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Important Days



➤ **What is the theme of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2024?**

- A) Nothing About Us Without Us
- B) Inclusive Development for All
- C) Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future
- D) Disability-Inclusive Peace and Development
- E) Universal Access to Basic Services



International
Day of
**Persons with
Disabilities**

3 DECEMBER

Answer

C) Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) 2024
- **Date:** 3 December 2024
- **Location:** UN Headquarters, New York (commemorative event)



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- Highlight the leadership of persons with disabilities in fostering an inclusive and sustainable future.
- Emphasize the “Nothing About Us Without Us” approach, which calls for participation, representation, and inclusion of persons with disabilities.
- Leverage the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy to uphold the rights of persons with disabilities and promote systemic, sustainable progress.
- Engage in global discussions, such as the Second World Summit for Social Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to ensure disability-inclusive peace and development.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy (UNDIS):**
 - Launched in June 2019, this strategy enhances disability inclusion across all UN operations.
 - Reaffirms that the rights of persons with disabilities are an indivisible part of human rights.
- **Conference of States Parties to the CRPD:**
 - Annual meeting of countries ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).
 - A platform to share best practices and review progress in implementing disability rights globally.
- **Five-year Anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 2475 (2019):**
 - Calls for the protection of persons with disabilities in conflict situations and their inclusion in humanitarian aid.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

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



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) 2024
Date	3 December 2024
Theme	Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future
Commemorative Event	In-person opening segment and virtual panel discussion at UN Headquarters, New York
Key Global Summits	Summit of the Future (2024) and Second World Summit for Social Development (2025)
Discussion Topics	UN Disability Inclusion Strategy, climate crisis, social development, and disability inclusion



Important Days



➤ **What milestone did the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan mark in December 2024?**

- A) 5 years
- B) 7 years
- C) 9 years
- D) 10 years
- E) 15 years

Answer
C) 9 years



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** 9th anniversary of the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan (Accessible India Campaign).
- **Date:** December 3, 2024
- **Location:** Nationwide



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **The Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan**, launched in 2015, aims to create a barrier-free environment for **Divyangjan** (persons with disabilities).
- Focuses on improving accessibility in physical infrastructure, transportation, and information and communication technology (ICT).
- **Highlights of the initiative:**
 - The historic passage of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, which expanded disability categories and introduced stringent accessibility norms.
 - Success of Divyangjan in the Paralympics, showcasing their 'Can Do' spirit.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan (Accessible India Campaign):**
 - Launched in 2015 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
 - Aims to create an inclusive environment for persons with disabilities by enhancing accessibility.
- **Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act, 2016:**
 - Expands the definition of disability to include 21 categories.
 - Mandates accessibility in public spaces, transport systems, and ICT platforms.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan**
 - **Launch Year:** 2015
 - **Launched By:** Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- **India's Paralympics**
 - **First Appearance:** 1968
 - **Governing Body:** Paralympic Committee of India



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	9th anniversary of Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan
Date	December 3, 2024
Launched By	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Key Highlights	Improved accessibility, RPWD Act 2016, Divyangjan Paralympics success
Objective	Accessibility, equality, and opportunity for persons with disabilities



➤ Who won the bronze medal for India in the eFootball segment at the Asian Esports Games 2024?

- A) Wasfi Bilal
- B) Shubham Khorwal
- C) Soukmangkone
- D) Pavan Kampelli
- E) Lokesh Suji

Answer

D) Pavan Kampelli



SPORTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Asian Esports Games 2024
- **Date:** November 30 to December 2, 2024
- **Location:** Bangkok, Thailand



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Pavan Kampelli**, known as MrTomboy, represented India in the eFootball segment and won a bronze medal.
- This marks India's first medal in eFootball at the Asian Esports Games.
- **Prize:** \$500 awarded to Pavan for his performance.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Asian Esports Games:**
 - A continental competition organized by the Asian Esports Federation (AESF) featuring various esports categories.
- **eFootball:**
 - A virtual football video game series that simulates professional football matches in a competitive setting.
- **Asian Esports Federation (AESF):**
 - Governs and promotes esports in Asia, ensuring fair play and representation at major tournaments.



Static GK Information:

- **Thailand**
 - **Capital:** Bangkok
 - **Currency:** Baht
 - **Prime Minister:** Srettha Thavisin
- **Asian Esports Federation (AESF)**
 - **Headquarters:** Hong Kong
 - **Founded:** 2017
 - **President:** Kenneth Fok



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Asian Esports Games 2024
Date	November 30 to December 2, 2024
Location	Bangkok, Thailand
Winner	Pavan Kampelli (MrTomboy) won bronze in the eFootball segment
Prize	\$500
Significance	First-ever medal for India in the eFootball segment
Organizer	Asian Esports Federation (AESF)



RANKING



➤ Which organization declared West Bengal a top destination for heritage tourism?

- A) United Nations
- B) UNESCO
- C) World Tourism Organization
- D) Ministry of Tourism, India
- E) Archaeological Survey of India

Answer
B) UNESCO



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** UNESCO declared West Bengal as a top destination for heritage tourism.
- **Date:** Announcement made by CM Mamata Banerjee in the assembly on December 4, 2024.
- **Location:** Kolkata, West Bengal



RANKING



Mandates and Objectives:

- **West Bengal** aims to develop its tourism sector, focusing on **heritage, religious, and tea tourism**.
- Significant emphasis on enhancing **heritage sites** such as **Dakshineswar and Kalighat temples**.
- Heritage tourism in the state generates employment opportunities for **lakhs of youths**.



RANKING



Important Terms Explained:

- **UNESCO:**
 - The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, established in 1945.
 - Promotes the preservation of cultural and natural heritage globally.
- **Heritage Tourism:**
 - Tourism focused on visiting historical and culturally significant sites.
 - Plays a key role in preserving traditions while boosting local economies.



RANKING



Static GK Information:

- **West Bengal**
 - **Capital:** Kolkata
 - **CM:** Mamata Banerjee
 - **Governor:** C. V. Ananda Bose
- **UNESCO**
 - **Headquarters:** Paris, France
 - **Founded:** 16 November 1945
 - **Director-General:** Audrey Azoulay



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	UNESCO declared West Bengal as a top destination for heritage tourism
Date	December 4, 2024 (announced in the assembly)
Location	Kolkata, West Bengal
Focus Areas	Heritage tourism, religious tourism, tea tourism
Key Heritage Sites	Dakshineswar Temple, Kalighat Temple
Employment Impact	Generated jobs for lakhs of youths



➤ **What are the four factors used in SBI Mutual Fund's newly launched Quant Fund?**

- A) Liquidity, Momentum, Growth, Stability
- B) Momentum, Value, Quality, Growth
- C) Value, Income, Equity, Debt
- D) Quality, Liquidity, Growth, Debt
- E) Growth, Momentum, Debt, Value



Answer

B) Momentum, Value, Quality, Growth



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of SBI Mutual Fund's Quant Fund.
- **Date:** December 3, 2024
- **Location:** Mumbai, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **SBI Mutual Fund** introduces its first active Quant fund, built on a model that utilizes four key factors:
 1. **Momentum:** Measures the price trend and stock performance over time.
 2. **Value:** Identifies undervalued stocks relative to their intrinsic value.
 3. **Quality:** Focuses on companies with strong fundamentals, profitability, and low debt.
 4. **Growth:** Targets companies showing consistent earnings and revenue growth.
- **Portfolio Structure:**
 1. Comprises 30-35 stocks selected from the top 200 stocks based on the fund house's Quant model.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Quant Fund:**
 - A type of mutual fund that uses quantitative models and algorithms to select stocks based on predefined metrics like momentum, value, etc.
- **SBI Mutual Fund (SBI MF):**
 - India's largest mutual fund house, offering a wide range of investment solutions across equity, debt, and hybrid categories.



Static GK Information:

- **SBI Mutual Fund**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **Founded:** 1987
 - **CEO:** Shamsheer Singh
- **State Bank of India (Parent Organization)**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **Chairperson:** Dinesh Kumar Khara
 - **Tagline:** "The Banker to Every Indian"



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	SBI Mutual Fund launched an active Quant Fund
Date	December 3, 2024
Factors Used	Momentum, Value, Quality, Growth
Portfolio	30-35 stocks from the top 200 stocks
Significance	Combines quantitative analysis with active management to optimize stock selection



➤ **What milestone did the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) achieve in October 2024?**

- A) 16.58 billion transactions worth approximately US\$ 279.4 billion
- B) 15.04 billion transactions worth US\$ 245.4 billion
- C) 535 million transactions daily worth US\$ 74.7 billion
- D) 126 million transactions worth US\$ 733 million
- E) 467 million transactions worth US\$ 6.29 trillion



Answer

**A) 16.58 billion transactions worth approximately
US\$ 279.4 billion**



Event and Location:

- **Event:** UPI achieved a record-high in October 2024 with 16.58 billion transactions.
- **Location:** India



Mandates and Objectives:

- The surge in UPI transactions reflects the increasing shift towards digital payments during the festival season.
- Daily transactions exceeded 535 million in volume, worth approximately US\$ 9 billion, highlighting UPI's role in real-time, cashless payments.
- The record underscores efforts to create a **cashless economy** and enhance digital financial inclusion.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Unified Payments Interface (UPI):**
 - A real-time interbank payment system enabling instant money transfers via mobile devices.
 - Operated by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- **Immediate Payment Service (IMPS):**
 - An instant electronic payment system for interbank transfers, also managed by NPCI.
- **FASTag:**
 - A digital toll payment system using RFID for automated deduction at toll plazas.
- **Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS):**
 - Allows Aadhaar cardholders to perform transactions using biometric data for authentication.



Static GK Information:

- **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
 - **Founded:** 2008
 - **CEO:** Dilip Asbe



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	UPI achieved a record of 16.58 billion transactions in October 2024
Location	India
Date	October 2024
Daily Transaction Average	535 million transactions worth US\$ 9 billion
Festive Boost Impact	Increased person-to-merchant transactions
Other Payment Methods Growth	IMPS: 467 million transactions (US\$ 74.7 billion) FASTag: 345 million (US\$ 733 million) AePS: 126 million (US\$ 3.88 billion)



➤ Which city witnessed the launch of Uber's first water transport service in India?

- A) Varanasi
- B) Kochi
- C) Srinagar
- D) Mumbai
- E) Udaipur

Answer
C) Srinagar



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Uber launched its first water transport service in India with Shikara rides.
- **Date:** December 2, 2024
- **Location:** Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir



Mandates and Objectives:

- Launch of **Uber Shikara**, integrating **technology with tradition**, in Srinagar's iconic Dal Lake.
- Aim to promote **tourism**, enhance **accessibility**, and support **livelihoods** tied to Shikara operations.
- Introduces modern booking convenience with features like advance bookings (up to **15 days** ahead).
- Provides **ecological benefits** by enhancing oxygen circulation in Dal Lake's stagnant waters.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Shikara:**
 - Traditional Kashmiri boats adorned with colorful upholstery, symbolic of Srinagar's cultural identity.
 - Used for transport, tourism, and leisure on Dal Lake.
- **Dal Lake:**
 - Spread over 18 sq. km with a shoreline of 15.5 km, it is a major tourist attraction in Kashmir.
 - Surrounded by historic sites like the Hazratbal Shrine and Mughal gardens.



Static GK Information:

- **Jammu & Kashmir**
 - **Capital:** Srinagar (Summer), Jammu (Winter)
 - **Lieutenant Governor:** Manoj Sinha
- **Uber**
 - **Headquarters:** San Francisco, California, USA
 - **Founded:** 2009
 - **CEO:** Dara Khosrowshahi



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Launch of Uber's first water transport service with Shikara rides in Dal Lake
Date	December 2, 2024
Location	Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir
Key Features	Advance booking (12 hours to 15 days), one-hour rides, up to four passengers per Shikara
Significance	Promotes tourism, supports livelihoods, and aids Dal Lake's ecology
Major Attractions Nearby	Hazratbal Shrine, Mughal-era gardens



➤ Which company is modernizing the digital banking infrastructure of the Bank of Bhutan?



- A) Infosys
- B) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- C) Wipro
- D) HCL Technologies
- E) Tech Mahindra



Answer

B) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)



Event and Location:

- **Event:** TCS to modernize digital banking for Bank of Bhutan.
- **Date:** Announced on December 3, 2024.
- **Location:** Bhutan



Mandates and Objectives:

- **TCS BaNCS Global Banking Platform** will be deployed to:
 - Enhance digital capabilities.
 - Optimize operations.
 - Improve customer experience for Bank of Bhutan, which serves over 400,000 customers through 45 branches.



Important Terms Explained:

- **TCS BaNCS Global Banking Platform:**
 - A comprehensive core banking solution developed by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).
 - Designed to provide end-to-end banking and financial services solutions to enhance operational efficiency.
- **Bank of Bhutan:**
 - The largest commercial bank in Bhutan, providing banking services to a majority of the population.



Static GK Information:

- **Bank of Bhutan**
 - **Headquarters:** Thimphu, Bhutan
 - **Founded:** 1968
 - **CEO:** Dorji Kadin
- **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, India
 - **Founded:** 1968
 - **CEO:** K. Krithivasan
 - **Tagline:** "Building on Belief"
- **Bhutan**
 - **Capital:** Thimphu
 - **Currency:** Ngultrum (BTN)
 - **Prime Minister:** Lotay Tshering



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	TCS modernizes digital banking infrastructure of Bank of Bhutan
Date	December 3, 2024
Platform	TCS BaNCS Global Banking Platform
Client	Bank of Bhutan
Significance	Enhance digital capabilities, optimize operations, improve customer experience



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of Tata AutoComp Systems?**

- A) Ratan Tata
- B) Rajesh Gopinathan
- C) Manoj Kolhatkar
- D) Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- E) Vinod Aggarwal

Answer

C) Manoj Kolhatkar



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Manoj Kolhatkar appointed as the new MD and CEO of Tata AutoComp Systems (TaCo).
- **Date:** December 3, 2024
- **Location:** Pune, Maharashtra



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Manoj Kolhatkar** has over two decades of experience within the Tata Group, having served in various leadership roles at Tata Motors and Tata AutoComp Systems.
- As MD and CEO, Kolhatkar will steer Tata AutoComp Systems' growth trajectory in the automotive components industry for Indian and global OEMs.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tata AutoComp Systems (TaCo):**
 - A leading automotive components manufacturer catering to Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) in India and globally.
 - Known for providing end-to-end solutions in automotive systems and components.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Tata AutoComp Systems (TaCo)**
 - **Headquarters:** Pune, Maharashtra
 - **Founded:** 1995
 - **Parent Company:** Tata Group
- **Manoj Kolhatkar**
 - **Position:** Managing Director & CEO



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Manoj Kolhatkar appointed as MD & CEO of Tata AutoComp Systems
Date	December 3, 2024
Company	Tata AutoComp Systems (TaCo)
Role Significance	Kolhatkar brings over two decades of experience within Tata Group
Headquarters	Pune, Maharashtra



➤ **What is the Oxford Word of the Year 2024?**

- A) Demure
- B) Lore
- C) Brain Rot
- D) Romantasy
- E) Dynamic Pricing

Answer
C) Brain Rot



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Oxford Word of the Year 2024 announced as "Brain Rot."
- **Date:** December 3, 2024
- **Location:** Announcement by Oxford University Press (OUP), United Kingdom



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- The term “**Brain Rot**” describes the cognitive decline linked to consuming **low-quality social media content**.
- Aims to highlight growing concerns about **mental health** in the digital age.
- Reflects societal discussions around **digital detoxes** and the need for mindful consumption of online content.



AWARDS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Brain Rot:**
 - Represents the mental fatigue and cognitive stagnation caused by excessive exposure to trivial online content.
 - Popular among younger generations and aligns with trends like digital detoxes.
- **Oxford Word of the Year:**
 - Selected annually to represent a term that has had cultural and linguistic significance over the year.
 - Based on public voting and expert curation, emphasizing global concerns.



Static GK Information:

- **Oxford University Press (OUP)**
 - **Headquarters:** Oxford, England, United Kingdom
 - **Founded:** 1586
 - **CEO:** Nigel Portwood



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Oxford Word of the Year 2024 announced
Date	December 3, 2024
Word	Brain Rot
Definition	Cognitive decline linked to consuming trivial social media content
Reason for Selection	Highlights societal concerns around mental health and the digital ecosystem
Other Contenders	Demure, Lore, Dynamic Pricing, Romantasy, and Slop
Voting	Over 37,000 public votes globally



➤ How much are the capital acquisition proposals approved by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) worth?

- A) ₹15,000 crore
- B) ₹21,772 crore
- C) ₹30,000 crore
- D) ₹18,500 crore
- E) ₹25,000 crore

Answer

B) ₹21,772 crore



DEFENCE



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved five capital acquisition proposals.
- **Date:** December 3, 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi, India



Mandates and Objectives:

- **The proposals focus on enhancing the capabilities of the Indian Armed Forces and include:**
 - 1. 31 New Water Jet Fast Attack Crafts (NWJFACs):**
Strengthening the operational readiness of the Indian Navy.
 - 2. Fast Interceptor Crafts:** Designed for quick maritime interception missions.
 - 3. Electronic Warfare Suite:** For SU-30MKI fighter jets, improving their radar and electronic countermeasures.
 - 4. Next-Generation Radar Warning Receiver:** Advanced technology for threat detection on SU-30MKIs.
 - 5. Marine Version of Advanced Light Helicopters (ALH):**
To boost naval aviation capabilities.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC):**
 - Apex body of the Ministry of Defence, chaired by the Defence Minister, responsible for approving procurement proposals to strengthen India's armed forces.
- **Acceptance of Necessity (AoN):**
 - A key stage in defence procurement indicating the official approval of a requirement, paving the way for tendering and acquisition.
- **SU-30MKI:**
 - A multirole fighter aircraft used by the Indian Air Force, equipped with advanced avionics and capable of carrying out diverse missions.



Static GK Information:

- **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)**
 - **Chairman:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
 - **Established:** 2001
 - **Objective:** Streamline and accelerate defence procurement
- **Ministry of Defence**
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Defence Minister:** Rajnath Singh



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved capital acquisition proposals
Date	December 3, 2024
Total Value	₹21,772 crore
Key Acquisitions	Water jet fast attack crafts, interceptor crafts, electronic warfare suite for SU-30MKI jets
Significance	Enhancing operational capabilities of Indian Navy and Air Force



➤ **What was the focus of the SheSTEM 2024 challenge?**

- A) Robotics and Artificial Intelligence
- B) Battery Technology and Energy Storage Systems
- C) Climate Change Solutions
- D) Space Exploration and Technology
- E) Digital Health and Telemedicine



Answer

B) Battery Technology and Energy Storage Systems



Event and Location:

- **Event:** SheSTEM 2024, an initiative celebrating women in STEM and youth innovation.
- **Date:** December 3, 2024 (announced conclusion).
- **Location:** Organized by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, and the Swedish Embassy, India.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Objective:** To inspire students to explore STEM careers and address global sustainability challenges.
- **The SheSTEM 2024 challenge** focused on Battery Technology and Energy Storage (BEST) systems, part of the India-Nordic BEST project.
- Encouraged students from grades 6–12 to submit innovative prototypes or concepts in video format, receiving over 1000 **submissions** nationwide.
- Emphasized fostering **youth-led innovation** and leadership in **sustainability and technology**.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM):**
 - A flagship initiative of NITI Aayog, fostering innovation and entrepreneurship in India.
 - Aims to create an ecosystem of startups and promote STEM education through initiatives like Atal Tinkering Labs.
- **India-Nordic BEST Project:**
 - A collaborative effort between India and Nordic countries to develop advancements in battery technology and energy storage systems.
- **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics):**
 - A multidisciplinary approach to education, focusing on preparing students for innovation-driven fields.



Static GK Information:

- **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)**
 - **Founded:** 2016
 - **Parent Organization:** NITI Aayog
 - **Mission Director:** Dr. Chintan Vaishnav
- **Swedish Embassy in India**
 - **Location:** New Delhi, India
 - **Ambassador:** Jan Thesleff



INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	SheSTEM 2024
Date	December 3, 2024 (announced conclusion)
Focus Area	Battery Technology and Energy Storage Systems (BEST)
Participants	Students (Grades 6–12) across India, with over 1000 submissions
Partners	Embassy of Sweden, Innovation Norway, Innovation Centre Denmark, Business Finland
Objective	To promote youth-led innovation in STEM and sustainability
Significance	Part of India-Nordic collaboration to address global energy challenges



➤ **What is the name of the 57th Tiger Reserve of India?**

- A) Kanha Tiger Reserve
- B) Ratapani Tiger Reserve
- C) Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve
- D) Satpura Tiger Reserve
- E) Pench Tiger Reserve

Answer

B) Ratapani Tiger Reserve



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Ratapani Tiger Reserve notified as the 57th Tiger Reserve of India.
- **Date:** December 3, 2024
- **Location:** Madhya Pradesh



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Core Area:** 763.8 sq km, **Buffer Area:** 507.6 sq km, **Total Area:** 1271.4 sq km.
- It is the **8th Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh**, enhancing the state's reputation as a hub for tiger conservation.
- Aims to improve **wildlife conservation, habitat management**, and promote **ecotourism** for community development.
- Supports India's commitment to **wildlife protection** under PM Narendra Modi's conservation initiatives.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Tiger Reserve:**
 - A protected area designated for the conservation of tigers and biodiversity under India's Project Tiger, launched in 1973.
- **Ecotourism Benefits:**
 - Sustainable tourism initiatives that provide income for local communities while preserving natural habitats.
- **Buffer Zone:**
 - An area around the core zone of a tiger reserve where limited human activity is allowed to reduce pressure on the core habitat.



Static GK Information:

- **Madhya Pradesh**
 - **Capital:** Bhopal
 - **CM:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan
 - **Governor:** Mangubhai C. Patel
- **Ratapani Tiger Reserve**
 - **Location:** Bhopal and Sehore districts, Madhya Pradesh
 - **Core Area:** 763.8 sq km
 - **Buffer Area:** 507.6 sq km



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Ratapani Tiger Reserve declared as the 57th Tiger Reserve of India
Date	December 3, 2024
Location	Madhya Pradesh
Core Area	763.8 sq km
Buffer Area	507.6 sq km
Total Area	1271.4 sq km
Significance	8th Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh, boosting conservation and ecotourism



➤ **What is the purpose of the Nano Bubble Technology introduced in the National Zoological Park, Delhi?**

- A) Increasing the water temperature for aquatic animals
- B) Removing algae and purifying pond water
- C) Promoting aquatic animal breeding
- D) Monitoring aquatic animals' health
- E) Testing new filtration techniques for drinking water



Answer

B) Removing algae and purifying pond water



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Nano Bubble Technology for water cleaning and purification.
- **Date:** December 3, 2024
- **Location:** National Zoological Park, Delhi



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:** To maintain clean and purified water in the zoo's ponds for the health of aquatic animals.
- **Functionality:** Removes algae, foul smells, and discoloration caused by dirty pond water.
- **Trial Duration:** The technology is being tested for 15 days, after which its effectiveness will be evaluated.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Nano Bubble Technology:**
 - A method to purify water by generating tiny bubbles that break down algae, harmful microbes, and organic waste.
 - Enhances oxygen levels in water, benefiting aquatic life.
- **National Zoological Park, Delhi:**
 - Also known as Delhi Zoo, a prominent facility for the conservation of various animal species, including aquatic animals.



Static GK Information:

- **National Zoological Park**
 - **Location:** Delhi, India
 - **Established:** 1959
 - **Director:** Sanjeet Kumar
- **Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change**
 - **Minister of State:** Kirti Vardhan Singh
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



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Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Launch of Nano Bubble Technology in National Zoological Park, Delhi
Date	December 3, 2024
Purpose	To purify and clean pond water for aquatic animals
Trial Duration	15 days
Benefits	Removes algae, foul smells, and discoloration; improves aquatic health
Attendees	Union Minister Kirti Vardhan Singh, zoo director Sanjeet Kumar, and Anand Kapoor from Nano Bubble Company



➤ **Where did Shri Bhupender Yadav deliver India's Formal Statement at CoP16 of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)?**

- A) New Delhi, India
- B) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- C) Geneva, Switzerland
- D) Bonn, Germany
- E) Nairobi, Kenya

Answer

B) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Shri Bhupender Yadav delivered India's formal statement at CoP16 of UNCCD.
- **Date:** December 3, 2024
- **Location:** Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



Mandates and Objectives:

- India reiterated its commitment to combat land degradation, build drought resilience, and promote ecosystem restoration and biodiversity enhancement.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key initiatives highlighted:**
 - **Plant for Mother Campaign:** Over 1 billion saplings planted in 2024.
 - **Bonn Challenge:** India aims to restore 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030; 22.5 million hectares already restored.
 - **International Big Cat Alliance:** A coalition for the conservation of big cats across their range countries.
 - **Green India Mission:** A community-driven approach to restore degraded lands.
 - **Amrit Sarovar Initiative:** Development and rejuvenation of water retention structures across India.
 - **Green Credit Programme:** Ecological restoration of degraded land with public-private collaboration.



Important Terms Explained:

- **CoP (Conference of Parties):**
 - The decision-making body of the UNCCD, which reviews the implementation of the Convention's commitments.
- **UNCCD (United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification):**
 - Established in 1994, it focuses on combating desertification, land degradation, and mitigating drought effects.
- **Bonn Challenge:**
 - A global initiative launched in 2011 to restore 150 million hectares of degraded land by 2020 and 350 million hectares by 2030.



Static GK Information:

- **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)**
 - **Headquarters:** Bonn, Germany
 - **Founded:** 1994
 - **Executive Secretary:** Ibrahim Thiaw
- **Saudi Arabia**
 - **Capital:** Riyadh
 - **Currency:** Riyal
 - **King:** Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
 - **Crown Prince and Prime Minister:** Mohammed bin Salman



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Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Shri Bhupender Yadav delivered India's statement at CoP16 of UNCCD
Date	December 3, 2024
Location	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
India's Key Initiatives	Plant for Mother, Bonn Challenge, Big Cat Alliance, Amrit Sarovar, Green Credit Programme
UNCCD Commitment	Combat land degradation, build drought resilience, and restore ecosystems
Slogan	"Prakriti Rakshati Rakshitah" – Nature Protects if She is Protected



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- IDPD 2024 theme is "Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities."
- Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan marked 9 years on December 3, 2024.
- Pavan Kampelli won bronze for India in the eFootball segment at the Asian Esports Games 2024.
- UNESCO recognized West Bengal as a top destination for heritage tourism.
- SBI Mutual Fund launched an active Quant Fund based on four factors: Momentum, Value, Quality, and Growth.
- UPI transactions hit a record 16.58 billion in October 2024.
- Uber launched its first water transport service in Dal Lake, Srinagar.
- TCS to modernize Bank of Bhutan's banking infrastructure with TCS BaNCS platform.
- Manoj Kolhatkar appointed MD & CEO of Tata AutoComp Systems on December 3, 2024.



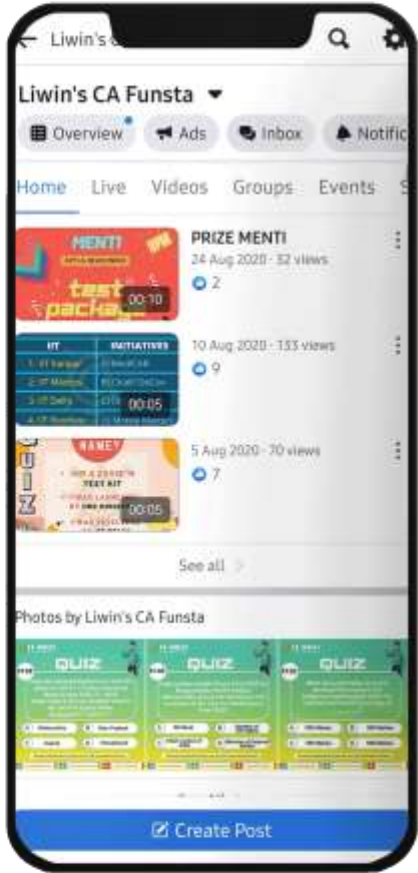
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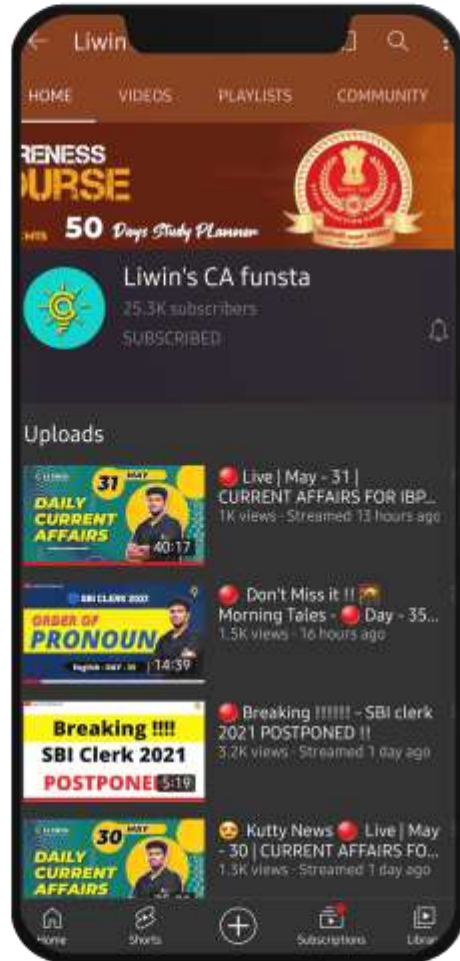
- Oxford Word of the Year 2024 is "Brain Rot," emphasizing concerns around digital habits.
- DAC approved ₹21,772 crore for five defence acquisition proposals, including water jet fast attack crafts.
- SheSTEM 2024 focused on Battery Technology and Energy Storage Systems under the India-Nordic BEST project.
- Ratapani Tiger Reserve is India's 57th Tiger Reserve, located in Madhya Pradesh.
- Nano Bubble Technology launched in Delhi Zoo to clean and purify pond water.
- India presented its land restoration and biodiversity goals at CoP16 of UNCCD in Riyadh.



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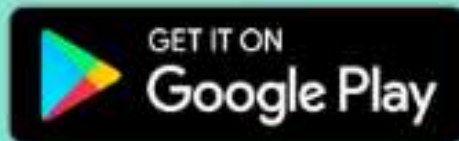
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