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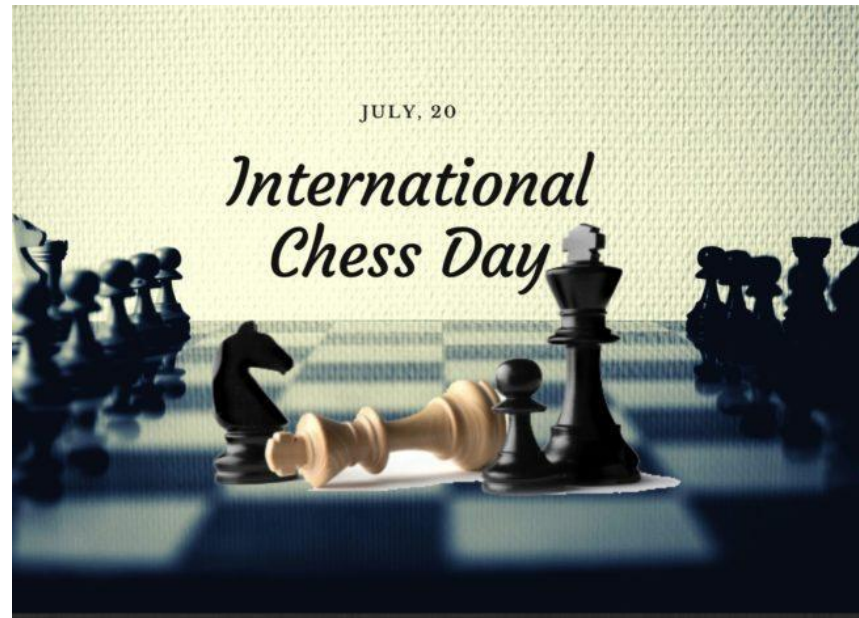
Important days

1. International Chess Day: 20 July

International Chess Day : July 20

FIRST OBSERVED: 1966

By: UNESCO



Highlights :

- The **International Chess Day** is celebrated annually on **July 20** to celebrate one of the most ancient and most popular games in history that promote fairness, equality, mutual respect and understanding among nations.
- It was on this day that the **International Chess Federation (FIDE)** was founded, in 1924.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What International Chess Day
When? 20 July

UNESCO

Hq: Paris, France
DG: Audrey Azoulay

Recent News:

- Science Exploration Day: 20 July is the day in 1969 that Neil Armstrong and Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin became the first humans to land on the Moon's surface.

Obituaries

2. Filmmaker, designer and artist Gautam Benegal dies at 55

Passed Away : Gautam Benegal

Field: Filmmaker

Born: Kolkata, WB



Highlights :

- **Gautam Benegal**, the National Award-winning writer, filmmaker and cartoonist, passed away
- He won the National Award for best animation film **The Prince and the Crown of Stone** in 2010.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

Who? Gautam Benegal

Field ? Filmmaker

Born? Kolkata, WB

Recent News

- Pulitzer Prize-winning Indian photojournalist Danish Siddiqui passes away

Appointment

3.Eswatini's King Mswati appoints new prime minister

appointed : Cleops Dlamini

as: PM of Eswatini

replaces: Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini



Highlights:

- Eswatini's King **Mswati III** appointed **Cleops Dlamini** as the southern African nation's new **prime minister**, replacing **Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini**, who died in December.
- Dlamini was previously **Chief Executive** of the **Public Service Pension Fund**.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? PM of Eswatini
who? Cleops Dlamini

Eswatini

Capitals: Mbabane, Lobamba
Curr: South African rand, Swazi lilangeni
King : Mswati III

Recent News

- Sher Bahadur Deuba becomes Nepal's Prime Minister for 5th time

4. IMAI appoints Google India MD Sanjay Gupta as Chairman

appointed : Sanjay Gupta

as: chairman of IMAI

replaces: Amit Agarwal

Tenure: 2 yrs



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What? chairman of IMAI
who? Sanjay Gupta**

IMAI

Chairman: sanjay gupta

Headquarters: Mumbai

Founded: 2004

Recent News

- IOA names B K Sinha as Press Attache of India's Olympic contingent

Highlights:

- **Internet and Mobile Association of India (IMAI)** appoints Google India Vice President and Managing Director **Sanjay Gupta** has been elected as its **chairman** for the period 2021-23.
- **IMAI** has also named Facebook India Vice President and Managing Director **Ajit Mohan** as **Vice Chairman** of the association

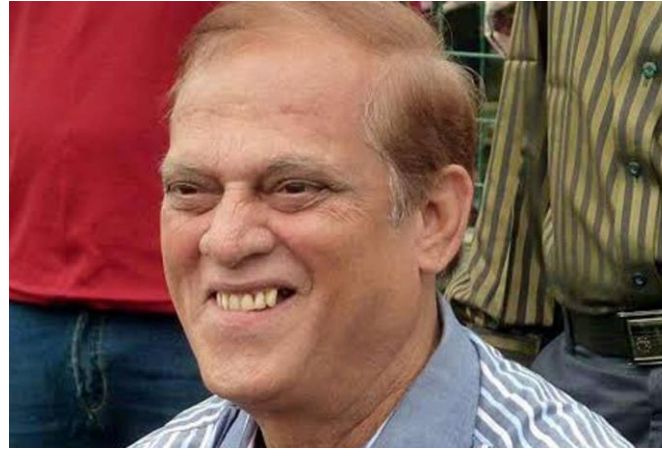
Awards

5. Shibaji Banerjee to be conferred with Mohun Bagan Ratna posthumously

award: Mohun Bagan Ratna

Received By: Shibaji Banerjee

By: Mohun Bagan Athletic Club



Highlights:

- Former **India** and **Mohun Bagan** shot-stopper **Shibaji Banerjee**, who famously denied Brazil's legendary football player Pele from scoring a goal in an exhibition match in 1977, will be conferred with **Mohun Bagan Ratna posthumously**.
- Banerjee played for Bagan for 11 years and died at the age of 68 four years ago.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Mohun Bagan Ratna

Who? Shibaji Banerjee

Mohun Bagan Athletic Club

pres: Swapan Sadhan Bose

Headquarters: kolkata

Recent News

- Sophie Ecclestone, Devon Conway win ICC Player of the Month Award

6. Bangladesh Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus to get Olympic Laurel

award: Olympic Laurel

Received By: Muhammad Yunus

By: International Olympic Committee



Highlights:

- Bangladeshi Nobel Peace Prize winner, **Muhammad Yunus** will receive the **Olympic Laurel** at the **Tokyo Games**.
- Yunus, whose pioneering micro-lender has been hailed for cutting poverty across the globe, will be honoured for “his extensive work in sport for development.
- The Olympic Laurel was created to recognise endeavours in culture, education, peace and development through sport.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Olympic Laurel

Who? Muhammad Yunus

IOC

Pres: Thomas Bach

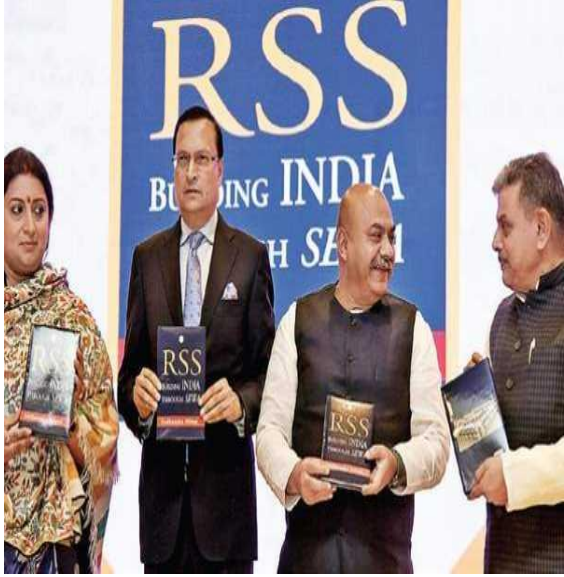
Lausanne, Switzerland

Recent News

- Syed Osman Azhar Maqsusi won Commonwealth Points of Light award

Books and authors

7.A book titled “RSS” by Sudhanshu Mittal now in Chinese



Book Title: RSS: Building India Through SEWA

Author: Sudhanshu Mittal

Publisher: Har-Anand Publications(eng), jack Bo(Chinese)

About Book:

- BJP leader Sudhanshu Mittal’s book on the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has now been translated into the Chinese language.
- “RSS: Building India Through SEWA”, which talks of RSS’s history, ideology and policies, and their subsequent impact on the nation

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? RSS: Building India Through SEWA

Who? Sudhanshu Mittal

Publisher? Har-Anand Publications(eng), jack Bo(Chinese)

RECENT NEWS

- A new book titled ‘The India Story’ by Bimal Jalan

Banking

8. Goldman Sachs opens new Hyderabad office



Highlights:

- Investment bank and financial services company **Goldman Sachs** announced the opening of a new office in **Hyderabad** as part of its commitment to expand its global center for engineering and business innovation in India.
- By the **end of 2021**, it is expected that the Hyderabad office will grow to **800 employees** of which about 70 percent employees will be new hires. By 2023, the size of the Hyderabad office could reach as many as **2,500 employees**

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? a new office in Hyderabad
by? **Goldman Sachs**

Goldman Sachs

Hq: new york

CEO: David M. Solomon

Recent news

- Goldman Sachs lowers GDP growth forecast for India in FY22 to 11.1%

Defence

9. Ordnance Factory Tiruchirappalli hands over 12.7 mm M2 NATO Stabilized Remote Control Gun



Highlights:

- Ordnance Factory Tiruchirappalli hands over **Fifteen 12.7 mm M2 NATO Stabilized Remote Control Gun** to Indian Navy & **10 to Indian Coast Guard**.
- It is manufactured with transfer of technology agreement from **Elbit Systems, Israel**.
- The gun is meant for marine applications and can remotely engage targets. It is equipped with an inbuilt CCD camera, thermal imager and a laser range finder for observation and tracking of targets through day and night operations.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 12.7 mm M2 NATO Stabilized Remote Control Gun
By ? Ordnance Factory Tiruchirappalli

Ordnance Factory Tiruchirappalli
Chairman: C S Vishwakarma
HQ: Kolkata

Recent News

- Indian Navy receives 10th Anti-Submarine Warfare Aircraft 'P-8I'

International

10.US, Afghanistan, Pakistan & Uzbekistan To Form Quad Group With Aim Of Enhancing Regional Connectivity



Highlights:

- the **United States, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Uzbekistan** have come to an agreement in principle to build a **new quadrilateral diplomatic platform** aimed at improving **regional connectivity**.
- According to the State Department, the parties believe that long-term peace and stability in Afghanistan is essential for regional connection, and that peace and regional connectivity is mutually supportive.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? new quadrilateral diplomatic platform
By ? United States

Recent News

- World Bank expands Coronavirus Vaccine Funding to \$20 billion

National

11.CJI NV Ramana's innovation to ensure 'FASTER' release of prisoners granted bail



Highlights:

- Chief Justice **NV Ramana**-led bench has set in motion a secure electronic transmission mechanism for SC orders on bail reaching the jail authorities to help expeditious release of jail inmates who have been granted bail in a case.
- Christened as **FASTER (Fast and Secure Transmission of Electronic Records)**, the innovative scheme is conceived for delivery of orders to concerned prisons, District Courts, High Courts, as the case may be, for instantaneous delivery of orders passed by apex court through a secure communication channel.

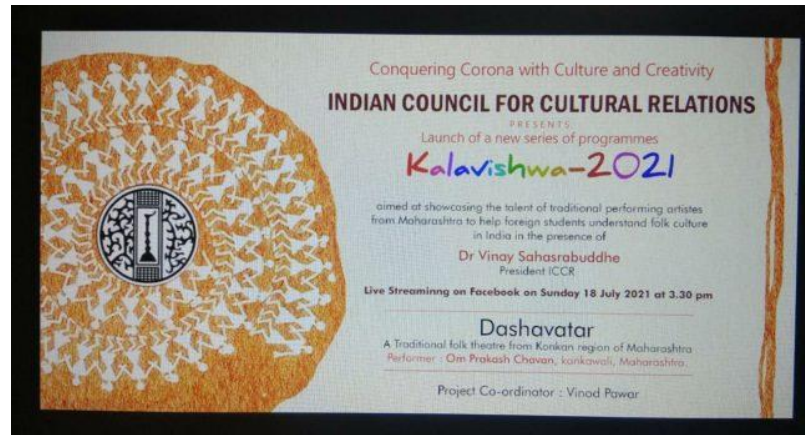
EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? **FASTER** scheme
BY? **CJI**

Recent News

- CJI NV Ramana release a book titled "Anomalies in Law and Justice"

12.Kala Vishwa: a virtual platform for traditional and folk artists launched by ICCR



Highlights:

- **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)** has launched a new campaign called '**KALA VISHWA**', from its Mumbai Centre
- Kala Vishwas is a **special campaign** under the Horizon Series that will be held for a duration of **six months** to reach out to **traditional folk artists, local artistes / artisans** and those coming from rural areas and give them an opportunity and a platform to perform under this campaign, especially during the challenging time of COVID-19.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? '**KALA VISHWA**',
BY? ICCR

ICCR

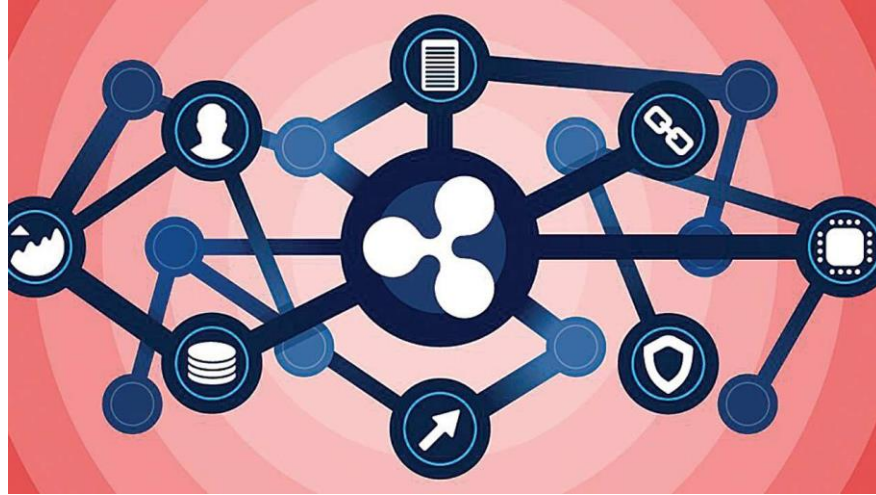
Pres: Vinay Sahasrabudhe
HQ:Mumbai.

Recent News

- ICCR will set up the '**Bangabandhu Chair**' at the Delhi University

State

13. Maharashtra to issue Certificates using Blockchain Technology



What? educational documents using blockchain technology.
In? maharashtra

maharashtra

Capital: mumbai

CM: Uddhav Thackeray.

Gov: Bhagat Singh Koshiyari.

Highlights:

- Maharashtra will be the first state in the country to issue **educational documents using blockchain technology**.
- Forgery of documents is a serious concern for various educational and other institutions. Many steps are being taken to avoid forgery along with verification of documents.
- Maharashtra State Board of Skill Development has decided to issue blockchain-based certificates to students

Recent news

- **Bank of Maharashtra signs MoU with NABARD**

14. Balika Panchayat successfully held at Kunariya village in Gujarat



Highlights:

- The **Kunariya village of Kutch** district in **Gujarat** has come out with a unique idea of holding **Balika Panchayat**.
- The first-ever elections of this **Balika Panchayat** were successfully. Inspired by the TV series, **Balika Vadhu**, which aims to develop leadership qualities in the girls for Future Panchayat polls.
- This Panchayat will be run by the girls and for the girls.
- Young females aged between 10 to 21 years contested elections for this unique Panchayat which will take up issues pertaining to adolescent girls and women in the village.

What? Balika Panchayat
In? gujarat

gujarat

Capital: gandhinagar

Cm: vijay rupani

Gov: Acharya Devvrat.

Recent news

- Amazon launches its first Digital Kendra in India in Gujarat

Sports

15. Viswanathan Anand wins Sparkassen Trophy



What? Sparkassen Trophy
Win? Viswanathan anand

Highlights:

- **Viswanathan Anand** defeated **Vladimir Kramnik(Russia)** to win the **Sparkassen Trophy** at Dortmund,germany.
- Anand needed only a draw in the final game of the No-Castling Chess event, and he got it in 40 moves.

Recent news

- Vishwanathan Anand finishes second in Croatia Grand Chess Tour

APR – Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is the yearly interest you earn by depositing your money your money into an account. This does not take into consideration the compound interest

Organisation / Bank:

UNESCO

Hq: Paris, France

DG: Audrey Azoulay

IAMAI

Chairman: sanjay gupta

Headquarters: Mumbai

Mohun Bagan Athletic Club

pres: Swapan Sadhan Bose

Headquarters: kolkata

IOC

Pres: Thomas Bach

Lausanne, Switzerland

Goldman Sachs

Hq: new york

CEO: David M. Solomon

Ordnance Factory Tiruchirappalli

Chairman:C S Vishwakarma

HQ:Kolkata

ICCR

Pres: Vinay

Sahasrabuddhe

HQ:Mumbai.

Country / State:

Eswatini

Capitals: Mbabane, Lobamba

Curr: South African rand, Swazi

lilangeni

King : Mswati III

maharashtra

Capital: mumbai

CM: Uddhav Thackeray.

Gov: Bhagat Singh Koshyari.

gujarat

Capital: gandhinagar

Cm: vijay rupani

Gov: Acharya Devvrat.

1. Nelson Mandela International Day :???

18 July

2. Federal Bank Launches AI-Powered Virtual Assistant For Customers: name??

FEDDY

3. Who wins British Grand Prix 2021 for Eighth Time?

Lewis Hamilton

4. A book titled 'The India Story' authored by _____

Bimal Jalan

5. The Govt of _____ to introduce 'One Block,
One Product' scheme

Haryana