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1. The Ministry of Mines has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which of the following to enhance the knowledge base of the critical minerals processing industry in India?

खान मंत्रालय ने भारत में महत्वपूर्ण खनिज प्रसंस्करण उद्योग के ज्ञान आधार को बढ़ाने के लिए निम्नलिखित में से किसके साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन (एमओयू) पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) ReNew Power / रिन्यू पावर
- (b) Adani Enterprises / अडानी एंटरप्राइजेज
- (c) Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation
- (d) NTPC Limited / एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड
- (e) Torrent Power / टोरेंट पावर

Ans. c

Sol. Mines Ministry inks MoU with Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation for knowledge support on critical minerals

The Ministry of Mines has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the non-profit, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, to enhance the knowledge base of the critical minerals processing industry in India.

This partnership will help in creating a robust domestic critical minerals processing sector to support the country's economic growth and enable a transition to clean sources of energy.

The partnership will help promote India as a global hub for critical minerals processing and make it a self-reliant and globally competitive player in the critical minerals arena.

The pact will help create a sustainable ecosystem for the growth of the critical minerals industry while ensuring environmental protection.

Recent MoU

- NTPC inks pact with RINL for supply of limestone
- NGEL and ITL sign MoU for Renewable Energy Ventures
- CleanMax teams up with Apple to drive renewable energy adoption in India
- KABIL and CSIR-IMMT sign MoU for Technical and Knowledge cooperation for Critical Minerals
- The Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) signed the Master Shipyard Repair Agreement (MSRA) with the United States Navy.

2. Which state government will establish cyber police stations in 57 districts in the state after the parliamentary elections?

कौन सी राज्य सरकार संसदीय चुनाव के बाद राज्य के 57 जिलों में साइबर पुलिस स्टेशन स्थापित करेगी?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

Ans. a

Sol. UP govt to establish cyber police stations in 57 districts

The Uttar Pradesh government is to establish cyber police stations in 57 districts after the parliamentary polls with each cyber police station having 25 posts for officers and employees.

The state government plans to create a total of 1,425 posts in the designated 57 police stations across the state.

The state government, in response to the rising incidents of cybercrime nationally and globally, has decided to establish cyber police stations across all 75 districts of the state.

While cyber stations are already operational in 18 divisions, the remaining 57 districts will also get such stations following the Lok Sabha elections.

About Uttar Pradesh

- **Capital** - Lucknow
- **Chief Minister** – Yogi Adityanath
- **Governor** - Anandiben Patel

3. Which company has signed an MoU with Norwegian company M/s Ocean Sun for the implementation of Floating Solar Energy Technology in India?

भारत में फ्लोटिंग सोलर एनर्जी टेक्नोलॉजी के कार्यान्वयन के लिए किस कंपनी ने नॉर्वेजियन कंपनी मेसर्स ओशन सन के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) ReNew Power / रिन्यू पावर
- (b) TP renewable Microgrid / टीपी रिन्यूएबल माइक्रोग्रिड
- (c) NHPC Limited / एनएचपीसी लिमिटेड
- (d) NTPC Limited / एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड
- (e) SJVN Limited / एसजेवीएन लिमिटेड

Ans. c

Sol. NHPC Limited to collaborate with Ocean Sun for implementation of Floating Solar Energy Technology

NHPC Limited, the largest organization for hydropower development in India, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with M/s Ocean Sun, a Norwegian company operating as a technology provider to the floating solar industry.

As per the MoU, NHPC and Ocean Sun will explore key areas of cooperation for demonstration of Ocean Sun's floating solar energy technology based on photovoltaic panels. The panels would be mounted on hydro-elastic membranes, at relevant sites to be identified by NHPC.

The agreement is in continuation of efforts towards sustainable development and addition of renewable energy capacity by NHPC, which is engaged not only in hydro power development but also in various renewable energy projects such as solar, wind and green hydrogen projects.

Recent MoU

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4. Who has been awarded the 2024 Goldman Prize from Asia?

एशिया से 2024 गोल्डमैन पुरस्कार से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (a) Rajendra Prasad Goyal / राजेंद्र प्रसाद गोयल
- (b) Manish Prasad / मनीष प्रसाद
- (c) Alok Shukla / आलोक शुक्ला
- (d) Meenesh Shah / मीनेश शाह
- (e) Vivek Srivastava / विवेक श्रीवास्तव

Ans. c

Sol. Alok Shukla wins prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize 2024

Alok Shukla, convenor of the Chhattisgarh Bachao Andolan and founding member of the Hasdeo Aranya Bachao Sangharsh Samiti, has been awarded the 2024 Goldman Prize from Asia.

Shukla has been declared winner for his efforts to save the forests of Hasdeo Aranya in Chhattisgarh.

Alok Shukla led a successful community campaign that saved 445,000 acres of biodiversity-rich forests from 21 planned coal mines in the central Indian state of Chhattisgarh. In July 2022, the government cancelled the 21 proposed coal mines in Hasdeo Aranya, whose pristine forests—popularly known as the lungs of Chhattisgarh—are one of the largest intact forest areas in India.

This year, seven people from six inhabited regions of the globe have been selected for the annual Goldman Environmental Prize. They are

Winner	Country	Region
Marcel Gomes	Brazil	South and Central America
Murrawah Maroochy Johnson	Australia	Islands & Island Nations
Alok Shukla	India	Asia
Teresa Vicente	Spain	Europe
Andrea Vidaurre	United States of America	North America
Nonhle Mbuthuma and Sinegugu Zukulu	South Africa	Africa

About Goldman Environmental Prize

- The Goldman Environmental Prize is awarded by the Goldman Environmental Foundation.
- The Prize was founded by Richard and Rhonda Goldman in 1989.
- It recognises grassroots environmental leaders from six regions — Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, South and Central America and lastly, islands and island nations.
- The winners are selected by an international jury and awarded \$200,000 as prize money.

5. The Indian economy could grow more than _____ during the current fiscal amid a benign global outlook and expected above-normal monsoon, according to economic think tank NCAER.

आर्थिक थिंक टैंक एनसीआईआर के अनुसार, सौम्य वैश्विक दृष्टिकोण और सामान्य से अधिक मानसून की उम्मीद के बीच चालू वित्त वर्ष के दौरान भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था _____ से अधिक बढ़ सकती है।

- (a) 6.8%
- (b) 6.4%
- (c) 6.6%
- (d) 7.8%
- (e) 7.0%

Ans. e

Sol. Indian economy likely to grow over 7% in 2024-25: Economic think tank NCAER

The Indian economy could grow more than 7 per cent during the current fiscal amid a benign global outlook and expected above-normal monsoon, according to economic think tank NCAER.

In its April 2024 issue of Monthly Economic Review (MER), NCAER said a range of high-frequency indicators reveal the resilience of the domestic economy with the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for manufacturing at a 16-year high and UPI, the leading digital payments system, touching the highest volume since its inception in 2016. The think tank's outlook is a bit more optimistic than the 7% real gross domestic product (GDP) growth projected by RBI.

While the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Fitch Ratings have estimated India's growth at 7 per cent, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), S&P Global Ratings and Morgan Stanley projected a 6.8 per cent growth rate for FY25.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to keep the policy rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent.

Updated GDP List

- Deloitte - 6.6% (FY25)
- NIPFP – 7.1% (FY25)
- IMF – 6.8% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)
- UNTCAD – 6.5% (FY24)
- Moody's Analytics – 6.1% (FY24)
- ADB – 7.6% (FY24), 7% (FY25), 7.2% (FY26),
- World Bank – 7.5% (FY24), 6.4% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)
- S&P – 7.6% (FY24), 6.8% (FY25)
- CRISIL – 6.8% (FY25)
- Morgan Stanley - 6.8% (FY24), 6.8% (FY25)

6. Who was appointed as the President of Indian Vaccine Manufacturers Association (IVMA) in April 2024?

अप्रैल 2024 में भारतीय वैक्सीन निर्माता संघ (IVMA) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया?

- (a) Dr. Vasudha Gupta / डॉ वसुधा गुप्ता
- (b) Rajiv Kumar / राजीव कुमार
- (c) Dixit Joshi / दीक्षित जोशी
- (d) Padma Bhushan / पद्म भूषण
- (e) Krishna Ella / कृष्णा एला

Ans. e

Sol. Bharat Biotech promoter Krishna Ella becomes new IVMA president

Bharat Biotech co-founder Krishna M Ella was appointed president of the Indian Vaccine Manufacturers Association (IVMA) for a two-year term from April 2024 to 2026.

Ella takes over the presidency from Adar C Poonawalla, who held the post from 2019 to March 2024.

Adar Poonawalla has served as the chief executive officer of Serum Institute of India since 2011. SII became the first Indian company to roll out the AstraZeneca and Oxford vaccine, under the brand name Covishield, during COVID-19.

Krishna M Ella aims to strengthen collaboration between vaccine manufacturers, researchers. Policymakers have been asked to accelerate vaccine development and improve production. The Indian Vaccine Manufacturers Association (IVMA) also wants to support developing countries' access to affordable vaccines.

About Indian Vaccine Manufacturers Association (IVMA)

- IVMA is a non-governmental apex body, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organization.
- IVMA was established in 2010 by 4 founding members from the private sector.
- IVMA works to create and maintain an environment conducive to the development of vaccination using vaccines in India. This creates a partnership between industry, government and civil society.

Recent Appointment

- **Presiding Officer of the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT)** - Retired Justice Dinesh Kumar
- **Director in Department of Land Resources** - Sarvadanand Barnwal
- **CVO of Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Authority** - Manoj Kumar
- **Director of MoHUA** - Sunil Kumar Yadav
- **Executive Chairman of Coromandel International** - Arun Alagappan (replace A. Vellayan)

7. Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi assumed command of the Indian Navy as the _____ Chief of the Naval Staff.

एडमिरल दिनेश के. त्रिपाठी ने नौसेना स्टाफ के _____ प्रमुख के रूप में भारतीय नौसेना की कमान संभाली।

- (a) 25th
- (b) 26th
- (c) 27th
- (d) 29th
- (e) 24th

Ans. b

Sol. Dinesh Tripathi take charge as 26th Naval Chief

Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi assumed command of the Indian Navy as the 26th Chief of the Naval Staff.

He succeeds Admiral R. Hari Kumar who retires upon superannuation after over 40 years of service.

Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi is an alumnus of Sainik School Rewa, Madhya Pradesh and the National Defence Academy. He was commissioned in the Indian Navy in 1985.

He rose through the ranks to become the Commander of the Western Naval Command before becoming the vice-admiral (vice-chief) of the Indian Navy in June 2019. He was also made the commandant of the prestigious Indian Naval Academy at Ezhimala, Kerala. He was the director general of naval operations from July 2020 to May 2021.

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8. Isidro Pablo Porqueras Orea has been appointed as the Chief of Transformation for which airline company?

इसिड्रो पाब्लो पोरक्वेरस ओरिया को किस एयरलाइन कंपनी के परिवर्तन प्रमुख के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Vistra / विस्तारा
- (b) Akasha / आकाश
- (c) SpiceJet / स्पाइसजेट
- (d) Air India / एयर इंडिया
- (e) IndiGo / इंडिगो

Ans. e

Sol. IndiGo airline appoints former Porqueras Orea as 'Chief of Transformation'

IndiGo has named Isidro Pablo Porqueras Orea, former COO of European airline Volotea, as a chief of transformation.

Orea has 25 years of professional experience in different functional areas such as operations, commercial, strategy and finance.

He was with European airline Volotea from 2016-2023 and served as their COO for the last 5 years.

Currently, Wolfgang Prock-Schauer is the COO of India's largest airline.

9. Velavan Senthilkumar, who was seen in news in April 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?

वेलावन सेंथिलकुमार, जिन्हें अप्रैल 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में देखा गया था, निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़े हैं?

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Squash / स्क्वाश
- (c) Shooting / शूटिंग
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

Ans. b

Sol. Velavan Senthil Kumar Wins His Eighth Professional Squash Association Tour Title in Paris

India's Velavan Senthilkumar won his eighth Professional Squash Association (PSA) Tour title yesterday by winning the Batch Open, a PSA Challenger event, at the Societe Sportive du Jeu de Paume in Paris. World No. 58 Senthilkumar, the top seed, beat Frenchman Melvil Scianimanico 11-6, 11-9, 11-6 to clinch the title.

The final was held as part of the 12,000 dollars PSA Challenger Tour event

10. Rohit Sharma to lead Indian team for the 2024 T20 Cricket World Cup. India has been placed in group A along with which of the following teams?

रोहित शर्मा 2024 टी20 क्रिकेट विश्व कप के लिए भारतीय टीम का नेतृत्व करेंगे। भारत को निम्नलिखित में से किस टीम के साथ ग्रुप ए में रखा गया है?

- (a) Pakistan, Bangladesh, US and Ireland
- (b) Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Ireland
- (c) Pakistan, Ireland, Afghanistan and Bangladesh
- (d) Pakistan, Canada, England and Nepal
- (e) Pakistan, Canada, the United States and Ireland

Ans. e

Sol. Rohit Sharma to lead Indian team for the 2024 T20 Cricket World Cup

The five-member Senior Men's Cricket Selection Committee, headed by Ajit Agarkar, announced the 15-member Indian squad for the 2024 ICC men's T20 cricket World Cup.

The 9th ICC Men's T 20 Cricket World Cup will be held from 1-29 June 2024. It is being co-hosted by the West Indies and the United States of America.

Nine of the 15 players selected, including captain Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, played in the 2022 ICC T20 World Cup. which lost to England in the semi-finals.

India has been placed in group A along with Pakistan, Canada, the United States and Ireland.

India will play its first match against Ireland on June 5. It will then play against Pakistan on 9 June, the USA on 12 June, and Canada on 15 June.

India squad for the 2024 T20 World Cup

Rohit Sharma (Captain), Hardik Pandya (Vice-Captain), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant (wicket keeper), Sanju Samson (wicket keeper), Shivam Dube, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Arshdeep Singh, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd. Siraj.

Reserve players: Shubman Gill, Rinku Singh, Khaleel Ahmed, Avesh Khan

About Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

- Founded - 1928
- Headquarters - Wankhede Stadium
- 1st President - R E Grant Govan
- 39th President - Roger Binny
- Vice president - Rajeev Shukla
- Secretary - Jay Shah
- Men's coach - Rahul Dravid
- Women's coach - Ramesh Powar

11. India will host the Badminton World Junior Championships 2025 in which city?

भारत किस शहर में बैडमिंटन विश्व जूनियर चैंपियनशिप 2025 की मेजबानी करेगा?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Guwahati / गुवाहाटी
- (d) Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

Ans. c

Sol. India to host BWF World Junior Badminton Championships 2025

India will host the BWF World Junior Championships 2025 at the National Centre of Excellence in Guwahati.

The 2025 edition in India will mark the return of the BWF Junior World Championships to the country for the first time since 2008 when Pune hosted the event.

The team as well as individual events will be held at the National Centre of Excellence, which was inaugurated by the Badminton Association of India (BAI) last year. It boasts 16 badminton courts, a 4,000 square feet gymnasium, a hostel for players and a dedicated 2,000 square feet physiotherapy centre.

The 2026 edition of the BWF Thomas and Uber Cup Finals, meanwhile, will head to the Danish city of Horsens.

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12. Which of the following states is celebrated its foundation day every year on May 1st to commemorate the formation of the state in 1960?

निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा राज्य 1960 में राज्य के गठन की स्मृति में हर साल 1 मई को अपना स्थापना दिवस मनाता है?

- (a) Maharashtra & Gujarat
- (b) Haryana & Gujarat
- (c) Maharashtra & Goa
- (d) Punjab & Haryana
- (e) Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand

Ans. a

Sol. 1 May - Maharashtra & Gujarat Foundation Day

Maharashtra Day and Gujarat Day is celebrated every year on May 1st to commemorate the formation of the state in 1960.

Following the implementation of the Indian constitution, the country was divided into states on the basis of linguistic borders. At that time, Bombay was recognised as a state under the State Recognition Act of 1956.

Bombay had people speaking languages such as Marathi, Konkani, Gujarati, and Kutchi. However, this merger of various vernaculars into one state did not work out and resulted in uproar and distress.

The sanctity of the state was being jerked time and again due to these linguistic differences.

Finally, after the enactment of the Bombay Reorganisation Act in Parliament, the state of Bombay got divided into Maharashtra and Gujarat on May 1, 1960.

Since then, the day has been celebrated by the two states separately in Maharashtra and Gujarat

13. International Labour Day is observed every year on which day?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मजदूर दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 1 May
- (b) 2 May
- (c) 3 May
- (d) 30 April
- (e) 29 April

Ans. a

Sol. 1 May - International Labour Day

International Labour Day is observed every year on 1 May.

It's a day dedicated to honouring the contributions of working people in every industry and sector. It's not just about celebrating their hard work, but also empowering them to be aware of their rights.

In 1886, a large demonstration happened in America where the labours demanded eight hours of work on a daily basis. However, soon the demonstration went out of hand and in Chicago and lot of people got hurt.

This incident came to be known as The Haymarket Affair. This incident marked the start of the International Labour Day.

in 1889, a lot of socialist parties in Europe came together and decided to celebrate May 1 as International Labour Day. Since then, the special day has been observed every year on the same day.

14. Vinay Vir passes away recently at the age of 72. Who was he?

विनय वीर का हाल ही में 72 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह कौन थे?

- (a) Journalist / पत्रकार
- (b) Politician / राजनेता
- (c) Actor / अभिनेता
- (d) Social Worker / सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता
- (e) Film Director / फिल्म निर्देशक

Ans. a

Sol. Renowned Journalist Vinay Vir passes away

Renowned journalist, Publisher and Editor of Daily Hindi Milap Vinay Vir, who raised the flag of Hindi in the South, passed away at the age of 72.

Vinay Vir was known for his dedication to promoting Hindi journalism in southern India.

Mr. Vinay Vir studied in Badruka College. He was also the secretary of the Yudhvir Foundation created in the memory of his father Late Yudhvir.

This foundation has been rewarding people who have hoisted the flag of success in their field.

15. India will host the 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM 46) and the 26th Meeting of the Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP 26) from 20 to 30 May 2024 in which city?

भारत 20 से 30 मई 2024 तक किस शहर में 46वीं अंटार्कटिक संधि सलाहकार बैठक (एटीसीएम 46) और पर्यावरण संरक्षण समिति (सीईपी 26) की 26वीं बैठक की मेजबानी करेगा?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Kochi / कोच्चि
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram / तिरुवनंतपुरम

Ans. d

Sol. India to host the 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting

India will host the 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM 46) and the 26th Meeting of the Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP 26) from 20 to 30 May 2024 in Kochi, Kerala.

The meeting is organized by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) through the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), these meetings aim to facilitate global discussions on environmental conservation and scientific cooperation in Antarctica.

About Antarctic Treaty

- The Antarctic Treaty was signed in 1959 in Washington DC by 12 countries and came into force in 1961. At present, 56 countries have signed the Antarctic Treaty.
- The permanent secretariat of the Antarctic Treaty is in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- The Antarctic Treaty made Antarctica a non-military Zone. It was declared a zone of peace dedicated to peaceful purposes, scientific cooperation, and environmental protection.
- The Committee for Environmental Protection was established under the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty (the Madrid Protocol) in 1991.
- The Committee for Environmental Protection advises the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting on environmental protection and conservation in Antarctica

16. India has agreed to train the civil service personnel of which country from 2025 to 2030?

भारत 2025 से 2030 तक किस देश के सिविल सेवा कर्मियों को प्रशिक्षित करने पर सहमत हुआ है?

- (a) Tanzania / तंजानिया
- (b) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (c) Oman / ओमान
- (d) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
- (e) UAE / यूएई

Ans. b

Sol. India to train Bangladeshi's civil servants for the next 5 years

The government of India has signed an agreement with the government of Bangladesh to renew the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to train 1500 Bangladeshi officers from 2025 to 2030.

The agreement was signed by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), the government of India and the Bangladeshi Ministry of Public Administration, Government of Bangladesh.

An MoU was signed between the National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), India and the Bangladesh Ministry of Public Administration in 2014 to train the Bangladeshi civil servants.

Since then, they have collaborated in conducting capacity-building programs for Bangladesh Civil Servants.

The MoU has been periodically renewed, and the current MoU will end in 2025. The latest agreement has extended the MoU by five more years to 2030.

Recently India signed MoUs with others countries

- India signs MoU with Bulgaria to enhance collaboration, exchange auditing expertise
- India and Nepal agree to promote Sanskrit research and education
- India & Singapore sign MoU on Law and Dispute Resolution
- India and Bhutan signed MoU in the field of Energy Efficiency and Energy Conservation Measures
- India and Dominican Republic signs protocol for establishment of Joint Economic and Trade Committee

17. India has cut its windfall tax on petroleum crude to _____ Indian rupees a metric ton from 9,600 rupees with effect from May 1.

भारत ने 1 मई से पेट्रोलियम कच्चे तेल पर अपने अप्रत्याशित कर को 9,600 रुपये से घटाकर _____ भारतीय रुपये प्रति मीट्रिक टन कर दिया है।

- (a) 9200
- (b) 9000
- (c) 8000
- (d) 8400
- (e) 8800

Ans. d

Sol. India Reduces Windfall Tax on Petroleum Crude

India has cut its windfall tax on petroleum crude to 8,400 Indian rupees (\$100.66) a metric ton from 9,600 rupees with effect from May 1.

The tax, which is revised every fortnight, was left unchanged at zero for diesel and aviation turbine fuel.

The government had on April 16 raised the windfall tax on petroleum crude to 9,600 rupees a metric ton from 6,800 rupees.

This tax is levied as the Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED).

The windfall tax remains unchanged at zero for diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF).

The Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) on the export of diesel, petrol, and jet fuel (ATF) remains at nil

18. Indian Army and Punit Balan Group have jointly developed a Constitution Park in which city?

भारतीय सेना और पुनित बालन समूह ने संयुक्त रूप से किस शहर में एक संविधान पार्क विकसित किया है?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Greater Noida / ग्रेटर नोएडा
- (e) Pune / पुणे

Ans. e

Sol. Indian Army and Punit Balan Group develop Constitution Park in Pune

Constitution Park, jointly developed by Indian Army and Punit Balan Group, was inaugurated in Pune.

The park was inaugurated by GOC-in-C, Southern Command, Lt Gen Ajai Kumar Singh.

It delineates our Fundamental Rights and underscores our Fundamental Duties. It's crucial for every citizen to understand their rights and fulfill their duties.

19. National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) expects its loan sanctions pipeline to swell to about _____ by March-end 2025 against about ₹1 lakh crore as of March-end 2024.

नेशनल बैंक फॉर फाइनेंसिंग इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर एंड डेवलपमेंट (NaBFID) को उम्मीद है कि उसकी ऋण मंजूरी पाइपलाइन मार्च 2024 के लगभग ₹1 लाख करोड़ के मुकाबले मार्च 2025 तक लगभग _____ तक बढ़ जाएगी।

- (a) ₹2 lakh crore
- (b) ₹3 lakh crore
- (c) ₹4 lakh crore
- (d) ₹5 lakh crore
- (e) ₹6 lakh crore

Ans. a

Sol. NaBFID expects cumulative loan sanctions to top ₹2-lakh cr in FY25

The Government-owned National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) expects its loan sanctions pipeline to swell to about ₹2 lakh crore by March-end 2025 against about ₹1 lakh crore as of March-end 2024.

To support loan growth, the development financial institution (DFI) is planning to mop up about ₹53,000 crore this year via bond market, bank and multilateral credit lines.

The All India Financial Institution was set up in 2022 under the NABFI Act, 2021, as the principal entity for infrastructure financing in the country.

NaBFID sanctioned ₹18,560 crore in the January-March 2023 quarter and ₹83,280 crore in FY24. NaBFID crossed ₹1 lakh crore (cumulative) loan sanctions mark in March 2024.

About National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)

- Established - 2022
- Head Office - Mumbai
- Chairman - KV Kamath
- MD & CEO - Rajkiran Rai G

20. In April 2024, how much rupee's total transactions were done through UPI?

अप्रैल 2024 में UPI के माध्यम से कुल कितने रुपये का लेनदेन किया गया?

- (a) 17.64 trillion
- (b) 18.64 trillion
- (c) 19.64 trillion
- (d) 21.64 trillion
- (e) 16.64 trillion

Ans. c

Sol. UPI transactions dip marginally in April to Rs 19.64 trn

Unified Payment Interface (UPI) transactions declined in volume and value in April by 1 per cent and 0.7 per cent, compared to March 2024.

Transactions stood at Rs 19.64 trillion in value terms, down from Rs 19.78 trillion in March. There were 13.3 billion transactions in April, compared to 13.44 billion in March.

Y-o-Y, UPI transactions increased by 50 per cent in terms of volume and 40 per cent in value. In February 2024, transactions stood at 12.10 billion and Rs 18.28 trillion, respectively.

Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) transactions declined by 7 per cent in value and 5 per cent in volume in April compared to March.

In value terms, transactions totaled Rs 5.92 trillion, down from Rs 6.35 trillion in March and Rs 5.68 trillion in February.

In April, FASTag transactions decreased 3 per cent in volume and 6 per cent in value. FASTag transactions declined to Rs 5,592 crore in April from Rs 5,939 crore in March.

In April, the Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) experienced a decline of 13 per cent in volume and 10 per cent in value, compared to March. AePS transactions amounted to Rs 25,172 crore in April, down from Rs 27,996 crore in March.

21. How much lakh crore rupees were GST collected in April 2024?**अप्रैल 2024 में कितने लाख करोड़ रुपये का जीएसटी संग्रह हुआ?**

- (a) Rs 2.35 lakh cr
- (b) Rs 2.10 lakh cr
- (c) Rs 2.80 lakh cr
- (d) Rs 2.76 lakh cr
- (e) Rs 1.90 lakh cr

Ans. b**Sol.** GST revenue collection hits record high of Rs 2.10 lakh cr in April

India's Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections hit a record high of Rs 2.10 lakh crore in April, growing 12.4 per cent on year-on-year basis.

GST collection in March stood at Rs 1.78 lakh crore. Previously, the highest-ever GST collection figure stood at Rs 1.87 lakh crore in April 2023.

This is also the first time GST collection has crossed the ₹2 trillion mark, since the unified indirect tax regime was rolled out seven years ago.

Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) collection was ₹43,846 crore in April, while state Goods and Services Tax (SGST) brought ₹53,538 crore. Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) was ₹99,623 crore, including ₹37,826 crore collected on imported goods.

GST Collection of Previous Months

- November 2023 – 1,67,929 crore
- December 2023 – 1,64,882 crore
- January 2024 – 1,72,129 crore
- February 2024 - 1,68,337 crore
- March 2024 – 1,78,484 crore
- April 2024 - 2,10,267 crore

22. Hitesh Sethia has been appointed as MD & CEO of which company for 3 years?

हितेश सेठिया को 3 साल के लिए किस कंपनी का एमडी और सीईओ नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance / बजाज आलियांज जनरल इश्योरेंस
- (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance / भारती एक्सा जनरल इश्योरेंस
- (c) Jio Financial Services / जियो फाइनेंशियल सर्विसेज
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) Bandhan Bank / बंधन बैंक

Ans. c

Sol. Hitesh Sethia appointed as MD & CEO of Jio Financial Services

Corporate Affairs Ministry (MCA) has given its nod for appointment of Hitesh Kumar Sethia as Managing Director and CEO of Jio Financial Services for three years period.

The appointment effective from November 15, 2023, is valid for three years, Jio Financial Services said in a regulatory filing.

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **MD & CEO Axis Bank** - Amitabh Chaudhry (reappointment for 3 years)
- **Independent Directors of Axis bank** - Meena Ganesh and Gopalaraman Padmanabhan (reappointment for 4 years)
- **Deputy Governor of RBI** - T Rabi Sankar (reappointment for One Year)
- **Chairman of HDFC Insurance Board** - Keki Mistry
- **MD & CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank** - Ajith Kumar K.K
- **CEO of BharatPe** - Nalin Negi

23. According to which report, India's services exports will increase to \$800 billion by 2030 from \$340 billion in 2023, making the external sector resilient to supply-side shocks and reducing rupee volatility?

किस रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, भारत का सेवा निर्यात 2023 में 340 बिलियन डॉलर से बढ़कर 2030 तक 800 बिलियन डॉलर हो जाएगा, जिससे बाहरी क्षेत्र आपूर्ति-पक्ष के झटकों के प्रति लचीला हो जाएगा और रुपये की अस्थिरता कम हो जाएगी?

- (a) Morgan Stanley
- (b) Moody's
- (c) UNTCAD
- (d) SIPRI
- (e) Goldman Sachs

Ans. e

Sol. India global services export to reach \$800 billion by 2030: Goldman Sachs
India's services exports will increase to \$800 billion by 2030 from \$340 billion in 2023, making the external sector resilient to supply-side shocks and reducing rupee volatility, Goldman Sachs report. India's foreign trade policy announced last year targeted \$1 trillion of service exports by 2030. Services exports (as percentage of gross domestic product or GDP) could reach around 11% of GDP by 2030 (versus 9.7% of GDP in 2023) which amounts to around \$800 billion (compared to around \$340 billion in 2023).

24. Which country will launch the Chang'e-6 lunar probe mission on a round trip to the Moon?

कौन सा देश चंद्रमा की परिक्रमा के लिए चांग'ई-6 चंद्र जांच मिशन लॉन्च करेगा?

- (a) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (b) Russia / रूस
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) China / चीन

Ans. e

Sol. China to launch Chang'e-6 Lunar probe mission

China is set to launch the Chang'e-6 lunar probe on a round trip to the Moon.

It aims to gather soil and rock samples from the far side of the Moon, a region that has remained permanently hidden from Earth's view.

This will be the first-ever attempt to retrieve lunar samples from the far side, providing valuable insights into the early evolution of the Moon and the inner solar system.

This mission will also involve the first-ever ascent from the Moon's far side during its return journey to Earth.

This mission is the first of three challenging endeavours that China intends to undertake, leading to a historic Chinese crewed lunar landing and the establishment of a base on the Moon's south pole.

25. Where was the Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system tested by DRDO recently?

हाल ही में DRDO द्वारा सुपरसोनिक मिसाइल-असिस्टेड रिलीज़ ऑफ़ टॉरपीडो (SMART) प्रणाली का परीक्षण कहाँ किया गया?

- (a) Kerala / केरल
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Telangana / तेलंगाना

Ans. c

Sol. DRDO successfully test SMART missile system for Indian Navy

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully tested the next-generation Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.

SMART is a next-generation missile-based light-weight torpedo delivery system designed and developed by DRDO to enhance the anti-submarine warfare capability of the Indian Navy far beyond the conventional range of lightweight torpedoes.

This canister-based missile system incorporates several advanced subsystems, including a two-stage solid propulsion system, electromechanical actuator system, and precision inertial navigation system.

The SMART missile system comprises a long-range supersonic missile carrier that can travel up to 643 km, a lightweight torpedo with a range of 20 km, and a 50 kg high-explosive warhead as the payload.

26. Which country has launched sea trials for the Fujian, its third and most advanced aircraft carrier?

किस देश ने अपने तीसरे और सबसे उन्नत विमानवाहक पोत फुज़ियान का समुद्री परीक्षण शुरू किया है?

- (a) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (b) Russia / रूस
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) China / चीन

Ans. e

Sol. China launches sea trials for next-generation aircraft carrier

China has launched sea trials for the Fujian, its third and most advanced aircraft carrier.

The start of tests by the Chinese navy came nearly two years after the aircraft carrier was first unveiled in June 2022.

The Fujian, entirely designed and built domestically, is larger and more advanced than the Shandong, commissioned in late 2019, and the Liaoning, which China bought second-hand from Ukraine in 1998.

The Fujian, which features a full-length, flat flight deck with an advanced catapult-launch system for jets, takes its name from the Chinese province opposite democratically governed Taiwan.

About China

- **Capital** – Beijing
- **Currency** – Yuan
- **President** - Xi Jinping

27. Who has been appointed as the Director of the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)?

उद्योग संवर्धन और आंतरिक व्यापार विभाग (DPIIT) के निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Maushami Chakraborty / मौसमी चक्रवर्ती
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Joyeeta Gupta / जोयिता गुप्ता
- (e) Pratima Singh / प्रतिमा सिंह

Ans. e

Sol. Pratima Singh appointed as Director in DPIIT

Pratima Singh (IRS) has been selected for the appointment as Director of the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

She has been selected for the appointment under the Central Staffing Scheme for a period of five years.

Singh is an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer of 2009-batch. She was recommended for the Central deputation by the Department of Revenue.

Recent Appointment

- **President of Indian Vaccine Manufacturers Association (IVMA)** - Krishna Ella
- **Presiding Officer of the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT)** - Retired Justice Dinesh Kumar
- **Director in Department of Land Resources** - Sarvadanand Barnwal
- **CVO of Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Authority** - Manoj Kumar
- **Director of MoHUA** - Sunil Kumar Yadav

28. According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, by what percent has the production of eight major industries increased in March 2024?

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय के अनुसार मार्च 2024 में आठ प्रमुख उद्योगों का उत्पादन कितने प्रतिशत बढ़ गया है?

- (a) 5.3d%
- (b) 5.9%
- (c) 6.4%
- (d) 5.2%
- (e) 6.3%

Ans. d

Sol. India's core sector growth slows to 5.2% in March from 7.1% in February

The growth in output of eight key infrastructure industries slowed to 5.2% year-on-year in March from 7.1% in February on the back of a sequential deterioration recorded by five of its constituents.

Output decelerated in sectors like coal (8.7%), crude oil (2%), natural gas (6.3%) and steel (5.5%) during March, according to Ministry of Commerce and Industry data.

Overall, in FY24, growth in the core sector stood at 7.5 per cent as against 7.8 per cent in FY23. All eight constituent sectors registered positive growth during the financial year with output of steel (12.3 per cent) leading the chart, followed by coal (11.7 per cent), cement (9.1 per cent), and electricity (7 per cent) in FY24.

The eight core industries account for 40.27 per cent weighting of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) and, thus, have a significant impact on the index.

29. Which company will be the lead arm sponsor for USA's cricket team in ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024?

ICC पुरुष T20 विश्व कप 2024 में यूएसए की क्रिकेट टीम के लिए कौन सी कंपनी मुख्य प्रायोजक होगी?

- (a) Amul
- (b) Mother Dairy
- (c) Tata
- (d) Dream 11
- (e) Rummy

Ans. a

Sol. Amul to sponsor USA's cricket team in T20 WC

Amul will be the lead arm sponsor for USA's cricket team that will participate in ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 which commences on June 1.

The opening match of the tournament will be played between USA and Canada in Dallas.

This association with Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), responsible for marketing milk and milk products under the brand name Amul, signifies a significant step towards expanding and popularizing cricket across the nation.

30. Who has been appointed as Secretary of National Jute Board?

राष्ट्रीय जूट बोर्ड के सचिव के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Shashi Bhushan Singh / शशि भूषण सिंह
- (b) Neeli Bendapudi / नीली बेंदापुडी
- (c) Gitanjali Rao / गीतांजलि राव
- (d) Sheetal Sharma / शीतल शर्मा
- (e) Deepika Misra / दीपिका मिश्रा

Ans. a

Sol. Shashi Bhushan Singh appointed as Secretary of National Jute Board

The Central Government has approved the appointment of Shashi Bhushan Singh (IRTS) as Secretary (at Director level) of National Jute Board, Kolkata under the Ministry of Textiles.

Singh has been appointed to the post for a period of five years or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

Singh is an Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) of 2010-batch.

Recent Appointment

- **Director of MoHUA** - Sunil Kumar Yadav
- **Executive Chairman of Coromandel International** - Arun Alagappan (replace A. Vellayan)
- **Chairman of Wrestling Federation of India's Athletes' Commission** - Narsingh Pancham Yadav
- **First women VC of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU)** - Prof Naima Khatoon
- **CVO of Cotton Corporation of India** - Nidhi Jain
- **CEO of Pine Labs' Setu** - Anand Raisinghani (replace Sahil Kini)

31. NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) has signed an agreement with the _____ to support them in developing an instant payment system like Unified Payment Interface (UPI) for _____.

एनपीसीआई इंटरनेशनल पेमेंट्स लिमिटेड (एनआईपीएल) ने _____ के लिए यूनिफाइड पेमेंट इंटरफेस (यूपीआई) जैसी त्वरित भुगतान प्रणाली विकसित करने में सहायता करने के लिए _____ के साथ एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।

- (a) Bank of Australia, Australia
- (b) Bank of Namibia, Namibia
- (c) Bank of China, China
- (d) Bank of Denmark, Denmark
- (e) Bank of Egypt, Egypt

Ans. b

Sol. NPCI inks pact with Bank of Namibia for developing UPI

NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) has signed an agreement with the Bank of Namibia (BoN) to support them in developing an instant payment system like Unified Payment Interface (UPI) for Namibia.

The partnership seeks to help Namibia modernise its financial ecosystem.

This includes improving accessibility, affordability and connectivity with both domestic and international payment networks, and interoperability.

This strategic partnership aims to enhance digital financial services and bolster real-time Person-to-Person (P2P) and Merchant payment transactions (P2M) in the African nation.

About Namibia

- **Capital** – Windhoek
- **Currency** – Namibian dollar, South African rand
- **Prime Minister** – Saara Kuugongelwa
- **Official language** – English

32. In May 2024, which company received authorization from RBI to operate as an Online Payment Aggregrtaor under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act of 2007?

मई 2024 में, किस कंपनी को भुगतान और निपटान प्रणाली अधिनियम 2007 के तहत ऑनलाइन भुगतान एग्रीगेटर के रूप में काम करने के लिए RBI से प्राधिकरण प्राप्त हुआ?

- (a) Groww
- (b) Paytm
- (c) Digio
- (d) Cello
- (e) PhonePe

Ans. a

Sol. Groww & Worldline join growing club of India's online payment aggregators

Financial services platform Groww and digital payment processing company Worldline ePayments have secured RBI licence to operate as online payment aggregators.

With this, the number of firms getting the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) nod to operate as payment aggregators has touched 20 in the first four months of calendar year 2024.

Groww has secured the licence for its UPI payments platform Groww Pay.

This year major players such as Amazon Pay, Digio, CCAvenue, Decentro, MSwipe, Tata Pay, Zoho, Zomato, among others received a final nod from the banking regulator to operate as payment aggregators.

33. Who has been appointed as Director General of All India Radio (AIR)?

ऑल इंडिया रेडियो (AIR) के महानिदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Maushami Chakraborty / मौसमी चक्रवर्ती
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Joyeeta Gupta / जोयिता गुप्ता
- (e) Sheyphali Sharan / शेफाली शरण

Ans. b

Sol. Maushumi Chakravarty assumes charge of DG of Akashvani News

Senior Indian Information Service officer, Maushumi Chakravarty assumed the charge of Director General of Akashvani News.

Ms. Chakravarty assumed the charge after superannuation of Ms. Vasudha Gupta as Principal DG.

A 1991 batch IIS officer, Ms Chakravarty has vast experience of working in several media organisations of the I&B Ministry, including the Press Information Bureau and Central Bureau of Communication.

About All India Radio

- All India Radio (AIR) aka Akashvani, is an Indian state-owned public radio broadcaster founded by the Government of India, owned by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and one of Prasar Bharati's two divisions.
- It was established in 1936.

Recent Appointment

- **Director of the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** - Pratima Singh
- **President of Indian Vaccine Manufacturers Association (IVMA)** - Krishna Ella
- **Presiding Officer of the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT)** - Retired Justice Dinesh Kumar
- **Director in Department of Land Resources** - Sarvadanand Barnwal
- **CVO of Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Authority** - Manoj Kumar

34. Jeremiah Manele has been elected new prime minister of which country?

जेरेमिया मानेले को किस देश का नया प्रधान मंत्री चुना गया है?

- (a) Mangolia / मंगोलिया
- (b) Solomon Islands / सोलोमन द्वीप
- (c) Sudan / सूडान
- (d) Namibia / नामीबिया
- (e) Oman / ओमान

Ans. b

Sol. Solomon Islands elects Jeremiah Manele as new PM

Legislators in the Solomon Islands have elected former Foreign Minister Jeremiah Manele as their new prime minister. Manele, who has pledged to continue the Pacific nation's China-friendly foreign policy, won 31 votes in a secret ballot. His opponent, longtime opposition leader Matthew Wale, secured 18 votes.

Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President

- Deputy PM of Pakistan - Ishaq Dar
- President of Indonesia - Prabowo Subianto
- PM of Kuwait - Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah al-Ahmad al-Sabah
- PM of Ireland - Simon Harris (youngest PM of nation, 37)
- President of Slovakia - Peter Pellegrini

35. Devon Thomas has imposed a 5-year ban after he was found guilty of fixing matches in the Caribbean Premier League, Lankan Premier League and the franchise-based league in the UAE by the ICC. For which team does he play cricket?

आईसीसी द्वारा कैरेबियन प्रीमियर लीग, लंका प्रीमियर लीग और यूएई में फ्रेंचाइजी-आधारित लीग में मैच फिक्सिंग का दोषी पाए जाने के बाद डेवोन थॉमस पर 5 साल का प्रतिबंध लगाया गया है। वह किस टीम के लिए क्रिकेट खेलता है?

- (a) England / इंग्लैंड
- (b) West Indies / वेस्टइंडीज
- (c) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) Ireland / आयरलैंड

Ans. b

Sol. ICC Imposes 5-Year Ban on West Indies Cricketer Devon Thomas

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has imposed a five-year period of ineligibility from all cricket on West Indies player Devon Thomas after he accepted breaching seven counts of the anti-corruption codes of Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC), the Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) and the Caribbean Premier League (CPL)

Thomas admitted to seven charges, including those related to match-fixing.

Thomas was provisionally suspended on May 23 last year and his sentence will be backdated to that time. ICC released a statement on May 2, saying that Thomas would have 18 months of the punishment suspended.

About International Cricket Council (ICC)

- The International Cricket Council is the global governing body of cricket.
- It was founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909 by representatives from Australia, England and South Africa.
- It was renamed as the International Cricket Conference in 1965, and took up its current name in 1987.
- **Formation** - 15 June 1909
- **Headquarters** - Dubai, UAE
- **Chairman** - Greg Barclay (New Zealand)
- **Deputy Chairman** - Imran Khwaja (Singapore)
- **CEO** - Geoff Allardice (Australia)
- **General Manager** – Wasim Khan
- **Membership** - 108 members

36. Who has been awarded the title of Grandmaster by the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in May 2024?

मई 2024 में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय शतरंज महासंघ (FIDE) द्वारा ग्रैंडमास्टर की उपाधि से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (a) R Praggnanandhaa / आर प्रज्ञानानंदः
- (b) Aravindh Chithambaram / अरविंद चितंबरम
- (c) Alexandr Predke / एलेक्ज़ेंडर प्रेडके
- (d) Vaishali Ramesh Babu / वैशाली रमेश बाबू
- (e) Jaykumar Sammed / जयकुमार सम्मेद

Ans. d

Sol. International Chess Federation awards Grandmaster title to Indian Chess V Ramesh Babu

Indian Chess Prodigy, Vaishali Ramesh Babu has been awarded the title of Grandmaster by the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

Vaishali is the third Indian female Grandmaster, joining Koneru Humpy and Harika Dronavalli.

Vaishali completed the requisite 2500 ELO points at the Llobregat Open tournament in Spain, last year. However, the title was officially given to her only recently following the FIDE Council meeting during the Candidates Tournament in Toronto last month.

Recent Awards

- **Goldman Environmental Prize 2024** - Alok Shukla
- **Honorary Doctorate by Manipal Academy of Higher Education**- K.V. Kamath
- **2024 Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards** - Gina Justus
- **Global media award** - India Today Group's AI news anchor, Sana
- **Miss Universe Buenos Aires title** - Alejandra Rodríguez (Argentina)

37. Indian wildlife biologist, Purnima Devi Barman has been conferred with the Whitley Gold Award 2024 in May 2024. She is from which state?

भारतीय वन्यजीव जीवविज्ञानी, पूर्णिमा देवी बर्मन को मई 2024 में व्हिटली गोल्ड अवार्ड 2024 से सम्मानित किया गया है। वह किस राज्य से हैं?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Manipur / मणिपुर
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

Ans. c

Sol. Purnima Devi Barman received 'Green Oscar' Whitley Gold Award 2024

A wildlife biologist from Assam, Dr Purnima Devi Barman has won her second Whitley Gold Award, also known as the Green Oscar.

She was honoured for her conservation effort of the endangered bird, Hargila or Greater Adjutant Stork and its wetland habitat.

This is the second time that Dr Barman has been honoured with the Whitley Gold Award. She was also awarded the prize in 2017.

Ms Barman received the trophy from charity patron Princess Anne – the Princess Royal, the sister of King Charles III, in recognition of her conservation of the stork known locally as "Hargila" in Assamese.

The Whitley Awards also celebrated six other grassroots conservationists – from Guyana, Papua New Guinea, Bhutan, Cameroon, Nepal and Brazil – for their locally-led solutions to the global biodiversity and climate crises.

Recent Awards

- **Newsweek's 2024 list of the 'World's Best Hospitals'** - Medanta Gurugram
- **World Press Photo of the Year award 2024** - Mohammed Salem
- **CIDC Vishwakarma Award for Social Development and Impact** - Puravankara Limited,
- **International Fellowship by the Engineering Academy of Japan** - Kaushik Rajashekara
- **Earns Frost & Sullivan's 2023 Indian Company of the Year Award** - STT GDC India

38. World Tuna Day is observed every year on which day?

विश्व ट्यूना दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 1 May
- (b) 2 May
- (c) 3 May
- (d) 4 May
- (e) 5 May

Ans. b

Sol. 2 May - World Tuna Day

World Tuna Day is observed annually on May 2.

The day is dedicated to raising awareness about the decline in tuna stocks worldwide and the need to effectively implement international regulations to safeguard future tuna supplies.

Tuna is a highly nutritious and valuable fish that is a significant source of food for both developing and developed countries. It is essential to maintain healthy and sustainable tuna populations for future generations.

The World Tuna Day was first observed in 2017. The day was established by the United Nations General Assembly to raise awareness about the declining tuna population and to promote the conservation and management of tuna fisheries.

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39. World Press Freedom Day is observed every year on 3 May. What is the theme of World Press Freedom Day 2024?

विश्व प्रेस स्वतंत्रता दिवस हर साल 3 मई को मनाया जाता है। विश्व प्रेस स्वतंत्रता दिवस 2024 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Shaping a Future of Rights
- (b) Journalism under Digital Siege
- (c) Information as a Public Good
- (d) A Press for the Planet
- (e) Journalism without Fear or Favour

Ans. d

Sol. 3 April - World Press Freedom Day

World Press Freedom Day is observed every year on 3 May.

The day is commemorated to highlight the significance of press freedom globally and to recognize the challenges encountered by journalists.

Theme 2024 -A Press for the Planet: Journalism in the Face of the Environmental Crisis.

The day also pays tribute to all the journalists who have lost their lives.

World Press Freedom Day was first declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 1993. This declaration came after a recommendation made in 1991 at the twenty-sixth General Conference session of UNESCO.

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40. Uma Ramanan passed away recently at the age of 72. Who was she?

उमा रामानन का हाल ही में 72 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह कौन थीं?

- (a) Writer / लेखक
- (b) Politician / राजनेता
- (c) Sculptor / मूर्तिकार
- (d) Singer / गायिका
- (e) Historian / इतिहासकार

Ans. d

Sol. Playback Singer Uma Ramanan passed away

Renowned playback singer Uma Ramanan passed away at the age of 72 in Chennai.

Ramanan was a trained classical singer and appeared in more than 6,000 concerts in 35 years. Song Poongathave Thalthiravai in the Nizhalgal film catapulted her to fame.

Some of her famous songs for Ilaiyaraaja include 'Bhoopalam Isaikkum' from 'Thooral Ninnu Pochchu', 'Aanandha Raagam' from 'Panner Pushpangal', 'Kanmani Nee Vara' from 'Thendrale Ennai Thodu', 'Ponn Maanae' from 'Oru Kaidhiyin Dairy', 'Aagaya Vennilave' from 'Arangetra Velai' and 'Sri Ranga Ranganathanin' from 'Mahanadi', among others.

41. In May 2024, India and Nigeria have agreed to an early conclusion of the Local Currency Settlement System Agreement to strengthen bilateral economic ties. Which continent is the country of Nigeria located in?

मई 2024 में, भारत और नाइजीरिया द्विपक्षीय आर्थिक संबंधों को मजबूत करने के लिए स्थानीय मुद्रा निपटान प्रणाली समझौते के शीघ्र निष्कर्ष पर सहमत हुए हैं। नाइजीरिया देश किस महाद्वीप में स्थित है?

- (a) Europe
- (b) Asia
- (c) Africa
- (d) North America
- (e) South America

Ans. c

Sol. India & Nigeria to finalise Local Currency Settlement System Agreement

India and Nigeria have agreed to an early conclusion of the Local Currency Settlement System Agreement to strengthen bilateral economic ties.

Under the local currency settlement system, the trade will be settled in India's local currency and Nigerian local currency, Nigerian naira.

This was decided at the 2nd session of the India-Nigeria Joint Trade Committee held in Abuja, Nigeria.

Officials from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), EXIM Bank of India, and the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) also accompanied the Indian delegation.

India established a Diplomatic House in Lagos, Nigeria, in November 1958; even before Nigeria gained independence, Nigeria gained independence from Britain in 1960.

Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was the first prime minister of India to visit Nigeria in September 1962.

Two Nigerian Presidents have been the chief guests at the Republic Day celebration: President Shehu Shagari in 1983 and President Olusegun Obasanjo in 2000.

About Nigeria

- **Capital-** Abuja
- **Currency-** Nigerian naira
- **Continent-** Africa
- **President-** Bola Tinubu

42. The Appointment committee of Cabinet has approved the appointment of _____ as President GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) for 4 years.

कैबिनेट की नियुक्ति समिति ने 4 वर्षों के लिए जीएसटी अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण (जीएसटीएटी) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में _____ की नियुक्ति को मंजूरी दे दी है।

- (a) Sanjaya Kumar Mishra / संजय कुमार मिश्रा
- (b) Arindam Bagchi / अरिंदम बागची
- (c) Indra Mani Pandey / इंद्र मणि पांडे
- (d) Tanu Singh / तनु सिंह
- (e) Vivek Murthy / विवेक मूर्ति

Ans. a

Sol. Sanjaya Kumar Mishra appoints as head of GST Appellate Tribunal

The Appointment committee of Cabinet has approved the appointment of Sanjaya Kumar Mishra as President GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) for 4 years.

Mishra is a former Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court.

The selection was made on the recommendations of a Search-Cum-Selection Committee. This will speed up the process of making the GSTAT functional at earliest.

GSTAT will have one Principal Bench located at Delhi and 31 State benches located at various locations across States.

In February 2024, the Department of Revenue invited applications for appointments to the posts of the 63 posts of judicial members and 32 posts for the technical Members (Centre) in Principal Bench of GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT).

The eligibility criteria was being a judge of the High Court, or serving a retired District Judge or Additional District Judge with 10 years of combined experience, or Lawyer with 10 years of experience with substantial experience in litigation in matters relating to indirect taxes

43. Consider the following points about World Press Freedom Index 2024:

- (i) The index is released by Reporters Without Borders.**
- (ii) India at 159 among 180 countries in the index.**
- (iii) Denmark tops the index.**
- (iv) Syria is at the bottom of the index.**

How many of the given statement(s) is/are CORRECT?

- (a) only one
- (b) only two
- (c) only three
- (d) all are correct
- (e) all are incorrect

Ans. b

Sol. India at 159 among 180 countries in World Press Freedom Index

India ranked 159 among 180 countries in the latest annual World Press Freedom Index released by Reporters Without Borders (RSF, short for Reporters sans frontières in French), an international non-profit organization.

India had ranked 161 in the 2023 list.

Meanwhile, Pakistan ranked seven spots above India at 152. It had ranked 150 in 2023.

Norway topped the ranking while Denmark was on the second rank in World Press Freedom Index. Sweden ranked third on the list.

While Eritrea was at the bottom, with Syria just ahead of it.

Recent index

- **World Cybercrime Index:** India at 10th; topped by Russia followed by Ukraine
- **Henley Passport Index 2024** - India at 85th; topped by Germany, Italy, Japan, Singapore, and Spain, France
- **Corruption perception index 2023** - India ranked 93rd; topped by Denmark
- **Mercer's Quality of Living City Index 2023** - Rank 1. Vienna (Austria), Rank 2. Zurich (Switzerland), Rank 3. Vancouver (Canada), Hyderabad (153rd), Pune (154th), Chennai (161st), Mumbai (164th), Kolkata (170th), New Delhi (172nd), Khartoum (Sudan) at the bottom-most position (241st spot).
- **Climate Change Performance Index 2023** - India ranked 7th

44. In May 2024, Neobanking startup Fi has secured a non-banking finance company (NBFC) licence from the Reserve Bank of India. In which year Fi was established?

मई 2024 में, नियोबैंकिंग स्टार्टअप Fi ने भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक से एक गैर-बैंकिंग वित्त कंपनी (NBFC) लाइसेंस प्राप्त किया है। Fi की स्थापना किस वर्ष में हुई थी?

- (a) 2023
- (b) 2022
- (c) 2021
- (d) 2020
- (e) 2019

Ans. e

Sol. Neobanking startup Fi secures NBFC License from RBI

Neobanking startup Fi, backed by investors such as Peak XV and Temasek, has secured a non-banking finance company (NBFC) licence from the Reserve Bank of India, enabling it to provide loans from its own books.

With this, Fi has joined the likes of Jupiter, Groww and Cred, all of which got into the lending business either by getting a fresh licence or by acquiring another NBFC.

Acquiring an NBFC licence empowers fintechs to offer loans from their own books, thus establishing an asset base.

Without this licence, they are limited to acting as intermediaries to connect borrowers with banks and other NBFCs.

About Fi

- Founded by former Google executives, Narayanan and Sumit Gwalani in 2019.
- Fi provides zero-balance savings accounts and other services like investments, payments and savings to its users.
- The company has raised around \$160 million in equity from major investors like Ribbit Capital, Alpha Wave Global, Temasek and others.

45. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has raised its growth forecast for India by 40 basis points to how much per cent for 2024-25?

आर्थिक सहयोग और विकास संगठन (ओईसीडी) ने 2024-25 के लिए भारत के लिए अपने विकास पूर्वानुमान को 40 आधार अंक बढ़ाकर कितना प्रतिशत कर दिया है?

- (a) 6.2%
- (b) 6.4%
- (c) 6.6%
- (d) 6.8%
- (e) 6.1%

Ans. c

Sol. OECD raises the Indian economy growth rate forecast to 6.6% in 2024-25

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has raised its growth forecast for India by 40 basis points to 6.6 per cent for 2024-25.

In its earlier report, it had projected a growth rate of 6.2 per cent for the Indian economy in 2024-25.

It has also forecasted a growth rate of 6.6 % for 2025-26.

Recently International Monetary Fund raised the expected growth rate of the Indian economy in 2024-25 to 6.8%

The OECD expects the world economy to grow by 3.1 percent in 2024 and 3.2 percent in 2025.

Updated GDP List

- OECD – 6.6%(FY25), 6.6%(FY26)
- Fitch Rating – 7% (FY25)
- SBI – 8% (FY25)
- World Bank – 6.6% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)
- NCAER – over 7% (FY25)
- Deloitte - 6.6% (FY25)
- NIPFP – 7.1% (FY25)
- IMF – 6.8% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)
- UNTCAD – 6.5% (FY24)
- Moody's Analytics – 6.1% (FY24)
- ADB – 7% (FY25), 7.2%(FY26)

46. Which company has secured USD 400 million finance from a consortium of five international banks for its under-construction solar projects of 750 MW in Gujarat and Rajasthan?

किस कंपनी ने गुजरात और राजस्थान में 750 मेगावाट की निर्माणाधीन सौर परियोजनाओं के लिए पांच अंतरराष्ट्रीय बैंकों के एक संघ से 400 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर का वित्त प्राप्त किया है?

- (a) ReNew Power / रिन्यू पावर
- (b) Adani Green Energy / अदानी ग्रीन एनर्जी
- (c) REC Limited / आरईसी लिमिटेड
- (d) NTPC Limited / एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड
- (e) Torrent Power / टोरेंट पावर

Ans. b

Sol. Adani Green Energy secures \$400 Million Finance from International Banks

Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) has secured USD 400 million finance from a consortium of five international banks for its under-construction solar projects of 750 MW in Gujarat and Rajasthan.

One of the projects is being developed in Rajasthan with 500 MW capacity and has a long-term power purchase agreement (PPA) with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI).

The second one, with 250 MW capacity, is a standalone merchant power project being implemented at the world's largest RE cluster in Khavda, Gujarat.

The consortium of lenders includes Cooperative Rabobank U.A., DBS Bank Ltd, Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A., MUFG Bank, Ltd., and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation.

Recent Penalties imposed on Banks by RBI

- Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Bank (43.30 lakh) - for non-compliance with RBI direction
- The Kangra Co-operative Bank, New Delhi (5 lakh) - For deficiencies in regulatory compliance
- Rajdhani Nagar Sahkari Bank, Lucknow (5 lakh) - For deficiencies in regulatory compliance
- Zila Sahakari Bank, Garhwal (5 lakh) - For deficiencies in regulatory compliance
- District Co-operative Bank, Dehradun (2 lakh) - For deficiencies in regulatory compliance

47. Which bank has partnered with Bengaluru-based financial services provider ANQ to unveil two new credit cards 'Pi' and 'Phi' designed for Indian consumers?

किस बैंक ने भारतीय उपभोक्ताओं के लिए डिज़ाइन किए गए दो नए क्रेडिट कार्ड 'Pi' और 'Phi' का अनावरण करने के लिए बेंगलुरु स्थित वित्तीय सेवा प्रदाता ANQ के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक

Ans. c

Sol. YES Bank collaborates with ANQ to launch Pi and Phi credit cards

YES Bank has partnered with Bengaluru-based financial services provider ANQ to unveil two new credit cards designed for Indian consumers.

The Pi and Phi co-branded cards aim to offer unique features and benefits.

ANQ Pi Credit Card

- The YES BANK ANQ Pi Credit Card is a digital-only card that provides credit on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for domestic transactions.
- With no joining or annual fees, this card offers flexibility without additional costs.
- Users can earn 8 reward points on UPI transactions above ₹2,000 and gain access to RuPay Platinum Benefits.
- Additionally, the card provides accelerated rewards on UPI spending and allows users to convert purchases into EMIs.

ANQ Phi Credit Card

- The YES BANK ANQ Phi Credit Card is a physical card catering to both domestic and international purchases.
- The Phi card offers rewards across various categories including dining and travel, along with fuel surcharge waivers and international lounge access.
- Users can earn 24 reward points on selected categories for spends of ₹200 and 4 reward points on other spends of ₹200.

About Yes Bank

- **Founded** - 2004
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **MD & CEO** - Prashant Kumar
- **Chairman** – Sunil Mehta
- **Tagline** - Experience our Expertise

48. Which insurance company has unveiled its latest campaign, 'No Jhanjhat Life Insurance Fatafat'?

किस बीमा कंपनी ने अपने नवीनतम अभियान, 'नो झंझट लाइफ इंश्योरेंस फटाफट' का अनावरण किया है?

- (a) Bajaj Allianz Insurance / बजाज आलियांज इंश्योरेंस
- (b) Bharti AXA Insurance / भारती एक्सा इंश्योरेंस
- (c) SBI Life Insurance / एसबीआई लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
- (d) Max Life Insurance / मैक्स लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
- (e) HDFC Life Insurance / एचडीएफसी लाइफ इंश्योरेंस

Ans. e

Sol. HDFC Life launched 'No Jhanjhat Life Insurance Fatafat' campaign

HDFC Life, a leading insurer in India, has unveiled its latest campaign, 'No Jhanjhat Life Insurance Fatafat'.

This campaign promises a seamless and swift life insurance purchasing experience, tailored for today's fast-paced world.

As the campaign's protagonist navigates life's challenges, each scene serves as an endearing analogy to the simplicity of purchasing insurance through HDFC Life's online channel.

Bid farewell to cumbersome paperwork and lengthy waiting period - HDFC Life offers a range of benefits at your fingertips.

Through initiatives like the "No Jhanjhat Life Insurance Fatafat" campaign, HDFC Life is committed to contributing to the mission of 'Insurance for All by 2047'.

Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector

- AU SFB launches 2 credit cards **AU SPONT Rupay Credit Card** and **Secured Credit Card - NOMO** (No Missing Out)
- NABARD unveils **Climate Strategy 2030**
- SBI Card introduced its inaugural travel-centric core credit card, '**SBI Card MILES**'
- Razorpay launches **UPI Switch** with Airtel Payments Bank
- BharatPe launches all-in-one payment device **BharatPe One**

49. The Reserve Bank of India has approved the re-appointment of Atanu Chakraborty as part-time Chairman of which bank for three years?

भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने तीन साल के लिए किस बैंक के अंशकालिक अध्यक्ष के रूप में अतनु चक्रवर्ती की पुनः नियुक्ति को मंजूरी दे दी है?

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक

Ans. d

Sol. Atanu Chakraborty reappointed as Chairman of HDFC Bank

The Reserve Bank of India has approved the re-appointment of Atanu Chakraborty as part-time Chairman of HDFC Bank for three years with effect from May 5.

Chakraborty has been the Part-Time Chairman and Independent Director of the Bank since May 2021.

He served the Government of India for 35 years as a member of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in Gujarat cadre.

He retired as Secretary to Government of India in the Ministry of Finance- Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) in April 2020.

About HDFC Bank

- **Founded** – August 1994
- **Founder** - Hasmukhbhai Parekh
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **MD & CEO** - Sashidhar Jagdishan
- **Chairman** – Atanu Chakraborty
- **Tagline** - We understand your world

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **MD & CEO of Jio Financial Services** - Hitesh Sethia
- **MD & CEO Axis Bank** - Amitabh Chaudhry (reappointment for 3 years)
- **Independent Directors of Axis bank** - Meena Ganesh and Gopalaraman Padmanabhan (reappointment for 4 years)
- **Deputy Governor of RBI** - T Rabi Sankar (reappointment for One Year)
- **Chairman of HDFC Insurance Board** -Keki Mistry

50. Who has been appointed as MD of Raymond for 5 years?

5 वर्षों के लिए रेमंड के एमडी के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Rajendra Prasad Goyal / राजेंद्र प्रसाद गोयल
- (b) Manish Prasad / मनीष प्रसाद
- (c) Pramod Sharma / प्रमोद शर्मा
- (d) Gautam Hari Singhania / गौतम हरि सिंघानिया
- (e) Vivek Srivastava / विवेक श्रीवास्तव

Ans. d

Sol. Gautam Singhania appointed as MD of Raymond

Raymond has re-appointed Gautam Hari Singhania as its managing director for a term of five years effective from July 1, 2024.

Singhania, a commerce graduate, assumed the role of chairman and managing director of Raymond in September 2000.

Over the years, he has been instrumental in strategically restructuring the Raymond Group, including the divestment of its non-core businesses of Steel, Cement, and Synthetics.

Recent Appointment

- **Secretary of National Jute Board** - Shashi Bhushan Singh
- **DG of Akashvani News aka All India Radio** - Maushumi Chakravarty (replace Vasudha Gupta)
- **Director of the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** - Pratima Singh
- **President of Indian Vaccine Manufacturers Association (IVMA)** - Krishna Ella
- **Presiding Officer of the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT)** - Retired Justice Dinesh Kumar

51. Carol Furtado has been appointed as executive director of which Small Finance Bank in May 2024?

मई 2024 में कैरोल फ़र्टाडो को किस लघु वित्त बैंक के कार्यकारी निदेशक के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) AU Small Finance Bank Limited / एयू स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited / कैपिटल स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (c) Suryoday Small Finance Bank / सूर्योदय स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (d) Shivalik Small Finance Bank / शिवालिक स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
- (e) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank / उज्जीवन स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक

Ans. e

Sol. Ujjivan SFB names Carol Furtado as Executive Director

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has appointed Carol Furtado as executive director for three years with effect from May 1.

Ms Furtado has been with the bank since its inception and assumed various key positions including chief human resource officer, head of operations and service quality and chief business officer.

Furtado has over 29 years of banking experience in retail banking and non-banking finance company domains. She was instrumental in the organisation's transition from NBFC-MFI to a small finance bank.

A post graduate from Mount Carmel Institute of Management, Bangalore, she had previously worked with the ANZ group, Bank Muscat and Centurion Bank.

About Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

- Founded- 1 February 2017
- Headquarters- Bangalore, Karnataka
- MD & CEO – Ittira Davis

52. International Firefighters' Day is observed every year on which day?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अग्निशमन दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 2 May
- (b) 3 May
- (c) 4 May
- (d) 5 May
- (e) 6 May

Ans. c

Sol. 4 May - International Firefighters Day

International Firefighters' Day is observed every year on May 4.

It honours the brave men and women who risk their lives to keep communities safe from fires and other emergencies.

International Firefighter's Day traces its origins back to a tragic event in Australia. On December 2, 1998, five firefighters lost their lives while battling a fierce blaze in Linton, Victoria.

This incident deeply affected the local community and prompted a movement to recognise and appreciate the efforts of firefighters worldwide.

In 1999, International Firefighters' Day was established to commemorate the bravery of those firefighters and to express gratitude to all firefighters for their selfless service.

53. Coal Miners Day is observed every year on which day?

कोयला खनिक दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 2 May
- (b) 3 May
- (c) 4 May
- (d) 5 May
- (e) 6 May

Ans. c

Sol. 4 May - Coal Miners Day

Coal Miners Day is observed annually on May 4 in India.

It honours the hard work and sacrifices of coal miners around the world. The day reminds us of its vital role in providing energy for homes, industries, and communities.

Coal mining is a really important job for lots of people. This day helps us understand the tough things coal miners deal with, like staying safe and healthy while they work.

Coal Miner's Day started in 1952 when the Mines Act was made. This law aimed to help coal miners by giving them medical care, safety rules, and rescue places.

Later, in 1974, the Coal Mines Act was made to save coal and keep miners safe. But, even with these laws, many miners still get sick or hurt.

The first coal mine in India opened in 1774 by John Summer and Suetonius Grant Heatly. It was by the Damodar River in the Raniganj Coalfield.

54. In May 2024, State-owned REC Ltd has received a 'No Objection Certificate' (NOC) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for setting up a subsidiary in which city of Gujarat?

मई 2024 में, राज्य के स्वामित्व वाली REC लिमिटेड को गुजरात के किस शहर में एक सहायक कंपनी स्थापित करने के लिए भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) से 'अनापत्ति प्रमाणपत्र' (NOC) प्राप्त हुआ है?

- (a) Vadodara / वडोदरा
- (b) Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
- (c) Surat / सूरत
- (d) Gandhinagar / गांधीनगर
- (e) Rajkot / राजकोट

Ans. d

Sol. REC gets RBI nod to set up subsidiary in GIFT City

State-owned REC Ltd, under the Ministry of Power and a leading NBFC, has received a 'No Objection Certificate' (NOC) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for setting up a subsidiary in Gujarat International Finance Tech-City (GIFT) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The proposed subsidiary will engage in a range of financial activities as a finance company within GIFT, including lending, investment, and other financial services.

The GIFT City platform offers a conducive environment for international lending activities coupled with world-class infrastructure.

About Gujarat

- Capital- Gandhinagar
- Chief Minister- Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel
- Governor- Acharya Devvrat

55. Recently, which country has signed an agreement to connect India's payment system - Unified Payments Interface with its country's interbank payment and settlement systems?

हाल ही में, किस देश ने भारत की भुगतान प्रणाली - यूनिफाइड पेमेंट्स इंटरफ़ेस को अपने देश के अंतरबैंक भुगतान और निपटान प्रणालियों से जोड़ने के लिए एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
- (b) Ghana / घाना
- (c) Sudan / सूडान
- (d) Zimbabwe / जिम्बाब्वे
- (e) Oman / ओमान

Ans. b

Sol. India, Ghana reach agreement on UPI

India and Ghana are working to link their payment systems - Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Ghana Interbank Payment and Settlement Systems (GHIPSS) respectively to permit users to make instant, low-cost fund transfers on a reciprocal basis.

The two countries have also delved into discussions regarding the possibilities of a Memorandum of Understanding on Digital transformation Solutions; Local Currency Settlement System and the opportunities offered by African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA).

India's UPI has already reached countries including Singapore and the UAE.

About Ghana

- Capital- Accra
- Currency- Ghanaian Cedi
- President -Nana Akufo-Addo
- Official language- English

56. Which company will launch the world's first compressed natural gas (CNG) motorcycle in June 2024?

कौन सी कंपनी जून 2024 को दुनिया की पहली संपीड़ित प्राकृतिक गैस (सीएनजी) मोटरसाइकिल लॉन्च करेगी?

- (a) Hero
- (b) Honda
- (c) Hyundai
- (d) Bajaj Auto
- (e) Ola

Ans. d

Sol. Bajaj Auto to launch world's first CNG-powered bike in June

Bajaj Auto will launch the world's first compressed natural gas (CNG) motorcycle on June 2024.

This move marks a significant shift in the industry, providing customers with a cost-effective and eco-friendly alternative to traditional petrol motorcycles.

With the new CNG-powered bikes, customers can expect a significant reduction in operational costs, making it an attractive proposition in today's market.

Bajaj Auto plans to initiate production with an initial capacity of 20,000 CNG motorcycles, a cautious step considering the varied response the initiative has garnered thus far.

The CNG-powered bike is to be named Bruzer 125 CNG.

About Bajaj Auto

- Founded - 29 November 1945
- Founder - Jamnalal Bajaj
- Headquarters - Pune, Maharashtra
- Bajaj Managing Director - Rajiv Bajaj

57. Who have been named as laureates of the 2024 Guillermo Cano World Press Prize?

2024 गिलमोर् कैनो वर्ल्ड प्रेस पुरस्कार के विजेता के रूप में किसे नामित किया गया है?

- (a) Indian Journalists
- (b) Russian Journalists
- (c) Ukrainian Journalists
- (d) Isralian Journalists
- (e) Palestinian Journalists

Ans. e

Sol. Palestinian journalists awarded 2024 Guillermo Cano World Press Prize.

UNESCO awarded its World Press Freedom Prize to all Palestinian journalists covering the war in Gaza.

The Award Ceremony occurred in the margins of the World Press Freedom Conference in Santiago, Chile.

Mauricio Weibel, Chair of the International Jury, highlights the immense debt owed to these journalists for their courage and dedication to freedom of expression.

About the Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize

- Created in 1997, the annual UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize honours an outstanding contribution to the defence and/or promotion of press freedom anywhere in the world, especially when this has been achieved in the face of danger.
- It is the only such prize awarded to journalists within the UN System.
- It is named for Guillermo Cano Isaza, the Colombian journalist who was assassinated in front of the offices of his newspaper El Espectador in Bogotá, Colombia, on 17 December 1986.

Recent Awards

- **Whitley Gold Award (Green Oscar) 2024** - Dr Purnima Devi Barman (Assam)
- **Grandmaster title by FIDE** - Vaishali Ramesh Babu
- **Goldman Environmental Prize 2024** - Alok Shukla
- **Honorary Doctorate by Manipal Academy of Higher Education-** K.V. Kamath
- **2024 Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards** - Gina Justus
- **Global media award** - India Today Group's AI news anchor, Sana

58. India's premier biennial motor show "Auto Expo" will be held in which city in 2025?

भारत का प्रमुख द्विवार्षिक मोटर शो "ऑटो एक्सपो" 2025 में किस शहर में आयोजित किया जाएगा?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Greater Noida / ग्रेटर नोएडा
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram / तिरुवनंतपुरम

Ans. b

Sol. Auto Expo set to move back to New Delhi in 2025

The Auto Expo is set to return to the national capital in 2025, after a decade.

India's flagship biennial motor show will be organized next year under the Bharat Mobility umbrella in New Delhi's Pragati Maidan, 10 years after the exhibition was moved to Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, in 2014.

Under the Bharat Mobility umbrella, automotive industry body Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) will organize the customer-focused motor show.

It is typically a ticketed event attracting retail footfall at Bharat Mandapam in Pragati Maidan, while the global components expo will be organized by Automotive Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA) at Yashobhoomi in Dwarka.

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59. Which company has launched FWD-200B in Bengaluru, marking India's entry into indigenous bomber UAV manufacturing?

किस कंपनी ने स्वदेशी बमवर्षक यूएवी विनिर्माण में भारत के प्रवेश को चिह्नित करते हुए बेंगलुरु में FWD-200B लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Tata Advanced Systems / टाटा एडवांस्ड सिस्टम्स
- (b) National Aerospace Laboratories / राष्ट्रीय एयरोस्पेस प्रयोगशालाएं
- (c) Defence and Aerospace Technologies / डिफेंस और एयरोस्पेस टेक्नोलॉजीज
- (d) Boeing Rotorcraft Systems / बोइंग रोटारक्राफ्ट सिस्टम
- (e) Safran Helicopter Engines / सफरान हेलीकाप्टर इंजन

Ans. c

Sol. India's first indigenous bomber UAV unveiled in Bengaluru

Flying Wedge Defence and Aerospace Technologies launched FWD-200B in Bengaluru, marking India's entry into indigenous UAV manufacturing.

The FWD-200B has a payload capacity of 100 kgs and is classified as a MALE Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (medium-altitude, long-endurance).

The Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) consists of optical surveillance payloads and is integrated with missile-like weapons for precision air strikes.

It reduces dependency on costly imports of UAVs with a 12-20 hour endurance, 370 kmph speed, and 200 km station range.

The FWD-200B can carry a maximum takeoff weight of 498 Kgs in addition to this, it holds a ground control station (GCS) range of 200 kms

60. Sanjeev Nautiyal has been appointed as MD & CEO of which Small Finance Bank for the period of 3 years?

संजीव नौटियाल को 3 साल की अवधि के लिए किस लघु वित्त बैंक के एमडी और सीईओ के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) AU Small Finance Bank Limited / एयू स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited / कैपिटल स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (c) Suryoday Small Finance Bank / सूर्योदय स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (d) Shivalik Small Finance Bank / शिवालिक स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
- (e) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank / उज्जीवन स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक

Ans. e

Sol. Sanjeev Nautiyal appointed as MD & CEO of Ujjivan SFB

Reserve bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Sanjeev Nautiyal as the managing director (MD) & chief executive officer (CEO) of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank for the period of 3 years with effect from 1 July 2024.

He will replace Ittira Davis.

Currently, he is the independent director of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), in addition to acting as an advisor to various organisations.

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Sanjeev Nautiyal holds a Bachelors degree in Arts and a Masters degree in Business Administration. He is also a Certified Associate of the Indian Institute of Bankers.

He is a banker with over three decades of extensive strategic domain expertise in retail, SME, financial inclusion, operations, HR, international banking, and treasury.

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **Executive Director of Ujjivan SFB** - Carol Furtado (3 years)
- **Chairman of HDFC Bank** - Atanu Chakraborty (reappointment for 3 years)
- **MD & CEO of Jio Financial Services** - Hitesh Sethia
- **MD & CEO Axis Bank** - Amitabh Chaudhry (reappointment for 3 years)
- **Independent Directors of Axis bank** - Meena Ganesh and Gopalaraman Padmanabhan (reappointment for 4 years)

61. UNICEF India has appointed whom as its new National Ambassador?

यूनिसेफ इंडिया ने किसे अपना नया राष्ट्रीय राजदूत नियुक्त किया है?

- (a) Anushka Sharma / अनुष्का शर्मा
- (b) Kareena Kapoor Khan / करीना कपूर खान
- (c) Priyanka Chopra / प्रियंका चोपड़ा
- (d) Katrina Kaif / कैटरीना कैफ
- (e) Aishwarya Rai / ऐश्वर्या राय

Ans. b

Sol. UNICEF India appoints Kareena Kapoor Khan as National Ambassador

UNICEF India has appointed Bollywood star Kareena Kapoor Khan as its new National Ambassador.

The "Crew" star, who has been associated with UNICEF India since 2014, will support the not-for-profit organisation in furthering every child's right to early childhood development, health, education and gender equality.

Besides Kareena, UNICEF India has also appointed its first-ever Youth Advocates, who are peer leaders and champions on issues like climate action, mental health, innovations and Girls in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

The four advocates are Gauranshi Sharma from Madhya Pradesh on right to play and disability inclusion; Kartik Verma from Uttar Pradesh on climate action and child rights advocacy; singer Nahid Afrin from Assam on mental health and early childhood development; and Vinisha Umashankar from Tamil Nadu is a budding innovator and STEM pioneer.

Recent Brand Ambassador

- Sana Mir - ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier
- Yuvraj Singh – ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024
- Usain Bolt - ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024
- Chris Gayle - ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024
- MS Dhoni - French carmaker Citroen
- Sanjana Sanghi - SPACE India

62. Consider the following points about Thomas and Uber Cup Title 2024:

(i) China has won the Thomas Cup title and it was the 11th title win for China.

(ii) Uber Cup is related to Badminton.

(iii) The Chinese women's team defeated Indonesia 3-0 to win the Uber Cup for the 16th time.

(iv) 2024 Thomas and Uber Cup was played in the Chinese city of Chengdu.

How many of the given points(s) is/are CORRECT?

- (a) only one
- (b) only two
- (c) only three
- (d) all are correct
- (e) all are incorrect

Ans. d

Sol. China wins both Thomas and Uber Cup Badminton titles

The Chinese badminton team has won both the men's Thomas Cup 2024 and the women's Uber Cup 2024.

The final of the 2024 BWF Thomas and Uber Cup was played in the Chinese city of Chengdu.

Thomas and Uber Cup is held every two years and is organised by the world badminton governing body, the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

For the first time since 2012, Chinese badminton has won both the men's and women's titles at the world team championships.

In Thomas Cup

- China defeated Indonesia 4-1 to win the Thomas Cup for the 11th time.
- 16 teams participated in the Thomas Cup, including India.
- However, the Indian team lost to China in the quarterfinals 3-1 to crash out of the championship. India was the defending champion.
- The Indian team won the Thomas Cup held in Bangkok, Thailand, in 2022.

In Uber Cup

- The Chinese women's team defeated Indonesia 3-0 to win the Uber Cup for the 16th time.
- The Chinese women's team dominated the event by winning 24 straight games throughout the tournament.
- The Indian women's team lost in the quarter-finals to Japan 3-0.

63. India's Tejaswin Shankar, who was seen in news in May 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?

भारत के तेजस्विन शंकर, जिन्हें मई 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में देखा गया था, निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़े हैं?

- (a) Hockey / हॉकी
- (b) Weightlifting / भारोत्तोलन
- (c) High Jump / ऊंची कूद
- (d) Football / फुटबॉल
- (e) Cricket / क्रिकेट

Ans. c

Sol. Tejaswin Shankar wins men's High Jump event at USATF Festival

India's Tejaswin Shankar clinched victory in the men's High Jump event at the USATF Festival in Tucson, Arizona, USA.

The National record holder Tejaswin cleared 2.23 metres in his first attempt to secure the top spot at the World Athletics Continental Tour – Silver event. With this jump, he equaled his season-best effort.

Earnie Sears of USA finished second, while Roberto Vilches of Mexico was third. Another Indian athlete, Sarvesh Kushare cleared 2.13m to finish fifth.

64. Who has won the Formula 1 Miami Grand Prix 2024?

फॉर्मूला 1 मियामी ग्रांड प्रिक्स 2024 किसने जीता है?

- (a) Sebastian Vettel / सेबस्टियन वेट्टेली
- (b) Lewis Hamilton / लुईस हैमिल्टन
- (c) Max Verstappen / मैक्स वेरस्टैपेन
- (d) Carlos Sainz / कार्लोस सैन्ज़
- (e) Lando Norris / लैंडो नॉरिस

Ans. e

Sol. McLaren's Lando Norris win Miami GP

McLaren's Lando Norris has won the first Formula One race of his career with a shock victory over world champion Max Verstappen in the Miami Grand Prix.

Breathing life into an F1 season that risked becoming a one-man story again, Norris, in his 110th race for McLaren, beat Verstappen by more than seven seconds, with Ferrari's Charles Leclerc finishing third.

Recent 2024 Grand Prix Winner

- Chinese Grand Prix - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- Japanese Grand Prix - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- Australian Grand Prix - Ferrari's Carlos Sainz (Spain)
- Saudi Arabian Grand Prix - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- Bahrain Grand Prix 2- Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)

65. World no.1 women's tennis players Iga Swiatek has won the Women's Singles Titles at the 2024 Madrid Open. She is from which country?

विश्व की नंबर 1 महिला टेनिस खिलाड़ी इगा स्विअटेक ने 2024 मैड्रिड ओपन में महिला एकल खिताब जीता है। वह किस देश से है

- (a) Poland / पोलैंड
- (b) Belarus / बेलारूस
- (c) Spain / स्पेन
- (d) Czech Republic / चेक गणराज्य
- (e) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया

Ans. a

Sol. Iga Switek, Andrey Rublev wins the Madrid Open Tennis Singles Title

World no.1 women's tennis players Iga Swiatek and Andrey Rublev won the women's and men's singles titles at the 2024 Madrid Open, respectively.

This was the first Madrid Open title for Iga Swiatek of Poland, while it was the second Madrid Open title for Andrey Rublev.

The Madrid Open Tennis was held in the Spanish capital city of Madrid from 22 April to 5 May 2024.

Iga Swiatek defeated Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (9/7) to win her first Madrid Open title. Last year, she lost in the final to Aryna Sabalenka.

Andrey Rublev of Russia won the singles title of the ATP Madrid Open Masters 1000, beating Felix Auger-Aliassime of Canada 4-6, 7-5, 7-5, to win his second ATP Masters title.

Women's Doubles title

- Winner - Sara Sorribes (Spain) and Cristina Bucsa (Spain)
- Runner Up - Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic) and Laura Siegemund (Germany)

Men's Doubles Title

- Winner - Jordan Thompson (Australia) and Sebastian Korda (United States)
- Runner Up - Adam Pavlesak (Czech Republic) and Ariel Behra (Uruguay)

66. International No Diet Day is observed every year on 6 May. What is the theme of International No Diet Day 2024? हर साल 6 मई को इंटरनेशनल नो डाइट डे मनाया जाता है। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय नो डाइट दिवस 2024 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Reject Diet Accept Yoga
- (b) Embrace Yourself: Reject Diet Culture, Love You
- (c) Food Safety
- (d) Health At Any Size (HAES)
- (e) Embrace body diversity and challenge the idea of one 'right' body shape

Ans. b

Sol. 6 May - International No Diet Day

International No Diet Day is observed every year on 6 May.

Objective - To spread awareness on issues like weight discrimination and fatphobia, and educate the masses on unhealthy dieting practice.

Theme 2024 - Embrace Yourself: Reject Diet Culture, Love You

In 1992, Mary Evans began International No Diet Day fully intent on showing individuals the significance of body energy, appreciating their own bodies and, furthermore, going home for the day from their diet routine and taking part in a feast that they love.

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67. International Day of the Midwife is observed every year on which day?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दाई दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 4 May
- (b) 5 May
- (c) 6 May
- (d) 7 May
- (e) 8 May

Ans. b

Sol. 5 May - International Day of the Midwife

International Day of the Midwife is observed every year on 5 May.

Objective - It is an opportunity for healthcare staff to reflect on the dedication.

Theme 2024 - Midwives: A Vital Climate Solution

The International Day of the Midwife was established in 1992 by the International Confederation of Midwives to celebrate and raise awareness about the midwifery profession.

68. World Laughter Day is celebrated every year on first _____ of May.

विश्व हँसी दिवस हर साल मई के पहले _____ को मनाया जाता है।

- (a) Saturday
- (b) Sunday
- (c) Monday
- (d) Tuesday
- (e) Thursday

Ans. b

Sol. 5 May 2024 - World Laughter Day

World Laughter Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of May every year. This year, it is on May 5.

The primary objective of World Laughter Day is to promote world peace and global consciousness through laughter.

World Laughter Day originated from the Laughter Yoga movement, founded by Dr. Madan Kataria, a physician from India, in 1998.

Dr Kataria recognised the therapeutic benefits of laughter and initiated laughter yoga sessions in a Mumbai park with just five participants. Since then, the movement has grown exponentially, spreading to over 100 countries.

69. Under which initiative Thomas Cook India has launched video KYC for its retail foreign exchange customers for a safe digital transactions?

किस पहल के तहत थॉमस कुक इंडिया ने अपने खुदरा विदेशी मुद्रा ग्राहकों के लिए सुरक्षित डिजिटल लेनदेन के लिए वीडियो केवाईसी लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Forex Near to Home
- (b) No Jhanjhat Forex Fatafat
- (c) KYC Aapke Dwar
- (d) Ab Forex Dur Nhi
- (e) Ab Forex Ghar Baithe

Ans. e

Sol. Thomas Cook launches video KYC for forex buyers

Thomas Cook India has launched video KYC for its retail foreign exchange customers for a safe digital transaction.

The company said that the new initiative, 'Ab Forex Ghar Baithe', offers customers a paperless means to buy forex without stepping out of home.

The Aadhaar-based video KYC verification ensures doorstep delivery within two hours. Customers can complete the transaction online, including loading/topping up of prepaid forex cards, fund transfers, and foreign exchange transactions.

70. Which bank has rolled out a new facility allowing its non-resident Indian (NRI) customers to make Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions in India using their international mobile numbers?

किस बैंक ने अपने अनिवासी भारतीय (एनआरआई) ग्राहकों को अपने अंतरराष्ट्रीय मोबाइल नंबरों का उपयोग करके भारत में यूनिफाइड पेमेंट इंटरफेस (यूपीआई) लेनदेन करने की अनुमति देने वाली एक नई सुविधा शुरू की है

- (a) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) IndusInd Bank / इंडसइंड बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) Bandhan Bank / बंधन बैंक

Ans. a

Sol. ICICI Bank introduces UPI for NRIs through international mobile numbers

ICICI Bank has rolled out a new facility allowing its non-resident Indian (NRI) customers to make Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions in India using their international mobile numbers.

Previously, NRIs had to register an Indian mobile number with their Non-Resident External (NRE) or Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) bank accounts to use UPI, limiting their ability to make payments conveniently.

The new facility allows ICICI Bank's NRI customers to use their international mobile numbers registered with their NRE/NRO accounts for UPI payments.

This change applies to customers residing in ten countries, including the USA, UK, UAE, Canada, Singapore, Australia, Hong Kong, Oman, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia.

This service is available through its mobile banking app, iMobile Pay, providing an easy way for NRIs to make utility payments, merchant and e-commerce transactions, and other financial activities without switching to an Indian mobile number.

Customers can make payments by scanning any Indian QR code, sending money to a UPI ID, or sending to an Indian bank account.

About Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) Bank

- **Founded** - 1994
- **Headquarters** – Mumbai
- **MD & CEO** - Sandeep Bakhshi
- **Tagline** - Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka

71. India Ratings and Research has revised upward the country's GDP growth estimate for FY25 to how much per cent from 6.5 per cent earlier?

इंडिया रेटिंग्स एंड रिसर्च ने वित्त वर्ष 2025 के लिए देश की जीडीपी वृद्धि अनुमान को पहले के 6.5 प्रतिशत से बढ़ाकर कितने प्रतिशत कर दिया है?

- (a) 7.1%
- (b) 6.6%
- (c) 6.8%
- (d) 6.9%
- (e) 7.0%

Ans. a

Sol. India Ratings raises FY25 GDP growth forecast to 7.1% from 6.5%

India Ratings and Research on Monday revised upward the country's GDP growth estimate for FY25 to 7.1 per cent from 6.5 per cent earlier.

The projection is marginally higher than the Reserve Bank's estimate of 7 per cent.

The domestic rating agency said strong support from the sustained government capex, deleveraged balance sheets of corporate and banking sector, and the incipient private corporate capex cycle make it revise its estimate.

The agency said it expects the growth in private final consumption expenditure to jump to 7 per cent in FY25, up from 3 per cent in FY24, and added that this will be a three-year high.

Updated GDP List

- India Ratings – 7.1% (FY25)
- OECD – 6.6%(FY25), 6.6%(FY26)
- Fitch Rating –7% (FY25)
- SBI – 8% (FY25)
- World Bank – 6.6% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)
- NCAER – over 7% (FY25)
- Deloitte - 6.6% (FY25)
- NIPFP – 7.1% (FY25)
- IMF – 6.8% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)
- UNTCAD – 6.5% (FY24)
- Moody's Analytics – 6.1% (FY24)
- ADB – 7% (FY25), 7.2%(FY26)

72. Recently, Researchers have discovered the world's deepest blue hole named Taam Ja' Blue Hole (TJBH) in which country?

हाल ही में, शोधकर्ताओं ने किस देश में ताम जा ब्लू होल (टीबीएच) नामक दुनिया का सबसे गहरा ब्लू होल खोजा है?

- (a) South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया
- (b) Mexico / मेक्सिको
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (e) Germany / जर्मनी

Ans. b

Sol. World's deepest blue hole discovered in Mexico

Researchers have discovered the world's deepest blue hole located in Mexico's Chetumal Bay, named Taam Ja' Blue Hole (TJBH).

Initially thought to be the second deepest, recent measurements have now recorded it at depths exceeding 420 meters below sea level (mbsl), surpassing all known blue holes to date

A blue hole is a large marine cavern or sinkhole, which is open to the surface and has developed in a bank or island composed of a carbonate bedrock.

What are blue holes and how are they formed?

- Blue holes are large marine caverns or sinkholes, typically formed in limestone or other carbonate rock beds.
- They stand out dramatically as dark blue water-filled pits, contrasting sharply with the lighter blue of surrounding shallow waters.

The formation of blue holes typically involves several natural processes:

- **Dissolution of limestone:** Initially, rainwater, which is slightly acidic, percolates through fractures in limestone or other soluble rock, gradually dissolving the rock and forming a void or cavern.
- **Collapse of surface rock:** Over time, as more rock dissolves, the ceiling of the cavern can no longer support its own weight. This can lead to a collapse, creating a sinkhole that opens directly to the surface.
- **Sea level changes:** During ice ages, when much of Earth's water was locked up in glaciers, sea levels were much lower, and many of these caverns or sinkholes were dry or contained freshwater. As ice caps melted at the end of ice ages, sea levels rose, flooding these structures with marine water.

73. Where are the rocks that provided the oldest evidence of Earth's magnetic field collected?

पृथ्वी के चुंबकीय क्षेत्र का सबसे पुराना साक्ष्य प्रदान करने वाली चट्टानें कहाँ एकत्र की गई हैं?

- (a) Aravalli Range
- (b) Andes
- (c) Antarctica
- (d) Greenland
- (e) Atlas Mountains

Ans. d

Sol. Oldest evidence of Earth's magnetic field found in Greenland rocks

Geologists from MIT and Oxford University discovered the oldest evidence of Earth's magnetic field in 3.7-billion-year-old rocks from Greenland's Isua Supracrustal Belt.

Researchers determined them to be approximately 3.7 billion years old, showing remnants of a magnetic field with a strength of at least 15 microtesla, comparable to today's magnetic field.

This finding suggests Earth's conditions may have been habitable earlier than thought, with a stable magnetic shield playing a crucial role.

The magnetic field protects the planet from harmful solar radiation and cosmic rays, sustains the atmosphere, and allows liquid water essential for life.

By analyzing the magnetic properties and orientation of iron-oxide minerals, researchers determined the ancient field's strength, extending the known existence of Earth's magnetic field by 200 million years.

74. José Raúl Mulino has been elected as the president of which country?

जोस राउल मुलिनो को किस देश के राष्ट्रपति के रूप में चुना गया है?

- (a) Panama / पनामा
- (b) Ghana / घाना
- (c) Sudan / सूडान
- (d) Zimbabwe / जिम्बाब्वे
- (e) Oman / ओमान

Ans. a

Sol. Jose Raul Mulino wins Panama's Presidential election

José Raúl Mulino has won Panama's presidential election after three of his nearest rivals conceded defeat.

The 64-year-old former security minister has secured nearly 35% of the counted votes, with more than 92% of the votes counted.

He has an unassailable 9 per cent lead over his nearest rival.

Jose Raul Mulino was initially chosen as a Vice-Presidential candidate by former president Ricardo Martinelli, who was himself the Presidential candidate.

About Panama

- Capital - Panama City
- Currency- Balboa
- Continent - North America
- President - José Raúl Mulino
- Panama is famous for its Panama Canal, which connects the Pacific Ocean with the Atlantic Ocean and is an important global maritime trade route.

Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President

- PM of Solomon Islands - Jeremiah Manele
- Deputy PM of Pakistan - Ishaq Dar
- President of Indonesia - Prabowo Subianto
- PM of Kuwait - Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah al-Ahmad al-Sabah
- PM of Ireland - Simon Harris (youngest PM of nation, 37)

75. Who has been appointed as the Director General of the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE)?

राष्ट्रीय सौर ऊर्जा संस्थान (NISE) के महानिदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Ganesan Kannabiran / गणेशन कन्नाबीरन
- (b) Mohammad Rihan / मोहम्मद रिहान
- (c) Pramod Sharma / प्रमोद शर्मा
- (d) Parminder Chopra / परमिंदर चोपड़ा
- (e) Vivek Srivastava / विवेक श्रीवास्तव

Ans. b

Sol. Mohammad Rihan appointed DG of National Institute of Solar Energy

Prof. Mohammad Rihan has been named Director General of the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE).

He is a professor of electrical engineering department in Aligarh Muslim University.

He will be on deputation for three years with a possible two-year extension.

Rihan's expertise in smart grid and solar energy aligns with NISE's goals in R&D, testing, certification, and skill development in solar technology.

Recent Appointment

- **Head of GST Appellate Tribunal** - Sanjaya Kumar Mishra (for 4 years)
- **MD of Raymond** -Gautam Hari Singhania
- **Secretary of National Jute Board** - Shashi Bhushan Singh
- **DG of Akashvani News aka All India Radio** - Maushumi Chakravarty (replace Vasudha Gupta)
- **Director of the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** - Pratima Singh

76. Amid poll boycotts and apprehension over low voting rates among urban voters, the Gurgaon administration has announced which cricketer as its brand ambassador for the election?

चुनाव बहिष्कार और शहरी मतदाताओं के बीच कम मतदान दर की आशंका के बीच, गुड़गांव प्रशासन ने चुनाव के लिए किस क्रिकेटर को अपना ब्रांड एंबेसडर घोषित किया है?

- (a) Yuzvendra Chahal / युजवेंद्र चहल
- (b) Bhuvneshwar Kumar / भुवनेश्वर कुमार
- (c) Renuka Singh / रेणुका सिंह
- (d) Smriti Mandhana / स्मृति मंधाना
- (e) Deepti Sharma / दीप्ति शर्मा

Ans. a

Sol. Gurgaon admin ropes in cricketer Yuzvendra Chahal to boost voter turnout

Amid poll boycotts and apprehension over low voting rates among urban voters, the Gurgaon administration has announced cricketer Yuzvendra Chahal as its brand ambassador for the election.

The popular bowler will appeal to voters to exercise their rights.

Haryanvi singers MD Desi Rockstar and Naveen Punia have also been picked as brand ambassadors.

Haryana will vote in the sixth phase of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections on May 25.

The administration has also launched an app – Voter In Queue – to help voters find out their position in the polling queue and determine how long it will take for their turn to vote.

This is the first time the app will be used in an election.

Recent Brand Ambassador

- Kareena Kapoor Khan - UNICEF India National Ambassador
- Sana Mir - ICC Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier
- Yuvraj Singh – ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024
- Usain Bolt - ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024
- Chris Gayle - ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024
- MS Dhoni - French carmaker Citroen
- Sanjana Sanghi - SPACE India
- Neeraj Chopra - Eveready Batteries

77. Japan has won the Men's AFC Under-23 Asian Cup for the second time by defeating which country?

जापान किस देश को हराकर दूसरी बार पुरुष एएफसी अंडर-23 एशियाई कप जीता है ?

- (a) Kazakhstan / कजाकिस्तान
- (b) Uzbekistan / उज़्बेकिस्तान
- (c) Kyrgyzstan / किर्गिस्तान
- (d) Turkmenistan / तुर्कमेनिस्तान
- (e) Tajikistan / ताजिकिस्तान

Ans. b

Sol. Japan win 2024 Men's AFC U-23 title

Japan defeated Uzbekistan in the final to win the Men's AFC U-23 Asian Cup for the second time.

In the final match played at the Jassim bin Hamad Stadium in Doha, Qatar.

Japan had earlier won the tournament title in 2016.

The solitary goal scored by substitute Yamada in injury time secured Japan's victory and qualification for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

The 6th edition of the AFC U-23 Asian Cup was held in Qatar with 16 teams from across Asia vying for the coveted title.

The tournament served as a crucial qualification event for the upcoming Paris Olympics, with the top three teams earning automatic spots.

78. Which team has won the 2023-24 Indian Super League title?

2023-24 इंडियन सुपर लीग का खिताब किस टीम ने जीता है?

- (a) Mohun Bagan
- (b) Jamshedpur FC
- (c) FC Goa
- (d) Bengaluru FC
- (e) Mumbai City FC

Ans. a

Sol. Mumbai City FC win the ISL 2023-24

The Mumbai City FC football club defeated Mohun Bagan Super Giant by 3-1 goals to win the 2023-24 Indian Super League (ISL) final.

It was played at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan Stadium in Kolkata (West Bengal).

This was Mumbai City FC's second title.

In the final match, Jorge Pereyra Diaz, Bipin Singh and Jakub Vojtus scored for Mumbai City FC, while the solitary goal for the Mohun Bagan Bagan Super Giant was scored by Jason Cumming.

The winner of the ISL 2023-24 Mumbai City FC took Rs 6 crore as the prize money, and the runners-up, Mohun Bagan Super Giant, got Rs 3 crore as prize money.

Incidentally, Mumbai City FC won its first ISL title in 2020-21 by defeating the Mohun Bagan team.

Other Awards

Award	Winner
Golden Ball (Best Player)	Dimitrios Petratos (Mohun Bagan)
Golden Boot (Top Goal Scorer); 13 goals.	Dimitrios Diamantakos (Kerala Blaster)
Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper)	Phurba Lachenpa (Mumbai City)
Emerging Player of the League	Vikram Pratap Singh (Mumbai City)
Best Pitch	Jamshedpur FC
Grassroots Award	FC Goa
Best Elite Youth Program	Bengaluru FC

79. World Asthma Day is observed every year on first Tuesday of May. This year was observed on 7 May. What is the theme of World Asthma Day 2024?

विश्व अस्थमा दिवस हर साल मई के पहले मंगलवार को मनाया जाता है। इस वर्ष 7 मई को मनाया गया। विश्व अस्थमा दिवस 2024 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Asthma Care for All
- (b) Closing Gaps in Asthma Care
- (c) Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions
- (d) Enough Asthma Deaths
- (e) Asthma Education Empowers

Ans. e

Sol. 7 May 2024 - World Asthma Day

World Asthma Day is observed every year on first Tuesday of May. This year was observed on 7 May.

Objective - To raise awareness about asthma, a long-term lung disease that affects millions of people around the world.

Theme 2024 - Asthma Education Empowers

Asthma is a chronic respiratory condition characterised by inflammation and narrowing of the airways, leading to symptoms such as wheezing, coughing, chest tightness, and shortness of breath.

The first World Asthma Day was celebrated in 1998, at the same time as the first World Asthma Meeting in Barcelona, Spain. Since then, it has become a major global event, with over 35 countries participating in the first year.

80. World Athletics Day is observed every year on which day?

विश्व एथलेटिक्स दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 5 May
- (b) 6 May
- (c) 7 May
- (d) 8 May
- (e) 9 May

Ans. c

Sol. 7 May - World Athletics Day

World Athletics Day is observed every year on 7 May.

This day aims to promote sports and encourage people, especially the youth, to participate in athletics. It is an annual event dedicated to honouring athletes and instilling values such as dedication and motivation that we can learn from sports.

World Athletics Day was established by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), now known as World Athletics, in 1996.

81. _____ and screen writer Harikumar passed away recently.

_____ और स्क्रीन राइटर हरिकुमार का हाल ही में निधन हो गया।

- (a) Odia director
- (b) Malayalam director
- (c) Gujrati director
- (d) Marathi director
- (e) Kannada director

Ans. b

Sol. Malayalam director-screenwriter Harikumar passes away

Veteran Malayalam director and screenwriter Harikumar passed away.

Harikumar, whose career spanned several decades, made his directorial debut with the 1981 film Ambal Poovu.

Over the years, he directed a total of 18 films, including notable works like Sukritham, Udyanapalakan, and Jalakam, collaborating with esteemed screenwriters such as M T Vasudevan Nair, Lohithadas, Sreenivasan, and Kaloore Denis.

Among his directorial ventures, Sukritham, written by M T Vasudevan Nair in 1994, stood out, earning critical acclaim and winning the National Award for Best Malayalam Film.

82. Frank Shrontz passed away recently at the age of 92. He was former CEO of which company?

फ्रैंक श्रोंटज़ का हाल ही में 92 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह किस कंपनी के पूर्व सीईओ थे?

- (a) Embraer
- (b) Boeing
- (c) Qatar Airways
- (d) Blue Origin
- (e) Lockheed Martin

Ans. b

Sol. Former Boeing CEO Frank Shrontz passed away

Former Boeing CEO Frank Shrontz passed away at the age of 92.

Shrontz, an attorney by training, was Boeing's chief executive officer from 1986 to 1996.

It was an era of innovation, from designing ground-breaking new jets such as the Boeing 777 to elevating quality standards after he studied processes pioneered by Japanese automakers such as Toyota Motor Corp.

83. Which operation has been started by the Indian Air Force to extinguish the forest fire near Nainital in Uttarakhand?

भारतीय वायु सेना द्वारा उत्तराखंड में नैनीताल के निकट जंगल की आग को बुझाने के लिए कौन सा ऑपरेशन शुरू किया गया है?

- (a) Indra Bucket Operation
- (b) Vishu Bucket Operation
- (c) Water Bucket Operation
- (d) Swift Operation
- (e) Bambi Bucket Operation

Ans. e

Sol. IAF conducts Bambi Bucket Operation in response to the forest fires in Uttarakhand

The Indian Air Force had deployed its Mi17 V5 helicopters to undertake Bambi Bucket operations to douse the forest fires near Nainital, Uttarakhand.

These helicopters efficiently transported and released over 4,500 liters of water over the affected areas, a crucial effort made in close coordination with the Uttarakhand government.

The swift and coordinated action by the Indian Air Force played a pivotal role in supporting the ground-based firefighting crews.

Other Operations in News

- Operation True Promise - Iran launches against Israel
- Operation Ajay - To evacuate Indians from Israel
- Operation Kaveri - To evacuate Indians from Sudan
- Operation Karuna - To help Myanmar affected by cyclone Mocha
- Operation Dost - Help to earthquake affected Turkey

84. Which startup of IIT Madras has launched first India-made high-performance SoC (system on chip)?

आईआईटी मद्रास के किस स्टार्टअप ने पहला भारत निर्मित उच्च-प्रदर्शन SoC (चिप पर सिस्टम) लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Teqsta Labs Pvt Ltd.
- (b) CysterCare Pvt Ltd.
- (c) Sociodent Private Limited.
- (d) Clinfo Trialmate Pvt Ltd.
- (e) Mindgrove Technologies

Ans. e

Sol. IIT Madras startup Mindgrove launches first India-made microcontroller chip

India is finally set to have a made-in-India microcontroller chip powering electronic device.

Mindgrove Technologies, incubated by IIT Madras Pravartak Technologies Foundation and IIT Madras Incubation Cell, and supported by Peak XV Partners, has launched Secure IoT, India's debut high-performance SoC (system on chip).

A system-on-chip (SoC) combines many electronic parts into one chip, like a mini-computer. It goes into the printed circuit board (PCB) and is used in various devices, making them smaller and more efficient.

The new, indigenous chip comes at a 30 percent lower cost than other chips in a similar segment and is the only Indian chip commercially available in this segment.

IITs in News

- Innovative 3D Printed Dummy Ballot Unit unveiled by IIT Guwahati
- ADIF and IIT Guwahati incubation center sign MoU to boost startup ecosystem
- C-DOT and IIT Jodhpur sign agreement for "Automated Service Management in Network of 5G
- BEL signs MoU with IIT-Mandi for co-operation in research
- AFMS partnered with IIT Kanpur to Address Healthcare Challenges for Soldiers
- Lightstorm signed with IIT Madras to launch employment skilling initiative

85. Which of the following has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on Go Digit General Insurance for non-disclosure of a change in the conversion ratio of compulsorily convertible preference shares (CCPS)?

निम्नलिखित में से किसने अनिवार्य रूप से परिवर्तनीय वरीयता शेयरों (सीसीपीएस) के रूपांतरण अनुपात में बदलाव का खुलासा न करने के लिए गो डिजिट जनरल इंश्योरेंस पर 1 करोड़ रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया है?

- (a) NABARD / नाबार्ड
- (b) RBI / आरबीआई
- (c) IRDAI / आईआरडीएआई
- (d) SEBI / सेबी
- (e) SIDBI / सिडबी

Ans. c

Sol. IRDAI imposes a fine of Rs 1 crore on IPO-bound Go Digit Insurance

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on Go Digit General Insurance for non-disclosure of a change in the conversion ratio of compulsorily convertible preference shares (CCPS).

The company had not furnished the full particulars of the revision to the regulator, violating Section 26 of the Insurance Act.

The insurance regulator had earlier issued a show cause notice after noticing that Go Digit had changed its conversion ratio of 63,00,000 CCPS issued by Go Digit Infoworks Services Pvt Ltd (GDISPL), the parent company of the general insurer, to FAL Corporation, owned by Fairfax Group.

It was changed from "1 CCPS for 2.324 equity shares" to "2.324 CCPS for each equity share."

86. Which bank has been recognized as a 'Best Employer' 2023 by Kincentric for the fourth consecutive year?

किस बैंक को लगातार चौथे वर्ष किसेंट्रिक द्वारा 'सर्वश्रेष्ठ नियोक्ता' 2023 के रूप में मान्यता दी गई है?

- (a) DBS Bank India / डीबीएस बैंक इंडिया
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक

Ans. a

Sol. DBS Bank India recognized as 'Best Employer' 2023 by Kincentric

DBS Bank India has been recognized as a 'Best Employer' 2023 by Kincentric for the fourth consecutive year.

The award acknowledges organizations with exceptional employee experiences and a strong culture of engagement.

The Kincentric Best Employers study is one of the most respected annual studies with a robust evaluation methodology designed to understand alignment across business objectives, people process, and employee experience.

The jury evaluates shortlisted organizations and selects the Best Employers, who are recognized by Kincentric.

About DBS

- DBS is a leading financial services group in Asia with a presence in 19 markets.
- Headquartered and listed in Singapore.
- DBS is in the three key Asian axes of growth: Greater China, Southeast Asia, and South Asia.
- The bank's "AA-" and "Aa1" credit ratings are among the highest in the world.
- In 2024, CRISIL Ratings reaffirmed its 'CRISIL AAA/Stable' rating on the corporate credit facility of DBS Bank India Ltd (DBIL).
- The rating on the certificate of deposits programme was also reaffirmed at 'CRISIL A1+'.

87. The payments platform of fintech firm Infibeam Avenues, CCAvenue has partnered with which Small Finance Bank to provide merchants access?

फिनटेक फर्म इफीबीएम एवेन्यूज के भुगतान प्लेटफॉर्म सीसीएवेन्यू ने व्यापारियों को पहुंच प्रदान करने के लिए किस लघु वित्त बैंक के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) AU Small Finance Bank Limited / एयू स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited / कैपिटल स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (c) Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited / फिनकेयर स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (d) Shivalik Small Finance Bank / शिवालिक स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
- (e) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited / इक्विटास स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड

Ans. d

Sol. Infibeam's CCAvenue partners with Shivalik SFB to improve merchant access

CCAvenue, the payments platform of fintech firm Infibeam Avenues, will partner with Shivalik Small Finance Bank to provide merchants registered with it to access to SFB's customer base.

The partnership would integrate Shivalik SFB's internet banking service with its payment platform.

Account holders with the bank will be able to make payments on websites "powered" by CCAvenue, the payments platform of fintech firm Infibeam Avenues, will partner with Shivalik Small Finance Bank to provide merchants registered with it to access to SFB's customer base.

Recent MoUs Signed in Banking Sector

- Tata Motors partners with South Indian Bank for commercial vehicle finance
- NABARD & RBI Developed Innovation Hub to fasten digital Agri lending
- Indian Bank ties up with Tata Solar Power to finance Central Rooftop Solar scheme
- SIDBI inks MOU with Jeevika Bihar, UMED Maharashtra to extend Prayaas to rural livelihood mission
- Bank of India signed with IMGIC for mortgage guarantee on home loans
- Karnataka Bank partnered with FISDOM to offer 3-in-1 accounts (savings, demat, and trading) through its mobile banking app, KBL Mobile Plus.

88. Which Insurance company has launched Unit Linked Investment Plan (ULIP) having fund value-based distributor payouts?

किस बीमा कंपनी ने फंड मूल्य-आधारित वितरक भुगतान के साथ यूनिट लिंकड इन्वेस्टमेंट प्लान (यूलिप) लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance / बजाज अलियांज जनरल इश्योरेंस
- (b) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance / आईसीआईसीआई प्रूडेंशियल लाइफ इश्योरेंस
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance / कोटक महिंद्रा लाइफ इश्योरेंस
- (d) Go Digit General Insurance / गो डिजिट जनरल इश्योरेंस
- (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance / यूनिवर्सल सोम्पो जनरल इश्योरेंस

Ans. b

Sol. ICICI Pru Life launches ULIP having fund value-based distributor payouts

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has launched ICICI Pru Platinum, a Unit Linked Investment Plan (ULIP) that ties the distributor's commission to their customers' Assets Under Management (AUM).

According to the product specifications, customers have unlimited free switches between asset classes without any cost or tax implications.

Customers can choose from an array of 21 funds under this product, which includes 13 equity funds, four debt funds, and four balanced funds. Additionally, they can choose from four portfolio strategies.

According to the insurer, this product, which provides a cost- and tax-efficient way to build long-term wealth, will also incentivise distribution partners to encourage their customers to stay invested throughout the policy term.

Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector

- HDFC Life launched '**No Jhanjhat Life Insurance Fatafat**' campaign
- YES Bank collaborates with ANQ to launch **Pi and Phi credit cards**
- AU SFB launches 2 credit cards **AU SPONT Rupay Credit Card** and **Secured Credit Card - NOMO** (No Missing Out)
- NABARD unveils **Climate Strategy 2030**
- SBI Card introduced its inaugural travel-centric core credit card, '**SBI Card MILES**'

89. Which trading platform has secured the prestigious title of Best Trading Platform in India for the second consecutive year?

किस ट्रेडिंग प्लेटफॉर्म ने लगातार दूसरे वर्ष भारत में सर्वश्रेष्ठ ट्रेडिंग प्लेटफॉर्म का प्रतिष्ठित खिताब हासिल किया है?

- (a) Upstox
- (b) UnoCoin
- (c) AngelOne
- (d) Groww
- (e) QuantPower

Ans. e

Sol. QuantPower Emerges as Best Trading Platform in India

QuantPower, the most innovative AI-enabled trading platform, has secured the prestigious title of Best Trading Platform in India for the second consecutive year.

This milestone reaffirms QuantPower's position as the preferred software for Indian investors, offering an unparalleled suite of features that consolidate various trading tools into one comprehensive solution.

Under the umbrella of Wisdom Tree Ventures Pvt Ltd., QuantPower.tech has revolutionized the trading landscape by providing a unified platform that caters to diverse trading styles.

By seamlessly integrating advanced features such as Strategy Builder, Algo Bots, and Backtesting for algorithmic traders, alongside Advanced Charting, Trading from Charts, and Chart Alerts for manual traders, QuantPower empowers investors to make informed decisions with confidence.

Deb Mukherjee, the Group CEO of Wisdom Group, also celebrated the recognition of Wisdom Tree Ventures as the Top Fintech Company of the Year 2024 by Entrepreneur India.

90. Digital payments platform Visa has appointed whom as the country manager for India?

डिजिटल भुगतान प्लेटफॉर्म वीज़ा ने किसे भारत के लिए देश प्रबंधक नियुक्त किया है?

- (a) Rajendra Prasad Goyal / राजेंद्र प्रसाद गोयल
- (b) Manish Prasad / मनीष प्रसाद
- (c) Sujai Raina / सुजाई रैना
- (d) Meenesh Shah / मीनेश शाह
- (e) Vivek Srivastava / विवेक श्रीवास्तव

Ans. c

Sol. Visa appoints Sujai Raina as India Country Manager

Digital payments platform Visa has appointed Sujai Raina as the country manager for India.

Besides, Sandeep Ghosh will continue in his role as Group Country Manager for India and South Asia.

He will oversee operations in India and other markets in the subcontinent, including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives.

Raina will be responsible for the India business, leading and executing Visa's strategic initiatives for the market, partnering with clients and the payments ecosystem.

Recent Appointment

- **DG of National Institute of Solar Energy** - Prof. Mohammad Rihan
- **Head of GST Appellate Tribunal** - Sanjaya Kumar Mishra (for 4 years)
- **MD of Raymond** -Gautam Hari Singhania
- **Secretary of National Jute Board** - Shashi Bhushan Singh
- **DG of Akashvani News aka All India Radio** - Maushumi Chakravarty (replace Vasudha Gupta)

91. Who has won the Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2024 for "The Book Beautiful"?

"द बुक ब्यूटीफुल" के लिए ऑक्सफोर्ड बुकस्टोर बुक कवर पुरस्कार 2024 किसने जीता है?

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Maushami Chakraborty / मौसमी चक्रवर्ती
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Joyeeta Gupta / जोयिता गुप्ता
- (e) Bhavi Mehta / भावी मेहता

Ans. e

Sol. Bhavi Mehta won Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2024

The Oxford Bookstores named Bhavi Mehta as the winner of the 9th edition of Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2024 for "The Book Beautiful" by Pradeep Sebastian, published by Hachette India.

Mehta received a trophy, certificate, and a cash prize of INR 1 lakh.

The Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize has come of age in bringing and showcasing the detailing, interest, and engagement of the writer, the designer, and the publisher.

Recent Awards

- **UNESCO's Guillermo Cano World Press Prize 2024** - All Palestinian journalists
- **Whitley Gold Award (Green Oscar) 2024** - Dr Purnima Devi Barman (Assam)
- **Grandmaster title by FIDE** - Vaishali Ramesh Babu
- **Goldman Environmental Prize 2024** - Alok Shukla
- **Honorary Doctorate by Manipal Academy of Higher Education**- K.V. Kamath
- **2024 Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards** - Gina Justus

92. Which state government has launched the "School on Wheels" initiative aiming to impart education to students sheltered in relief camps?

किस राज्य सरकार ने राहत शिविरों में आश्रय प्राप्त छात्रों को शिक्षा प्रदान करने के उद्देश्य से "स्कूल ऑन व्हील्स" पहल शुरू की है?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Mizoram / मिजोरम
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Manipur / मणिपुर
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

Ans. d

Sol. Manipur launches "School on Wheels" Initiative for Students

Manipur government has launched the "School on Wheels" initiative aiming to impart education to students sheltered in relief camps in the state following the year long ethnic strife in the state.

Manipur Governor Anusuiya Uikey launched the "School on Wheels" initiative.

Under this the school bus, equipped with a library, computers, and sports items, would visit different camps accompanied by a teacher.

The incidents which started on May 3 last year affected thousands of people, especially a huge number of students of Manipur. "The 'School on Wheels' scheme would reach out to students staying in the relief camps and impart them with required teaching.

The Manipur government currently runs around 320 relief camps, housing more than 59,000 men, women, and children. Around 18,000 students are currently staying in relief camps.

At least 220 people have been killed, 1,500 injured and 60,000 displaced since violence broke out between the Meitei and Kuki-Zomi communities on May 3 last year.

About Manipur

- **Capital** – Imphal
- **Chief Minister** – N. Biren Singh
- **Governor** - Anusuiya Uikey

93. Who has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Ayush?

आयुष मंत्रालय में निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Smita Sarangi / स्मिता सारंगी
- (b) Arindam Bagchi / अरिंदम बागची
- (c) Subodh Kumar / सुबोध कुमार
- (d) Tanu Singh / तनु सिंह
- (e) Senthil Pandian C / सेंथिल पांडियन सी

Ans. c

Sol. Subodh Kumar appoints as Director in Ministry of Ayush

Subodh Kumar (IAS) has been appointed as Director in the Ministry of Ayush.

Kumar has been selected for the appointment to the post with effect from the date of taking over charge of the post for a period upto October 8 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

Kumar is a 2010- batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Tamil Nadu cadre. Presently, he is on 'Compulsory wait' in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

Recent Appointment

- **Director of the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** - Pratima Singh
- **President of Indian Vaccine Manufacturers Association (IVMA)** - Krishna Ella
- **Presiding Officer of the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT)** - Retired Justice Dinesh Kumar
- **Director in Department of Land Resources** - Sarvadanand Barnwal
- **CVO of Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Authority** - Manoj Kumar

94. Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives During the Second World War is observed every year on which day?

द्वितीय विश्व युद्ध के दौरान अपनी जान गंवाने वालों की याद और मेल-मिलाप का समय हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 7 and 8 May
- (b) 8 and 9 May
- (c) 9 and 10 May
- (d) 11 and 12 May
- (e) 6 and 7 May

Ans. b

Sol. 8- 9 May - Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives During the Second World War

On May 8 and 9, the day is set aside as 'The Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War.'

These two days recognise the sacrifices and loss of military and civilians during the second world war.

As an observance, non-governmental organisations and individuals are urged to pay tribute to the victims of World War II.

On May 8, 1945, World War II Allies accepted the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany. The anniversary is also known as Victory in Europe or VE Days.

95. The Border Road Organization (BRO) celebrated its _____ raising day on 7 May 2024.

सीमा सड़क संगठन (बीआरओ) ने 7 मई 2024 को अपना _____ स्थापना दिवस मनाया।

- (a) 64th
- (b) 63rd
- (c) 65th
- (d) 67th
- (e) 69th

Ans. c

Sol. BRO celebrates its 65th Raising Day

The Border Road Organization (BRO) celebrated its 65th raising day on 7 May 2024.

A ceremony was organised in New Delhi on the occasion, presided over by the Union Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane.

The Border Road Organization was set up on 7 May 1960 by the Pt Nehru government to execute crucial road projects vital for the Army.

It started its operation in May 1960 with two projects: Project Tuskar in the East and Project Beacon in the West.

Project Tuskar, now renamed Project Vartak job, was to build a road between Bhalukpong and Tenga in Arunachal Pradesh.

Project Beacon was launched to build and maintain roads in the strategically important Kashmir region for the Indian Army.

The Border Road Organization is part of the Union Ministry of Defence and is always headed by an Army officer.

DG of BRO - Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan

96. World Red Cross Day is observed every year on which day?

विश्व रेड क्रॉस दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 7 May
- (b) 8 May
- (c) 9 May
- (d) 10 May
- (e) 11 May

Ans. b

Sol. 8 May - World Red Cross Day

World Red Cross Day is observed on 8 May every year.

This day is dedicated to the people who are suffering from various natural calamities, armed conflicts, and other crises.

The day also serves as an opportunity to highlight the humanitarian values of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Theme 2024 - I give with joy, and the joy I give is a reward

World Red Cross Day, an annual celebration that commemorates the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, the visionary founder of the Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

101. In May 2024, which country has signed 20-Year Power Deal with Adani Green Energy for Wind Stations?

मई 2024 में, किस देश ने पवन स्टेशनों के लिए अदानी ग्रीन एनर्जी के साथ 20-वर्षीय बिजली समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) Malaysia / मलेशिया
- (b) Maldives / मालदीव
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (e) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका

Ans. e

Sol. Sri Lanka signs 20-Year Power Deal with Adani Green Energy for Wind Stations

Sri Lanka has sealed a 20-year power deal with Adani Green Energy Ltd of India.

Sri Lanka's Cabinet of Ministers have approved the project under which two wind power stations will be developed by Adani, marking a crucial step towards sustainable energy solutions.

The approval granted last year for Adani's \$442 million investment in 484 megawatts wind power plants underscores the growing partnership between the two nations in the renewable energy sector.

As part of the deal, Adani will receive 8.26 cents per kilowatt-hour that is approximately 7 rupees. This collaboration comes amidst Sri Lanka's efforts to address energy challenges, including power blackouts and fuel shortages experienced during its economic crisis in 2022.

About Sri Lanka

- **Legislative capital** - Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- **Executive and Judicial capital** - Colombo
- **Currency** - Sri Lankan rupee
- **President** - Ranil Wickremesinghe
- **Prime Minister** - Dinesh Gunawardena

102. Indian Coast Guard has signed an MoU with which company for the supply of indigenous marine-grade steel?

भारतीय तटरक्षक बल ने स्वदेशी समुद्री ग्रेड स्टील की आपूर्ति के लिए किस कंपनी के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) ReNew Power / रिन्यू पावर
- (b) Jindal Steel and Power / जिंदल स्टील एंड पावर
- (c) JSW Energy / जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी
- (d) Tata Steel / टाटा स्टील
- (e) Adani Steel / अदानी स्टील

Ans. b

Sol. Indian Coast Guard and Jindal Steel & Power sign MoU to enhance indigenous shipbuilding

The Indian Coast Guard and Jindal Steel & Power Ltd signed an MoU for the supply of indigenous marine-grade steel.

The MoU highlights the critical role of public-private partnerships in tackling intricate security challenges, emphasising the necessity of cooperation between governmental bodies and the private sector.

Within the MoU, various significant advantages such as quality, grades, and dimensions, alongside the identification of specific steel plants tasked with manufacturing the product are outlined.

These provisions serve as assurances to shipbuilding yards, ensuring a timely and consistent supply of marine-grade steel for the Indian Coast Guard.

About Indian Coast Guard

- Formed – 18 August 1978
- Headquarters - New Delhi
- Director General – Rakesh Pal

103. In May 2024, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of additional shares in Sikkim Urja Limited by Greenko Energies Private Limited. Greenko Energies is a limited liability company incorporated in which country?

मई 2024 में, भारतीय प्रतिस्पर्धा आयोग (CCI) ने ग्रीनको एनर्जी प्राइवेट लिमिटेड द्वारा सिक्किम ऊर्जा लिमिटेड में अतिरिक्त शेयरों के अधिग्रहण को मंजूरी दे दी है। ग्रीनको एनर्जीज किस देश में निगमित एक सीमित देयता कंपनी है?

- (a) Malaysia / मलेशिया
- (b) Maldives / मालदीव
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (e) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका

Ans. d

Sol. Greenko Energies gets CCI nod to acquire additional stake in Sikkim Urja

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of additional shares in Sikkim Urja Limited (formerly Teesta Urja Limited) by Greenko Energies Private Limited.

Sikkim Urja Ltd is a special purpose vehicle incorporated for the purpose of the implementation of the 1,200 MW hydropower project in North Sikkim.

According to the CCI, Greenko Energies, an indirect company wholly owned by Greenko Mauritius, will acquire the additional shares in the capacity of 6 units of 200 MW each in the hydro power project.

The project will be executed by Greenko Mauritius, a wholly owned subsidiary of Greenko Energy Holdings (GEH).

104. Which bank has formed an association with Northern Arc Capital aiming to explore and maximize commercial prospects by combining efforts in loan origination, underwriting, disbursement, collection, and reconciliation procedures?

किस बैंक ने ऋण उत्पत्ति, अंडरराइटिंग, संवितरण, संग्रह और सुलह प्रक्रियाओं में प्रयासों को जोड़कर वाणिज्यिक संभावनाओं का पता लगाने और अधिकतम करने के उद्देश्य से नॉर्थर्न आर्क कैपिटल के साथ एक संघ बनाया है?

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) IDFC First Bank / आईडीएफसी फर्स्ट बैंक

Ans. a

Sol. South Indian Bank and Northern Arc Capital join hands to set new benchmarks in the financial sector. South Indian Bank has formed an association with Northern Arc Capital aiming to explore and maximise commercial prospects by combining efforts in loan origination, underwriting, disbursement, collection, and reconciliation procedures. The collaboration between South Indian Bank and Northern Arc Capital is aimed to create an ecosystem that promotes innovation and allows the seamless flow of credit across many sectors.

The cooperation will allow South Indian Bank to use nPOS, Northern Arc's unique technology platform for co-origination, co-lending, and pool buyouts, as well as interact with numerous originators for loan origination, underwriting, disbursement, and reconciliation.

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- Tata Motors partners with South Indian Bank for commercial vehicle finance
- NABARD & RBI Developed Innovation Hub to fasten digital Agri lending
- Indian Bank ties up with Tata Solar Power to finance Central Rooftop Solar scheme
- SIDBI inks MOU with Jeevika Bihar, UMED Maharashtra to extend Prayaas to rural livelihood mission

105. Which bank has supported social sector startups in India with grants worth Rs 19.6 crore in FY24, in partnership with Atal Innovation Mission (under NITI Aayog)?

किस बैंक ने अटल इनोवेशन मिशन (नीति आयोग के तहत) के साथ साझेदारी में, वित्त वर्ष 2024 में 19.6 करोड़ रुपये के अनुदान के साथ भारत में सामाजिक क्षेत्र के स्टार्टअप का समर्थन किया है?

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक

Ans. d

Sol. HDFC Bank, Atal Innovation Mission empower social sector startups with Rs 19.6 crore grants

HDFC Bank has supported social sector startups in India with grants worth Rs 19.6 crore in FY24, in partnership with Atal Innovation Mission (under NITI Aayog).

In FY 2023-24, 170 social start-ups received funding via 41 incubators, with a total of Rs 19.6 crore in the 'Parivartan Start-up Grants programme.'

The focus areas for the 2024 grants included climate innovation, financial inclusion, agriculture and sustainable rural economy, accessible and affordable healthcare, education and livelihood enhancement, gender diversity and inclusion. Over a half of the 170 startups hail from over 60 tier 2 and 3 cities.

NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)

- **Founded** - 1st January 2015
- **Preceding** - Planning Commission (15th March 1950)
- **Headquarters** - New Delhi
- **Chairperson** - Narendra Modi
- **Vice Chairperson** - Suman K Bery
- **CEO** - BVR Subrahmanyam
- NITI Aayog comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

106. Reserve Bank of India lifted the restrictions on Bank of Baroda, allowing the bank to resume onboarding new customers through its 'Bob World' mobile application. In which year Bank of Baroda was founded?

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक ने बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा पर प्रतिबंध हटा दिया, जिससे बैंक को अपने 'बॉब वर्ल्ड' मोबाइल एप्लिकेशन के माध्यम से नए ग्राहकों को जोड़ना फिर से शुरू करने की अनुमति मिल गई। बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा की स्थापना किस वर्ष हुई थी?

- (a) 1917
- (b) 1908
- (c) 1949
- (d) 1963
- (e) 1997

Ans. b

Sol. RBI removes restrictions on BoB app, allows new customer enrollment

Reserve Bank of India lifted the restrictions on Bank of Baroda, allowing the bank to resume onboarding new customers through its 'Bob World' mobile application. As a result, the bank will be able to onboard customers through the mobile app. The move likely impacted the bank's incremental retail business sourced through the digital platform. About 98 per cent of savings accounts and 91 per cent of current accounts are sourced digitally in the first quarter of 2023-24. About 43 per cent of time deposits and 74 per cent of retail advances are sourced through the BoB World app.

About Bank of Baroda (BOB)

- **Founded** - 1908
- **Headquarters** - Vadodara, Gujarat
- **MD & CEO** - Debadatta Chand
- **Chairman** – Hasmukh Adhia
- **Tagline** - India's International Bank

107. Vladimir Putin was sworn in as president of the Russian Federation for the fifth time. What is the term of the President of Russia?

व्लादिमीर पुतिन ने पांचवीं बार रूसी संघ के राष्ट्रपति के रूप में शपथ ली। रूस के राष्ट्रपति का कार्यकाल क्या है?

- (a) 4 years
- (b) 5 years
- (c) 6 years
- (d) 7 years
- (e) 8 years

Ans. c

Sol. Vladimir Putin sworn in as Russian President for 5th time

Vladimir Putin was sworn in as president of the Russian Federation for the fifth time for a six-year term.

He took the oath of office at a ceremony held at the Grand Kremlin Palace in Moscow.

The ceremony was attended by Russia's top military and political leadership, but the United States and many European nations boycotted the ceremony, saying that the presidential election was a fraud.

Putin, in power as president or prime minister since 1999. In 1999, after President Boris Yeltsin's resignation, Putin was appointed interim president of Russia.

About Russia

- **Capital** – Moscow
- **Currency** – Rubel
- **President** – Vladimir Putin
- **Prime Minister** - Mikhail Mishustin

Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President

- Presidential of Panama - Jose Raul Mulino
- PM of Solomon Islands - Jeremiah Manele
- Deputy PM of Pakistan - Ishaq Dar
- President of Indonesia - Prabowo Subianto
- PM of Kuwait - Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah al-Ahmad al-Sabah

108. SBI General Insurance has appointed whom as Head of Key Relations Group?

एसबीआई जनरल इश्योरेंस ने किसे प्रमुख संबंध समूह का प्रमुख नियुक्त किया है?

- (a) Pranav Haridasan / प्रणव हरिदासन
- (b) Ashwani Kumar / अश्विनी कुमार
- (c) Deepak Mohanty / दीपक मोहंती
- (d) Jaya Tripathi / जया त्रिपाठी
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty / सिद्धार्थ मोहंती

Ans. d

Sol. SBI General Insurance names Jaya Tripathi as Head of Key Relations Group

SBI General Insurance, one of India's top general insurers, has named Jaya Tripathi as Head of Key Relations Group.

Her new role will involve leading the expansion of new business prospects and alliances, driving sales team growth, and deepening partner relationships to increase profitability.

Her broad experience includes top leadership positions in notable companies like as Mahindra Holidays, ICICI Lombard, Forevermark Diamonds (De Beers Group), and Aditya Birla Group, where she has made important contributions to commercial and strategic development.

She has earned a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management (Marketing) from Symbiosis International University.

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **CEO of Paytm Money** - Rakesh Singh
- **MD & CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank** - Sanjeev Nautiyal (replace Ittira Davis; for 3 years) effect from 1 July 2024
- **Executive Director of Ujjivan SFB** - Carol Furtado (3 years)
- **Chairman of HDFC Bank** - Atanu Chakraborty (reappointment for 3 years)
- **MD & CEO of Jio Financial Services** - Hitesh Sethia
- **MD & CEO Axis Bank** - Amitabh Chaudhry (reappointment for 3 years)

109. Which of the following company has launched 'The Complete Home Loan' facility?

निम्नलिखित में से किस कंपनी ने 'द कम्प्लीट होम लोन' सुविधा शुरू की है?

- (a) Muthoot Finance / मुथूट फाइनेंस
- (b) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited / महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा फाइनेंशियल सर्विसेज लिमिटेड
- (c) Shriram Transport Finance Corporation Ltd. / श्रीराम परिवहन वित्त निगम लिमिटेड
- (d) LIC Housing Finance / एलआईसी हाउसिंग फाइनेंस
- (e) L&T Finance Ltd / एल एंड टी फाइनेंस लिमिटेड

Ans. e

Sol. L&T Finance launches 'The Complete Home Loan'

L&T Finance Ltd (LTF) has launched 'The Complete Home Loan', offered through a digitised process, along with a dedicated relationship manager and optional home décor finance.

Home décor finance aims to provide flexibility and convenience in acquiring essential furnishings for a comfortable living space.

The loan will be given against an architect's certificate or contract certification when the house is ready for interior decoration. It will be about 15 per cent of the entire home loan, not exceeding ₹75 lakh, and can go up to 10 years.

The dedicated relationship manager will serve as a point of contact for the customer throughout the loan process, ensuring a smooth and satisfactory experience, while the digitised process will simplify the journey of availing the loan with tech intervention.

Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector

- ICICI Pru Life launches **ULIP having fund** value-based distributor payouts
- HDFC Life launched '**No Jhanjhat Life Insurance Fatafat**' campaign
- YES Bank collaborates with ANQ to launch **Pi and Phi credit cards**
- AU SFB launches 2 credit cards **AU SPONT Rupay Credit Card** and **Secured Credit Card - NOMO** (No Missing Out)
- NABARD unveils **Climate Strategy 2030**

110. Columbia University of the United States of America announced the 2024 Pulitzer Prize winners recently. When was the Pulitzer Prize started?

संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका के कोलंबिया विश्वविद्यालय ने हाल ही में 2024 पुलित्जर पुरस्कार विजेताओं की घोषणा की। पुलित्जर पुरस्कार की शुरुआत कब हुई?

- (a) 1934
- (b) 1917
- (c) 1951
- (d) 1968
- (e) 1985

Ans. b

Sol. 2024 Pulitzers Winner announced

Columbia University of the United States of America announced the 2024 Pulitzer Prize winners.

The awards, considered the most prestigious in the fields of journalism and arts, were conferred by Columbia University on the recommendation of the Pulitzer Prize Board.

Book, Drama, and Music Category

Category	Winner
Fiction	Night Watch by Jayne Anne Phillips
Poetry	Tripas: Poems by Brandon Som
Drama	Primary Trust by Eboni Booth
Memoir and Autobiography	Liliana's Invincible Summer: A Sister's Search for Justice by Cristina Rivera Garza
History	No Right to an Honest Living: The Struggles of Boston's Black Workers in the Civil War Era by Jacqueline Jones
Biography	King: A Life by Jonathan Eig by Martin Luther King Jr Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom by Ilyon Woo

Music	Adagio (For Wadada Leo Smith) by Tyshawn Sorey
General Nonfiction	A Day in the Life of Abed Salama: Anatomy of a Jerusalem Tragedy by Nathan Thrall

Journalism Category

Category	Winner
Public Service	Pro Publica (Joshua Kaplan, Justin Elliott, Brett Murphy, Alex Mierjeski, and Kirsten Berg)
Editorial Writing	David E. Hoffman (The Washington Post)
Breaking News Photography	Photography Staff of Reuters
Investigative Reporting	Hannah Dreier (The New York Times)
International Reporting	Staff of The New York Times
Audio Reporting	Staff of the Invisible Institute and USG Audio
Feature Photography	Photography Staff of Associated Press

Special Awards and Citation

- Greg Tate - A special citation has been issued to the late writer and critic Gregory Stephen Tate, also popularly known as Greg Tate. Greg Tate was an American writer, musician, and producer.
- Journalists and Media Workers Covering the War in Gaza

About Pulitzer Prize

- The Pulitzer Prize was instituted by Joseph Pulitzer.
- He was a newspaper owner who, in 1904, provided for the foundation of the Pulitzer Prize as an incentive for excellence in Journalism, art, and culture.
- The first Prize was provided in 1917.

111. Which state government has launched the Pirul Lao-Paise Pao campaign to contain the raging forest fire in the state?

किस राज्य सरकार ने राज्य में भड़की जंगल की आग पर काबू पाने के लिए पिरुल लाओ-पैसे पाओ अभियान शुरू किया है?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश
- (b) Sikkim / सिक्किम
- (c) Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Uttarakhand / उत्तराखंड

Ans. e

Sol. Uttarakhand Govt Launches Pirul Lao Paise Pao Campaign

The Uttarakhand government has launched the Pirul Lao-Paise Pao campaign to contain the raging forest fire in the state.

Under the Pirul Lao-Paise Pao campaign, the local youth and villagers will collect dry Pirul (Pine tree leaves) in the forest and take them to the designated Pirul collection centre.

The Tehsildar in their respective areas will manage the pirul collection centre under the supervision of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate.

The Pirul will be weighed and stored at the collection centre, and the villagers or youth will be paid Rs 50 per kg, which will be directly transferred to the bank accounts.

The collected Pirul will be packed and processed, and sold to the industries for further use.

About Uttarakhand

- **Capital** - Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer)
- **Chief Minister** - Pushkar Singh Dhami
- **Governor** - Gurmit Singh

Recent Schemes launched by state governments

- **Neengal Nalama Scheme (Tamil Nadu)** - To improve the health index and social well-being of all citizens in the state
- **Widow Remarriage Promotion Scheme (Jharkhand)** - To provide 2 lakh to all the widowed who will get remarriage.
- **MYUVA Scheme (Uttar Pradesh)** - To support young entrepreneurs
- **Indiramma Housing Scheme (Telangana)** - To provide Rs 5 lakh financial assistance to construct houses
- **CM's Health Insurance Scheme (Nagaland)** - To ensures financial security and protection

112. World Thalassaemia Day is observed every year on which day?

विश्व थैलेसीमिया दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 6 May
- (b) 7 May
- (c) 8 May
- (d) 9 May
- (e) 10 May

Ans. c

Sol. 8 May - World Thalassaemia Day

World Thalassaemia Day is observed on May 8th every year.

Objective - To raise awareness about thalassaemia, a genetic blood disorder characterised by abnormal haemoglobin production.

Theme 2024 - Empowering Lives, Embracing Progress: Equitable and Accessible Thalassaemia Treatment for All.

What is Thalassaemia?

- Thalassaemia is a genetic disorder that affects the production of haemoglobin, leading to a shortage of red blood cells and anaemia.
- While carriers of the thalassaemia gene may lead normal lives, those with thalassaemia major require repeated blood transfusions and are susceptible to various infections, organ complications, and potential organ failure.

113. Sangeeth Sivan passed away recently at the age of 61. Who was he?

संगीत सिवन का हाल ही में 61 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह कौन थे?

- (a) Writer / लेखक
- (b) Politician / राजनेता
- (c) Actor / अभिनेता
- (d) Social Worker / सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता
- (e) Filmmaker / फिल्म निर्माता

Ans. e

Sol. Filmmaker Sangeeth Sivan passes away

Renowned filmmaker from Kerala Sangeeth Sivan passed away at the age of 61.

He had films like 'Vyootham,' 'Daddy,' 'Gandharvam,' and the 'Yodha'. Apart from this, he also made 10 Hindi movies like 'Kya Kool Hai Hum' and 'Apna Sapna Money Money'.

114. The renowned Urdu litterateur and academician, Shaikh Abdussalam Abdurrazzaq passed away recently at the age of 83. Razzaq won the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award for Urdu literature for his acclaimed short stories collection, 'Shikasta Buton Ke Darmiyan' in which year?

प्रसिद्ध उर्दू साहित्यकार और शिक्षाविद, शेख अब्दुस्सलाम अब्दुर्रज्जाक का हाल ही में 83 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। रज्जाक ने किस वर्ष अपने प्रशंसित लघु कथा संग्रह 'शिकस्ता बटन के दरमियान' के लिए उर्दू साहित्य के लिए प्रतिष्ठित साहित्य अकादमी पुरस्कार जीता?

- (a) 2022
- (b) 2019
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2008
- (e) 2004

Ans. e

Sol. Renowned Urdu Writer Salam Bin Razzaq passes away

The renowned Urdu litterateur and academician, Shaikh Abdussalam Abdurrazzaq passed away at the age of 83. He was popularly known by his pseudonym Salam Bin Razza

Razzaq won the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award for Urdu literature for his acclaimed short stories collection, 'Shikasta Buton Ke Darmiyan', in 2004.

Born in 1941 at Panvel in Raigad district, Razzaq had a very humble beginning in life. He was deeply inspired by the trials and travails of the common masses which reflected in his writings, both prose and poetry.

115. According to the Global Electricity Review report, what was the rank of India in the world in Solar power production in 2023?

ग्लोबल इलेक्ट्रिसिटी रिव्यू रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, 2023 में सौर ऊर्जा उत्पादन में भारत का विश्व में कौन सा स्थान था?

- (a) First
- (b) Second
- (c) Third
- (d) Fourth
- (e) Fifth

Ans. c

Sol. India overtook Japan to become world's 3rd largest solar power generator in 2023

Due to rapid growth in installed solar power capacity, India became the third-largest solar power generator in 2023.

The 5th "Global Electricity Review" report published by the United Kingdom-based global think tank Ember said that India, which was ranked ninth in 2015, jumped to third position in 2023, overtaking Japan.

India saw the world's fourth-largest increase in solar generation in 2023 (+18 terawatt hour or TWh), behind China (+156 TWh), the United States (+33 TWh) and Brazil (+22 TWh).

Together, the top four solar growth countries accounted for 75 per cent of growth in 2023.

The global solar generation in 2023 was more than six times larger than in 2015.

Solar's contribution to electricity generation in India increased from 0.5 per cent in 2015 to 5.8 per cent in 2023.

According to the International Energy Agency's (IEA) "Net Zero Emissions" scenario, solar would increase to 22 per cent of global electricity generation by 2030.

Top 10 Solar Power-Generating Countries

1. China
2. United States of America
3. India
4. Japan
5. Germany
6. Brazil
7. Australia
8. Spain
9. Italy
10. South Korea

116. Which company has launched India's first crowd-supported weather network with over 650 weather stations, the largest private setup in India, for real-time local weather data?

किस कंपनी ने 650 से अधिक मौसम स्टेशनों के साथ भारत का पहला भीड़-समर्थित मौसम नेटवर्क लॉन्च किया है, जो वास्तविक समय के स्थानीय मौसम डेटा के लिए भारत में सबसे बड़ा निजी सेटअप है?

- (a) Domino's
- (b) Amul
- (c) Food Panda
- (d) Swiggy
- (e) Zomato

Ans. e

Sol. Zomato unveils weather services infrastructure

Zomato CEO Deepinder Goyal has launched India's first crowd-supported weather network with over 650 weather stations, the largest private setup in India, for real-time local weather data.

These weather stations, developed by Zomato, provide localised, real-time information on key weather parameters such as temperature, humidity, wind speed, rainfall, among others can be seen at <http://weatherunion.com>.

Initially available in 45 major cities, plans are underway for expansion.

117. Nine projects sanctioned from the electronics and communication systems (ECS) cluster of DRDO were handed over to which IIT in May 2024?

मई 2024 में DRDO के इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और संचार प्रणाली (ECS) क्लस्टर से स्वीकृत नौ परियोजनाएँ किस IIT को सौंपी गईं?

- (a) IIT Guwahati/ आईआईटी गुवाहाटी
- (b) IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली
- (c) IIT Madras / आईआईटी मद्रास
- (d) IIT Bhubaneswar / आईआईटी भुवनेश्वर
- (e) IIT Roorkee / आईआईटी रुड़की

Ans. d

Sol. DRDO hands over nine defence tech projects to IIT-Bhubaneswar

Nine projects sanctioned from the electronics and communication systems (ECS) cluster of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) were handed over to IIT-Bhubaneswar.

Seven more projects are in the process of being sanctioned from ECS with a funding of Rs 18 crore.

The IIT-Bhubaneswar will work on these sanctioned projects, which would be beneficial in electronics warfare, AI-driven surveillance, power systems and radar systems.

This form of collaboration will enhance the sustainability of defence research programmes and will be part of the ecosystem for nation building.

About Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)

- **Founded** - 1 January 1958
- **Headquarters** - New Delhi
- **Motto** - "Strength's Origin is in Knowledge"
- **Chairman** - Dr. Samir V Kamat

118. In May 2024, Indian Coast Guard has signed MoU with which company for manufacturing and supply of indigenous marine-grade aluminium for construction of ships?

मई 2024 में, भारतीय तटरक्षक बल ने जहाजों के निर्माण के लिए स्वदेशी समुद्री-ग्रेड एल्यूमीनियम के निर्माण और आपूर्ति के लिए किस कंपनी के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) Reliance Industries Limited / रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड
- (b) Larsen & Toubro (L&T) / लार्सन एंड टुब्रो (एल एंड टी)
- (c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited / हिंदुस्तान एयरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड
- (d) Tata Advanced Systems / टाटा एडवांस्ड सिस्टम्स
- (e) Hindalco Industries / हिंडाल्को इंडस्ट्रीज

Ans. e

Sol. Indian Coast Guard sign MoU with Hindalco Industries

Indian Coast Guard has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hindalco Industries for manufacturing and supply of indigenous marine-grade aluminium for construction of ships.

The Indian Coast Guard fleet is presently operating 67 ships with aluminium hull with capability of operating in shallow waters.

Indian Coast Guard has planned to induct more such vessels where the indigenously manufactured marine-grade aluminium will be utilized.

119. In May 2024, Wrestling's world governing body (UWW) has suspended whom till the end of this year following NADA's decision to hand him a provisional suspension for refusing to undergo a dope test?

मई 2024 में, कुश्ती की विश्व शासी निकाय (UWW) ने डोप परीक्षण से इनकार करने पर NADA के अनंतिम निलंबन के फैसले के बाद किसे इस साल के अंत तक निलंबित कर दिया है?

- (a) Bajrang Punia / बजरंग पुनिया
- (b) Sakshi Malik / साक्षी मलिक
- (c) Ravi Kumar Dahiya / रवि कुमार दहिया
- (d) Mirabai Chanu / मीराबाई चानू
- (e) Lovlina Borgohain / लवलीना बोगोहेन

Ans. a

Sol. Bajrang Punia suspended by Wrestling Authorities

Wrestling's world governing body (UWW) has suspended Bajrang Punia till the end of this year following NADA's decision to hand him a provisional suspension for refusing to undergo a dope test.

However, despite being well aware of NADA's order, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) sanctioned close to Rs 9 lakh for his training abroad.

Bajrang, one of the country's most successful wrestlers, was suspended by NADA on April 23 after being served a whereabouts failure notice on April 18.

120. Who has been appointed as the President of Larsen and Toubro?

लार्सन एंड टुब्रो के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Dinesh Dasa / दिनेश दासा
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Manoj Soni / मनोज सोनी
- (e) R Shankar Raman / आर शंकर रमन

Ans. e

Sol. R Shankar Raman elevated as President of L&T

Larsen and Toubro was elevated R Shankar Raman as the President of the engineering and construction conglomerate.

Post the promotion, Raman will continue to hold the position of the whole-time Director and CFO of the company as well.

Raman joined the L&T Group in November 1994 to set up L&T Finance Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary. He later assumed the role of CFO at L&T and was appointed to the board in October 2011.

Recent Appointment

- **Director in Ministry of Ayush** - Subodh Kumar
- **Country Manager for Visa India** - Sujai Raina
- **DG of National Institute of Solar Energy** - Prof. Mohammad Rihan
- **Head of GST Appellate Tribunal** - Sanjaya Kumar Mishra (for 4 years)
- **MD of Raymond** -Gautam Hari Singhania

121. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of HDFC Life?

एचडीएफसी लाइफ के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Keki Mistry / केकी मिस्त्री
- (b) Ashwani Kumar / अश्विनी कुमार
- (c) Deepak Mohanty / दीपक मोहंती
- (d) Tablesh Pandey / तबलेश पांडे
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty / सिद्धार्थ मोहंती

Ans. a

Sol. Keki Mistry appoints as Chairman of HDFC Life

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) has approved the appointment of Keki Mistry as chairman of HDFC Life.

Last month, the company had appointed Mistry as the chairman of the board, following the decision of Deepak S. Parekh to step down as the chairman and non-executive director of the company.

Mistry, who was the vice chairman and CEO of HDFC Limited was designated as a non-executive director on the board of HDFC Bank Limited following the amalgamation of HDFC Limited with HDFC Bank.

Mistry is also a director on the boards of multiple other companies. He is a qualified chartered accountant and a fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **Head of Key Relations Group in SBI General Insurance** - Jaya Tripathi
- **CEO of Paytm Money** - Rakesh Singh
- **MD & CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank** - Sanjeev Nautiyal (replace Ittira Davis) effect from 1 July 2024
- **Executive Director of Ujjivan SFB** - Carol Furtado (3 years)
- **Chairman of HDFC Bank** - Atanu Chakraborty (reappointment for 3 years)

122. Who has been bestowed with the prestigious Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024 for Outstanding Social Work?

उत्कृष्ट सामाजिक कार्य के लिए प्रतिष्ठित ग्लोबल प्राइड ऑफ सिंधी अवार्ड 2024 से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (a) Deepak Shenoy / दीपक शेनॉय
- (b) Neeli Bendapudi / नीली बेंदापुडी
- (c) Pawan Sindhi / पवन सिंधी
- (d) Shanti Lakra / शांति लकड़ा
- (e) Deepika Misra / दीपिका मिश्रा

Ans. c

Sol. Pawan Sindhi honored with Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024

Social worker Pawan Sindhi was bestowed with the prestigious Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024 for Outstanding Social Work.

The award night witnessed a gathering of like-minded individuals who came together to promote the values of humanity, peace, and prosperity.

Recent Awards

- **Best Employer' 2023 by Kincentric** - DBS Bank India
- **Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2024** - Bhavi Mehta (for The Book Beautiful)
- **UNESCO's Guillermo Cano World Press Prize 2024** - All Palestinian journalists
- **Whitley Gold Award (Green Oscar) 2024** - Dr Purnima Devi Barman (Assam)
- **Grandmaster title by FIDE** - Vaishali Ramesh Babu

123. Which platform has secured Gold in the 'Best Product Iteration' category at the INMA Awards 2024?

INMA अवार्ड्स 2024 में किस प्लेटफॉर्म ने 'बेस्ट प्रोडक्ट इटरेशन' श्रेणी में गोल्ड हासिल किया है?

- (a) Netflix
- (b) Amazon Prime
- (c) Disney
- (d) OTTplay
- (e) SonyLiv

Ans. d

Sol. OTTplay bagged INMA Global Media Awards 2024

OTTplay has bagged the Gold for Best Product Iteration and Silver Best Use of an Event at INMA 2024.

OTTplay has won Gold (first place) in the Best Product Iteration category and Silver (second place) in the category for Best Use of an Event to Build a News Brand.

The platform's transition to an OTT aggregator, addressing the challenge of multiple subscriptions, was celebrated for its innovation.

About OTTplay

- OTTplay is India's pioneering OTT aggregator that uses AI-based recommendations to revolutionise content discovery and consumption.
- With the introduction of OTTplay Premium, the platform now offers a curated selection of content from 37 premier OTT platforms which are personalized based on each user's unique preferences.

124. Which company has been recognized and honored by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for its outstanding commitment to quality and branding excellence?

किस कंपनी को गुणवत्ता और ब्रांडिंग उत्कृष्टता के प्रति उत्कृष्ट प्रतिबद्धता के लिए भारतीय मानक ब्यूरो (बीआईएस) द्वारा मान्यता और सम्मान दिया गया है?

- (a) Yucky Science
- (b) Juplay
- (c) Genius Box
- (d) Giggles
- (e) CreativeKidz

Ans. c

Sol. Genius Box honored by BIS for quality and branding excellence

Genius Box, a leading brand specializing in innovative DIY educational kits for children, has been recognized and honored by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for its outstanding commitment to quality and branding excellence.

The prestigious recognition comes alongside Genius Box's distinguished feat of maintaining a flawless record of nil sample failures over the past three years.

Genius Box stands as a pioneer in revolutionizing children's education through its "Play-full-learning" approach. With a mission to engage children in immersive learning experiences, the brand offers thoughtfully curated kits and games designed to foster curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking skills.

125. Which company will sponsor Sri Lanka Men's Team in the ICC T20 World Cup 2024?

कौन सी कंपनी ICC T20 विश्व कप 2024 में श्रीलंका पुरुष टीम को प्रायोजित करेगी?

- (a) Vivo
- (b) Mother Dairy
- (c) Rummy
- (d) Deream11
- (e) Amul

Ans. e

Sol. Amul to Sponsor Sri Lanka Men's T20 World Cup Team

Sri Lanka has announced Amul, one of India's iconic dairy brands with a global footprint, as their sponsor for the ICC T20 World Cup 2024, starting June 2 in the USA and the West Indies.

Sri Lanka, former champions of the T20 World Cup, will become the third team after South Africa and USA to be sponsored by Amul at the showpiece T20 tournament.

Amul has a history of sponsoring cricket teams during ICC tournaments, having previously collaborated with the New Zealand and the Netherlands national sides for the 2017 Champions Trophy and 2011 Cricket World Cup, respectively.

Additionally, Amul was one of the sponsors of the Women's Premier League in its inaugural edition.

126. India clinched how many gold medals at the Asian Open Pickleball Championships in Vietnam?

वियतनाम में एशियाई ओपन पिकलबॉल चैंपियनशिप में भारत ने कितने स्वर्ण पदक जीते?

- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 4
- (d) 5
- (e) 6

Ans. b

Sol. India clinches 5 medals at Asian Open Pickleball Championships

India clinched three gold and two bronze medals at the Asian Open Pickleball Championships in Vietnam.

Sachin Pahwa and Priyanka Chhabra led India to its first gold medal, defeating Ruben Hellberg and Chitlada Hemasee 11-9, 5-11, 11-9, in the mixed doubles intermediate 35+ category final.

While in the women's doubles open category, the pair of Isha Lakhani and Pei Chuan Kao bagged the gold medal with a dominating 15-7, 15-3 win against Dang Kim Ngan and Tyak K.

In the men's doubles, India's Aniket Patel and Rohit Patil claimed the yellow metal despite losing the opening game. The duo defeated Nik Alessandro Isagan and Lester Ga 5-11, 11-6, and 11-8 in the final.

In the men's singles advance 35+ category, Vijay Menon defeated Yu Hsuan Cher to secure the bronze, while in the women's singles intermediate 35+ event, Priyanka Chhabra defeated Marissa Phongsirikul, earning India another bronze medal.

127. World Lupus Day is observed every year on which day?

विश्व ल्यूपस दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 7 May
- (b) 8 May
- (c) 9 May
- (d) 10 May
- (e) 11 May

Ans. d

Sol. 10 May - World Lupus Day

World Lupus Day is observed on 10 May every year to raise awareness about the autoimmune disease lupus.

The day is also dedicated to spreading awareness about the need for research to find a cure for the disease.

Lupus is a complex and debilitating autoimmune disease that affects millions of people worldwide.

It is characterized by the immune system attacking the body's own tissues, leading to inflammation and damage to various organs .

Lupus can affect people of all ages, especially women.

The history of World Lupus Day dates back to 2004 when a global campaign was organized to raise awareness about the autoimmune disease lupus. The day was first established by Lupus Canada in 2004.

128. International Day of Argania is celebrated every year on which day?

अर्गानिया का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 7 May
- (b) 8 May
- (c) 9 May
- (d) 10 May
- (e) 11 May

Ans. d

Sol. 10 May - International Day of Argania

International Day of Argania is celebrated every year on May 10.

Objective - To increase awareness about these unique trees, their benefits, and the challenges they face.

This special day celebrates the Argan tree, an ancient species that has grown in Morocco for about 80 million years. These trees are not just old; they play a crucial role in the local economy and environment.

The Argan tree is a native species of the sub-Saharan region of Morocco, in the southwest of the country, which grows in arid and semiarid areas.

It's the defining species of a woodland ecosystem, also known as Arganeraie, which is rich in endemic flora. It is resilient to a harsh environment under water scarcity, risk of erosion and poor soils.

129. Varugeese Koshy passed away recently at the of 66 years. He was related to which sport?

वरुगेसी कोशी का हाल ही में 66 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह किस खेल से संबंधित थे?

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Chess / शतरंज
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

Ans. b

Sol. International Chess Master Varugeese Koshy passes away
International Master Varugeese Koshy passed away recently at the of 66 years.
One of India's finest trainers, Koshy has mentored a host of Indian chess players including GMs P. Harikrishna, S. L. Narayanan and N.R. Visakh among others at some point in their careers.

Koshy, who represented India in several International tournaments, was also the president of Chess Players Forum India which was formed in 2020-21.

130. According to the latest data released by the Union Ministry of Commerce, which country was the largest export destination for Indian merchandise goods in 2023-24?

केंद्रीय वाणिज्य मंत्रालय द्वारा जारी नवीनतम आंकड़ों के अनुसार, 2023-24 में भारतीय व्यापारिक वस्तुओं के लिए कौन सा देश सबसे बड़ा निर्यात गंतव्य था?

- (a) Russia
- (b) UAE
- (c) Saudi Arabia
- (d) Singapore
- (e) China

Ans. b

Sol. Indian export to 115 countries shows positive growth in 2023-24

According to data released by the Union Ministry of Commerce, India's exports have recorded positive growth in 115 countries out of the total 238 countries/territories it exported in 2023-24.

These 115 export destinations, which account for 46.5 per cent of India's export basket, include the US, UAE, Netherlands, China, UK, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Bangladesh, Germany and Italy.

The country's merchandise exports decreased by 3 per cent to \$437.1 billion in the last fiscal. However, services exports rose to \$341.1 billion in 2023-24 as against \$325.3 billion in 2022-23.

Overall exports reached \$778.2 billion in 2023-24 as compared to \$776.4 billion in 2022-23, registering a marginal growth of 0.23 per cent.

The share of India's merchandise exports has also increased marginally from 1.70 per cent in 2014 to 1.82 per cent in 2023. India's rank in world merchandise exporters too has improved from 19th to 17th during the same period.

The UAE has emerged as the primary destination, with a substantial 12.71 per cent growth in export value at \$35.6 billion.

Similarly, exports to Singapore that surged by 20.19 per cent to \$14.4 billion, to the UK (up 13.30 per cent to USD 13 billion), and to China (up 8.70 per cent to USD 16.7 billion) also recorded healthy growth indicating a sustained demand for Indian products.

The top 10 source countries, which constitute 59.3 per cent of India's import basket, include China, USA, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Russia, and Switzerland.

131. In May 2024, India signed an MoU with which country for the conservation of sharks and rays in the Arabian Sea?

मई 2024 में, भारत ने अरब सागर में शार्क और किरणों के संरक्षण के लिए किस देश के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- (a) Tanzania / तंजानिया
- (b) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (c) Oman / ओमान
- (d) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (e) UAE / यूएई

Ans. c

Sol. India and Oman to jointly undertake research on sharks and rays in Arabian Sea

A joint initiative between India and Oman to boost research and conservation of sharks and rays in the Arabian Sea will be launched at an upcoming workshop at ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI). Experts from both countries will take part in the workshop which is expected to take place shortly, here, which will take up the collaborative research works and capacity building in elasmobranch research.

The workshop will lay the foundation for a collaborative future in marine research between the two countries and open avenues for regional management and conservation of iconic resources such as sharks and rays in the Arabian Sea.

Recently India signed MoUs with others countries

- India to train Bangladeshi's civil servants for the next 5 years
- India signs MoU with Bulgaria to enhance collaboration, exchange auditing expertise
- India and Nepal agree to promote Sanskrit research and education
- India & Singapore sign MoU on Law and Dispute Resolution
- India and Bhutan signed MoU in the field of Energy Efficiency and Energy Conservation Measures

132. In May 2024, India signed an agreement with which country for Visa Waiver on Diplomatic and Official Passports?

मई 2024 में, भारत ने राजनयिक और आधिकारिक पासपोर्ट पर वीज़ा छूट के लिए किस देश के साथ एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

- (a) Netherland / नीदरलैंड
- (b) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (c) Moldova / मोलदोवा
- (d) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (e) UAE / यूएई

Ans. c

Sol. India, and Moldova sign agreement for Visa Waiver on Diplomatic Passports

India and Moldova signed an agreement allowing holders of diplomatic and official passports from either country to travel to the other without requiring a visa.

This Agreement will add further momentum to the friendly and cordial relations between the two countries.

Diplomatic relations between India and Moldova were established on March 20, 1992.

About Moldova

- Capital - Chisinau
- Currency- Moldovan Leu
- Official language- Romanian
- President- Maia Sandu

133. India has contributed _____ to the U.N. Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund, underscoring its unwavering commitment to support multilateral efforts in the global fight against the scourge of terrorism.

भारत ने आतंकवाद के संकट के खिलाफ वैश्विक लड़ाई में बहुपक्षीय प्रयासों का समर्थन करने की अपनी अटूट प्रतिबद्धता को रेखांकित करते हुए, संयुक्त राष्ट्र काउंटर-टेरिज्म ट्रस्ट फंड में _____ का योगदान दिया है।

- (a) \$1,00,000
- (b) \$50,000
- (c) \$5,00,000
- (d) \$5000
- (e) \$55,00,000

Ans. c

Sol. India contributes \$5,00,000 to U.N. Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund

India has contributed \$500,000 to the U.N. Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund, underscoring its unwavering commitment to support multilateral efforts in the global fight against the scourge of terrorism.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj handed over to Under Secretary General, UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) Vladimir Voronkov the country's voluntary financial contribution of half a million dollars towards the U.N. Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund (CTTF).

The contribution is a testament to India's commitment to international cooperation on countering terrorism and continued implementation of the announcement made by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar to contribute to the trust fund during the special meeting of the counter-terrorism committee held in New Delhi in October 2022 under India's presidency of the body.

About United Nations (UN)

- **Founded** - 24 October 1945
- **Headquarters** - New York, US
- **Official languages** - Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian & Spanish
- **Membership** - 193 member states
- **1st Secretary General** - Trygve Halvdan Lie (Norway)
- **9th Secretary-General** - António Guterres (Portugal)
- **Deputy Secretary-General** - Amina J. Mohammed (Nigeria)
- United Nations Day is celebrated on October 24 every year

134. Which of the following fintech platforms has launched its 'Digital Credit' as a service for banks in India?

निम्नलिखित में से किस फिनटेक प्लेटफॉर्म ने भारत में बैंकों के लिए एक सेवा के रूप में अपना 'डिजिटल क्रेडिट' लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Paytm
- (b) PhonePe
- (c) GooglePay
- (d) Zeta
- (e) Instamojo

Ans. d

Sol. Zeta launches digital credit as service for banks in India

Fintech platform Zeta has launched its 'Digital Credit' as a service for bank in India.

Zeta's offering is underpinned by the National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI) credit line on UPI scheme – which harnesses the power of the UPI network to turbo-charge credit issuance in India.

Zeta estimates that the transaction volume on this scheme will exceed \$1 trillion by 2030 and aims to capture 50% of this market opportunity with its end-to-end solution that can help banks conceive and rapidly launch multi-form credit products.

135. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed R Lakshmi Kanth Rao as Executive Director (ED). As executive director, Rao will handle which of the following department?

भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) ने आर लक्ष्मी कंठ राव को कार्यकारी निदेशक (ED) नियुक्त किया है। कार्यकारी निदेशक के रूप में, राव निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा विभाग संभालेंगे?

- (a) Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India
- (b) Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services
- (c) Reserve Bank Innovation Hub
- (d) Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited
- (e) Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited

Ans. a

Sol. RBI appoints R. Lakshmi Kanth Rao as Executive Director

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed R Lakshmi Kanth Rao as executive director (ED).

As executive director, Rao will handle the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC), the Right to Information Act (FAA), and the Department of Communication.

Rao was previously serving as chief general manager in charge in the Department of Regulation.

He has over 30 years of experience at the RBI and has worked in several areas, including regulation of banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), supervision of banks, and consumer protection.

He also served as a banking ombudsman at RBI Chennai and as regional director of Uttar Pradesh in Lucknow.

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **Chairman of HDFC Life** - Keki Mistry
- **Head of Key Relations Group in SBI General Insurance** - Jaya Tripathi
- **CEO of Paytm Money** - Rakesh Singh
- **MD & CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank** - Sanjeev Nautiyal (replace Ittira Davis) effect from 1 July 2024
- **Executive Director of Ujjivan SFB** - Carol Furtado (3 years)

136. Mahamat Idris Deby Itno has been elected as the president of which country?

महामत इदरीस डेबी इटनो को किस देश के राष्ट्रपति के रूप में चुना गया है?

- (a) Netherland / नीदरलैंड
- (b) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (c) Brazil / ब्राजील
- (d) Chad / चाड
- (e) Scotland / स्कॉटलैंड

Ans. d

Sol. Idriss Deby won Chad's Presidential election

The Military dictator and interim president of the Central African Country of Chad, Mahamat Idris Deby Itno has won the presidential election.

Mahamat Idris Deby seized power with the support of fellow army generals in 2021 and became the interim president of the country after the death of his father, President Idriss Deby.

President Idriss Deby was killed in 2021 by rebels in Northern Chad shortly after being elected President for the sixth time.

President Idriss Deby was a dictator who ruled the country with an iron hand for 30 years from 1990 till 2021. The election will legitimise the rule of Mahamat Idris Deby Itno for another six years.

About Republic of Chad

- Chad is a landlocked country situated in north-central Africa.
- It is the fifth largest country in Africa in area.
- Capital: N'Djamena
- Currency: CFA franc
- President: Mahamat Idris Deby Itno

137. In May 2024, Omnichannel forex services company Thomas Cook India launched a new digital service for International Money Transfers. What is the name of this digital service?

मई 2024 में, ओमनीचैनल फॉरेक्स सेवा कंपनी थॉमस कुक इंडिया ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मनी ट्रांसफर के लिए एक नई डिजिटल सेवा शुरू की है। इस डिजिटल सेवा का नाम क्या है?

- (a) MCPay
- (b) BCPay
- (c) TCPay
- (d) UPay
- (e) CPay

Ans. c

Sol. Thomas Cook India launches Digital Service TCPay for International Money Transfers

Omnichannel forex services company Thomas Cook India has launched TCPay, a new digital service that brings ease and efficiency to international money transfers.

Traditionally, sending money abroad was considered an arduous process, that involved visits to branches, cumbersome paperwork and limited operating hours.

Recognising the challenges, Thomas Cook has introduced TCPay that offers multiple benefits to transform the way individuals transfer funds.

The simple digital platform coupled with Thomas Cook's recently launched Video KYC process, empowers customers with paperless transfers from the comfort and convenience of their home.

Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector

- L&T Finance Ltd (LTF) has launched '**The Complete Home Loan**',
- ICICI Pru Life launches **ULIP having fund** value-based distributor payouts
- HDFC Life launched '**No Jhanjhat Life Insurance Fatafat**' campaign
- YES Bank collaborates with ANQ to launch **Pi and Phi credit cards**
- AU SFB launches 2 credit cards **AU SPONT Rupay Credit Card** and **Secured Credit Card - NOMO** (No Missing Out)
- NABARD unveils **Climate Strategy 2030**

138. Which edition of the joint military exercise Shakti between the Indian and the French forces will be held at the Joint Training Node of the Indian Army in Umroi, Meghalaya, from 13 -26 May 2024?

भारतीय और फ्रांसीसी सेनाओं के बीच संयुक्त सैन्य अभ्यास शक्ति का कौन सा संस्करण 13 -26 मई 2024 तक उमरोई, मेघालय में भारतीय सेना के संयुक्त प्रशिक्षण नोड में आयोजित किया जाएगा?

- (a) 5th
- (b) 6th
- (c) 7th
- (d) 8th
- (e) 9th

Ans. c

Sol. India French Military Exercise Shakti 2024 to be held in Meghalaya

Joint military Exercise Shakti between the Indian and the French forces will be held at the Joint Training Node of the Indian Army in Umroi, Meghalaya, from 13 -26 May 2024.

The opening ceremony of Exercise Shakti will be attended by the French Ambassador to India, Thierry Mathou.

The exercise aims at enhancing cooperation, understanding, and interoperability between the two Armies.

This will be the seventh edition of the bilateral exercise which began in 2011 with the last edition conducted in France in November 2021.

Recent Exercise

- **Exercise Poorvi Lehar** by Indian Navy - East Coast of India
- 5th edition of Joint military exercise '**Dustlik**' between India and Uzbekistan - Termez, Uzbekistan
- Coastal Security Exercise '**Sagar Kavach**' - Lakshadweep Islands
- 2nd edition of **India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise (IMT TRILAT 24)** - Nacala, Mozambique.
- Exercise "**TIGER TRIUMPH 2024**" between India and USA - Eastern Seaboard
- 10th edition of Military Exercise **LAMITIYE-2024** between India and Seychelles – Seychelles

139. Colin Munro has announced his retirement from International Cricket. Munro was played for which of the following National Cricket team?

कॉलिन मुनरो ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट से संन्यास की घोषणा कर दी है. मुनरो निम्नलिखित में से किस राष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट टीम के लिए खेले थे?

- (a) England / इंग्लैंड
- (b) New Zealand / न्यूजीलैंड
- (c) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) Ireland / आयरलैंड

Ans. b

Sol. New Zealand's Colin Munro announces retirement from International Cricket

New Zealand left-handed batter Colin Munro announced his retirement from international cricket after a career spanning 123 matches for the Blackcaps across all formats.

The 37-year-old has featured in 65 T20Is, 57 ODIs and a single Test for New Zealand, with his last appearance coming in their T20I home series against India back in 2020.

Recently Retired Players

- Bismah Maroof (Pakistan) - International Cricket
- Saurav Ghosal (India) - Professional Squash
- Kento Momota (Japan) - International badminton
- Umpire Marais Erasmus (South Africa) - ICC Elite Panel of Umpires.
- Shahbaz Nadeem (Jharkhand, India) - International Cricket
- B Sai Praneeth (Telangana, India) - International badminton.
- Deep Grace Ekka (India) - International Hockey

140. National Technology Day is celebrated annually in India on which day?

भारत में राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 12 May
- (b) 13 May
- (c) 9 May
- (d) 10 May
- (e) 11 May

Ans. e

Sol. 11 May - National Technology Day

National Technology Day is celebrated annually in India on 11 May.

This day is dedicated to recognizing the contributions of innovators, scientists, and engineers, and to promoting scientific and technological innovation in the country.

The day was first established in 1998 to commemorate the successful nuclear test at Pokharan. This test was a significant milestone in India's technological advancement, and it paved the way for the country to acquire a leading position in the field of nuclear weapons technology.

The history of National Technology Day in India dates back to 1998, when Indian Army conducted five nuclear bomb tests (Pokhran- II) in Rajasthan under the surveillance of the then Prime Minister of India Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

The Pokhran - II was lead by the Missile Man of India, Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. India was entitled as the sixth nuclear country after the huge success of Pokhran Test.

141. World Migratory Bird Day is observed every year on the second Saturday of May. This year was celebrated on 11 May. What is the theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2024?

विश्व प्रवासी पक्षी दिवस हर साल मई के दूसरे शनिवार को मनाया जाता है। इस वर्ष 11 मई को मनाया गया। विश्व प्रवासी पक्षी दिवस 2024 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Birds
- (b) Insects
- (c) Fishes
- (d) Dolphin
- (e) Animals

Ans. b

Sol. 11 May 2024 - World Migratory Bird Day

World Migratory Bird Day is observed every year on second Saturday of May. This year was celebrated on 11 May.

Objective - To raise awareness about the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.

Theme 2024 - Insects

World Migratory Bird Day was first established in 1993 by visionaries from the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center.

The initial celebrations were organized by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation along with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. In 2007, the responsibility for the day was transferred to the non-profit organization 'Environment for the Americas'.

WMBD is celebrated annually on the second Saturday in May and October to accommodate the varying migration patterns in different regions.

142. Kami Rita has scaled Mount Everest for the 29th time, surpassing his own record of 28 ascents. He belongs to which country?

कामी रीता ने 29वीं बार माउंट एवरेस्ट पर चढ़ाई की है और 28 बार चढ़ने के अपने ही रिकॉर्ड को पीछे छोड़ दिया है। वह किस देश से है?

- (a) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
- (b) Nepal / नेपाल
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) India / भारत
- (e) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश

Ans. b

Sol. Nepal climber Kami Rita Sherpa climbs Mt Everest for 29th time

Nepali Sherpa climber Kami Rita has scaled Everest for the 29th time, surpassing his own record of 28 ascents.

He now holds the record for the most ascents of the world's tallest peak in its 71-year climbing history.

Kami Rita Sherpa, also known as 'Everest man,' embarked on the Spring Season Everest expedition from Kathmandu, accompanying a team of approximately 28 climbers. Seven Summit Treks organised the expedition to conquer the world's highest peak.

He completed his first ascent of Everest in 1994, at 24.

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, Kami Rita has scaled Everest nearly every year since his first climb, totalling 29 ascents now.

In 2020, the south side of Everest in Nepal was closed to climbers due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but a partial reopening in 2021 allowed Kami Rita to achieve his 25th summit in May 2021.

About Nepal

- Capital**- Kathmandu
- Currency**- Nepalese rupee
- President**- Ram Chandra Paudel
- Prime minister**- Pushpa Kamal Dahal

143. In which district of Chhattisgarh will the first 15 MW floating solar plant be set up by Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP)?

भिलाई स्टील प्लांट (बीएसपी) द्वारा छत्तीसगढ़ के किस जिले में पहला 15 मेगावाट का फ्लोटिंग सोलर प्लांट स्थापित किया जाएगा?

- (a) Dhamtari धमतरी
- (b) Gariaband / गरियाबंद
- (c) Durg / दुर्ग
- (d) Mahasamund/ महासमुंद
- (e) Raipur / रायपुर

Ans. c

Sol. SAIL-Bhilai to set up Chhattisgarh's first 15-Mw floating solar plant

Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP), the Chhattisgarh-based arm of the state-run Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), will install the state's first 15-megawatt (MW) floating solar project in its Maroda-1 reservoir to improve its carbon footprint.

The steel major is undertaking various projects to reduce carbon emissions, conserve energy, and promote renewable energy.

The project is being implemented through NTPC-SAIL Power Supply Company Limited (NSPCL), a 50:50 joint venture company of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and SAIL.

The solar plant will be set up in Durg district.

144. Which bank has recently announced that it will close inoperative accounts of customers on 1 June 2024?

हाल ही में किस बैंक ने घोषणा की है कि वह 1 जून 2024 को ग्राहकों के निष्क्रिय खाते बंद कर देगा?

- (a) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- (b) Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
- (c) UCO Bank / यूको बैंक
- (d) Indian Bank / इंडियन बैंक
- (e) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक

Ans. b

Sol. All Inactive Accounts to be closed on 1 June 2024: PNB

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has announced that it will close all its customers' inactive bank accounts on 1 June 2024.

Customers whose accounts have become inactive can activate their accounts by completing their KYC (Know Your Customer) by 31 May 2024.

The bank has taken this step to reduce expenses and prevent fraud in such accounts.

Which PNB accounts will be closed?

- According to the PNB, those customers' accounts will be closed where there has been no transaction(deposit or withdrawal) by the customer for the past three years, and the account balance has been zero.
- If these account holders do not complete their KYC by 31 May 2024, then they will not be given further notice, and their account will be closed permanently on 1 June 2024.

Which PNB accounts are not impacted?

- Accounts linked to DEMAT accounts, lockers, or active standing instructions
- Student accounts for customers under the age of 25
- Minor accounts
- Accounts opened for specific schemes like PMJJBY, PMSBY, SSY, APY, DBT
- Accounts frozen by court orders, income tax department orders, or other statutory authorities

About Punjab National Bank (PNB)

- Founded** - 12 April 1894
- Founder** - Dyal Singh Majithia and Lala Lajpat Rai
- Headquarters** - New Delhi
- MD & CEO** - Atul Kumar Goel
- Tagline** - The Name You can Bank Upon

145. Hinduja Group's IndusInd International Holdings (IIHL) has received approval from which organization for the acquisition of Reliance Capital in May 2024?

हिंदुजा समूह की इंडसइंड इंटरनेशनल होल्डिंग्स (IIHL) को मई 2024 में रिलायंस कैपिटल के अधिग्रहण के लिए किस संगठन से मंजूरी मिल गई है?

- (a) NABARD / नाबार्ड
- (b) RBI / आरबीआई
- (c) IRDAI / आईआरडीएआई
- (d) SEBI / सेबी
- (e) SIDBI / सिडबी

Ans. c

Sol. Hinduja Group gets IRDAI approval for Reliance Capital acquisition

Hinduja Group's IndusInd International Holdings (IIHL) has received the long-awaited Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India's approval for the acquisition of Reliance Capital.

The acquisition will include the takeover of Reliance Capital's insurance arms — wholly-owned subsidiary Reliance General Insurance and 51:49 JV with Nippon Life, Reliance Nippon Life Insurance.

The insurance regulator has cleared the transfer of Reliance Capital's 26 per cent stake in Reliance Nippon Life to Aasia Enterprises.

Post the transaction, Reliance Capital, Nippon Life Insurance and Aasia Enterprises LLP will be the promoters of the company.

146. WHO's Chief Scientist, Dr Soumya Swaminathan to be awarded honorary doctorate by McGill University. McGill University is the university of which country?

WHO की मुख्य वैज्ञानिक डॉ. सौम्या स्वामीनाथन को मैकगिल विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा डॉक्टरेट की मानद उपाधि से सम्मानित किया जाएगा। मैकगिल विश्वविद्यालय किस देश का विश्वविद्यालय है?

- (a) France / फ्रांस
- (b) Russia / रूस
- (c) UK / यूके
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) Canada / कनाडा

Ans. e

Sol. Dr Soumya Swaminathan to be awarded honorary doctorate by Canada's McGill University

Dr Soumya Swaminathan, most recently WHO's Chief Scientist, has been named among the 10 exceptional individuals who will receive honorary degrees from Canada's prestigious McGill University as part of the Spring 2024 Convocation ceremonies.

More than two centuries old, McGill, a public research university in Montreal, grants honorary degrees to individuals "who have lifetime records of outstanding scholarly, scientific, or artistic achievement, or of exceptional contributions to the public good through professional or philanthropic activity.

In 2017, Swaminathan joined the World Health Organisation (WHO) as Deputy Director General (Programmes), and, in March 2019, was named its first Chief Scientist, a role she filled through the Covid-19 pandemic until late 2022.

147. Who has been elected as a director of IFFCO (Indian Farmers Fertilizers Co-op Ltd.)?

इफको (इंडियन फार्मर्स फर्टिलाइजर्स को-ऑप लिमिटेड) के निदेशक के रूप में किसे चुना गया है?

- (a) Rajendra Prasad Goyal / राजेंद्र प्रसाद गोयल
- (b) Manish Prasad / मनीष प्रसाद
- (c) Vivek Bipindada Kolhe / विवेक बिपिंडदा कोल्हे
- (d) Meenesh Shah / मीनेश शाह
- (e) Vivek Srivastava / विवेक श्रीवास्तव

Ans. c

Sol. Vivek Kolhe elected as IFFCO Director

Vivek Bipindada Kolhe has been elected as a director of IFFCO (Indian Farmers Fertilizers Co-op Ltd.) New Delhi. He is currently working as the Chairman of Sahkar Maharshi Shankarao Kolhe Co-operative Sugar Factor. Kolhe's extensive experience in the cooperative sector, coupled with his past role as RGB of IFFCO, positions him as a formidable advocate for farmers' rights and interests.

With Kolhe assuming his new responsibilities, the future of cooperative farming in Maharashtra looks bright. IFFCO, the cornerstone of India's agricultural landscape, stands as a beacon of support for farmers nationwide.

About IFFCO (Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Corporation)

- Founded**- 3 November 1967, New Delhi
- Founder**- Udaybhansinhji Natwarsinhji Jethwa
- Headquarters**- New Delhi
- CEO**- Dr. Udai Shanker Awasthi
- Director** - Vivek Bipindada Kolhe

148. Senior IPS Officer Idashisha Nongrang has been appointed as first woman Director General of Police (DGP) of which state?

वरिष्ठ आईपीएस अधिकारी इदाशिशा नोंगरांग को किस राज्य की पहली महिला पुलिस महानिदेशक (डीजीपी) नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Sikkim / सिक्किम
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

Ans. e

Sol. Idashisha Nongrang appointed first woman DGP of Meghalaya

Senior IPS Officer Idashisha Nongrang has been named first woman Director General of Police (DGP) of Meghalaya state.

A 1992 batch Indian Police Service officer, she will replace Lajja Ram Bishnoi who will retire on May 19.

She will serve as the State's police chief till May 19, 2026.

Nongrang is also the first tribal woman to ascend to this prestigious rank.

Recent Appointment

- **President of Larsen and Toubro** - R Shankar Raman
- **Director in Ministry of Ayush** - Subodh Kumar
- **Country Manager for Visa India** - Sujai Raina
- **DG of National Institute of Solar Energy** - Prof. Mohammad Rihan
- **Head of GST Appellate Tribunal** - Sanjaya Kumar Mishra (for 4 years)

About Meghalaya

- **Capital** – Shillong
- **Chief Minister** - Conrad Kongkal Sangma
- **Governor** - Phagu Chauhan

149. Japan won its maiden Sultan Azlan Shah trophy by defeating Pakistan in the final. Sultan Azlan Shah trophy is related to which sport?

जापान ने फाइनल में पाकिस्तान को हराकर अपनी पहली सुल्तान अजलान शाह ट्रॉफी जीती। सुल्तान अजलान शाह ट्रॉफी किस खेल से संबंधित है?

- (a) Hockey / हॉकी
- (b) Tennis / टेनिस
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Football / फुटबॉल
- (e) Cricket / क्रिकेट

Ans. a

Sol. Japan defeated Pakistan to win the 30th Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy

Japan has won its maiden Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey trophy by defeating Pakistan 4-1 in the penalty shoot-out in the final.

The final was played at the Azlan Shah Stadium in Ipoh, Malaysia.

Japan won the trophy, with Pakistan in second place. Malaysia was in third place, followed by New Zealand, South Korea, and Canada in last place.

Six teams, Japan, Pakistan, Canada, South Korea, New Zealand, and the host team, Malaysia, participated in the 2024 event.

Sultan Azlan Shah is considered a prestigious Hockey tournament in Asia that has attracted the world's top men's national hockey teams.

India has been a regular participant in the Sultan Azlan Shah Tournament. India has won the Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy 5 times in 1985, 1991, 1995, 2009, 2010.

This time, the Indian team skipped the tournament as they were more focused on preparing for the 2024 Paris Olympics, which start on 26 July 2024.

150. Hemant Khatri has been honoured with 'PSU Samarpan Award' by Gov Connect in May 2024. Khatri is currently CMD of which company?

मई 2024 में हेमन्त खत्री को गाँव कनेक्ट द्वारा 'पीएसयू समर्पण पुरस्कार' से सम्मानित किया गया है। खत्री वर्तमान में किस कंपनी के सीएमडी हैं?

- (a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders / मझगांव डॉक शिपबिल्डर्स
- (b) Hindustan Shipyard / हिंदुस्तान शिपयार्ड
- (c) ABG Shipyard / एबीजी शिपयार्ड
- (d) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers / गार्डन रीच शिपबिल्डर्स एंड इंजीनियर्स
- (e) Cochin Shipyard Limited / कोचीन शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड

Ans. b

Sol. Hemant Khatri receives PSU Samarpan Award

Hindustan Shipyard Limited's (HSL) Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) Hemant Khatri has been honoured with the esteemed 'PSU Samarpan Award' by Gov Connect at the award ceremony held in New Delhi. The 'PSU Samarpan Award' acknowledges the significant contributions of Public Sector Undertakings to the country's progress.

'PSU Samarpan Award' by Gov Connect, an initiative by ilouge Media, recognised the exemplary leadership of HSL's CMD for driving the transformation of the shipyard and inspiring countless individual within the industry.

Recent Awards

- **Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024** - Pawan Sindhi (Social worker)
- **Best Employer' 2023 by Kincentric** - DBS Bank India
- **Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2024** - Bhavi Mehta (for The Book Beautiful)
- **UNESCO's Guillermo Cano World Press Prize 2024** - All Palestinian journalists
- **Whitley Gold Award (Green Oscar) 2024** - Dr Purnima Devi Barman (Assam)

151. Neeraj Chopra finishes second with a best throw of _____ in Doha Diamond League?

दोहा डायमंड लीग में _____ के सर्वश्रेष्ठ थ्रो के साथ नीरज चोपड़ा दूसरे स्थान पर रहे?

- (a) 88.36 m
- (b) 88.38 m
- (c) 88.30 m
- (d) 88.66 m
- (e) 88.96 m

Ans. a

Sol. Neeraj Chopra finishes 2nd with 88.36m throw in Doha Diamond League

Neeraj Chopra finished second with a best throw of 88.36m throw while India's Kishore Jena's best was 76.31m in Doha Diamond League.

Jakub Vadlejch of the Czech Republic, who finished first with a best effort of 88.38. while Anderson Peters claimed the third spot.

Meanwhile, India's Kishore Jena, who claimed the silver medal at the Asian Games last year with a personal best of 87.54m, endured a disappointing Diamond League debut, finishing ninth with a best throw of 76.31m.

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152. The International Day of Plant Health (IDPH) is observed every on which day?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पादप स्वास्थ्य दिवस (आईडीपीएच) किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 11 May
- (b) 12 May
- (c) 13 May
- (d) 15 May
- (e) 14 May

Ans. b

Sol. 12 May - International Day of Plant Health

The International Day of Plant Health (IDPH) is observed on 12 May.

Objective - To raise awareness about the necessity of protecting plant health in order to prevent hunger, reduce poverty, safeguard biodiversity, and promote economic development.

Theme 2024 - Plant Health, Safe Trade, Digital Technology

The United Nations established the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH) to draw public attention to the necessity of safeguarding plant health in order to prevent hunger, reduce poverty, safeguard biodiversity, and promote economic development.

The IDPH resolution was unanimously adopted by the UN General Assembly in March 2022.

153. International Nurses Day is observed every year on 12 May. What is the theme of International Nurses Day 2024?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय नर्स दिवस हर साल 12 मई को मनाया जाता है। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय नर्स दिवस 2024 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Our Nurses. Our Future
- (b) Nurses: A Voice to Lead, Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- (c) Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Health is a Human right
- (d) Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Health for All
- (e) Our Future, The economic power of care

Ans. e

Sol. 12 May - International Nurses Day

International Nurses Day is observed every year on 12 May.

This day marks the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale who laid the foundation of modern nursing.

International Nurses Day aims to highlight the importance of nurses in the healthcare sector.

It also acts as an opportunity to thank nurses for their efforts and for taking care of patients around the clock.

Theme 2024 - Our Future, The economic power of care.

The International Council of Nurses initiated the first International Nurses Day celebration on 12 May 1974, aiming to draw attention to the crucial role nurses play in modern healthcare systems.

154. Recently, which date has been proclaimed by the United Nations as World Football Day?

हाल ही में संयुक्त राष्ट्र द्वारा किस तिथि को विश्व फुटबॉल दिवस घोषित किया गया है?

- (a) 20 May
- (b) 25 May
- (c) 1 June
- (d) 25 August
- (e) 17 May

Ans. b

Sol. UN proclaims May 25 as World Football Day

The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming May 25 as World Football Day. The sport is called soccer in the United States.

The day marks the 100th anniversary of the first international football tournament in history with the representation of all regions which took place on May 25, 1924 during the summer Olympic Games held in Paris, according to the resolution.

The 193-member General Assembly adopted the resolution by consensus with a bang of the gavel by its president, Dennis Francis, to applause from diplomats in the assembly chamber. It was co-sponsored by more than 160 countries.

155. Famous Punjabi poet Surjit Patar passed away recently at the age of 79. In which year did he receive the Padma Shri award?

प्रसिद्ध पंजाबी कवि सुरजीत पातर का हाल ही में 79 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। उन्हें किस वर्ष पद्मश्री पुरस्कार मिला था?

- (a) 2022
- (b) 2018
- (c) 2016
- (d) 2012
- (e) 2010

Ans. d

Sol. Punjabi poet Surjit Patar passes away

Noted Punjabi poet Surjit Patar passed away at the age of 79 in Punjab's Ludhiana.

Patar's notable achievements include receiving top honours like Padma Shri and the Sahitya Akademi Award for his work of writing in a regional language.

Patar hailed from Patar Kalan village in Jalandhar and retired as a professor of Punjabi from Punjab Agricultural University.

He received the Padma Shri in 2012 and served as the president of the Punjab Arts Council.

156. The Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has launched a pilot project for the Namo Drone Didi project with which company?

केंद्रीय कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्रालय ने किस कंपनी के साथ नमो ड्रोन दीदी परियोजना के लिए एक पायलट प्रोजेक्ट शुरू किया है?

- (a) Hyundai Motor India Limited / हुंडई मोटर इंडिया लिमिटेड
- (b) Mahindra & Mahindra / महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा
- (c) Suzuki Motor Corporation / सुजुकी मोटर कॉर्पोरेशन
- (d) Mercedes-Benz / मर्सिडीज बेंज
- (e) Tata Motors Ltd / टाटा मोटर्स लिमिटेड

Ans. b

Sol. Mahindra & Mahindra sign MoU with MSDE for 'Drone Didi' Pilot Project

To boost rural women's empowerment, the Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has signed a MoU with Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. to conduct two Pilot Projects under the Drone Didi Yojana at Noida and Hyderabad.

The pilot projects to train women to operate drones for agricultural purposes will be held at the National Skill Training Institute in Noida and Hyderabad.

The company will train 500 rural women farmers to operate drones for agricultural purposes, such as fertilising crops, monitoring crop growth, and planting seeds. Mahindra and Mahindra will also offer training in skills such as drone flying, data analysis, and drone maintenance.

About Drone Didi programme

- PM Narendra Modi launched the Namo Drone Didi scheme under the Sashakt Nari-Viksit Bharat programme on 11 March 2024 at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi.
- Under the Drone Didi scheme, the government aims to train and equip 15000 women-led Self Help Groups with agricultural drones to assist in tasks such as crop monitoring, spraying fertilisers and sowing seeds.

Recent MoU

- NHPC Limited to collaborate with Ocean Sun for implementation of Floating Solar Energy Technology
- Mines Ministry inks MoU with Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation for knowledge support on critical minerals
- NTPC inks pact with RINL for supply of limestone
- NGEL and ITL sign MoU for Renewable Energy Ventures
- CleanMax teams up with Apple to drive renewable energy adoption in India

157. In a goodwill gesture, India has decided to extend vital budgetary support to which country's government with the rollover of a USD 50 million Treasury Bill for another year?

सद्भावना संकेत में, भारत ने 50 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर के ट्रेजरी बिल को एक और वर्ष के लिए रोलओवर करके किस देश की सरकार को महत्वपूर्ण बजटीय सहायता देने का निर्णय लिया है?

- (a) Iran / ईरान
- (b) Maldives / मालदीव
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (e) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका

Ans. b

Sol. India extends budgetary support of \$50m to Maldives

In a goodwill gesture, India has decided to extend vital budgetary support to the Maldives government with the rollover of a USD 50 million Treasury Bill for another year on the Maldivian government's special request.

The State Bank of India has subscribed for one more year to the USD 50 million Government Treasury Bill, issued by the Ministry of Finance of Maldives, upon maturity of the previous subscription.

These Government Treasury Bills are subscribed by SBI under government-to-government, a unique arrangement at zero cost (interest-free) to the Government of Maldives.

About Maldives

- **Capital** – Male
- **Currency** – Rufiya
- **President** - Mohamed Muizzu

158. With how much dollars, China has emerged as India's largest trading partner in FY 2024?

वित्त वर्ष 2024 में चीन कितने डॉलर के साथ भारत का सबसे बड़ा व्यापारिक भागीदार बनकर उभरा है?

- (a) \$108.8 billion
- (b) \$118.3 billion
- (c) \$118.4 billion
- (d) \$128.4 billion
- (e) \$108.4 billion

Ans. c

Sol. China surpasses US, becomes India's top trading partner with \$118.4 billion business: GTRI

China has emerged as India's largest trading partner in the FY 2023-24 with \$118.4 billion two-way commerce, narrowly edging past the US, according to the data of economic think tank GTRI (Global Trade Research Initiative).

The bilateral trade between India and the US stood at \$118.3 billion in 2023-24. Washington was the top trading partner of New Delhi during 2021-22 and 2022-23.

According to the report, India's exports to China rose by 8.7 per cent to \$16.67 billion in the last fiscal. The main sectors which recorded healthy growth in exports to that country include iron ore, cotton yarn/fabrics/madeups, handloom, spices, fruits and vegetables, plastic and linoleum.

Imports from the neighbouring country increased by 3.24 per cent to \$101.7 billion.

Meanwhile, exports to the US dipped by 1.32 per cent to \$77.5 billion in 2023-24 as against \$78.54 billion in 2022-23, while imports dipped by about 20 per cent to \$40.8 billion.

According to the Commerce Ministry data, China was India's top trading partner from 2013-14 till 2017-18 and also in 2020-21. Before China, the UAE was the country's largest trading partner. The US was the largest partner in 2021-22 and 2022-23.

159. Which Indian company will operate the Shahid Beheshti terminal of the Chabahar Port of Iran?

कौन सी भारतीय कंपनी ईरान के चाबहार बंदरगाह के शाहिद बेहश्ती टर्मिनल का संचालन करेगी?

- (a) Adani Ports & SEZ / अदानी पोर्ट्स और एसईजेड
- (b) Kamarajar Port Limited / कामराजार पोर्ट लिमिटेड
- (c) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust / जवाहरलाल नेहरू पोर्ट ट्रस्ट
- (d) Mumbai Port Trust / मुंबई पोर्ट ट्रस्ट
- (e) India Ports Global Ltd / इंडिया पोर्ट्स ग्लोबल लिमिटेड

Ans. e

Sol. India signs 10-Year contract to operate Iran's Chabahar Port

India and Iran have signed an agreement under which India will operate the strategically important Shahid Beheshti terminal of Chabahar Port of Iran for the next 10 years.

The agreement was signed in the presence of Union Minister for Ports, Shipping & Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Iranian Minister for Roads & Urban Development Mehrdad Bazrpash.

Till now India operated the Shahid Beheshti Port of Chabahar on a short-term contract which was renewed periodically. This is the first international terminal which will be operated by India.

The Chabahar Port of Iran has two terminals, Shahid Beheshti and Shahid Kalantari. India has got the contract to operate the Shahid Beheshti terminal only.

As part of the agreement the India Ports Global Ltd (IPGL) will invest around \$120 million in developing the Shahid Beheshti terminal. To improve the rail and road infrastructure for better connectivity to the terminal the government of India has given \$250 million to Iran.

About Iran

- **Capital** – Tehran
- **Currency** – Rial
- **President** – Ebrahim Raisi

160. As measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), how much percent retail inflation was recorded in April 2024?

उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक (सीपीआई) द्वारा मापी गई, अप्रैल 2024 में खुदरा मुद्रास्फीति कितने प्रतिशत दर्ज की गई?

- (a) 4.63%
- (b) 4.93%
- (c) 4.83%
- (d) 4.53%
- (e) 4.23%

Ans. c

Sol. Retail Inflation eases to 4.83% in April 2024

Retail inflation eased marginally to 4.83% in April on an annual basis from 4.85% in March last month, as per government data released

The inflation rate has stayed within the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) tolerance range of 2-6%.

The National Statistical Office (NSO) reported that inflation in the food basket rose to 8.7% in April from 8.52% in March.

CPI inflation in April 2024 continues the downward trend since December 2023. It is the second successive month when inflation is below 5%

Previous Months CPI-based Retail inflation

- **November 2023** – 5.55%
- **December 2023** – 5.69%
- **January 2024** – 5.10%
- **February 2024** – 5.09%
- **March 2024** – 4.85%
- **April 2024** – 4.83%

161. Who has been appointed as Chairman of Tata Electronics?

टाटा इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Cyrus Mistry / साइरस मिस्त्री
- (b) Pranav Chandrasekaran / प्रणव चन्द्रशेखरन
- (c) N. Chandrasekaran / एन. चन्द्रशेखरन
- (d) T. V. Narendran / टी. वी. नरेंद्रन
- (e) Subramanian Ramadorai / सुब्रमण्यम रामादोराई

Ans. c

Sol. N. Chandrasekaran appointed Chairman of Tata Electronics

The current chairman of Tata Sons, N. Chandrasekaran will also serve as the chairman of Tata Electronics.

Chandrasekaran will replace Banmali Agarwal in this role, pending regulatory approval.

Chandrasekaran's appointment reflects the Tata Group's commitment to the semiconductor business.

162. Wipro has appointed whom as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Asia Pacific, India, Middle East, and Africa (APMEA) strategic market unit (SMU)?

विप्रो ने एशिया प्रशांत, भारत, मध्य पूर्व और अफ्रीका (एपीएमईए) रणनीतिक बाजार इकाई (एसएमयू) के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया है?

- (a) Rajendra Prasad Goyal / राजेंद्र प्रसाद गोयल
- (b) Vinay Firake / विनय फिराके
- (c) Pramod Sharma / प्रमोद शर्मा
- (d) Meenesh Shah / मीनेश शाह
- (e) Vivek Srivastava / विवेक श्रीवास्तव

Ans. b

Sol. Wipro appoints Vinay Firake as CEO for APMEA region

Wipro, a leading IT major, has appointed Vinay Firake as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Asia Pacific, India, Middle East, and Africa (APMEA) strategic market unit (SMU)

Mr. Firake will report to Srini Pallia and will also join Wipro's executive board.

He succeeds Anis Chenchah, who is stepping down to pursue opportunities outside the organisation, the company said in a statement.

Mr. Firake will be based in Dubai. He has been with Wipro for 26 years, serving in various leadership roles.

Recent Appointment

- **Director of IFFCO** - Vivek Bipindada Kolhe
- **First woman DGP of Meghalaya** - Idashisha Nongrang
- **President of Larsen and Toubro** - R Shankar Raman
- **Director in Ministry of Ayush** - Subodh Kumar
- **Country Manager for Visa India** - Sujai Raina

163. Who has assumed role of Chief of Personnel in Indian Navy?

भारतीय नौसेना में कार्मिक प्रमुख की भूमिका किसने संभाली है?

- (a) Anish Dayal Singh / अनीश दयाल सिंह
- (b) Sanjay Bhalla / संजय भल्ला
- (c) Vineet McCarty / विनीत मैक्कार्ती
- (d) Umesh Mishra / उमेश मिश्रा
- (e) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal / सुबोध कुमार जायसवाल

Ans. b

Sol. Sanjay Bhalla assumes role of Chief of Personnel in Indian Navy

Vice Admiral Sanjay Bhalla has assumed charge as Chief of Personnel (CoP) of Indian Navy.

Vice Admiral Bhalla, who joined the Indian Navy on 1 January 1989, has served for 35 years in various roles

He Specialized in communications and electronic warfare and served on several front-line warships.

Recent Appointment in Defence Sector

- **DG of National Security Guard (NSG)** - Nalin Prabhat (replace Daljit Singh Chaudhary)
- **Special Director in the Intelligence Bureau (IB)** - Sapna Tewari
- **Chief of Naval Staff** - Dinesh Kumar Tripathi (replace R. Hari Kumar)
- **Joint Director in CBI** - Anurag Kumar
- **Inspector General in SPG** - Love Kumar
- **DG of National Investigation Agency (NIA)** -Sadanand Vasant Date (replace Dinkar Gupta)

164. How many Indian Wrestlers have qualified for the Paris Olympics 2024?

कितने भारतीय पहलवानों ने पेरिस ओलंपिक 2024 के लिए क्वालीफाई किया है?

- (a) 4
- (b) 5
- (c) 6
- (d) 7
- (e) 8

Ans. c

Sol. 6 Indian Wrestlers Qualify for Paris Olympics

At Paris Olympics 2024, India will have six wrestlers in its contingent with five quotas coming through women. Aman Sehrawat and Nisha Dahiya took India's number of quotas to six at the World Olympic Wrestling Qualifiers in Istanbul, Turkey.

Earlier, Vinesh Phogat in the 50kg category, Antim Panghal in 53kg, Anshu Malik in 57kg and Reetika Hooda in 76kg category had already qualified for Paris Games at different qualifying events.

Bajrang Punia did not make the Indian wrestling team for the qualifiers. While, Deepak Punia, who finished fifth at the Tokyo Olympics, missed out on a quota in the men's 86kg in Istanbul.

The Istanbul meet was the final Paris Olympics qualifying event for wrestlers.

165. Srishti Khandagale, who was seen in news in May 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?

सृष्टि खंडागले, जिन्हें मई 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में देखा गया था, निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़ी हैं?

- (a) Gymnast / जिमनास्ट
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

Ans. a

Sol. Indian Gymnast Srishti Khandagale wins Silver at Asian Championships India's Srishti Khandagale scripted history by becoming the first ever Indian to win a medal at the Asian Trampoline Gymnastics Championships. She clinched the silver medal in Women's Individual Age group category at the 6th Asian Trampoline Gymnastics Championship held in Hong Kong, China. Kazakhstan's Dolgopolova secured the gold medal, while Hong Kong's S Hung won the bronze.

166. Who has been appointed the captain of the Indian women's team for the 22 Asian Team Squash Championship?

22वीं एशियाई टीम स्क्वैश चैम्पियनशिप के लिए भारतीय महिला टीम का कप्तान किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Joshna Chinappa / जोशना चिनप्पा
- (b) Rathika Seelan / रथिका सीलन
- (c) Anahat Singh / अनाहत सिंह
- (d) Nikita Vijay / निकिता विजय
- (e) Dipika Pallikal / दीपिका पल्लीकल

Ans. b

Sol. Rathika, Senthil to lead India in 22nd Asian Squash Championship

The Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) has announced the Indian team, which will participate in the 22nd Asian Team Squash Championships.

22nd Asian Team Squash Championship will be held in Dalian, China from 12 to 16 June 2024.

Velavan Senthilkumar will lead the Indian men's team while Rathika Seelan will lead the women's team.

The Indian team is highly optimistic after its spectacular performance in the 19th Hangzhou Asian Games. India won five medals—two gold, one silver, and two bronze at the Hangzhou Asian games.

The Indian men's team is the current Asian Team Champion, having won the 2022 event in Cheongju, South Korea.

167. International Tennis Federation (ITF) Junior 30 Tournament has begun in which city, recently?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय टेनिस महासंघ (ITF) जूनियर 30 टूर्नामेंट हाल ही में किस शहर में शुरू हुआ है?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Greater Noida / ग्रेटर नोएडा
- (e) Lucknow / लखनऊ

Ans. e

Sol. ITF Tournament Junior 30 inaugurated in Lucknow

International Tennis Federation, ITF tournament Junior 30 was inaugurated in Lucknow.

Uttar Pradesh ADG Traffic B.D Paulson graced the event as a chief guest.

About 125 international players of junior boys and girls category including players from Ukraine and America are participating in this competition. Many players from UP are also in the fray for the coveted title.

168. Which Indian company has announced the creation of a Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) Centre of Excellence in Paris, during the Choose France Summit?

चॉइस फ़्रांस शिखर सम्मेलन के दौरान किस भारतीय कंपनी ने पेरिस में ग्लोबल आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस (एआई) उत्कृष्टता केंद्र के निर्माण की घोषणा की है?

- (a) HCL Technologies
- (b) Accenture
- (c) Wipro
- (d) Infosys
- (e) Tata Consultancy Services

Ans. e

Sol. TCS announces creation of Global AI Center of Excellence in France

Tata Consultancy Services announced the creation of a Global Artificial Intelligence (AI) Centre of Excellence in Paris, during the Choose France Summit.

The TCS AI Centre of Excellence in Paris will leverage TCS' global ecosystem of startups, academia, and research organisations to bring the best of global capabilities to French companies.

The new AI centre will be based in the upcoming TCS PacePort in the La Défense area of Paris, which will be inaugurated in June 2024, becoming the seventh such facility in TCS' global Pace network, following Amsterdam, London, New York, Pittsburgh, Toronto, and Tokyo.

169. Who is the 85th Chess Grandmaster of India?**भारत के 85वें शतरंज ग्रैंडमास्टर कौन हैं?**

- (a) R Praggnanandhaa / आर प्रज्ञानानंदः
- (b) Vaishali Rameshbabu / वैशाली रमेशबाबू
- (c) Alexandr Predke / एलेक्जेंडर प्रेडके
- (d) P Shyaamnikhil / पी श्यामनिखिल
- (e) Jaykumar Sammed / जयकुमार सम्मेद

Ans. d**Sol.** P Shyaamnikhil becomes India's 85th Chess Grandmaster

Tamil Nadu's P Shyaamnikhil became India's 85th chess Grandmaster (GM).

The 31-year-old chess prodigy, who started his career at the age of eight, finally secured his third and final GM norms at the 2024 Dubai Police Masters Chess Tournament. R Vaishali was the 84th Indian Chess Grandmaster. Before the start of the Dubai Police Master Chess Tournament, Shyaamnikhil needed just one win and eight draws to achieve the coveted GM title.

Shyaamnikhil had accumulated the required 2500 ELO rating points and two GM norms in 2012 itself. But he had to wait further 12 years to get the mandatory third GM norm to be accorded GM status. He finally achieved the third GM norm in the Dubai Police Masters Chess Tournament.

Previous Chess Grand Masters

- 84th - Vaishali Rameshbabu (Tamil Nadu)
- 83rd - Aditya S Samant (Maharashtra)
- 82nd - Vuppala Praneeth (Telangana)
- 81st - Sayantan Das (West Bengal)
- 80th - Vignesh N R (Tamil Nadu)

170. Former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar Sushil Kumar Modi passed away recently at the age of 72.

Which political party did he belong to?

बिहार के पूर्व उपमुख्यमंत्री सुशील कुमार मोदी का हाल ही में 72 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह किस राजनीतिक दल से थे?

- (a) Congress
- (b) Bahujan Samaj Party
- (c) Samajwadi Party
- (d) Rashtriya Janata Dal
- (e) Bharatiya Janata Party

Ans. e

Sol. Former Deputy CM of Bihar Sushil Kumar Modi passed away

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar Sushil Kumar Modi passed away at the age of 72.

He became Deputy Chief Minister for the first time in 2005 when Chief Minister Nitish Kumar had wrested power in the State from Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD).

Over 11 years between 2005 and 2020, in two stints, he had served as the Deputy of Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

171. Which Indian cultural items have been included in UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register 2024?

यूनेस्को की मेमोरी ऑफ द वर्ल्ड एशिया-पैसिफिक रीजनल रजिस्टर 2024 में किन भारतीय सांस्कृतिक वस्तुओं को शामिल किया गया है?

- (i) Ramayana
- (ii) Mahabharata
- (iii) Ramcharitmanas
- (iv) Panchatantra
- (v) Sahṛdayāloka-Locana

- (a) only i & ii
- (b) only ii & iii & v
- (c) only iii & iv
- (d) only iii, iv & v
- (e) All of above

Ans. d

Sol. Ramcharitmanas, Panchatantra, and Sahṛdayāloka-Locana enter 'UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register'

The Ramcharitmanas, Panchatantra and Sahṛdayāloka-Locana have been included in 'UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register'.

The 'Ramcharitmanas', 'Panchatantra', and 'Sahṛdayaloka-Locana' are such timeless works that have deeply influenced Indian literature and culture, shaping the nation's moral fabric and artistic expressions.

The decision to include Ramcharitmanas, Panchatantra and Sahṛdayāloka-Locana was taken at the 10th General Meeting of the Memory of the World Committee for Asia and the Pacific (MOWCAP) held in Ulaanbaatar, capital of Mongolia.

The 10th General Meeting of MOWCAP was hosted by the Mongolian government's Ministry of Culture, the Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO, and the Bangkok Regional Office of UNESCO.

The meeting was attended by 38 representatives from member states convened alongside 40 observers and nominees.

About Ramcharitmanas

- Ramcharitmanas was written by Tulsidas in the 16th century AD in the Awadhi dialect.
- It is different from Ramanaya which was written by Sage Valmiki in Sanskrit language.
- The Ramcharitmanas is written in Chaupai form.

About Panchatantra

- It was probably composed around 300 BCE. It was translated into Pahlavi (Iranian language) in 550 BCE.
- Panchatantra is one of the oldest collections of fables in the world, composed in Sanskrit.
- Vishnusharma, the court scholar of King Amar Shakti of Mahilaropya, is credited with compiling it.

About Sahṛdayaloka-Locana

- 'Sahṛdayaloka-Locana' has been composed by Acharya Anandvardhan in Sanskrit.
- He lived in Kashmir during the second half of the 10th century and the first half of the 11th century AD.

About United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

- UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that promotes cooperation among nations through education, science, culture, and communication.
- **Formation** - 16 November 1945
- **Headquarters** - Paris, France
- **Director General** - Audrey Azoulay (France)
- **Member countries** – 193

172. Consider the following points about Public Sector Banks' (PSBs) total profit in FY24:

- (i) Public sector banks' cumulative profit crossed ₹1.4 lakh crore in FY24.
- (ii) This is a growth of 45 per cent over the previous year on a high base of Rs 1 lakh crore.
- (iii) State Bank of India (SBI) alone contributed over 40 per cent of the total earnings.
- (iv) SBI earned a profit of ₹61,077 crore 22 per cent higher than the previous financial year (₹50,232 crore).
- (v) The only public sector bank out of 12 reported drops in profit was Central Bank of India.
- (vi) In percentage terms Punjab National Bank had the highest net profit growth with 128 per cent to ₹8,245 crore.

How many of the given point(s) is/are INCORRECT?

- (a) only one
- (b) only two
- (c) only three
- (d) only four
- (e) all are correct

Ans. c

Statements

- (i) Public sector banks' cumulative profit crossed ₹1.4 lakh crore in FY24. **(Correct)**
- (ii) This is a growth of 45 per cent over the previous year on a high base of Rs 1 lakh crore. **(Incorrect)**
- (iii) State Bank of India (SBI) alone contributed over 40 per cent of the total earnings. **(Correct)**
- (iv) SBI earned a profit of ₹61,077 crore 22 per cent higher than the previous financial year (₹50,232 crore). **(Correct)**
- (v) The only public sector bank out of 12 reported drops in profit was Central Bank of India. **(Incorrect)**
- (vi) In percentage terms Punjab National Bank had the highest net profit growth with 128 per cent to ₹8,245 crore. **(Incorrect)**

Sol. Public sector banks' total profit crosses Rs 1.4 lakh crore in FY24

Public sector banks' cumulative profit crossed ₹1.4 lakh crore in the financial year ended March 2024, recording a growth of 35 per cent over the previous year on a high base of ₹1 lakh crore.

The 12 public sector banks (PSBs) together had earned a net profit of ₹1,04,649 crore in 2022-23.

Out of the total profit of ₹141,203 crore earned during the FY24, market leader State Bank of India (SBI) alone contributed over 40 per cent of the total earnings, as per the published numbers on exchanges.

SBI earned a profit of ₹61,077 crore 22 per cent higher than the previous financial year (₹50,232 crore).

In percentage terms Punjab National Bank had the highest net profit growth with 228 per cent to ₹8,245 crore, followed by Union Bank of India with a 62 per cent rise to ₹13,649 crore and Central Bank of India with a 61 per cent increase to ₹2,549 crore.

Among the banks which recorded over 50 per cent jump in net profit included Bank of India with a 57 per cent growth to ₹6,318 crore while Bank of Maharashtra with a 56 per cent rise to ₹4,055 crore and Chennai-based India Bank recorded a 53 per cent improvement to ₹8,063 crore.

During the year, the only public sector bank out of 12 reported drop in profit was Punjab & Sind Bank.

Punjab & Sind Bank, headquartered in Delhi, reported a 55 per cent decline in annual net profit, dropping from ₹1,313 crore in 2022-23 to ₹595 crore in the fiscal year ending March 2024.

The PSBs which reported an annual profit in excess of ₹10,000 crore are Bank of Baroda (₹17,788 crore) and Canara Bank (₹14,554 crore).

173. Which bank has launched its first virtual credit card 'PIXEL Play' and 'PIXEL Go'?

किस बैंक ने अपना पहला वर्चुअल क्रेडिट कार्ड 'PIXEL Play' और 'PIXEL Go' लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक

Ans. d

Sol. HDFC Bank launches virtual credit card 'Pixel'

The country's largest private sector lender, HDFC Bank has launched PIXEL, its first virtual credit card with Visa's network. The card is available in two variants: PIXEL Play and PIXEL Go and allows users to build their own cards with personalised benefits, offers, etc.

Customers can register for the cards on the bank's PayZapp mobile application which can be digitally managed. The PayZapp application will provide credit card users with features like card controls, rewards, EMI dashboard, notifications, statements, repayments, disputes, hotlisting, recent transactions, etc.

Presently on the Visa network, Parag Rao, Country Head – Payments, Consumer Finance, Digital Banking and Technology at HDFC Bank, said that the bank will soon launch the card with other networks.

In January 2024, HDFC Bank became the first bank to cross the milestone of 2 crore credit cards-in-force.

Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector

- Thomas Cook India launches Digital Service **TCPay** for International Money Transfers
- Fintech platform Zeta has launched its '**Digital Credit**' as a service for bank in India
- L&T Finance Ltd (LTF) has launched '**The Complete Home Loan**',
- ICICI Pru Life launches **ULIP having fund** value-based distributor payouts
- HDFC Life launched '**No Jhanjhat Life Insurance Fatafat**' campaign
- YES Bank collaborates with ANQ to launch **Pi and Phi credit cards**

174. Where was the World Hydrogen Summit and Exhibition 2024 held?

विश्व हाइड्रोजन शिखर सम्मेलन और प्रदर्शनी 2024 कहाँ आयोजित की गई थी?

- (a) Netherland / नीदरलैंड
- (b) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (c) Brazil / ब्राजील
- (d) Finland / फिनलैंड
- (e) Scotland / स्कॉटलैंड

Ans. a

Sol. Maiden Indian Pavilion set up at the World Hydrogen Energy Summit
India has set up its maiden pavilion at the World Hydrogen Summit and Exhibition 2024.

The Pavilion was set up by the Union Ministry of New & Renewable Energy and inaugurated by the Secretary of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy Bhupinder Singh Bhalla.

The World Hydrogen Summit 2024 was held in Rotterdam, Netherlands. The Summit was attended by 15,000 delegates from around the world.

175. Moody's Ratings projected a _____ growth rate for the Indian economy in the fiscal year ending March 2025 (FY25).
मूडीज़ रेटिंग्स ने मार्च 2025 (FY25) को समाप्त होने वाले वित्तीय वर्ष में भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था के लिए _____ विकास दर का अनुमान लगाया है।

- (a) 6.2%
- (b) 6.4%
- (c) 6.6%
- (d) 6.8%
- (e) 6.0%

Ans. c

Sol. Indian economy likely to grow at 6.6% in FY25: Moody's

Moody's Ratings projected a 6.6% growth rate for the Indian economy in the fiscal year ending March 2025 (FY25).

The forecast attributes the growth to strong credit demand and robust economic performance, which will support the profitability of non-bank finance companies (NBFCs).

In comparison to Moody's forecast, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and other agencies have higher growth projections.

The RBI, Asian Development Bank (ADB), and Fitch Ratings each estimate a 7% growth rate for FY25, while S&P Global Ratings and Morgan Stanley predict a 6.8% growth rate.

Updated GDP List

- Moody's – 6.6% (FY25)
- India Ratings – 7.1% (FY25)
- OECD – 6.6%(FY25), 6.6%(FY26)
- Fitch Rating – 7% (FY25)
- SBI – 8% (FY25)
- World Bank – 6.6% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)
- NCAER – over 7% (FY25)
- Deloitte - 6.6% (FY25)
- NIPFP – 7.1% (FY25)
- IMF – 6.8% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)
- UNTCAD – 6.5% (FY24)
- Moody's Analytics – 6.1% (FY24)
- ADB – 7% (FY25), 7.2%(FY26)

176. New York-based private equity firm Warburg Pincus will acquire which company in a deal valued at ₹4,630 crore for equity and convertible instruments?

न्यूयॉर्क स्थित निजी इक्विटी फर्म वारबर्ग पिंगस इक्विटी और परिवर्तनीय उपकरणों के लिए ₹4,630 करोड़ के सौदे में किस कंपनी का अधिग्रहण करेगी?

- (a) Muthoot Finance / मुथूट फाइनेंस
- (b) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited / महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा फाइनेंशियल सर्विसेज लिमिटेड
- (c) Shriram Housing Finance / श्रीराम हाउसिंग फाइनेंस
- (d) LIC Housing Finance / एलआईसी हाउसिंग फाइनेंस
- (e) PNB Housing Finance Limited / पीएनबी हाउसिंग फाइनेंस लिमिटेड

Ans. c

Sol. Warburg Pincus to acquire Shriram Housing Finance for Rs 4,630 crore

New York-based private equity firm Warburg Pincus will acquire Shriram Housing Finance Ltd (SHFL) in a deal valued at ₹4,630 crore for equity and convertible instruments.

Warburg Pincus will acquire the stake through its affiliate Mango Crest Investment Ltd.

At present Shriram Finance Ltd holds a controlling stake in SHFL while private equity firm Valiant Partners L.P. (Valiant), Mauritius, holds the remaining ownership.

As a part of this transaction, Valiant and Shriram Finance will completely divest its equity stake to Warburg Pincus.

The company has a pan-India presence with 155 branches with an AUM of ₹13,762 crore, net worth of ₹1,924 crore and revenues of ₹1,430 crore, as of March 31, 2024.

177. As measured by the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), how much percent retail inflation was recorded in April 2024?

थोक मूल्य सूचकांक (WPI) द्वारा मापी गई, अप्रैल 2024 में खुदरा मुद्रास्फीति कितने प्रतिशत दर्ज की गई?

- (a) 0.26%
- (b) 1.26%
- (c) 1.06%
- (d) 0.36%
- (e) 1.46%

Ans. b

Sol. India's WPI inflation hits 13-month high of 1.26% in April

India's wholesale price index-based inflation accelerated to 1.26 per cent in April on an annual basis as against 0.53 per cent in March, at a 13-month high, data from the Commerce Ministry.

This spike was due to both food and fuel inflation. In April last year, WPI inflation stood at (-) 0.8 per cent.

Although WPI would not be relevant from the point of view of Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decision, it does reflect about pricing power of companies, said economists.

The Reserve Bank of India mainly takes into account retail inflation while framing the monetary policy.

Previous Months India's WPI-based Inflation

- **November 2023** – 0.39%
- **December 2023** – 0.86%
- **January 2024** – 0.27%
- **February 2024** – 0.20%
- **March 2024** – 0.53%
- **April 2024** – 1.26%

178. Andrei Belousov has been appointed as new defence minister of which country?

आंद्रेई बेलौसोव को किस देश का नया रक्षा मंत्री नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (b) Russia / रूस
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) China / चीन

Ans. b

Sol. Andrei Belousov appointed as new defence minister of Russia

President Vladimir Putin has nominated economist Andrei Belousov to replace long-serving defence minister Sergei Shoigu.

For the first time in 12 years, Russia has a new minister of defence.

He was appointed minister for economic development in 2012; the following year, he became an aide to Mr Putin.

He was also a key backer of the VAT increase from 18 to 20% in 2019.

About Russia

- **Capital** – Moscow
- **Currency** – Rubel
- **President** – Vladimir Putin (5th time)
- **Prime Minister** - Mikhail Mishustin

Recent Appointment in Foreign

- **UN Resident Coordinator in Indonesia** - Gita Sabharwal (India)
- **MD of International Monetary Fund** - Kristalina Georgieva (2nd time)
- **Pakistan's Senate Chairman** - Yousuf Raza Gillani
- **Pakistan's Senate Deputy Chairman** - Saidal Khan Nasir
- **Member in International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)** - India's Jagjit Pavadia (3rd time)

179. Which bank has secured the distinction of being the first bank to become a trading-cum-clearing (TCM) Member of India International Bullion Exchange at the GIFT City in Gujarat?

किस बैंक ने गुजरात के GIFT सिटी में इंडिया इंटरनेशनल बुलियन एक्सचेंज का ट्रेडिंग-कम-क्लियरिंग (TCM) सदस्य बनने वाला पहला बैंक होने का गौरव हासिल किया है?

- (a) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक

Ans. a

Sol. SBI becomes trading-clearing member of IIBX at GIFT City

The State Bank of India (SBI) has secured the distinction of being the first bank to become a trading-cum-clearing (TCM) Member of India International Bullion Exchange at the GIFT City in Gujarat.

This milestone enables SBI IBU Gift City to conduct trades on the IIBX platform and settle them on behalf of its clients.

RBI guidelines permitted branches of an Indian Bank in GIFT IFSC to act as a trading member (TM)/trading and clearing member (TCM) of IIBX.

The central bank also allowed special category clients (SCC) which are nominated banks in India to import gold through IIBX.

About State Bank of India (SBI)

- **Founded** - 1 July 1955
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Chairman** - Dinesh Kumar Khara
- **Tagline** - (1) Pure Banking Nothing Else
(2) With you all the way
(3) A bank of the common man
(4) The banker to every Indian
(5) The Nation banks on us

180. Who has been honoured with the Global Excellence Award 2024 for Outstanding Contributions in Education?

शिक्षा में उत्कृष्ट योगदान के लिए ग्लोबल एक्सीलेंस अवार्ड 2024 से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (a) Deepak Shenoy / दीपक शेनॉय
- (b) Neeli Bendapudi / नीली बेंदापुडी
- (c) Chandrakant Satija / चंद्रकांत सतीजांद
- (d) Shanti Lakra / शांति लकड़ा
- (e) Deepika Misra / दीपिका मिश्रा

Ans. c

Sol. Chandrakant Satija honored with Global Excellence Award 2024

Chandrakant Satija wins the Global Excellence Award 2024 for being the "Most Trusted Admission Consultant in Vidarbha Region".

He is the founder and CEO of Chandra Admission Consultants.

The award was presented to him by the famous Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty Kundra. He was adjudged as the Most Trusted Admissions Consultant in Vidarbha Region.

Recent Awards

- **PSU Samarpan Award** - Hemant Khatri (CMD of Hindustan Shipyard Limited)
- **Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024** - Pawan Sindhi (Social worker)
- **Best Employer' 2023 by Kincentric** - DBS Bank India
- **Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2024** - Bhavi Mehta (for The Book Beautiful)
- **UNESCO's Guillermo Cano World Press Prize 2024** - All Palestinian journalists

181. Abha Khatua, who was seen in news in May 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?

आभा खटुआ, जिन्हें मई 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में देखा गया था, निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़ी हैं?

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Shooting / शूटिंग
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

Ans. b

Sol. Abha Khatua Sets National Record Winning Gold In Women's Shot Put

Abha Khatua has set a national record and won gold medal in Women's Shot Put with a massive throw of 18.41 metres at National Federation Cup Athletics Competition in Bhubaneswar.

While Uttar Pradesh's Kiran Baliyan finished second and Delhi's Srishti Vig stood at third position.

Representing Maharashtra at the event, Abha was the joint record holder of 18.06 metres with Manpreet Kaur before this event.

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182. Pace legend James Anderson has announced his retirement from international cricket. James Anderson played for which of the following National Cricket team?

तेज गेंदबाज जेम्स एंडरसन ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट से संन्यास की घोषणा कर दी है। जेम्स एंडरसन निम्नलिखित में से किस राष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट टीम के लिए खेले?

- (a) England / इंग्लैंड
- (b) New Zealand / न्यूजीलैंड
- (c) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) Ireland / आयरलैंड

Ans. a

Sol. England cricketer James Anderson announced retirement

England pace legend James Anderson has announced retirement from cricket.

Having made his debut for England at Lord's in 2003, Anderson will finish his career at the same ground playing his 188th Test.

Anderson will play his 188th Test match — only India great Sachin Tendulkar has more with 200 — and gives him one more chance to add to his total of 700 Test wickets, comfortably the most by a pacer. Only spinners Muttiah Muralitharan (800) and Shane Warne (708) have more Test wickets.

Recently Retired Players

- Saurav Ghosal (India) - Professional Squash
- Collins Obuya (Kenya) – International cricket
- Matthew Wade (Australia) - First-class cricket
- Neil Wagner (New Zealand) – International cricket
- Manoj Tiwary (West Bengal) - All forms of cricket

183. International Day of Families is celebrated every year on which day?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय परिवार दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 14 May
- (b) 15 May
- (c) 16 May
- (d) 13 May
- (e) 18 May

Ans. b

Sol. 15 May - International Day of Families

International Day of Families is celebrated every year on May 15th.

Objective - To raise awareness about the significance of families and the challenges they confront.

The day also celebrates the diversity of families and promotes inclusivity.

Theme 2024 - Families and Climate Change

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the International Day of Families.

184. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) celebrated its 250th Foundation Day on 14 May 2024.

Mazagoan Dock Limited shipyard comes under which ministry of Govt?

मझगांव डॉक शिपबिल्डर्स लिमिटेड (एमडीएल) ने 14 मई 2024 को अपना 250वां स्थापना दिवस मनाया। मझगांव डॉक लिमिटेड शिपयार्ड भारत सरकार के किस मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत आता है?

- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Defence
- (c) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- (d) Ministry of Civil Aviation
- (e) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Ans. b

Sol. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd celebrates 250th Foundation Day

Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) celebrated its 250th Foundation Day on 14 May 2024.

To mark the day, a series of events were organised in Mumbai, presided over by Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane.

These included the inauguration of adjacent land acquired from the Mumbai Port Authority (MPA) and; the launch of a prototype of an indigenous midget submarine.

About MDL

- The Mazagaon Dock Limited started its journey as a dry dock in 1774, constructed in Mazagaon, Mumbai. In 1934, the company was incorporated as a private limited company. It was nationalised and taken over by the government of India in 1960.
- It is a premier naval shipyard under the Union Ministry of Defence.
- It was accorded Mini-Ratna 1 status by the government of India in 2006.

185. Which institute has signed an MoU with the University of Bolton Institute of Medicine to collaborate in the field of medical research, innovation and education?

किस संस्थान ने चिकित्सा अनुसंधान, नवाचार और शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में सहयोग के लिए बोल्टन इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ मेडिसिन विश्वविद्यालय के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) AIIMS Gandhinagar
- (b) AIIMS New Delhi
- (c) AIIMS Gorakhpur
- (d) AIIMS Rishikesh
- (e) AIIMS Gorakhpur

Ans. b

Sol. AIIMS New Delhi signed MoU with University of Bolton Institute of Medicine

AIIMS New Delhi has signed an MoU with the University of Bolton Institute of Medicine to collaborate in the field of medical research, innovation and education.

The MoU was signed through a virtual event by executives from both institutions.

The partnership will encompass various initiatives such as staff and student exchange, educational conferences and collaborative degree programmes.

Recent MoU

- Mahindra & Mahindra sign MoU with MSDE for 'Drone Didi' Pilot Project
- NHPC Limited to collaborate with Ocean Sun for implementation of Floating Solar Energy Technology
- Mines Ministry inks MoU with Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation for knowledge support on critical minerals
- NTPC inks pact with RINL for supply of limestone
- NGEL and ITL sign MoU for Renewable Energy Ventures
- CleanMax teams up with Apple to drive renewable energy adoption in India

186. Which country has become the country with the highest data center capacity in the Asia-Pacific region, surpassing major countries like Australia, Hong Kong SAR, Japan, Singapore, and Korea?

कौन सा देश ऑस्ट्रेलिया, हांगकांग एसएआर, जापान, सिंगापुर और कोरिया जैसे प्रमुख देशों को पछाड़कर एशिया-प्रशांत क्षेत्र में सबसे अधिक डेटा सेंटर क्षमता वाला देश बन गया है?

- (a) India / भारत
- (b) Russia / रूस
- (c) Spain / स्पेन
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) China / चीन

Ans. a

Sol. India overtakes Australia, Japan and Singapore in data centre capacity

India has become the country with the highest data center capacity in the Asia-Pacific region, surpassing major countries like Australia, Hong Kong SAR, Japan, Singapore, and Korea.

The country is expected to record the highest capacity addition of 850 MW during the 2024-2026 period, higher than major APAC countries.

In 2023, there was an addition of 255 MW of new supply, resulting in a total stock of approximately 1,030 MW by the end of the year.

187. Recently, Sela Tunnel has been recognized as the highest tunnel of India by the International Book of Honour, England. Where is Sela Tunnel located?

हाल ही में, सेला सुरंग को इंटरनेशनल बुक ऑफ ऑनर, इंग्लैंड द्वारा भारत की सबसे ऊंची सुरंग के रूप में मान्यता दी गई है। सेला सुरंग कहाँ स्थित है?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश
- (b) Sikkim / सिक्किम
- (c) Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
- (d) Jammu and Kashmir / जम्मू और कश्मीर
- (e) Uttarakhand / उत्तराखंड

Ans. a

Sol. Sela Tunnel recognized as India's highest tunnel by International Book of Honour

Sela Tunnel, constructed by BRO India, is officially recognized as the highest tunnel in the country by the International Book of Honour, England.

The 2.598 Km long tunnel is situated at an altitude of 13000 ft on the Tezpur-Tawang Road.

Situated at an altitude of 13,000 feet, the strategically important Sela Tunnel will ensure all-weather connectivity to Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.

About Arunachal Pradesh

- **Capital** – Itanagar
- **Chief Minister** – Pema Khandu
- **Governor** – LG (Retd) Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik

188. According to the commerce ministry data, India registered record exports in financial year 2023-24 at _____.

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, भारत ने वित्तीय वर्ष 2023-24 में _____ पर रिकॉर्ड निर्यात दर्ज किया।

- (a) USD 728 Billion
- (b) USD 738 Billion
- (c) USD 768 Billion
- (d) USD 778 Billion
- (e) USD 798 Billion

Ans. d

Sol. India registers record export at USD 778 Billion in 2023-24

India registered record exports in financial year 2023-24 at USD 778 billion, according to the commerce ministry.

In the financial year 2022-23, the combined value of exported goods and services stood at USD 776.3 billion.

In 2023-24, services exports increased from USD 325.3 billion to USD 341.1 billion, while merchandise exports marginally declined from USD 451.1 billion to USD 437.1 billion.

China, Russia, Iraq, UAE, and Singapore are among the countries where India's exports in the just-concluded financial year have risen substantially, though with a low base.

The other countries in the Top 10 list are the UK, Australia, Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, and South Africa.

Meanwhile, there was a decline in overall imports from USD 898.0 billion in 2022-23 to USD 853.8 billion in 2023-24.

Moreover, the trade deficit showed significant improvement, shrinking from USD 121.6 billion in 2022-23 to USD 75.6 billion in 2023-24.

189. Which defence force has launched 'Operation Sadbhavana' to provide essential aid and healthcare in North Sikkim?

उत्तरी सिक्किम में आवश्यक सहायता और स्वास्थ्य सेवा प्रदान करने के लिए किस रक्षा बल ने ऑपरेशन सद्भावना शुरू की है?

- (a) Indian Army / भारतीय सेना
- (b) Indian Air Force / भारतीय वायु सेना
- (c) Indian Navy / भारतीय नौसेना
- (d) Indian Coast Guard / भारतीय तट रक्षक
- (e) ITBP / आई टी बी पी

Ans. a

Sol. 'Operation Sadbhavana': Army's support for North Sikkim's communities

The Indian Army's Trishakti Corps under Operation Sadbhavana provided essential aid and healthcare to North Sikkim's Naga and Rangrang villages post-GLOF.

Over 150 villagers received medical attention, and youths participated in educational sessions linked to the Agniveer Scheme for empowerment.

These efforts, rooted in compassion, highlight the Army's commitment to fostering community development and strengthening bonds with border populations, ensuring sustained harmony and solidarity in the region.

Other Operations in India

- Operation Bambi Bucket - To extinguish the forest fire near Nainital in Uttarakhand
- Operation True Promise - Iran launches against Israel
- Operation Ajay - To evacuate Indians from Israel
- Operation Kaveri - To evacuate Indians from Sudan
- Operation Karuna - To help Myanmar affected by cyclone Mocha

190. Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India has been granted a _____ extension by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to achieve a 10 per cent public shareholding.

भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम (LIC) को 10 प्रतिशत सार्वजनिक शेयरधारिता हासिल करने के लिए भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनियम बोर्ड (SEBI) द्वारा _____ विस्तार दिया गया है।

- (a) one year
- (b) two years
- (c) three years
- (d) four years
- (e) five years

Ans. c

Sol. LIC gets 3-yr extension from Sebi to achieve 10% public shareholding

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India has been granted a three-year extension by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to achieve a 10 per cent public shareholding.

LIC is required to increase its public shareholding to 10 per cent on or before May 16, 2027.

According to SEBI norms, a company must attain a 10 per cent public shareholding within three years from the date of listing.

LIC was listed on May 17, 2022.

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191. Asset protection firm, Aurum has partnered with which insurance company to provide comprehensive insurance coverage to its customers for their valuables?

संपत्ति संरक्षण फर्म, ऑरम ने अपने ग्राहकों को उनके कीमती सामान के लिए व्यापक बीमा कवरेज प्रदान करने के लिए किस बीमा कंपनी के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance / बजाज आलियांज जनरल इश्योरेंस
- (b) Tata AIG General Insurance / टाटा एआईजी जनरल इश्योरेंस
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance / कोटक महिंद्रा लाइफ इश्योरेंस
- (d) Go Digit General Insurance / गो डिजिट जनरल इश्योरेंस
- (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance / यूनिवर्सल सोम्पो जनरल इश्योरेंस

Ans. b

Sol. Tata AIG General Insurance partners Aurum for its vault services

Aurum, an asset protection firm has partnered with Tata AIG General Insurance to provide comprehensive insurance coverage to its customers for their valuables.

Under this partnership, Aurum's vaults will be fully insured for up to Rs 2.5 million, courtesy of TATA AIG, India's leading general insurance provider. Aurum partners with banks and real estate companies to offer state-of-the-art safe deposit storage facilities that are fully automated and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Aurum vaults are equipped with military-grade security infrastructure, active surveillance and intrusion detection system.

Recent MoUs Signed in Banking Sector

- South Indian Bank and Northern Arc Capital join hands to set new benchmarks in the financial sector
- Infibeam's CCAvenue partners with Shivalik SFB to improve merchant access
- Tata Motors partners with South Indian Bank for commercial vehicle finance
- NABARD & RBI Developed Innovation Hub to fasten digital Agri lending
- Indian Bank ties up with Tata Solar Power to finance Central Rooftop Solar scheme

192. Lawrence Wong has been elected as the new Prime Minister of which country?

लॉरेंस वोंग को किस देश का नया प्रधान मंत्री चुना गया है?

- (a) Netherland / नीदरलैंड
- (b) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (c) USA / यूएसए
- (d) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (e) Bhutan / भूटान

Ans. d

Sol. Lawrence Wong to be Sworn in as Singapore's fourth PM

Singapore's deputy leader Lawrence Wong is set to be sworn in as the nation's fourth Prime Minister.

51-year-old US-trained economist Wong will succeed 72-year-old Lee Hsien Loong, who stepped down after two decades at the helm.

Lee's resignation marked the end of a family dynasty led by his father Lee Kuan Yew.

Since becoming an independent nation in 1965, Singapore has only had three Prime Ministers – all from the ruling People's Action Party.

Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President

- President of Russia - Vladimir Putin (5th time)
- Presidential of Panama - Jose Raul Mulino
- PM of Solomon Islands - Jeremiah Manele
- Deputy PM of Pakistan - Ishaq Dar
- President of Indonesia - Prabowo Subianto

193. Which fintech platform has partnered with LankaPay to allow its users to pay using UPI across Sri Lanka?

किस फिनटेक प्लेटफॉर्म ने अपने उपयोगकर्ताओं को श्रीलंका भर में UPI का उपयोग करके भुगतान करने की अनुमति देने के लिए लंकापे के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) PhonePe
- (b) GooglePay
- (c) Paytm
- (d) BHIM
- (e) Instamojo

Ans. a

Sol. PhonePe partners with LankaPay for UPI Payments

PhonePe has partnered with LankaPay to allow its users to pay using UPI across Sri Lanka.

PhonePe app users travelling to Sri Lanka can make payments using UPI across LankaPay QR merchants.

The transactions will be facilitated by the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and LankaPay National Payment Network.

Users can scan LankaQR code to make secure and quick payments without carrying cash or calculating currency conversions. The amount will be debited in INR, showing the currency exchange rate.

The collaboration with LankaPay offers unparalleled convenience to Indian tourists who can now use a familiar and secure payment method while travelling and paying across LankaQR merchant points.

Recent MoUs Signed in Banking Sector

- Aum partnered with Tata AIG General Insurance to provide comprehensive insurance coverage to its customers for their valuables.
- South Indian Bank and Northern Arc Capital join hands to set new benchmarks in the financial sector
- Infibeam's CCAvenue partners with Shivalik SFB to improve merchant access
- Tata Motors partners with South Indian Bank for commercial vehicle finance
- NABARD & RBI Developed Innovation Hub to fasten digital Agri lending

194. NASA has unveiled its ambitious plan to construct the first lunar railway system, known as FLOAT, designed to revolutionize payload transport on the Moon. What is the full form of FLOAT?

नासा ने पहली चंद्र रेलवे प्रणाली, जिसे FLOAT के नाम से जाना जाता है, के निर्माण की अपनी महत्वाकांक्षी योजना का अनावरण किया है, जिसे चंद्रमा पर पेलोड परिवहन में क्रांति लाने के लिए डिज़ाइन किया गया है। FLOAT का पूर्ण रूप क्या है?

- (a) Flexible Lunar on a Track
- (b) Flexible Long Lasting on a Track
- (c) Fibre-Linked Optical Array Track
- (d) Flexible Linked on a Track
- (e) Flexible Levitation on a Track

Ans. e

Sol. NASA plans to develop first railway systems on moon

NASA has unveiled its ambitious plan to construct the first lunar railway system, known as FLOAT (Flexible Levitation on a Track), designed to revolutionize payload transport on the Moon.

The long-lasting robotic transport system which will play a major role in the daily operations of a sustainable lunar base envisioned for the 2030s.

This lunar railway system is part of NASA's Moon to Mars initiative and mission concepts such as the Robotic Lunar Surface Operations 2 (RLSO2).

This innovative system aims to provide reliable, autonomous, and efficient transportation essential for the daily operations of a sustainable lunar base, aligning with NASA's Moon to Mars initiative and mission concepts like the Robotic Lunar Surface Operations 2 (RLSO2).

What is the FLOAT system?

The FLOAT system will utilise unpowered magnetic robots that levitate over a 3-layer flexible film track, i.e., a graphite layer that enables robots to float over tracks with the help of diamagnetic levitation passively.

A flex-circuit layer generates electromagnetic thrust to propel robots along tracks controllably and an optional thin-film solar panel layer generates power when in sunlight for the base.

FLOAT robots don't have moving parts and minimize lunar dust abrasion/wear by levitating over the track, unlike lunar robots which are equipped with wheels, tracks or legs.

195. Sunil Chhetri has recently announced his retirement. Which sport is he related to?

सुनील छेत्री ने हाल ही में संन्यास की घोषणा की है. वह किस खेल से सम्बंधित है?

- (a) Hockey / हॉकी
- (b) Tennis / टेनिस
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Football / फुटबॉल
- (e) Cricket / क्रिकेट

Ans. d

Sol. Sunil Chhetri announces retirement from International Football

India Captain Sunil Chhetri will be retiring from international football after the FIFA World Cup 2026 qualifier against Kuwait on June 6.

The 39-year-old striker has been capped 145 times by India, scoring 94 goals in a career spanning 20 years.

Chhetri, who made his debut in 2005. He will leave the scene as India's all-time top scorer and most-capped player. He is also third in the list of goal scorers among active players behind Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi.

Recently Retired Players

- Colin Munro (New Zealand) - International Cricket
- Bismah Maroof (Pakistan) - International Cricket
- Saurav Ghosal (India) - Professional Squash
- Kento Momota (Japan) - International badminton
- Umpire Marais Erasmus (South Africa) - ICC Elite Panel of Umpires.
- Shahbaz Nadeem (Jharkhand, India) - International Cricket

196. National Dengue Day is observed every year on May 16. What is the theme of National Dengue Day 2024?

राष्ट्रीय डेंगू दिवस हर साल 16 मई को मनाया जाता है। राष्ट्रीय डेंगू दिवस 2024 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Fight Dengue, Save Lives
- (b) Cross Sector Synergies
- (c) Effective Community Engagement: Key to Dengue Control
- (d) Dengue Against Lives
- (e) Dengue Prevention: Our Responsibility for a Safer Tomorrow.

Ans. e

Sol. 16 May - National Dengue Day

National Dengue Day is observed every year on May 16.

Objective - To spread awareness about the disease and ways to prevent it.

Theme 2024 - Dengue Prevention: Our Responsibility for a Safer Tomorrow.

Dengue is a mosquito-borne viral infection. it spreads from mosquitoes to humans and is more common in tropical and subtropical regions.

High fever, headache, body ache, joint and muscle pain, nausea and rash are common symptoms of dengue.

197. The International Day of Living Together in Peace is observed every year on which day?

शांति से एक साथ रहने का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 14 May
- (b) 15 May
- (c) 16 May
- (d) 17 May
- (e) 18 May

Ans. c

Sol. 16 May - International Day of Living Together in Peace

The International Day of Living Together in Peace is observed on 16 May every year.

The United Nations General Assembly established this day to support the international community's efforts to promote peace, unity, and solidarity.

In 1997, "the General-Assembly proclaimed by its resolution 52/15 the year 2000 as the International Year for a Culture of Peace.

In 1998, it proclaimed the period 2001-2010 as the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for Children of the World.

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198. International Day of Light is observed every year on May 16. The day was first observed in which year?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय प्रकाश दिवस हर साल 16 मई को मनाया जाता है। यह दिन पहली बार किस वर्ष मनाया गया था?

- (a) 2023
- (b) 2017
- (c) 2019
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2016

Ans. d

Sol. 16 May - International Day of Light

International Day of Light is observed every year on May 16.

Objective - To highlight the importance of light and its various applications in science, culture, art, education, and sustainable development.

In the year 1960, Physicist and Engineer Theodore Maiman conducted the first successful operation of the laser.

To commemorate the special day, International Day of Light came to be observed every year on May 16.

In 2015, the United Nations observed International Day of Light to raise awareness about light science and light-based technologies and applications.

Following this, in 2016, UNESCO adopted the resolution to celebrate International Day of Light every year.

The first International Day of Light was observed in 2018.

199. Canadian author and Nobel laureate Alice Munro passed away recently at the age of 92. In which year did he receive the Nobel Prize?

कनाडाई लेखिका और नोबेल पुरस्कार विजेता एलिस मुनरो का हाल ही में 92 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। उन्हें किस वर्ष नोबेल पुरस्कार मिला था?

- (a) 2010
- (b) 2011
- (c) 2013
- (d) 2014
- (e) 2022

Ans. c

Sol. Canadian author Alice Munro and Nobel Laureate passed away

Canadian author Alice Munro and Nobel laureate passed away at the age of 92.

She wrote short stories for more than 60 years, often focusing on life in rural Canada. She was often compared to Russian writer Anton Chekhov for the insight and compassion found in her stories.

Munro was recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2013. The Nobel committee called Munro a "master of contemporary short stories".

Her first major breakthrough came in 1968, when her short story collection, *Dance of The Happy Shades*, about life in the suburbs of western Ontario, won Canada's highest literary honour, the Governor General's Award. It was the first of three Governor General's Awards she would win in her lifetime.

201. Which company has signed an initial pact with European bank Societe Generale for up to \$1 billion financing as debt and advisory solutions over the next three years?

किस कंपनी ने अगले तीन वर्षों में ऋण और सलाहकार समाधान के रूप में \$1 बिलियन तक के वित्तपोषण के लिए यूरोपीय बैंक सोसाइटी जेनरल के साथ प्रारंभिक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) ReNew / रिन्यू
- (b) TP renewable Microgrid / टीपी रिन्यूएबल माइक्रोग्रिड
- (c) JSW Energy / जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी
- (d) NTPC Limited / एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड
- (e) Torrent Power / टोरेंट पावर

Ans. a

Sol. ReNew inks pact with Societe Generale for \$1 billion debt financing

Energy firm ReNew has signed an initial pact with European bank Societe Generale for up to \$1 billion financing as debt and advisory solutions over the next three years.

The MoU aims to support the financing and development of the company's various strategic energy transition projects both in India and globally.

Both parties will leverage their respective expertise to strengthen the collaboration on utility-scale energy projects including solar, wind, complex renewables, green hydrogen, energy storage and solar modules manufacturing.

ReNew has a clean energy portfolio of 15.6 GW on a gross basis as of May 9, 2024.

202. Adani Energy Solutions Ltd (AESL) has acquired how much per cent stake in Essar Transco Limited for an Enterprise Value of INR 1,900 crore after obtaining necessary clearances?

अडानी एनर्जी सॉल्यूशंस लिमिटेड (आईएसएल) ने आवश्यक मंजूरी प्राप्त करने के बाद 1,900 करोड़ रुपये के उद्यम मूल्य पर एस्सार ट्रांसको लिमिटेड में कितनी प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी हासिल कर ली है?

- (a) 20%
- (b) 40%
- (c) 60%
- (d) 80%
- (e) 100%

Ans. e

Sol. Adani Energy Solutions acquires Essar's Mahan-Sipat Transmission Project

Adani Energy Solutions Ltd (AESL) has acquired 100 per cent stake in Essar Transco Limited for an Enterprise Value of INR 1,900 crore after obtaining necessary clearances.

This share acquisition follows agreements signed in June 2022.

The acquisition covers the fully operational 400 kV, 673 circuit kilometres inter-state transmission line linking Mahan in Madhya Pradesh to Sipat pooling substation in Chhattisgarh.

The project, which operates under the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission-regulated return framework, was commissioned in 2018.

Adani Energy Solutions completed the acquisition through its wholly owned subsidiary Adani Transmission Step-Two Limited (ATSTL).

Adani Energy Solutions is the country's largest private transmission company with a presence across 17 states of India and a cumulative transmission network of 21,182 circuit kilometre and 57,011 MVA transformation capacity.

203. Name the operation launched Uttarakhand police for the smooth conduct of Kedarnath Dham Yatra 2024 in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand?

उत्तराखंड के रुद्रप्रयाग में केदारनाथ धाम यात्रा 2024 के सुचारू संचालन के लिए उत्तराखंड पुलिस द्वारा शुरू किए गए ऑपरेशन का नाम बताइए?

- (a) Operation Bhakti
- (b) Operation Sadbhavana
- (c) Operation Maryada
- (d) Operation Shraddha
- (e) Operation Darshan

Ans. c

Sol. Police started Operation 'Maryada' for smooth conduct of Kedarnath Dham Yatra 2024 in Uttarakhand. Police launched Operation 'Maryada' for the smooth conduct of Kedarnath Dham Yatra 2024 in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand.

Under Operation Maryada, the police request pilgrims and tourists who consume drugs to maintain decorum in this area. Along with challan, the police is also registering a case against the rioters and drug users.

Guptkashi DSP Harshvardhini Suman said, "Under Operation Maryada, we are taking strict action against those who are using any kind of intoxicants, it is not good for the temple and the Dham."

Other Operations in News

- Operation Sadbhavana – To provide essential aid and healthcare for North Sikkim's communities by Indian Army
- Operation Bambi Bucket - To extinguish the forest fire near Nainital in Uttarakhand
- Operation True Promise - Iran launches against Israel
- Operation Ajay - To evacuate Indians from Israel
- Operation Kaveri - To evacuate Indians from Sudan

204. Homegrown logistics services platform Porter has become _____ unicorn in India of 2024.

घरेलू लॉजिस्टिक्स सेवा प्लेटफॉर्म पोर्टर 2024 के भारत में _____ यूनिकॉर्न बन गया है।

- (a) first
- (b) second
- (c) third
- (d) fourth
- (e) fifth

Ans. c

Sol. Porter becomes India's 3rd Unicorn of 2024

Homegrown logistics services platform Porter has become the third unicorn (with a valuation of \$1 billion and above) in India this year.

Earlier this year, fintech firm Perfios and Ola's AI venture Krutrim had turned unicorns.

As per Tracxn, there were 113 unicorns in India as of earlier this month.

PeakXV-backed Porter's earlier valuation was \$514 million, after it raised \$101 million in a Series E round from investors such as Tiger Global, Vitruvian Partners, Lightrock India and more. Till date, it has raised \$150 million over nine rounds, according to Tracxn data.

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205. The United Arab Emirates has recently launched a new visa program offering long-term residency to individuals who significantly contribute to environmental protection and sustainability efforts. What is the name of this Visa?

संयुक्त अरब अमीरात ने हाल ही में एक नया वीज़ा कार्यक्रम शुरू किया है जो पर्यावरण संरक्षण और स्थिरता प्रयासों में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देने वाले व्यक्तियों को दीर्घकालिक निवास की पेशकश करता है। इस वीज़ा का नाम क्या है?

- (a) Silver residency Visa
- (b) Green Visa
- (c) Green Residency Visa
- (d) Golden Visa
- (e) Blue Residency Visa

Ans. e

Sol. UAE launched 10-year Blue Residency Visa for Environmental Champions

The United Arab Emirates has launched a 10-year Blue Residency visa for individuals who have made 'exceptional efforts and contributions to protecting the environment, whether marine or land'.

The 10-year Blue Residency Visa aims to attract and retain global leaders in environmental research, activism, and technological solutions. This visa category extends beyond the UAE's borders, welcoming those who champion sustainability initiatives worldwide.

This initiative strengthens the UAE's position as a global leader in sustainability and environmental stewardship.

About United Arab Emirates (UAE)

- **Capital** - Abu Dhabi
- **Currency** - Dirham
- **President** - Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- **Prime Minister** - Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
- **Official language** - Arabic

206. National Endangered Species Day is observed every year on the third Friday of the month of May. This year, National Endangered Species Day celebrated on May 17. What is the theme of National Endangered Species Day 2024?

राष्ट्रीय लुप्तप्राय प्रजाति दिवस हर साल मई महीने के तीसरे शुक्रवार को मनाया जाता है। इस वर्ष, राष्ट्रीय लुप्तप्राय प्रजाति दिवस 17 मई को मनाया गया। राष्ट्रीय लुप्तप्राय प्रजाति दिवस 2024 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration
- (b) Wildlife Without Borders
- (c) Life below water: for people and planet
- (d) Sustaining all life on Earth
- (e) Celebrate Saving Species

Ans. e

Sol. 17 May 2024 - National Endangered Species Day

National Endangered Species Day is observed every year on the third Friday of the month of May. This year, National Endangered Species Day celebrated on May 17.

Objective - To create awareness about the consequences of human activities and what we can do to save endangered species.

Theme 2024 - Celebrate Saving Species.

In the year 2006, David Robinson and the Endangered Species Coalition established National Endangered Species Day to be celebrated every year to urge people to contribute to the safety and protection of endangered species.

According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature, forty percent of animals, insects and plants on this planet are at risk of extinction.

207. Which state has won the Senior Women's NFC Rajmata Jijabai Trophy after defeated Haryana at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata?

किशोर भारती क्रीडांगन, कोलकाता में हरियाणा को हराकर किस राज्य ने सीनियर महिला एनएफसी राजमाता जीजाबाई ट्रॉफी जीती है?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Manipur / मणिपुर
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

Ans. d

Sol. Manipur wins Senior Women's NFC for Rajmata Jijabai Trophy for 22nd time

Manipur defeated Haryana 2-0 in the final of the 28th Senior Women's National Football Championship for Rajmata Jijabai Trophy, to clinch their 22nd title at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan, in Kolkata.

Ngangom Bala Devi (68') and Nongmeikapam Sibani Devi (83') scored the goals to hand Manipur the match, after Haryana were down to 10 players as Samiksha was sent off for a foul on Dangmei Grace in the 65th minute.

Individual Awards

- Best Goalkeeper of the Championship: Shreya Hooda (Haryana)
- Top Goalscorer of the Championship: Ngangom Bala Devi (Manipur) and Yumnam Kamala Devi
- Player of the Championship: Ngangom Bala Devi (Manipur)

208. Who has been elected as the President the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA)?

सुप्रीम कोर्ट बार एसोसिएशन (एससीबीए) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे चुना गया है?

- (a) Abhishek Manu Singhvi / अभिषेक मनु सिंघवी
- (b) Pradeep Kumar Rai / प्रदीप कुमार राय
- (c) Adish C Aggarwala / आदिश सी अग्रवाल
- (d) Priya Hingorani / प्रिया हिंगोरानी
- (e) Kapil Sibal / कपिल सिब्बल

Ans. e

Sol. Kapil Sibal elected as the President of Supreme Court Bar Association

Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal has won the election for the President post of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA).

Besides Sibal, senior advocates Adish C Aggarwala, Pradeep Kumar Rai, Priya Hingorani and advocates Tripurari Ray and Neeraj Srivastava were contesting for the post of SCBA president.

Kapil Sibal secured 1,066 votes and defeated his nearest rival and senior advocate Pradeep Rai. While Pradeep Kumar Rai received 689 votes.

This is the fourth time, Kapil Sibal will serve as the president of the SCBA.

A Harvard Law School graduate, Sibal was the additional solicitor general of India during 1989-90. He was designated as senior advocate in 1983.

Recent Appointment

- **Chairman of Tata Electronics** - N. Chandrasekaran
- **CEO for APMEA region in Infosys** - Vinay Firake
- **Director of IFFCO** - Vivek Bipindada Kolhe
- **First woman DGP of Meghalaya** - Idashisha Nongrang
- **President of Larsen and Toubro** - R Shankar Raman

209. In men's javelin throw, Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra won the gold medal in Federation Cup 2024 with an effort of _____.

पुरुषों की भाला फेंक में, ओलंपिक चैंपियन नीरज चोपड़ा ने _____ के प्रयास के साथ फेडरेशन कप 2024 में स्वर्ण पदक जीता।

- (a) 81.27m
- (b) 82.27m
- (c) 83.27m
- (d) 84.27m
- (e) 85.27m

Ans. b

Sol. Neeraj Chopra wins Gold in Federation Cup with throw of 82.27 metres

In men's javelin throw, Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra won the gold medal in Federation Cup 2024 in Bhubaneswar.

The 26-year-old superstar struggled in the initial rounds of competition as he was second after three rounds. He took the lead in the fourth round with an effort of 82.27m.

Neeraj Chopra last took part in a domestic competition at the same event in 2021, when he won a gold with a throw of 87.80m.

Since then, he has won a historic gold in the Tokyo Olympics, became Diamond League champion in 2022, world champion in 2023 and defended Asian Games gold in China.

210. Animesh Kujur, who was seen in news in May 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?

अनिमेष कुजूर, जिन्हें मई 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में देखा गया था, निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़े हैं?

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Sprinter / धावक
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

Ans. c

Sol. Animesh Kujur won Gold at 200m sprint event in Federation Cup
20-year-old, Animesh Kujur bagged 200m gold at the Federation Cup in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
Kuju has scorched the track by clocking an impressive 20.62 seconds to win the 200 metres gold.
The second-best time ever by an Indian after Amalan Borgohain's national record of 20.52 seconds.
He also qualified for the 100 metre final.

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211. Indian Air Force has tested Project BHISHM Cube, a state-of-the-art indigenous mobile hospital for airdrop in Agra. What is the meaning of 'M' in BHISHM?

भारतीय वायु सेना ने आगरा में एयरड्रॉप के लिए अत्याधुनिक स्वदेशी मोबाइल अस्पताल प्रोजेक्ट **BHISHM Cube** का परीक्षण किया है। **BHISHM** में 'M' का क्या अर्थ है?

- (a) Maitri
- (b) Mission
- (c) Molecule
- (d) Maximum
- (e) Mobile

Ans. a

Sol. Indian Air Force tests BHISHM state-of-the-art indigenous mobile hospital, for airdrop in Agra. Indian Air Force has tested BHISHM Cube, a state-of-the-art indigenous mobile hospital, for airdrop in Agra. This innovative technology is a great leap forward in providing rapid and comprehensive medical aid during emergencies anywhere.

This cube is part of the broader initiative, Project BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog, Hita and Maitri), and is tailored to treat up to 200 casualties.

These cubes are robust, waterproof, and light, designed for various configurations, making them ideal for diverse emergency scenarios.

212.Which company has signed a deal with the Athletics Federation of India to become its official kit sponsor?

किस कंपनी ने एथलेटिक्स फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया का आधिकारिक किट प्रायोजक बनने के लिए उसके साथ एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) Nike
- (b) PUMA India
- (c) Adidas
- (d) Reebok
- (e) Red Tape

Ans. b

Sol. Puma signs deal with Athletics Federation of India for official kit sponsor

PUMA India has signed a deal with the Athletics Federation of India to become its official kit sponsor.

Puma signed a multi-year deal to exclusively supply performance kits, speed suits and travel gear to every athlete under AFI representing India in track & field, jumps, throws, cross country running and marathons at both domestic and international tournaments.

With the partnership, several international stars such as Neeraj Chopra (javelin throw), Kishore Kumar Jena (javelin throw), Parul Chaudhary (steeplechase), Subha Venkatesan (4x 400 m relay), Murali Sreeshankar (long jump), Jyothi Yarraji (hurdle), Priyanka Goswami (race walk) and Jeswin Aldrin (long jump) will benefit from PUMA's gear across sporting events.

Kitting under this partnership does not include Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.

Puma will equip over 400 athletes with competitive edge, ensuring that every milli-second is maximised to its fullest advantage.

213. World Hypertension Day is observed every year on which day?

विश्व उच्च रक्तचाप दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 16 May
- (b) 17 May
- (c) 18 May
- (d) 19 May
- (e) 20 May

Ans. b

Sol. 17 May - World Hypertension Day

World Hypertension Day is observed every year on 17 May.

Theme 2024 - Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer

Objective - To spread awareness about the risk of hypertension and its prevention.

World Hypertension Day was first observed on May 14, 2005, by the World Hypertension League (WHL). Since 2006, May 17 has been marked as World Hypertension Day across the world.

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214. World Telecommunication Day is observed every year on which day?

विश्व दूरसंचार दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 16 May
- (b) 17 May
- (c) 18 May
- (d) 19 May
- (e) 20 May

Ans. b

Sol. 17 May - World Telecommunication and Information Society Day

World Telecommunication Day is observed every year on May 17 to honour the founding of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Theme 2024 - Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development

In the year 1865, International Telecommunication Union was founded, when the first Indian Telegraph Convention was signed.

In 2005, the World Summit on the Information Society asked the United Nations to declare May 17 as World Telecommunication Day to be observed every year.

215. Kamla Beniwal, who died recently, belongs to which field?

कमला बेनीवाल, जिनका हाल ही में निधन हो गया, किस क्षेत्र से संबंधित हैं?

- (a) Literature / साहित्य
- (b) Politics/ राजनीति
- (c) Sculptor / मूर्तिकार
- (d) Social Worker / सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता
- (e) Historian / इतिहासकार

Ans. b

Sol. Rajasthan's first women minister Kamla Beniwal passed away

Rajasthan's first woman minister, Kamla Beniwal passed away at the age of 97.

During her long political career, Kamla Beniwal, who was associated with the Congress party, held many constitutional posts.

At the age of 27, she became Rajasthan's first woman minister and held diverse portfolios during her Assembly tenures in Rajasthan, with the last being as deputy CM in the first Ashok Gehlot government in 2003.

Subsequently, she held the post of Governor in Tripura, Gujarat and Mizoram.

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216. Which company will invest Rs 600 crore for setting up two ethanol manufacturing plants in the country?

कौन सी कंपनी देश में दो इथेनॉल विनिर्माण संयंत्र स्थापित करने के लिए 600 करोड़ रुपये का निवेश करेगी?

- (a) ReNew Power / रिन्यू पावर
- (b) Nayara Energy / नायरा एनर्जी
- (c) JSW Energy / जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी
- (d) NTPC Limited / एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड
- (e) Torrent Power / टोरेंट पावर

Ans. b

Sol. Nayara Energy to invest ₹600 crore in two Ethanol Plants

Nayara Energy, a private downstream company, is planning to invest Rs 600 crore for setting up ethanol manufacturing plants in the country.

The move is in line with the government's target of 20% ethanol blending for FY26.

The company plans to set up two ethanol manufacturing plants, each with a production capacity of 200 kiloliters per day (KLPD), in Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.

The company also aims to increase the number of ethanol plants to with a combined production capacity of approximately 1,000 KLPD with a focus on value enhancement in retail operations and ensuring the reliability of the ethanol blending program in the future.

217. Which country has become the first country to lose all Glaciers?

कौन सा देश सभी ग्लेशियर खोने वाला पहला देश बन गया है?

- (a) Colombia
- (b) Argentina
- (c) Peru
- (d) Caracas
- (e) Venezuela

Ans. e

Sol. Venezuela becomes first country to lose all Glaciers

Venezuela is the first modern country to lose all of its glaciers, which is a huge change in the environment.

New research shows that the Humboldt glacier in the Andes, which used to be very big, has shrunk to less than 2 hectares, which means it is no longer a glacier but an ice field.

The Sierra Nevada de Mérida Mountain range in Venezuela used to have six glaciers. As of 2011, five of these glaciers had melted away, leaving only the Humboldt glacier.

Professionals thought Humboldt would last for another ten years, but new tests show it has melted much more quickly than expected.

About Humboldt Glacier

- In northwest Greenland, the Humboldt Glacier is the longest and biggest tidewater glacier in the Northern Hemisphere. It is about 110 kilometres long. Within the Kane Basin, this glacier flows from the Greenland Ice Sheet.
- Satellite data shows that it has been receding a lot over the past few years, which shows that climate change is having an effect.

About Venezuela

- Capital- Caracas
- Currency- Venezuelan bolívar
- President- Nicolás Maduro
- Official language- Spanish
- Continent- South America

**218. The United Nations (UN) has revised India's growth forecast for 2024 from 6.2% to _____.
संयुक्त राष्ट्र (यूएन) ने 2024 के लिए भारत के विकास पूर्वानुमान को 6.2% से संशोधित कर _____ कर दिया है।**

- (a) 6.4%
- (b) 6.6%
- (c) 6.9%
- (d) 7.1%
- (e) 7.5%

Ans. c

Sol. UN revises India's 2024 growth forecast to 6.9%

The United Nations (UN) has revised India's growth projections for 2024 and expects the economy to grow by 6.9% for FY24.

According to the UN's World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) report, India's economy is now forecast to grow by 6.9% in 2024. This is an increase from the earlier projection of 6.2% made in January.

The report also predicts a growth rate of 6.6% for 2025, which remains unchanged from the previous forecast.

In addition to the growth projection, the UN report mentions a slowdown in consumer price inflation from 5.6% in 2023 to 4.5% in 2024.

This expected decrease aligns with the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) target range of 2-6%.

The world economy is now forecast to grow by 2.7% in 2024 and 2.8% in 2025, reflecting better outlooks in the United States, Brazil, India, and Russia.

Updated GDP List

- **UN – 6.9% (FY24), 6.6% (FY25)**
- **Moody's – 6.6% (FY25)**
- **India Ratings – 7.1% (FY25)**
- **OECD – 6.6%(FY25), 6.6%(FY26)**
- **Fitch Rating –7% (FY25)**
- **SBI – 8% (FY25)**
- **World Bank – 6.6% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)**
- **NCAER – over 7% (FY25)**

219. Cristiano Ronaldo topped Forbes' list of highest-paid athletes for the fourth time in his career. He is from which country?

क्रिस्टियानो रोनाल्डो अपने करियर में चौथी बार फोर्ब्स की सबसे ज्यादा कमाई करने वाले एथलीटों की सूची में शीर्ष पर हैं। वह किस देश से है?

- (a) Serbia
- (b) Portugal
- (c) Spain
- (d) Norway
- (e) Netherlands

Ans. b

Sol. Ronaldo tops Forbes' list of highest-paid athletes again

Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo topped Forbes' list of highest-paid athletes for the fourth time in his career while Spanish golfer Jon Rahm moved up to second following his sensational switch to Saudi-backed LIV Golf. Ronaldo became the world's highest-paid athlete after his move to Saudi Arabian side Al-Nassr and Forbes said the 39-year-old's estimated total earnings were in the region of \$260 million, an all-time high for a soccer player. His on-field earnings amounted to \$200 million while his off-field earnings were \$60 million thanks to sponsorship deals where brands make use of his 629 million Instagram followers.

Third on the list is record eight-times Ballon d'Or winner Lionel Messi, who made a lucrative switch to Major League Soccer side Inter Miami, helping the Argentine World Cup winner earn \$135 million. The 36-year-old has earned \$65 million in on-field earnings but \$70 million off it thanks to deals with major sponsors such as Adidas and Apple.

Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James is fourth at \$128.2 million and although the 39-year-old.

220. World Bank's arm International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a \$500 million loan to which bank for extending micro-loans to "underserved women" in rural and semi-urban India?

विश्व बैंक की शाखा इंटरनेशनल फाइनेंस कॉर्पोरेशन (IFC) ने ग्रामीण और अर्ध-शहरी भारत में "असुरक्षित महिलाओं" को सूक्ष्म ऋण देने के लिए किस बैंक को 500 मिलियन डॉलर का ऋण प्रदान किया है?

- (a) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक

Ans. d

Sol. IFC extends \$500 million financing to HDFC Bank to ramp up microloans

International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided \$500 million loan to HDFC Bank for extending microloans to "underserved women" in rural and semi-urban India.

It would use IFC's financing for on-lending as microloans to self-help groups (SHGs) and joint liability groups (JLGs) enrolled in the Sustainable Livelihoods Initiative (SLI).

IFC aims to promote greater inclusiveness of underserved women borrowers by showing the viability of scaling up microlending to this segment.

About World Bank

- **Founded** - 1944
- **Headquarters** - Washington DC
- **President** - Ajay Banga
- **MD & CFO** - Anshula Kant
- **Chief Economist** – Indermit Gill
- **Executive Director** - Rajesh Khullar
- **Member Countries** -189
- **World Bank Group** - 5 (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID)
 1. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
 2. International Development Association (IDA)
 3. International Finance Corporation (IFC)
 4. Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
 5. International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

221. Who has been appointed as the advisor of Mizuho Bank India?

मिज़ुहो बैंक इंडिया के सलाहकार के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Rajnish Kumar / रजनीश कुमार
- (b) Joshit Ranjan Sikidar / जोशित रंजन सिकिदार
- (c) Sanjay Nayar / संजय नायर
- (d) Tablesh Pandey / तबलेश पांडे
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty / सिद्धार्थ मोहंती

Ans. c

Sol. Japan's Mizuho hires Sanjay Nayar as advisor for Mizuho Bank India

Mizuho Financial Group has hired private equity veteran Sanjay Nayar as an external senior advisor for Mizuho Bank India (Mizuho).

It is Japan's third-largest lender with \$2 trillion in assets.

Nayar, who started his career as a banker at Citibank, served as the CEO of Citigroup's Indian and South Asian operations and was a member of Citigroup's management committee and Asia executive operating committee.

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222. Pradeep Natarajan has been appointed as Whole Time Director of which bank for three years?

प्रदीप नटराजन को तीन साल के लिए किस बैंक का पूर्णकालिक निदेशक नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) IDFC First Bank / आईडीएफसी फर्स्ट बैंक

Ans. e

Sol. RBI approves appointment of Pradeep Natarajan as IDFC FIRST Bank

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Pradeep Natarajan as Whole Time Director on the Board of IDFC FIRST Bank for three years.

IDFC FIRST Bank had reported a net profit of Rs 724 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 2024.

The bank's gross Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) reduced to 1.88 per cent of gross advances as of March 31, 2024, from 2.51 per cent by the end of March 2023.

About IDFC First Bank

- **Founded** - October 2015
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai
- **MD & CEO** - V. Vaidyanathan

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **ED of RBI** - R Lakshmi Kanth Rao
- **Chairman of HDFC Life** - Keki Mistry
- **Head of Key Relations Group in SBI General Insurance** - Jaya Tripathi
- **CEO of Paytm Money** - Rakesh Singh
- **MD & CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank** - Sanjeev Nautiyal (replace Ittira Davis; for 3 years) effect from 1 July 2024
- **Executive Director of Ujjivan SFB** - Carol Furtado (3 years)

223. Senior IPS officers A.Y.V. Krishna and N. Venu Gopal have been appointed as additional directors in

वरिष्ठ आईपीएस अधिकारी ए.वाई.वी. कृष्णा और एन. वेणु गोपाल को _____ में अतिरिक्त निदेशक के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है।

- (a) Central Reserve Police Force
- (b) Central Industrial Security Force
- (c) Border Security Force
- (d) Sashastra Seema Bal
- (e) Central Bureau of Investigation

Ans. e

Sol. A.Y.V. Krishna & N. Venu Gopal appointed as Additional Directors in CBI

Senior IPS officers A.Y.V. Krishna and N. Venu Gopal have been appointed as additional directors in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Krishna, a 1995-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre, is currently working as Inspector General in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

He has been inducted as the additional director of CBI for a tenure up to August 6, 2028.

Krishna's batchmate Venu Gopal (Himachal Pradesh cadre) is presently working as joint director in the CBI.

He has been appointed as additional director, CBI for a tenure up to May 24, 2027.

Recent Appointment in Defence Sector

- **Chief of Personnel (CoP) of Indian Navy** - Vice Admiral Sanjay Bhalla
- **DG of National Security Guard (NSG)** - Nalin Prabhat (replace Daljit Singh Chaudhary)
- **Special Director in the Intelligence Bureau (IB)** - Sapna Tewari
- **Chief of Naval Staff** - Dinesh Kumar Tripathi (replace R. Hari Kumar)
- **Joint Director in CBI** - Anurag Kumar
- **Inspector General in SPG** - Love Kumar

224. Nandini Dairy will sponsor which country's cricket team in the ICC T20 World Cup 2024?

नंदिनी डेयरी ICC T20 विश्व कप 2024 में किस देश की क्रिकेट टीम को प्रायोजित करेगी?

- (a) Scotland / स्कॉटलैंड
- (b) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (c) India / भारत
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) Ireland / आयरलैंड

Ans. a

Sol. Nandini dairy to sponsor for Scotland for T20 World Cup

Scotland cricket team has unveiled its new ICC T20 World Cup jersey with Karnataka Milk Federation's (KMF) Nandini logo.

The Nandini logo is featured in the leading arm of the jersey in both English and Kannada. The jersey was launched in Edinburgh by members of the playing squad.

The Nandini brand, which is a household name in Karnataka, is sponsoring Scotland and Ireland teams in the forthcoming T20 World Cup.

The tournament is set to begin from June 2 in the West Indies and the USA.

The sponsorship amount is around Rs 2.5 crore per team. Further, the KMF is also launching Nandini Splash, a whey-based energy drink in the US during the tournament.

Managing Director of KMF - M K Jagadish

225. In May 2024, which country has introduced the prototype of the world's first high-speed 6G device, which is claimed to transfer data at lighting speed?

मई 2024 में, किस देश ने दुनिया के पहले हाई-स्पीड 6G डिवाइस का प्रोटोटाइप पेश किया है, जिसके बारे में प्रकाश की गति से डेटा ट्रांसफर करने का दावा किया गया है?

- (a) Japan
- (b) South Korea
- (c) USA
- (d) Israel
- (e) China

Ans. a

Sol. World's first 6G device launched in Japan

A Japanese consortium recently introduced the prototype of the world's first high-speed 6G device, which is claimed to transfer data at lighting speed.

As per reports, the purported device can transmit data at a whopping 100 gigabits per second (Gbps) and can cover more than 300 feet. The device is 20x faster than the ongoing 5G technology.

With the use of the 100 gigahertz (GHz), the prototype of 6G device can reach speeds of 100 Gbps indoors and the 300 GHz band enables the device to offer 100 gigahertz (GHz) outdoors.

In comparison, the 5G technology has a theoretical maximum speed of 10 Gbps. However, real-world speeds are much lower around 200 megabits per second (Mbps) for T-Mobile users in the US.

The reason 5G provides such low speeds is because of the higher frequency bands. While higher frequencies can mean faster speeds, they limit the distance the signal can travel and reduce its penetration strength.

Meanwhile, the 6G uses more higher frequency bands than 5G. That means it would be difficult for 6G devices to receive the necessary frequencies for faster downloads. The company tested the speed at a distance of over 328 feet (100 meters). The 6G signals can be affected by the walls and even rain.

226. International Museum Day is celebrated annually on May 18. What is the theme of International Museum Day 2024?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संग्रहालय दिवस प्रतिवर्ष 18 मई को मनाया जाता है। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संग्रहालय दिवस 2024 का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Museums, Sustainability and Well-being
- (b) The Power of Museums
- (c) The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine
- (d) Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion
- (e) Museums for Education and Research

Ans. e

Sol. 18 May - International Museum Day

International Museum Day is celebrated annually on May 18.

Objective - To raise awareness about the importance of museums in cultural exchange, the enrichment of cultures, and the development of mutual understanding, cooperation, and peace among peoples.

Theme 2024 - Museums for Education and Research

Established during the ICOM General Assembly in 1977 in Moscow, Russia, International Museum Day aimed to create an annual event that would unite museums and raise global awareness about their activities.

It bore the message that museums are essential for cultural exchange, mutual understanding, peace, and cooperation among individuals.

227. Armed Forces Day is celebrated every year on the third _____ of May.

सशस्त्र सेना दिवस हर साल मई के तीसरे _____ को मनाया जाता है।

- (a) Friday
- (b) Saturday
- (c) Sunday
- (d) Monday
- (e) Tuesday

Ans. b

Sol. 18 May 2024 – Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day is celebrated every year on the third Saturday of every May. This year celebrated on 18 May. The best way to celebrate Armed Forces Day is by recognizing an armed forces service member and pay your respect.

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced that Armed Forces Day will be celebrated every year.

President Harry S. Truman was the first person to propose the idea of celebrating a holiday to honour the services provided by the military forces of the country.

On May 20, 1950, Armed Forces Day was celebrated for the first time with parades, air shows and open houses.

In 1962, President John F Kennedy announced Armed Forces Day as an official holiday.

228. World AIDS Vaccine Day, also known as HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, is observed annually on which day?

विश्व एड्स वैक्सीन दिवस, जिसे एचआईवी वैक्सीन जागरूकता दिवस भी कहा जाता है, प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 17 May
- (b) 18 May
- (c) 19 May
- (d) 20 May
- (e) 21 May

Ans. b

Sol. 18 May - World AIDS Vaccine Day

World AIDS Vaccine Day, also known as HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, is observed annually on May 18.

Objective - To raise awareness about the ongoing fight against HIV/AIDS and the importance of developing a vaccine. The day marks the anniversary of a 1997 speech by US President Bill Clinton highlighting the importance of an HIV vaccine.

What Is AIDS?

- AIDS is Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, a serious condition which is caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).
- This virus attacks the body's immune system targeting CD4 cells which are crucial in fighting infections and diseases.
- AIDS is diagnosed when a person with HIV has a severely compromised immune system indicated by a low CD4 cell count. It can become life-threatening when left untreated.

Causes And Symptoms

- HIV could transmit through blood, semen, vaginal secretions, anal fluids and breast milk.
- The virus can be transmitted through unprotected sexual intercourse and sharing needles or syringes contaminated with HIV-infected blood.
- It can also be transmitted from an HIV-infected mother to a child during pregnancy, childbirth or breastfeeding.
- The symptoms include fever, joint pain, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, enlarged glands, sweating (particularly at night), red rashes on the body, and fatigue.

229. Noted storyteller and Padma Shri awardee Malti Joshi passed away at the age of 90 years. In which year was he honored with the Padma Shri?

प्रसिद्ध कथाकार और पद्मश्री पुरस्कार से सम्मानित मालती जोशी का 90 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। उन्हें किस वर्ष पद्मश्री से सम्मानित किया गया था?

- (a) 2016
- (b) 2018
- (c) 2022
- (d) 2023
- (e) 2021

Ans. b

Sol. Padma Shri awardee Malti Joshi passed away

Noted storyteller and Padma Shri awardee Malti Joshi passed away at the age of 90 years.

Malti Joshi was known for her work in Hindi and Marathi language. She was awarded Padam Shri in 2018.

Several of Joshi's stories were adapted for television by Doordarshan, and she made appearances in television shows such as 'Saat Phere,' produced by Jaya Bachchan, and 'Kirdaar,' produced by Gulzar.

Her stories were translated into multiple languages, including Marathi, Urdu, Bengali, Tamil, Telugu, Punjabi, Malayalam, Kannada, English, Russian, and Japanese, expanding her reach and influence across diverse audiences.

230. The second edition of India, Australia, Indonesia Trilateral Maritime Security Workshop (TMSW) conducted in which city?

भारत, ऑस्ट्रेलिया, इंडोनेशिया त्रिपक्षीय समुद्री सुरक्षा कार्यशाला (TMSW) का दूसरा संस्करण किस शहर में आयोजित किया गया?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Kochi / कोच्चि
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram / तिरुवनंतपुरम

Ans. d

Sol. India, Australia, Indonesia conclude trilateral maritime security workshop

The second edition of India, Australia, Indonesia Trilateral Maritime Security Workshop (TMSW) concluded after discussing the ongoing maritime security challenges and opportunities for collaboration between the three maritime neighbours in the region.

The theme of the workshop was 'Indian Ocean Region: Collaborative Efforts to Enhance Regional Maritime Security'.

The exercise was conducted at INS Dronacharya, Kochi, India.

The Workshop was conducted under the aegis of Headquarters Southern Naval Command and witnessed participation of delegates from the three participating Navies.

231. Which bank has executed transaction documents to acquire a 6.125 per cent stake in CCIL IFSC Limited for ₹6.125 crore in May 2024?

मई 2024 में किस बैंक ने ₹6.125 करोड़ में सीसीआईएल आईएफएससी लिमिटेड में 6.125 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी हासिल करने के लिए लेनदेन दस्तावेजों को निष्पादित किया है?

- (a) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक

Ans. a

Sol. SBI acquires 6.125% stake in CCIL IFSC, strengthens presence in GIFT City

State Bank of India has executed transaction documents to acquire a 6.125 per cent stake in CCIL IFSC Limited for ₹6.125 crore.

CCIL IFSC, which will be incorporated with an authorized and paid-up capital of ₹200 crore and ₹100 crore, respectively, will operate the foreign currency settlement system and act as a clearing house and system operator at the IFSC within GIFT City.

The indicative period for completion of the transaction (acquisition of 61.25 lakh equity shares at ₹10 each) is up to six months from the date of execution of transaction documents.

The Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (CCIL) is promoting CCIL IFSC. CCIL will have a 57.125 per cent stake in the proposed company.

232. The world's highest competitive swimming pool has been opened in which country?

विश्व का सबसे ऊंचा प्रतिस्पर्धी स्विमिंग पूल किस देश में खोला गया है?

- (a) India / भारत
- (b) Maldives / मालदीव
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (e) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका

Ans. c

Sol. World highest competition swimming pool opens in Bhutan

World Aquatics has announced the opening of the first-ever competitive swimming pool at a record altitude of 2,400 meters above sea level in Bhutan.

The pool is part of the Pools for All Program to promote aquatic sports in the region.

Swimming's global governing body launched the program in 2019 to ensure accessible aquatics facilities to more countries and regions.

About Bhutan

- Capital- Thimphu
- Currencies- Bhutanese Ngultrum,
- King- Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
- Official language- Dzongkha

233. Yes Bank has launched premium banking services under the label 'Yes Grandeur' targeting elite and rising affluent class to drive business growth. Where is the headquarters of Yes Bank?

यस बैंक ने व्यवसाय वृद्धि को बढ़ावा देने के लिए अभिजात वर्ग और उभरते समृद्ध वर्ग को लक्षित करते हुए 'यस ग्रैंड्योर' लेबल के तहत प्रीमियम बैंकिंग सेवाएं शुरू की हैं। यस बैंक का मुख्यालय कहाँ है?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Gandhinagar / गांधीनगर
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

Ans. e

Sol. Yes Bank launches premium services under 'Yes Grandeur'

Yes Bank has launched premium banking services under the label 'Yes Grandeur' targeting elite and rising affluent class to drive business growth. The exclusive banking program, tailored to meet distinctive financial and lifestyle needs, has an eligibility threshold of average monthly balance of ₹5 lakh or a Net Relationship Value (NRV) of ₹20 lakh, with additional consideration given to loan relationships.

Customers can also avail zero cross-currency markup charges on international debit card spends, complimentary airport lounge access, and lifestyle privileges across brands like Taj, ITC Hotels, Disney+ Hotstar, SonyLIV, Amazon, among others.

About Yes Bank

- **Founded** - 2004
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **MD & CEO** - Prashant Kumar
- **Chairman** – Sunil Mehta
- **Tagline** - Experience our Expertise

234. Which bank has increased interest rates on short-term retail fixed deposits (FDs) by 25 to 75 basis points (bps) in May 2024?

मई 2024 में किस बैंक ने अल्पकालिक खुदरा सावधि जमा (एफडी) पर ब्याज दरों में 25 से 75 आधार अंक (बीपीएस) की वृद्धि की है?

- (a) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक

Ans. a

Sol. SBI raises short-term retail fixed deposit rates by up to 75 bps

State of India (SBI) has increased interest rates on short-term retail fixed deposits (FDs) by 25 to 75 basis points (bps).

This is the first increase in the fixed deposit rates by the bank since December 2023.

India's largest bank also increased interest rates on domestic bulk term deposits (₹2 crore and above) by 10-50 basis points on five out of eight maturity buckets.

The new interest rates are effective from May 15, 2024. This deposit rate hike comes against the backdrop of credit growth outstripping deposit growth.

On retail domestic TDs, SBI has upped the interest rate on deposits of 46 days to 179 days from 4.75 per cent to 5.50 per cent (or by 75 basis points/bps); on deposits of 180 days to 210 days from 5.75 per cent to 6 per cent (up 25 bps); and deposits of 211 days to less than 1 year from 6 per cent to 6.25 per cent (up 25 bps)

235. Sanjeev Puri has been appointed as the new President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2024-25. He is currently the chairman of which company?

संजीव पुरी को 2024-25 के लिए भारतीय उद्योग परिसंघ (CII) का नया अध्यक्ष नियुक्त किया गया है। वह वर्तमान में किस कम्पनी के अध्यक्ष है ?

- (a) Infosys
- (b) EY India
- (c) Tata Chemicals Limited
- (d) ITC Limited
- (e) Lenovo

Ans. d

Sol. Sanjiv Puri takes over as CII president for 2024-25

Apex industry chamber Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has a new President in Sanjiv Puri, Chairman and Managing Director of ITC Limited.

Puri, who is an alumnus of IIT Kanpur and Wharton School of Business, has assumed office as the President of CII for 2024-25.

While Rajiv Memani, Chairman of EY India, has taken over as CII President Designate for 2024-25.

R Mukundan, Managing Director & CEO of Tata Chemicals Limited, has assumed charge as Vice President of CII.

Puri was the Chairman of the Expert Group on agri-exports constituted by the 15th Finance Commission, a Member of the NITI Aayog Group on 'Farm to Table-driving India's agriculture sector digitally' and also the Chairman of the 'Action Council on ESG in Business' under the aegis of Business 20 India.

About Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

- Founded - 1895
- Headquarter - New Delhi
- President - Sanjiv Puri (For 2024-25)
- CII is a non-profit and non-governmental organization.
- The objective of CII is to achieve a conducive environment for the development of industry and civil society in India.

236. Who has been appointed as new MD & CEO of IndiaFirst Life Insurance?

इंडियाफर्स्ट लाइफ इंश्योरेंस के नए एमडी और सीईओ के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Rajnish Kumar / रजनीश कुमार
- (b) Joshit Ranjan Sikidar / जोशित रंजन सिकिदार
- (c) Deepak Mohanty / दीपक मोहंती
- (d) Rushabh Gandhi / ऋषभ गांधी
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty / सिद्धार्थ मोहंती

Ans. d

Sol. IndiaFirst Life Insurance appoints Rushabh Gandhi as MD & CEO

The board of IndiaFirst Life Insurance has approved the elevation of Rushabh Gandhi, deputy chief executive officer, as MD and CEO.

He will succeed R.M. Vishakha, Managing Director & CEO, who will be retiring on June 30.

Gandhi will have a five-year term effective July 1 or the date of receipt of regulatory approvals, whichever is later.

With more than 29 years of experience in Indian and international markets, Gandhi is one of the key driving forces at IndiaFirst Life.

He is an alumnus of Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS) and INSEAD, Fontainebleau.

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **Advisor of Mizuho Bank India** - Sanjay Nayar
- **Whole Time Director of IDFC FIRST Bank** - Pradeep Natarajan
- **ED of RBI** - R Lakshmi Kanth Rao
- **Chairman of HDFC Life** - Keki Mistry
- **Head of Key Relations Group in SBI General Insurance** - Jaya Tripathi
- **CEO of Paytm Money** - Rakesh Singh

237. Nishad Kumar, who was seen in news in May 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?

मई 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में नजर आए निशाद कुमार निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़े हैं?

- (a) High jump / ऊंची कूद
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Shooting / शूटिंग
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

Ans. a

Sol. Nishad Kumar, Preethi Pal win medals at World Para Athletics Championships

Nishad Kumar and Preethi Pal have clinched silver and bronze at the World Para Athletics Championships in Kobe, Japan.

Kumar, a Paralympic silver medalist, secures India's first medal with a 1.99m high jump in the T47 category, finishing second.

Preethi Pal then added a bronze to India's tally after finishing third in the women's T35 200m final with a time of 30.49 seconds.

About Bhutan

- Capital- Thimphu
- Currencies- Bhutanese Ngultrum,
- King- Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
- Official language- Dzongkha

238. Which of the following country will host the FIFA Women's World Cup 2027?

निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा देश फीफा महिला विश्व कप 2027 की मेजबानी करेगा?

- (a) Netherland / नीदरलैंड
- (b) Denmark / डेनमार्क
- (c) Brazil / ब्राजील
- (d) Finland / फिनलैंड
- (e) Scotland / स्कॉटलैंड

Ans. c

Sol. Brazil to host FIFA Women's World Cup 2027

Brazil was declared the host of the 2027 Women's World Cup at the FIFA Congress.

Brazil beating the joint bid of Belgium, Netherlands and Germany to become the first South American country to hold the tournament.

The Brazil bid received the backing of 119 member associations of the FIFA Congress to host the 10th edition of the competition, compared to 78 votes for the European bid.

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239. Which star Indian pair secured the men's doubles title at the Thailand Open Super 500 badminton tournament with a straight-game win over Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi of China in Bangkok?

किस स्टार भारतीय जोड़ी ने बैंकॉक में चीन के चैन बो यांग और लियू यी पर सीधे गेम में जीत के साथ थाईलैंड ओपन सुपर 500 बैडमिंटन टूर्नामेंट में पुरुष युगल खिताब हासिल किया?

- (a) Prannoy HS and Chirag Shetty / प्रणय एचएस और चिराग शेट्टी
- (b) Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy / चिराग शेट्टी और सात्विकसाईराज रंकीरेड्डी
- (c) Lakshya Sen and Chirag Shetty / लक्ष्य सेन और चिराग शेट्टी
- (d) Srikanth Kidambi and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy / श्रीकांत किदांबी और सात्विकसाईराज रंकीरेड्डी
- (e) Prannoy HS and Chirag Shetty / प्रणय एचएस और चिराग शेट्टी

Ans. b

Sol. Satwiksairaj & Chirag Shetty win Men's Doubles Title at Thailand Open 2024

Star Indian pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty secured the men's doubles title at the Thailand Open Super 500 badminton tournament with a straight-game win over Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi of China in Bangkok.

In the form of their lives, Satwik and Chirag, the world number three pair prevailed 21-15, 21-15 over Liu and Chen, ranked 29th, for their ninth BWF world tour title.

It was also the second title of the season for the Asian Games champions following their triumph at the French Open Super 750 in March.

They had also finished runners-up at Malaysia Super 1000 and India Super 750.

240. Who has won the Formula 1 Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2024?

फॉर्मूला 1 एमिलिया रोमाग्ना ग्रांड प्रिक्स 2024 किसने जीता है?

- (a) Sebastian Vettel / सेबस्टियन वेटेली
- (b) Lewis Hamilton / लुईस हैमिल्टन
- (c) Max Verstappen / मैक्स वेरस्टैपेन
- (d) Charles Leclerc / चार्ल्स लेक्लर
- (e) Sergio Pérez / सर्जियो पेरेज़

Ans. c

Sol. Max Verstappen won Emilia Romagna GP

Red Bull's Max Verstappen clinched the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix as McLaren's Lando Norris finished second. It was the 59th career win for the three-time Formula 1 world champion who kept Norris at bay despite struggling with his car.

Verstappen took his third consecutive win in Imola to take his season's tally to five in seven races. McLaren's Oscar Piastri finished fourth to make it a solid performance for the team.

Recent 2024 Grand Prix Winner

- Miami Grand Prix - McLaren's Lando Norris (British)
- Chinese Grand Prix - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- Japanese Grand Prix - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- Australian Grand Prix - Ferrari's Carlos Sainz (Spain)
- Saudi Arabian Grand Prix - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- Bahrain Grand Prix 2- Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)

241. World Bee Day 2024 is observed every year on which day?

विश्व मधुमक्खी दिवस 2024 हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 18 May
- (b) 19 May
- (c) 20 May
- (d) 21 May
- (e) 22 May

Ans. c

Sol. 20 May - World Bee Day

World Bee Day 2024 is observed every year on May 20.

Objective - To raise awareness about the essential role of bees and other pollinators in maintaining the health of our planet, ensuring food security, and promoting biodiversity and sustainable agriculture.

Theme 2024 - Bee Engaged with Youth

World Bee Day was founded by the United Nations in 2017 following a proposal by Slovenia, which has a long tradition of beekeeping.

242. N Vaghul passed away recently at the age of 88. Who was he?

एन वाघुल का हाल ही में 88 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह कौन थे?

- (a) Banker / बैंकर
- (b) Politician / राजनेता
- (c) Actor / अभिनेता
- (d) Social Worker / सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता
- (e) Film Director / फिल्म निर्देशक

Ans. a

Sol. N Vaghul, doyen of Indian banking, passes away

Veteran banker N Vaghul passed away at the age of 88.

Vaghul, who held many leadership positions in the banking industry, is credited with transforming ICICI from a public finance institution to a private sector bank in his 11-year stint as the chairman and managing director, starting in 1985.

Vaghul was honoured with the country's third highest civilian award Padma Bhushan in 2006.

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243. In May 2024, the President and Foreign Minister of which country died in a helicopter crash?

मई 2024 में किस देश के राष्ट्रपति और विदेश मंत्री की हेलीकॉप्टर दुर्घटना में मृत्यु हो गई?

- (a) Saudi Arabia / सऊदी अरब
- (b) Iraq / इराक
- (c) Syria / सीरिया
- (d) Iran / ईरान
- (e) UAE / संयुक्त अरब अमीरात

Ans. d

Sol. Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi, minister die in helicopter crash

Iran President Ebrahim Raisi was killed in a helicopter crash in East Azerbaijan province.

The chopper carrying Iran President Raisi and his foreign minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian had disappeared over a mountainous region

The eighth President of Iran, Ebrahim Raisi, more popularly known as Ebrahim Raisi, was a principalist and a Muslim jurist, who became the Iranian President in 2021.

This incident follows a period of heightened regional tensions, particularly in light of the Gaza conflict and Iran's recent escalations with Israel.

Ebrahim Raisi was born on December 14, 1960.

244. In May 2024, who has received the first stamp released commemorating the completion of 200 years of Indian Origin Tamils in Sri Lanka?

मई 2024 में, श्रीलंका में भारतीय मूल के तमिलों के 200 वर्ष पूरे होने के उपलक्ष्य में जारी पहला डाक टिकट किसे प्राप्त हुआ है?

- (a) Ramdev / रामदेव
- (b) Acharya Balkrishna / आचार्य बालकृष्ण
- (c) Gaur Gopal Das / गौर गोपाल दास
- (d) Sadhguru / सद्गुरु
- (e) Sri Sri Ravi Shankar / श्री श्री रविशंकर

Ans. e

Sol. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar receives first Stamp released

Indian spiritual guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar received the first stamp released commemorating the completion of 200 years of Indian Origin Tamils in Sri Lanka.

Governor of the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka Senthil Thondaman presented the stamp to Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.

The stamp is a way to attain recognition for the community which has been neglected for decades.

He thanked the Indian government as well as the Sri Lankan government for the assistance given to the IOT community.

245. According to a report of the National Commission for Backward Class, the student enrollment under the Scheduled Caste category has grown by how much per cent from 46 lakh in 2014-15 to 66 lakh in 2021-22?

राष्ट्रीय पिछड़ा वर्ग आयोग की एक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, अनुसूचित जाति श्रेणी के तहत छात्र नामांकन 2014-15 में 46 लाख से कितने प्रतिशत बढ़कर 2021-22 में 66 लाख हो गया है?

- (a) 41 %
- (b) 42 %
- (c) 43 %
- (d) 44 %
- (e) 45 %

Ans. d

Sol. Student Enrollment Under SC Category Grows By 44 %

The student enrollment under the Scheduled Caste category has grown by 44 per cent, from 46 lakh in 2014-15 to 66 lakh in 2021-22, according to a report of the National Commission for Backward Class.

In the report, minority female student enrollment also witnessed over 42 per cent increase, from over 10 lakh in 2014-15 to 15 lakh in 2021-22.

Female SC enrollment increased by 51 per cent, whereas that of ST students went up by 65.2 per cent.

During the academic year 2020-21, a 27 per cent reservation for OBC students was implemented in Central Schools, resulting in over 34 thousand OBC children securing admissions.

In Institutes of National Importance, there was a 71 per cent increase in OBC enrollment, with female OBC enrollment more than doubling.

246. Where was the 'India's Progressive Path in the Administration of Criminal Justice System conference organized in May 2024?

मई 2024 में 'आपराधिक न्याय प्रणाली प्रशासन में भारत का प्रगतिशील पथ' सम्मेलन कहाँ आयोजित किया गया था?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Guwahati / गुवाहाटी
- (d) Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

Ans. c

Sol. Conference on Administration of Criminal Justice held in Guwahati

The Union Ministry of Law and Justice in association with the Assam Government has organised a two-day conference 'India's Progressive Path in the Administration of Criminal Justice System' in Guwahati, Assam.

The aim of the conference was to create awareness about the recent changes made by the government in repealing British-era criminal law and the enactment of new laws related to the criminal justice system in the country.

The new legislations i.e. the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023; the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, replace the earlier criminal laws namely, the Indian Penal Code 1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872. As notified, these new criminal laws are to take effect from 1st July 2024.

247. National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed on May 21 every year to commemorate the date when the former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was killed by a suicide bomber from the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) in Sriperumbudur, a village near Madras. Rajiv Gandhi was _____ Prime Minister of India.

राष्ट्रीय आतंकवाद विरोधी दिवस हर साल 21 मई को उस तारीख को मनाने के लिए मनाया जाता है जब पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री राजीव गांधी की मद्रास के पास एक गांव श्रीपेरंबुदूर में लिट्टे (लिबरेशन टाइगर्स ऑफ तमिल ईलम) के एक आत्मघाती हमलावर ने हत्या कर दी थी। राजीव गांधी भारत के _____ प्रधानमंत्री थे।

- (a) fifth
- (b) sixth
- (c) seventh
- (d) eighth
- (e) ninth

Ans. b

Sol. 21 May - National Anti-Terrorism Day

In India, the National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed on May 21 each year to commemorate the date when the former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, the sixth Prime Minister of India, was killed by a suicide bomber from the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) in Sriperumbudur, a village near Madras (now Chennai).

Gandhi was sworn in on October 31, 1984 as the Prime Minister of India when he was 40 years old, after the assassination of Indira Gandhi. He became the youngest PM of India.

The Anti-Terrorism Day in India was founded by the VP Singh government in the memory of Rajiv Gandhi and was intended to educate the people of India about the adverse impacts of terrorism and violence on society and the country.

After Indira Gandhi's assassination on October 31, 1984, Rajiv Gandhi became India's PM. His tenure lasted from 1984-89.

The official announcement of National Anti-Terrorism Day was made on 21 May 1991.

248. In May 2024, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles (TMPV) and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility (TPEM), subsidiaries of Tata Motors, have joined hands with which company to extend supply chain finance solutions to its passenger and electric vehicle dealers?

मई 2024 में, टाटा मोटर्स की सहायक कंपनियों टाटा मोटर्स पैसेंजर व्हीकल्स (TMPV) और टाटा पैसेंजर इलेक्ट्रिक मोबिलिटी (TPEM) ने अपने यात्री और इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन डीलरों के लिए आपूर्ति श्रृंखला वित्त समाधान का विस्तार करने के लिए किस कंपनी के साथ हाथ मिलाया है?

- (a) Bajaj Finance / बजाज फाइनेंस
- (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance / भारती एक्सा जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance / कोटक महिंद्रा लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
- (d) Life Insurance Corporation of India / भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम
- (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance / यूनिवर्सल सोम्पो जनरल इंश्योरेंस

Ans. a

Sol. Tata Motors' arms partner with Bajaj Finance to provide financing to passenger Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles (TMPV) and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility (TPEM), subsidiaries of Tata Motors, have joined hands with Bajaj Finance to extend supply chain finance solutions to its passenger and electric vehicle dealers. Under the MoU, the participating companies will come together to leverage Bajaj Finance's wide reach to help dealers of TMPV and TPEM access funding with minimal collateral.

Recent MoUs Signed in Banking Sector

- PhonePe has partnered with LankaPay to allow its users to pay using UPI across Sri Lanka
- Aum partnered with Tata AIG General Insurance to provide comprehensive insurance coverage to its customers for their valuables.
- South Indian Bank and Northern Arc Capital join hands to set new benchmarks in the financial sector*
- Infibeam's CCAvenue partners with Shivalik SFB to improve merchant access
- Tata Motors partners with South Indian Bank for commercial vehicle finance

249. Which bank has recorded the highest growth rate in FY24 in terms of total business and deposit mobilisation among public sector lenders?

सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के ऋणदाताओं के बीच कुल कारोबार और जमा जुटाने के मामले में किस बैंक ने FY24 में सबसे अधिक वृद्धि दर दर्ज की है?

- (a) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- (b) Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
- (c) UCO Bank / यूको बैंक
- (d) Bank of Maharashtra / बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक

Ans. d

Sol. Bank of Maharashtra tops among PSU banks in business growth in FY24

State-owned Bank of Maharashtra recorded the highest growth rate last fiscal in terms of total business and deposit mobilisation among public sector lenders at a time when most banks are facing difficulty in achieving double-digit growth.

The lender has registered a 15.94 per cent rise in the total business (domestic) in FY24.

Followed by the country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) with 13.12 per cent growth, according to published financial numbers of the public sector banks (PSBs).

BoM continued to maintain its top spot in terms of growth in deposit mobilisation, with a 15.66 per cent rise in FY24. It was followed by SBI (11.07 per cent), Bank of India (11.05 per cent) and Canara Bank (10.98 per cent).

Out of 12 public sector banks, only these four lenders could log a double-digit growth in deposits in the financial year 2023-24. In terms of low-cost CASA deposits, the BoM continued to top the chart with 52.73 per cent growth, followed by the Central Bank of India with a 50.02 per cent rise at the end of March 2024.

With regard to loan growth, the Kolkata-based UCO Bank was a tad higher at 16.38 per cent, followed by BoM at 16.30 per cent.

In terms of capital adequacy ratio, the Bank of Maharashtra was leading PSBs at 17.38 per cent, followed by Indian Overseas Bank at 17.28 per cent and Punjab & Sind Bank at 17.16 at the end of FY24.

250. Who has been appointed as the Chief of Measurement Science and Analytics in Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC)?

ब्रॉडकास्ट ऑडियंस रिसर्च काउंसिल (BARC) में माप विज्ञान और विश्लेषण के प्रमुख के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Vumlunmang Vualnam / वुमलुनमंग वुअलनाम
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Dr Bikramjit Chaudhuri / डॉ बिक्रमजीत चौधरी
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan / रघु श्रीनिवासन

Ans. d

Sol. BARC appoints Dr Bikramjit Chaudhuri as chief of measurement science

The Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) India has appointed Dr. Bikramjit Chaudhuri as Chief of Measurement Science and Analytics.

He will succeed Dr. Derrick Grey, who is leaving the organisation after a six-year stint.

He comes in with a rich experience spanning over three decades in the areas of Statistics, Stochastic Modelling, Market Measurement, Consumer Segmentation, AI & ML, Demand Forecasting and Big Data Analytics.

He was associated with the Datamatics Group of Companies as the Global Head of Data Science & Advanced Analytics, since 2016. Prior to Datamatics, Bikram has held multiple leadership roles across levels at KPMG, Nielsen and ZS Associates.

Recent Appointment

- **President of CII for 2024-25** - Sanjiv Puri
- **Vice President of CII for 2024-25** - R Mukundan
- **President Designate of CII for 2024-25** - EY India
- **President of Supreme Court Bar Association** - Kapil Sibal
- **Chairman of Tata Electronics** - N. Chandrasekaran

251. In May 2024, Lai Ching-te was sworn in as president of which country?

मई 2024 में, लाई चिंग-ते ने किस देश के राष्ट्रपति के रूप में शपथ ली?

- (a) South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया
- (b) Maldives / मालदीव
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Vietnam / वियतनाम
- (e) Taiwan / ताइवान

Ans. e

Sol. Lai Ching-Te sworn in as president of Taiwan

Lai Ching-te of Taiwan's ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) was sworn in as the self-governing island's new President.

A trained physician Lai succeeds Tsai Ing-wen to lead the democracy amid increasing threats from China, which claims the self-governing island as its territory.

Taiwan has had an independent government since 1949.

She was Taiwan's de facto ambassador to the US from 2020 to 2023 and formerly served as a DPP lawmaker for several terms.

Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President

- PM of Singapore - Lawrence Wong
- President of Russia - Vladimir Putin (5th time)
- Presidential of Panama - Jose Raul Mulino
- PM of Solomon Islands - Jeremiah Manele
- Deputy PM of Pakistan - Ishaq Dar

252. India's Deepthi Jeevanji, who was seen in news in May 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?

भारत की दीप्ति जीवनजी, जिन्हें मई 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में देखा गया था, निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़ी हैं?

- (a) Karate / कराटे
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Para Athletics / पैरा एथलेटिक्स
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Boxing / बॉक्सिंग

Ans. c

Sol. India's Deepthi Jeevanji smashes World Record in Women's 400 Metre event

Twenty-year old Deepthi Jeevanji smashed the world record in the women's 400m T20 and grabbed her first gold at the World Para Athletics Championships at Kobe in Japan.

Deepthi clocked 55.07 seconds, breaking American Breanna Clark's earlier world record of 55.12 seconds, which she had set during last year's edition of the championships in Paris.

Aysel Onder of Turkey finished second with 55.19 seconds followed by Lizanshela Angulo of Ecuador on third with 56.68 seconds.

The T20 classification is for athletes who have intellectual impairment.

Besides, Yogesh Kathuniya won the silver in the Men's Discus Throw F56 Final with a season's best mark of 41.80 meter.

Preethi Pal won a bronze medal in the Women's 200m T35 final while Nishad Kumar bagged silver in Men's High Jump T47 with an impressive season-best mark of 1.99 meters.

253. Who has won the women's singles title of the 2024 Italian Open tennis tournament?

2024 इटालियन ओपन टेनिस टूर्नामेंट का महिला एकल खिताब किसने जीता है?

- (a) Karolína Muchová / करोलिना मुचोवा
- (b) Elena Rybakina / ऐलेना रयबकिना
- (c) Aryna Sabalenka / आर्यन सबलेंका
- (d) Iga Świątek / इगा स्वेटेक
- (e) Anna Kalinskaya / अन्ना कालिंस्काया

Ans. d

Sol. Alexander Zverev and Iga Swiatek win Singles Title of Italian open

German's Alexander Zverev defeated the first-time Masters finalist Nicolas Jarry of Chile in straight sets 6-4, 7-5 to win the 2024 Men's Single of Italian Open Masters 1000 title.

This was also Zverev's second Italian Open title. In 2017, he won the Italian Open by defeating Novak Djokovic. It was also his first master's title.

World no.1 Iga Swiatek of Poland defeated Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus in straight sets 6-2 6-3 to win the 2024 Women's Single of Italian Open Masters 1000 title.

This was the third Italian Open title for Iga Swiatek in the last four years. Last year she failed to qualify for the final.

Men's doubles

- Winner - Marcell Granollers (Spain) and Horacio Zeballos (Argentina)
- Runner Up - Mate Pavic (Croatia) and Marcelo Arevalo (El Salvador)

Women's doubles

- Winner - Sara Errani (Italy) and Jasmine Paolini (Italy)
- Runner Up - Coco Gauff (America) and Erin Routliffe (New Zealand)

254. Minakshi, who won a gold medal recently in the Elorda Cup, belongs to which sport?

हाल ही में एलोर्डा कप में स्वर्ण पदक जीतने वाली मिनाक्षी किस खेल से संबंधित हैं?

- (a) Karate / कराटे
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Wrestling / कुश्ती
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Boxing / बॉक्सिंग

Ans. e

Sol. Nikhat Zareen and Minakshi clinch Gold Medals at Elorda Cup

In Boxing, Two-time world champions Nikhat Zareen and Minakshi won two gold medals for India in the 3rd Elorda Cup 2024.

The Indian contingent finished the Elorda Cup with 12 medals—2 gold, 2 silver, and 8 bronze. The 3rd Elorda Cup was held in Kazakhstan's capital city of Astana.

Nikhat in the women's 52 kg category, triumphed over Zhazira Urakbayeva of Kazakhstan with a 5-Nil victory, while Minakshi defeated another Uzbekistan boxer Rahmonova Saidahon, 4-1 in the women's 48 kg event.

Anamika in 50 kg lost in the final to the reigning world and Asian champion China's Wu Yu 1-4. To settle for a silver medal.

255. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of Honeywell Automation India Ltd (HAIL)?

हनीवेल ऑटोमेशन इंडिया लिमिटेड (HAIL) के प्रबंध निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Dinesh Dasa / दिनेश दासा
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Manoj Soni / मनोज सोनी
- (e) Atul Pai / अतुल पई

Ans. e

Sol. Honeywell India appoints Atul Pai as MD

Atul Pai has been appointed as the Managing Director of Honeywell Automation India Ltd (HAIL).

He succeeds Ashish Gaikwad who is taking on a broader responsibility as India Leader for Industrial Automation, one of Honeywell International Inc's strategic business groups.

Atul brings more than two decades of Honeywell experience in various regional and global roles across Honeywell and its finance division.

256. When is World Refugee Day observed?

विश्व शरणार्थी दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 18 May
- (b) 19 May
- (c) 20 May
- (d) 21 May
- (e) 22 May

Ans. c

Sol. 20 May - World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day is observed every year on 20 May.

Objective - To raise the world's consciousness about the plight of the refugees who have left their homes due to war, persecution, violence or due economic factors, etc.

Theme 2024 - Hope Away from Home

In 1975, the Organization of African Unity (OAU) passed a resolution to observe 20 May as African Refugee Day to pay tribute to the resilience of those who had been forcibly displaced in Africa due to conflict.

257. International Tea Day is celebrated every year on which day?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय चाय दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 19 May
- (b) 20 May
- (c) 21 May
- (d) 22 May
- (e) 23 May

Ans. c

Sol. 21 May - International Tea Day

International Tea Day is celebrated every year on 21 May.

Objective - To raise awareness regarding the working conditions of people in the tea industry.

The International Tea Day was first initiated in 2005 by trade unions, small tea growers, and civil society organizations in Asia and Africa.

The day was established with the goal of addressing the issues faced by tea workers, including living wages and fair prices for small tea producers.

258. World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is observed every year on which day?
संवाद और विकास के लिए विश्व सांस्कृतिक विविधता दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 19 May
- (b) 20 May
- (c) 21 May
- (d) 22 May
- (e) 23 May

Ans. c

Sol. 21 May - World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is observed every year on 21 May.

Objective - To create a better understanding of the values of culture, tradition and education among people.

The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development was first celebrated in 2002

UNESCO leads the celebration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development highlighting not only the richness of the world's cultures, but also the essential role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development.

According to UNESCO data, the cultural and creative sector is one of the most powerful engines of development worldwide.

It accounts for more than 48 million jobs globally –almost half of which are held by women – representing 6.2% of all existing employment and 3.1% of global GDP.

259. Which food delivery platform has partnered with SHIELD, a device-first risk AI platform, to enhance its fraud prevention and detection capabilities?

किस फूड डिलीवरी प्लेटफॉर्म ने अपनी धोखाधड़ी की रोकथाम और पता लगाने की क्षमताओं को बढ़ाने के लिए डिवाइस-फर्स्ट रिस्क AI प्लेटफॉर्म SHIELD के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) Swiggy
- (b) Food Panda
- (c) Zomato
- (d) Eat Sure
- (e) InstaShop

Ans. a

Sol. Swiggy joins hands with device-first risk AI platform SHIELD

Online food delivery platform Swiggy has partnered with SHIELD, a device-first risk AI platform, to enhance its fraud prevention and detection capabilities.

SHIELD's Device Intelligence will enable Swiggy to reduce promo abuse and deter fraudulent practices within the Delivery Partner ecosystem.

It will enable Swiggy to reduce promo abuse, including the exploitation of platform discounts, sign-up incentives, referral bonuses and monopolisation of limited-time deals to reduce promo abuse and prevent fraudulent practices within the Delivery Partner's ecosystem.

260. Assam Government has launched the DRIMS platform to facilitate efficient disaster reporting and aid distribution in collaboration with UNICEF. What is the meaning of 'D' in 'DRIMS'?

असम सरकार ने यूनिसेफ के सहयोग से कुशल आपदा रिपोर्टिंग और सहायता वितरण की सुविधा के लिए DRIMS प्लेटफॉर्म लॉन्च किया है। 'DRIMS' में 'D' का क्या अर्थ है?

- (a) Delivery
- (b) Disaster
- (c) Damaged
- (d) Duration
- (e) Dedicated

Ans. b

Sol. Assam unveiled the "DRIMS" platform For Disaster Management
Assam Government has launched the Disaster Reporting and Information Management System (DRIMS) platform to facilitate efficient disaster reporting and aid distribution in collaboration with UNICEF.
DRIMS captures critical impact data, expediting relief delivery for damaged crops, livestock losses, and other post-disaster restoration efforts.

About Assam

- **Capital** – Dispur
- **Chief Minister** –Himanta Biswa Sarma
- **Governor** – Gulab Chand Kataria

261. Which of the following country has topped the World Economic Forum's Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024?

निम्नलिखित में से किस देश ने विश्व आर्थिक मंच के यात्रा और पर्यटन विकास सूचकांक 2024 में शीर्ष स्थान प्राप्त किया है?

- (a) India
- (b) South Korea
- (c) Japan
- (d) USA
- (e) Switzerland

Ans. d

Sol. India climbs to 39th position in World Economic Forum's Travel & Tourism Development Index

India's rank on the World Economic Forum's Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024 has risen to 39th place, with global tourism activities returning to pre-pandemic levels, the annual report showed.

While the US topped the list, India is ranked highest in South Asia and among the lower-middle-income economies, the WEF said.

India was ranked 54th in the previously published index in 2021, though changes made to the index parameters limit its comparability to earlier years.

After the US, Spain, Japan, France and Australia figure among the top five in the 2024 list. Germany was ranked 6th, followed by the UK, China, Italy and Switzerland in the top ten.

The biennial index analysed the travel and tourism sectors of 119 countries around a range of factors and policies.

The index, prepared in collaboration with the University of Surrey, showed India is highly price-competitive (18th) and boasts competitive Air Transport (26th) and Ground and Port (25th) infrastructure. Country's overall Travel and Tourism Development Index score is 2.1% below its 2019.

262. Riding on buoyant equity markets, National Pension System (NPS) assets grew _____ year-on-year to touch ₹11.94 lakh crore, according to PFRDA data.

पीएफआरडीए के आंकड़ों के मुताबिक, इक्विटी बाजारों में तेजी के कारण, नेशनल पेंशन सिस्टम (एनपीएस) की संपत्ति साल-दर-साल _____ बढ़कर ₹11.94 लाख करोड़ तक पहुंच गई।

- (a) 24%
- (b) 25%
- (c) 26%
- (d) 28%
- (e) 29%

Ans. c

Sol. NPS assets surge 26% y-o-y to ₹11.94 lakh crore as of May 11: PFRDA

Riding on buoyant equity markets, National Pension System (NPS) assets grew 26 per cent year-on-year to touch ₹11.94 lakh crore, according to PFRDA data.

This overall AUM including that of Atal Pension Yojana (APY) — slightly short of ₹12 lakh-crore milestone mark — was higher than end March 2024 level of ₹11.73 lakh crore.

The frenetic pace of overall NPS assets growth can be gauged from the fact that only in August last year the NPS assets had touched the ₹10-lakh crore mark.

NPS took six years and six months to reach the milestone of ₹1 lakh crore AUM after its implementation in 2009.

It then took 4 years and 11 months to further increase AUM to ₹5 lakh crore.

NPS AUM had doubled to ₹10 lakh crore as of August 25 last year from ₹5 lakh crore in a span of just 2 years and 10 months.

263. SBI General Insurance has signed a strategic bancassurance collaboration agreement with which Small Finance Bank to facilitate the sale of non-life insurance products?

एसबीआई जनरल इश्योरेंस ने गैर-जीवन बीमा उत्पादों की बिक्री की सुविधा के लिए किस लघु वित्त बैंक के साथ एक रणनीतिक बैंकएश्योरेंस सहयोग समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) AU Small Finance Bank Limited / एयू स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (b) Jana Small Finance Bank / जना स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
- (c) Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited / फिनकेयर स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (d) Shivalik Small Finance Bank / शिवालिक स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
- (e) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited / इक्विटास स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड

Ans. b

Sol. SBI General Insurance signs bancassurance partnership with Jana SFB to increase insurance penetration. SBI General Insurance has signed a strategic bancassurance collaboration agreement with Jana Small Finance Bank to facilitate the sale of non-life insurance products.

Under this strategic relationship, SBI General Insurance will provide Jana Small Finance Bank customers with a comprehensive variety of general insurance products.

These products will include a broad range of insurance options, such as health, personal injury, house, auto, and travel insurance. MD & CEO of SBI General Insurance - Kishore Kumar Poludasu

Recent MoUs Signed in Banking Sector

- Tata Motors' arms partner with Bajaj Finance to provide financing to passenger
- PhonePe has partnered with LankaPay to allow its users to pay using UPI across Sri Lanka
- Aum partnered with Tata AIG General Insurance to provide comprehensive insurance coverage to its customers for their valuables.
- South Indian Bank and Northern Arc Capital join hands to set new benchmarks in the financial sector*
- Infibeam's CCAvenue partners with Shivalik SFB to improve merchant access

264. Airbus Helicopters has signed an MoU with which organizations to finance the purchase of Airbus helicopters in India?

एयरबस हेलीकॉप्टर्स ने भारत में एयरबस हेलीकॉप्टरों की खरीद के वित्तपोषण के लिए किस संगठन के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) NABARD / नाबार्ड
- (b) RBI / आरबीआई
- (c) IRDAI / आईआरडीएआई
- (d) SEBI / सेबी
- (e) SIDBI / सिडबी

Ans. e

Sol. Airbus Helicopters, SIDBI sign MoU for helicopter financing in India

Airbus Helicopters and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for financing the purchase of Airbus helicopters in India.

Under the MoU, Airbus Helicopters and SIDBI would identify potential civil helicopter operators in India interested in financing solutions for purchasing the helicopters.

While Airbus would provide the technical and helicopter-industry knowledge, SIDBI would be responsible for evaluating the prospects and financing them exclusively for Airbus.

265. In May 2024, a notable mountaineer, Sirbaz Khan scaled Mount Everest without supplementary oxygen. He is from which country?

मई 2024 में, एक उल्लेखनीय पर्वतारोही, सिरबाज़ खान ने पूरक ऑक्सीजन के बिना माउंट एवरेस्ट पर चढ़ाई की। वह किस देश से है?

- (a) India
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Nepal
- (e) Afghanistan

Ans. b

Sol. Pakistan's Sirbaz Khan conquers Mount Everest without Oxygen.

A notable mountaineer, Sirbaz Khan scaled Mount Everest without supplementary oxygen, making him only the 2nd Pakistani to achieve this feat.

Khan aims to be the 1st Pakistani to climb all 14 peaks above 8,000 meters, having already climbed 13, two with oxygen support.

Khan had previously scaled the 8849-metre peak using bottled oxygen. The only other person in Pakistan to achieve this feat is mountaineer Sajid Sidpara.

He began his mountaineering career in 2016 and has since become a pioneering figure in Pakistani high-altitude climbing.

266. Who has been appointed as Chief Risk Officer (CRO) of Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services?

महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा फाइनेंशियल सर्विसेज के मुख्य जोखिम अधिकारी (सीआरओ) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Sadhna Saxena Nair / साधना सक्सैना नायर
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Mahesh Rajaraman / महेश राजारमन
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan / रघु श्रीनिवासन

Ans. d

Sol. Mahindra Finance appoints Mahesh Rajaraman as CRO

Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services has appointed Mahesh Rajaraman as Chief Risk Officer (CRO) of the company with effect from August 1, 2024.

He replaces Mallika Mittal.

Rajaraman has been associated with various banks namely Yes Bank, HDFC Bank, HSBC Bank and ANZ Grindlays Bank.

During his overall banking career, his areas of expertise and specialisation include retail assets, credit cards, agri lending and SMEs in the domains of policy /risk, underwriting, fraud risk management and anti-money laundering across all banking products.

267. Who has been appointed as the Vice-Chairman of the International Aluminium Institute (IAI)?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय एल्युमीनियम संस्थान (IAI) के उपाध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Smita Sarangi / स्मिता सारंगी
- (b) Arindam Bagchi / अरिंदम बागची
- (c) Indra Mani Pandey / इंद्र मणि पांडे
- (d) Tanu Singh / तनु सिंह
- (e) John Slaven / जॉन स्लेवेन

Ans. e

Sol. John Slaven appointed as VC of International Aluminium Institute

Vedanta Aluminium has appointed its CEO John Slaven as Vice-Chairman of the International Aluminium Institute (IAI).

In this capacity, Slaven will spearhead global initiatives aimed at fostering the sustainable transformation of the aluminium industry and promote the critical role of aluminium in enabling the energy transition to a zero-carbon modern world.

Slaven is a global leader with over three decades of rich experience in the metals, mining and modern manufacturing industries.

About International Aluminium Institute (IAI)

- Established in 1972, IAI is the sole organisation representing the primary aluminium industry worldwide.
- It is tasked with enhancing awareness of the industry's operations, advocating for responsible production, and emphasizing the significant benefits of using aluminium in building greener technologies.

268. Which UN body has signed a MoU with the government of India for India's first animal vaccine supply chain management?

संयुक्त राष्ट्र के किस निकाय ने भारत की पहली पशु वैक्सीन आपूर्ति श्रृंखला प्रबंधन के लिए भारत सरकार के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) FAO
- (b) ICAO
- (c) UNDP
- (d) UNFPA
- (e) UNICEF

Ans. c

Sol. DAHD & UNDP MoU on Digitalisation of Animal Vaccine Cold Chain Management

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) under the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying has signed an MoU with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India on Digitalization of Vaccine Cold Chain Management, Communication Planning and Capacity Building.

The agreement was signed by Alka Upadhyay, Secretary of the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, and Caitlin Wiesen, UNDP Resident Representative in India in New Delhi.

The MoU will help create a digital future through digitalisation and remote temperature monitoring of cold chains by UNDP India. To maintain their effectiveness, the vaccines will be stored within the prescribed temperature limit of 2-8 degrees Celsius.

The partnership will also focus on skill development to improve the technical know-how and capacities of stakeholders in the animal husbandry sector and the extension services.

269. Ekta Bhan, who was seen in news in May 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?

एकता भ्याण, जिन्हें मई 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में देखा गया था, निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़ी हैं?

- (a) Club throw / क्लब थ्रो
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Shooting / शूटिंग
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

Ans. a

Sol. Ekta Bhan secures Gold Medal in Women' F51 Club Throw Competition at World Para Athletic Championship

India's Ekta Bhan has secured a gold medal with a season's best throw of 20.12 metres in the women's F51 club throw competition at the World Para Athletic Championships at Kobe in Japan.

While Kashish Lakra took the silver with an effort of 14.56 metres, Nadjet Bouchet of Algeria won the bronze with a score of 12.70 metres.

Deepthi, Para Asian Games gold medallist, had smashed a world record time of 55.07 seconds in the women's 400 metre T20 category race to win gold medal.

270. Midfielder Toni Kroos has announced retirement from the international football. He is from which country?

मिडफील्डर टोनी क्रूज़ ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय फुटबॉल से सेवानिवृत्ति की घोषणा की है। वह किस देश से है?

- (a) South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया
- (b) USA / यूएसए
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (e) Germany / जर्मनी

Ans. e

Sol. Germany midfielder Tony Kroos to retire after Euro 2024

The Real Madrid and Germany midfielder Toni Kroos has announced he will retire after this summer's European Championship.

The 34-year-old is to hang up his boots after a trophy-laden decade at the Bernabéu.

Signed from Bayern Munich, Kroos made 463 appearances for Madrid and won 21 trophies including four Champions Leagues, five Club World Cups and four La Liga titles.

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271. On which day is International Day for Biodiversity celebrated worldwide?

विश्व भर में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय जैव विविधता दिवस किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 20 May
- (b) 21 May
- (c) 22 May
- (d) 23 May
- (e) 24 May

Ans. c

Sol. 22 May - International Day for Biodiversity

International Day for Biodiversity is celebrated every year on May 22.

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The International Day for Biological Diversity was established by the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly in 1993.

Initially, it was celebrated on December 29 to mark the day the Convention on Biological Diversity came into effect.

However, on December 20, 2000, the date was changed to May 22 to commemorate the adoption of the Convention at the Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit in 1992 and to avoid the many holidays in late December.

272. Which company has acquired AI-powered women's wellness platform SocialBoat for an undisclosed amount?

किस कंपनी ने AI-संचालित महिला कल्याण मंच SocialBoat का अधिग्रहण अज्ञात राशि में किया है?

- (a) Timex
- (b) Titan
- (c) FastTrack
- (d) Sonata
- (e) Noise

Ans. e

Sol. Noise acquires women's wellness platform SocialBoat

Leading smartwatch and connected lifestyle brand, Noise has acquired AI-powered women's wellness platform SocialBoat for an undisclosed amount.

This strategic move is part of Noise's broader strategy to advance innovation in smart rings.

This acquisition will expand its tech offerings and build specialized innovation capabilities for its flagship smart wearable, Luna Ring.

Noise aims to redefine consumers' experience of its smart ring, by strengthening the health tracking analytics and will now be able to integrate AI to ensure overall wellbeing of the women cohort as well, enabling them to achieve their full potential and 'rise to brilliance'.

273. Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Anil Chauhan attended 'Exercise Cyber Suraksha – 2024' and underscored the importance of strengthening India's cyber defence capabilities. The exercise has been conducted by _____.

चीफ ऑफ डिफेंस स्टाफ (सीडीएस) जनरल अनिल चौहान ने 'एक्सरसाइज साइबर सुरक्षा - 2024' में भाग लिया और भारत की साइबर रक्षा क्षमताओं को मजबूत करने के महत्व को रेखांकित किया। यह अभ्यास _____ द्वारा आयोजित किया गया है।

- (a) Ministry of IT
- (b) Ministry of Defence
- (c) ISRO
- (d) DRDO
- (e) Defence Cyber Agency

Ans. e

Sol. CDS Anil Chauhan attends Exercise Cyber Suraksha 2024

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Anil Chauhan attended 'Exercise Cyber Suraksha – 2024' and underscored the importance of strengthening India's cyber defence capabilities.

The comprehensive cyber defence exercise is being conducted by Defence Cyber Agency.

It aims to further develop Cyber Defence Capability of all Cyber security organisations and promote synergy amongst all stakeholders.

It focusses on enhancing collaboration and integration among participants from various military and prominent national organizations.

274. Spain has become the ____ member of the International Solar Alliance.

स्पेन अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सौर गठबंधन का ____ सदस्य बन गया है।

- (a) 97th
- (b) 98th
- (c) 99th
- (d) 100th
- (e) 101st

Ans. c

Sol. Spain becomes 99th member of International Solar Alliance

Spain has become the 99th member of the International Solar Alliance.

Spain handed over the International Solar Alliance Instrument of Ratification, during the meeting of Ambassador José María Ridaó Domínguez of Spain with the Head of Depository, Joint Secretary in the External Affairs Ministry Abhishek Singh in New Delhi.

The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is a collaborative platform for increased deployment of solar energy technologies as a means for bringing energy access, ensuring energy security, and driving energy transition in its member countries.

The ISA was conceived as a joint effort by India and France to mobilize efforts against climate change through the deployment of solar energy solutions.

It was conceptualized on the sidelines of the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held in Paris in 2015.

Headquarters of ISA - Gurugram, Haryana

About Spain

- Capital**- Madrid
- Currency** – Euro
- Prime Minister**- Pedro Sánchez
- Official language**- Spanish

275. Which company has partnered with Tata Communications to launch Webex Calling in India in May 2024?

मई 2024 में भारत में वेबेक्स कॉलिंग लॉन्च करने के लिए किस कंपनी ने टाटा कम्युनिकेशंस के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) Cisco
- (b) Casio
- (c) Starlink
- (d) Reliance Industries
- (e) Lenovo

Ans. a

Sol. Cisco and Tata Communications partner to launch Webex Calling in India

Cisco and Tata Communications have launched their Webex Calling solution in India with cloud public switched telephone network (PSTN), aimed at helping enterprises move from on-premises phone systems to a global cloud calling system.

The calls will be routed via Tata Communications' data centre in the Mumbai region, thereby helping organizations stay compliant with local regulations

Webex Calling is a modern and complete business phone system that delivers enterprise-grade calling through a globally available cloud platform with over 14 million users around the world.

It provides businesses with powerful innovations, flexible deployment options, and centralized administration.

276. The University of Tokyo has recently inaugurated the Atacama Observatory (TAO) in Antofagasta Region. Antofagasta Region located in which country?

टोक्यो विश्वविद्यालय ने हाल ही में एंटोफ़गास्टा क्षेत्र में अटाकामा वेधशाला (टीएओ) का उद्घाटन किया है। एंटोफ़गास्टा क्षेत्र किस देश में स्थित है?

- (a) Netherland / नीदरलैंड
- (b) Chile / चिली
- (c) Brazil / ब्राजील
- (d) Finland / फिनलैंड
- (e) Scotland / स्कॉटलैंड

Ans. b

Sol. University of Tokyo inaugurates world's highest observatory in Chile

The University of Tokyo has inaugurated the Atacama Observatory (TAO) in Chile's Antofagasta Region.

It has been built on the summit of Cerro Chajnantor in the Antofagasta Region, at 5,640 meters above sea level. TAO also houses a 6.5-meter optical-infrared telescope. The telescope will focus on understanding the nature of the universe, according to Emol's academic section.

This new observatory is located near the ALMA (Atacama Large Millimeter/Submillimeter Array) radio telescope, one of the largest astronomical projects in the world, in which an international association of countries participates.

More than twelve observatories and radio observatories are located in northern Chile, most in the regions of Antofagasta, Atacama and Coquimbo.

Twenty-nine municipalities in these three regions have been declared areas with scientific and research value for astronomical observation.

277. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved how much rupees as dividend payout to the central government for 2023-24?

भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) ने 2023-24 के लिए केंद्र सरकार को कितने रुपये के लाभांश भुगतान को मंजूरी दी है?

- (a) ₹1.11 lakh crore
- (b) ₹2.11 lakh crore
- (c) ₹3.11 lakh crore
- (d) ₹2.22 lakh crore
- (e) ₹2.01 lakh crore

Ans. b

Sol. RBI approves ₹2.11 lakh crore dividend payout to govt for 2023-24

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved a ₹2.11 lakh crore dividend payout to the central government for 2023-24, more than double the amount it paid for the previous 2022-23 financial year.

The decision was taken at the 608th meeting of the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India held under the chairmanship of Governor Shaktikanta Das.

The Board approved the transfer of ₹2,10,874 crore as surplus to the Central Government for the accounting year 2023-24.

The dividend payout was ₹87,416 crore for 2022-23.

Analysts had expected a surplus transfer in the range of 750 billion rupees to 1.2 trillion rupees, aided by strong foreign exchange earnings.

278. Who has taken oath of office and secrecy as Member, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission?

केंद्रीय विद्युत नियामक आयोग के सदस्य के रूप में किसने पद और गोपनीयता की शपथ ली है?

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Rahul Singh / राहुल सिंह
- (c) Ramesh Babu V / रमेश बाबू वी.
- (d) Joyeeta Gupta / जोयिता गुप्ता
- (e) Raghu Srinivasan / रघु श्रीनिवासन

Ans. c

Sol. Government appoints Ramesh Babu V as Member in Central Electricity Regulatory Commission. Shri Ramesh Babu V. has taken oath of office and secrecy as Member, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission. The oath of office and secrecy was administered to him, by the Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy Shri R. K. Singh.

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) was established by the Government of India under the provisions of the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998.

CERC is the Central Commission for the purposes of the Electricity Act, 2003 which has repealed the ERC Act, 1998.

The Commission consists of a Chairperson and three other Members. Additionally, Chairperson, Central Electricity Authority is the ex-officio Member of the Commission.

279. Which company has secured a significant milestone by securing the third rank globally at the ATD BEST Award 2024?

किस कंपनी ने ATD BEST अवार्ड 2024 में विश्व स्तर पर तीसरी रैंक हासिल करके एक महत्वपूर्ण उपलब्धि हासिल की है?

- (a) ReNew Power / रिन्यू पावर
- (b) TP renewable Microgrid / टीपी रिन्यूएबल माइक्रोग्रिड
- (c) JSW Energy / जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी
- (d) NTPC Limited / एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड
- (e) Torrent Power / टोरेंट पावर

Ans. d

Sol. NTPC gets third rank at ATD BEST Award 2024 for talent development

NTPC, one of the largest power utility public sector companies, has secured a significant milestone by securing the third rank globally at the ATD BEST Award 2024.

Rachana Singh Bhal, CGM (Strategic HR and Talent Management), accepted the award at a ceremony held in New Orleans, USA.

The ATD BEST Award, established by the Association for Talent Development (ATD), USA, is one of the most esteemed international recognitions in the field of Learning and Development (L&D).

Notably, NTPC is the only PSU to have received this prestigious award seven times in the past eight years.

Recent Awards

- **PSU Samarpan Award** - Hemant Khatri (CMD of Hindustan Shipyard Limited)
- **Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024** - Pawan Sindhi (Social worker)
- **Best Employer' 2023 by Kincentric** - DBS Bank India
- **Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2024** - Bhavi Mehta (for The Book Beautiful)
- **UNESCO's Guillermo Cano World Press Prize 2024** - All Palestinian journalists

280. Sachin Sarjerao Khilari, who was seen in news in May 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?

सचिन सरजेराव खिलारी, जिन्हें मई 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में देखा गया था, निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़े हैं?

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Shooting / शूटिंग
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

Ans. b

Sol. Sachin Khilari clinches gold medal in shot put at World Para Athletics Championship

In Para Athletics, India's Sachin Sarjerao Khilari clinched the gold medal in the men's shot put at the World Para Athletics Championship in Kobe, Japan.

He also set a new Asian record with a throw of 16.30 metres in the F46 category, to defended his title at the world championships.

Another Indian, Dharambir bagged the Bronze Medal in the Men's Club Throw. His final throw distance of 33.31 metres not only secured him the Bronze Medal but also set a new Asian Record in the F51 Category.

Mariyappan Thangavelu clinched his maiden gold medal at the World Para Athletics by leaping 1.88m in the men's T63 high jump event.

281. Which of the following countries will host the AFC Women's Asian Cups 2029?

निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा देश एएफसी महिला एशियाई कप 2029 की मेजबानी करेगा?

- (a) Kazakhstan / कजाकिस्तान
- (b) Uzbekistan / उज़्बेकिस्तान
- (c) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) Ireland / आयरलैंड

Ans. b

Sol. Australia and Uzbekistan host AFC Women's Asian Cups

Australia and Uzbekistan have been confirmed as hosts for the 2026 and 2029 AFC Women's Asian Cups, respectively.

It highlights the growing importance of women's football in Asia.

This marks Australia's second time hosting after 2006 and makes Uzbekistan the first Central Asian nation to host the event.

President of AFC - Shaikh Salman.

282. In which city the second phase of Archery World Cup 2024 started?

तीरंदाजी विश्व कप 2024 का दूसरा चरण किस शहर में शुरू हुआ?

- (a) Tlaxcala
- (b) Antalya
- (c) Tokyo
- (d) New Delhi
- (e) Yecheon

Ans. e

Sol. 2nd stage of Archery World Cup 2024 begins in Korea

The second stage of the Archery World Cup 2024 begins at Yecheon in Korea.

India has sent the same 16-member team that took part in the first stage in Shanghai, China last month.

The Indian contingent emerged as the champion team in the first stage, with a total of eight medals, including five gold medals, two silver, and one bronze.

This was India's highest medal tally at any single edition of an archery World Cup.

Stage three of the prestigious tournament will be held in Antalya, Turkiye, while the final stage will be held in Tlaxcala, Mexico.

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283. Buddha Purnima, or Buddha Jayanti or Vesak, is an annual celebration observed on the first full moon of the Hindu calendar month Vaishakha. This significant day commemorates the birth of Lord Gautam Buddha. This year celebrated the _____ birth anniversary of Gautama Buddha.

बुद्ध पूर्णिमा, या बुद्ध जयंती या वेसाक, हिंदू कैलेंडर माह वैशाख की पहली पूर्णिमा को मनाया जाने वाला एक वार्षिक उत्सव है। यह महत्वपूर्ण दिन भगवान गौतम बुद्ध के जन्म की याद दिलाता है। इस वर्ष गौतम बुद्ध की _____ जयंती मनाई गई।

- (a) 2486th / 2486वीं
- (b) 2586th / 2586वीं
- (c) 2686th / 2686वीं
- (d) 2576th / 2576वीं
- (e) 2566th / 2566वीं

Ans. b

Sol. 23 May - 2586th birth anniversary of Gautama Buddha

Buddha Purnima, or Buddha Jayanti or Vesak, is an annual celebration observed on the first full moon of the Hindu calendar month Vaishakha.

Buddhists worldwide celebrate Buddha Purnima with great fervour. This year, Buddha Purnima observed on 23rd May (Thursday).

This significant day commemorates the birth of Lord Gautam Buddha, who was born as Prince Siddhartha Gautam in Lumbini, present-day Nepal, around 563 BC.

He overcame the cycle of birth and rebirth, taking on the roles of philosopher, spiritual guide, religious leader, and devoted meditator. Buddha Purnima celebrates the 'Enlightened One', who achieved liberation from the cycle of rebirth. In North India, Buddha is regarded as the ninth incarnation and Lord Krishna as the eighth incarnation of Lord Vishnu. Conversely, in South Indian tradition, Buddha is not seen as an avatar of Vishnu. Instead, Balarama is revered as the eighth incarnation and Krishna as the ninth.

Most Vaishnava movements recognize Balarama as an incarnation of Vishnu, while Buddhists do not view Buddha as an avatar of Lord Vishnu.

284. World Turtle Day is observed every year on which day?

विश्व कछुआ दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 21 May
- (b) 22 May
- (c) 23 May
- (d) 24 May
- (e) 25 May

Ans. c

Sol. 23 May - World Turtle Day

World Turtle Day is observed every year on 23 May.

Objective - To raise awareness about the lifestyle and habitat of turtles as well as tortoises and urge people to understand them better and contribute to their wellbeing.

It was started in the year 2000 by American tortoise Rescue as a way of urging people to come together to understand tortoises and turtles better.

285. Who has become the youngest Indian mountaineer to climb the world's highest peak Mount Everest?

दुनिया की सबसे ऊंची चोटी माउंट एवरेस्ट पर चढ़ने वाले सबसे कम उम्र के भारतीय पर्वतारोही कौन बन गए हैं?

- (a) Ashish Singh
- (b) Suvidha Kadlag
- (c) Yaashi Jain
- (d) Ravindra Kumar
- (e) Kaamya Karthikeyan

Ans. e

Sol. Kaamya Karthikeyan becomes youngest Indian to summit Mt Everest at 16 Sixteen-year-old Kaamya Karthikeyan successfully summited Mt. Everest, becoming the youngest Indian mountaineer to scale the world's highest peak from the Nepal side. The daughter of a naval officer, Kaamya is a class 12 student at Navy Children School, Mumbai.

Kaamya and her father Cdr S Karthikeyan successfully summited Mt. Everest (8,849 m).

286. Which company has inaugurated a simulation centre of excellence (CoE) for Airbus at its Bengaluru campus in May 2024?

मई 2024 में किस कंपनी ने अपने बेंगलुरु परिसर में एयरबस के लिए उत्कृष्टता सिमुलेशन केंद्र (सीओई) का उद्घाटन किया है?

- (a) HCL / एचसीएल
- (b) Tata Consultancy Service / टाटा कंसल्टेंसी सर्विस
- (c) Reliance Industries Limited / रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड
- (d) Infosys Technologies / इंफोसिस टेक्नोलॉजीज
- (e) L&T Technology Services / एल एंड टी टेक्नोलॉजी सर्विसेज

Ans. e

Sol. L&T Technology Services launches simulation centre for Airbus in Bengaluru

L&T Technology Services has inaugurated a simulation centre of excellence (CoE) for Airbus at its Bengaluru campus.

The CoE is designed to provide engineering support for Airbus aircraft structural simulation activities across its business units in France, Germany, the UK, and Spain.

The CoE is equipped with simulation software, hardware, and computational machinery. It aims to standardise processes across all Airbus European business units and aircraft programmes, streamline efficiency, and enhance productivity.

287. Which company has acquired 6.125 per cent equity stake in CCIL IFSC Limited (CCIL IFSC) in May 2024.

किस कंपनी ने मई 2024 में सीसीआईएल आईएफएससी लिमिटेड (सीसीआईएल आईएफएससी) में 6.125 प्रतिशत इक्विटी हिस्सेदारी का अधिग्रहण किया है।

- (a) HSBC
- (b) HDFC
- (c) DBS
- (d) ICICI
- (e) none of above

Ans. a

Sol. HSBC acquires 6.125% stake in CCIL IFSC

HSBC, a leading global bank and financial services major, has through its branch in Gift City executed transaction documents to acquire 6.125 per cent equity stake in CCIL IFSC Limited (CCIL IFSC).

The investment value for this transaction stood at ₹6.125 crore.

Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (CCIL) is promoter of CCIL IFSC Limited and will hold 57.125 per cent stake in this subsidiary.

CCIL IFSC is being incorporated with an authorised and paid-up capital of ₹200 crore and ₹100 crore, respectively.

CCIL IFSC will be responsible to build and operate the Foreign Currency Settlement System (FCSS) at Gujarat International Finance Tec (Gift) City, which is country's sole international financial services centre (IFSC).

288. Recently, which state government has reserved 33% of government contract jobs for women?

हाल ही में, किस राज्य सरकार ने महिलाओं के लिए 33% सरकारी अनुबंध नौकरियां आरक्षित की हैं?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Karnataka / कर्नाटक
- (e) Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़

Ans. d

Sol. Karnataka mandates 33% reservation for women in govt contract jobs

Aligning with the quota policy applied in permanent government positions, the State government has now made it mandatory to provide 33% reservation for women in services and posts that are being outsourced by various government departments and organisations.

This reservation is within the stipulated quota for SC/ST and other backward communities, ensuring women's representation in outsourced jobs across various government departments and organizations.

There are currently over 75,000 employees holding outsourced jobs in government departments.

The government usually hires third party agencies to provide staff for Group C and Group D posts, such as drivers, data entry operators, and housekeeping staff.

About Karnataka

- **Capital** – Bengaluru
- **Chief Minister** – Siddaramaiah
- **Deputy Chief Minister** - DK Shivakumar
- **Governor** – Thawar Chand Gehlot

289. Which three countries have announced to recognize Palestine as an independent country in May 2024?

मई 2024 में किन तीन देशों ने फिलिस्तीन को एक स्वतंत्र देश के रूप में मान्यता देने की घोषणा की है?

- (a) Norway, Spain, and Finland
- (b) Norway, Switzerland, and Ireland
- (c) Norway, Spain, and Brazil
- (d) Netherlands, Spain, and Ireland
- (e) Norway, Spain, and Ireland

Ans. e

Sol. Norway, Spain, and Ireland to Recognise Palestinian state

The governments of Norway, Spain, and Ireland have announced that they would recognise the Palestinian state.

In a swift reaction, the Israeli government condemned the move, while the Palestinians welcomed it.

The official recognition by the three nations of an independent Palestinian state will take effect on 28 May 2024.

Currently, seven member of the 27-nation European Union officially recognize a Palestinian state.

Five of them are former east bloc countries who announced recognition in 1988, as did Cyprus, before joining the bloc.

Sweden announced recognition in 2014.

290. In May 2024, which company exported its first-ever consignment of 100 octane premium fuel 'XP100' to Sri Lanka?

मई 2024 में, किस कंपनी ने श्रीलंका को 100 ऑक्टेन प्रीमियम ईंधन 'XP100' की पहली खेप निर्यात की?

- (a) Hindustan Petroleum / हिंदुस्तान पेट्रोलियम
- (b) Indian Oil Corporation / इंडियन ऑयल कॉर्पोरेशन
- (c) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation / तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस निगम
- (d) Reliance Petroleum / रिलायंस पेट्रोलियम
- (e) Bharat Petroleum / भारत पेट्रोलियम

Ans. b

Sol. Indian Oil exports premium fuel to Sri Lanka

Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) exported its first-ever consignment of 100 octane premium fuel, XP100 to Sri Lanka.

The product is tailored for premium high-end vehicles.

About XP100

- The XP100 is domestically developed, leveraging IndianOil's indigenous Octamax Technology.
- Designed with anti-knock properties, it is engineered to enhance engine performance, faster acceleration, smoother drivability and improved fuel economy.
- The formulation is said to reduce engine deposits and emissions in high compression ratio engines, optimising vehicle performance and longevity while minimizing maintenance.
- It is also eco-friendly fuel with significantly reduced tailpipe emissions.

291. In May 2024, which organization slapped penalties totalling ₹11.90 crore on 19 entities and barred them from the securities market for up to five years for indulging in a pump-and-dump scheme of shares in Superior Finlease Ltd?

मई 2024 में, किस संगठन ने सुपीरियर फिनलीज लिमिटेड में शेयरों की पंप-एंड-डंप योजना में शामिल होने के लिए 19 संस्थाओं पर कुल ₹11.90 करोड़ का जुर्माना लगाया और उन्हें प्रतिभूति बाजार से पांच साल तक के लिए प्रतिबंधित कर दिया?

- (a) NABARD / नाबार्ड
- (b) RBI / आरबीआई
- (c) PFRDA / पीएफआरडीए
- (d) SEBI / सेबी
- (e) SIDBI / सिडबी

Ans. d

Sol. SEBI imposes ₹11.90 crore fine on 19 entities for Superior Finlease 'pump and dump'

SEBI has slapped penalties totalling ₹11.90 crore on 19 entities and also barred them from the securities market for up to five years for indulging in a pump-and-dump scheme of shares in the matter of Superior Finlease Ltd.

The regulator-imposed fines in the range of ₹10 lakh to ₹5 crore on 19 entities, including Rajneesh Kumar, Ashish P Shah and Kirtidan K Gadhave.

Further, Sebi also barred 17 entities, including Kumar, Shah, and Gadhave from the securities markets for five years.

In addition, the markets watchdog barred Jalaj Agrawal and Arvind Shukla from the securities markets for three years.

About Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

- **Founded** - 12 April 1988
- **Act** - 1992
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai
- **Chairman** - Madhabi Puri Buch
- **Executive Director** - G Ram Mohan Rao
- **SEBI Set up** - Uday Kotak committee

292. Who has been awarded the prestigious Shaw Prize in Astronomy for 2024?**2024 के लिए खगोल विज्ञान में प्रतिष्ठित शॉ पुरस्कार से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (a) Gururaj Deshpande / गुरुराज देशपांडे
- (b) Dr K Sivan / डॉ के सिवन
- (c) Paul Ferri / पॉल फ़ेरी
- (d) Ritu Karidhal / रितु करिधल
- (e) Srinivas Kulkarni / श्रीनिवास कुलकर्णी

Ans. e**Sol.** Srinivas Kulkarni honoured with 2024 Shaw Prize in astronomy

Srinivas R. Kulkarni, an Indian-origin U.S. scientist and brother of Sudha Murty, has been awarded the prestigious Shaw Prize in Astronomy for 2024.

Kulkarni, who serves as the George Ellery Hale Professor of Astronomy and Planetary Science at Caltech.

Kulkarni has been awarded for his ground-breaking discoveries on millisecond pulsars, gamma-ray bursts, supernovae, and other transient astronomical phenomena.

The Shaw Prize consists of three annual prizes: Astronomy, Life Science and Medicine, and Mathematical Sciences, each bearing a monetary award of USD 1.2 million.

Hong Kong-based film and television personality and philanthropist Run Run Shaw (1907-2014) founded the Shaw Foundation Hong Kong and The Sir Run Run Shaw Charitable Trust.

Recent Award

- **PSU Samarpan Award** - Hemant Khatri (CMD of Hindustan Shipyard Limited)
- **Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024** - Pawan Sindhi (Social worker)
- **Best Employer' 2023 by Kincentric** - DBS Bank India
- **Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize 2024** - Bhavi Mehta (for The Book Beautiful)
- **UNESCO's Guillermo Cano World Press Prize 2024** - All Palestinian journalists

293. German writer Jenny Erpenbach and translator Michael Hoffman have received the International Booker Prize for which story?

जर्मन लेखक जेनी एर्पेनबेक और अनुवादक माइकल हॉफमैन ने किस कथा के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बुकर पुरस्कार मिला है ?

- (a) Uriege Nameun Dan Hanbeonui Gihoeeyo
- (b) Ije Naenwa
- (c) Throne
- (d) Kang
- (e) Kairos

Ans. e

Sol. Jenny Erpenbeck's 'Kairos' wins the International Booker Prize 2024

German author Jenny Erpenbeck and translator Michael Hofmann won the International Booker Prize for fiction "Kairos," the story of a tangled love affair during the final years of East Germany's existence.

The book would help readers learn there was more to life in the now-vanished Communist country than depicted in 'The Lives of Others', the Academy Award-winning 2006 film about pervasive state surveillance in the 1980s.

The International Booker Prize recognizes fiction from around the world that has been translated into English and published in the UK or Ireland.

The £50,000 (\$64,000) prize money is divided equally between the author and the translator, celebrating their collaborative efforts in bringing literary masterpieces to a wider audience.

294. Which International Airport was awarded the zero waste to landfill (ZWL) accolade by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII-ITC) Centre of Excellence?

किस अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे को भारतीय उद्योग परिसंघ (CII-ITC) उत्कृष्टता केंद्र द्वारा शून्य अपशिष्ट टू लैंडफिल (ZWL) पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया?

- (a) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi / इंदिरा गांधी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा, दिल्ली
- (b) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru / केम्पेगौड़ा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा, बेंगलुरु
- (c) Cochin International Airport, Kochi / कोचीन अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा, कोच्चि
- (d) Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram / तिरुवनंतपुरम अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा, तिरुवनंतपुरम
- (e) Mangaluru International Airport, Mangaluru / मंगलुरु अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा, मंगलुरु

Ans. d

Sol. Thiruvananthapuram Airport achieved Zero Waste to Landfill status

Thiruvananthapuram International Airport was awarded the zero waste to landfill (ZWL) accolade by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII-ITC) Centre of Excellence.

It is the first airport in India to receive this recognition, achieving 99.50% waste diversion from landfills.

The award confirms the airport's implementation of leading waste management practices.

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295. Who has won the gold medal in the women's 40kg category at the IWF World Youth Championships?

मई 2024 में IWF विश्व युवा चैंपियनशिप में महिलाओं के 40 किग्रा वर्ग में स्वर्ण पदक किसने जीता है?

- (a) Mirabai Chanu
- (b) Karnam Malleswari
- (c) Kunjarani Devi
- (d) Swati Singh
- (e) Preetismita Bhoi

Ans. e

Sol. Preetismita Bhoi smashes clean and jerk record for gold at World Youth C'ship

Indian weightlifter Preetismita Bhoi smashed the youth clean and jerk world record in the women's 40kg category to win a gold medal at the IWF World Youth Championships here.

The 15-year-old bettered the existing record of 75kg by 1kg.

She lifted 57kg in snatch for a total effort of 133kg, finishing within 2kg of the youth world standard on total on the opening day of the competition.

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296. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has launched a campaign to inspire people to celebrate the athletes participating in the upcoming Olympic Games in Paris. What is the name of this campaign?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ओलंपिक समिति (आईओसी) ने पेरिस में आगामी ओलंपिक खेलों में भाग लेने वाले एथलीटों का जश्न मनाने के लिए लोगों को प्रेरित करने के लिए एक अभियान शुरू किया है। इस अभियान का नाम क्या है?

- (a) Just Do It
- (b) Bounce to the Victory
- (c) Dream Crazy
- (d) Let's Move India
- (e) Change the Game

Ans. d

Sol. IOC launches 'Let's Move India' Campaign to Inspire People to celebrate Athletes at Paris Olympics

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has launched the 'Let's Move India', an initiative to inspire people to celebrate the athletes participating in the upcoming Olympic Games in Paris.

The move invites people from across the country to join the movement through a digital challenge on social media.

Young people can take part in a series of regional school initiatives to coincide with Olympic Day on June 23.

People are encouraged to recreate their favourite athlete celebrations or create their own, aiming to inspire and celebrate the Olympians heading to Paris 2024, who will be representing their 1.4 billion compatriots from July 26.

The IOC has joined forces with Abhinav Bindra, India's first individual Olympic gold medallist, and an IOC Athletes' Commission member, and together, they will extend invitations to schools across the nation to join the movement, as part of the Olympic Values Education Programme.

297. National Brother's Day is celebrated every year on which day to respect the special bond shared between brothers?

भाइयों के बीच साझा किए गए विशेष बंधन का सम्मान करने के लिए हर साल किस दिन राष्ट्रीय ब्रदर्स दिवस मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 22 May
- (b) 23 May
- (c) 24 May
- (d) 21 May
- (e) 25 May

Ans. c

Sol. 24 May - National Brother's Day

National Brother's Day is celebrated every year on 24 May to respect the special bond shared between brothers. National Brother's Day traces its origins back to 2005, when C Daniel Rhodes from Alabama first organised the holiday.

Initially named 'National Brother's Day,' it was created to honour and recognise the contributions brothers make to their families.

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298. International Day of the Markhor is observed every year on which day?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय माखोर दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 22 May
- (b) 23 May
- (c) 24 May
- (d) 21 May
- (e) 25 May

Ans. c

Sol. May 24 - International Day of the Markhor

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has proclaimed May 24 as the International Day of the Markhor.

Objective - To raise awareness and promote the conservation of this iconic and ecologically significant species found across the mountainous regions of Central and South Asia.

The markhor (*Capra falconeri*) is an iconic and ecologically significant species found across the mountainous regions of Central and South Asia, including Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The markhor was categorized as "near threatened" in 2014 and is on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species, and has been included in Appendix I to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora since 1992.

301. Doordarshan Kisan (DD KISAN) has become the first government TV channel in the country to launch two AI anchors. What is the name of these anchors?

दूरदर्शन किसान (डीडी किसान) दो एआई एंकर लॉन्च करने वाला देश का पहला सरकारी टीवी चैनल बन गया है। इन एंकरों का नाम क्या है?

- (i) Al Krish
- (ii) Al Kisan
- (iii) Al Darshan
- (iv) Al Bhoomi
- (a) i & ii
- (b) ii & iii
- (c) iii & iv
- (d) i & iii
- (e) i & iv

Ans. e

Sol. DD Kisan launched AI Anchors Krish and Bhoomi

Doordarshan Kisan (DD KISAN) has become the first government TV channel of the country to launch two AI anchors – Al Krish and Al Bhoomi.

The AI anchors can speak in fifty languages and read news 24 hours and 365 days without getting tired.

The viewers will be able to see these anchors in all the states of the country.

These AI anchors will provide necessary information about agricultural research in the country and global level, trends in Krishi Mandis, changes in the weather and information about government schemes.

302. Which state has celebrated Saga Dawa festival recently?

हाल ही में किस राज्य ने सागा दावा उत्सव मनाया है?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Sikkim / सिक्किम
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

Ans. b

Sol. Sikkim celebrates Saga Dawa festival

Sikkim has celebrated Saga Dawa, a festival that falls annually on the 15th day of the fourth month of the Northern Buddhist Calendar.

Saga Dawa is considered the most sacred Buddhist festival, commemorating the birth, enlightenment, and Mahaparinirvana (passing away) of Buddha Shakyamuni.

This day is also known as the 'Triple Blessed Occasion'.

About Sikkim

- **Capital** - Gangtok
- **Chief Minister** - Prem Singh Tamang
- **Governor** - Lakshman Prasad Acharya

303. The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of Pradeep Kumar Sinha as the Part-time Chairman of which bank?

भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने किस बैंक के अंशकालिक अध्यक्ष के रूप में प्रदीप कुमार सिन्हा की नियुक्ति को मंजूरी दे दी है?

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक

Ans. e

Sol. RBI approves appointment of Pradeep Kumar Sinha as Part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank

The Reserve Bank of India has granted its approval for the appointment of Pradeep Kumar Sinha as the Part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank.

Sinha is set to assume this role for a term of three years, starting from July 1, 2024.

Sinha will step into the position vacated by G. C. Chaturvedi, who is due to retire as Non-Executive Part-time Chairman on June 30, 2024, at the close of business hours.

Sinha has been a Government Nominee Director in numerous major Public Sector Undertakings like ONGC, IOCL, HPCL, BPCL, GAIL, etc.

About Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) Bank

- **Founded** - 1994
- **Headquarters** – Mumbai
- **MD & CEO** - Sandeep Bakhshi
- **Tagline** - Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka

304. Recently, Automaker Citroen roped in former India cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni as its brand ambassador in India. Citroen is the company of which country?

हाल ही में, ऑटोमेकर सिट्रोएन ने भारत के पूर्व क्रिकेट कप्तान महेंद्र सिंह धोनी को भारत में अपना ब्रांड एंबेसडर बनाया है। Citroen किस देश की कंपनी है?

- (a) France / फ्रांस
- (b) South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) Israel / इजराइल

Ans. a

Sol. MS Dhoni appointed as Citroen's brand ambassador in India

French automaker Citroen has roped in former India cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni as its brand ambassador in India.

Dhoni will mark his debut innings with Citroen in a campaign that will soon go live.

We believe that our association with one of India's finest cricketers, Dhoni, will go a long way in reinforcing our commitment to the Indian market.

Recent Brand Ambassador

- Kareena Kapoor Khan - UNICEF India National Ambassador
- Sanjana Sanghi - SPACE India
- Neeraj Chopra - Eveready Batteries
- Nayanthar - Slice (the popular mango-flavored drink)
- Neeraj Chopra - BPCL's Speed Petrol Varian

305. Delhi has been placed 350 in the Oxford Economics Global Cities Index 2024, making it the highest ranked Indian city. Which city has achieved topped the index?

ऑक्सफोर्ड इकोनॉमिक्स ग्लोबल सिटीज़ इंडेक्स 2024 में दिल्ली को 350वें स्थान पर रखा गया है, जिससे यह सर्वोच्च रैंक वाला भारतीय शहर बन गया है। किस शहर ने सूचकांक में शीर्ष स्थान हासिल किया है?

- (a) New York
- (b) Sidney
- (c) Paris
- (d) Tokyo
- (e) Bengaluru

Ans. a

Sol. Delhi ranks 350 in Oxford Global Cities Index Report 2024

Delhi has been placed 350 in the Oxford Economics Global Cities Index 2024, making it the highest ranked Indian city. The ranking compares the world's 1000 cities.

Bengaluru, India's IT hub, stood at 411, higher than the country's financial capital Mumbai, which stood at 427.

On the other hand, Sultanpur in Uttar Pradesh ranked last in the index, at 1000th place.

New York achieved the highest ranking in all five categories with a score of 100, followed by London and San Jose securing the 2nd and 3rd positions, respectively.

The Global Cities Index Report is an annual report that ranks roughly 1,000 largest cities across the world, spanning 163 different countries in five crucial categories.

The index is calculated based on scores across categories such as Economics, Human Capital, Quality of Life, Environment, and Governance.

These scores are combined to generate an overall rank for each city. In 2023, cities in the report accounted for 60% of global GDP and 30% of the world's population.

Mumbai was ranked 915th in terms of quality of life, while Thrissur, a city in Kerala, achieved the 757th position in the Quality of Life category in India. On the other hand, Saharanpur, a city in Uttar Pradesh, ranked lowest at 966th place.

Delhi secured the 55th rank in the Human Capital category and 108th in the Economics category, while Bengaluru ranked 179th in Human Capital and 171st in Economics.

All Indian cities scored 380 in the Governance category.

306. Which former Pakistani cricket player has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup 2024?

किस पूर्व पाकिस्तानी क्रिकेट खिलाड़ी को ICC पुरुष T20 क्रिकेट विश्व कप 2024 का ब्रांड एंबेसडर नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Shoaib Akhtar / शोएब अख्तर
- (b) Wasim Akram / वसीम अकरम
- (c) Imran Khan / इमरान खान
- (d) Shoaib Malik / शोएब मलिक
- (e) Shahid Afridi / शाहिद अफरीदी

Ans. e

Sol. ICC names Shahid Afridi as Men's T 20 WC 2024 Brand Ambassador

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has appointed Pakistan's Shahid Afridi as the brand ambassador of the forthcoming 9th ICC Men's T20 World Cup.

The tournament will be co-hosted by the West Indies and the United States of America from 1 to 29 June 2024.

Shahid Afridi joins Indian Yuvraj Singh, Chris Gayle of West Indies, and Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt as brand ambassadors for the event.

The ICC Men's T20 World Cup start on 1 June, with the USA team taking on Canada at the Grand Prairie Stadium in Dallas, the United States of America. India will take on Pakistan on 9 June in New York.

About International Cricket Council (ICC)

- **Formation** - 15 June 1909
- **Headquarters** - Dubai, UAE
- **Chairman** - Greg Barclay (New Zealand)
- **Deputy Chairman** - Imran Khwaja (Singapore)
- **CEO** - Geoff Allardice (Australia)
- **General Manager** – Wasim Khan
- **Membership** - 108 members

307. In May 2024, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a Rs 3.10 lakh penalty on which company for rule violations?

मई 2024 में, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) ने नियम उल्लंघन के लिए किस कंपनी पर 3.10 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया?

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance / बजाज आलियांज जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (b) Hero Fincorp Ltd / हीरो फिनकॉर्प लिमिटेड
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance / कोटक महिंद्रा लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
- (d) Life Insurance Corporation of India / भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम
- (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance / यूनिवर्सल सोम्पो जनरल इंश्योरेंस

Ans. b

Sol. RBI imposes Rs 3.10-lakh penalty on Hero Fincorp for rule violations

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed Rs 3.10 lakh penalty on Hero Fincorp Ltd for rule violations.

The penalty was imposed for non-compliance with certain provisions of the 'Non-Banking Financial Company - Systemically Important Non-Deposit taking Company and Deposit taking Company (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016' issued by RBI.

Hero Fincorp did not convey the terms and conditions of loans in writing to the borrowers in the vernacular language understood by them.

This action is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the company with its customers.

308. Saurabh H Mehta has introduced the world's first fully biodegradable pen. What is the name of this pen?

सौरभ एच मेहता ने दुनिया का पहला पूरी तरह से बायोडिग्रेडेबल पेन पेश किया है। इस पेन का नाम क्या है?

- (a) BAMBOO
- (b) BIO
- (c) ECO PEN
- (d) EV PEN
- (e) NOTE

Ans. e

Sol. World's first 100% biodegradable pen launches in India

Saurabh H Mehta from New Delhi has introduced the world's first fully biodegradable pen, named the NOTE pen (No Offence to Earth).

The pen features a recycled paper refill, and non-toxic ink, and comes in options of metal, paper, or bamboo exteriors.

This innovation aims to reduce plastic waste, a significant issue as over 50 billion ballpoint pens are discarded annually.

309. Star player Dinesh Karthik has announced his retirement from the Indian Premier League. Which team did he play for in IPL 2024?

स्टार खिलाड़ी दिनेश कार्तिक ने इंडियन प्रीमियर लीग से संन्यास की घोषणा कर दी है. आईपीएल 2024 में उन्होंने किस टीम के लिए खेला?

- (a) Chennai Super Kings
- (b) Royal Challengers Bengaluru
- (c) Mumbai Indians
- (d) Kolkata Knight Riders
- (e) Delhi Capitals

Ans. b

Sol. Dinesh Karthik announced retirement from IPL

Indian wicketkeeper and Royal Challengers Bengaluru star player Dinesh Karthik has announced his retirement from the Indian Premier League.

The veteran wicket-keeper batter was given a guard of honour by RCB players.

Dinesh Karthik, an accomplished Indian cricketer, debuted internationally in 2004 and has played over 300 T20 matches. Karthik served as captain of the Kolkata Knight Riders between 2018 & 2020 and has also been a commentator for Sky Sports.

Recently Retired Players

- Toni Kroos (Germany) - International Football 
- Sunil Chhetri (India) – International Football 
- Colin Munro (New Zealand) - International Cricket
- Bismah Maroof (Pakistan) - International Cricket
- Saurav Ghosal (India) - Professional Squash

310. An 18-year-old woman E-rickshaw driver, Arti has been conferred with the Amal Clooney Women's Empowerment Award by the King of the United Kingdom, Charles III. She is from which state of India?

18 वर्षीय महिला ई-रिक्शा चालक आरती को यूनाइटेड किंगडम के राजा चार्ल्स तृतीय द्वारा अमल क्लूनी महिला सशक्तिकरण पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया है। वह भारत के किस राज्य से हैं?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

Ans. a

Sol. E -Rickshaw driver Arti conferred UK's Women's Empowerment Award

An 18-year-old woman E-rickshaw driver from the Bahraich district of Uttar Pradesh, Arti has been conferred with the Amal Clooney Women's Empowerment Award by the King of the United Kingdom, Charles III.

Arti arrived at Buckingham Palace in a Pink E-rickshaw, which she received under the Mission Shakti scheme of the UP government. The Uttar Pradesh government launched Mission Shakti in 2020 to empower the women of the state through safety, security, and self-reliance.

The scheme aims to provide a secure environment for women and provide training and access to livelihood schemes so that they can change their lives and become self-independent.

Recent Award

- **Shaw Prize 2024 in astronomy** - Srinivas R. Kulkarni
- **International Booker Prize 2024** - Jenny Erpenbeck and Michael Hofmann (Kairos)
- **ATD BEST Award 2024 for Talent Development** – NTPC Ltd (3rd Rank)
- **Global Excellence Award 2024** - Chandrakant Satija
- **PSU Samarpan Award** - Hemant Khatri (CMD of Hindustan Shipyard Limited)

311. African Liberation Day is celebrated every year on which day?

अफ्रीकी मुक्ति दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 23 May
- (b) 24 May
- (c) 25 May
- (d) 26 May
- (e) 27 May

Ans. c

Sol. 25 May - Africa Day

Africa Day, also known as African Liberation Day, is celebrated on May 25.

The Day celebrates African unity, diversity and achievements across the continent. It stressed the importance of unity among African nations in achieving common goals and addressing shared challenges.

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It is also an annual commemoration of the founding of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) on May 25, 1963.

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312. International Week of Solidarity with Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories is celebrated annually from _____.

गैर-स्वशासी क्षेत्रों के लोगों के साथ एकजुटता का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सप्ताह प्रतिवर्ष _____ से मनाया जाता है।

- (a) 25-31 May
- (b) 26-31 May
- (c) 27-31 May
- (d) 24-30 May
- (e) 25-30 May

Ans. a

Sol. 25-31 May - International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The UN commemorates International Week of Solidarity with Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories annually from May 25 to May 31.

This day aims to request the administering Powers to protect and respect the rights of the peoples in these territories to their natural resources and their property rights.

The UN describes a Non-Self-Governing Territory as a territory "whose people have not yet gained a complete degree of self-government."

From 1960 to 2002, 54 territories attained self-government. At present, there are 17 Non-Self-Governing Territories remaining. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1999.

313. World Football Day is observed on which day?

विश्व फुटबॉल दिवस किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 23 May
- (b) 24 May
- (c) 25 May
- (d) 26 May
- (e) 27 May

Ans. c

Sol. 25 May - World Football Day

2024 marks the 100th anniversary of the first international football tournament in history with the representation of all regions, which took place on May 25, 1924, during the summer Olympic games held in Paris.

In recognition of this milestone, on May 7, 2024, the General Assembly passed Resolution A/RES/78/281 proclaiming May 25 as World Football Day.

The resolution acknowledges "the global reach of football and its impact in various spheres, including commerce, peace and diplomacy, and recognizing that football creates a space for cooperation."

314. Which state government will set up a powerful, high-capacity data centre that will allow 2,300 concurrent users to run artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) applications?

कौन सी राज्य सरकार एक शक्तिशाली, उच्च क्षमता वाला डेटा सेंटर स्थापित करेगी जो 2,300 समवर्ती उपयोगकर्ताओं को कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (एआई) और मशीन लर्निंग (एमएल) एप्लिकेशन चलाने की अनुमति देगा?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Karnataka / कर्नाटक
- (e) Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़

Ans. b

Sol. WB govt plans new AI and ML-focused data centre

The West Bengal state government will set up a powerful, high-capacity data centre that will allow 2,300 concurrent users to run artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) applications.

This facility will enable the practical application of data science by providing infrastructure to support advanced data analysis.

This initiative will unveil at the Data Science 2024 Conference.

315. Which country has been given the name Remal Cyclone?

रेमल चक्रवात का नाम किस देश ने दिया गया है?

- (a) Malaysia / मलेशिया
- (b) Maldives / मालदीव
- (c) Oman / ओमान
- (d) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (e) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका

Ans. c

Sol. Cyclone Remal bring heavy rains in part of WB and Bangladesh

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a warning that a low depression in Bay Bengal has developed into a severe cyclonic storm Remal.

Cyclone Remal is the first cyclone of the season to develop in the Bay of Bengal region. The name Remal has been given by Oman which means sand in Arabic.

The Remal cyclone is expected to have a wind speed of 100-120 km per hour, bringing heavy rain and thundershowers in parts of West Bengal and Bangladesh.

Tropical cyclones are quite common in India during the months of May-June and October-November.

316. Jyoti Ratre becomes India's oldest woman to Conquer Mount Everest. She is from which state?

ज्योति रात्रे माउंट एवरेस्ट फतह करने वाली भारत की सबसे उम्रदराज महिला बन गई। वह किस राज्य से है?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

Ans. e

Sol. Jyoti Ratre becomes India's oldest woman to Conquer Mount Everest

Jyoti Ratre, an entrepreneur and fitness enthusiast from Madhya Pradesh, has etched her name in history by becoming the oldest Indian woman to conquer Mount Everest.

Ratre's remarkable achievement was realized as part of a 15-member expedition team organized by 8K Expeditions, led by the renowned Bolivian climber David Hugo Ayaviri Quispe.

Ratre's triumphant ascent to the summit of the world's highest peak comes precisely six years after Sangeeta Bahl, at the age of 53, earned the title of 'India's oldest woman to climb Mount Everest' on May 19, 2018.

317. Cyber Security Conclave was organized in which city to strengthen cyber security?

साइबर सुरक्षा को मजबूत करने के लिए साइबर सुरक्षा कॉन्क्लेव का आयोजन किस शहर में किया गया?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Kumarakom / कुमारकोम
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram / तिरुवनंतपुरम

Ans. b

Sol. Cyber Security Conclave organized in New Delhi

Cyber Security Conclave was organized in the country's capital New Delhi.

During this conclave, important strategies for cyber security were discussed. It was organized with joint efforts by CSC and United Service Institution.

During this, MoU was signed between CSC and USI to strengthen cyber security.

As cyber security has become a serious and sensitive matter, cyber threats are increasing rapidly across the world, with the number of data breaches increasing every year.

Cases of cyber security breaches by IT service providers are increasing every day. In such a situation, it has become necessary for companies to maintain a strong cybersecurity framework to retain their customers.

318. Who has been appointed as Chairperson of the Equestrian Federation of India's Ad-Hoc Administrative Committee?

इकेस्ट्रियन फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया की तदर्थ प्रशासनिक समिति के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde / जस्टिस शरद अरविंद बोबड़े
- (b) Justice Najmi Waziri / जस्टिस नजमी वज़ीरी
- (c) Justice Uday Lalit / जस्टिस उदय ललित
- (d) Justice N. V. Ramana / जस्टिस एन वी रमना
- (e) Justice Ranjan Gogoi / जस्टिस रंजन गोगोई

Ans. b

Sol. Justice Najmi Waziri appointed as Chairperson of Equestrian Federation Of India's Ad-Hoc Administrative Committee

The Delhi High Court has appointed its retired judge, Justice Najmi Waziri as the Chairperson of ad-hoc Administrative Committee constituted to supervise the administration of the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI). Justice Tara Vitasta Ganju also directed that the committee will also comprise of former Chief Election Commissioner of India Dr SY Quraishi as the observer.

Justice Waziri, famously known as the "green judge" of Delhi for his efforts to enrich the greenery of the national capital by asking litigants to plant 3.7 lakh trees in several cases, demitted office last July.

319. Who has been elected the chairman of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)?

भारतीय राष्ट्रीय कृषि सहकारी विपणन महासंघ (NAFED) का अध्यक्ष किसे चुना गया है?

- (a) Smita Sarangi / स्मिता सारंगी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Indra Mani Pandey / इंद्र मणि पांडे
- (d) Tanu Singh / तनु सिंह
- (e) Rakesh Mohan / राकेश मोहन

Ans. b

Sol. Jetha Ahir appointed as chairman of NAFED

Shehra BJP MLA Jetha Ahir has been elected uncontested as the chairman of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED).

Ahir was elected unopposed by the board comprising 21 directors, of which two are from Gujarat, including Kundariya. Ahir is also the chairman of Panchmahal's Pancharmrut Dairy as well as the Panchmahal District Cooperative (PDC) Bank.

Recent Appointment

- **VC of International Aluminium Institute** - John Slaven
- **MD of Honeywell Automation India Ltd (HAIL)** - Atul Pai (replace Ashish Gaikwad)
- **Chief of measurement science in BARC** - Dr Bikramjit Chaudhuri (replace Dr. Derrick Grey)
- **President of CII for 2024-25** - Sanjiv Puri
- **Vice President of CII for 2024-25** - R Mukundan

320. Allamaye Halina has been sworn as new PM of which country?

अल्लामाये हलीना ने किस देश के नए प्रधान मंत्री के रूप में शपथ ली है?

- (a) Chad / चाड
- (b) Ghana / घाना
- (c) Sudan / सूडान
- (d) Zimbabwe / जिम्बाब्वे
- (e) Oman / ओमान

Ans. a

Sol. Allamaye Halina named new PM of Chad

Chad's newly elected president, Mahamat Idriss Deby, has been sworn in to succeed his late father after three years as an interim leader under military rule in the northcentral African country.

Shortly after, the country announced that Allamaye Halina would assume the post of prime minister after Succes Masra announced his resignation from the position this week.

Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President

- President of Taiwan - Lai Ching-Te
- PM of Singapore - Lawrence Wong
- President of Russia - Vladimir Putin (5th time)
- Presidential of Panama - Jose Raul Mulino
- PM of Solomon Islands - Jeremiah Manele

321. Who has been appointed as the Commandant in National Defence Academy?

राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी में कमांडेंट के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Anish Dayal Singh / अनीश दयाल सिंह
- (b) Sujoy Lal Thakur / सुजॉय लाल थाकुर
- (c) Vineet McCarty / विनीत मैक्कार्ती
- (d) Gurcharan Singh / गुरचरण सिंह
- (e) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal / सुबोध कुमार जायसवाल

Ans. d

Sol. Vice Admiral Gurcharan Singh takes Command of NDA

Vice Admiral Gurcharan Singh assumed the appointment of Commandant, National Defence Academy from Vice Admiral Ajay Kocchar in Pune.

An alumnus of the National Defence Academy (Khadakwasla), he was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 1st July 1990.

Vice Admiral Gurcharan Singh has held several appointments, both afloat and ashore. As a specialist in Gunnery and Missiles, he has served onboard Indian Naval Ships Ranjit and Prahar.

322. Who is the first Indian to win the Best Actress award at the Cannes Film Festival?

कान्स फिल्म महोत्सव में सर्वश्रेष्ठ अभिनेत्री का पुरस्कार जीतने वाली पहली भारतीय कौन हैं?

- (a) Roshni Bose /रोशनी बोस
- (b) Anasuya Sengupta / अनसूया सेनगुप्ता
- (c) Akansha Singh / आकांशा सिंह
- (d) Parul Goel / पारुल गोयल
- (e) Anshika Sengupta / अंशिका सेनगुप्ता

Ans. b

Sol. Chidanand and Anasuya Sengupta create history at Cannes FF

Chidanand Naik and Anasuya Sengupta created history at the 77th Cannes Film Festival, which is being held in Cannes, France.

Chidanand Naik's film 'Sunflowers Were the First to Know' won the La Cinef Award for Best Short Film, while Anasuya Sengupta became the first Indian to win the Best Actress award for her film Shameless.

Chidanand Naik's short film 'Sunflowers Were the First to Know' won the La Cinef Award for Best Short at the 77th Cannes Film Festival.

Chidanand Naik made the film a part of his coursework at the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune. The film "Sunflowers Were the First to Know" was a joint collaboration of four students of the FTII's TV wings 1-year programme as part of their coursework.

It was directed by Chidananda S Naik, filmed by Suraj Thakur, edited by Manoj V, and sound by Abhishek Kadam. All these students passed out in 2023.

323. Simran Sharma, who was seen in the news in May 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?

सिमरन शर्मा, जिन्हें मई 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में देखा गया था, निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़ी हैं?

- (a) Karate / कराटे
- (b) Para Athletics / पैरा एथलेटिक्स
- (c) Wrestling / कुश्ती
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Boxing / बॉक्सिंग

Ans. b

Sol. India's Simran Sharma wins Gold Medal at World Para Athletics Championship

India's Simran Sharma has won a Gold medal in the World Para Athletics Championships in Kobe, Japan.

Simran clinched the gold in the women's 200m T12 event, achieving a personal best time of 24.95 seconds on the competition's final day.

India concluded their World Para Athletics Championships journey with remarkable achievements, securing a total of 17 medals, including six golds, propelling them to the sixth position in the standings.

324. How many times have the Kolkata Knight Riders won the Indian Premier League titles?

कोलकाता नाइट राइडर्स ने कितनी बार इंडियन प्रीमियर लीग का खिताब जीता है?

- (a) 2 times
- (b) 3 times
- (c) 4 times
- (d) 5 times
- (e) 6 times

Ans. b

Sol. KKR wins their third IPL title beating SRH

Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) cricket team won their third Indian Premier League (IPL) title by beating Sunriser Hyderabad (SRH) in the final of the 17th IPL.

The final was played at the M A Chidambaram stadium in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

They defeated the Sunrisers by eight wickets to lift the trophy for the third time.

Player of the Match: Mitchel Starc of KKR.

Some important awards and winner amount of the IPL 2024 are as follows

- Winner (Rs. 20 crore) - Kolkata Knight Riders
- Runner Up (Rs. 12.5 crore) - Sunrisers Hyderabad
- Orange Cap (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Virat Kohli (RCB) for scoring the most runs in the season; he scored 741 runs in 15 matches.
- Purple Cap (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Harshal Patel (PBKS) for taking the most wickets in the season. In the 14 matches, he took 24 wickets.
- Emerging Player of the Season (Rs. 10 Lakh) -
- Emerging Player of the Season (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Nitish Kumar Reddy of Sunrisers Hyderabad.
- Most Valuable Player (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Sunil Narine (KKR)
- Most Sixes Award (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Abhishek Sharma (SRH)
- Most Fours Award (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Travis Head (SRH)
- Best Strike Rate Award (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Jake Fraser-McGurk (DC)
- Catch of the Season (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Ramandeep Singh (KKR)
- Fair Play Award (Rs. 10 Lakh) - Sunrisers Hyderabad

325. Dipa Karmakar scripted history clinching India's first-ever gold medal at the Asian Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. She is related to which sport?

दीपा करमाकर ने उज्बेकिस्तान के ताशकंद में एशियाई चैंपियनशिप में भारत के लिए पहला स्वर्ण पदक जीतकर इतिहास रचा। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है?

- (a) Gymnastic / जिमनास्टिक
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Shooting / शूटिंग
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

Ans. a

Sol. Dipa Karmakar clinches India's first-ever Gold Medal in Asian Championships

Dipa Karmakar scripted history clinching India's first-ever gold medal at the Asian Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

The 30-year-old Olympian registered an average score of 13.566 in the women's Vault final.

This is the first time that an Indian gymnast has won a gold medal in any event at the Asian Championships.

She is the first female gymnast from India to compete in the Olympics, and at Rio 2016, she put on the best performance of any gymnast competing in the Summer Games, placing fourth in the women's vault.

She also became the first Indian to ever win a gold medal at an international gymnastics competition when she won the women's vault gold medal at the 2018 FIG World Cup in Mersin, Turkey.

326. Who has won the F1 Monaco Grand Prix 2024?**F1 मोनाको ग्रैंड प्रिक्स 2024 किसने जीता है?**

- (a) Sebastian Vettel / सेबस्टियन वेट्टेली
- (b) Lewis Hamilton / लुईस हैमिल्टन
- (c) Max Verstappen / मैक्स वेरस्टैपेन
- (d) Charles Leclerc / चार्ल्स लेक्लर
- (e) Sergio Pérez / सर्जियो पेरेज़

Ans. d**Sol.** Charles Leclerc wins Monaco Grand Prix 2024

Charles Leclerc becoming the first Monegasque driver to win the Monaco Grand Prix since Louis Chiron in 1931.

The Ferrari driver's victory, his first since the 2022 Austrian Grand Prix, came after a chaotic race that saw two standing starts and several first-lap collisions.

The 26-year-old driver, who had previously failed to secure a podium finish in six previous attempts at the iconic race, started from pole position and controlled the race from the outset.

McLaren's Oscar Piastri finished second, 7.1 seconds behind after a race that saw little overtaking on the narrow street circuit.

Ferrari's Carlos Sainz secured third place.

Recent 2024 Grand Prix Winner

- Emilia Romagna Grand Prix - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- Miami Grand Prix - McLaren's Lando Norris (British)
- Chinese Grand Prix - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- Japanese Grand Prix - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- Australian Grand Prix - Ferrari's Carlos Sainz (Spain)
- Saudi Arabian Grand Prix - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- Bahrain Grand Prix 2- Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)

327. National Memorial Day is observed every year on last _____ of the month of May.

राष्ट्रीय स्मृति दिवस हर साल मई महीने के आखिरी _____ को मनाया जाता है।

- (a) Sunday
- (b) Monday
- (c) Tuesday
- (d) Wednesday
- (e) Thursday

Ans. b

Sol. 27 May 2024 - National Memorial Day

National Memorial Day is observed every year on last Monday of the month of May. This year, National Memorial Day falls on May 27.

National Memorial Day is dedicated to the lives and glory of those military personnel who lost their lives in protecting the country.

During the Civil War, women began the pattern of decorating the graves of the fallen warriors.

Three years after the war finished, on May 5, 1868, the leader of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR); a group of Union veterans declared that annually, a day must be dedicated to the fallen fighters.

328. Where has the public sector company GAIL (India) Limited set up its first green hydrogen plant?

सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की कंपनी गेल (इंडिया) लिमिटेड ने अपना पहला हरित हाइड्रोजन संयंत्र कहाँ स्थापित किया है?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

Ans. e

Sol. First Hydrogen plant of GAIL inaugurated in Vijaipur, MP

The government of India-owned GAIL(India) Limited's first green hydrogen plant has become operational at Vijaipur in Madhya Pradesh.

This marks the entry of India's largest natural gas transmission and distribution company in the green fuel business.

The 10-megawatt proton exchange membrane electrolyser for the green-hydrogen producing unit at the Vijaipur complex has been imported from Canada.

The plant will produce about 4.3 tonnes of green hydrogen per day, with a purity of about 99.999 per cent by volume. It uses electricity produced from renewable sources such as the sun's solar energy, to split water to produce green hydrogen.

The plant was in line with the National Green Hydrogen mission that has set out a goal of 5 million tons of annual green hydrogen production capacity for the country by 2030.

329. The Government of India will get Rs _____ as dividend for being Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India's largest shareholder.

भारत सरकार को भारत के सबसे बड़े शेयरधारक जीवन बीमा निगम (एलआईसी) होने के लिए लाभांश के रूप में _____ रुपये मिलेंगे।

- (a) 3,162 crore
- (b) 3,262 crore
- (c) 3,362 crore
- (d) 3,662 crore
- (e) 3,862 crore

Ans. d

Sol. Govt to get Rs 3,662 crore from LIC as dividend

The Government of India will get Rs 3,662 crore as dividend for being Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India's largest shareholder.

This comes after the country's largest insurer declared an interim dividend of Rs 6 per share.

The government owns 96.5 percent stake in the insurer or 6,10,36,22,781 shares.

Gross non-performing asset (GNPA) stood at 2.01. percent against 2.56 percent in the year-ago period, LIC said

330. In May 2024, The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on which bank for non-compliance with certain directions on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions'?

मई 2024 में, भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक ने 'ऋण और अग्रिम - वैधानिक और अन्य प्रतिबंध' पर कुछ निर्देशों का पालन न करने के लिए किस बैंक पर ₹1 करोड़ का जुर्माना लगाया है?

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक

Ans. e

Sol. RBI imposes ₹1-crore penalty on ICICI Bank, ₹91 lakh on YES Bank

The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on ICICI Bank for non-compliance with certain directions on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions'.

The statutory inspection of the bank for FY22 revealed that the bank had sanctioned term loans to certain entities in lieu of or to substitute budgetary resources envisaged for certain projects, and without undertaking due diligence on the viability and bankability of the projects to ensure that revenue streams from the projects were sufficient to take care of the debt servicing obligations.

The regulator also fined Yes Bank ₹91 lakh, for violation of certain norms on 'Customer Service in Banks', and 'Un-authorised Operation of Internal/Office.

The bank inspection for FY22 showed that the private sector lender had levied charges for non-maintenance of minimum balance in certain savings accounts having insufficient/zero balance and had opened and operated certain internal accounts in the name of its customers for unauthorised purposes like parking funds and routing customer transactions.

Recent Penalties imposed on Banks by RBI

- Hero Fincorp Ltd (3.10 lakh) - For rule violations
- Lokmangal Co-operative Bank (5 lakh) - For rule violations.
- The Satara Sahakari Bank (2 lakh) - For rule violations
- The Udgir Urban Co-operative Bank (1 lakh) - For rule violations
- Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Bank (43.30 lakh) - for non-compliance with RBI direction

331. Global investment bank Goldman Sachs has raised India's GDP growth forecast to how much percent for calendar year 2024?

वैश्विक निवेश बैंक गोल्डमैन सैक्स ने कैलेंडर वर्ष 2024 के लिए भारत की जीडीपी वृद्धि का अनुमान कितने प्रतिशत तक बढ़ा दिया है?

- (a) 6.5%
- (b) 6.7%
- (c) 6.9%
- (d) 7.3%
- (e) 7.7%

Ans. b

Sol. Goldman Sachs raises India's GDP growth forecast to 6.7 percent for FY24

Global investment bank Goldman Sachs has raised India's GDP growth forecast to 6.7 percent for calendar year 2024.

The latest data released by the bank said, they expect a sustained growth momentum with additional fiscal space on account of a bumper dividend transfer from the RBI.

In India, growth momentum remains strong and core inflation is expected to bottom out in April-June.

Updated GDP List

- Goldman Sachs – 6.7% (FY24)
- UN – 6.9% (FY24), 6.6% (FY25)
- Moody's – 6.6% (FY25)
- India Ratings – 7.1% (FY25)
- OECD – 6.6%(FY25), 6.6%(FY26)
- Fitch Rating – 7% (FY25)
- SBI – 8% (FY25)
- World Bank – 6.6% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)
- NCAER – over 7% (FY25)
- Deloitte - 6.6% (FY25)
- NIPFP – 7.1% (FY25)
- IMF – 6.8% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)

332. The tenure of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) chairman Dr Samir V Kamat was extended for another year by the Centre. In which year DRDO was established?

रक्षा अनुसंधान और विकास संगठन (डीआरडीओ) के अध्यक्ष डॉ. समीर वी कामत का कार्यकाल केंद्र द्वारा एक और वर्ष के लिए बढ़ा दिया गया। DRDO की स्थापना किस वर्ष हुई थी?

- (a) 1949
- (b) 1958
- (c) 1954
- (d) 1969
- (e) 1979

Ans. b

Sol. DRDO chairman Samir V. Kamat gets one year extension

The tenure of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) chairman Dr Samir V Kamat was extended for another year by the Centre. As per a government order, Dr Kamat will continue in his present position as the DRDO chief till May 31, 2025. He was appointed to the highest post in the DRDO in August 2022 and was slated to retire on May 31, 2024. Dr Kamat completed his B.Tech (Hons) in Metallurgical Engineering from IIT-Kharagpur in 1985 and PhD in Materials Science and Engineering from The Ohio State University, USA in 1988 and joined DRDO in 1989.

About Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)

- **Founded** - 1 January 1958
- **Headquarters** - New Delhi
- **Motto** - "Strength's Origin is in Knowledge"
- **Chairman** - Dr. Samir V Kamat

333. In May 2024, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has bagged a deal to modernize the core banking technology of Burgan Bank. Burgan Bank is a leading commercial bank in _____.

मई 2024 में, टाटा कंसल्टेंसी सर्विसेज (TCS) को बर्गन बैंक की कोर बैंकिंग तकनीक को आधुनिक बनाने का सौदा मिला है। बर्गन बैंक _____ में एक अग्रणी वाणिज्यिक बैंक है।

- (a) Kuwait
- (b) Qatar
- (c) UAE
- (d) Iran
- (e) Iraq

Ans. a

Sol. TCS gets core banking transformation deal from Kuwait's Burgan Bank

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has bagged a deal to modernize the core banking technology of Burgan Bank, a leading commercial bank in Kuwait.

TCS will help Burgan Bank consolidate multiple standalone legacy applications into a contemporary universal banking solution that drives innovation and strengthens customer relationships.

Burgan Bank is one of the youngest commercial banks in Kuwait, with a regional network of over 160 branches and 360 ATMs.

334. Gitanas Nauseda was elected as the president of which country?

गीतानास नौसेदा को किस देश का राष्ट्रपति चुना गया?

- (a) Latvia
- (b) Luxembourg
- (c) Estonia
- (d) Slovakia
- (e) Lithuania

Ans. e

Sol. Gitanas Nauseda elected as the president of Lithuania

Lithuanian President Gitanas Nauseda has won re-election, securing about 75% of the vote against PM Ingrida Simonyte. This marks the second presidential victory over Simonyte, having previously defeated her in 2019 with 66% of the votes. Lithuania is a country in the Baltic region of Europe.

About Lithuania

- Capital: Vilnius
- Official language: Lithuanian
- Prime minister: Ingrida Šimonytė
- President: Gitanas Nausėda

Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President

- PM of Chad - Allamaye Halina
- President of Taiwan - Lai Ching-Te
- PM of Singapore - Lawrence Wong
- President of Russia - Vladimir Putin (5th time)
- Presidential of Panama - Jose Raul Mulino
- PM of Solomon Islands - Jeremiah Manele

335. Which country has signed deals with a Reliance Jio subsidiary, Tech Mahindra and other vendors to build 4G and 5G infrastructure?

किस देश ने 4G और 5G बुनियादी ढांचे के निर्माण के लिए रिलायंस जियो की सहायक कंपनी, टेक महिंद्रा और अन्य विक्रेताओं के साथ समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।

- (a) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
- (b) Ghana / घाना
- (c) Sudan / सूडान
- (d) Zimbabwe / जिम्बाब्वे
- (e) Oman / ओमान

Ans. b

Sol. Ghana ties up with Reliance Jio arm, others for building 4G, 5G telecom infra

Ghana has signed deals with a Reliance Jio subsidiary, Tech Mahindra and other vendors to build 4G and 5G infrastructure as the African country aims to enhance its telecom capabilities.

Ghana's state-backed Next-Gen Infrastructure Company (NGIC) has partnered with Jio's arm Radisys, Tech Mahindra and Nokia to build the necessary infrastructure for delivering affordable 5G mobile broadband services.

NGIC has been allocated 5G spectrum and local telcos will be utilising the shared infrastructure to roll out the services in the next six months. As per reports, the overall contract is over \$200 million.

Ghana is a part of the 33-nation Smart Africa alliance, and other countries in the continent will be closely watching the rollout to see whether they can also emulate the same locally.

About Ghana

- Capital- Accra
- Currency- Ghanaian Cedi
- President -Nana Akufo-Addo
- Official language- Englis

336. Which company has been honoured with 'The Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25'?

किस कंपनी को 'द इकोनॉमिक टाइम्स एचआर वर्ल्ड फ्यूचर रेडी ऑर्गनाइजेशन अवार्ड 2024-25' से सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (a) ReNew Power / रिन्यू पावर
- (b) NHPC / एनएचपीसी
- (c) JSW Energy / जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी
- (d) NTPC Limited / एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड
- (e) Torrent Power / टोरेंट पावर

Ans. b

Sol. NHPC honoured with 'The Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25'

NHPC, India's premier hydropower company has been conferred with the prestigious 'The Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25'.

The Award was received by Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel), NHPC along with Lucas Guria, Executive Director (HR) and a team of NHPC officers at the Awards Ceremony held in Mumbai.

The Award has been given to NHPC in recognition for its future preparedness in the areas of upskilling of its employees, ESG interventions, DE&I initiatives, constant technological upgradations, Employee Engagement processes, robust Corporate Governance strategies etc. which establishes it as a trusted brand amongst all its stakeholders.

Recent Award

- **UK's Women's Empowerment Award** - Arti (from UP)
- **Shaw Prize 2024 in astronomy** - Srinivas R. Kulkarni
- **International Booker Prize 2024** - Jenny Erpenbeck and Michael Hofmann (Kairos)
- **ATD BEST Award 2024 for Talent Development** – NTPC Ltd (3rd Rank)
- **Global Excellence Award 2024** - Chandrakant Satija

337. Indian filmmaker Payal Kapadia made history by winning the country's first-ever Grand Prix Award at the 77th Cannes Film Festival. She won the award for which of the following movie?

भारतीय फिल्म निर्माता पायल कपाड़िया ने 77वें कान्स फिल्म महोत्सव में देश का पहला ग्रैंड प्रिक्स पुरस्कार जीतकर इतिहास रच दिया। उन्होंने निम्नलिखित में से किस फिल्म के लिए पुरस्कार जीता?

- (a) A Night of Knowing Nothing
- (b) Girls Will Be Girls
- (c) The Shameless 2024
- (d) Afternoon Clouds
- (e) All We Imagine As Light

Ans. e

Sol. Payal KapadiaScripts History; All We Imagine as Light Wins Grand Prix at Cannes

Indian filmmaker Payal Kapadia made history by winning the country's first ever Grand Prix Award at the 77th Cannes Film Festival.

Her Malayalam-Hindi film All We Imagine As Light stars Kani Kusruti and Divya Prabha as nurses working in Mumbai. The movie also stars Chhaya Kadam and Hridhu Haroon.

The Grand Prix is the festival's second-highest honour after the Palme d'Or which went to Sean Baker's Anora.

After Shaji Karun's Swaham, which competed for the Palme d'Or at the 1994 Cannes, Kapadia's film was the first Indian title in 30 years to be selected for the prestigious Competition section. Kapadia is also the first Indian woman to be nomination in the category.

338. Which team has won the All-India Football Federation Under 17 Elite Youth League 2023-24 Title?
किस टीम ने ऑल इंडिया फुटबॉल फेडरेशन अंडर 17 एलीट यूथ लीग 2023-24 का खिताब जीता है?

- (a) Kenkre F.C.
- (b) Rajasthan United FC
- (c) Bengaluru United
- (d) Sudeva Delhi
- (e) Classic Football Academy

Ans. e

Sol. Classic Football Academy bag AIFF U17 title

Classic Football Academy retained the All-India Football Federation Under 17 Elite Youth League 2023-24 Title beating Sudeva Delhi FC 2-1 at the Nagoa Panchayat Ground, Goa.

Played on the well-maintained turf of Nagoa in Goa, the two teams dished out a lively display of attacking football, much to the delight of the sparse crowd.

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339. Which of the following Indian cricketers has been named among the 54 representatives of the 'Multicultural Ambassadors Program'?

निम्नलिखित में से किस भारतीय क्रिकेटर को 'बहुसांस्कृतिक राजदूत कार्यक्रम' के 54 प्रतिनिधियों में नामित किया गया है?

- (a) Ravi Shastri / रवि शास्त्री
- (b) Chetan Sharma / चेतन शर्मा
- (c) Rahul Dravid / राहुल द्रविड़
- (d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni / महेन्द्र सिंह धोनी
- (e) Suryakumar Yadav / सूर्यकुमार यादव

Ans. a

Sol. Ravi Shastri joins Cricket Australia's Multicultural Initiative

Cricket Australia on Wednesday named former Pakistan and Indian stars Wasim Akram and Ravi Shastri among the 54 representatives of its 'Multicultural Ambassadors Program'.

Cricket Australia is proud to launch its Multicultural Ambassador Program, naming 54 people with diverse background and experience across government, business, sport, media and community as the inaugural representatives.

Inaugural ambassadors include Usman Khawaja, Mel Jones, Wasim Akram, Ravi Shastri, Lisa Sthalekar, Kishwar Chowdhury, Alana King, Peter Varghese, Swati Dave and Fawad Ahmed.

340. Which organization has launched its first investment round to sustainably finance its Health for All mandate?
किस संगठन ने अपने सभी के लिए स्वास्थ्य जनादेश को स्थायी रूप से वित्तपोषित करने के लिए अपना पहला निवेश दौर शुरू किया है?

- (a) United Nations World Tourism Organization / संयुक्त राष्ट्र विश्व पर्यटन संगठन
- (b) World Health Organization (WHO) / विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन (डब्ल्यूएचओ)
- (c) World Economic Forum (WEF) / विश्व आर्थिक मंच (डब्ल्यूईएफ)
- (d) United Nations Education Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO) / संयुक्त राष्ट्र शिक्षा वैज्ञानिक और सांस्कृतिक संगठन (यूनेस्को)
- (e) World Bank (WB) / विश्व बैंक (डब्ल्यूबी)

Ans. b

Sol. WHO launches first-ever investment round for sustainable funding

The World Health Organization (WHO) has launched its first investment round to sustainably finance its Health for All mandate.

The move comes as the organization seeks to transform the way it is funded by 2028.

The investment round is part of a broader plan to reform the WHO's funding architecture and make it more sustainable amid an era of climate change, mass migration, pandemics, an ageing world population, and turbulent geopolitics.

The high-level event, which was held alongside the G20, will help member states and donors declare their support for the strategy and make commitments.

About World Health Organization (WHO)

- **Formation** - 7 April 1948
- **Headquarters** - Geneva, Switzerland
- **First President** - Andrija Štampar
- **Director General** - Tedros Adhanom (Ethiopia)
- **Deputy Director General** - Soumya Swaminathan (Indian)
- **Member Countries** - 194

341. Recently, which state government has issued a one-year ban on the manufacture, storage, distribution, transportation and sale of gutka and pan masala containing tobacco and nicotine throughout the State, effective immediately?

हाल ही में, किस राज्य सरकार ने पूरे राज्य में तम्बाकू और निकोटीन युक्त गुटखा और पान मसाला के निर्माण, भंडारण, वितरण, परिवहन और बिक्री पर तत्काल प्रभाव से एक साल का प्रतिबंध लगा दिया है?

- (a) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Telangana / तेलंगाना

Ans. e

Sol. Telangana government enforces Statewide ban on gutka and pan masala

The Telangana government has issued a one-year ban on the manufacture, storage, distribution, transportation and sale of gutka and pan masala containing tobacco and nicotine throughout the State, effective immediately.

The restriction has been imposed in light of a legitimate concern for public well-being. As indicated by the order from the Food Safety Commissioner, the restriction will be upheld under Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

The order passed by the Food Safety Commissioner stated that, "Telangana state hereby prohibits the manufacture, storage, distribution, transportation and sale of Gutkha/Pan masala which contains tobacco and nicotine as an ingredient which are packed in sachets/pouches/package/containers etc., or by whatever name it is called in the entire State of Telangana for a period of one year with effect from May 24, 2024".

About Telangana

- **Established** – 2 June 2014
- **Capital** – Hyderabad
- **Chief Minister** – Revanth Reddy (replace K. Chandrashekar Rao)
- **Deputy CM** - Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka
- **Governor** – C. P. Radhakrishnan

342. World Hunger Day is observed every year on which day?

विश्व भूख दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 28 May
- (b) 27 May
- (c) 26 May
- (d) 29 May
- (e) 30 May

Ans. a

Sol. 28 May - World Hunger Day

World Hunger Day is observed every year on 28 May.

This day raises awareness about the urgent issue of global hunger. It's time to acknowledge the millions suffering from malnutrition and the need for sustainable solutions to end hunger for good.

Theme 2024 - Thriving Mothers, Thriving World

In 2011, The Hunger Project, a global organisation dedicated to ending hunger and poverty, established World Hunger Day as a yearly event.

This day serves as a platform to advocate for sustainable solutions that address the root causes of hunger, promote food security, and empower communities.

343. Which company has manufactured India's first indigenous Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) systems domestically?

किस कंपनी ने भारत की पहली स्वदेशी मैग्नेटिक रेज़ोनेंस इमेजिंग (MRI) प्रणाली का घरेलू स्तर पर निर्माण किया है?

- (a) Himadri Speciality Chemical
- (b) Sadhana Nitro Chem Ltd.
- (c) Garware Polyester Ltd.
- (d) Archean Chemical Industries
- (e) Fischer Medical Ventures

Ans. e

Sol. Fischer Medical Ventures makes India's first indigenous MRI system

Chennai-headquartered Fischer Medical Ventures (FMVL) has manufactured its magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) systems domestically, claiming to be the first company in the country to achieve this.

The company is developing its MRI systems at a production facility in the Andhra Pradesh MedTech Zone (AMTZ) in Visakhapatnam.

AMTZ, India's premier medical technology park, provides a conducive environment for production, with access to facilities and a skilled workforce.

The Indian medical device industry is heavily reliant on imports, with estimates suggesting 80-85 per cent of devices coming from outside the country. This dependence translates to a staggering import bill of over Rs 63,200 crore.

344. Which organization has organised 'Walk The Talk' Yoga Session Event recently?

हाल ही में किस संगठन ने 'वॉक द टॉक' योग सत्र कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया है?

- (a) United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA) / संयुक्त राष्ट्र जनसंख्या कोष (यूएनएफपीए)
- (b) World Health Organization (WHO) / विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन (डब्ल्यूएचओ)
- (c) World Economic Forum (WEF) / विश्व आर्थिक मंच (डब्ल्यूईएफ)
- (d) United Nations Education Scientific & Cultural Organization (UNESCO) / संयुक्त राष्ट्र शिक्षा वैज्ञानिक और सांस्कृतिक संगठन (यूनेस्को)
- (e) World Bank (WB) / विश्व बैंक (डब्ल्यूबी)

Ans. b

Sol. WHO Organises 'Walk The Talk' Yoga Session Event For the upcoming occasion of International Yoga Day, Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in Geneva and World Health Organization (WHO) yesterday organised a 'Walk the Talk' Yoga session event at Place des Nations. Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra joined by Director General of WHO Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and other senior officers of India delegation joined the event and re-energised themselves with yoga aasanas.

About World Health Organization (WHO)

- **Formation** - 7 April 1948
- **Headquarters** - Geneva, Switzerland
- **First President** - Andrija Štampar
- **Director General** - Tedros Adhanom (Ethiopia)
- **Deputy Director General** - Soumya Swaminathan (Indian)
- **Member Countries** - 194

345. What is the name of a mountaineer who conquers Mount Everest thrice in a single season?

एक ही सीज़न में तीन बार माउंट एवरेस्ट फतह करने वाले पर्वतारोही का क्या नाम है?

- (a) Kaamya Karthikeyan / काम्या कार्तिकेयन
- (b) Santosh Dagade / संतोष दगड़े
- (c) Purnima Shrestha / पूर्णिमा श्रेष्ठ
- (d) Kami Rita Sherpa / कामी रीता शेर्पा
- (e) Jyoti Ratre / ज्योति रात्रे

Ans. c

Sol. Purnima Shrestha conquers Mount Everest thrice in a single season

A 32-year-old mountaineer from Gorkha, Nepal, Purnima Shrestha has made history as the first woman in the world to climb Mount Everest three times in the same season, all in just 13 days.

Her exceptional triple ascent beats the previous record of any woman summiteer to climb Everest thrice in a single season.

She has climbed Everest four times, with a prior summit in 2018.

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346. Which country has celebrated Its 17th Republic Day on 28 May?

28 मई को किस देश ने अपना 17वां गणतंत्र दिवस मनाया है?

- (a) Vietnam / वियतनाम
- (b) Nepal / नेपाल
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (e) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश

Ans. b

Sol. Nepal celebrated Its 17th Republic Day

Nepal has celebrated Its 17th Republic Day on 28 May.

Republic Day is associated with people's movement and aspiration for change from monarchy to make Nepal a republic nation.

The Nepal Army, Nepal Police and the Armed Police Force conducted march-past and cultural pageants on the occasion.

A Nepal Army helicopter displayed a banner reading 'Republic Day, 2081' and cascaded flowers in Tundikhel.

After then CPN Maoist's armed conflict and seven parties' peaceful movement, then King Gyanendra Shah had restored the House of Representatives on April 24, 2006, thereby returning the rule to the people's representatives.

Two years later, the first meeting of the Constituent Assembly on May 28, 2008, declared the country a Republic.

About Nepal

- **Capital-** Kathmandu
- **Currency-** Nepalese rupee
- **President-** Ram Chandra Paudel
- **Prime minister-** Pushpa Kamal Dahal

347. Which company has partnered with UK-based Connexin to help deliver gigabit broadband connectivity in Nottinghamshire?

नॉटिंगमशायर में गीगाबिट ब्रॉडबैंड कनेक्टिविटी देने में मदद के लिए किस कंपनी ने यूके स्थित कॉन्नेक्सिन के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) Sterlite Technologies Ltd
- (b) Infosys
- (c) Wipro
- (d) HCL
- (e) TCS

Ans. a

Sol. Sterlite Technologies partners with Connexin for gigabit broadband

Sterlite Technologies Ltd partnered with UK-based Connexin to help deliver gigabit broadband connectivity in Nottinghamshire.

This partnership is part of a £58 million government contract awarded to Connexin under Project Gigabit, aimed at bringing ultrafast broadband to rural areas.

The company will utilise its smart fibre deployment services to connect approximately 12,000 hard-to-reach premises in Nottinghamshire, including areas such as Kirkby in Ashfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Annesley, and Newark on Trent.

The initiative is expected to provide residents with broadband speeds of up to 1 Gbps, per the company.

348. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched three major initiatives: PRAVAAH portal, Retail Direct mobile app and a Fintech Repository. What is the full form of PRAVAAH portal?

भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) ने तीन प्रमुख पहल शुरू की हैं: PRAVAAH पोर्टल, रिटेल डायरेक्ट मोबाइल ऐप और फिनटेक रिपॉजिटरी। PRAVAAH पोर्टल का पूरा नाम क्या है?

- (a) Platform for Regular Application, VALidation and AuthHorisation
- (b) Platform for Retail Application, VALidation and AuthHorisatio
- (c) Platform for Regulatory Application, VALue and AuthHorisation
- (d) Platform for Regular Authority, VALidation and AuthHorisation
- (e) Platform for Regulatory Application, VALidation and AuthHorisation

Ans. e

Sol. RBI unveils Pravaah portal, Retail Direct Mobile App and FinTech Repository

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched three major initiatives: PRAVAAH portal, Retail Direct mobile app and a Fintech Repository.

These initiatives are aimed at enhancing regulatory processes, facilitating retail investment, and providing comprehensive data on the fintech sector.

What is PRAVAAH portal?

- PRAVAAH is stands for Platform for Regulatory Application, VALidation and AuthHorisation.
- It is a centralised, secure web-based platform that enables individuals or entities to apply online for regulatory approvals, licences, and authorisations from the RBI.
- The portal covers 60 application forms across different regulatory and supervisory departments of the RBI, allowing applicants to track the status of their applications and receive decisions in a timely manner.

What is Retail Direct mobile app?

- Retail Direct mobile app: It provides retail investors with a seamless and convenient way to transact in government securities (G-Secs) on their smartphones.
- The app simplifies the process of buying and selling G-Secs in both the primary and secondary markets.

What is FinTech Repository?

- FinTech Repository: It aims to enhance the RBI's understanding of the Indian fintech sector by providing comprehensive data on fintech firms, both regulated and unregulated.
- The repository will support policymakers and industry participants by offering insights on fintech

349. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Sony India?

सोनी इंडिया के नए सीईओ के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Gaurav Banerjee / गौरव बनर्जी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Indra Mani Pandey / इंद्र मणि पांडे
- (d) Tanu Singh / तनु सिंह
- (e) Rakesh Mohan / राकेश मोहन

Ans. a

Sol. Gaurav Banerjee appoints as new CEO of Sony India

Japan's Sony has appointed a Walt Disney executive, Gaurav Banerjee, as its new India chief executive to lead its television and other media businesses.

Banerjee has resigned from Disney's India unit where he was the head of content for its streaming service, Hotstar, and head of business for the company's TV channels in Hindi-speaking markets.

Last week, Sony said it was looking for a successor to its current India chief executive, N.P. Singh, who had decided to move on.

Sony runs 26 channels in India, from general entertainment to sports and movies, and also a streaming service.

Recent Appointments

- **Chairman of DRDO** - Samir V. Kamat (one year extension)
- **Chairman of NAFED** - Jetha Ahir
- **Member in Central Electricity Regulatory Commission** - Ramesh Babu V
- **VC of International Aluminium Institute** - John Slaven
- **MD of Honeywell Automation India Ltd (HAIL)** - Atul Pai (replace Ashish Gaikwad)

350. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Committee A at the 77th World Health Assembly (WHA) by the WHO?

डब्ल्यूएचओ द्वारा 77वीं विश्व स्वास्थ्य सभा (डब्ल्यूएचए) में समिति ए के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Smita Sarangi / स्मिता सारंगी
- (b) Arindam Bagchi / अरिंदम बागची
- (c) Indra Mani Pandey / इंद्र मणि पांडे
- (d) Tanu Singh / तनु सिंह
- (e) Apurva Chandra / अपूर्व चंद्रा

Ans. e

Sol. Apurva Chandra appointed as chairperson of Committee A Of 77TH WHA Event

Apurva Chandra, Union health secretary, Government of India, has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Committee A at the 77th World Health Assembly (WHA) by the WHO.

Committee A is tasked with facilitating crucial discussions on a range of programmatic topics. These include universal health coverage, public health emergency preparedness and response, antimicrobial resistance, climate change, and sustainable financing for the World Health Organization (WHO).

India's leadership in Committee A underscores its growing influence in global health governance. The World Health Assembly features sessions from three main committees: Plenary, Committee A, and Committee B.

About World Health Organization (WHO)

- **Formation** - 7 April 1948
- **Headquarters** - Geneva, Switzerland
- **First President** - Andrija Štampar
- **Director General** - Tedros Adhanom (Ethiopia)
- **Deputy Director General** - Soumya Swaminathan (Indian)
- **Member Countries** - 194

351. Who has been named the United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year for 2023?

2023 के लिए संयुक्त राष्ट्र सैन्य लिंग अधिवक्ता का पुरस्कार किसे दिया गया है?

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Maushami Chakraborty / मौसमी चक्रवर्ती
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Radhika Sen / राधिका सेन
- (e) Sheyphali Sharan / शेफाली शरण

Ans. d

Sol. Major Radhika Sen receives UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award

Major Radhika Sen, an Indian peacekeeper deployed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), has been named the United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year for 2023.

The prestigious award recognizes her outstanding service and efforts to empower local communities, especially women and girls, during her tour of duty from March 2023 to April 2024.

Serving with the UN peacekeeping mission MONUSCO as the Commander of the Engagement Platoon for the Indian Rapid Deployment Battalion in eastern DRC, Major Sen played a crucial role in establishing Community Alert Networks.

These networks provided a platform for community leaders, young people, and women to voice their security and humanitarian concerns, which Major Sen and her colleagues at MONUSCO then worked to address.

352. Poonawalla Fincorp Limited in collaboration with which bank has launched the co-branded eLITE RuPay Platinum Credit Card?

पूनावाला फिनकॉर्प लिमिटेड ने किस बैंक के साथ मिलकर को-ब्रांडेड eLITE RuPay प्लैटिनम क्रेडिट कार्ड लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Federal Bank / फेडरल बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) IndusInd Bank / इंडसइंड बैंक

Ans. e

Sol. Poonawalla Fincorp launches Co-Branded Credit Card with IndusInd Bank

Poonawalla Fincorp Limited, in collaboration with IndusInd Bank, has launched the co-branded 'IndusInd Bank Poonawalla Fincorp eLITE RuPay Platinum Credit Card', a card designed to redefine and elevate the banking experience of customers. With this co-branded credit card launch, Poonawalla Fincorp marks a significant milestone in their ongoing commitment to providing tailored financial solutions to meet the evolving needs of their valued customers.

Objective - To enhance engagement with our existing customers digitally while also extending our reach to new customers.

IndusInd Bank

- **Founded** - 1994
- **Founder** - S.P. Hinduja
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra,
- **MD & CEO** - Sumant Kathpalia
- **Tagline** - We Make You Feel Richer

353. Which of the following countries has successfully test-fired Medium-Range Air-to-Surface Strategic Missiles (ASMPA-R)?

निम्नलिखित में से किस देश ने मध्यम दूरी की हवा से सतह पर मार करने वाली रणनीतिक मिसाइलों (एसएमपीए-आर) का सफलतापूर्वक परीक्षण किया है?

- (a) France / फ्रांस
- (b) Russia / रूस
- (c) UK / यूके
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) India / भारत

Ans. a

Sol. France successfully test fired ASMPA Missile

The French General Directorate of Armaments (DGA) conducted a successful test firing of the enhanced medium-range air-to-surface strategic missile (ASMPA-R).

The Air-Sol Medium Range (ASMP/ASMP-A) is an air-launched land-attack supersonic cruise missile that carries a nuclear payload.

ASMP-A, an upgraded version of the ASMP, arrived into French service in 2009. This version had an extended range of up to 500 km, and supported a new 300 kt thermonuclear warhead.

About France

- **Capital-** Paris
- **President-** Emmanuel Macron
- **Prime Minister-** Gabriel Attal (replace Elisabeth Borne)
- **Official language-** French

354. Which company has partnered with the Centre for Brain Research (CBR) at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru to develop a personal care engine to reduce and manage the risk of cardiovascular disease by utilizing AI?

किस कंपनी ने एआई का उपयोग करके हृदय रोग के जोखिम को कम करने और प्रबंधित करने के लिए एक व्यक्तिगत देखभाल इंजन विकसित करने के लिए भारतीय विज्ञान संस्थान (आईआईएससी) बेंगलुरु में सेंटर फॉर ब्रेन रिसर्च (सीबीआर) के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) Infosys
- (b) Wipro
- (c) TCS
- (d) HCL
- (e) Accenture

Ans. b

Sol. Wipro to develop AI driven tech to reduce risks of cardiovascular disease

Wipro has partnered with the Centre for Brain Research (CBR) at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru to develop a personal care engine to reduce and manage the risk of cardiovascular disease by utilizing AI.

The collaboration will develop new technologies for prevention and management of long-term health disorders and to provide precision support for these diseases.

The personal care engine will focus on reducing and managing the risk of cardiovascular disease and correlated neurodegenerative disorders, by using AI to personalize its interaction with users, optimizing for their long-term health and wellbeing.

355. Which company will start construction of India's first multimodal logistics park near Chennai?

कौन से कंपनी चेन्नई के पास भारत के पहले मल्टीमॉडल लॉजिस्टिक्स पार्क का निर्माण शुरू करेगी?

- (a) Reliance Industries Limited / रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड
- (b) Infosys Technologies / इंफोसिस टेक्नोलॉजीज
- (c) Hindustan Unilever Limited / हिंदुस्तान यूनिलीवर लिमिटेड
- (d) Adani Group / अडानी ग्रुप
- (e) National Aerospace Laboratories / राष्ट्रीय एयरोस्पेस प्रयोगशालाएं

Ans. a

Sol. Reliance Industries to begin construction on India's first multimodal logistics park near Chennai Conceptualised 12 years ago, India's first Multimodal Logistics Park at Mappedu near Chennai will see the limelight as Reliance Industries starts construction in June.

In 2022, the company beat Adani Group to win the bid for the Rs 1,424 crore project on 184.27 acres of land in Tiruvallur district.

The project aims to facilitate efficient, cost-effective and value-added logistics services such as cargo aggregation and disaggregation, distribution, intermodal transfer, sorting, packing, and repacking.

In 2022, the Centre awarded the contract to Reliance with Prime Minister Narendra Modi laying the foundation stone on May 26, 2022.

In October 2021, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed among Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation, National Highways Logistics Management Limited and the Chennai Port Trust.

356. On which day is the International Day of the UN Peacekeepers observed?

संयुक्त राष्ट्र शांति सैनिकों का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 31 May
- (b) 30 May
- (c) 29 May
- (d) 28 May
- (e) 27 May

Ans. c

Sol. 29 May - International Day of the UN Peacekeepers

International Day of the UN Peacekeepers is observed every year in 29 May.

This day is observed to acknowledge the service and sacrifice of over 4000 peacekeepers who have lost their lives while trying to bring peace in strife-torn areas of the world.

Theme 2024 - Fit for the future, building better together.

The day also urges the global community to join and strengthen the global movement for peace.

The first International Day of the UN Peacekeepers was observed on 29 May 2003.

357. What is the name of the mountaineer who has scripted history by becoming the first person to scale Mt. Everest and Mt. Lhotse twice in one season?

उस पर्वतारोही का नाम क्या है जिसने एक ही मौसम में दो बार माउंट एवरेस्ट और माउंट लोत्से पर चढ़ने वाले पहले व्यक्ति बनकर इतिहास रच दिया है?

- (a) Satyadeep Gupta / सत्यदीप गुप्ता
- (b) Jyoti Ratre / ज्योति रात्रे
- (c) Kaamya Karthikeyan / ज्योति रात्रे
- (d) Yaashi Jain / यशी जैन
- (e) Sirbaz Khan / सिरबाज खान

Ans. a

Sol. Indian mountaineer Satyadeep Gupta becomes first person to scale Mt. Everest and Mt. Lhotse twice in one season

Indian mountaineer Satyadeep Gupta has scripted history by becoming the first person to scale Mt. Everest and Mt. Lhotse twice in one season.

He also set another record by being the first Indian to traverse from Mt. Everest to Mt. Lhotse in 11 hours and 15 minutes.

Gupta conquered the 8,516 metre-high Mt. Lhotse, followed by towering 8,849 metre-high Mt. Everest.

This historic achievement marks the first Double Dual Ascent of the world's highest and the fourth highest peaks in a single season.

Gupta had previously summited Mt Everest on May 21 and Mt Lhotse on May 22.

358. The Government of India has granted \$1 million as immediate assistance for which country, which has been hit by a devastating flood and landslide that has so far killed 2,000 people recently?

भारत सरकार ने किस देश को तत्काल सहायता के रूप में 1 मिलियन डॉलर प्रदान किए हैं, जो हाल ही में विनाशकारी बाढ़ और भूस्खलन से प्रभावित हुआ है, जिसमें अब तक 2,000 लोग मारे गए हैं?

- (a) Kiribati
- (b) Micronesia
- (c) New Caledonia
- (d) Solomon Islands
- (e) Papua New Guinea

Ans. e

Sol. India offers \$1 million aid to disaster-hit Papua New Guinea

The Government of India has granted \$1 million as immediate assistance for Papua New Guinea, which has been hit by a devastating flood and landslide that has so far killed 2,000 people.

As a close friend and partner under the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) and as a gesture of solidarity with the friendly people of Papua New Guinea, GoI extends an immediate relief assistance of \$1 million to support relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts.

About Papua New Guinea

- Capital: Port Moresby
- Continent- Oceania
- Currency- Papua New Guinean Kina
- Prime minister- James Marape

359. Secretary of Department of School Education and Literacy, Sanjay Kumar has inaugurated the month-long “Summer Fiesta 2024” in which city?

स्कूली शिक्षा एवं साक्षरता विभाग के सचिव संजय कुमार ने किस शहर में महीने भर चलने वाले “समर फिएस्टा 2024” का उद्घाटन किया है?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- (d) Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

Ans. b

Sol. Sanjay Kumar inaugurates Summer Fiesta 2024

Secretary of Department of School Education and Literacy, Sanjay Kumar has inaugurated the month-long “Summer Fiesta 2024” at the National Bal Bhavan, New Delhi.

Summer Fiesta is a month-long camp comprising over 30 types of different activities for children aged between 5 to 16 years.

It promises a myriad of engaging and innovative activities in the fields of Creative and Performing Arts, Science, and more, ensuring that every child finds something intriguing to explore and learn.

The event will also feature eminent artists and guests who will participate in these special programmes, sharing their experiences and delivering captivating performances to inspire the children.

360. Which of the following has organized a summit in New Delhi to enhance India's cold chain and logistics sector?

निम्नलिखित में से किसने भारत के कोल्ड चेन और लॉजिस्टिक्स क्षेत्र को बढ़ाने के लिए नई दिल्ली में शिखर सम्मेलन का आयोजन किया है?

- (a) National Green Tribunal
- (b) Finance Ministry
- (c) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
- (d) NITI Aayog
- (e) FICCI

Ans. e

Sol. FICCI organized India Cold Chain and Logistics Summit in New Delhi

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) organized a summit in New Delhi to enhance India's cold chain and logistics sector.

The summit's aims to promote collaboration and innovation to develop an integrated, sustainable, and efficient cold chain ecosystem for India's perishable goods industry.

The discussions aim to redefine logistics mechanisms across various sectors, including Pharma, Food, Oil, and Flowers.

About Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)

- **Formation** - 1927
- **Founder** - Ghanshyam Das Birla and Purshottamdas Thakurdas
- **Headquarters** - New Delhi

361. The board of National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) has recommended _____ for the post of managing director and chief executive officer of the state-owned bad bank.

नेशनल एसेट रिकंस्ट्रक्शन कंपनी (एनएआरसीएल) के बोर्ड ने राज्य के स्वामित्व वाले बैड बैंक के प्रबंध निदेशक और मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी के पद के लिए _____ की सिफारिश की है।

- (a) Rajnish Kumar / रजनीश कुमार
- (b) Joshit Ranjan Sikidar / जोशित रंजन सिकिदार
- (c) Deepak Mohanty / दीपक मोहंती
- (d) Tablesh Pandey / तबलेश पांडे
- (e) P Santhosh / पी संतोष

Ans. e

Sol. NARCL board recommends P Santhosh as MD & CEO

The board of National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) has recommended P Santhosh for the post of managing director and chief executive officer of the state-owned bad bank.

Santhosh has been interim CEO of NARCL since January, soon after N Sundar abruptly resigned as the CEO ahead of his term. Santhosh has been recommended for a three-year term by the NARCL board.

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **Part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank** - Pradeep Kumar Sinha (replace G. C. Chaturvedi)
- **CRO of Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services** - Mahesh Rajaraman (replace Mallika Mittal)
- **MD & CEO of IndiaFirst Life Insurance** - Rushabh Gandhi (replace R.M. Vishakha)
- **Advisor of Mizuho Bank India** - Sanjay Nayar
- **Whole Time Director of IDFC FIRST Bank** - Pradeep Natarajan

362. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Staff Selection Commission (SSC)?

कर्मचारी चयन आयोग (एसएससी) का अध्यक्ष किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Rakesh Ranjan / राकेश रंजन
- (b) Saurabh Garg / सौरभ गर्ग
- (c) Raj Kumar Goyal / राज कुमार गोयल
- (d) Rajendra Kumar / राजेंद्र कुमार
- (e) Pradip Kumar Tripathi / प्रदीप कुमार त्रिपाठी

Ans. a

Sol. Rakesh Ranjan appointed as Chairman of SSC

IAS Pradip Kumar Tripathi has been appointed as Secretary to Lokpal till 30th June.

The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet has also approved the appointment of IAS Rakesh Ranjan as Chairman of Staff Selection Commission (SSC).

IAS Amit Yadav of 1991 batch has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty in the department of Social Justice and Empowerment department. He will take over as Secretary after superannuation of incumbent secretary Saurabh Garg on 31st of July.

As per order, IAS Raj Kumar Goyal of 1990 batch has been transferred as Secretary of the department of Justice in the Ministry of Law and Justice from Secretary of Department of Border Management in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The committee approved the appointment of IAS Rajendra Kumar of 1992 batch as Secretary in the Department of Border Management.

363. Diplomat Vijay Khanduja has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to which country?

राजनयिक विजय खंडूजा को किस देश में भारत का अगला उच्चायुक्त नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Chad
- (b) Gabon
- (c) Cameroon
- (d) Cambodia
- (e) Niger

Ans. c

Sol. Vijay Khanduja appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Cameroon

Diplomat Vijay Khanduja has been appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Cameroon.

Khanduja is presently posted as the Ambassador of India to Zimbabwe.

About Cameroon

- Capital- Yaoundé
- Currency- Central African CFA franc
- President- Paul Biya
- Prime minister- Joseph Ngute
- Official languages- French, English

364. In May 2024, NASA has successfully launched the first of two climate satellites named "PREFIRE" and "PREFIRE CubeSat" into orbit, designed to study heat emissions at Earth's poles. What is the meaning of first "R" in "PREFIRE"?

मई 2024 में, नासा ने "PREFIRE" और "PREFIRE CubeSat" नामक दो जलवायु उपग्रहों में से पहले उपग्रह को सफलतापूर्वक कक्षा में लॉन्च किया है, जिसे पृथ्वी के ध्रुवों पर ऊष्मा उत्सर्जन का अध्ययन करने के लिए डिज़ाइन किया गया है। "PREFIRE" में पहले "R" का क्या अर्थ है?

- (a) Radiant
- (b) Radiation
- (c) Reactor
- (d) Remote
- (e) Red

Ans. a

Sol. NASA Launches Small Climate Satellite to Study Earth's Poles

NASA has successfully launched the first of two climate satellites into orbit, designed to study heat emissions at Earth's poles. The satellite, part of the PREFIRE (Polar Radiant Energy in the Far-InfraRed Experiment) mission, was carried by Rocket Lab's Electron rocket from the company's Launch Complex 1 in Mahia, New Zealand.

The PREFIRE mission consists of two shoebox-size cube satellites, or CubeSats, that will measure the amount of heat Earth radiates into space from the coldest and most remote regions on the planet.

The second PREFIRE CubeSat will be launched on a separate Electron rocket from Launch Complex 1 in the coming days. After a 30-day checkout period to ensure both CubeSats are functioning properly, the mission is expected to operate for 10 months.

365. The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully flight-tested the RudraM-II _____ missile.

रक्षा अनुसंधान एवं विकास संगठन (डीआरडीओ) ने रुद्रएम-II _____ मिसाइल का सफलतापूर्वक उड़ान परीक्षण किया है।

- (a) air-to-air
- (b) air-to-surface
- (c) surface -to-surface
- (d) surface –to -air
- (e) both a and b

Ans. b

Sol. DRDO Successfully Tests RudraM-II Missile

The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully flight-tested the RudraM-II air-to-surface missile.

The missile was fired from a Su-30 MK-I aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) off the coast of Odisha.

The missile's performance was validated through data captured by various range tracking instruments, including electro-optical systems, radar, and telemetry stations set up by the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur and on an on-board ship.

RudraM-II is a solid-propelled air-launched missile designed for air-to-surface operations, capable of neutralizing various enemy assets. It incorporates advanced technologies developed by several DRDO laboratories.

366. Who has won the ICC Women's Player of the Month for April 2024?**अप्रैल 2024 के लिए ICC महिला प्लेयर ऑफ द मंथ का पुरस्कार किसने जीता है?**

- (a) Yastika Bhatia
- (b) Sophie Devine
- (c) Meg Lanning
- (d) Ellyse Perry
- (e) Hayley Matthews

Ans. e**Sol.** ICC Players of the Month for April 2024 announced

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the winners of the ICC Player of the Month awards for April 2024.

West Indies's Captain Hayley Matthews has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for her exceptional all-round performances that spearheaded the West Indies' success in Pakistan across both ODI and T20I series.

It is the third time that Matthews has claimed the monthly ICC award, with the star all-rounder adding the success in April to previous wins in November 2021 and October 2023.

Ash Gardner (four times) is the only player to have won the women's monthly award on more occasions than Matthews.

While, Muhammad Waseem, the UAE captain and opener, has been named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for his notable run-scoring feats as the UAE triumphed in the ACC Premier Cup.

ICC Men's Player of the Month

- January 2024 - Shamar Joseph (West Indies)
- February 2024 -- Yashasvi Jaiswal (India)
- March 2024 - Kamindu Mendis (Sri Lanka)
- April 2024 - Muhammad Waseem (UAE)

ICC Women's Player of the Month

- January 2024 - Amy Hunter (Ireland)
- February 2024 - Annabel Sutherland (Australia)
- March 2024 - Maia Bouchier (England)
- April 2024 - Hayley Matthews (West Indies)

367. In Arm Wrestling, the Indian contingent has clinched a total of seven medals including one gold and six bronze at the Asian Championship, 2024 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Name the player who won the gold medal?

ताशकंद, उज्बेकिस्तान में एशियाई चैंपियनशिप, 2024 में आर्म रेसलिंग में भारतीय दल ने एक स्वर्ण और छह कांस्य सहित कुल सात पदक जीते हैं। स्वर्ण पदक जीतने वाले खिलाड़ी का नाम बताइए?

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Preeti Jhangiani / प्रीति झंगियानी।
- (c) Sachin Goyal / सचिन गोयल
- (d) Laxman Singh Bhandari / लक्ष्मण सिंह भंडारी
- (e) Shrimant Jha / श्रीमंत झा

Ans. e

Sol. India bags seven medals at the Asian Armwrestling Championship 2024

In Arm Wrestling, the Indian contingent has clinched a total of seven medals including one gold and six bronze at the Asian Championship, 2024 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Shrimant Jha, who participated in two categories, was the top performer for India.

He won the gold medal in the left-hand para category, while he won the bronze medal in the right-hand para category.

In the Masters category, Laxman Singh Bhandari secured two bronze medals, while Sachin Goyal won the bronze medal in the competitive right-hand Senior category.

Meanwhile, in the Women's Right and Left-hand categories, Ibi Lollen from Arunachal Pradesh clinched two bronze medals.

The Indian contingent was competing under the banner of the People's Armwrestling Federation of India (PAFI), led by President Preeti Jhangiani.

PAFI is the sole Indian organisation in affiliation with the Asian Armwrestling Federation (AAF) and the World Armwrestling Federation (WAF).

368. Which bank will stop sending SMS alerts for UPI transitions up to Rs 100 from June 25?

कौन सा बैंक 25 जून से 100 रुपये तक के यूपीआई ट्रांजिशन के लिए एसएमएस अलर्ट भेजना बंद कर देगा?

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक

Ans. d

Sol. HDFC Bank to stop SMS alerts for small UPI payments

HDFC Bank will stop sending SMS alerts for UPI transitions up to Rs 100 from June 25.

The private lender said that SMS alerts won't be pushed for incoming payments up to Rs 500 from the said date either.

UPI transactions require the authorisation of a Personal Identification Number (PIN), a 4-6 digit pass code set by the customers as a security measure to ensure safe and approved transactions. For normal UPI the transaction limit is up to Rs 1 Lakh per transaction.

India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions reached an all-time high in 2023, with a total volume of 117.6 billion transactions and a value of Rs 183 trillion.

About HDFC Bank

- **Founded** – August 1994
- **Founder** - Hasmukhbhai Parekh
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **MD & CEO** - Sashidhar Jagdishan
- **Chairman** – Atanu Chakraborty
- **Tagline** - We understand your world

369. International Potato Day is observed every year on which day?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय आलू दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 30 May
- (b) 31 May
- (c) 29 May
- (d) 28 May
- (e) 27 May

Ans. a

Sol. 30 May - International Day of Potato

The first ever International Potato Day is observed this year.

In December 2023, General Assembly announced that May 30 will be observed as International Potato Day every year.

Theme 2024 - Harvesting Diversity, Feeding Hope

Potatoes rank among the top five staple food items used throughout the world.

The day will be celebrated to highlight the significance of potatoes from the Andean region to the world. The first ever International Potato Day will be observed this year on May 30.

370. Hindi Journalism Day is observed every year on 30 May to honour the start of Hindi journalism that has enabled each person of the country to have access to proper information. What is the name of first Hindi Newspaper?

हिंदी पत्रकारिता दिवस हर साल 30 मई को हिंदी पत्रकारिता की शुरुआत का सम्मान करने के लिए मनाया जाता है, जिसने देश के हर व्यक्ति को सही जानकारी तक पहुँच बनाने में सक्षम बनाया। पहले हिंदी समाचार पत्र का नाम क्या है?

- (a) Bengal Gazette
- (b) Azad Bharat
- (c) Swaraj
- (d) Swarajaya
- (e) Udant Martand

Ans. e

Sol. 30 May - Hindi Journalism Day

Hindi Journalism Day is observed every year on 30 May to honour the start of Hindi journalism that has enabled each person of the country to have access to proper information.

The journey of Hindi journalism began on May 30, 1826, with publication of the first Hindi newspaper, 'Udant Martand,' started by Pt. Jugal Kishore Shukla. This day is dedicated to the special contribution of Hindi journalists working for public welfare, imbued with truth & courage. The Hindi publication of Udant Martand was a milestone in the history of Indian journalism. Udant Martand was published in Calcutta. The date of publication was May 30, 1826. Hindi Journalism has existed in the country for about 198 years.

On May 30, 2024, Hindi Journalism Day will be observed to honour the contribution of Hindi journalism and the journalists who toil day and night to provide correct information to the citizens of the country.

371. India assumed the Chair of Colombo Process for _____, for the first time since its inception.

भारत ने कोलंबो प्रक्रिया की स्थापना के बाद पहली बार _____ के लिए इसकी अध्यक्षता संभाली।

- (a) 2024-25
- (b) 2024-26
- (c) 2025-26
- (d) 2024-28
- (e) 2027-28

Ans. b

Sol. India assumes Chair of Colombo Process for 2024-26

India assumed the Chair of Colombo Process for 2024-26, for the first time since its inception. India looks to promote safe, orderly and legal migration.

Colombo Process is a Regional Consultative Process of migrant worker origin countries from South and South East Asia.

It serves as a forum for exchange of best practices on overseas employment.

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372. In May 2024, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has launched an initiative to monetize its infrastructure, seeking investments from which country to sustain and enhance India's expanding national highway network with an aim to build lasting investor relationships?

मई 2024 में, भारतीय राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण (NHAI) ने अपने बुनियादी ढांचे का मुद्रीकरण करने के लिए एक पहल शुरू की है, जिसमें स्थायी निवेशक संबंध बनाने के उद्देश्य से भारत के विस्तारित राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग नेटवर्क को बनाए रखने और बढ़ाने के लिए किस देश से निवेश की मांग की गई है?

- (a) Tanzania / तंजानिया
- (b) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (c) Oman / ओमान
- (d) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (e) UAE / यूएई

Ans. e

Sol. NHAI launches initiative to attract the UAE's investments for India's highway expansion

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has launched an initiative to monetize its infrastructure, seeking investments from the UAE to sustain and enhance India's expanding national highway network.

NHAI's delegation is conducting high-level meetings and roadshows in Dubai and Abu Dhabi to attract foreign investment via NHAI Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InVITs).

At a Dubai roadshow with the Consulate General of India and SBICAPS UAE, Yadav highlighted India's highway expansion from 70,000 to 140,000 kilometres in a decade, driven by significant government investment.

373. Ministry of Mines has organised a workshop on Granite and Marble mining in which city?

खान मंत्रालय ने किस शहर में ग्रेनाइट और संगमरमर खनन पर कार्यशाला आयोजित की है?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) Panaji / पणजी
- (c) Bhubaneswar / भुवनेश्वर
- (d) Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

Ans. a

Sol. Mines Ministry organizes Workshop on Granites and Marble Mining

Ministry of Mines organised a workshop on Granite and Marble mining in Bengaluru.

V L Kantha Rao addressed the inaugural session of workshop. Additional Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka, Dr. Shalini Rajneesh delivered the keynote address on the occasion.

This initiative, driven by data collected from central agencies, aims to enhance transparency and efficiency in the mining sector.

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374. Which Indian cricketer has been named the Chief Guest for the International Procurement and Supply Chain Conference 2024 in Mumbai?

किस भारतीय क्रिकेटर को मुंबई में होने वाले अंतर्राष्ट्रीय खरीद और आपूर्ति श्रृंखला कॉन्फ्रेंस 2024 के मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में नामित किया गया है?

- (a) Sachin Tendulkar / सचिन तेंदुलकर
- (b) Sourav Ganguly / सौरव गांगुली
- (c) Rahul Dravid / राहुल द्रविड़
- (d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni / महेन्द्र सिंह धोनी
- (e) Kapil Dev / कपिल देव

Ans. b

Sol. Sourav Ganguly became Chief Guest for Supply Chain Conference 2024

Sourav Ganguly, ex-BCCI President, has been named the Chief Guest for the International Procurement and Supply Chain Conference in Mumbai, 2024.

The conference will host 400+ delegates, focusing on "India Tomorrow: Economic Supremacy" to enhance India's economy.

The prestigious IPSC Awards 2024 will be presented, recognizing excellence in supply chain management.

375. The Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) has signed an MoU with which IIT to collaborate on research and training in May 2024?

सशस्त्र सेना चिकित्सा सेवा (एएफएमएस) ने मई 2024 में अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण पर सहयोग करने के लिए किस आईआईटी के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) IIT Hyderabad / आईआईटी हैदराबाद
- (b) IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली
- (c) IIT Madras / आईआईटी मद्रास
- (d) IIT Kanpur / आईआईटी कानपुर
- (e) IIT Roorkee / आईआईटी रुड़की

Ans. a

Sol. Armed Forces Medical Services & IIT Hyderabad ink MoU for Collaborative Research and Training

The Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) has signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad to collaborate on research and training.

The MoU aims to foster innovation and research in developing novel medical devices and addressing health issues specific to soldiers serving in varied terrains.

IIT Hyderabad, with its departments of Biotechnology, Biomedical Engineering, and Bioinformatics, will provide the necessary technical expertise to tackle the diverse medical challenges faced by the Armed Forces.

Additionally, the MoU will facilitate student exchange programs, short-term courses for undergraduates, and faculty exchange initiatives.

376. How much sovereign loan has been sanctioned by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to India in 2023?

एशियाई विकास बैंक (ADB) ने 2023 में भारत को कितना सॉवरेन ऋण स्वीकृत किया है?

- (a) \$2.8 billion
- (b) \$2.6 billion
- (c) \$2.4 billion
- (d) \$2.2 billion
- (e) \$2.5 billion

Ans. b

Sol. ADB approves \$2.6 billion in Sovereign lending to India in 2023

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned \$2.6 billion in sovereign lending to India in the calendar year 2023.

The loan sanctioned by ADB in 2023 will be used to finance urban development projects, promote the power sector, support industrial corridor development, support horticulture, enhance connectivity and build India's climate resilience.

Sovereign means supreme power, and in India the government of India is sovereign. Thus, a sovereign loan means a loan given to the government of India. It includes a loan the ADB gives for a project in a particular state.

The loan is given to the government of India, and the repayment of the loan is the responsibility of the government of India, even though it may be used to implement a project in a state.

About Asian Development Bank (ADB)

- **Founded** - 19 December 1966
- **Headquarters** - Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines
- **President** - Masatsugu Asakawa
- **Vice President** - Ashok Lavasa
- **Director of ADB for India** - Mio Oka (replace Takeo Konishi)
- **Executive Director** - Vikas Sheel
- **Adviser to the Executive Director** - Smita Sarangi
- **Member Countries** - 68 (Niue)

377. Which bank has been fined Rs 36.38 lakhs by the RBI in May 2024 for violating the provision of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA)?

विदेशी मुद्रा प्रबंधन अधिनियम (फेमा) के प्रावधान का उल्लंघन करने के लिए आरबीआई ने मई 2024 में किस बैंक पर 36.38 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया है?

- (a) DBS Bank
- (b) HSBC
- (c) Export-Import Bank of India
- (d) Deutsche Bank
- (e) Citibank

Ans. b

Sol. RBI imposes Rs 36.38 lakh penalty on HSBC for violating Fema regulations

The Reserve Bank has imposed a fine of Rs 36.38 lakh on foreign lender HSBC for Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) violations.

The central bank said reporting requirements under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme of FEMA, 1999 were not followed by HSBC.

Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) 1999

- The Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) was enacted in 1999 and was implemented on 1 January 2000. It replaced the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) 1973.
- The FEMA Act lays down the rules and regulations regarding foreign exchange transactions. Certain sections of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) 1999 empower the RBI regarding transactions and management of foreign exchange in India.

378. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of ICICI Prudential?

ICICI प्रूडेंशियल के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Sandeep Batra / संदीप बत्रा
- (b) Ashwani Kumar / अश्विनी कुमार
- (c) Deepak Mohanty / दीपक मोहंती
- (d) Tablesh Pandey / तबलेश पांडे
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty / सिद्धार्थ मोहंती

Ans. a

Sol. IRDAI approves Sandeep Batra as ICICI Prudential Board chairman

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has approved the appointment of Sandeep Batra, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of ICICI Prudential.

The appointment of Batra will be effective from June 30, 2024.

Batra has been associated with ICICI group since September 2000 and is currently an Executive Director on the Board of ICICI Bank since July 2018, incharge of Corporate Centre.

Batra has also served as Executive Director, CFO at ICICI Prudential life and Group Compliance officer at ICICI Bank.

He is a Chartered Accountant and Company Secretary by qualification.

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector

- **MD & CEO of NARCL** - P Santhosh (replace N Sundar)
- **Part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank** - Pradeep Kumar Sinha (replace G. C. Chaturvedi)
- **CRO of Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services** - Mahesh Rajaraman (replace Mallika Mittal)
- **MD & CEO of IndiaFirst Life Insurance** - Rushabh Gandhi (replace R.M. Vishakha)
- **Advisor of Mizuho Bank India** - Sanjay Nayar

379. Which company has been honoured with the Corporate Social Responsibility award in the Non-Fossil Fuel (NF) business category at the Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit & Awards 2024?

आउटलुक प्लैनेट सस्टेनेबिलिटी समिट एंड अवार्ड्स 2024 में गैर-जीवाश्म ईंधन (एनएफ) व्यवसाय श्रेणी में किस कंपनी को कॉर्पोरेट सामाजिक उत्तरदायित्व पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (a) ReNew Power / रिन्यू पावर
- (b) TP renewable Microgrid / टीपी रिन्यूएबल माइक्रोग्रिड
- (c) JSW Energy / जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी
- (d) NTPC Limited / एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड
- (e) Power Finance Corporation Limited / पावर फाइनेंस कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड

Ans. e

Sol. PFC receives CSR Champion Award 2024

Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC) has been honoured with the Corporate Social Responsibility award in the Non-Fossil Fuel (NF) business category at the Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit & Awards 2024 held in Goa.

PFC's Chairperson & Managing Director (CMD) Parminder Chopra received the award from the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances' Secretary V Srinivas in presence of officials from Department of Public Enterprises, IIT Goa and Outlook.

The Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit & Awards 2024 brought together senior government policymakers and top management of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) to discuss and showcase exemplary initiatives in sustainability.

Recent Award

- **UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award** - Major Radhika Sen
- **Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25** - NHPC
- **UK's Women's Empowerment Award** - Arti (from UP)
- **Shaw Prize 2024 in astronomy** - Srinivas R. Kulkarni
- **International Booker Prize 2024** - Jenny Erpenbeck and Michael Hofmann (Kairos)
- **ATD BEST Award 2024 for Talent Development** – NTPC Ltd (3rd Rank)

380. Recently, the maximum limit of retirement gratuity and death gratuity has been revised by the government from 20 lakh to _____ rupees.

हाल ही में, सरकार ने सेवानिवृत्ति ग्रेच्युटी और मृत्यु ग्रेच्युटी की अधिकतम सीमा को 20 लाख से बढ़ाकर _____ रुपये कर दिया है।

- (a) 25 Lakh
- (b) 30 Lakh
- (c) 35 Lakh
- (d) 40 Lakh
- (e) 50 Lakh

Ans. a

Sol. Government raises Retirement & Death Gratuity Limits to 25 Lakh

The maximum limit of retirement gratuity and death gratuity has been revised by the government from 20 lakh to 25 lakh rupees.

Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions has issued an official memorandum in this regard. The revised limit will come into effect from 1st January 2024.

What is gratuity?

- Gratuity is a defined benefit plan given by the employer to the employee for rendering services continuously for five years or more.
- According to the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, an employee can receive gratuity if he has rendered continuous service for at least five years with an organisation.
- This gratuity is payable to the employee:
 - a) On his superannuation, or
 - b) On his retirement or resignation
- However, there is an exception where the condition of working continuously for five years with an organisation is not applicable.

381. In May 2024, which private space company successfully launched its Agnibaan SOrTeD mission, a single-stage launch vehicle demonstration powered by a semi-cryogenic 3D-printed engine?

मई 2024 में, किस निजी अंतरिक्ष कंपनी ने अपना SOrTeD मिशन सफलतापूर्वक लॉन्च किया, जो एक सेमी-क्रायोजेनिक 3डी-प्रिंटेड इंजन द्वारा संचालित एकल-चरण लॉन्च वाहन प्रदर्शन है?

- (a) Skyroot Aerospace
- (b) Bellatrix Aerospace
- (c) Gilmour Space Technologies
- (d) Speciale Invest
- (e) Agnikul Cosmos

Ans. e

Sol. Agnikul launches Agnibaan with India's first 3D-printed rocket engine

India's private space industry, Agnikul Cosmos successfully launched its SOrTeD mission, a single-stage launch vehicle demonstration powered by a semi-cryogenic 3D-printed engine.

The mission, which lasted approximately two minutes, marked a major achievement for the company and the country in the development of indigenous space technology.

The mission featured a 6.2-meter-tall single-stage launch vehicle with an elliptical nose cone and was equipped with advanced avionics architecture and autopilot software developed in-house.

The Agnilet engine, the world's first single-piece 3D-printed semi-cryogenic rocket engine, powered the vehicle.

The mission included a series of precise manoeuvres, including a pitch-over manoeuvre and wind biasing, before splashing down in the Bay of Bengal.

382. Who has been appointed as brand ambassador of Muthoot Pappachan Group?

मुथूट पप्पाचन ग्रुप का ब्रांड एंबेसडर किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Shah Rukh Khan / शाहरुख खान
- (b) Yami Gautam / यामी गौतम
- (c) Pankaj Tripathi / पंकज त्रिपाठी
- (d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni / महेन्द्र सिंह धोनी
- (e) Rajkumar Rao / राजकुमार राव

Ans. a

Sol. Shah Rukh Khan appoints brand ambassador of Muthoot Pappachan Group

Muthoot Pappachan Group (MPG), popularly known as Muthoot Blue, has roped in Shah Rukh Khan as its brand ambassador.

This strategic collaboration represents a significant milestone for MPG, reinforcing its brand presence, and a new way of connecting with a diverse audience across the country.

Muthoot Pappachan Group is the promoter of leading NBFCs including Muthoot FinCorp Limited (flagship Company of the Group), Muthoot Microfin Limited, Muthoot Capital Services Limited and Muthoot Housing Finance Company Limited. Chairman of the Muthoot Pappachan Group - Thomas John

Recent Brand Ambassador

- Kareena Kapoor Khan - UNICEF India National Ambassador
- MS Dhoni - French carmaker Citroen
- Sanjana Sanghi - SPACE India
- Neeraj Chopra - Eveready Batteries
- Nayanthar - Slice (the popular mango-flavored drink)
- Neeraj Chopra - BPCL's Speed Petrol Variant

383. Which Small Finance Bank has forged a bancassurance tie-up with ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Ltd. (ICICI Lombard)?

किस स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक ने आईसीआईसीआई लोम्बार्ड जनरल इंश्योरेंस कंपनी लिमिटेड (आईसीआईसीआई लोम्बार्ड) के साथ बैंकाश्योरेंस के लिए समझौता किया है?

- (a) AU Small Finance Bank Limited / एयू स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited / कैपिटल स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (c) Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited / फिनकेयर स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (d) Shivalik Small Finance Bank / शिवालिक स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
- (e) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited / इक्विटास स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड

Ans. b

Sol. Capital Small Finance Bank, ICICI Lombard enter into bancassurance tie-up

Capital Small Finance Bank (CSFB) has forged a bancassurance tie-up with ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Ltd.(ICICI Lombard), a private general insurer.

Through this collaboration, CSFB will leverage its network and customer base to distribute ICICI Lombard's suite of general insurance products, including health, motor, home, travel and rural insurance.

This partnership will empower the bank's customers to be adequately risk covered and access our wide suite of innovative and tech-driven insurance solutions.

Currently, CSFB has 177 branches spread over 5 States and 1 Union Territory.

Bancassurance is an insurance distribution model where insurance companies partner with banks to sell policies. Both the bank and insurance companies get to benefit from this arrangement.

While the bank earns a commission from the insurance company, the insurer gains from the distribution network of the bank.

Recent MoUs Signed in Banking Sector

- Airbus Helicopters, SIDBI sign MoU for helicopter financing in India
- SBI General Insurance signs bancassurance partnership with Jana SFB to increase insurance penetration
- Tata Motors' arms partner with Bajaj Finance to provide financing to passenger
- PhonePe has partnered with LankaPay to allow its users to pay using UPI across Sri Lanka
- Aarm partnered with Tata AIG General Insurance to provide comprehensive insurance coverage to its customers for their valuables.

South Indian Bank and Northern Arc Capital join hands to set new benchmarks in the financial sector

384. What percentage of GDP growth has been estimated by the Reserve Bank of India in the current financial year?

भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने चालू वित्त वर्ष में GDP वृद्धि का कितना प्रतिशत अनुमान लगाया है?

- (a) 7.0%
- (b) 7.1%
- (c) 7.2%
- (d) 7.5%
- (e) 7.8%

Ans. a

Sol. RBI projects 7% Real GDP growth in current financial year

The Reserve Bank of India has projected a 7 percent GDP growth in the current financial year.

In its annual report, RBI said the real GDP growth for 2024-25 is projected to grow at 7 per cent with risks evenly balanced.

The Indian economy expanded at a robust pace in fiscal 2024, with real GDP growth accelerating to 7.6 percent from 7 percent in previous year.

On May 22, the RBI's Central Board of Directors approved the transfer of Rs 2.11 lakh crore as surplus to the government for FY 2023-2024.

The income of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in the financial year 2023-24 rose around 17 percent year-on-year due to a significant rise in interest income from foreign securities, as per the central bank's report.

385. World No-Tobacco Day is observed every year on which day?

विश्व तंबाकू निषेध दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 27 May
- (b) 30 May
- (c) 29 May
- (d) 28 May
- (e) 31 May

Ans. e

Sol. 31 May - World No-Tobacco Day

World No-Tobacco Day is observed every year on 31 May.

Objective - To raise awareness about the dangers of tobacco use and advocate for effective policies to reduce consumption.

Theme 2024 - Protecting Children from Tobacco Industry Interference

In 1987, Member States of the World Health Organization designated 31 May as World No Tobacco Day. This was done to draw attention to the global tobacco epidemic, and the preventable death and disease it causes.

386. Which country has launched its First Space Agency in May 2024?

मई 2024 में किस देश ने अपनी पहली अंतरिक्ष एजेंसी शुरू की है?

- (a) Nepal
- (b) Spain
- (c) North Korea
- (d) South Korea
- (e) Vietnam

Ans. d

Sol. South Korea launches its First Space Agency

South Korea plans to make a Mars landing by 2045 and spend 100 trillion won (\$72.6 billion) until then on space exploration, President Yoon Suk Yeol said at the launch of the country's first space agency.

The Korea Aerospace Administration (KASA) will lead the country's "space economy," with hundreds of businesses and enterprises working to catapult South Korea into the ranks of the world's top five space powers.

The country's first lunar lander is planned for 2032. South Korea plans at least three more space launches by 2027 and has plans to launch military satellites

South Korea became the seventh country to own an indigenous space launch vehicle and satellite development technology with the launch of the Nuri rocket in May last year that put a commercial grade satellite in orbit.

The agency is aimed at streamlining policy and development functions shared among different government ministries and will bring under its structure the aerospace research institute that developed the Nuri and its precursor space launch vehicles. In January, Japan became the fifth country to place a lander on the moon. Last year, India became the fourth nation to land on the moon, after Russia failed in an attempt the same month.

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