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## Current Affairs



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**Ques : Sunil Chhetri has recently announced his retirement. Which sport is he related to?**

**सुनील छेत्री ने हाल ही में संन्यास की घोषणा की है. वह किस खेल से सम्बंधित है?**

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

**Answer : Option D**

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**Explanation :**

- India Captain **Sunil Chhetri** will be retiring from **international football** after the **FIFA World Cup 2026** qualifier against Kuwait on June 6.
  - The **39-year-old striker** has been capped 145 times by India, scoring **94 goals** in a career spanning **20 years**.
  - Chhetri, who made his **debut in 2005**. He will leave the scene as India's all-time top scorer and most-capped player. He is also **third in the list of goal scorers** among active players **behind** Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi.
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**Recently Retired Players :**

- Colin Munro (New Zealand) : International Cricket
- Bismah Maroof (Pakistan) : international cricket
- Saurav Ghosal (India) : squash
- Neil Wagner (New Zealand) – International cricket
- Heinrich Klaasen (South Africa) – Test cricket
- David Warner (Australia) – International ODI & Test
- Manoj Tiwary (West Bengal) – All forms of cricket
- Collins Obuya (Kenya) – International cricket
- Matthew Wade (Australia) – First-class cricket

**Ques : Who adopts first law to combat violence against women ?**

महिलाओं के खिलाफ हिंसा से निपटने के लिए पहला कानून किसने अपनाया?

- (a) WHO
- (b) UNICEF
- (c) IMF
- (d) EU
- (e) UNESCO

**Answer : Option D**

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**Explanation :**

- The **European Union** adopted the **first law** to tackle **violence against women**, which includes action against forced marriages, female genital mutilation and online harassment.
  - The sweeping legislation **aims** to protect women in the **27-nation bloc** from gender-based violence, forced marriages, and female genital mutilation.
  - These crimes, in line with the **new law**, **will** be punishable by **prison sentences** ranging from at least **one to five years**, depending on the crime.
  - The law allows for even **harsher penalties** for crimes **against specific groups** such as children, spouses, ex-spouses, politicians, journalists, and human rights activists.
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**About European Union:**

- Established : 1993
- HQ : Brussels, Belgium
- President of the Commission : Ursula von der Leyen
- President of the Parliament : Roberta Metsola
- President of the European Council : Charles Michel

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**Ques : Who appointed R Lakshmi Kanth Rao as Executive Director?**  
आर लक्ष्मी कंठ राव को कार्यकारी निदेशक के रूप में किसने नियुक्त किया?

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

**Answer : Option B**

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**Explanation :**

- The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) appointed **R Lakshmi Kanth Rao** as **executive director** (ED).

**In his role as Executive Director, Shri Rao will oversee several key departments:**

- Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation
- Right to Information Act (RTI)
- Department of Communication

**About R Lakshmi Kanth Rao :**

- Rao has **experience of over three decades** in the Reserve Bank having worked in the areas of Regulation of Banks and NBFCs, Supervision of Banks and Consumer Protection.
- He had served as **Banking Ombudsman at RBI Chennai** and as Regional Director of Uttar Pradesh at Lucknow.
- He has also served as a **member of several Committees and Working Groups** and has been contributing to policy formulation.
- **Prior to being promoted** as ED, **Shri Rao was serving** as Chief General Manager-in-Charge in the Department of Regulation.

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

- Sujai Raina : Visa appointed him as country manager for India
- Jaya Tripathi : Head of Key Relations Group in SBI General Insurance
- Atanu Chakraborty : re-appointment as part-time Chairman of HDFC Bank
- Carol Furtado : executive director of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- Re-appointment of Amitabh Chaudhry : MD & CEO of Axis Bank
- Keki Mistry : Chairman of HDFC Life Insurance.
- Ajith Kumar K.K : Managing Director & CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank for three years.
- Nalin negi : CEO of BharatPe
- Murali Ramakrishnan : Independent director of RBL Bank
- Subhasish Roy : Chief Risk Officer of Bank of Maharashtra
- Deepak Kumar Sharma : Additional Director of Suryoday Small Finance Bank
- Manoj Mittal : Chairman and Managing Director at Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- Tarun Bajaj : Head of the US-India Tax Forum
- Sanjay Shukla : Managing Director (MD) of the National Housing Bank (NHB)
- Ramit Goyal (replace Raghavendra Rao) : Chief Distribution Officer of Future Generali India Insurance Company
- Vinod Francis : Chief Financial Officer of South Indian Bank
- Arnab Goswamy : Chief Financial Officer of Punjab & Sind Bank
- Atul Mehra : Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Axis Capital
- Arvind Kapil : Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Poonawalla Fincorp
- M V Rao : Chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA)
- Girija Subramanian: Chairperson and Managing Director (CMD) of New India Assurance Company (NIAC)
- Pankaj Dwivedi : Executive Director at Union Bank of India
- Bhupesh Sushil Rahul: CMD of United India Insurance Company (UIIC)
- Bhupesh Sushil Rahul : CMD of United India Insurance Company (UIIC)
- Nidhu Saxena : Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of the Bank of Maharashtra.

**Ques : Indian Gymnast \_\_\_\_\_ Wins Silver medal at Asian Championships?**

**भारतीय जिमनास्ट \_\_\_\_\_ ने एशियाई चैंपियनशिप में रजत पदक जीता?**

- (a) Pramod Sharma / प्रमोद शर्मा
- (b) Ravindra Kumar / रविन्द्र कुमार
- (c) Neeraj Akhoury / नीरज अखौरी
- (d) Ajith Krishnan / अजित कृष्णन
- (e) Srishti Khandagale / स्थिर खंडागले

**Answer : Option E**

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#### **Explanation :**

- In Trampoline, India's **Srishti Khandagale** scripted history by becoming the first-ever Indian to win a medal at the **Asian Trampoline Gymnastics Championships**.
- She clinched the **silver medal** in the Women's Individual Age group category at the **6th Asian Trampoline Gymnastics Championship** held in **Hong Kong, China**.
- However, she **did not qualify** for the upcoming **Paris Olympics**, as she was competing in an age group event.
- **Kazakhstan's Dolgopolova** secured the **gold medal**, while Hong Kong's **S Hung** won the bronze.

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#### **SPORTS NEWS :**

- Rathika Seelan appointed the captain of the Indian women's team for the 22 Asian Team Squash Championship

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- Japan has won its maiden Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey trophy by defeating Pakistan 4-1 in the penalty shoot-out in the final
- At Paris Olympics 2024, India will have six wrestlers in its contingent with five quotas coming through women.
- India clinched three gold and two bronze medals at the Asian Open Pickleball Championships in Vietnam.
- The Mumbai City FC football club defeated Mohun Bagan Bagan Super Giant by 3-1 goals to win the 2023-24 Indian Super League (ISL) final, which was played at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan (commonly known as the Salt Lake Stadium) Stadium in Kolkata (West Bengal).
- The Chinese badminton team has won both the men's Thomas Cup 2024 and the women's Uber Cup 2024.
- World no.1 women's tennis players Iga Swiatek and Andrey Rublev won the women's and men's singles titles at the 2024 Madrid Open, respectively.
- The Japanese men's under-23 football team etched their name in history by clinching the AFC U-23 Asian Cup for the second time, defeating Uzbekistan.
- ICC Imposes 5 years Ban on West Indies Cricketer Devon Thomas for AntiCorruption Breaches
- Rohit Sharma to lead Indian team for the 2024 T20 Cricket World Cup
- India will host the BWF World Junior Championships 2025 at the National Centre of Excellence in Guwahati.
  - The world football governing body FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) announced a major sponsorship deal with the Saudi Arabian oil giant Aramco.
  - Madhya Pradesh's ace para canoer, Prachi Yadav clinched two gold medals for the country in the ACC Paracanoe Asian Championship 2024, held in Tokyo, Japan.
  - Indian wrestlers won a total of 9 medals (4 silver and 5 bronze) in the Asian Wrestling Championships (Seniors) 2024 held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

**Ques : Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India has been granted a \_\_\_\_\_ extension by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to achieve a 10 per cent public shareholding.**

**भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम (LIC) को 10 प्रतिशत सार्वजनिक शेयरधारिता हासिल करने के लिए भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनियम बोर्ड (SEBI) द्वारा \_\_\_\_\_ विस्तार दिया गया है।**

- (a) one year
- (b) two years
- (c) three years
- (d) four years
- (e) five years

**Answer : Option C**

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**Explanation :**

- **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** of India has been granted a three-year extension by the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** to achieve a 10 per cent public shareholding.
- LIC is required to increase its public shareholding to **10 per cent** on or **before May 16, 2027**.
- According to SEBI norms, a company must attain a 10 per cent public shareholding within three years from the date of listing.
- LIC was listed on **May 17, 2022**.

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**Ques : Who plans to develop first railway systems on moon?**

चंद्रमा पर पहली रेलवे प्रणाली विकसित करने की योजना किसकी है?

- (a) NASA
- (b) ISRO
- (c) DRDO
- (d) HAL
- (e) None of these

**Answer : Option A**

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**Explanation :**

- NASA has unveiled its ambitious plan to construct the first lunar railway system, known as FLOAT (Flexible Levitation on a Track), designed to revolutionize payload transport on the Moon.
- The long-lasting robotic transport system which will play a major role in the daily operations of a sustainable lunar base envisioned for the 2030s.
- This lunar railway system is part of NASA's Moon to Mars initiative and mission concepts such as the Robotic Lunar Surface Operations 2 (RLSO2).
- This innovative system aims to provide reliable, autonomous, and efficient transportation essential for the daily operations of a sustainable lunar base, aligning with NASA's Moon to Mars initiative and mission concepts like the Robotic Lunar Surface Operations 2 (RLSO2).

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## What is the FLOAT system?

- The FLOAT system will utilise unpowered magnetic robots that levitate over a 3-layer flexible film track, i.e., a graphite layer that enables robots to float over tracks with the help of diamagnetic levitation passively.
- A flex-circuit layer generates electromagnetic thrust to propel robots along tracks controllably and an optional thin-film solar panel layer generates power when in sunlight for the base.
- FLOAT robots don't have moving parts and minimize lunar dust abrasion/wear by levitating over the track, unlike lunar robots which are equipped with wheels, tracks or legs.



**Ques : The International Day of Living Together in Peace is observed every year on which day?**

**शांति से एक साथ रहने का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 14 May
- (b) 15 May
- (c) 16 May
- (d) 17 May
- (e) 18 May

**Answer : Option C**

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**Explanation :**

- **The International Day of Living Together in Peace** is observed on 16 May every year.
- The United Nations General Assembly established this day to support the international community's efforts to promote peace, unity, and solidarity.
- In 1997, "the General-Assembly proclaimed by its resolution 52/15 the year 2000 as the International Year for a Culture of Peace.
- In 1998, it proclaimed the period 2001-2010 as the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for Children of the World.

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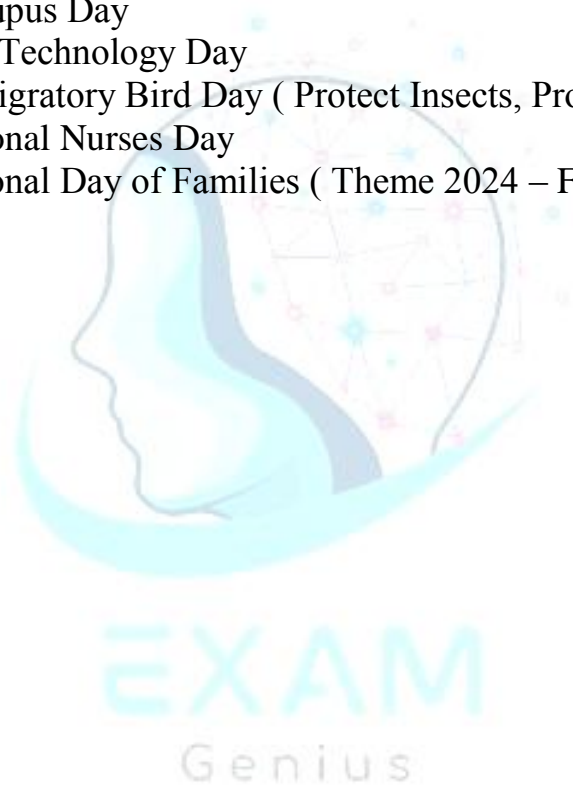
**Important days :**

- 1 May : International Labour Day
- 2nd May : World Tuna Day
- 3 May : World Press Freedom Day
- 4 May : Coal Miners Day

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- 4 May : International Firefighters' Day
- 5 May ( first Sunday of May ) : World Laughter Day
- 6 May : International No Diet Day ( Theme 2024 – Embrace Yourself: Reject Diet Culture, Love You )
- 5 May : International Day of the Midwife ( Theme 2024 – Midwives: A Vital Climate Solution )
- 7 May : World Athletics Day
- 7 May : World Asthma Day
- 8 May : World Red Cross Day
- 8 May : World Thalassaemia Day ( Theme 2024 – Empowering Lives, Embracing Progress: Equitable and Accessible Thalassaemia Treatment for All)
- 10 May : International Day of Argania
- 10 May : World Lupus Day
- 11 May : National Technology Day
- 11 May : World Migratory Bird Day ( Protect Insects, Protect Birds )
- 12 May : International Nurses Day
- 15 May : International Day of Families ( Theme 2024 – Families and Climate Change )



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**Ques : National Dengue Day is observed every year on May 16.**  
**राष्ट्रीय डेंगू दिवस हर साल 16 मई को मनाया जाता है।**

- (a) 14 May
- (b) 15 May
- (c) 16 May
- (d) 17 May
- (e) 18 May

**Answer : Option C**

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**Explanation :**

- **National Dengue Day** is observed every year on **May 16**.
- **Objective** – To spread awareness about the disease and ways to prevent it.
- **Theme 2024** – Dengue Prevention: Our Responsibility for a Safer Tomorrow.
- Dengue is a **mosquito-borne viral infection**. it spreads from mosquitoes to humans and is more common in tropical and subtropical regions.
- High fever, headache, body ache, joint and muscle pain, nausea and rash are common symptoms of dengue.

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**Ques : Canadian \_\_\_\_\_ and Nobel laureate Alice Munro passed away recently at the age of 92.**

**कनाडाई \_\_\_\_\_ और नोबेल पुरस्कार विजेता एलिस मुनरो का हाल ही में 92 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया।**

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

**Answer : Optin C**

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**Explanation :**

- **Canadian author Alice Munro** and Nobel laureate passed away at the age of 92.
- She **wrote short stories** for more than 60 years, often focusing on life in rural Canada. She was **often compared to Russian writer** Anton Chekhov for the insight and compassion found in her stories.
- Munro was recipient of the **Nobel Prize** for Literature in **2013**. The Nobel committee called Munro a “**master of contemporary short stories**”.
- Her **first major breakthrough came in 1968**, when her short story collection, *Dance of The Happy Shades*, about life in the suburbs of western Ontario, won Canada’s highest literary honour, the Governor General’s Award. It was the first of three Governor General’s Awards she would win in her lifetime.

**Ques : India likely to export almost 18 million tonnes of rice in 2024-25.**

भारत द्वारा 2024-25 में लगभग 18 मिलियन टन चावल निर्यात करने की संभावना है

- (a) 18 million tonnes
- (b) 17 million tonnes
- (c) 19 million tonnes
- (d) 14 million tonnes
- (e) 11 million tonnes

**Answer : Option A**

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**Explanation :**

- **India** will remain a **leading player** in the world rice market despite restrictions, according to a recent projection by the **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**.
- It accounts for almost **18 million tonnes of rice exports** in 2024-25, which is around **two million tonnes more** than the **previous year**.
- India's rice exports will be a sizeable chunk of the global trade, but it will still be much lower than the record **22 million tonnes** it exported in **2021-22**.
- The global crop is primarily driven by an **increase in production in India, China, Bangladesh, and Indonesia**.
- The **global consumption** is **projected** at a record **526.4 million tonnes**, on the back of higher use in India, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Bangladesh, offsetting a reduction for China.

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**Ques : Name the operation launched Uttarakhand police for the smooth conduct of Kedarnath Dham Yatra 2024 in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand?**

**उत्तराखंड के रुद्रप्रयाग में केदारनाथ धाम यात्रा 2024 के सुचारु संचालन के लिए उत्तराखंड पुलिस द्वारा शुरू किए गए ऑपरेशन का नाम बताइए?**

- (a) Operation Bhakti
- (b) Operation Sadbhavana
- (c) Operation Maryada
- (d) Operation Shraddha
- (e) Operation Darshan

**Answer : Option C**

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**Explanaton :**

- Police launched **Operation ‘Maryada’** for the smooth conduct of Kedarnath Dham Yatra 2024 in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand.
- Under Operation Maryada, the police request **pilgrims and tourists** who consume drugs to maintain decorum in this area. Along with challan, the police is also registering a case against the rioters and drug users.
- Guptkashi DSP Harshvardhini Suman said, “Under Operation Maryada, we are taking **strict action against** those who are **using** any kind of intoxicants, it is not good for the temple and the Dham.

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### **Operations in News :**

- Operation Sadbhavana : launched by Indian Army Trishakti Corps to provided essential aid and healthcare to North Sikkim's Naga and Rangrang villages post-GLOF.
- Operation Ajay – To evacuate Indians from Israel
- Operation Kaveri – To evacuate Indians from Sudan
- Operation Karuna – To help Myanmar affected by cyclone Mocha •
- Operation Dost – Help to earthquake affected Turkey
- Operation Ganga – To bring back Indians from Ukraine



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**Ques : Homegrown logistics services platform Porter has become \_\_\_\_\_ unicorn in India of 2024.**

**घरेलू लॉजिस्टिक्स सेवा प्लेटफॉर्म पोर्टर 2024 के भारत में \_\_\_\_\_ यूनिकॉर्न बन गया है।**

- (a) first
- (b) second
- (c) third
- (d) fourth
- (e) fifth

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- **Homegrown logistics services platform Porter** has become the **third unicorn** (with a valuation of \$1 billion and above) in India this year.
- Earlier this year, **fintech firm Perfios** and **Ola's AI venture Krutrim** had turned unicorns.
- As per Tracxn, there were **113 unicorns in India** as of earlier this month.
- PeakXV-backed Porter's earlier valuation was \$514 million, after it raised \$101 million in a Series E round from investors such as Tiger Global, Vitruvian Partners, Lightrock India and more. Till date, it has raised \$150 million over nine rounds, **according to Tracxn data.**

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**Ques : Asset protection firm, Aurm has partnered with which insurance company to provide comprehensive insurance coverage to its customers for their valuables?**

**संपत्ति संरक्षण फर्म, ऑरम ने अपने ग्राहकों को उनके कीमती सामान के लिए व्यापक बीमा कवरेज प्रदान करने के लिए किस बीमा कंपनी के साथ साझेदारी की है?**

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance / बजाज आलियांज जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (b) Tata AIG General Insurance / टाटा एआईजी जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance / कोटक महिंद्रा लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
- (d) Go Digit General Insurance / गो डिजिट जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance / यूनिवर्सल सोम्पो जनरल इंश्योरेंस

**Answer : Option B**

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**Explanation :**

- **Aurm**, an asset protection firm has partnered with Tata AIG General Insurance to provide comprehensive insurance coverage to its customers for their valuables.
- Under this partnership, **Aurm's vaults** will be fully insured for up to Rs 2.5 million, courtesy of TATA AIG, India's leading general insurance provider.
- Aurm partners with banks and real estate companies to offer state-of-the-art safe deposit storage facilities that are fully automated and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- Aurm vaults are equipped with military-grade security infrastructure, active surveillance and intrusion detection system.

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### **Recently signed banking agreements :**

- State Bank of India (SBI), has become the first trading-cum-clearing member (TCM) at the India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX) – the country's first bullion exchange in GIFT City Gandhinagar.
- YES BANK, a leading private sector bank in India, is collaborating with EBANX, a global fintech firm specializing in payment solutions for emerging markets.
- Asian Development Bank and Citi Signed Master Risk Participation Agreement (MRPA) to Support Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) & Boost Trade Through Supply Chain Financing
- NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) has signed an agreement with the Bank of Namibia (BoN) to support them in developing an instant payment system like Unified Payment Interface (UPI) for Namibia.
- The State Bank of India (SBI) has entered into a five-year agreement with HCL Software to digitally transform its customer interaction framework by utilising the HCL Unica platform.
- Tata Motors has tied up with South Indian Bank to offer financing solutions to its commercial vehicle customers and dealerships.
- NABARD has partnered with Reserve Bank's arm RBIH to make a system which will enable faster processing of agricultural loans
- Razorpay and Airtel Payments Bank Introduce UPI Switch
- Indian Bank has signed an agreement with Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd. (TPSSL).
- South Indian Bank has signed an MoU with Ashok Leyland Limited
- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jeevika, Bihar State Rural Livelihoods Mission (SRLM) and UMED, Maharashtra-SRLM.
- J&K Bank partnered with Paymart India to launch virtual ATM Facility
- SIDBI partners fintech platform KarmaLife for micro loans to gig workers
- Central Bank of India partners with Veefin Solutions
- Suryoday Small Finance Bank with Magma HDI General Insurance
- Standard Chartered Bank with Star Health & Allied Insurance
- Saraswat Cooperative Bank with Life Insurance Corporation of India
- AU Small Finance Bank with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- State Bank of Sikkim with SBI Life Insurance
- Karnataka Bank with HDFC Life
- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- NKGSB Co-operative bank with HDFC Life Insurance Company
- ESAF Small Finance Bank with Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance Company

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