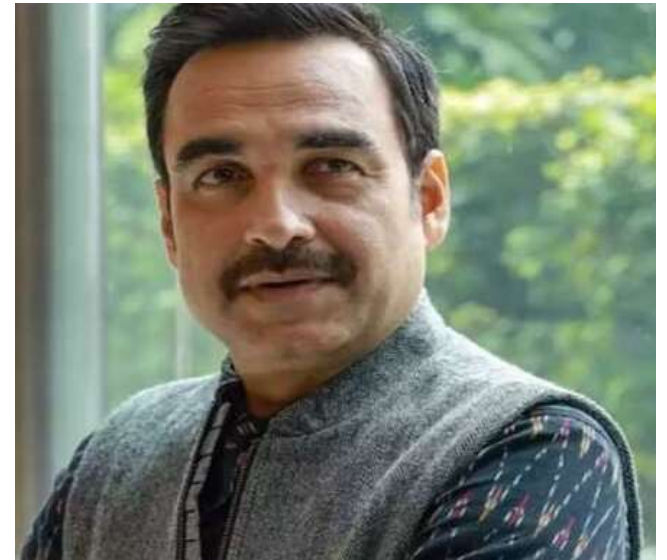


➤ **Who has been appointed as the Festival Ambassador for the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav 2024?**

- A) Manoj Bajpayee
- B) Pankaj Tripathi
- C) Nawazuddin Siddiqui
- D) Radhika Apte
- E) Rajkummar Rao

**Answer**

**B) Pankaj Tripathi**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Arunachal Rang Mahotsav 2024 (ARM '24).
- **Location:** Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Dates:** November 22 to December 5, 2024.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:**
  - Celebrate the rich cultural heritage and creative talent of Arunachal Pradesh through theatre.
  - Honor traditional and contemporary performing arts, including oral folklore, local dance, and martial art forms.
- **Vision:**
  - To establish the festival as the largest international theatre platform in Northeast India, fostering global collaboration in performing arts.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. Appointment of Festival Ambassador:

- Renowned actor Pankaj Tripathi was named the Festival Ambassador.
- Tripathi expressed his deep connection to theatre as his "first love in the performing arts," acknowledging its role in shaping his career.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 2. Festival Features:

- **Duration:** A 15-day event showcasing national and international talent.
- **Performances:** Includes proscenium theatre, street plays, and intimate stage productions.
- **Unique Aspects:**
  - Focus on Arunachal's oral folklore traditions, local dance, and martial arts.
  - Fusion of traditional elements with modern theatre practices.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 3. Organizing Body and Support:

- Spearheaded by Riken Ngomle, Assistant Professor of Acting at NSD.
- Supported by Arunachal Tourism and the Government of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Endorsed by Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein and other patrons.

### 4. Pankaj Tripathi's Journey in Theatre:

- Began his performing arts career with street plays and theatre in Gopalganj, Bihar.
- Alumni of the National School of Drama (NSD), New Delhi.
- A celebrated actor known for his versatile performances in Indian cinema.





# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **Arunachal Pradesh:**
  - **Capital:** Itanagar
  - **Chief Minister:** Pema Khandu
  - **Governor:** Lt. Gen. Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik (Retd.)
  - **Famous Festival:** Tawang Festival



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event Name	Arunachal Rang Mahotsav 2024 (ARM '24)
Dates	November 22 to December 5, 2024
Festival Ambassador	Pankaj Tripathi
Key Focus	Arunachal's folklore, local dance, and martial arts
Organizer	Riken Ngomle, NSD, with Arunachal Tourism Support
Chief Patron	Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein
Unique Elements	Fusion of traditional and contemporary theatre



# AWARDS



➤ **Why was Uday Shankar Awasthi awarded the 2024 Rochdale Pioneers Award by the ICA?**

- A) For developing advanced agricultural machinery
- B) For his contribution to strengthening the cooperative sector
- C) For leading India's Green Revolution
- D) For introducing AI-based farming techniques
- E) For founding the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)



**Answer**

**B) For his contribution to strengthening the cooperative sector**



# AWARDS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Uday Shankar Awasthi received the 2024 Rochdale Pioneers Award from the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA).
- **Location:** New Delhi.
- **Date:** November 26, 2024.



# AWARDS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **About the Award:**
  - Conferred for outstanding contributions to the cooperative movement.
  - Named after the Rochdale Pioneers, founders of the cooperative movement in 1844.
  - Acknowledges individuals who have significantly advanced the cooperative model.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Awasthi's Achievements:**
  - Strengthened India's cooperative sector as Managing Director of IFFCO.
  - Spearheaded innovations such as the development of the world's first Nano Fertilizer, promoting sustainable agriculture.
  - Second Indian to receive the award after Verghese Kurien, known for the White Revolution in India.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

- **IFFCO's Role:**
  - Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) is among the largest cooperatives globally, contributing to agricultural development.
  - Focused on sustainable solutions like nano fertilizers to enhance productivity and reduce environmental impact.
- **Recognition of Indian Excellence:**
  - The award highlights India's growing influence in the global cooperative movement.
  - Continues the legacy of Kurien, reaffirming India's leadership in cooperative-driven innovations.



## Static GK Information:

- **International Cooperative Alliance (ICA):**
  - **Founded:** 1895
  - **Headquarters:** Brussels, Belgium
  - **President:** Ariel Guarco
- **Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO):**
  - **Founded:** 1967
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Managing Director:** Uday Shankar Awasthi





# AWARDS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Award Name	Rochdale Pioneers Award 2024
Recipient	Uday Shankar Awasthi, MD of IFFCO
Awarding Body	International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)
Achievement	Strengthening the cooperative sector and promoting sustainable agriculture
Second Indian Recipient	After Verghese Kurien, pioneer of India's White Revolution



- **What was the primary focus of the quantum communication demonstration organized by DRDO and IIT Delhi?**
- A) Demonstration of AI-based defence systems
  - B) Exploration of short-range wireless communication
  - C) Development of entanglement-based quantum communication technologies and Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)
  - D) Implementation of classical encryption techniques in defence communication
  - E) Testing satellite-based internet technologies



**Answer**

**C) Development of entanglement-based quantum communication technologies and Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)**



# DEFENCE



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Demonstration of quantum communication technologies by DRDO and IIT Delhi.
- **Location:** IIT Delhi, New Delhi.
- **Date:** November 26, 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Objective:**
  - Showcase advancements in entanglement-based quantum communication and Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) for secure and tamper-evident communication.
  - Strengthen India's capabilities in quantum research for strategic applications in defence and finance.
- **Key Focus Areas:**
  - Fibre-based and free-space quantum communication.
  - Development of critical quantum technologies, such as photon sources and detectors.
  - Promote indigenization of quantum components.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. Major Demonstrations:

- **Entanglement-based QKD over Fibre:**
  - 50 km fibre link in laboratory conditions.
  - 8 km fibre link on IIT Delhi campus.
- **Free-Space Entanglement Distribution:**
  - BBM-92 protocol tested between tables separated by 20m in the lab and 80m in open space.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 2. Breakthroughs in Technology:

- **Hybrid Entanglement:** Achieved with a Quantum Bit Error Rate (QBER) of  $\sim 6\%$ .
- **Photon Sources:**
  - All-fibre heralded photon source developed with high precision ( $g^2 \sim 0.01$ ).
  - Free-space heralded photon source with a rate exceeding 4 million counts/sec.

### 3. Strategic Impact:

- Enhanced security in defence and financial sectors through robust quantum communication.
- Potential applications in tamper-evident and eavesdropping-proof communication systems.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 4. Collaboration and Innovation:

- DIA-CoE (DRDO Industry Academia–Centre of Excellence) at IIT Delhi leads these initiatives.
- Collaborative efforts include DRDO labs like DYSL-QT and SSPL.

### 5. Indigenization:

- Development of single-photon sources, detectors, and non-linear crystals to reduce dependency on imports.



## Static GK Information:

- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO):**
  - **Founded:** 1958
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **Chairman:** Samir V. Kamat
- **IIT Delhi:**
  - **Established:** 1961
  - **Location:** New Delhi, India
  - **Director:** Rangan Banerjee
- **Quantum Key Distribution (QKD):**
  - A cryptographic method that uses quantum mechanics to secure communication.
  - **Protocols:** BBM-92, E91, etc.





# DEFENCE



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event Name	Quantum communication demonstration by DRDO and IIT Delhi
Focus Areas	Entanglement-based QKD, hybrid photon sources, fibre and free-space communication
Technologies Developed	Photon sources, QKD systems, quantum detectors
Key Protocols Used	BBM-92 for free-space quantum communication
Strategic Applications	Defence and financial sector security
Collaborating Labs	DRDO, DIA-CoE, DYSL-QT, SSPL



➤ **What was the main focus of the 3<sup>rd</sup> India-Tanzania Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting held in Goa?**

- A) Discussing environmental policies for marine conservation
- B) Strengthening bilateral defence cooperation, including training and maritime collaboration
- C) Establishing a joint space exploration program
- D) Expanding trade agreements in agriculture and textiles
- E) Launching a defence export deal exclusively for air defence systems



**Answer**

**B) Strengthening bilateral defence cooperation, including training and maritime collaboration**



# DEFENCE



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 3<sup>rd</sup> India-Tanzania Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) Meeting.
- **Location:** Goa, India.
- **Date:** November 26, 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Focus:**
  - Enhance training partnerships and service-to-service collaboration.
  - Expand cooperation in the maritime sector and defence industries.
  - Review progress on earlier agreements and explore new avenues of cooperation.
- **Key Outcomes:**
  - Strengthened bilateral relations through robust capacity building initiatives.
  - Introduction of a five-year roadmap to guide defence collaboration between the two nations.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. Indian Delegation:

- Led by Joint Secretary Shri Amitabh Prasad, supported by officials from the Ministry of Defence and the Armed Forces.
- High Commissioner of India to Tanzania, Shri Bishwadip Dey, was also present.

### 2. Tanzanian Delegation:

- Led by Land Forces Commander Maj Gen Fadhil Omary Nondo.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 3. Site Visits:

- The Tanzanian delegation visited Goa Shipyard Ltd to experience India's capabilities in port development and shipbuilding.
- Scheduled visits to INS Hansa and the National Institute of Hydrography in Goa for hands-on exposure to India's defence infrastructure.

### 4. Future Prospects:

- Strengthen the defence partnership guided by the five-year roadmap.
- Expand areas of cooperation beyond training and maritime activities, including collaborations in defence manufacturing.



## Static GK Information:

- **India-Tanzania Relations:**
  - **Capital of Tanzania:** Dodoma
  - **Currency:** Tanzanian Shilling
  - **President of Tanzania:** Samia Suluhu Hassan
  - Shared historical ties with a focus on development, trade, and security cooperation.
- **Indian Defence Ministry:**
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Minister:** Rajnath Singh



# DEFENCE



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event Name	3 <sup>rd</sup> India-Tanzania Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) Meeting
Location	Goa, India
Focus Areas	Training partnerships, maritime collaboration, and defence industry cooperation
Key Delegates	India: Shri Amitabh Prasad; Tanzania: Maj Gen Fadhil Omary Nondo
Site Visits	Goa Shipyard Ltd, INS Hansa, National Institute of Hydrography
Future Plan	Five-year roadmap for expanding bilateral defence cooperation





➤ **What is the primary purpose of TCS's SPARSH platform for defence pensioners?**

- A) Provide housing solutions for defence personnel
- B) Digitally streamline pension processing for defence pensioners
- C) Offer investment advice to defence pensioners
- D) Train retired personnel for private-sector jobs
- E) Develop healthcare services for defence families



**Answer**

**B) Digitally streamline pension processing for defence pensioners**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Extension of the SPARSH contract between Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and the government for an additional three years.
- **Location:** India-wide implementation.
- **Date:** November 26, 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of SPARSH:**
  - SPARSH (System for Pension Administration – Raksha) is a digital pension processing system for defence personnel.
  - Ensures efficient and transparent pension disbursement to over 30 lakh pensioners.
- **TCS's Role:**
  - Manages and operates the SPARSH platform.
  - Provides technology-driven solutions to simplify the pension disbursement process.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. Achievements of SPARSH:

- Launched in October 2020, the platform has transformed the pension system for defence personnel.
- Replaced manual processing with automated workflows, ensuring faster and error-free pension disbursements.

### 2. Features of the Platform:

- End-to-end digitization of pension processing, including claim submission, verification, and payment.
- Integration with multiple stakeholders, including banks and defence accounts departments.
- Provides a unified portal for pensioners to access updates and raise queries.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 3. Significance:

- Reduces delays and errors in pension processing.
- Improves service delivery for retired defence personnel and their families.



## Static GK Information:

- **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS):**
  - **Founded:** 1968
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **CEO:** K. Krithivasan
- **SPARSH (System for Pension Administration – Raksha):**
  - **Launched:** October 2020
  - **Managing Body:** Ministry of Defence
  - **Primary Beneficiaries:** Retired defence personnel (over 30 lakh pensioners)



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Platform Name	SPARSH (System for Pension Administration – Raksha)
Managing Company	Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
Purpose	Digital pension processing for defence personnel
Beneficiaries	Over 30 lakh retired defence personnel
Contract Extension	Three years (announced November 26, 2024)
Key Features	Automated workflows, unified portal, integration with banks



➤ **What is the primary focus of the MoU signed between NABL and CREDAI?**

- A) Introducing new construction technologies for high-rise buildings
- B) Recognizing and enhancing the quality of temporary site testing laboratories in civil engineering projects
- C) Promoting urban housing schemes for affordable housing
- D) Developing renewable energy solutions for construction sites
- E) Establishing permanent testing facilities in rural areas



**Answer**

**B) Recognizing and enhancing the quality of temporary site testing laboratories in civil engineering projects**





# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of an MoU between NABL (under QCI) and CREDAI during CREDAI's Silver Jubilee celebrations.
- **Location:** New Delhi.
- **Date:** November 25, 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of the MoU:**
  - Improve the quality and reliability of temporary site testing laboratories in civil engineering projects.
  - Implement NABL's recognition scheme to ensure accurate material testing on-site.
  - Enhance construction standards for safer and more durable structures across India.
- **Scope of the Initiative:**
  - Focus on civil engineering projects over 50,000 sq. ft.
  - Materials tested include aggregates and concrete cubes directly at construction sites.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. Role of NABL:

- NABL (National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories), under the Quality Council of India (QCI), ensures high standards in testing and calibration.
- Promotes temporary site testing laboratories as reliable platforms for quality assurance in construction projects.

### 2. Role of CREDAI:

- Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI) represents over 13,000 real estate developers across India.
- Encourages members to adopt NABL's recognition scheme to build trust in materials used.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 3. Impact:

- Boosts confidence in material quality and test results through on-site labs.
- Ensures safe, durable construction standards, benefiting developers, end-users, and the nation.



## Static GK Information:

- **National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL):**
  - **Founded:** 1988
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **CEO:** N. Venkateswaran
- **Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI):**
  - **Founded:** 1999
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **President:** Boman Irani
- **Quality Council of India (QCI):**
  - **Founded:** 1997
  - **Chairman:** Jaxay Shah



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
MoU Between	NABL (under QCI) and CREDAI
Purpose	Recognize and enhance the quality of temporary site testing laboratories
Focus Area	Civil engineering projects over 50,000 sq. ft.
Key Benefits	Ensures accurate material testing and safer, durable construction
Implementation Body	NABL's Recognition Scheme
Signed By	NABL CEO N. Venkateswaran, CREDAI President Elect Shekar G. Patel



➤ **What is the primary objective of the Riyadh Design Law Treaty (DLT), recently signed by India?**

- A) To introduce mandatory industrial design patents worldwide
- B) To standardize and simplify industrial design protection processes across jurisdictions
- C) To promote traditional arts and crafts globally
- D) To provide exclusive benefits to large multinational corporations
- E) To establish a single global industrial design database



**Answer**

**B) To standardize and simplify industrial design protection processes across jurisdictions**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India signed the Final Act of the Riyadh Design Law Treaty (DLT).
- **Location:** Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- **Date:** November 26, 2024.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective of DLT:**
  - Harmonize and simplify industrial design protection procedures globally.
  - Reduce administrative burdens, making it easier for SMEs, startups, and independent designers to secure design rights.
- **Key Provisions:**
  - Relaxed time limits and reinstatement of lost rights.
  - Simplified procedures for recording assignments, licenses, and adding priority claims.
  - Allow filing of multiple designs in a single application.
  - Promote electronic systems for design registration and priority document exchange.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. India's Commitment:

- Reaffirms focus on inclusive growth and promoting Intellectual Property (IP) protection.
- Aligns with initiatives like Startup India and the Startups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP) scheme.

### 2. Impact on India's Design Ecosystem:

- Design registrations in India have tripled over the past decade.
- Domestic filings increased by 120% in the last two years.
- Design applications grew by 25% last year.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 3. Global Significance:

- Encourages creativity and innovation by ensuring efficient design registration processes worldwide.
- Empowers businesses to secure design rights, fostering competitiveness and market growth.

### 4. Beneficiaries:

- Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs), startups, and independent designers.
- Promotes global access to streamlined design protection mechanisms.



## Static GK Information:

- **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO):**
  - **Founded:** 14 July 1967
  - **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland
  - **Director General:** Daren Tang
- **Startup India Initiative:**
  - **Launched:** 16 January 2016
  - **Aim:** Promote startups, create jobs, and facilitate innovation
- **Startups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP):**
  - **Launched:** 2016
  - **Objective:** Support startups in protecting their intellectual property rights



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Treaty Name	Riyadh Design Law Treaty (DLT)
Objective	Simplify and harmonize industrial design protection globally
Signed By	India and other WIPO member states
Focus Areas	Streamlined registration, relaxed time limits, electronic systems
Key Beneficiaries	SMEs, startups, and independent designers
India's Achievements	3x increase in design registrations over the past decade; 25% growth in applications last year



➤ **What is the primary focus of the recent approval by the High-Level Committee chaired by Shri Amit Shah?**

- A) Funding for renewable energy projects across India
- B) Allocating funds for disaster mitigation and capacity building projects in multiple states
- C) Development of advanced weather forecasting technology
- D) Establishment of new national highways in disaster-prone areas
- E) Construction of flood-resilient infrastructure in urban areas only



**Answer**

**B) Allocating funds for disaster mitigation and capacity building projects in multiple states**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Approval of ₹1115.67 crore by a High-Level Committee (HLC) chaired by Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah for disaster mitigation and capacity-building projects.
- **Location:** India-wide implementation covering various states and Union Territories.
- **Date:** November 26, 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Objectives:**
  - National Landslide Risk Mitigation Project across 15 states with a budget of ₹1000 crore.
  - Training and capacity building for Civil Defense volunteers in all States/UTs with a total outlay of ₹115.67 crore.
- **Beneficiaries:**
  - States and UTs targeted for landslide risk reduction, preparedness, and disaster response improvement.





## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. Allocation for Landslide Risk Mitigation:

- **Total budget:** ₹1000 crore under the National Landslide Risk Mitigation Project.
- **Beneficiaries:**
  - **Uttarakhand:** ₹139 crore
  - **Himachal Pradesh:** ₹139 crore
  - **Eight North Eastern States:** ₹378 crore
  - **Maharashtra:** ₹100 crore
  - **Karnataka:** ₹72 crore
  - **Kerala:** ₹72 crore
  - **Tamil Nadu:** ₹50 crore
  - **West Bengal:** ₹50 crore



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 2. Capacity Building:

- Funding of ₹115.67 crore for training and capacity building of Civil Defense volunteers under the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF).

### 3. Previous Approvals:

- **Urban Flood Risk Mitigation Projects:** ₹3075.65 crore approved for seven cities.
- **Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) Risk Management Projects:** ₹150 crore for four states.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 4. Cumulative Disaster Relief Fund Allocation (2024):

- **₹21,476 crore disbursed to states, including:**
  - ₹14,878.40 crore from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) to 26 states.
  - ₹4,637.66 crore from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) to 15 states.
  - ₹1,385.45 crore from State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) to 11 states.
  - ₹574.93 crore from National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF) to six states.



## Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Home Affairs:**
  - **Union Home Minister:** Amit Shah
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA):**
  - **Established:** 2005
  - **Chairman:** Prime Minister of India (Shri Narendra Modi)
  - **Focus:** Policy and planning for disaster risk reduction and response.
- **National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF):**
  - **Purpose:** Fund to assist states during severe natural disasters.
  - **Administered by:** Ministry of Home Affairs.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Committee Name	High-Level Committee (HLC)
Chairman	Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah
Total Allocation	₹1115.67 crore
Key Projects	Landslide Risk Mitigation (₹1000 crore); Training for Civil Defense volunteers (₹115.67 crore)
Notable Beneficiaries	Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, NE States
Previous Approvals	Urban Flood Mitigation (₹3075.65 crore), GLOF Risk Management (₹150 crore)



➤ **What is the primary purpose of the National Youth Parliament Scheme (NYPS) web portal?**

- A) Promote skill development among youth for parliamentary roles
- B) Increase outreach of the Youth Parliament programme to create awareness about democratic values
- C) Organize debates on international relations for school students
- D) Train youth in government administrative processes
- E) Facilitate mock elections to enhance voting awareness



**Answer**

**B) Increase outreach of the Youth Parliament programme to create awareness about democratic values**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Youth Parliament Scheme (NYPS) web portal.
- **Location:** Nationwide implementation with a commemorative event on Samvidhan Diwas (November 26).
- **Launch Date:** November 26, 2019.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Objective:**
  - Engage the youth in understanding the functioning of Parliament and democratic values.
  - Expand the reach of the Youth Parliament programme to remote areas and untouched sections of the country.
- **Portal Features:**
  - Offers guidelines, training modules, and video tutorials for self-learning.
  - Allows registration for Institution Participation, Group Participation, and Individual Participation.
  - Issues certificates of participation to all participants and certificates of appreciation to leaders and teachers-in-charge.





## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. NYPS 2.0 (Launched on September 11, 2024):

- Expanded to include all citizens for participation under:
  - Institution Participation: For schools and colleges; two categories:
    - Kishore Sabha (Class VI–XII).
    - Tarun Sabha (Undergraduate/ Postgraduate students).
  - Group Participation: Allows formal/informal groups to conduct Youth Parliament sittings.
  - Individual Participation: Includes quizzes on themes like Bharatiya Democracy in Action.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 2. Participant Engagement:

- Over 1,00,000 students participated since inception in 2019.
- Quizzes encourage participants to answer 10 questions and secure at least 6 correct answers to earn a certificate.

### 3. Link to Samvidhan Diwas:

- Promotes awareness about the Constitution of India and parliamentary practices.
- Strengthens the democratic framework by involving youth.



## Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs:**
  - **Established:** 1949
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **Minister:** Shri Kiren Rijiju
- **Constitution of India:**
  - **Adoption Date:** November 26, 1949
  - **Came into Effect:** January 26, 1950



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## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event Name	5th Anniversary of NYPS Web Portal
Purpose	Expand the Youth Parliament programme and raise awareness about democratic values
Launch Date	November 26, 2019
NYPS 2.0 Initiatives	Institution, Group, and Individual Participation
Samvidhan Diwas	Celebrates adoption of the Indian Constitution
Participants Since Inception	Over 1,00,000 students



➤ **What is the main purpose of the Delhi Government's newly launched online portal for the Senior Citizen Pension Scheme?**

- A) To provide housing for senior citizens
- B) To streamline applications and offer financial aid to eligible senior citizens
- C) To create employment opportunities for elderly individuals
- D) To organize recreational activities for senior citizens
- E) To launch healthcare initiatives for senior citizens



**Answer**

**B) To streamline applications and offer financial aid to eligible senior citizens**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of an online portal for the Senior Citizen Pension Scheme by the Delhi Government.
- **Location:** Delhi, India.
- **Date:** November 26, 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Objective:**
  - Provide financial assistance to vulnerable senior citizens in Delhi.
  - Ensure a hassle-free, digital application process for beneficiaries.
- **Key Goals:**
  - Foster inclusivity and welfare for elderly individuals.
  - Simplify access to benefits through a dedicated online portal.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. Pension Scheme Details and Benefits:

- **Age Categories:**
  - **₹2,000 per month:** For senior citizens aged 60–69 years.
  - **₹2,500 per month:** For those aged 70 years and above.
  - **₹2,500 per month:** For SC/ST and minority beneficiaries aged 60–69 years.





## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 2. Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be 60 years or older.
- Minimum five years of residency in Delhi.
- Annual family income less than ₹1,00,000.
- Must own an Aadhaar-linked singly-operated bank account in Delhi.
- Cannot receive similar pensions or financial aid from other government schemes.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 3. Application Process and Documentation:

- **Application Portal:**
  - **e-District portal:** <https://edistrict.delhigovt.nic.in>
  - Assistance available at District Social Welfare Offices.
- **Documents Required:**
  - **Age Proof:** Aadhaar card, voter ID, birth certificate, or school leaving certificate.
  - **Residence Proof:** Ration card, utility bill, or bank passbook showing five years of residency.
  - **Bank Details:** Aadhaar-linked account information.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 3. Application Process and Documentation:

- **Additional Documents for SC/ST or Minority Applicants:**
  - Caste certificate (SC/ST) or self-declaration verified by a religious institution.
  - Income declaration in the specified format.



## Static GK Information:

- **Delhi Government:**
  - **Chief Minister:** Arvind Kejriwal
  - **Governor:** Vinai Kumar Saxena
  - **Capital:** Delhi
- **E-District Portal:**
  - Platform designed to provide digital access to government services for Delhi residents.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Scheme Name	Senior Citizen Pension Scheme
Launch Date	November 26, 2024
Pension Amount	₹2,000 (60–69 years), ₹2,500 (70+ years, SC/ST, minorities aged 60–69 years)
Eligibility Criteria	Age: 60+ years, Delhi residency: 5+ years, income below ₹1,00,000 annually
Application Portal	<a href="https://edistrict.delhigovt.nic.in">https://edistrict.delhigovt.nic.in</a>
Required Documents	Age proof, residence proof, Aadhaar-linked bank details, caste or minority certificates if applicable



➤ **What is the primary purpose of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) strategy cell launched in Coimbatore?**

- A) Conduct research on global trade policies
- B) Mentor and support industries, particularly MSMEs, to scale up and achieve global competitiveness
- C) Develop training programs for local industrial workers
- D) Establish a manufacturing hub for exports
- E) Provide subsidies to Coimbatore-based industries



**Confederation of Indian Industry**

**Answer**

**B) Mentor and support industries, particularly MSMEs, to scale up and achieve global competitiveness**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) strategy cell.
- **Location:** Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
- **Date:** November 22, 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Objective:**
  - Assist industries, particularly MSMEs and manufacturing units, in achieving sustainable growth and global competitiveness.
  - Provide mentorship and strategic advice to businesses, empowering them to develop tailored growth plans.





## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. Features of the Strategy Cell:

- **Objective:** Assist industries in scaling up and becoming global players.
- **Structure:**
  - Composed of a six-member team of experts.
  - Provides mentorship and strategic planning to selected businesses.
- **Engagement Duration:**
  - Each business receives support for 6 to 12 months.
- **Target Industries:** Focuses on seven industries in the initial phase, chosen for their growth potential.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 2. Support Provided:

- Customized growth plans based on business goals.
- Hands-on mentorship for short-term and long-term objectives.
- Over 200 hours of combined strategic development expertise provided to businesses.

### 3. Focus Areas:

- Manufacturing Sector: Emphasis on economic development and job creation.
- Support for MSMEs: Offers free mentorship services to businesses that lack strategic resources.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 4. Expected Benefits:

- Enhanced global competitiveness through improved strategic planning.
- Economic impact: Growth in Coimbatore's local industries, contributing to regional development.
- Tailored strategies to ensure sustainable growth for businesses.



## Static GK Information:

- **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII):**
  - **Established:** 1895
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Objective:** Facilitate industrial development and global competitiveness of Indian industries.
- **Coimbatore:**
  - **Known as:** “The Manchester of South India” due to its thriving textile industry.
  - **State:** Tamil Nadu.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event Name	Launch of CII Strategy Cell
Launch Location	Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
Primary Objective	Mentor industries, particularly MSMEs, for global competitiveness
Focus Sector	Manufacturing
Duration of Engagement	6–12 months
Key Support Provided	Tailored strategies, mentorship, and hands-on guidance
Initial Target	Seven industries in Coimbatore with high growth potential
Unique Feature	Free expert mentorship



- **What was the primary focus of Auroville Foundation's participation at Gyan-Kumbh 2024?**
- A) Launching new educational policies
  - B) Showcasing Sri Aurobindo's vision and Auroville's educational model
  - C) Promoting tourism in Pondicherry
  - D) Collaborating with international universities
  - E) Announcing scholarships for underprivileged students



**Answer**

**B) Showcasing Sri Aurobindo's vision and Auroville's educational model**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Gyan-Kumbh 2024
- **Location:** Pondicherry University, Pondicherry.
- **Date:** November 21–23, 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Primary Objective of Participation:**
  - Showcase Sri Aurobindo's vision of human unity and sustainable living.
  - Highlight Auroville's innovative educational model and its transformative approach.





## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 1. Auroville's Representation:

- **Representatives:**
  - Dr. Mollika Ganguly and Ms. Vishnupriya from the Auroville Foundation engaged with attendees.
- **Engagements:**
  - Answered queries about Auroville's philosophy and its unique approaches to education and sustainability.



## Key Announcements and Highlights:

### 2. Event Significance:

- **Gyan-Kumbh 2024:**

- Organized by Siksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas, a key event for promoting innovative and culturally aligned educational models.
- Served as a platform to connect with Vice-Chancellors, Directors, and College Principals.

### 3. Distinguished Guests:

- Hon'ble Education Minister of Pondicherry, A Navassivayam.
- Dr. Dhanalakshmi, State Convener-IT for Siksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas and OSD at Auroville Foundation.



## Static GK Information:

- **Auroville Foundation:**
  - **Founded:** 1968
  - **Purpose:** A universal township in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry inspired by Sri Aurobindo and The Mother, focusing on human unity and sustainable living.
- **Gyan-Kumbh:**
  - **Organizer:** Siksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas
  - **Objective:** Promote innovative educational practices rooted in Indian culture and values.



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event Name	Gyan-Kumbh 2024
Location	Pondicherry University, Pondicherry
Dates	November 21–23, 2024
Representing Institution	Auroville Foundation
Primary Focus	Showcasing Sri Aurobindo's vision and Auroville's educational model
Key Guests	A Navassivayam (Pondicherry Education Minister), Dr. Dhanalakshmi (State Convener, IT, SSUN)
Organizing Body	Siksha Sanskriti Utthan Nyas



# QUICK RECALL



- **North-East United FC clinched the 40th Governor's Gold Cup, defeating Gangtok Himalayan SC in a penalty shootout.**
- **India won seven medals, including three golds, at the World Military Wrestling Championships 2024.**
- **Shashikant Ruia, Chairman of Essar Group, passed away at 81.**
- **Canara HSBC Life Insurance launched OmniGen AI to automate underwriting risk evaluation using Generative AI.**
- **Angel One received SEBI approval to launch its mutual fund business.**
- **DPIIT and WinZO signed an MoU to support 2,000 startups in gaming and interactive entertainment.**



# QUICK RECALL



- CCI approved MUFG Bank's 20% stake in DMI Finance, Jongsong Investments' funding in Rebel Foods, Kotak Mahindra Bank's acquisition of Standard Chartered's personal loan portfolio, Shoreline International's investment in Flipkart, and Starcin's acquisition of Fosroc entities.
- Dinesh Bhatia has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Brazil.
- G. Balasubramanian, currently High Commissioner to Nigeria, appointed as India's next envoy to the Maldives.
- Hemant Soren to take oath as Jharkhand's 14th CM on November 28, 2024.
- Pankaj Tripathi appointed as the Festival Ambassador for Arunachal Rang Mahotsav 2024.
- Uday Shankar Awasthi, MD of IFFCO, received the 2024 Rochdale Pioneers Award.
- DRDO and IIT Delhi demonstrated entanglement-based QKD over fibre and free-space setups.



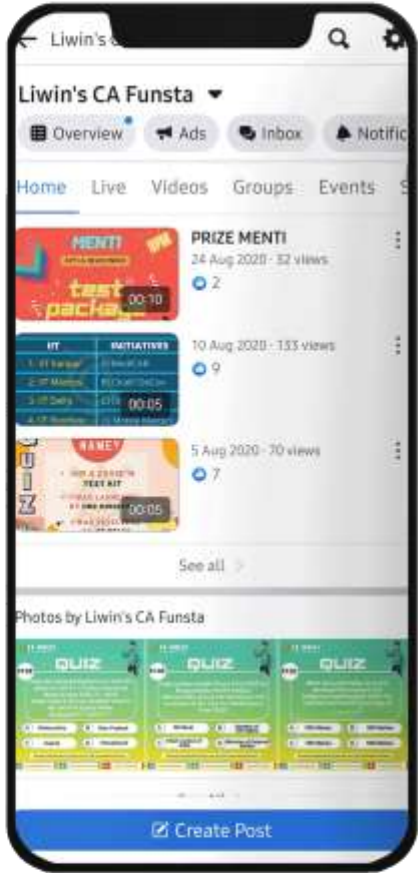
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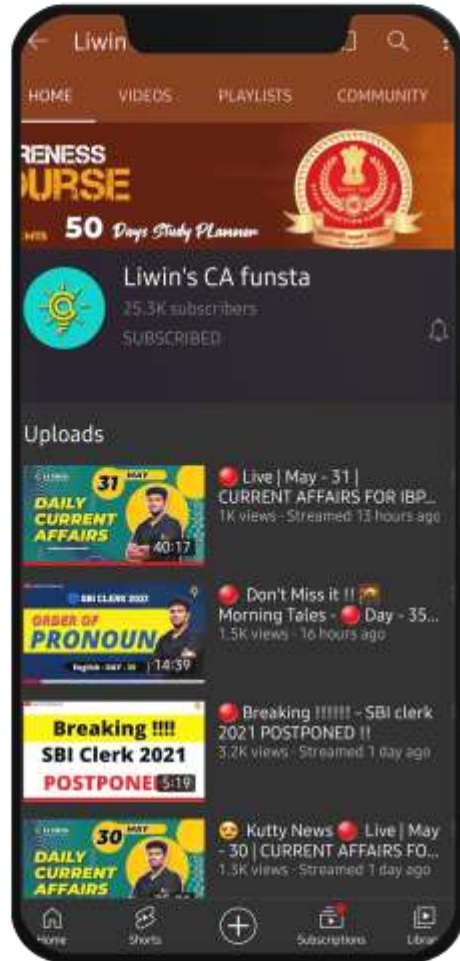
- The 3rd JDCC meeting in Goa focused on defence collaboration between India and Tanzania.
- TCS extended its SPARSH contract to streamline pension processing for defence pensioners.
- NABL and CREDAI signed an MoU to improve quality assurance in construction testing labs.
- India signed the Riyadh Design Law Treaty (DLT) to streamline industrial design protection globally.
- HLC chaired by Amit Shah approved ₹1115.67 crore for disaster mitigation and capacity building projects.
- The NYPS portal promotes youth engagement in democratic values via Youth Parliaments.
- Delhi Government launched an online portal for senior citizen pensions, ensuring streamlined applications.
- CII launched a strategy cell in Coimbatore to mentor MSMEs and enhance global competitiveness.
- Auroville Foundation showcased Sri Aurobindo's vision and educational innovations at Gyan-Kumbh 2024.



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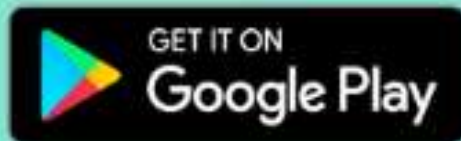
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