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Important Days



➤ **What significant event does December 9 commemorate annually as the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of Genocide?**

- A) Adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- B) Adoption of the Genocide Convention
- C) Establishment of the International Criminal Court
- D) Adoption of the Rome Statute
- E) Introduction of the Geneva Conventions

Answer

B) Adoption of the Genocide Convention



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of Genocide
- **Location:** Observed worldwide



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- Honor victims of genocide and prevent such crimes.
- Promote the principles of the Genocide Convention, adopted on December 9, 1948.



Important Days



Key Historical and Legal Background:

- **Raphael Lemkin:** Coined "genocide" in 1942.
- Defined acts like killing members of a group, inflicting harm, and preventing births as genocide.

Impacts of Genocide:

- Leads to poverty, weakened infrastructure, health crises, and targeting minorities.
- Causes political instability and economic decline.



Important Days



Preventive Measures:

- Spread awareness, promote education, and strengthen international collaboration.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **United Nations Genocide Convention:**
 - **Adopted:** December 9, 1948
 - **Aim:** Prevent and punish genocide
- **United Nations:**
 - **Headquarters:** New York, USA
 - **Founded:** October 24, 1945
 - **Secretary-General:** António Guterres



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of Genocide
Date	December 9
Significance	Adoption of the 1948 UN Genocide Convention
History	Introduced in 2015 by the United Nations



Important Days



- **What is the main objective of observing International Anti-Corruption Day on December 9?**
- A) To celebrate advancements in anti-corruption laws
 - B) To raise awareness about the impact of corruption and promote preventive measures
 - C) To honor whistleblowers globally
 - D) To discuss global financial governance
 - E) To support businesses in combatting bribery



Answer

B) To raise awareness about the impact of corruption and promote preventive measures



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** International Anti-Corruption Day
- **Date:** December 9



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- Raise awareness about corruption's global impact.
- Promote transparency, accountability, and ethical practices.



Important Days



Key Government Actions in India:

- 1. Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005:** Empowers citizens to access information, enhancing accountability.
- 2. Goods and Services Tax (GST), 2017:** Simplifies taxation and curbs evasion.
- 3. Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018:** Stricter penalties for public servants and corporations.
- 4. Digitalisation and E-Governance:** Reduces manual processes prone to corruption.
- 5. Anti-Corruption Agencies:** CBI, ED, and Lokpal address corruption cases.



Important Days



Challenges in Fighting Corruption:

- Bureaucratic inefficiencies and delays.
- Lack of political will to pursue high-profile cases.
- Cultural acceptance of bribery in some sectors.

Role of Citizens:

- Citizens, civil society, and whistleblowers play key roles in promoting transparency and accountability.



Important Days



Static GK Information:

- **United Nations:**
 - **Headquarters:** New York, USA
 - **Founded:** October 24, 1945
 - **Secretary-General:** António Guterres
- **India:**
 - **Anti-Corruption Day Observance:** Strengthens national anti-corruption laws and public awareness.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	International Anti-Corruption Day
Date	December 9
Significance	Promotes global awareness about corruption and the importance of prevention.
Key Actions in India	RTI Act, GST, digitalisation, and anti-corruption agencies.



➤ Which team won the 2024 Formula 1 Constructors' Championship after the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix?



- A) Ferrari
- B) Mercedes
- C) Red Bull Racing
- D) McLaren
- E) Alpine

Answer
D) McLaren



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Lando Norris wins Abu Dhabi Grand Prix and seals the Constructors' Championship.
- **Date:** December 8, 2024
- **Location:** Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates



Mandates and Objectives:

- Lando Norris' victory ended McLaren's 26-year wait for the Formula 1 Constructors' title.
- Max Verstappen won the 2024 Drivers' Championship but faced challenges in the Abu Dhabi race.



Key Highlights:

- **Race Drama:** Collision between Max Verstappen and Oscar Piastri on the first lap.
- **Final Standings:** Ferrari's Carlos Sainz Jr. finished second; Charles Leclerc third.
- Lewis Hamilton finished fourth in his final race for Mercedes before moving to Ferrari in 2025.
- Nico Hulkenberg's last race for Haas before joining Sauber for 2025.



McLaren's Turnaround:

- McLaren moved from ninth in the standings in 2017 to champions in 2024.
- Norris achieved his first career win earlier this season after car upgrades in Miami.



Static GK Information:

- **United Arab Emirates:**
 - **Capital:** Abu Dhabi
 - **Currency:** UAE Dirham
 - **President:** Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
 - **Prime Minister:** Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
- **McLaren:**
 - **Headquarters:** Woking, England
 - **Founded:** 1963
 - **CEO:** Zak Brown
- **Formula 1:**
 - **Governing Body:** Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)
 - **Inaugural Season:** 1950



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2024
Date	December 8, 2024
Winner	Lando Norris (McLaren)
Constructors' Title Winner	McLaren
Race Highlights	Norris wins; Verstappen-Piastrri collision; Hamilton's last race for Mercedes.



➤ Which team won the ACC U19 Men's Asia Cup Final 2024 by defeating India?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Afghanistan
- C) Pakistan
- D) Bangladesh
- E) Nepal

Answer

D) Bangladesh



Event and Location:

- **Event:** ACC U19 Men's Asia Cup Final 2024
- **Date:** December 8, 2024
- **Location:** Dubai, UAE



Match Highlights:

- **Bangladesh's Innings:**
 - **Total Score:** 198 runs.
 - **Key Contributions:** Rizan Hossan (47), Mohammad Shihab James (40), Farid Hasan (39).
- **India's Bowling:**
 - **Key Bowlers:** Yudhajit Guha, Chetan Sharma, and Hardik Raj (2 wickets each).
- **India's Innings:**
 - **Total Score:** 139 runs.
 - **Top Scorers:** Amaan (26), Hardik Raj (24), KP Karthikeya (21), C Andre Siddarth (20).
- **Bangladesh's Bowling:**
 - **Key Bowlers:** Iqbal Hossain Emon and Azizul Hakim (3 wickets each).



Significance:

- Bangladesh wins the U19 Men's Asia Cup by defeating defending champions India by 59 runs.
- This victory underscores Bangladesh's strong presence in youth cricket on the continental stage.



Static GK Information:

- **Bangladesh:**
 - **Capital:** Dhaka
 - **Currency:** Bangladeshi Taka
 - **President:** Mohammed Shahabuddin
 - **Prime Minister:** Sheikh Hasina
- **ACC (Asian Cricket Council):**
 - **Headquarters:** Colombo, Sri Lanka
 - **Founded:** 1983
 - **President:** Jay Shah



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	ACC U19 Men's Asia Cup Final 2024
Date	December 8, 2024
Winner	Bangladesh
Runner-up	India
Match Location	Dubai, UAE
Victory Margin	59 runs



➤ Which country has topped the global list for mobile malware attacks in the Zscaler 2024 report?

- A) United States
- B) India
- C) Canada
- D) United Kingdom
- E) China

Answer
B) India



RANKING



Event and Location:

- **Event:** India ranked first globally for mobile malware attacks.
- **Date:** December 4, 2024



Key Findings from Zscaler Report:

- India accounts for **28%** of global mobile malware attacks, surpassing the US (27.3%) and Canada (15.9%).
- Significant increase in **banking malware attacks (+29%) and mobile spyware attacks (+111%)**.
- Financial sector is a major target, with phishing attacks on Indian banks (HDFC, ICICI, Axis) increasing.
- Malware tactics include bypassing Multifactor Authentication (MFA) and using phishing pages resembling real financial sites.



Major Threats Highlighted:

- Trojans dominate, tricking users into downloading malicious software.
- Attacks also target **the Indian postal service** with phishing SMS campaigns.
- Unprotected IoT/OT environments and legacy systems are key targets.



RANKING



Recommendations for Mitigation:

- Adoption of a **zero-trust security framework** to protect operational environments.
- Increased vigilance and robust cybersecurity measures by enterprises.



RANKING



Static GK Information:

- **Zscaler:**
 - **Headquarters:** San Jose, California, USA
 - **Founded:** 2008
 - **CEO:** Jay Chaudhry
- **India:**
 - **Global Share of Mobile Malware Attacks:** 28% (highest globally in 2024).



RANKING



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	India tops global mobile malware attack list
Date	December 4, 2024
Findings	28% of global mobile malware attacks; banking and IoT sectors targeted.
Major Targets	Financial institutions, postal services, and IoT/OT environments.
Recommendations	Adopt zero-trust security framework and enhance enterprise security.



➤ Which institution received a €91 million sustainability-linked loan from Deutsche Bank AG, India?



- A) SBI Cards
- B) SMFG India Credit
- C) Bajaj Finserv
- D) ICICI Bank
- E) HDFC Finance



Answer

B) SMFG India Credit



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Deutsche Bank AG, India, provides a €91 million sustainability-linked loan to SMFG India Credit (SMICC).
- **Date:** December 9, 2024



Key Highlights:

- **Loan Purpose:**
 - Expand SMICC's portfolio.
 - Channel funds toward MSMEs and empower women entrepreneurs in underserved segments.
- **Facilitation:** Loan provided through Deutsche Bank's Gift City Branch.



Significance:

- Promotes financial inclusion by supporting MSMEs and women entrepreneurs.
- Aligns with sustainability and development goals in India.



Static GK Information:

- **Deutsche Bank:**
 - **Headquarters:** Frankfurt, Germany
 - **Founded:** 1870
 - **CEO:** Christian Sewing
- **SMFG India Credit (SMICC):**
 - **Parent Company:** Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group (SMFG), Japan
 - **Focus:** Financial services catering to retail and MSME segments in India.



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Deutsche Bank provides sustainability-linked loan to SMFG India Credit
Loan Amount	€91 million (approx. ₹814 crore)
Purpose	Support MSMEs and women entrepreneurs
Facilitation	Deutsche Bank's Gift City Branch
Significance	Promotes financial inclusion and sustainability



APPOINTMENTS



- Who has been appointed as the acting secretary of the BCCI after Jay Shah assumed the ICC chairmanship?

- A) Arun Dhumal
- B) Ashish Shelar
- C) Rajeev Shukla
- D) Devajit Saikia
- E) Roger Binny

Answer

D) Devajit Saikia



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Devajit Saikia as BCCI's Acting Secretary
- **Date:** December 9, 2024



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Devajit Saikia**, who was BCCI joint secretary, appointed as acting secretary by President Roger Binny.
- Saikia's appointment follows Jay Shah's transition to ICC chair on December 1.



APPOINTMENTS



Key Points:

- Roger Binny used constitutional powers under clause 7(1)(d) of the BCCI constitution.
- Saikia, hailing from Assam, is a former first-class cricketer and the Advocate General of Assam.
- Saikia will serve as acting secretary until September 2025, or until a permanent secretary is appointed.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India):**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **President:** Roger Binny
 - **Founded:** December 1928
 - **Vice President:** Rajeev Shukla



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Appointment of Devajit Saikia as BCCI Acting Secretary
Date	December 9, 2024
Reason	Jay Shah assumed ICC chairmanship on December 1, creating a vacancy.
Appointed By	BCCI President Roger Binny
Duration	Till September 2025 or permanent appointment



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been re-elected as Ghana's President after eight years, promising to mend the economy?**

- A) Nana Akufo-Addo
- B) Kwame Nkrumah
- C) John Atta Mills
- D) John Dramani Mahama
- E) Jerry Rawlings

Answer

D) John Dramani Mahama



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** John Dramani Mahama re-elected as Ghana's President
- **Date:** December 9, 2024
- **Location:** Accra, Ghana



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Economic Focus:**
 - Renegotiate the \$3 billion IMF bailout to restructure Ghana's debt.
 - Enact tax reforms, modernize infrastructure with \$10 billion, and ease business regulations.
 - Introduce a 24-hour triple-shift work system to boost productivity.
- **Leadership Goal:** "Reset Ghana" by addressing the economic crisis and cost-of-living challenges.



APPOINTMENTS



Key Highlights:

- Mahama returns after two failed attempts (2016, 2020) against **Nana Akufo-Addo**.
- **Former President (2012-2016)** criticized for power shortages and macroeconomic instability during his prior term.
- **His National Democratic Congress (NDC)** also won the parliamentary elections.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Ghana:**
 - **Capital:** Accra
 - **Currency:** Ghanaian Cedi
 - **President:** John Dramani Mahama



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	John Dramani Mahama elected Ghana's President
Date	December 9, 2024
Promises	Renegotiate IMF bailout, invest \$10 billion in infrastructure, ease regulations
Significance	Returns after eight years to address economic crises



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Burkina Faso following the dismissal of the previous government?**

- A) Apollinaire Joachim Kyelem de Tambela
- B) Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba
- C) Rimalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedraogo
- D) Ibrahim Traore
- E) Blaise Compaoré

Answer

C) Rimalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedraogo



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Rintalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedraogo as Burkina Faso's Prime Minister.
- **Date:** December 8, 2024



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Rimtalba Ouedraogo** replaces Apollinaire Kyelem de Tambela after the junta dissolved the government.
- Ouedraogo, a close ally of military leader Captain Ibrahim Traore, previously served as communications minister and spokesperson.



APPOINTMENTS



Key Political Context:

- **Burkina Faso** has faced political instability since the January 2022 coup led by **Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba**.
- **Traore** took power in a subsequent coup in September 2022.
- Under Traore, Burkina Faso has distanced itself from France and leaned towards Russia for strategic alliances.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Burkina Faso:**
 - **Capital:** Ouagadougou
 - **Currency:** West African CFA Franc
 - **President:** Captain Ibrahim Traore (Military Leader)
 - **New Prime Minister:** Rimalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedraogo



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Appointment of Rimalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedraogo as Prime Minister
Date	December 8, 2024
Appointed By	Captain Ibrahim Traore
Political Context	Ouedraogo replaces Apollinaire Kyelem de Tambela after junta dissolution.
Burkina Faso's Strategic Shift	Moving away from France and aligning closer to Russia.



APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been appointed as the new Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) Michael Patra
- B) Nirmala Sitharaman
- C) Sanjay Malhotra
- D) Shaktikanta Das
- E) Urjit Patel

Answer

C) Sanjay Malhotra



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Sanjay Malhotra as the 26th RBI Governor.
- **Date:** Announcement made on December 9, 2024; tenure begins on December 11, 2024.



APPOINTMENTS



Key Highlights:

- **Predecessor:** Shaktikanta Das, whose six-year tenure ends on December 10, 2024.
- **Tenure:** Three years.
- **Challenges Ahead:**
 - Balancing **inflation targeting** and **growth support** amidst slowing GDP growth (5.4% in Q2).
 - Managing **Indian rupee depreciation** against a strengthening US dollar.
 - Strengthening monetary policies and overseeing smooth functioning of financial markets.



APPOINTMENTS



Professional Background:

- **Previous Roles:**
 - Revenue Secretary, spearheading India's fiscal policies since December 2022.
 - Secretary, Department of Financial Services (DFS), overseeing public sector banks and insurance.
- **Key Achievements:**
 - Launched the record ₹21,000 crore IPO of LIC, India's largest to date.
 - Played a significant role in strengthening India's fintech and financial services sectors.
- **Education:**
 - IIT Kanpur (Computer Engineering).
 - Master's in Public Policy from Princeton University.



APPOINTMENTS



Significance of Appointment:

- Described as “pro-reformist” with a balanced approach towards fiscal and monetary policies.
- Expected to continue the legacy of navigating RBI-government relations established under Shaktikanta Das.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI):**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **Founded:** 1 April 1935
 - **Current Governor:** Sanjay Malhotra (effective December 11, 2024)
 - **Function:** India's central bank, responsible for monetary policy and financial stability.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Appointment of Sanjay Malhotra as RBI Governor
Date of Appointment	December 9, 2024
Predecessor	Shaktikanta Das
Tenure	Three years (starting December 11, 2024)
Key Challenges	Inflation targeting, growth support, rupee management
Previous Roles	Revenue Secretary, Secretary DFS



AWARDS



➤ Which organization won awards at the 3rd PSU Transformation Awards 2024 for innovation and technology adoption?

- A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- B) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- C) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- D) Cochin Shipyard Limited
- E) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers

Answer

C) Hindustan Shipyard Limited



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** HSL wins two awards at the 3rd PSU Transformation Awards 2024.
- **Date:** December 5, 2024
- **Location:** Shangri-La, New Delhi



AWARDS



Awards Won by HSL:

1. Innovative Product Development Award:

- For a pioneering fender arrangement in Tugs for Submarines.
- Award received by Sarath Chandra, Senior Manager (Design).

2. Technology Adoption Award:

- For innovative installation of Retractable Thrusters in Diving Support Vessels.
- Award received by Tirupat Naik, Senior Manager (Engineering).



AWARDS



Significance:

- Highlights HSL's commitment to innovation and technological advancement in shipbuilding.
- Reinforces its leadership in India's shipbuilding and ship repair industry.



AWARDS



Static GK Information:

- **Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL):**
 - **Headquarters:** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
 - **Founded:** 1941
 - **Chairman and Managing Director:** Commodore Hemant Khatri
- **PSU Transformation Awards:**
 - **Purpose:** Recognize excellence and innovation among Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	3 rd PSU Transformation Awards 2024
Date	December 5, 2024
Location	Shangri-La, New Delhi
Awards Won	Innovative Product Development, Technology Adoption
Awarded To	Hindustan Shipyard Limited



➤ **Which organization hosted the second bilateral meeting with the Philippine Coast Guard on December 9, 2024?**

- A) Indian Navy
- B) Philippine Navy
- C) Indian Coast Guard
- D) Department of Defence Production
- E) Maritime Safety Agency

Answer

C) Indian Coast Guard



DEFENCE



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Second bilateral meeting between Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).
- **Date:** December 9, 2024
- **Location:** ICG Headquarters, New Delhi



Key Areas of Focus:

1. Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR):

- Enhancing joint SAR operations for effective emergency response.

2. Maritime Law Enforcement:

- Addressing transnational maritime crimes, including smuggling and illegal fishing.

3. Marine Pollution Response:

- Training and resource-sharing to combat environmental hazards.

4. Capacity Building:

- Joint exercises, training programs, and knowledge exchange for improved operational capabilities.



Key Discussions:

- Meeting led by ICG Deputy Director General Inspector General Anupam Rai and PCG Deputy Commandant Rear Admiral Edgar L. Ybanez.
- PCG delegation to visit representatives from India's Department of Defence Production under the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative.



DEFENCE



Significance:

- Strengthens the cooperation framework under the MoU signed in August 2023.
- Enhances regional maritime security, pollution control, and capacity building in the Indo-Pacific region.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Coast Guard (ICG):**
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Founded:** 1978
 - **Director General:** Rakesh Pal
- **Philippine Coast Guard (PCG):**
 - **Headquarters:** Manila, Philippines
 - **Founded:** 1901
 - **Commandant:** Artemio M. Abu



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Second bilateral meeting between ICG and PCG
Date	December 9, 2024
Location	ICG Headquarters, New Delhi
Key Areas of Discussion	SAR, maritime law enforcement, marine pollution response, capacity building
Significance	Strengthens cooperation in Indo-Pacific maritime security



➤ **Where was INS Tushil commissioned into the Indian Navy?**

- A) Visakhapatnam, India
- B) St. Petersburg, Russia
- C) Kaliningrad, Russia
- D) Cochin, India
- E) Vladivostok, Russia

Answer

C) Kaliningrad, Russia



DEFENCE



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Commissioning of INS Tushil into the Indian Navy.
- **Date:** December 9, 2024
- **Location:** Yantar Shipyard, Kaliningrad, Russia



Key Highlights:

- **Significance:**
 - INS Tushil, meaning "Protector Shield," is a multi-role stealth-guided missile frigate.
 - It will join the Western Fleet, also known as the "Sword Arm" of the Indian Navy.
- **Collaborative Efforts:**
 - Built under the India-Russia agreement for Project 1135.6, an upgraded **Krivak III** class frigate.
 - Made-in-India content enhanced to 26%, with 33 indigenous systems integrated.



Technological Highlights:

- Incorporates systems from Indian OEMs, including:
 - BrahMos Aerospace, Bharat Electronics Limited, Keltron, and Nova Integrated Systems.
- Represents technological collaboration between Indian naval specialists and Russia's Severnoye Design Bureau.



Static GK Information:

- **Indian Navy:**
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
 - **Founded:** 1612 (as East India Company's Marine)
 - **Chief of the Naval Staff:** Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi
- **Russia:**
 - **Capital:** Moscow
 - **Currency:** Russian Ruble
 - **President:** Vladimir Putin



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Commissioning of INS Tushil into the Indian Navy
Date	December 9, 2024
Location	Yantar Shipyard, Kaliningrad, Russia
Significance	Stealth-guided missile frigate to join Western Fleet
Collaborators	India and Russia under Project 1135.6



➤ Which institution hosted the Sheet Metal Forming (SMF) 2024 Conference?

- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IIT Delhi
- C) IIT Ropar
- D) IIT Madras
- E) IIT Kanpur

Answer

C) IIT Ropar



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Sheet Metal Forming (SMF) 2024 Conference
- **Date:** December 5-6, 2024
- **Location:** IIT Ropar, Rupnagar, Punjab



Key Highlights of the Conference:

- Organized by IIT Ropar and SMFRA (Sheet Metal Forming Research Association).
- Inaugurated by **Prof. Anupam Agrawal**, with participation from academia and industry.
- **Chief Guest:** Dr. Santosh Kumar, Vice President, Jindal Stainless Ltd., delivered the Rasquinha Memorial Lecture.



Sponsors and Participants:

- **Platinum Sponsors:** Auto Form, Electropneumatics & Hydraulics (I) Pvt. Ltd.
- **Silver Sponsor:** Altair Engineering India Pvt. Ltd.
- Industry participants included Tata Steel, Tata Technologies, Ford India, and Felss System GmbH.



Sessions and Discussions:

- **Day 1:** Presentations on sheet metal forming advancements.
- **Day 2:** Technical sessions on lightweight metal forming, hot forming, and challenges in skin panel forming.
- Panel discussion moderated by Mr. Avinash Khare, featuring experts like Prof. Hariharan K. (IIT Madras) and Dr. Rahul Kumar (Tata Steel).



Significance:

- Promoted knowledge exchange in metal forming research.
- Strengthened academia-industry collaboration in advancing sheet metal forming technologies.



Static GK Information:

- **IIT Ropar:**
 - **Location:** Rupnagar, Punjab
 - **Founded:** 2008
 - **Director:** Prof. Rajeev Ahuja
- **SMFRA:**
 - **Full Form:** Sheet Metal Forming Research Association
 - **Purpose:** Promotes research and collaboration in metal forming technologies.



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Sheet Metal Forming (SMF) 2024 Conference
Dates	December 5-6, 2024
Location	IIT Ropar, Rupnagar, Punjab
Chief Guest	Dr. Santosh Kumar, Jindal Stainless Ltd.
Sponsors	Auto Form, Electropneumatics & Hydraulics, Altair Engineering
Organizing Secretary	Prof. Anupam Agrawal



➤ **Which organization has signed an MoU with Flipkart to support Indian startups?**

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- C) Ministry of Electronics and IT
- D) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- E) Startup India



Answer

B) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)



Event and Location:

- **Event:** DPIIT signs MoU with Flipkart to mentor and support Indian startups.
- **Date:** December 9, 2024



Key Objectives of the MoU:

1. Startup Growth:

- Empower startups with Flipkart Leap and Ventures initiative backed by a \$100 million venture fund.
- 20 startups have been supported under this initiative to date.

2. Resource Access:

- Provide startups access to government reports, research papers, and datasets for market insights.
- Facilitate fast-tracking of patent applications for timely market opportunities.

3. Ecosystem Enhancement:

- Leverage Startup India's network for wider program adoption and reach.
- Offer mentorship, prototype development support, and global market connections.



Significance:

- Strengthens India's startup ecosystem, fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Positions India as a global hub for technology breakthroughs and impactful solutions.



Static GK Information:

- **DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade):**
 - **Parent Ministry:** Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 - **Founded:** 1995
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
 - **Key Initiative:** Startup India
- **Flipkart:**
 - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka
 - **Founded:** 2007
 - **CEO:** Kalyan Krishnamurthy



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	DPIIT inks MoU with Flipkart to mentor Indian startups
Date	December 9, 2024
Objective	Foster innovation and support startups via \$100 million venture fund
Key Stakeholders	DPIIT and Flipkart
Significance	Strengthens Startup India's reach and creates global opportunities for startups



➤ Which city hosted the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit 2024?



- A) Udaipur
- B) Jodhpur
- C) Jaipur
- D) Kota
- E) Ajmer

Answer
C) Jaipur



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit 2024 and Rajasthan Global Business Expo
- **Date:** December 9-11, 2024
- **Location:** Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre (JECC), Jaipur



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Key Highlights:

- **Inaugurated By:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **Theme:** "Replete, Responsible, Ready".
- **Focus Areas:**
 - Water security, sustainable mining, inclusive tourism, agri-business, women-led startups.
 - MSME Conclave and Pravasi Rajasthani Conclave.



Notable Insights from PM Modi's Address:

- Rajasthan is a rising, reliable, and reformist state, well-prepared to attract investments.
- Rajasthan's rich mineral reserves and renewable energy potential make it crucial for India's energy security.
- MSMEs are driving both local development and global supply chains, supported by credit flows and policies.
- Tech-driven and data-driven innovations are essential for India's progress, with Rajasthan contributing significantly.



Significance of Rajasthan:

- Strategic connectivity: 250 km of Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor and 300 km of Dedicated Freight Corridor.
- Rich in heritage, natural resources, and modern connectivity, making it a prime destination for investment.



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Major Features of the Summit:

- **Participants:** 32 countries, 16 partner nations, and 20 international organizations.
- **Sessions:**
 - Eight country sessions on trade, tourism, and manufacturing.
 - 12 thematic sessions, including startups, water management, and sustainable finance.



Static GK Information:

- **Rajasthan:**
 - **Capital:** Jaipur
 - **Chief Minister:** Bhajanlal Sharma
 - **Governor:** Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit 2024
Dates	December 9-11, 2024
Location	Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre (JECC), Jaipur
Theme	Replete, Responsible, Ready
Focus Areas	MSMEs, sustainable mining, agri-business, women-led startups, tourism
Participants	32 countries, 20 international organizations



➤ **Which institute has partnered with the Kerala government to develop marine projects?**

- A) National Institute of Oceanography
- B) Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)
- C) Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies
- D) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
- E) Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)



Answer

B) Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)



Event and Location:

- **Event:** CMFRI partners with Kerala government to boost marine projects.
- **Date:** December 9, 2024



Key Highlights:

- **MoU Signed By:**
 - Grinson George, Director of CMFRI.
 - PI Sheikh Pareeth, Managing Director of Kerala State Coastal Area Development Corporation (KSCADC).
- **Purpose:**
 - Leverage CMFRI's technical expertise for marine development and coastal infrastructure projects.
 - Support implementation of projects under KSCADC.



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Significance:

- Enhances coastal infrastructure and fosters sustainable marine development.
- Strengthens research-driven initiatives in the state's marine sector.



Static GK Information:

- **CMFRI (Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute):**
 - **Headquarters:** Kochi, Kerala
 - **Founded:** 1947
 - **Parent Body:** Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
- **Kerala:**
 - **Capital:** Thiruvananthapuram
 - **Chief Minister:** Pinarayi Vijayan
 - **Governor:** Arif Mohammed Khan



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	CMFRI partners with Kerala government for marine projects
Date	December 9, 2024
Signed By	Grinson George (CMFRI) and PI Sheikh Pareeth (KSCADC)
Purpose	Boost coastal infrastructure and marine development efforts
Significance	Strengthens research-backed marine initiatives in Kerala



➤ Which new scheme aims to empower women by helping them earn up to ₹1.75 lakh annually?

- A) Lakhpati Didi
- B) Solar Didi
- C) Drone Didi
- D) Bima Sakhi
- E) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan

Answer
D) Bima Sakhi



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Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the 'Bima Sakhi' scheme for women's empowerment.
- **Date:** December 9, 2024
- **Location:** Panipat, Haryana



Key Highlights:

- **Objective:**
 - Empower women by enabling them to earn up to ₹1.75 lakh annually.
 - Women act as agents to sell insurance policies and earn commission.
- **Significance:**
 - Builds on earlier initiatives like **Lakhpati Didi, Drone Didi, and Solar Didi**.
 - Promotes financial independence and women's entrepreneurship in rural and semi-urban areas.



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Implementation:

- Women are trained to market and sell insurance products.
- Focused on increasing financial literacy and access to insurance in underserved areas.



Static GK Information:

- **Haryana:**
 - **Capital:** Chandigarh
 - **Chief Minister:** Manohar Lal Khattar
 - **Governor:** Bandaru Dattatreya



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Launch of 'Bima Sakhi' scheme
Date	December 9, 2024
Location	Panipat, Haryana
Objective	Empower women through insurance policy sales
Earning Potential	Up to ₹1.75 lakh annually



QUICK RECALL



- **December 9 commemorates the adoption of the 1948 UN Genocide Convention.**
- **December 9 observed as International Anti-Corruption Day to combat corruption worldwide.**
- **Lando Norris secured McLaren's first Constructors' title in 26 years with Abu Dhabi GP win.**
- **Bangladesh defeated India by 59 runs to win the ACC U19 Men's Asia Cup 2024.**
- **India leads global mobile malware attacks with 28% share, surpassing US and Canada.**
- **Deutsche Bank provided €91 million sustainability-linked loan to SMFG India Credit.**
- **Devajit Saikia appointed as BCCI's acting secretary after Jay Shah's ICC chairmanship.**
- **John Dramani Mahama re-elected as Ghana's President, promises economic reforms.**
- **Rimtalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedraogo appointed Burkina Faso's PM after government dissolution.**



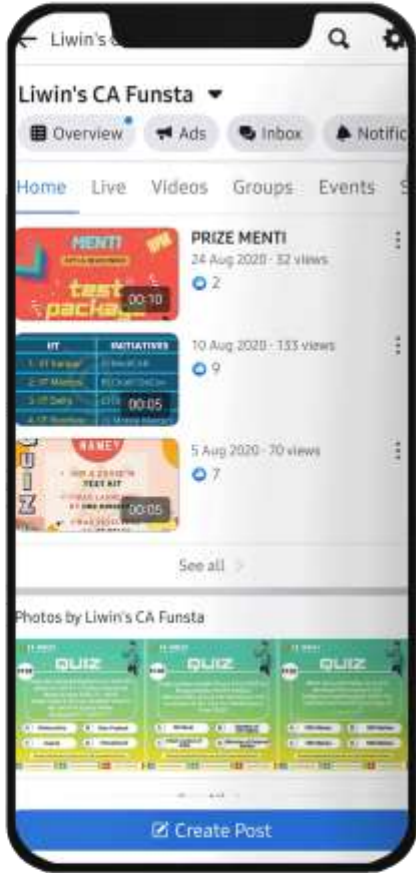
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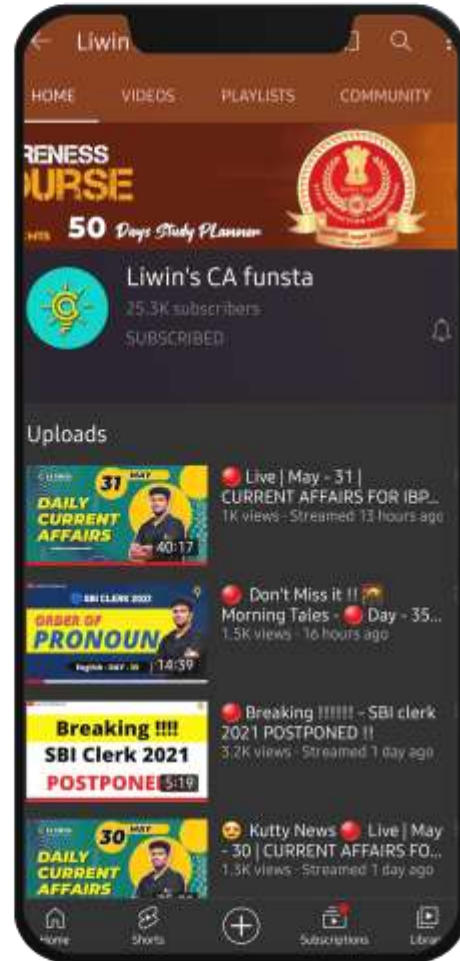
- **Sanjay Malhotra appointed as RBI Governor, succeeding Shaktikanta Das.**
- **HSL won two awards at the PSU Transformation Awards for innovation and technology adoption.**
- **ICG and PCG held a bilateral meeting to enhance cooperation in SAR, pollution response, and security.**
- **INS Tushil commissioned in Kaliningrad, Russia, as part of India-Russia defense collaboration.**
- **IIT Ropar hosted SMF 2024, highlighting advancements in sheet metal forming.**
- **DPIIT partners with Flipkart to mentor startups through a \$100 million venture fund.**
- **PM Modi inaugurated the Rising Rajasthan Summit 2024 in Jaipur with a focus on investments.**
- **CMFRI signed an MoU with Kerala government to enhance marine projects.**
- **PM Modi launched 'Bima Sakhi' to empower women to earn ₹1.75 lakh annually via insurance sales.**



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