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Ques : In June 2024, S&P Global Ratings retained its growth forecast for India at _____ for FY25?

जून 2024 में, एसएंडपी 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%

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- 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.

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)

Ques : A Balasubramanian has been reappointed as MD and CEO of Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company for how many years?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- **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.

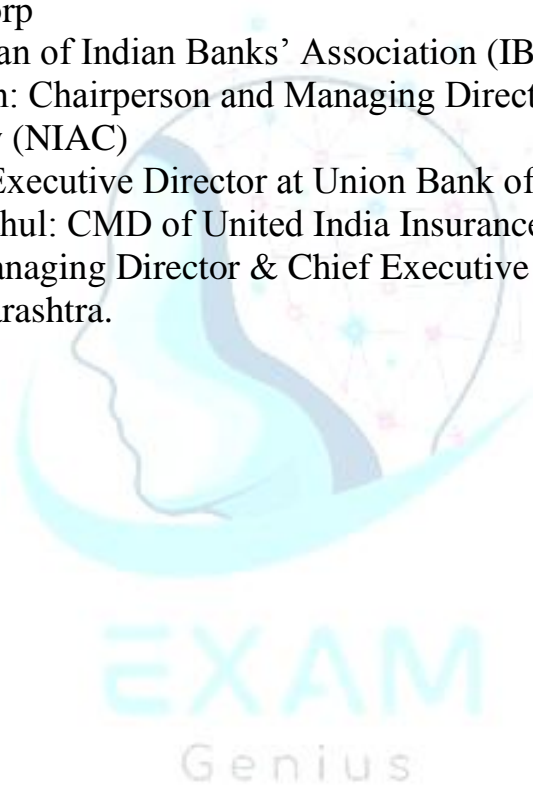
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- Beyond mutual funds, the company operates various alternative investment strategies including portfolio management services, real estate investments, and alternative investment funds.

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Paul Thomas : Chairperson of the board of Sa-Dhan
- Anuj Tyagi : Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of HDFC ERGO General Insurance
- Girija Subramanian : chairman and managing director (CMD) of New India Assurance
- Rajeev Krishnamuralilal Agarwal : Independent Director of Paytm
- Ajith Kumar KK : MD & CEO of Dhanalakshmi Bank
- Prem Prabhakar : MD and CEO of SBICAP Ventures Limited
- Satish Nair : President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Asirvad Micro Finance Limited
- Sameer Bansal : MD & CEO of PNB MetLife India Insurance
- Abhaya Hota : Independent Director of Cashfree Payments
- Sandeep Batra : Chairman of the Board of Directors of ICICI Prudential
- Pradeep Kumar Sinha : Part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank
- Rushabh Gandhi : MD & CEO of IndiaFirst Life Insurance
- Pradeep Natarajan : Whole Time Director on the Board of IDFC FIRST Bank for three years
- R Lakshmi Kanth Rao : Executive director (ED) in RBI
- 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)
- Nidhu Saxena : Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of the Bank of Maharashtra.



Ques : _____ Introduces 'Finquiry' Initiative for Direct Engagement of Fintechs with Regulator

_____ ने नियामक के साथ फिनटेक के सीधे जुड़ाव के लिए 'फिनक्वायरी' पहल की शुरुआत की

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has launched an **exclusive 2-hour window called 'Finquiry'** for fintechs to visit the FinTech department of the RBI in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- **Aim :** To provide a platform for fintechs to seek clarity and discuss fintech-related queries directly with RBI officials.
- RBI has opened the window from 26th June and this will be available on the last working Wednesday of every month from 3 to 5 pm.

Benefits of the Initiative :

- Foster better communication and understanding between RBI and fintech companies.
- It will help fintechs navigate the regulatory landscape, clarify compliance queries and further discuss innovation related concerns.

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About RBI :

- Established : 1 April 1935
 - Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
 - Governor : Shaktikanta Das
 - Deputy governors : Swaminathan Janakiraman , M. Rajeshwar Rao, Michael Patra and T. Rabi Shankar
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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- ICICI Bank announced “SmartLock,” a novel safety feature that lets users lock and unlock several banking services at once without contacting customer support via phone or email.
- HDFC Bank has launched a new digital investment platform to take wealth services to every Indian and make investments simple and transparent.
- NSE Indices Limited has launched ‘Nifty India Tourism Index’, a new thematic index to track the performance of stocks from the Nifty 500 Index that represent the travel and tourism sector.
- SBI Mutual Fund announced the launch of the SBI Silver Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) and the fund of fund route to it- SBI Silver ETF Fund of Fund.
- Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) chairman Deepak Mohanty announced that the regulator would introduce new life cycle fund options with up to 50% equity by September for NPS (non-government) subscribers.
- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance offered a 15% lifetime discount for women on all premiums for its term insurance product, iProtect Smart.
- Motilal Oswal Asset Management Company Limited (MOAMC) introduced Motilal Oswal Nifty India Defence Index Fund, India’s 1st index fund offering exposure to defence stocks listed in India.
- 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).
- Universal Sompo General Insurance Company Limited has launched a new theme, ‘Insure today for a safe tomorrow,’ to raise awareness about the importance of insurance in safeguarding against unforeseen risks.
- Private general insurer, SBI General Insurance Company has announced the withdrawal of its Arogya Plus policy with effect from October 5, 2024.

- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has inaugurated a new, exclusive branch on Anna Salai (Mount Road) in Chennai, dedicated entirely to support start-ups.
- All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA), the oldest and largest trade union of bank employees, launched a 'Bank Clinic', an exclusive website, in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Bank of Maharashtra introduces the Maha Krishi Samridhi Yojana (MKSY), offering financial assistance to food and agro-based industries, agri-infrastructure projects involved in processing activities, and the development of agricultural infrastructure facilities.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has implemented the much awaited market rumour verification regulation on top 100 companies.
- 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.
- Capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched a mobile app, 'Saarthi 2.0', focused on personal finance for investors.
- Bank of India (BoI) has launched a special fixed deposit plan called '666 Days - Fixed Deposit', offering attractive returns on deposits for a tenure of 666 days.
- Bengaluru-based fintech firm PhonePe has launched secured loans in partnership with various non-banking finance companies (NBFCs)
- HDFC Bank will stop sending SMS alerts for UPI transactions up to Rs 100 from June 25.
- Poonawalla Fincorp Limited, in collaboration with IndusInd Bank, has launched the co-branded 'IndusInd Bank Poonawalla Fincorp eLITE RuPay Platinum Credit Card', a card designed to redefine and elevate the banking experience of customers.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched three major initiatives : PRAVAAH portal, Retail Direct mobile app and a Fintech Repository.
- PRAVAAH is stands for Platform for Regulatory Application, VALidation and AuthHorisation. It is a centralised, secure web-based platform that enables individuals or entities to apply online for regulatory approvals, licences, and authorisations from the RBI.
- Retail Direct mobile app : It provides retail investors with a seamless and convenient way to transact in government securities (G-Secs) on their smartphones.
- FinTech Repository : It aims to enhance the RBI's understanding of the Indian fintech sector by providing comprehensive data on fintech firms, both regulated and unregulated.

- Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited (NAM India) has announced the launch of the sonic identity 'The Sound of Freedom', a powerful soundscape symbolising financial freedom
- Maldives intends to launch India's RuPay service, reflecting the strengthening of ties between the two nations.
- Online insurance marketplace Policybazaar has introduced its 'Claim Assurance Program' to accelerate the motor insurance claims process.
- YES BANK has announced the launch of YES Grandeur, an exclusive banking programme designed to address the unique financial and lifestyle needs of India's fast-growing Emerging Affluent segment.
- Axis Bank has introduced the 'ARISE ComeAsYouAre' talent acquisition programme to recruit individuals from the LGBTQIA+ community across India for careers in banking.
- Paytm, has launched the UPI Lite wallet to simplify payments, particularly for low-value transactions.
- Fintech platform Zeta has launched its 'Digital Credit' as a service for bank in India.
- Google announced the launch of the Google Wallet app in India, providing users a centralized platform to save travel tickets, gift cards, event passes, and other digital documents.
- Canara HSBC Life Insurance introduced a new Unit Linked Insurance Plan (ULIP) called Promise4Growth.
- L&T Finance Ltd (LTF) has launched 'The Complete Home Loan', offered through a digitised process, along with a dedicated relationship manager and optional home décor finance.
- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has launched ICICI Pru Platinum, a Unit Linked Investment Plan (ULIP) that ties the distributor's commission to their customers' Assets Under Management (AUM).
- Thomas Cook India has launched video KYC for its retail foreign exchange customers for a safe digital transaction.
- ICICI Bank has rolled out a new facility allowing its non-resident Indian (NRI) customers to make Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions in India using their international mobile numbers.
- HDFC Life, a leading insurer in India, has unveiled its latest campaign, 'No Jhanjhat Life Insurance Fatafat'.
- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has launched Prive, an exclusive customer experience program designed to offer exceptional customer service and coverage.
- Cred has launched an innovative UPI-based 'Scan and Pay' service, marking its entry into the offline payments sphere

Ques : _____ Provides Flexibility, Eases 'Trading Plan' Regulations for Insiders

_____ लचीलापन प्रदान करता है, अंदरूनी सूत्रों के लिए 'ट्रेडिंग योजना' नियमों को आसान बनाता है

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)** has made it significantly easier for insiders to trade in shares of their companies by amending the **Prohibition of Insider Trading (PIT) regulations**.
- The amended norms provide flexibility in the 'trading plan' of a company's key managerial personnel and will come into effect after 3 months.

Definition of Insiders:

- Insiders are individuals within a company who have access to **Unpublished Price-Sensitive Information (UPSI)**, typically senior management and officials.
- The time required for insiders to inform the board about their buy/sell decision has been reduced from six months to four months.

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- Insiders can now set price limits within a range of **20% (both upper and lower)** from the closing price on the day they submit the trading plan.
- Insiders have the flexibility to cancel the trading plan.
- They can choose not to execute trades if the execution price falls outside the predetermined limits set in the trading plan.
- If trades are not executed as per the plan, insiders must inform the company's compliance officer within two trading days after the plan ends, providing reasons and supporting documents.

About SEBI :

- Established : 12 April 1988 as an executive body and was given statutory powers on 30 January 1992 through the SEBI Act, 1992
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Madhabi Puri Buch (first woman to lead the SEBI)
- SEBI is the regulatory body for securities and commodity markets in India under the ownership of the Ministry of Finance (MoF), GoI.

Ques : Muthoot Microfin Secured Corporate Agent Licence From

मुथूट माइक्रोफिन ने _____ से कॉर्पोरेट एजेंट लाइसेंस प्राप्त किया

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- **Muthoot Microfin Limited (MML)** has secured a corporate agent licence from the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)**.
- This licence reinforces MML's commitment to financial inclusion by providing insurance coverage that addresses the risks faced by the most vulnerable parts of society.

About IRDAI :

- Established : 1999
- Headquarters : Hyderabad, Telangana
- Chairperson : Debasish Panda
- The IRDAI is a statutory body under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance (MoF), Government of India (GoI) and is tasked with regulating and licensing the insurance and reinsurance industries in India.

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Ques : 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 Thakur / सुजॉय लाल थाकुर
- (c) Vineet McCarty / विनीत मैक्कार्ती
- (d) Tapan Kumar Deka / तपन कुमार डेका
- (e) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal / सुबोध कुमार जायसवाल

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- 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.

Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Dr K Radhakrishnan : head of the government committee on restructuring NTA
- Mrinal Kumar Das : Director in the Department of Consumer Affairs under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- Atul Kumar Chaudhary : Secretary of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
- Sudhakararao Papa : Director (Enterprise) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)
- Mark Rutte : secretary-general of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)
- Dr Kapil Dua : President of the Asian Association of Hair Restoration Surgeons (AAHRS)
- Dr PK Mishra : Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister
- Jyoti Vij : director general of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry(FICCI)
- Inder Pal Singh Bindra : Secretary of Competition Commission of India (CCI)
- Raj Priy Singh : Director of Department of Rural Development under the Ministry of Rural Development
- Rakesh Mohan Joshi : vice-chancellor of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)
- Sushil Kumar Singh : Chairperson of Deendayal Port Authority
- Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee by Supreme Court : Justice Hima Kohli
- Rakesh Ranjan : Chairman of Staff Selection Commission (SSC)
- Gaurav Banerjee : CEO of Sony India
- Justice Najmi Waziri : Chairperson of Equestrian Federation Of India's Ad-Hoc Administrative Committee
- Jetha Ahir : chairman of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED)
- Klaus Schwab : chairman of the board of trustees of WEF
- John Slaven : Vice Chairman of the International Aluminium Institute (IAI)
- Mahesh Rajaraman : Chief Risk Officer (CRO) of Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services
- Dr. Bikramjit Chaudhuri : Chief of Measurement Science and Analytics in Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC)
- Sanjeev Puri : President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- David Salvagnini : Chief Artificial Intelligence (AI) Officer of NASA

- Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal : President of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA)
- Vivek Bipindada Kolhe : director of IFFCO (Indian Farmers Fertilizers Co-op Ltd.) New Delhi
- Subodh Kumar : Director in the Ministry of Ayush
- Dr. Mallika Nadda : Chairperson of Special Olympics Asia-Pacific Advisory Council
- Prof. Mohammad Rihan : Director General of the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE)
- Sanjaya Kumar Mishra : President GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT)
- Shashi Bhushan Singh : Secretary of National Jute Board
- Pratima Singh : Director of the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- Krishna M Ella : President of Indian Vaccine Manufacturers Association (IVMA)
- Manoj Kumar : new Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)
- Justice Dinesh Kumar : Presiding Officer of the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) for a four-year term.
- Narpat Singh (IRTS) : Railway Adviser in the High Commission of India, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Narsingh Yadav : chairman of the Wrestling Federation of India's Athletes' Commission
- Nidhi S Jain : Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of Cotton Corporation of India Limited (CCI).
- Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) : Professor Naima Khatoon
- Secretary of the Department of Posts : Vandita Kaul (replace Vineet Pandey)
- National Judicial Academy (NJC) Bhopal : Justice Aniruddha Bose
- As a Member of University Grants Commission (UGC) : Sachidananda Mohanty
- As member of 16th Finance Commission : Manoj Panda
- National women's hockey coach : Harendra Singh (replace Janneke Schopman)
- Head of committee to protect Delhi's forests : Justice Najmi Waziri

Ques : _____ elected as the speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha
_____ 18वीं लोकसभा के अध्यक्ष चुने गए

- (a) Om Birla / ओम बिड़ला
- (b) JP Nadda / जेपी नड्डा
- (c) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़
- (d) Arun Kumar / अरुण कुमार
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- 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.

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Ques : Automatic Train Protection System (ATP) known as Kavach started in _____

स्वचालित ट्रेन सुरक्षा प्रणाली (एटीपी) जिसे कवच के नाम से जाना जाता है, _____ में शुरू हुई

- (a) 2010
- (b) 2013
- (c) 2011
- (d) 2012
- (e) 2014

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

About the Kavach:

- Initial development of **Kavach started in 2012** under the name Train Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) and completed development in 2022.
- It is an **indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system** by the Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO) in collaboration with the Indian industry.
- Kavach has been promoted as being the cheapest ATP system available in the world, costing roughly 50 lakh (five million) rupees per kilometre to operate compared to about two crore (20 million) rupees worldwide.

Recently in News :

- **Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw assessed** the development of the enhanced Automatic Train Protection System (ATP) known as **Kavach 4.0 at Rail Bhawan.**
- Kavach 3.2 is currently operational on high-density routes.
- Indian Railways initiated ATP technology adoption in 2016 with the Train Collision Avoidance System(TCAS).

Ques : Which city is Named as 'World Craft City' by World Crafts Council ?

विश्व शिल्प परिषद द्वारा किस शहर को 'विश्व शिल्प शहर' नाम दिया गया है?

- (a) Sri Nagar / श्रीनगर
- (b) Surat / श्रीनगर
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Kumarakom / कुमारकोम
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram / तिरुवनंतपुरम

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- **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.
- Indian cities **Mamallapuram (Tamil Nadu)**, **Jaipur (Rajasthan)** and **Mysore (Karnataka)** were **already added** in the **list of World Craft City**.
- As of now, at least 10 different forms of craftsmanship survive in Srinagar and its suburbs, including papier-mache, 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.

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Ques : How many medals were won by India at the Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championships in Amman, Jordan?

जॉर्डन के अम्मान में अंडर17 एशियाई कुश्ती चैंपियनशिप में भारत ने कितने पदक जीते?

- (a) 11
- (b) 12
- (c) 2
- (d) 5
- (e) 4

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- **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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SPORTS NEWS :

- Sreeja Akula of Hyderabad became the first Indian table tennis player to win a WTT (World Table Tennis) Contender Women's single title.
- 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
- The 48th edition of the Copa America football tournament kick off in the United States.
- 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.
- Olympic medalist Indian boxer Lovlina Borgohain secured a silver medal in the Grand Prix 2024 competition held in the Czech Republic.
- India opener Smriti Mandhana etched her name into the history book by becoming the second-highest run-scorer for the nation.
- In the women's category, Chamari Athapaththu of Sri Lanka has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for May 2024.
- Gudakesh Motie of the West Indies as the ICC Men's Player of the Month for May 2024.
- India will host next year's men's Junior Hockey World Cup, the Executive Board of the International Hockey Federation announced.
- In athletics, India's Gulveer Singh has clinched the silver medal in the Men's 5000-metre race at the Portland Track Festival HighPerformance Meet in Portland, US.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- DP Manu from India won the gold medal in Javelin throw at the Taiwan Athletics Open 2024, achieving a distance of 81.58 meters.

- 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.
- Muhammad Waseem, the UAE captain and opener, has been named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for his notable run-scoring feats.
- West Indies's Captain Hayley Matthews has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for her exceptional all-round performances.
- In Arm Wrestling, the Indian contingent has clinched a total of seven medals including one gold and six bronze at the Asian Championship, 2024 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- Cricket Australia on Wednesday named former Pakistan and Indian stars Wasim Akram and Ravi Shastri among the 54 representatives of its 'Multicultural Ambassadors Program'.
- Classic Football Academy retained the All-India Football Federation Under 17 Elite Youth League 2023-24 Title beating Sudeva Delhi FC 2-1 at the Nagoa Panchayat Ground, Goa.
- Charles Leclerc becoming the first Monegasque driver to win the Monaco Grand Prix since Louis Chiron in 1931.
- Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) cricket team won their third Indian Premier League (IPL) title by beating Sunriser Hyderabad (SRH) in the final of the 17th IPL.
- Dipa Karmakar of Agartala, Tripura scripted her name in the history books after she clinched India's first-ever gold medal at the Asian Championships.
- Indian weightlifter Preetismita Bhoi smashed the youth clean and jerk world record in the women's 40kg category to win a gold medal at the IWF World Youth Championships here.
- In Para Athletics, India's Sachin Sarjerao Khilari clinched the gold medal in the men's shot put at the World Para Athletics Championship in Kobe, Japan.
- Another Indian, Dharambir bagged the Bronze Medal in the Men's Club Throw. His final throw distance of 33.31 metres not only secured him the Bronze Medal but also set a new Asian Record in the F51 Category.
- Mariyappan Thangavelu clinched his maiden gold medal at the World Para Athletics by leaping 1.88m in the men's T63 high jump event.
- In Boxing, Two-time world champions Nikhat Zareen and Minakshi won two gold medals for India in the 3rd Elorda Cup 2024. The Indian contingent finished the Elorda Cup with 12 medals—2 gold, 2 silver, and 8 bronze. The 3rd Elorda Cup was held in Kazakhstan's capital city of Astana.

- India's Ekta Bhyan has secured a gold medal with a season's best throw of 20.12 metres in the women's F51 club throw competition at the World Para Athletic Championships at Kobe in Japan. While Kashish Lakra took the silver with an effort of 14.56 metres, Nadjat Bouchouf of Algeria won the bronze with a score of 12.70 metres.
- Alexander Zverev and Iga Swiatek win Singles Title of Italian open
- Red Bull's Max Verstappen clinched the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix as McLaren's Lando Norris finished second.
- Nishad Kumar and Preethi Pal have clinched silver and bronze at the World Para Athletics Championships in Kobe, Japan.
- Brazil was declared the host of the 2027 Women's World Cup at the FIFA Congress
- Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo topped Forbes' list of highest-paid athletes for the fourth time in his career
- Nandini Dairy will sponsor Scotland country's cricket team in the ICC T20 World Cup 2024
- 20-year-old, Animesh Kujur bagged 200m gold at the Federation Cup in Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- Manipur defeated Haryana 2-0 in the final of the 28th Senior Women's National Football Championship for Rajmata Jijabai Trophy, to clinch their 22nd title at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan, in Kolkata.
- 6th Asian Trampoline Gymnastics Championship held in Hong Kong, China.
- Srishti Khandagale, 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.

EXAM
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Ques : Who is the First Indian Woman Cricketer To Score Consecutive Centuries in ODIs ?

वनडे में लगातार शतक बनाने वाली पहली भारतीय महिला क्रिकेटर कौन है?

- (a) Meghna Singh / मेघना सिंह
- (b) Shafali Verma / शैफाली वर्मा
- (c) Mithali Raj / मिताली राज
- (d) Simran Bahadur / सिमरन बहादुर
- (e) Smriti Mandhana / स्मृति मंधाना

Answer : Option E

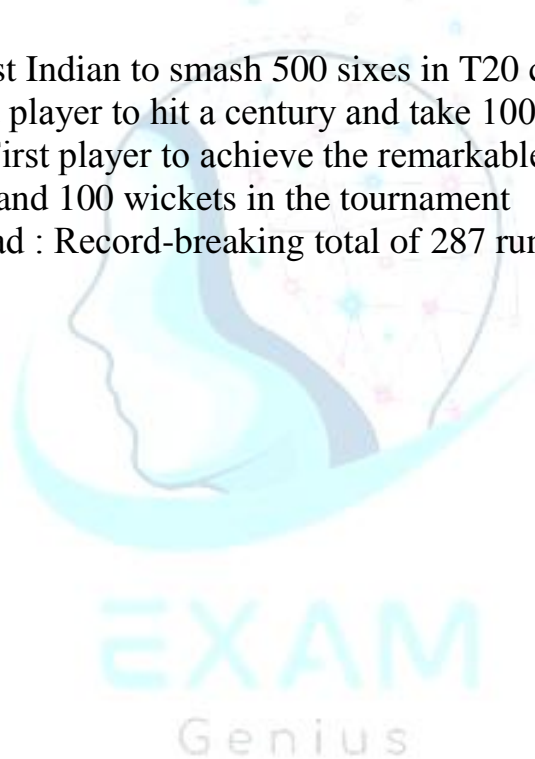
Explanation :

- **Smriti Mandhana** became the **first Indian woman** to record **two consecutive ODI hundreds** during the **second ODI** against **South Africa** at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru
- She scripted history after she registered the record for the most runs by an Indian woman in a bilateral One-Day International series.
- Mandhana's seventh ODI century puts her 10th on the all-time list for most centuries scored in the 50-over game. Former Australia captain Meg Lanning continues to lead the list with 15 tons.
- Mandhana has accumulated 3585 runs in ODIs, including seven centuries and 25 fifties.
- Her statistics highlight her standing as the second-highest run-scorer for India in ODIs, affirming her role as a dependable top-order batswoman for the national team.

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Recent records in Cricket:

- Rohit Sharma 2nd player after MS Dhoni to play 250 matches in IPL
- Jos Buttler : Becomes first Englishman to make 3,000 T20I runs
- Sophie Ecclestone : Fastest woman to reach 100 wickets in One Day International (ODI) cricket
- Yuzvendra Chahal : first bowler to pick up 200 wickets in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL)
- Dipendra Singh Airee, Nepal : Third man to hit six sixes in an over in an international T20 game
- Virat Kohli : First-ever batter in IPL history to reach 7500 runs
- Rohit Sharma : First cricketer in the world to hit 600 sixes in international cricket
- Rohit Sharma : First Indian to smash 500 sixes in T20 cricket
- Sunil Narine : First player to hit a century and take 100 wickets in IPL
- Ravindra Jadeja : First player to achieve the remarkable feat of at least 100 catches, 1,000 runs, and 100 wickets in the tournament
- Sunrisers Hyderabad : Record-breaking total of 287 runs for the loss of just 3 wickets



Ques : 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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- **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.

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Ques : 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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- **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.

Important days :

- 1 June : World Milk Day
- 3 June : World Clubfoot Day
- 3 June : World Bicycle Day
- 4 June : International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
- 5 June : World Environment Day (Theme 2024 – Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience)

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- 6 June : UN Russian Language Day
 - 7 June : World Food Safety Day
 - 8 June : World Oceans Day (Theme 2024 – Awaken New Depths)
 - 8 June : World Brain Tumour Day (Theme 2024 – Brain Health and Prevention)
 - 9 June : : World Accreditation Day (Theme 2024 – Accreditation: Empowering Tomorrow and Shaping the Future.)
 - 11 June : International Day of Play
 - 12 June : World Day Against Child Labour Day (Theme 2024 – Let's Act on Our Commitments: End Child Labour)
 - 12 June : International Albinism Awareness Day (Theme 2024 – 10 years of IAAD: A decade of collective progress)
 - 14 June : World Blood Donor Day (Theme 2024 – 20 years of celebrating giving: thank you blood donors)
 - 15 June : Global Wind Day
 - 16 June : The International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) (Theme 2024 – Digital remittances towards financial inclusion and cost reduction.)
 - 17 June : World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (Theme 2024 – United for Land. Our Legacy. Our Future)
 - 18 June : World Sustainable Gastronomy Day
 - 18 June : International Day for Countering Hate Speech
 - 19 June : World Sickle Cell Day (Theme 2024 – Hope Through Progress: Advancing Sickle Cell Care Globally.)
 - 20 June – World Refugee Day
 - 21 June : International Day of Yoga (Theme 2024 – Yoga for Self and Society)
 - 21 June : World Hydrography Day (Theme 2024 – Hydrographic Information – Enhancing Safety, Efficiency and Sustainability in Marine Activities)
 - 21 June : World Music Day
 - 22 June : World Rainforest Day (Theme 2024 - Empowering the World in Defense of Our Rainforests)
 - 23 June : International Olympic Day (Theme 2024 – Let's Move and Celebrate)
 - 23 June : : United Nations Public Service Day
 - 24 June : International Day of Women in Diplomacy (Theme 2024 – Women's Leadership in Multilateral Diplomacy)
 - 25 June : International Day of the Seafarer
 - 25 June : World Vitiligo Day (Theme 2024 : United by the skin)

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 - MD & CEO : Dilip Asbe
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 - It is an initiative of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Indian Banks' Association (IBA) under the provisions of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, for creating a robust Payment & Settlement Infrastructure in India.
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