



# Best 300+ MCQs

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## Current Affairs PDF

**1. Which of the following has launched a new thematic index called Nifty EV & New Age Automotive index?**

निम्नलिखित में से किसने निफ्टी ईवी और न्यू एज ऑटोमोटिव इंडेक्स नामक एक नया विषयगत सूचकांक लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Calcutta Stock Exchange / कलकत्ता स्टॉक एक्सचेंज
- (b) Madras Stock Exchange / मद्रास स्टॉक एक्सचेंज
- (c) Bombay Stock Exchange / बॉम्बे स्टॉक एक्सचेंज
- (d) National Stock Exchange / नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज
- (e) Frankfurt Stock Exchange / फ्रैंकफर्ट स्टॉक एक्सचेंज

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** NSE Indices launches India's first EV index to facilitate

Index provider NSE Indices launched a new thematic index called Nifty EV & New Age Automotive index.

The 33-stock index will track the performance of companies which form a part of the electric vehicle (EV) ecosystem or are involved in the development of new-age automotive vehicles or related technology.

Bajaj Auto, Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra and Maruti Suzuki are the top four components of the index.

**2. Which organization did the Boxing Federation of India recently agree to become a member of?**

**बॉक्सिंग फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडिया किस संगठन ने हाल ही में सदस्य बनने के लिए सहमत किया?**

- (a) Olympic Boxing Committee
- (b) World Boxing
- (c) World Boxing Federation
- (d) World Professional Boxing Federation
- (e) International Boxing Association

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** BFI agrees to become a member of World Boxing

The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) has agreed to become a member of World Boxing, the International Federation established to ensure boxing remains at the heart of the Olympic Movement.

The membership application has been approved by the BFI's General Assembly, and will be ratified by World Boxing's Executive Board.

World Boxing was launched in April 2023 and aims to ensure that boxing remains at the heart of the Olympic movement.

The BFI president, Ajay Singh, recently met with World Boxing's President and Secretary General to discuss ways in which India can support the International Federation in growing its member base in Asia where FBI is one of the largest National Federation.

**3. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the auction of 10-year green bonds as traders refused to pay greenium. Diverging from the pattern of issuing green bonds in the latter half, the government plans to issue green bonds worth \_\_\_\_\_ in the first half of the current financial year.**

रिजर्व बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (आरबीआई) ने 10 साल के ग्रीन बॉन्ड की नीलामी को रद्द कर दिया क्योंकि व्यापारियों ने ग्रीना का भुगतान करने से इनकार कर दिया। बाद के आधे हिस्से में ग्रीन बॉन्ड जारी करने के पैटर्न से अलग होकर, सरकार ने चालू वित्त वर्ष की पहली छमाही में \_\_\_\_\_ के लायक हरे बांड जारी करने की योजना बनाई है।

- (a) Rs 11,000 crore
- (b) Rs 12,000 crore
- (c) Rs 13,000 crore
- (d) Rs 14,000 crore
- (e) Rs 15,000 crore

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** RBI cancels 10-year green bond auction for first time

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the auction of 10-year green bonds as traders refused to pay greenium. Greenium signifies the premium investors are willing to pay for green bonds because of their sustainability impact.

Funds generated via the sale of green bonds will be allocated to public-sector projects aimed at decreasing the carbon footprint of the economy.

Diverging from the pattern of issuing green bonds in the latter half, the government plans to issue green bonds worth Rs 12,000 crore in the first half of the current financial year.

The green bonds were planned to be issued in two tranches of Rs 6,000 crore each for a period of 10 years.

**4. In June 2024, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone will operate and manage Container Terminal 2 at the Dar es Salaam Port of which country through its subsidiary Adani International Ports Holdings Pte Ltd with a concession agreement for 30 years?**

जून 2024 में, अडानी पोर्ट्स और स्पेशल इकोनॉमिक ज़ोन 30 साल के लिए एक रियायत समझौते के साथ अपनी सहायक अदानी इंटरनेशनल पोर्ट्स होल्डिंग्स पीटीई लिमिटेड के माध्यम से किस देश के डार एस सलाम बंदरगाह पर कंटेनर टर्मिनल 2 का संचालन और प्रबंधन करेंगे?

- (a) Tanzania / तंजानिया
- (b) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (c) Oman / ओमान
- (d) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (e) UAE / यूएई

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Adani Ports signs 30-year concession pact to operate Tanzania Port Terminal

Marking its third foray into international ports, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) will operate and manage Container Terminal 2 at the Dar es Salaam Port, Tanzania, through its subsidiary Adani International Ports Holdings Pte Ltd.

The concession agreement for 30 years has been signed with the Tanzania Ports Authority.

Through a joint venture formed with Abu Dhabi Ports Group and East Harbour Terminals Ltd last year, India's largest port operator has also bought the Hong Kong-based SPV which employs the manpower and equipment at the terminal for \$39.5 million.

**5. According to government data released in June 2024, the Union government contained the fiscal deficit at \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2023-24.**

**जून 2024 में जारी सरकारी आंकड़ों के अनुसार, केंद्र सरकार ने 2023-24 में सकल घरेलू उत्पाद (जीडीपी) का \_\_\_\_\_ राजकोषीय घाटा था।**

- (a) 5.4%
- (b) 5.6%
- (c) 5.8%
- (d) 6.0%
- (e) 6.3%

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** India's fiscal deficit in FY24 improved to 5.6% of GDP: Govt data

India's fiscal deficit stood at Rs 16.54 lakh crore in FY24 as against the budgetary target of Rs 17.86 lakh crore.

With this, the fiscal gap has reached 95.3 per cent of the budgetary target, data from the Comptroller General of Accounts showed.

The central government's fiscal deficit stood at 5.6 per cent of GDP in FY24, below the revised estimate of 5.8 per cent. The centre's net tax receipts for FY24 were higher than projected at Rs 23.27 lakh crore, and 100.1 per cent of the year's target.

Meanwhile, the total expenditure came in at Rs 44.43 lakh crore, or 99 per cent of the targeted expenditure for that year.

The government's capital spending on infrastructure projects was Rs 9.49 lakh crore.

In addition, fiscal deficit for April this year stood at Rs 2.1 lakh crore, or 12.5 per cent of the full year target.

**6. In June 2024, RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 88.70 lakh on which bank for non-compliance with certain regulatory norms including non-compliance with licensing conditions?**

**जून 2024 में, आरबीआई ने लाइसेंसिंग शर्तों के साथ गैर-अनुपालन सहित कुछ नियामक मानदंडों के साथ गैर-अनुपालन के लिए किस बैंक पर 88.70 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया है?**

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

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** RBI imposes monetary penalty on SBM Bank (India)

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 88.70 lakh on SBM Bank (India) for non-compliance with certain regulatory norms.

The central banks said the penalty has been imposed for non-compliance with licensing conditions imposed by the RBI, and specific directions to stop undertaking Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) transactions with immediate effect.

The RBI said the bank was engaged business correspondents for establishing account-based relationship with customers from certain regions, despite its request being not acceded to by RBI.

**Recent Penalties imposed on Banks by RBI**

- HSBC (36.38 lakh) - for violating Fema regulations
- ICICI Bank (1 crore) - For non-compliance with certain directions on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions'.
- YES Bank (91 lakh) - For violation of certain norms on 'Customer Service in Banks', and 'Un-authorized Operation of Internal/Office.
- Hero Fincorp Ltd (3.10 lakh) - For rule violations
- Lokmangal Co-operative Bank (5 lakh) - For rule violations.

**7. Bernadine Bezuidenhout announced her retirement from international cricket. For which two countries has she played cricket?**

**Bernadine Bezuidenhout** ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट से अपनी सेवानिवृत्ति की घोषणा की। उन्होंने किन दो देशों के लिए क्रिकेट खेली है ?

- (a) New Zealand and England
- (b) England and South Africa
- (c) South Africa and Australia
- (d) Australia and England
- (e) South Africa and New Zealand

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Bernadine Bezuidenhout retires from international cricket

New Zealand cricketer Bernadine Bezuidenhout announced her retirement from international cricket.

The 30-year-old appeared in 4 ODIs, and 7 T20Is for South Africa after that she switched to New Zealand. Bezuidenhout played 16 ODIs and 22 T20Is for the Kiwis in the international cricket.

Bezuidenhout played her maiden international cricket in 2014 for the Proteas.

In 2015, she relocated to Christchurch and was picked in New Zealand's squad in 2018 after her end of a two-year residential stand-down in August 2017.

#### **Recently Retired Players**

- James Anderson (England) – International Cricket
- Saurav Ghosal (India) - Professional Squash
- Collins Obuya (Kenya) – International cricket
- Matthew Wade (Australia) - First-class cricket
- Neil Wagner (New Zealand) – International cricket

**8. Which institute has been awarded the Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion for 2024 by the World Health Organization (WHO)?**

विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन (डब्ल्यूएचओ) द्वारा 2024 के लिए स्वास्थ्य संवर्धन के लिए किस संस्थान को नेल्सन मंडेला पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (a) Central Institute of Psychiatry in Jharkhand
- (b) National Brain Research Centre Research institute in Gurgaon
- (c) AIIMS Delhi
- (d) National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences in Bengaluru
- (e) Fortis

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** NIMHANS awarded Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion for 2024

The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) in Bengaluru has been awarded the Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion for 2024 by the World Health Organization (WHO).

The institute is an Institute of National Importance under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya congratulated the institute, highlighting that it is a recognition of India's efforts in inclusive healthcare.

The Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion, established by WHO in 2019, recognizes individuals, institutions, governmental or non-governmental organizations that have demonstrated remarkable contributions to health promotion.

**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)

**9. Brydon Carse has been banned from all cricket for three months for betting violations. He is from which country?**

सट्टेबाजी के उल्लंघन के लिए ब्रायडन कार्स को तीन महीने के लिए सभी क्रिकेट से प्रतिबंधित कर दिया गया है। वह किस देश से है?

- (a) England / इंग्लैंड
- (b) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (c) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) Ireland / आयरलैंड

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** England's Brydon Carse banned for three months for betting violations

England paceman Brydon Carse has been banned from all cricket for three months for betting violations.

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**10. Canara Bank has granted an approval for initiating the process of diluting its \_\_\_\_\_ stake in its subsidiary Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company Ltd.**

कैनरा बैंक ने अपनी सहायक कंपनी कैनरा एचएसबीसी लाइफ इंश्योरेंस कंपनी लिमिटेड में अपनी \_\_\_\_\_ हिस्सेदारी को कम करने की प्रक्रिया शुरू करने के लिए एक अनुमोदन दिया है।

- (a) 13.50%
- (b) 14.50%
- (c) 15.50%
- (d) 16.50%
- (e) 17.50%

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Canara Bank gives approval to dilute 14.50% stake in insurance unit

Canara Bank has granted an approval for initiating the process of diluting its 14.50 per cent stake in its subsidiary Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company Ltd.

The bank has accorded approval for initiating the process of diluting 14.50 per cent stake of the Bank in its subsidiary Canara HSBC Life Insurance by listing the company in Stock Exchanges (BSE/NSE) through initial public offer (IPO).

Earlier in the day, the lender's Board approved the raising of Rs 8,500 crore via debt instruments (Additional Tier I / Tier II Bonds) for the financial year 2024-25.

#### **About Canara Bank**

- Founded - 1906
- Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka
- MD & CEO - K Satyanarayana Raju
- Tagline - Together with Can

**11. According to the National Statistical Office (NSO) released on 31 May 2024. what was the growth rate of the Indian economy in 2023-24?**

**31 मई 2024 को जारी राष्ट्रीय सांख्यिकीय कार्यालय (एनएसओ) के अनुसार, 2023-24 में भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था की विकास दर क्या थी?**

- (a) 7.2%
- (b) 8.2%
- (c) 7.8%
- (d) 7.0%
- (e) 8.6%

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** India's GDP grows 8.2% in FY24 against 7% in FY23

According to the provisional estimate of the National Statistical Organisation (NSO), the Indian Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 8.2 per cent in the financial year 2023-24.

The Indian GDP growth rate in 2022-23 was 7 percent. This is the ninth time since 1960-61 the Indian GDP has grown by 8 per cent or more in a financial year .

According to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, real GDP or GDP at constant prices is estimated to attain a level of over 173 lakh crore rupees in the year 2023-24.

The Reserve Bank of India had estimated a growth rate of 7.6 per cent for the Indian economy in 2023-24. The unexpectedly high growth rate of 8.2 per cent in 2023-24 was due to the strong performance of the economy in the fourth quarter(January- March 2024) of the financial year 2023-24.

The Indian GDP grew by 7.8 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2023-24 (January-March) compared to January -March 2023.

Quarterly GDP Growth Rate in 2023-24

The following are the growth rates of the Indian GDP in the four quarters of the financial year 2023-24.

Quarter of Financial Year 2023-24 Growth Rate

- Q1(April - June 2023) - 8.2 %
- Q2(July to November 2023) - 8.1%
- Q3 (October -December 2023) - 8.6%
- Q4 (January- March 2024) - 7.8%

## 12. Who has won the Scripps National Spelling Bee?

किसने स्क्रिप्स नेशनल स्पेलिंग बी जीता है?

- (a) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (b) Maushami Chakraborty / मौसमी चक्रवर्ती
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (d) Joyeeta Gupta / जोयिता गुप्ता
- (e) Bruhat Soma / ब्रुहाट सोमा

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Indian-American Bruhat Soma wins Scripps National Spelling Bee

Bruhat Soma, a 12-year-old Indian-American seventh-grade student from Florida, has won the Scripps National Spelling Bee after he spelt 29 words correctly in the tiebreaker, maintaining the dominance of the children from the small ethnic community in the prestigious competition.

Bruhat emerged victorious in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, earning more than \$50,000 in cash and other prizes.

This year's contest came down to a tiebreaker in which Bruhat spelt 29 words correctly in 90 seconds, beating Faizan Zaki, who managed to correctly spell 20 words in the lightning round.

**13. World Milk Day is celebrated every year on which day?**

**वर्ल्ड मिल्क डे हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

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

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 1 June - World Milk Day

World Milk Day is celebrated every year on 1 June.

This day is dedicated to the dairy industry and the products they sell. It is a day to start a conversation about how accessible, affordable, and nutritious milk is around the world.

World Milk Day, established by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, has been observed across the world since its inception in 2001.

Milk is a staple of many cultures, and it is used in a variety of ways, including drinking, cooking, and making ice cream. It is also a significant source of calcium, vitamin D, and potassium, which are essential nutrients for human health.

**14. The Global Day of Parents is observed every year on which day?**

**माता -पिता का वैश्विक दिन हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

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

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 1 June - Global Day of Parents

The Global Day of Parents is observed on 1 June every year.

The United Nations General Assembly established this day in 2012 to express international awareness about the importance of parenthood and to promote the healthy development of children by their parents.

The day was established to highlight the parents' significant role in their children's development and promote their healthy growth and development.

The General Assembly also emphasized the importance of parental support and involvement in the education and development of children.

**15. In June 2024, who has unveiled his latest collection "The Golden Krishna," in a grand opening ceremony?**

**जून 2024 में एक भव्य उद्घाटन समारोह में किसने अपने नवीनतम संग्रह "द गोल्डन कृष्णा" का अनावरण किया है?**

- (a) Amartya Sen / अमर्त्य सेन
- (b) Arvind Subramanian / अरविंद सुब्रमण्यम
- (c) Krishn Kanhai / कृष्ण कन्हाई
- (d) Dr. Manmohan Singh / डॉ मनमोहन सिंह
- (e) Pulapre Balakrishnan / पुलाप्रे बालकृष्णन

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Krishn Kanhai unveils 'The Golden Krishna' Exhibition in Dubai

Renowned Indian artist Krishn Kanhai unveiled his latest collection, "The Golden Krishna," in a grand opening ceremony.

The exhibition showcases Kanhai's exquisite new works centered around Lord Krishna.

The centerpiece of the exhibition is a breathtaking life-sized, three-dimensional painting of Tirupati Balaji, meticulously crafted with 24-karat gold and measuring an impressive 5 feet by 8 feet.

This masterpiece exemplifies Kanhai's signature style, which has captivated art lovers worldwide. Kanhai, a Padma Shri recipient, has held exhibitions in major cities like Hong Kong, London and countries like the Philippines and the United States.

Now, Dubai enthusiasts have the opportunity to experience his unique blend of artistry that captures the divine essence of Krishna.

**16. Which state of India has introduced Artificial Intelligence (AI) learning in the Information & Communication Technology (ICT) textbook for Class 7 students?**

भारत के किस राज्य ने कक्षा 7 के छात्रों के लिए सूचना एवं संचार प्रौद्योगिकी (ICT) पाठ्यपुस्तक में आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस (AI) लर्निंग की शुरुआत की है?

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

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Kerala Introduces Artificial Intelligence Learning in School Textbooks

Kerala has introduced Artificial Intelligence (AI) learning in the Information & Communication Technology (ICT) textbook for Class 7 students. This initiative aims to familiarize over 4 lakh students with AI in the upcoming academic year, marking a significant step towards enhancing technological education in the state.

This move is poised to impact over 4 lakh students across Kerala, who will now have the opportunity to delve into the realm of AI in the upcoming academic year, according to a release issued by the Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE).

**About Kerala**

- **Capital** – Thiruvananthapuram
- **Chief Minister** – Pinarayi Vijayan
- **Governor** – Arif Mohammad Khan

**17. The Supreme Court has reconstituted its Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee. Who will chair this committee?**

**सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने लैंगिक संवेदनशीलता और आंतरिक शिकायत समिति का पुनर्गठन किया है। इस समिति की अध्यक्षता कौन करेगा?**

- (a) Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde / जस्टिस शरद अरविंद बोबड़े
- (b) Justice D.Y. Chandrachud / जस्टिस डी. वाई. चंद्रचूड़
- (c) Justice B V Nagarathna / जस्टिस बी वी नागरत्ना
- (d) Justice Hima Kohli / न्यायमूर्ति हिमा कोहली
- (e) Justice Ranjan Gogoi / जस्टिस रंजन गोगोई

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** SC reconstitutes committee on gender sensitisation

The Supreme Court has reconstituted its Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee.

In exercise of powers conferred by Clause 4(2) of the Gender Sensitisation and Sexual Harassment of Women at the Supreme Court of India (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Regulations, 2013 and all enabling provisions in this behalf, Hon'ble Chief Justice of India has been pleased to re-constitute the Supreme Court Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee.

The 12-member committee is headed by top court judge Hima Kohli, who is the chairperson.

The panel also comprises Justice B V Nagarathna, Additional Registrar Sukhda Pritam and senior advocates Meenakshi Arora and Mahalakshmi Pavani.

#### **Recent Committees**

- Equestrian Federation Of India's Ad-Hoc Administrative Committee; chaired by Justice Najmi Waziri
- IOA forms three-member ad hoc committee to run affairs of suspended WFI; chaired by - Bhupinder Singh Bajwa
- IRDAI forms panel to simplify insurance policy wordings; chaired by -L Viswanathan
- One Nation, One Election Committee; chaired by - Ram Nath Kovind
- SEBI reconstitutes panel on alternative investment policy; chaired by - N R Narayana Murthy

**18. What is the name of India's first female Permanent Representative to the United Nations who retired recently?**

संयुक्त राष्ट्र में भारत की पहली महिला स्थायी प्रतिनिधि का नाम क्या है जो हाल ही में सेवानिवृत्त हुई है?

- (a) Nirupama Rao / निरुपमा राव
- (b) Gita Sabharwal / गीता सभरवाल
- (c) Smita Sarangi / स्मिता सारंगी
- (d) Tanu Singh / तनु सिंह
- (e) Ruchira Kamboj / रुचिरा कंबोज

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Ruchira Kamboj, India's first woman Permanent Representative to UN, retires

India's first woman Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ruchira Kamboj retired after 35 years of service, during which she served as Indian envoy in Bhutan, South Africa and UNESCO.

Kamboj, a 1987-batch IFS officer.

Kamboj, who was the All India women's topper of the 1987 Civil Services batch and the topper of the 1987 Foreign Service batch, formally assumed the position of Permanent Representative/ Ambassador of India to New York, on August 2, 2022.

#### **About United Nations (UN)**

- **Founded** - 24 October 1945
- **Headquarters** - New York, US
- **Official languages** - Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian & Spanish
- **Membership** - 193 members (193<sup>rd</sup> - South Sudan)
- **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

**19. How many medals has won by Indian contingent in the Taiwan Athletics Open 2024?**

**ताइवान एथलेटिक्स ओपन 2024 में भारतीय दल ने कितने पदक जीते हैं?**

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

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** India bag 7 medals at Taiwan Athletics Open

In the Taiwan Athletics Open 2024, the Indian contingent concluded the campaign with a remarkable medal haul, bagging seven medals including three golds, three silvers and one bronze medal.

In women's Long Jump, Nayana James clinched the gold medal, registering the best jump of 6.43 metres. Sumire Hata of Japan won the silver.

In Men's 800 metres, India's Ankesh Choudhary bagged the gold, clocking 1 minute 50.63 seconds, while compatriot Somnath Chouhan won the silver medal clocking 1 minute 50.88 seconds. In Men's pole vault, Dev Meena won the silver medal.

DP Manu in men's Javelin throw clinched the gold medal with the best effort of 81.58 metres. In women's 100 metre hurdles.

Nithya Ramraj bagged the silver medal with a timing of 13.23 seconds. While, Vismaya V K won the bronze in the women's 400m race.

**20. Which bank has partnered with Mastercard to launch NFC Soundbox?**

**किस बैंक ने NFC साउंडबॉक्स लॉन्च करने के लिए मास्टरकार्ड के साथ साझेदारी की 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. b**

**Sol.** Axis Bank and Mastercard Introduce NFC Soundbox

Axis Bank has partnered with Mastercard to launch NFC Soundbox.

The new soundbox will act as an all-in-one solution that will allow the users to accept Bharat QR, UPI, Tap & Pay and Tap + Pin payments.

This device aligns with the Bank's asset lite strategy to provide products/solutions of superior quality at an affordable price.

The NFC Soundbox will help the Bank further penetrate the small merchant segments with cost-effective and simple payment solutions that are secure and compliant with PCI standards.

The device will be powered with a dual confirmation feature, providing audio cues through its speaker and visual feedback on the screen in more than seven languages, ensuring a smooth and reassuring transaction experience for both merchants and consumers.

**Recent MoUs Signed in Banking Sector**

- Capital Small Finance Bank, ICICI Lombard enter into bancassurance tie-up
- 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

**21. How much lakh crore rupees was GST collected in May 2024?**

**मई 2024 में कितने लाख करोड़ रुपये का जीएसटी संग्रह किया गया?**

- (a) ₹1.33 lakh crore.
- (b) ₹1.43 lakh crore.
- (c) ₹1.63 lakh crore.
- (d) ₹1.73 lakh crore.
- (e) ₹1.93 lakh crore.

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** GST collection rises 10% to Rs 1.73 lakh crore in May

The gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue for the month of May 2024 stood at ₹1.73 lakh crore.

In the month of May, 2024, the Central Government settled ₹38,519 crore to CGST and ₹32,733 crore to SGST from the net IGST collected of ₹67,204 crore.

This translates to a total revenue of ₹70,928 crore for CGST and ₹72,999 crore for SGST in May, 2024, after regular settlement.

This represents a 10% year-on-year growth, driven by a strong increase in domestic transactions (up 15.3%) and slowing of imports (down 4.3%).

After accounting for refunds, the net GST revenue for May 2024 stands at ₹1.44 lakh crore, reflecting a growth of 6.9% compared to the same period last year.

**GST Collection of Previous Months**

- January 2024 – 1,72,129 crore
- February 2024 - 1,68,337 crore
- March 2024 – 1,78,484 crore
- April 2024 - 2,10,267crore

**22. Tanvi Sharma, who was seen in news in June 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?**

तन्वी शर्मा, जो जून 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए समाचारों में दिखीं, निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़ी हैं?

- (a) Hockey / हॉकी
- (b) Tennis / टेनिस
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Football / फुटबॉल
- (e) Cricket / क्रिकेट

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Tanvi Sharma bags women's singles title of Bonn International Badminton Tournament  
India's Tanvi Sharma bagged the women's singles title at the Bonn International Badminton Tournament in Germany.

The young Indian shuttler defeated Wang Pei Yu of Taiwan in straight sets, 21-19, 22-20.

This is the first senior title for the 15-year-old Tanvi.

**23. Who has won the gold medal in Javelin throw at the Taiwan Athletics Open 2024, achieving a distance of 81.58 meters?**

**ताइवान एथलेटिक्स ओपन 2024 में भाला फेंक में 81.58 मीटर की दूरी हासिल करके स्वर्ण पदक किसने जीता है?**

- (a) Neeraj Chopra / नीरज चोपड़ा
- (b) DP Manu / डीपी मनु
- (c) Rohit Yadav / रोहित यादव
- (d) Kishore Kumar / किशोर कुमार
- (e) Arshad Nadeem / अरशद नदीम

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** India's DP Manu wins gold in javelin throw at Taiwan Athletics Open 2024

DP Manu from India won the gold medal in Javelin throw at the Taiwan Athletics Open 2024, achieving a distance of 81.58 meters.

Initially, he started with a throw of 78.32 meters, then improved to 80.59 meters in the third attempt.

However, he clinched the top position in the competition during his sixth and final attempt, surpassing his previous mark.

Chao Tsun Cheng of Chinese Taipei earned the silver medal with a throw of 76.21 meters.

Chao-Hong Huang, also from Chinese Taipei, clinched the bronze medal with a throw of 71.24 meters.

**24. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has collaborated with which company to manufactured a 3D-printed rocket engine?**

**भारतीय अंतरिक्ष अनुसंधान संगठन (इसरो) ने 3डी-प्रिंटेड रॉकेट इंजन बनाने के लिए किस कंपनी के साथ सहयोग किया है?**

- (a) Wipro
- (b) HCL
- (c) TCS
- (d) Infosys
- (e) IBM

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** ISRO and Wipro 3D Collaborate on 3D-Printed Rocket Engine

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Wipro 3D have successfully manufactured a 3D-printed rocket engine, the PS4, set to power the fourth stage of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).

This groundbreaking achievement, lauded by Dr. V. Narayanan, Director of Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) at ISRO, marks a paradigm shift in space manufacturing, ushering in the era of additive manufacturing for space exploration.

The PSLV, ISRO's workhorse launch vehicle for earth observation and scientific satellites, relies on its fourth stage, the PS4, for precise orbital placement.

This stage is crucial for missions related to remote sensing, oceanography, cartography, and disaster warning, among others. The successful integration of the 3D-printed PS4 engine signifies a transformative step in enhancing the PSLV's capabilities.

**25. Dinesh Karthik has recently announced his retirement. He is related to which sport?**

**दिनेश कार्तिक ने हाल ही में अपने संन्यास की घोषणा की है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित हैं?**

- (a) Hockey / हॉकी
- (b) Tennis / टेनिस
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Football / फुटबॉल
- (e) Cricket / क्रिकेट

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Dinesh Karthik announces retirement from all forms of cricket

Days after announcing retirement from the Indian Premier League tournament, ace Indian wicket-keeper batter Dinesh Karthik announced retirement from all formats of cricket.

He last played for Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the IPL 2024 Eliminator on 22 May.

Karthik played 26 Tests, 94 ODIs and 60 T20Is for India in a career spanning nearly two decades since he first represented the country in the 50-overs format against England at Lord's in September 2004.

### **Recently Retired Players**

- Bernadine Bezuidenhout (South Africa and New Zealand) - International Cricket
- James Anderson (England) – International Cricket
- Saurav Ghosal (India) - Professional Squash
- Collins Obuya (Kenya) – International cricket
- Matthew Wade (Australia) - First-class cricket

**26. Which day is World Clubfoot Day observed every year?**

**विश्व क्लबफुट दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

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

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 3 June - World Clubfoot Day

World Clubfoot Day is observed every year on 3 June.

Globally believed to have been designated by the Ponseti International Association or the PIA, in commemoration of the birthday of Dr Ignacio Ponseti (1914-2009), the developer of the Ponseti Method for treating clubfoot.

According to Ponseti International, clubfoot is the most common "musculoskeletal birth deformity, affecting 2,00,000 newborn children each year, 80 per cent in the developing countries".

**27. World Bicycle Day is celebrated every year on which day?**

**विश्व साइकिल दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

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

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 3 June - World Bicycle Day

World Bicycle Day is celebrated every year on 3 June.

This day highlights the importance of the bicycle as a simple, affordable, clean, and sustainable means of transportation. It encourages using bicycles for a healthy lifestyle and promotes their role in building a greener environment.

In April 2018, the United Nations General Assembly announced that World Bicycle Day will be celebrated every year on June 3.

The theme this year, the designated theme for World Bicycle Day is Promoting Health, Equity, and Sustainability through Cycling.

**28. World Cyder Day is observed every year on which day?**

**विश्व साइडर दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

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

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 3 June - World Cyder Day

World Cyder Day is observed every year on 3 June.

The World Cider Day on June 3rd is an international declaration of love for the popular cult drink. It symbolizes the beginning of the apple cider season all over the world.

The Apple Cider Day aims to generate publicity for the wide variety and characteristics of apple cider, to whet people's appetite for apple cider, to provide information about apple cider.

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**29. Which company has signed an agreement with the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) for carrying out joint research related to 5G/6G communications in the transportation and logistics sector?**

**किस कंपनी ने परिवहन और रसद क्षेत्र में 5G/6G संचार से संबंधित संयुक्त अनुसंधान करने के लिए गति शक्ति विश्वविद्यालय (GSV) के साथ एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?**

- (a) BSNL
- (b) Nokia
- (c) Samsung
- (d) Reliance
- (e) Airtel

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Nokia, Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya sign MoU to research in 5G/ 6G communications

Finnish telecom gearmaker Nokia has signed an agreement with the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) for carrying out joint research related to 5G/6G communications in the transportation and logistics sector.

Nokia and Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, a university under the Ministry of Railways, will collaborate on research opportunities in 5G/6G communications targeting air, land and sea transportation use cases, as well as standards development, smart factory/ automation, and AI/GenAI labs.

GSV, a central university, has been set up with an aim to provide multidisciplinary education, research, skilling, and executive education for transportation and logistics sectors.

**30. The Centre has introduced a new numbering series, \_\_\_\_\_, for making service or transactional calls, to help citizens easily identify legitimate calls and curb unsolicited voice calls from telemarketers using 10-digit mobile numbers.**

केंद्र ने सेवा या लेन-देन संबंधी कॉल करने के लिए एक नई नंबरिंग श्रृंखला, \_\_\_\_\_ शुरू की है, ताकि नागरिकों को वैध कॉलों की आसानी से पहचान करने और 10 अंकों वाले मोबाइल नंबरों का उपयोग करने वाले टेलीमार्केटर्स से अवांछित वॉयस कॉलों पर अंकुश लगाने में मदद मिल सके।

- (a) 140xxxxxxx
- (b) 150xxxxxxx
- (c) 160xxxxxxx
- (d) 170xxxxxxx
- (e) 180xxxxxxx

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Centre launches new mobile Number Series for Service, Transactional Calls

The Centre has introduced a new numbering series, 160xxxxxxx, for making service or transactional calls, to help citizens easily identify legitimate calls and curb unsolicited voice calls from telemarketers using 10-digit mobile numbers.

Currently, 140xxxxxxx series has been allocated to telemarketers for making promotional/service/transactional voice calls.

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) said in a statement that since the 140xx series is being used extensively for promotional calls, "consumers normally do not respond to such calls, and many important service/transactional calls are missed".

This has resulted in the wide use of regular 10-digit numbers by genuine entities for making service/transactional calls. This also gave opportunity to fraudsters to deceive consumers using 10-digit numbers.

This clear differentiation between service/transactional calls versus other types of calls will make it easier for citizens to manage their communication.

For example, the service/transactional calls originating from Financial Entities like by RBI, SEBI, PFRDA, IRDA, etc. shall start from 1601.

**31. India's largest skill-based Ludo platform, Zupee has partnered with which city's Cyber Police for the 11th edition of the Cyber Security Summer Internship Program, titled 'Cyber Warriors'?**

भारत के सबसे बड़े कौशल-आधारित लूडो प्लेटफॉर्म, जूपी ने साइबर सुरक्षा समर इंटरनशिप प्रोग्राम के 11वें संस्करण के लिए किस शहर की साइबर पुलिस के साथ साझेदारी की है, जिसका शीर्षक 'साइबर वॉरियर्स' है?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) Chandigarh / चंडीगढ़
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Greater Noida / ग्रेटर नोएडा
- (e) Gurugram / गुरुग्राम

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Zupee collaborates with Gurugram Cyber Police for Cyber Security awareness

India's largest skill-based Ludo platform, Zupee has partnered with Gurugram Cyber Police for the 11th edition of the Cyber Security Summer Internship Program, titled 'Cyber Warriors'.

The month-long internship aims to train selected candidates in cyber security under the guidance of experts, fostering responsible digital citizenship and tackling real-world cyber threats.

15,000 applications were received, with 1,100 interns selected, including working professionals and college students, to undergo immersive cyber security training.

**32. The International Cricket Council has announced a record prize purse of \_\_\_\_\_ for the 2024 T20 World Cup with the winners pocketing at least \_\_\_\_\_.**

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट परिषद ने 2024 के T20 विश्व कप के लिए \_\_\_\_\_ की रिकॉर्ड पुरस्कार राशि की घोषणा की है, जिसमें विजेता को कम से कम \_\_\_\_\_ मिलेगा।

- (a) USD 10.25 million; USD 1.45 million
- (b) USD 9.25 million; USD 4.45 million
- (c) USD 11.25 million; USD 2.45 million
- (d) USD 13.25 million; USD 3.45 million
- (e) USD 18.25 million; USD 2.95 million

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** ICC announces 'Highest Ever' Prize Money for T20 World Cup 2024

The International Cricket Council has announced a record prize purse of USD 11.25 million (approx INR 93.5 crore) for the 2024 T20 World Cup with the winners pocketing at least USD 2.45 million (approx INR 20.36 crore).

The runners-up will receive at least USD 1.28 million (Rs 10.36 crore), while the losing semi-finalists walk away with USD 787,500 each. The previous edition in 2022 had a total prize pool of USD 5.6 million with winners England receiving USD 1.6 million.

The four teams that fail to make it out of the Super 8s will earn USD 382,500 each, while the teams placed ninth, 10th, 11th and 12th receive USD 247,500 each. Participants who finish 13th to 20th place will return \$225,000 each.

**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

**33. Which edition of the Shangri La Dialogue or the Asian Security Summit concluded in Singapore recently?**

शांगरी ला वार्ता या एशियाई सुरक्षा शिखर सम्मेलन का कौन सा संस्करण हाल ही में सिंगापुर में संपन्न हुआ?

- (a) 14th
- (b) 21st
- (c) 16th
- (d) 17th
- (e) 22nd

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 21st Shangri La Dialogue Ends in Singapore

The 21st edition of the Asia Pacific premier defence meet, Shangri La Dialogue or the Asian Security Summit, concluded in Singapore.

The Shangri La Dialogue was held at the Shangri La Hotel in Singapore. It was attended by over a hundred delegates from Asia Pacific regions and from other parts of the world.

The Dialogue brings together security practitioners, including defence ministers, senior officials and non-governmental stakeholders, to discuss the most pressing security challenges in the Asia-Pacific, engage in bilateral discussions, and identify fresh approaches.

**34. Dr Helen Mary Roberts has become first woman brigadier in which country's Army from minority community?**

**डॉ. हेलेन मैरी रॉबर्ट्स किस देश की सेना में अल्पसंख्यक समुदाय से पहली महिला ब्रिगेडियर बन गई हैं?**

- (a) India / भारत
- (b) Nepal / नेपाल
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
- (e) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Helen Mary becomes first woman brigadier in Pakistan Army from minority community

Dr Helen Mary Roberts, serving in the Pakistan Army Medical Corps, has made history by becoming the first woman from Christian and minority community to achieve the rank of brigadier in the Muslim-majority country. Brigadier Helen was among Pakistan Army officers promoted as brigadiers and full colonels by the Selection Board.

Brigadier Dr. Helen is senior pathologist and has been serving in the Pakistan Army for the last 26 years.

According to data released by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics in 2021, there are 96.47 per cent Muslims in the country, followed by 2.14 per cent Hindus, 1.27 per cent Christians, 0.09 per cent Ahmadi Muslims and 0.02 per cent others.

**35. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Deendayal Port Authority?**

दीनदयाल बंदरगाह प्राधिकरण के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Gaurav Banerjee / गौरव बनर्जी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Sushil Kumar Singh / सुशील कुमार सिंह
- (d) Tanu Singh / तनु सिंह
- (e) Rakesh Mohan / राकेश मोहन

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Sushil Kr Singh named Chairperson of Deendayal Port Authority

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Sushil Kumar Singh (IRSME) as Chairperson of Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. Singh has been appointed as Chairman of Deendayal Port Authority in place of SK Mehta (IFoS) with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the post, for an overall tenure up to the date of his superannuation on January 31, 2027 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

Singh is an Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineering (IRSME) officer of 1993-batch

**Recent Appointment**

- **Chairman of Staff Selection Commission (SSC)** - Rakesh Ranjan
- **CEO of Sony India** - Gaurav Banerjee (replace NP Singh)
- **Chairperson of Committee A Of 77TH WHA Event** - Apurva Chandra
- **Chairman of DRDO** - Samir V. Kamat (one year extension)
- **Chairman of NAFED** - Jetha Ahir

**36. Recently, Claudia Sheinbaum became the first female president of which country?**

**हाल ही में क्लॉउडिया शिनबाम किस देश की पहली महिला राष्ट्रपति बनीं?**

- (a) Mexico / मेक्सिको
- (b) Italy / इटली
- (c) UK / यूके
- (d) Spain / स्पेन
- (e) Canada / कनाडा

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Claudia Sheinbaum becomes first woman President of Mexico

Claudia Sheinbaum secured a sweeping win to become Mexico's first female president.

She succeeded her mentor and outgoing leader, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, whose strong support among the impoverished contributed to her victory.

The 61-year-old climate scientist and former policymaker had between 58.3 per cent and 60.7 per cent of the vote, according to a statistical sample.

Opposition candidate Xóchitl Gálvez had between 26.6 per cent and 28.6 per cent of the vote and Jorge Álvarez Máynez had between 9.9 per cent and 10.8 per cent of the vote.

**About Mexico**

- Capital- Mexico City
- Currency – Peso
- President- Claudia Sheinbaum
- Continent- North America

**37. Nayana James, who was seen in the news in June 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sports?**

**नयना जेम्स, जो जून 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में रहीं, निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़ी हैं?**

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Long jump / लंबी कूद
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Nayana James win gold medal in long jump at Taiwan Athletics Open 2024

Indian athlete Nayana James clinched the gold medal in the women's long jump event at the Taiwan Athletics Open 2024 in Chinese Taipei.

An Asian Athletics Championships bronze medallist, Nayana recorded a distance of 6.43m for the top step on the podium in rainy conditions at the Taipei Municipal Stadium.

Nayana beat Japan's Sumire Hata, the reigning Asian champion, for the gold medal. Hata won the silver with a best effort of 6.37m while Yu Jeongmi of the Republic of Korea settled for bronze with 6.14m.

This is the fourth podium of the season for Nayana who won the Indian Open Jumps Competition in March with a personal best of 6.67m and the Federation Cup last month. Nayana also won the silver medal at the Indian Grand Prix-1 in Bengaluru in April.

**38. Kedar Jadhav has announced his retirement recently. He is related to which sport?**

**केदार जाधव ने हाल ही में संन्यास की घोषणा की है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित हैं?**

- (a) Hockey / हॉकी
- (b) Weightlifting / भारोत्तोलन
- (c) Kabaddi / कबड्डी
- (d) Football / फुटबॉल
- (e) Cricket / क्रिकेट

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** India batter Kedar Jadhav announces retirement

India and Maharashtra batter Kedar Jadhav has announced his retirement from international cricket, four years since his last appearance for the national team.

The 39-year-old, who made his international debut for India in November 2014 during an ODI against Sri Lanka at Ranchi, went on to play 73 one-dayers as well as nine T20Is.

Jadhav scored 1,389 runs at an average of 42.09 with two centuries and six fifties for India in 73 ODIs. He also made 122 runs in the six innings of the nine T20 Internationals that he played.

### **Recently Retired Players**

- Dinesh Kartik (India) – All forms of cricket
- Bernadine Bezuidenhout (South Africa and New Zealand) - International Cricket
- James Anderson (England) – International Cricket
- Saurav Ghosal (India) - Professional Squash
- Collins Obuya (Kenya) – International cricket

**39. Real Madrid has won the 15th UEFA Champions League title after defeating which team?**

**रियल मैड्रिड ने किस टीम को हराकर 15वां यूईएफए चैंपियंस लीग खिताब जीता है?**

- (a) Paris Saint-Germain
- (b) Arsenal F.C.
- (c) Bayer Leverkusen
- (d) Liverpool F.C.
- (e) Borussia Dortmund

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Real Madrid's Historic 15th Champions League Title

Real Madrid etched their name in the history books once again by securing a record-extending 15th UEFA Champions League title.

The Spanish giants showcased their trademark resilience and clinical edge, overcoming a valiant Borussia Dortmund side with a 2-0 victory.

With this triumph, Real Madrid extended their remarkable run of success in Europe, securing their sixth Champions League title in 11 seasons.

This feat matches the legendary team that initiated Real's love affair with the European Cup, having won the first five editions from 1956 and another in 1966.

**40. Who has become the brand ambassador for Greenday's 'Better Nutrition'?**

**ग्रीनडे के 'बेटर न्यूट्रिशन' की ब्रांड एंबेसडर कौन बनी हैं?**

- (a) Ayushmann Khurrana / आयुष्मान खुराना
- (b) Yami Gautam / यामी गौतम
- (c) PV Sindhu / पीवी सिंधु
- (d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni / महेन्द्र सिंह धोनी
- (e) Rajkummar Rao / राजकुमार राव

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** PV Sindhu becomes brand ambassador for Greenday's 'Better Nutrition'

Indian badminton star, two-time Olympic medalist, and World Champion PV Sindhu has announced her investment and brand ambassadorship with Greenday's 'Better Nutrition' brand.

This collaboration aims to combat micronutrient deficiencies in India through biofortified foods, enhancing both consumer health and farmer livelihoods.

The company works closely with farmers, educating, empowering, and incentivising them to cultivate nutrient-dense crop varieties. These biofortified crops are enriched with essential micronutrients such as iron, zinc, pro-vitamin A, calcium and protein promoting holistic human growth and development. Farmers are rewarded with premium prices for their efforts in growing these nutrient-rich crops.

**Recent Brand Ambassador**

- PV Sindhu – Tobacco Control
- Shah Rukh Khan - Muthoot Pappachan Group
- Kareena Kapoor Khan - UNICEF India National Ambassador
- MS Dhoni - French carmaker Citroen
- Sanjana Sanghi - SPACE India
- Neeraj Chopra - Eveready Batteries

**41. International Sex Workers Day is commemorated every year on which day?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सेक्स वर्कर्स दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

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

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 2 June - International Sex Workers' Day

International Sex Workers Day is commemorated on June 2 every year. This day is observed to honour the sex workers and recognise the hardships they go through.

The International Sex Workers' Day, advocates for improved working conditions and respect for sex workers.

On June 2, 1975, hundreds of sex workers occupied the Saint-Nazier church in Lyon, France to protest against the harassment by the police, fines levied by the law enforcement and to press them to investigate the murders and exploitation of sex workers.

The workers banded together to protest for a period of 10 days. However, it was cut short by two days when the protestors were forcibly and violently removed by the police.

**42. International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed every year on which day?**

**आक्रामकता के शिकार मासूम बच्चों का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

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

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 4 June - International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed on June 4 every year.

Objective - To raise awareness about the innocent children who went through terrorising experiences in their lives and what we can do to uphold the rights of children and the victims of aggression.

On August 19, 1982, the UN General Assembly's special session focused on the plight that Palestinian and Lebanese children faced due to Israeli aggression during the Lebanon war.

The assembly further pledged to protect the rights of the children in Lebanon. The UN General Assembly announced that every year, on June 4, International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression will be observed.

**43. What percent has the Singapore-headquartered DBS Bank projected India's economic growth rate for FY25?**  
**सिंगापुर मुख्यालय वाले डीबीएस बैंक ने वित्त वर्ष 25 के लिए भारत की आर्थिक वृद्धि दर कितने प्रतिशत रहने का अनुमान लगाया है?**

- (a) 7.0%
- (b) 7.1%
- (c) 7.2%
- (d) 7.4%
- (e) 7.9%

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** DBS retains India GDP growth forecast at 7% for FY25

Singapore-headquartered DBS Bank expects India's economic growth to stay in the 7 percent handle in the April-June 2024 quarter.

Thus, foreign bank also retained its India GDP growth forecast for current fiscal at 7 per cent.

Stable global growth, public and household capex investments, rural recovery, a normal monsoon, and better composition of trade backs our optimistic view.

This came on the heels of the Central Statistics Office (CSO) recently announcing that the country's fourth quarter (Jan-Mar 2024) GDP rose 7.8 per cent year-on-year and economic growth for full fiscal 2023-24 grew at robust 8.2 per cent.

**Updated GDP List**

- DBS Bank – 7% (FY25)
- NSO – 8.2% (FY24)
- RBI –7% (FY25)
- 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)

**44. The Department of School Education has signed an MoU with which of the following to establish an institutional framework for Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya, a pioneering digital library platform?**

स्कूल शिक्षा विभाग ने अग्रणी डिजिटल लाइब्रेरी प्लेटफॉर्म राष्ट्रीय ई-पुस्तकालय के लिए संस्थागत ढांचा स्थापित करने हेतु निम्नलिखित में से किसके साथ समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) Children's Book Trust
- (b) Baha'i Publishing Trust
- (c) National Book Trust
- (d) Think Tank Books
- (e) None of Above

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** School Education Department Signs MoU with National Book Trust to Create Institutional Framework for Rashtriya E-Pustakalaya

The Department of School Education, Ministry of Education, has signed an MoU with the National Book Trust to establish an institutional framework for Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya, a pioneering digital library platform.

This collaboration aims to enhance the accessibility of non-academic books for children and adolescents across India.

The digital library aims to resolve the 'last mile' accessibility issue for many states by offering over 10,000 books in more than 100 languages within the next 2-3 years. Currently, over 1,000 books in 23 languages are available.

Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya will feature over 1,000 non-academic titles from more than 40 publishers in 22 languages, besides English.

The platform will cater to four age groups (3-8, 8-11, 11-14, and 14-18 years) as per NEP 2020 guidelines, and will be accessible on Android and iOS devices. The library will offer books across multiple genres, fostering cultural awareness and empathy.

**45. Which company has recently announced the formation of a wholly-owned subsidiary for its commercial vehicle business called TML Commercial Vehicle Ltd (TMLCVL)?**

किस कंपनी ने हाल ही में अपने वाणिज्यिक वाहन व्यवसाय के लिए टीएमएल कमर्शियल व्हीकल लिमिटेड (टीएमएलसीवीएल) नामक एक पूर्ण स्वामित्व वाली सहायक कंपनी के गठन की घोषणा की है

- (a) Hyundai Motor India Limited / हुंडई मोटर इंडिया लिमिटेड
- (b) Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd / महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा लिमिटेड
- (c) Suzuki Motor Corporation / सुजुकी मोटर कॉर्पोरेशन
- (d) Mercedes-Benz / मर्सिडीज बेंज
- (e) Tata Motors Ltd / टाटा मोटर्स लिमिटेड

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Tata Motors form subsidiary for Commercial Vehicle

Tata Motors has announced the formation of a wholly-owned subsidiary for its commercial vehicle business. The owned subsidiary will be called TML Commercial Vehicle Ltd (TMLCVL).

TMLCVL is proposed to be incorporated with a paid-up capital of ₹10,00,000 comprising of 5,00,000 equity shares of face value of ₹2 each fully paid-up cash.

Earlier the company had announced the demerger of its passenger and commercial vehicle business into a separate entity. Further Tata Motors Finance Ltd (TMFCL) will be merged with Tata Capital Ltd (TCL).

**46. Punjab National Bank's (PNB) Board has approved the initiation of process for divesting \_\_\_\_\_ shareholding in its associate company Canara HSBC Life Insurance through an initial public offering (IPO) route.**

पंजाब नेशनल बैंक (पीएनबी) के बोर्ड ने आरंभिक सार्वजनिक पेशकश (आईपीओ) के जरिए अपनी सहयोगी कंपनी केनरा एचएसबीसी लाइफ इंश्योरेंस में \_\_\_\_\_ शेयरहोल्डिंग बेचने की प्रक्रिया शुरू करने को मंजूरी दे दी है।

- (a) 10%
- (b) 20%
- (c) 30%
- (d) 15%
- (e) 23%

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** PNB Board approves 10% stake dilution in Canara HSBC Life Insurance via IPO

Punjab National Bank's (PNB) Board has approved the initiation of process for divesting 10 per cent shareholding in its associate company Canara HSBC Life Insurance through an initial public offering (IPO) route.

Currently, PNB holds 23 per cent stake in Canara HSBC Life Insurance.

Currently, Canara Bank has a 51 per cent stake in the life insurer, while HSBC has a 26 per cent stake in the joint venture.

Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance had in 2022 rebranded and renamed itself to Canara HSBC Life Insurance. Canara Bank is also proposing to divest part of its holding in its mutual fund business Canara Robeco Mutual Fund through IPO route.

**47. Which company recently became the seventh Indian company to have a market capitalisation of more than Rs 8 lakh crore?**

हाल ही में कौन सी कंपनी 8 लाख करोड़ रुपये से अधिक के बाजार पूंजीकरण वाली सातवीं भारतीय कंपनी बन गई है?

- (a) SBI
- (b) TCS
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) ICICI Bank
- (e) Reliance

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** SBI joins the Rs 8-trillion m-cap league; eyes \$100 billion m-cap

The State Bank of India (SBI) has become the first public sector bank and the seventh Indian company to cross the Rs 8 trillion market capitalisation (m-cap).

HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank are the only other lenders with m-cap of over Rs 8 trillion.

At present, six Indian companies are valued over Rs 8 trillion. Apart from SBI, Reliance Industries, TCS, HDFC Bank, Bharti Airtel, and ICICI Bank are in the Rs 8 trillion league.

Infosys had also crossed the milestone but is now valued at Rs 5.8 trillion.

**48. Which bank has signed an MoU with India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL) to collaborate in financing of infrastructure projects in June 2024?**

किस बैंक ने जून 2024 में बुनियादी ढांचा परियोजनाओं के वित्तपोषण में सहयोग करने के लिए इंडिया इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर फाइनेंस कंपनी लिमिटेड (आईआईएफसीएल) के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (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.** PNB partners with IIFCL to provide financing for infrastructure projects

Punjab National Bank (PNB), a leading public sector bank, has signed an MoU with India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL) to collaborate in financing of infrastructure projects.

Under this collaboration, the parties can mutually participate under consortium/multiple lending arrangement to provide financial support to the prospective borrowers subject to due diligence and on case-to-case basis.

This MoU is expected to be a milestone in finding new avenues of lending to the infrastructure projects of the country.

**Recent MoUs Signed in Banking Sector**

- Axis Bank and Mastercard Introduce NFC Soundbox
- Capital Small Finance Bank, ICICI Lombard enter into bancassurance tie-up
- 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

**49. Which of the following organization has launched 'Saarthi 2.0' mobile app recently?**

निम्नलिखित में से किस संगठन ने हाल ही में 'सारथी 2.0' मोबाइल ऐप लॉन्च किया है?

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

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** SEBI launches 'Saarthi 2.0' mobile app for investors

The market regulator SEBI has unveiled its latest mobile app, 'Saa ₹thi 2.0', designed to help investors manage their personal finances. The app is packed with tools to make complex financial concepts easier to understand.

The 'Saa ₹thi 2.0' app comes with a user-friendly interface and includes:

- Financial calculators
- Educational modules
- Investor support
- Video content

This launch comes amid a surge in trading scams in India. About 7,000 cyber-related complaints are registered daily on India's National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP).

**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

**50. Foreign brokerage Goldman Sachs has raised India GDP growth forecast to \_\_\_\_\_ this calendar year from an earlier projection of 6.7 per cent.**  
विदेशी ब्रोकरेज फर्म गोल्डमैन सैक्स ने इस कैलेंडर वर्ष में भारत की जीडीपी वृद्धि दर का पूर्वानुमान बढ़ाकर \_\_\_\_\_ कर दिया है, जबकि पहले उसने 6.7 प्रतिशत का अनुमान लगाया था।

- (a) 6.9%
- (b) 6.8%
- (c) 6.7%
- (d) 6.6%
- (e) 6.5%

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Goldman Sachs boosts India GDP forecast to 6.9% for CY24

Foreign brokerage Goldman Sachs has upped India GDP growth forecast by 20 basis points to 6.9 per cent this calendar year from an earlier projection of 6.7 per cent.

This follows the stronger-than-expected GDP growth print of 7.8 per cent for the January-March 2024 quarter on the back of strong investment demand and a recovery in consumption growth.

For the current fiscal (2024-25), Goldman Sachs has projected India's GDP growth at 6.8 per cent.

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) announced last week that India's fourth quarter (January-March 2024) GDP growth came in at 7.8 per cent, driven by a strong show on the manufacturing front.

India's GDP grew robust 8.2 per cent in 2023-24.

**Updated GDP List**

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- NSO – 8.2% (FY24)
- RBI – 7% (FY25)
- 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)

**51. Which bank has partnered with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance for strategic bancassurance to boost insurance penetration and financial inclusion in the country?**

किस बैंक ने देश में बीमा पैठ और वित्तीय समावेशन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए रणनीतिक बैंकाश्योरेंस के लिए बजाज आलियांज जनरल इंश्योरेंस 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) IDFC First Bank / आईडीएफसी फर्स्ट बैंक

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Axis Bank partners with Bajaj Allianz for strategic bancassurance

Axis Bank and Bajaj Allianz General Insurance have entered a strategic bancassurance partnership to boost insurance penetration and financial inclusion in the country.

Under this Bancassurance tie-up, a comprehensive suite of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance products will be distributed through Axis Bank's network of 5,250 plus branches.

The suite of insurance solutions would include personal insurance products such as motor insurance, health insurance, home insurance, travel insurance, and commercial insurance products, including engineering and marine insurance.

**What is Bancassurance?**

- Bancassurance is an insurance distribution model where companies partner with banks to sell policies.
- This arrangement benefits 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 bank's distribution network.

**52. Adani One and which bank has launched two variants of co-branded credit cards Adani One Signature Credit Card and Adani One Platinum Credit Card in collaboration with card network Visa?**

**अडानी वन और किस बैंक ने कार्ड नेटवर्क वीज़ा के साथ मिलकर को-ब्रांडेड क्रेडिट कार्ड के दो वेरिएंट अडानी वन सिग्नेचर क्रेडिट कार्ड और अडानी वन प्लेटिनम क्रेडिट कार्ड लॉन्च किए हैं?**

- (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.** Adani One launches two variants of co-branded credit cards with ICICI Bank

Adani One, the digital platform of the Adani Group, and ICICI Bank has launched two variants of co-branded credit cards in collaboration with card network Visa.

Available in two variants – Adani One ICICI Bank Signature Credit Card and Adani One ICICI Bank Platinum Credit Card – the credit cards will offer a reward programme to its customers.

Cardholders can get up to 7 per cent Adani reward points on spends within the Adani Group ecosystem.

This includes services such as the Adani One app, which can be used for booking flights, hotels, trains, buses, and cabs, along with spends across Adani-managed airports, Adani CNG pumps, Adani Electricity bills, and train bookings.

**53. Halla Tomasdottir has been elected as Iceland's seventh President. What is the term of the President of Iceland?**

**हाला टॉमसडॉटिर को आइसलैंड का सातवां राष्ट्रपति चुना गया है। आइसलैंड के राष्ट्रपति का कार्यकाल कितना होता है?**

- (a) 3 years
- (b) 4 years
- (c) 5 years
- (d) 6 years
- (e) 7 years

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Businesswoman Halla Tomasdottir elected Iceland's President

Businesswoman and investor, Halla Tomasdottir has been elected as Iceland's seventh President.

She will be sworn in on 1 August 2024 and replace the incumbent president, Guana Johannesson.

The President of Iceland has a term of four years. The president is elected directly by the people. Iceland is a parliamentary democracy and the post of president is largely ceremonial. The real executive power is exercised by the Prime Minister, who heads the council of ministers.

**Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President**

- President of Mexico - Claudia Sheinbaum (first female prez of nation)
- President of Lithuania - Gitanas Nauseda
- PM of Chad - Allamaye Halina
- President of Taiwan - Lai Ching-Te
- PM of Singapore - Lawrence Wong

**54. Who has been chosen for the prestigious Gudleppa Hallikeri Award for 2024 by the Gudleppa Hallikeri Memorial Foundation?**

**गुडलेप्पा हल्लीकेरी मेमोरियल फाउंडेशन द्वारा 2024 के प्रतिष्ठित गुडलेप्पा हल्लीकेरी पुरस्कार के लिए किसे चुना गया है?**

- (a) Deepak Shenoy / दीपक शेनॉय
- (b) Neeli Bendapudi / नीली बेंदापुडी
- (c) Siddhalinga Pattanashetti / सिद्धलिंगा पट्टानाशेट्टी
- (d) Shanti Lakra / शांति लकड़ा
- (e) Deepika Misra / दीपिका मिश्रा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Siddhalinga Pattanashetti wins Gudleppa Hallikeri Award 2024

Poet and playwright Siddhalinga Pattanashetti has been chosen for the prestigious Gudleppa Hallikeri Award for 2024 by the Gudleppa Hallikeri Memorial Foundation, Hosaritti (Haveri District).

Prof. Pattanashetti will be the 19th recipient of the award. The award comprises a purse of ₹25,000 and a memento.

People who have made important contributions to literature, society, or social service are recognized with the Gudleppa Hallikeri Award. It was named for a famous freedom fighter named Gudleppa Hallikeri who believed in the same things that Mahatma Gandhi did.

**55. SEBI has formed a committee to review the ownership and economic structure of clearing corporations and suggest measures. Who will chair this committee?**

सेबी ने क्लियरिंग कॉर्पोरेशन के स्वामित्व और आर्थिक ढांचे की समीक्षा करने और उपाय सुझाने के लिए एक समिति गठित की है। इस समिति की अध्यक्षता कौन करेगा?

- (a) Nidhi Khatri / निधि खत्री
- (b) Sunil Bajpai / सुनील बाजपेयी
- (c) Sanjay Agrawal / संजय अग्रवाल
- (d) Usha Thorat / उषा थोरात
- (e) Chandra Prakash Goyal / चंद्र प्रकाश गोयल

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** SEBI sets up committee to review ownership, economic structure of clearing corporations

Financial market regulator SEBI has formed a committee to review the ownership and economic structure of clearing corporations and suggest measures to ensure that those entities function as resilient, independent, and neutral risk managers.

The ad-hoc committee will be chaired by Usha Thorat, who was a former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The market regulator said given the substantial growth of Indian securities markets in recent years, clearing corporations as central risk management institutions are important.

#### **Recent Committees**

- Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee - Justice Hima Kohli
- Equestrian Federation Of India's Ad-Hoc Administrative Committee - chaired by Justice Najmi Waziri
- IOA forms three-member ad hoc committee to run affairs of suspended WFI; chaired by - Bhupinder Singh Bajwa
- IRDAI forms panel to simplify insurance policy wordings; chaired by -L Viswanathan
- One Nation, One Election Committee; chaired by - Ram Nath Kovind

**56. IndiGo will host the 81st annual general meeting of the International Airport Transport Association (IATA) in which city in June 2025?**

**इंडिगो जून 2025 में किस शहर में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा परिवहन संघ (IATA) की 81वीं वार्षिक आम बैठक की मेजबानी करेगा?**

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

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** IndiGo to host IATA annual general meeting in Delhi

IndiGo will host the 81st annual general meeting of the International Airport Transport Association (IATA) in Delhi in June 2025.

The meeting will be held in the country after a gap of 42 years.

The decision to host the 81st IATA Annual General Meeting (AGM) in India was made at the ongoing AGM here. India has hosted the AGM twice in the past in Delhi -- in 1958 and 1983.

**57. World Environment Day is celebrated every year on which day?**

**विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

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

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 5 June - World Environment Day

World Environment Day is celebrated every year on June 5.

This day is dedicated to raising awareness and taking action for the protection of our environment.

Theme 2024 - Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience

2024 will mark the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification.

The sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 16) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) will be held in Riyadh in December 2024.

**58. Which company has launched the world's first EV battery passport ahead of EU rules?**

किस कंपनी ने यूरोपीय संघ के नियमों से पहले दुनिया का पहला ईवी बैटरी पासपोर्ट लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Mercedes-Benz
- (b) Toyota
- (c) Audi
- (d) Volkswagen
- (e) Volvo Cars

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Volvo to issue world's first EV battery passport ahead of EU rules

Volvo Cars has launched the world's first EV battery passport recording the origins of raw materials, components, recycled content and carbon footprint for its flagship EX90 SUV, which is about to start production.

The passport was developed by Volvo (VOLCARb.ST) which is owned by China's Geely (GEELY.UL), in partnership with UK startup Circularor.

Battery passports will be mandatory for electric vehicles (EVs) sold in the European Union from February 2027 showing the composition of batteries, including the origin of key materials, their carbon footprint and recycled content.

**59. Which IIT has developed an innovative Fire Rescue Assistant drone?**

**किस आईआईटी ने एक अभिनव अग्नि बचाव सहायक ड्रोन विकसित किया है?**

- (a) IIT Guwahati/ आईआईटी गुवाहाटी
- (b) IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली
- (c) IIT Madras / आईआईटी मद्रास
- (d) IIT Dharwad / आईआईटी धारवाड़
- (e) IIT Roorkee / आईआईटी रुड़की

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** IIT Dharwad Unveils Innovative Fire Rescue Drone

A team of teachers and students of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Dharwad, led by Sudheer Siddapureddy and Ameer Mulla, has developed a fire rescue assistant drone.

The project was completed with funding from TiHAN Foundation, IIT Hyderabad (NMICPS, Government of India).

The unveiling and demonstration of the fire rescue assistant drone was held during the two-day workshop on Drone Design and Autonomous Navigation in Fire Rescue (DDANFR 2024) held at IIT Dharwad.

The event was organised by the Fire and Thermal Research Laboratory (FTRL) and the Control Systems and Robotics Laboratory. The fire rescue assistant drone is said to be the first of its kind.

**60. Where was the 3rd Indian Analytical Congress held?**

तीसरी भारतीय विश्लेषणात्मक कांग्रेस कहाँ आयोजित की गई?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) Dehradun / देहरादून
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Kumarakom / कुमारकोम
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram / तिरुवनंतपुरम

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 3rd Indian Analytical Congress held at CSIR-IIP Dehradun

The three-day 3rd Indian Analytical Congress was held in Uttarakhand's capital, Dehradun.

The Congress was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor of Ladakh University, Prof. S.K. Mehta.

The conference aims to provide a platform for analytical scientists, technologists, academics, and students to exchange ideas and discuss the latest developments in this field.

The Indian Analytical Congress is an international conference organised by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Indian Institute of Petroleum (CSIR-IIP) and the Indian Society of Analytical Scientists (ISAS-Delhi Chapter).

**61. According to the commerce ministry data, which country has emerged as India's third largest export destination after the US and UAE during 2023-24?**

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, 2023-24 के दौरान अमेरिका और यूएई के बाद कौन सा देश भारत का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा निर्यात गंतव्य बनकर उभरा है?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Germany
- (c) Hong Kong
- (d) UK
- (e) Netherlands

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Netherlands emerges as India's 3rd largest export destination in 2023-24

The Netherlands has emerged as India's third largest export destination after the US and UAE during 2023-24, even as the country's merchandise shipments dipped by over 3 per cent, according to the commerce ministry data.

The main commodities which registered healthy exports growth in the Netherlands include petroleum products, electrical goods, chemicals and pharma.

India's trade surplus with the Netherlands has increased to USD 17.4 billion in the last fiscal from USD 13 billion in 2022-23.

The Netherlands has taken over major destinations such as the UK, Hong Kong, Bangladesh and Germany.

India's exports to the Netherlands rose by about 3.5 per cent to USD 22.36 billion in 2023-24 as against USD 21.61 billion in 2022-23.

In 2023-24, the bilateral trade between the two countries marginally dipped to USD 27.34 billion as against USD 27.58 billion in 2022-23.

The Netherlands is among the top trading partners of India in Europe, after Germany, Switzerland, the UK and Belgium.

**62. In June 2024, Defence Accounts Department (DAD) has signed MoUs with four banks to onboard as SPARSH [System for Pension Administration (Raksha)] Service Centres across the country. Which of the following banks is not included in Sparsh Seva Kendra?**

जून 2024 में, रक्षा लेखा विभाग (DAD) ने देश भर में स्पर्श [पेंशन प्रशासन प्रणाली (रक्षा)] सेवा केंद्र के रूप में शामिल होने के लिए चार बैंकों के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं। इनमें से कौन सा बैंक स्पर्श सेवा केंद्र में शामिल नहीं है?

- (a) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
- (b) Canara Bank
- (c) Central Bank of India
- (d) State Bank of India
- (e) Bank of India

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Defence Ministry signs MoUs with 4 Banks to onboard them as SPARSH Service Centres

Defence Accounts Department, Ministry of Defence has signed MoU with Bank of India, Canara Bank, Central Bank of India and Utkarsh Small Finance Bank in New Delhi to onboard them as System for Pension Administration Raksha (SPARSH) Service Centres.

The MoUs will provide last-mile connectivity to pensioners, especially in remote areas where they do not have technical wherewithal to log on to SPARSH.

These Service Centres will become an interface for pensioners for SPARSH, providing an effective medium to update their profile, register grievances, digital annual identification, data verification, besides fetching detailed information regarding their monthly pension.

SPARSH is an initiative of the Ministry of Defence which aims to provide comprehensive solution to the defence pensioners. It is a fundamental change in managing defence pensions as it focuses on bringing in efficiency, responsiveness and transparency.

**63. In June 2024, NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) has announced a partnership with Reserve Bank of which country to enable UPI-like real-time payments system in the Latin American country?**

**जून 2024 में, एनपीसीआई इंटरनेशनल पेमेंट्स लिमिटेड (एनआईपीएल) ने लैटिन अमेरिकी देश में यूपीआई जैसी वास्तविक समय भुगतान प्रणाली को सक्षम करने के लिए किस देश के रिजर्व बैंक के साथ साझेदारी की घोषणा की है?**

- (a) Peru
- (b) Spain
- (c) Iraq
- (d) Japan
- (e) Iceland

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** NPCI International signs partnership with Reserve Bank of Peru to enable UPI payments

NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) and the Reserve Bank of Peru have announced a partnership to enable UPI-like real-time payments system in the Latin American country.

This collaboration marks a significant milestone, making Peru the first country in South America to adopt the globally renowned Unified Payment Interface (UPI) technology.

UPI's collaborative and open banking ethos enables greater connectivity and interoperability with both domestic and international payment networks, fostering innovation and resilience in the Peruvian payment ecosystem.

CEO of NPCI International - Ritesh Shukla

**64. Who has been appointed as Independent Director of Cashfree Payments?**

**कैशफ्री पेमेंट्स के स्वतंत्र निदेशक 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) Abhaya Hota / अभय होता
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty / सिद्धार्थ मोहंती

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Cashfree Payments appoints Abhaya Hota as Independent Director

Payments and API banking company Cashfree Payments has appointed former NPCI MD & CEO Abhaya Hota as an Independent Director of the company.

He was the Managing Director & CEO of the National Payments Corporation of India, where he played a critical role in the design, development, and implementation of payment systems and policies in India.

**Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- **Independent Director of Cashfree Payments** - Abhaya Hota
- **Chairman of ICICI Prudential Board** - Sandeep Batra
- **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)

**65. Who has been appointed as the Vice-chancellor of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)?**

**भारतीय विदेश व्यापार संस्थान (IIFT) के कुलपति के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Gaurav Banerjee / गौरव बनर्जी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Rakesh Mohan Joshi / राकेश मोहन जोशी
- (d) Tanu Singh / तनु सिंह
- (e) Rakesh Mohan / राकेश मोहन

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Rakesh Mohan Joshi appointed as Vice-Chancellor of IIFT

International trade and management expert Rakesh Mohan Joshi took charge as vice-chancellor of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), a business school under the ministry of commerce.

Joshi a former Dean of the institute was on deputation to Bengaluru-based Indian Institute of Plantation Management as Director. Prof Joshi has received his education and training from Harvard Business School, Boston; IIFT, Rajasthan University and National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal.

He has been associated with several multilateral organisations such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, UNCTAD, International Dairy Federation and Asian Productivity Organisation among others.

**Recent Appointment**

- **Chairperson of Deendayal Port Authority** - Sushil Kumar Singh (replace SK Mehta)
- **Chairman of Staff Selection Commission (SSC)** - Rakesh Ranjan
- **CEO of Sony India** - Gaurav Banerjee (replace NP Singh)
- **Chairperson of Committee A Of 77TH WHA Event** - Apurva Chandra
- **Chairman of DRDO** - Samir V. Kamat (one year extension)
- **Chairman of NAFED** - Jetha Ahir

**66. The Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) announced the inclusion of armwrestling as an official sport in Asian Youth Para Games 2025. Which country will host Asian Youth Para Games 2025?**

एशियाई पैरालंपिक समिति (APC) ने एशियाई युवा पैरा खेलों 2025 में आर्मरेसलिंग को आधिकारिक खेल के रूप में शामिल करने की घोषणा की है। एशियाई युवा पैरा खेलों 2025 की मेज़बानी कौन सा देश करेगा?

- (a) India
- (b) Uzbekistan
- (c) Kazakhstan
- (d) China
- (e) Japan

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Armwrestling set to be included in upcoming Asian Youth Para Games

The Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) announced the inclusion of armwrestling as an official sport in the upcoming Asian Youth Para Games.

The Games will take place in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in September-October 2025.

The Youth Para Asian Games are an opportunity to introduce, grow and promote a new sport in the region. Previously also, we have had the chance to promote a sport in our programmes and there has been a lot of excitement.

Armrestling, a popular sport in the Asian region and in fact all over the World, will be introduced in the sports programme of an Asian Youth Para Games for the first time in Tashkent.

The governing body of the sport, World Armwrestling Federation (WAF), is a recognised International Federation by the International Paralympic Committee. In India, the People's Armwrestling Federation India, is the only affiliated unit of WAF.

**67. Who has launched the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign to commemorate the World Environment Day?**

**विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में 'एक पेड़ माँ के नाम' अभियान किसने शुरू किया है?**

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (c) Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मु
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** PM launches 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' Campaign

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign to commemorate the World Environment Day.

PM Modi planted a peepal tree sapling at Buddha Jayanti Park in Delhi. He was accompanied by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and Delhi's Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena.

World Environment Day, celebrated on June 5, commemorates the inaugural day of the 1972 Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience," focusing on the urgent need to restore and conserve our land resources.

**68. In June 2024, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) chairman Sanjay Kumar Agarwal inaugurated the GST Bhawan in which city of Haryana?**

**जून 2024 में, केंद्रीय अप्रत्यक्ष कर और सीमा शुल्क बोर्ड (सीबीआईसी) के अध्यक्ष संजय कुमार अग्रवाल ने हरियाणा के किस शहर में जीएसटी भवन का उद्घाटन किया?**

- (a) Gurugram
- (b) Sonipat
- (c) Rohtak
- (d) Rewari
- (e) Ambala

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** CBIC Chairperson inaugurates GST Bhawan at Rohtak

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) chairman Sanjay Kumar Agarwal inaugurated the GST Bhawan, an official complex of CGST Rohtak Commissionerate at Rohtak, Haryana.

The newly inaugurated GST Bhawan is easily accessible to help GST taxpayers and is at the centre of connectivity to the main districts of Haryana.

### **About Haryana**

- **Capital** – Chandigarh
- **Chief Minister** – Nayab Singh Saini (replace Manohar Lal Khattar)
- **Governor** – Bandaru Dattatreya
- **Legislative Assembly Seats**- 90

**69. Which company has signed a deal with DRDO to build Research Vessel for DRDO in ₹500 crore deal?**  
**किस कंपनी ने ₹500 करोड़ के सौदे में DRDO के लिए अनुसंधान पोत बनाने के लिए DRDO के साथ समझौता किया है?**

- (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. d**

**Sol.** GRSE to build Research Vessel for DRDO in ₹500 crore deal

Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), a leading Indian shipyard, has emerged victorious in the bidding process for a new research vessel for the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). This significant win marks another milestone for GRSE and signifies its expertise in constructing specialized vessels.

This accomplishment highlights GRSE's competitiveness in the shipbuilding industry and its ability to deliver cost-effective solutions. While the exact value of the contract remains undisclosed, estimates suggest it could surpass ₹500 crore, signifying a substantial project for the shipyard.

**70. UN Russian Language Day is observed every year on which day?**

संयुक्त राष्ट्र रूसी भाषा दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

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

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 6 June - UN Russian Language Day

UN Russian Language Day is observed on 6 June, and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2010.

This day is dedicated to promoting the study and appreciation of Russian language. It coincides with the birthday of Aleksandr Pushkin, one of the most prominent Russian writers and creators.

The birthday of Pushkin is February 1799. Pushkin is considered to be the father of contemporary Russian literature. His first poem was published when he was only 15 years old.

**71. In June 2024, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in collaboration with which of the following UN organization hosted a Workshop on Safe, Trusted and Ethical Artificial Intelligence in New Delhi?**

**जून 2024 में, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय ने निम्नलिखित में से किस संयुक्त राष्ट्र संगठन के सहयोग से नई दिल्ली में सुरक्षित, विश्वसनीय और नैतिक आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस पर एक कार्यशाला की मेजबानी की?**

- (a) United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA) / संयुक्त राष्ट्र जनसंख्या कोष (यूएनएफपीए)
- (b) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/ संयुक्त राष्ट्र विकास कार्यक्रम (यूएनडीपी)
- (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. d**

**Sol.** MeitY in collaboration with UNESCO host National Workshop on Safe, Trusted, Ethical AI Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) in collaboration with the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) South Asia Regional Office hosted a Workshop on Safe, Trusted and Ethical Artificial Intelligence in New Delhi.

The workshop aimed to establish a foundation for informed policy development that promotes equitable and sustainable AI adoption nationwide.

**72. Which city in India hosted the first Nakshatra Sabha, aimed at promoting astro tourism?**

**भारत के किस शहर में पहली नक्षत्र सभा आयोजित की गई, जिसका उद्देश्य खगोल पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देना था?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) Panaji / पणजी
- (c) Bhubaneswar / भुवनेश्वर
- (d) Mussoorie / मसूरी
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** India's first astro tourism campaign 'Nakshatra Sabha' organized in Mussoorie

India's first astro tourism campaign "Nakshatra Sabha" was inaugurated at the George Everest peak in Mussoorie.

The venue of the event, George Everest Peak is a major tourist attraction in Mussoorie which offers spectacular views of the snow-clad Himalayan peaks and the Doon Valley.

The state tourism ministry plans to organise a series of Nakshatra Sabhas at popular tourist destinations in the hilly state.

The Uttarakhand government wants to promote Uttarakhand as a multidimensional tourist spot in the country. At present the state is known for its spiritual tourism.

The state is host to the popular Hindu pilgrimage sites like Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri, Yamunotri etc which attracts lakh of pilgrims from the country annually.

**73. Which constituency has recorded the highest votes for NOTA in The Lok Sabha elections 2024?**

**2024 के लोकसभा चुनाव में किस निर्वाचन क्षेत्र में नोटा को सबसे ज़्यादा वोट मिले हैं?**

- (a) Amethi
- (b) Ayodhya
- (c) Surat
- (d) Gopalganj
- (e) Indore

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** NOTA creates record in MP's Indore Lok Sabha Seat

NOTA created a record with 2.18 lakh voters in Madhya Pradesh's Indore opting for the 'none of the above' option in the Lok Sabha elections.

Of the total voters, 14.01 per cent opted for 'None of the Above', which was introduced in 2013 following a Supreme Court order.

In the 2019 parliamentary polls, voters in Bihar's Gopalganj had created a record with 51,660 of them, or five per cent, opting for the NOTA option, which is placed as the last option on the electronic voting machine.

Out of 61,31,33,300 votes polled in the 2019 polls, 65,14,558 (1.06 per cent) were polled for NOTA.

Similarly in 2014 parliamentary elections, out of 55,38,02,946 votes polled, 60,02,942 (1.08 per cent) were polled for NOTA.

**74. Oleg Kononenko became the first person to spend a cumulative 1,000 days in space. He is from which country?**

**ओलेग कोनोनेंको अंतरिक्ष में कुल 1,000 दिन बिताने वाले पहले व्यक्ति बन गए हैं। वे किस देश से हैं?**

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

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Russian cosmonaut becomes 1st person to spend 1,000 cumulative days in space

A Russian cosmonaut became the first person to spend a cumulative 1,000 days in space.

Oleg Kononenko, 59, reached the record while on his current mission aboard the International Space Station (ISS).

Kononenko's current mission to the ISS began September 15, 2023, and is planned to end September 23, 2024, which will bring in his total number of days spent in orbit to 1,110.

Kononenko cumulated the days in space over several missions. His first was Expedition 17 to the ISS, which launched in April 2008. In total, Kononenko has been on five separate missions to the ISS.

This is not the first record set by Kononenko. In February 2024, he surpassed the record of 878 days set by his colleague Gennady Padalka for longest amount of time in space.

**75. In June 2024, SEBI proposed to enhance the threshold for the basic service demat account (BSDA) to \_\_\_\_\_ from the current Rs 2 lakh in a bid to boost the participation of retail investors in the securities market.**

जून 2024 में, सेबी ने प्रतिभूति बाजार में खुदरा निवेशकों की भागीदारी को बढ़ावा देने के लिए बुनियादी सेवा डीमैट खाते (बीएसडीए) के लिए सीमा को मौजूदा 2 लाख रुपये से बढ़ाकर \_\_\_\_\_ करने का प्रस्ताव रखा।

- (a) 5 lakh
- (b) 10 lakh
- (c) 15 lakh
- (d) 20 lakh
- (e) 25 lakh

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** SEBI mulls raising limit for basic service demat account to Rs 10 lakh

Capital markets regulator SEBI proposed to enhance the threshold for the basic service demat account (BSDA) to Rs 10 lakh from the current Rs 2 lakh in a bid to boost the participation of retail investors in the securities market. A basic service demat account, or BSDA, is a more basic version of a regular demat account for BSDA. The facility was introduced by Sebi in 2012 for reducing the burden of demat charges on investors with small portfolios.

At present, an individual can hold debt securities worth up to Rs 2 lakh and other than debt securities worth up to Rs 2 lakh in a single demat account to be eligible for BSDA.

**76. Who has been appointed as the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Asirvad Micro Finance Limited?**  
मणप्पुरम फाइनेंस लिमिटेड की सहायक कंपनी आशीर्वाद माइक्रो फाइनेंस लिमिटेड ने सतीश नायर को अध्यक्ष और मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) नियुक्त किया है।

- (a) Gaurav Banerjee / गौरव बनर्जी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Satish Nair / सतीश नायर
- (d) Tanu Singh / तनु सिंह
- (e) Rakesh Mohan / राकेश मोहन

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Asirvad Micro Finance appoints Satish Nair as President and CEO

Asirvad Micro Finance Limited, a subsidiary of Manappuram Finance Limited, has appointed Satish Nair as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Asirvad, headquartered in Valapad, Kerala, is the third largest microfinance institution (in terms of AUM as of June 2023), offering microfinance loans to low-income women.

As of June 2023, Asirvad has a presence in 22 States and 4 Union Territories in India through its network of 1,684 branches, with assets under management (AUM) of over Rs10,000 crore.

### **Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- **Independent Director of Cashfree Payments** - Abhaya Hota
- **Chairman of ICICI Prudential Board** - Sandeep Batra
- **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)

**77. Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of PNB MetLife India Insurance?**

पीएनबी मेटलाइफ इंडिया इंश्योरेंस के एमडी और सीईओ के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Gaurav Banerjee / गौरव बनर्जी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Sameer Bansal / समीर बंसल
- (d) Tanu Singh / तनु सिंह
- (e) Rakesh Mohan / राकेश मोहन

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Sameer Bansal appointed CEO of PNB MetLife

Life insurer PNB MetLife India Insurance has appointed Sameer Bansal as its managing director and chief executive, effective from July 1.

He succeeds Ashish Srivastava, who has been appointed managing director for New York-based MetLife Inc's global shared services team in India.

He joined PNB MetLife in 2007 and currently serves as Chief Distribution Officer and a member of the leadership team.

Bansal has more than 25 years of experience in financial services, including leading distribution through bancassurance, agency, digital, employee benefits and direct marketing business models.

**78. Sarabjot Singh, who was seen in news in June 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?**

सरबजोत सिंह, जिन्हें जून 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) Shooting / निशानेबाजी
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Sarabjot Singh Wins Gold Medal in 10m Air Pistol Event at ISSF WC

Indian shooter Sarabjot Singh won the gold medal in the men's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2024 in Munich, Germany.

He won the first medal for India in the event. Singh scored 242.7 to win the gold medal in the final.

Shuaihang Bu of China shot 242.5 for the silver medal while Germany's Robin Walter settled for the bronze medal in the final with a score of 220.0.

This was the second individual ISSF World Cup gold medal for Singh. He had won the same shooting event at the ISSF World Cup in Bhopal last year. He also won the air pistol mixed team gold medal in Baku in 2023.

**79. In June 2024, which of the following has been awarded UN's WSIS 2024 "Champion" Award for the project "Mobile-Enabled Disaster Resilience through Cell Broadcast emergency Alerting"?**

**जून 2024 में, निम्नलिखित में से किसे "मोबाइल-सक्षम आपदा लचीलापन सेल ब्रॉडकास्ट इमरजेंसी अलर्टिंग के माध्यम से" परियोजना के लिए संयुक्त राष्ट्र के WSIS 2024 "चैंपियन" पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (a) NABARD
- (b) RBI
- (c) Centre for Development of Telematics
- (d) National Institute of Communication Finance
- (e) Bureau of Indian Standards

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** C-DOT wins UN's WSIS 2024 PRIZE Champion Award

Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), the premier Telecom R&D centre of the Gol, awarded UN's WSIS 2024 "Champion" Award for the project "Mobile-Enabled Disaster Resilience through Cell Broadcast emergency Alerting", recognized under AI, C-7, E-environment, in the category of 'Benefits in all aspects of life - E-environment'.

The C-DOT's mobile-enabled Cell Broadcast Emergency Alerting Platform is an end-to-end solution for near real time delivery of life-saving emergency information to mobile phones through cellular networks.

This indigenous system has enabled geo-targeted multi-hazard alerting with multi – language support, improving overall efficiency of disaster management. The initiative aligns with global Early Warnings for All (EW4All), International Telecommunication Unions (ITU's) – Common Alerting Protocol (CAP), 'Call to Action' and promotes SDGs (Sustainable Development Goal) targets while enhancing country's capacity building efforts towards disaster resilience.

**80. Muthoot Microfin has entered into a strategic co-lending partnership with which bank to support women entrepreneurs in June 2024?**

**मुथूट माइक्रोफिन ने जून 2024 में महिला उद्यमियों को सहायता देने के लिए किस बैंक के साथ रणनीतिक सह-ऋण साझेदारी 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 and Muthoot Microfin join forces to support women entrepreneurs

Muthoot Microfin has entered into a strategic co-lending partnership with the State Bank of India (SBI).

Under the agreement, Muthoot Microfin and SBI will co-lend to members of Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) who are engaged in agricultural and allied activities as well as other income-generating enterprises.

The loan amounts will range from a minimum of Rs 10,000 to a maximum of Rs 3 lakh.

With this collaboration, Muthoot Microfin Limited aims to extend its financial services to women entrepreneurs in rural and semi-urban regions across India. Headquarters of Muthoot Microfin - Kochi

**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

**81. In June 2024, which bank has inaugurated a new, exclusive branch in Chennai completely dedicated to supporting start-ups?**

**जून 2024 में, किस बैंक ने चेन्नई में एक नई, विशेष शाखा का उद्घाटन किया है जो पूरी तरह से स्टार्ट-अप को समर्थन देने के लिए समर्पित है?**

- (a) Punjab & Sind Bank / पंजाब एंड सिंध बैंक
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank / इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक
- (c) Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (d) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक
- (e) Karur Vyasya Bank / करूर व्यास बैंक

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** IOB opens an exclusive branch for start-ups in Chennai

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has inaugurated a new, exclusive branch on Anna Salai (Mount Road) in Chennai, dedicated entirely to support start-ups.

This initiative aims to provide robust financial services and comprehensive support to budding entrepreneurs and emerging enterprises.

IOB's dedicated start-up branch offers a wide range of financial products and services tailored specifically for new ventures and start-ups. This makes it a one-stop solution for entrepreneurial needs.

During the inauguration, the bank introduced the "IOB start-up current account" and the "IOB Pragati" credit scheme to finance start-ups. Additionally, 35 start-ups were onboarded during the event.

The start-up branch has also entered into agreements with several premier institutes in Chennai.

#### **About Indian Overseas Bank**

- Founded- 10 February 1937
- Headquarters- Chennai
- Founder- M. Ct. M. Chidambaram Chettyar
- MD & CEO - Ajay Kumar Srivastava

**82. Reserve Bank of India has approved Zurich Insurance Company's proposed acquisition of \_\_\_\_\_ stake in Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company for a total consideration of approximately Rs 5,560 crore.**

**भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने ज्यूरिख इश्योरेंस कंपनी द्वारा कोटक महिंद्रा जनरल इश्योरेंस कंपनी में \_\_\_\_\_ हिस्सेदारी के प्रस्तावित अधिग्रहण को मंजूरी दे दी है, जिसकी कुल कीमत लगभग 5,560 करोड़ रुपये है।**

- (a) 17%
- (b) 70%
- (c) 77%
- (d) 50%
- (e) 40%

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Kotak Mahindra Bank gets RBI nod for Zurich Insurance's 70% acquisition of Kotak General Reserve Bank of India has approved Zurich Insurance Company's proposed acquisition of 70 per cent stake in Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company for a total consideration of approximately Rs 5,560 crore. Earlier in February, the Bank had announced that Zurich Insurance would acquire a 70 per cent stake in the insurance company for Rs 5,560 crore in a single tranche.

In November 2023, Zurich Insurance had said it would first acquire a 51 per cent stake through a combination of fresh growth capital and share purchase, and an additional 19 per cent stake later on.

Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company is a 100 per cent subsidiary of Kotak Mahindra Bank.

**83. Which state's police has secured the first position in the country in blocking mobile numbers involved in cyber crime?**

**किस राज्य की पुलिस ने साइबर अपराध में शामिल मोबाइल नंबरों को ब्लॉक करने में देश में पहला स्थान हासिल किया है?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Punjab / पंजाब
- (e) Haryana / हरियाणा

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Haryana Police Secures First Position In Blocking Mobile Numbers Involved In Cyber Crime

Haryana Police has secured the first position in the country in blocking mobile numbers involved in cyber crime. According to the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal, a total of 5 lakh 46 thousand mobile numbers involved in cyber crime were blocked across the country from 1st January to 31st April this year, out of which 1 lakh 11 thousand 349 mobile numbers were blocked by Haryana Police.

This is the second major achievement of Haryana Police at the national level regarding cyber crime control.

### **About Haryana**

- **Capital** – Chandigarh
- **Chief Minister** – Nayab Singh Saini (replace Manohar Lal Khattar)
- **Governor** – Bandaru Dattatreya
- **Legislative Assembly Seats**- 90

**84. World Food Safety Day (WFSD) is celebrated every year on June 7. What is the theme of World Food Safety Day 2024?**

**विश्व खाद्य सुरक्षा दिवस (WFSD) हर साल 7 जून को मनाया जाता है। विश्व खाद्य सुरक्षा दिवस 2024 का विषय क्या है?**

- (a) Food Standards Save Lives
- (b) Safer food, better health
- (c) Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow
- (d) Food safety, everyone's business
- (e) Food Safety: Prepare for the Unexpected

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 7 June - World Food Safety Day

World Food Safety Day (WFSD) is celebrated every year on June 7.

World Food Safety Day activities aim to raise awareness about the potential risks associated with contaminated food and the need for effective food safety measures to prevent illness.

Theme 2024 - Food Safety: Prepare for the Unexpected.

World Food Safety Day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2018. It was first celebrated on June 7, 2019.

**85. Who has been awarded Dilip Bose Lifetime Achievement Award by the All India Tennis Association (AITA)?**

**अखिल भारतीय टेनिस संघ (एआईटीए) द्वारा दिलीप बोस लाइफटाइम अचीवमेंट पुरस्कार से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (a) Deepak Shenoy / दीपक शेनॉय
- (b) Neeli Bendapudi / नीली बेंदापुडी
- (c) Nar Singh / नर सिंह
- (d) Shanti Lakra /शांति लकड़ा
- (e) Deepika Misra / दीपिका मिश्रा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Nar Singh, Rohini Lokhande win Dilip Bose Lifetime Achievement Award

The All India Tennis Association (AITA) has announced the Dilip Bose award for lifetime achievement to coach Nar Singh.

The first award would be presented to the 69-year-old Rohini Lokhande who was a member of the national team along with Kiran Bedi, Nirupama Mankad, Susan Das and Udaya Kumar, before she took to coaching at a young age.

**About this award**

- The All India Tennis Association instituted a lifetime achievement award in the name of Dilip Bose in 2002.
- The award along with a cash prize of Rs.50,000 will be presented during the 11th National coaches workshop to be held at the PYC Hindu Gymkhana in Pune on June 7 and 8.

**86. In June 2024, the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has granted its approval for the merger of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**जून 2024 में, नेशनल कंपनी लॉ ट्रिब्यूनल (NCLT) ने \_\_\_\_\_ के विलय को अपनी मंजूरी दे दी है।**

- (a) Vistara with Air India / एयर इंडिया के साथ विस्तारा
- (b) Akasha with Air India / एयर इंडिया के साथ आकाश
- (c) SpiceJet with Vistara / विस्तारा के साथ स्पाइसजेट
- (d) Air India with Spice Jet / स्पाइस जेट के साथ एयर इंडिया
- (e) IndiGo with Air India / एयर इंडिया के साथ इंडिगो

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Air India- Vistara merger gets NCLT nod

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has granted its approval for the merger of Vistara with Air India allowing a period of nine months for the dissolution of the former.

Tata Sons Private Limited will hold 73.38% stake in the merged entity, and Singapore Airlines 25.1%. The remaining 1.52% will be held by SBICAP Trustee Limited on behalf of Air India Employee Settlement Trust.

The anti-competition trusts of India and Singapore have already granted their nod for the integration. Next, the DGCA will have to approve the transfer of Vistara's crew, operations and aircraft to Air India.

Vistara's CEO Vinod Kannan has said that the airline aims to complete the merger by December 2024.

The Tata Sons also fully own Air India Express which was merged with erstwhile AirAsia India, rechristened as Air India Connect after Malaysian airline group AirAsia sold its entire stake of 16.33% in 2022.

**87. In which state are Nagi Bird Sanctuary and Nakti Bird Sanctuary located, which have recently been included in the list of Ramsar sites?**

**नागी पक्षी अभयारण्य और नकटी पक्षी अभयारण्य किस राज्य में स्थित हैं, जिन्हें हाल ही में रामसर स्थलों की सूची में शामिल किया गया है?**

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Bihar / बिहार
- (e) Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 2 more Indian wetlands added to Ramsar List

India has added two bird sanctuaries from Bihar, Nagi and Nakti, to the 'Ramsar Sites' list, taking the tally to 82.

The newest 'Wetlands of International Importance', both man-made reservoirs situated in the Jhajha forest range of Jamui District in Bihar, were added to Ramsar Sites as part of World Environment Day.

The two catchments feature dry deciduous forests surrounded by hills.

With the two sites, India now equals China in terms of Ramsar Sites. Both countries have 82 recognised waterlogged ecosystems in the country.

The UK with 175 has the highest number of such sites, followed by Mexico, 144.

Bihar now has three Ramsar sites. The first one was Kanwar Lake in Begusarai district, which was declared a Ramsar site in 2020.

#### **About Nagi Bird Sanctuary**

- Nagi Bird Sanctuary was notified as the 81st Ramsar Site of India. The Nagi wetland area, spread over 791 hectares in the Jamui district of Bihar, is a man-made site created by constructing a dam on the Nagi River.
- The lake formed after the dam's construction attracts migratory birds during winters from Eurasia, Central Asia, Russia, and Northern China.
- The Nagi Bird Sanctuary was recognised locally as a Bird Sanctuary in 1984 and internationally as an Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA) by BirdLife International.

#### **About Nakti Bird Sanctuary**

- Nakti Bird Sanctuary is the 82nd Ramsar site in India. It is also a man-made site created by Nakti Dam and is spread across 332 hectares. It is near the Nagi Bird Sanctuary and is also located in the Jamui district of Bihar.
- The dam's lake is a habitat for over 150 species of birds, mammals, fish, aquatic plants, etc.
- The Nakti wetland was declared a Bird sanctuary in 1984.

**88. Where was the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) ministerial meeting held?**

समृद्धि के लिए भारत-प्रशांत आर्थिक रूपरेखा (आईपीईएफ) मंत्रिस्तरीय बैठक कहाँ आयोजित की गई थी?

- (a) India / भारत
- (b) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (c) Oman / ओमान
- (d) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (e) UAE / यूएई

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** First IPEF Clean Economy Investor Forum meeting held in Singapore

Singapore hosted the first Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Clean Economy Investor Forum meeting.

The meeting was held along with the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Ministerial meeting. The Indian delegation was led by Sunil Barthwal, Secretary of the Department of Commerce.

The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Clean Economy Investor Forum was organised to bring together the Asia Pacific region's top investors, clean economy companies, and start-ups to mobilise investments into renewable energy projects, sustainable infrastructure and climate technology.

**About Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF)**

- The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) is an American-led initiative that was launched after the COVID-19 pandemic, which disrupted the world's supply chain.
- China, which is the factory of the world, is the crucial link in the global supply chain. Many countries depend on Chinese factories for industrial products, semi-finished products, and raw materials.
- To diversify from China and build an alternative supply chain, the IPEF was launched.
- It was formally launched by American President Joe Biden on 23 May 2022 in Tokyo, Japan.

**Members of the IPEF**

- The IPEF consists of 14 member countries -USA, India, Australia, Brunei, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

**89. Which of the following countries have launched the Biopharmaceuticals Alliance recently?**

निम्नलिखित में से किन देशों ने हाल ही में बायोफार्मास्यूटिकल्स गठबंधन शुरू किया है?

- (a) India, North Korea, Japan, the US, and the European Union
- (b) India, Russia, Japan, the US, and the European Union
- (c) India, South Korea, Japan, Australia, and the European Union
- (d) India, Russia, China, the US, and the European Union
- (e) India, South Korea, Japan, the US, and the European Union

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** India launches Biopharmaceutical Alliance with US, Japan, & South Korea

India, South Korea, Japan, the US, and the European Union has launched an alliance to put joint efforts to build a resilient supply chain in the biopharmaceutical sector.

The announcement was made at the inaugural meeting of the Biopharmaceutical Alliance, held in San Diego, California, during the Bio International Convention 2024, the world's largest biopharmaceutical exhibition.

The participants emphasised the importance of a reliable and sustainable supply chain and agreed to coordinate the respective countries' bio policies, regulations, and research and development support measures.

The alliance was launched in response to the drug supply shortages experienced during the Covid-19 pandemic.

**90. Which of the following country was not elected as non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for a two-year term beginning 2025?**

निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा देश 2025 से शुरू होने वाले दो साल के कार्यकाल के लिए संयुक्त राष्ट्र सुरक्षा परिषद के अस्थायी सदस्य के रूप में नहीं चुना गया?

- (a) Panama
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Somalia
- (d) India
- (e) Greece

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Pakistan, Panama, Somalia, Greece elected as UNSC non-permanent members

Pakistan, Somalia, Denmark, Greece and Panama were elected as non-permanent members of the UN Security Council for a two-year term beginning 2025.

The five members were elected by a secret ballot in the UN General Assembly for a 2-year term starting on January 1, 2025, until December 31, 2026.

In the two seats for African and Asia-Pacific States, Somalia got 179 votes and Pakistan 182.

In the Latin American and Caribbean States, Panama got 183 votes while in the Western European and other States, Denmark got 184 votes and Greece 182.

#### **About United Nations (UN)**

- **Founded** - 24 October 1945
- **Headquarters** - New York, US
- **Official languages** - Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian & Spanish
- **Membership** - 193 members (193<sup>rd</sup> - South Sudan)
- **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

**91. Which edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) will be held in Mumbai from June 15 to 21?**

**मुंबई अंतर्राष्ट्रीय फिल्म महोत्सव (MIFF) का कौन सा संस्करण 15 से 21 जून तक मुंबई में आयोजित किया जाएगा?**

- (a) 17th
- (b) 18th
- (c) 19th
- (d) 20th
- (e) 21st

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 18th Mumbai International Film Festival to be held from June 15-21

The 18th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) will be held in Mumbai from June 15 to 21. The film gala, which showcases non-feature films (documentary, short Fiction and animation) will be at the FD-NFDC Complex in Mumbai.

Besides, MIFF screenings will also be held in Delhi at Sirifort Auditorium, Chennai at Tagore Film Centre, Pune at NFAI auditorium and Kolkata at SRFTI Auditorium.

The 2024 edition will open with the screening of National Geographic's documentary "Billy & Molly: An Otter Love Story".

The organizers received a record number of 1018 films from 38 countries and across 65 languages for the latest edition.

**92. In June 2024, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of RBI has decide to keep Repo Rate unchanged for \_\_\_\_\_ consecutive time at 6.5%.  
जून 2024 में, RBI की मौद्रिक नीति समिति (MPC) ने लगातार \_\_\_\_\_ बार रेपो दर को 6.5% पर अपरिवर्तित रखने का निर्णय लिया है।**

- (a) sixth
- (b) seventh
- (c) eighth
- (d) ninth
- (e) tenth

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** RBI keeps Repo Rate unchanged for 8th consecutive time at 6.5%

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to keep the repo rate unchanged at 6.5%.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has voted by a 4:2 majority to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5% for eight consecutive times.

The MPC had last changed rates in February 2023.

The MPC has revised its GDP growth forecast upwards from the earlier 7% estimate to 7.2% for the financial year 2024-2025. It has also decided to remain focused on withdrawal of accommodation to ensure that inflation does not accelerate, while supporting growth.

These decisions are in consonance with the objective of achieving the medium-term target for consumer price index (CPI) inflation of 4% within a band of +/- 2% while supporting growth.

The second bi-monthly Monetary Policy Committee meeting of fiscal year 2024-25 was held on June 5 to 7, 2024. The next meeting of the MPC is scheduled for 6-8 August 2024.

The MPC is mandated to meet at least four times in a financial year, which runs from 1 April to 31 March.

**RBI Current Policy Rate are as**

- Policy Repo Rate – 6.50%
- Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) - 6.25%
- Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) - 6.75%
- Bank Rate - 6.75%
- Reverse Repo Rate – 3.35%
- Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) – 4.50%
- Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) – 18%

**93. What is the name of the policy which has been recently withdrawn by SBI General Insurance Company?**

**उस पॉलिसी का नाम क्या है जिसे हाल ही में एसबीआई जनरल इंश्योरेंस कंपनी ने वापस ले लिया है?**

- (a) Arogya Plus Policy
- (b) SBI WECARE Deposit Scheme
- (c) Super Health Policy
- (d) SBI Card MILES
- (e) No Jhanjhat Life Insurance Fatafat

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** SBI General Insurance withdraws Arogya Plus policy with effect from Oct 5

Private general insurer, SBI General Insurance Company has announced the withdrawal of its Arogya Plus policy with effect from October 5, 2024.

As per the regulatory requirement, insurance companies must give 90 days advance intimation to their customers before withdrawing a policy.

Policy holders holding the Arogya Plus policy will be given an option to migrate to a comprehensive health insurance policy like Super Health Insurance or to any other individual health insurance product available with the general insurer, including the Standard Product.

Arogya Plus provided coverage up to a specified sum insured at a flat premium. The flat premium was irrespective of the age of the insured and family combination.

The policy was available on an individual basis, family non-floater, and family floater sum insured basis. The policy had no limits on room rent or age-related charges.

## 94. Who has been appointed as the Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)?

कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा निगम (ईएसआईसी) के महानिदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Gaurav Banerjee / गौरव बनर्जी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Kamal Kishore Soan / कमल किशोर सोन
- (d) Tanu Singh / तनु सिंह
- (e) Rakesh Mohan / राकेश मोहन

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Kamal Kishore Soan takes over the charge of Director General of ESIC

Kamal Kishore Soan took over the additional charge of Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) under Ministry of Labour & Employment.

Soan is a senior 1998 batch's IAS officer from Jharkhand Cadre.

He is currently serving as an Additional Secretary and Director General, Labour Welfare in the Ministry of Labour & Employment.

**95. RBI formed a committee to examine various aspects for setting up digital payments intelligence platform to mitigate payment fraud. Who will chair this committee?**

**RBI ने भुगतान धोखाधड़ी को कम करने के लिए डिजिटल भुगतान खुफिया प्लेटफॉर्म स्थापित करने के विभिन्न पहलुओं की जांच के लिए एक समिति का गठन किया। इस समिति की अध्यक्षता कौन करेगा**

- (a) Nidhi Khatri / निधि खत्री
- (b) Sunil Bajpai / सुनील बाजपेयी
- (c) A P Hota / ए पी होता
- (d) M S Sahoo / एम एस साहू
- (e) Chandra Prakash Goyal / चंद्र प्रकाश गोयल

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** RBI set up a committee to Mitigate Payment Fraud

The Reserve Bank has constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of former MD and CEO of National Payments Corporation of India, A P Hota to examine various aspects of setting up a digital public infrastructure for Digital Payments Intelligence Platform.

RBI is mulling to set up a Digital Payments Intelligence Platform to mitigate payment fraud risks. The Committee is expected to give its recommendations within two months.

Domestic payment frauds jumped by 70.64 per cent to Rs 2,604 crore during the six-month period ended March 2024 from Rs 1,526 crore in the same period of last year.

The volume of frauds also rose to 15.51 lakh during the March 2024 period from 11.5 lakh in the previous six-month period, RBI data shows.

**96. Who has been appointed as the Director of Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Rural Development?**

**ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत ग्रामीण विकास विभाग के निदेशक 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) Raj Priy Singh / राज प्रिय सिंह
- (e) Rakesh Mohan / राकेश मोहन

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Raj Priy Singh (IFoS) appointed as Director in Department of Rural Development

Raj Priy Singh (IFoS) has been selected for the appointment as Director in the Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Rural Development.

According to an order issued from the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), Singh has been selected for the appointment under the Central Staffing Scheme (CSS) for a period with effect from the date of taking over charge of the post until further orders, whichever is earlier.

**Recent Appointment**

- **Vice-Chancellor of IIFT** - Rakesh Mohan Joshi
- **Chairperson of Deendayal Port Authority** - Sushil Kumar Singh (replace SK Mehta)
- **Chairman of Staff Selection Commission (SSC)** - Rakesh Ranjan
- **CEO of Sony India** - Gaurav Banerjee (replace NP Singh)
- **Chairperson of Committee A Of 77TH WHA Event** - Apurva Chandra

**97. Who has been awarded the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2024?**

**EY वर्ल्ड एंटरप्रेन्योर ऑफ द ईयर अवार्ड 2024 से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (a) Dalai Lama / दलाई लामा
- (b) Neeli Bendapudi / नीली बेंदापुडी
- (c) Vellayan Subbiah / वेल्लायन सुब्बैया
- (d) Shanti Lakra /शांति लकड़ा
- (e) Deepika Misra / दीपिका मिश्रा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Vellayan Subbiah named the EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2024

Vellayan Subbiah was named the EY World Entrepreneur Of The Year 2024 at an award ceremony held in Monaco's Salle des Etoiles. He is an Executive Vice-Chairman of Tube Investments of India (TII) and Chairman of Cholamandalam (Chola) Investment and Finance Co. Ltd.

Vellayan was selected from among nearly 5,000 programme participants that included 51 winners across 47 countries and jurisdictions competing for the global title.

He is the fourth winner from India in the award's 24-year history and his win also makes India the only country among EY regions to win the global entrepreneurship award four times.

Narayana Murthy, Uday Kotak and Kiran Mazumdar Shaw are the other Indians to win this award.

**Recent Award**

- **Dilip Bose Lifetime Achievement Award** - Nar Singh & Rohini Lokhande
- **Gudleppa Hallikeri Award 2024** - Siddhalinga Pattanashetti
- **Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion 2024** - National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bengaluru
- **CSR Champion Award 2024** - Power Finance Corporation Limited
- **UN Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award** - Major Radhika Sen
- **Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25** - NHPC

**98. A J T Johnsingh, who passed away recently, belonged to which field?**

**ए जे टी जॉनसिंह, जिनका हाल ही में निधन हो गया, किस क्षेत्र से संबंधित थे?**

- (a) Writer / लेखक
- (b) Biologist / जीवविज्ञानी
- (c) Sculptor / मूर्तिकार
- (d) Social Worker / सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता
- (e) Historian / इतिहासकार

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Eminent wildlife conservation activist, A J T Johnsingh passed away

Distinguished Indian wildlife conservationist and biologist Asir Jawahar Thomas Johnsingh, also known as A J T Johnsingh, passed away in Bengaluru.

A J T Johnsingh was 78 years old.

AJT Johnsingh has authored over 70 scientific papers and more than 80 popular articles on wildlife conservation.

He was awarded India's fourth highest civilian award, Padma Shri.

He was conferred with the 2004 Distinguished Service Award for Government from the Society for Conservation Biology, the ABN AMRO Sanctuary Lifetime Wildlife Service Award in 2005 and the Carl Zeiss Wildlife

Conservation Award 2004 for lifetime service to Indian wildlife.

**99. World Oceans Day is observed veery year on 8 June. What is the theme of World Oceans Day 2024?**

**विश्व महासागर दिवस हर साल 8 जून को मनाया जाता है। विश्व महासागर दिवस 2024 का विषय क्या है?**

- (a) Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean
- (b) The Ocean: Life & Livelihoods
- (c) Gender and Oceans.
- (d) Innovation for a sustainable ocean
- (e) Awaken New Depths

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 8 June - World Oceans Day

The United Nations marks World Oceans Day each year on 8 June through an annual event coordinated by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (Office of Legal Affairs).

Objective - To create awareness and urge people to take measures in ensuring to restore the health of the oceans of the world.

Theme 2024 - Awaken New Depths

In 1992, World Oceans Day was proposed at the Earth Summit that took place in Rio De Janeiro. On December 5, 2008, The UN General Assembly designated June 8 to be observed as World Oceans Day every year.

**100. World Brain Tumour Day is observed globally on which day?**

**विश्व मस्तिष्क ट्यूमर दिवस विश्व स्तर पर किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 8 June
- (b) 9 June
- (c) 10 June
- (d) 7 June
- (e) 6 June

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 8 June - World Brain Tumour Day

World Brain Tumour Day is observed globally on 8 June.

Objective - To raises awareness about brain tumours and supports those affected by this serious condition.

Theme 2024 - Brain Health and Prevention

The history of World Brain Tumour Day goes back 24 years when it was first observed in the year 2000 by a Leipzig-based NPO Deutsche Hirntumorhilfe e.V or German Brain Tumour Association.

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**101. From which constituency did Priyanka Jarkiholi become the youngest tribal woman to enter Parliament from an unreserved seat in Karnataka since Independence?**

किस निर्वाचन क्षेत्र से प्रियंका जारकीहोली स्वतंत्रता के बाद से कर्नाटक में अनारक्षित सीट से संसद में प्रवेश करने वाली सबसे कम उम्र की आदिवासी महिला बनीं?

- (a) Ramdurg / रामदुर्ग
- (b) Bagalkot / बागलकोट
- (c) Dharwad / धारवाड़
- (d) Belgaum / बेलगाम
- (e) Chikkodi / चिक्कोडी

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Priyanka Jarkiholi youngest tribal woman to win in Loksabha

Priyanka Jarkiholi from Chikkodi became the youngest tribal woman to enter Parliament from an unreserved seat in Karnataka since Independence.

Priyanka Jarkiholi has defeated incumbent MP and BJP leader Annasaheb Jolle.

Priyanka became the first Jarkiholi to ever win a Lok Sabha election.

She is the daughter of Satish Jarkiholi, minister of the Public Works Department, Karnataka.

### **About Karnataka**

- **Capital** – Bengaluru
- **Chief Minister** –Siddaramaiah
- **Deputy Chief Minister** - DK Shivakumar
- **Governor** – Thawar Chand Gehlot

**102. Who has been appointed as the new Secretary of Competition Commission of India (CCI)?**

**भारतीय प्रतिस्पर्धा आयोग (CCI) के नए सचिव 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) Raj Priy Singh / राज प्रिय सिंह
- (e) Inder Pal Singh Bindra / इंद्रपाल सिंह बिंद्रा

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Inder Pal Singh Bindra appointed as CCI Secretary

IRS Inder Pal Singh Bindra has been appointed as the new Secretary of Competition Commission of India (CCI).

Bindra will replace Anupama Anand, who has resigned after being appointed in September 2023 for a period of 3 years.

Prior to his appointment as CCI Secretary, Bindra was posted as an officer in the income tax department. He has now been appointed as CCI Secretary on deputation basis for three years.

The Centre had in September last year appointed Anupama Anand, an IRS officer, as the Secretary of the CCI, the country's competition watchdog, for an initial period of three years that could later be extended to seven years.

**About Competition Commission of India (CCI)**

- CCI was set up under the Competition Act, 2002.
- It comes under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- It promotes healthy market competition and prevents activities that have an adverse effect on competition in India.
- CCI also approves merger and acquisitions of companies in India so that the two merging entities do not dominate the market unfairly.
- Founded – 14 Oct 2003
- Headquarter - New Delhi
- Chairperson - Ravneet Kaur
- Secretary - Inder Pal Singh Bindra

**103. Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi took oath for a third straight term as the head of a coalition government. Modi equalled the feat of the Prime Minister \_\_\_\_\_.**

प्रधानमंत्री पद के लिए मनोनीत नरेंद्र मोदी ने गठबंधन सरकार के मुखिया के तौर पर लगातार तीसरी बार शपथ ली। मोदी ने प्रधानमंत्री \_\_\_\_\_ की उपलब्धि की बराबरी कर ली।

- (a) Indira Gandhi / इंदिरा गांधी
- (b) Rajiv Gandhi / राजीव गांधी
- (c) Gulzarilal Nanda / गुलजारीलाल नंदा
- (d) Jawaharlal Nehru / जवाहरलाल नेहरू
- (e) P. V. Narasimha Rao / पी. वी. नरसिम्हा राव

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Narendra Modi takes oath for third consecutive term as PM

Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi took oath for a third straight term as the head of a coalition government after two full tenures in which the BJP enjoyed a majority on its own.

Modi equalled the feat of the first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, who won in the 1952, 1957 and 1962 general elections.

After Modi, Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, Nitin Gadkari were among 35 other Cabinet Ministers who took oath.

36 Ministers of State, and five Ministers of State (independent charge) also took oath of office.

Leaders from India's neighbourhood and the Indian Ocean Region including Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe, the Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu, and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attended the event. The NDA

won 286 seats in this election, and the BJP won 240 seats, falling short of the 272-majority mark. This is well below the 303 and 282 seats it had won in 2019 and 2014, respectively, to have a majority on its own.

**104. Which of the following country will launch golden visa scheme "solidarity visa" to help migrants?**

निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा देश प्रवासियों की मदद के लिए गोल्डन वीज़ा योजना "एकजुटता वीज़ा" शुरू करेगा?

- (a) Spain
- (b) Russia
- (c) USA
- (d) France
- (e) Portugal

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Portugal to use golden visa scheme to help migrants

Portugal to adapt its golden visa scheme to allow wealthy foreigners seeking residency rights to invest in affordable housing for locals or accommodation for migrants.

The scheme - called a "solidarity visa" - would complement an existing programme, which since 2012 has offered non-EU nationals who invest in Portugal the right to live in the country.

The golden visa scheme has attracted more 7.3 billion euros (\$7.94 billion) of funds since its launch.

#### **About Portugal**

- Capital- Lisbon
- Currency - euro
- Prime minister- Luis Montenegro
- Official language- Portuguese
- Continent- Europe, Africa

**105. In June 2024, Moody's Ratings (Moody's) affirmed the Baa3 ratings to which among the following Indian public sector bank(s)?**  
**जून 2024 में, मूडीज रेटिंग्स (मूडीज) ने निम्नलिखित भारतीय सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों में से किसको Baa3 रेटिंग दी?**

- (i) Bank of Baroda
- (ii) State Bank of India
- (iii) Punjab National Bank
- (iv) Indian Bank
- (v) Canara Bank

- (a) only i, ii, iii
- (b) only ii, iii, iv
- (c) only iii, iv, v
- (d) only i, iii, v
- (e) all of above

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Moody's maintains stable outlooks on three Indian public sector banks

Moody's Ratings (Moody's) affirmed the Baa3 ratings on three Indian public sector banks -- Bank of Baroda (BOB), Canara Bank, and Punjab National Bank (PNB).

The rating agency maintained stable outlooks on the long-term ratings of all three banks.

Moody's also believes that India's strong operating environment will continue to support their credit fundamentals over the next 12-18 months.

BOB's, Canara's and PNB's NPL ratios respectively declined to 2.9 per cent, 4.2 per cent and 5.7 per cent as of 31 March 2024 from 3.8 per cent, 5.4 per cent and 8.7 per cent a year earlier, supported by lower bad loans (or slippage) as well as stronger recoveries and higher write-offs.

Bank of Baroda is headquartered in Mumbai and reported consolidated assets of Rs 16.5 trillion (USD 197.8 billion) as of March 31, 2024.

Punjab National Bank is headquartered in New Delhi and reported consolidated assets of Rs 16.0 trillion (USD 191.8 billion) as of March 31, 2024.

Canara Bank is headquartered in Bangalore and reported consolidated assets of Rs 15.4 trillion (USD 184.6 billion) as of March 31, 2024.

**106. The Reserve Bank of India has proposed a facility to allow customers to automatically replenish their UPI Lite wallets to promote small-value digital payments in June 2024. Currently, the UPI Lite has a daily limit of \_\_\_\_\_, while the upper limit for a single payment is ₹500.**

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक ने जून 2024 में छोटे-मूल्य वाले डिजिटल भुगतानों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए ग्राहकों को अपने UPI लाइट वॉलेट को स्वचालित रूप से फिर से भरने की अनुमति देने के लिए एक सुविधा का प्रस्ताव दिया है। वर्तमान में, UPI लाइट की दैनिक सीमा \_\_\_\_\_ है, जबकि एकल भुगतान के लिए ऊपरी सीमा ₹500 है।

- (a) ₹2,000
- (b) ₹1,000
- (c) ₹1,500
- (d) ₹5,000
- (e) ₹2,100

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** RBI permits automatic replenishment of UPI Lite wallet

The Reserve Bank of India has proposed a facility to allow customers to automatically replenish their UPI Lite wallets to promote small-value digital payments.

Currently, the UPI Lite has a daily limit of ₹2,000, while the upper limit for a single payment is ₹500.

UPI Lite is a simplified version of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI). It acts as an on-device wallet for small-value transactions.

To encourage wider adoption of UPI Lite, it is now proposed to bring it under the e-mandate framework by introducing a facility for customers to automatically replenish their UPI Lite wallets if the balance goes below the threshold limit set by them.

Presently, the UPI Lite app can only hold a maximum of ₹2,000 at a time.

UPI Lite was introduced in September 2022 to enable small value payments in a quick and seamless manner through an on-device wallet.

**107. Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Bisleri Limonata?**

**बिसलेरी लिमोनाटा का ब्रांड एंबेसडर किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Ayushmann Khurrana / आयुष्मान खुराना
- (b) Yami Gautam / यामी गौतम
- (c) Pankaj Tripathi / पंकज त्रिपाठी
- (d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni / महेन्द्र सिंह धोनी
- (e) Aditya Roy Kapur / आदित्य रॉय कपूर

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Bisleri Limonata appoints Aditya Roy Kapur as Brand Ambassador

Bisleri International has announced Aditya Roy Kapur as the new brand ambassador for Bisleri Limonata.

The launch of the vibrant #DoubleTheChill campaign aims to highlight this unique product experience,

establishing strong recognition for Limonata's distinctive flavor blend. Unlike other drinks in the segment,

Limonata's combination of lime and mint sets it apart. Aditya Roy Kapur, embodying the essence of the brand

with his cool and refreshing persona, has a strong fan following, especially among Gen Z.

**Recent Brand Ambassador**

- PV Sindhu – Greenday's Better Nutrition
- PV Sindhu – Tobacco Control
- Shah Rukh Khan - Muthoot Pappachan Group
- Kareena Kapoor Khan - UNICEF India National Ambassador
- MS Dhoni - French carmaker Citroen
- Sanjana Sanghi - SPACE India

**108. Who has been honored with the prestigious Annual Hindi Sahitya Bharati Award?**

**प्रतिष्ठित वार्षिक हिंदी साहित्य भारती पुरस्कार से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (a) Deepak Shenoy / दीपक शेनॉय
- (b) Neeli Bendapudi / नीली बेंदापुडी
- (c) Krishna Prakash / कृष्ण प्रकाश
- (d) Shanti Lakra / शांति लकड़ा
- (e) Deepika Misra / दीपिका मिश्रा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Krishna Prakash Honored with Hindi Sahitya Bharati Award

Krishna Prakash, renowned as the head of Mumbai Police's elite counter-terrorism unit, Force One, has been honored with the prestigious Annual Hindi Sahitya Bharati Award.

The recognition was bestowed during the Sab Me Ram Shashwat Shri Ram multicultural festival in Mumbai.

The event aimed to narrate Lord Ram's story through various artistic forms, offering a unique cultural experience.

Incidentally, Krishna Prakash is a two-time Guinness World Record holder who will achieve his third this June for initiating the maximum number of letters through postcards to Lord Ram, enabling the common man's direct connection with the divine.

**Recent Award**

- **EY World Entrepreneur of The Year 2024** - Vellayan Subbiah
- **Dilip Bose Lifetime Achievement Award** - Nar Singh & Rohini Lokhande
- **Gudleppa Hallikeri Award 2024** - Siddhalinga Pattanashetti
- **Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion 2024** - National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bengaluru
- **CSR Champion Award 2024** - Power Finance Corporation Limited

**109. Sift Kaur Samra, who was seen in the news in June 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?**

**जून 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में रहीं सिफ्त कौर समरा 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. c**

**Sol.** Sift Kaur Samra Bags Bronze Medal In Women's 50m Rifle 3-Position In ISSF Rifle Pistol World Cup

Women's 50m rifle 3-positions specialist Sift Kaur Samra won a bronze medal in the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol in Munich.

Sift shot 452.9, to give up silver by an agonizing 0.1 to China's Han Jiayu, the reigning Air Rifle Women's World Champion. World No. 1 Seonaid McIntosh of Great Britain won gold with a score of 466.7

Sarabjot Singh also won gold in the Men's 10m Air Pistol.

**110. Kumud Saini, who was seen in the news in June 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sports?**

**कुमुद सैनी, जो जून 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में थीं, 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. e**

**Sol.** Kumud Saini won gold medal in 2024 Archery Asia Cup Stage 3

Kumud Saini won the sole gold medal for India at the Archery Asia Cup 2024 Stage 3, being held in Suwon, South Korea.

The Indian archery team finished its campaign in the Asia Cup with five medals - one gold, two silvers and two bronze.

In the final, Kumud defeated South Korean girl Park Yerin 143-140 to win the gold medal.

**111. Who has won the women's singles title of French Open 2024?**

**फ्रेंच ओपन 2024 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.** French Open: Iga Świątek wins Women's Singles Title

Iga Swiatek won her third consecutive French Open championship and fourth in five years by defeating Jasmine Paolini 6-2, 6-1 in the final at Roland Garris. She became only the third woman in the Open era to clinch three straight French Open titles.

In her first appearance in the final of a Grand Slam, 12th seed Jasmine Paolini, on her way defeated Bianca Andreescu, Elena Rybakina and the starlet Mirra Andreeva. Carlos Alcaraz, emerged victorious in the men's singles final. In a gruelling five-set battle against the formidable Alexander Zverev, Alcaraz showcased his resilience and skill, conquering the German with a scoreline of 6-3, 2-6, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.

**French Open title 2024**

**Men's Singles**

- Winner – Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)
- Runner Up - Alexander Zverev (Germany)

**Women's Singles**

- Winner - Iga Świątek (Poland)
- Runner Up - Jasmine Paolini (Italy)

**Men's Doubles**

- Winner - Marcelo Arevalo (El Salvador) & Mate Pavic (Croatia)
- Runner Up - Simone Bolelli (Italy) and Andrea Vavassori (Italy)

**Women's Doubles**

- Winner - Coco Gauff (USA) & Katerina Siniakova (Czech)
- Runner Up - Sara Errani (Italy) & Jasmine Paolini (Italy)

**Mixed Doubles title**

- Winner - Laura Siegemund (Germany) and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (France)
- Runner Up - Desirae Krawczyk (USA) and Neal Skupski (Britain)

**112. Which IIT has launched UDAAN (UAV/UAS/Drone Acceleration and Networking) programme to boost drone startups?**

**किस आईआईटी ने ड्रोन स्टार्टअप को बढ़ावा देने के लिए उड़ान (यूएवी/यूएस/ड्रोन एक्सेलेरेशन एंड नेटवर्किंग) कार्यक्रम शुरू किया है?**

- (a) IIT Guwahati/ आईआईटी गुवाहाटी
- (b) IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली
- (c) IIT Madras / आईआईटी मद्रास
- (d) IIT Kanpur / आईआईटी कानपुर
- (e) IIT Roorkee / आईआईटी रुड़की

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** IIT Kanpur launched UDAAN programme to boost drone startups

The Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) at IIT Kanpur has joined forces with the Centre of Excellence for Capacity Building, Training, and Design of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles at IIT Kanpur (Drone CoE Kanpur), an initiative by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, and the Drone Federation of India (DFI) to launch the UAV/UAS/Drone Acceleration and Networking (UDAAN) Programme.

This programme promises to be a game-changer for aspiring and promising drone startups in India, providing them with the resources and expertise needed to scale their businesses rapidly.

The UDAAN programme will select 20 startups annually, divided into two cohorts, for an intensive acceleration journey.

These startups will be incubated at SIIC, IIT Kanpur, gaining access to cutting-edge R&D facilities, technical mentorship, financing opportunities, and invaluable industry relationship

**113. World Accreditation Day is observed every year on which day?**

**विश्व मान्यता दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 8 June
- (b) 9 June
- (c) 10 June
- (d) 11 June
- (e) 12 June

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 9 June - World Accreditation Day

World Accreditation Day is observed every year on 9 June.

It is a global initiative established by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC).

Theme 2024 - Accreditation: Empowering Tomorrow and Shaping the Future.

This annual event aims to raise awareness about the vital role of accreditation in improving various aspects of our lives, from consumer protection to societal well-being, business operations, and government regulations

**114. Ramoji Rao passed away recently. He was head of \_\_\_\_\_.**

रामोजी राव का हाल ही में निधन हो गया। वे \_\_\_\_\_ के प्रमुख थे।

- (a) ETV Network
- (b) NDTV network
- (c) ABP news
- (d) Doordarshan
- (e) Aaj Tak

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Ramoji Rao, founder of Ramoji Film City and head of ETV Network, dies

Ramoji Rao, head of the ETV Network and founder of Ramoji Film City passed away in Hyderabad.

Ramoji Rao headed the Eenadu group of companies, ETV Network, Margadarshi chit fund, and Ramoji Film City (RFC).

In 2016, his remarkable achievements were further recognized with the Padma Vibhushan, India's second-highest civilian honour, for his multifaceted contributions to journalism, literature, and education.

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**115. In June 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released the 17th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN Nidhi) scheme. The PM was also approved a proposal for constructing \_\_\_\_\_ more houses under the PMAY.**

**जून 2024 में, प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने प्रधानमंत्री किसान सम्मान निधि (पीएम-किसान निधि) योजना की 17वीं किस्त जारी की है। पीएम ने PMAY के तहत \_\_\_\_\_ और घर बनाने के प्रस्ताव को भी मंजूरी दी।**

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

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Modi clears PM-Kisan 17th instalment

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has signed the release of the 17th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN Nidhi) scheme.

The move will benefit more than 93 million farmers by disbursing more than Rs 20,000 crore.

The 16th Installment of the PM KISAN scheme was released on 28th February 2024.

**What is PM-KISAN Nidhi?**

- PM-KISAN Nidhi is a central government scheme launched in December 2018 to support the income of farmers by providing an annual financial assistance of Rs 6,000.
- The money is given in three equal instalments of Rs 2,000 every four months directly into the beneficiaries' bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer.
- More than 93 million farmers had received Rs 2000 as the 16th instalment of PM Kisan Yojana.

The PM was also approved a proposal for constructing three crores more houses under the PMAY.

The government is implementing Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) since 2015-16 to provide assistance to the eligible rural and urban households for construction of houses with basic amenities.

Under PMAY, 4.21 crore houses have been completed for eligible poor families under the housing schemes in the last 10 years.

All the houses constructed under PMAY are provided other basic amenities such as household toilets, LPG connection, electricity connection, functional household tap connection and so forth.

**116. In June 2024, the Union Government released over ₹1.39 lakh crore to the States under the devolution mechanism. Based on the Finance Commission's formula, how much percent of the Centre's tax revenue is given to the States through the devolution mechanism?**

जून 2024 में, केंद्र सरकार ने राज्यों को हस्तांतरण तंत्र के तहत ₹1.39 लाख करोड़ से अधिक जारी किए। वित्त आयोग के फार्मूले के आधार पर, केंद्र के कर राजस्व का कितना प्रतिशत हस्तांतरण तंत्र के माध्यम से राज्यों को दिया जाता है?

- (a) 25%
- (b) 35%
- (c) 41%
- (d) 45%
- (e) 50%

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Centre releases ₹1.39 lakh crore to States

The Union Government released over ₹1.39 lakh crore to the States under the devolution mechanism.

Based on the Finance Commission's formula, 41 per cent of the Centre's tax revenue is given to the States through the devolution mechanism.

Uttar Pradesh got the highest share with more than ₹25,000 crore, followed by Bihar (₹14,000 crore) and Madhya Pradesh (over ₹10000 crore).

The Interim Budget 2024-25 has a provision of over ₹12 lakh crore towards devolution of taxes to States. With this release, the total amount devolved (for FY 2024-25) to States till June 10, 2024, is over ₹2.79 lakh crore.

**117. The first meeting of BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) Foreign Ministers was held in which city after the expansion of BRICS in 2023?**

**2023 में ब्रिक्स के विस्तार के बाद ब्रिक्स (ब्राजील-रूस-भारत-चीन-दक्षिण अफ्रीका) विदेश मंत्रियों की पहली बैठक किस शहर में आयोजित की गई?**

- (a) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (b) Russia / रूस
- (c) Brazil / ब्राजील
- (d) India / भारत
- (e) China / चीन

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** BRICS Foreigners Ministers meeting held in Russia

BRICS (Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa) Foreign Ministers meeting begins in the Russian city of Nizhny Novgorod.

The two-day meeting chaired by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov comes ahead of the BRICS Summit slated to be held this October.

Last year, S Jaishankar represented India at the BRICS foreign ministerial meeting held in South Africa's Cape Town.

This is the first meeting of foreign ministers since the expansion of BRICS in 2023.

The 10 full members of the association include Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa with new members Egypt, Iran, UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Ethiopia joining the grouping in 2023.

Russia took over the chairmanship of BRICS on January 1, 2024.

**118. Recently, Prem Singh Tamang, who has been appointed as the chief minister of Sikkim, belongs to which political party?**

सिक्किम क्रांतिकारी मोर्चा (एसकेएम) के सुप्रीमो प्रेम सिंह तमांग ने 10 जून को लगातार दूसरी बार हिमालयी राज्य के मुख्यमंत्री के रूप में शपथ ली?

- (a) Indian National Congress
- (b) Sikkim Mukti Morcha
- (c) Sikkim Democratic Front
- (d) Bhartiya Janta Party
- (e) Sikkim Krantikari Morcha

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Prem Singh Tamang sworn in as Sikkim CM for 2nd time

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) supremo Prem Singh Tamang took oath as the Chief Minister of the Himalayan state for the second consecutive term.

The 56-year-old politician was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya at a function held in Paljor Stadium in Gangtok.

Twelve ministers, including the chief minister, were also sworn in. According to the constitution, the maximum strength of the Sikkim Council of Ministers shall be twelve.

The SKM was swept back into power in the recently concluded state legislative assembly election by winning 31 out of 32 seats of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly.

### **About Sikkim**

- **Capital** - Gangtok
- **Chief Minister** - Prem Singh Tamang (2<sup>nd</sup> time)
- **Governor** - Lakshman Prasad Acharya

**119. Who has become the Indian Navy's first woman helicopter pilot?**

**भारतीय नौसेना की पहली महिला हेलीकॉप्टर पायलट कौन बनी हैं?**

- (a) Bhawana Kanth
- (b) Mohana Singh Jitarwal
- (c) Shivangi Singh
- (d) Avni Chaturvedi
- (e) Anamika B. Rajeev

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Indian Navy gets its first Woman Helicopter Pilot

Sub Lieutenant Anamika B. Rajeev became the Indian Navy's first woman helicopter pilot during a passing out parade held in the naval air station INS Rajali at Arakkonam in Ranipet district.

A total of 21 officers were awarded the prestigious 'Golden Wings' by Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command.

The trainees completed an intensive 22-week training programme encompassing rigorous flying and ground training at the Indian Naval Air Squadron 561, the alma mater of all helicopter pilots of the Indian Navy

**120. Which organization has been given 'Best Conduct of Business Regulator' award in Asia Pacific by The Asian Banker for its role in enhancing the regulatory framework for securities markets in India?**

किस संगठन को भारत में प्रतिभूति बाजारों के लिए विनियामक ढांचे को बढ़ाने में अपनी भूमिका के लिए द एशियन बैंकर द्वारा एशिया प्रशांत क्षेत्र में 'बेस्ट कंडक्ट ऑफ बिजनेस रेगुलेटर' पुरस्कार दिया गया है?

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

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** SEBI bags 'Best Conduct of Business Regulator' award

SEBI has been given 'Best Conduct of Business Regulator' award in Asia Pacific by The Asian Banker for its role in enhancing the regulatory framework for securities markets in India.

The award was received by Sebi's Whole Time Member Kamlesh Chandra Varshney in a ceremony held in Hong Kong.

SEBI has been actively working towards instantaneous settlement. In 2021, T+1 settlement was introduced in a phased manner, which was fully implemented from January 2023.

This move has provided investors with faster access to their funds following trade execution and settlement, enhancing market efficiency and liquidity.

#### **Recent Award**

- **Hindi Sahitya Bharati Award** - Krishna Prakash,
- **EY World Entrepreneur of The Year 2024** - Vellayan Subbiah
- **Dilip Bose Lifetime Achievement Award** - Nar Singh & Rohini Lokhande
- **Gudleppa Hallikeri Award 2024** - Siddhalinga Pattanashetti
- **Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion 2024** - National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bengaluru

**121. Who has won the men's singles title of the Heilbronn Neckarcup 2024 ATP Challenger Tennis tournament?**

**हीलब्रॉन नेकरकप 2024 एटीपी चैलेंजर टेनिस टूर्नामेंट का पुरुष एकल खिताब किसने जीता है?**

- (a) Leander Paes
- (b) Rohan Bopanna
- (c) Sania Mirza
- (d) Mahesh Bhupathi
- (e) Sumit Nagpal

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Sumit Nagpal wins his 6th ATP Challenger Tennis Title

The Indian men's tennis player Sumit Nagpal won the men's singles title at the Heilbronn Neckarcup 2024 ATP Challenger Tennis tournament in Germany.

It was the sixth ATP Challenger title for India's top-ranked men's tennis singles player.

In the final, Sumit Nagpal defeated Alexander Ritschard of Switzerland in three sets 6-1, 6(5)-7(7), 6-3.

This win will improve the ATP ranking of Sumit Nagpal making him eligible for the 2024 Summer Paris Olympics.

The ATP Challenger Tour Tennis Tournament is organised by the apex men's professional tennis organisation, the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP).

It is the second-highest-ranking tennis tournament organised by the ATP after the ATP tour.

**122. MotoGP India will be held in Buddha Circuit, Greater Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar from \_\_\_\_\_.**

**मोटोजीपी इंडिया का आयोजन बुद्ध सर्किट, ग्रेटर नोएडा गौतम बुद्ध नगर में \_\_\_\_\_ से किया जाएगा।**

- (a) 2025 to 2026
- (b) 2025 to 2027
- (c) 2025 to 2028
- (d) 2025 to 2029
- (e) 2025 to 2030

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** UP to organize 2025 edition of MotoGP Bharat in Noida

MotoGP India will be held in Buddha Circuit, Greater Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar from 2025 to 2029.

The Uttar Pradesh government will sign a contract with Dorna Sports and its Indian partner, Fairstreet Sports, to organize the MotoGP event in Noida.

To organize the event through its Invest UP department, the state government will raise crore.

**123. In June 2024, Saurabh Sharma has won two gold medals in Switzerland's World Para Athlete Grand Prix. He is from which state?**

**जून 2024 में, सौरभ शर्मा ने स्विट्जरलैंड के विश्व पैरा एथलीट ग्रैंड प्रिक्स में दो स्वर्ण पदक जीते हैं। वह किस राज्य से हैं?**

- (a) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Goa / गोवा
- (d) Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
- (e) Punjab / पंजाब

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Saurabh Sharma strikes Twin Gold in World Para Athlete Grand Prix

Saurabh Sharma, an athlete from Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur district, has won two gold medals in the ongoing World Para Athlete Grand Prix in the Nottwil city of Switzerland.

Sharma emerged victorious in 155-metre and 5000-metre races.

Sharma, who hails from Ropa Khayah village of Nadaun area in Hamirpur district, is representing the Indian team in the T12 category.

He had earlier won seven gold medals at the national level.

**124. Who has become the first Indian to win a fight in the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), defeating Brazil's Rayanne dos Santos at UFC Louisville 2024?**

**UFC लुइसविले 2024 में ब्राज़ील की रेयान डॉस सैंटोस को हराकर अल्टीमेट फ़ाइटिंग चैंपियनशिप (UFC) में फ़ाइट जीतने वाली पहली भारतीय कौन बन गई हैं?**

- (a) Richa Arya
- (b) Radhika Jindal
- (c) Puja Tomar
- (d) Anshika Singh
- (e) Parul Goel

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Puja Tomar becomes first Indian to win in UFC

Puja Tomar made history as the first Indian to win a fight in the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), defeating Brazil's Rayanne dos Santos at UFC Louisville 2024.

Hailing from Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh, Puja had already broken new ground last year by becoming the first Indian woman to secure a UFC contract.

In her debut fight in the women's strawweight division, she triumphed by split decision with scores of 30-27, 27-30, and 29-28.

**125. Who has won the Formula One Canadian Grand Prix 2024?**

**फॉर्मूला वन कैनेडियन 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. c**

**Sol.** Max Verstappen won Canadian Grand Prix 2024

Dutch-Belgian racing driver Max Verstappen of Red Bull has won the Canadian Grand Prix 2024.

Verstappen's triumph at the Canadian Grand Prix 2024 marked his 60th Formula 1 win and his sixth victory in nine races this season.

McLaren's Lando Norris secured an impressive second-place finish, while Mercedes's George Russell clinched the third spot, achieving the team's first Grand Prix podium finish for the 2024 Formula 1 season.

The Canadian Grand Prix 2024 is also known as the AWS GRAND PRIX DU CANADA 2024.

**Recent 2024 Grand Prix Winner**

- Monaco Grand Prix - Ferrari's Charles Leclerc (Monacco)
- 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 Saino (Spain)
- Saudi Arabian Grand Prix - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- Bahrain Grand Prix 2- Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)

**126. International Day of Play is observed every year on which day?**

खेल का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस हर साल किस दिन देखा जाता है?

- (a) 13 June
- (b) 12 June
- (c) 11 June
- (d) 10 June
- (e) 9 June

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 11 June - International Day of Play

International Day of Play is observed on 11 June. This year, It is the first edition of International Day of Play.

The Day of Play on 11 June was added to the list of global annual observances recognized by the United Nations, following a successful campaign by Save the Children, the LEGO Group and the LEGO Foundation and other partners, to recognize play as a critical developmental activity for children.

Children have a right to play under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child 1989, yet around 70% of adults aren't aware of this right, according to toy manufacturer LEGO's global Play Well Study 2024, underscoring the need for an international day.

**127. Amol Kale passed away recently during the India-Pak match in New York. He was the president of which of the following?**

हाल ही में न्यूयॉर्क में भारत-पाक मैच के दौरान अमोल काले का निधन हो गया। वह निम्नलिखित में से किसके अध्यक्ष थे?

- (a) Mumbai Cricket Association
- (b) Chennai Cricket Association
- (c) Delhi Cricket Association
- (d) Bengal Cricket Association
- (e) Patiala Cricket Association

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Mumbai Cricket Association honorary president Amol Kale passes away during India-Pak match  
Amol Kale, aged 47, the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) honorary president, passed away following a cardiac in New York.

Kale, along with MCA secretary Ajinkya Naik and apex council member Suraj Samat, had watched India's thrilling win against Pakistan in T20 World Cup from the stadium on June 9.

Kale was elected as the MCA president, after defeating World Cup champion Sandeep Patil in a closely-contested battle in October 2022.

He was instrumental in the MCA deciding to double Mumbai's senior men's match-fees starting the forthcoming season.

**128. According to the recently announced cabinet ministers list, how many portfolios are correctly matched?**

**हाल ही में घोषित कैबिनेट मंत्रियों की सूची के अनुसार, कितने पोर्टफोलियो सही ढंग से सुमेलित हैं?**

- |      |                                |  |
|------|--------------------------------|--|
| I.   | Shri Manohar Lal -             | Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare        |
| II.  | Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi -        | Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.   |
| III. | Shri Sarbananda Sonowal -      | Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers              |
| IV.  | Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw -        | Minister of Communications                         |
| V.   | Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia - | Minister of Electronics and Information Technology |
| VI.  | Shri Chirag Paswan -           | Minister of Food Processing Industries             |
| VII. | Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan -   | Minister of Power                                  |

- (a) only two  
(b) only three  
(c) only four  
(d) only five  
(e) all are correct

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** List of Cabinet Ministers of India 2024

The 18th Lok Sabha General Elections recently ended, and the results were announced on June 4, 2024.

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA), led by Narendra Modi, won enough seats to form the government.

On June 9, 2024, Narendra Modi made history by becoming India's Prime Minister for the third time in a row, a feat last achieved by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

Along with Modi, 30 cabinet ministers, 5 ministers with independent charge, and 36 ministers of state took the oath, forming the Modi 3.0 government.

**Shri Narendra Modi-** Prime Minister and also in-charge of: **Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space; All important policy issues; and All other portfolios not allocated to any Minister.**

Here is the complete List of Cabinet Ministers 2024

S.No	Cabinet Ministers	Portfolio
1	Shri Raj Nath Singh	Minister of Defence.
2	Shri Amit Shah	Minister of Home Affairs Minister of Cooperation.
3	Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari	Minister of Road Transport and Highways.
4	Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda	Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
5	Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan	Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister of Rural Development.
6	Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman	Minister of Finance Minister of Corporate Affairs.
7	Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar	Minister of External Affairs.
8	Shri Manohar Lal	Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Minister of Power.
9	Shri H. D. Kumaraswamy	Minister of Heavy Industries Minister of Steel.
10	Shri Piyush Goyal	Minister of Commerce and Industry.
11	Shri Dharmendra Pradhan	Minister of Education
12	Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi	Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
13	Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh	Minister of Panchayati Raj Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
14	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal	Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

15	Dr. Virendra Kumar	Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment
16	Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu	Minister of Civil Aviation.
17	Shri Pralhad Joshi	Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Minister of New and Renewable Energy.
18	Shri Jual Oram	Minister of Tribal Affairs.
19	Shri Giriraj Singh	Minister of Textiles.
20	Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw	Minister of Railways Minister of Information and Broadcasting Minister of Electronics and Information Technology
21	Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia	Minister of Communications Minister of Development of North Eastern Region.
22	Shri Bhupender Yadav	Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
23	Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	Minister of Culture Minister of Tourism.
24	Smt. Annpurna Devi	Minister of Women and Child Development
25	Shri Kiren Rijju	Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Minister of Minority Affairs.
26	Shri Hardeep Singh Puri	Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas
27	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya	Minister of Labour and Employment Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports.
28	Shri G. Kishan Reddy	Minister of Coal Minister of Mines.
29	Shri Chirag Paswan	Minister of Food Processing Industries.
30	Shri C R Patil	Minister of Jal Shakti.

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1	Rao Inderjit Singh	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation  Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Planning  Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture.
2	Dr. Jitendra Singh	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology  Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Science  Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office  Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions  Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy Minister of State in the Department of Space.
3	Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Law and Justice  Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.

4	Shri Jadhav Prataprao Ganpatrao	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Ayush  Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
5	Shri Jayant Chaudhary	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship  Minister of State in the Ministry of Education.



1	Shri Jitin Prasada	Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry  Minister of State in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
2	Shri Shripad Yesso Naik	Minister of State in the Ministry of Power  Minister of State in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
3	Shri Pankaj Chaudhary	Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance.
4	Shri Krishan Pal	Minister of State in the Ministry of Cooperation
5	Shri Ramdas Athawale	Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
6	Shri Ram Nath Thakur	Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
7	Shri Nityanand Rai	Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs.
8	Smt. Anupriya Patel	Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

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9	Shri V. Somanna	Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti  Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways.
10	Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani	Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development  Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications.
11	Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel	Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying  Minister of State in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj
12	Sushri Sobha Karandlaje	Minister of State in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises  Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
13	Shri Kirtivardhan Singh	Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs.
14	Shri B. L. Verma	Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

		Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
15	Shri Shantanu Thakur	Minister of State in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
16	Shri Suresh Gopi	Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas  Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism.
17	Dr. L. Murugan	Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting  Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
18	Shri Ajay Tamta	Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
19	Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar	Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs.
20	Shri Kamlesh Paswan	Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development

21	Shri Bhagirath Choudhary	Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
22	Shri Satish Chandra Dubey	Minister of State in the Ministry of Coal Minister of State in the Ministry of Mines.
23	Shri Sanjay Seth	Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence.
24	Shri Ravneet Singh	Minister of State in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways.
25	Shri Durgadas Uikey	Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
26	Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse	Minister of State in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
27	Shri Sukanta Majumdar	Minister of State in the Ministry of Education Minister of State in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

28	Smt. Savitri Thakur	Minister of State in the Ministry of Women and Child Development
29	Shri Tokhan Sahu	Minister of State in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
30	Shri Raj Bhushan Choudhary	Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti
31	Shri Bhupathi Raju Srinivasa Varma	Minister of State in the Ministry of Heavy Industries Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel.
32	Shri Harsh Malhotra	Minister of State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
33	Smt. Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya	Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

34	Shri Murlidhar Mohol	Minister of State in the Ministry of Cooperation  Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
35	Shri George Kurian	Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs  Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
36	Shri Pabitra Margherita	Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs  Minister of State in the Ministry of Textiles.

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**129. In June 2024, Nokia CEO Pekka Lundmark made a phone call using a new technology called "immersive audio and video" that improves the quality of a call with three-dimensional sound, making interactions more lifelike. Nokia is a company of which country?**

जून 2024 में, नोकिया के सीईओ पेक्का लुंडमार्क ने "इमर्सिव ऑडियो और वीडियो" नामक एक नई तकनीक का उपयोग करके एक फ़ोन कॉल किया, जो त्रि-आयामी ध्वनि के साथ कॉल की गुणवत्ता में सुधार करता है, जिससे बातचीत अधिक जीवंत हो जाती है। नोकिया किस देश की कंपनी है?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Finland
- (c) South Korea
- (d) Vietnam
- (e) Singapore

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Nokia CEO Pekka Lundmark makes world's first 'immersive' phone call

Nokia CEO Pekka Lundmark made a phone call using a new technology called "immersive audio and video" that improves the quality of a call with three-dimensional sound, making interactions more lifelike.

The call was held with Stefan Lindstrom, Finland's Ambassador of Digitalisation and New Technologies.

Current smartphone calls are monophonic which compresses audio elements together and sound flatter and less detailed, but the new technology will bring 3D audio where a caller will hear everything as if they were there with the other person.

Nokia made the call using a regular smartphone over a public 5G network.

The technology is part of the upcoming 5G Advanced standard and Nokia aims to get licensing opportunities with the technology which would likely take a few years to be available widely.

A vast majority of smartphones have at least two microphones with which this technology can be implemented by transmitting in real time the spatial characteristics of a call.

**130. In June 2024, how much money has the Rajasthan government allocated for the development of the Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit?**

**जून 2024 में, राजस्थान सरकार ने महाराणा प्रताप पर्यटन सर्किट के विकास के लिए कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की है?**

- (a) ₹10 Cr.
- (b) ₹500 Cr.
- (c) ₹150 Cr.
- (d) ₹50 Cr.
- (e) ₹100 Cr.

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Rajasthan Govt to Invest ₹100 Cr. for Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit

Rajasthan state government will develop the Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit with an investment of Rs 100 crore.

This announcement was made during the inauguration of the Maharana Pratap Jayanti celebration in Udaipur, where the 484th birthday of the legendary Maharana Pratap of Mewar was celebrated on 9 June 2024 (according to the Hindu calendar).

Under the project, the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation will develop museums and basic amenities for tourists and improve the overall connectivity to these places.

The Mewar Complex Circuit was launched by the Rajasthan Government in 2005 with the financial assistance of the central government to develop the tourist spot in the region.

Two phases of the Mewar Complex circuit has been completed and the third phase of the project has been renamed as the Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit.

#### **About Rajasthan**

- **Capital** – Jaipur
- **Chief Minister** – Bhajan Lal Sharma (replace Ashok Gehlot)
- **Deputy Chief Minister** - Diya Kumari and Premchand Bairwa
- **Speaker of Rajasthan Assembly** - Vasudev Devnani
- **Governor** – Kalraj Mishra

**131. The World Bank revised India's FY25 growth forecast upward to how much percent from 6.4%?**

विश्व बैंक ने भारत के वित्त वर्ष 2025 के विकास अनुमान को 6.4% से बढ़ाकर कितने प्रतिशत कर दिया है?

- (a) 6.8%
- (b) 6.5%
- (c) 6.7%
- (d) 6.9%
- (e) 6.6%

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** World Bank revises India's FY25 growth forecast to 6.6%

The World Bank revised India's FY25 growth forecast upward to 6.6% from 6.4% projected in January, on the back of strong public investment accompanied by private capex and rise in private consumption.

It raised FY26 growth forecast by 20 bps to 6.7%, noting that private consumption will benefit from a recovery in agricultural production and declining inflation. The FY27 growth is projected at 6.8%.

Investment growth is still expected to be stronger than previously envisaged and remain robust over the forecast period, with strong public investment accompanied by private investment.

The FY25 estimate is lower than that of the International Monetary Fund, which expects the economy to expand 6.8% in the current fiscal, and the RBI projection of 7%.

**Updated GDP List**

- RBI – 7.2% (FY25)
- Goldman Sachs – 6.8% (FY25), 6.9% (CY24)
- DBS Bank – 7% (FY25)
- NSO – 8.2% (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)

**132. Who has been appointed as the new Chief of the Army Staff?**

**थलसेना का नया प्रमुख किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Upendra Dwivedi / उपेंद्र द्विवेदी
- (b) Sujoy Lal Thaosan / सुजॉय लाल थाउसेन
- (c) Vineet McCarty / विनीत मैक्कार्ती
- (d) Umesh Mishra / उमेश मिश्रा
- (e) Dinesh Kumar Tripathi / दिनेश कुमार त्रिपाठी

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Lt. Gen. Upendra Dwivedi to be next Army chief

Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi has been appointed as the next Chief of the Army Staff. He will take charge from 30th June.

The present Chief of the Army Staff, General Manoj C Pande will demit office on 30th June.

Lieutenant General Upendra Dwivedi was commissioned into the Infantry (Jammu and Kashmir Rifles) of the Indian Army on 15th December 1984

During his long and distinguished service spanning nearly 40 years, he has served in different capacities.

In the rank of Lieutenant General, the officer has tenanted important appointments including Director General Infantry and General Officer Commanding in Chief (Headquarters Northern Command) from 2022 to 2024, before getting appointed as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff.

**Recent Appointment in Defence Sector**

- **First Woman Helicopter Pilot** - Anamika B. Rajeev
- **Additional Directors in CBI** - A.Y.V. Krishna and N. Venu Gopal
- **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)

**133. What is the rank of State-owned Visakhapatnam Port in the Container Port Performance Index 2023 (CPPI 2023), developed by the World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence?**

विश्व बैंक और एस&एंडपी ग्लोबल मार्केट इंटेलिजेंस द्वारा विकसित कंटेनर पोर्ट परफॉर्मेंस इंडेक्स 2023 (सीपीपीआई 2023) में राज्य के स्वामित्व वाले विशाखापत्तनम पोर्ट की रैंक क्या है?

- (a) 18th
- (b) 19th
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 20th
- (e) 21st

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Visakhapatnam Port ranks in Top 20 of World Bank CPPI

State-owned Visakhapatnam Port has broken into the top 20 rankings in the Container Port Performance Index 2023 (CPPI 2023), developed by the World Bank and S&P Global Market Intelligence.

Visakhapatnam Port was ranked 19 in the Index, higher than Mundra Port (ranked 27) run by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ).

Visakha Container Terminal Pvt Ltd, a wholly owned unit of J M Baxi Ports & Logistics, runs a 1.35 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) capacity terminal at Visakhapatnam Port on the country's eastern coast.

Its primary aim is to identify areas for enhancement for the benefit of multiple stakeholders in the global trading system and supply chains, from ports to shipping lines, national governments, and consumers.

The Index covered ports that had a minimum of 24 valid port calls within the 12-month period of the study.

The fourth edition of CPPI is based on the biggest dataset ever: more than 182,000 vessel calls, 238.2 million moves, and about 381 million twenty-foot equivalents (TEUs) for the full calendar year of 2023.

China's Yangshan Port clinched the top spot for the second consecutive year, while Oman's Port of Salalah retained the number two position

**134. Which fintech firm has partnered with ride-hailing platform PickMe to enable UPI-based payments for Indian travellers in Sri Lanka?**

किस फ़िनटेक फ़र्म ने श्रीलंका में भारतीय यात्रियों के लिए UPI-आधारित भुगतान की सुविधा देने के लिए राइड-हेलिंग प्लेटफ़ॉर्म PickMe के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) PhonePe
- (b) GooglePay
- (c) Paytm
- (d) BHIM
- (e) Instamojo

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** PhonePe partners with PickMe to offer UPI Payments for Indians in Sri Lanka

Fintech firm PhonePe has partnered with ride-hailing platform PickMe to enable UPI-based payments for Indian travellers in Sri Lanka.

Last month, PhonePe entered into a partnership with LankaPay to allow its users to pay using UPI across Sri Lanka.

Now, with PhonePe, Indian tourists visiting the beautiful island nation of Sri Lanka can enjoy the ease and security of UPI payments for their rides.

The collaboration follows the launch of PhonePe in the island nation last month, wherein the Indian High Commissioner Santosh Jha had urged companies in Sri Lanka to engage with Indian companies to build on the UPI stack for innovations in hotel bookings, cab bookings, delivery services etc.

**135. Which company has been named the 2024 Databricks Retail and CPG Partner of the Year?**

**किस कंपनी को 2024 डेटाब्रिक्स रिटेल और सीपीजी पार्टनर ऑफ द ईयर नामित किया गया है?**

- (a) Tron Ventures
- (b) Protiviti
- (c) Turner & Townsend
- (d) RDD Tree
- (e) Tredence

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Tredence wins third consecutive Databricks Retail and CPG Partner of the Year Award

Tredence, a global data science and AI solutions company and an Elite partner of Databricks, has been named the 2024 Databricks Retail and CPG Partner of the Year.

Tredence has been selected from over 2,500 consulting and system integrator partners for this award, reflecting the company's exceptional expertise in leveraging the Databricks Data Intelligence Platform to deliver unmatched value to retailers and CPG companies.

Tredence and Databricks have together solved last-mile analytics and AI challenges for eight of the world's top 10 retailers and eight of the top 10 CPG firms.

Tredence leverages its industry-first, unified data model, along with 140+ AI/ML accelerators, to enable retail and CPG firms to modernize data at pace and unlock the value of new use cases.

#### **About Tredence**

- Tredence is a global data science and AI solutions provider focused on solving the last-mile problem in AI – the gap between insight creation and value realization.
- Tredence leverages strong domain expertise, data platforms and accelerators, and strategic partnerships to provide tailored, cutting-edge solutions to its clients.
- Tredence is 2,500-plus employees strong with offices in San Francisco Bay Area, Chicago, London, Toronto, and Bengaluru, with the largest companies in Retail, CPG, Hi-tech, Telecom, Healthcare, Travel, and Industrials as clients.

**136. Who has been selected for the prestigious 2024 Oscar Academy Gold Rising Program?**

**प्रतिष्ठित 2024 ऑस्कर अकादमी गोल्ड राइजिंग प्रोग्राम के लिए किसे चुना गया है?**

- (a) Deepak Shenoy / दीपक शेनॉय
- (b) Neeli Bendapudi / नीली बेंदापुडी
- (c) Raghu Ram Pillarisetti / रघु राम पिल्लरीसेट्टी
- (d) Shanti Lakra /शांति लकड़ा
- (e) Nethra Gururaj / नेत्रा गुरुराज

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Nethra Gururaj selected for 2024 Oscar Academy Gold Rising Program

Nethra Gururaj, a dynamic cinematographer from Bengaluru, has been selected for the prestigious 2024 Oscar Academy Gold Rising Program.

This honour places her among the most promising young filmmakers and cinematographers globally, highlighting her significant achievements and potential.

Nethra Gururaj, currently based in Los Angeles, has a diverse portfolio that includes short films, feature films, documentaries, music videos, and experimental pieces.

With a Master's degree in Cinematography from the New York Film Academy, Los Angeles, she has skilfully combined her knowledge in writing, directing, and production design to create visually stunning narratives that resonate deeply with audiences.

**137. India's Sumit Nagal clinched the Heilbronn Neckarcup Challenger in Germany in June 2024. He is related to which sport?**

**भारत के सुमित नागल ने जून 2024 में जर्मनी में हीलब्रॉन नेकरकप चैलेंजर जीता। वह किस खेल से संबंधित हैं?**

- (a) Hockey / हॉकी
- (b) Tennis / टेनिस
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Football / फुटबॉल
- (e) Weightlifting / भारोत्तोलन

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** India's Sumit Nagal clinches Heilbronn Neckarcup Challenger in Germany

In tennis, India's Sumit Nagal clinched the Heilbronn Neckarcup Challenger in Germany.

He defeated Alexander Ritschard of Switzerland, 6-1, 6-7, 6-3 in the men's singles title clash. This is his 6th ATP Challenger title.

With this victory, Sumit virtually qualified for the upcoming Paris Olympics. He also achieved an all-time high World Ranking of 77 in the Live ATP ranking.

**138. Which Indian Naval Ship (INS) participated in the JIMEX-24 naval exercise between the Indian Navy and the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force?**

**भारतीय नौसेना और जापान समुद्री आत्मरक्षा बल के बीच JIMEX-24 नौसैनिक अभ्यास में किस भारतीय नौसेना जहाज ने भाग लिया?**

- (a) INS Satpura / आईएनएस सतपुरा
- (b) INS Sahyadri / आईएनएस सह्याद्री
- (c) INS Suvarna / आईएनएस सुवर्ण
- (d) INS Talwar / आईएनएस तलवार
- (e) INS Shivalik / आईएनएस शिवालिक

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Japan-India Maritime Exercise commences at Yokosuka

The 8th edition of the Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX-24) has started at Yokosuka, Japan.

The JIMEX-24 exercise is being hosted by the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF). The Japanese Navy is called the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force.

During the exercise, navies of both the countries will jointly hone their war fighting skills at sea and enhance their interoperability. The Indian Navy's indigenously built Stealth Frigate INS Shivalik is participating in the JIMEX -24 exercise. The JMSDF is represented by its Guided Missile Destroyer JS Yugiri.

JIMEX is a bilateral naval exercise between the navies of the two countries. It was started in 2012 in Japan. The 7th JIMEX -23 was hosted by the Indian Navy off Visakhapatnam in July 2023.

#### **Recent Exercise**

- 7th edition of **Exercise Shakti** between India and France - Umroi, Meghalaya
- **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

**139. Who has been appointed as the President of the Telecom Industry Association COAI?**

**दूरसंचार उद्योग संघ COAI के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Smita Sarangi / स्मिता सारंगी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Abhijit Kishore / अभिजीत किशोर
- (d) Tanu Singh / तनु सिंह
- (e) Rahul Vatts / राहुल वत्स

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** COAI names VI's Abhijit Kishore as chairperson

Telecom industry association COAI has been named Vodafone Idea's COO Abhijit Kishore as its chairperson.

While, Bharti Airtel's Chief Regulatory Officer Rahul Vatts as the vice chairperson of the association.

The announcement comes after COAI (Cellular Operators Association of India) concluded its annual general body meeting for 2023-24. Kishore brings to the board a wide-ranging experience of over three decades with the Indian telecom industry across functions, organisations and geographies. He takes over the charge from Pramod K Mittal, a president at Reliance Jio Infocomm.

**Recent Appointment**

- **CM of Sikkim** - Prem Singh Tamang (2<sup>nd</sup> time)
- **Secretary of CCI** - Inder Pal Singh Bindra (replace Anupama Anand)
- **DG of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)** - Kamal Kishore Soan
- **Director in Department of Rural Development** - Raj Priy Singh
- **Vice-Chancellor of IIFT** - Rakesh Mohan Joshi
- **Chairperson of Deendayal Port Authority** - Sushil Kumar Singh (replace SK Mehta)

**140. Which bank has launched 'SME Digital Business Loans', offering end-to-end sanction turnaround time of up to 45 minutes for SMEs (small and medium enterprises)?**

किस बैंक ने एसएमई (लघु और मध्यम उद्यम) के लिए 45 मिनट तक का एंड-टू-एंड मंजूरी समय प्रदान करते हुए 'एसएमई डिजिटल बिजनेस लोन' लॉन्च 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 launches 'SME Digital Business Loans

State Bank of India (SBI) has launched 'SME Digital Business Loans', offering end-to-end sanction turnaround time of up to 45 minutes for SMEs (small and medium enterprises).

SME Digital Business Loans leverages technology and an ecosystem of APIs (application programming interface) to streamline the lending process.

Utilizing authentic data footprints from sources such as ITR (income tax return), GST (goods & service tax) returns, and bank statements, the Bank has developed a data-driven credit assessment engine capable of providing sanction decisions within a remarkable 10 seconds after submitting the required details, without any human intervention.

**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

**141. The Bharatiya Janata Party has chosen four-time MLA Mohan Charan Majhi as the new Chief Minister of Odisha. How many seats are there in Odisha Legislative Assembly?**

भारतीय जनता पार्टी ने चार बार के विधायक मोहन चरण माझी को ओडिशा का नया मुख्यमंत्री चुना है। ओडिशा में लेजिस्लेटिव अस्सेम्ब्ली की कितने सीट है?

- (a) 147
- (b) 78
- (c) 145
- (d) 342
- (e) 19

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Mohan Charan Majhi appointed as the CM of Odisha

The Bharatiya Janata Party has picked four-time MLA Mohan Charan Majhi as the new chief minister of Odisha. While, KV Singhdeo and Pravati Parida have been named as his deputies. Mohan Charan Majhi won the Keonjhar assembly seat in the just concluded Odisha assembly elections, defeating Biju Janata Dal's Mina Majhi by 11,577 votes. The BJP trounced Naveen Patnaik's Biju Janata Dal by winning 78 out of 147 seats in the Odisha assembly.

#### **About Odisha**

- **Capital** – Bhubaneswar
- **Chief Minister** – Mohan Charan Majhi (replace Naveen Patnaik)
- **Deputy CM** - KV Singhdeo and Pravati Parida
- **Governor** – Raghubar Das
- **Legislative Assembly Seat** - 147

**142. World Day Against Child Labour Day is celebrated every year on which day?**

**विश्व बाल श्रम निषेध दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 12 June
- (b) 11 June
- (c) 13 June
- (d) 14 June
- (e) 15 June

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 12 June - World Day Against Child Labour

World Day Against Child Labour Day is celebrated every year on 12 June.

This year's World Day will focus on celebrating the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention (1999, No. 182).

Theme 2024 - Let's Act on Our Commitments: End Child Labour

The Indian Constitution prohibits children under the age of 14 from working in mines or in any hazardous occupation. The International labour Organisation (ILO) also states that a child under the age of 18 should not be involved in labour or any kind of hazardous work.

In 1987, the Indian central government implemented a National Policy of Child Employment that focuses on rehabilitating children and adolescents who have been exposed to hazardous occupations since an early age.

World Day Against Child Labour is observed to emphasise on the need to protect children from hazardous occupations and labour that are unfit for their age.

**143. In June 2024, which company launched the Lab45 AI platform to boost efficiency across business functions?**

**जून 2024 में, किस कंपनी ने व्यावसायिक कार्यों में दक्षता बढ़ाने के लिए Lab45 AI प्लेटफॉर्म लॉन्च किया?**

- (a) Infosys
- (b) HCL
- (c) Wipro
- (d) TCS
- (e) IBM

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Wipro launches Lab45 AI platform to boost efficiency across biz functions

Wipro has launched its Lab45 artificial intelligence (AI) platform, which leverages generative AI (GenAI), machine learning (ML), and deep learning technologies to help companies increase efficiencies, transform business functions, and enable industry-specific solutions.

Lab45 is Wipro's innovation lab, and the Lab45 AI platform is available to all Wipro employees and clients.

The Lab45 AI platform runs on a software-as-a-service (SaaS) model and supports various state-of-the-art large language models (LLMs) from leading providers as well as custom deep-learning and other models.

The platform allows for seamless integration of language and visual processing for generating images from text prompts, as well as the ability to index, parse, and summarise content.

**144. The United Nations has declared 2025 as the International Year of \_\_\_\_\_?**

- (a) Millets
- (b) Eradication of Nebula
- (c) Eradication of Terrorism
- (d) Save Climate
- (e) Quantum Science and Technology.

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 2025 to be International Year of Quantum Science and Technology: UN

The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2025 the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology.

The 193-member United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to this effect on 7 June 2024. Earlier, the United Nations had declared 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives, International Year of Peace and Trust and International Year of Glacier Preservation.

The United Nations wants to increase public awareness about the importance of quantum science, encourage young people to study it and bolster support for using it to address current challenges.

2024 is being observed as the International Year of Camelids. (Bactrian camels, Dromedary camels, Llamas, Alpacas, Guanaco, and Vicuana are considered camelid animals.

**145. In June 2024, which of the following has approved Mitsubishi Corporation's acquisition of a certain equity stake of TVS Certified Private Limited and TVS Vehicle Mobility Solution Private Limited?**

**जून 2024 में, निम्नलिखित में से किसने मित्सुबिशी कॉर्पोरेशन को टीवीएस सर्टिफाइड प्राइवेट लिमिटेड और टीवीएस व्हीकल मोबिलिटी सॉल्यूशन प्राइवेट लिमिटेड की एक निश्चित इक्विटी हिस्सेदारी के अधिग्रहण को मंजूरी दी है?**

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

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** CCI approves acquisition of certain equity stake of TVS Certified Private Limited by Mitsubishi Corporation  
The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved Mitsubishi Corporation's acquisition of a certain equity stake of TVS Certified Private Limited and TVS Vehicle Mobility Solution Private Limited.  
The Proposed Combination relates to Mitsubishi Corporation (Acquirer) acquiring an equity stake in TVS Certified Private Limited (Target 1) and TVS Vehicle Mobility Solution Private Limited (Target 2).  
The Acquirer is a global integrated business enterprise that develops and operates businesses with offices and subsidiaries in 90 countries and regions and around 1,700 group companies around the world and operate across industries including natural gas, industrial materials, petroleum & chemicals, mineral resources and industrial infrastructure.

**146. In June 2024, which bank acquired a 6.125 per cent stake in the incorporated Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. (IFSC) listed in the GIFT SEZ in Gujarat?**

**जून 2024 में, किस बैंक ने गुजरात में GIFT SEZ में सूचीबद्ध निगमित क्लियरिंग कॉरपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड (IFSC) में 6.125 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी हासिल की?**

- (a) Punjab & Sind Bank / पंजाब एंड सिंध बैंक
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank / इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक
- (c) Bank of India / बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (d) Karnataka Bank / कर्नाटक बैंक
- (e) Karur Vyas Bank / करूर व्यास बैंक

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Bank of India takes 6% stake in CCIL IFSC

The Bank of India has acquired a 6.125 per cent stake in the recently incorporated Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. (IFSC) listed in the GIFT SEZ in Gujarat.

The acquisition of a 6.125 per cent stake in CCIL IFSC for ₹6.125 crore showcases our strategic commitment towards the growth of GIFT City IFSC and its emergence as a global financial services provider.

Promoted by Clearing Corporation of India Limited (CCIL), CCIL IFSC is the proposed entity to build and operate a real-time foreign currency settlement system at GIFT City. The entity will act as a clearing house and system operator at GIFT City.

**147. Which of the following has fined Axis Bank over Rs 1.66 crore for failure to detect and report suspicious transactions involving a fraudulent account created in the name of the NSG counter-terrorist force?**

निम्नलिखित में से किसने एनएसजी आतंकवाद निरोधी बल के नाम पर बनाए गए धोखाधड़ी वाले खाते से जुड़े संदिग्ध लेनदेन का पता लगाने और रिपोर्ट करने में विफल रहने के लिए एक्सिस बैंक पर 1.66 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक का जुर्माना लगाया है?

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

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** FIU imposes over Rs 1.66 crore fine on Axis Bank for failing to detect fraud NSG account

The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) has fined Axis Bank over Rs 1.66 crore for failure to detect and report suspicious transactions involving a fraudulent account created in the name of the NSG counter-terrorist force.

The agency's order under the PMLA found Axis Bank employees complicit in a large-scale fraud.

The federal agency has issued an order on June 3 under Section 13 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) that empowers its Director to impose a monetary penalty on a reporting entity (like Axis Bank) if the agency finds that its designated director on the board or any of its employees failed to comply with the obligations mandated under the said law.

**About Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU)**

- The FIU, under the Union Finance Ministry, is an agency entrusted with implementing certain sections of the anti-money laundering law like the Enforcement Directorate (ED).
- It (FIU) conducts examination of steps taken to check money laundering and other financial frauds, by banks and other financial institutions designated as 'reporting entities' under the PMLA, in the financial channels of the country.

**148. Which bank has hiked retail fixed deposit rates by upto 20 bps across various buckets with effect from June 10?**

**किस बैंक ने 10 जून से विभिन्न श्रेणियों में खुदरा सावधि जमा दरों में 20 आधार अंकों तक की बढ़ोतरी 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. d**

**Sol.** HDFC Bank raises FD rates by 20 basis points

The largest private sector lender HDFC Bank has hiked retail fixed deposit rates by upto 20 bps across various buckets with effect from June 10.

The move comes even if the Reserve Bank of India decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged in the June review of monetary policy.

The highest interest rate offered by HDFC Bank is for the 18 months to less than 21 months category where the rate is 7.25 per cent. The bank offers 7.10 per cent for 15 to 18 months category. In the one year to 15 months bucket, HDFC Bank will offer 6.60 per cent. Senior citizens will get 50 bps more than the rate offered to others.

**About HDFC Bank**

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

**149. Consider the following points about Kantar's most valuable brand report 'BrandZ 2024':**

**(i) A total of four Indian brands made the list in 2024 with a cumulative brand value of over \$130 billion.**

**(ii) TCS came in as the 46th most valuable global brand in 2024.**

**(iii) HDFC Bank came in at 47th with a brand value of around \$43 billion.**

**(iv) Apple became the first brand in history to surpass \$1 trillion in total brand valuation.**

**(v) Airtel came in as the 73rd most valuable brand at a \$25 billion (approx) valuation.**

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

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

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** TCS ranks 46, Infosys at 74 in Kantar's most valuable brand report

Kantar has released its 'BrandZ 2024 most valuable global brands' report. The report included a list of the top 100 brands in the world based on their overall brand valuation.

A total of four Indian brands made the list in 2024 with a cumulative brand value of over \$130 billion.

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) came in as the 46th most valuable global brand in 2024 at a valuation of \$44 billion (approx). HDFC Bank came in at 47th with a brand value of around \$43 billion.

Airtel came in as the 73rd most valuable brand at a \$25 billion (approx) valuation. Following Airtel was Infosys in the 74th spot with a brand value of around \$24 billion. Apple this year, reached new heights. The giant's brand value increased 15 percent, securing its position for the third consecutive as the world's most valuable brand. Furthermore, the report showed that Apple became the first brand in history to surpass \$1 trillion in total brand valuation.

Digital brands too saw great year-on-year growth for 2024. Instagram, Facebook, Google Cloud and Uber particularly performed well. NVIDIA, a new entrant in Kantar's global top 10 for 2024. Additionally, NVIDIA is also 2024's top riser, as per Kantar, with 178 percent YoY brand value growth.

Kantar's 2024 top 100 saw nine newcomers, including Lululemon at 92 and ADP, which is also 2024's highest ranked newcomer at 44. Four brands returned to the top 100 list after hiatus - Dell Technologies, Aldi, Pinduoduo and HSBC.

The report showed that 2024 marked the first time that the top 10 is worth as much in brand value as the other 90 top ranked brands combined. Apple, Google, Microsoft, Amazon and McDonald's ranked as the top, holding onto their previous positions. Oracle made it debut in the top 10 coming in at the 9th position and Facebook made a return, coming in at the 8th position.

**150. N. Chandrababu Naidu was sworn in as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for the second consecutive term. What is the name of N. Chandrababu Naidu's political party?**

**एन. चंद्रबाबू नायडू ने लगातार दूसरी बार आंध्र प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री के रूप में शपथ ली। एन. चंद्रबाबू नायडू की राजनीतिक पार्टी का नाम क्या है?**

- (a) Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party
- (b) Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam
- (c) Indian National Congress
- (d) Bhartiya Janta Party
- (e) Telugu Desam Party

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** TDP Chief Chandrababu Naidu takes oath as Andhra Pradesh CM

The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) National president N. Chandrababu Naidu was sworn in as Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for the second consecutive term.

Governor S. Abdul Nazeer administered the oath of office to Mr. Naidu at Kesarapalle close to Gannavaram near Vijayawada.

This is the fourth time that Naidu will be serving as Chief Minister in his more than four decades of political career. He served as Chief Minister of combined Andhra Pradesh twice, and this is the second time in Residual Andhra Pradesh.

Except for 11 Assembly seats won by the ruling YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), the NDA bagged the remaining seats out of the total 175 Assembly constituencies in the State.

#### **About Andhra Pradesh**

- **Capital** – Amaravati
- **Chief Minister** – N Chandrababu Naidu
- **Governor** – S. Abdul Nazeer
- **Legislative Assembly Seat** - 175

**151. Consider the following points about the Global Gender Gap Index 2024:**

- (i) The Global Gender Gap Index is released by the World Bank.**
- (ii) India slipped two places on the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap index to 129th place.**
- (iii) Iceland was topped the index followed by Spain, Sweden, New Zealand and Norway in the top five.**
- (iv) In the world, Sudan was ranked last on the index of 146 countries.**
- (v) In South Asia, India was ranked fourth after Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka.**

**How many of the given point(s) is /are INCORRECT?**

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

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Global Gender Gap index 2024: India at 129th; topped by Iceland

India slipped two places on the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap index to 129th place as Iceland retained its top position in the rankings.

In South Asia, India was ranked fifth after Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bhutan while Pakistan was ranked last.

In the world, Sudan was ranked last on the index of 146 countries while Pakistan fell three places to 145th.

India was among the economies with the lowest levels of economic parity, with Bangladesh, Sudan, Iran, Pakistan, and Morocco as all of them registered less than 30 per cent gender parity in estimated earned income.

India showed the best gender parity in terms of enrolment in secondary education and ranked 65th globally on political empowerment of women.

Iceland was followed by Finland, Norway, New Zealand and Sweden in the top five. The U.K. was ranked 14th, while the USA was at 43rd place.

**152. According to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), what was the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in April 2024?**

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय (MoSPI) के अनुसार, अप्रैल 2024 में औद्योगिक उत्पादन सूचकांक (IIP) क्या था?

- (a) 5.2%
- (b) 5.3%
- (c) 5.4%
- (d) 5.5%
- (e) 5.0%

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Industrial production declines to a three-month low of 5% in April

The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in India slowed to 5 per cent in April, a three-month low, as against 5.4 per cent in March, according to Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

The IIP growth rate was recorded at 4.6 per cent in April 2023.

The previous high of IIP was recorded at 11.9 per cent in October 2023, which slowed to 2.5 per cent in November, 4.2 per cent in December and 4.1 per cent in January 2024.

As per the data, the growth rates of the three sectors in April 2024, Mining, Manufacturing and Electricity stood at 6.7 percent, 3.9 percent and 10.2 percent year-on-year respectively.

The core sector makes up 40.27% of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), making it a lead indicator of industrial activity.

**Previous Months data for IIP**

- November 2023 – 2.5%
- December 2023 – 4.4%
- January 2024 – 4.2%
- February 2024 – 5.6%
- March 2024 – 5.4%

**153. World Athletics has signed five-year global broadcasting deal with \_\_\_\_\_, making the Indian telecom major a key partner for marquee events starting with the Tokyo World Championships.**

विश्व एथलेटिक्स ने \_\_\_\_\_ के साथ पांच साल के वैश्विक प्रसारण समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं, जिससे भारतीय दूरसंचार प्रमुख टोक्यो विश्व चैंपियनशिप से शुरू होने वाले प्रमुख आयोजनों के लिए एक प्रमुख भागीदार बन जाएगा।

- (a) Tata Communications
- (b) Airtel
- (c) Jio
- (d) BSNL
- (e) Dream 11

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** World Athletics signs 5-year broadcasting services deal with Tata Communications

World Athletics has signed five-year global broadcasting deal with Tata Communications, making the Indian telecom major a key partner for marquee events starting with the Tokyo World Championships.

The agreement aims to enhance innovation and audience engagement.

Tata Communications will be the host broadcaster for World Athletics Series events, delivering immersive coverage and custom live content across continents.

**154. As measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), how much percent retail inflation was recorded in March 2024?**

**उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक (CPI) के अनुसार मई 2024 में खुदरा मुद्रास्फीति कितने प्रतिशत दर्ज की गई?**

- (a) 4.15%
- (b) 4.65%
- (c) 4.75%
- (d) 4.85%
- (e) 5.75%

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Retail inflation eases to 12-month low of 4.75% in May

India's retail inflation eased to the lowest in a year at 4.75 percent in May 2024, data released by the statistics and programme implementation ministry. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation in April was at 4.83 percent.

The headline rate for last month is the lowest after May 2023 when it came in at 4.31 percent and has now been under the 5 percent-mark for three consecutive months starting March 2024.

Core inflation, which excludes volatile components such as food and fuel, is now at an all-time low of 2.97 percent, reflecting some demand imbalances and gaps in the economy.

**Previous Months CPI-based Retail inflation**

- **December 2023** – 5.69%
- **January 2024** – 5.10%
- **February 2024** – 5.09%
- **March 2024** – 4.85%
- **April 2024** – 4.83%

**155. Pema Khandu has become the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for the third consecutive time. BJP has returned to power for the third consecutive time in Arunachal Pradesh. How many seats did BJP win in the state assembly elections 2024?**

पेमा खांडू लगातार तीसरी बार अरुणाचल प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री बने हैं। अरुणाचल प्रदेश में भाजपा लगातार तीसरी बार सत्ता में लौटी है। राज्य के विधानसभा चुनाव 2024 में भाजपा ने कितनी सीटें जीतीं थीं?

- (a) 46
- (b) 45
- (c) 60
- (d) 38
- (e) 51

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Pema Khandu become Arunachal CM for third straight term

Pema Khandu has become the chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh for the third term in a row.

He became CM for the first time in 2016.

The BJP returned to power in Arunachal Pradesh for the third time in a row, winning 46 seats in the 60-member assembly.

### **About Arunachal Pradesh**

- **Capital** – Itanagar
- **Chief Minister** – Pema Khandu
- **Governor** – LG (Retd) Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik
- **Legislative Assembly Seat** - 60

**156. International Albinism Awareness Day is observed every year on which day?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ऐल्बिनिज़म जागरूकता दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 12 June
- (b) 13 June
- (c) 14 June
- (d) 15 June
- (e) 16 June

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 13 June - International Albinism Awareness Day

International Albinism Awareness Day is observed on 13 June every year.

Objective - To raise awareness about albinism, a rare, genetically inherited condition that causes a lack of pigmentation in the skin, resulting in uncharacteristically light hair, skin, and eyes.

Theme 2024 - 10 years of IAAD: A decade of collective progress.

Albinism is a significant public health concern, affecting an estimated one in every 20,000 people worldwide.

In some countries, the majority of people with albinism succumb to skin cancer between the ages of 30 and 40.

Regular health checks, sunscreen, sunglasses, and sun-protective clothing can easily prevent this cancer. However, in many low-income countries, these facilities may not be available.

**157. Which state government has launched Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina scheme?**

**किस राज्य सरकार ने मुख्यमंत्री संतुष्ट मोइना योजना शुरू की है?**

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Assam Govt. launches scheme to promote Girl education & end child marriage

The Assam government has launched a new scheme Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina (MMNM) to promote girl education and to end child marriage in the state .

This was announced by the Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma after the Assam government cabinet approved the scheme.

The scheme is likely to cost the state government Rs 1500 crore for the next five years.

The state government has allocated Rs 300 crore for the first year.

**About Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina Scheme**

- The Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina scheme aims to empower the girls of the state by promoting education amongst them with financial incentive and support from the state government.
- An empowered girl will also help in reducing the incidence of child marriage in the state.
- The scheme will benefit approximately 10 lakh girl students in the state.
- Girl students enrolled in higher secondary education will get Rs 1000 per month from the government.
- For girls, students admitted in a three year or four-year degree graduation course will receive Rs 1200 per month.
- Girl students enrolled in Post Graduation or B.Ed degree will get Rs 2500 per month.

**158. National Geographic's documentary, Billy and Molly: An Otter Love Story, will kick off the screenings at the 18th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) in Mumbai. Who is the director of Billy and Molly: An Otter Love Story?**

नेशनल ज्योग्राफिक की डॉक्यूमेंट्री, बिली एंड मौली: एन ओटर लव स्टोरी, मुंबई में 18वें मुंबई इंटरनेशनल फिल्म फेस्टिवल (एमआईएफएफ) में स्क्रीनिंग शुरू करेगी। बिली एंड मौली: एन ओटर लव स्टोरी के निर्देशक कौन हैं?

- (a) Philippa Forrester / फिलिपा फॉरेस्टर
- (b) Simon Werry / साइमन वेरी
- (c) Charlie Hamilton James / चार्ली हैमिल्टन जेम्स
- (d) Jamie McPherson / जेमी मैकफर्सन
- (e) Cristina Mittermeier / क्रिस्टीना मिटरमीयर

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** "Billy and Molly: An Otter Love Story" to Open Mumbai Film Festival

National Geographic's documentary, Billy and Molly: An Otter Love Story, will kick off the screenings at the 18th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) in Mumbai.

MIFF is scheduled to be held from 15th June 2024 to 21st June 2024 in Mumbai.

The opening film will be screened simultaneously in Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Pune on 15th June.

The film will also be screened during the Red-Carpet event in Delhi on 17th June, Chennai on 18th June, Kolkata on 19th June, and Pune on 20th June.

Billy and Molly: An Otter Love Story (English – 78 mins) directed by Charlie Hamilton James is a heartwarming story about a man who forms an unlikely friendship with a wild otter while living in a remote Shetland Islands.

This captivating documentary explores the enchanting shores of Scotland's Shetland Islands through a heartwarming journey of an orphaned otter named Molly.

**About 18th MIFF**

- MIFF, recognized as the oldest and largest film festival for non-feature films in South Asia, marks its 18th year of celebrating the art of documentary, short fiction, and animation films.
- Initiated in 1990 and now organized under the aegis of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, MIFF has evolved into an international event drawing cine-enthusiasts from across the globe.
- This year's celebration will also be a special one because there are more than 38 countries participating, with 1018 entries and multiple parallel screenings being held in Delhi, Kolkata, Pune and Chennai, covering the entire canvass of the country.

**159. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the G7 Outreach Summit in Apulia, Italy. Which of the following countries is not a member of G7 group?**

**प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी इटली के अपुलिया में G7 आउटरीच शिखर सम्मेलन में भाग लेंगे। निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा देश G7 समूह का सदस्य नहीं है?**

- (a) France / फ्रांस
- (b) Italy / इटली
- (c) UK / यूके
- (d) India / भारत
- (e) Canada / कनाडा

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** PM Modi to participate in G7 outreach Summit at Apulia, Italy

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the G7 Outreach Summit in Apulia, Italy.

India has been invited as an outreach country. On the sidelines of his visit, Modi is also expected to hold bilateral meetings and discussions with the leaders of the G7, the outreach countries, and international organizations.

The G7 consists of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

During the discussions at the outreach session, the focus would be on artificial intelligence, energy, Africa, and the Mediterranean.

This will be India's 11th participation in the G7 Summit and Prime Minister Modi's fifth consecutive participation at the summit. Besides India, Italy, as part of the G7 presidency, has also invited Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Egypt, Kenya, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Tunisia, Turkey, the UAE, and some international organisations, including the United Nations.

**160. Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) has signed an MoU with which of the following to make Indian art and culture more accessible to the people?**

इंदिरा गांधी राष्ट्रीय कला केंद्र (IGNCA) ने भारतीय कला और संस्कृति को लोगों के लिए अधिक सुलभ बनाने के लिए निम्नलिखित में से किसके साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) Doordarshan
- (b) Sansad TV
- (c) PIB
- (d) PTI
- (e) All of above

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** IGNCA Signs MoU with Sansad TV

Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and Sansad TV signed an agreement to make Indian art and culture more accessible to the people. Under this initiative, programmes produced by IGNCA will be telecast on Sansad TV. The MoU was signed by Member Secretary Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi on behalf of IGNCA and Chief Executive Officer Mr. Rajat Punhani on behalf of Sansad TV.

**Recent MoU**

- Cisco and Tata Communications partner to launch Webex Calling in India
- AIIMS New Delhi signed MoU with University of Bolton Institute of Medicine
- 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

**161. Who has been appointed as MD and CEO of SBICAP Ventures Limited?**

**एसबीआईकेप वेंचर्स लिमिटेड के एमडी और सीईओ के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Gaurav Banerjee / गौरव बनर्जी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Prem Prabhakar / प्रेम प्रभाकर
- (d) Tanu Singh / तनु सिंह
- (e) Rakesh Mohan / राकेश मोहन

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Prem Prabhakar appointed MD and CEO of SBICAP Ventures Limited

Prem Prabhakar has been appointed as MD and CEO of SBICAP Ventures Limited

In his new role, Prabhakar will be responsible for overseeing the strategic direction, operational efficiency and overall growth of the company.

He will lead the executive team, manage investor relations, and drive initiatives that align with SVL's commitment to creating long-term value for its investors and supporting the communities in which it operates.

Prabhakar brings over 24 years of extensive experience in the banking sector. Prior to this appointment, he served as General Manager at the State Bank of India (SBI).

His notable assignments include serving as Deputy General Manager (B & O) managing retail business and operations, Chief Dealer (Forex) at SBI Global Markets, Mumbai, and Chief Dealer at SBI New York.

**162. Sanjit Kharel has been sworn in as the Protem Speaker of which state assembly?**

संजीत खरेल ने किस राज्य विधानसभा के प्रोटेम स्पीकर के रूप में शपथ ली है ?

- (a) Sikkim / सिक्किम
- (b) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (c) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश
- (e) Manipur / मणिपुर

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Sanjeet Kharel Sworn in as Pro-Tem Speaker of Sikkim Legislative Assembly

In Sikkim, Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya administered the oath of office to Sanjeet Kharel as Pro-Tem Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly at Raj Bhawan in Gangtok.

As Pro-Tem Speaker, Kharel will preside over the inaugural session of the 11th Sikkim State Legislative Assembly, including the oath-taking of newly elected members.

He represents the Namthang Rateypani constituency.

**About Sikkim**

- **Capital** - Gangtok
- **Chief Minister** - Prem Singh Tamang (2<sup>nd</sup> time)
- **Governor** - Lakshman Prasad Acharya

**163. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)?**

फेडरेशन ऑफ इंडियन चैंबर्स ऑफ कॉमर्स एंड इंडस्ट्री (फिक्की) के नए महानिदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Gaurav Banerjee / गौरव बनर्जी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Jyoti Vij / ज्योति विज
- (d) Tanu Singh / तनु सिंह
- (e) Rakesh Mohan / राकेश मोहन

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** FICCI appoints Jyoti Vij as new DG

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has appointed Jyoti Vij as its Director General.

Vij is currently the additional director general at FICCI. She will take charge of the FICCI secretariat with immediate effect.

She graduated from Shri Ram College of Commerce in 1988 and later received her master's in business economics from the University of Delhi in 1990.

In 1993, she joined the industry body and has served it in various capacities.

**Recent Appointment**

- **Chairperson of Telecom Industry Association** - Abhijit Kishore
- **Vice Chairperson of Telecom Industry Association** - Rahul Vatts
- **Secretary of CCI** - Inder Pal Singh Bindra (replace Anupama Anand)
- **DG of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)** - Kamal Kishore Soan
- **Director in Department of Rural Development** - Raj Priy Singh
- **Vice-Chancellor of IIFT** - Rakesh Mohan Joshi

**164. What is the name of the Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Modi who has been reappointed?**

**प्रधानमंत्री मोदी के प्रधान सचिव का नाम क्या है जिन्हें फिर से नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Ajay Kumar Bhalla / अजय कुमार भल्ला
- (b) Tarun Kapoor / तरुण कपूर
- (c) Amit Khare / अमित खरे
- (d) Dr PK Mishra / डॉ पीके मिश्रा
- (e) Ajit Doval / अजीत डोभाल

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Ajit Doval reappointed as NSA; PK Mishra to continue as Principal Sec. to PM Modi

Ajit Doval has been reappointed as the National Security Advisor and Dr PK Mishra as the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister with effect from June 10.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointments.

The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions said that the appointments of Former IPS Mr Doval and Former IAS Mr Mishra will be co-terminus with the term of the Prime Minister or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

Both Mr Doval and Mr Mishra will be assigned the rank of a cabinet minister in the table of precedence during their term in office.

The committee has also approved the appointment of Retired IAS officers Amit Khare and Tarun Kapoor as advisors to the Prime Minister.

The appointments of both officers will be in the rank and scale of secretary to Government for a period of two years with effect from 10th July or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

**165. Which country has recently decided to withdraw from the Russia-led security block Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO)?**

हाल ही में किस देश ने रूस के नेतृत्व वाले सुरक्षा ब्लॉक सामूहिक सुरक्षा संधि संगठन (सीएसटीओ) से हटने का फैसला किया है?

- (a) Kazakhstan / कजाकिस्तान
- (b) Belarus / बेलारूस
- (c) Kyrgyzstan / किर्गिस्तान
- (d) Armenia / आर्मेनिया
- (e) Tajikistan / ताजिकिस्तान

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Armenia to leave Russia-led security bloc

Armenia will leave a Russia-led security bloc, Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan confirmed for the first time, accusing members of the Collective Security Treaty Organisation of having planned a war against his country with Azerbaijan.

The CSTO, headquartered in Moscow, also includes Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Belarus.

Ties between Russia and Armenia, host to various Russian military facilities, have become increasingly rancorous since Azerbaijan retook its breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh in September last year by force despite the presence there of Russian peacekeepers.

The CSTO did not intervene and Azerbaijan's military action prompted a mass exodus of the region's more than 100,000 ethnic Armenian population to Armenia.

**About Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO)**

- Founded- 15 May 1992
- The Collective Security Treaty Organization is an intergovernmental military alliance in Eurasia.
- Member Country - Armenia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan

**166. Who has clinched the silver medal in the Men's 5000-metre race at the Portland Track Festival High-Performance Meet in Portland, US?**

**अमेरिका के पोर्टलैंड में पोर्टलैंड ट्रैक फेस्टिवल हाई-परफॉरमेंस मीट में पुरुषों की 5000 मीटर दौड़ में किसने रजत पदक जीता है?**

- (a) Raj Singh / राज सिंह
- (b) Avnesh Dalai / अवनेश दलाई
- (c) Avinash Sable / अविनाश साबले
- (d) Vishal Gupta / विशाल गुप्ता
- (e) Gulveer Singh / गुलवीर सिंह

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** India's Gulveer Singh clinches Silver Medal in Men's 5000 Metre Race at Portland Track

In athletics, India's Gulveer Singh has clinched the silver medal in the Men's 5000-metre race at the Portland Track Festival High-Performance Meet in Portland, US.

The Asian Games bronze medallist also became the fastest Indian in the men's 5000-metre race.

Gulveer clocked the national record timing of 13 minutes 18.92 seconds to surpass the previous record of 13 minutes 19.30 seconds, set by Avinash Sable last year.

Dylan Jacobs of USA bagged the gold, while his compatriot Eric Van Der Els won the bronze medal.

With this achievement, Gulveer now holds the national records in both the 10,000-metre and 5,000-metre races.

**167. Who has launched Vidyut Rakshak, a new Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled integrated generator tracking, protection, and control system?**

किसने विद्युत रक्षक नामक एक नई इंटरनेट ऑफ थिंग्स (IoT)-सक्षम एकीकृत जनरेटर ट्रैकिंग, सुरक्षा और नियंत्रण प्रणाली लॉन्च की है?

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी /
- (b) **Dinesh K Tripathi** / दिनेश के त्रिपाठी
- (c) Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
- (d) R Hari Kumar / आर हरि कुमार
- (e) Upendra Dwivedi / उपेंद्र द्विवेदी

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Army launches integrated generator monitoring, control system 'Vidyut Rakshak'

The Vice Chief of the Indian Army, Upendra Dwivedi has launched Vidyut Rakshak, a new Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled integrated generator tracking, protection, and control system.

This was developed by Maj Rajprasad R S and was recently displayed during "Exercise Bharat Shakti," which is a big step forward in the Indian Army's "Year of Tech Absorption."

The system aims to save manpower and signifies the Army's commitment to leveraging technology for transformative change. Vidyut Rakshak was showcased during Aero India 2023 and has already been inducted into the Indian Army.

Vidyut Rakshak wants to improve the performance of engines used by the Indian Army by adding cutting-edge IoT technology to them. This method works with all army generators, no matter what kind, make, model, or age they are.

Some of the most important features are watching generator parameters in real-time, finding faults before they happen, and automating control operations so that less work has to be done by hand.

**168. Which country will host the International Tourism Fair to promote global tourism, sustainable development and cultural exchange starting from June 15?**

वैश्विक पर्यटन, सतत विकास और सांस्कृतिक आदान-प्रदान को बढ़ावा देने के लिए 15 जून से शुरू होने वाले अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पर्यटन मेले की मेजबानी कौन सा देश करेगा?

- (a) India / भारत
- (b) Nepal / नेपाल
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
- (e) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Kathmandu to host International Tourism Fair

Kathmandu, Nepal will host an international tourism fair aimed at promoting global tourism, sustainable development, and cultural exchange.

The event beginning 15 June will feature tourism entrepreneurs from 16 countries.

Countries participating in the fair include Nepal, India, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, the Maldives, the USA, the Netherlands, Sri Lanka, China, Thailand, Dubai, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Bhutan.

The fair will showcase over 150 stalls from various countries, fostering international cooperation and sustainable tourism initiatives.

#### **Recent MoU**

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- AIIMS New Delhi signed MoU with University of Bolton Institute of Medicine
- 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

**169. Shruti Vora, who was seen in news in June 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?**

श्रुति वोरा, जो जून 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में थीं, निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़ी हैं?

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Equestrian / घुड़सवारी
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Shruti Vora becomes first Indian Rider to Win 3-Star Grand Prix event

In Equestrian, Shruti Vora scripts history as she becomes the first Indian rider to win a three-star Grand Prix event. Shruti along with her astride Magnanimous, scored 67.761 points in the CDI-3 event in FEI Dressage World Cup held in Lipica, Slovenia.

She finished ahead of Moldova's Tatiana Antonenco, who scored 66.552 points.

Veteran rider Shruti Vora has also represented India in Dressage World Championship 2022 and in the Asian Games of 2010 and 2014.

**170. Sarod maestro of international repute Rajeev Taranath has passed away in Mysuru. In which year was he awarded the Padma Shri award?**

अंतरराष्ट्रीय ख्याति प्राप्त सरोद वादक राजीव तारानाथ का मैसूर में निधन हो गया है। उन्हें किस वर्ष पद्म श्री पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया था?

- (a) 2017
- (b) 2018
- (c) 2019
- (d) 2020
- (e) 2021

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Sarod maestro Rajeev Taranath passes away

Sarod maestro of international repute Rajeev Taranath has passed away at the age of 91 in Mysuru.

A disciple of Ali Akbar Khan, the reputed Sarod player Taranath had enthralled the audience across different continents. He has composed music for many internationally acclaimed Kannada films including Samskara, Kanchana Sita and Kadavu.

He served as the head of the Indian music programme at the World Music department of the California Institute of the Arts.

He is the recipient of Padma Shri award in 2019.

He is also honoured with Central Sangeet Natak Academy award, the state Sangeet Vidwan award, Chowdiah award, Kannada Rajyotsava Award given by Karnataka state Government among others.

**171. World Blood Donor Day is observed every year on which day?**

**विश्व रक्तदाता दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 12 June
- (b) 13 June
- (c) 14 June
- (d) 15 June
- (e) 16 June

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 14 June - World Blood Donor Day

World Blood Donor Day is observed every year on 14 June.

Objective - To raise awareness about the importance of blood donation and to urge more people to donate blood.

Theme 2024 - 20 years of celebrating giving: thank you blood donors.

Richard Lower, a biologist, successfully and safely transfused blood between two dogs in 1940. This significant event contributed to the acceptance of blood donation and transfusion as routine medical practices by laying the groundwork for contemporary blood transfusion techniques.

**Who can donate blood?**

- A person aged between 18-65 years can donate blood, as per WHO.
- Apart from this, as observed in India, a haemoglobin level of not less than 12.0 g/dl for females and not less than 13.0 g/dl for males is a threshold to donate blood.
- People having haemoglobin below the threshold level are not allowed to donate.
- The WHO also states that "You cannot donate if you have a cold, flu, sore throat, cold sore, stomach bug or any other infection.
- If you have recently had a tattoo or body piercing you cannot donate for 6 months from the date of the procedure."

**172. Which state government has launched the PM Shri Tourism Air Service?**

**किस राज्य सरकार ने पीएम श्री पर्यटन हवाई सेवा शुरू की है?**

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

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Madhya Pradesh launched PM Shri Tourism Air Service

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has inaugurated the intra-state air service facility 'PM Shri Tourism Air Service'. He inaugurated the first flight under the service from the Bhopal airport.

The service operated by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board (MPTB) with two aircraft will connect eight cities across the State — Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Khajuraho, Ujjain, Rewa, and Singrauli.

According to an official statement, the new venture has been started on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis with a private firm named Jet Serv Aviation Private Limited (Flyola).

A 50% discount has been offered for 30 days from launch to promote the service. The trip from Bhopal to Indore will take 55 minutes.

**About PM Shri Tourism Air Service**

- The PM Shri Tourism Air Service is an intra-state air service that connects the state's religious and tourist spots by air.
- It aims to improve connectivity for domestic and international tourists visiting Madhya Pradesh.
- Madhya Pradesh Tourism has launched the PM Shri Tourism Air Service in partnership with JETSERVE Aviation Private Limited.
- The PM Shri Tourism Air Service will connect eight cities in the state: Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Rewa, Ujjain, Gwalior, Singrauli, and Khajuraho.
- Under the PM Shri Tourism Air Service, there will be two aircraft with a six-passenger capacity each.

**173. Uttar Pradesh government will transform Ranipur Tiger Reserve into a premier eco-tourism destination. It is located in which city of Uttar Pradesh?**

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार रानीपुर टाइगर रिजर्व को एक प्रमुख इको-टूरिज्म डेस्टिनेशन में बदल देगी। यह उत्तर प्रदेश के किस शहर में स्थित है?

- (a) Lucknow / लखनऊ
- (b) Chitrakoot / चित्रकूट
- (c) Sambal / संबल
- (d) Kanpur / कानपुर
- (e) Agra / आगरा

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** UP govt to turn Ranipur Tiger Reserve into eco-tourism hub

The Yogi Adityanath government in Uttar Pradesh will transform the Ranipur Tiger Reserve in Chitrakoot into a premier eco-tourism destination.

The plan includes allocating an estimated Rs 38 lakh for upgrading tourist facilities within the reserve and enhancing infrastructure in the surrounding buffer zone.

To facilitate these efforts, directives have been issued by the office of the Deputy Director of the Ranipur Tiger Reserve/Divisional Officer in Chitrakoot.

Spanning over a 230 sq km area, Ranipur Tiger Reserve is the fourth tiger reserve in Uttar Pradesh and the 53rd nationwide.

The primary focus of tourist amenities, currently under development in the Ranipur Tiger Reserve, is the luxury tent area. This space aims to allow visitors to immerse themselves in the unparalleled beauty of nature while enjoying top-notch amenities.

In addition to upgrading civic amenities within the forest, the plan entails developing lawn areas and designated parking spaces.

#### **About Uttar Pradesh**

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

**174. Adani Group's Ambuja Cements will acquire Hyderabad-based Penna Cement Industries Ltd (PCIL) at an enterprise value of \_\_\_\_\_.**

अडानी समूह की अंबुजा सीमेंट्स हैदराबाद स्थित पेन्ना सीमेंट इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड (पीसीआईएल) का अधिग्रहण \_\_\_\_\_ के उद्यम मूल्य पर करेगी।

- (a) 10,122 crore
- (b) 10,222 crore
- (c) 10,322 crore
- (d) 10,422 crore
- (e) 10,522 crore

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Adani Group's Ambuja Cements to buy Penna Cement for Rs 10,422 crore

Adani Group's Ambuja Cements will acquire Hyderabad-based Penna Cement Industries Ltd (PCIL) at an enterprise value of Rs 10,422 crore.

This is the group's third acquisition since it entered the cement business less than two years ago, in September 2022.

Ambuja Cements will acquire 100 per cent of the shares of PCIL from its existing promoter group — P Pratap Reddy and family.

The acquisition, Ambuja Cements said, would add 14 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) to its capacity, taking the total capacity of Adani group's cement business (ACC-Ambuja consolidated) to 89 mtpa.

**175. Which company will support the training of two lakh students in India in cloud computing, data science, artificial intelligence (AI), and other emerging technologies?**

कौन सी कंपनी भारत में क्लाउड कंप्यूटिंग, डेटा साइंस, आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस (एआई) और अन्य उभरती प्रौद्योगिकियों में दो लाख छात्रों के प्रशिक्षण का समर्थन करेगी?

- (a) IBM
- (b) Microsoft
- (c) Oracle
- (d) Google
- (e) Amazon

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Oracle to support the training of two lakh students in India

Cloud major Oracle will support the training of two lakh students in India in cloud computing, data science, artificial intelligence (AI), and other emerging technologies.

Teachers and academicians will deliver the training as part of the curriculum on campus. Specific modules will be offered as a digital learning experience through Oracle MyLearn.

The company and Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation have launched a specialised programme under the state's massive skill enhancement initiative, Naan Mudhalvan, to provide employment-linked training to students in the state. Since the introduction, over 60,000 students representing engineering, arts, and science streams from more than 900 colleges have registered. The programme will provide students and professionals with a foundation in cloud computing and a better understanding of other core concepts such as AI, machine learning (ML), data science, or blockchain.

**176. Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Ltd. (Kotak Life) has partnered with which company to offer life insurance solutions to customers in June 2024?**

**कोटक महिंद्रा लाइफ इश्योरेंस कंपनी लिमिटेड (कोटक लाइफ) ने जून 2024 में ग्राहकों को जीवन बीमा समाधान प्रदान करने के लिए किस कंपनी के साथ साझेदारी की है?**

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance / बजाज आलियांज जनरल इश्योरेंस
- (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance / भारती एक्सा जनरल इश्योरेंस
- (c) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services / महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा फाइनेंशियल सर्विसेज
- (d) Life Insurance Corporation of India / भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम
- (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance / यूनिवर्सल सोम्पो जनरल इश्योरेंस

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Kotak Life partners with Mahindra Finance to offer life insurance solutions

Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Ltd. (Kotak Life) has partnered with Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd (Mahindra Finance) to offer life insurance solutions to customers.

The agreement was signed by Mahesh Balasubramanian, MD, Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company, and Raul Rebello, Managing Director & CEO, Mahindra Finance.

### **Recent MoUs Signed in Banking Sector**

- SBI and Muthoot Microfin join forces to support women entrepreneurs
- Axis Bank partners with Bajaj Allianz for strategic bancassurance
- PNB partners with IIFCL to provide financing for infrastructure projects
- Axis Bank and Mastercard Introduce NFC Soundbox
- Capital Small Finance Bank, ICICI Lombard enter into bancassurance tie-up

**177. In June 2024, which insurance company has begun accepting premium payments through the RBI's Central Bank Digital Currency, popularly known as digital rupee?**

**जून 2024 में, किस बीमा कंपनी ने RBI की सेंट्रल बैंक डिजिटल करेंसी, जिसे डिजिटल रुपया के नाम से जाना जाता है, के माध्यम से प्रीमियम भुगतान स्वीकार करना शुरू कर दिया है?**

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance / बजाज आलियांज जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance / भारती एक्सा जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (c) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance / ICICI प्रूडेंशियल लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
- (d) Life Insurance Corporation of India / भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम
- (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance / यूनिवर्सल सोम्पो जनरल इंश्योरेंस

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** ICICI Pru Life activates WhatsApp, Digital Rupee for premium payment

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has begun accepting premium payments through the RBI's Central Bank Digital Currency, popularly known as digital rupee.

The company will also provide customers the option to make premium payments through WhatsApp.

The insurer has integrated CBDC payments by adopting the UPI Intent feature, which leverages the UPI interoperability of CBDC. This integration enables seamless UPI payments through the Digital Rupee on the company's payment platforms.

The life insurer has collaborated with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to introduce UPI AutoPay on QR code.

This allows customers to set up auto-debit instructions through UPI applications linked to their bank accounts, ensuring timely premium payments and continued policy benefits.

**178. Which organization will lend support to the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) to achieve sustainable waste management in the city?**

**कौन सा संगठन शहर में स्थायी अपशिष्ट प्रबंधन प्राप्त करने के लिए ग्रेटर चेन्नई कॉरपोरेशन (जीसीसी) को सहायता देगा?**

- (a) International Monetary Fund / अंतरराष्ट्रीय मुद्रा कोष
- (b) Asian Development Bank / एशियाई विकास बैंक
- (c) New Development Bank / न्यू डेवलपमेंट बैंक
- (d) African Development Bank / अफ्रीकी विकास बैंक
- (e) World Bank / विश्व बैंक

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** World Bank partners with Chennai for Zero Waste Goal

The World Bank will lend support to the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) to achieve sustainable waste management in the city.

The World Bank held discussions on solid waste management with officials of the State government and the GCC to stop waste dumping in Kodungaiyur by 2026-2027. In a bid to achieve sustainable waste management, the GCC intends to take initiatives to minimise the amount of solid waste that is disposed of on landfills or through incineration.

**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)

**179. In June 2024, the World Health Organization (WHO) has designated National \_\_\_\_\_ as a WHO Collaborating Centre (CC) for traditional medicine research.**

**जून 2024 में, विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन (WHO) ने राष्ट्रीय \_\_\_\_\_ को पारंपरिक चिकित्सा अनुसंधान के लिए WHO सहयोगी केंद्र (CC) के रूप में नामित किया है।**

- (a) Indian Medical Association Building, Delhi
- (b) AIIMS, Delhi
- (c) Fortis Hospital, Noida
- (d) Apollo Hospital Chennai
- (e) National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage, Hyderabad

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** WHO Recognises 3rd Indian Institute For Traditional Medicine Research

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has designated National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH) in Hyderabad, under the Ministry of Ayush, as a WHO Collaborating Centre (CC) for traditional medicine research.

NIIMH, Hyderabad is a unit under the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) which will now work as a WHO centre for 'Fundamental and Literary Research in Traditional Medicine'.

This recognition has been granted for a period of four years.

CCRAS-NIIMH, Hyderabad, joins the ranks as the third WHO Collaborating Centre in the domain of traditional medicine, followed by the Institute for Teaching & Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar, and the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), New Delhi.

**About NIIMH, Hyderabad**

- Established in 1956, the institute has been a pioneer in various digital initiatives of Ayush, including the AMAR Portal, which catalogues 16,000 Ayush manuscripts, featuring 4,249 digitised manuscripts, 1,224 rare books, 14,126 catalogues, and 4,114 periodicals.
- The Showcase of Ayurvedic Historical Imprints (SAHI) Portal showcases 793 medico-historical artefacts, while the e-books of Ayush project provide digital versions of classical textbooks.
- The NAMASTE Portal collects cumulative morbidity statistics from 168 hospitals, and the Ayush Research Portal indexes 42,818 published Ayush research articles

**180. Chamari Athapaththu has been honoured with the ICC Women's Player of the Month for May 2024. She is from which country?**  
चमारी अथापथु को मई 2024 के लिए ICC महिला खिलाड़ी ऑफ द मंथ से सम्मानित किया गया है। वह किस देश से है?

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

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Gudakes Motie and Chamari Athapaththu named ICC Players of the Month for May

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has revealed the winners of the ICC Player of the Month awards for May 2024.

Gudakesh Motie of the West Indies as the ICC Men's Player of the Month for May 2024.

The left-arm spinner played a pivotal role in the West Indies' impressive series win over touring South Africa, providing a promising build-up to the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.

In the women's category, Chamari Athapaththu of Sri Lanka has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for May 2024.

The Sri Lankan captain's outstanding performances propelled her team to qualify for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 in Bangladesh later this year. This marks Athapaththu's second ICC Women's Player of the Month accolade, having previously won the award in September 2023. Her remarkable form continues as she recently claimed the ICC Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year for 2023.

#### **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)

**181. Divya Deshmukh, who was seen in news in June 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?**

दिव्या देशमुख, जो जून 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए समाचारों में दिखीं, निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़ी हैं?

- (a) Hockey / हॉकी
- (b) Tennis / टेनिस
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Football / फुटबॉल
- (e) Chess / शतरंज

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Divya Deshmukh wins World Junior Girls' Chess Championship

India's Divya Deshmukh has won the World Junior Girls' Chess Championship after beating Bulgaria's Beloslava Krasteva in the final round at the Gift City Club in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Top-seeded Divya beat Krasteva in the 10th round with just 26 moves to claim her maiden U-20 title.

She finished unbeaten in championship by winning nine of her games while drawing the other two.

**182. Leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) wealthy democracies have agreed to provide a \_\_\_\_\_ loan to support Ukraine in its fight against Russia.**

सात देशों के समूह (G7) के धनी लोकतंत्रों के नेताओं ने रूस के खिलाफ लड़ाई में यूक्रेन का समर्थन करने के लिए \_\_\_\_\_ ऋण देने पर सहमति जताई है।

- (a) \$50 million
- (b) \$50 billion
- (c) \$50 trillion
- (d) \$100 billion
- (e) \$100 million

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** G7 agrees on \$50 billion loan to support Ukraine against Russia

Leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) wealthy democracies have agreed to provide a \$50 billion loan to support Ukraine in its fight against Russia.

The deal, struck at a summit in Italy's Apulia region, uses profits from frozen Russian central bank assets as collateral.

This funding, known as the "Extraordinary Revenue Acceleration (ERA) Loans for Ukraine," aims to support Ukraine's military, budget, and reconstruction needs. The funds are expected to be available by the end of the year.

**183. Which company has partnered with Paytm parent One97 Communications Ltd to integrate travel and entertainment services to Samsung Wallet in India?**

किस कंपनी ने भारत में सैमसंग वॉलेट में यात्रा और मनोरंजन सेवाएँ जोड़ने के लिए पेटीएम की मूल कंपनी वन97 कम्युनिकेशंस लिमिटेड के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) Samsung
- (b) LG
- (c) Voltas
- (d) Micromax
- (e) Motorola

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Samsung partners with Paytm to integrate more services to its wallet

Consumer electronics brand Samsung has partnered with Paytm parent One97 Communications Ltd to integrate travel and entertainment services to Samsung Wallet in India.

Through the partnership, users of Samsung Galaxy smartphones can access Paytm's suite of services, including flight and bus bookings, movie ticket purchases, and event bookings, through the digital wallet.

Galaxy users using the Paytm and Paytm Insider app can add their tickets directly to Samsung Wallet using 'Add to Samsung Wallet' functionality.

**184. Apex industry body Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has projected India's economic growth rate to be what percent for 2024-25?**

शीर्ष उद्योग निकाय भारतीय उद्योग परिसंघ (CII) ने 2024-25 के लिए भारत की आर्थिक विकास दर कितने प्रतिशत रहने का अनुमान लगाया है?

- (a) 8.1%
- (b) 7.8%
- (c) 7.6%
- (d) 7.9%
- (e) 8.0%

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** CII sees India GDP growing at robust 8% in 2024-25

Apex industry body Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has forecast India's economic growth in 2024-25 record a robust 8 per cent.

This forecast is much higher than the Reserve Bank of India's forecast of 7.2 per cent GDP growth for current fiscal.

For 2024-25, CII expects agricultural growth at 3.7 per cent (1.4 per cent); industry at 8.4 per cent (9.3 per cent) and services at 9 per cent (7.9 per cent).

President of CII - Sanjiv Puri

#### **Updated GDP List**

- CII – 8% (FY25)
- World Bank – 6.6% (FY25), 6.7% (FY26), 6.8% (FY27)
- Goldman Sachs – 6.8% (FY25), 6.9% (CY24)
- DBS Bank – 7% (FY25)
- NSO – 8.2% (FY24)
- UN – 6.9% (FY24), 6.6% (FY25)
- Moody's – 6.6% (FY25)

**185. Global Wind Day is observed every year on which day?**

**वैश्विक पवन दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 12 June
- (b) 13 June
- (c) 14 June
- (d) 15 June
- (e) 16 June

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 15 June - World Wind Day

Global Wind Day is observed on 15 June every year.

Objective - To raise awareness about the importance of wind energy and its power to alter the globe. It is an effort to promote the use of wind energy as a sustainable and renewable source of energy.

The first Wind Day was celebrated in 2007 by the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA). The event reached 18 European nations and was observed by approximately 35,000 individuals. Wind Day attracted 100,000 participants from 20 European countries in 2008.

**186. TK Chathunni passed away recently at the age of 75 in Kochi. He was related to which sport?**

टीके चथुन्नी का हाल ही में 75 वर्ष की आयु में कोच्चि में निधन हो गया। वह किस खेल से संबंधित थे?

- (a) Hockey / हॉकी
- (b) Tennis / टेनिस
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Football / फुटबॉल
- (e) Cricket / क्रिकेट

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Distinguished football coach TK Chathunni dies

Former Kerala footballer TK Chathunni, who made a name for himself as a renowned coach, died at the age of 75 in Kochi.

He was a top-rated defender during the 1960s and 1970s and also played for India during the Merdeka Tournament 1973 in Kuala Lumpur.

Having featured in six international matches for India, he also played for clubs like EME Centre (Secundrabad), Vasco Club (Goa) and Orkay Mills (Mumbai), besides also featuring for Services in the National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy.

**187. Which city did the two-day India-IORA Cruise Tourism Conference conclude in?**

**दो दिवसीय भारत-आईओआरए क्रूज़ पर्यटन सम्मेलन किस शहर में संपन्न हुआ?**

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

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Two-Day India-IORA Cruise Tourism Conference Concludes In New Delhi

The two-day India-IORA Cruise Tourism Conference concluded in New Delhi.

Officials and experts from the Indian Ocean Rim Association, IORA Member States including Bangladesh, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Seychelles and Tanzania participated in the Conference.

The Conference provided a platform for stakeholders to share best practices and policy initiatives towards developing and strengthening the cruise tourism sector in IORA Member States.

Discussions covered infrastructure development, regulatory issues, sustainable tourism, employment generation, inclusion of women and business opportunities among others.

**188. Which country will host the first multinational air exercise Tarang Shakti in August 2024?**

**अगस्त 2024 में कौन सा देश पहला बहुराष्ट्रीय वायु अभ्यास तरंग शक्ति की मेजबानी करेगा?**

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

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** India to host its first multinational air exercise Tarang Shakti in August

The Indian Air Force's first multinational air exercise 'Tarang Shakti-2024' will be held in August.

The IAF keenly looks forward to hosting the participating contingents from other countries during Tarang Shakti-2024, which is the first ever Indian multinational air exercise to be held later this year.

The Indian Air Force's first multinational air exercise, Tarang Shakti-2024, will be held in August, and is likely to see the participation of ten countries, in addition to a few others acting as observers.

The exercise is now scheduled to be held in two phases. The first will be held in southern India in the first two weeks of August and the second will be in the western sector from the end of August to mid-September.

Among the countries sending contingents are Australia, France, Germany, Japan, Spain, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

**189. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has signed an MoU with which bank to enhance digital payment services for users of the eMigrate portal?**

**विदेश मंत्रालय (MEA) ने ई-माइग्रेट पोर्टल के उपयोगकर्ताओं के लिए डिजिटल भुगतान सेवाओं को बढ़ाने के लिए किस बैंक के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?**

- (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. a**

**Sol.** External Affairs Ministry signed MoU with SBI to enhance digital payment services for eMigrate portal users

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the State Bank of India (SBI) signed MoU to enhance digital payment services for users of the eMigrate portal.

This MoU will become operational following the successful integration of SBI's payment gateway, SBlePay, with the eMigrate portal.

The integration of SBlePay with the eMigrate portal will allow Indian migrant workers, Recruiting Agents (RAs), and other users to make various emigration-related payments with ease.

This includes transactions via UPI, credit/debit cards, and NEFT through net banking of all Indian banks, all with no transaction charges.

The eMigrate project, launched in 2014, was designed to support Indian workers heading to Emigration Check Required (ECR) countries for employment.

By making the emigration process online and transparent, it aimed to simplify and secure the migration experience.

**190. In June 2024, who etched her name into the history book by becoming the second-highest run-scorer for the nation?**

**जून 2024 में, देश के लिए दूसरी सबसे ज़्यादा रन बनाने वाली खिलाड़ी बनकर किसने अपना नाम इतिहास की किताब में दर्ज करा लिया?**

- (a) Harleen Deol / हरलीन देओल
- (b) Harmanpreet Kaur / हरमनप्रीत कौर
- (c) Renuka Singh / रेणुका सिंह
- (d) Smriti Mandhana / स्मृति मंधाना
- (e) Deepti Sharma / दीप्ति शर्मा

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Smriti Mandhana becomes second-highest International Run-Getter in Women's Cricket

India opener Smriti Mandhana etched her name into the history book by becoming the second-highest run-scorer for the nation.

With her fighting hundred against South Africa, she went past the 7000-run mark and joined former India star Mithali Raj in the elite list.

Mandhana played a fighting knock of 117 off 127 deliveries, which took her overall international tally to 7,059 runs.

Her tally at the global stage is only bettered by former captain Mithali's 10,868 runs.

While India captain Harmanpreet Kaur isn't far behind from achieving the feat. She has 6,870 runs in the international circuit across all formats and could achieve the feat in the ongoing series against South Africa

**191. Who has won the silver medal in the Grand Prix 2024 competition held in the Czech Republic?**

**चेक गणराज्य में आयोजित ग्रैंड प्रिक्स 2024 प्रतियोगिता में रजत पदक किसने जीता है?**

- (a) Nikhat Zareen / निकहत ज़रीन
- (b) Sakshi Malik / साक्षी मलिक
- (c) Nisha Dahiya / निशा दहिया
- (d) Mirabai Chanu / मीराबाई चानू
- (e) Lovlina Borgohain / लवलीना बोगोहैन

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Lovlina Borgohain secures Silver Medal in Grand Prix 2024 competition

Olympic medalist Indian boxer Lovlina Borgohain secured a silver medal in the Grand Prix 2024 competition held in the Czech Republic.

Lovlina lost 2-3 in her third bout against Li Qian of China.

Lovlina won her first bout 3-2 against England's Chantal Reid but lost the second bout 0-5 against Cindy Ngamba of the Olympic Refugee team.

Lovlina will be one of the boxers to represent the country in the Paris 2024 Olympics, which will be held from July 26 to August 11.

**192. What was the India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) in May 2024?**

**मई 2024 में भारत का थोक मूल्य सूचकांक (WPI) क्या था?**

- (a) 1.61%
- (b) 3.61%
- (c) 2.10%
- (d) 2.41%
- (e) 2.61%

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** India's Wholesale Prices Accelerate to 15-Month High of 2.61% in May

India's wholesale inflation, measured by the wholesale price index (WPI), surged to a 15-month high of 2.61% in May from 1.26% in April, driven by an adverse base effect and a sharp increase in food prices.

The inflation rate for food items reached 9.82%, contrasting with -3.61% in May 2023.

Within food articles, pressure on the factory gate prices mainly built up on account of acceleration in the prices of vegetables (32.42 per cent), pulses (21.95 per cent), cereals (9.01 per cent), fruits (5.81 per cent) and wheat (6 per cent). Meanwhile, even as the prices of potato (64.05 per cent), onion (58.05 per cent) and paddy (11.79 per cent) decelerated during the month, they remained quite elevated.

**Recent WPI-based Wholesale inflation in India**

- **January 2024** – 0.27%
- **February 2024** – 0.20%
- **March 2024** – 0.53%
- **April 2024** – 1.26%
- **May 2024** – 2.61%

**193. Who has been appointed as the President of the Asian Association of Hair Restoration Surgeons (AAHRS)?**

**एशियन एसोसिएशन ऑफ हेयर रिस्टोरेशन सर्जन्स (AAHRS) के अध्यक्ष 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) Dr Kapil Dua / डॉ कपिल दुआ
- (e) Inder Pal Singh Bindra / इंद्रपाल सिंह बिंद्रा

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Dr Kapil Dua appointed as President of the Asian Association of Hair Restoration Surgeons

Dr Kapil Dua has been announced as the President of the Asian Association of Hair Restoration Surgeons (AAHRS). The announcement was made at the 8th Annual Scientific Meeting and Surgical Workshop of AAHRS, held in China. Dr Dua, who previously served as President of the International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery (ISHRS) in 2022-2023 and the Association of Hair Restoration Surgeons (AHRS) India in 2016-2017, is the only Indian hair transplant surgeon to have led national, global, and now Asian organizations in hair restoration.

**Recent Appointment**

- **Principal Secretary to PM** - Dr PK Mishra (reappointment)
- **National Security Advisor** - Ajit Doval (reappointment)
- **Advisors to the Prime Minister** - Amit Khare and Tarun Kapoor (reappointment)
- **MD and CEO of SBICAP Ventures Limited** - Prem Prabhakar
- **DG of FICCI** - Jyoti Vij

**194. Cyril Ramaphosa, who was in the news recently, belongs to which country?**

**सिरिल रामफोसा, जो हाल ही में खबरों में थे, किस देश से संबंधित हैं?**

- (a) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (b) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (c) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) Ireland / आयरलैंड

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Cyril Ramaphosa secures second term as South African President

Cyril Ramaphosa has secured a second term as the President of South Africa after he was elected by the South African Parliament.

Cyril Ramaphosa was re-elected after a deal was signed between his African National Congress (ANC) Party and the centre-right Democratic Alliance (DA) and other smaller parties to form a coalition government.

Cyril Ramaphosa was elected as the President of South Africa for the first time on 15 February 2018.

For the first time since the implementation of the 1996 constitution, the ruling ANC party has failed to secure a majority in the South African Parliament. The ANC got only 40 per cent of the votes in the parliamentary election held on 29 May 2024.

**Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President**

- President of Iceland - Halla Tomasdottir
- President of Mexico - Claudia Sheinbaum (first female prez of nation)
- President of Lithuania - Gitanas Nauseda
- PM of Chad - Allamaye Halina
- President of Taiwan - Lai Ching-Te
- PM of Singapore - Lawrence Wong
- President of Russia - Vladimir Putin (5th time)

**195. Peter Pellegrini was sworn in as the president of which country?**

**पीटर पेलेग्रिनी ने किस देश के राष्ट्रपति के रूप में शपथ ली?**

- (a) Slovenia / स्लोवेनिया
- (b) Romania / रोमानिया
- (c) Hungary / हंगरी
- (d) Lithuania / लिथुआनिया
- (e) Slovakia / स्लोवाकिया

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Peter Pellegrini sworn in as Slovakia's president

Peter Pellegrini was sworn in as the president of Slovakia in a ceremony that took place amid heightened security following an assassination attempt on his close ally, populist Prime Minister Robert Fico, a month ago.

Pellegrini called for national unity in his speech at a special session of Parliament that took place at the seat of the Slovak philharmonic, becoming Slovakia's sixth president since it gained independence after the disintegration of Czechoslovakia in 1993. He succeeded Zuzana Caputova, the country's first female head of state and a staunch backer of neighbouring Ukraine in its fight against Russia's invasion. She didn't seek a second term in the largely ceremonial post.

Pellegrini, 48, who favours a strong role for the state, headed the left-wing Hlas (Voice) party to the third-place finish in the vote and joined a governing coalition with Fico and the ultranationalist Slovak National Party.

**About Slovak Republic (Slovakia)**

- **Capital-** Bratislava
- **Currency-** Euro
- **President** - Peter Pellegrini
- Prime minister: Robert Fico
- **Official language** - Slovak

**196. Who has been awarded V. Shantaram, Lifetime Achievement Award 2024?**

**वी. शांताराम, लाइफटाइम अचीवमेंट अवार्ड 2024 से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (a) Deepak Shenoy / दीपक शेनॉय
- (b) Neeli Bendapudi / नीली बेंदापुडी
- (c) Subbiah Nallamuthu / सुब्बैया नल्लामुथु
- (d) Shanti Lakra / शांति लकड़ा
- (e) Deepika Misra / दीपिका मिश्रा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Shantaram, Lifetime Achievement Award for 2024 will be given to Subbiah Nallamuth

V. Shantaram, Lifetime Achievement Award for this year will be given to Subbiah Nallamuthu, a renowned, award-winning Wildlife filmmaker from Chennai.

He filmed "Living on the Edge", the longest running wildlife series.

The award is announced by the Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting L Murugan at Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF 2024).

Murugan also attended the Opening Film at MIFF National Geographic's documentary, 'Billy and Molly: An Otter Love Story'.

**Recent Award**

- **Risk Manager of the Year Award by Central Banking, UK** - RBI
- **Databricks Retail and CPG Partner of the Year Award** - Tredence (a global data science and AI solutions company)
- **2024 Oscar Academy Gold Rising Program** - Nethra Gururaj,
- **Best Conduct of Business Regulator award** - SEBI
- **Hindi Sahitya Bharati Award** - Krishna Prakash,
- **EY World Entrepreneur of The Year 2024** - Vellayan Subbiah

**197. Which organization has won the "Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024" by Central Banking, a leading publication based in London, UK?**

किस संगठन ने लंदन, यूके स्थित एक प्रमुख प्रकाशन, सेंट्रल बैंकिंग द्वारा "रिस्क मैनेजर ऑफ द ईयर अवार्ड 2024" जीता है?

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

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** RBI wins 'Risk Manager of the Year' award

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has won the "Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024" by Central Banking, a leading publication based in London, UK. This accolade recognizes RBI's exemplary strides in enhancing its risk culture and awareness, affirming its pivotal role in safeguarding the stability of the Indian financial system.

RBI was awarded the best risk manager for improving its risk culture and awareness.

Executive Director Shri Manoranjan Mishra received the award on behalf of the RBI.

**About Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Updated 17/06/24**

- **Founded** - 1 April 1935
- **RBI Nationalized** - 1 January 1949
- **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **RBI set up** - Hilton Young Commission
- **1st Governor** - Sir Osborne Smith (Australia)
- **1st Indian Governor** - CD Deshmukh
- **25th Governor** - Shaktikanta Das
- **RBI Deputy Governor** (4) -
  1. Tavarana Rabi Sankar
  2. J Swaminathan
  3. Michael D Patra
  4. M Rajeshwar Rao

**198. UNESCO has shortlisted seven most beautiful museums for the prestigious Prix Versailles Award, including the Smritivan Earthquake Memorial Museum. It is located in which state?**

यूनेस्को ने प्रतिष्ठित प्रिक्स वर्सेल्स पुरस्कार के लिए सात सबसे खूबसूरत संग्रहालयों को चुना है, जिसमें स्मृतिवन भूकंप स्मारक संग्रहालय भी शामिल है। यह किस राज्य में स्थित है?

- (a) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (b) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (c) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Kerala / केरल

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Museum in memory of Gujarat earthquake victims listed for UNESCO's Prix Versailles Award

UNESCO has shortlisted seven most beautiful museums for the prestigious Prix Versailles Award, including the Smritivan Earthquake Memorial Museum of Bhuj.

The Smritivan Earthquake Memorial Museum in Bhuj has been listed among the 7 most beautiful museums in the world under the prestigious Prix Versailles Award, which is announced annually at UNESCO for architecture and design.

An Indian Museum has received global recognition for the first time in this manner for its expression of local culture and nature conservation. It was the vision of Gujarat's then chief minister and current Prime Minister Narendra Modi to build a museum in memory of those who fell victim to the devastating earthquake of 2001 as well as a tribute to the resilience of Kutch.

#### **About Smritivan**

- Covering approximately 470 acres, Smriti Van celebrates the resilience of the people who endured the 2001 earthquake, which had its epicenter in Bhuj and claimed around 13,000 lives.
- The Memorial, includes the names of those who perished in the disaster, was inaugurated by PM Modi in August 2022.
- The state-of-the-art Smritivan Earthquake Museum is organised into seven thematic blocks: Rebirth, Rediscover, Restore, Rebuild, Rethink, Relive, and Renew.
- Rebirth:

**199. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed every year on 15 June?**

**विश्व बुजुर्ग दुर्व्यवहार जागरूकता दिवस हर साल 15 जून को मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 15 June
- (b) 16 June
- (c) 17 June
- (d) 18 June
- (e) 19 June

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 15 June - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is held on June 15th and is an annual international UN observance day on the same date each year.

The day came about as a result of UN resolution 66/127.

Theme 2024 - Spotlight on Older Persons in Emergencies

Elder abuse is global and comes in many forms including physical, emotional, sexual and financial abuse and also neglect.

Elderly people are human and deserve the same dignity and respect as people of all other age groups.

**200. The International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) is celebrated every year on which day?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पारिवारिक धन प्रेषण दिवस (IDFR) हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 15 June
- (b) 16 June
- (c) 17 June
- (d) 18 June
- (e) 19 June

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 16 June - International Day of Family Remittances

The International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) is celebrated on 16 June each year.

The IDFR recognizes the crucial contribution of over 200 million migrant workers who send money to over 800 million family members in low- and middle-income countries.

Theme 2024 - Digital remittances towards financial inclusion and cost reduction. Digital remittances towards financial inclusion and cost reduction.

Over the past 20 years, remittance flows have increased five-fold. Even during economic downturns, remittances continue to flow as they bind migrants to their families back home, helping them stay afloat.

In 2023, remittances to low- and middle-income countries increased by almost 4 per cent to reach US\$ 669 billion.

**201. Who has inaugurated the Prerna Sthal in the Parliament complex for statues of freedom fighters and other icons of the country?**

स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों और देश के अन्य प्रतीकों की मूर्तियों के लिए संसद परिसर में प्रेरणा स्थल का उद्घाटन किसने किया है?

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) M Venkaiahg Naidu / एम वैकैयाग नायडू
- (c) Ramnath Kovind / रामनाथ कोविंद
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मु
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** VP Dhankhar inaugurated Prerna Sthal to honor Indian icons  
Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has inaugurated the Prerna Sthal

It is a dedicated area in the Parliament complex for statues of freedom fighters and other icons of the country.

The main objective of the construction of Prerna Sthal is that these statues within the Parliament complex should be installed at one place.

That is why it was decided to create a designated spot to ensure that the visitors could come and pay their respects to these great leaders.

**202. Which state's police in association with the Border Security Force (BSF) and Village Defence Committees (VDCs) have launched a 'Mission Nishchay'?**

किस राज्य की पुलिस ने सीमा सुरक्षा बल (बीएसएफ) और ग्राम रक्षा समितियों (वीडीसी) के साथ मिलकर 'मिशन निश्चय' शुरू किया है?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Punjab / पंजाब
- (e) Haryana / हरियाणा

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Punjab Police launched 'Mission Nishchay'

Punjab Police in association with the Border Security Force (BSF) and Village Defence Committees (VDCs) have launched a 'Mission Nishchay' in Fazilka district.

It is a one-week drive against drugs in Fazilka district.

They will reach out to residents of as many as 42 villages along the India-Pakistan border to gather actionable intelligence about the demand and supply of drugs.

The idea is to instil a sense of community participation among inhabitants of border villages as we make efforts to curb the menace of drugs. We will focus on youth and women to gather actionable intelligence about the demand and supply of drugs," Fazilka Senior Superintendent of Police Dr Pragya Jain said.

**About Punjab**

- **Capital** – Chandigarh
- **Chief Minister** – Bhagwant Mann
- **Governor** – Banwarilal Purohit

**203. National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has launched a Mobile App “NCRB Sankalan of Criminal Laws” to serve as a comprehensive guide providing complete information about the new criminal laws at one place. Where is the headquarters of NCRB?**

राष्ट्रीय अपराध रिकॉर्ड ब्यूरो (NCRB) ने एक मोबाइल ऐप “NCRB संकलन ऑफ क्रिमिनल लॉज़” लॉन्च किया है, जो एक व्यापक गाइड के रूप में काम करेगा और एक ही स्थान पर नए अपराधिक कानूनों के बारे में पूरी जानकारी प्रदान करेगा। NCRB का मुख्यालय कहाँ है?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Gandhinagar / गांधीनगर
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** NCRB launches ‘NCRB Sankalan Of Criminal Laws’ App

NCRB has launched a Mobile App “NCRB Sankalan of Criminal Laws” to serve as a comprehensive guide providing complete information about the new criminal laws at one place.

The New criminal laws will come into force from the 1st July.

This App is a compilation of new criminal laws namely Bharatiya Nayaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam. It provides an Index linking all Chapters and Sections of the new laws.

It also has a corresponding chart for section-wise comparison between old and new laws with a search and linking facility for quick information retrieval. This App is useful for the General Public, Court Officers, Advocates, Law Students as well as for Police Officers in enhancing their knowledge about the New Criminal Laws.

**About National Crime Records Bureau**

- Founded- 11 March 1986
- Headquarters- New Delhi
- Jurisdiction- Government of India
- Motto- Empowering Indian Police with Information Technology

**204. Consider the following points about the 2024 Cost of Living survey conducted by HR consultancy Mercer.**

- (i) Mumbai remains the most expensive city in the country for expatriates.**
- (ii) Globally, Hong Kong remained the most expensive city.**
- (iii) Delhi at 164th spots in the world.**
- (iv) In Asia, Bengaluru stands as the 21st most expensive city.**
- (v) Hong Kong maintains the top spot, followed by Tokyo, Paris, New York and Geneva.**

**How many of the point(s) is/are CORRECT?**

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

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Mumbai is India's most costly city for expats; Mercer report Mumbai, the financial capital of the country and home to the Hindi film industry, still remains the most expensive city in the country for expatriates, according to a survey conducted by HR consultancy Mercer.

Mumbai is notably expensive in terms of personal care, energy and utilities, transportation, and housing rentals, as per Mercer's 2024 Cost of Living survey.

Globally, Hong Kong retained its position as the most expensive city.

In the list, Mumbai has jumped 11 places to rank 136, while Delhi has risen by four spots to 164. Conversely, Chennai has dropped five places to 189, Bengaluru has decreased by six spots to 195, and Hyderabad remains unchanged at 202.

Meanwhile, Pune saw a jump of eight spots to 205, and Kolkata has moved up four spots to 207.

In Asia, Mumbai stands as the 21st most expensive city with Delhi in the 30th position among surveyed locations.

On the global stage, the top five cities in terms of cost of living have seen no changes in rankings. Hong Kong maintains the top spot, followed by Singapore, Zurich, Geneva, Basel, Bern, New York City, London, Nassau, and Los Angeles.

**205. India placed 176th among 180 countries in the 2024 Environment Performance Index, with high emissions, poor air quality, and low biodiversity-habitat scores being key issues. Which of the following countries is topped the Index?**

**2024 पर्यावरण प्रदर्शन सूचकांक में भारत 180 देशों में 176वें स्थान पर है, जिसमें उच्च उत्सर्जन, खराब वायु गुणवत्ता और कम जैव विविधता-आवास स्कोर प्रमुख मुद्दे हैं। निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा देश सूचकांक में शीर्ष पर है?**

- (a) France / फ्रांस
- (b) Italy / इटली
- (c) Estonia / एस्तोनिया
- (d) Spain / स्पेन
- (e) Canada / कनाडा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Environment Performance Index 2024: India at 176th spot topped by Estonia

India placed 176th among 180 countries in the 2024 Environment Performance Index, with high emissions, poor air quality, and low biodiversity-habitat scores being key issues.

India's reliance on coal significantly impacts its rankings, contributing to poor air quality and high projected emissions.

In air quality, India ranks 177th, above Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal only, and in projected emissions by 2025, it ranks 172nd.

The Index is released by the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy and the Columbia Center for International Earth Science Information Network. The 2024 EPI has 58 indicators, including biodiversity, air pollution, air and water quality, waste management, emission growth rates, projected emissions, etc., under the three main heads of ecosystem vitality, environmental health and climate change.

Among these three heads, India does not rank among the bottom ten countries only in climate change.

Estonia was at the top of the score because it had made the most progress in protecting the environment, especially by cutting down on greenhouse gas emissions

**India's Ranka in Different Indicators in the EPI 2024**

- Biodiversity and Habitat - 178/180
- Air Quality - 177/180
- Forests - 15/180
- Climate Change Mitigation - 133/180
- Heavy Metals - 147/180

**206. In June 2024, which bank has organized a credit camp for MSME sector in Chennai?**

**जून 2024 में, किस बैंक ने चेन्नई में एमएसएमई क्षेत्र के लिए क्रेडिट कैंप का आयोजन 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) Indian Bank / इंडियन बैंक

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Indian Bank organizes MSME credit camp

Indian Bank has organized a credit camp for the MSME sector in Chennai.

The event was chaired by MD & CEO of the Bank SL Jain. During the camp, 440+ sanction tickets amounting to over Rs 500.00 crore (Approx.) were distributed to MSME customers.

The event featured presentations on the bank's MSME and FOREX schemes and was attended by senior bank executives.

### **About Indian Bank**

- **Founded** - 1907
- **Headquarters** - Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- **MD & CEO** - Shanti Lal Jain
- **Tagline** - Your Own Bank

**207. Who has been appointed as the chairman of Global Wind Energy Council India (GWEC India)?**

**ग्लोबल विंड एनर्जी काउंसिल इंडिया (GWEC इंडिया) का अध्यक्ष किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Gaurav Banerjee / गौरव बनर्जी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Girish Tanti / गिरीश तांती
- (d) Raj Priy Singh / राज प्रिय सिंह
- (e) Inder Pal Singh Bindra / इंद्रपाल सिंह बिंद्रा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** GWEC India appoints Suzlon Group's Girish Tanti as new chairman

Suzlon Vice Chairman Girish Tanti has been elected as the Chair of Global Wind Energy Council India (GWEC India).

The position plays a key role in driving GWEC India's work with national and State Governments that assist efforts for building the right momentum and establishing policy frameworks to ensure the country delivers on its wind energy and supply chain potential, both onshore and offshore.

As the world's fourth biggest wind market, with 46 GW of onshore wind and one of the world's most prominent wind energy manufacturing hubs, Tanti's leadership at GWEC and GWEC India shall help further catalyse momentum.

### **Recent Appointment**

- **President of the Asian Association of Hair Restoration Surgeons** - Dr Kapil Dua
- **Principal Secretary to PM** - Dr PK Mishra (reappointment)
- **National Security Advisor** - Ajit Doval (reappointment)
- **Advisors to the Prime Minister** - Amit Khare and Tarun Kapoor (reappointment)
- **MD and CEO of SBICAP Ventures Limited** - Prem Prabhakar
- **DG of FICCI** - Jyoti Vij

**208. In June 2024, Which state's chief minister has inaugurated the Janata Bhawan Solar Project ?**

**जून 2024 में, किस राज्य के मुख्यमंत्री ने जनता भवन सौर परियोजना का उद्घाटन किया है?**

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

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Assam CM inaugurates Janata Bhawan Solar Project

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has inaugurated the Janata Bhawan Solar Project in Guwahati.

This project features a 2.5-MW power generation capacity with a grid-connected rooftop and ground-mounted solar PV system. The system is expected to yield an average of 3 lakh units of electricity monthly.

The project required an investment of 12.56 crore rupees. The investment is projected to be recovered within 4 years.

**About Assam**

- **Formation** - 26 January 1950
- **Capital** – Dispur
- **Chief Minister** – Himanta Biswa Sarma
- **Governor** – Gulab Chand Kataria
- **State Fruit** - Kaji Nemu
- **Rajya Sabha Seat** – 7
- **Lok Sabha Seat** – 14

**209. Who has launched the book titled "The Adventures of Ed-a-Mamma: Ed Finds A Home"?**

**"द एडवेंचर्स ऑफ एड-ए-मैमा: एड फाइंड्स ए होम" नामक किताब किसने लॉन्च की है?**

- (a) Anushka Sharma / अनुष्का शर्मा
- (b) Alia Bhatt / आलिया भट्ट
- (c) Priyanka Chopra / प्रियंका चोपड़ा
- (d) Katrina Kaif / कैटरीना कैफ
- (e) Aishwarya Rai / ऐश्वर्या राय

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Alia Bhatt launched children's book

Actor Alia Bhatt debuted as a children's book author with "The Adventures of Ed-a-Mamma: Ed Finds A Home."

The book is inspired by her kidswear brand Ed-a-Mamma, featuring illustrations by Tanvi Bhat.

Alia shared the book release on Instagram, highlighting her new role beyond acting, linked to her personal life as a mother.

### **Recent Book**

- **India's Trade Policy; The 1990's and beyond** – Arvind Panagariya
- **An Anchored Vision** – Karumuttu T Kanan
- **India and The Indian Ocean World Trade and Politics** - Ashin Das Gupta
- **A Fly on the RBI Wall** - Alpana Killawala
- **The Scam That Shook a Nation: The Nagarwala Scandal** - Prakash Patra and Rasheed Kidwai

**210. National Insurance Awareness Day is observed every year on which day?**

राष्ट्रीय बीमा जागरूकता दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 27 June
- (b) 28 June
- (c) 29 June
- (d) 30 June
- (e) 26 June

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 28 June - National Insurance Awareness Day

National Insurance Awareness Day is observed every year on June 28.

This day is dedicated to promoting the importance of insurance and ensuring that people understand the benefits of having adequate insurance coverage.

The day also serves as a reminder to review insurance plans regularly and to make sure that they are up-to-date and reflect the changing needs of the individual.

The history of insurance dates back to the Great Fire of London in 1886. The devastation caused by the fires led to the development of new forms of insurance that could protect individuals and families from the financial risks of major events.

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**211. Inventors of the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) method, Frank Duckworth passed away at the age of 84. In which year DLS method was first used in international cricket?**

डकवर्थ-लुईस-स्टर्न (डीएलएस) पद्धति के आविष्कारक फ्रैंक डकवर्थ का 84 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट में डीएलएस पद्धति का पहली बार किस वर्ष उपयोग किया गया था?

- (a) 1978
- (b) 1988
- (c) 1997
- (d) 2000
- (e) 1992

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Renowned English Statistician, Frank Duckworth passes away

Frank Duckworth, one of the inventors of the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) method, passed away. He was 84.

The Duckworth-Lewis method, devised by Duckworth and fellow statistician Tony Lewis, was introduced to determine results in rain-affected cricket matches. Lewis had passed away aged 78 in 2020.

The method was first used in international cricket in 1997 and was formally adopted by the ICC as the standard method for setting revised targets in truncated games in 2001.

The method was renamed the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method after the retirement of Duckworth and Lewis, followed by some modifications by Australian statistician Steven Stern.

**212. National Statistics Day is observed every year on June 29 to honour the late scientist**

राष्ट्रीय सांख्यिकी दिवस हर साल 29 जून को दिवंगत वैज्ञानिक \_\_\_\_\_ के सम्मान में मनाया जाता है।

- (a) C. R. Rao
- (b) Srinivasa Ramanujan
- (c) Satyendra Nath Bose
- (d) Sisir Kumar Mitra
- (e) Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 29 June - National Statistics Day

National Statistics Day is observed every year on June 29 to honour the late scientist Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis.

The day highlights his contributions to the field of statistics and economic planning in the post-independent era.

The day is not to be confused with the United Nations' World Statistics Day, which is celebrated every five years on October 20.

It also aims to raise public awareness about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning. It encourages the use of statistical tools and techniques in addressing real-world challenges.

**213. India ended their 13-year wait for the ICC Cricket World Cup trophy by defeating South Africa by seven runs to win the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 in a thrilling final. This final match was held in which stadium?**

भारत ने आईसीसी क्रिकेट विश्व कप ट्रॉफी के लिए अपने 13 साल के इंतजार को खत्म करते हुए दक्षिण अफ्रीका को सात रन से हराकर आईसीसी पुरुष टी20 विश्व कप 2024 का रोमांचक फाइनल जीत लिया। यह फाइनल मैच किस स्टेडियम में खेला गया था?

- (a) Providence Stadium, Guyana
- (b) Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados
- (c) Brian Lara Stadium, Tarouba, Trinidad
- (d) Grand Prairie Stadium, Dallas
- (e) Nassau County International Cricket Stadium, New York

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** India beat South Africa by 7 runs to win ICC T20 World Cup 2024

India ended their 13-year wait for an ICC Cricket World Cup trophy when they beat South Africa by seven runs to lift the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 in a thrilling final at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados.

India also became the first team to win the men's T20 World Cup without losing a game all tournament. India won all eight matches they played in the tournament, and had one washout: the first-round game against Canada.

With 281 runs from Eight games, Rahmanullah Gurbaz of Afghanistan is the top scorer in the T20 World Cup 2024. While Rohit Sharma was second in the list with 257 runs at a strike rate of 156.70.

Afghanistan's Fazalhaq Farooqi was the joint highest wicket-taker with along with India's Arshdeep Singh – 17 wickets.

Player of the match – Virat Kohli (India)

Player of the tournament – Jasprit Bumrah (India)

**214. In June 2024, Lee Zii Jia has won the men's singles title of Australian Open Badminton Championship. He is from which country?**

**जून 2024 में, ली ज़ी जिया ने ऑस्ट्रेलियन ओपन बैडमिंटन चैंपियनशिप का पुरुष एकल खिताब जीता है। वह किस देश से हैं?**

- (a) South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया
- (b) China / चीन
- (c) Malaysia / मलेशिया
- (d) Vietnam / वियतनाम
- (e) Japan / जापान

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia crowned Australian Open badminton champion

Malaysian Lee Zii Jia outlasted Japan's Kodai Naraoka in the men's singles final to be crowned Australian Open badminton champion.

While Aya Ohori of Japan clinched the women's title.

It was Lee's 6th career win on the BWF World Tour and came on the back of victory at the Thailand Open.

It was only Ohori's 2nd title on tour, having won her first at the Thailand Masters this year.

**215. Gretchen Walsh, who was seen in news in June 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?**

**ग्रेटचेन वॉल्श, जो जून 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में थीं, निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़ी हैं?**

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Swimming / तैराकी
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Gretchen Walsh breaks world record in 100m butterfly

Gretchen Walsh Sets World Record in 100m Butterfly at 2024 US Olympic Swimming Trials.

Walsh clocked 55.18 seconds in the 100-meter women's butterfly.

Walsh's time beat out Swedish swimmer Sarah Sjöström, who recorded the previous fastest time of 55.48 seconds at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, by more than half of a second.

**216. David Wiese has announced his retirement recently. He is related to which sport?**

**डेविड विसे ने हाल ही में अपनी सेवानिवृत्ति की घोषणा की है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित हैं?**

- (a) Hockey / हॉकी
- (b) Tennis / टेनिस
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Football / फुटबॉल
- (e) Cricket / क्रिकेट

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** David Wiese announced retirement from international retirement  
Namibia's star all-rounder David Wiese has confirmed his international cricket retirement after their loss to England. Wiese, who started his international career with South Africa, would switch allegiances and start being a part of the Namibian side from 2021.

He would go on to become a legend for Namibia with his performances in T20 World Cups.

Wiese played 34 T20I matches for Namibia, where he scored more than 500 runs and picked up 35 wickets.

### **Recently Retired Players**

- Kedar Jadhav (India) - International cricket
- Dinesh Kartik (India) – All forms of cricket
- Bernadine Bezuidenhout (South Africa and New Zealand) - International Cricket
- James Anderson (England) – International Cricket
- Saurav Ghosal (India) - Professional Squash
- Collins Obuya (Kenya) – International cricket

**217. World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed every year on which day?**

**विश्व मरुस्थलीकरण और सूखे से निपटने का दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 17 June
- (b) 18 June
- (c) 19 June
- (d) 16 June
- (e) 20 June

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 17 June - World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed every year on 17 June.

Objective - To create awareness about the diminishing land cover on earth and urge people to come together to address the pressing issue

Theme 2024 - United for Land. Our Legacy. Our Future

During the 1992 Rio Earth Summit, desertification, loss of biodiversity and climate change were recognised as the greatest challenges to sustainable development.

In 1994, The UN General Assembly established the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) - the legally binding international agreement linking environment, development and sustainable land management.

In 2007, the UN General Assembly declared the decade of 2010 to 2020 as the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the fight against Desertification.

**218. World Sustainable Gastronomy Day is celebrated every year on which day?**

**विश्व संधारणीय गैस्ट्रोनॉमी दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 17 June
- (b) 18 June
- (c) 19 June
- (d) 16 June
- (e) 20 June

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 18 June - Sustainable Gastronomy Day

World Sustainable Gastronomy Day is celebrated on June 18 across the world to draw the attention towards the importance of gastronomy, which is sometimes called the art of food.

Gastronomy can also refer to a style of cooking from a particular region. Often it refers to local food and cuisine. Sustainability is the idea that something is done in a way that is not wasteful of our natural resources and can be continued into the future without being detrimental to our environment or health.

In 2016, the UN General Assembly designated June 18 as Sustainable Gastronomy Day to acknowledge gastronomy as a cultural expression related to the natural and cultural diversity of the world. The first Sustainable Gastronomy Day was officially observed on June 18, 2017.

**219. International Day of Yoga is observed every year on 21 June. This year celebrated \_\_\_\_ International Day of Yoga.**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय योग दिवस हर साल 21 जून को मनाया जाता है। इस साल \_\_\_\_ अंतर्राष्ट्रीय योग दिवस मनाया गया।**

- (a) 8th
- (b) 9th
- (c) 10th
- (d) 11th
- (e) 12th

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 21 June - International Day of Yoga

International Day of Yoga is observed every year on 21 June. This year marks the 10th International Day of Yoga.

Theme 2024 - Yoga for Self and Society

Yoga, a transformative practice, represents the harmony of mind and body, the balance between thought and action, and the unity of restraint and fulfillment.

Recognizing its universal appeal, on 11 December 2014, the United Nations proclaimed 21 June as the International Day of Yoga

The draft resolution establishing the International Day of Yoga was proposed by India and endorsed by a record 175 member states.

The proposal was first introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his address during the opening of the 69th session of the General Assembly.

**220. Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare passed away recently at the age of 95. He was the former governor of which state?**

**मुरलीधर चंद्रकांत भंडारे का हाल ही में 95 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वे किस राज्य के पूर्व राज्यपाल थे?**

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

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Former Odisha Governor Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare passes away

Former Odisha Governor Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare passed away at the age of 95.

Bhandare was a senior Congress leader from Maharashtra and a former Rajya Sabha member for three terms.

He also practised as a Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court and served as Governor of Odisha from August 2007 to March 2013.

**221. In June 2024, which international financial institution invested \$105 million in the non-convertible debenture of Brookfield's Bikaner Solar Power project in Rajasthan?**

**जून 2024 में, किस अंतरराष्ट्रीय वित्तीय संस्थान ने राजस्थान में ब्रुकफील्ड की बीकानेर सौर ऊर्जा परियोजना के गैर-परिवर्तनीय डिबेंचर में 105 मिलियन डॉलर का निवेश किया?**

- (a) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
- (b) International Development Association (IDA)
- (c) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
- (d) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- (e) International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** IFC to invest \$105 million in Brookfield's Bikaner Solar Power project

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has agreed to invest \$105 million (around Rs 871 crore) in the non-convertible debentures of Brookfield's Bikaner Solar Power project in Rajasthan.

IFC is a company of the World Bank Group which provides finance to the private sector companies.

#### **About Brookfield's Solar Project in Bikaner**

- Brookfield Global Transition Fund (BGTF) is building a 550 MW solar power project in Bikaner in two phases.
- The Brookfield commissioned the first phase of the Bikaner solar power project 268 MW in March 2024.
- In the second phase the capacity of the solar power project is 282 MW taking the combined power generation capacity to 550 MW. The estimated cost of the second phase is estimated to be USD 317 million.
- BGTF is an equity investor and has set up a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to execute the project.
- The 80 percent of the BGTF holdings is owned by Brookfield Asset Management and 20% owned by Brookfield Renewable

**222. Ace cricketer Virat Kohli regained the top slot in the Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2023. Kohli's brand value is pegged at \$227.9 million on the back of his stellar performance in the ICC ODI World Cup. This report is released by \_\_\_\_\_.**

दिग्गज क्रिकेटर विराट कोहली ने सेलिब्रिटी ब्रांड वैल्यूएशन रिपोर्ट 2023 में शीर्ष स्थान हासिल किया है। ICC ODI विश्व कप में उनके शानदार प्रदर्शन के दम पर कोहली की ब्रांड वैल्यू 227.9 मिलियन डॉलर आंकी गई है। यह रिपोर्ट \_\_\_\_\_ द्वारा जारी की गई है।

- (a) Times Now
- (b) FIFA
- (c) KPMG
- (d) Kroll
- (e) Forbes

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Virat Kohli leads 2023 Celebrity Brand Valuation Rankings with \$228 million: Kroll

Ace cricketer Virat Kohli regained the top slot in the Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2023 released by Kroll.

Kohli's brand value is pegged at \$227.9 million on the back of his stellar performance in ICC ODI World Cup and boasts of over 40 brands in his endorsement portfolio.

Ranveer Singh was at number two rank at a brand value of \$203.1 million lending his name to endorse 50 brands.

Meanwhile, Shah Rukh Khan jumped to third spot with a brand value of \$ 120.7 million, marking his return to the top five club for the first time since 2020 in Kroll's Celebrity brand valuation rankings.

Akshay Kumar stood at the fourth spot in 2023 at a brand value of \$111.7 million, followed by Alia Bhatt at the fifth spot at \$101.1 million.

Deepika Padukone, MS Dhoni, Sachin Tendulkar, Amitabh Bachchan and Salman Khan are the other celebs ranked among the top ten most valued celebs in the rankings.

Kiara Advani saw a meteoric rise in brand value moving from rank 16 to rank 12 at \$66 million. Also, Katrina Kaif featured in the list of India's most valued celebrity brands for the first time in the last five years with a valuation of \$27.1 million.

**223. Fitch Ratings raises India's growth forecast to how much percent for FY25?**

फिच रेटिंग्स ने वित्त वर्ष 2025 के लिए भारत के विकास का अनुमान बढ़ाकर कितने प्रतिशत कर दिया है?

- (a) 7.1%
- (b) 7.2%
- (c) 7.3%
- (d) 7.4%
- (e) 7.6%

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Fitch Ratings raises India's growth forecast by 20 bps to 7.2% for FY25

Fitch Ratings has raised its growth estimates for India by 20 basis points to 7.2 per cent citing positive economic outlook driven by recovering consumer confidence and increased investment.

The Indian economy grew at an impressive rate of 8.2 per cent in FY24, driven by a stronger-than-expected expansion of 7.8 per cent in the fourth quarter. The World Bank last week-maintained India's growth forecast at 6.6 per cent for FY25, affirming the country's position as the fastest-growing economy among major economies.

Meanwhile, the RBI raised its growth projection for FY25 to 7.2 per cent from an earlier estimate of 7 per cent in its last monetary policy review.

**Updated GDP List**

- CII – 8% (FY25)
- World Bank – 6.6% (FY25), 6.7% (FY26), 6.8% (FY27)
- RBI – 7.2% (FY25)
- Goldman Sachs – 6.8% (FY25), 6.9% (CY24)
- DBS Bank – 7% (FY25)
- NSO – 8.2% (FY24)
- UN – 6.9% (FY24), 6.6% (FY25)
- Moody's – 6.6% (FY25)

**224. In June 2024 ICICI Prudential Life Insurance offered a \_\_\_\_\_ lifetime discount for women on all premiums for its best-selling term insurance product, iProtect Smart.**

जून 2024 में आईसीआईसीआई प्रूडेंशियल लाइफ इंश्योरेंस ने अपने सबसे ज्यादा बिकने वाले टर्म इंश्योरेंस उत्पाद, आईप्रोटेक्ट स्मार्ट के सभी प्रीमियम पर महिलाओं के लिए \_\_\_\_\_ आजीवन छूट की पेशकश की है?

- (a) 10%
- (b) 15%
- (c) 20%
- (d) 25%
- (e) 12%

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** ICICI Prudential Life offers Lifetime 15% Discount for Women on iProtect Smart Term Plan

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance offered a 15% lifetime discount for women on all premiums for its best-selling term insurance product, iProtect Smart.

Furthermore, salaried/working women will be eligible for an additional 15% off the first year's payment, allowing them to create financial stability for themselves and their loved ones.

**What's Included?**

- iProtect Smart combined with the critical illness benefit, provides cover against 34 critical illnesses including ailments such as breast, ovarian, uterine and cervical cancers.
- This combination offers benefits of both health and life insurance. Importantly, the critical illness cover amount is paid out on diagnosis, providing the requisite financial resources for seeking immediate medical treatment.
- iProtect Smart, along with the critical disease benefit, covers 34 critical illnesses, including breast, ovarian, uterine, and cervical cancer.
- This combination provides the benefits of both health and life insurance. The critical illness coverage sum is paid out upon diagnosis, providing the necessary financial resources for rapid medical treatment.

**225. In June 2024, Namdev Finvest entered into a strategic alliance with which insurance company to offer comprehensive financial solutions, including insurance and NBFC services, to its customers?**

**जून 2024 में, नामदेव फिनवेस्ट ने अपने ग्राहकों को बीमा और एनबीएफसी सेवाओं सहित व्यापक वित्तीय समाधान प्रदान करने के लिए किस बीमा कंपनी के साथ रणनीतिक गठबंधन किया?**

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance / बजाज आलियांज जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (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.** Namdev Finvest partners with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

Namdev Finvest, a Jaipur based NBFC, has entered into strategic alliance with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, a leading insurance platform, to offer comprehensive financial solutions, including insurance and NBFC services, to its customers.

The strategic alliance leverages Namdev's customer network and geographic presence, backed by Bajaj General Insurance's expertise in insurance products.

As a result, the integrated products and services are expected to be rolled out in phases, with the initial offerings being available in key markets.

By the end of the year, these integrated products and services will be made available in all branches, ensuring nationwide availability.

MD of Namdev Finvest Pvt. Ltd - Jitendra Tanwar

**Recent MoUs Signed in Banking Sector**

- MEA signed MoU with SBI to enhance digital payment services for eMigrate portal users
- Kotak Life partners with Mahindra Finance to offer life insurance solutions
- SBI and Muthoot Microfin join forces to support women entrepreneurs
- Axis Bank partners with Bajaj Allianz for strategic bancassurance
- PNB partners with IIFCL to provide financing for infrastructure projects
- Axis Bank and Mastercard Introduce NFC Soundbox

**226. In June 2024, which of the following small finance bank decided to discontinue the services of business correspondent Swasraya Multi-State Agro co-operative Society Limited to reduce concentration risks and absorb its 5,000 plus employees on the rolls of the lender?**

जून 2024 में, निम्नलिखित में से किस लघु वित्त बैंक ने सांद्रता जोखिम को कम करने और अपने 5,000 से अधिक कर्मचारियों को ऋणदाता के रोल पर अवशोषित करने के लिए बिजनेस कॉरिस्पोंडेंट स्वश्रय मल्टी-स्टेट एग्रो को-ऑपरेटिव सोसाइटी लिमिटेड की सेवाओं को बंद करने का फैसला किया?

- (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) ESAF Small Finance Bank Limited / ESAF स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (e) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited / इक्विटास स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** ESAF SFB to discontinue business correspondent services of ESMACO

ESAF Small Finance Bank (ESAF SFB) has decided to discontinue the services of business correspondent ESAF Swasraya Multi State Agro Co-operative Society Limited (ESMACO) to reduce concentration risks and absorb its 5,000 plus employees on the rolls of the lender.

The discontinuation will reduce the contribution of ESMACO to the management of the gross advances to 14.90 %.

The discontinuation of the scope of services is not expected to have a material adverse financial impact on the bank.

The decision was part of the bank's strategy to mitigate concentration risk associated with reliance on a single business correspondent and to bring the business operations in-house.

#### **About ESAF Small Finance Bank**

- **Founded-** 10 March 2017
- **Founders-** K. Paul Thomas, Mereena Paul, Jacob Samuel
- **Headquarters-** Thrissur, Kerala
- **MD & CEO** - Paul Thomas K

**227. Ajith Kumar KK has been appointed MD & CEO of which of the following bank?**

**अजित कुमार केके को निम्नलिखित में से किस बैंक का एमडी और सीईओ नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Dhanalakshmi Bank / धनलक्ष्मी बैंक
- (d) Karnataka Bank / कर्नाटक बैंक
- (e) Karur Vyasya Bank / करूर व्यास बैंक

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Ajith Kumar KK appointed as MD and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank

Private sector Dhanlaxmi Bank has appointed Ajith Kumar KK as Managing Director (MD) of the bank.

He is a seasoned banker with over 36 years of experience with the Federal Bank in various facets of banking including Credit, Human Resources, Business, Branch Banking etc.

He is presently the Chief Human Resources Officer at Federal Bank in the cadre of president, it said.

**About Dhanlaxmi Bank**

- Established - 14 November 1927
- Headquarters – Thrissur, Kerala
- CEO & MD - Ajith Kumar KK

**228. Who has been appointed as the Independent Director of Paytm?**

पेटीएम के स्वतंत्र निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Rajnish Kumar / रजनीश कुमार
- (b) Joshit Ranjan Sikidar / जोशित रंजन सिकिदार
- (c) Rajeev Agarwal / राजीव अग्रवाल
- (d) Tablesh Pandey / तबलेश पांडे
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty / सिद्धार्थ मोहंती

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Paytm names Ex-SEBI Official Rajeev Agarwal as non-executive independent director

Neeraj Arora, the former Chief Business Officer of WhatsApp, has resigned from the board of One97 Communications, the parent company of fintech giant Paytm.

Arora was a key figure in negotiating the WhatsApp merger deal with social media major Facebook.

He has co-founded his own social networking Hallo App and a venture capital firm Venture Highway.

Paytm has onboarded former whole-time director of market regulator SEBI Rajeev Krishnamuralilal Agarwal as an independent director for five years.

**Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- **DG of ESIC** - Kamal Kishore Soan
- **MD & CEO of PNB MetLife India Insurance** - Sameer Bansal (replace Ashish Srivastava)
- **CEO of Asirvad Micro Finance Limited** - Satish Nair
- **Independent Director of Cashfree Payments** - Abhaya Hota
- **Chairman of ICICI Prudential Board** - Sandeep Batra

**229. Which Indian has been conferred with the 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award' for his contribution to films?**  
**किस भारतीय को फिल्मों में उनके योगदान के लिए 'नेल्सन मंडेला लाइफटाइम अचीवमेंट अवार्ड' से सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (a) Gaurav Banerjee / गौरव बनर्जी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Vinod Ganatra / विनोद गणात्रा
- (d) Raj Priy Singh / राज प्रिय सिंह
- (e) Inder Pal Singh Bindra / इंद्रपाल सिंह बिंद्रा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Vinod Ganatra conferred 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award'

Eminent children's film-maker Vinod Ganatra has been conferred with South Africa's prestigious 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award' for his contribution to films.

Vinod Ganatra becomes the first Indian to be honoured with the 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award.

Vinod Gantra was conferred with the award at the 7th Nelson Mandela Children's Film Festival for his outstanding contribution to children's cinema.

Ganatra has won 36 national and international awards. He is also the recipient of the "DadaSaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award" conferred by the Association of Film and Video Editors. '

Ganatra also has the distinction of being a member of the jury of over 100 national, regional and international film festivals world over.

#### **Recent Award**

- **V Shantaram, Lifetime Achievement Award 2024** - Subbiah Nallamuth
- **Risk Manager of the Year Award by Central Banking, UK** - RBI
- **Databricks Retail and CPG Partner of the Year Award** - Tredence (a global data science and AI solutions company)
- **2024 Oscar Academy Gold Rising Program** - Nethra Gururaj,
- **Best Conduct of Business Regulator award** - SEBI

**230. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the main International Yoga Day event in Srinagar on June 21. What is the theme of International Yoga Day 2024?**

**प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी 21 जून को श्रीनगर में मुख्य अंतर्राष्ट्रीय योग दिवस कार्यक्रम का नेतृत्व करेंगे। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय योग दिवस 2024 का विषय क्या है?**

- (a) Yoga for Heart
- (b) Yoga For Wellness
- (c) Yoga for health
- (d) Yoga for all
- (e) Yoga for Self and Society

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** PM Modi to lead yoga day celebrations from Srinagar on June 21

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the main International Yoga Day event in Srinagar on June 21, as India gears up to celebrate the ancient practice of yoga on a global scale.

This year's theme, "Yoga for Self and Society," highlights the importance of incorporating yoga into every aspect of life for individual and community well-being.

Additionally, the Jammu and Kashmir government is organizing yoga events simultaneously at all district headquarters. Yoga, an ancient physical, mental, and spiritual practice originating in India, symbolizes the union of body and consciousness. Since 2015, the International Day of Yoga has been celebrated annually on June 21, following its adoption by the United Nations in 2014.

Ahead of the International Yoga Day, Prime Minister Modi called upon people to reiterate their commitment to making yoga an integral part of their lives.

**231. In which district of Uttar Pradesh's first bioplastic park will be set up?**

**उत्तर प्रदेश का पहला बायोप्लास्टिक पार्क किस जिले में स्थापित किया जाएगा?**

- (a) Ayodhya / अयोध्या
- (b) Kannauj / कन्नौज
- (c) Kanpur / कानपुर
- (d) Lucknow / लखनऊ
- (e) Lakhimpur Kheri / लखीमपुर खीरी

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Bioplastic Park to be set up in UP Lakhimpur Kheri district

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to set up a bioplastic park in the state to deal with the problem of environmental pollution caused by the petroleum derivative based plastic products in the state.

The bioplastic park to be developed on 1000 hectares of land will be constructed in Kumbhi village, Gola Gokarnnath tehsil, Lakhimpur Kheri district.

The project will be developed with an estimated cost of Rs 2000 crore.

The state government has made the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) the nodal agency for the development of the bioplastic park.

**232. Which ministry has initiated a nationwide campaign focused on Tobacco Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI)?\**

**किस मंत्रालय ने तंबाकू मुक्त शैक्षणिक संस्थानों (ToFEI) पर केंद्रित एक राष्ट्रव्यापी अभियान शुरू किया है?**

- (a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare / स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय
- (b) Ministry of Environment and Forests / पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय
- (c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs / आवास और शहरी मामलों के मंत्रालय
- (d) Ministry of Education / शिक्षा मंत्रालय
- (e) Ministry of Jal Shakti (Water) / जल शक्ति मंत्रालय (जल)

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** MoE launches nationwide campaign on Tobacco Free Educational Institutions

The Ministry of Education (MoE) under the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) has initiated a nationwide campaign focused on Tobacco Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI).

Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education has developed a "ToFEI Implementation Manual" for schools and launched it on World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) which was observed on 31st May, 2024.

The objective is to make educational institutions across the nation comply with the ToFEI guidelines and become #Tobacco Free Area.

The initiative outlines several key measures to be implemented in schools nationwide, including the display of "Tobacco Free Area" signage within school premises, prohibiting evidence of tobacco use on campus, organizing regular tobacco control activities, and nominating "Tobacco Monitors" among staff.

**233. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of SBI General Insurance Company Limited?**

एसबीआई जनरल इश्योरेंस कंपनी लिमिटेड के नए प्रबंध निदेशक और मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (एमडी और सीईओ) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Rajnish Kumar / रजनीश कुमार
- (b) Joshit Ranjan Sikidar / जोशित रंजन सिकिदार
- (c) Rajeev Agarwal / राजीव अग्रवाल
- (d) Tablesh Pandey / तबलेश पांडे
- (e) Naveen Chandra Jha / नवीन चंद्र झा

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Naveen Chandra Jha appointed as MD & CEO of SBI General Insurance

Naveen Chandra Jha has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of SBI General Insurance Company Limited.

He succeeds Kishore Kumar Poludasu.

Jha has been associated with the State Bank of India since 1994 and has held several key positions during his tenure.

Prior to his current role at SBI General Insurance, Jha served as Deputy Managing Director of SBI.

**Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- **MD & CEO for Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Mgmt. Company** - A Balasubramanian (reappointment for 3 years)
- **Chairperson of Sa-Dhan** - Paul Thomas
- **CMD of New India Assurance Company** - Girija Subramanian
- **Non-executive Independent Director of Paytm** - Neeraj Arora
- **MD and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank** - Ajith Kumar KK
- **DG of ESIC** - Kamal Kishore Soan

**234. Who will represent India at the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in Astana in July 2024?**

**जुलाई 2024 में अस्ताना में शंघाई सहयोग संगठन (एससीओ) के वार्षिक शिखर सम्मेलन में भारत का प्रतिनिधित्व कौन करेगा?**

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
- (c) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (d) Ajit Doval / अजीत डोभाल
- (e) S Jaishankar / एस जयशंकर

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** S Jaishankar to represent India at SCO summit in Kazakhstan

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will represent India at the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in Astana.

The SCO summit to be held on July 3 and 4 is expected to focus on the regional security situation and ways to boost connectivity and trade.

The SCO, comprising India, China, Russia, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan is an influential economic and security bloc that has emerged as one of the largest transregional international organisations.

India's association with the SCO began in 2005 as an observer country. It became a full member state of the SCO at the Astana summit in 2017.

The SCO was founded at a summit in Shanghai in 2001 by the presidents of Russia, China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Pakistan became its permanent member along with India in 2017.

**235. In June 2024, Turkey has been removed from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) 'grey list' after recent evaluations of the country's progress on money laundering and terrorist financing. Where is the headquarters of FATF?**

**जून 2024 में, मनी लॉन्ड्रिंग और आतंकवादी वित्तपोषण पर देश की प्रगति के हालिया मूल्यांकन के बाद तुर्की को वित्तीय कार्रवाई कार्य बल (एफएटीएफ) की 'ग्रे सूची' से हटा दिया गया है। FATF का मुख्यालय कहाँ है?**

- (a) Nyon, Switzerland / न्योन, स्विट्जरलैंड
- (b) Berlin, Germany / बर्लिन, जर्मनी
- (c) Paris, France / पेरिस, फ्रांस
- (d) Sofia, Bulgaria / सोफिया, बुल्गारिया
- (e) Vienna, Austria / वियना, ऑस्ट्रिया

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Turkey removed from Money Laundering Grey List

Turkey has been removed from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) 'grey list' after recent evaluations of the country's progress on money laundering and terrorist financing.

Turkey was placed on the FATF grey list in 2021 due to concerns about money laundering and terrorist financing in the country.

Turkey has made "significant progress" in improving its regime of anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism.

Turkey's removal from the grey list is expected to enhance foreign investor confidence and potentially boost the Turkish lira and assets.

The move comes at a crucial time as Turkey battles soaring inflation and a cost-of-living crisis. Improved international standing could facilitate better economic conditions and investor relations.

#### **About Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**

- **Founded** - 1989
- **Headquarters** - Paris, France
- **Membership** - 39
- **President** - T Raja Kumar (Singapore)

**236. Who has been awarded the 12th Vishwa Hindi Samman at a Hindi Samvad event organized by the Embassy of India in Nepal?**

नेपाल में भारतीय दूतावास द्वारा आयोजित हिंदी संवाद कार्यक्रम में 12वें विश्व हिंदी सम्मान से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (a) Deepak Shenoy / दीपक शेनॉय
- (b) Neeli Bendapudi / नीली बेंदापुडी
- (c) Usha Thakur / उषा ठाकुर
- (d) Shanti Lakra /शांति लकड़ा
- (e) Deepika Misra / दीपिका मिश्रा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Dr. Usha Thakur awarded 12th Vishwa Hindi Samman

Dr. Usha Thakur was awarded the 12th Vishwa Hindi Samman (World Hindi Conference) at a Hindi Samvad event organized by the Embassy of India in Nepal.

She has translated more than 40 literatures in Hindi and Nepali and strengthened Hindi language. This award is given by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

12th World Hindi Conference was held in Fiji in 2023. As Dr Thakur could not attend the event in Fiji, she was given the award in an event organised in Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu.

**Recent Award**

- **UK Commonwealth Short Story Prize 2024** - Sanjana Thakur (For Aishwarya Rai)
- **Pen Pinter Prize 2024** - Arundhati Roy (for Unflinching and unswerving)
- **PSU Leadership & Excellence Award 2024** - THDC India Limited (category of 'Leadership in Digital Transformation).
- **National award for APY implementation** - Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank
- **Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award** - Vinod Ganatra

**237. Deputy National Security Advisor Vikram Misri will take charge as the \_\_\_\_\_ from July 15.**

**उप राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा सलाहकार विक्रम मिसरी 15 जुलाई से \_\_\_\_\_ का कार्यभार संभालेंगे।**

- (a) National Security Advisor
- (b) Foreign Secretary
- (c) Defence Secretary
- (d) Home Secretary
- (e) Revenue Secretary

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Deputy NSA Vikram Misri to be new Foreign Secretary

Deputy National Security Advisor Vikram Misri will take charge as the Foreign Secretary on July 15.

Mr. Misri, who is a former Indian ambassador to China, will succeed current Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra.

Before he was appointed as the Deputy NSA, Vikram Misri served as India's ambassador to China from 2019-2021.

Misri, 59, is believed to have played a key role in talks between India and China after tensions flared significantly following the Galwan Valley clashes in June, 2020.

Misri also served as India's ambassador to Spain (2014-2016) and Myanmar (2016-2018) besides having stints in many Indian missions including Pakistan, the US, Germany, Belgium and Sri Lanka.

**Other Important Secretaries**

- **Revenue Secretary** - Sanjay Malhotra
- **Defence Secretary** - Giridhar Aramane
- **Economic Affairs Secretary** - Ajay Seth
- **Finance Secretary** - T. V. Somanathan
- **Expenditure Secretary** - T. V. Somanathan
- **Home Secretary** - Ajay Kumar Bhalla
- **MoSPI Secretary** - Dr. G. P. Samanta

**238. Which company has been chosen by NASA to dismantle the International Space Station?**

नासा ने अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अंतरिक्ष स्टेशन को ध्वस्त करने के लिए किस कंपनी को चुना है?

- (a) Blue Origin
- (b) Boeing
- (c) Neuralink
- (d) Rocket Lab
- (e) SpaceX

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** NASA picks SpaceX to destroy International Space Station

NASA had picked SpaceX to build a vessel to carry the International Space Station back through Earth's atmosphere and on to a final resting place in the Pacific Ocean after it is retired in 2030.

Elon Musk's company has been awarded a contract with a potential value of US\$843 million to develop and deliver the spaceship, dubbed the US Deorbit Vehicle.

Selecting a US Deorbit Vehicle for the International Space Station will help NASA and its international partners ensure a safe and responsible transition in low Earth orbit at the end of station operations.

Weighing 430,000 kilograms (950,000) pounds, the ISS is by far the largest single structure ever built in space.

The first segment of the ISS was launched in 1998, and it has been continuously inhabited by an international crew since 2001.

**239. In a first for the Indian Railways, the Central Railway (CR) has installed a floating solar power plant of 10MWp capacity in the Igatpuri Lake. Igatpuri Lake is located in which state?**

भारतीय रेलवे में पहली बार सेंट्रल रेलवे (CR) ने इगतपुरी झील में 10MWp क्षमता का फ्लोटिंग सोलर पावर प्लांट लगाया है। इगतपुरी झील किस राज्य में स्थित है?

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

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Central Railway installs first-ever Floating Solar Plant in Nashik Lake

In a first for the Indian Railways, the Central Railway (CR) has installed a floating solar power plant of 10MWp capacity in the Igatpuri Lake in Nashik, Maharashtra.

Stepping towards its ultimate goal of zero carbon emission by 2030, the CR has already commissioned 12.05 MWp (MegaWatt peak) solar plants on railway stations' rooftops and buildings, adding 4 MWp last year.

This has resulted in a saving of ₹4.62 crore in 2023-2024, plus saving carbon footprints of around 6.95 tons. We plan to install additional 7 MWp solar power plants in the current year.

Besides 61 MW solar energy, the CR is already tapping 56.4 MW wind energy, and it has signed PPA's to utilize 325 MW solar and wind energy on a 24-hour basis.

The CR's current monthly power consumption is 236.92 million units for traction work and 9.7 million units for other non-traction works. After the commissioning of the above sources of renewables, the CR expects that 70 per cent of its traction energy will be green.

**240. International Pineapple Day is celebrated every year on which day?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अनानास दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 27 June
- (b) 28 June
- (c) 29 June
- (d) 30 June
- (e) 26 June

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 27 June - International Pineapple Day

International Pineapple Day is celebrated every year on 27 June.

This day is dedicated to the tropical fruit pineapple and its nutritional, economic, and cultural benefits.

The day dates back to the 17th and 18th centuries when pineapples were used as a symbol of warmth and welcome.

In Asia, pineapples symbolize prosperity and good fortune, while in the Caribbean, they symbolize friendship.

### 241. Which city is hosting the world's premier defense and security expo Eurosatory 2024?

कौन सा शहर दुनिया के प्रमुख रक्षा और सुरक्षा एक्सपो यूरोसैटरी 2024 की मेजबानी कर रहा है?

- (a) New Delhi, India / नई दिल्ली, भारत
- (b) Berlin, Germany / बर्लिन, जर्मनी
- (c) Paris, France / पेरिस, फ्रांस
- (d) Sofia, Bulgaria / सोफिया, बुल्गारिया
- (e) London, UK / लंदन, यूके

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Paris hosts the world's premier defense and security expo Eurosatory 2024

The global defense and security industry is being converging on Paris for the highly anticipated Eurosatory 2024. With over 60,000 visitors and approximately 2,000 exhibitors, this event is set to be a significant gathering for industry professionals.

The five-day event will be held at the expansive Paris Nord Villepinte Exhibition Centre.

The event will feature more than 40 national pavilions, showcasing new equipment and innovative solutions. Additionally, a dedicated zone for helicopters will display models such as the Eurocopter Tiger, NH90 Caiman, H160M Guepard, H135, Apache, Black Hawk, and Chinook.

#### **About France**

- **Capital-** Paris
- **President-** Emmanuel Macron
- **Prime Minister-** Gabriel Attal (replace Elisabeth Borne)
- **Official language-** French

**242. Who has inaugurated the new campus of Nalanda University at Rajgir in Nalanda district?**

**नालंदा जिले के राजगीर में नालंदा विश्वविद्यालय के नए परिसर का उद्घाटन किसने किया?**

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (c) Nitish Kumar / नीतीश कुमार
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मु
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** PM Modi inaugurate New Campus of Nalanda University at Rajgir

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the new campus of Nalanda University at Rajgir in Nalanda district.

Nalanda University is conceived as a collaboration between India and East Asia Summit (EAS) countries.

Equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure the University campus is spread over 450 acres.

Based on the theme of environmental conservation the campus has been made as a 'Net Zero' Green Campus.

For energy and other needs, the university is self-sustainable with a solar plant, domestic and drinking water treatment plant, and water recycling plant for reusing wastewater. It has several water bodies spread over the 100-acre area and many other environment-friendly facilities.

**243. International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is observed every year on which day?**

संघर्ष में यौन हिंसा के उन्मूलन के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 17 June
- (b) 18 June
- (c) 19 June
- (d) 20 June
- (e) 21 June

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 19 June - International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict

International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is observed every year on 19 June.

Objective - To raise awareness about the serious issue of sexual violence during wars and conflicts worldwide. It also focuses on finding ways to stop these terrible crimes.

The United Nations declared June 19 as this special day in 2015, commemorating the adoption of a resolution that condemned sexual violence as a tactic of war and an impediment to building peace.

**244. International Day for Countering Hate Speech is observed every year on which day?**

**घृणास्पद भाषण का मुकाबला करने के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 17 June
- (b) 18 June
- (c) 19 June
- (d) 20 June
- (e) 21 June

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 18 June - International Day for Countering Hate Speech

International Day for Countering Hate Speech is observed every year on 18 June.

In July 2021, the UN General Assembly highlighted global concerns over “the exponential spread and proliferation of hate speech” around the world and adopted a resolution on “promoting inter-religious and intercultural dialogue and tolerance in countering hate speech”.

The resolution proclaimed 18 June as the International Day for Countering Hate Speech, building on the UN Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech launched on 18 June 2019.

To observe the Day, the United Nations invites governments, international organizations, civil society groups, and individuals to hold events and initiatives promoting strategies to identify, address and counter hate speech.

The resolution recognizes the need to counter discrimination, xenophobia and hate speech and calls on all relevant actors, including States, to increase their efforts to address this phenomenon, in line with international human rights law.

**245. World Sickle Cell Day is observed every year on which day?**

**विश्व सिकल सेल दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 17 June
- (b) 18 June
- (c) 19 June
- (d) 20 June
- (e) 21 June

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 19 June - World Sickle Cell Day

World Sickle Cell Day is an annual observance held on June 19.

Objective - To enhance public knowledge and understanding of sickle cell disease, as well as the challenges faced by patients, their families, and caregivers.

Theme 2024 - Hope Through Progress: Advancing Sickle Cell Care Globally.

Recognized by the United Nations (UN), World Sickle Cell Day aims to raise global awareness of sickle cell disease. A resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 22, 2008, recognized sickle cell disease as a public health problem and "one of the world's most important genetic diseases".

The resolution urges Member States to promote sickle cell disease awareness nationally and internationally on June 19 each year.

**246. Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and \_\_\_\_\_ have signed a MoU for collaboration in cyber security to enhance India's cyber-resilience in the financial sector.**

भारतीय कंप्यूटर आपातकालीन प्रतिक्रिया दल (CERT-In) और \_\_\_\_\_ ने वित्तीय क्षेत्र में भारत की साइबर-लचीलापन को बढ़ाने के लिए साइबर सुरक्षा में सहयोग के लिए एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।

- (a) American Express
- (b) RuPay
- (c) Mastercard India
- (d) VISA
- (e) all of above

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** CERT-In and Mastercard India signed MoU to Boost Cyber Security in Financial Sector

Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and Mastercard India have signed MoU for collaboration in cyber security to enhance India's cyber-resilience in the financial sector.

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology said, two entities will leverage their shared expertise to strengthen the financial sector's cybersecurity incident response.

Mastercard and CERT-In will hold training programs and workshops for cyber capacity building, latest market trends and best practices to enhance cyber security of financial sector organizations.

The two entities will also share relevant cyber threat trends, technical information, threat intelligence, and vulnerability reports to strengthen the financial sector information security of India.

**247. In June 2024, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in collaboration with which government hosted a comprehensive and productive roundtable to discuss learnings from the Australia-India Significant Agriculture Skills Pilot Project?**

जून 2024 में, कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्रालय (MSDE) ने किस सरकार के सहयोग से ऑस्ट्रेलिया-भारत महत्वपूर्ण कृषि कौशल पायलट परियोजना से सीखों पर चर्चा करने के लिए एक व्यापक और उत्पादक गोलमेज सम्मेलन की मेजबानी की?

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

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** MSDE partners with Australian Government to energise Agriculture Sector of India with emerging skills. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), in collaboration with the Australian Government, hosted a comprehensive and productive roundtable to discuss the learnings from the Australia-India Critical Agriculture Skills Pilot Project.

The findings were shared with MSDE and the Australian Government and subsequently 107 emerging job roles were mapped to identify the 5 critical emerging job roles in the agriculture sector for the pilot projects.

The six pilot projects nearing completion have been implemented in 4 states, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.

**248. In June 2024, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Zurich Insurance Company's acquisition of a \_\_\_\_\_ stake in Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company for ₹5,560 crore.**

**जून 2024 में, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) ने ज्यूरिख इंश्योरेंस कंपनी को कोटक महिंद्रा जनरल इंश्योरेंस कंपनी में ₹5,560 करोड़ में \_\_\_\_\_ हिस्सेदारी के अधिग्रहण को मंजूरी दे दी है।**

- (a) 10%
- (b) 30%
- (c) 40%
- (d) 70%
- (e) 100%

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Zurich Insurance completes majority stake buy in Kotak General Insurance

Zurich Insurance Company Limited (Zurich) has successful completion of majority stake acquisition in Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited (Kotak General) from Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMB) following the receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals.

Zurich has acquired a 70 percent stake in Kotak General for a total consideration of ₹5,560 crore (\$670 million), through a combination of fresh growth capital and share purchase.

The transaction marks the largest foreign investment in India's general insurance market and is the first by a foreign insurer since the foreign direct investment (FDI) limit was raised from 49 percent to 74 percent in 2021.

With this, Kotak General has ceased to be a wholly-owned subsidiary of KMB and the bank now holds the remaining 30 percent of the share capital of Kotak General.

**249. Which payments bank has partnered with Ria Money Transfer to provide convenient and affordable doorstep financial services to customers in remote areas across the country?**

किस पेमेंट्स बैंक ने देश भर के दूरदराज के इलाकों में ग्राहकों को सुविधाजनक और किफायती डोरस्टेप वित्तीय सेवाएं प्रदान करने के लिए रिया मनी ट्रांसफर के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) Airtel Payments Bank / एयरटेल पेमेंट्स बैंक
- (b) India Post Payments Bank / इंडिया पोस्ट पेमेंट्स बैंक
- (c) FINO Payments Bank / फिनो पेमेंट्स बैंक
- (d) Paytm Payments Bank / पेटीएम पेमेंट्स बैंक
- (e) Jio Payments Bank / जियो पेमेंट्स बैंक

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** IPPB partners with Ria Money Transfer to enhance doorstep financial services nationwide

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has partnered with Ria Money Transfer, a global leader in cross-border money transfers to provide convenient and affordable doorstep financial services to customers in remote areas across the country.

The partnership between IPPB and Ria will enhance access to banking services at customers' doorsteps, allowing them to withdraw only the amounts they need immediately.

This initiative aims to mitigate the previous challenges and risks, fostering true financial inclusion.

Through this partnership, the International Inward Money Transfer service will initially be available at over 25 thousand Post Office locations, with an expected reach of over One Lakh locations through the Post Offices.

**250. The Department of Animal Husbandry in partnership with the World Bank has organised an Avian Influenza Outbreak and Response Simulation Exercise in which city?**

पशुपालन विभाग ने विश्व बैंक के साथ साझेदारी में किस शहर में एवियन इन्फ्लूएंजा प्रकोप और प्रतिक्रिया सिमुलेशन अभ्यास का आयोजन किया है?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Bhopal / भोपाल
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Avian Influenza Outbreak and Response Simulation Exercise held at Bhopal

The Department of Animal Husbandry, in partnership with the World Bank has organized an Avian Influenza Outbreak and Response Simulation Exercise in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

This workshop comes at a crucial time as we face unusual outbreaks of Avian Influenza in Kerala and witness a global trend of spillovers to non-poultry species, including cattle.

The two-day workshop aims to enhance preparedness and response capabilities for avian influenza outbreaks.

#### **About Madhya Pradesh**

- **Capital** – Bhopal
- **Chief Minister** – Dr Mohan Yadav (replace Shivraj Singh Chauhan)
- **Deputy CM** - Jagdish Devda & Rajendra Shukla
- **Speaker of Madhya Pradesh Assembly** - Narendra Singh Tomar
- **Governor** – Mangubhai C. Patel
- **Lok Shaba Seats** – 29
- **Rajya Sabha Seats** – 11
- **Legislative Assembly Seats** - 230

**251. Which bank in collaboration with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched the RuPay Wave Credit Card to offer customers UPI-powered transactions on RuPay network?**

किस बैंक ने भारतीय राष्ट्रीय भुगतान निगम (एनपीसीआई) के सहयोग से ग्राहकों को रुपये नेटवर्क पर यूपीआई-संचालित लेनदेन की पेशकश करने के लिए रुपये वेव क्रेडिट कार्ड लॉन्च किया है?

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

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Federal Bank launches RuPay Wave credit card Federal Bank, in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has launched RuPay Wave Credit Card to offer customers UPI-powered transactions on RuPay network. The bank's cardholders can now link their RuPay Wave credit card to their preferred UPI applications, which would enable them swift and secure transactions with just a couple of clicks on their mobile devices. The benefits offered for customers include no AMC or joining fees, 10 per cent cash back on the first five UPI transactions made using the Wave credit card, 1000 bonus reward points upon quarterly spends of ₹50,000.

### **About Federal Bank**

- Founded- 23 April 1931
- Founder- K.P Hormis
- Headquarters - Kochi, Kerala
- CEO- Shyam Srinivasan

**252. Who has been appointed as the new secretary-general of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)?**  
**नाटो (उत्तरी अटलांटिक संधि संगठन) के नए महासचिव के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Pieter Omtzigt / पीटर ओमटज़िग्ट
- (b) Sigrid Kaag / सिग्रिड काग
- (c) Mona Keijzer / मोना कीजर
- (d) Izaäk Rutte / इज़ाक रूटे
- (e) Mark Rutte / मार्क रूटे

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Mark Rutte appoint as new secretary-general of NATO

Mark Rutte will appoint as the new secretary-general of NATO. Mark Rutte will succeed Jens Stoltenberg.

Rutte has been the PM of Netherlands for 14 years. Rutte will take over NATO's leadership at a critical time. His new job will begin by Oct. 2, just over a month before the U.S. election, which will shape the fate of the military alliance that has served as Eastern Europe's most successful deterrence to an aggressive Russia.

**About North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**

- **Founded** - 1949
- **Headquarters** - Brussels, Belgium
- **Secretary General**- Mark Rutte
- **Member countries** -32 (32<sup>nd</sup> Sweden, 31<sup>st</sup> Finland)
- **Founding Members** - United States, Canada, and ten European countries, including Belgium, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, and the United Kingdom.
- NATO is a military alliance between North American and European countries.

**253. The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of Ministry of Home Affairs for Central Sector Scheme "NFIES" with a total financial outlay of Rs. 2254.43 crore during the period from 2024-25 to 2028-29.**

**What is the full form of the NFIES Scheme?**

केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने 2024-25 से 2028-29 की अवधि के दौरान 2254.43 करोड़ रुपये के कुल वित्तीय परिव्यय के साथ केंद्रीय क्षेत्र योजना "NFIES" के लिए गृह मंत्रालय के प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी दे दी है। NFIES योजना का पूरा नाम क्या है?

- (a) National Forest Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme
- (b) National Future Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme
- (c) National Forensic Innovations Enhancement Scheme
- (d) National Forensic Infrastructure Environment Scheme
- (e) National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Cabinet approves Central Sector Scheme "National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme" (NFIES) The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of Ministry of Home Affairs for Central Sector Scheme "National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme (NFIES)" with a total financial outlay of Rs. 2254.43 crore during the period from 2024-25 to 2028-29.

Financial outlay of the Central Sector Scheme will be provisioned by the Ministry of Home Affairs from its own budget.

The Cabinet has approved the following components under this Scheme:

- i. Establishment of Campuses of the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) in the country.
- ii. Establishment of Central Forensic Science Laboratories in the country.
- iii. Enhancement of existing infrastructure of the Delhi Campus of the NFSU.

**254. The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) for the development of Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport at an estimated cost of Rs.2869.65 crore. Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport is located in which state?**

केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने 2869.65 करोड़ रुपये की अनुमानित लागत से लाल बहादुर शास्त्री अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे के विकास के लिए भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) के प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी दे दी है। लाल बहादुर शास्त्री अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा किस राज्य में स्थित है?

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

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Union Cabinet approves development of Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi, UP

The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi has approved the proposal of Airports Authority of India (AAI) for development of Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, Varanasi including Construction of New Terminal Building, Apron Extension, Runway Extension, Parallel Taxi Track & Allied works.

The estimated financial outgo will be Rs. 2869.65 Crore for enhancing the passenger handling capacity of the airport to 9.9 million passengers per annum (MPPA) from the existing 3.9 MPPA.

The New Terminal Building, which encompasses an area of 75,000 sqm is designed for a capacity of 6 MPPA and for handling 5000 Peak Hour Passengers (PHP).

The proposal includes extending the runway to dimensions 4075m x 45m and constructing a new Apron to park 20 aircraft.

Varanasi airport will be developed as a green airport with the primary objective of ensuring environmental sustainability through energy optimization, waste recycling, carbon footprint reduction, solar energy utilization, and incorporation of natural daylighting, alongside other sustainable measures throughout the planning, development, and operational stages.

**255. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has received a Request for Proposal (RFP) from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for the procurement of 156 Light Combat Helicopters (LCHs) Prachand, estimated to cost Rs 45,000 crore. Where is the headquarters of HAL?**  
**हिंदुस्तान एयरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड (HAL) को 156 लाइट कॉम्बैट हेलीकॉप्टर (LCH) प्रचंड की खरीद के लिए रक्षा मंत्रालय (MoD) से प्रस्ताव के लिए अनुरोध (RFP) प्राप्त हुआ है, जिसकी अनुमानित लागत 45,000 करोड़ रुपये है। HAL का मुख्यालय कहाँ है?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** HAL Receives Rs 45,000 Crore RFP from MoD for 156 Indigenous Light Combat Helicopters Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), based in Bengaluru, has received a Request for Proposal (RFP) from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) for the procurement of 156 Light Combat Helicopters (LCHs) Prachand, estimated to cost Rs 45,000 crore. The MoD issued this RFP under Regulation 30 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. Of the 156 LCHs, 90 are allocated for the Indian Army (IA) and 66 for the Indian Air Force (IAF).

#### **About Light Combat Helicopter (LCH)**

- The LCH Prachand is the first indigenous Multi-Role Combat Helicopter, designed and manufactured by HAL in collaboration with French engine-maker Safran.
- It is the world's only attack helicopter capable of landing and taking off at an altitude of 5,000 meters (16,400 ft), suitable for operations in high-altitude areas like the Siachen glacier and Eastern Ladakh.
- The LCH is a 5-8 tonne class dedicated combat helicopter, powered by twin Shakti engines.
- It features a countermeasure dispensing system that protects it from enemy radar detection.

#### **About HAL**

- HAL is a Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Defence (MoD).
- Established- 1940
- Headquarters- Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)- C.B. Ananthkrishnan

**256. Arjun Erigais, who was seen in news in June 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?**

**जून 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में रहे अर्जुन एरिगैस निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़े हैं?**

- (a) Karate / कराटे
- (b) Chess / शतरंज
- (c) Discus Throw / डिस्कस थ्रो
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Club throw / क्लब थ्रो

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Arjun Erigaisi wins Stepan Avagyan Memorial 2024

India's highest-rated chess player GM Arjun Erigaisi continued his top run as he dominated the 10-player field to win the Stepan Avagyan Memorial 2024 in Jermuk, Armenia, with a round to spare.

India's highest-rated chess player GM Arjun Erigaisi continued his top run as he dominated the 10-player field to win the Stepan Avagyan Memorial 2024 on Monday in Jermuk, Armenia, with a round to spare.

Arjun beat Russia's Volodar Murzin with white pieces in 63 moves to end the penultimate round (eight) with six points, a full 1.5 points ahead of the three-player deadlock on second position with 4.5 points.

With four wins and as many draws in eight rounds, Arjun accounted for 9 Elo rating points; his live rating of 2779.9 took him to world no. four behind Magnus Carlsen of Norway, USA's Hikaru Nakamura and Fabiano Caruana.

**257. In June 2024, Olympic and World Champion Neeraj Chopra won the gold medal in the men's javelin throw competition with a best effort of 85.97m at the Paavo Nurmi Games. Which country did the Paavo Nurmi Games take place in?**

**जून 2024 में, ओलंपिक और विश्व चैंपियन नीरज चोपड़ा ने पावो नूरमी खेलों में पुरुषों की भाला फेंक प्रतियोगिता में 85.97 मीटर के सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रयास के साथ स्वर्ण पदक जीता। पावो नूरमी खेल किस देश में हुए थे?**

- (a) Netherland / नीदरलैंड
- (b) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (c) USA / यूएसए
- (d) Finland / फिनलैंड
- (e) Scotland / स्कॉटलैंड

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Neeraj Chopra wins Gold in Paavo Nurmi Games 2024

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra has won the gold medal in the men's javelin event at the prestigious Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku, Finland.

Neeraj Chopra took the Gold with a best effort of 85.97m, well short of his season-best effort.

Much to the surprise of the 8-man field, 26-year-old Toni Keranen won silver with a personal best attempt of 84.19m.

He bettered the likes of Anderson Peters and Keshorn Walcott, who failed to finish in the top 3. 2022 champion Oliver Helander took bronze with a best attempt of 83.96.

**258. Who has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 84 major developmental projects worth more than Rs 1500 crore in Jammu and Kashmir?**

**जम्मू-कश्मीर में 1500 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की 84 प्रमुख विकास परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन और शिलान्यास किसने किया?**

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (c) Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मू
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** PM Modi unveils 1,500 crore Multiple Development Projects in J&K

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 84 major developmental projects worth more than Rs 1500 crore in Jammu and Kashmir.

Additionally, the Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for projects like the improvement of the Chenani-Patnitop-Nashri Section, the development of Industrial Estates and the construction of six Government Degree Colleges.

The Prime Minister also launched the Competitiveness Improvement in Agriculture and Allied Sectors (JKCIP) Project worth Rs 1,800 crore. The project will be implemented in 90 Blocks across 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir and will have the project outreach of 300,000 households covering 15 lakh beneficiaries.

**About Jammu and Kashmir**

- Capital- Srinagar (May–October), Jammu (November–April)
- Lieutenant Governor - Manoj Sinha
- Legislative Council - 36 seats
- Legislative Assembly - 89 seats

**259. Recently, which country has established the world's first stand-alone military branch solely dedicated to unmanned systems, known as the Unmanned Systems Forces (USF)?**

हाल ही में, किस देश ने मानवरहित प्रणालियों के लिए समर्पित विश्व की पहली स्टैंड-अलोन सैन्य शाखा की स्थापना की है, जिसे मानवरहित प्रणाली बल (यूएसएफ) के रूप में जाना जाता है?

- (a) Russia / रूस
- (b) Ukraine / यूक्रेन
- (c) Israel / इजरायल
- (d) India / भारत
- (e) USA / यूएसए

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Ukraine launches World's first Unmanned Systems Forces

Ukraine has established the world's first stand-alone military branch solely dedicated to unmanned systems, known as the Unmanned Systems Forces (USF).

The USF was officially launched by the Ukrainian Armed Forces and the Ministry of Defence (MoD) in Kyiv, Ukraine.

USF aims to enhance capabilities in unmanned and robotic warfare across air, sea, and ground domains during combat operations.

It focuses on advancing the development and deployment of unmanned systems for military purposes.

#### **About Ukraine**

- **Capital-** Kyiv
- **Currency** - Hryvnia
- **President** - Volodymyr Zelenskyy
- **Prime Minister** - Denys Shmyhal

**260. World Refugee Day is observed every year on which day?**

**विश्व शरणार्थी दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 20 June
- (b) 21 June
- (c) 19 June
- (d) 22 June
- (e) 18 June

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 20 June - World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day is observed every year on 20 June.

The day is dedicated to raising awareness about the plight of refugees worldwide and promoting their inclusion and acceptance in host communities.

World Refugee Day is commemorated with the hope of finding a lasting solution to the global refugee crisis and providing a safe place for all displaced people. It also serves as a reminder of the importance of international cooperation and solidarity in addressing this issue.

Theme 2024 - For a World Where Refugees Are Welcomed

The first-ever World Refugee Day was celebrated on 20 June 2001 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees.

The day was earlier recognized as Africa Refugee Day and later in December 2000, the United Nations General Assembly officially

**261. Union Cabinet has approved the Rs 76,000-Crore All-Weather Vadhavan Port in which state?**

**केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने किस राज्य में 76,000 करोड़ रुपये के ऑल-वेदर वधावन बंदरगाह को मंजूरी दी है?**

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

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Cabinet approves Rs 76,000-Crore All-Weather Vadhavan Port in Maharashtra

Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Cabinet has approved the development of greenfield deep draft port at Vadhavan in Maharashtra for Rs 76,200 crore.

The port will have nine container terminals, each 1000 meters long, four multipurpose berths, including the coastal berth, four liquid cargo berths, a Ro-Ro berth, and a Coast Guard berth.

The port will further aid export and import through the India Middle East Europe Economic Corridor and International North South Transportation Corridor.

The mega project will be constructed by Vadhavan Port Project Limited (VPPL), an SPV formed by Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) and Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB) with a shareholding of 74% and 26%, respectively.

The Vadhavan Port will be developed as an all-weather Greenfield deep draft major port in Vadhavan, Palghar District, Maharashtra.

**262. Who has inaugurated the National Yoga Olympiad in Mysuru?**

**मैसूर में राष्ट्रीय योग ओलंपियाड का उद्घाटन किसने किया?**

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Siddaramaiah / सिद्धारमैया
- (c) Thaawarchand Gehlot /
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मु
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Karnataka Governor inaugurates National Yoga Olympiad 2024 in Mysuru

Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has inaugurated the National Yoga Olympiad in Mysuru.

The National Youth Festival in January last year that a massive yoga event was organized in the state to set a new Guinness World Record.

He informed that the state is working towards making Karnataka the leading yoga-literate state of India through Har Ghar Yoga. Yoga prescribed by our ancient scriptures has now gained global recognition, establishing Bharat as the Guru of Yoga.

**About Karnataka**

- **Capital** – Bengaluru
- **Chief Minister** –Siddaramaiah
- **Deputy Chief Minister** - DK Shivakumar
- **Governor** – Thawar Chand Gehlot

**263. According to a 47-country survey conducted by Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism (RISJ), Oxford University, which of the following is the most trusted major news media brand in India?**

ऑक्सफोर्ड यूनिवर्सिटी के रॉयटर्स इंस्टीट्यूट फॉर द स्टडी ऑफ जर्नलिज्म (आरआईएसजे) द्वारा 47 देशों में किए गए सर्वेक्षण के अनुसार, भारत में निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा सबसे भरोसेमंद प्रमुख समाचार मीडिया ब्रांड है?

- (a) Indian Express
- (b) Economic Times
- (c) The Hindu
- (d) Times of India
- (e) BBC

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Times Of India No. 1 news brand in country

Times of India is the most trusted major news media brand in India, according to a 47-country survey conducted by Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism (RISJ), Oxford University.

The survey, released as part of Digital News Report 2024, an annual publication by the institute, found TOI had a trust score of 71. TOI had also topped the survey in 2021 and 2022.

The most trusted brand in the UK, BBC News, had a trust score of 62 and the most trusted paper in that country, Financial Times, scored 57.

Similarly, in the US, local TV news had the highest trust score of 62 while New York Times (50), Wall Street Journal (49), CNN (48) and Washington Post (46) scored much lower.

**264. In June 2024, the second edition of the global conference on financial resilience has organized by the College of Supervisors (CoS) of RBI in which city?**

**जून 2024 में, RBI के कॉलेज ऑफ सुपरवाइज़र्स (CoS) द्वारा वित्तीय लचीलेपन पर वैश्विक सम्मेलन का दूसरा संस्करण किस शहर में आयोजित किया गया है?**

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

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** RBI Governor addresses second edition of Global Conference on Financial Resilience

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das emphasized the transformative potential of advanced and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and big data analytics in financial institutions.

The second edition of the global conference on financial resilience was organized by the College of Supervisors (CoS) of RBI in Mumbai.

Governor Das highlighted the importance of the financial sector adopting an adaptive and forward-looking approach to navigate emerging challenges.

Mr Das assured that the Reserve Bank will continue to fine-tune the regulatory architecture and supervisory rigour as needed to promote the long-term resilience and stability of the financial system.

**265. Consider the following points about the Global Energy Transition Index 2024:**

- (i) International Solar Alliance publishes the annual Global Energy Transition Index.**
- (ii) Sweden has topped the 2024 Global Energy Transition Index.**
- (iii) India at 63rd spot in 2024.**
- (iv) Sweden tops the index, followed by Finland, Denmark, France, and in the top five.**

**How many of the 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.** Energy Transition Index: India at 63rd, topped by Sweden

According to the Global Energy Transition Index 2024 released by the World Economic Forum (WEF), India has been ranked 63rd out of 120 countries surveyed in the index.

Last year, India was ranked 67th, an improvement of three ranks.

European nations dominated the top ranks with Sweden topping the index, followed by Denmark, Finland, Switzerland and France in the top five. China was ranked 20th.

According to the WEF, out of 120 countries 107 countries have demonstrated progress on their energy transition journeys in the past decade. However, the pace of energy transition has slowed down due to economic volatility, heightened geopolitical tensions and technological shifts.

**Recent index**

- **Environment Performance Index 2024:** India at 176th spot topped by Estonia
- **Global Gender Gap index 2024:** India at 129th; topped by Iceland, Finland (2nd), Norway (3rd), New Zealand (4th), Sweden (5th)
- **WEF's Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024** - India at 39th; topped by USA
- **World Press Freedom Index 2024** - Norway (1st), Denmark (2nd), Sweden (3rd), India (159th); Syria (179th), Eritrea (180th)
- **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

**266. Who has been appointed as the CMD of New India Assurance Company?**

**न्यू इंडिया एश्योरेंस कंपनी का सीएमडी किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Gaurav Banerjee / गौरव बनर्जी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Vinod Ganatra / विनोद गणात्रा
- (d) Raj Priy Singh / राज प्रिय सिंह
- (e) Girija Subramanian / गिरिजा सुब्रमण्यन

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Girija Subramanian appoints as CMD of New India Assurance Company

The government has appointed Girija Subramanian as chairman and managing director (CMD) of the largest general insurer, New India Assurance.

Subramanian holds a bachelor's degree in statistics. She is a fellow member of the Insurance Institute of India and also an associate member of the Chartered Insurance Institute, London.

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**Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- **Non-executive Independent Director of Paytm** - Neeraj Arora
- **MD and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank** - Ajith Kumar KK
- **DG of ESIC** - Kamal Kishore Soan
- **MD & CEO of PNB MetLife India Insurance** - Sameer Bansal (replace Ashish Srivastava)
- **CEO of Asirvad Micro Finance Limited** - Satish Nair
- **Independent Director of Cashfree Payments** - Abhaya Hota

**267. Who has been appointed as the Director (Enterprise) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)?**

**भारत संचार निगम लिमिटेड (बीएसएनएल) के निदेशक (उद्यम) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Gaurav Banerjee / गौरव बनर्जी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Vinod Ganatra / विनोद गणात्रा
- (d) Sudhakararao Papa / सुधाकरराव पापा
- (e) Inder Pal Singh Bindra / इंद्रपाल सिंह बिंद्रा

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Sudhakararao Papa appointed as Director (Enterprise) at BSNL

Sudhakararao Papa has been appointed as the Director (Enterprise) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). Presently, he is serving as Chief General Manager (Chennai Telecom District Circle) in the same organisation. Papa has been selected for the post of Director (Enterprises) of BSNL Limited from a list of 11 candidates.

### **Recent Appointment**

- **Chairman of Global Wind Energy Council India (GWEC India)** - Girish Tanti
- **President of the Asian Association of Hair Restoration Surgeons** - Dr Kapil Dua
- **Principal Secretary to PM** - Dr PK Mishra (reappointment)
- **National Security Advisor** - Ajit Doval (reappointment)
- **Advisors to the Prime Minister** - Amit Khare and Tarun Kapoor (reappointment)
- **MD and CEO of SBICAP Ventures Limited** - Prem Prabhakar

**268. Which of the following has signed an MoU with Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (Delhi) to leverage Artificial Intelligence (AI) based solutions for improvement in the availability of road signs on National Highways?**

निम्नलिखित में से किसने राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों पर सड़क संकेतों की उपलब्धता में सुधार के लिए कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (एआई) आधारित समाधानों का लाभ उठाने के लिए इंद्रप्रस्थ सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (दिल्ली) के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) Hindustan Construction Company
- (b) Border Roads Organization
- (c) Hindustan Construction Company
- (d) Larsen & Toubro
- (e) National Highways Authority of India

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** NHAI signs MoU with IIIT Delhi to Enhance Road Safety by deploying AI

National Highways Authority of India (NHA) has signed a MoU with Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi, a Technical University established by Government of National Capital Territory (NCT), to leverage Artificial Intelligence (AI) based solutions for improvement in the availability of road signs on National Highways.

This initiative will leverage Artificial Intelligence (AI) based solutions for improvement in the availability of road signs on National Highways.

As a part of the agreement, IIIT Delhi will conduct surveys to collect imagery and other related data related to the availability and condition of road signs on selected National Highway stretches.

Around 25,000 km of tentative length of Highways stretches will be covered under this project. The data collected through surveys will be processed by IIIT Delhi through the deployment of Artificial Intelligence for accurate identification and classification of road signs.

**269. What is the minimum support price (MSP) announced by the government of India for maize for the 2024-25 agricultural marketing season?**

**भारत सरकार द्वारा 2024-25 कृषि विपणन मौसम के लिए मक्का के लिए घोषित न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य (MSP) क्या है?**

- (a) **2125** Per Quintal
- (b) **2025** Per Quintal
- (c) **3421** Per Quintal
- (d) **2225** Per Quintal
- (e) **4290** Per Quintal

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Government increases MSP for Kharif crops for marketing season 2024-25

The Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Kharif crops for the marketing season 2024-25.

Government has increased the MSP of Kharif Crops for Marketing Season 2024-25, to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce.

The highest absolute increase in MSP over the previous year has been recommended for oilseeds and pulses viz. nigerseed (Rs.983/- per quintal) followed by sesamum (Rs.632/- per quintal) and tur/arhar (Rs.550/- per quintal).

Crops	MSP 2024-25 (Rs. Per Quintal)	Cost of production 2024-25 (Rs. Per Quintal)	MSP 2023-24 (Rs. Per Quintal)	Increase in MSP as compared to 23-24 (Rs. Per Quintal)
Paddy Common	<b>2300</b>	1533	2183	117
Paddy Grade A	<b>2320</b>	-	2203	117
Jowar (Hybrid)	<b>3371</b>	2247	3180	191

Jowar (Maldand)	<b>3421</b>	-	3225	196
Bajra	<b>2625</b>	1485	2500	125
Ragi	<b>4290</b>	2860	3846	444
Maize	<b>2225</b>	1447	2090	135
Tur/Arhar	<b>7550</b>	4761	7000	550
Moong	<b>8682</b>	5788	8558	124
Urad	<b>7400</b>	4883	6950	450
Groundnut	<b>6783</b>	4522	6377	406
Sunflower seed	<b>7280</b>	4853	6760	520
Soyabean (Yellow)	<b>4892</b>	3261	4600	292
Sesamum	<b>9267</b>	6178	8635	632
Nigerseed	<b>8717</b>	5811	7734	983
Cotton (Medium Staple)	<b>7121</b>	4747	6620	501
Cotton (Long Staple)	<b>7521</b>	-	7020	501

**270. Which country is hosting the 48th edition of the Copa America football tournament?**

**कोपा अमेरिका फुटबॉल टूर्नामेंट के 48वें संस्करण की मेज़बानी कौन सा देश कर रहा है?**

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

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 2024 Copa America football tournament begins in USA

The 48th edition of the Copa America football tournament kick off in the United States.

This is the second time in the 108-year history of the Copa America Cup that the event is being held outside South America.

In 2016, the United States hosted the Copa America Cup.

**Most successful teams in the Copa America**

- Argentina and Uruguay jointly share the honour of being the most successful countries in the Copa America Cup. Both countries have won the trophy fifteen times each.
- Brazil has won the tournament 14 times.
- Argentina are the defending champions. They defeated the host, Brazil, in the final of the 2021 Copa America.

**271. Who has been appointed as the new Secretary of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)?**

**भारतीय दूरसंचार विनियामक प्राधिकरण (ट्राई) का नया सचिव किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Gaurav Banerjee / गौरव बनर्जी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Indra Mani Pandey / इंद्र मणि पांडे
- (d) Atul Kumar Chaudhary / अतुल कुमार चौधरी
- (e) Rakesh Mohan / राकेश मोहन

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Centre appoints Atul Kumar Chaudhary as Secretary, TRAI

The government has appointed Atul Kumar Chaudhary, as the new Secretary, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

He replaced V Raghunandan who retired on May 31.

Chaudhary is a graduate from IIT-Roorkee and did his Master Diploma in Public Policy & Administration from IIPA Delhi.

He has worked in various capacities in Personnel, HR, Administration, Licencing, Vigilance wing of BSNL and Department of Telecommunications (DoT).

**272. Trent Boult, who recently announced his retirement from international cricket, belongs to which country?**

**ट्रेंट बोल्ट, जिन्होंने हाल ही में अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट से संन्यास की घोषणा की है, किस देश से हैं?**

- (a) New Zealand / न्यूजीलैंड
- (b) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (c) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) Ireland / आयरलैंड

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Trent Boult announces retirement from international cricket

New Zealand's left-arm fast bowler Trent Boult has announced his retirement from International Cricket.

Trent Boult made his international debut for New Zealand in 2011, and he represented the Black Cap (New Zealand team) in all the formats of the games - Test matches, One Day Internationals (ODIs) and T 20 Internationals.

He also has the distinction of appearing in all the finals of the three formats of the games.

He played in the first ICC World Test Championship final held at Lords, England, in 2021 against India. The final was won by New Zealand by 8 wickets.

### **Recently Retired Players**

- David Wiese (Namibia) – International cricket
- Kedar Jadhav (India) - International cricket
- Dinesh Kartik (India) – All forms of cricket
- Bernadine Bezuidenhout (South Africa and New Zealand) - International Cricket
- James Anderson (England) – International Cricket
- Saurav Ghosal (India) - Professional Squash
- Collins Obuya (Kenya) – International cricket
- Matthew Wade (Australia) - First-class cricket

**273. World Hydrography Day is celebrated every year on which day?**

**विश्व हाइड्रोग्राफी दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 20 June
- (b) 21 June
- (c) 22 June
- (d) 23 June
- (e) 24 June

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 21 June - World Hydrography Day

World Hydrography Day is celebrated every year on 21 June.

Objective - To raise awareness about the significance of hydrography and the invaluable contributions made by hydrographers worldwide.

Theme 2024 - Hydrographic Information – Enhancing Safety, Efficiency and Sustainability in Marine Activities

**274. World Music Day is observed every year on which day?**

**विश्व संगीत दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 20 June
- (b) 21 June
- (c) 22 June
- (d) 23 June
- (e) 24 June

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 21 June - World Music Day

World Music Day is observed every year on June 21.

The day celebrates music in all its forms, encompassing classical, contemporary, traditional, and experimental genres.

By providing an inclusive space for artists to share their talents, World Music Day underscores the importance of self-expression and creativity, reminding us of the profound impact music has on bringing people together.

The concept of World Music Day originated in France in 1981, when Jack Lang, the French Ministry of Culture, along with music composer Maurice Fleuret, and a radio producer and music journalist, proposed the idea of dedicating a day to music.

The first Fête de la Musique took place in Paris in 1982, with over 1,000 musicians performing throughout the city.

**275. Former fast bowler David Johnson died recently at the age of 52. He was from which country?**

**पूर्व तेज गेंदबाज डेविड जॉनसन का हाल ही में 52 साल की उम्र में निधन हो गया। वह किस देश से थे?**

- (a) India / भारत
- (b) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (c) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) Ireland / आयरलैंड

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Former Indian pacer David Johnson dies

Former India pacer David Johnson passed away at the age of 52 after falling from a balcony in Bengaluru.

The right-arm fast bowler from Karnataka was born on October 16, 1971, in the Arasikere region.

He represented India in international cricket in the mid-1990s. He made his Test debut for India against Australia in October 1996 and featured in a total of two Test matches.

The highlight of Johnson's career was clocking at 157.8 kmph during the Test match against Australia.

His domestic career for Karnataka spanned 39 First-Class matches as he enjoyed immense success in the domestic circuit.

He recorded his best match figures of 10 for 152 against Kerala in 1995-96 Ranji Trophy season. His performance in the domestic set-up for Karnataka paved his way to the national side.

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**276. In June 2024, Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the 'Fast Track Immigration – Trusted Traveller Programme (FTI-TTP)' at Terminal 3 of which airport?**

**जून 2024 में, केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री अमित शाह ने किस एयरपोर्ट के टर्मिनल 3 पर 'फास्ट ट्रैक इमिग्रेशन – ट्रस्टेड ट्रैवलर प्रोग्राम (FTI-TTP)' का उद्घाटन किया है?**

- (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) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad / सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा, अहमदाबाद
- (e) Mangaluru International Airport, Mangaluru / मंगलुरु अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा, मंगलुरु

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Amit Shah inaugurates 'Fast Track Immigration Trusted Traveller Programme' at Delhi Airport

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the 'Fast Track Immigration – Trusted Traveller Programme (FTI-TTP)' at Terminal 3 of Indira Gandhi International Airport.

The FTI-TTP aims to simplify and secure international travel by developing world-class immigration facilities through an expedited pathway for international travellers screened via automated e-Gates.

This facility would be available free of charge for all passengers.

The FTI-TTP ensures faster, smoother, and safer immigration clearance using e-Gates, minimizing human intervention in the process.

The implementation will occur in two phases: the first phase will cover Indian citizens and OCI cardholders, while the second phase will extend to foreign travellers.

FTI-TTP will be introduced at 21 major airports nationwide, starting with Delhi and including Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kochi, and Ahmedabad in the first phase.

The launch of this programme is a key part of the 'Viksit Bharat @2047' agenda, reflecting the Modi government's commitment to enhancing travel efficiency and convenience.

**277. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has introduced two new standards, IS 18590: 2024 and IS 18606: 2024, aimed at enhancing the safety of electric vehicles in the \_\_\_\_\_ categories.**

भारतीय मानक ब्यूरो (बीआईएस) ने दो नए मानक, आईएस 18590: 2024 और आईएस 18606: 2024 पेश किए हैं, जिनका उद्देश्य \_\_\_\_\_ श्रेणियों में इलेक्ट्रिक वाहनों की सुरक्षा को बढ़ाना है।

- (a) L, M and N
- (b) A, B and C
- (c) E, F and G
- (d) X, Y and Z
- (e) P, Q and R

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** BIS introduces new standards to enhance Safety and Quality of Electric Vehicles in India

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has introduced two new standards, IS 18590: 2024 and IS 18606: 2024, aimed at enhancing the safety of electric vehicles in the L, M, and N categories.

These standards focus on the critical component of electric vehicles—the powertrain—ensuring it meets stringent safety requirements.

Additionally, they emphasize the safety and performance of batteries, ensuring they are both powerful and secure.

With these new standards, BIS has raised the bar, now having a total of 30 Indian Standards dedicated to electric vehicles and their accessories, including charging systems.

**278. The Government of India has approved new Inter State Transmission System (ISTS) schemes to evacuate 9 GW of RE power from \_\_\_\_\_.**

**भारत सरकार ने \_\_\_\_\_ से 9 गीगावाट नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा प्राप्त करने के लिए नई अंतर्राज्यीय ट्रांसमिशन प्रणाली (आईएसटीएस) योजनाओं को मंजूरी दी है।**

- (a) Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Rajasthan and Punjab
- (c) Rajasthan and Haryana
- (d) Uttarakhand and Karnataka
- (e) Rajasthan and Karnataka

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Gol approves new transmission schemes worth ₹13,595 crore to evacuate 4.5 GW RE power each from Rajasthan and Karnataka. The Government of India has approved new Inter State Transmission System (ISTS) schemes to evacuate 9 GW of RE power from Rajasthan and Karnataka.

These schemes will be implemented through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) mode. These schemes are part of 500 GW RE capacity by 2030 out of which 200 GW is already connected.

The power evacuation scheme of Rajasthan Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) will evacuate 4.5 GW of RE power from Rajasthan. It comprises 1 GW from Fatehgarh complex, 2.5 GW from Barmer Complex and 1 GW from Nagaur (Merta) Complex.

This power will be transferred to Mainpuri Region, Fatehpur and Orai of Uttar Pradesh. The completion period of the scheme is two years.

Cost of the scheme is about ₹12,241 crore. The System strengthening scheme of Karnataka will evacuate 4.5 GW RE power from Koppal area and Gadag area. The scheme will be completed by June 2027. Cost of the scheme is about ₹1,354 crore.

**279. Which state government has recently approved the establishment of One Prime Minister College of Excellence in all districts of the state?**

हाल ही में किस राज्य सरकार ने राज्य के सभी जिलों में एक प्रधानमंत्री उत्कृष्टता महाविद्यालय की स्थापना को मंजूरी दी है?

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

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** MP govt approves the establishment of One PM College of Excellence in all districts

In Madhya Pradesh, the Prime Minister College of Excellence will be inaugurated ceremonially in all 55 districts of the state on July 1

Under the National Education Policy, the Madhya Pradesh government has approved the establishment of one Prime Minister College of Excellence in all the districts of the state.

Additional posts have been approved in the selected colleges to establish the Prime Minister College of Excellence in 55 districts of the state.

#### **About Madhya Pradesh**

- **Capital** – Bhopal
- **Chief Minister** – Dr Mohan Yadav (replace Shivraj Singh Chauhan)
- **Deputy CM** - Jagdish Devda & Rajendra Shukla
- **Speaker of Madhya Pradesh Assembly** - Narendra Singh Tomar
- **Governor** – Mangubhai C. Patel
- **Lok Shaba Seats** – 29
- **Rajya Sabha Seats** – 11
- **Legislative Assembly Seats** - 230

**280. According to the Henley Private Wealth Migration Report 2024, 4,300 millionaires may leave India this year. Which country continues to be a favored destination for Indian millionaires?**

हेनले प्राइवेट वेल्थ माइग्रेशन रिपोर्ट 2024 के अनुसार, इस वर्ष 4,300 करोड़पति भारत छोड़ सकते हैं। कौन सा देश भारतीय करोड़पतियों के लिए पसंदीदा स्थान बना हुआ है?

- (a) Netherland / नीदरलैंड
- (b) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (c) USA / यूएसए
- (d) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (e) UAE / यूएई

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 4,300 millionaires may leave India this year: Henley Private Wealth Migration Report 2024

The Henley Private Wealth Migration Report 2024 has revealed that India is set to experience a significant net loss of 4,300 millionaires this year.

While this represents a decrease from the 5,100 who left in 2023, India remains one of the top countries for high-net-worth individual (HNWI) departures globally.

This trend reflects a broader pattern of wealth migration influenced by geopolitical tensions, economic uncertainty, and social upheaval.

The United Arab Emirates continues to be a favored destination for Indian millionaires. The UAE is expected to attract a record net inflow of 6,700 wealthy migrants in 2024, bolstered by its zero-income tax policy, golden visa programs, luxurious lifestyle, and strategic location.

Other top destinations for migrating millionaires include the United States, Singapore, Canada, and Australia.

These countries are projected to see significant net inflows of wealthy individuals, benefiting from the economic contributions and job creation that HNWIs often bring.

**281. Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) has received the national award for significant enrolment under Atal Pension Yojana (APY) by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). Which of the following bank is currently sponsoring Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank?**

कर्नाटक विकास ग्रामीण बैंक (KVGB) को पेंशन फंड विनियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण (PFRDA) द्वारा अटल पेंशन योजना (APY) के तहत महत्वपूर्ण नामांकन के लिए राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार मिला है। निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा बैंक वर्तमान में कर्नाटक विकास ग्रामीण बैंक को प्रायोजित कर रहा 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. e**

**Sol.** Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank gets national award for APY implementation  
Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), sponsored by Canara Bank, has received the national award for significant enrolment under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

The chairman of KVG Bank Shreekant M. Bhandiwad received the award from Secretary, DFS, Government of India Vivek Joshi and Chairman of PFRDA Deepak Mohanty.

KVGB had enrolled 4,27,736 cumulative accounts under APY. During 2023-24, the bank enrolled 86,350 accounts against a target of 67,932, achieving the target well ahead of schedule.

While PFRDA had set a target of an average of 100 accounts per branch, KVGB surpassed it with an average of 137 accounts, the highest among all banks in South India.

KVGB currently operates 629 branches across nine districts from Vijayapura to Mangaluru. Notably, the bank made a national record by enrolling over 68,000 accounts in a single day during the last fiscal year.

**182. The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) organized the "National Workshop on SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of Women - Launch of the \_\_\_\_\_ Special Awareness Campaign" at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.**

महिला एवं बाल विकास मंत्रालय (MWCD) ने विज्ञान भवन, नई दिल्ली में "संकल्प: महिला सशक्तिकरण का केंद्र - \_\_\_\_\_ विशेष जागरूकता अभियान का शुभारंभ" पर राष्ट्रीय कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया।

- (a) 50-Days
- (b) 100-Days
- (c) 21-Days
- (d) 51-Days
- (e) 8-Days

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Ministry of Women and Child Development launches 100-Days Special Awareness Campaign on Women Empowerment

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) organized the "National Workshop on SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of Women - Launch of the 100-Days Special Awareness Campaign" at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

The workshop marks the commencement of a nationwide 100-days awareness campaign focused on women-centric issues, scheduled from 21st June to 4th October 2024.

The one-day workshop featured sessions on legal provisions, communication strategies, and counselling techniques for grassroots functionaries of SANKALP: HEWs which are operational in 693 districts across India.

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**283. Dhiraj Bommadevara, who was seen in news in June 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?**

धीरज बोम्मादेवरा, जो जून 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए समाचारों में दिखे थे, निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़े हैं?

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Dhiraj Bommadevara won Bronze at Arhery WC, Antalya

In the Archery World Cup Stage 3, Dhiraj Bommadevara won the bronze in the men's individual recurve event as well as in the mixed team event with Bhajan Kaur, in Antalya, Turkey.

Trailing 0-2 after conceding the opening set, the Indian team produced a flawless round to bring it level and seal a stunning 5-3 (35-38, 40-39, 38-37, 38-38) win over their Mexican opponents Alejandra Valencia and Matias Grande.

The Indian women's compound team of Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Aditi Swami and Parneet Kaur bagged a gold medal, while Priyansh bagged a silver.

**284. Four Armed Forces Medical Service (AFMS) Officers have brought laurels to India by clinching a record 32 Medals in the 43rd World Medical and Health Games. The championship was held in which country?**

चार सशस्त्र सेना चिकित्सा सेवा (AFMS) अधिकारियों ने 43वें विश्व चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य खेलों में रिकॉर्ड 32 पदक जीतकर भारत का नाम रोशन किया है। यह चैंपियनशिप किस देश में आयोजित की गई थी?

- (a) France / फ्रांस
- (b) Italy / इटली
- (c) UK / यूके
- (d) Spain / स्पेन
- (e) Canada / कनाडा

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** AFMS Officers won 32 medals at World Medical & Health Games

Four Armed Forces Medical Service (AFMS) Officers have brought laurels to India by clinching a record 32 Medals in the 43rd World Medical and Health Games held in Saint-Tropez, France.

These Officers, namely Lt Col Sanjeev Malik, Maj Anish George, Capt Stephen Sebastian, and Capt Dania James, made history by winning 19 Gold Medals, 09 Silver Medals and 04 Bronze Medals in the World's largest sports event for health professionals.

The World Medical and Health Games, often regarded as the Olympic Games for Health Professionals, has evolved into the most prestigious global sporting event within the medical community.

With a legacy dating back to 1978, the Games annually attract over 2500 participants from more than 50 different nations.

**285. Who has won the F1 Spanish Grand Prix title 2024?**

**F1 स्पैनिश ग्रैंड प्रिक्स 2024 का खिताब 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. c**

**Sol.** Max Verstappen won Spanish GP title

Red Bull's Max Verstappen prevailed in a tense, strategic battle with McLaren's Lando Norris to win the Spanish Grand Prix.

Verstappen's seventh victory in 10 races this year hinged on a decisive opening phase of the race from the Dutchman.

Verstappen was in the lead by lap three while Norris stayed stuck behind Mercedes' George Russell for 15 laps.

Lewis Hamilton took his first podium finish of the year for Mercedes in third, ahead of Russell, as Britons finished second, third and fourth. Charles Leclerc was fifth, leading home Ferrari team-mate Carlos Sainz.

**Recent 2024 Grand Prix Winner**

- Canadian Grand Prix 2024 - Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- Monaco Grand Prix - Ferrari's Charles Leclerc (Monacco)
- 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)

**286. Olympic medallist Bajrang Punia, who was suspended by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) earlier, has now again been banned provisionally. In which year NADA was established?**

ओलंपिक पदक विजेता बजरंग पुनिया, जिन्हें पहले राष्ट्रीय डोपिंग रोधी एजेंसी (NADA) द्वारा निलंबित किया गया था, अब फिर से अनंतिम रूप से प्रतिबंधित कर दिया गया है। NADA की स्थापना किस वर्ष हुई थी?

- (a) 2002
- (b) 2003
- (c) 1999
- (d) 2000
- (e) 2005

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Bajrang Punia suspended by NADA once again

Olympic medallist Bajrang Punia, who was suspended by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) earlier, has now again been banned provisionally.

Bajrang's suspension was revoked by a disciplinary panel because he was not issued a notice of charge. But now, NADA has issued the same and handed the Olympic bronze medallist a suspension.

As per NADA, Bajrang had refused to give his urine sample during the trails at Sonipat on March 10, after which he was suspended for a dope rule violation.

**About National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)**

- Formation – 2005
- Headquarters – New Delhi
- Director General – Ashish Bhargava

**287. Who has been appointed as the Pro-Tem speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha?**

**18वीं लोकसभा के प्रो-टेम स्पीकर के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Mallikarjun Kharge / मल्लिकार्जुन खड़गे /
- (b) Mahua Moitra / महुआ मोइत्रा
- (c) Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury / अधीर रंजन चौधरी
- (d) Shashi Tharoor / शशि थरूर
- (e) Bshartruhari Mahtab / बशरतुहरि महताब

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Bhartruhari Mahtab appointed Pro-tem speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha

President Droupadi Murmu has appointed seven-time Lok Sabha member of parliament Bhartruhari Mahtab of Bharatiya Janata Party as the pro-tem speaker of the newly constituted 18th Lok Sabha.

Along with him, Suresh Kodikunnil, Thalikkottai Rajuthevar Baalu, Radha Mohan Singh, Faggan Singh Kulaste, and Sudip Bandyopadhyay were appointed to assist the pro-tem Speaker in the oath-taking of the newly elected members.

The first session of the newly constituted 18th Lok Sabha starts on 24 June 20224.

Normally, the senior-most newly elected member of the Lok Sabha is appointed as pro-tem speaker. This is a convention, not a rule.

**288. International Olympic Day is observed every year on 23 June. What is the theme of International Olympic Day 2024?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ओलंपिक दिवस हर साल 23 जून को मनाया जाता है। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ओलंपिक दिवस 2024 का विषय क्या है?**

- (a) Together, For a Peaceful World
- (b) Together for a better world
- (c) Move, learn, discover
- (d) Discover the future
- (e) Let's Move and Celebrate

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** 23 June - International Olympic Day

International Olympic Day is observed every year on 23 June.

It is a commemoration of the modern Olympic Games and an opportunity to promote the values of sports across the globe.

Theme 2024 - Let's Move and Celebrate

This day holds significant importance not just for athletes and sports enthusiasts, but for everyone who appreciates the spirit of competition, unity, and athleticism.

The history of International Olympic Day dates back to 23 June 1894, when the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was founded at the Sorbonne in Paris. The day was established by IOC in 1948 to encourage individuals from all walks of life to embrace the Olympic values of excellence, friendship, and respect.

The first International Olympic Day was celebrated in Paris at the Sorbonne, where the modern Olympic Games were born. Since then, this day has evolved into a global celebration that transcends political, cultural, and social boundaries.

**289. United Nations Public Service Day is observed every year on which day?**

**संयुक्त राष्ट्र लोक सेवा दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 22 June
- (b) 23 June
- (c) 24 June
- (d) 25 June
- (e) 26 June

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 23 June - United Nations Public Service Day

United Nations Public Service Day is observed every year on 23 June.

This special day highlights the importance of public service and recognizes the hard work of public servants globally.

The UN General Assembly officially designated June 23 as Public Service Day on December 20, 2002. To further promote the day, the UN established the Public Service Awards program in 2003.

**290. When was observed International Widow's Day every year?**

**प्रतिवर्ष अंतर्राष्ट्रीय विधवा दिवस कब मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 22 June
- (b) 23 June
- (c) 24 June
- (d) 25 June
- (e) 26 June

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** 23 June - International Widow's Day

International Widow's Day is observed every year on 23 June.

Objective - To raise awareness about the plight of widows worldwide and advocating for their rights and well-being.

This day was first recognized and established by the United Nations in 2011, acknowledging the hardships faced by widows globally and the need to address their unique social, economic, and legal issues.

**291. As a tribute to the heroes of the Kargil War, the Indian Army has opened the Khalubar War Memorial for tourists in which city?**

**कारगिल युद्ध के नायकों को श्रद्धांजलि के रूप में, भारतीय सेना ने किस शहर में पर्यटकों के लिए खालूबार युद्ध स्मारक खोला है?**

- (a) Udhampur / उधमपुर
- (b) Gulmarg / गुलमर्ग
- (c) Udaipur / उदयपुर
- (d) Ladakh / लद्दाख
- (e) Sri Nagar / श्रीनगर

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Indian Army opened Khalubar War Memorial to tourists in Ladakh

In Ladakh, as a tribute to the heroes of the Kargil War, the Indian Army has opened the Khalubar War Memorial to tourists.

This opening ceremony was part of the 'Forever in Operations' Division's Pre-Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations as this year, the country will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26 July.

Located in the renowned Aryan Valley this memorial commemorates the bravery and sacrifices of soldiers who fought to reclaim the valley during the war.

Khalubar, a serene valley near the border, became a focal point during the Kargil War when enemy forces captured it. The area was recaptured by the valiant efforts of Indian soldiers, including Captain Manoj Pandey, whose heroic actions are now immortalized at the memorial.

Alongside the military, the local men and women played a pivotal role in the battle, cementing the valley's historical and cultural significance.

**292. Who is the head of the seven-member committee constituted by the Government of India to review and suggest improvements in the examination process and National Testing Agency?**

परीक्षा प्रक्रिया और राष्ट्रीय परीक्षण एजेंसी में सुधार की समीक्षा और सुझाव देने के लिए भारत सरकार द्वारा गठित सात सदस्यीय समिति का प्रमुख कौन है?

- (a) BJ Rao / बी.जे. राव
- (b) Ramamurthy K / राममूर्ति के
- (c) Dr Randeep Guleria / डॉ. रणदीप गुलेरिया
- (d) Pankaj Bansal / पंकज बंसल
- (e) Dr K Radhakrishnan / डॉ. के. राधाकृष्णन

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Dr Radhakrishnan to head government committee on restructuring NTA

The Union Ministry of Education has set up seven members committee headed by the former chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), K Radhakrishnan to review and suggest reform in the examination process.

The government has taken this step after the controversy over a paper leak at the undergraduate National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) exam 2024 and the postponement of NET-UGC exams. The committee consists of seven eminent people. It will be headed by former ISRO chairman Koppillil Radhakrishnan. The other members of the committee are Professor BJ Rao, Professor Ramamurthy K, Dr Randeep Guleria, Pankaj Bansal, Professor Aditya Mittal and Govind Jaiswal, Joint Secretary, Union Ministry of Education.

#### **About the National Testing Agency**

- The National Testing Agency was established as an autonomous body by the Indian government under the Union Ministry of Education in November 2017.
- The NTA conducts entrance examinations for admission/fellowship in the central government's various higher educational institutions.
- Union Minister for Education: Dharmendra Pradhan

#### **Recent Committees in News**

- RBI set up a committee to Mitigate Payment Fraud; chaired by AP Hota
- SEBI sets up committee to review ownership, economic structure of clearing corporations; chaired by Usha Thorat
- Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee - Justice Hima Kohli
- Equestrian Federation Of India's Ad-Hoc Administrative Committee - chaired by Justice Najmi Waziri
- IOA forms three-member ad hoc committee to run affairs of suspended WFI; chaired by - Bhupinder Singh Bajwa

**293. The Ministry of Coal via Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) has initiated India's first pilot project for Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) in which state?**

कोयला मंत्रालय ने ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड (ईसीएल) के माध्यम से किस राज्य में भूमिगत कोयला गैसीकरण (यूसीजी) के लिए भारत की पहली पायलट परियोजना शुरू की है?

- (a) Jharkhand / झारखंड
- (b) West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Karnataka / कर्नाटक
- (e) Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** India's first pilot project for Underground Coal Gasification in Jharkhand

The Ministry of Coal via Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) has initiated India's first pilot project for Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) at the Kasta coal block in Jamtara District, Jharkhand.

This first ever groundbreaking initiative aims to revolutionize the coal industry by using in-situ coal gasification to convert it into valuable gases such as methane, hydrogen, carbon monoxide, and carbon dioxide.

These gases can be utilized to produce synthetic natural gas, chemical feedstocks for fuels, fertilizers, explosives, and other industrial applications.

**About Jharkhand**

- **Capital** – Ranchi
- **Chief Minister** – Champai Soren (replace Hemant Soren)
- **Governor** - C.P. Radhakrishnan

**294. Who has been appointed as the Director in the Department of Consumer Affairs under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution?**

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य एवं सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत उपभोक्ता मामले विभाग में निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Gaurav Banerjee / गौरव बनर्जी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Mrinal Kumar Das / मृणाल कुमार दास
- (d) Raj Priy Singh / राज प्रिय सिंह
- (e) Inder Pal Singh Bindra / इंद्रपाल सिंह बिंद्रा

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Mrinal Kr Das appointed as Director in Department of Consumer Affairs

Mrinal Kumar Das (IRS) has been appointed as the Director in the Department of Consumer Affairs under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

Das has been selected for the appointment to the said post under the Central Staffing Scheme (CSS) for a period of five years from the date of taking over charge of the post or until further orders, whichever event takes place earlier.

Das is an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer of 2007 batch. He was recommended for the Central deputation by the Department of Revenue.

**Recent Appointment**

- **Secretary of TRAI** - Atul Kumar Chaudhary (replace V Raghunandan)
- **Director (Enterprise) in BSNL** -Sudhakararao Papa
- **Chairman of Global Wind Energy Council India (GWEC India)** - Girish Tanti
- **President of the Asian Association of Hair Restoration Surgeons** - Dr Kapil Dua
- **Principal Secretary to PM** - Dr PK Mishra (reappointment)
- **National Security Advisor** - Ajit Doval (reappointment)

**295. Action Construction Equipment Ltd (ACE) has signed an MoU with which bank to facilitate financing solutions for the construction equipment business?**

**एक्शन कंस्ट्रक्शन इक्विपमेंट लिमिटेड (ACE) ने निर्माण उपकरण व्यवसाय के लिए वित्तपोषण समाधान की सुविधा के लिए किस बैंक के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?**

- (a) Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank / इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक
- (c) Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (d) Karnataka Bank / कर्नाटक बैंक
- (e) Karur Vyasya Bank / करूर व्यास बैंक

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** ACE partners with Bank of Baroda for construction equipment financing

Action Construction Equipment Ltd. (ACE), a prominent player in India's construction equipment manufacturing sector, has entered into a MoU with Bank of Baroda to facilitate financing solutions for construction equipment businesses.

Under this partnership, ACE customers across the country will have access to tailored financing options provided by Bank of Baroda. This agreement aims to support construction equipment businesses, local entrepreneurs, and startups by offering seamless access to financing.

#### **Recent MoUs Signed in Banking Sector**

- IPPB partners with Ria Money Transfer to enhance doorstep financial services nationwide
- Namdev Finvest partnered with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance to offer comprehensive financial solutions, including insurance and NBFC services, to its customers.
- MEA signed MoU with SBI to enhance digital payment services for eMigrate portal users
- Kotak Life partners with Mahindra Finance to offer life insurance solutions
- SBI and Muthoot Microfin join forces to support women entrepreneurs
- Axis Bank partners with Bajaj Allianz for strategic bancassurance

**296. In June 2024, which General Insurance Company has provided cashless claims approval of ₹8.03 crore for over 8,170 hospital admissions under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana in the Union Territory Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu?**

**जून 2024 में, किस जनरल इश्योरेंस कंपनी ने केंद्र शासित प्रदेश दादरा और नगर हवेली तथा दमन और दीव में आयुष्मान भारत प्रधानमंत्री जन आरोग्य योजना के तहत 8,170 से अधिक अस्पताल में भर्ती मरीजों के लिए ₹8.03 करोड़ के कैशलेस दावों की मंजूरी प्रदान की है?**

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance / बजाज आलियांज जनरल इश्योरेंस
- (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance / भारती एक्सा जनरल इश्योरेंस
- (c) Cholamandalam MS General Insurance / चोलामंडलम एमएस जनरल इश्योरेंस
- (d) Go Digit General Insurance / गो डिजिट जनरल इश्योरेंस
- (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance / यूनिवर्सल सोम्पो जनरल इश्योरेंस

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Universal Sompo settles ₹8 crore claims under Ayushman Bharat in 4 months

Universal Sompo General Insurance Company has provided cashless claims approval of ₹8.03 crore for over 8,170 hospital admissions under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana in the Union Territory Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.

The scheme has become operational since February 1 and the cashless approvals have been made over the past 142 days. This reflects the scheme's efficiency and the substantial financial relief to families.

The administration of PMJAY is supported by PMJAY-ABHA digital platform, enhancing the efficiency, transparency and effectiveness of the scheme's implementation.

Universal Sompo General Insurance Co is a joint venture of Indian Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, Karnataka Bank, Dabur Investment Corporation and a leading general insurer from Japan, Sompo Japan Insurance Inc.

**297. Anuj Tyagi has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of which General Insurance company?**

**अनुज त्यागी को किस जनरल इंश्योरेंस कंपनी का नया एमडी और सीईओ नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance / बजाज आलियांज जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (b) Bharti AXA General Insurance / भारती एक्सा जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (c) HDFC ERGO General Insurance / एचडीएफसी एर्गो जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (d) Go Digit General Insurance / गो डिजिट जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance / यूनिवर्सल सोम्पो जनरल इंश्योरेंस

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** HDFC ERGO General Insurance elevates Anuj Tyagi as MD and CEO

Anuj Tyagi has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of HDFC ERGO General Insurance. Tyagi will succeed Ritesh Kumar effective July 1.

Tyagi has been with the company since 2008, holding various functions during his tenure. He was elevated as joint managing director in April 2023.

#### **Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- **CMD of New India Assurance Company** - Girija Subramanian
- **Non-executive Independent Director of Paytm** - Neeraj Arora
- **MD and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank** - Ajith Kumar KK
- **DG of ESIC** - Kamal Kishore Soan
- **MD & CEO of PNB MetLife India Insurance** - Sameer Bansal (replace Ashish Srivastava)

**298. Who has been elected as Chairperson of the board of Sa-Dhan, which is an association of microfinance and impact finance institutions?**

**माइक्रोफाइनेंस और इम्पैक्ट फाइनेंस संस्थानों के संगठन सा-धन के बोर्ड के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे चुना गया है?**

- (a) Rajnish Kumar / रजनीश कुमार
- (b) Paul Thomas / पॉल थॉमस
- (c) Deepak Mohanty / दीपक मोहंती
- (d) Tablesch Pandey / तबलेश पांडे
- (e) Siddhartha Mohanty / सिद्धार्थ मोहंती

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** ESAF SFB chief Paul Thomas elected Chairperson of Sa-Dhan MD & CEO of ESAF Small Finance Bank, Paul Thomas has been elected as Chairperson of the board of Sa-Dhan, which is an association of microfinance and impact finance institutions.

Sayed has been re-elected for the second term on the board of Sa-Dhan at the Association's Annual General Body meeting.

Jaiswal, Salimath, A Ramesh Kumar, Chairman & MD of Laraksha Impact Finance, Nagendra Mali, MD of Navachetna Microfinance, and Ganesh Chandra Modak, MD of Grameen Shakti were elected as new members to the Board.

**299. Which company has been conferred with the prestigious PSU Leadership & Excellence Award 2024 in the category of 'Leadership in Digital Transformation?'**

**किस कंपनी को 'डिजिटल परिवर्तन में नेतृत्व' श्रेणी में प्रतिष्ठित पीएसयू नेतृत्व और उत्कृष्टता पुरस्कार 2024 से सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (a) ReNew Power / रिन्यू पावर
- (b) THDC India Limited / टीएचडीसी इंडिया लिमिटेड
- (c) JSW Energy / जेएसडब्ल्यू एनर्जी
- (d) NTPC Limited / एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड
- (e) SJVN Limited / एसजेवीएन लिमिटेड

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** THDC wins PSU Leadership award for digital transformation excellence

THDC India Limited (THDC) has been conferred with the prestigious PSU Leadership & Excellence Award 2024 in the category of 'Leadership in Digital Transformation.

The Union Minister of State (Ind. Charge) Science & Technology; Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, PP/DoPT, Atomic Energy, Space, Government of India Dr Jitendra Singh conferred the award in a glittering ceremony organised in New Delhi.

MD of THDC - RK Vishnoi

**Recent Award**

- **National award for APY implementation** - Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank
- **Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award** - Vinod Ganatra
- **V Shantaram, Lifetime Achievement Award 2024** - Subbiah Nallamuth
- **Risk Manager of the Year Award by Central Banking, UK** - RBI
- **Databricks Retail and CPG Partner of the Year Award** - Tredence (a global data science and AI solutions company)

**300. Who is the director of the documentary film Golden Thread, which won the Best Documentary Film award at the 18th Mumbai International Film Festival 2024?**  
डॉक्यूमेंट्री फिल्म गोल्डन थ्रेड के निर्देशक कौन हैं, जिसने 18वें मुंबई अंतर्राष्ट्रीय फिल्म महोत्सव 2024 में सर्वश्रेष्ठ डॉक्यूमेंट्री फिल्म का पुरस्कार जीता?

- (a) Vera Pirogova / वेरा पिरोगोवा
- (b) Nirmal Chander Dandriyal / निर्मल चंद्र डंडरियाल
- (c) Abhijit Sarkar / अभिजीत सरकार
- (d) Nistha Jain / निष्ठा जैन
- (e) Subbiah Nallamuthu / सुब्बैया नल्लामुथु

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 'Golden Thread' bags the prestigious Golden Conch award at 18th MIFF 2024

The Indian film 'The Golden Thread', directed by Nistha Jain bagged the coveted Golden Conch award for the Best Documentary at MIFF 2024.

The film is both an homage to and an observation of the how last vestiges of the Industrial Revolution were impacted by the forces of economic change.

The film, adjudged as the best documentary of the South Asia's oldest and largest film festival for non-fiction, not only illustrates the relationship of man to machine but also questions how capitalism values man as equal only to his labor.

Earlier noted wildlife filmmaker Subbiah Nallamuthu was conferred with the 18th V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award at the inauguration of the 18th MIFF 2024.

The 18th biennial MIFF 2024 was organised by the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and executed by the National Film Development Corporation at Mumbai.

#### **Award Winner at the 18th MIFF 2024**

##### *International Competition Award Section*

#### **Golden Conch Award for the Best Documentary**

- Golden Thread documentary film directed by Nistha Jain.
- The award carries a cash prize of Rs 10 lakhs, a citation and a Golden Conch as a trophy.

#### **Best International Short Fiction Film**

- Sour Milk, directed by Vera Pirogova of Estonia.
- The award carries a Silver Conch as a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakhs.

#### **Best International Animation Film**

- Zima', directed by Tomek Popakul, Kasumi Ozeki of Poland.
- The award carries a Silver Conch as a trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakhs.

#### **Pramod Pati Award For Most Innovative / Experimental Film (Director)**

- 'The Old Young Crow', directed by Liam Lopinto of Japan.
- The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh and a trophy.

#### **Special Jury Mention**

- 'Lovely Jackson', directed by Matt Waldeck of the United States of America.
- The winner gets a trophy and a cash prize of Rs one Lakh.

##### *National Competition Awards Section*

#### **Best Indian Documentary Film (above 60 minutes)**

- '6-A Akash Ganga' directed by Nirmal Chander Dandriyal.

- The award carries a silver conch as a trophy and a cash prize of Rs 5 lakhs.

**Best Indian Short Fiction Film (up to 30 minutes duration)**

- 'Salt' directed by Barkha Prashant Naik.
- The award a silver conch as a trophy and a cash prize of Rs 3 lakhs.

**Best Indian Animation Film**

- 'Nirjara', directed by Gaurav Pati.
- The award consists of a silver conch trophy and a cash prize of Rs 3 lakhs.

**Special Jury Mention**

- 'A Coconut Tree' directed by Joshy Benedict.

***Sponsored Awards Section***

**Dadasaheb Phalke Chitranagari Award for Best Debut Director**

- Sreemoyee Singh
- The winner is given a trophy and prize money of Rs 1 lakh.

**FIPRESCI International Critic Jury Award**

- Sreemoyee Singh for her film 'And, Towards Happy Alleys'.

**IDPA Award for Best Student Film**

- 'Chanchisoa (Expectation)' directed by Elvachisa Ch Sangma and Dipankar Das.
- The award winner gets a trophy and Rs one lakh as a cash prize.

***Special Award Section***

**Best short film made on "India in Amrit Kaal" (up to 15 min.)**

- Life in Loom, directed by Edmond Ranson.
- The award winner gets prize money of Rs one lakh, a trophy and a certificate.

***Technical Award Section***

**Best Cinematographer**

- 'Babin Dulal' (Nepal) for the film 'Dhorpatan: No Winter Holidays' and Suraj Thakur (India) for the film 'Entangled'.
- The award carries a cash prize of Rs three lakhs, a trophy and a certificate.

**Best Editor**

- Vignesh Kumulai for the film 'Karparaa' and Irene Dhar Mallik for the film 'From the Shadows'.
- The award winner gets a prize money of Rs three lakhs, a trophy and a certificate.

**Best Sound Designer**

- Niraj Gera for the film 'The Golden Thread' and Abhijit Sarkar for the film 'Dhara Ka Tem.'
- The award winner gets a prize money of Rs three lakhs, a trophy and a certificate.

**301. Who has launched the National STOP Diarrhoea Campaign 2024 in New Delhi?**

**नई दिल्ली में राष्ट्रीय डायरिया रोकथाम अभियान 2024 का शुभारंभ किसने किया है?**

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) JP Nadda / जेपी नड्डा
- (c) Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मू
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** JP Nadda launches National STOP Diarrhoea Campaign 2024

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda has launched the National STOP Diarrhoea Campaign 2024 at a function in New Delhi.

He launched the campaign by distributing oral rehydration salts (ORS) and zinc tablets to children in presence of Minister of States for Health Anupriya Patel and Patraprao Jadhav.

The two-month campaign will begin from the 1st of July and continue till the 31st of August.

The goal behind the STOP Diarrhoea Campaign is to attain zero child deaths due to childhood diarrhoea. While the existing diarrhoea strategy entailed a two-week campaign, the new strategy involved a two-month long campaign with the pre-positioning of two ORS packets and zinc as a co-packaging for under-5 children.

**302. Who has launched “One Week One Theme” (OWOT) campaign showcasing recent success stories of India in different streams of science and technology?**

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में भारत की हालिया सफलता की कहानियों को प्रदर्शित करने वाला “वन वीक वन थीम” (OWOT) अभियान किसने शुरू किया है?

- (a) Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर
- (b) Piyush Goyal / पीयूष गोयल
- (c) Jitendra Singh / जितेंद्र सिंह
- (d) Suresh Prabhu / सुरेश प्रभु
- (e) Amit Shah / अमित शाह

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Jitendra Singh launches ‘One Week One Theme’ Campaign

Dr. Jitendra Singh has launched “One Week One Theme” (OWOT) campaign showcasing recent success stories of India in different streams of science and technology.

‘One week One Theme’ is the brainchild of Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh. ‘OWOT’ is built on the legacy and success of the ‘One Week One Lab’ (OWOL) initiative started last year.

OWOT program aims to promote their achievements and foster collaboration with industry to empower MSMEs, SHGs, Agripreneurs and Startups.

**303. Which city has become the fourth Indian city to be recognized as a 'World Craft City' by the World Craft Council (WCC), three years after it was designated as part of the UNESCO Creative City Network (UCCN) for crafts and folk arts?**  
कौन सा शहर शिल्प और लोक कलाओं के लिए यूनेस्को क्रिएटिव सिटी नेटवर्क (यूसीसीएन) के हिस्से के रूप में नामित होने के तीन साल बाद विश्व शिल्प परिषद (डब्ल्यूसीसी) द्वारा 'विश्व शिल्प शहर' के रूप में मान्यता प्राप्त करने वाला चौथा भारतीय शहर बन गया है?

- (a) Sri Nagar / श्रीनगर
- (b) Surat / श्रीनगर
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Kumarakom / कुमारकोम
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram / तिरुवनंतपुरम

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Srinagar gets tag of 'World Craft City', fourth from country

Srinagar has become the fourth Indian city to be recognized as a 'World Craft City' by the World Craft Council (WCC), three years after it was designated as part of the UNESCO Creative City Network (UCCN) for crafts and folk arts.

Jaipur, Malappuram and Mysore are the other Indian cities that have previously been recognized as World Craft Cities.

As of now, at least 10 different forms of craftsmanship survive in Srinagar and its suburbs, including papier-mâché, walnut wood carving, carpets, Sozni embroidery and Pashmina and Kani shawls.

#### **About World Craft Council?**

- The World Crafts Council AISBL (WCC-AISBL) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that was founded in 1964.
- Objective - To promote fellowship, foster economic development through income generating craft related activities, organize exchange programs, workshops, conferences, seminars, and exhibitions and in general, to offer encouragement, help, and advice to the crafts persons of the world.
- The organization is now formally registered in Belgium as an international organization and AISBL is there the French shortcut for an international association without lucrative purpose.

**304. In June 2024, A Balasubramanian has been reappointed as MD and CEO of Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company for how many years?**

जून 2024 में, ए बालासुब्रमण्यम को कितने वर्षों के लिए आदित्य बिड़ला सन लाइफ एसेट मैनेजमेंट कंपनी के (एमडी) और (सीईओ) के रूप में फिर से नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) one year
- (b) two years
- (c) three years
- (d) four years
- (e) 6 months

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Aditya Birla AMC reappointed A Balasubramanian as MD & CEO for 3 years

Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company (ABSLAMC) has reappointed A Balasubramanian as its Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for three years, effective from July 25, 2024.

Balasubramanian, who brings over three decades of extensive experience, has been associated with ABSLAMC since 1995.

Prior to assuming the role of CEO in 2009, he served as Chief Investment Officer from 2006 to 2009. Under his leadership, ABSLAMC currently oversees assets under management exceeding Rs 3.20 lakh crore.

**About Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC**

- Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC is co-owned by Aditya Birla Capital and Sun Life (India) AMC Investments Inc., and serves as the primary investment manager for Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund.
- Beyond mutual funds, the company operates various alternative investment strategies including portfolio management services, real estate investments, and alternative investment funds.

**Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector**

- **Chairperson of Sa-Dhan** - Paul Thomas
- **CMD of New India Assurance Company** - Girija Subramanian
- **Non-executive Independent Director of Paytm** - Neeraj Arora
- **MD and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank** - Ajith Kumar KK
- **DG of ESIC** - Kamal Kishore Soan

**305. What is the name of Chief of Intelligence Bureau, who has been recently reappointed for one year?**

**इंटेलिजेंस ब्यूरो के प्रमुख का नाम क्या है, जिन्हें हाल ही में एक वर्ष के लिए पुनः नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Anish Dayal Singh / अनीश दयाल सिंह
- (b) Sujoy Lal Thaosan / सुजॉय लाल थाउसेन
- (c) Vineet McCarty / विनीत मैक्कार्ती
- (d) Tapan Kumar Deka / तपन कुमार डेका
- (e) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal / सुबोध कुमार जायसवाल

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Tapan Kumar Deka gets one-year extension as IB Chief

Counter-terrorism expert IPS Tapan Kumar Deka has been given an extension as Intelligence Bureau chief for one year beyond June 30, 2024.

Deka, known for his pivotal role in combating northeast insurgency and dismantling the Indian Mujahideen.

He is a 1988 batch Officer for Himachal Pradesh.

During his tenure as IB chief, Deka took the fight to the left-wing extremists in Central India with the Maoists now confined to Bastar district of Chhattisgarh.

A highly competent, Deka has served in the US and was the main force behind India taking down the Pak-sponsored Indian Mujahideen group.

He has investigated the 26/11 Mumbai massacre and brought culprits to justice.

**306. Which bank has launched a new digital investment platform SmartWealth?**

**किस बैंक ने नया डिजिटल निवेश प्लेटफॉर्म स्मार्टवेल्थ 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) IDFC First Bank / आईडीएफसी फर्स्ट बैंक

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** HDFC Bank launches digital investment platform SmartWealth

HDFC Bank has launched a new digital investment platform to take wealth services to every Indian and make investments simple and transparent.

Incorporating cutting-edge technology, the HDFC Bank SmartWealth comes loaded with first-ever features that allow investors to make the right investment decisions and plan their financial journey.

It has been developed with first-time investors in mind, built with smart intelligence and has pioneering tools that allow users to make the right investment decisions to plan their finances.

Users can create SmartJars, which gives users personalised portfolio plans that can be modified or paused anytime.

Model portfolios on Smart Wealth suggest curated investment baskets for DIY investing based on over 25 years of HDFC Bank's financial expertise.

**About HDFC Bank**

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

**307. In June 2024, S&P Global Ratings retained its growth forecast for India at \_\_\_\_\_ for FY25?**

**जून 2024 में, एस&एंडपी ग्लोबल रेटिंग्स ने वित्त वर्ष 25 के लिए भारत के लिए अपने विकास पूर्वानुमान को \_\_\_\_\_ पर बरकरार रखा?**

- (a) 6.6%
- (b) 6.8%
- (c) 6.9%
- (d) 6.4%
- (e) 6.3%

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** S&P Global Ratings retains India's growth forecast for FY25 at 6.8%

The S&P Global Ratings retained its growth forecast for India at 6.8 per cent for FY25, citing high interest rates and lower fiscal boost tempering demand in the non-agricultural sectors.

For FY26 and FY27, S&P projected India's economy to grow at 6.9 per cent and 7 per cent, respectively.

The rating agency expects the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to reduce its policy rate to 6 per cent in the current financial year from 6.5 per cent at present.

Additionally, it anticipates further cuts in the lending rate to 5.5 per cent and 5.25 per cent in 2025-26 and 2026-27, respectively.

**Updated GDP List**

- Fitch Rating –7.2% (FY25)
- CII – 8% (FY25)
- World Bank – 6.6% (FY25), 6.7% (FY26), 6.8% (FY27)
- RBI –7.2% (FY25)
- Goldman Sachs – 6.8% (FY25), 6.9% (CY24)
- DBS Bank – 7% (FY25)
- NSO – 8.2% (FY24)

**308. Which bank has launched a “SmartLock,” a novel safety feature that lets users lock and unlock several banking services at once without contacting customer support via phone or email?**

किस बैंक ने "स्मार्टलॉक" नामक एक नई सुरक्षा सुविधा शुरू की है, जो उपयोगकर्ताओं को फोन या ईमेल के माध्यम से ग्राहक सहायता से संपर्क किए बिना एक साथ कई बैंकिंग सेवाओं को लॉक और अनलॉक करने की सुविधा देती 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.** ICICI Bank unveils 'SmartLock', a new safety feature for iMobile Pay

ICICI Bank has launched a “SmartLock,” a novel safety feature that lets users lock and unlock several banking services at once without contacting customer support via phone or email.

Available on iMobile Pay, it helps customers to lock/unlock access to internet banking, UPI (including payments from other UPI apps linked to the bank account), credit and debit cards, by clicking a button.

'SmartLock', the first-of-its-kind measure in the Indian banking sector, also allows customers to lock/unlock the entire iMobile Pay.

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

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

**309. A member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Om Birla was re-elected speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha. Under which article of Indian constitution, members of the Lok Sabha are to elect a Speaker and a Deputy Speaker from among the members of the House?**

भारतीय जनता पार्टी (भाजपा) के सदस्य ओम बिरला को 18वीं लोकसभा का पुनः अध्यक्ष चुना गया। भारतीय संविधान के किस अनुच्छेद के तहत, लोकसभा के सदस्यों को सदन के सदस्यों में से एक अध्यक्ष और एक उपाध्यक्ष का चुनाव करना होता है?

- (a) Article 93
- (b) Article 83
- (c) Article 94
- (d) Article 92
- (e) Article 96

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Om Birla elected as the speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha

A member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate, Om Birla was re-elected speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha.

He was elected by voice vote after the opposition party did not press for the counting of votes.

Om Birla was also the speaker of the 17th Lok Sabha. Om Birla is the 17th person to be elected as the Speaker of the Lok Sabha.

According to Article 93 of the constitution, members of the Lok Sabha are to elect a Speaker and a Deputy Speaker from among the members of the House. The Speaker and Deputy Speaker are elected by a simple majority.

**About Om Birla**

- A three-time member of Lok Sabha, Om Birla was elected from the Kota constituency of Rajasthan in the 2014, 2019 and 2024 Lok Sabha elections.
- He is the fifth person to hold the office of Lok Sabha speaker twice.

**310. Who has been appointed as the next Vice Chief of Army Staff?**

**अगले उप सेना प्रमुख के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) R K Gupta / आर के गुप्ता
- (b) Kalikesh Singh Deo / कलिकेश सिंह देव
- (c) Raj Shukla / राज शुक्ला
- (d) NS Raja Subramani / एन एस राजा सुब्रमणि
- (e) Paritosh Tripathi / परितोष त्रिपाठी

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani as the next Vice Chief of Army Staff

Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani is set to be the next Vice Chief of Army Staff with the government clearing his appointment to the post.

The officer, who is presently helming the Army's Central Command, will succeed Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi.

Lt Gen Dwivedi, currently serving as the Vice Chief, will be the next Chief of the Army Staff when incumbent Gen Manoj Pande retires on June 30.

Lt Gen Subramani has a distinguished and illustrious military career spanning more than 37 years.

Lt Gen Subramani has the distinction of commanding a battalion during 'Operation Rhino' in Assam, an infantry brigade along the International Boundary with Pakistan and a 'Black Cat' division in Northeast India.

He also commanded Uttar Bharat Area in 2020 and the premier Kharga Corps at Ambala.

**311. How many medals were won by India at the Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championships in Amman, Jordan?**

**जॉर्डन के अम्मान में अंडर-17 एशियाई कुश्ती चैंपियनशिप में भारत ने कितने पदक जीते?**

- (a) 11
- (b) 12
- (c) 2
- (d) 5
- (e) 4

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Indian clinches 11 Medals at Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championships in Amman

India concluded their campaign at the Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championships in Amman, Jordan, on a resounding note.

The young Indian contingent clinched a total of 11 medals, including four gold, two silver, and five bronze medals.

Women wrestlers grabbed all four gold medals. Dipanshi in 46 kg, Muskan in 53 kg, Rajnita in 61 kg, and Mansi Lather in 69 kg delivered stellar performances in their respective weight categories to clinch the yellow metal.

Raja Bala had to settle for a silver in the 40 kg category, despite her valiant efforts.

On the men's front, Samarth Gajanan Mhakave bagged a silver medal in the fiercely contested 55 kg category. While Akash in 65 kg, Sachin Kumar in 71 kg, Bikash Kacchap in 48 kg, Tushar Tukaram Patil in 60 kg, and Ronak in 110 kg showcased their prowess by clinching bronze medals.

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**312. In June 2024, which country has become the 100th country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as a full member?**

**जून 2024 में, कौन सा देश अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सौर गठबंधन (आईएसए) में पूर्ण सदस्य के रूप में शामिल होने वाला 100वां देश बन गया है?**

- (a) Suriname / सूरीनाम
- (b) Panama / पनामा
- (c) Guyana / गुयाना
- (d) Paraguay / पैराग्वे
- (e) Brazil / ब्राज़ील

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Paraguay becomes 100th member of International Solar Alliance

Paraguay has become the 100th country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as a full member.

The South American nation officially handed over its Instrument of Ratification to the ISA in New Delhi.

The ISA, co-founded by India and France during the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris, aims to promote solar energy deployment worldwide.

It serves as a collaborative platform for member countries to increase energy access, ensure energy security, and drive the transition towards sustainable energy sources.

The alliance has gained significant traction since its inception, with 119 countries now signatories to the ISA Framework Agreement. Of these, 100 have completed the ratification process to become full members, with Spain joining as the 99th member in May this year.

The ISA's primary goal is to contribute to the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement through rapid and massive deployment of solar energy technologies.

#### **About Paraguay**

- Capital- Asunción
- Currency – Guarani
- President - Santiago Peña

**313. Which company has secured a major order for setting up a grid-connected 185 megawatt (MW) solar PV plant along with a 254 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Kajra in Lakhisarai district of Bihar in June 2024?**

किस कंपनी ने जून 2024 में बिहार के लखीसराय जिले के कजरा में 254 मेगावाट बैटरी ऊर्जा भंडारण प्रणाली (बीईएसएस) के साथ ग्रिड से जुड़े 185 मेगावाट (MW) सौर पीवी संयंत्र स्थापित करने का एक बड़ा ऑर्डर हासिल किया है?

- (a) Reliance Industries Limited / रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड
- (b) Larsen & Toubro (L&T) / लार्सन एंड टुब्रो (एल एंड टी)
- (c) Hindustan Unilever Limited / हिंदुस्तान यूनिलीवर लिमिटेड
- (d) Tata Advanced Systems / टाटा एडवांस्ड सिस्टम्स
- (e) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) / भारत इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स लिमिटेड (बीईएल)

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** L&T win deals for 185 MW solar plant in Bihar

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has secured a major order for setting up a grid-connected 185 megawatt (MW) solar PV plant along with a 254 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Kajra in Lakhisarai district of Bihar.

The project cost is estimated to be in the range of ₹2,500-5,000 crore.

The BESS, with a capacity of 254 MWh will enable storing solar energy during low-demand periods and discharging when the demand peaks.

In addition, the BESS will also help smooth the fluctuations in generation, frequency regulation and voltage support. It comes with a black start capability to the grid that will facilitate quick re-energisation after an outage.

**314. International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed every year on which day?**

नशीली दवाओं के दुरुपयोग और अवैध तस्करी के खिलाफ अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 23 June
- (b) 24 June
- (c) 25 June
- (d) 26 June
- (e) 27 June

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 26 June - International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed every year on 26 June. This day is popularly known as World Drug Day.

Objective - To raise awareness about the global fight against drug abuse and illicit drug trafficking.

Theme 2024 - The evidence is clear: invest in prevention

The United Nations established the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 7 December 1987.

**315. United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture is celebrated every year on which day?**

**यातना के पीड़ितों के समर्थन में संयुक्त राष्ट्र अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 23 June
- (b) 24 June
- (c) 25 June
- (d) 26 June
- (e) 27 June

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 26 June - United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture is celebrated every year on 26 June.

The UN General Assembly proclaimed 26 June the United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, with a view to the total eradication of torture and the effective functioning of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

The Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment generally known as the Torture Agreement, entered into force on June 26, 1987.

This was a step towards recognizing that torture is universally banned. Ten years later, on June 26, 1997, the United Nations General Assembly formally designated the day as the International Day.

**316. Micro Small Medium Enterprise (MSME) Day is observed every year on 27 June. The first MSME Day was observed in which year?**

**सूक्ष्म लघु मध्यम उद्यम (MSME) दिवस हर साल 27 जून को मनाया जाता है। पहला MSME दिवस किस वर्ष मनाया गया था?**

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2017
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2019

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** 27 June - MSME Day

Micro Small Medium Enterprise (MSME) Day is observed every year on 27 June.

The day highlights the contribution of the MSME sector to a country's economic development and employment generation.

Theme 2024 - MSMEs and the SDG.

On 6 April 2017, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to observe 27 June as the Micro Small Medium Enterprise (MSME) Day.

The first MSME Day was observed on 27 June 2017.

According to the United Nations, MSMEs account for 90% of businesses, 60 to 70% of employment, and 50% of Gross Domestic Product worldwide.

**317. Which of the following city was officially declared as India's first UNESCO 'City of Literature'?**  
**निम्नलिखित में से किस शहर को आधिकारिक तौर पर भारत का पहला यूनेस्को 'साहित्य का शहर' घोषित किया गया?**

- (a) Jaipur / जयपुर
- (b) Kozhikode / कोझीकोड
- (c) Gwalior / ग्वालियर
- (d) Surat / सूरत
- (e) Indore / इंदौर

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Kerala's Kozhikode becomes India's first UNESCO 'City of Literature'

Kozhikode in north Kerala, known for its rich cultural heritage, was officially declared as India's first UNESCO 'City of Literature'.

The state government also announced that from coming year, June 23 will be celebrated as the 'City of Literature' Day of Kozhikode.

In October 2023, Kozhikode had earned a place in the 'Literature' category of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN).

While Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh made it to the coveted list in the 'Music' category, Kozhikode earned the place in the 'Literature' category.

These cities join the list of places which received tags from the UNESCO including Bukhara – Crafts and Folk Art, Casablanca – Media Arts, Chongqing – Design, Kathmandu – Film, Rio de Janeiro – Literature, and Ulaanbaatar – Crafts and Folk Art

**About Kerala**

- **Capital** – Thiruvananthapuram
- **Chief Minister** – Pinarayi Vijayan
- **Governor** – Arif Mohammad Khan

**318. In June 2024, Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders has been granted "Navratna" status by the Department of Public Enterprises. It is now the \_\_\_\_ PSU in the country to receive this status.**

**जून 2024 में, मझगांव डॉक शिपबिल्डर्स को सार्वजनिक उद्यम विभाग द्वारा "नवरत्न" का दर्जा दिया गया है। यह अब यह दर्जा पाने वाला देश का \_\_\_\_ पीएसयू है।**

- (a) 15th
- (b) 16th
- (c) 17th
- (d) 18th
- (e) 19th

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders get Navratna status as 18th PSU

Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders has been granted "Navratna" status by the Department of Public Enterprises. It is now the 18th PSU in the country to receive this status.

A Navratna company can undertake investments worth up to Rs. 1,000 crore, without needing approval from the central government.

It is also allowed to form Joint Ventures, and alliances and establish subsidiaries abroad. Some notable Navratnas are Engineers India, CONCOR, Bharat Electronics, Hindustan Aeronautics, RCF, NALCO, NMDC, RVNL, IRCON and IREDA.

In order to become a Navratna company, the PSU should first be a Miniratna company.

It must also report a net profit of ₹5,000 crore for three years in a row and must maintain an average annual turnover of over ₹25,000 crore for three years, or have an average annual net worth of over ₹15,000 crore for three years.

**319. Which Union Territory has recently achieved full functional literacy under the ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram?**

**किस केंद्र शासित प्रदेश ने हाल ही में उल्लास-नव भारत साक्षरता कार्यक्रम के तहत पूर्ण कार्यात्मक साक्षरता हासिल की है?**

- (a) Delhi / दिल्ली
- (b) Chandigarh / चंडीगढ़
- (c) Jammu and Kashmir / जम्मू और कश्मीर
- (d) Ladakh / लद्दाख
- (e) Puducherry / पुदुचेरी

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Union Territory of Ladakh achieves full functional Literacy ULLAS

Ladakh has become the first administrative unit to achieve full functional literacy under the ULLAS-Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram (New India Literacy Program).

Lieutenant Governor Dr. BD Mishra made this announcement during a celebration at Sindhu Sanskritik Kendra in Leh.

The Union Territory has surpassed 97% literacy, marking a major success for the centrally sponsored scheme aimed at empowering adults aged 15 and above with foundational literacy, numeracy, and critical life skills.

#### **About ULLAS**

- ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram or New India Literacy Programme (NILP), is a centrally sponsored scheme implemented from 2022-2027.
- The scheme aligns with the recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and aims to empower those adults aged 15 years and above from all backgrounds who could not get due schooling and mainstream them with society to be able to contribute more to the growth story of the country.
- It covers five key components: foundational literacy and numeracy, critical life skills, basic education, vocational skills, and continuing education.
- The vision of the ULLAS Scheme is to make Bharat Jan Jan Saakshar, which is based on the spirit of Kartvya Bodh and is being implemented through volunteerism.

**320. Which of the following will build ₹650 Crore 'Museum of Temples' in Ayodhya?**

**निम्नलिखित में से कौन अयोध्या में ₹650 करोड़ की लागत से 'मंदिर संग्रहालय' का निर्माण करेगा?**

- (a) Adani Group
- (b) Reliance Foundation
- (c) Tata Sons
- (d) L&T
- (e) Mahindra Group

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Tata Sons to Build ₹650 Crore 'Museum of Temples' in Ayodhya

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved Tata Sons' proposal to build a 'museum of temples' in Ayodhya, a project worth Rs 650 crore to be funded through Tata's corporate social responsibility fund.

The plan then was to showcase the history and architecture of famous temples in the country. Also discussed was setting up a light-and-sound show at the proposed museum.

Additionally, the state cabinet has also sanctioned Rs 100 crore for further development works in Ayodhya and endorsed the initiation of helicopter services in Lucknow, Prayagraj, and Kapilvastu.

**About Uttar Pradesh**

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

**321. According to the World Bank report, India has received how much remittances in 2023?**

**विश्व बैंक की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, भारत को 2023 में कितना धन प्रेषण प्राप्त हुआ है?**

- (a) \$110 billion
- (b) \$120 billion
- (c) \$130 billion
- (d) \$140 billion
- (e) \$150 billion

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** India received \$120 billion in remittances in 2023: World Bank

According to the World Bank report, India has received USD 120 billion in remittances in 2023.

China (USD 50 billion), the Philippines (USD 39 billion), and Pakistan (USD 27 billion) figure in top five countries list of remittances recipients.

Remittance flows to India from the United Arab Emirates, which account for 18 per cent and are the second largest source of India's remittances after the United States.

In addition to the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, and Qatar account for 11 per cent of India's total remittances.

#### **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

**322. In June 2024, which bank has raised ₹10,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.36 per cent through its fifth infrastructure bond issuance?**

**जून 2024 में, किस बैंक ने अपने पांचवें इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर बॉन्ड जारी करके 7.36 प्रतिशत की कूपन दर पर ₹10,000 करोड़ जुटाए हैं?**

- (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 ₹10,000 crore through infra bonds

State Bank of India (SBI) has raised ₹10,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.36 per cent through its fifth infrastructure bond issuance.

The issue attracted an overwhelming response from investors, with bids in excess of ₹19,884 crore, and was oversubscribed by around four times against the base issue size of ₹5,000 crore.

Based on the response, the bank has decided to accept ₹10,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.36 per cent payable annually.

This represents a spread of 21 bps over the corresponding FBIL G-Sec par curve. The instrument is rated AAA with stable outlook.

#### **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

**323. The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) forecasts India's FY25 GDP growth at about \_\_\_\_ driven by strong economic activity.**

नेशनल काउंसिल ऑफ एप्लाइड इकोनॉमिक रिसर्च (एनसीईआर) ने अनुमान लगाया है कि वित्त वर्ष 2025 में भारत की जीडीपी वृद्धि दर मजबूत आर्थिक गतिविधियों के कारण लगभग \_\_\_\_ रहेगी।

- (a) 7.2%
- (b) 7.3%
- (c) 7.4%
- (d) 7.5%
- (e) 7.6%

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** India likely to grow at 7.5% in FY25: NCAER

The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) forecasts India's FY25 GDP growth at about 7.5%, driven by strong economic activity.

Recently, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) raised its projections for India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth to 7.2% from 7% in FY25. Growth projections have been upgraded by various other agencies as well with the median projection at 6.9%.

Director General of NCAER - Poonam Gupta

#### **Updated GDP List**

- S&P – 6.8% (FY25), 6.9% (FY26), 7% (FY27)
- Fitch Rating – 7.2% (FY25)
- CII – 8% (FY25)
- World Bank – 6.6% (FY25), 6.7% (FY26), 6.8% (FY27)
- RBI – 7.2% (FY25)
- Goldman Sachs – 6.8% (FY25), 6.9% (CY24)
- DBS Bank – 7% (FY25)
- NSO – 8.2% (FY24)

**324. Who has been appointed as the Vice President of India Bullion Jewellers Association (IBJA)?**

**इंडिया बुलियन ज्वैलर्स एसोसिएशन (IBJA) का उपाध्यक्ष किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Smita Sarangi / स्मिता सारंगी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Aksha Mohit Kamboj / अक्ष मोहित कंबोज
- (d) Tanu Singh / तनु सिंह
- (e) Rakesh Mohan / राकेश मोहन

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Aksha Mohit Kamboj appointed VP of India Bullion Jewellers Association

The India Bullion Jewellers Association (IBJA) has appointed Aksha Mohit Kamboj as its Vice President.

Kamboj brings with her a wealth of experience and expertise in the field of bullion and jewellery, and her appointment is poised to further strengthen IBJA's leadership in the industry.

Aksha Mohit Kamboj is the Executive Chairman of Aspect Global Ventures Pvt Ltd and is also the co-owner of Cricket ISPL team Tiigers of Kolkata. She is the first and the only woman appointed on such a prestigious post in Gold & Jewellery Sector.

**325. First International Dairy Federation Asia-Pacific summit has been organized in which city?**

**प्रथम अंतर्राष्ट्रीय डेयरी फेडरेशन एशिया-प्रशांत शिखर सम्मेलन किस शहर में आयोजित किया गया है?**

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

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** First International Dairy Federation Asia-Pacific summit concluded in Kochi

The Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB), and the International Dairy Federation (IDF) are jointly organised the first IDF Regional Dairy Conference Asia Pacific-2024 in Kochi.

Themed 'Farmer-centric innovations in dairying', the event featured insightful deliberations bringing together leaders and experts from the global dairy sector.

More than 1,000 delegates and participants from over 20 countries took part in the event.

**326. Who has been honoured with the prestigious Pen Pinter Prize 2024 for her “unflinching and unswerving” writings?**  
**"अडिग और अटल" लेखन के लिए प्रतिष्ठित पेन पिंटर पुरस्कार 2024 से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?**

- (a) Amitav Ghosh / अमिताव घोष
- (b) Vikram Seth / विक्रम सेठ
- (c) Arundhati Roy / अरुंधति रॉय
- (d) Aravind Adiga / अरविंद अडिगा
- (e) Chetan Bhagat / चेतन भगत

**Ans. c**

**Sol.** Arundhati Roy honored with Prestigious Pen Pinter Prize 2024

Booker Prize-winning author Arundhati Roy has been honoured with the prestigious Pen Pinter Prize 2024 for her “unflinching and unswerving” writings.

The prize, established in 2009 by the charity English PEN, defends freedom of expression and celebrates literature in memory of Nobel-Laureate playwright Harold Pinter.

**Recent Award**

- **PSU Leadership & Excellence Award 2024** - THDC India Limited (category of ‘Leadership in Digital Transformation).
- **National award for APY implementation** - Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank
- **Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award** - Vinod Ganatra
- **V Shantaram, Lifetime Achievement Award 2024** - Subbiah Nallamuth
- **Risk Manager of the Year Award by Central Banking, UK** - RBI

**327. Anush Agarwalla, who was seen in news in June 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?**

**जून 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में रहीं अनुष अग्रवाल निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़ी हैं?**

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Equestrian / घुड़सवारी
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Anush Agarwalla selected by EFI to represent India in Dressage at Paris Olympics

The Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) has selected Anush Agarwalla to represent the country in the dressage event at the upcoming Paris Olympics.

EFI selected him over Shruti Vora based on a thorough assessment of their recent performances, where Anush demonstrated a superior average.

It will be India's first ever entry at the dressage event at the Olympics as largely riders in past editions competed in eventing categories only.

**328. In June 2024, which school was honored with the “Award for Transformative Education Excellence” at Mind Mingle’s Indo-Norway International Education Summit and Awards 2024, held in Stortinget, Norway?**

जून 2024 में, नॉर्वे के स्टॉर्टिंगेट में आयोजित माइंड मिंगल के इंडो-नॉर्वे अंतर्राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा शिखर सम्मेलन और पुरस्कार 2024 में किस स्कूल को “परिवर्तनकारी शिक्षा उत्कृष्टता पुरस्कार” से सम्मानित किया गया?

- (a) Scotland international school Sri Nagar
- (b) Doon School Srinagar
- (c) Aadharshila Vidyapeeth Delhi
- (d) Oxford Senior Secondary School Delhi
- (e) Jaipur International School Jaipur

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** Doon School Srinagar honored with Prestigious Award at Indo-Norway International Education Summit

Doon School Srinagar was honored with the “Award for Transformative Education Excellence” at Mind Mingle’s Indo-Norway International Education Summit and Awards 2024, held in Stortinget, Norway.

This recognition celebrates the school’s outstanding contributions to education, particularly under the leadership of its Chairman, Showkat Hussain Khan.

The Indo-Norway Education Summit was organized by Mind Mingle, an organization dedicated to the professional development of educators and schools since 2014.

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**329. Who has been appointed as the new President of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)?**

**प्रोफेशनल गोल्फ टूर ऑफ इंडिया (PGTI) के नए अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Sachin Tendulkar / सचिन तेंदुलकर
- (b) Yuvraj Singh / युवराज सिंह
- (c) Rahul Dravid / राहुल द्रविड़
- (d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni / महेन्द्र सिंह धोनी
- (e) Kapil Dev / कपिल देव

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** Kapil Dev becomes new Chief of India Golf

World Cup-winning former India cricket captain Kapil Dev has taken over as the new President of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI).

The 65-year-old, who was already a member of the PGTI Board as its Vice President, was chosen unanimously and would be taking over from incumbent H R Srinivasan, whose tenure has come to an end.

Kapil played cricket for India from 1978 to 1994. One of the greatest all-rounders of all time, he played 131 Test matches and 225 one-dayers and led India to the 1983 World Cup win. His 175 not out in 1983 World Cup is considered one of the finest innings in the annals of the game.

In Tests, He scored 5248 runs, including eight centuries, and took 434 wickets, which was then a world record. He also scored 3783 runs in ODIs and took 253 wickets in the format.

#### **Recent Appointment**

- **VP of India Bullion Jewellers Association** - Aksha Mohit Kamboj
- **Director in the Department of Consumer Affairs** - Mrinal Kumar Das
- **Secretary of TRAI** - Atul Kumar Chaudhary (replace V Raghunandan)
- **Director (Enterprise) in BSNL** -Sudhakararao Papa
- **Chairman of Global Wind Energy Council India (GWEC India)** - Girish Tanti

**330. Which laboratory of the DRDO has developed the Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR)?**

**DRDO की किस प्रयोगशाला ने मीडियम रेंज-माइक्रोवेव ऑब्स्क्यूरेंट चैफ रॉकेट (MR-MOCR) विकसित किया है?**

- (a) Jodhpur laboratory of the DRDO
- (b) Armaments Research & Development Establishment Pune
- (c) Defence Institute of High-Altitude Research Leh
- (d) Defence Electronics Applications Laboratory Dehradun
- (e) Combat Vehicles Research & Development Establishment Chennai

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** DRDO hands over Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket to Indian Navy

The Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR) developed by the Jodhpur Laboratory of the Research and Development Organization (DRDO) was formally handed over to the Indian Navy in New Delhi.

The Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR) developed by the DRDO will enhance the Indian Navy's defensive capability.

The MR-MOCR is a niche technology that integrates a particular type of fibres having unique microwave obscuration properties. This helps mask radar signals and creates a microwave shield around platforms and assets. This will reduce the chance of detection of the Indian Navy's platforms and assets by the enemy forces.

**About DRDO Jodhpur Laboratory**

- The Jodhpur Laboratory of the DRDO was established in May 1959.
- It was initially established to conduct research and trials of weapons developed for desert warfare.
- Later, the laboratory's mandate was extended to include research in camouflage, electronics and communications, water and quality management, transportation and navigation systems, weapons, ammunition, and storage areas of activity.
- Director of the Jodhpur Laboratory of the DRDO - RV Hara Prasad

**331. In June 2024, Sanjana Thakur won the 2024 Commonwealth Short Story Prize for her story \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**जून 2024 में, संजना ठाकुर ने अपनी कहानी \_\_\_\_\_ के लिए 2024 राष्ट्रमंडल लघु कथा पुरस्कार जीता।**

- (a) India Pioneer
- (b) Cow and Company
- (c) The Great Indian Tee and Snakes
- (d) Aishwarya Rai
- (e) Nicobar Story

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Sanjana Thakur wins UK Commonwealth Short Story Prize

Sanjana Thakur, a 26-year-old writer from Mumbai, won the 2024 Commonwealth Short Story Prize for her story "Aishwarya Rai". She will receive a cash prize of £5,000.

Sanjana Thakur, who is currently pursuing an MFA in Fiction at UT Austin's New Writers Project, described her story as a "Mumbai story".

Thakur is the third Indian to win the prize after Kritika Pandey won it in 2020 for her story "The Great Indian Tee and Snakes" and Parashar Kulkarni in 2016 for "Cow and Company".

#### **Recent Award**

- **2024 Oscar Academy Gold Rising Program** - Nethra Gururaj
- **Best Conduct of Business Regulator award** - SEBI
- **Hindi Sahitya Bharati Award** - Krishna Prakash
- **EY World Entrepreneur of The Year 2024** - Vellayan Subbiah
- **Dilip Bose Lifetime Achievement Award** - Nar Singh & Rohini Lokhande

**332. Who has been appointed as the Director in the Department of Consumer Affairs under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution for a period of five years?**

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय के तहत उपभोक्ता मामले विभाग में पांच साल की अवधि के लिए निदेशक 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) Mrinal Kumar Das / मृणाल कुमार दास
- (e) Vivek Srivastava / विवेक श्रीवास्तव

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** Mrinal Kumar Das appointed as Director in Department of Consumer Affairs

Mrinal Kumar Das (IRS) has been selected for appointment as Director in the Department of Consumer Affairs under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution for a period of five years.

Das is an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer of 2007 batch. He was recommended for the Central deputation by the Department of Revenue.

#### **Recent Appointment**

- **President of the Asian Association of Hair Restoration Surgeons** - Dr Kapil Dua
- **Principal Secretary to PM** - Dr PK Mishra (reappointment)
- **National Security Advisor** - Ajit Doval (reappointment)
- **Advisors to the Prime Minister** - Amit Khare and Tarun Kapoor (reappointment)
- **MD and CEO of SBICAP Ventures Limited** - Prem Prabhakar
- **DG of FICCI** - Jyoti Vij

**333. Which of the following has retained its position as India's most valuable brand with a value of \$28.6 billion in 2024, reflecting a 9 per cent increase from last year?**

निम्न में से किसने 2024 में 28.6 बिलियन डॉलर के मूल्य के साथ भारत के सबसे मूल्यवान ब्रांड के रूप में अपना स्थान बरकरार रखा है, जो पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में 9 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि दर्शाता है?

- (a) Tata Group / टाटा समूह
- (b) Reliance Group / रिलायंस समूह
- (c) Adani Group / अडानी समूह
- (d) Mahindra Group / महिंद्रा समूह
- (e) SBI / एसबीआई

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Tata Group retains top spot as India's most valuable brand at \$28.6 billion

Tata Group has retained its position as India's most valuable brand with a value of \$28.6 billion, reflecting a 9 per cent increase from last year.

Following Tata, Infosys holds the second position, while HDFC Group has made a significant leap to third place, in Brand Value's 'India 100 2024 ranking.

Brand Finance's report highlighted that Tata Group marks the first time an Indian brand is nearing the \$30 billion mark. Meanwhile, HDFC was propelled to the third position driven by its monumental merger with HDFC Ltd. This merger has bolstered HDFC Group's brand value, reflecting a strong presence in the financial sector.

Taj, valued at \$545 million, maintains its position as India's strongest brand with an impressive Brand Strength Index (BSI) score of 92.9 out of 100 and a prestigious AAA+ rating for brand strength.

**334. Which of the following has introduced Personal Probiotics, India's first prebiotic and probiotic blend handcrafted based on individual gut profile?**

निम्नलिखित में से किसने पर्सनल प्रोबायोटिक्स पेश किया है, जो व्यक्तिगत आंत प्रोफ़ाइल के आधार पर भारत का पहला प्रीबायोटिक और प्रोबायोटिक मिश्रण है?

- (a) Cipla / सिप्ला
- (b) MicrobioTx / माइक्रोबायोटिक्स
- (c) Dr Reddy / डॉ रेड्डी
- (d) Sun Pharma /सन फार्मा
- (e) Zydus / ज़ाइडस

**Ans. b**

**Sol.** MicrobioTx launches India's first Hyper-Personalised Probiotic

MicrobioTx, a Bengaluru-based gut health startup, introduced Personal Probiotics, India's first prebiotic and probiotic blend handcrafted based on individual gut profile, and GutChat, a free gut health-focused chatbot for gut health enthusiasts.

Personal probiotics are hand-crafted based on the results of a unique, patent-protected and clinically proven gut microbiome test.

It is estimated that 1 out of every four individuals in urban India suffers from gut-related issues. The key factors causing the conditions include inadequate fiber intake, irregular eating habits, low water intake, stress, and consumption of processed, fatty and oily food.

World Microbiome Day - 27 June

**335. The Director General of Railway Protection Force (RPF) Manoj Yadava has launched a mobile application "Sangyaan App". What is the purpose of "Sangyaan App"?**

रेलवे सुरक्षा बल (RPF) के महानिदेशक मनोज यादव ने एक मोबाइल एप्लिकेशन "संज्ञान ऐप" लॉन्च किया है। "संज्ञान ऐप" का उद्देश्य क्या है?

- (a) To protecting railway property and the safety of passengers
- (b) To give female passengers security guarantees
- (c) To prevent illegal alcohol and tobacco items
- (d) To educate and empower RPF Personnel
- (e) To prevent and identify crimes against people on trains

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** RPF launches Sangyaan App to educate and empower RPF Personnel

The Director General of Railway Protection Force (RPF) Manoj Yadava has launched the mobile application-Sangyaan App.

It is designed and developed by the Tech Team of RPF to provide in-depth information on three new Criminal Acts: The Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023, and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA) 2023. Sangyaan App aims to educate and empower RPF Personnel by providing comprehensive information to understand the provisions of both new and old criminal laws, while highlighting the relevance of these new acts in the context of RPF operations.

The app features user-friendly navigation, a searchable database and offline access, making it a practical tool for anyone seeking to stay informed about the latest legal developments in India.

**336. Sreeja Akula, who was in the news recently, belongs to which field?**

**श्रीजा अकुला, जो हाल ही में चर्चा में थीं, किस क्षेत्र से संबंधित हैं?**

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Sreeja Akula creates history by winning WTT Contender singles title

Sreeja Akula of Hyderabad became the first Indian table tennis player to win a WTT (World Table Tennis) Contender Women's single title.

Sreeja Akula won both the women's singles and doubles titles at the WTT Contender Lagos 2024 event.

The USD 80,000 prize money WTT Contender Lagos 2024 was held at the Sir Molade Okoya Thomas Indoor Sports Hall in Lagos, Nigeria.

Sreeja Akula, defeated the 16-year-old Yijie Ding of China 4-1 (10-12,11-9,11-6,11-8,11-6) in the final of the WTT Contender Lagos 2024 to win her first WTT Contender title.

**Women's Singles**

- Winner - Sreeja Akula (India)
- Runner Up - Yijie Ding (China)

**Men's Singles**

- Winner - Dimitrij Ovtcharov (Germany)
- Runner up - Ricardo Walther (Germany)

**Women Doubles**

- Winner - Sreejas Akula and Archana Kamath (India)
- Runner up - Yashaswini Ghorpade and Diya Chitale (India)

**Men's Doubles**

- Winner - Harmeet Desai and Manav Thakkar (India)
- Runner up - Olajide Omotayo and Azeez Solanke (Nigeria)

**337. Which state's governor has released a book titled 'Gateways to the Sea: Historic Ports and Docks of Mumbai Region' recently?**

किस राज्य के राज्यपाल ने हाल ही में 'गेटवेज़ टू द सी: हिस्टोरिक पोर्ट्स एंड डॉक्स ऑफ़ मुंबई रीजन' नामक पुस्तक का विमोचन किया है?

- (a) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (d) Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
- (e) Punjab / पंजाब

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** Maharashtra Governor releases book titled 'Gateways to the Sea'

The Governor of Maharashtra Ramesh Bais released a book titled 'Gateways to the Sea: Historic Ports and Docks of Mumbai Region' at Raj Bhavan Mumbai.

The book has been published by the Publications Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, GoI. It comprises of 18 articles by renowned authors, compiled by the Maritime Mumbai Museum Society (MMMS)

The publication of this book is an important milestone in creating awareness about the ancient ports stated above and it also covers the development of modern ports and docks of Mumbai including Mazagon Dock, Mumbai Port, Bombay Dock, Sassoon Dock and Ferry Wharf also known as Bhaucha Dhakka.

**Recent Book**

- **The Adventures of Ed-a-Mamma: Ed Finds A Home** – launched by Alia Bhatt
- **India's Trade Policy; The 1990's and beyond** – Arvind Panagariya
- **An Anchored Vision** – Karumuttu T Kanan
- **India and The Indian Ocean World Trade and Politics** - Ashin Das Gupta
- **A Fly on the RBI Wall** - Alpana Killawala
- **The Scam That Shook a Nation: The Nagarwala Scandal** - Prakash Patra and Rasheed Kidwai

**338. Uttar Pradesh government will establish the world's first conservation and breeding centre for Asian king vultures or red-headed vultures in city of state?**

उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार राज्य के किस शहर में एशियाई राजा गिद्धों या लाल सिर वाले गिद्धों के लिए दुनिया का पहला संरक्षण एवं प्रजनन केंद्र स्थापित करेगी?

- (a) Deoria / देवरिया
- (b) Mahoba / महोबा
- (c) Varanasi / वाराणसी
- (d) Gonda / गोंडा
- (e) Maharajganj / महाराजगंज

**Ans. e**

**Sol.** UP to establish world's first Asian King Vulture Conservation & Breeding Centre in Maharajganj

Uttar Pradesh government will establish the world's first conservation and breeding centre for Asian king vultures or red-headed vultures in Maharajganj.

The facility will improve the population of critically endangered species listed in the International Union for Conservation of Nature's red list since 2007.

The centre is named Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre.

The centre aims to ensure the good health of growing vultures and provide them with a pair. Once a female lays an egg, the pair will be left free in their natural environment.

**About Uttar Pradesh**

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

**339. International Day of Women in Diplomacy is observed every year on which day?**

**कूटनीति में महिलाओं का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 24 June
- (b) 23 June
- (c) 22 June
- (d) 25 June
- (e) 26 June

**Ans. a**

**Sol.** 24 June - International Day of Women in Diplomacy

International Day of Women in Diplomacy is celebrated on June 24 every year to highlight the contribution of women to diplomacy - those who are breaking barriers and doing commendable jobs in this field.

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This year, the event to mark the International Day of Women in Diplomacy at the United Nations Headquarters in New York brings together high-level government officials, diplomats, senior representatives of the UN system and other stakeholders.

The event aims to facilitate interactive discussions and exchanges on the contributions, challenges and opportunities for women in diplomacy to catalyse change and transformation in multilateral affairs, the UN website stated.

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**340. International Day of the Seafarer is celebrated every year on which day?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय नाविक दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 24 June
- (b) 23 June
- (c) 22 June
- (d) 25 June
- (e) 26 June

**Ans. d**

**Sol.** 25 June - International Day of the Seafarer

International Day of the Seafarer is celebrated every year on 25 June.

This special day was created by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to recognize the important role seafarers play in our daily lives and the global economy.

The Day of the Seafarer was established during an important meeting in Manila in 2010. At this meeting, countries agreed on new standards for training seafarers (called the STCW Convention).

The resolution that created this day encourages everyone involved in shipping – from governments to companies – to promote the Day of the Seafarer and find meaningful ways to celebrate it.

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