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Important days

1. International Snow Leopard Day: 23 October

International Snow Leopard
Day : 23 October

First observed: 2014



Highlights :

- Every year, **October 23** is observed as **International Snow Leopard Day** since 2014.
- The day commemorates the anniversary of the **Bishkek Declaration** and to celebrate this endangered cat and raise awareness for its conservation and protection.
- when political leaders from **12 countries** came together to endorse the 'Bishkek Declaration on the conservation of snow leopards.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What International Snow
Leopard Day
When? october 23

Recent News:

- International Stuttering
Awareness Day: 22 October

Banking

2. IIFCL Gets Reserve Bank's Approval To Finance InVITs



India
Infrastructure
Finance
Company Limited

Highlights:

- State-owned **India Infrastructure Finance Co. Ltd.** (IIFCL) is set to finance **infrastructure investment trusts** (InVITs), adding a new funding avenue for infrastructure projects.
- The state agency that offers long-term financial assistance to viable infrastructure projects has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India to back InVITs and will spend about ₹4,000 crore in this segment this fiscal.
- The InVIT structure allows developers to pool their completed projects under these trusts and reduce debt servicing costs by refinancing or monetising completed projects.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? IIFCL get approval to finance InVITs
By ? RBI

RBI

chairman: shaktikanta das
HQ: Mumbai

IIFCL

CMD: **S. B. Nayar**
HQ: new delhi

RECENT NEWS

RBI grants license to NARCL under Sarfaesi Act to register as an asset reconstruction company (ARC).

3.Kotak Mahindra Bank partners Pine Labs to expand point-of-sale services



Highlights:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) has entered into a partnership with Pine Labs, a leading merchant commerce platform.
- This tie-up will enable KMBL to expand its merchant acquiring and Point of Sale (PoS) services to more merchants, especially retailers.
- Pine Labs has a network of over 245,000 merchants across Asia and the Middle East. Through this tie-up, merchants in India will now be able to get the advantage of KMBL's PoS payment solutions bundled with Pine Labs' technology stack to help grow their business

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? partners with pine labs

By ? KMBL

KMBL

MD & CEO: Uday Kotak.

Hq:mumbai

Pine labs

CEO: B.Amrish Rau

HQ:noida,UP

RECENT NEWS

- Kotak Mahindra Bank partners with Indian Institute of Science to set up Kotak-IISc AI-ML Centre at IISc Campus in Bengaluru

Awards

4. Martin Scorsese, Istvan Szabo to receive Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award at IFFI



Highlights

- Hollywood veteran **Martin Scorsese** and celebrated Hungarian film-maker **Istevan Szabo** will be honoured with the **Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award** at the this year's **International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**.
- The 52nd edition of of the film festival will be held from November 20 to 28 in **Goa**.
- While Szabo is known for his masterpieces like 1966's 'Father' and 1981 movie 'Mephisto', Scorsese is one of the major figures of the New Hollywood era, widely regarded as one of the greatest and most influential directors in film history.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award
Who? Martin Scorsese, Istevan Szabo

RECENT NEWS

- Alexei Navalny Wins European Union's Sakharov Prize

Ranking

5. India ranks 79th in World Justice Project's Rule of Law Index 2021



Highlights:

- **India** has ranked **79** out of **139 countries** and jurisdictions in the **World Justice Project's (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2021**.
- The WJP Rule of Law Index 2021 ranks the countries based on scores ranging from 0 to 1, with 1 indicating the strongest adherence to the rule of law.
- **Denmark, Norway and Finland** topped the World Justice Project's (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2021.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? World Justice Project's (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2021

top? Denmark

Last? Venezuela

India ? 79

WJP

CEO: William H. Neukom

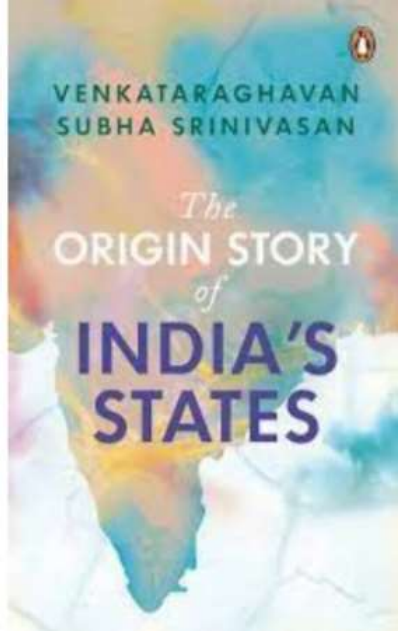
HQ: Washington DC, US

RECENT NEWS

- India ranks 71st on 2021 Global Food Security Index

Books & authors

6.A book titled “The Origin Story of India’s States” by VS Srinivasan



Book Title: the origin story of india’s states

author: VS srinivasan

Publisher: penguin random house

About Book:

• It is a story about the birth of India’s 28 states and 8 union territories. Also, their continuous changes. Venkataraghavan Subha Srinivasan is a writer, actor and strategy consultant from Bengaluru, Karnataka. This is his first non-fiction book.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? the origin story of india’s states

author: VS srinivasan

Publisher: penguin random house

RECENT NEWS

- Gulzar pens book titled “Actually... I Met Them: A Memoir”

International

7. Turkey joins Pakistan in FATF Grey list



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Turkey and Pakistan in Grey list
By? FATF

FATF

Headquarters: Paris, France
President: Marcus Pleyer

Recent News

•Philippines included in FATF grey list

Highlights:

- Global terror financing watchdog **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** has retained **Pakistan** on its '**Grey List**' of countries.
- In a briefing, FATF president Marcus Pleyer also said that three new countries **Turkey, Jordan, and Mali** have also been added to the Grey List.
- the FATF had retained Pakistan on its 'Grey List' for failing to check money laundering, leading to terror financing.

National

8.GAIL to build India's largest green hydrogen plant



Highlights

- **GAIL (India) Ltd** will build India's **largest green hydrogen-making plant** as it looks to supplement its natural gas business with carbon-free fuel.
 - It will take **12-14 months** to put the plant.
 - the company has finalised **2-3 sites** for the unit including one at **Vijaipur in Madhya Pradesh**.
- the plant planned is for **10MW capacity**, the largest in the country.
State electricity producer NTPC has announced a 5MW green hydrogen plant.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? largest green hydrogen-making plant
By? GAIL

GAIL

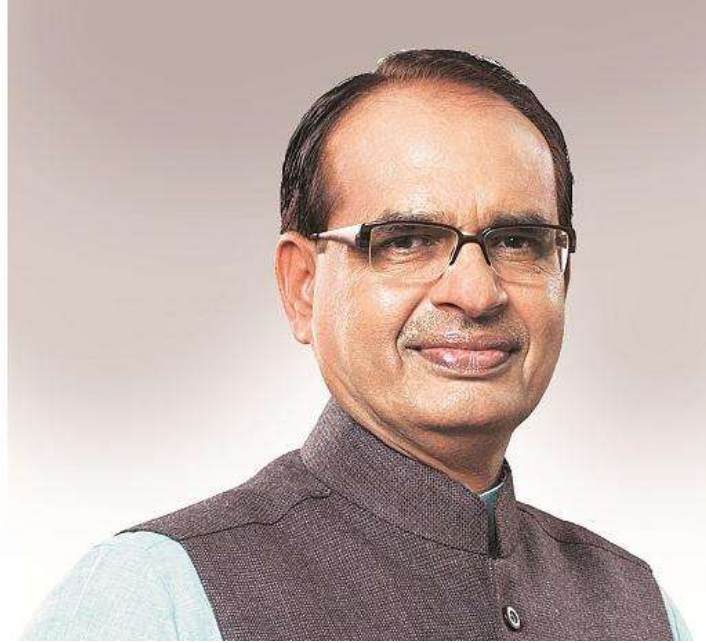
CEO: Shri Manoj Jain
Hq: New Delhi

RECENT NEWS

- Ohmium launches India's first green hydrogen electrolyzer gigafactory.
- IOC to set up first 'green hydrogen' plant at UP

State

9.MP Govt announced Implementation of “Mukhyamantri Ration Aapke Dwar Yojana”



Highlights

- The **government of Madhya Pradesh (MP)** has announced the implementation of the scheme “**Mukhyamantri Ration Apke Dwar Yojana**”, which will start from November 2021. Under this scheme, the ration will be provided at the doorstep of the villagers where there are no **Fair Price Shops (FPS)**.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? “Mukhyamantri Ration Apke Dwar Yojana”, in? MP

Madhya Pradesh

Capital: Bhopal;

Gov: Mangubhai C. Patel;

CM: Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

RECENT NEWS

- Cabinet approves doubling of Nimach-Ratlam railway line in MP at cost of Rs 1,095 crore

10. Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corp signs agreement for BharatNet project implementation



Highlights

- **Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation Ltd (TANFINET)** signed the Master Service Agreement for the implementation of **BharatNet Project** in Tamil Nadu (two packages) with various system integrators. The project aims at providing 1 Gbps bandwidth connectivity to all Gram Panchayats.
- The project will cover gram panchayats through optical fibre cable with high-speed bandwidth connectivity. TANFINET is a special purpose vehicle implementing the BharatNet project in Tamil Nadu at **a total cost of Rs 1,815 crore**.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Bharatnet project
In? TN

TN

Capital: chennai

CM: MK stalin

Gov: RN ravi.

RECENT NEWS

- MOU with NHAI & TIDCO for Development of Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) in Chennai Port's land

Ambassador

11.realme announces K.L. Rahul as new brand ambassador



Highlights:

- Chinese technology brand **Realme** has announced the appointment of Indian cricketer **KL Rahul** as its **brand ambassador for smartphones**.
- The company says that the partnership will further complement the brand's attitude of setting new benchmarks, inspiring thousands of millennials across the country.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? the ambassador of the realme smartphone
who? KL rahul

Realme

CEO:Madhav Sheth

HQ: Shenzhen, China

Recent News

- Fire-Boltt ropes in Virat Kohli as new brand ambassador

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GAIL

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Hq: New Delhi

WJP

CEO:William H. Neukom
HQ:washington DC,US

FATF

Hq: Paris, France
President: Marcus Pleyer

Realme

CEO:Madhav Sheth
HQ: Shenzhen, China

Country/cap:

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TN

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22 October

**2. Barbados Elects _____ As First President, To Replace
British Queen**

Sandra Mason

3. _____ , Mastercard, USAID commit \$100-mn credit facility for small biz

HDFC Bank

**4. South Korea launches first homegrown space rocket:
name??**

Nuri

5. _____ government has launched Shri Dhanwantri
Generic Medical Store Scheme

Chhattisgarh

Oct 23

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2014

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