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Ques: Who is the newly appointed RBI Governor whose signature will appear on the new Rs.20 banknotes?

- A. Shaktikanta Das
- B. Urjit Patel
- C. Sanjay Malhotra
- D. Raghuram Rajan
- E. N.S. Vishwanathan

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Sanjay Malhotra has been appointed as the new Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, effective from December 11, 2024, for a tenure of three years.
- The Reserve Bank of India will soon issue Rs.20 denomination banknotes in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series bearing his signature.
- RBI also clarified that all existing Rs.20 banknotes will remain legal tender.
- Four currency presses are used to print bank notes: two are owned by the Government of India through Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd (SPMCIL), a corporation, and two are owned by the Reserve Bank through Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Ltd. (BRBNMPL), a wholly owned subsidiary.
- The SPMCIL currency presses are located in Dewas, Central India, and Nasik, Western India. The two BRBNMPL presses are located in Salboni, Eastern India, and Mysore, Southern India.
- Coins are produced at four SPMCIL-owned mints. The mints may be found in NOIDA, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Mumbai.
- According to Section 38 of the RBI Act, the coins can only be circulated by the Reserve Bank.





Ques: Which Indian company recently secured the largest offshore dual-currency loan worth \$2.9 billion?

- A. Tata Steel
- B. Reliance Industries
- C. Adani Group
- D. Infosys
- E. Larsen & Toubro

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Sources claim that Reliance Industries (RIL) has obtained a \$2.9 billion dual-currency loan. In more than a year, this is the biggest offshore loan that an Indian company has raised.
- With 55 banks expected to participate in the loan arrangement, which was signed last week, it will be the largest bank group in Asia to execute a syndicated loan this year.
- The loan is divided into two installments: a \$2.4 billion US dollar tranche and a 67.7 billion Japanese yen (\$462 million) Japanese yen tranche.
- Due to this transaction, Indian companies have raised foreign currency loan volumes to approximately \$10.4 billion so far in 2025, which is the fastest pace in at least ten years.

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Ques: How much FCI rice has been approved in total for ethanol production under the Ethanol Blended Petrol Programme for the Ethanol Supply Year 2024–25?

- A. 2.4 million tonnes
- B. 2.8 million tonnes
- C. 3.6 million tonnes
- D. 5.2 million tonnes
- E. 4.5 million tonnes

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs approved an additional 2.8 million tonnes of rice from FCI for ethanol production.
- This raises the total allocation for Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2024–25 to 5.2 million tonnes, up from the earlier approved 2.4 million tonnes.
- The rice is allocated under the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme, which aims for 30% ethanol blending by 2030, having already achieved 20% (E20) blending ahead of the 2025 deadline.

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Ques: TCS has partnered with which Mongolian bank to modernise its core digital banking platform using the TCS BaNCS solution?

- A. Trade and Development Bank
- B. Khan Bank
- C. Golomt Bank
- D. State Bank of Mongolia
- E. Ulaanbaatar Bank

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) announced a strategic partnership with Khan Bank, a leading commercial bank in Mongolia, to modernise its digital banking platform.
- The transformation will be powered by TCS BaNCS, a Global Banking Platform that supports ISO 20022, SWIFT GPI, and SWIFT Go for international payments.
- This marks a significant step in their 25-year relationship, which began in 2001, enhancing both high and low-value international payment capabilities.

About Khan Bank :

- Established : 1991
- HQ : Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- CEO : Munkhtuya Rentsenbat

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Ques: At the 78th World Health Assembly, which disease was India officially certified to have eliminated as a public health problem by the WHO?

- A. Polio
- B. Tuberculosis
- C. Trachoma
- D. Kala-azar
- E. Measles

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- At the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva, the World Health Organisation (WHO) awarded India the Certificate of Elimination of Trachoma as a public health problem.
- Trachoma is a contagious bacterial eye infection that can lead to blindness if untreated.
- India became the third country in the WHO South-East Asia Region after Sri Lanka and Myanmar to achieve this milestone.
- Globally, 19 countries have successfully eliminated trachoma as a public health issue.

About World Health Assembly 2025 :

- Edition : 78th
- Held at : Geneva, Switzerland
- Theme : One World for Health
- India led by : Punya Salila Srivastava, Secretary, MoHFW
- WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus presented the certificate





Ques: In the new pilot project launched in Delhi, what is the financial threshold above which cybercrime complaints filed at NCRP or 1930 will be automatically converted into FIRs?

- A. Rs.1 lakh
- B. Rs.5 lakh
- C. Rs.10 lakh
- D. Rs.15 lakh
- E. Rs.20 lakh

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Under the new pilot project in Delhi, complaints related to cyber financial crimes with a loss above Rs.10 lakh made through the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP) or Helpline 1930 will now automatically result in a Zero FIR.
- This FIR will be registered with the e-Crime Police Station of Delhi and later routed to the concerned territorial Cybercrime Police Station.
- The move is part of the integration of I4C, Delhi Police's e-FIR system, and NCRB's CCTNS, in line with provisions under Section 173 (1) and 1(ii) of the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).

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Ques: What is the name of the programme launched by the National Commission for Women (NCW) in collaboration with 'Yuvamanthan' to combat gender-based issues in educational institutions?

- A. Gender Guard
- B. Campus Calling
- C. Youth Equality Drive
- D. Safe Campus Mission
- E. Women First Campus

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The National Commission for Women (NCW), in collaboration with Yuvamanthan, launched the 'Campus Calling' programme.
- It aims to reach over 1,000 universities and colleges across India.
- The initiative seeks to educate and empower students to combat gender-based discrimination, harassment, and cybercrimes.
- Each participating institution will nominate two male and two female campus ambassadors to lead awareness and outreach efforts.

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Ques: Which two organizations signed an MoU to promote ethical Artificial Intelligence (AI) governance and empower public services?

- A. United Nations (UN) and World Economic Forum (WEF)
- B. UNESCO and Group of Twenty (G20)
- C. WHO and IMF
- D. UNICEF and BRICS
- E. World Bank and WTO

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Group of Twenty (G20) signed an MoU to promote ethical AI governance.
- The objective is to empower public services with both technical capabilities and ethical awareness.
- This initiative followed a global workshop held on April 11, 2025, in Gqebera, South Africa.
- It is part of a broader campaign to build human rights-based digital governance.

About UNESCO :

- Established : 16 November 1945
- HQ : Paris, France
- Director-General : Audrey Azoulay





Ques: What is the key provision of the bill “The One Big Beautiful Bill” recently introduced in the US Congress that impacts immigrants?

- A. Ban on work permits for non-citizens
- B. 10% tax on foreign investments
- C. Mandatory visa interviews every year
- D. 5% excise tax on international remittances by non-citizens
- E. Limit on number of family-based visas

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The proposed “One Big Beautiful Bill” includes Section 112105, which recommends a 5% excise tax on international remittances sent by non-US citizens.
- This would apply to individuals on H1B, F-1, and other visa categories.
- Since Indians remitted over \$23 billion from the US to India in 2023, this could cost the Indian diaspora about \$1.6 billion annually if implemented.
- The bill has raised serious concerns among immigrant communities. No minimum limit has been set, which means even small transactions will be taxed

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Ques: What is the name of the lunar navigation system recently launched by Spanish company GMV?

- A. LUNARIS
- B. LUPIN
- C. NAVMOON
- D. ASTRO-GUIDE
- E. SELENE

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Spanish tech company Grupo Mecanica del Vuelo (GMV) has launched a moon navigation system named LUPIN, which stands for "Enabling High Performance PNT in the Lunar Environment."
- It was developed under the European Space Agency (ESA) programme.
- Field testing for LUPIN took place between April 27 to May 08, 2025, in La Oliva, Fuerteventura in the Canary Islands, chosen for its terrain that closely resembles the lunar surface.

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Ques: Which scheme was launched by the Government of Uttar Pradesh to combat child malnutrition in 8 aspirational districts?

- A. Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan
- B. Bal Swasthya Abhiyan
- C. Mukhyamantri Poshan Yojana
- D. Poshan Suraksha Mission
- E. Shishu Aahar Yojana

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The Government of Uttar Pradesh launched the Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan across 8 aspirational districts to combat child malnutrition among children aged 3 to 6 years.
- A pilot project was successfully implemented in Varanasi.
- The scheme has a budget allocation of Rs 254.83 crore, which equals Rs 44 per child per day.
- It aims to benefit 11,13,783 children by providing a nutritious morning snack delivering 400 calories and 15–20 grams of protein daily, including items like flavored milk, seasonal fruits, and millet-chikki nutribar.

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Ques: Which 16th-century stepwell in Mehrauli has recently been restored and opened to the public?

- A. Agrasen Ki Baoli
- B. Gandhak Ki Baoli
- C. Rajon Ki Baoli /
- D. Ugrasen Ki Baoli
- E. Adham Khan Ki Baoli

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Rajon Ki Baoli, a 16th-century stepwell from the Lodi era, located in the Mehrauli archaeological site, has been restored and opened to the public.
- The conservation work was part of a Rs.125 crore restoration project, supported by the World Monuments Fund India (WMFI) and the TCS Foundation.
- The stepwell spans 1,610 square metres and has a depth of 13.4 metres, with the main tank measuring 23x10 metres at its base.

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Ques: How many individuals from India were featured in the 10th edition of Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia List 2025?

- A. 300
- B. 94
- C. 30
- D. 26
- E. 20

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- In the 10th edition of the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2025 list, India leads with 94 honourees, the highest number from any country in the Asia-Pacific region.
- The list includes notable young Indians such as Chess Grandmaster Gukesh Dommaraju (18), Actress Ananya Pandey (26), and Actor Ishaan Khatter (29).
- The list features 300 individuals under the age of 30 across 10 categories from 20 countries.

Indian Entries on the 2025 list :

- Sheetal Devi (Paralympian) : Entertainment & Sports
- Gukesh Dommaraju (Chess Grandmaster) : Entertainment & Sports
- Anuv Jain (Singer-Songwriter) : Entertainment & Sports
- Ishaan Khatter (Actor) : Entertainment & Sports
- Ananya Pandey (Actress and Chanel Brand Ambassador) : Entertainment & Sports
- Anshita Mehrotra (Founder, Fix My Curls) : Retail & Commerce
- Jinali Mody (Co-founder, Banofi Leather) : Industry, Manufacturing & Energy
- Mukul Chhabra (Founder, ScrapUncle) : Consumer & Enterprise Technology
- Krishna Gupta (Cofounder, AaamDhanE) : Consumer & Enterprise Technology
- Vaibhav Kaushik (Cofounder, Nawgati Tech) : Consumer & Enterprise Technology
- Manu J Nair & Prashant Sharma (Cofounders, Ethereal Exploration Guild) : Industry, Manufacturing & Energy
- Manu Chopra (Cofounder, Karya) : Social Impact





Ques: Marang Buru, recently in news due to a meat and alcohol ban, is also known by what other name and is located in which Indian state?

- A. Shatrunjaya Hill, Gujarat
- B. Parasnath Hill, Jharkhand
- C. Girnar Hill, Rajasthan
- D. Udayagiri Hill, Odisha
- E. Annamalai Hill, Tamil Nadu

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Marang Buru, also known as Parasnath Hill, is located in Jharkhand and holds religious significance for both the Santal Adivasi and Jain communities.
- It is sacred to Jains as the site where 20 out of 24 Tirthankaras attained nirvana, with over 40 Jain temples present.
- For the Santals, it is associated with Marang Buru, a deity central to their cultural traditions, especially celebrated during the Luguburu Festival.
- Recently, the Jharkhand High Court imposed a ban on the sale and consumption of meat and alcohol on the hill to address long-standing religious tensions.

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Ques: What is the key innovation in the new sodium-ion battery developed by JNCASR that enables 80% charging in just six minutes?

- A. Use of lithium-based cathode material
- B. Inclusion of gold nanoparticles
- C. NASICON-type materials with nanoscale engineering
- D. Triple-layer graphene anode
- E. Organic electrolyte modification

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- A research team at Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) developed a super-fast charging sodium-ion battery using NASICON-type cathode and anode materials.
- The anode material $\text{Na}_{1.0}\text{V}_{0.25}\text{Al}_{0.25}\text{Nb}_{1.5}(\text{PO}_4)_3$ was enhanced through Particle size reduction to nanoscale, Carbon coating and Aluminium doping
- These optimizations allowed for faster ion mobility and improved durability, resulting in 80% charge in 6 minutes and over 3000 charge cycles.

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Ques: Where was India's longest rail flyover girder recently launched by DFCCIL?

- A. Vadodara, Gujarat
- B. Kalamboli, Maharashtra
- C. Rewari, Haryana
- D. Kharagpur, West Bengal
- E. Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) launched India's longest rail flyover girder at Kalamboli, Maharashtra, on the JNPT-Nilje section of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor.
- The open web steel girder installed is 110.5 metres long and weighs around 1,500 tonnes, marking a significant engineering achievement in Indian rail infrastructure

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Ques: Which institution developed the three new crop varieties released by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare for the benefit of farmers in Uttar Pradesh?

- A. ICAR
- B. Punjab Agricultural University
- C. Banaras Hindu University
- D. IARI Delhi
- E. National Seed Corporation

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare released three new crop varieties developed by Banaras Hindu University (BHU).

These include:

- Malaviya Manila Sinchit Dhan-1 (Rice): High-yielding, short-duration variety developed in collaboration with IRRI Philippines.
- Malviya Dhan 105 Sub-1 (Rice): Improved flood-tolerant rice variety.
- Malviya Nidhi (Mustard): High-yielding mustard variety.

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Ques : India's Reliance Power Partner with which country to Develop 500 MW Solar Project ?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Switzerland
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) El Salvador
- (e) Japan

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Reliance Power Limited and Bhutan's Green Digital Private Limited (a subsidiary of DHI) have formed a 50:50 joint venture to develop Bhutan's largest solar power project with a capacity of 500 MW.
- The project involves a capital outlay of Rs.2,000 crores and will be developed under the Build-Own-Operate (BOO) model.
- It represents the largest private sector Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Bhutan's solar energy sector and aims for completion by May 2027.

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Ques: Which two countries recently conducted the "Aras-2025" joint special forces exercise to boost border security?

- A. India and Iran
- B. Iran and Armenia
- C. Azerbaijan and Turkey
- D. Iran and Azerbaijan
- E. Russia and Iran

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- Iran and Azerbaijan launched the "Aras-2025" joint special forces military exercise.
- It was conducted from May 18 to 21, 2025, involving Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and Azerbaijani troops.
- The exercise was held in Karabakh, a region that had been previously disputed with Armenia before Azerbaijan regained full control in September 2023.
- The goal was to strengthen border security and address potential threats in the region.

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Ques: Which team did India defeat to win the SAFF U-19 Championship 2025 title?

- A. Nepal
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Pakistan
- D. Bangladesh
- E. Bhutan

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Indian U-19 men's football team, also known as the 'Blue Colts', defeated Bangladesh in the final of the SAFF U-19 Championship 2025.
- The final was held at Golden Jubilee Stadium, Yupia, Arunachal Pradesh.
- After a 1-1 draw in regular time, India triumphed 4-3 in the penalty shootout to clinch their 4th SAFF U-19 title.

SAFF U-19 Championship 2025 Awards and Honors :

- Top Scorer : Danny Meitei Laishram (India) – 5 goals
- Best Goalkeeper : Suraj Singh Aheibam (India)
- Most Valuable Player : Mohammed Arbash (India)
- Fair Play Award : India

About SAFF U-19 Championship :

- Started : 2015
- Number of teams : 6 (from 1 sub-confederation)
- Most successful team : India (4 titles)
- 2024 winner : Bangladesh
- 2025 Edition : 7th, Hosted by India
- 2025 winner : India 2025
- runner up : Bangladesh
- Total teams : 6 (India , Bangladesh , Nepal , Bhutan , Maldives , Sri Lanka)





Ques: On the occasion of its 8th anniversary, what major AI-powered feature did Government e-Marketplace (GeM) launch?

- A. GeM Smart Audit Tool
- B. GeM Tracker AI
- C. GeMAI Chatbot
- D. GeM Voice Commerce
- E. GeM Language Suite

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- On 19 May 2025, Government e-Marketplace (GeM) celebrated its 8th anniversary and launched GeMAI, India's first AI-powered chatbot in the public sector.
- GeMAI supports voice and text interactions in 10 Indian languages, enhancing accessibility and support for GeM users.
- GeM has over 1.64 lakh primary buyers, 4.2 lakh active sellers, and over 10,000 product categories, with adoption across all 36 States and UTs.
- Eight states—including Maharashtra, Manipur, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, Uttarakhand, and Chhattisgarh—have mandated GeM usage.
- Independent reports like those from the World Bank highlight 10% cost savings in public procurement via GeM.

About Government e Marketplace (GeM) :

- Established : 2016
- HQ : New Delhi
- CEO : Ajay Bhadoo





Ques : Which ministry launched Depot Darpan Portal, and digital platforms Anna Mitra, and Anna Sahayata ?

- (a) Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (b) Union Ministry of Education
- (c) Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- (d) Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- (e) Union Ministry of Jal Shakti

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Depot Darpan Portal, and digital platforms Anna Mitra, and Anna Sahayata Launched by Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Pralhad Joshi
- The Depot Darpan mobile app will help supervisory officials track warehouse performance anytime. The app is integrated with smart warehousing technologies, CCTV Surveillance, and IoT sensors.
- With the help of the Anna Sahayata app, citizens may file grievances in their native tongues and receive real-time tracking and feedback. Both voice and text message forms are available for registration.
- Anna Mitra app will act as the real-time command centre for ration distribution for FDS dealers, Food Inspectors, and District Officials. It will also provide information on monthly sales, inspection reports and government updates

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Ques: India and the European Union (EU) recently launched two research projects under which platform to address marine plastic litter and develop green hydrogen solutions?

- A. India-Europe Trade Alliance
- B. India-Europe Union Trade and Technology Council
- C. Indo-EU Climate Partnership
- D. EU-India Sustainable Innovation Forum
- E. India-EU Green Energy Mission

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- India and the European Union launched two joint research projects under the India-Europe Union Trade and Technology Council.
- The projects aim to tackle marine plastic litter pollution and develop innovative solutions to convert plastic waste into green hydrogen.
- The total investment in these projects is Rs 391 crore (41 million euros).

About the Marine Plastic Litter Project :

- Funded by : Ministry of Earth Science will invest Rs 90 crore, or 9.3 million euros, and Horizon Europe will invest Rs 115 crore, or 12 million euros
- Objective : to create cutting-edge tools and technologies to track, evaluate, and lessen the combined effects of several contaminants in the sea and ocean, such as heavy metals, organic pollutants, and microplastics

About the Waste to Green Hydrogen Project :

- Funded by : Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy will invest Rs 90 crore, or 9.3 million euros, and Horizon Europe will invest Rs 96 crore, or 10 million euros
- Objective : to develop efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly methods for green hydrogen production.





About the India-EU Trade and Technology Council :

- Announced in : April 2022 and Launched in February 2023
- India was the second country in the world, after the United States, with which the EU has signed such an agreement



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Ques: When is World Bee Day observed?

- A. 22 May
- B. 15 May
- C. 21 May
- D. 20 May
- E. 19 May

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- World Bee Day is observed on May 20 each year to raise awareness about the vital role of bees and other pollinators in maintaining ecosystems and ensuring food security.
- The date May 20 was selected to honor the birth of Anton Janša, a pioneer of modern beekeeping.
- The first World Bee Day was celebrated in 2018, following its declaration by the United Nations General Assembly in 2017.
- The 2025 theme is "Bee inspired by nature to nourish us all".

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Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa won his first-ever tournament on the Grand Chess Tour.

The Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) Delhi South Commissionerate has been awarded the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) IS 15700:2018 certification, recognising its commitment to excellence in public service delivery.

Because of Madku Dweep's cultural and historical significance, the Chhattisgarh High Court has been keeping a careful eye on development activities there. It is located in the Bilaspur district of Chhattisgarh, on the banks of the Shivrath River, the longest tributary of the Mahanadi River.

Argentina's most famous glacier, the Perito Moreno glacier, which has a surface area of 250 sq km (the total area of Patna, Bihar), is crumbling. The Perito Moreno glacier, also called the 'White Giant', is located in the Argentine province of Santa Cruz

In a landmark move symbolizing deepening diplomatic relations, Honduras officially inaugurated its embassy in New Delhi. Tegucigalpa is the capital of Honduras and its currency Honduran Lempira.

The Department of Posts released a commemorative postal stamp at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) to celebrate 125 years of the Kodaikanal Solar Observatory. Established on 1 April 1899, the observatory has played a pioneering role in solar astrophysics research

