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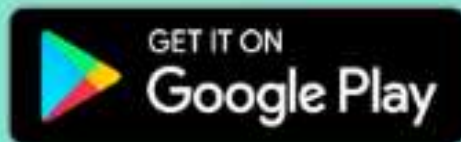
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# Important Days



➤ **What is the primary theme of World Science Day for Peace and Development 2024?**

- A) Scientific advancements in climate change
- B) Promoting responsible scientific practices for peace
- C) Innovation in technology for prosperity
- D) Investment in global scientific research
- E) Understanding ancient scientific methods



**Answer**

**B) Promoting responsible scientific practices for peace**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **World Science Day for Peace and Development** is observed globally on 10 November each year.





# Important Days



## Significance:

- This day aims to connect science with society by promoting responsible scientific practices and increasing science education.
- It underscores the essential role science plays in peace, development, and addressing global issues like climate change, poverty, and public health crises.
- It encourages inclusive scientific practices so that the benefits of scientific advancement reach underserved communities.



# Important Days



## International Week of Science and Peace:

- **First Observed:** In 1986 during the International Year of Peace, organized as a non-governmental initiative.
- **Formal Recognition:** The UN General Assembly passed Resolution 43/61 in 1988, establishing this as an annual observance during the week of 11 November.
- **Objective:** To highlight the link between science, technology, and peace, encouraging global scientific collaboration.



# Important Days



## World Science Day 2024 Theme:

- The theme emphasizes promoting responsible and inclusive science practices to support peaceful, sustainable development worldwide.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Inclusive Scientific Practices:** Ensuring that scientific progress benefits all communities and promotes equitable access to knowledge.
- **Global Observing System (GOS):** A program coordinated by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to gather continuous, reliable environmental data for global research and awareness.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)**
  - **Founded:** 1950
  - **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland
  - **Secretary-General:** Petteri Taalas



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Event	World Science Day for Peace and Development
Date	10 November 2024
Related Week	International Week of Science and Peace
First Ozonesonde Launched At	Ushuaia Weather Station, Argentina
Coordinating Organization	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
Significance	Promotes the use of science for global peace, encouraging responsible practices and inclusive access to scientific knowledge.



# Important Days



➤ **What is the main purpose of #WorldAdoptionDay?**

- A) To celebrate traditional family structures
- B) To raise funds for adoption agencies
- C) To recognize and support the global adoption community
- D) To promote foster care over adoption
- E) To commemorate historical adoption cases



**Answer**

**C) To recognize and support the global adoption community**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **#WorldAdoptionDay** is celebrated annually on **November 9**.





# Important Days



## Purpose:

- **Celebration of Adoption:** This day celebrates families created through adoption, acknowledging the experiences of adoptees, adoptive families, and birth families.
- **Community Awareness:** Raises awareness of adoption and promotes unity and understanding among those touched by adoption.
- **Support and Fundraising:** Started by AdoptTogether in 2014, the day also serves as a platform for raising funds to support adoption journeys.



# Important Days



## Symbol and Activities:

- **Smiley Face Symbol:** Participants draw a smiley face on their hands and share it on social media to symbolize hope and joy in adoption. This practice gained popularity and brought attention to the movement.
- **Ambassador Events:** Hundreds of ambassadors globally organize events, gatherings, and parties to foster connections within the adoption community.



# Important Days



## Key Messages of #WorldAdoptionDay:

- **Lift Your Voice:** Encourages adoptees, adoptive parents, and birth parents to share their stories, connecting individuals who are part of the adoption journey.
- **Inclusivity:** Reminds people that every adoption experience is unique, often rooted in complex emotions, and is an opportunity for healing and growth.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **AdoptTogether:** A non-profit organization that launched #WorldAdoptionDay to bring awareness, community, and support to adoption on a global scale.
- **Adoption Community:** Includes adoptees, birth families, adoptive families, and anyone connected to or touched by adoption in some way.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **AdoptTogether**
  - **Founded:** 2012
  - **Location:** Los Angeles, California, USA
  - **Purpose:** To provide crowdfunding assistance for families seeking adoption and increase awareness on adoption issues globally



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Event	#WorldAdoptionDay
Date	November 9
Purpose	Celebrate adoption, raise awareness, and support adoption journeys through community engagement
Symbol	Smiley face on the hand, shared on social media to show support for adoption
Founder	Started by AdoptTogether in 2014
Key Activities	Sharing stories, organizing global events, and fundraising for adoptive families



# Important Days

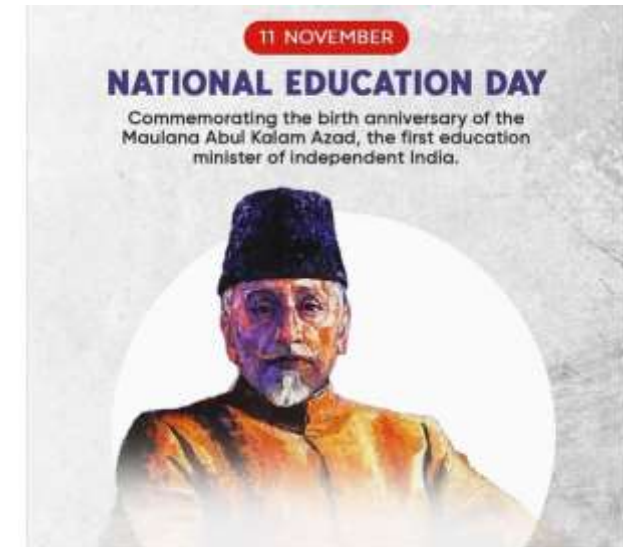


➤ **What is the primary focus of National Education Day in India, celebrated on November 11?**

- A) Honoring educators across India
- B) Recognizing advancements in higher education
- C) Promoting inclusive and equitable education
- D) Celebrating technological advancements in education
- E) Supporting international education programs

**Answer**

**C) Promoting inclusive and equitable education**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** National Education Day
- **Date:** November 11, annually
- **Purpose:** Celebrated to honor **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**, the first Education Minister of independent India and a notable education reformer.





# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives

- **National Education Day** emphasizes the importance of inclusive and quality education as a tool for national development, focusing on:
  - Strengthening educational infrastructure for skill and knowledge development.
  - Promoting initiatives and policies that foster universal access to education, particularly for children and youth.



# Important Days



## Terms Explained

- **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020:** A comprehensive framework aiming to overhaul India's education system for inclusivity, innovation, and alignment with 21st-century needs.
- **PM SHRI Schools:** Over 14,500 schools established to reflect the components of NEP 2020, focusing on cognitive development and skills enhancement.
- **Samagra Shiksha:** A five-year scheme promoting quality education with an inclusive classroom environment.
- **PRERNA:** A week-long residential learning program launched as an experiential initiative blending heritage and technology for select students.



# Important Days



## Terms Explained

- **ULLAS:** Literacy initiative under NILP, aimed at empowering adults aged 15 and above, aligning with NEP 2020.
- **NIPUN Bharat:** A mission to achieve foundational literacy and numeracy for children by Grade 3, targeted for completion by 2026-27.
- **DIKSHA:** A digital platform launched to enhance teacher training and development, customized for different educational needs.
- **NIRF:** The National Institutional Ranking Framework that evaluates higher educational institutions based on transparency and quality.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**
  - First Education Minister of Independent India
- **Ministry of Education, Government of India**
  - **Founded:** 1947
  - **Minister of Education:** Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
- **National Education Policy 2020**
  - **Launched:** July 29, 2020
  - **Objective:** Revamping India's education system for inclusivity and alignment with global standards



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

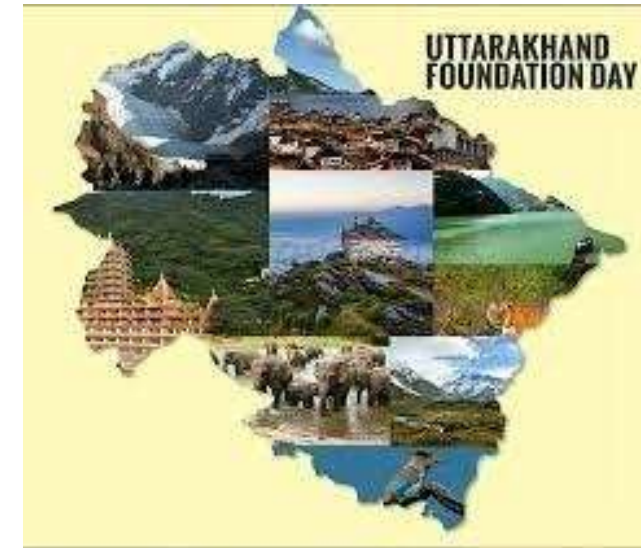
Key Details	Description
Event	National Education Day
Date	November 11, annually
Honored Figure	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, first Education Minister of independent India
Objective	Promote quality, inclusive education and skills development
Key Policies Highlighted	NEP 2020, Samagra Shiksha, PM SHRI, ULLAS, PRERNA, NIPUN Bharat, DIKSHA, NIRF
Significance	Strengthens education infrastructure; fosters equitable access to education for youth



# Important Days



- **What does Uttarakhand Foundation Day primarily commemorate?**
- A) The independence of Uttarakhand from British rule
  - B) The official renaming of the state to Uttarakhand
  - C) The formation of Uttarakhand as a separate state from Uttar Pradesh
  - D) The establishment of Uttarakhand as a pilgrimage destination
  - E) The promotion of tourism in Uttarakhand



**Answer**

**C) The formation of Uttarakhand as a separate state from Uttar Pradesh**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Uttarakhand Foundation Day** is observed annually on November 9. In 2024, the day will mark the 24th anniversary of the state's formation.



# Important Days



## History:

- **Formation:** Uttarakhand was officially formed as the 27th state of India on November 9, 2000, after a prolonged movement advocating for separation from Uttar Pradesh due to cultural, geographic, and administrative distinctions.
- **Name Change:** Initially named Uttaranchal, it was officially renamed Uttarakhand in 2007.





# Important Days



## Significance:

- **Uttarakhand Foundation Day**, also known as Uttarakhand Diwas, is a celebration of the state's unique cultural identity, heritage, and resilience.
- **Referred to as Devbhumi or the Land of the Gods, Uttarakhand** is home to sacred Hindu pilgrimage sites and holds significant spiritual value.
- The day is marked with cultural programs, parades, and traditional performances showcasing the state's folk music, dances, and customs, highlighting the pride and cultural richness of Uttarakhand's people.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Devbhumi:** A term meaning "Land of the Gods," representing the numerous Hindu temples and pilgrimage sites in Uttarakhand.
- **Uttaranchal to Uttarakhand:** The official change in the state's name from Uttaranchal to Uttarakhand in 2007 symbolized respect for the region's heritage and cultural identity.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **Uttarakhand**
  - **Capital:** Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer)
  - **Chief Minister:** Pushkar Singh Dhama
  - **Governor:** Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (Retd)



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Event	Uttarakhand Foundation Day
Date	November 9, 2024
Significance	Celebrates the formation of Uttarakhand as a separate state and honors its unique cultural identity
Historical Background	Formed on November 9, 2000, after separating from Uttar Pradesh due to cultural and geographical distinctions
Name Change	Initially called Uttaranchal, officially renamed Uttarakhand in 2007
Celebrations	Cultural programs, traditional dances, parades, and events highlighting Uttarakhand's rich heritage and Himalayan ecology



# Important Days



➤ **What was the primary focus of the 50<sup>th</sup> Raising Day event of NHPC and NTPC?**

- A) To launch new hydropower projects
- B) To commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of both organizations
- C) To discuss challenges in the power sector
- D) To announce a merger between NHPC and NTPC
- E) To release an energy policy report



**Answer**

**B) To commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of both organizations**



# Important Days



## Event and Date:

- **The 50<sup>th</sup> Raising Day of NHPC** (National Hydroelectric Power Corporation) and NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation) was celebrated on November 9, 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.



# Important Days



## Significance of the Event:

- The event marked the **Golden Jubilee year** of NHPC and NTPC, which were both incorporated on **November 7, 1975**.
- This celebration honors five decades of contributions by both organizations to India's power sector.



# Important Days



## Key Highlights:

### 1. Chief Guest and Dignitaries:

- Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal addressed the gathering, congratulating NHPC and NTPC on their achievements and underscoring their role in India's energy security and sustainable development.
- Shri Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary (Power), and senior officials from NHPC and NTPC, highlighted the organizations' successes and contributions to clean energy solutions.





# Important Days



## Key Highlights:

### 2. Achievements of NHPC and NTPC:

- **NHPC:** Recognized for its excellence in hydropower generation and achieving Navratna status on August 30, 2024. It currently has an installed capacity of over 7000 MW.
- **NTPC:** Commended for its role in India's growth as the largest integrated power utility, continuously advancing reliable and sustainable power.



# Important Days



## Key Highlights:

### 3. Special Publications:

- **NHPC's Comic Book "Jal se Jyoti"**: Aimed at educating children about hydropower generation.
- **NTPC's Coffee Table Book "Samathvam"**: Chronicles NTPC's journey and philosophy, highlighting its commitment to environmental sustainability and community empowerment.

### 4. Cultural Highlight:

- Renowned playback singer Abhijeet Bhattacharya performed, adding a festive touch to the celebration.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Navratna Status:** A designation given by the Government of India to select public sector enterprises, granting them financial and operational autonomy.
- **Samathvam:** A Sanskrit word meaning equanimity and balance, symbolizing NTPC's guiding principles.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **NHPC**
  - **Full Form:** National Hydroelectric Power Corporation
  - **Founded:** November 7, 1975
  - **CMD:** R.K. Chaudhary
  - **Status:** Navratna Company
- **NTPC**
  - **Full Form:** National Thermal Power Corporation
  - **Founded:** November 7, 1975
  - **CMD:** Gurdeep Singh
  - **Status:** Maharatna Company



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Event	50th Raising Day of NHPC and NTPC
Date	November 9, 2024
Location	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Chief Guest	Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal
Purpose	Celebrating the Golden Jubilee year of NHPC and NTPC, honoring 50 years of contributions to India's power sector
Special Releases	NHPC's comic book "Jal se Jyoti" and NTPC's coffee table book "Samathvam"
Cultural Highlight	Performance by playback singer Shri Abhijeet Bhattacharya



# RANKING



➤ **In which ranking did Hindalco secure the title of the world's most sustainable aluminium company for 2024?**

- A) World Bank Sustainability Index
- B) Fortune 500 Green Companies List
- C) S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA)
- D) Global Environmental Standards Index
- E) United Nations ESG Report

**Answer**

**C) S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA)**



# RANKING



## Event and Recognition:

- **Hindalco Industries Limited**, a part of the Aditya Birla Group, was ranked the world's most sustainable aluminium company in the 2024 S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) rankings. This marks the fifth consecutive year that Hindalco has achieved this distinction.



# RANKING



## Sustainability Performance and ESG Efforts:

- **Overall Score:** Hindalco achieved an 87-point score, which represents a 9-point increase from 2023, placing it 22 points ahead of its closest competitor.
- **ESG Leadership:** Hindalco reached the 100th percentile in many environmental, social, and governance (ESG) parameters. Key focus areas include climate strategy, waste management, cybersecurity, community engagement, and employee development.





## Sustainability Performance and ESG Efforts:

- **Environmental Impact:**
  - Hindalco reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 19.54% compared to its FY 2011-12 baseline.
  - Renewable Energy Commitment: Plans to source 30% of its energy from renewables by 2030 and is implementing a 100 MW carbon-free power project at its Odisha smelter.
  - Zero Waste Goals: Recycled 85% of operational waste in FY24 and is on track to achieve a zero-waste-to-landfill goal by 2030.



# RANKING



## Social and Governance Impact:

- **Community Investment:** The company invested ₹154 crore in community programs in FY 2023-24, impacting over 2.5 million lives.
- **Governance Score:** Hindalco scored 84% in governance, reflecting its strong management practices, 12 points above its nearest peer.



# RANKING



## Important Terms Explained:

- **S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA):** An annual assessment by S&P Global that evaluates companies based on their ESG practices to identify industry leaders.
- **Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI):** Global indices that rank publicly listed companies on ESG criteria, with the top 10% of companies by market capitalization forming **the DJSI World Index**.



# RANKING



## Static GK Information:

- **Hindalco Industries Ltd**
  - **Founded:** 1958
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **Managing Director:** Satish Pai



# RANKING



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Achievement	Ranked world's most sustainable aluminium company in 2024 S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA)
Sustainability Ranking	87 points, 22 points ahead of the nearest peer
Key ESG Areas	Climate strategy, waste management, renewable energy, community engagement
Environmental Milestone	Reduced GHG emissions by 19.54% (baseline: FY 2011-12)
Social Impact	₹154 crore investment in community programs (impacting 2.5 million lives)
Governance Score	84% in governance, 12 points ahead of closest peer



➤ **What is one of the primary objectives of RBI's updated KYC provisions?**

- A) To eliminate the need for KYC in low-risk accounts
- B) To increase KYC frequency for all account holders
- C) To reduce redundant KYC requests and streamline verification
- D) To require biometric verification for all transactions
- E) To simplify tax compliance through KYC



**Answer**

**C) To reduce redundant KYC requests and streamline verification**



## Event and Date:

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** released updates to the Master Direction on KYC guidelines on November 6, 2024, effective immediately.



## Purpose of Updated KYC Rules:

- These changes aim to simplify verification processes, reduce redundant KYC submissions, and improve security, enabling faster onboarding and making financial services more accessible.





## Key Amendments in KYC Rules:

### 1. KYC Simplification for Existing Customers:

- Existing customers with KYC-compliant accounts need not repeat KYC for additional services or accounts within the same institution.

### 2. Unique Customer Identification Code (UCIC):

- Each customer will have a UCIC to avoid repetitive KYC for multiple services. However, coordination between regulators like SEBI (mutual funds) and IRDAI (insurance) is yet to be clarified for unified KYC compliance.

### 3. Risk-Based KYC Update Frequency:

- High-risk customers: Every 2 years
- Medium-risk customers: Every 8 years
- Low-risk customers: Every 10 years



## Key Amendments in KYC Rules:

### 4. Sharing KYC Data with CKYCR:

- Regulated entities (REs) must share KYC records with the Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCR) for accounts opened after January 1, 2017 (for SCBs) and April 1, 2021 (for other REs).

### 5. Minimizing Redundant KYC Requests:

- REs should use the existing KYC identifier in the CKYCR database rather than asking customers to re-submit documents unless information is outdated or enhanced due diligence is necessary.

### 6. Enhanced Monitoring of High-Risk Accounts:

- High-risk accounts, such as those with unusual transaction patterns, must undergo increased scrutiny, with any suspicious activities reported to authorities like the RNI and FIU-IND.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **CKYCR (Central KYC Records Registry):** A central repository that stores KYC data for customers across financial institutions, reducing redundancy and improving compliance.
- **KYC (Know Your Customer):** A mandatory process for financial institutions to verify customer identities to prevent illegal activities, such as money laundering.
- **UCIC (Unique Customer Identification Code):** An identification code assigned to each customer to facilitate seamless KYC across services within an institution.



## Static GK Information:

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
  - **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das
  - **Founded:** April 1, 1935
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Scheme	RBI's updated KYC provisions
Date Announced	November 6, 2024
Objective	Simplify verification, reduce redundant KYC requests, enhance onboarding
Risk-Based KYC Update Frequency	High-risk: 2 years; Medium-risk: 8 years; Low-risk: 10 years
Key Features	UCIC for each customer, CKYCR data sharing, reduced redundant requests, enhanced monitoring for high-risk accounts
Relevant Act	Prevention of Money Laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules, 2005



- **What is the primary focus of the newly launched Nari Shakti branches of Union Bank of India?**
- A) Providing agricultural loans
  - B) Extending credit and support services to women entrepreneurs
  - C) Offering only savings accounts for women
  - D) Promoting international business for women
  - E) Offering investment guidance for senior citizens

**Answer**

**B) Extending credit and support services to women entrepreneurs**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of five Nari Shakti branches of Union Bank of India
- **Location:** Virtually inaugurated from Bengaluru, branches opened in Bengaluru, Chennai, Visakhapatnam, and Jaipur
- **Date:** November 10, 2024



## Mandates and Statements

- **Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** inaugurated the branches, emphasizing the goal to empower women entrepreneurs and promote financial inclusion for women.
- **Focus:** The Nari Shakti branches primarily offer credit, advisory services, and support programs specifically designed for women entrepreneurs.
- **Specialized Services:**
  - Financing for women-owned manufacturing and service units.
  - Skill development programs, advisory workshops on start-ups, and mentorship services.
  - Emphasis on creating technology-driven, cluster-based schemes to support business growth for women.





## Static GK Information:

- **Union Bank of India**
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **MD & CEO:** A. Manimekhalai
  - **Tagline:** "Good People to Bank With"



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Launch of five Nari Shakti branches by Union Bank of India
Location	Virtual launch from Bengaluru, branches in Bengaluru, Chennai, Visakhapatnam, Jaipur
Date	November 10, 2024
Primary Focus	Empowering women entrepreneurs and enhancing financial inclusion
Services Offered	Credit, skill development, mentorship, networking, and advisory
Inaugurated by	Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman



➤ **What is the primary objective of Bengaluru's newly installed digital population clock at ISEC?**

- A) Track global population growth
- B) Provide real-time updates on demographic statistics for India and Karnataka
- C) Monitor migration patterns in Karnataka
- D) Display historical census data
- E) Analyze fertility and mortality rates in Karnataka



**Answer**

**B) Provide real-time updates on demographic statistics for India and Karnataka**



## Event and Location:

- On **8 November 2024, Bengaluru** unveiled its first digital population clock at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC).



## Key Features of the Digital Population Clock:

- **Real-Time Updates:**
  - **Karnataka's Population:** Refreshes every 1 minute and 10 seconds.
  - **India's Population:** Updates every 2 seconds.
- **Demographic Indicators:**
  - Includes data on birth and death rates, migration, life expectancy, fertility, and mortality rates.
- **Focus:** Unlike global population clocks, this clock focuses on state-level and national population data.



## Project Collaboration and Objectives:

- **Collaborating Bodies:** Developed by ISEC and the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) as part of a national initiative.
- **Primary Objectives:**
  - **Public Awareness:** Raise awareness on the impact of population growth on sustainable development.
  - **Data for Research:** Provides accurate data for demographic research to support policy and planning.



## Additional Facilities at ISEC:

- **Census Data Research Workstation:**
  - Equipped with advanced software for population analysis.
  - Supports in-depth studies on population trends to inform policy and development.



## About Population Research Centres (PRCs):

- **Established by:** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India.
- **Mandate:**
  - Conduct research to support Health and Family Welfare Programs.
  - Focus on family planning, demographic trends, and population control studies.





## Activities and Contributions of PRCs:

- **Research Activities:** Conduct demographic research, analyze data, publish findings, and provide expertise to agencies.
- **Technical Support:** Provide guidance to government agencies and NGOs for effective population programs.
- **Policy Contributions:** Their evidence-based research supports the development of effective health and family welfare policies.



## Static GK Information:

- **Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC)**
  - **Location:** Bengaluru, Karnataka
  - **Established:** 1972
  - **Director:** K S James



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Event	Bengaluru unveils first digital population clock at ISEC
Date	8 November 2024
Real-Time Updates	Karnataka population: Every 1 min, 10 sec; India population: Every 2 sec
Project Collaboration	Joint initiative by ISEC and Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)
Objectives	Raise awareness of population growth's impact on sustainable development, provide data for research and planning
Additional Facility at ISEC	Census Data Research Workstation for in-depth demographic research
About PRCs	Established by MoHFW to support family welfare and demographic studies



➤ **What is the primary goal of the "Strengthening Medical Device Industry" scheme launched by Union Minister JP Nadda?**

- A) To boost medical device exports to the USA
- B) To enhance self-reliance in the medical device sector
- C) To fund new hospitals across India
- D) To promote foreign direct investment in the healthcare sector
- E) To reduce healthcare costs through subsidies



**Answer**

**B) To enhance self-reliance in the medical device sector**



## Event and Location:

- **Union Health and Family Welfare Minister JP Nadda** launched the Strengthening Medical Device Industry scheme in New Delhi.



## Purpose and Significance:

- This scheme, with an allocation of **Rs 500 crore**, aims to strengthen **the medical device sector** in India, reducing dependency on imports and supporting the vision of a self-reliant India by 2047.
- The scheme is intended as a game changer that will empower India to become a global leader in medical device manufacturing.



## Objectives of the Scheme:

- **Self-reliance:** Reduce reliance on imported medical devices and promote domestic manufacturing.
- **Export Growth:** Enable India to become a prominent exporter in the global medical device market.
- **Industry Promotion:** Advance the “Viksit Bharat 2047” vision by supporting clinical studies, skill development, and common infrastructure.



## Scheme Components:

- 1. Common Facilities for Medical Device Clusters:** Allocated Rs 110 crore to provide shared infrastructure for manufacturing.
- 2. Marginal Investment Scheme for Reducing Import Dependence:** Rs 180 crore allocation aimed at encouraging local manufacturing to cut imports.
- 3. Capacity Building and Skill Development:** Rs 100 crore for training and skill enhancement in medical device manufacturing.
- 4. Medical Device Clinical Studies Support Scheme:** Also part of the Rs 100 crore for research in clinical studies.
- 5. Medical Device Promotion Scheme:** Rs 10 crore to promote the sector and its products domestically and internationally.





## Key Highlights from the Launch:

- **Union Minister JP Nadda** emphasized that the scheme aligns with India's vision to become a self-sufficient leader in medical devices.
- **Minister of State Anupriya Patel** noted the critical role of medical devices in healthcare and highlighted the government's commitment to supportive policies.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Viksit Bharat 2047:** A government vision for a developed India by 2047, including self-reliance in key sectors.
- **Medical Device Clusters:** Designated regions where manufacturers can share facilities and resources to reduce costs and improve efficiency.



## Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**
  - **Union Minister:** JP Nadda
  - **Minister of State:** Anupriya Patel
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Scheme	Strengthening Medical Device Industry
Launched by	Union Minister JP Nadda
Location	New Delhi
Total Allocation	Rs 500 crore
Key Objectives	Reduce import dependency, boost domestic manufacturing, advance self-reliance
Sub-Schemes	Common Facilities for Clusters (Rs 110 crore), Marginal Investment (Rs 180 crore), Capacity Building (Rs 100 crore), etc.
Significance	Supports healthcare through domestic manufacturing and aligns with Viksit Bharat 2047



➤ **What is the primary goal of the recent agreement between C-DOT, Linearized Amplifier Technologies, and Vedang Radio Tech?**

- A) To increase 5G deployment in rural areas
- B) To develop millimeter wave power amplifier chips for 5G FR2 frequencies
- C) To provide subsidies for 5G devices in India
- D) To establish new telecom standards in India
- E) To promote overseas investment in India's telecom sector

**Answer**

**B) To develop millimeter wave power amplifier chips for 5G FR2 frequencies**



## Event and Date:

- On November 9, 2024, the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), Linearized Amplifier Technologies, and Vedang Radio Tech signed an agreement for the development of millimeter wave (mm-wave) power amplifier chips for 5G FR2 frequency bands.



## Purpose of the Agreement:

- The project aims to develop power amplifier IP cores for **the 5G FR2 frequency bands (26 GHz and 47 GHz)**, which are crucial for high-speed, ultra-low latency 5G services.
- This collaboration supports India's National Semiconductor Mission and Make-in-India initiative by advancing indigenous telecom technology development.



## Key Features of the Project:

### 1. Millimeter Wave Power Amplifier Chips:

- Focuses on IP core development for mm-wave power amplifiers, essential for 5G transceivers and beamforming systems in telecom infrastructure.

### 2. Commercial Viability:

- Designed to be industry-ready and commercially viable by using standard Process Design Kits (PDKs), ensuring compatibility with commercial foundry services.

### 3. Technology for 5G FR2:

- The 5G FR2 bands provide ample bandwidth at mm-wave frequencies, supporting advanced 5G applications requiring high speeds and low latency.





## Supporting Scheme:

- **Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF):** The agreement is funded under the TTDF scheme by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to promote the development and commercialization of telecom technologies in India.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Millimeter Wave (mm-Wave):** A high-frequency spectrum (above 24 GHz) used for ultra-fast data transfer in 5G, offering high bandwidth for demanding applications.
- **IP Core:** A reusable logic component used in semiconductor design, critical for developing specific functionalities in integrated circuits.
- **National Semiconductor Mission:** A government initiative aimed at promoting India's semiconductor manufacturing and design industry.



## Static GK Information:

- **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)**
  - **Founded:** 1984
  - **CEO:** Dr. Rajkumar Upadhyay
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Agreement Parties	C-DOT, Linearized Amplifier Technologies, Vedang Radio Tech
Date	November 9, 2024
Objective	Develop indigenous millimeter wave power amplifier IP cores for 5G FR2 frequency bands (26 GHz, 47 GHz)
Supporting Scheme	Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) by Department of Telecommunications (DoT)
Significance	Supports Make-in-India and National Semiconductor Mission for advancing India's telecom technology



➤ **What is the main goal of the Centre's initiative to develop 100 climate-resilient coastal fishermen villages?**

- A) Promote traditional fishing methods
- B) Increase exports in the fishing sector
- C) Enhance economic and climate resilience in coastal fishing communities
- D) Provide subsidies for fishing equipment
- E) Train fishermen in foreign fishing techniques

**Answer**

**C) Enhance economic and climate resilience in coastal fishing communities**



## Event and Location:

- On **November 9, 2024**, the Union Government announced an initiative to create 100 climate-resilient coastal fishermen villages across India.



## Objective of the Initiative:

- **This fully-funded Central government initiative** aims to support sustainable economic opportunities and strengthen infrastructure in coastal fishing communities to protect them from climate change impacts.



## Key Features of the Initiative:

- 1. Climate Resilience:** The project will incorporate infrastructure improvements to withstand climate-related challenges, such as rising sea levels and severe weather.
- 2. Sustainable Livelihoods:** Supports alternative, sustainable livelihood opportunities to reduce economic vulnerability and dependency on climate-sensitive fishing.
- 3. Economic Strengthening:** Focuses on providing fishing communities with infrastructure that enhances productivity and helps mitigate the risks associated with climate impacts.





## Significance:

- Announced by **Union Minister of State for Fisheries George Kurian**, the initiative underscores the government's commitment to safeguard the livelihoods of coastal fishing communities, enhancing both economic security and environmental resilience.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Climate-Resilient Village:** A community designed with infrastructure and resources to reduce vulnerability to climate threats, promoting sustainable livelihoods.
- **Sustainable Livelihoods:** Employment and economic activities that are environmentally sustainable, minimizing adverse impacts on local ecosystems.



## Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying**
  - **Union Minister of State for Fisheries:** George Kurian
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Event	Details
Initiative	Development of 100 climate-resilient coastal fishermen villages
Date Announced	November 9, 2024
Funded By	Central Government
Primary Goals	Enhance economic resilience, support sustainable livelihoods, and improve climate-resilient infrastructure
Announced By	Union Minister of State for Fisheries, George Kurian
Significance	Aims to protect coastal communities from climate impacts while promoting sustainable development



- **What is the primary objective of CESL's newly launched 'EV as a Service' programme?**
- A) To deploy 5,000 e-bicycles in rural areas
  - B) To increase private sector adoption of electric vehicles
  - C) To enhance e-mobility in government offices by deploying 5,000 E-Cars
  - D) To promote e-mobility in the agriculture sector
  - E) To provide subsidies for electric vehicle manufacturing in India



**Answer**

**C) To enhance e-mobility in government offices by deploying 5,000 E-Cars**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the 'EV as a Service' Programme
- **Location:** Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi
- **Date:** November 10, 2024



## Mandates and Objectives

- **The 'EV as a Service' programme** is designed to promote e-mobility within government offices by deploying 5,000 electric cars over two years.
- Launched by **Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL)**, a subsidiary of **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)**, this initiative aligns with India's goals for sustainable transportation and reduction of carbon emissions.
- It aims to reduce fossil fuel dependency and enhance energy security in India, thus supporting the nation's vision for net zero emissions by **2070**.
- The programme enables government offices to choose electric cars that meet specific operational needs through a flexible procurement model.



## Important Terms Explained

- **CESL (Convergence Energy Services Limited):** A subsidiary of EESL, dedicated to promoting sustainable energy solutions, including electric mobility and energy efficiency.
- **EESL (Energy Efficiency Services Limited):** A joint venture of public sector undertakings under the Ministry of Power, focused on energy efficiency projects and sustainable solutions.
- **PM E-DRIVE Scheme:** A national initiative aimed at fast-tracking India's transition to electric mobility.
- **E-Mobility OEMs:** Original Equipment Manufacturers that specialize in the production of electric vehicles and their components.





## Static GK Information:

- **Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL)**
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **CEO:** Vishal Kapoor
- **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)**
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Founded:** 2009



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Launch of 'EV as a Service' Programme
Location	Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi
Date	November 10, 2024
Objective	Deploy 5,000 E-Cars in government departments over two years
Implemented by	Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL)
Associated with	Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)
Significance	Supports India's goal of net zero emissions by 2070; reduces carbon emissions
Additional Activities	EV rally with over 100 electric vehicles across various segments



➤ **What was the main focus of the 8<sup>th</sup> International Ancient Arts Festival and Symposium held at IGNCA?**

- A) Promoting contemporary art in India
- B) Exploring ancient arts for social and personal healing
- C) Highlighting technological advancements in arts
- D) Showcasing modern dance and music
- E) Discussing economic benefits of art exhibitions

**Answer**

**B) Exploring ancient arts for social and personal healing**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 8<sup>th</sup> International Ancient Arts Festival and Symposium
- **Location:** Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi
- **Dates:** November 8–10, 2024



## Purpose and Significance:

- **Organized by IGNCA** in collaboration with the Rays of Wisdom Society and supported by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.
- The symposium centered on how ancient art forms, including dance and visual arts, contribute to personal and social healing.
- Key sessions focused on themes of Religion, Consciousness, and Art as Healing within the context of Indian philosophy and ancient wisdom.



## Purpose and Significance:

- **Events included:**
  - Exhibition on metaphysical and healing themes in visual arts.
  - Dance performance titled 'Antar Yatra' by Dr. Reela Hota, depicting the ascent through chakras to ultimate consciousness (Moksha).
  - Scholarly lectures and discussions on topics such as 'Art and Conflict Resolution,' 'Spirituality in Indian Fine Arts,' and 'The Metaphysics of Temple Architecture.'



## Objectives of the Scheme:

- **IGNCA (Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts):** An institution under the Ministry of Culture dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Indian art and heritage.
- **Sanatan Dharma:** An ancient term denoting the eternal duty of living in harmony with universal principles.
- **Rasa and Bhava:** Core concepts in Indian aesthetics; Rasa represents aesthetic joy or essence, while Bhava denotes the emotional state or feeling, both essential in Indian art forms.
- **Chakras:** According to yogic philosophy, energy centers in the body; Mooladhara (base chakra) to Sahasrara (crown chakra) symbolize stages in spiritual ascension.



## Static GK Information:

- **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)**
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Founded:** 1987
  - **Chairman:** Shri. M.D. Rajkumar
- **Ministry of Culture, Government of India**
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Minister:** Shri G. Kishan Reddy





# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	8 <sup>th</sup> International Ancient Arts Festival and Symposium
Location	Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi
Dates	November 8–10, 2024
Organized by	IGNCA, Rays of Wisdom Society, Ministry of Culture
Primary Focus	Exploring ancient arts for personal and social healing
Key Highlights	Art and spirituality in Indian fine arts, healing in Baul philosophy, etc.
Significance	Showcased art's role in holistic health and mental well-being



➤ **What is the primary function of the Air Orca drone launched by Odisha-based start-up Bon V Aero?**

- A) Delivering luxury goods
- B) Monitoring weather patterns
- C) Serving as a first responder in post-disaster scenarios
- D) Conducting aerial photography
- E) Assisting in tourism logistics



**Answer**

**C) Serving as a first responder in post-disaster scenarios**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Air Orca, an autonomous logistics drone service
- **Location:** Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- **Date:** November 10, 2024



## Mandates and Statements

- The Odisha-based start-up Bon V Aero launched Air Orca, a fully designed, developed, and manufactured autonomous drone intended to meet India's logistics needs.
- **Purpose:** Air Orca is tailored to be a first responder in post-disaster scenarios, delivering relief supplies and providing emergency support.



## Mandates and Statements

- **Key Features:**
  - Autonomous capabilities enable Air Orca to operate in challenging terrains and areas inaccessible by traditional vehicles.
  - Supports defense and civilian applications, including disaster management, healthcare, and military logistics.
  - Recently, Air Orca set a world record by lifting a 30 kg payload at Umling La, Ladakh, demonstrating its high-altitude logistics capacity.
- **Tim Draper**, a venture capitalist, attended the launch, expressing confidence in the drone's potential for disaster response and logistics expansion.



## Static GK Information:

- **Odisha**
  - **Capital:** Bhubaneswar
  - **Chief Minister:** Naveen Patnaik
  - **Governor:** Ganeshi Lal



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Launch of Air Orca autonomous logistics drone
Location	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
Date	November 10, 2024
Developed by	Bon V Aero, an Odisha-based start-up
Primary Function	First responder in post-disaster scenarios, relief logistics
Applications	Healthcare, e-commerce, military logistics, disaster response
Notable Achievement	Lifted a 30 kg payload at 19,024 feet in Umling La, Ladakh
Special Attendee	Tim Draper, venture capitalist



# QUICK RECALL



- **World Science Day on 10 November celebrates science's role in fostering peace.**
- **#WorldAdoptionDay on November 9 celebrates adoption, community, and stories of family.**
- **National Education Day celebrated on November 11 honors Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.**
- **Uttarakhand Foundation Day on November 9 celebrates the state's formation and cultural identity.**
- **Hindalco ranked as the world's most sustainable aluminium company in 2024 by S&P Global CSA.**
- **RBI's updated KYC rules, effective November 6, simplify verification and reduce redundant KYC submissions.**
- **Union Bank launches Nari Shakti branches to support women entrepreneurs with financial services.**
- **Bengaluru launched India's first digital population clock at ISEC, updating every 2 seconds.**





# QUICK RECALL



- **The Strengthening Medical Device Industry scheme launched with Rs 500 crore promotes self-reliance.**
- **NHPC and NTPC celebrated 50th Raising Day on November 9, 2024, marking five decades in India's energy sector.**
- **C-DOT and partners signed an agreement on November 9, 2024, to develop 5G millimeter wave power amplifier chips.**
- **Centre to develop 100 climate-resilient fishermen villages, enhancing economic and climate resilience.**
- **CESL launches 'EV as a Service' to deploy 5,000 E-Cars in government sectors.**
- **IGNCA's arts festival emphasized the healing potential of ancient Indian art forms.**
- **Odisha's Bon V Aero launches Air Orca drone for autonomous disaster logistics.**



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