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Ques : _____ Issues New Guidelines to Enhance Credit Rating Agency Operations.

_____ ने क्रेडिट रेटिंग एजेंसी संचालन को बढ़ाने के लिए नए दिशानिर्देश जारी किए

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has **issued** new **guidelines** to streamline operations and enhance the ease of doing business **for credit rating agencies (CRAs)**.
- These modifications will be **applicable**, with effect **from August 01, 2024**
- CRAs in India are regulated by SEBI (Credit Rating Agencies) Regulations, 1999, under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992.

About the guidelines:

- CRAs must communicate ratings to companies within 1 working day of the rating committee meeting.
- Companies have 3 working days to request a review or appeal of the rating decision.
- Press releases on ratings must be disseminated on the CRA's website and notified to stock exchanges or debenture trustees within 7 working days of the rating committee meeting.
- CRAs must maintain records of disclosures for 10 years, which can be shared with debenture trustees upon request.

Ques : Greenko secures National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development approval for _____

ग्रीनको ने नेशनल बैंक फॉर फाइनेंसिंग इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर एंड डेवलपमेंट से _____ की मंजूरी हासिल की

- (a) Rs 6,200 crore
- (b) Rs 6,300 crore
- (c) Rs 6,600 crore
- (d) Rs 6,800 crore
- (e) Rs 6,400 crore

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- **Greenko**, a leading renewable energy company in India, is restructuring its overseas liabilities by prepaying over **\$1 billion of dollar bonds** maturing next year through funds from **National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NABFID)**.
- This move aims to **reduce overseas debt amid higher interest rates abroad**.
- NABFID has sanctioned **Rs 6200 crore** from which Greenko will use to pay back foreign bond investors for bonds maturing in **January and July, 2025**.
- The funds will be used to **repay foreign bond investors and finance up-and-running projects** across India, aligning with Greenko's mandate.
- Greenko operates **7.5 gigawatts of installed solar and wind power capacity** across 15 states in India.
- The company manages over 100 projects primarily through special purpose vehicles (SPVs).

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- Greenko plans to use the NABFID funds to prepay a **\$500 million bond maturing in January** and a **\$535 million bond maturing in July**.
- These bonds were issued by overseas arms of the company.
- Loans from NABFID will have flexible drawdown options, with tenure ranging from **10 to 23 years**.

About NaBFID :

- NaBFID, a **government-backed infrastructure lender**, plays a crucial role in financing long-term infrastructure needs.
- It aligns with **Prime Minister Narendra Modi's economic growth agenda** by supporting critical infrastructure projects.

About Greenko :

- Greenko, a major player in India's renewable energy sector, is backed by significant institutional investors including **Singapore's GIC Holdings Pte Ltd (52%)**, **Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (14%)**, and **Japan's ORIX Corp (22%)**.
- Founded by Mahesh Kolli and Anil Kumar Chalamalasetty, Greenko aims to expand its renewable energy projects in India aggressively.

Ques : Who Cancels License of Banaras Merchantile Co-operative Bank ?

बनारस मर्चेंटाइल को-ऑपरेटिव बैंक का लाइसेंस कौन रद्द करता है?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the licence of Banaras Merchantile Co-operative Bank Limited, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (UP) over inadequate capital and earnings prospects.**
- The Commissioner for Cooperation and Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS), UP has also been requested to issue an order for winding up the bank and appoint a liquidator

What is co-operative banking?

- Cooperative banking involves small financial institutions established by a group to meet the capital needs of their specific community.
- They are owned and controlled by their members and operate on the principle of cooperation.
- Members pool resources to provide banking services such as loans and savings accounts.

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Ques : The Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) has entered into an agreement with which country's government to provide a line of credit worth \$2.5 million for the installation of a solar photo voltaic power plant?

भारतीय निर्यातआयात बैंक (EXIM बैंक) ने किस देश की सरकार के साथ सौर फोटो वोल्टेइक पावरप्लांट की स्थापना के लिए 2.5 मिलियन डॉलर की ऋण सहायता प्रदान करने हेतु समझौता किया है?

- (a) Maldives / मालदीव
- (b) Oman / ओमान
- (c) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (d) Bhutan / भूटान
- (e) Guyana / गुयाना

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The **Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)** has entered into an agreement with the **government of Guyana** to provide a line of credit worth **\$2.5 million** for the **installation of a solar photo voltaic power plant**.
- While the deal was dated February 29, 2024, Under the Line of Credit, the last date for disbursements will be 48 months after the completion of the project.
- The solar photo voltaic power plant will be set up at the **Cheddi Jagan International Airport in Guyana**.
- Of the total credit provided by EXIM Bank, goods, works and services worth at least 75% of the contract price will be supplied by the seller from India and the remaining 25% may be procured by the seller from outside India for the eligible contract.

Ques : How many Kirti Chakras and Shaurya Chakras given by President Droupadi Murmu ?

राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू ने कितने कीर्ति चक्र और शौर्य चक्र दिये?

- (a) 10, 24
- (b) 10, 20
- (c) 10, 28
- (d) 10, 26
- (e) 10, 22

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- President of India, **Droupadi Murmu** conferred **36 Peacetime Gallantry Awards** including, **10 Kirti Chakras**, of which 7 were given posthumously and **26 Shaurya Chakras**, of which 7 were given posthumously to the **personnel of the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces(CAPF) and State or Union Territory (UT) Police**.
- **Kirti Chakra** is India's **second-highest peacetime gallantry award**. The **Shaurya Chakra** is India's **third-highest peacetime gallantry**.
- Sepoy Pawan Kumar of The Grenadiers, 55th Battalion, the Rashtriya Rifles; Captain Anshuman Singh of the Army Medical Corps, 26th Battalion, the Punjab Regiment; and Havildar Abdul Majid, 9th Battalion, the Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) from the Indian Army have been conferred the Kirti Chakra posthumously.
- Inspector Dilip Kumar Das, Head Constable Raj Kumar Yadava, Constable Bablu Rabha and Constable Sambhu Roy of 210 CoBRA Battalion, CRPF have been also conferred the Kirti Chakra posthumously. Three personnel, including two of major-rank and one naib Subedar, have been conferred the Kirti Chakra.
- A constable of J&K Police was also bestowed a Shaurya Chakra posthumously, besides six other personnel from the Army.
- A group of personnel from the Army, the Air Force, Navy and those rendering services under the Ministry of Home Affairs have also been conferred the Shaurya Chakra.

Ques : Food regulator Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) established on which year ?

खाद्य नियामक भारतीय खाद्य सुरक्षा और मानक प्राधिकरण (FSSAI) की स्थापना किस वर्ष हुई?

- (a) 2005
- (b) 2006
- (c) 2007
- (d) 2008
- (e) 2009

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

About FSSAI :

- Established : 2008
- HQ : New Delhi
- CEO : Ganji Kamala V Rao

Recently in News :

- **Food regulator Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) approved** changes in nutritional **information labelling** on packaged food items, **proposing that total salt, sugar and saturated fat** should be displayed **in bold letters** as well as **bigger font size**.
- The decision to approve the amendment in the Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020 regarding nutritional information labelling was taken in the 44th meeting of the Food Authority.
- The regulation 2 (v) and 5(3) of FSS (Labeling and Display) Regulation, 2020 specifies requirements to mention serving size and nutritional information on the food product label, respectively.

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Ques : Who has received the Spice Award 2024 in July 2023?
जुलाई 2023 में स्पाइस अवार्ड 2024 किसे मिला है?

- (a) Deepak Shenoy / दीपक शेनॉय
- (b) Sopna Kallingal / सोपना कलिंगल
- (c) Raghu Ram Pillariseti / रघु राम पिल्लारीसेटी
- (d) Shanti Lakra / शांति लाकड़ा
- (e) Deepika Misra / दीपिका मिश्रा

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- **Sopna Kallingal** of Kallingal Plantation, Thrissur, has **received Spice Award 2024**, instituted by **ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research**.
- The award has been given to her **for her initiatives in enterprise diversification and integrated crop management strategies**, promoting a sustainable **spice-based cropping system**.
- Kallingal plantation has a diverse range of crops, embodying a dedication to enterprise diversification and agriculture innovation, according to the award citation.
- The priority crop in the Kallingal Plantation is nutmeg. However, through an intercropping method, the plantation has optimised space and productivity, integrating nutmeg trees, coconut palms, areca nut and black pepper vines.

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Recent Awards & Winners :

- K. Saraswathi Amma Award : P Geetha
- Padma Bhushan : Foxconn Chairman Young Liu
- Sustainable Governance Champion Award : Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd.
- 12th Vishwa Hindi Samman (World Hindi Conference) : Dr. Usha Thakur
- 2024 Commonwealth Short Story Prize : Sanjana Thakur for her story "Aishwarya Rai"
- Pen Pinter Prize 2024 : Arundhati Roy
- 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).
- 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award' : Vinod Ganatra
- Limca Book of Records : Indian Railways for organizing the largest public service event
- V. Shantaram, Lifetime Achievement Award 2024 : Subbiah Nallamuthu
- "Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024" : Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- 2024 Databricks Retail and CPG Partner of the Year : Tredence
- Annual Hindi Sahitya Bharati Award : Krishna Prakash
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has been awarded the 'Best Conduct of Business Regulator' in the Asia Pacific region by The Asian Banker.
- UN's WSIS 2024 "Champion" Award : Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)
- Dilip Bose award for lifetime achievement : coach Nar Singh
- Gudleppa Hallikeri Award for 2024 : Siddhalinga Pattanashetti
- Corporate Social Responsibility award in the Non-Fossil Fuel (NF) business category : Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC)
- United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year for 2023 : Major Radhika Sen
- 'The Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25' : NHPC, India's premier hydropower company
- Grand Prix Award at the 77th Cannes Film Festival : Indian filmmaker Payal Kapadia
- Best Actress award at the 77th Cannes Film Festival : Anasuya Sengupta (Indian)
- La Cinef Award for Best Short Film at the 77th Cannes Film Festival : Chidanand Naik's film 'Sunflowers Were the First to Know'

- Amal Clooney Women's Empowerment Award : Arti 18-year-old, E-rickshaw driver
- Shaw Prize in Astronomy for 2024 : Srinivas R. Kulkarni (Indian-origin U.S. scientist)
- International Booker Prize for fiction : German author Jenny Erpenbeck and translator Michael Hofmann for "Kairos"
- ATD BEST Award 2024 : NTPC third rank globally
- Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024 : Pawan Sindhi
- Gold in the 'Best Product Iteration' category at the INMA Awards 2024 : OTTplay
- 'Best Employer' 2023 by Kincentric for the fourth consecutive year : DBS bank
- Title of Best Trading Platform in India : QuantPower
- 2024 Guillermo Cano World Press Prize : Palestinian journalists
- Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize : Bhavi Mehta
- Purnima Devi Barman : Whitley Gold Award, also known as the Green Oscar
- Vaishali Ramesh Babu : title of Grandmaster by FIDE, the International Chess Federation
- Lacchu Maharaj Award : Hema Malini and Saira Banu with 8 others
- 2024 Goldman Prize : Alok Shukla
- Winner for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) at the 2024 Cambridge Dedicated Teacher Awards : Sharjah Girls Branch teacher Gina Justus
- Alejandra Rodriguez (aged 60) : Miss Universe Buenos Aires 2024
- Open Challenger Squash title : Velavan Senthilkumar
- International News Media Association (INMA)'s 2024 Global Media Award : India Today Group's AI news anchor, Sana
- Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award : Randeep Hooda
- Outstanding Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) of the Year award : Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- IBSi Digital Banking Awards 2024 : Clayfin Technologies & Jana Bank
- Aryabhatta Award : Pavuluri Subba Rao
- Global Energy Transition Impact Award : Dr Sultan Ahmed Al-Jaber
- CIDC Vishwakarma Award for Social Development and Impact : Puravankara Limited
- KISS (Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences) Humanitarian Award 2021 : Tata Group Chairman Ratan Tata
- World Press Photo of the Year award 2024 – Mohammed Salem
- International Fellowship by the Engineering Academy of Japan – Kaushik Rajashekara

Ques : Who wins title at Grand Prix of Spain 2024 wrestling?
ग्रैंड प्रिक्स ऑफ स्पेन 2024 कुश्ती का खिताब किसने जीता?

- (a) Vinesh Phogat / विनेश फोगाट
- (b) DP Manu / डीपी मनु
- (c) Rohit Yadav / रोहित यादव
- (d) Kishore Kumar / किशोर कुमार
- (e) Arshad Nadeem / अरशद नदीम

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- In the lead-up to the **Paris Olympics**, India's two-time Olympian **Vinesh Phogat won the gold medal** in the **women's 50 kg category** in the **Grand Prix of Spain international continental wrestling championship**.
- Vinesh defeated Mariia Tiumerekova – former Russian grappler now competing as an Individual Neutral Athlete – 10-5 in the final encounter.
- After the Grand Prix of Spain, Vinesh will attend a camp in Spain and reach France well before the Paris Olympic Games.
- In the quarterfinals, the 29-year-old from Charkhi Dadri, Haryana, pinned Madison Parks of Canada, a silver medallist at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

SPORTS NEWS :

- The 133rd Durand Cup matches will be held in Kolkata, Kokrajhar (Assam), Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), and Shillong (Meghalaya). For the first time, Jamshedpur will host the Durand Cup matches.
- India emerged as the top-performing nation at the Under 23 Asian Wrestling Championship 2024 in Amman, Jordan. Indian wrestlers secured a total of eight medals in freestyle wrestling: four gold, two silver, and two bronze.
- India's Jyothi Yarraji has won gold medal in the Women's 100m Hurdles at

the National Inter State Senior Athletics Championships in Panchkula. While in Men's 110m Hurdles, Tejas Shirse won the gold medal.

- Former world chess champion Viswanathan Anand of India has won the Leon Master chess championship for the 10th time.
- 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.
- 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
- Carlos Alcaraz clinched his first French Open title, making him the youngest male tennis player to win Grand Slam titles on all three surfaces: hard, grass, and clay
- 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.

Ques : _____ unveils indigenous light tank Zorawar ?
_____ ने स्वदेशी लाइट टैंक ज़ोरावर का अनावरण किया ?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- **India** has **unveiled** its **first indigenously designed** and **developed** light battle tank that will be capable of delivering devastating firepower at high altitude battlefields and operating in all-weather conditions.
- Developed in a record time of under two years in response to Chinese armoured deployments in Eastern Ladakh, the **25-ton tank named 'Zorawar'** is the **result of a public-private partnership between DRDO and L&T.**
- The project at the L&T production facility in Hazira with the Zorwar carrying out **high speed ground tests** and showcasing its ability to **transverse high incline slopes.**
- Next, the tank will head to a specialised track near Chennai where it will be thoroughly tested in all conditions, following which it will be offered to the Army for trials.
- The weight of the tank has been kept at 25 tons for higher mobility at extreme altitudes and will feature a 105 mm gun made by John Cockerill, which will also be produced in India.

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Defence Related News :

- Russia has approved the schedule for the creation of a Russian orbital station by 2033.
- Indian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari has inaugurated the newly established Weapon Systems School (WSS) at Air Force Station Begumpet, Hyderabad.
- The Bangladesh Navy has signed a deal with the Indian Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) for an 800-tonne ocean-going tug—a major contract to be signed under a \$500-million line of credit.
- Adani Defence & Aerospace – the defence arm of the Adani Group – has signed an agreement with the Thales Group to manufacture 70mm rockets in India.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) handed over the Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR) to the Indian Navy in a ceremony held in New Delhi.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducted the third and final landing experiment of its Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) 'Pushpak' at the Aeronautical Test Range in Chitradurga, Karnataka.
- 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 Indian Army has received the first batch of Indigenous man-portable suicide drones also known as the 1st Indigenous Loitering Munition (LM), Nagastra-1, with the capability of precise strikes on enemy training camps and launch pads.
- The Gautam Adani-group stepped up its presence in the defence segment by joining hands with Edge Group, one of the world's leading advanced technology and defence group. Aims to establish a global platform leveraging the defence and aerospace capabilities.
- 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.

- The Space agency Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced a joint Indo-French infrared earth observation satellite mission, TRISHNA (Thermal Infra-Red Imaging Satellite for HighResolution Natural Resource Assessment), to monitor surface temperature and water management around the world.
- The China National Space Administration's (CNSA) Chang'e-6 lunar probe made a soft landing on the moon's far side to collect and return samples from the rarely explored far side of the moon, a first of its kind in human lunar exploration history.
- ISRO, through its Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), has introduced the PraVaHa software, a Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) tool aimed at facilitating aerodynamic design and analysis for aerospace vehicles.
- 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).
- The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight-tested the **RudraM-II air-to-surface missile** from the Su-30 MK-I platform of the Indian Air Force (IAF) off the Odisha coast at approximately 1130 hours.
- **NASA** has successfully launched the first of two climate satellites into orbit, designed to study heat emissions at Earth's poles. The satellite, part of the **PREFIRE** (Polar Radiant Energy in the Far-InfraRed Experiment) mission, was carried by Rocket Lab's Electron rocket from the company's Launch Complex 1 in Mahia, New Zealand.
- After analyzing the archived data from NASA's Magellan mission, scientists say they observed new lava flows on Venus, suggesting that the planet was volcanically active between 1990 and 1992.
- South Korea plans to make a Mars landing by 2045 and spend 100 trillion won (\$72.6 billion) until then on space exploration, President Yoon Suk Yeol said at the launch of the country's first space agency.
- The 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).

Ques : Divya Kala Mela & Divya Kala Shakti is celebrated in which state ?

दिव्य कला मेला और दिव्य कला शक्ति किस राज्य में मनाया जाता है?

- (a) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (b) Uttarakhand / उत्तराखंड
- (c) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (d) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (e) None of Above / उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- **Divya Kala Mela & Divya Kala Shakti Held at Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) Campus in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.**
- **It is organised by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) and National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC).**
- **It is Inaugurated by Minister of State, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri B L Verma.**
- **Prominent NGOs working for Divyangjan from six States including Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, and Odisha, along with other dignitaries, will grace the inauguration**
- **The fair “Divya Kala Mela” will showcase vibrant products crafted by over 190 Divyang artisans, artists, and entrepreneurs.**
- **This event encourages the “Vocal for Local” initiative, allowing visitors to purchase unique items made with immense determination by Divyang artisans.**

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Recent Festivals & Fairs :

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- India Art Festival (IAF) : Hyderabad
- Saga Dawa festival : Sikkim
- Koothandavar festival : Tamil Nadu
- Ethnic Mamani Festival : Ladakh
- Janakpurdham Cultural Festival : Nepal
- Chapchar Kut Festival : Mizoram
- Divya Kala Mela – Agartala, Tripura
- 11th International Puppet Festival : Chandigarh
- Tawi Festival : Jammu and Kashmir
- 36th National Book Fair : Hyderabad
- Startup Mahakumbh 2024 : New Delhi
- Vividdhta ka Amrit Mahotsav : Rashtrapati Bhavan
- Sammakka Saralamma Jathara : Mulugu district of Telangana
- National Dairy Mela and Agricultural Exhibition : Chaibasa, Jharkhand



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Ques : Which state mica mines have been recently declared child labour-free by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights?

राष्ट्रीय बाल अधिकार संरक्षण आयोग द्वारा हाल ही में किस राज्य की अभ्रक खदानों को बाल श्रम मुक्त घोषित किया गया है?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Jharkhand / झारखंड
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Bihar / बिहार
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The **National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)** declared the **mica mines of Jharkhand' child labour-free'** at an event in **Koderma, Jharkhand**.
- Mica is abundant in the Koderma and Giridih districts of Jharkhand. Koderma was once called the Mica capital of India, the Abkrah Nagari.
- NCPCR chairperson Priyank Kanoongo announced that this is the first-ever successful endeavour to cleanse a supply chain of child labour in mica mining.
- The widespread use of child labour in mica mining led to an initiative from the government in collaboration with civil society to stop the use of child labour in mica mining and rehabilitation of the child labour freed from mining.

- A Child labour-free mica initiative was launched 20 years ago with the participation of the state government, district administration, village panchayats, civil society and the central government. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights was later involved in the initiative after its creation.

About National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)

- NCPCR is a statutory body which was set up under the provisions of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005.
- The NCPCR came into existence in 2007
- The NCPCR comes under the administrative control of the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- **Chairperson of NCPCR** – Priyank Kanoongo
- Headquarter : New Delhi

About Jharkhand :

- Founded: 15 November 2000
- Capital : Ranchi
- CM : Hemant Soren
- Governor : C. P. Radhakrishnan

Ques : Govt Makes ISI Mark Mandatory for Stainless steel & _____ Kitchen Utensils

भारत सरकार ने स्टेनलेस स्टील और _____ रसोई के बर्तनों के लिए आईएसआई मार्क अनिवार्य कर दिया है

- (a) Aluminium
- (b) Plastic
- (c) Carbon
- (d) Glass
- (e) Zinc

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- **The government** has mandated **conformity** to the **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** for **stainless steel** and **aluminium utensils** to **enhance kitchen safety, quality and efficiency**.
- According to an order issued by the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**, the ISI mark will be compulsory for such utensils.
- Recently, the BIS has developed a **range of standards covering** essential kitchen items.
- This move will enhance consumer confidence and drive manufacturers towards adopting best practices.
- This development follows the BIS' recent formulation of comprehensive standards for kitchen items, including **IS 14756:2022** for **stainless steel** and **IS 1660:2024** for **aluminium** utensils.

Ques : Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi Appointed Chief Justice of which High Court?

न्यायमूर्ति विद्युत रंजन सारंगी को किस उच्च न्यायालय का मुख्य न्यायाधीश नियुक्त किया गया?

- (a) Allahabad / इलाहाबाद
- (b) Punjab and Haryana / पंजाब और हरियाणा
- (c) Bombay / बॉम्बे
- (d) Delhi / दिल्ली
- (e) Jharkhand / झारखंड

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Justice **Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi** Appointed as **15th Chief Justice** of the **Jharkhand High Court**.
- He **Replaced** Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra.

Recent appointment of advocate/Justice :

- Justice Sheel Nagu : Acting Chief Justice (ACJ) of Madhya Pradesh (MP) High Court
- Justice R Mahadevan : Acting Chief Justice (ACJ) of Madras High Court, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Justice Hima Kohli : Chairperson of Supreme Court Gender Sensitization and Internal Complaints Committee
- Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva : Acting Chief Justice of the Madhya pradesh HC

Ques : Dhruv Sitwala, who was seen in the news in July 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sports?

ध्रुव सितवाला, जिन्हें जुलाई 2024 में एक उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में देखा गया था, निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से जुड़े हैं?

- (a) Tennis
- (b) Billiards
- (c) Badminton
- (d) Wushu
- (e) Archery

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- **India's Dhruv Sitwala has won the men's Asian Billiards Championships after defeating Pankaj Advani in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.**
- **Dhruv** set the tone for the match with an impressive start, **scoring 103 points**, while **Advani** struggled to get on the board, finishing with **no points**.
- Advani managed to improve his game, scoring 36 points, but Dhruv maintained his dominance with another 100.
- Advani found his rhythm in the third frame and outplayed Dhruv, achieving a remarkable 101. Dhruv, however, had an off-frame, scoring only two points.
- While, India's Anupama Ramachandran has won the maiden Asian Snooker Championship Title with a gritty 3-1 win over Panchaya Channoi of Thailand.

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Ques : Jon Landau passed away recently at the age of 63. Who was he?

जॉन लैंडौ का हाल ही में 63 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह कौन थे?

- (a) Writer
- (b) Politician
- (c) Actor
- (d) Social Worker
- (e) Producer

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- **Jon Landau, an Oscar-winning producer** who worked closely with director James Cameron on “Titanic” and the “Avatar” series, **passed away at the age of 63.**
- Landau’s **partnership with Cameron** led to **three Oscar nominations and a best picture win** for 1997’s “Titanic. Together the pair account for some of the biggest blockbusters in movie history, including “Avatar” and its sequel, “Avatar: The Way of Water.
- Landau’s career began in the 1980s as a production manager, and he gradually rose through the ranks until taking on a producer role on “Titanic,” Cameron’s expensive epic about the infamous disaster.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

- The **Philippine Army** has **confirmed** that the “**deadly**” **Typhon Weapons System**, **deployed** by the United States for joint military exercises, will soon be withdrawn from the country.
- **Telecom startup Velmenni** recently **received** a **grant** from the **Ministry of Defence (MoD)** under the **Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative** for its innovative Li-Fi (Light Fidelity) technology
- **ADB and ENGIE Group Signed Loan Agreement** to Build **400 MW Solar Power Plant in Gujarat**.
- **Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) and TransUnion CIBIL Limited Partner to Launch SEHER Program**. Its **Objective** is to launch SEHER, a **credit education program** aimed at **empowering women entrepreneurs** in India with financial literacy, credit education, and business skills.
- **Commemorative Coin of Rs 100 Released in Memory of Jawaharlal Amolakchand Darda** freedom fighter and Founder-Editor of Lokmat Media Group. **Launched by** Eknath Shinde, Chief Minister (CM) of Maharashtra.
- **World Kiswahili Language Day** is observed every year on **7 July**. This year observed the **3rd World Kiswahili Language Day**. **Theme 2024** – Kiswahili: Education and Culture of Peace

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