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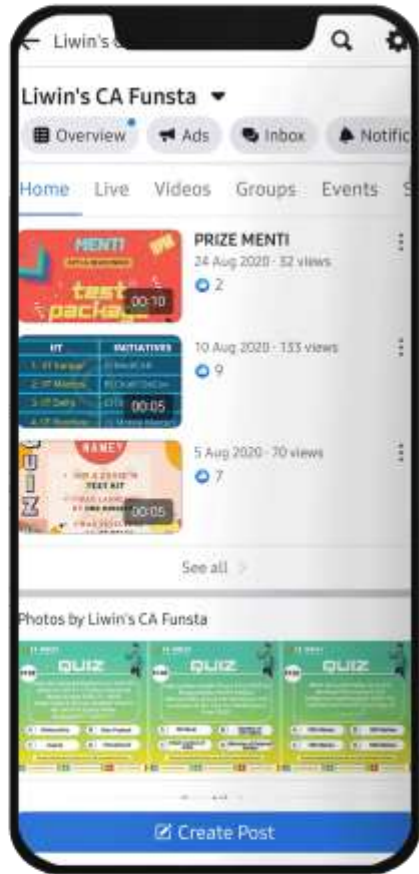
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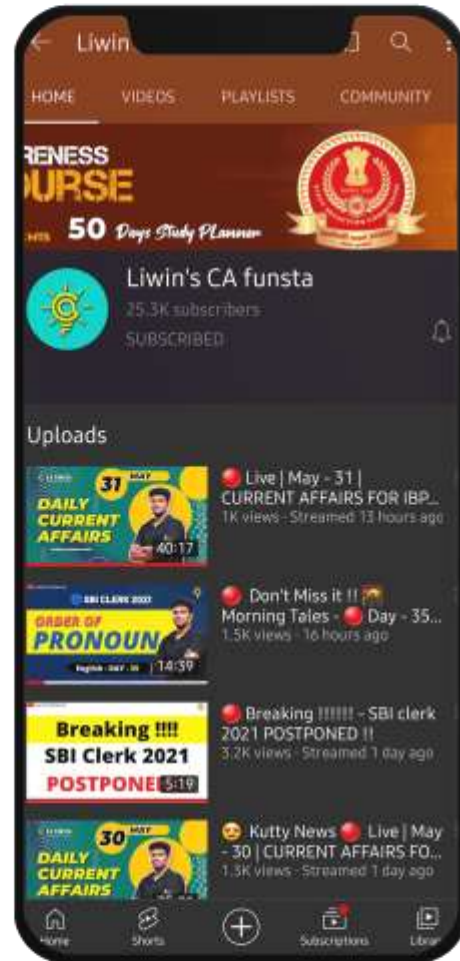
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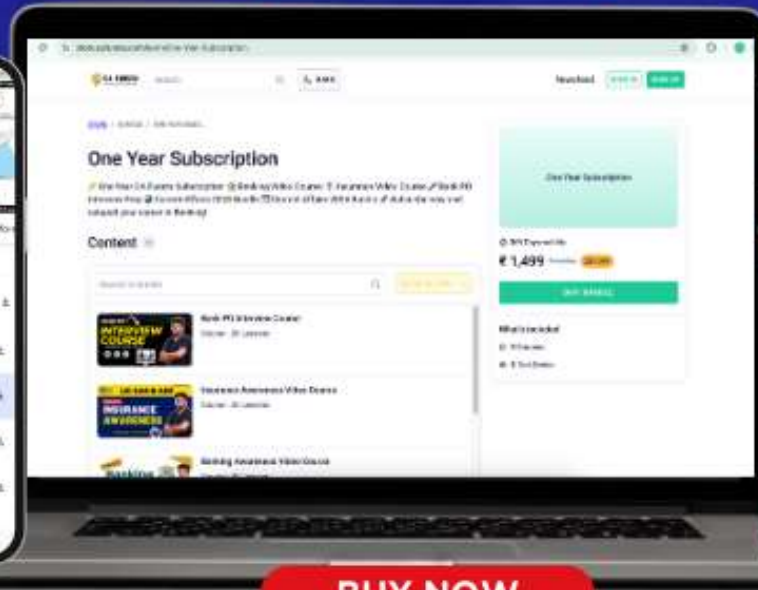
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Important Days



➤ On which occasion did PM Narendra Modi pay tribute to the Tamil philosopher Thiruvalluvar in 2025, emphasizing the significance of the Tirukkural?



- A) Pongal Festival
- B) Republic Day
- C) Tamil New Year
- D) Thiruvalluvar Day
- E) Independence Day

Answer

D) Thiruvalluvar Day



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Tribute to Thiruvalluvar on Thiruvalluvar Day
- **Date, Location:** January 15, 2025, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:**
 - To honor Thiruvalluvar, a celebrated Tamil poet and philosopher.
 - To highlight the enduring value of the Tirukkural, a guide on ethics, governance, and love.
- **PM Modi's Message:**
 - Thiruvalluvar's teachings emphasize righteousness, compassion, and justice.
 - The Tirukkural serves as a timeless beacon of inspiration.
 - A commitment to fulfilling Thiruvalluvar's vision for society.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Thiruvalluvar:** A revered Tamil thinker known for the Tirukkural.
- **Tirukkural:** A collection of 1,330 couplets divided into three themes: virtue, wealth, and love.
- **Thiruvalluvar Day:**
 - First observed in 1935 to promote Tamil pride.
 - Celebrated as part of the Pongal festival in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Tribute to Thiruvalluvar on Thiruvalluvar Day
Date, Location	January 15, 2025, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry
Significance	Honoring Tamil culture and Thiruvalluvar's teachings
PM Modi's Message	Emphasized righteousness, compassion, justice, and the enduring value of Tirukkural
Observance Started	1935



Important Days



➤ **When was the Startup India initiative launched, and how many DPIIT-recognised startups existed as of January 15, 2025?**

- A) 2014, 2.04 lakh
- B) 2015, 1.47 lakh
- C) 2016, 1.59 lakh
- D) 2017, 1.50 lakh
- E) 2018, 1.69 lakh



Answer

C) 2016, 1.59 lakh



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Nine Years of Startup India Celebrations
- **Date, Location:** January 16, 2025, Nationwide



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose of Startup India:**
 - Launched in 2016 to promote innovation and nurture startups in India.
 - Marked January 16 as National Startup Day to celebrate entrepreneurial achievements.



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Achievements:**
 - India became the 3rd-largest startup ecosystem globally with over 1.59 lakh DPIIT-recognised startups.
 - Recognised startups have created 16.67 lakh jobs, highlighting their significant role in employment generation.
 - Startups include 73,151 with at least one woman director, reflecting inclusivity in entrepreneurship.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade):**
 - A government department responsible for promoting and regulating trade and commerce in India.
- **Startup India Fund of Funds (FFS):**
 - ₹10,000 crore fund to assist startups through SEBI-registered AIFs.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS):**
 - ₹945 crore scheme for early-stage startup funding, launched in 2021.
- **BHASKAR Platform:**
 - Launched in September 2024 to connect startups, investors, and mentors.
 - Offers a unified digital space for India's entrepreneurial ecosystem.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Nine Years of Startup India Celebrations
Date, Location	January 16, 2025, Nationwide
Launch Year	2016
Significance	Celebrating India's entrepreneurial achievements and innovation
Key Achievements	1.59 lakh DPIIT-recognised startups, 16.67 lakh jobs created
Major Schemes	Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS), Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS)



Important Days



➤ **What occasion was celebrated as Penny Cuick Pongal in Palarpatti village, Theni district, in January 2025?**

- A) 200th anniversary of the Mullaperiyar Dam
- B) 184th birth anniversary of Col. John Pennycuick
- C) Festival of Pongal dedicated to local deities
- D) Inauguration of a new irrigation project
- E) Harvest festival for a bountiful yield



Answer

B) 184th birth anniversary of Col. John Pennycuick



Important Days



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Celebration of Col. John Pennycuick's 184th Birth Anniversary
- **Date, Location:** January 15, 2025, Palarpatti village, Theni district, Tamil Nadu



Important Days



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Occasion:**
 - Farmers and villagers celebrated the 184th birth anniversary of Colonel John Pennycuick, the architect of the Mullaperiyar Dam.
 - Observed as Penny Cuick Pongal, a special festival to honor his contributions.
- **Significance of Pongal Celebration:**
 - Pongal is a thanksgiving festival where farmers express gratitude to nature for a bountiful harvest.
 - Special pujas were performed for village deities during the celebrations.



Important Days



Important Terms Explained:

- **Col. John Pennycuick:**
 - A British engineer known for constructing the Mullaperiyar Dam in the late 19th century, enabling irrigation in Tamil Nadu's southern districts.
 - Revered by farmers in Tamil Nadu for his dedication and role in improving agricultural productivity.
- **Mullaperiyar Dam:**
 - Built on the Periyar River, it diverts water to Tamil Nadu for irrigation and drinking purposes.



Important Days



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Celebration of Col. John Pennycuick's 184th birth anniversary
Date, Location	January 15, 2025, Palarpatti village, Theni district, Tamil Nadu
Occasion Name	Penny Cuick Pongal
Purpose	Honoring the contributions of Col. Pennycuick and giving thanks for a harvest
Key Figure	Col. John Pennycuick (architect of Mullaperiyar Dam)



➤ **Who played a pivotal role in Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers' 5-3 win over UP Rudras in the Hockey India League match?**

- A) Gauthier Boccard
- B) Jugraj Singh
- C) Hardik Singh
- D) Sam Ward
- E) Abhishek

Answer
B) Jugraj Singh



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Hockey India League (HIL) Match - Tigers vs Rudras
- **Date, Location:** January 15, 2025, Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, Rourkela



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Outcome of the Match:**
 - Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers defeated UP Rudras 5-3 to claim their fourth win, ending a two-match losing streak.
 - Elevated the Tigers to the second spot in the league standings.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Contributors:**
 - **Jugraj Singh:** Scored two critical goals through drag-flicks, helping the Tigers dominate the match.
 - **Gauthier Boccard:** Scored the first goal of the match with a remarkable individual effort.
 - **Sukhjeet Singh:** Scored the third goal and assisted Abhishek for the fifth.
 - **Abhishek:** Scored Tigers' final goal off a pass from Sukhjeet Singh.
 - **Hardik Singh and Sam Ward (Rudras):** Scored goals late in the game to reduce the margin.



Highlights of the Match:

- Tigers dominated possession and scored **three goals in the first quarter**.
- Controversy arose when Rudras' claim of a stick check was rejected by the video umpire, resulting in a green card for Floris Wortelboer.
- Jugraj's second drag-flick extended the lead to 4-0, showcasing his expertise.
- Rudras attempted a comeback with goals from **Hardik Singh (penalty stroke)** and **Sam Ward (penalty corners)**, but the Tigers held on for a convincing win.



SPORTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Hockey India League Match - Tigers vs Rudras
Date, Location	January 15, 2025, Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, Rourkela
Result	Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers won 5-3 over UP Rudras
Key Performer	Jugraj Singh (two goals via drag-flicks)
Other Contributors	Gauthier Boccard, Sukhjeet Singh, Abhishek (Tigers); Hardik Singh, Sam Ward (Rudras)
League Position	Tigers moved to second spot



- **What is the main focus of the Tata Group and IISc's collaboration to establish the Tata IISc Medical School?**
- A) Expanding Tata's international operations
 - B) Providing affordable healthcare to rural India
 - C) Developing clinical research and training models for India
 - D) Setting up hospitals in Bengaluru for cancer treatment
 - E) Offering financial aid to medical students



Answer
C) Developing clinical research and training models for India



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Tata Group and IISc Establish Tata IISc Medical School
- **Date, Location:** January 15, 2025, Bengaluru



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Focus Areas:**
 - To establish the Tata IISc Medical School with a ₹500 crore investment.
 - To develop clinical research and training models for India.
 - Global collaboration with medical schools to enhance student expertise.
- **Academic Offerings:**
 - Specializations in **oncology, cardiology, neurology, nephrology, and public health.**
 - Integrated MD-PhD and dual degree programs to train **physician-scientists** and medical technologists.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Integrated MD-PhD Program:** A dual degree program combining medical and research training, aimed at producing physician-scientists.
- **IISc (Indian Institute of Science):** A premier research institute in India, known for advancing education in science and technology.



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Tata Group partners with IISc to establish Tata IISc Medical School
Date, Location	January 15, 2025, Bengaluru
Investment	₹500 crore
Focus Areas	Clinical research, physician-scientist training, global collaborations
Specializations Offered	Oncology, cardiology, neurology, nephrology, infectious diseases, public health



➤ What was HDFC Life's consolidated profit after tax (PAT) for the third quarter of FY25?

- A) ₹365 crore
- B) ₹192 crore
- C) ₹415 crore
- D) ₹11,370 crore
- E) ₹1,326 crore

Answer

C) ₹415 crore



Event and Location:

- **Event:** HDFC Life Announces Q3 FY25 Results
- **Date, Location:** January 15, 2025, Hyderabad



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Q3 FY25 Highlights:**
 - **Consolidated Profit After Tax (PAT):** Increased 14% YoY to ₹414.94 crore (₹365.06 crore in Q3 FY24).
 - **Total Income:** Declined 37% to ₹16,914.07 crore (₹26,695.93 crore in Q3 FY24), largely due to a slump in income from investments.
 - **Income from Investments:** Dropped sharply to ₹192.09 crore (₹11,369.81 crore).



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Other Financial Metrics:**
 - **Solvency Ratio:** Declined to 188% from 190% (still above the regulatory requirement of 150%).
 - **Assets Under Management (AUM):** Grew 18% YoY to ₹3.29 lakh crore.
 - **Value of New Business (VNB):** Increased 14% to ₹2,586 crore in 9MFY25.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Key Growth Drivers:**
 - 22% growth in individual Weighted Received Premium (WRP), outpacing the industry's 14% growth.
 - Retail protection Annual Premium Equivalent (APE) grew 28% over nine months.
 - 15% increase in the number of policies issued, compared to the private sector's 9% growth.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Profit After Tax (PAT):** The net profit of a company after deducting all taxes.
- **Solvency Ratio:** Measures an insurance company's ability to meet long-term financial obligations.
- **Assets Under Management (AUM):** Total market value of assets managed by a financial entity.
- **Value of New Business (VNB):** Measures the profitability of new business written by an insurer in a period.
- **WRP (Weighted Received Premium):** Reflects premium income from new policies, weighted by premium-paying term.



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	HDFC Life's Q3 FY25 Results
Date, Location	January 15, 2025, Hyderabad
Consolidated PAT	₹415 crore (14% YoY growth)
Total Income	₹16,914 crore (37% YoY decline)
Solvency Ratio	188% (above 150% regulatory requirement)
AUM	₹3.29 lakh crore (18% YoY growth)
VNB	₹2,586 crore (14% YoY growth)



➤ **What was India's merchandise trade deficit in December 2024, and how did it compare to November's record high?**

- A) \$21.9 billion, higher than November
- B) \$38 billion, unchanged from November
- C) \$21.9 billion, lower than November
- D) \$31.8 billion, higher than December 2023
- E) \$4.7 billion, the same as December 2023



Answer

C) \$21.9 billion, lower than November



Event and Location:

- **Event:** December 2024 Trade Deficit and Export Performance
- **Date, Location:** January 15, 2025, New Delhi



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Merchandise Trade Deficit:**
 - **December 2024 Deficit:** \$21.9 billion (a three-month low).
 - **November 2024 Deficit:** \$31.8 billion, representing a sharp decline of \$9.9 billion in December.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Export and Import Performance:**
 - **Exports:** Fell 1% YoY to over \$38 billion in December.
 - **Imports:** Increased 4.9% YoY to nearly \$60 billion.
 - **April–December 2024 exports:** \$321.7 billion (1.6% YoY growth).
 - **April–December 2024 imports:** \$532.5 billion (5.15% YoY growth).



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Gold and Petroleum Impact:**
 - Gold imports fell to \$4.7 billion in December from November's adjusted \$9.9 billion.
 - Petroleum product exports dropped 28.6% YoY, reflecting declining crude prices.



Key Insights from Officials and Exporters:

- **Resilience:** Non-petroleum exports rose 5.05% in December and 7.05% YoY during April–December 2024.
- **Challenges:**
 - Exporters faced volatile commodity prices, currency fluctuations, and logistical hurdles in key markets like Europe and Africa.
 - FIEO emphasized the need for Union Budget measures to boost manufacturing, resolve trade finance issues, and support MSMEs.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Merchandise Trade Deficit:** The shortfall when a country's imports exceed its exports.
- **Interest Equalisation Scheme:** Provides financial support to exporters by reducing the cost of pre-and post-shipment credit.
- **Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS):** A regional organization of former Soviet Republics.



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	December 2024 Merchandise Trade Deficit and Export Report
Date, Location	January 15, 2025, New Delhi
December Trade Deficit	\$21.9 billion (three-month low)
Exports	\$38 billion (-1% YoY)
Imports	\$60 billion (+4.9% YoY)
Gold Imports	\$4.7 billion in December (55.4% YoY increase)
Key Concerns	Volatile prices, trade finance challenges, and export competitiveness



APPOINTMENTS

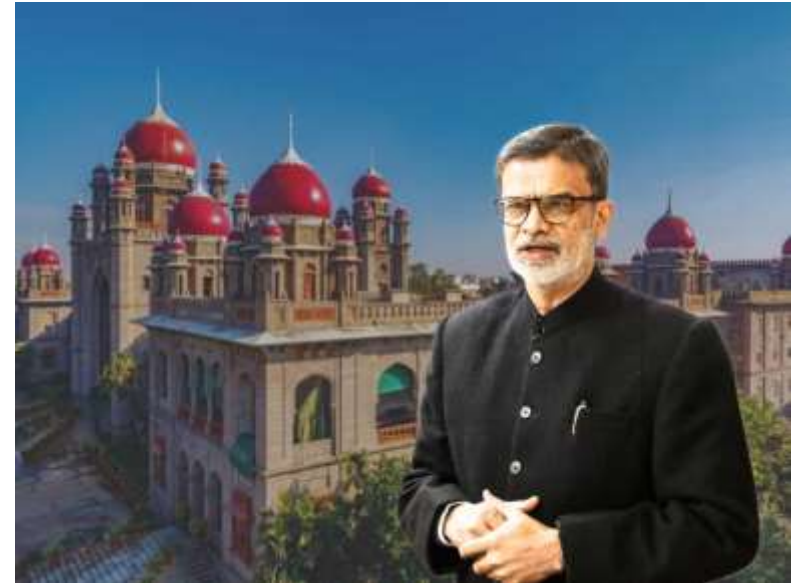


➤ **Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court in January 2025?**

- A) Justice Alok Aradhe
- B) Justice Ashutosh Kumar
- C) Justice Sujoy Paul
- D) Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyay
- E) Justice Krishnan Vinod Chandran

Answer

C) Justice Sujoy Paul



APPOINTMENTS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Justice Sujoy Paul as Telangana High Court Chief Justice
- **Date, Location:** January 14, 2025, Telangana



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Reason for Appointment:**
 - Justice Sujoy Paul, a senior judge of the Telangana High Court, has been appointed as the Chief Justice following the transfer of Justice Alok Aradhe to the Bombay High Court.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Career Highlights of Justice Sujoy Paul:**
 - Born on June 21, 1964.
 - Education: B.Com, M.A., and LL.B from Rani Durgavati University, Jabalpur.
 - Enrolled in the Madhya Pradesh Bar Council in 1990 and practiced law for 21 years.
 - Appointed as an Additional Judge in the Madhya Pradesh High Court on May 27, 2011, and became a permanent judge on April 14, 2014.
 - Transferred to the Telangana High Court on March 21, 2024, at his own request to maintain judicial integrity.



APPOINTMENTS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Notable Achievements:**
 - Upheld professional ethics by requesting a transfer to Telangana High Court due to his son practicing as an advocate in Madhya Pradesh High Court.
 - His appointment reflects transparency and professionalism in judicial processes.



APPOINTMENTS



Important Terms Explained:

- **Supreme Court Collegium:** A body of senior judges responsible for recommending appointments and transfers of judges in India's higher judiciary.
- **Chief Justice Role:** The administrative head of a High Court responsible for judicial and administrative functions.



APPOINTMENTS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Appointment of Justice Sujoy Paul as Telangana High Court Chief Justice
Date, Location	January 14, 2025, Telangana
Outgoing Chief Justice	Justice Alok Aradhe (Transferred to Bombay High Court)
New Chief Justice	Justice Sujoy Paul
Reason for Transfer	Justice Paul requested transfer to Telangana to maintain judicial integrity



AWARDS



➤ **Who was conferred with the Honorary Citizen Award by Singapore in 2025 for strengthening Singapore-India relations?**

- A) N. Chandrasekaran
- B) Tarun Das
- C) Tharman Shanmugaratnam
- D) Ratan Tata
- E) K. Krithivasan

Answer
B) Tarun Das



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Tarun Das Conferred Honorary Citizen Award by Singapore
- **Date, Location:** January 15, 2025, New Delhi



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose of the Honor:**
 - Recognizing Tarun Das, former Director General of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), for his significant contributions to strengthening Singapore-India relations over several decades.
- **Award Details:**
 - The Honorary Citizen Award is Singapore's highest recognition for non-Singaporeans, given for contributions to the country's development.
 - It acknowledges excellence in business, science, education, health, arts, tourism, community services, and other fields.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Contributions of Tarun Das:**
 - Advocated for stronger Singapore-India ties.
 - Led Indian industrialist delegations to Singapore under India's "Look East" policy in 1993.
 - Spearheaded initiatives such as CII Core Group visits and the India-Singapore Strategic Dialogue.
 - Facilitated robust economic and people-to-people connections between the two nations.



Important Terms Explained:

- **CII (Confederation of Indian Industry):** A premier industry association in India, working to promote growth and economic progress.
- **Look East Policy:** An Indian foreign policy initiative aimed at strengthening ties with Southeast Asian nations.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Tarun Das received the Honorary Citizen Award from Singapore
Date, Location	January 15, 2025, New Delhi
Award Presented By	President Tharman Shanmugaratnam
Purpose of Award	Recognizing Das' contributions to Singapore-India relations
Key Contributions	CII delegations, India-Singapore Strategic Dialogue, Look East Policy efforts



AWARDS



➤ **Who received the Kakkad Karanappadu Fellowship from Kerala Kalamandalam for the year 2023?**

- A) Kalamandalam K.G. Vasudevan
- B) Kalamandalam Vilasini
- C) Kottakkal Madhu
- D) Sadanam Vasudevan
- E) Kalamandalam Adhithyan

Answer

D) Sadanam Vasudevan



AWARDS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Kerala Kalamandalam Declares Fellowships and Awards
- **Date, Location:** January 15, 2025, Thrissur, Kerala



AWARDS



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:**
 - To honor distinguished artists and emerging talents in the field of traditional performing arts.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Fellowships and Awards Announced:**
 - **Kakkad Karanappadu Fellowship:** Awarded to Sadanam Vasudevan, a renowned chenda artist.
 - **Thakazhi Kunchukurup Fellowship:** Conferred on Kalamandalam K.G. Vasudevan, a kathakali maestro.
 - **Special Jury Mention:** Given to Kalamandalam Vilasini for her contributions to Mohiniyattam.
 - **Kathakali Music Award:** Awarded to Kottakkal Madhu.
 - **Yuvaprathibha Award:** Presented to Kalamandalam Adhithyan, a budding kathakali artist.
 - **M K K Nair Samagra Sambhavana Puraskaram:** Bestowed on Sadanam Harikumar.
- **Total Awards:** A total of 26 awards, including endowments, were announced.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Chenda:** A traditional percussion instrument used in Kerala's classical and ritualistic art forms.
- **Kathakali:** A classical dance-drama from Kerala known for its elaborate costumes, expressions, and storytelling.
- **Mohiniyattam:** A classical dance form from Kerala characterized by graceful movements and feminine themes.



AWARDS



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Announcement of Fellowships and Awards by Kerala Kalamandalam
Date, Location	January 15, 2025, Thrissur, Kerala
Kakkad Karanappadu Fellowship	Awarded to Sadanam Vasudevan for contributions to chenda art
Other Fellowships	Thakazhi Kunchukurup Fellowship (Kalamandalam K.G. Vasudevan)
Special Mention	Kalamandalam Vilasini (Mohiniyattam)
Total Awards	26 awards announced, including Kathakali Music Award and Yuvaprathibha Award



➤ **Which three frontline naval combatants were commissioned into the Indian Navy on January 15, 2025?**

- A) INS Vikrant, INS Kolkata, INS Sindhughosh
- B) INS Nilgiri, INS Surat, INS Vaghsheer
- C) INS Chennai, INS Rajput, INS Shishumar
- D) INS Arihant, INS Khanderi, INS Kamorta
- E) INS Kochi, INS Kavaratti, INS Vela



Answer

B) INS Nilgiri, INS Surat, INS Vaghsheer



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Commissioning of Three Frontline Naval Combatants
- **Date, Location:** January 15, 2025, Naval Dockyard, Mumbai



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Significance of the Event:**
 - Marked the first time three frontline combatants were commissioned into the Indian Navy on the same day.
 - Dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **Ships Commissioned:**
 - **INS Nilgiri:** A stealth frigate, part of the Indian Navy's Project 17A program.
 - **INS Surat:** A guided missile destroyer from Project 15B.
 - **INS Vaghsheer:** A Scorpene-class submarine under Project 75.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Indigenous Construction:**
 - All three vessels were built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited in Mumbai.
 - Over 70% indigenisation, reflecting India's growing expertise in warship design and production.
 - Equipped with stealthier technologies, Super Rapid Gunmounts, and structural changes to accommodate women sailors.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Stealth Frigate:** A warship designed to minimize detection by radar and other sensors.
- **Scorpene-class Submarine:** A class of diesel-electric attack submarines with advanced stealth features.
- **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL):** India's leading shipyard for constructing warships and submarines.



DEFENCE



Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Commissioning of three frontline naval combatants
Date, Location	January 15, 2025, Naval Dockyard, Mumbai
Ships Commissioned	INS Nilgiri, INS Surat, INS Vaghsheer
Built By	Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai
Significance	First time three combatants were commissioned on the same day
Level of Indigenisation	Over 70%, highlighting India's defense manufacturing growth



➤ Which major projects did Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah inaugurate or lay foundations for in Gujarat during his visits in January 2025?

- A) Archaeological Experiential Museum, Vadnagar Sports Complex, and six-lane roads in Kalol
- B) Mansa Circuit House, barrage on the Sabarmati River, and Vadnagar Urban Beautification Program
- C) Distribution of nutritious laddoos, musical instruments, and canal construction in Saurashtra
- D) All of the above
- E) Only A and B



Answer
D) All of the above



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Developmental Projects Across Gujarat
- **Date, Location:** January 15-16, 2025, Kalol, Mansa, and Vadnagar, Gujarat



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Kalol (₹194 crore):**
 - Inaugurated 19 developmental works and laid foundation stones for 8 projects.
 - Key initiatives: Construction of a six-lane major road, distribution of nutritious laddoos to pregnant women, and musical instruments for Bhajan Mandals.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Mansa (₹241 crore):**
 - Inauguration of Mansa Circuit House, check dams, class blocks, and barrage projects.
 - Focused on addressing water scarcity through check dams, barrages, and the Narmada project.
 - Renovation of the Maha Kali Mata Temple in Ambod Village.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Vadnagar (₹331.5 crore):**
 - Launch of India's first Archaeological Experiential Museum showcasing 2,500 years of Vadnagar's history.
 - Inauguration of a state-of-the-art sports complex with synthetic tracks, AstroTurf fields, and an indoor multipurpose hall.
 - Vadnagar Urban Beautification Program and Heritage Complex Development.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Narmada Project:** A project focused on raising groundwater levels, filling ponds, and ensuring water access.
- **Archaeological Experiential Museum:** India's first immersive museum built over an excavation site.
- **Sujalam-Sufalam Yojana:** A water conservation project launched by PM Narendra Modi as Gujarat's Chief Minister.



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Multiple Developmental Projects Inaugurated Across Gujarat
Date, Location	January 15-16, 2025, Kalol, Mansa, and Vadnagar
Total Project Costs	₹194 crore (Kalol), ₹241 crore (Mansa), ₹331.5 crore (Vadnagar)
Key Highlights	Road construction, water projects, sports complex, and heritage development



➤ **How will the beneficiaries of the four flagship schemes launched on January 26, 2025, be selected?**

- A) Online applications
- B) Direct nominations by district officials
- C) Selection through Gram Sabhas
- D) Lottery system
- E) Central government selection committee



Answer

C) Selection through Gram Sabhas



Event and Location:

- **Event:** Beneficiary Selection for Four Flagship Schemes
- **Date, Location:** January 26, 2025, Telangana (state-wide)



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Purpose:**
 - Launch of four flagship schemes by the Telangana state government on Republic Day, January 26, 2025.
 - Transparent selection process for beneficiaries through Gram Sabhas.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Schemes to be Launched:**
 - **Rythu Bharosa:** Farmer welfare and support scheme.
 - **Indiramma Atmiya Bharosa:** Focused on social security and support.
 - **Distribution of Ration Cards:** Aimed at improving access to essential food supplies.
 - **Indiramma Illu:** Housing program for weaker sections.



Mandates and Objectives:

- **Selection Process:**
 - Gram Sabhas to be conducted in all villages starting January 21, 2025.
 - Beneficiary lists will be displayed in gram sabhas for public approval, ensuring transparency and accountability.



Important Terms Explained:

- **Gram Sabha:** A village-level assembly involving all adult citizens of the village, used for decision-making on local governance and development issues.
- **Rythu Bharosa:** A scheme aimed at providing financial aid to farmers for agricultural purposes.
- **Indiramma Illu:** Housing scheme targeting weaker sections of society to provide affordable housing.



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Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Information
Event	Selection of beneficiaries for four flagship schemes
Date, Location	January 26, 2025, Telangana
Selection Process	Through Gram Sabhas starting January 21, 2025
Schemes to be Launched	Rythu Bharosa, Indiramma Atmiya Bharosa, Ration Cards, Indiramma Illu
Purpose of Gram Sabhas	Ensure transparency in selection process for beneficiaries



QUICK RECALL



- **PM Modi paid tribute to Tamil philosopher Thiruvalluvar on January 15, 2025.**
- **India celebrates nine years of Startup India on January 16, 2025.**
- **Farmers celebrated Col. Pennycuick's 184th birth anniversary as Penny Cuick Pongal.**
- **Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers beat UP Rudras 5-3 in Hockey India League.**
- **Tata Group partners with IISc to establish a medical school in Bengaluru with ₹500 crore investment.**
- **HDFC Life Q3 FY25 PAT rose 14% YoY to ₹415 crore.**
- **India's December 2024 trade deficit narrowed to \$21.9 billion from November's \$31.8 billion.**
- **Justice Sujoy Paul appointed as Chief Justice of Telangana High Court on January 14, 2025.**
- **Tarun Das received Singapore's highest award for non-citizens on January 15, 2025.**



QUICK RECALL



- Kerala Kalamandalam honored 26 artists, including Sadanam Vasudevan and Kalamandalam K.G. Vasudevan.
- INS Nilgiri, INS Surat, and INS Vaghsheer commissioned into the Navy on January 15, 2025.
- Amit Shah inaugurated projects worth ₹766.5 crore across Kalol, Mansa, and Vadnagar.
- Telangana to launch four flagship schemes on January 26, 2025, via Gram Sabhas.



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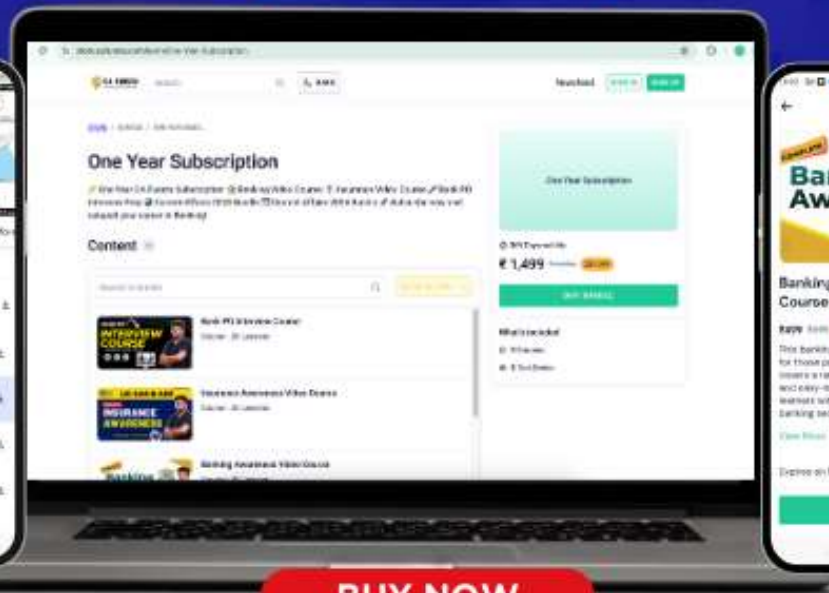


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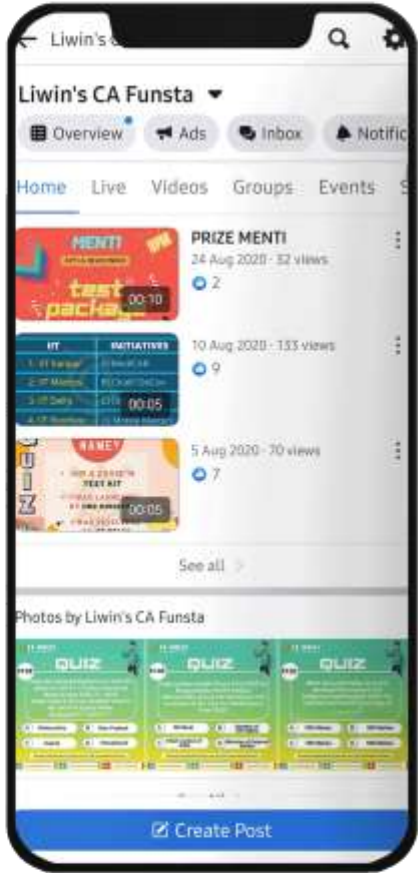
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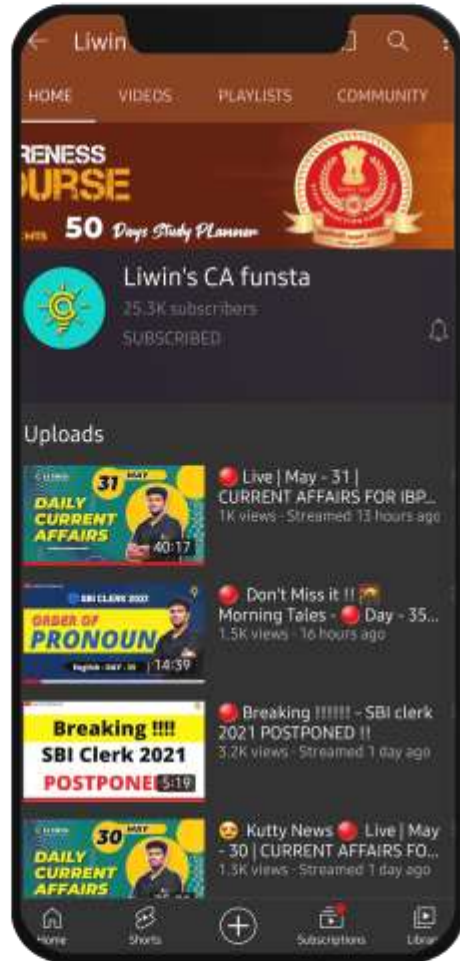


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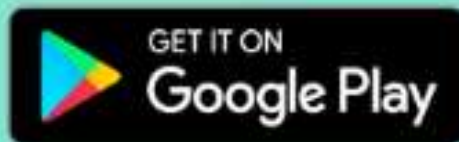
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