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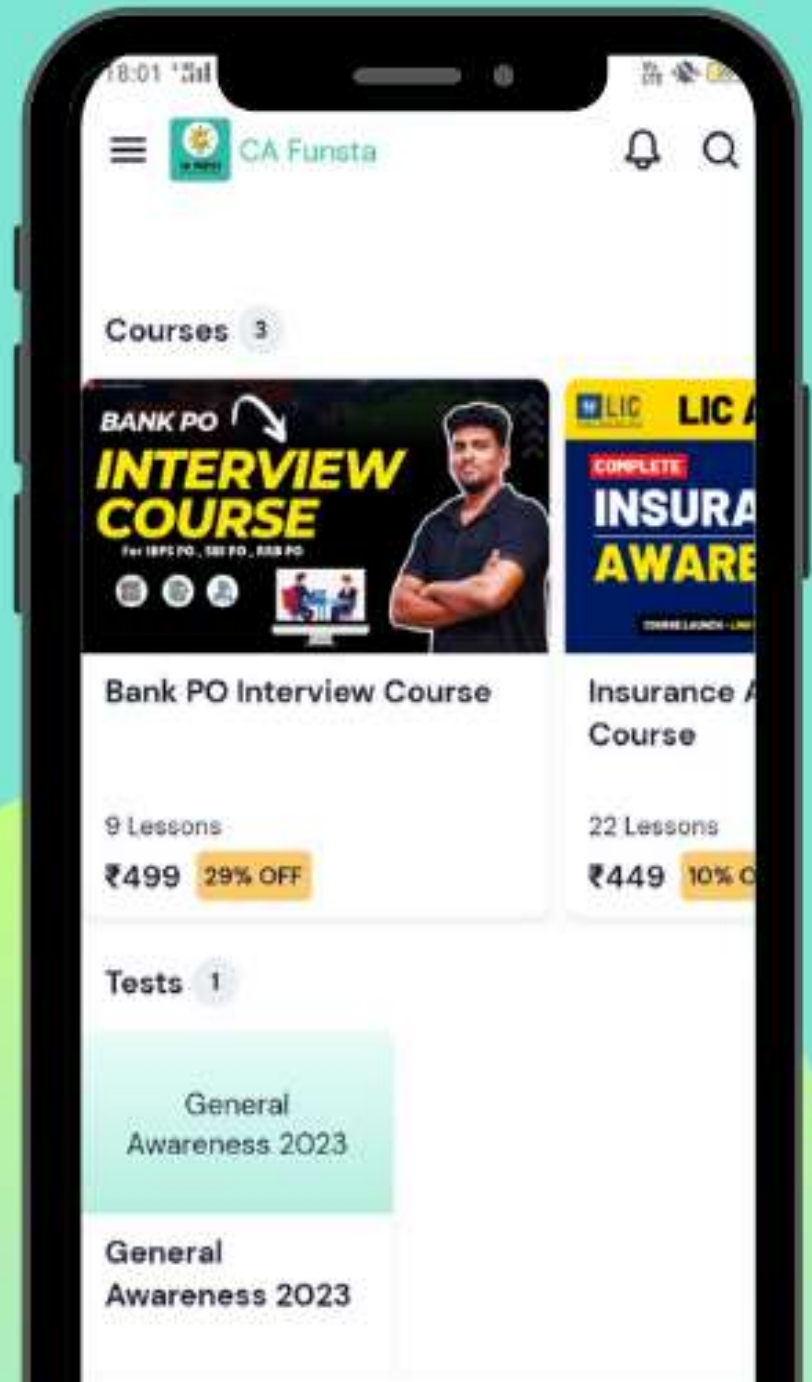


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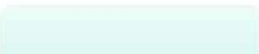


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Important Days



➤ **World Radiography Day, celebrated annually on November 8, honors which scientist's groundbreaking discovery that significantly advanced healthcare?**

- A) Marie Curie
- B) Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen
- C) Thomas Edison
- D) Alexander Graham Bell
- E) James Clerk Maxwell

Answer

B) Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** World Radiography Day 2024
- **Date:** November 8, 2024
- **Location:** Globally observed
- **Theme:** "Radiographers: Seeing the Unseen"



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives of World Radiography Day:

- Honors the discovery of x-rays by Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen, a transformative event in medical science.
- Recognizes the critical role of radiographers and their contributions to modern healthcare.
- Aims to educate the public about radiography's importance in diagnostics and therapeutic applications.



Important Days



Significance of Radiography and Radiographers:

- **Diagnostic Importance:** Enables non-invasive viewing of internal structures, essential for accurate diagnosis.
- **Public Awareness:** Promotes awareness of radiography's role and emphasizes safe imaging practices.
- **Focus on Professionals:** Highlights the dedication of radiographers to patient health and safety.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Radiography:** Imaging technique using x-rays to visualize internal body structures, vital for diagnosing health conditions.
- **X-radiation (X-rays):** Discovered by Wilhelm Roentgen, allowing non-invasive examination of internal body parts.
- **Society of Radiographers:** A global professional body for radiographers that sets annual themes to highlight key areas in radiography.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen**
 - **Country:** Germany
 - **Profession:** Physicist
 - **Discovery:** X-rays (X-radiation)
 - **Discovery Year:** 1895



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	World Radiography Day 2024
Date	November 8, 2024
Theme	"Radiographers: Seeing the Unseen"
Purpose	Honoring the discovery of x-rays and radiographers' contributions to healthcare
Significance	Celebrates advancements in diagnostics and raises public awareness of radiography's role
Key Figure in Discovery	Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen
Year of Discovery	1895



Important Days



➤ On its 50th Raising Day, NTPC launched hydrogen-fuel buses to operate in which location?

- A) Noida
- B) New Delhi
- C) Leh
- D) Mumbai
- E) Bengaluru

Answer
C) Leh



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 50th Raising Day of NTPC Ltd.
- **Date:** November 8, 2024



Important Days



Highlights of NTPC's 50th Raising Day Celebration:

- **Hydrogen-Fuel Buses:** CMD Shri Gurdeep Singh launched hydrogen-fuel buses to operate in Leh, marking NTPC's commitment to green technology.
- **CO₂ to Methanol Innovation:** NTPC announced the successful conversion of CO₂ captured from flue gas with hydrogen (from a PEM electrolyzer) into methanol at its Vindhyachal plant—a world-first achievement in carbon management.
- **Other Innovations:** NTPC is actively working on advanced technologies, including Gen-4 ethanol, green urea, Sustainable Aviation Fuel, and the first indigenous catalyst for Methanol Synthesis.



Important Days



Special Initiatives and Releases:

- **50-Year Logo Unveiling:** NTPC revealed a new logo symbolizing 50 years of growth, with an infinity loop representing its everlasting commitment to innovation.
- **CSR Focus:** A special comic book on Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM) was released. GEM, NTPC's flagship CSR program, has benefitted over 10,000 rural girls.
- **Recognition of Founders:** CMD Shri Gurdeep Singh paid tribute to Dr. DV Kapoor, NTPC's founding Chairman, and other pioneers for their contributions.



Important Days



NTPC's Vision and Mission:

- **Power Contribution:** NTPC provides nearly 25% of India's total power requirement through a diverse portfolio including thermal, hydro, solar, and wind power.
- **Commitment to Renewable Energy:** With a strong focus on Renewable Energy, including nuclear, NTPC aims to power a sustainable and greener future for India.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **PEM Electrolyzer:** A device used for electrolysis to produce hydrogen by splitting water, with power from renewable sources.
- **Methanol Synthesis:** A process of producing methanol, which can be used as an alternative fuel or chemical feedstock, using CO₂ and hydrogen.
- **Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM):** NTPC's CSR initiative aimed at empowering underprivileged girls from rural areas through education and development programs.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **NTPC Ltd.**
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairman and Managing Director:** Shri Gurdeep Singh
 - **Founded:** 1975
 - **Sector:** Power Generation



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	NTPC 50th Raising Day
Date	November 8, 2024
Hydrogen-Fuel Bus Launch Location	Leh
Key Innovations	CO ₂ to methanol conversion, green urea, Sustainable Aviation Fuel
CSR Initiative	Girl Empowerment Mission (GEM), benefiting over 10,000 rural girls
Logo Unveiling	New 50-year logo with infinity loop to symbolize continuous growth
Power Contribution	Supplies ~25% of India's power needs with diverse sources: thermal, hydro, solar, wind



➤ Which Indian chess player recently achieved the world No. 2 live rating, second only to Magnus Carlsen?

- A) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa
- B) Vidit Gujrathi
- C) Arjun Erigaisi
- D) Nihal Sarin
- E) Baskaran Adhiban

Answer
C) Arjun Erigaisi



SPORTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Chennai Grand Masters 2024
- **Location:** Anna Centenary Library, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- **Date:** November 5-11, 2024



Highlights of Arjun Erigaisi's Achievement:

- Arjun Erigaisi climbed to **No. 2 in the world live ratings**, achieving a rating of **2805.8 Elo**.
- **Magnus Carlsen** retains the top spot with 2831.0 rating points.
- Erigaisi's victory over **Alexey Sarana** in the third round of the Chennai Grand Masters elevated his status in the global chess scene.
- Arjun became only the second Indian, after **Viswanathan Anand**, to cross the **2800 Elo rating**.



Tournament Structure and Key Outcomes:

- The Chennai Grand Masters 2024 is organized in two categories: Masters and Challengers, showcasing both established and emerging talents.
- **Masters Category:** Arjun Erigaisi and Amin Tabatabaei are co-leaders with 2.5 points each after three rounds, followed closely by Levon Aronian.
- **Challengers Division:** Pranav V leads with a perfect 3.0 points, highlighting his dominant performance.



Key Matches in the Tournament:

- In the Masters category, Amin Tabatabaei defeated French Grandmaster Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, and Levon Aronian won against Parham Maghsoodloo.
- In the Challengers division, Pranav V continued his winning streak by defeating Karthikeyan Murali, while Pranesh M overcame Vaishali Rameshbabu.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Elo Rating:** A system used to calculate the relative skill levels of players in games like chess. A rating over 2800 is an elite ranking, with few players in history achieving it.
- **Indian Game (East Indian Defense):** A strategic chess opening where Black adopts a solid structure to counter White's moves, emphasizing flexibility in response to White's strategies.



Static GK Information:

- **Tamil Nadu**
 - **Capital:** Chennai
 - **Chief Minister:** M. K. Stalin
 - **Governor:** Banwarilal Purohit
- **Magnus Carlsen**
 - **Country:** Norway
- **World Chess Champion**
 - **Current Live Rating:** 2831.0



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Chennai Grand Masters 2024
Date	November 5-11, 2024
Location	Anna Centenary Library, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Top Rank	Magnus Carlsen (2831.0 Elo)
Second Rank	Arjun Erigaisi (2805.8 Elo)
Category Leaders	Masters: Arjun Erigaisi and Amin Tabatabaei; Challengers: Pranav V
Notable Matches	Arjun Erigaisi vs. Alexey Sarana, Amin Tabatabaei vs. Maxime Vachier-Lagrave



RANKING



➤ In the QS Asia Rankings 2025, which Indian institute ranked highest among Indian universities?



- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IIT Madras
- C) IIT Delhi
- D) Indian Institute of Science
- E) IIT Kharagpur

Answer
C) IIT Delhi



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** QS Asia Rankings 2025
- **Location:** Asia, featuring 984 universities across the continent
- **Published by:** Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)



Highlights of India's Performance:

- **Total Indian Universities Ranked:** 161 out of 984 institutions across Asia.
- **Top Indian University:** IIT Delhi, ranked 44th overall in Asia, is also the highest-ranked Indian university in the South Asia category.
- **Top 100 Inclusion:** Six Indian institutions are ranked among Asia's top 100.



RANKING



India's Top 10 Universities in the QS Asia 2025 Rankings:

1. **IIT Delhi** - Rank **44**
2. **IIT Bombay** - Rank **48**
3. **IIT Madras** - Rank **56**
4. **IIT Kharagpur** - Rank **60**
5. **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** - Rank **62**
6. **IIT Kanpur** - Rank **67**
7. **University of Delhi** - Rank **81**
8. **IIT Guwahati** - Rank **104**
9. **IIT Roorkee** - Rank **108**
10. **Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)** - Rank **110**



RANKING



Ranking Parameters:

- **Academic Reputation:** Based on a global survey of academics.
- **Faculty-Student Ratio:** A measure of teaching quality.
- **Citations per Paper and Papers per Faculty:** Indicators of research impact and productivity.
- **International Research Network:** Reflects collaboration with international researchers.
- **Employer Reputation:** Based on feedback from employers regarding the employability of graduates.
- **International Faculty and Students:** Proportion of foreign faculty and students on campus.
- **Inbound and Outbound Exchange:** Measure of student exchange programs.
- **Faculty with PhDs:** Percentage of faculty with doctoral degrees.



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS):** A UK-based organization known for its annual rankings of world universities, assessing academic reputation, research quality, and employability.
- **South Asia Category:** A QS sub-category covering universities in South Asian nations, with IIT Delhi leading among Indian and Pakistani institutions.
- **Academic Reputation:** A ranking metric based on feedback from academics worldwide, contributing to the institution's reputation.



RANKING



Static GK Information:

- **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)**
 - **Headquarters:** London, United Kingdom
 - **Founded:** 1990
 - **Founder:** Nunzio Quacquarelli



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Top-Ranked Indian University	IIT Delhi (44th in Asia)
Total Indian Universities	161
Top Indian Universities (Top 100)	IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay, IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur, IISc, IIT Kanpur
QS Ranking Parameters	Academic reputation, Faculty-student ratio, Research network, Employer reputation, and international metrics



RANKING



- In the Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024, who ranked as the top philanthropist with donations primarily directed toward education?

- A) Mukesh Ambani
- B) Gautam Adani
- C) Kumar Mangalam Birla
- D) Shiv Nadar
- E) Nikhil Kamath

Answer
D) Shiv Nadar



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Release of the Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024
- **Location:** India



RANKING



Key Highlights of the Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024:

- **Top Philanthropist:** Shiv Nadar & Family (HCL Technologies) donated Rs 2,153 crore primarily to education, marking them as the top philanthropists in India.
- **Total Contributions by Top Five:** Combined contributions of Shiv Nadar, Mukesh Ambani, the Bajaj family, Kumar Mangalam Birla, and Gautam Adani amounted to approximately 53% of the total donations, around Rs 4,625 crore.
- **High-Value Donations Increase:** A significant rise in high-value donations was noted, with 18 philanthropists donating over Rs 100 crore each.



RANKING



Top 10 Donors in the Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024:

1. Shiv Nadar & Family - Rs 2,153 crore - Education
2. Mukesh Ambani & Family - Rs 407 crore - Disadvantaged Communities
3. Bajaj Family - Rs 352 crore - Education (Engineering)
4. Kumar Mangalam Birla & Family - Rs 334 crore - Education
5. Gautam Adani & Family - Rs 330 crore - Education for remote villages
6. Nandan Nilekani - Rs 307 crore - Ecosystem Building
7. Krishna Chivukula - Rs 228 crore - Education
8. Anil Agarwal & Family - Rs 181 crore - Education
9. Susmita & Subroto Bagchi - Rs 179 crore - Public Healthcare
10. Rohini Nilekani - Rs 154 crore - Ecosystem Building



RANKING



Additional Insights:

- **Youngest Philanthropist:** Nikhil Kamath of Zerodha (38 years old), with a donation over Rs 100 crore.
- **Most Generous Woman:** Rohini Nilekani donated Rs 154 crore, focusing on ecosystem building.
- **Rising Philanthropy:** An increase in philanthropists donating over Rs 50 crore (125%) and over Rs 20 crore (128%) since 2019.
- **Educational Focus:** 123 philanthropists collectively donated Rs 3,680 crore towards education, the most preferred sector.



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility):** A mandate requiring companies to allocate a portion of their profits to social and community initiatives.
- **Self-Made Philanthropists:** Individuals who have built their wealth independently and are now contributing to philanthropy.
- **Ecosystem Building:** Donations aimed at developing resources, systems, and networks to support social and environmental well-being.



RANKING



Static GK Information:

- **HCL Technologies**
 - **Headquarters:** Noida, Uttar Pradesh
 - **Chairman Emeritus:** Shiv Nadar
 - **CEO:** C Vijayakumar
 - **Founded:** 1976



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Top Philanthropist	Shiv Nadar & Family - Rs 2,153 crore - Education
Notable High-Value Donors	Mukesh Ambani, Bajaj Family, Kumar Mangalam Birla, Gautam Adani
Youngest Donor Above Rs 100 crore	Nikhil Kamath, 38 years old
Most Generous Woman	Rohini Nilekani - Rs 154 crore - Ecosystem Building
Preferred Sector	Education - Rs 3,680 crore in donations from 123 philanthropists



➤ **What recent addition has the Reserve Bank of India made to the Fully Accessible Route (FAR) for non-resident investments?**

- A) 15-year Corporate Bonds
- B) 5-year Treasury Bills
- C) 10-year Sovereign Green Bonds
- D) 7-year Municipal Bonds
- E) 3-year Central Government Bonds

Answer

C) 10-year Sovereign Green Bonds



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inclusion of Sovereign Green Bonds in the Fully Accessible Route (FAR)
- **Date:** November 7, 2024
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives of the RBI Directive:

- **Objective:** Expands non-resident investment options in Indian government securities by including 10-year Sovereign Green Bonds under the FAR.
- **Sustainable Finance:** Enables non-resident investors to support green and sustainable projects in India.
- **Issuance Schedule:** This move aligns with the issuance calendar for marketable dated securities for October 2024 to March 2025.



Key Details of the FAR Expansion:

- **Fully Accessible Route (FAR):** A route established by the RBI in March 2020, allowing non-resident investors full access to specified government securities.
- **Legal Basis:** The directive falls under Section 45W of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- **Immediate Effect:** The circular states that the directive is effective immediately.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Fully Accessible Route (FAR):** A channel allowing non-residents to invest in specified Indian government securities without restrictions, accessible to both non-residents and domestic investors.
- **Sovereign Green Bonds:** Government-issued bonds aimed at raising funds specifically for projects with environmental or sustainable benefits, such as renewable energy or pollution control.
- **Section 45W of RBI Act, 1934:** Grants the RBI the power to regulate certain securities, including government securities, ensuring structured guidelines for market investments.



Static GK Information:

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
 - **Founded:** 1935
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Directive Issued By	Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
Newly Included Security	10-year Sovereign Green Bonds
Applicable Route	Fully Accessible Route (FAR)
Objective	Enabling non-resident investments in sustainable projects through Sovereign Green Bonds
Legal Provision	Section 45W, Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
Effective Date	Immediate effect as of November 7, 2024
Issuance Calendar Period	October 2024 - March 2025



➤ **Where did the State Bank of India recently launch an innovation hub to promote financial innovation and digital transformation?**

- A) Dubai Fintech Expo
- B) Mumbai Fintech Conclave
- C) Singapore Fintech Festival
- D) London Tech Week
- E) Hong Kong Fintech Conference



Answer

C) Singapore Fintech Festival



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Singapore Fintech Festival
- **Location:** Singapore
- **Date:** November 6-8, 2024



Key Highlights of SBI Innovation Hub:

- **Objective:** The SBI Innovation Hub was launched to promote financial innovation and digital transformation by providing a collaborative platform for fintechs, startups, and innovators.
- **Collaboration with APIX:** This partnership with APIX, a global collaborative platform, facilitates fintech partnerships and structured challenges like hackathons, enabling startups to develop financial solutions for millions across India.
- **Platform Features:** The hub offers over 250 APIs within a secure sandbox environment, allowing participants to innovate while maintaining data security.



Other Related Initiatives at the Event:

- **Gupshup Partnership with Standard Chartered Bank:**
Gupshup, a conversational AI company, partnered with Standard Chartered Bank to enhance customer service through AI-powered assistants, improving real-time query handling and operational efficiency in financial services.



Statements from Key Officials:

- **Vidya Krishnan**, Deputy MD of IT at SBI, emphasized that the hub aligns with SBI's digital transformation mission and provides a streamlined onboarding process for fintechs, enhancing customer-focused innovations.
- **Umang Moondra**, CEO of APIX, remarked that the hub equalizes access to SBI's digital infrastructure, empowering global innovators to engage with one of the world's largest banks to promote financial inclusion.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Fully Accessible Route (FAR):** A regulatory pathway allowing non-residents to invest in specific Indian government securities.
- **SBI's API Sandbox:** A protected environment where developers can test and build applications using SBI's APIs, without affecting the live banking system.
- **APIX:** A Singapore-based collaborative innovation platform connecting financial institutions and fintech firms to develop and scale financial solutions.



Static GK Information:

- **State Bank of India (SBI)**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **Chairman:** Dinesh Kumar Khara
 - **Tagline:** "The Banker to Every Indian"



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Innovation Hub Launched by	State Bank of India (SBI)
Location of Launch	Singapore Fintech Festival
Partner	APIX
Objective	Promoting financial innovation and digital transformation
Hub Features	250+ APIs, secure sandbox, hackathons, challenges, global fintech collaboration
Associated Partnerships	Gupshup with Standard Chartered for conversational AI in banking



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who is appointed as the chairperson of the newly reconstituted Central Apprenticeship Council (CAC)?**

- A) Jayant Chaudhary
- B) Vikramjit Singh Sahney
- C) Minister of Labour and Employment
- D) CEO of TATA Group
- E) Union Minister of State, MSDE

Answer

A) Jayant Chaudhary



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Reconstitution of the Central Apprenticeship Council (CAC)
- **Purpose:** To review and suggest reforms for boosting apprenticeship training in India. The council will focus on increasing the industry's engagement in on-the-job training programs, aligning with the Apprenticeship Act, 1961.



APPOINTMENTS



Key Features of the New CAC:

- **Tenure:** The newly formed CAC will have a three-year tenure.
- **Composition:** The council now includes 54 members (up from 46 in the previous council) representing industry associations, PSUs, state governments, and private sector employers.
- **Leadership:**
 - **Chairperson:** Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
 - **Vice-Chairperson:** Vikramjit Singh Sahney, a member of the Rajya Sabha, replacing the earlier vice-chair position held by the Union Minister of State, MSDE.



APPOINTMENTS



Representation:

- **Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs):** Six major PSUs are represented, including BHEL, IOC, South Eastern Coalfields, Neyveli Lignite Corporation, Bharat Electronics Limited, and HAL.
- **Private Sector Representatives:** Members from TATA Group, Maruti Suzuki, Reliance Industries, Toyota, and the Indian Banks Association have been included, indicating an increased focus on private sector involvement.



APPOINTMENTS



Role of CAC:

- The CAC, as a statutory body under the Apprenticeship Act, 1961, assists and advises the central government on implementing the Act to improve the uptake of apprenticeship training across industries.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Apprenticeship Act, 1961:** An act that regulates the training of apprentices in India, aiming to promote skill development by providing structured on-the-job training.
- **Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs):** Government-owned corporations in India that play a significant role in various sectors and contribute to public employment and industrial growth.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Minister:** Jayant Chaudhary
 - **Established:** 2014
 - **Primary Objective:** To enhance employability by promoting skill development and entrepreneurship across the country.
- **TATA Group**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **Chairman:** N. Chandrasekaran
 - **Founded:** 1868



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Reconstitution of Central Apprenticeship Council (CAC)
Purpose	Boost apprenticeship training through reforms and industry engagement
Tenure of CAC	3 years
Chairperson	Jayant Chaudhary (Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship)
Vice-Chairperson	Vikramjit Singh Sahney (Rajya Sabha member)
Representatives from PSUs	BHEL, IOC, South Eastern Coalfields, Neyveli Lignite, Bharat Electronics, HAL
Private Sector Representatives	TATA Group, Maruti Suzuki, Reliance Industries, Toyota, Indian Banks Association



➤ Where is the 3rd edition of the India-Australia joint military exercise 'AUSTRAHIND' being held?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Queensland
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Sydney
- E) New South Wales

Answer
C) Maharashtra



DEFENCE



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 3rd Edition of Exercise AUSTRAHIND
- **Location:** Foreign Training Node, Pune, Maharashtra
- **Duration:** November 8 to November 21, 2024



Purpose of Exercise AUSTRALIND:

- **Objective:** The exercise aims to enhance military cooperation and interoperability between the Indian and Australian forces for conducting joint sub-conventional operations.
- **Focus:** It includes operations in semi-urban, semi-desert terrain under Chapter VII of the UN mandate, which involves actions for peace and security in situations that threaten international peace.



Participating Forces:

- **Indian Contingent:** Includes 140 personnel, mainly from a battalion of the DOGRA Regiment and 14 Indian Air Force personnel.
- **Australian Contingent:** Comprising 120 personnel from the 13th Light Horse Regiment of the 10th Brigade, 2nd Division of the Australian Army.



Structure and Key Drills:

- **The exercise is structured into two phases:**
 - Combat Conditioning and Tactical Training Phase
 - Validation Phase
- **Key Drills include:**
 - **Counter-Terrorism Operations:** Response to a terrorist attack involving territory capture.
 - **Joint Operations Centre:** Establishment and coordination.
 - **Special Operations:** Conduct of Raid, Search and Destroy missions, securing helipads, and Special Helicopter Borne Operations.
 - **Drone Operations:** Employment of drones and counter-drone measures.



DEFENCE



Significance:

- **Skill Sharing:** The exercise enables both sides to exchange best practices in tactical operations, including techniques, tactics, and procedures.
- **Building Camaraderie:** The exercise also strengthens the bond between Indian and Australian forces through joint planning and tactical drills.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Chapter VII of the UN Mandate:** Allows the United Nations to take actions in response to threats to peace, breaches of peace, and acts of aggression, which includes deploying military operations for peace enforcement.
- **Special Heli-Borne Operations:** Military operations conducted using helicopters for quick and precise deployment of troops to specific locations.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Army**
 - **Founded:** 1895
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chief of the Army Staff:** General Manoj Pande
- **Australian Army**
 - **Founded:** 1901
 - **Headquarters:** Canberra, Australia
 - **Chief of Army:** Lieutenant General Simon Stuart



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Exercise Name	AUSTRAHIND (3rd Edition)
Location	Foreign Training Node, Pune, Maharashtra
Date	November 8 - November 21, 2024
Objective	Enhance interoperability and cooperation for joint sub-conventional operations
Indian Contingent	140 personnel from DOGRA Regiment and 14 IAF personnel
Australian Contingent	120 personnel from the 13th Light Horse Regiment, 10th Brigade, 2nd Division
Key Drills	Counter-terrorism, joint tactical drills, special heli-borne operations, drone and counter-drone tactics



➤ **What is the primary goal of Project 'Shaurya Gatha' launched at the Indian Military Heritage Festival?**

- A) Promote military recruitment
- B) Enhance tactical warfare
- C) Conserve and promote India's military heritage
- D) Train cadets in combat skills
- E) Develop modern military equipment



Answer

C) Conserve and promote India's military heritage



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 2nd Edition of the Indian Military Heritage Festival (IMHF)
- **Location:** New Delhi
- **Dates:** November 8-9, 2024



Key Highlights:

- **Inauguration:** Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan inaugurated the festival, which engages Indian and global stakeholders, including think tanks, corporations, and academicians, in discussions on national security, foreign policy, military history, and heritage.
- **Project 'Shaurya Gatha':** Launched by Gen Chauhan, this initiative by the Department of Military Affairs and United Service Institution (USI) of India is aimed at conserving and promoting India's military heritage through education and tourism, enhancing public awareness about India's rich military legacy.



Publications Released:

- **Because of This:** A History of the Indo-Pak Air War December 1971 by Air Marshal Vikram Singh (Retd).
- **Valour and Honour:** A joint publication by the Indian Army and USI of India.
- **War-Wounded, Disabled Soldiers, And Cadets:** A collaborative publication by USI and the War Wounded Federation.



Special Exhibitions and Stalls:

- **DRDO Photo Exhibition:** Highlighted DRDO's journey in contributing to Atmanirbhar Bharat through defense research and innovations.
- **NCC Cadets:** Participation from cadets across the Delhi NCR area.
- **Service Stalls:** Informative booths set up by the Army, Navy, and Air Force showcasing career opportunities and their operational roles.



Significance of the Festival:

- **The Indian Military Heritage Festival** aims to address the public's limited awareness of India's military history and security concerns. It also seeks to enrich the national discourse on military heritage and emphasize the importance of self-reliance in defense capabilities through initiatives like Aatmanirbhar Bharat.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Project Shaurya Gatha:** An initiative focused on preserving and promoting India's military heritage, engaging the public through educational and tourism initiatives.
- **Aatmanirbhar Bharat:** A government initiative aiming for self-reliance, especially in defense manufacturing and technology, reducing dependency on imports.



Static GK Information:

- **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)**
 - **Position:** Senior-most uniformed officer in the Indian Armed Forces
 - **Current CDS:** General Anil Chauhan
 - **Role:** Coordinates the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force to enhance military capabilities and joint operational readiness
- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**
 - **Abbreviation:** Defence Research and Development Organisation
 - **Founded:** 1958
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Chairman:** Samir V Kamat



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	2 nd Edition of Indian Military Heritage Festival
Location	New Delhi
Date	November 8-9, 2024
Inaugurated by	CDS General Anil Chauhan
Key Initiative	Project Shaurya Gatha to conserve and promote India's military heritage
Publications Released	Because of This, Valour and Honour, War-Wounded, Disabled Soldiers, and Cadets
DRDO Exhibition	Displayed its journey and achievements towards Atmanirbhar Bharat in defense research
Participation	Global and Indian think tanks, NCC cadets, defense corporations, academicians, and non-profits



➤ **Which ministry is the nodal agency for India's National Green Hydrogen Mission?**

- A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- B) Ministry of Power
- C) Ministry of Science and Technology
- D) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- E) Ministry of Heavy Industries



Answer

D) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy



Nodal Ministry:

- **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)** is the nodal ministry responsible for implementing the National Green Hydrogen Mission in India.



Objective:

- The mission aims to:
 - **Decarbonize** sectors like energy, industry, and mobility by promoting green hydrogen.
 - **Enhance indigenous manufacturing** capacities for green hydrogen.
 - **Create export opportunities** for green hydrogen and its derivatives.



Components of NGHM:

- **Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition Programme (SIGHT):** Focuses on facilitating the transition to green hydrogen.
- **Strategic Hydrogen Innovation Partnership (SHIP):** Public-Private Partnership (PPP) for R&D in green hydrogen technology.



Expected Outcomes by 2030:

- **Production:** Achieve at least 5 MMT (Million Metric Tons) of green hydrogen annually.
- **Cost Reduction:** Target to bring down the production cost of green hydrogen below Rs 100/kg (from the current Rs 350-400/kg).
- **Employment:** Create around 6 lakh jobs.
- **Investment:** Attract investments of around Rs 8 lakh crore.
- **Environmental Impact:** Save Rs 1 lakh crore in fossil fuel imports and avert 50 MMT of CO₂ emissions annually.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Green Hydrogen (GH₂):** Hydrogen produced via electrolysis powered by renewable energy sources, without carbon emissions, making it a clean fuel.
- **Grey Hydrogen:** Hydrogen produced using fossil fuels like natural gas, resulting in CO₂ emissions.
- **Blue Hydrogen:** Hydrogen produced from natural gas with CO₂ emissions captured and stored, rather than released into the atmosphere.
- **Electrolysis:** A process that splits water into hydrogen and oxygen using electricity; for green hydrogen, this electricity comes from renewable sources.



Static GK Information:

- **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**
 - **Founded:** 2015 (at COP21 in Paris)
 - **Headquarters:** Gurugram, Haryana, India
 - **Mission:** To mobilize USD 1 trillion of investments in solar energy by 2030 and promote solar power adoption globally, especially in developing nations.
 - **Member Countries:** 120



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Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Nodal Ministry	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
Objective	Decarbonize sectors, enhance manufacturing, create export opportunities
Key Components	SIGHT (Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen), SHIP (Strategic Hydrogen Innovation Partnership)
Expected Outcomes by 2030	5 MMT GH ₂ production, Rs 1 lakh crore fossil fuel savings, 6 lakh jobs, 50 MMT CO ₂ emissions averted
Investment Target	Rs 8 lakh crore
Current Cost of GH ₂	Rs 350-400/kg
Target Cost	Below Rs 100/kg



➤ The agreement between C-DOT and C R Rao AIMSCS focuses on developing infrastructure for capturing which type of data leakages?

- A) Network Traffic Leakage
- B) Power Usage Change Leakage
- C) Memory Usage Leakage
- D) Data Storage Leakage
- E) Signal Strength Leakage

Answer

B) Power Usage Change Leakage



Event and Purpose:

- **Event:** Signing of an agreement between the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) and C R Rao Advanced Institute of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science (AIMSCS).
- **Purpose:** To collaboratively develop the Side Channel Leakage Capture Infrastructure and Analysis (SCLCIA) Solution, which will help capture and analyze side channel data leakages from cryptographic algorithms.



Key Features of the SCLCIA Solution:

- **Objective:** To build infrastructure capable of capturing side channel data leakages, focusing on Power Usage Changes from an FPGA (Field Programmable Gate Array) when running cryptographic algorithms.
- **Role of C-DOT:** As the lead under the C-DOT Collaborative Research Program (CCRP), C-DOT will work with start-ups, research institutions, and other organizations to enhance telecom security.



Significance of C R Rao AIMSCS:

- **Specialization:** This institute is the first in India dedicated to advanced research in cryptography and information security. With over 380 research papers published, it is recognized for its contributions to cryptology and data security.



Strategic Importance:

- **Atmanirbhar Bharat:** Dr. Raj Kumar Upadhyay, CEO of C-DOT, highlighted this partnership as an essential step toward self-reliance in telecom security infrastructure, reinforcing the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat.
- **Telecom Security Leadership:** This collaboration positions India as a potential global leader in telecom security, supporting a self-sustaining and secure communication infrastructure.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Side Channel Leakage:** Data that can be unintentionally leaked from cryptographic systems through channels like power consumption, timing, or electromagnetic emissions, which can reveal sensitive information.
- **Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA):** A type of hardware that can be programmed to perform specific tasks, including running cryptographic algorithms for secure communications.
- **C-DOT Collaborative Research Program (CCRP):** An initiative by C-DOT to collaborate with start-ups and research organizations for developing advanced telecom technologies.



Static GK Information:

- **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)**
 - **Founded:** 1984
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **CEO:** Dr. Raj Kumar Upadhyay
- **C R Rao Advanced Institute of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science (AIMSCS)**
 - **Focus:** Advanced research in cryptography and information security
 - **Achievements:** Published over 380 research papers and developed tools for cryptology



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Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Agreement Between	C-DOT and C R Rao AIMSCS
Project Name	Side Channel Leakage Capture Infrastructure and Analysis (SCLCIA) Solution
Objective	To capture and analyze side channel data leakages through real-time power usage changes
Key Personnel	Dr. Pankaj Kumar Dalela (Technical Director, C-DOT), Mr. Sriramudu (Principal Investigator, AIMSCS)
Significance	Supports Atmanirbhar Bharat, aiming for self-reliance in telecom security infrastructure
Technology Used	Power leakage capture from FPGA running cryptographic algorithms



➤ **The development of Integrated Manufacturing Clusters (IMCs) in Agra and Prayagraj aims to boost which major initiative in India?**

- A) Skill India
- B) Digital India
- C) Make in India
- D) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- E) Startup India

Answer
C) Make in India



Event and Agreements Signed:

- **Event:** Signing of State Support Agreement (SSA) and Shareholder Agreement (SHA) to develop Integrated Manufacturing Clusters (IMCs) in Agra and Prayagraj.
- **Agreements Signed By:** National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) and Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA).



Key Objectives of the Project:

- **Strengthen the Make in India Initiative:** By developing industrial clusters, this project will enhance local manufacturing, attract investments, and support India's vision of self-reliance.
- **Economic Growth and Job Creation:** The clusters will generate employment and stimulate economic growth, turning Uttar Pradesh into a competitive industrial destination.



Details of the Integrated Manufacturing Clusters (IMCs):

- **IMC Agra:**
 - **Size:** 1,058 acres, strategically located along the Inner Ring Road.
 - **Connectivity:** Linked to Delhi NCR and the Agra-Lucknow Expressway.
 - **Investment Expected:** Over INR 3,400 crore.
 - **Purpose:** Aims to attract diverse industries and become a major industrial hub.
- **IMC Prayagraj:**
 - **Size:** 352 acres.
 - **Projected Investment:** Around INR 1,600 crore.
 - **Industry Focus:** Includes sectors like e-mobility, food processing, leather, garments, cycle manufacturing, and packaging.



Significance of the Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC):

- **Catalyst for Industrial Growth:** The AKIC project will create world-class infrastructure to foster industrial growth from Amritsar to Kolkata.
- **Attracts Global and Local Investors:** The corridor is expected to attract domestic and international investments, reinforcing India's position as a global manufacturing hub.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Integrated Manufacturing Cluster (IMC):** Large-scale industrial areas designed to promote manufacturing, provide infrastructure, and attract investments.
- **Make in India:** An initiative launched by the Government of India to encourage manufacturing and investment in India, aiming for self-reliance and global competitiveness.



Static GK Information:

- **National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC)**
 - **Founded:** 2017
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **CEO:** Rajat Kumar Saini
 - **Purpose:** To develop industrial corridors and promote infrastructure projects across India
- **Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA)**
 - **Headquarters:** Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
 - **CEO:** Mayur Maheshwari
 - **Objective:** To promote and manage industrial development in Uttar Pradesh



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Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Project Name	Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC)
Locations	Agra (1,058 acres) and Prayagraj (352 acres)
Investments Expected	Agra: INR 3,400 crore; Prayagraj: INR 1,600 crore
Objective	Boost manufacturing, attract investments, support Make in India
Sector Focus in Prayagraj	E-mobility, food processing, leather, garments, cycle manufacturing, packaging
Signed By	NICDC (Rajat Kumar Saini) and UPSIDA (Mayur Maheshwari)
Significance of AKIC	Aims to create a manufacturing hub, strengthen Make in India, and attract global and local investments



➤ What is the total financial outlay of the Scheme for Strengthening the Medical Device Industry launched by the Government of India?

- A) Rs 200 crore
- B) Rs 300 crore
- C) Rs 400 crore
- D) Rs 500 crore
- E) Rs 600 crore

Answer

D) Rs 500 crore



Event and Purpose:

- **Event:** Launch of the Scheme for Strengthening the Medical Device Industry
- **Purpose:** To support the development of India's medical device industry by addressing critical areas such as manufacturing, infrastructure, skill development, clinical studies, and industry promotion. The scheme is expected to boost self-reliance and reduce import dependency, contributing to the Make in India initiative.



Key Details of the Scheme:

- **Total Outlay:** Rs 500 crore
- **Objective:** The scheme aims to enhance domestic manufacturing, develop skilled workforce, support clinical trials, and promote the industry through events and studies.



Sub-Schemes and Financial Allocation:

1. Common Facilities for Medical Device Clusters

- **Outlay:** Rs 110 crore
- **Purpose:** Provides financial aid to develop common infrastructure such as R&D labs and testing centers.

2. Marginal Investment Scheme for Reducing Import Dependence

- **Outlay:** Rs 180 crore
- **Purpose:** Supports the manufacture of key components and accessories within India to reduce reliance on imports.



Sub-Schemes and Financial Allocation:

3. Capacity Building and Skill Development for Medical Devices

- **Outlay:** Rs 100 crore
- **Purpose:** Aims to create a skilled workforce by funding training programs and academic courses in medical technology.

4. Medical Device Clinical Studies Support Scheme

- **Outlay:** Rs 100 crore
- **Purpose:** Provides financial aid for animal studies and human clinical trials to ensure the safety and efficacy of MedTech products.



Sub-Schemes and Financial Allocation:

5. Medical Device Promotion Scheme

- **Outlay:** Rs 10 crore
- **Purpose:** Assists industry associations and export councils in organizing events and conducting studies to promote the medical device sector.



Significance of the Scheme:

- The scheme addresses the lack of infrastructure and import dependency in the Indian medical device sector, supporting indigenous manufacturing.
- It aligns with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative by creating a self-reliant healthcare ecosystem.
- The scheme also aims to boost exports and enable Indian manufacturers to compete globally by supporting clinical validation and certification for international markets.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Medical Device Cluster:** A designated area with shared facilities for manufacturing, research, and development, aimed at supporting medical device production.
- **Atmanirbhar Bharat:** A government initiative focused on making India self-reliant in various sectors, including healthcare and medical devices.
- **Clinical Studies:** Trials and studies that validate the safety and effectiveness of medical devices before they reach the market.



Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers**
 - **Union Minister:** Shri JP Nadda
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Role:** Oversees development and regulation of chemicals, fertilizers, and pharmaceutical industries, including medical devices.



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Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Scheme Name	Scheme for Strengthening the Medical Device Industry
Launch Date	November 8, 2024
Total Outlay	Rs 500 crore
Key Objective	Enhance manufacturing, reduce import dependence, build skills, support clinical trials, and promote industry
Sub-Schemes	Common Facilities, Marginal Investment, Capacity Building, Clinical Studies, Industry Promotion
Significance	Supports Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat, boosting self-reliance in medical device production
Industry Focus	Diagnostic machines, surgical instruments, stents, prosthetics, and more



➤ **What is the primary function of the MF Central platform operated by CAMS and KFin Tech?**



- A) Investment advisory platform
- B) Customer support platform
- C) Execution-only platform for mutual fund transactions
- D) Portfolio management service
- E) Financial planning tool



Answer

**C) Execution-only platform
for mutual fund transactions**



Event and Purpose:

- **Event:** Formation of a 50:50 joint venture by Computer Age Management Services Limited (CAMS) and KFin Technologies Limited.
- **Purpose:** The joint venture is set up to operate the MF Central platform, an execution-only platform for mutual fund transactions.



About MF Central:

- **Origins:** MF Central was developed in response to a July 2021 SEBI directive for creating an interoperable platform to enhance the mutual fund investor experience.
- **Function:** The platform allows investors to execute mutual fund transactions, without advisory services, providing streamlined access to various mutual fund investments.



Investment Details:

- **Initial Investment:** CAMS will contribute ₹13.50 crore to the new entity.
- **Additional Investments:** Both companies will jointly invest a further ₹26.99 crore upon closing the transaction, expected within four months, with an initial incorporation investment of ₹1 lakh.



Future Structure and Requirements:

- **Registration:** The new entity will register as a category-1 execution-only platform with the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).
- **Board Structure:** Each company will nominate two directors, along with one jointly nominated director.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Execution-Only Platform:** A platform that allows investors to perform transactions without providing advisory or portfolio management services.
- **Registrars and Transfer Agents (RTAs):** SEBI-registered entities responsible for maintaining investor records and handling transactions related to mutual funds.



Static GK Information:

- **Computer Age Management Services (CAMS)**
 - **Headquarters:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu
 - **Founded:** 1988
 - **CEO:** Anuj Kumar
- **KFin Technologies Limited**
 - **Headquarters:** Hyderabad, Telangana
 - **Founded:** 1978
 - **CEO:** Sreekanth Nadella



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Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Joint Venture Partners	CAMS and KFin Technologies
Platform Name	MF Central
Platform Function	Execution-only platform for mutual fund transactions
Initial Investment	CAMS to contribute ₹13.50 crore; total investment ₹26.99 crore on closing
Regulatory Requirement	Registration as category-1 execution-only platform with AMFI
Board Structure	Two directors from each partner, one jointly nominated director
SEBI Directive	July 2021 directive for interoperable mutual fund platform



➤ **What is the theme for the technical seminar at the upcoming Hyderabad Poultry Expo?**

- A) Advancing Poultry Science
- B) Unlocking Poultry Potential
- C) Sustainable Poultry Farming
- D) Innovation in Poultry Feed
- E) Poultry Health and Safety

Answer

B) Unlocking Poultry Potential



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Poultry Expo
- **Location:** Hyderabad
- **Dates:** Expo from November 27-29, 2024; Technical seminar on November 26, 2024



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Key Features of the Expo:

- **Organizer:** The event is organized by the Indian Poultry Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA).
- **Theme of Seminar:** "Unlocking Poultry Potential" - the technical seminar on November 26 will cover innovations in poultry production, feed nutrition, and animal health.
- **Exhibitors and Participants:** Over 400 exhibitors from around 50 countries are expected, with 40,000 attendees from the poultry industry, including farmers and other stakeholders.



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Knowledge Day Event and Sessions:

- **Knowledge Day on November 26** will feature sessions on modern poultry production and advancements in feed nutrition and animal health.
- **Seven Sessions:** The seminar will address key industry issues, including production innovation, nutrition, and income opportunities for farmers.



Significance of the Expo:

- **Global Platform:** The expo provides a venue for international stakeholders to explore advancements and business opportunities within the poultry industry.
- **Farmer Income:** Poultry has the potential to supplement agricultural income, offering a rapid growth rate compared to other agricultural sectors.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Poultry Industry:** An agricultural sector focused on the production and processing of poultry for food, including eggs and meat, as well as related industries like feed production and equipment manufacturing.
- **Feed Mills Nutrition:** Facilities where animal feed is produced, with a focus on balanced nutrition that promotes health and productivity in poultry.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Poultry Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA)**
 - **Founded:** An industry association for the poultry equipment sector
 - **Objective:** To support the development of the poultry industry through technology and equipment advancements
- **Hyderabad**
 - **State:** Telangana, India
 - **Known for:** A major hub for the pharmaceutical, IT, and poultry industries



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Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event Name	International Poultry Expo
Location	Hyderabad
Expo Dates	November 27-29, 2024
Technical Seminar Theme	"Unlocking Poultry Potential"
Expected Participation	400 exhibitors from 50 countries, 40,000 poultry farmers and stakeholders
Organizer	Indian Poultry Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA)
Key Discussion Topics	Poultry production innovations, feed nutrition, animal health



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- **World Radiography Day celebrates Wilhelm Roentgen's discovery of x-rays on November 8.**
- **NTPC celebrates 50th Raising Day, launching hydrogen-fuel buses for Leh and unveiling a new logo.**
- **Arjun Erigaisi rose to world No. 2 live rating after victory at Chennai Grand Masters 2024.**
- **IIT Delhi leads Indian institutions, ranked 44th in QS Asia Rankings 2025.**
- **Shiv Nadar tops Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024 with Rs 2,153 crore in donations.**
- **RBI includes 10-year Sovereign Green Bonds in FAR, effective November 7, 2024.**
- **SBI launched an innovation hub at Singapore Fintech Festival to drive financial innovation.**
- **Government reconstitutes CAC, chaired by Jayant Chaudhary, to boost apprenticeship reforms.**
- **3rd edition of India-Australia joint exercise 'AUSTRAHIND' begins in Pune, Maharashtra.**



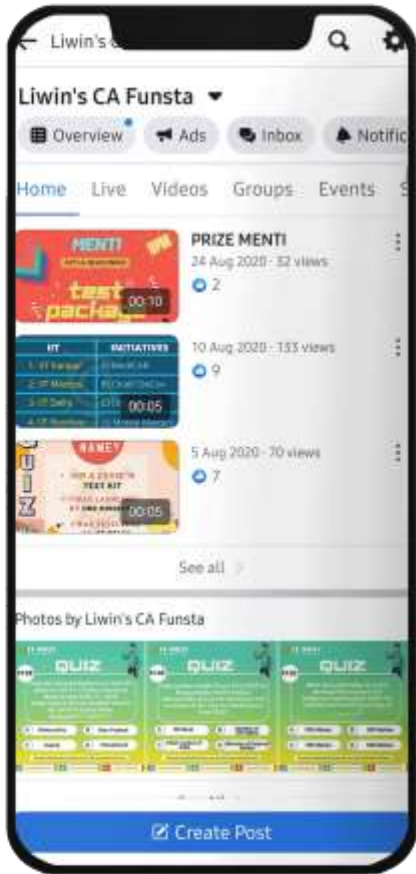
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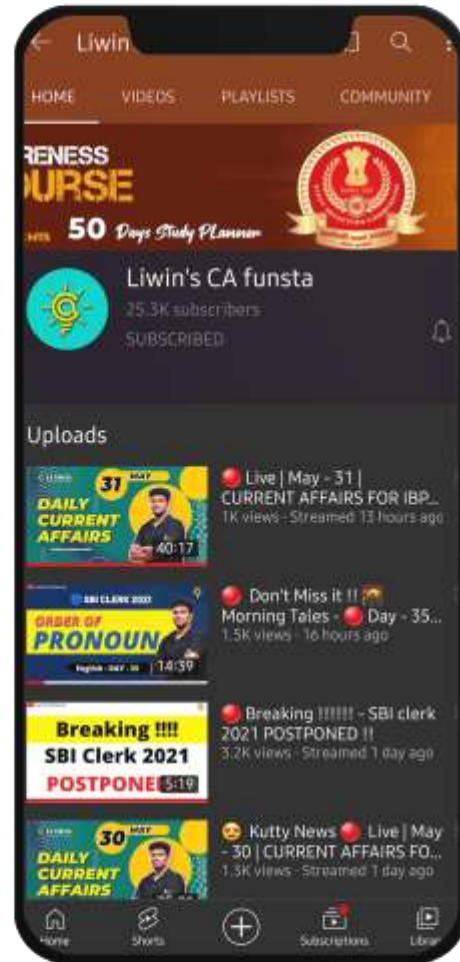
- **CDS Gen Anil Chauhan inaugurates the Indian Military Heritage Festival, launching Project Shaurya Gatha.**
- **The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy leads India's National Green Hydrogen Mission.**
- **C-DOT and C R Rao AIMSCS collaborate on infrastructure to capture side channel leakages in telecom.**
- **NICDC and UPSIDA sign agreements to develop IMCs in Agra and Prayagraj, supporting Make in India.**
- **Govt launches Rs 500 crore scheme to boost India's medical device industry, supporting self-reliance.**
- **CAMS and KFin Tech form JV to operate MF Central, an execution-only mutual fund platform.**
- **Hyderabad's Poultry Expo, themed "Unlocking Poultry Potential," to showcase innovations from November 27.**



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