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Important days

World Bee Day 2022 celebrates globally on 20th of May

World Bee Day: may 20

By: FAO

1st **OBSRVD**: 2018

Theme: Bee Engaged: Celebrating the

diversity of bees and beekeeping systems



Highlights:

- •World Bee Day is observed worldwide on May 20. World Bee Day is to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators in the ecosystem. Raising awareness of the importance of pollinators in our environment, the threats they face and their important role in sustainability in the ecosystem is the key purpose behind the observance of this day.
- •This day commemorates the birth of **Anton Jansa in 1734.** She is considered the pioneer of beekeeping.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? World Bee Day When? May 20

FAO

Founded: 1945 Hg: rome italy

Dir-Gen: QU Dongyu

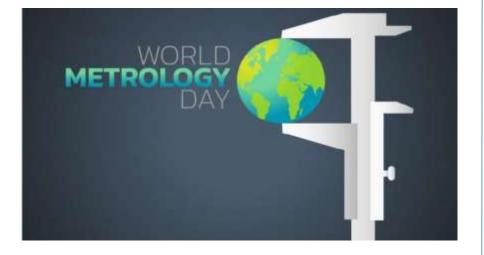
Recent News:

•World AIDS Vaccine Day Or HIV Vaccine Awareness Day 2022

World Metrology Day 2022: Annually observed 20th May

World Metrology Day: may 20

By: International Organization of Legal Metrology



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? World Metrology Day When? May 20

IOLM

dir: Anthony Donnellan

HQ:paris france

Found: 1955

Highlights:

- •World Metrology Day(WMD) is annually observed across the globe on 20th May to create awareness about the Metrology, the science of measurement and its application.
- •The day highlights the use of Metrology in scientific fields, innovation, industries, trading and other fields.
- •The day is an annual celebration of the singing of the Metre Convention on 20th May 1875.

Recent News:

•International Museum Day 2022 Observed on 18th May

Appointment

Dr Kamal Bawa Elected to US' National Academy of Sciences

Appointed: Dr kamal bawa

as: member of US NAS



Highlights:

- •The chief of Bengaluru-based Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), **Dr Kamal Bawa** has been elected to the **US National Academy of Sciences**.
- •The election is the reaffirmation of our important work on the ecology, conservation, and management of tropical forests that are declining all over the world but are critical to humanity's well-being.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? US' National Academy of Sciences who? Dr kamal bawa

NAS

pres: marcia McNutt HQ: washington DC, US

Found: 1863

Recent News

 Naveen Srivastava Appointed As India's Ambassador To Nepal

BSE named Ex RBI Deputy Governor SS Mundra as Chairman

Appointed: SS mundra

as: BSE chairman

Replaces: Justice Vikramajit Sen



Highlights:

- •Leading stock exchange **BSE Limited** announced that it has approved the appointment of **SS Mundra**, Public Interest Director as the Chairman of the board of directors of the company.
- •Mundra will replace **Justice Vikramajit Sen** who is the current chairman.
- •Mundra was appointed as Public Interest Director at BSE in January 2018.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? BSE chairman who? SS mundra

BSE

Chair: SS Mundra

HQ: mumbai Found: 1875

Recent News

•Eicher Motors named B Govindarajan as new CEO of Royal Enfield

Aruna Singh takes charge as Chairman and Managing Director of

RailTel

Appointed: aruna singh

as: CMD of railtel

Replaces: puneet chawla



Highlights:

- •Aruna Singh, presently working as additional member (Telecom) /Railway Board, took over additional charge of the post of chairman and managing director of RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RCIL).
- •An officer of 1985 batch of Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineers (IRSSE), she is a Graduate in Electronics and Telecommunication from Delhi College of Engineering, Delhi.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? CMD of railtel who? Aruna singh

Railtel

Chair: aruna singh

HQ: gurugram haryana

Found: 2000

Recent News

•S N Subrahmanyan: Appointed as MD and CEO of Larsen & Toubro

MOU

AICF signs MOU with TN government



Highlights:

- •All India Chess Federation (AICF) President Sanjay Kapoor and Secretary Bharat Singh Chauhan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Tamil Nadu Government for the forthcoming 44th Chess Olympiad slated to be held Chennai from July 28 to August 10.
- •This is the first time in history that India is hosting the world's biggest chess event. More than 200 teams have already registered for the Chess Olympiad.
- •Viswanathan Anand will mentor the Indian team.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? **MOU with TN** by?AICF

AICF

President: Sanjay Kapoor

HQ: Chennai Founded: 1951

Recent News

•Tamil Nadu govt announced breakfast scheme for primary school students

Defence

Indian Navy successfully test-fires naval anti-ship missile



Highlights:

- •The Indian Navy successfully carried out the maiden test firing of the first indigenously developed naval anti-ship missile from a Seaking 42B helicopter at the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Odisha's Balasore.
- •The Indian Navy carried out the test in association with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Naval anti ship missile test fires by?Indian navy

navy

Chief: r hari kumar

HQ: new delhi Founded: 1950

Recent News

•NAL successfully validates digital anti-skid brake management system developed for SARAS Mark II

Engine relight test on the HANSA-NG aircraft successful



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? test on the HANSA-NG
by?CSIR NAL

Highlights:

- •The **HANSA-NG 2** seater flying trainer aircraft, designed and developed by CSIR-NAL, passed an in-flight engine relight test at **DRDO**'s Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) facility in Challakere.
- •Wg Cdr K V Prakash and Wg Cdr NDS Reddy, Test Pilots from the Indian Air Force's Aircraft and Systems Testing Establishment (ASTE), conducted a flight test at an altitude of 7000-8000 feet with a speed range of 60 to 70 knots (IAF).

Recent News

•ICG commissions the 845th Air Squadron equipped with Dhruv ALH Mk III helicopters

Summit

China to host BRICS Foreign Ministers meeting on May 19 through video conference



The theme - 'Foster High-Quality BRICS Partnership Usher in a New Era for Global Development

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? BRICS Foreign Ministers meeting by? china

Highlights:

- •China will host the meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs on May 19 through video conference. The meeting will be hosted by China's State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi.
- •The meeting will prepare the ground for the **14th BRICS summit**. as the BRICS chair for 2022, China looks forward to enhancing communication and coordination with fellow BRICS partners on the new challenges of the current international situation and major international and regional issues.

Recent News

•China hosts 12th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting

Nirmala Sitharaman chairs the 7th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of NDB



Highlights:

- •Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs and India's Governor for the New Development Bank (NDB), Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 7th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of NDB through video conference in New Delhi.
- •This year's theme for the Annual Meeting was "NDB: Optimising Development Impact".
- •The Finance Minister concluded her statement on a positive note, stating that NDB will play a significant and meaningful role in the development journey of its member countries in the decades to come.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 7th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of NDB

by? Finance minister

NDB

HQ: Shanghai, China

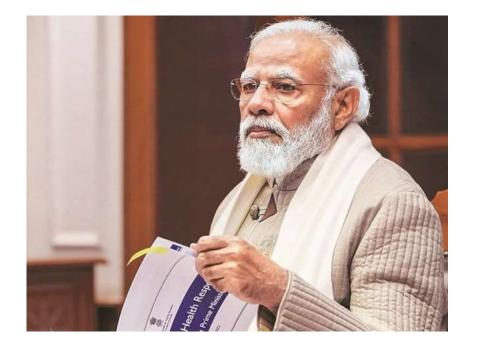
Pres: Marcos Prado Troyjo

Founded: 2014

Recent News

•In Bharuch, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses 'Utkarsh Samaroh'

PM Modi to attend Tokyo Quad meet



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? third Quad Leaders' Summit by? japan

Highlights:

- •At the invitation of Prime Minister of Japan Fumio Kishida, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will join US President Joe Biden and prime ministers of Australia and Japan will participate in the third Quad Leaders' Summit in Tokyo on 24 May 2022.
- •The forthcoming Quad summit provides an opportunity for the Leaders to exchange views about developments in the Indo-Pacific region and contemporary global issues of mutual interest,

Recent News

•Prime Minister attended the 2nd Global COVID-19 Virtual Summit

Award

KVG Bank bags six awards



Highlights:

- •Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), regional rural bank sponsored by Canara Bank Bank, has bagged six national awards in different categories for outstanding achievement in enrolment of Atal Pension Yojana (APY) from the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- •Atal Pension Yojana is a safety net for workers in the informal sector for getting a predefined pension after 60 years of age. So far, the bank had enrolled (cumulative) 2,64,817 accounts under the APY and in the last fiscal (2021-22) the bank had enrolled 58,603 accounts as against the target of 39,000

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 6 awards from PFRDA by?KVG bank

KVG bank

Chair: p. Gopi krishna

Hq: Dharwad Founded: 2005

Recent News

•KVG Bank bags ASSOCHAM award for Best Digital Financial Services

Ranking

Pakistan among 23 nations facing drought emergencies



Highlights:

- •Pakistan is among 23 countries which are facing drought emergencies over the past two years (2020-2022), according to the Global Land Outlook report released by the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).
- •It says over the past century, the highest total number of humans affected by drought was in Asia.
- •The 23 countries listed by the report are Afghanistan, Angola, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lesotho, Mali, Mauritania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Pakistan, the US and Zambia.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Global Land Outlook report by? UNCCD

UN

Hq: new york,US

SG: antonio guterres

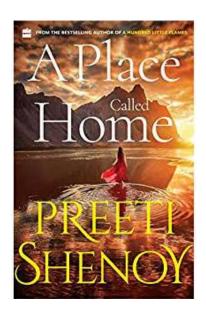
Founded: 1945

Recent News

India overtakes Germany to become 4th largest vehicle market About future scenarios, the report predicts the outcomes by 2050 and risks involved, and says by 2050, an additional 4 million sq.km of natural areas, equivalent to the size of India and Pakistan, would require restoration measures, augmented with protection measures of areas important for biodiversity, water regulation, conservation of soil and carbon stocks, and provision of critical ecosystem functions.

Books & authors

Preeti Shenoy new novel, 'A Place Called Home'



Book Title: A Place Called Home

author: preeti shenoy

Publisher: harper collins

About Book:

- •"A Place Called Home", a story set in a coffee estate in Sakleshpur, Karnataka with a strong female protagonist at its core.
- •The new novel is about secrets, family, and finding yourself.
- •The book published by HarperCollins Publishers India is set to be released in June 2022.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? A Place Called Home

author: **preeti shenoy**

Publisher: harper collins

Recent News

•A book Titled "The Struggle for Police Reforms in India" by Ex-IPS Prakash Singh

Banking

BIAL partners with Kotak Mahindra Bank, Phi Commerce to facilitate one-stop payment solution



Highlights:

- •Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL) has partnered with Kotak Mahindra Bank and digital payment firm Phi Commerce to facilitate a one-stop omnichannel payment solution at Kempegowda International Airport. Designed specifically for the airport, the solution will enable a secure, scalable, and unified payment experience.
- •it will facilitate transactions across the domestic terminal, international terminal, airport city, concert arena, airport hotels, retail, recreation, dining, entertainment destination, airport parking, cargo and BIAL subsidiaries.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? **Partner with BIAL** by? Phi commerce &KMBL

KMB

CEO: Uday Kotak

Hq: Mumbai

Founded: February 2003

Recent News

Kotak Mahindra Bank Launches Digital Platform, FYN

Axis Bank Signs MOU With Assam Rifles And NIEDO



Highlights:

•Axis Bank has signed an MOU with the Assam Rifles and National Integrity and Educational Development Organisation (NIEDO) for setting up the Late Captain N Kenguruse, MVC Centre of Excellence and Wellness at Kohima towards supporting underprivileged students from the state of Nagaland to prepare for various competitive entrance examinations to India's premier institutions in engineering and related streams, as well as other exams.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? MOU with assam rifles& NIEDO by? Axis bank

Axis bank

CEO: Amitabh Chaudhry

Hq: Mumbai Founded: 1993

Recent News

•Axis Bank takes Citibank's India consumer business in a Rs 12,325 crores

International

Finland and Sweden submit application to join NATO



Highlights:

- •Finland and Sweden simultaneously handed in their official letters of application to join NATO.
- •The letters were conveyed by the Finnish Ambassador Klaus Korhonen and and the Swedish Ambassador Axel Wernhoff, to NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg.
- •Every nation has the right to choose its own path. You have both made your choice, after thorough democratic processes And the membership in NATO would increase our shared security.
- •Allies will now consider the next steps on your path to NATO. The security interests of all Allies have to be taken into account.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? **NATO new member** by? Finland &Sweden

NATO

SG: jens stoltenberg

Found: 1949,

Hq: Brussels, Belgium

Recent News

•South Korea becomes 1st Asian country join NATO Cyber Defence Group

The world's first airport for flying cars opens in the UK



Highlights:

- •The world's first urban airport that will allow 'flying taxis' to take off and land in the busy areas of cities has opened up in the U.K.
- the U.K.-based startup **Urban-Air Port Ltd (UAP)** is working to demonstrate that the infrastructure needed to make these urban aerial transport centers an operational reality is not as complicated as it may seem.
- •Now, UAP's first pop-up airport, dubbed Air One, was completed in 15 months, including the planning and building of the airport.

What? Air One, by? UAP

UAP

Chair: Ricky Sandhu

HQ: UK

Recent News

•British Mountaineer Kenton Cool becomes first foreigner to scale Everest 16 times

National

Centre announces formation of Cotton Council of India



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 'Cotton Council of India
by? Union govt

Highlights:

- •The Union Government has announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India under the Chairmanship of renowned veteran cotton man Suresh Bhai Kotak.
- •The Council will have representation from Textiles, Agriculture, Commerce, and Finance Ministries along with Cotton Corporation of India and Cotton Research Institute.
- •The council will discuss, deliberate, and prepare a robust action plan for bringing out a tangible improvement in this field.

Recent News

National Data and Analytics Platform launched by NITI Aayog

India –UAE Start Up Bridge launched in Mumbai



Highlights:

- •Union Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and the UAE Minister of Economy Mr. Abdullah Al-Mari launched 'India-UAE Start Up Bridge' at the India-UAE Economic Partnership Summit organized by CII in Mumbai.
- •India UAE Start Up bridge is part of CEPA to strengthen collaboration to promote startups, through exchange of best practices, through strengthened relations between accelerators, incubators, and other such ecosystem stakeholders.
- •The bridge will act as a one stop platform where information regarding the Indian and UAE startup ecosystem will be easily accessible to entrepreneurs and stakeholders from both countries.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 'India-UAE Start Up Bridge

by? Commerce minister

Commerce minister

Piyush goyal

Cons: maharastra

Recent News

•PM Modi unveils India's first 5G test bed, estimated to be worth Rs 220 crore

State

Kerala Legislative Assembly to host first-ever National Conference of Woman Legislators



Highlights:

- •The Kerala Legislative Assembly will host the first-ever National Conference of Woman Legislators at the Legislature Complex in Thiruvananthapuram on the 26th of this month.
- President Ram Nath Kovind will inaugurate the two-day conference.
- •Women legislators from the Parliament and State Legislatures are expected to participate besides Union Ministers, Speakers, Deputy Speakers, and Members of Parliament.
- •The highlights of the event are four sessions which will discuss topics pertaining to women in connection with the freedom struggle, the Constitution, rights, and their representation in decision-making bodies.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? "National
Conference of Woman
Legislators
in? kerala

Kerala

Gov: Arif Mohammad Khan Capi: Thiruvananthapuram

Cm: Pinarayi Vijayan

Recent News

•Kerala govt to launch app for diagnosing, controlling lifestyle diseases

"Vadnagar International Conference' in gujarat



Highlights:

- •Three-day Vadnagar International Conference was inaugurated by Gujarat CM at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
- •Apart from organizing the international conference, the Gujarat government along with the Union Ministry of Culture is planning to develop Vadnagar as a "Landmark Heritage Destination".
- •The conference is To discuss the topics like the cultural significance of Vadnagar, development of Vadnagar archaeological sites, traditional methods of water storage, Buddhist heritage, etc.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS What? 'Vadnagar International Conference In? gujarat

Gujarat

Cap: Gandhinagar

Gov: Acharya Devvrat

Cm: Bhupendrabhai Patel

Recent News

Exide and Leclanché's joint venture Nexcharge begins production in Gujarat

'Nanjarayan Tank' - Tamil Nadu's New Bird Sanctuary



Highlights:

- •The Nanjarayan Tank is recently declared the 17th bird sanctuary of Tamil Nadu.
- •Nanjarayan Tank is located on the outskirts of Tirupur city ,Tamil Nadu. It was built by King Nanjarayan as a source for irrigation.
- •The undisturbed mudflats (sediment deposits) in the middle of the lake ensure a thriving ecosystem and also attract many birds. Pelicans, painted storks, coots, etc can be found here. It is also a haven for migratory birds.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 17th bird sanctuary of Tamil Nadu.

by? Nanjarayan tank

TN

Capital: Chennai;

Gov:RN ravi

CM: MK stalin

Recent News

•Tamil Nadu government launched 'Kaaval Uthavi' app for public during emergency

Kerala To Bring India's First State-Owned OTT Platform 'CSpace'



Highlights:

- •The Kerala government will launch a state-owned over-the-top (OTT) platform on November 1, offering film lovers an array of movies, short films and documentaries of their choice.
- •Kerala will become the first state in India to have a state-owned OTT platform.
- •Kerala Minister for Cultural Affairs Saji Cheriyan revealed the name of the OTT platform as **CSPACE**.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? **OTT platform CSpace**in? kerala

Kerala

Gov: Arif Mohammad Khan Capi: Thiruvananthapuram

Cm: Pinarayi Vijayan

Recent News

•Kerala becomes first state to introduce carbonneutral farming methods

Sports

Italian Open 2022: Check the complete list of winners



Men's doubles	Nikola Mektić and Ma te Pavić (Croatia)	John Isner (Unit ed States) & Die go Schwartzman (Argentina)
Women's doubles	Veronika Kudermetov a and Anastasia Pavly uchenkova (Russia)	Gabriela Dabrow ski (Canada) & G iuliana Olmos (Mexico)

EXPECTED QUESTIONSWhat? **Italian Open 2022**in ? rome

Highlights:

- •World No.1 Serbia's **Novak Djokovic** has defeated **Stefanos Tsitsipas(greece)** to win the 79th edition of the Italian Open (Internazionali BNL d'Italia) in Rome and to capture the 38th ATP Masters 1000 crown.
- •In women's singles, **Iga Swiatek(poland)** has won the Italian Open title after defeating **Ons Jabeur(tunisia)**.

Recent News

•Thomas Cup Title: India beats Indonesia 3-0

Nikhat Zareen wins gold at Women's World Boxing Championships



What? IBA Women's World Championships in? istanbul

IBA

HQ: Lausanne, Switzerland President: Umar Kremlyov

Founded: 1946

Highlights:

- •Nikhat Zareen gave a dazzling performance to beat Thai Olympian Jutamas Jitpong 5-0 and become the fifth Indian woman to win a World title at the IBA Women's World Championships, Istanbul.
- •Nikhat thus becomes only the fifth Indian women's boxer after **Mary Kom, Sarita Devi, Jenny RL and Lekha KC** to win a gold at the World Championships.

Recent News

•12th IBA Womens World Boxing Championships kick-started in Istanbul

GDP

S&P Cuts India's Economic Growth Forecast To 7.3% For 2022-23



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? India's GDP 7.3% by? S&P global rating

Highlights:

- •S&P Global Ratings cut India's growth projection for the current fiscal to 7.3 per cent from 7.8 per cent earlier on rising inflation and the longer-than-expected Russia-Ukraine conflict.
- •For the next fiscal the growth has been pegged at 6.5 per cent.

Recent News

•Morgan Stanley cuts India's FY23 growth forecast to 7.6%

acquisition

Patanjali Food Business will be acquired by Ruchi Soya for Rs. 690 crore



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? buy Patanjali Ayurved's food division by? Ruchi soya

Ruchi soya

CEO: Sanjeev Asthana

Founded: 1986

Hq: Madhya Pradesh

Highlights:

- •Ruchi Soya, an edible oil company, has announced that it will buy Patanjali Ayurved's food division for Rs 690 crore.
- •Ruchi Soya's transition to the **fast-moving consumer goods** (FMCG) category is likely to be accelerated as a result of this.
- •After regulatory permissions, the name of Ruchi Soya Industries Ltd would be changed to Patanjali Foods Ltd.

Recent News

•Mindtree, L&T Infotech announce merger to create India's 5th largest IT services

Phonepe to buy wealth management platforms Wealthdesk



Highlights:

- •PhonePe, an Indian payments business backed by Walmart Inc., is acquiring two wealth management firms for \$75 million in total. WealthDesk will cost roughly \$50 million, while OpenQ will cost nearly \$25 million.
- •Customers may invest in equities and exchange traded funds through WealthDesk, which was formed in 2016 and is based in Mumbai, India's financial hub. OpenQ also provides trading baskets and investing analytics to consumers and institutional customers

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? **Buys wealthdesk &openq**by? phonepe

Phonepe

Founded: 2015

CEO: Sameer Nigam

Hq: Bengaluru

Recent News

•Swiggy buys Dineout from Times Internet in \$120 million all-stock deal

Organisation / Bank: FAO Founded: 1945 Hq: rome italy Dir-Gen: QU Dongyu IOLM dir: Anthony Donnellan HQ:paris france Found: 1955 NAS pres: marcia McNutt HQ: washington DC, US Found: 1863 BSE Chair: SS Mundra HQ: mumbai Found: 1875 Railtel Chair: aruna singh HQ: gurugram haryana Found: 2000 AICF President: Sanjay Kapoor	Chief: r hari kumar HQ: new delhi Founded: 1950 NDB HQ: Shanghai, China Pres: Marcos Prado Troyjo Founded: 2014 KVG bank Chair: p. Gopi krishna Hq: Dharwad Founded: 2005 UN Hq: new york,US SG: antonio guterres Founded: 1945 KMB CEO: Uday Kotak Hq: Mumbai Founded: February 2003 Axis bank CEO: Amitabh Chaudhry Hq: Mumbai	NATO SG: jens stoltenberg Found: 1949, Hq: Brussels, Belgium UAP Chair:Ricky Sandhu HQ: UK IBA HQ: Lausanne, Switzerland President: Umar Kremlyov Founded: 1946 Ruchi soya CEO: Sanjeev Asthana Founded: 1986 Hq: Madhya Pradesh Phonepe Founded: 2015 CEO: Sameer Nigam Hq: Bengaluru	COUN\CAP Kerala Gov: Arif Mohammad Khan Capi: Thiruvananthapuram Cm: Pinarayi Vijayan Gujarat Cap: Gandhinagar Gov: Acharya Devvrat Cm: Bhupendrabhai Patel TN Capital: Chennai; Gov:RN ravi CM: MK stalin MINIS/CONS Commerce minister Piyush goyal Cons: maharastra
HQ: Chennai Founded: 1951	Founded: 1993		

1. _____ Appointed As India's Ambassador To Nepal

Naveen Srivastava

2. _____receives Order of the British Empire award(CBE)

Ajay Piramal

3. World bank sanctioned _____ for SRESTHA-G project to Gujarat

USD 350 million

4. At _____ Exhibition, the BHARAT TAP project gets unveiled

Plumbex India

5. _____ win 12th HI Senior Women National C'ship title

Odisha