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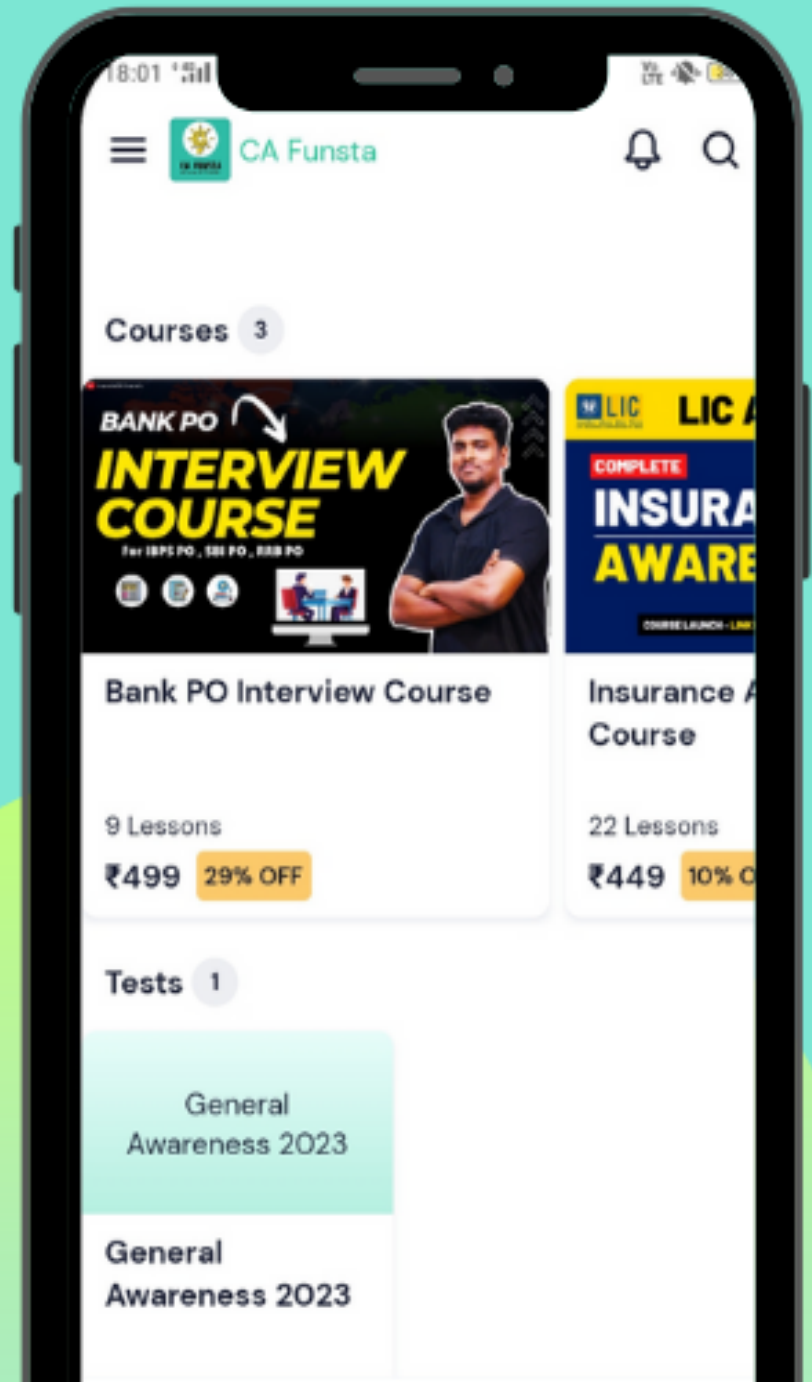
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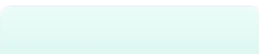


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➤ Which chess format did Koneru Humpy recently win the World Championship in?

- A) Classical Chess
- B) Rapid Chess
- C) Blitz Chess
- D) Armageddon Chess
- E) Correspondence Chess



Answer
B) Rapid Chess



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Koneru Humpy won her second Women's World Rapid Chess Championship.
- **Location and Date:** New York, December 30, 2024 (India time).



Mandates and Objectives:

- Koneru Humpy defeated **Indonesia's Irene Sukandar** in the final round to secure her second World Rapid title, the first being in **2019**.
- Despite being seeded 10th and competing against younger players, her triumph highlights her resilience and skill.
- This victory comes amidst India's rising stature as a **global chess superpower**, with significant achievements in **2024**, including gold at the Chess Olympiad for both men's and women's teams.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Rapid Chess:**
 - A faster-paced chess format with shorter time controls (typically 15 to 30 minutes per player), requiring quicker decision-making compared to classical chess.
- **Classical Chess:**
 - Traditional chess format with longer time controls, allowing for deeper strategy and analysis. Humpy's preferred format.
- **Chess Olympiad:**
 - A biennial international team chess tournament. India's men's and women's teams won gold medals in 2024.



Static GK Information:

- **Koneru Humpy**
 - **Born:** March 31, 1987, in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
 - **Titles:** Two-time Women's World Rapid Chess Champion (2019, 2024)
- **India**
 - Known as a global chess powerhouse, producing champions like Viswanathan Anand, D. Gukesh, and Koneru Humpy.
- **Andhra Pradesh**
 - **Capital:** Amaravati
 - **CM:** Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy
 - **Governor:** S. Abdul Nazeer



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Koneru Humpy wins Women's World Rapid Chess Championship
Location and Date	New York, December 30, 2024 (India time)
Opponent in Final	Irene Sukandar (Indonesia)
Achievement	Second World Rapid Chess title (previous win in 2019)
India's Chess Stature	India also won twin golds at the Chess Olympiad in 2024
Significance	Humpy overcame younger rivals and excelled in a non-preferred format

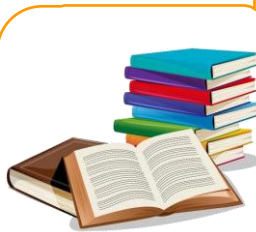


➤ **Who is the youngest female to conquer the Seven Summits?**

- A) Kaamya Karthikeyan
- B) Junko Tabei
- C) Arunima Sinha
- D) Jordan Romero
- E) Malavath Purna

Answer

A) Kaamya Karthikeyan



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Kaamya Karthikeyan becomes the youngest female to conquer the Seven Summits.
- **Location and Date:** Mumbai, December 24, 2024.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Kaamya**, a 17-year-old student from **Navy Children School, Mumbai**, achieved the remarkable feat by scaling **the Seven Summits**, the highest peaks on each continent.
- She completed this challenge by summiting **Mount Vinson in Antarctica on December 24, 2024**, at 17:20 Chilean Standard Time.



Peaks Conquered:

1. **Mount Kilimanjaro** (Africa, Tanzania)
2. **Mount Elbrus** (Europe, Russia)
3. **Mount Kosciuszko** (Australia)
4. **Mount Aconcagua** (South America, Argentina)
5. **Mount Denali** (North America, USA)
6. **Mount Everest** (Asia, Nepal)
7. **Mount Vinson** (Antarctica)



Significance and Support:

- Kaamya started mountaineering at the age of 7 and became **the youngest Indian to scale Mount Everest** at **16**.
- Accompanied by her father, **Cdr S. Karthikeyan**, during her final climb.
- Her achievement is celebrated by **the Indian Navy** and **Navy Children School**, inspiring students and adventurers worldwide.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Seven Summits:**
 - The tallest mountains on each of the seven continents. Completing this challenge is a coveted achievement in mountaineering.
- **Mount Vinson:**
 - The highest peak in Antarctica, standing at 4,892 meters (16,050 feet).
- **Navy Children School:**
 - A chain of schools run by the Indian Navy, fostering academic and extracurricular excellence.



Static GK Information:

- **Kaamya Karthikeyan**
 - **Record:** Youngest female to conquer the Seven Summits
 - **Age at Achievement:** 17 years old
 - **School:** Navy Children School, Mumbai
- **Indian Navy**
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
 - **Founded:** 1612 (as the East India Company's Marine)
 - **Chief of Naval Staff:** Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Kaamyra Karthikeyan becomes the youngest female to conquer the Seven Summits
Location and Date	Mumbai, December 24, 2024
Age at Achievement	17 years old
Peaks Conquered	Kilimanjaro, Elbrus, Kosciuszko, Aconcagua, Denali, Everest, Vinson
Significance	Youngest female in the world to scale the Seven Summits
Accompanied By	Her father, Cdr S. Karthikeyan
First Everest Summit	At age 16



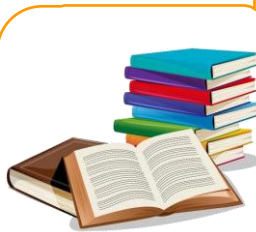
➤ **Who did Jasprit Bumrah surpass to become the fastest Indian to 200 Test wickets?**

- A) Kapil Dev
- B) Mohammed Shami
- C) Ravichandran Ashwin
- D) Anil Kumble
- E) Zaheer Khan



Answer

B) Mohammed Shami



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Jasprit Bumrah becomes the fastest Indian to reach 200 Test wickets.
- **Location and Date:** MCG, Melbourne, during the Boxing Day Test, December 2024.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Milestone Achievement:**
 - Bumrah reached 200 Test wickets in just 44 matches, equaling the record of Pat Cummins and Kagiso Rabada for this feat globally.
 - Surpassed Mohammed Shami, who previously held the Indian record for the fastest 200 Test wickets by deliveries (achieved in 9,896 balls).
- **Key Bowling Metrics:**
 - Bumrah achieved 200 wickets with only 8,484 balls, breaking Shami's record.
 - His bowling average at the 200-wicket mark stands at 19.56, the best among all bowlers with 200 Test wickets.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Global Context:**
 - Bumrah is the 4th fastest globally to achieve the milestone by balls bowled, behind Waqar Younis, Dale Steyn, and Kagiso Rabada.
- **Contribution to WTC:**
 - One of the leading wicket-takers in the ICC World Test Championship, with 151 wickets.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Boxing Day Test:**
 - A highly anticipated cricket match played annually at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) starting on December 26.
- **Bowling Average:**
 - A measure of a bowler's efficiency, calculated as the number of runs conceded per wicket taken.
- **World Test Championship (WTC):**
 - A league competition for Test cricket, introduced by the ICC to determine the best Test-playing nation.



Static GK Information:

- **Jasprit Bumrah**
 - **Born:** December 6, 1993
 - **Role:** Fast Bowler
 - **Test Debut:** January 2018 against South Africa
- **Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)**
 - **Location:** Melbourne, Australia
 - **Established:** 1853
 - **Capacity:** 100,000
- **Border-Gavaskar Trophy:**
 - Bilateral Test series played between India and Australia.



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Jasprit Bumrah becomes the fastest Indian to 200 Test wickets
Location and Date	Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), December 2024
Tests for 200 Wickets	44 Tests
Balls for 200 Wickets	8,484 balls
Bowling Average	19.56
Previous Record Holder	Mohammed Shami (9,896 balls)
Global Ranking	4 th fastest by deliveries to 200 wickets, after Waqar Younis, Dale Steyn, Kagiso Rabada



OBITUARY



➤ **Which former U.S. President did Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently condole on his passing?**

- A) Barack Obama
- B) George W. Bush
- C) Jimmy Carter
- D) Bill Clinton
- E) Donald Trump

Answer
C) Jimmy Carter



OBITUARY



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed condolences on the passing of former U.S. President Jimmy Carter.
- **Location and Date:** India, December 30, 2024.



OBITUARY



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Jimmy Carter's Legacy:**
 - Served as the 39th President of the United States (1977-1981).
 - Known for his efforts toward global peace, democracy, and humanitarian work.
 - Fostered strong India-U.S. ties, including a notable visit to India, during which a village in Haryana was named Carterpuri in his honor.
- **Prime Minister Modi's Tribute:**
 - Acknowledged Carter as a statesman of great vision.
 - Highlighted Carter's contributions to global peace and harmony and India-U.S. relations.



OBITUARY



Important Terms Explained:

- **Carter Center:**
 - A non-profit organization established by Jimmy Carter, focusing on global democracy, human rights, and health initiatives.
- **Carterpuri:**
 - A village in Haryana renamed in honor of Carter's visit to India, symbolizing strong bilateral relations.
- **Longest-Lived U.S. President:**
 - Carter lived to be 100 years old, making him the longest-lived President in U.S. history.



OBITUARY



Static GK Information:

- **Jimmy Carter**
 - **Term as President:** 1977–1981
 - **Known For:** Camp David Accords, Carter Center humanitarian work
 - **Birthplace:** Plains, Georgia, U.S.
- **United States of America**
 - **Capital:** Washington, D.C.
 - **Currency:** U.S. Dollar (USD)
 - **President (Outgoing):** Joe Biden
 - **President (Incoming):** Donald Trump



OBITUARY



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	PM Narendra Modi condoles the passing of former U.S. President Jimmy Carter
Location and Date	India, December 30, 2024
Jimmy Carter's Legacy	39th U.S. President; longest-lived at 100 years
PM Modi's Tribute	Acknowledged Carter's contributions to peace and India-U.S. relations
Carterpuri	Haryana village named in honor of Carter's India visit
Significance	Remembered as a statesman, humanitarian, and global leader



➤ **By when has the RBI mandated banks to implement the beneficiary account name look-up facility for NEFT and RTGS?**

- A) January 1, 2025
- B) March 1, 2025
- C) April 1, 2025
- D) June 1, 2025
- E) December 31, 2024

Answer

C) April 1, 2025



Event and Location:

- **Event:** RBI mandates beneficiary account name look-up facility for NEFT and RTGS transactions.
- **Location and Date:** Mumbai, December 31, 2024.



Mandates and Objectives:

- Banks must provide a **beneficiary account name look-up facility** for **RTGS** and **NEFT** transactions by **April 1, 2025**.
- The facility will enable remitters to verify the beneficiary's account name using the account number and IFSC code before initiating a transaction.
- The aim is to reduce errors and prevent fraud in online fund transfers.
- This facility will be available through internet banking, mobile banking, and bank branches.



Important Terms Explained:

- **RTGS (Real Time Gross Settlement):**
 - A system for high-value, real-time fund transfers with instant settlement.
- **NEFT (National Electronic Funds Transfer):**
 - A system for transferring funds in batches, available 24/7.
- **UPI and IMPS Name Verification:**
 - These platforms already allow users to confirm the recipient's name before transferring funds, setting the benchmark for similar functionality in RTGS and NEFT.
- **NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India):**
 - A key organization tasked with developing the name look-up facility and onboarding banks.



Static GK Information:

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **Founded:** April 1, 1935
 - **Governor:** Sanjay Malhotra
- **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **Founded:** 2008
 - **Chairman:** Ajay Kumar Choudhary
- **Maharashtra**
 - **Capital:** Mumbai
 - **CM:** Devendra Fadnavis
 - **Governor:** Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	RBI mandates beneficiary account name look-up for NEFT and RTGS
Location and Date	Mumbai, December 31, 2024
Implementation Deadline	April 1, 2025
Developing Authority	National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
Objective	Reduce transaction errors and fraud through name verification
Platform	Internet banking, mobile banking, and bank branches
Benchmark	Similar to existing UPI and IMPS systems



APPOINTMENTS



➤ **Who has been appointed as the new CEO of DBS Bank India, effective March 1, 2025?**

- A) Surojit Shome
- B) Piyush Gupta
- C) Shivangi Lahiri
- D) Rajat Verma
- E) Yantoultra Ngui

Answer
D) Rajat Verma



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved Rajat Verma's appointment as the new CEO of DBS Bank India.
- **Location and Date:** New Delhi, December 30, 2024.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Rajat Verma** will take over as CEO of DBS Bank India on March 1, 2025.
- He succeeds **Surojit Shome**, who is set to retire on February 28, 2025.
- Verma brings **27 years of banking experience**, including roles in corporate and consumer banking, sustainable finance, and SME banking.
- He previously headed **the Institutional Banking Group (IBG)** at DBS Bank India.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **DBS Bank India:**
 - A subsidiary of Singapore-based DBS Group, operating across 350 locations in India.
- **Institutional Banking Group (IBG):**
 - A division focusing on providing financial solutions to corporate clients, including transactional and sustainable finance.
- **RBI Approval for Bank CEOs:**
 - Mandatory regulatory clearance for the appointment of CEOs in Indian banks to ensure governance and operational compliance.



APPOINTMENTS



Static GK Information:

- **DBS Bank India**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **Parent Company:** DBS Group (Singapore)
 - **CEO (Effective March 1, 2025):** Rajat Verma
 - **Outgoing CEO:** Surojit Shome
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
 - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - **Founded:** April 1, 1935
 - **Governor:** Sanjay Malhotra
- **Singapore**
 - **Capital:** Singapore City
 - **Currency:** Singapore Dollar
 - **Prime Minister:** Lee Hsien Loong



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	RBI clears Rajat Verma's appointment as DBS Bank India CEO
Location and Date	New Delhi, December 30, 2024
Effective From	March 1, 2025
Outgoing CEO	Surojit Shome
Experience	27 years in banking, including roles at HSBC and DBS Bank
Significance	Leadership transition strengthens DBS Bank India's presence in a core market



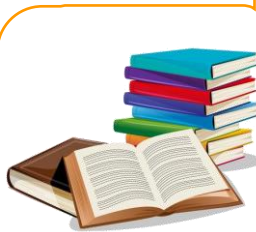
➤ **Which key capability is ISRO's SpaDeX mission designed to demonstrate?**

- A) Satellite launch and retrieval
- B) Autonomous spacecraft docking and undocking
- C) Deep space exploration
- D) High-resolution Earth observation
- E) Communication through ground-based relays



Answer

B) Autonomous spacecraft docking and undocking



Event and Location:

- **Event:** ISRO successfully launched the Space Docking Experiment (SpaDeX) mission.
- **Location and Date:** Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, on December 30, 2024, at 10 p.m. IST.



Mandates and Objectives:

- Demonstrate **autonomous docking and undocking** capabilities in low-Earth orbit.
- Launch two spacecraft, **SDX01 (Chaser)** and **SDX02 (Target)**, into a **475-km circular orbit**.
- Exhibit technologies for **electric power transfer** and **composite spacecraft control**.
- Pave the way for advanced missions like **Chandrayaan-4, Gaganyaan**, and space station assembly.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Space Docking:**
 - Process of two spacecraft meeting and connecting in orbit.
 - Enables satellite repairs, refueling, and space station assembly.
- **GNSS-based Satellite Positioning System (SPS):**
 - Offers precise Position, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) solutions.
 - Ensures accurate coordination for spacecraft maneuvers.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PSLV-C60:**
 - ISRO's reliable medium-lift launch vehicle used for deploying satellites.
- **Inter-Satellite Link (ISL):**
 - Real-time communication mechanism between spacecraft for navigation and coordination.
- **Chandrayaan-4:**
 - Proposed lunar mission utilizing autonomous docking for advanced operations.



Static GK Information:

- **ISRO**
 - **Headquarters:** Bengaluru, Karnataka
 - **Founded:** 1969
 - **Chairman:** S. Somanath
- **Andhra Pradesh**
 - **Capital:** Amaravati
 - **CM:** Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy
 - **Governor:** S. Abdul Nazeer



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Launch of SpaDeX mission
Date and Time	December 30, 2024, 10 p.m. IST
Location	Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
Launch Vehicle	PSLV-C60
Primary Payloads	SDX01 (Chaser), SDX02 (Target)
Orbit Details	475-km circular orbit
Significance	Demonstration of autonomous docking and undocking technologies
Secondary Payloads	24 payloads including scientific experiments and private contributions
Future Milestones	Docking attempt scheduled around January 7, 2025

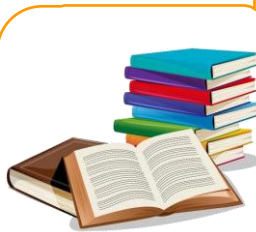


➤ **Where did the Indian Army unveil the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in December 2024?**

- A) Siachen Glacier
- B) Pangong Tso
- C) Leh
- D) Kargil
- E) Tawang

Answer

B) Pangong Tso



Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Indian Army unveiled a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Pangong Tso.
- **Location and Date:** Pangong Tso, Ladakh, December 26, 2024.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Strategic Significance:**
 - Installed at 14,300 feet, the statue reinforces India's strategic presence near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China.
 - Symbolizes India's sovereignty, military readiness, and cultural assertion amid ongoing India-China border tensions.
- **Cultural and Historical Relevance:**
 - Honors Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, celebrated for his military strategy, valor, and leadership.
 - Installed by the Fire and Fury Corps, responsible for defending the Ladakh region.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Local Concerns:**
 - Chushul Councillor Konchok Stanzin raised concerns about the cultural relevance of the statue in Ladakh and the lack of community consultation.
 - Highlighted the need to balance national symbolism with local identity and ecological preservation.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Pangong Tso:**
 - A high-altitude lake in Ladakh, significant for its proximity to the India-China border.
 - Location of the 2020 standoff between Indian and Chinese troops.
- **Fire and Fury Corps:**
 - Indian Army unit based in Leh, tasked with defending Ladakh, especially along the LAC.
- **LAC (Line of Actual Control):**
 - Demarcates Indian-controlled and Chinese-controlled territory, frequently contested in Ladakh.



Static GK Information:

- **Ladakh**
 - **Capital:** Leh
 - **Governor:** Brigadier (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.)
- **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**
 - **Title:** Founder of the Maratha Empire
 - **Known For:** Military strategies, fortifications, and administration
 - **Legacy:** Symbol of courage, justice, and Indian sovereignty
- **Indian Army**
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
 - **Founded:** April 1, 1895
 - **Chief of the Army Staff:** General Manoj Pande



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Indian Army unveiled a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj
Location and Date	Pangong Tso, Ladakh, December 26, 2024
Altitude	14,300 feet
Installed By	Fire and Fury Corps
Significance	Symbolizes India's strategic resolve and cultural assertion near the LAC
Local Concerns	Cultural relevance and ecological impact raised by local leaders
Strategic Context	Part of India's defense and infrastructure enhancement amid tensions with China



➤ **What is the total number of patients treated by AIIMS Delhi under the PM-JAY scheme to date?**

- A) 10,000
- B) 20,000
- C) 30,000
- D) 50,000
- E) 1,00,000

Answer
C) 30,000



Event and Location:

- **Event:** AIIMS Delhi treats over 30,000 patients under PM-JAY.
- **Location and Date:** New Delhi, December 31, 2024.



Mandates and Objectives:

- AIIMS Delhi has treated 30,000 patients under the **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)**.
- Created over **8 lakh Ayushman Bharat cards** for patients.
- PM-JAY offers **annual health coverage of up to ₹5 lakh per family** for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization.
- AIIMS Delhi allows patients to avail of the scheme despite Delhi government not yet implementing PM-JAY in the city.



Important Terms Explained:

- **PM-JAY (Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana):**
 - A government health insurance scheme launched in **2018**.
 - Covers families for **₹5 lakh annually** for secondary and tertiary healthcare.
 - Targets economically vulnerable families across India.
- **AIIMS Delhi (All India Institute of Medical Sciences):**
 - A premier medical institute providing advanced medical care, research, and training.



Static GK Information:

- **Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY**
 - **Launched:** 2018
 - **Launched By:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi
 - **Coverage:** ₹5 lakh per family annually
 - **Beneficiaries:** Economically vulnerable families as per SECC database
- **AIIMS Delhi**
 - **Established:** 1956
 - **Director:** Dr. M. Srinivas
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi



Static GK Information:

- **Delhi**
 - **Capital:** New Delhi
 - **CM:** Atishi Marlena
 - **Governor (Lieutenant Governor):** Vinai Kumar Saxena



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	AIIMS Delhi treats over 30,000 patients under PM-JAY
Location and Date	New Delhi, December 31, 2024
Patients Treated	30,000
Ayushman Cards Created	Over 8 lakh
Scheme Benefits	Annual health coverage of ₹5 lakh per family
Status in Delhi	Scheme implemented at AIIMS but not yet by Delhi government



- **What is the purpose of the newly inaugurated glass bridge in Kanyakumari?**
- A) Connects Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Thiruvalluvar Statue
 - B) Replaces ferry services in the region
 - C) Commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Thiruvalluvar Statue
 - D) Boosts tourism in Kanyakumari
 - E) All of the above



Answer

E) All of the above



Event and Location:

- **Event:** CM M.K. Stalin inaugurated India's first glass bridge over the sea.
- **Location and Date:** Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, December 30, 2024.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Connectivity:** The bridge connects the Vivekananda Rock Memorial and the Thiruvalluvar Statue, providing a direct pathway for tourists.
- **Enhanced Experience:** Offers tourists the ability to walk between landmarks while viewing the sea beneath.
- **Cost and Design:** Built at a cost of **₹37 crore**, the 77-meter-long, 10-meter-wide glass-fiber bridge is designed to withstand harsh marine conditions.
- **Commemoration:** Part of the 25th anniversary celebrations of the 133-foot Thiruvalluvar Statue, officially renamed "**Statue of Wisdom**".



Important Terms Explained:

- **Thiruvalluvar Statue:**
 - A 133-foot statue of the Tamil poet-saint Thiruvalluvar, symbolizing virtue and knowledge.
- **Vivekananda Rock Memorial:**
 - A monument commemorating Swami Vivekananda's meditation at Kanyakumari, located at the confluence of three seas.
- **Glass-Fiber Bridge:**
 - A state-of-the-art structure made with advanced materials to withstand marine challenges, allowing safe traversal between landmarks.



Static GK Information:

- **Tamil Nadu**
 - **Capital:** Chennai
 - **CM:** M.K. Stalin
 - **Governor:** R.N. Ravi



Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Inauguration of India's first glass bridge over the sea
Location and Date	Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, December 30, 2024
Purpose	Connects Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Thiruvalluvar Statue
Dimensions	Length: 77 meters; Width: 10 meters
Cost	₹37 crore
Significance	Enhances tourism and celebrates the 25th anniversary of Thiruvalluvar Statue
Special Features	Glass floor offering direct views of the sea beneath



➤ **What is the primary purpose of the SWAR platform launched by the Gujarat CM?**

- A) Promote tourism in Gujarat
- B) Enhance language learning among citizens
- C) Overcome language barriers in government communication
- D) Provide financial assistance to rural communities
- E) Develop AI-based education programs



Answer

C) Overcome language barriers in government communication



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel launched the SWAR platform.
- **Location and Date:** Gujarat, December 25, 2024, on Good Governance Day.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **SWAR (Speech and Written Analysis Resource):**
 - A citizen-centric platform developed to overcome language barriers and enhance communication and accessibility.
 - Speech-to-Text integration allows users to dictate messages instead of typing, simplifying communication.
- **Technology and Collaboration:**
 - Developed with the Bhashini Team under the **National Language Translation Mission (NLTM)**.
 - Utilizes AI technologies such as **Machine Learning (ML)**, **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**, and **Open Source Generative AI**.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Inclusivity:**
 - Ensures accessibility for citizens unfamiliar with keyboards or the English language.
 - Facilitates voice-based submission of grievances and applications on **the Gujarat Chief Minister's Office (CMO)** website.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Bhashini Team:**
 - Part of the National Language Translation Mission, focusing on bridging language gaps using indigenous AI systems.
- **Speech-to-Text Technology:**
 - Converts spoken language into written text, making digital communication easier for users with language or technical barriers.



Static GK Information:

- **Gujarat**
 - **Capital:** Gandhinagar
 - **CM:** Bhupendra Patel
 - **Governor:** Acharya Devvrat
- **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY):**
 - **Headquarters:** New Delhi
 - **Established:** 2016



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Tabular Summary:

Aspect	Details
Event	Launch of SWAR platform
Location and Date	Gujarat, December 25, 2024 (Good Governance Day)
Platform Name	SWAR (Speech and Written Analysis Resource)
Key Feature	Speech-to-Text integration on Gujarat CMO website
Technology Used	AI-based tools like Bhashini, ML, NLP, and Generative AI
Target Objective	Overcome language barriers and improve accessibility
Inclusivity Focus	Voice-based grievance redressal for citizens unfamiliar with English keyboards



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➤ What is the monthly financial assistance provided under the extended Pudhumai Penn scheme?

- A) ₹500
- B) ₹750
- C) ₹1,000
- D) ₹1,500
- E) ₹2,000

Answer
C) ₹1,000



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Extension of Pudhumai Penn scheme benefits announced by Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin.
- **Location and Date:** Various districts in Tamil Nadu, December 30, 2024.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **The Pudhumai Penn scheme** provides **₹1,000 monthly assistance** to eligible female students.
- Extended to students in **government-aided schools** studying in **Tamil medium** from **Class VI to XII**.
- Encourages higher education by financially supporting girl students.
- Debit cards distributed to beneficiaries for easy access to funds.



District-wise Beneficiaries:

- **Tirunelveli:** 5,180 students.
- **Virudhunagar:** 5,555 students.
- **Madurai:** 5,509 students.
- **Coimbatore (past 3 years):** 27,120 students benefited, including 16,412 in 2024-25.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Pudhumai Penn Scheme:**
 - A Tamil Nadu government initiative launched in 2022 to promote girl child education by offering monthly financial assistance to eligible students.
- **Debit Cards Distribution:**
 - Facilitates direct transfer of benefits to beneficiaries, ensuring transparency and ease of access.



Static GK Information:

- **Tamil Nadu**
 - **Capital:** Chennai
 - **CM:** M.K. Stalin
 - **Governor:** R.N. Ravi



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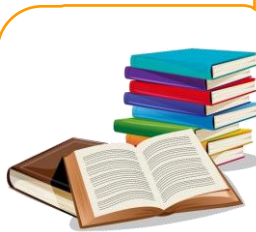
Aspect	Details
Event	Extension of Pudhumai Penn scheme to government-aided schools
Location and Date	Tamil Nadu (Tirunelveli, Madurai, Virudhunagar, Coimbatore), December 30, 2024
Beneficiaries	Female students studying in Tamil medium schools from Class VI to XII
Monthly Assistance	₹1,000
District-wise Numbers	Tirunelveli: 5,180; Virudhunagar: 5,555; Madurai: 5,509; Coimbatore (2024-25): 16,412
Scheme Launch Year	2022



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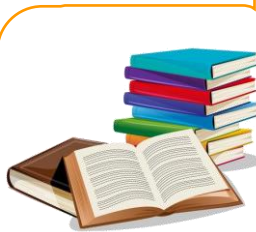
- **Koneru Humpy clinched her second Women's World Rapid Chess Championship in 2024.**
- **Kaamya Karthikeyan, 17, becomes the youngest female to conquer the Seven Summits.**
- **Jasprit Bumrah becomes the fastest Indian to 200 Test wickets, achieving it in 44 matches.**
- **PM Modi condoles the demise of former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, aged 100.**
- **RBI mandates name look-up facility for NEFT and RTGS by April 1, 2025.**
- **RBI approves Rajat Verma as DBS Bank India CEO, succeeding Surojit Shome.**
- **ISRO launches SpaDeX mission to demonstrate spacecraft docking and undocking technology.**
- **Indian Army unveils Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj statue at Pangong Tso, Ladakh, on December 26, 2024.**



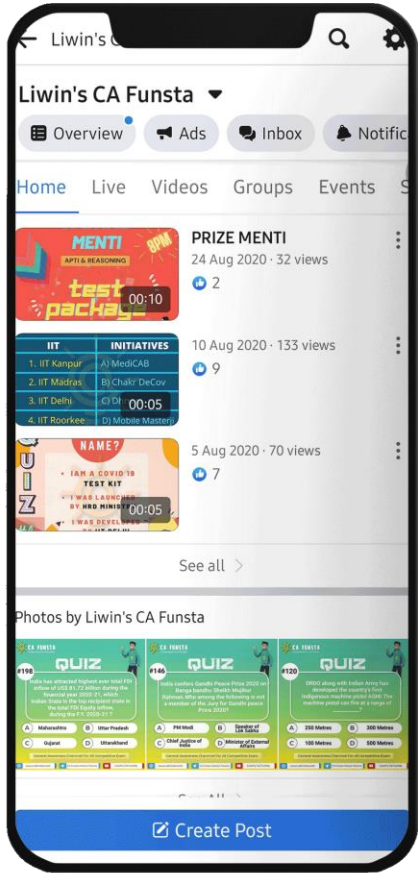
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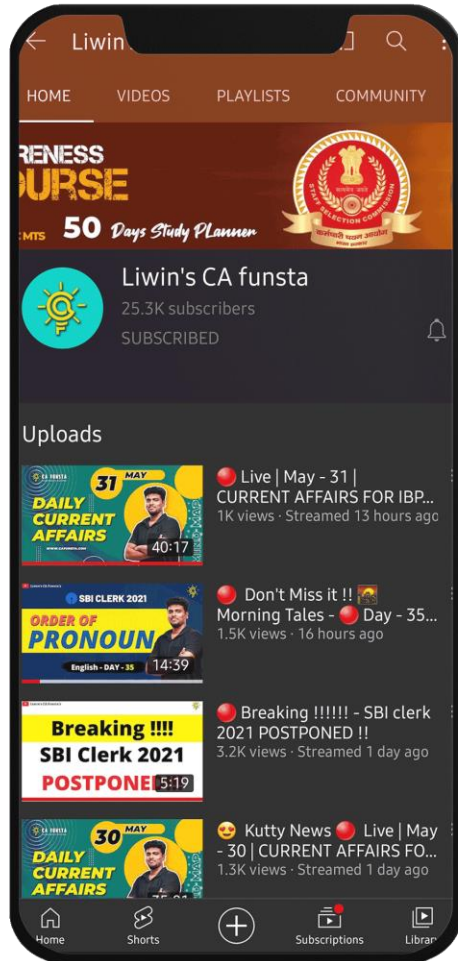
- **AIIMS Delhi treated over 30,000 patients under the PM-JAY scheme.**
- **CM M.K. Stalin inaugurated India's first glass bridge over the sea in Kanyakumari.**
- **Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel launched SWAR, bridging language barriers via AI-based Speech-to-Text tools.**
- **Tamil Nadu extends Pudhumai Penn scheme, providing ₹1,000 monthly assistance to female students.**



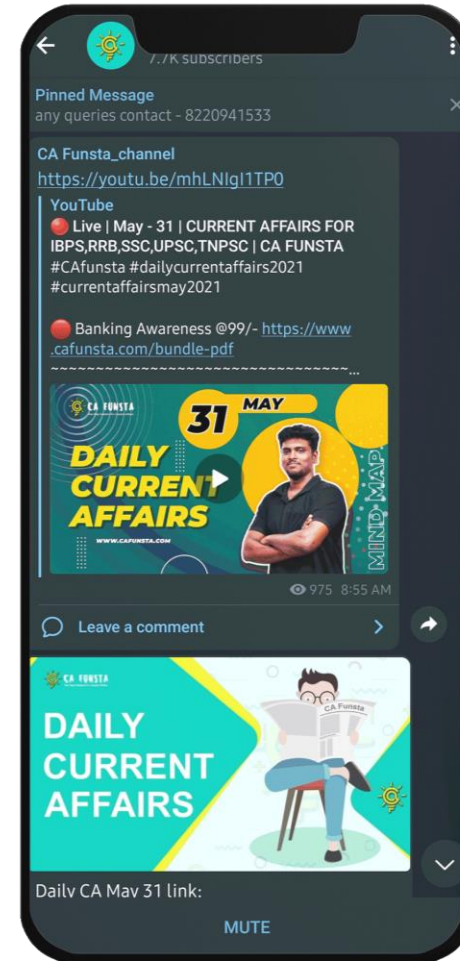
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