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Important days

1.Pluto Demoted Day – August 24

Pluto Demoted Day : august 24

BY: International Astronomical Union (IAU)

First observed: 2006



Highlights :

- **Pluto Demoted Day** is observed on **August 24** of every year.
- The commemoration of the day began when Pluto's status was demoted by the **International Astronomical Union (IAU)** from a full-sized planet to a dwarf planet.
- **Pluto Demoted Day** is memorialized to remember the discovery of this dwarf planet.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Pluto Demoted Day
When? 24 august

IAU

HQ: Paris, France.

pres: Ewine van Dishoeck

Recent News:

- International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

Appointments

2.RBI makes 3 officials executive directors

appointed : Ajay Kumar, A.K. Choudhary and Deepak Kumar

as: executive directors of RBI

tenure: 1 year



Highlights:

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has promoted **Ajay Kumar, A.K. Choudhary and Deepak Kumar** are the three officers in Grade F who have been promoted as **executive directors** for the year **2021-22**.
- Ajay Kumar** - New Delhi regional office of RBI as regional director.
- Choudhary** - chief general manager-in-charge of department of supervision in Mumbai.
- Deepak Kumar** - chief general manager in charge of department of information technology at RBI.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? executive directors of RBI

who? Ajay Kumar, A.K. Choudhary and Deepak Kumar

RBI

gov: shaktikanta das

HQ: mumbai

Recent News

- RBI imposes Rs 27.5 lakh penalty on Dhanlaxmi Bank for rule violations

Exercise

3.2nd Indo-Qatari joint Naval Exercise “Zair-Al-Bahr” in Persian Gulf



Highlights:

- The second edition of the joint naval exercise, **Zair-Al-Bahr**, between the **Indian Navy and Qatar Emiri Naval Force (QENF)** was conducted between **August 9 and 14** in the **Persian Gulf**.
- This edition of the exercise included a three-day harbour phase followed by a two-day sea phase.
- In the sea phase of the exercise, the Indian Navy’s Stealth Frigate **INS Trikand**, QENF’s missile boats of **Barzan and Damsah class**, fast-attack crafts of **M RTP 34** class and Rafale fighter aircraft participated.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? naval exercise, Zair-Al-Bahr

By ? India and Qatar

Qatar

cap: doha

Curr: Qatari riyal

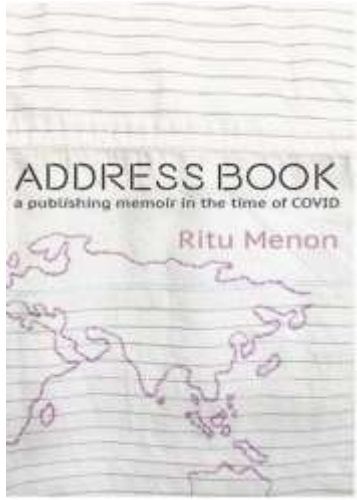
PM : Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdelaziz Al Thani.

RECENT NEWS

- Indian Navy Conducts Bilateral Maritime Exercise with Vietnam

Books and authors

4.A book 'Address Book: A Publishing Memoir in the time of COVID' by Ritu Menon



Book Title: Address Book

author: ritu menon

Publisher: women unlimited

About Book:

this little book offers a glimpse into what has been a wonderfully rich and rewarding feminist endeavour, and the sheer exhilaration of being at its cutting edge.

As she turns the pages and sees the entries in it, she recalls the many remarkable encounters and experiences she has had in her 35 years as a feminist publisher.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Address Book

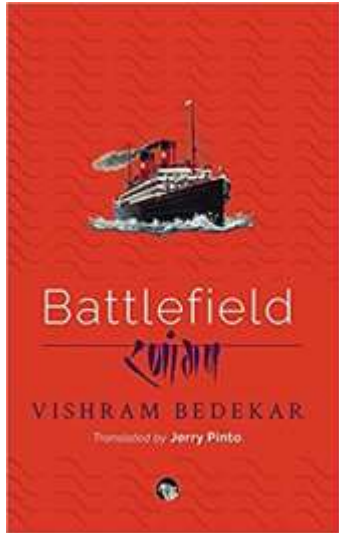
author: ritu menon

Publisher: women unlimited

RECENT NEWS

- book 'Zohra - A Biography in Four Acts' authored by ritu menon

5. book 'Battlefield' authored by Vishram Bedekar



Book Title: battlefield

author: Vishram Bedekar

Publisher: Speaking Tiger Books

About Book:

- A book titled '**Battlefield**' has been authored by **Vishram Bedekar**, translated from the Marathi original Ranaangan by **Jerry Pinto**. The book is the story of a shipboard romance between an Indian man and a German-Jewish woman, both fleeing Europe before the **Second World War**.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? battlefield

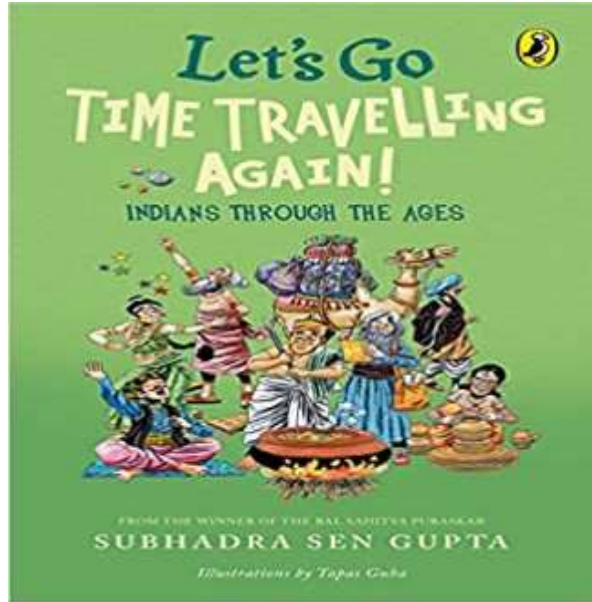
author: Vishram Bedekar

Publisher: Speaking Tiger Books

RECENT NEWS

- A book on "OPERATION KHUKRI" by Major General Rajpal Punia & Ms Damini Punia

6. book 'Let's Go Time Travelling Again' authored by Subhadra Sen Gupta



Book Title: Let's Go Time Travelling Again

author: Subhadra Sen Gupta

Publisher: Penguin Random House

About Book:

- A much-awaited follow-up to the bestselling book Let's Go Time Travelling .
- A must-read children's book on Indian history, deep dive into aspects of culture, art, politics, caste, & society

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Let's Go Time Travelling Again

author: Subhadra Sen Gupta

Publisher: Penguin Random House

RECENT NEWS

- A book title "How the Earth Got Its Beauty" authored by Sudha Murty

Index

7.NCDEX launches agri-index future contract GUAREX

index: GAUREX

by: NCDEX



Highlights:

- **National Commodities and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX)**, the leading agricultural commodities exchange in India has recently launched agri-index futures contract **GUAREX**.

- **GAUREX** is a **price based index** that tracks the price movement in futures contract of its underlying commodity i.e. **Guar(கொத்தவரை) seed and Guar gum**, on a real time basis. It is India's first sectoral index in agricultural commodities basket.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? GAUREX
who? NCDEX

NCDEX

CEO: Vijay Kumar Venkataraman
HQ: mumbai

RECENT NEWS

India Enters WTO's Top 10 Agricultural Produce Exporters In 2019 (9th rank)

Banking

8. Paytm & HDFC Bank tie up to provide solutions across payment gateway



Highlights:

- **HDFC Bank and Paytm** have partnered to build comprehensive solutions across payment gateway, point of sale machines and credit products.
- This includes Paytm Postpaid which is a **Buy Now Pay Later (BNPL)** solution, **Eazy EMI and Flexi Pay**.
- The partnership will also deliver enhanced SmartHub solutions to the market.
- **HDFC Bank SmartHub solutions** is an integrated platform offering merchants a one-stop solution shop for all their business needs payments.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Small Business Loans Initiative
by? facebook

HDFC bank

Hq: mumbai

CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan

paytm

Hq: Noida, UP

CEO: Vijay Shekhar Sharma

Recent news

- HDFC unveils 'Green & Sustainable' fixed deposit to safeguard the environment from climate change.

9. ICICI Bank Germany launches Blocked Account for Indian students



Highlights:

- **ICICI Bank Germany**, a part of ICICI Bank, launch the digital and instant **Blocked Account** for **students** aspiring to study in **Germany**.
- The new '**ICICI Bank Germany Student Blocked Account**' enables students to deposit the required amount with the bank and get the **BCC (Balance Confirmation Certificate)** a mandatory requirement for a student Visa in Germany.
- This account offers students a complimentary Current Account, that they can use in Germany and VISA debit card which can be used anywhere in the world.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Block acc in Germany

by? ICICI bank germany

ICICI bank germany

Hq: Eschborn, Germany

CEO: Devdutta Panda

Recent news

- ICICI Prudential Life ties up with NPCI for UPI Autopay

10. Citibank becomes first US bank to set up unit in IFSC at GIFT City



Highlights:

- **Citibank** received a license from the **IFSC Authority** to set up its banking unit at India's first International Financial Services Centre at **GIFT City, Gujarat**.
- Citibank will become the first US-based bank to set up a branch in GIFT-IFSC.
- Citibank will be servicing both Indian as well as its global customer base from this IFSC branch.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Citi bank unit in gift city

by? IFSC Authority

citibank

Hq: newyork,US

CEO: Jane Fraser

Recent news

- GIFT City, India Insurtech Association ink pact to promote fintech in insurance space

National

11.IIT Madras develops India's first indigenous motorised wheelchair 'NeoBolt'



Highlights:

- **IIT Madras** has developed India's first indigenous motorized wheelchair vehicle named '**NeoBolt**', which can be used not only on roads but even on uneven terrains. It has a maximum speed of **25 kmph**.
- IIT Madras said the wheelchair will be available to users at an approximate price of **₹55,000**.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? NeoBolt
by? IIT-madras

Recent News

- IIT Madras to collaborate with Road Transport Ministry on Pavement Engineering & Intelligent Transportation Systems

12.35 more Earthquake Observatories by end of this year in India



Highlights:

- The Government of India has decided to increase the number of seismic observatories to create a dense network of observatories across the country. This would enable every region to prepare for an earthquake in advance.
- **Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Department of Science and Technology**, said that **35 seismic observatories** will be set up in India by the end of this year.
- in the **next five years, 100 more such observatories** would be built in the country by the Central Government.
- At present, there are only 115 observatories in the country.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 35 seismic observatories

by? **Union science and tech minister**

Union science and tech minister

Dr. Jitendra Singh

Cons: Udhampur, J&K

Recent News

- Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurates Centre for Research & Innovation in AI set up at IIT-Hyderabad.

State

15.Uttar Pradesh's Ganga Expressway Receives Rs 5,100 Crore Loan From Punjab National Bank



Highlights:

- **Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** led Uttar Pradesh (UP) government received the sanction letter of **Rs 5,100 crore loan** for the **Ganga Expressway project** from the **Punjab National Bank (PNB)**.
- The state government will use this amount for the Ganga Expressway, which will connect Meerut in west UP to Prayagraj in the eastern part of the state.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Rs 5,100 crore loan from pnb by? UP

UP

Capital:lucknow

CM: yogi adityanath

Gov: anandiben patel

Recent News

- UP government renames Kakori kand to Kakori train action

16.NABARD extends Rs 24.90 lakh grant for fishing project in TN



Highlights:

- The **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has extended a grant of **₹24.90 lakh** for a project on Integrated Mangrove Fishery Farming System (IMFFS) in **Cuddalore district**.
- The project is being implemented on 2.10 hectares of land in Mudasalodai village by involving traditional and Irula fishers from Mudasalodai and Kalaighar coastal hamlets in Pichavaram.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? ₹24.90 lakh to TN
by? NABARD

NABARD

Chairman: G.R. Chintala

HQ: mumbai

Recent News

- Assam Government, NABARD signed MoU of Rs 13,200-Crore for Infrastructure

Organisation / Bank:

NABARD

Chairman: G.R. Chintala

HQ: mumbai

UN

HQ: new York,US

Sec gen: António Guterres

NCDEX

CEO: Vijay Kumar Venkataraman

HQ: mumbai

WEF

HQ: Cologny, Switzerland

President: Børge Brende

citibank

Hq: newyork,US

CEO: Jane Fraser

HDFC bank

Hq: mumbai

CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan

paytm

Hq: Noida,UP

CEO: Vijay Shekhar Sharma

RBI

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IAU

HQ: Paris, France.

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Country / State:

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Minis/cons

Union science and tech minister

Dr. Jitendra Singh

Cons: Udhampur,J&K

1. International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition: august 23: first observed??

1998

2. Former UP CM Kalyan Singh passes away: born??

Atrauli,UP

3. Senior BJP leader _____ appointed as new governor of Manipur

La. Ganesan

4. Who Dedicates Skill Development Institute In Bhubaneswar To The Nation????

Dharmendra Pradhan

5. AMTRON, Israel's _____ sign MOU for setting up Artificial Intelligence Centre of Excellence at Guwahati Tech City

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