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Appointment

Indian officer Anwar Hussain Shaik is new chair of WTO committee

Appointed : Anwar Hussain Shaik

as: chairman of WTO's TBT committee

Replaces: Elisa Maria Olmeda de Alejandro

Highlights:

- an Indian Government Officer —**Anwar Hussain Shaik** — has been made the chair of the **World Trade Organisation's Committee on Technical Barriers on Trade**.
- Mr. Shaik will take this role from **Elisa Maria Olmeda de Alejandro** from Mexico.
- The Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Agreement aims to ensure that technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures are non-discriminatory and do not create unnecessary obstacles to trade.
- WTO members use this committee to discuss specific trade concerns, specific laws, regulations or procedures that affect their trade, usually in response to notifications.



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? chairman of WTO's TBT committee

who? Anwar Hussain Shaik

WTO

DG: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Founded: 1995

Hq: geneva,switzerland

Recent News

- Rajesh Bhushan appointed as chairperson of Committee B at the 75th World Health Assembly

Defence

GRSE launches Indian Navy survey vessel 'INS Nirdeshak'



Highlights:

- **Nirdeshak**, the second of the four **Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) projects** being built by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)** in collaboration with **L&T shipbuilding** for the **Indian Navy** was launched at Kattupalli, Chennai.
- the ship has taken its name from erstwhile Nirdeshak which was also an Indian Naval Survey ship and was decommissioned after 32 years of glorious service in December 2014.
- The contract for building four SVL ships was signed between MoD and GRSE, Kolkata on October 30, 2018. The first of class ship 'Sandhayak' was launched in December 2021 at GRSE, Kolkata.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? '**INS Nirdeshak**'
by? GRSE

navy

Chief: r hari kumar

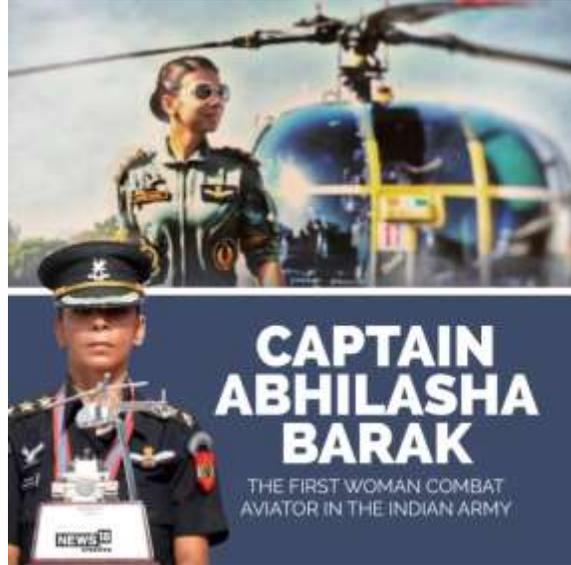
HQ: new delhi

Founded: 1950

Recent News

- Rajnath Singh launches 2 indigenously built warships at Mumbai's Mazagon Dock

26-year-old Abhilasha Barak becomes the Indian Army's first woman combat aviator



Highlights:

- Haryana's Captain **Abhilasha Barak** has become the first woman officer to join the **Army Aviation Corps as a combat aviator** after successfully completing her training.
- She was awarded the coveted wings along with 36 other army pilots by the DG and Colonel Commandant of Army Aviation in Nashik.
- She has been assigned to the second flight of the **2072 Army Aviation Squadron**.
- She was commissioned into the Indian Army from the **Officers Training Academy, Chennai in 2018**.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? **Travel and Tourism Development Index 2021**
by? WEF

Indian army

Chief: gen. Manoj pande
HQ: new delhi
Founded: 1950

Recent News

- Air Marshal Sanjeev Kapoor has assumed the appointment of Director General (Inspection and Safety) of Indian Air Force

Award

Indian novel 'Tomb of Sand' wins International Booker Prize



Highlights:

- Indian writer **Geetanjali Shree** and American translator **Daisy Rockwell** won the **International Booker Prize** for “**Tomb of Sand**,”
- Originally written in Hindi, it's the first book in any Indian language to win the high-profile award, which recognizes fiction from around the world that has been translated into English.
- The **50,000-pound (\$63,000) prize money** will be split between New Delhi-based Shree and Rockwell, who lives in Vermont.
- The **International Booker Prize** is an international literary award hosted in the United Kingdom.
- the award has been given annually to a single book translated into English and published in the **United Kingdom or Ireland**.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? **International Booker Prize**

won? Tomb of sand

Booker prize foundation

HQ: UK

Dir: gaby wood

Found: 2002

Recent News

- Mamata Banerjee received Special Bangla Academy Award

Summit

Postal Department and India Post payments Bank (IPPB) Aarohan 4.0 begins in Shimla



Highlights:

- Two days meeting of senior functionaries of the **Postal Department and India Post payments Bank (IPPB)**, **AAROHAN 4.0** started in **Shimla, Himachal Pradesh**.
- The agenda of the meeting is to discuss and deliberate ways to further deepen the Financial Inclusion drive in the country and to provide banking solutions to every citizen of India.
- Postal Department along with IPPB is working on the vision of the **Prime Minister's Digital India initiative** to promote digital payments and bring digital banking services to every nook and corner of the country in a customer-friendly manner.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? **AAROHAN 4.0**
by? India post & IPPB

India post

Chair: Vineet Pandey

HQ: new delhi

Found: 1854

IPPB

CEO: j venkatramu

HQ: new delhi

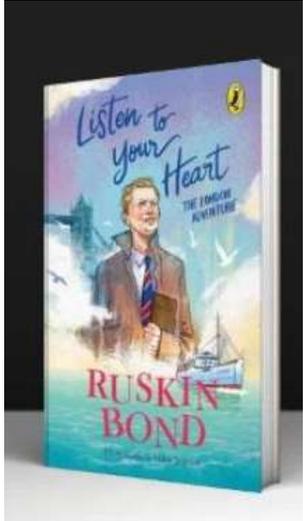
Found: 2018

Recent News

- North East Research Conclave 2022 inaugurated by Dharmendra Pradhan

Books & authors

Ruskin Bond's book titled 'Listen to Your Heart: The London Adventure' Released



Book Title: listen to your heart

author: ruskin bond

Publisher: penguin random house

About Book:

- Listen to Your Heart: The London Adventure gives readers a peek into the four years he spent in the Channel Islands and England. The fifth – and final – volume of his memoir, talks about how he muses over his loneliness, switches jobs, falls in love, befriends the ocean and relentlessly chases his big dream of becoming a famous writer.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? listen to your heart

author: **ruskin bond**

Publisher: **penguin random house**

Recent News

Preeti Shenoy new novel, 'A Place Called Home'

Banking

RBI reduces net-worth requirement for non-bank Bharat Bill Payment units



Highlights:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has eased norms for non-bank entities to set up **Bharat Bill Payment operating units** by reducing the net-worth requirement to **Rs 25 crore**, with a view to encouraging more players in the segment.
- At present, a net worth of **Rs 100 crore** is required to obtain authorisation for a non-bank BBPOU (Bharat Bill Payment Operating Units).

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? **BBPOU net worth to rs 25 cr**
by? RBI

RBI

gov: shakti kant das
Hq: Mumbai
Founded: 1935

Recent News

- Card-Less Cash Withdrawals stage across All ATMs set by RBI

India Post Payments Bank introduces Aadhaar Enabled Payment System issuer charges



Highlights:

- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** account holders availing **Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS)** transactions will now have to incur charges for using the services.
- Every month the initial three AEPS transactions like AEPS cash withdrawal, AEPS cash deposit, AEPS mini statement will be free.
- However, post the free transactions, each transaction (cash withdrawal or cash deposit) will be charged **Rs 20 plus GST** while the transaction for mini statement will cost **Rs 5 plus GST**. These charges will be effective from June 15, 2022.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What?v issuer charge for AePS
by? IPPB

IPPB

CEO: j venkatramu
HQ: new delhi
Found: 2018

Recent News

- HDFC Bank tie-up with IPPB to offer banking services in rural areas

BoB Financial in Collaboration with HPCL has Launched Contactless RuPay Credit Card



Highlights:

- BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL) & Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL) in partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) recently announced the launch of **HPCL BoB Co-branded Contactless RuPay Credit Card**.
- This credit card aims to offer extraordinary services to its customers by making their journey faster, safer, and more rewarding. This card comes with a contactless feature where all that the customer needs to do is 'tap and pay' at the PoS terminal.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Energie rupay credit card
by? BoB financial & HPCL

Bob financial

CEO: prabhat kumar
HQ: mumbai
Founded: 1994

HPCL

Ceo: pushp kumar joshi
Hq: Mumbai
Founded: 1974

Recent News

- Co-branded credit cards from HDFC Bank and Retailio launched

UCO Bank to begin co-lending in agriculture loan



Highlights:

- **UCO Bank** signed a co-lending agreement with **NBFC Paisalo Digital Limited** for agriculture business to capitalize on the huge Rs 8 lakh crore market of small-ticket loans for the 365 million underbanked and under-serviced population.
- The tie-up will give a boost to the agriculture advance of the bank and it is a win-win situation for the bank as well as the NBFC with benefits reaching to those at the bottom of the society

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What agreement with paisalo

by? UCO bank

UCO bank

CEO: Shri Soma Sankara Prasad

HQ: Kolkata

Founded: 6 January 1943

Recent News

- Co-branded credit cards from HDFC Bank and Retailio launched

National

India to introduce made in India TB infection skin test called “c-TB”



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? **C-TB**

by? Health ministry

Health minister

Mansukh Mandaviya

Cons: palitana, gujarat

Highlights:

- **India** will introduce a newly approved “made in India” TB infection skin test called ‘**c-TB**’, said Health Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya**.
- This cost-effective tool will be of immense benefit to other high burden countries as well.
- A new initiative, “**Adopt people with TB**” will be launched this year, based on Indian values of collectivism, which will call upon corporates, industries, organisations, political parties and individuals to come forward and adopt TB-infected people and families and provide them with nutritional and social support.

Recent News

- Centre launches Swachh Survekshan 2023

State

Punjab launches portal for DSR paddy sowing technique



Highlights:

- **Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann** launched a portal to facilitate farmers who opt for the **direct seeding of rice (DSR) technique** for paddy sowing.
- Mann said the portal 'agrimachinerypb.com' will be instrumental in compiling data about each and every farmer who opted for the DSR technique.
- The state government has decided to give Rs 1,500 per acre incentive to each of the farmers who sow paddy through the DSR technique.

Under the DSR technique, paddy seeds are drilled into the field with the help of a machine that does seeding of rice and spray of herbicide simultaneously.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? **Portal for DSR technique**

by? Punjab

Punjab

Capital: Chandigarh;

Gov: Banwarilal Purohit;

CM: Bhagwant Mann.

Recent News

- Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann launched 'Lok Milni' scheme for redressal of public complaints

Stalin launches Kalaigharin All Village Integrated Agriculture Development Programme



Highlights:

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **M.K. Stalin** launched the **Kalaigharin All Village Integrated Agriculture Development Programme**, to be implemented at a **cost of ₹227 crore** aimed at benefiting over nine lakh farming families **in 1,997 village panchayats** across the State.
- Under this scheme, coconut saplings, home farming saplings, horticultural saplings, sprays needed for farming, kit for vegetable garden would be distributed and a 100% subsidy would be provided to Adi Dravida farmers for sinking wells in dry lands, employ drip irrigation, to dig farm ponds, among others

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Kalaigharin All Village Integrated Agriculture Development Programme
In? TN

TN

Gov: RN ravi
Cap: chennai
Cm: MK stalin

Recent News

- Param supercomputer inaugurated at Tiruchirappalli
- Porul NIT

Sports

Narinder Batra resigned as President of the Indian Olympic Association



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? **Resigned from IOA**

Who? Narinder batra

IOA

Founded: 1927

Hq: New Delhi

SG: Rajeev Mehta

Highlights:

- **Narinder Batra** has resigned from his position as president of the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)**. Mr Batra also indicated that he will not run for president of the IOA again.
- **Batra** stated that his involvement with **FIH** as president will take more time due to the organization's different activities.

Recent News

- India's First Olympic Values Education launched in Odisha

GDP

Moody's cuts India's economic growth forecast to 8.8% for 2022



Highlights:

- **Moody's Investors Service** slashed India's economic growth projection to **8.8 per cent for 2022** from **9.1 per cent earlier**, citing high inflation.
- However, the rise in crude oil, food and fertilizer prices will weigh on household finances and spending in the months ahead. Rate hikes to prevent energy and food inflation from becoming more generalized will slow the demand recovery's momentum.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? GDP 8.8%

by? moody

Recent News

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

Festival

Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022: PM Modi inaugurated India's biggest drone festival



Highlights:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated India's biggest drone festival and interacted with Kisan drone pilots as well as witnessed open-air drone demonstrations.
- 'Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022' is set to be a two-day event being held on May 27 and 28.
- The PMO mentioned that more than 70 exhibitors will display various use cases of drones at the Drone Festival.
- The Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022 will also witness a virtual award of drone pilot certificates, panel discussions, product launches, a display of a 'Made in India' Drone Taxi prototype, and flying demonstrations, among others

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 'Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022'

by? PM modi

Recent News

- 4th edition of state-level Shirui Lily Festival 2022 begins in Manipur

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Hq: geneva,switzerland

navy

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HQ: -----

Founded: 1950

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Chief: gen. -----

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Booker prize foundation

HQ: UK

Dir:-----

Found: 2002

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Cm: MK stalin

WB

Gov: jagdeep dhankar

Cm: mamata banerjee

Cap: kolkata

Odisha

Gov: Ganeshi Lal

Cap: Bhubaneswar

Cm: Naveen Patnaik

1. International Missing Children's Day :__ ____

may 25

2. _____ re-elected as Director-General of World Health Organization

Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus

3. WEF's Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index 2021: India Ranks 54: top??

Japan

4. Power Minister confers)_____with first prize of
'Rajbhasha Shield'

NHPC

5. _____ Becomes First Metro City To Get Its Biodiversity Register

Kolkata