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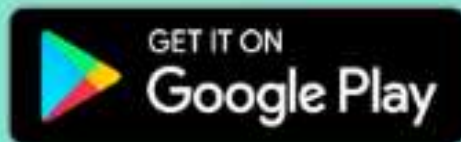
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# Important Days



➤ **When is Minorities Rights Day observed annually?**

- A) December 15
- B) December 16
- C) December 17
- D) December 18
- E) December 19

**Answer**

**D) December 18**



# Important Days



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Minorities Rights Day Celebrated Nationwide
- **Location:** India





# Important Days



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Commemoration of UN Statement:**
  - Marks the adoption of the United Nations Statement on the Rights of Minorities (1992).
  - Advocates freedom, equality, and inclusion for religious, linguistic, and ethnic minorities.
- **Awareness and Empowerment:**
  - Promotes awareness of minority rights and fosters social harmony.
  - Aligns with the government's vision of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas" (Together, Growth for All, Trust for All).



# Important Days



## Achievements and Significance:

- **Event Leadership:**
  - Chief Guest: Shri George Kurian, Minister of State for Minority Affairs.
  - Presiding Officer: Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairman, National Commission for Minorities.
- **Key Announcements:**
  - Release of a book on Sikhism authored by Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura.
  - Launch of the third edition of the NCM Newsletter.
  - Introduction of the Minority Day Quiz on minority communities in India.
- **Exhibition Highlights:**
  - Showcased initiatives and schemes implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.
  - Displayed the National Commission for Minorities' efforts toward minority welfare.



# Important Days



## Important Terms Explained:

- **National Commission for Minorities (NCM):**
  - A statutory body established in 1992 under the National Commission for Minorities Act.
  - Protects and promotes the interests of six officially recognized minority communities in India: Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jains, and Zoroastrians.
- **United Nations Statement on the Rights of Minorities (1992):**
  - A declaration emphasizing the protection of minorities' cultural, linguistic, religious, and ethnic identity.
- **Minority Day Quiz:**
  - An interactive initiative introduced by the NCM to spread awareness about India's diverse minority communities.



# Important Days



## Static GK Information:

- **National Commission for Minorities (NCM)**
  - **Established:** 1992
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **Chairman:** Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura



# Important Days



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event	Minorities Rights Day Celebrated Nationwide
Date	December 18, 2024
Significance	Marks the adoption of UN Statement on the Rights of Minorities (1992)
Presiding Officer	Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura, Chairman, National Commission for Minorities
Key Announcements	- Book on Sikhism by Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura
	- Launch of the third edition of NCM Newsletter
	- Introduction of the Minority Day Quiz
Communities Represented	Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jains, Zoroastrians, and majority community
Exhibition Focus	- Schemes by the Ministry of Minority Affairs
	- Welfare initiatives by the NCM



➤ What is the mascot of the 38<sup>th</sup> National Games 2025 in Uttarakhand?



- A) Peacock
- B) Tiger
- C) Monal
- D) Elephant
- E) Snow Leopard

**Answer**  
**C) Monal**



# SPORTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Uttarakhand unveils mascot, logo, anthem, and tagline for the 38<sup>th</sup> National Games 2025
- **Location:** Maharana Pratap Sports College, Dehradun, Uttarakhand



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Promote Sportsmanship:**
  - Engage over 10,000 athletes, officials, and coaches across 38 sports.
  - Foster youth participation and highlight traditional Indian sports like yoga and mallakhamb.
- **Cultural Integration:**
  - Showcase Uttarakhand's heritage through the Monal-inspired mascot and vibrant logo.
  - Promote sports culture across the state with the ceremonial National Games torch.





## Achievements and Significance:

- **Mascot and Logo:**
  - **Mascot “Mauli”:** Inspired by the Monal, Uttarakhand's state bird, symbolizing the state’s uniqueness.
  - **Logo:** Represents Uttarakhand's biodiversity and natural beauty, incorporating Monal’s vibrant colors.
- **Tagline:**
  - “Sankalp Se Shikhar Tak” (From Resolve to Zenith): Highlights determination and ambition in sports and life.
- **Key Sports Events:**
  - Inclusion of traditional sports reflects the state’s cultural ethos.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Monal:**
  - The state bird of Uttarakhand, known for its vibrant plumage, representing beauty and grace.
- **Yoga and Mallakhamb:**
  - Traditional Indian sports showcasing physical endurance, flexibility, and strength.



## Static GK Information:

- **Uttarakhand**
  - **Capital:** Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer)
  - **Chief Minister:** Pushkar Singh Dhami
  - **Governor:** Gurmit Singh
- **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)**
  - **President:** PT Usha
  - **Founded:** 1927
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi



# SPORTS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event	38th National Games 2025
Location	Dehradun, Uttarakhand
Mascot Name	“Mauli” inspired by the Monal (Uttarakhand’s state bird)
Logo Inspiration	Reflects Uttarakhand’s natural beauty and biodiversity
Tagline	“Sankalp Se Shikhar Tak” (From Resolve to Zenith)
Dates of Games	January 28 to February 14, 2025
Participants	Over 10,000 athletes, officials, and coaches from across India
Sports Count	38 sports, including yoga and mallakhamb
Torch Relay	National Games torch to travel across Uttarakhand to promote sports culture
Significance	Historic milestone for Uttarakhand, showcasing tradition and sportsmanship



# RANKING



- **India recently became the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest exporter in the smartphone market. What was India's rank in 2019 in this sector?**

- A) 10<sup>th</sup>
- B) 15<sup>th</sup>
- C) 23<sup>rd</sup>
- D) 18<sup>th</sup>
- E) 5<sup>th</sup>

**Answer**  
**C) 23<sup>rd</sup>**



# RANKING



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India Emerges as the 3rd Largest Exporter in the Smartphone Market
- **Location:** India



# RANKING



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Boost Domestic Manufacturing:** Leverage initiatives like the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme to reduce import dependency and enhance manufacturing capacities.
- **Increase Exports:** Set targets to export 70-75% of total production under PLI for FY 2024-25.
- **Economic Growth:** Enhance foreign exchange reserves and create jobs through increased manufacturing and exports.



## Achievements and Economic Impact:

- **Export Growth:**
  - November 2024 exports reached ₹20,395 crore, a significant 92% increase compared to ₹10,634 crore in November 2023.
  - India advanced from 23rd in 2019 to 3rd in 2024 in global smartphone exports.
- **Economic Contributions:**
  - Increased foreign exchange reserves.
  - Job creation in manufacturing, supply chains, and related sectors.
  - Improved trade balance by reducing the import-export gap.





# RANKING



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme:**
  - **Objective:** Encourage domestic manufacturing with financial incentives based on output.
  - **Aim:** Reduce import dependency and promote exports.
  - **Key Success:** Attracted foreign and domestic companies, improving global competitiveness of Indian products.
- **Trade Balance:**
  - Indicates the difference between exports and imports, with a favorable trade balance boosting the economy.
- **Foreign Exchange Reserves:**
  - Assets in foreign currency held by a nation's central bank, crucial for economic stability.



# RANKING



## Static GK Information:

- **India**
  - **Capital:** New Delhi
  - **Currency:** Indian Rupee
  - **President:** Droupadi Murmu
  - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi



# RANKING



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event	India Emerges as 3rd Largest Exporter in Smartphone Market
Global Export Rank (2024)	3rd
Previous Rank (2019)	23rd
Export Value (Nov 2024)	₹20,395 crore
Growth Over Nov 2023	92% increase (₹10,634 crore in Nov 2023)
Government Initiative	Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme
PLI Export Target (FY 2024-25)	70-75% of total production value
Economic Impact	- Boosted foreign exchange reserves
	- Created jobs in manufacturing, supply chains, and allied sectors
	- Improved trade balance
Future Focus	- Strengthen global market position
	- Focus on innovation and competitive pricing
	- Attract international buyers



➤ **What was the growth percentage of net direct tax collections in FY24 by December 17?**

- A) 14.85%
- B) 15.30%
- C) 16.45%
- D) 17.50%
- E) 18.20%

**Answer**  
**C) 16.45%**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Net Direct Tax Collection sees 16.45% growth to ₹15.82 lakh crore
- **Location:** India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Improved Tax Collection Mechanism:**
  - Enhanced efficiency in advance tax collection and refunds.
  - Broad-based tax compliance supporting fiscal stability.
- **Components of Tax Growth:**
  - Corporate Tax and Non-Corporate Tax contributed significantly.
  - Surge in Securities Transaction Tax (STT) collections due to robust market activity.



## Achievements and Significance:

- **Corporate Tax Growth:**
  - Gross collections rose to ₹9.24 lakh crore, net collections at ₹7.42 lakh crore.
- **Non-Corporate Tax Growth:**
  - Gross collections rose to ₹9.53 lakh crore, net collections at ₹7.97 lakh crore.
- **Advance Tax Collections:**
  - Increased by 21% to ₹7.56 lakh crore, reflecting strong compliance and growth.
- **Refunds:**
  - ₹3.39 lakh crore issued, a 42.49% increase compared to the previous fiscal year.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Net Direct Tax:**
  - Includes income tax, corporate tax, securities transaction tax, and other levies after accounting for refunds.
- **Advance Tax:**
  - Taxes paid in installments during the financial year, reflecting expected liabilities.
- **Securities Transaction Tax (STT):**
  - A tax levied on transactions in the stock market, contributing to direct tax revenues.
- **Fiscal Deficit:**
  - The gap between government revenue and expenditure, reduced by higher tax collections.





## Static GK Information:

- **India's Finance Ministry**
  - **Minister of Finance:** Nirmala Sitharaman
  - **Minister of State for Finance:** Pankaj Chaudhary



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event	Net Direct Tax Collection sees 16.45% growth to ₹15.82 lakh crore
Location	India
Key Drivers	- Advance tax collection of ₹7.56 lakh crore (21% growth)
	- Increased compliance and refunds of ₹3.39 lakh crore
Corporate Tax Collections	- Gross: ₹9.24 lakh crore, Net: ₹7.42 lakh crore
Non-Corporate Tax	- Gross: ₹9.53 lakh crore, Net: ₹7.97 lakh crore
Securities Transaction Tax	₹40,114 crore (up from ₹21,628 crore last year)
Income Tax Returns Filed	FY24: 8.09 crore returns, 6.68% of the population filed returns
Zero Taxable Income	4.90 crore individuals reported zero taxable income for AY 2023-24



➤ What is India's projected economic growth rate for FY26 according to Ind-Ra?

- A) 6.2%
- B) 6.4%
- C) 6.6%
- D) 6.8%
- E) 7.0%

**Answer**  
**C) 6.6%**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India's FY26 Economic Outlook: Modest Growth Amid Tightening
- **Location:** India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Economic Growth Drivers:**
  - Investments are projected to grow by 7.2% in FY26, compared to 6.7% in FY25.
  - Consumption growth is estimated at 6.9%, supported by improved rural demand due to favorable monsoons and rising rural wages.
- **Fiscal Target:**
  - Achieve a fiscal deficit of **4.5% by FY26**, with nominal GDP growth of 10.2% and 10% growth in capital expenditure.



## Achievements and Significance:

- **Inflation and Monetary Policy:**
  - Inflation is projected to ease to 4.3% in FY26, down from 4.9% in FY25.
  - Gradual repo rate cuts by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), with a potential reduction of 100-125 bps.
- **Sectoral Performance:**
  - **Agriculture:** Growth expected to slow to 3.8% after robust performance in FY25.
  - **Industry and Services:** Stable growth is anticipated.



## Challenges and Risks:

- **External Challenges:**
  - Rupee depreciation projected to ₹86.87 per USD due to external shocks like capital outflows and tariff wars.
  - Risks from global uncertainties, including US tariff threats and a stronger dollar.
- **Urban Demand:**
  - Concerns about slower growth in urban consumption impacting overall economic performance.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Fiscal Deficit:**
  - The difference between the government's total expenditure and its total revenue, excluding borrowings. Achieving 4.5% by FY26 aligns with fiscal discipline goals.
- **Capital Expenditure (Capex):**
  - Investments by the government in physical assets like infrastructure, crucial for long-term economic growth.
- **Repo Rate:**
  - The rate at which the RBI lends to commercial banks. Lowering the repo rate reduces borrowing costs, boosting investment and consumption.





## Static GK Information:

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI):**
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **Governor:** Shaktikanta Das
- **India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra):**
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **CEO:** Rohit Sawhney



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event	India's FY26 Economic Outlook
Location	India
FY26 GDP Growth Rate	6.6% (up from 6.4% in FY25)
Key Growth Drivers	- Investments (7.2% growth forecast)
	- Consumption (6.9% growth forecast)
Inflation	Projected to ease to 4.3% in FY26 (from 4.9% in FY25)
Fiscal Deficit Target	4.5% by FY26
Sectoral Outlook	- Agriculture: Growth to slow to 3.8%
	- Industry: Stable growth
	- Services: Stable growth
Rupee Depreciation	₹86.87 per USD forecast
Monetary Policy	Gradual rate cuts by RBI (100-125 bps reduction anticipated)



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India (SBI)?**

- A) CS Setty
- B) Dinesh Kumar Khara
- C) Rama Mohan Rao Amara
- D) Rajnish Kumar
- E) Arundhati Bhattacharya

**Answer**

**C) Rama Mohan Rao Amara**



# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Rama Mohan Rao Amara appointed as SBI's new Managing Director
- **Location:** State Bank of India Headquarters, Mumbai



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Leadership Transition:**
  - Rama Mohan Rao Amara replaces CS Setty as the Managing Director of SBI.
  - Appointment approved for three years by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).
- **Key Role:**
  - Strengthen SBI's leadership team comprising the Chairman and four MDs.
  - Lead SBI through critical phases of growth, innovation, and operational efficiency.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Achievements and Significance:

- **Extensive Experience:**
  - Joined SBI as a probationary officer in 1991.
  - Previously served as Deputy Managing Director and Chief Risk Officer at SBI.
  - Held leadership roles in international banking as CEO of SBI's Chicago branch and President & CEO of SBI California.
- **Strategic Selection Process:**
  - Recommended by **the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)** after interviewing nine candidates.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC):**
  - Chaired by the Prime Minister, responsible for senior-level appointments in public sector undertakings and banks.
- **Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB):**
  - Official headhunter for directors in state-owned banks and institutions, ensuring merit-based appointments.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

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





# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event	Rama Mohan Rao Amara appointed as SBI's new Managing Director
Location	State Bank of India Headquarters, Mumbai
Tenure	Three years
Replaces	CS Setty (appointed Chairman of SBI in August 2024)
Selection Process	Recommended by FSIB, approved by the ACC
Professional Background	Joined SBI in 1991, previously Deputy Managing Director and Chief Risk Officer
	Held leadership roles in Singapore, Chicago, and California branches
SBI Leadership Team	Comprises one Chairman and four Managing Directors



# AWARDS



➤ **What rare title was conferred upon Indian educationist Arun Kapur by Bhutan's King?**

- A) Druk Thuksey
- B) Dasho
- C) Bura Marp
- D) Dzongda
- E) Gyaltshen

**Answer**  
**B) Dasho**



# AWARDS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Arun Kapur conferred the title of 'Dasho' and Red Scarf by Bhutan's King
- **Location:** Changlimithang Stadium, Thimphu, Bhutan



# AWARDS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Recognition for Education Contributions:**
  - Honored for significant contributions to education in India and Bhutan.
  - Acknowledged for efforts in establishing The Royal Academy and developing the Bhutan Baccalaureate system.
- **Rare Honor:**
  - **The 'Dasho' title and Red Scarf (Bura Marp)** are usually conferred on senior Bhutanese officials.



# AWARDS



## Achievements and Significance:

- **Previous Awards:**
  - In 2019, Arun Kapur was awarded the 'Druk Thuksey' for his work in education in Bhutan.
- **Leadership Roles:**
  - Served as the head of Vasant Valley School, Delhi, for 29 years until 2020.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Dasho Title and Red Scarf:**
  - The 'Dasho' title is a traditional Bhutanese honor given to high-ranking officials.
  - The Red Scarf (Bura Marp) is a mark of distinction and is accompanied by a ceremonial sword (Patang).
- **Druk Thuksey:**
  - Means "**Son of the Heart of Bhutan.**"
  - Awarded for significant contributions to the socio-economic and cultural development of Bhutan.
- **Bhutan Baccalaureate:**
  - An innovative educational framework emphasizing holistic student development, co-developed by Arun Kapur.



# AWARDS



## Static GK Information:

- **Bhutan**
  - **Capital:** Thimphu
  - **Currency:** Bhutanese Ngultrum
  - **King:** Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
  - **Prime Minister:** Lotay Tshering



# AWARDS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event	Arun Kapur conferred the title of 'Dasho' and Red Scarf by Bhutan's King
Location	Changlimithang Stadium, Thimphu, Bhutan
Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rare honor typically reserved for senior Bhutanese officials</li><li>- Recognized for contributions to Bhutan's education system</li></ul>
Previous Honors	Awarded 'Druk Thuksey' in 2019
Notable Contributions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Established The Royal Academy school</li><li>- Developed the Bhutan Baccalaureate system</li></ul>
Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Head of Vasant Valley School, Delhi, for 29 years</li></ul>





➤ **Where was the first-ever satellite tagging of a Ganges River Dolphin conducted?**

- A) Bihar
- B) Assam
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) West Bengal
- E) Odisha

**Answer**  
**B) Assam**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** First-ever satellite tagging of a Ganges River Dolphin
- **Location:** Assam



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Data Collection:**
  - Study habitat preferences, migratory patterns, and the home-range dynamics of Ganges River Dolphins.
  - Address existing knowledge gaps for evidence-based conservation.
- **Technology Use:**
  - Lightweight satellite tags compatible with **Argos systems** ensure functionality even with the dolphin's brief surfacing times (5-30 seconds).



## Achievements and Significance:

- **Global First:**
  - This is the first instance of satellite tagging of Ganges River Dolphins globally.
- **Ecological Impact:**
  - Ganges River Dolphins serve as **umbrella species**, aiding the conservation of river ecosystems.
  - Their protection supports ecological balance and aquatic biodiversity.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Project Dolphin:**
  - Launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC) to conserve Ganges River Dolphins.
  - **Focus:** Protect habitats and address threats affecting dolphin populations.
- **National CAMPA Authority:**
  - Stands for Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority.
  - **Objective:** Fund conservation and afforestation projects across India.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Argos System:**
  - A satellite-based system designed for wildlife tracking and environmental monitoring.
  - Essential for species like Ganges River Dolphins due to their elusive behavior.



## Static GK Information:

- **India**
  - **Capital:** New Delhi
  - **Currency:** Indian Rupee
  - **President:** Droupadi Murmu
  - **Prime Minister:** Narendra Modi
- **Assam**
  - **Capital:** Dispur
  - **Chief Minister:** Himanta Biswa Sarma
  - **Governor:** Gulab Chand Kataria



# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event	First-ever satellite tagging of a Ganges River Dolphin
Location	Assam
Significance	- First instance globally
	- Major milestone under Project Dolphin
Collaborating Organizations	- Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC)
	- Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Assam Forest Department, Aaranyak
Funding Authority	National CAMPA Authority
Technology Used	Lightweight satellite tags compatible with Argos systems
Species Details	- Ganges River Dolphin: India's National Aquatic Animal
	- Apex predator and umbrella species in river ecosystems
Challenges	- Population decline due to habitat fragmentation and human activity
	- Behavioral challenges from brief surfacing times (5-30 seconds)
Future Plans	- Extend tagging to other states within the species' range
	- Develop a comprehensive conservation action plan under Project Dolphin





➤ **Where has the Indian Army established its AI Incubation Centre?**

- A) New Delhi
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Pune
- D) Bengaluru
- E) Chennai

**Answer**

**D) Bengaluru**



# DEFENCE



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian Army inaugurates AI Incubation Centre (IAAIIC)
- **Location:** Bengaluru, Karnataka



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Develop AI Solutions for Defence:**
  - Focused on predictive maintenance, advanced surveillance, decision support systems, and autonomous platforms.
  - Enhance the Army's operational capabilities and decision-making through AI technologies.
- **Promote Indigenous Talent:**
  - Cultivate local expertise in AI and reduce dependence on foreign technologies.
  - Align with the **"Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiative** for self-reliance in defence technology.



## Achievements and Significance:

- **Collaboration with BEL:**
  - Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) provides infrastructure and IT capabilities.
- **Supercomputing Support:**
  - **A supercomputer from CDAC** will facilitate AI training and solution development.
- **Innovation Hub:**
  - Platform for collaboration among startups, academia, and industry to drive innovation in defence AI.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **AI Incubation Centre:**
  - A facility focused on developing artificial intelligence-based technologies tailored for the Indian Army's operational needs.
- **Atmanirbhar Bharat:**
  - India's self-reliance initiative promoting domestic production and reducing reliance on imports across sectors, including defence.
- **Predictive Maintenance:**
  - Technology-driven monitoring to anticipate and prevent equipment failures, ensuring operational readiness.



## Static GK Information:

- **The Indian Army**
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
  - **Founded:** 1 April 1895
  - **Commander-in-Chief:** India President Droupadi Murmu
  - **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS):** General Anil Chauhan
  - **Chief of the Army Staff (COAS):** General Upendra Dwivedi
  - **Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS):** Lieutenant General N.S Raja Subramani



# DEFENCE

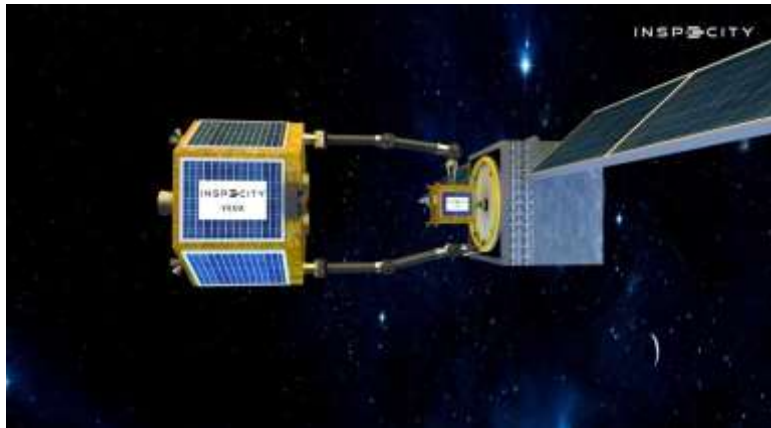


## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event	Indian Army inaugurates AI Incubation Centre (IAAIC)
Location	Bengaluru, Karnataka
Inaugurated By	Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Upendra Dwivedi
Key Objectives	- Foster AI solutions for decision-making, surveillance, and autonomous platforms
	- Promote indigenous talent and reduce reliance on foreign technology
Collaborators	Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), startups, academia, industry experts
Infrastructure Support	- BEL for IT infrastructure
	- Supercomputer from CDAC for AI training and development
Vision	Align with the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiative for self-reliance in defence technology
Focus Areas	- Predictive maintenance
	- Advanced surveillance, autonomous platforms, decision support systems



➤ Which two companies are collaborating on space debris removal using laser-equipped satellites?



- A) JAXA and ISRO
- B) Mitsubishi and InspeCity
- C) Orbital Lasers and InspeCity
- D) Astroscale and Orbital Lasers
- E) ispace and InspeCity

**Answer**

**C) Orbital Lasers and InspeCity**





## Event and Location:

- **Event:** India and Japan Collaborate to Address Space Debris
- **Location:** Global Space Operations, involving Indian and Japanese firms



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Space Debris Management:**
  - Use of laser-equipped satellites to vaporize debris, enabling easier spacecraft servicing.
  - Address the growing issue of space junk, critical for safe orbital operations.
- **Collaboration Goals:**
  - Strengthen India-Japan space partnerships across space debris removal and lunar exploration.
  - Enhance local production and innovation under India's Make in India initiative.



## Achievements and Significance:

- **Partnership Highlights:**
  - Indian firm **InspeCity** and Japanese company **Orbital Lasers** signed a preliminary agreement.
  - Testing of the debris removal technology is planned **after 2027**.
- **Broader Collaboration:**
  - **The LUPEX mission (2026)** aims at lunar polar exploration, extending India-Japan cooperation to Moon exploration.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Space Debris:**
  - Refers to defunct satellites, fragments, and other objects orbiting Earth, posing risks to operational spacecraft.
- **Laser-Equipped Satellites:**
  - Advanced satellites using lasers to vaporize or reduce debris in orbit, ensuring safer space operations.
- **LUPEX Mission:**
  - **The Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (LUPEX)** is a joint India-Japan initiative for Moon's polar region exploration, planned for 2026.



## Static GK Information:

- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**
  - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka
  - **Founded:** 1969
- **Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)**
  - **Headquarters:** Tokyo, Japan
  - **Founded:** 2003



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event	India and Japan Collaborate to Address Space Debris
Location	Global collaboration involving Indian and Japanese companies
Indian Partner	InspeCity
Japanese Partner	Orbital Lasers
Technology	Laser-equipped satellites for debris vaporization
Broader Collaboration	- Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (LUPEX, 2026)
	- Japan's satellite data aiding India's disaster management and agriculture
Significance	- Addresses growing space debris
	- Strengthens India-Japan space technology collaboration



➤ **What is the theme of the 10<sup>th</sup> International Forest Fair held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh?**

- A) Sustainable Forest Practices for All
- B) Minor Forest Produce for Global Trade
- C) Women Empowerment through Minor Forest Produce
- D) Collaboration for Sustainable Forestry
- E) Enhancing Economic Potential of Forest Products



**Answer**

**C) Women Empowerment through Minor Forest Produce**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** 10<sup>th</sup> International Forest Fair
- **Location:** Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh





## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Promotion of Sustainable Forest Practices:**
  - Foster awareness about forest resources and the economic potential of minor forest produce.
  - Encourage sustainable forest management to preserve ecological balance.
- **Empowerment of Women:**
  - Highlight the role of women, who constitute 50% of the workforce managing minor forest produce.
  - Promote gender equality in the forestry sector.
- **International Collaboration:**
  - Enhance global dialogue on forestry with representatives from Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Australia.



## Achievements and Significance:

- **Stalls and Exhibitions:**
  - Over 300 stalls showcasing forest-related products, government initiatives, and services.
  - Provides a platform for networking among policymakers, traders, producers, and scientists.
- **Health Services:**
  - Free medical consultations with Ayurveda doctors and daily OPD services, promoting holistic health.
- **Focus on Local Communities:**
  - Empower local populations by highlighting the economic and social importance of forests.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Minor Forest Produce (MFP):**
  - Non-timber forest products such as bamboo, medicinal plants, and honey.
  - Plays a crucial role in the livelihoods of forest-dependent communities, especially women.
- **Sustainable Forest Management:**
  - Practices ensuring the long-term health and productivity of forests while supporting biodiversity and ecosystem services.



## Static GK Information:

- **Madhya Pradesh**
  - **Capital:** Bhopal
  - **Chief Minister:** Dr. Mohan Yadav
  - **Governor:** Mangubhai Patel



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event	10th International Forest Fair
Location	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
Theme	Women Empowerment through Minor Forest Produce
Key Attendees	Governor Mangubhai Patel, Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, international representatives from Sri Lanka, Nepal, Australia
Duration	December 17-23, 2024
Stalls and Exhibitions	Over 300 stalls showcasing forest products, government initiatives, and forest services
Health Services	Free medical consultations with Ayurveda doctors, daily OPD services
Focus Areas	- Empowerment of women
	- Sustainable forest management practices
	- Collaboration among government bodies, NGOs, and private enterprises
Economic and Social Impact	- Promotes sustainable forest practices
	- Empowers local communities and highlights women's contributions



➤ Which state is set to become the first in India to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) after Independence?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Uttarakhand
- D) Maharashtra
- E) Himachal Pradesh

**Answer**

**C) Uttarakhand**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Uniform Civil Code to be implemented in Uttarakhand from January 2025
- **Location:** Uttarakhand, India



## Mandates and Objectives:

- **Implementation of UCC:**
  - **The Uniform Civil Code (UCC)** will be implemented across Uttarakhand from January 2025.
  - Aims to ensure justice, equity, and uniformity in personal laws for all citizens.
- **Empowerment:**
  - The UCC is expected to empower women and children by providing equal rights in personal matters.





## Achievements and Significance:

- **First State Post-Independence:**
  - Uttarakhand becomes the first state in India to implement UCC after Independence.
- **Legislative Steps:**
  - Formation of a **five-member expert committee** chaired by retired judge **Ranjana Prakash Desai** in 2022.
  - Passage of **the UCC Bill 2024** by the state assembly on February 7, 2024.
  - Presidential assent received, and notification issued on March 12, 2024.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Uniform Civil Code (UCC):**
  - Refers to a common set of laws governing personal matters like marriage, divorce, inheritance, and adoption for all citizens, irrespective of religion.
  - Promotes unity and equality while aligning with the Constitution's directive principles.
- **Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas:**
  - A governance principle emphasizing inclusive development, equal opportunities, and fostering trust among all communities.



## Static GK Information:

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



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Details	Information
Event	Uniform Civil Code to be implemented in Uttarakhand
Location	Uttarakhand, India
Implementation Date	January 2025
Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- First state to implement UCC after Independence</li><li>- Expected to empower women and children</li></ul>
Legislative Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- UCC Bill 2024 passed by State Legislative Assembly (February 7, 2024)</li><li>- Presidential assent received, notified on March 12, 2024</li></ul>
Committee Formation	Five-member expert committee chaired by retired judge Ranjana Prakash Desai
Focus Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Online services via portal and mobile app for public convenience</li><li>- Training and facilities for personnel involved in UCC implementation</li></ul>



# QUICK RECALL



- **Minorities Rights Day** celebrated on December 18 to honor the UN's 1992 statement on minority rights.
- **Uttarakhand** to host the 38th National Games from January 28 to February 14, 2025.
- **India** becomes the 3rd largest exporter in the smartphone market, up from 23rd in 2019.
- **Net direct tax collections** in FY24 grew by 16.45% to ₹15.82 lakh crore by December 17.
- **India's economy** projected to grow 6.6% in FY26, driven by rising investments.
- **Rama Mohan Rao Amara** appointed Managing Director of SBI for three years.
- **Arun Kapur** awarded Bhutan's rare 'Dasho' title and Red Scarf at the 117th National Day.
- **India** conducted the first-ever satellite tagging of Ganges River Dolphins in Assam.
- **Indian Army** inaugurates AI Incubation Centre in Bengaluru to modernize defence operations.



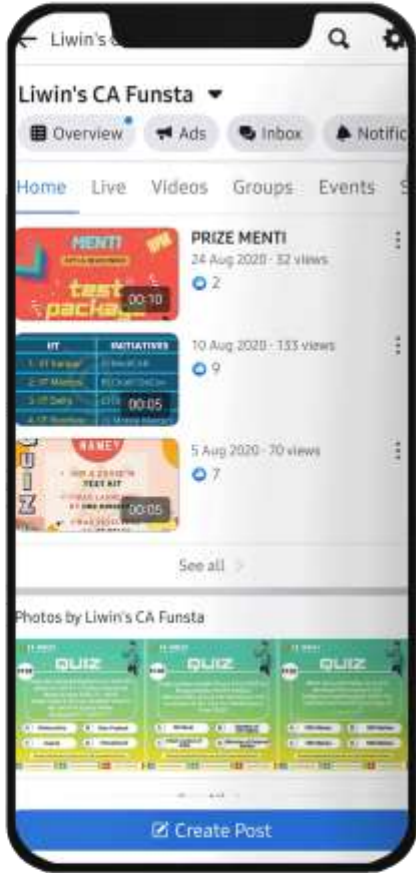
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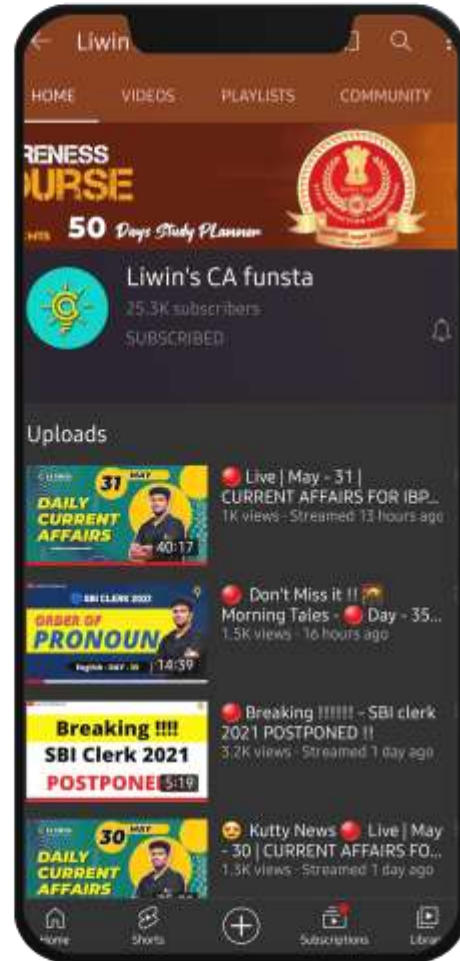
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