

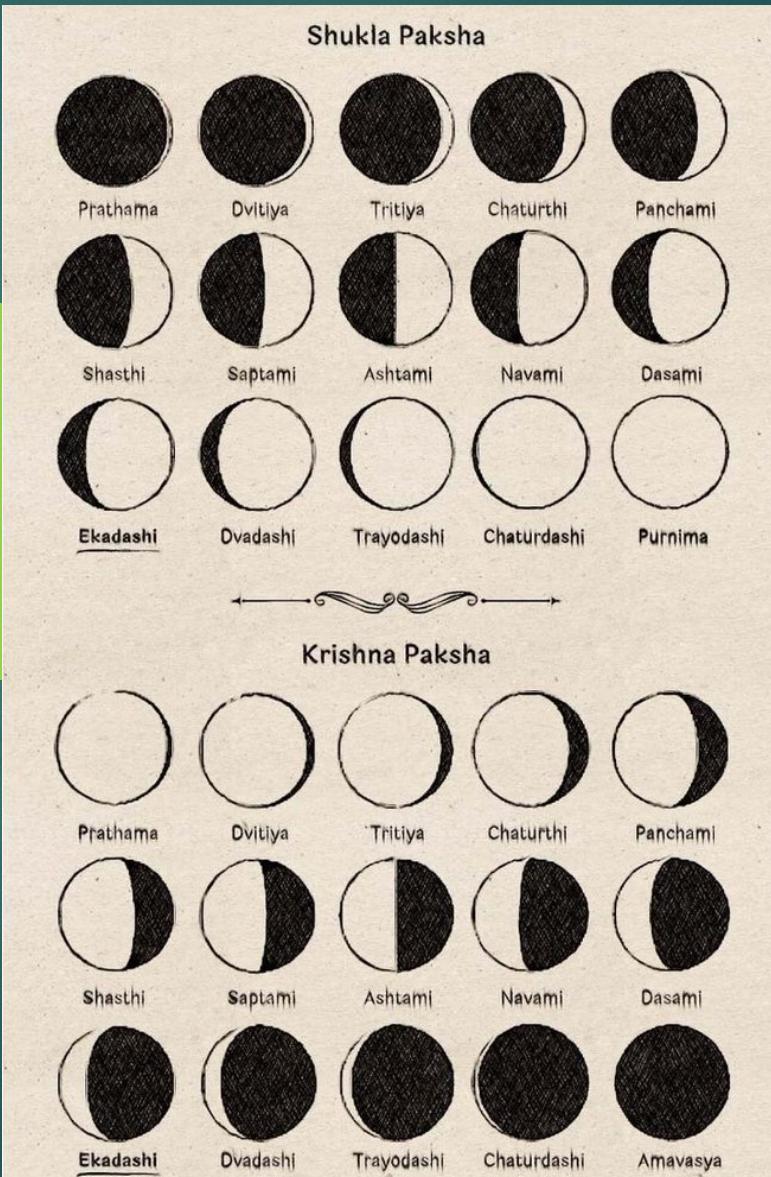
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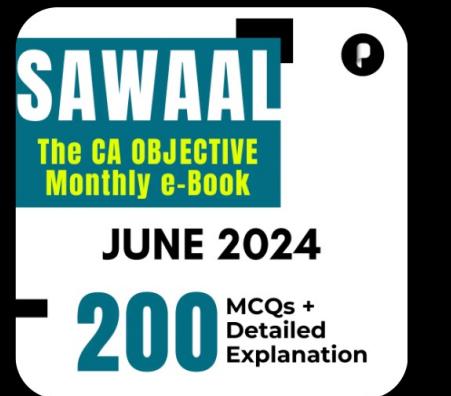
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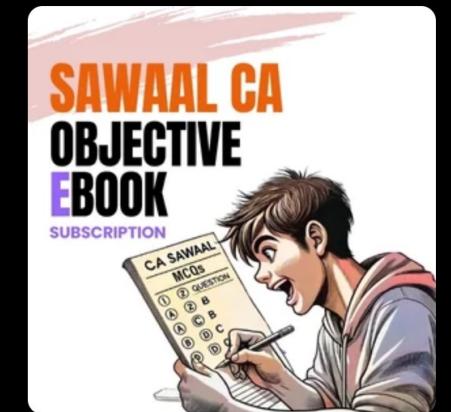
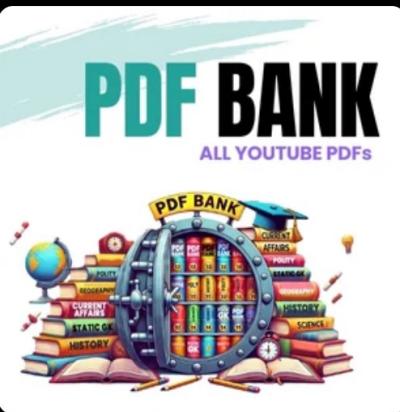
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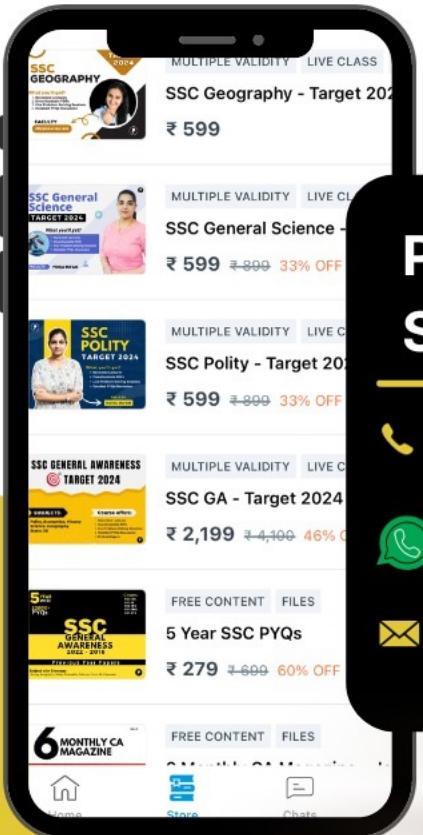
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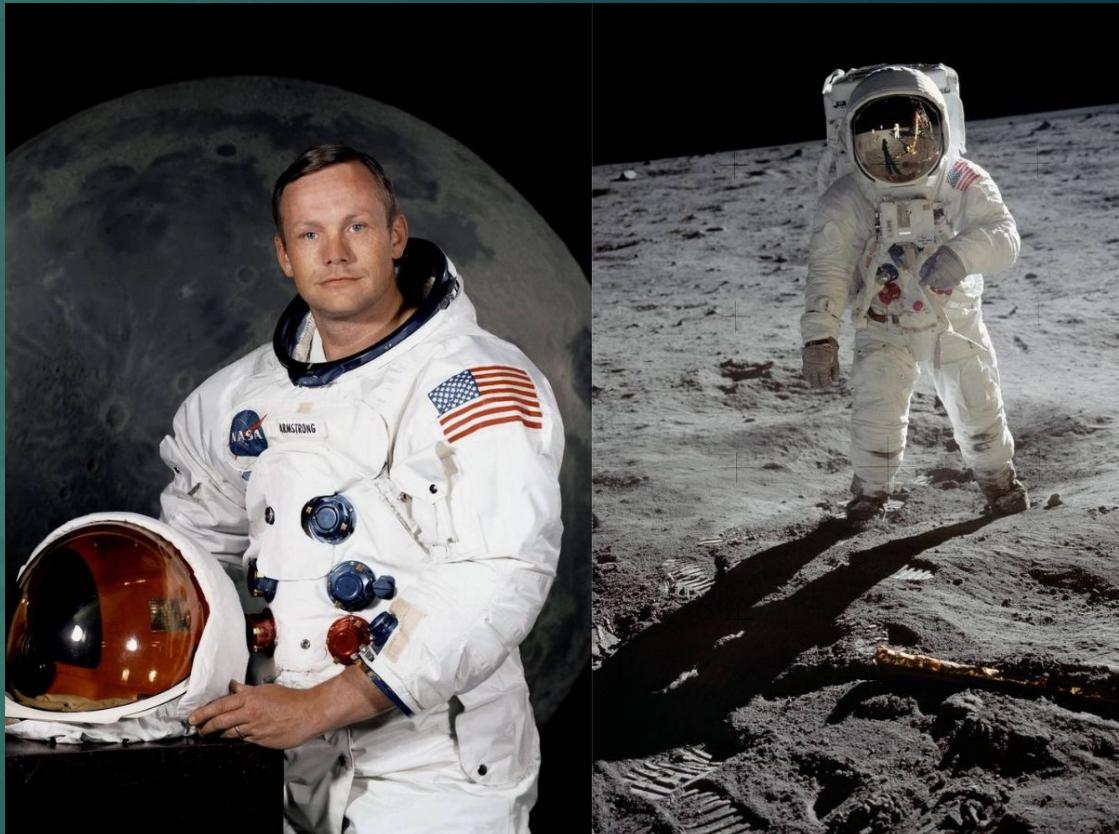
20 July - International Chess Day

- Observed since 1966 to mark the date of the establishment of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in Paris in 1924.
- On July 20, 2024, the International Chess Day, FIDE celebrates its centenary anniversary.



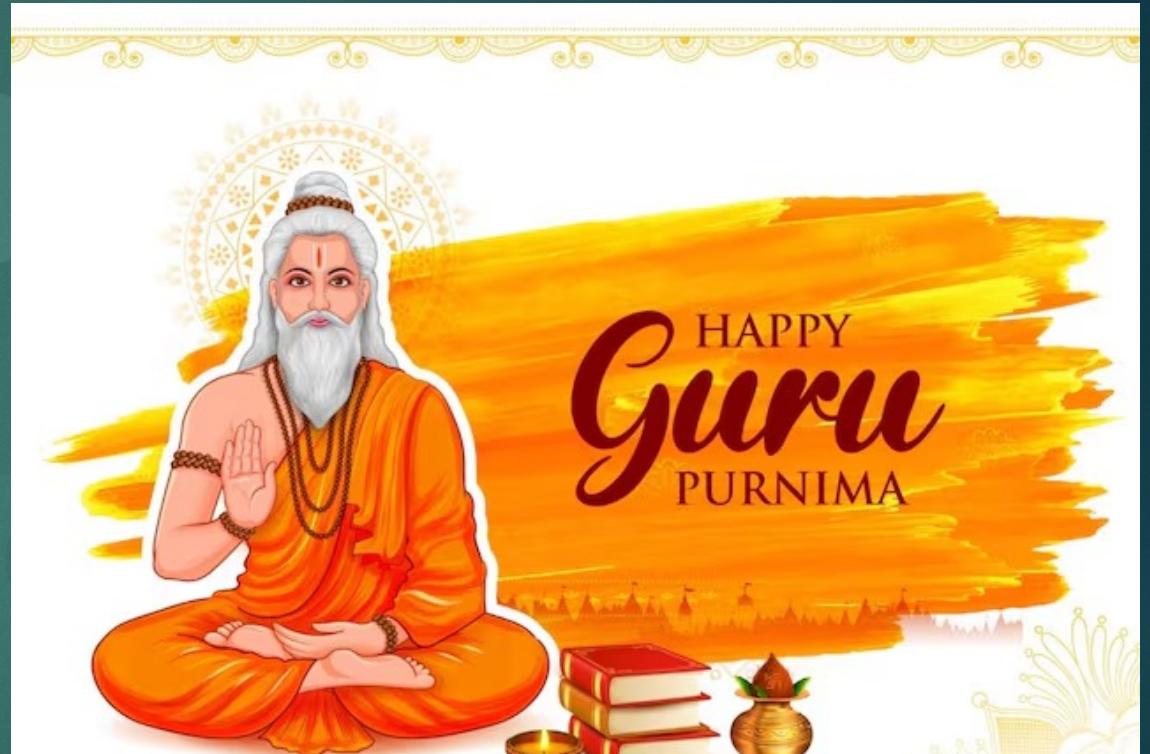
20 July - Moon Day

- to commemorate the first human landing on the moon by the Apollo 11 mission in 1969.
- The 2024 theme is “Illuminating the Shadows.”
- On December 9 2021, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution stating that July 20 will be observed every year as International Moon Day.



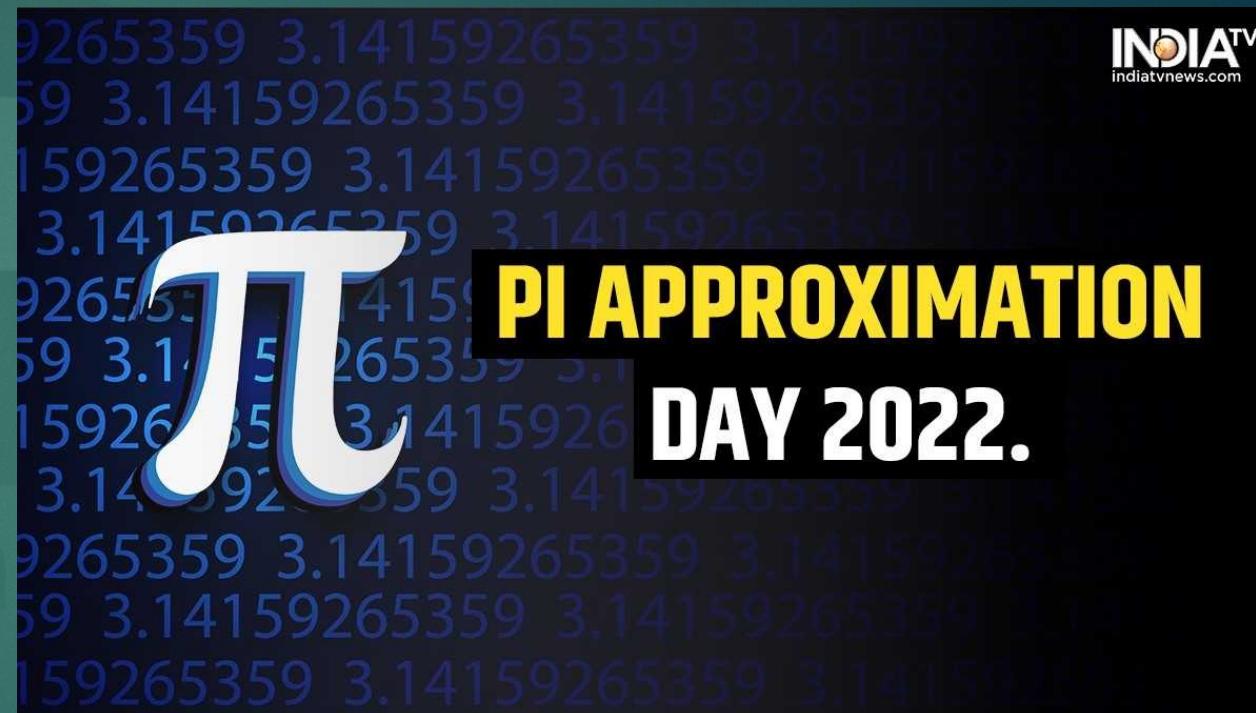
Nation Celebrates Guru Purnima

- Guru Purnima, also known as Vyasa Purnima
- Falls on Ashada Full moon.
- On this occasion, people remember and pay their gratitude to the Gurus who guide and shape their lives with their wisdom and blessings.
- Lord Buddha had given his first sermon in Sarnath on this occasion after achieving enlightenment under the bodhi tree.



22 July – Pi Approximation Day

- Pi Approximation Day is celebrated on July 22nd because the fraction **22/7** is a common approximation of the mathematical constant pi (π), which is accurate to two decimal places.



22 July- National Flag Day

- To commemorate the historic day when the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the present-day tricolour flag as the official National Flag of the country.



- 1906: The first Indian National Flag is attributed to Pingali Venkayya, a freedom fighter from Andhra Pradesh, who designed it in 1906.
- It featured a horizontal tricolour of red, yellow, and green with a white crescent and star in the centre.
- 1917: By 1917, the flag was modified to include saffron at the top, white in the middle, and green at the bottom, with the crescent and star moved to the top left corner.

Introduction of the Ashoka Chakra in National Flag

- 1921: In 1921, Mahatma Gandhi proposed a new design that included a spinning wheel (charkha) to symbolize progress.
- This design also had the tricolour of saffron, white, and green.
- Subsequently, the Ashoka Chakra, a 24-spoke wheel representing the Wheel of Law in Buddhism, was introduced in the centre of the white stripe in 1921.

Adoption by Indian National Congress

- 1931: The Indian National Congress formally adopted the tricolour flag in 1931 as its Official Flag

Adoption as the National Flag

- 1947: On July 22, 1947, the Constituent Assembly of India adopted the current form of the National Flag.

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Element	Symbolism
Deep Saffron at the Top	Represents courage, sacrifice, and strength.
White in the Middle	Signifies peace, truth, and purity.
Green at the Bottom	Stands for fertility, growth, and auspiciousness of the Indian land.
Ashok Chakra (a 24-spoke wheel) at the Center	Represents the eternal wheel of law (Dharma Chakra). The 24 spokes in the Chakra symbolise the 24 hours of the day, indicating the continuous progress of the nation.

22 July - National Mango Day or Mango Day



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 46th Session of the World Heritage Committee at Bharat Mandapam



- The World Heritage Committee meets annually and is responsible for managing all matters on World Heritage sites, and deciding on sites to be inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.
- India is hosting the key event of the UNESCO for the first time from July 21 to July 31.
- India was elected to the 21-member World Heritage Committee-WHC in the 23rd General Assembly in 2021 for a period of four years (2021-2025).
- This is India's fourth term on the World Heritage Committee.
- India will contribute 1 million dollars to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre to be used for capacity building, technical assistance and conservation of world heritage sites.

- India has inscribed **42 Properties** in the World Heritage List which include 34 Cultural, 7 Natural, and one Mixed Heritage Site
- North East India's historic **Maidam** has been nominated to enter UNESCO's popular World Heritage List.
- This is India's **43rd World Heritage Site** and North East India's first heritage to get the status of Cultural World Heritage
- Director General of UNESCO **Audrey Azoulay**
- The “**Return of Treasures**” exhibition will display artefacts that have been brought back to India, totaling over 350 items so far
- Advanced AR and VR technologies will offer immersive experiences of three Indian World Heritage sites: Rani ki Vav in Patan, Gujarat; Kailasa Temple at Ellora Caves, Maharashtra; and Hoysala Temple in Halebid, Karnataka.

DIGITAL MOISTURE METER

Measures the moisture level
of food grains during procurement, storage,
movement and distribution expeditiously



Govt Held Discussion On Draft Rules For Moisture Meters In Cereal Grains And Oilseeds

- The Government held discussion on draft rules for moisture meters used for measuring moisture level in cereal grains and oilseeds with all stakeholders.
- A moisture meter is a specialized device used to measure the moisture content in various substances, particularly cereal grains and oilseeds in agriculture.
- It provides accurate readings that are crucial for determining the quality and storage suitability of these commodities.
- By measuring moisture levels, farmers and traders can ensure better preservation, reduce risks of spoilage, and maintain optimal conditions for storage and transportation.



**President Droupadi Murmu presents 94
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President Murmu Presents 94 Distinguished Service Awards

- President Droupadi Murmu presented 94 Distinguished Service Awards to the serving and retired personnel of the Armed forces and Indian Coast Guard.
- She conferred 31 Param Vishisht Seva Medals, 4 Uttam Yudh Seva Medal, 2 Bar to Ati Vishisht Seva Medals and 57 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals.
- The President conferred the award during Defence Investiture Ceremony-2024 (Phase-2) at Rahsrtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi.



Padma Shri Awardee Kamala Pujari Passes Away At 74

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Demise Of Padma Shri Awardee Kamala Pujari

- Kamala Pujari, a tribal woman from Odisha known for her contribution to organic farming and preserving over hundreds of indigenous varieties of paddy.
- For her contribution to agriculture, she received the prestigious Padma Shri award in 2019.
- She had been a leader in the participatory research programme started by the M S Swaminathan Research Foundation in Koraput in 1994 - which led to breeding of the high yielding and high-quality rice variety, 'Kalajeera'. She has preserved rare varieties of paddy like 'Tili', 'Machakanta', 'Ghnatia' and 'Phula'.

- Due to her efforts, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) declared Koraput a globally important agriculture heritage site (GIAHS) in 2012.
- Koraput was also selected by the UN for the Equator Initiative Award, which was presented to Pujari during the Earth Summit held at Johannesburg in South Africa in 2002.
- The Odisha government had honoured her with Best Woman Farmers award in 2004, while a girls' hostel of Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology was named after her.

Vinay Mohan Kwatra Appoints As Next Ambassador Of India To US

- Former Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the United States of America.
- The post was vacant after the retirement of the then Ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu.



UPSC CHAIRMAN MANOJ SONI CONFIRMS RESIGNATION



Manoj Soni, UPSC Chairman Confirms Resignation

- Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Chairperson Dr Manoj Soni has resigned from the top post five years before his tenure that would end in 2029, citing “personal reasons”.
- His resignation comes at a time when the commission has booked a criminal case against probationary IAS officer Puja Khedkar for faking her identity to fraudulently avail attempts in the civil services examination

Union Minister G Kishan Reddy Inaugurates Landslide Forecast System In Kolkata

- Coal and Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy inaugurated the National Landslide Forecasting Centre (NLFC) in Kolkata
- Reddy also launched the ‘Bhusanket’ website and the ‘Bhooskhalan’ mobile app, through which forecast data will be disseminated.
- The primary aim of the NLFC is to integrate, generate and disseminate daily landslide forecast for multiple states and to contribute to better landslide risk assessment and early forecasting

- NLFC will operate under the Geological Survey of India (GSI) and will give forecasts on landslides in Darjeeling and Kalimpong in West Bengal and Nilgiri in Tamilnadu.
- The system will be expanded to all landslide-prone states by 2030.



Annual 'Haar Choudhah' Festival Celebrated at Mata Jwala Ji Shrine in South Kashmir

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Religious Fervour Marks Annual ‘Haar Choudhah’ Festival At Mata Jwala Ji Shrine In Khrew, Pulwama

- In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, annual festival at the shrine of Goddess Mata Jwala ji in south Kashmir's Khrew in Pampore area of Pulwama district locally known as auspicious “Haar Choudhah” was celebrated on Ashaad Chaturdashi mainly Kashmiri Pandits.

Madhya Pradesh Tops in PM SVANidhi Scheme as Best Performing State

- Madhya Pradesh has secured the first place under the 'Best Performing State' category in the Prime Minister SVANidhi scheme, the Union housing and urban affairs ministry.
- Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) is micro-credit scheme for urban street vendors, started by the government in June 2020 to help street sellers after COVID-19
- It provides collateral-free loans up to Rs 50,000
- After Madhya Pradesh, Assam has been ranked second in the 'Best Performing States- Innovation and Best Practices Award' category.

- Cities and towns were also rewarded for how well they handled loans, in addition to the state. In the 'Best Performing ULBs - Loan Performance with mega and million plus cities' category, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has received the first place, followed by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation.
- The awards in the National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM) was also announced, with Kerala topping the chart in the category of 'Systematic Progressive Analytical Real Time Ranking (SPARK)', followed by Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan,

What is Blue Screen of Death?



Your PC ran into a problem and needs to restart. We're just collecting some error info, and then we'll restart for you.

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For more information about this issue and possible fixes, visit <https://www.windows.com/stopcode>

If you call a support person, give them this info:

Stop code: CRITICAL_PROCESS_DIED



Microsoft global tech outage

- ▶ A software update by cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike affected 8.5 million Microsoft Windows devices, causing one of the largest tech outages.
- ▶ Less than 1 per cent of Windows machines were affected, according to Microsoft, but it had a cascading effect on centralised software systems.
- ▶ CrowdStrike's Falcon update led to the 'blue screens of death' in Windows systems, disrupting emergency services, airlines, financial transactions and individuals.

What is Blue Screen of Death?

- Microsoft's IT systems were disrupted worldwide, with Windows PC failures being reported across services including airlines, banks, health services, emergency helplines, news channels, and more.
- The term blue screen of death gained popularity among internet users, whereas Microsoft typically refers to it as bugcheck or blue screen error.
- A Windows device could display blue screen errors if the operating system has encountered a serious problem that has forced it to shut down or restart unexpectedly,
- the crash screen has white text against a blue background and informs users that “Windows has been shut down to prevent damage to your computer” or something similar

Passing Away Of Vietnamese Leader Nguyen Phu Trong

- Nguyen Phu Trong, general secretary of Vietnam's ruling Communist Party and the country's most powerful politician, has died.
- Mr. Trong had dominated Vietnamese politics since 2011, when he was elected party chief.
- Capital: Hanoi
- Currency: Vietnamese đồng



Ursula Von Der Leyen Re-Elected As President Of European Commission

- German conservative politician Ursula von der Leyen secured a **second term** as president of the European Commission.
- She is **the first** to be picked twice by the parliament





Nobel Laureate Rigoberta Menchú Tum Receives Prestigious Gandhi Mandela Award
2020

Nobel Laureate Rigoberta Menchú Tum Receives Prestigious Gandhi Mandela Award 2020

- The award was given on Nelson Mandela's 106th birth anniversary.
- The award is bestowed for promoting the values of Gandhi and Nelson Mandela, including community service and social development.
- The award is given for the promotion of peace and harmony.
- This year, the award has been given to Guatemalan human rights activist Rigoberta Menchú Tum, who has dedicated her life to advocating for Indigenous rights.
- Rigoberta Menchú's work has earned her numerous accolades, including the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992 and the Princess of Asturias Award in 1998.

IVORY COAST

JOINS THE UN WATER CONVENTION

It became the **10th African nation** to do so. It is now the **53rd party (country) to the 1992 UN Water Convention**, also known as the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes.



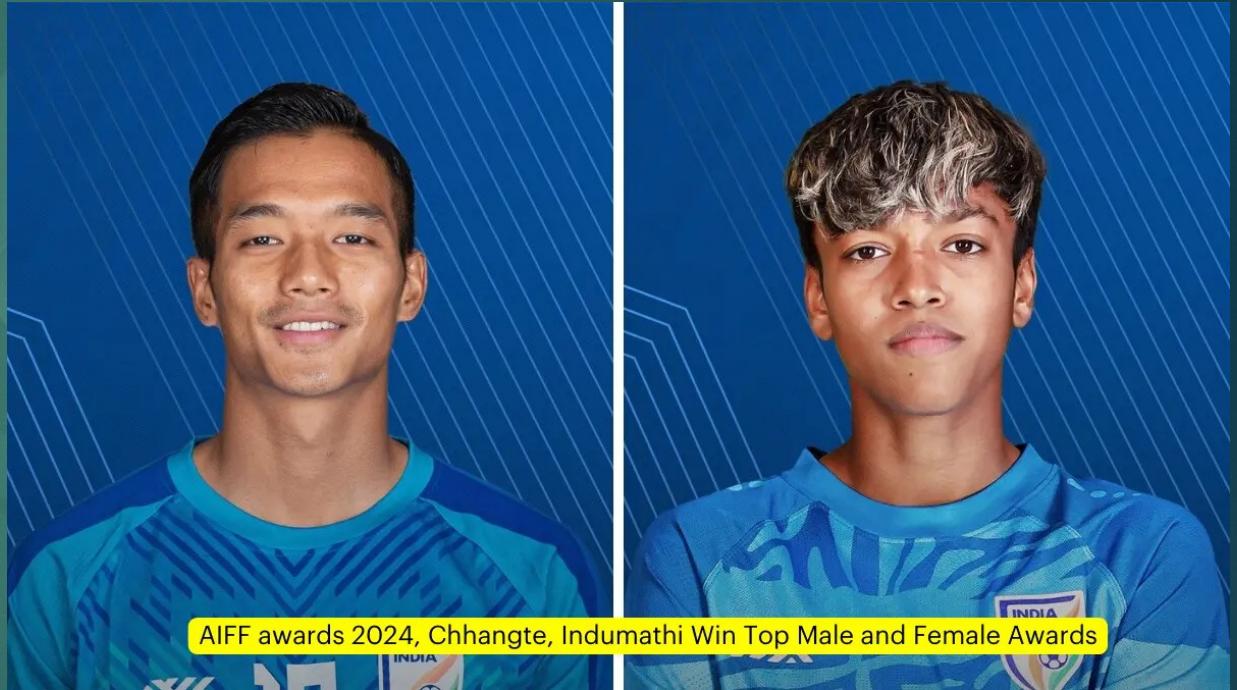
Ivory Coast Joins UN Water Convention as 10th African Nation

- Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire) has recently become the 53rd Party to the 1992 UN Water Convention, officially known as the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes.
- adopted in Helsinki in 1992 and entered into force in 1996.
- 10th session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention to be held in October 2024 in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

- It is a unique legally binding instrument promoting the sustainable management of shared water resources, the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, the prevention of conflicts, and the promotion of peace and regional integration.
- The Water Convention requires Parties to prevent, control and reduce transboundary impact, use transboundary waters in a reasonable and equitable way and ensure their sustainable management.
- since March 2016 all UN Member States can accede to it.

AIFF awards 2024, Chhangte, Indumathi Win Top Male and Female Awards

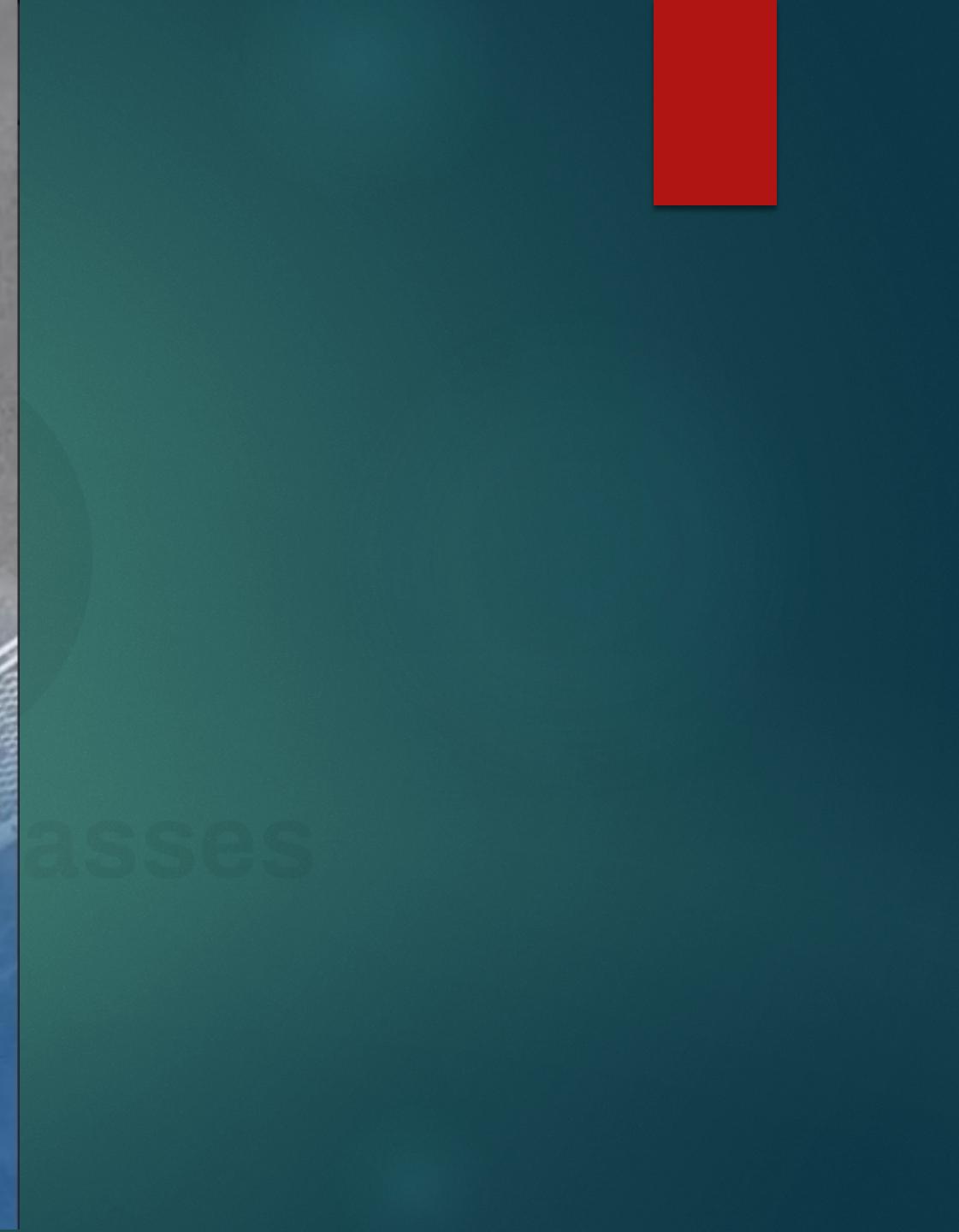
- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) recently held its annual awards ceremony, recognizing outstanding achievements in Indian football for the 2023-24 season.
- The top honours went to Lallianzuala Chhangte and Indumathi Kathiresan, who were named the male and female Players of the Year respectively.





LEANDER PAES AND VIJAY AMRITRAJ ELECTED TO **TENNIS HALL OF FAME**

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India's Paes, Amritraj make history joining Tennis Hall of Fame

- Former doubles world number one Leander Paes and tennis broadcaster, actor and player Vijay Amritraj became the first Asian men inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame
- Leander Paes and Vijay Amritraj made India the 28th nation represented in the Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island.

- Amritraj played from 1970 until retiring in 1993, winning 15 ATP singles titles and 399 matches and being ranked as high as 18th in the world and helped India to the Davis Cup finals in 1974 and 1987.
- Paes was an 18-time Grand Slam champion in doubles and mixed doubles who was selected in the player category after honing his trade in an Amritraj youth academy.
- Paes won the bronze medal at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta to become India's first, and so far, the only medallist in tennis at the Summer Games.

REVISION QUESTIONS



Padma Shri awardee, Kamala Pujari, who recently passed away, was known for her contributions in which field?

पद्मश्री पुरस्कार से सम्मानित कमला पुजारी, जिनका हाल ही में निधन हो गया, किस क्षेत्र में उनके योगदान के लिए जानी जाती थीं?

- a) Medicine
- b) Organic farming
- c) Engineering
- d) Literature

Answer: b

What is a moisture meter?

नमी मीटर क्या हैं?

- a) A device used to measure soil pH levels
- b) An instrument for determining the nutrient content in soil
- c) A tool for measuring temperature in grains
- d) A specialized device used to measure the moisture content in various substances

Answer: d

Who secured a second term as president of the European Commission?

यूरोपीय आयोग के अध्यक्ष के रूप में दूसरा कार्यकाल किसने हासिल किया?

- a) Emmanuel Macron
- b) Angela Merkel
- c) Ursula von der Leyen
- d) Jean-Claude Juncker

Answer: c

Which country recently became the 53rd Party to the 1992 UN Water Convention?

हाल ही में कौन सा देश 1992 संयुक्त राष्ट्र जल सम्मेलन का 53वां पक्ष बन गया?

- A) Ghana
- B) Nigeria
- C) Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)
- D) Kenya

Answer: C

QUESTION OF THE DAY

What is commonly known as the "Blue Screen of Death"?

सामान्यतः "ब्लू स्क्रीन ऑफ डेथ" के नाम से किसे जाना जाता है?

- A) A virus affecting Windows PCs
- B) A term for Windows update failures
- C) A critical error screen displayed by Windows operating systems
- D) A hardware malfunction indicator