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Ques : Life Insurance Corporation of India invest _____ in Sri Lankan subsidiary

भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम ने श्रीलंकाई सहायक कंपनी में _____ का निवेश किया है

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has **infused** additional **capital** amounting to **Sri Lankan Rupee (LKR) 500 million** (approximately **Rs 14 crore**) into its subsidiary, **Life Insurance Corporation (Lanka)**.
- **Before the allotment** of shares, LIC's **shareholding** in the subsidiary was **90.91%**.
- **Post allotment**, LIC's **shareholding** will increase to **93.75%** in the company.
- The capital infusion was made to comply with the statutory requirement of maintaining minimum total available capital as per regulations of the Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka.

About LIC :

- Founded : 1 September 1956
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Siddhartha Mohanty

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Ques : _____ collaborates with Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank to boost health insurance coverage

स्वास्थ्य बीमा कवरेज को बढ़ावा देने के लिए _____ ने हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य सहकारी बैंक के साथ सहयोग किया है

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance / बजाज आलियांज जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (b) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance / आईसीआईसीआई प्रूडेंशियल लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance / कोटक महिंद्रा लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
- (d) Go Digit General Insurance / गो डिजिट जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (e) Star Health Insurance / स्टार हेल्थ इंश्योरेंस

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- **Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited**, India's largest retail health insurance company announced a strategic corporate agency **agreement** with **Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank (HPSCB)**, the leading bank of Himachal Pradesh.
- Through this **partnership**, Star Health Insurance **aims to enhance access to health insurance** across the region, **particularly in rural areas** where the bank holds a significant presence.
- The partnership will enable Star Health Insurance to offer its comprehensive range of health insurance products to the bank's vast customer base by leveraging HPSCB's robust and extensive branch network of 262 branches.
- The partnership seeks to increase insurance penetration in rural and Tier 3 regions, **aligning** with **IRDAI's goal of 'Insurance for all by 2047'**.

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About HPSCB :

- Managing Director : Sharwan Manta
- The HPSCB is performing a dual function in the state, one of an Apex Co-operative Bank in Himachal Pradesh to play a leading role in the development of Co-operatives in the State and second of a Co-operative Bank in 6 districts viz. Bilaspur, Chamba, Kinnaur, Mandi, Shimla and Sirmour.

About Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited :

- Founded : 2006
- Headquarters : Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
- MD & CEO : Anand Roy

Recently signed banking agreements :

- Border Security Force (BSF) and State Bank of India (SBI) have partnered for a 'Grow with the Trees' plantation drive at the BSF Headquarters in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and Online PSB Loans Limited have signed an agreement to promote financial inclusion through regional rural banks.
- NPCI International Payments Ltd. (NIPL), in partnership with Network International, a leading digital commerce enabler across the Middle East and Africa, has facilitated the acceptance of QR-codebased Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments across point-of-sale (POS) terminals in the UAE.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has joined hands with the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and central banks of 4 Asean (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries to collaborate on Project Nexus - a multilateral international initiative to enable retail cross-border payments.
- Truecaller, the world's leading global communications platform, has partnered with HDFC ERGO, India's leading general insurance company to unveil Fraud Insurance.
- Axis Bank, India's third-largest private sector bank, has partnered with Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Limited under the co-lending business.
- Punjab and Sind Bank (PSB) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Army (IA) to offer a defence salary package with a host of facilities including free insurance cover.

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- Travel booking platform ixigo has expanded its exclusive partnership with PhonePe to offer flight and bus bookings on the fintech platform's app.
- One97 Communications (parent company of Paytm) has partnered with global travel aggregators including Skyscanner, Google Flights, and Wego to expand its presence in the travel segment.
- BharatPe, a leading fintech company in India announced that it has collaborated with Invest India to promote digital financial inclusion and digital financial literacy across One District One Product (ODOP) producers and sellers across ODOP districts in India.
- Action Construction Equipment Ltd. (ACE), a prominent player in India's construction equipment manufacturing sector, has entered into a MoU with Bank of Baroda to facilitate financing solutions for construction equipment businesses.
- India and South East Asian nation Cambodia are negotiating collaboration in Unified Payment Interface-based (UPI) digital payment to promote trade and tourism.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has partnered with Ria Money Transfer, a global leader in cross-border money transfers to provide convenient and affordable doorstep financial services to customers in remote areas across the country.
- Federal Bank, in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has launched RuPay Wave Credit Card to offer customers UPI-powered transactions on RuPay network.
- Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and Mastercard India have signed MoU for collaboration in cyber security to enhance India's cyber-resilience in the financial sector
- Namdev Finvest, a Jaipur based NBFC, has entered into strategic alliance with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, a leading insurance platform, to offer comprehensive financial solutions, including insurance and NBFC services, to its customers.
- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the State Bank of India (SBI) signed MoU to enhance digital payment services for users of the eMigrate portal.
- Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Ltd. (Kotak Life) has formed a partnership with Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd. (Mahindra Finance) to provide life insurance solutions to customers.
- Fintech firm PhonePe has partnered with ride – hailing platform PickMe to facilitate Unified Payments Interface (UPI)-based payments for Indian travellers in Sri Lanka.

- Ashv Finance, a part of the Aavishkaar Group, has entered into a co-lending agreement with HDFC Bank to offer unsecured business loans to micro and small enterprises (MSEs).
- Muthoot Microfin has entered into a strategic co-lending partnership with the State Bank of India (SBI). With this collaboration, Muthoot Microfin Limited aims to extend its financial services to women entrepreneurs in rural and semi-urban regions across India
- NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) and the Reserve Bank of Peru have announced a partnership to enable UPI-like real-time payments system in the Latin American country.
- Punjab National Bank (PNB), a leading public sector bank, has signed an MoU with India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL) to collaborate in financing of infrastructure projects.
- Capital Small Finance Bank (CSFB) has forged a bancassurance tieup with ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Ltd.(ICICI Lombard), a private general insurer. to distribute ICICI Lombard's suite of general insurance products, including health, motor, home, travel and rural insurance.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has signed a deal to modernize the core banking technology of Burgan Bank, a leading commercial bank in Kuwait.
- SBI General Insurance Company Limited has partnered with Bima Central, built by CAMS Insurance Repository, to launch the industry-first policyholder servicing platform, Bima Central.
- PhonePe has partnered with Sri Lanka-based LankaPay to enable Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions for PhonePe users in Sri Lanka.
- Aurm, an asset protection firm has partnered with Tata AIG General Insurance to provide comprehensive insurance coverage to its customers for their valuables.
- 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.

Ques : Tata Asset Management Introduces India's First _____ Index Mutual Fund

टाटा एसेट मैनेजमेंट ने भारत का पहला _____ इंडेक्स म्यूचुअल फंड पेश किया

- (a) Health
- (b) Oil and Gas
- (c) Tourism
- (d) Petroleum
- (e) None of these

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- **Tata Asset Management** has **launched** India's **first-ever tourism index fund** – the Tata Nifty India Tourism Index Fund.
- The Tata Nifty India Tourism Index Fund will track the Nifty India Tourism Index (TRI, i.e., total returns index).
- Nifty India Tourism Index (TRI) is a stock market index that specifically focuses on companies in the Indian tourism sector.
- The index is designed to ensure a balanced representation of different tourism sectors, with strict selection criteria.
- To prevent over-concentration, no single stock can have a weightage exceeding 20% in the index.
- **Kapil Menon** is responsible for managing the fund's investments, ensuring alignment with the index's performance and objectives.
- There are no entry loads for investing in this NFO, making it accessible to investors without additional fees.

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Ques : _____ Plans to Raise Rs 10,000 Crore via Infrastructure Bonds in FY25.

_____ ने वित्त वर्ष 2025 में इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर बॉन्ड के जरिए 10,000 करोड़ रुपये जुटाने की योजना बनाई है

- (a) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक
- (b) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- (c) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (d) UCO Bank / यूको बैंक
- (e) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Public sector lender **Canara Bank plans** to raise up to **Rs 10,000 crore through infrastructure bonds** for lending to projects in areas like roads, power and ports, among others, this financial year (FY25).

It is the 3rd state-owned lender after:

- **State Bank of India (SBI)** with Rs 20,000 crore planned and Rs **10,000 crore raised in June 2024.**
- **Bank of India (BoI)** with **Rs 10,000 crore planned.**
- CRISIL (formerly Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited) and CareEdge Ratings have assigned an **"AAA" rating to Canara Bank's infrastructure bonds.**
- In FY24, Canara Bank raised Rs 10,000 crore via infrastructure bonds.

Raised in two tranches:

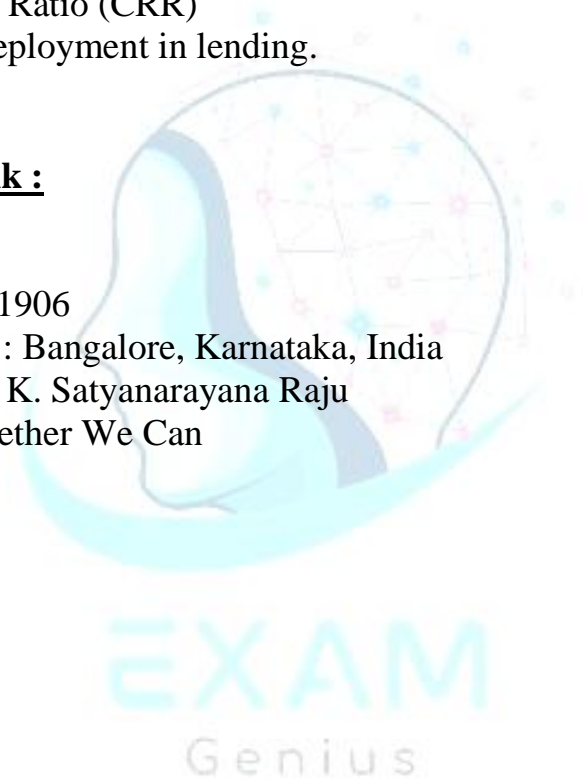
- Rs 5,000 crore at a 7.54% coupon rate
- Rs 5,000 crore at a 7.68% coupon rate
- Canara Bank's credit to the infrastructure sector increased by 12% Year-on-Year (YoY) to Rs 1.29 trillion as of March 2024.

Money raised through infrastructure bonds is exempt from:

- Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)
- Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)
- Allows full deployment in lending.

About Canara Bank :

- Established : 1906
- Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka, India
- MD & CEO : K. Satyanarayana Raju
- Tagline : Together We Can



Ques : Federal Bank Partners with _____ for Bancassurance Services

फेडरल बैंक ने बैंकएश्योरेंस सेवाओं के लिए _____ के साथ साझेदारी की

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

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- **Federal Bank**, a private sector bank, has entered into a **Bancassurance** tie-up with **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance**, a private life insurer.
- This partnership will enable Federal Bank's customers to seamlessly access Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance's products, across the Bank's extensive network in India.
- **Bancassurance** is a **distribution model** where banks partner with insurance companies **to sell insurance policies**.
- Both the bank and the insurance company get to benefit from this arrangement.
- Banks earn commissions from insurance sales, while insurers gain access to the bank's customer base and distribution network.
- The regulator had paved the way for corporate agents (banks) to have distribution tie up with a maximum of 9 life insurers, 9 general insurers and 9 health insurers.

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- Insurance Marketing Firms (IMF): Also, IMF can now enter into tie up with as many as 6 life, general and health insurers.

About Federal Bank:

- Established: 23 April 1931 (as Travancore Federal Bank), 2 December 1949 (as Federal Bank)
- Headquarters: Aluva, Kochi, Kerala, India
- MD & CEO: Shyam Srinivasan

About Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance:

- Founded: 2001
- Headquarters: Pune, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO: Tarun Chugh
- Ownership: Joint venture between Bajaj Finserv Limited and Allianz SE

Ques : _____ Introduces 'Safety Ring' for Enhanced Internet and Mobile Banking Security

_____ ने उन्नत इंटरनेट और मोबाइल बैंकिंग सुरक्षा के लिए 'सेफ्टी रिंग' पेश की

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Indian Bank / इंडियन बैंक
- (d) Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
- (e) Karur Vyasya Bank / करूर व्यास बैंक

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- State-owned **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** introduced a **new security feature 'Safety Ring'** within its internet banking system and mobile banking system in response to the increasing number of cyber frauds.
- This mechanism provides an additional safety layer to minimise potential losses in case of unauthorised access by fraudsters.
- The feature adds an additional layer of security to mitigate potential losses from unauthorized access by fraudsters.
- 'Safety Ring' is optional and allows customers to set a daily transaction limit.
- Specifically, it applies to online closure of term deposits (TDs) or availing overdraft facilities on TDs up to the set limit amount.
- Customers can set their transaction limits within the consolidated digital channels limit for managing TD closures or overdraft facilities.

About PNB :

- Founded : 19 May 1894
- Headquarters : Delhi, India
- MD & CEO : Atul Kumar Goel

Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Ageas Federal Life Insurance has launched a new pension plan named 'Golden Years Pension Plan' that aims to provide a comprehensive solution for securing the financial futures of policyholders during their retirement years.
- ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund has launched the ICICI Prudential Nifty Oil & Gas ETF, India's first exchange-traded fund (ETF) in the oil and gas sector.
- One 97 Communications Limited (OCL), which owns brand Paytm, has rolled out 'Paytm Health Saathi', an exclusive health and income protection plan for its merchant partners.
- Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has launched the 'Jeevan Samarth', an initiative aimed at transforming the agency ecosystem.
- Private sector life insurer Shriram Life Insurance Company has launched a Deferred Annuity Plan aimed at providing a steady retirement income for customers.
- ICICI Bank has launched the 'Student Sapphire Forex Card', a premium prepaid forex card designed for Indian students pursuing higher education abroad.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched "MSME -Sahaj", a web-based digital business loans solution for MSMEs' (micro, small and medium enterprises) invoice financing.
- Bajaj Housing Finance has launched 'Sambhav Home Loans' targeting first time home buyers with affordable income criteria.
- ICICI Lombard, a leading private general insurer in India, has launched its revolutionary health insurance product, 'Elevate'.
- Bandhan Bank has launched a facility for online collection of direct taxes, enabling its customers and others to pay taxes seamlessly across India.
- Union Bank of India has launched "Union Premier" branches for high-value customers in rural and semi-urban (RUSU) markets.
- Flipkart has launched a Unified Payments Interface (UPI) app 'Super.Money' to offer payments, credit, deposits and other digital financial services.

- HDFC Life Launched 'Bridge the Gap' Campaign to Enhance Life Insurance Awareness
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched an exclusive 2-hour window called 'Fintech' for fintechs to visit the FinTech department of the RBI in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- 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 transitions 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.

Ques : Where is the headquarter of BNP Paribas ?

बीएनपी परिबास का मुख्यालय कहाँ है?

- (a) Spain / स्पेन
- (b) Egypt / मिस्र
- (c) USA / यूएसए
- (d) France / फ्रांस
- (e) UK / यूके

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

About BNP Paribas :

- Headquarters : Paris, France
- BNP Paribas (sometimes referred to as BNPP or BNP) is a multinational universal bank and financial services holding company.
- It was founded in 2000 from the merger of two of France's foremost financial institutions, Banque Nationale de Paris (BNP) and Paribas.

Recently in News :

- **BNP Paribas, the European Union's leading bank and a key player in international banking, has launched operations at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City - International Financial Services Centre (GIFT-IFSC) through a new branch.**
- The **BNP Paribas GIFT City** branch will facilitate a comprehensive product offering to **attract new business opportunities with its onshore and offshore clients.**
- Gift City branch will enable to serve global clientele with an expanded range of products and strategic solutions as cross-border momentum continues to increase.

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Ques : _____ Calls for Expressions of Interest on stressed loan exposure of Rs 14.97 crore in Amul Industries

_____ ने अमूल इंडस्ट्रीज में 14.97 करोड़ रुपये के तनावग्रस्त ऋण एक्सपोजर पर रुचि की अभिव्यक्तियां मांगीं

- (a) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक
- (b) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- (c) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (d) UCO Bank / यूको बैंक
- (e) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has invited expressions of interest (EoIs) from various entities to acquire its stressed loan exposure of Rs 14.97 crore in Amul Industries through an e-auction scheduled for August 7, 2024.
- SBI holds **primary security** of Rs 43.49 crore and **collateral security** of Rs 55.78 crore against its exposure.
- Additionally, there is a **third-party guarantee** of Rs 52.77 crore.
- **Interested entities such as** asset reconstruction companies (ARCs), eligible non-banking finance companies (NBFCs), banks, and Indian financial institutions can submit EoIs by July 16, 2024.
- Entities submitting EoIs can conduct due diligence on the asset until August 5.
- Binding bids will be invited during the e-auction, and the sale will be on a 100% cash basis.
- SBI has set a reserve price of Rs 14.55 crore for the sale of the asset.

Ques : Who has been appointed as the Principal Adviser at the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP)?

राष्ट्रीय क्षय रोग उन्मूलन कार्यक्रम (एनटीईपी) के लिए केंद्रीय स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय (एमओएचएफडब्ल्यू) में प्रधान सलाहकार के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Soumya Swaminathan / सौम्या स्वामीनाथन
- (b) Suresh Kumar Nayak / सुरेश कुमार नायक
- (c) Nitya Rao / नित्या राव
- (d) Madhura Swaminathan / मधुरा स्वामीनाथन
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- **Former Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research and World Health Organization's Chief Scientist Dr. Soumya Swaminathan** has been **appointed** as the **Principal Adviser** at the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) for the **National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP)**.
- She will be serving in MoHFW on a pro bono basis.
- Dr. Swaminathan will be based out of Chennai, where she heads the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation that works on issues of agriculture and climate change.
- As the Principal Adviser for the NTEP, Dr. Swaminathan will provide technical advice on the overall strategy to achieve goals, suggest policy directions and necessary course corrections for optimal outcomes, and advise on research strategy.

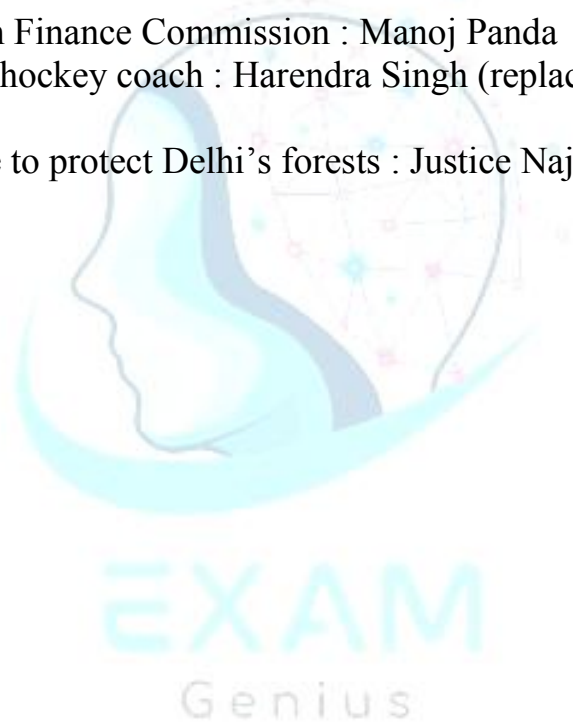
- India accounts for 25% of world's TB burden and over 25 lakh new cases of TB were notified in 2024 in India, according to the India TB report released by the Centre.
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Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Rachel Reeves : UK's first female finance Minsiter
- Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi : 15th Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court
- Justice Sheel Nagu : Chief Justice (ACJ) of Punjab and Haryana High Court
- Elisa de Anda Madrazo (Mexico): president of Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
- Pradeep Singh Kharola : Chairman and Managing Director of India Trade Promotion Organization.
- Dhirendra Ojha : Director General of Press Information Bureau (PIB)
- B.N. Gangadhar : Chairperson of the National Medical Commission (NMC)
- Ravi Agrawal : chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
- Om Birla : speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha
- Sujata Saunik : first woman Chief Secretary (CS) of Maharashtra
- Tapan Kumar Deka : extension as Intelligence Bureau chief for one year
- 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
- Kapil Dev : **President of the Professional Golf Tour of India**
- Aksha Mohit Kamboj : VP of India Bullion Jewellers Association
- 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 : Who has been appointed as the head coach of the Indian men's cricket team ?

भारतीय पुरुष क्रिकेट टीम का मुख्य कोच किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Rohit Sharma / रोहित शर्मा
- (b) Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली
- (c) MS Dhoni / एमएस धोनी
- (d) Gautam Gambhir / गौतम गंभीर
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

Gautam Gambhir, the former India opening batter, has been appointed as the India men's cricket team's head coach.

The former India cricketer will replace Rahul Dravid whose tenure came to an end after the T20 World Cup 2024.

Gambhir, in his first international coaching assignment, has been handed a long rope, having been handed charge of the team till the end of 2027.

India became the first team ever to win the T20 World Cup title without losing a single game. The Rohit Sharma-led side played some brilliant cricket and claimed the title by beating South Africa in the final.

About Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

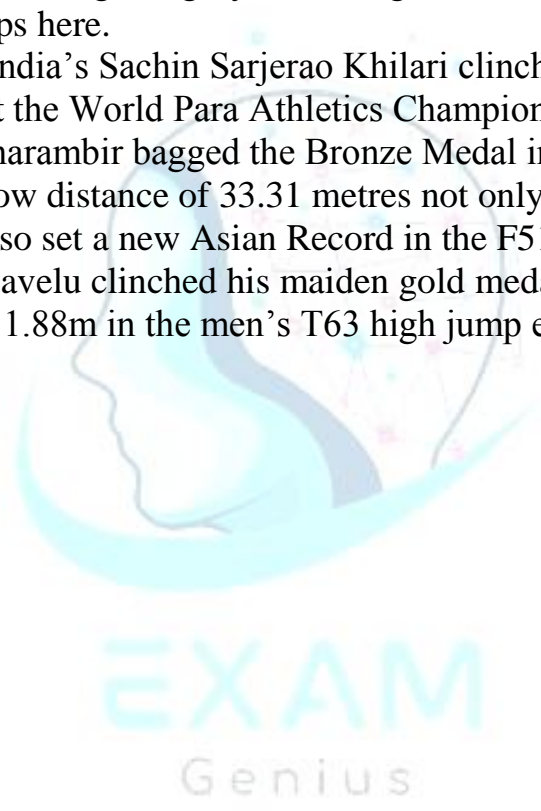
- Founded – 1928
- Headquarters – Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai
- 1st President – R E Grant Govan
- 39th President – Roger Binny
- Vice president – Rajeev Shukla
- Secretary – Jay Shah
- Men's coach – Gautam Gambhir
- Women's coach – Amol Muzumdar

SPORTS NEWS :

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has named Gagan Narang as the Chef-de-Mission of the Indian contingent to compete in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, starting on 26th July.
- India's Dhruv Sitwala has won the men's Asian Billiards Championships after defeating Pankaj Advani in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 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.
- 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.
- Mariyappan Thangavelu clinched his maiden gold medal at the World Para Athletics by leaping 1.88m in the men's T63 high jump event.



Ques : who won the ICC Men's Player of the Month for June 2024?
जून 2024 के लिए ICC मेन्स प्लेयर ऑफ़ द मंथ का पुरस्कार किसने जीता?

- (a) Hardik Pandey / हार्दिक पांडे
- (b) Ravindra Jadeja / रवींद्र जड़ेजा
- (c) Jasprit Bumrah / जसप्रीत बुमरा
- (d) Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली
- (e) Rohit sharma / रोहित शर्मा

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has **revealed** the winners of the **ICC Player of the Month** awards **for June 2024** with India's **Jasprit Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana** both emerging victorious.
- **Bumrah** was crowned Player of the Tournament following India's triumphant campaign at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 in the USA and West Indies, and follows this feat with another personal honour, claiming his first ICC Men's Player of the Month award.
- **Mandhana** also won her maiden ICC Women's Player of the Month award after her scintillating batting performances lit up India's ODI series victory over South Africa.
- The double-win marks the first time the ICC Men's and Women's Player of the Month represent the same country since the awards began in 2021.

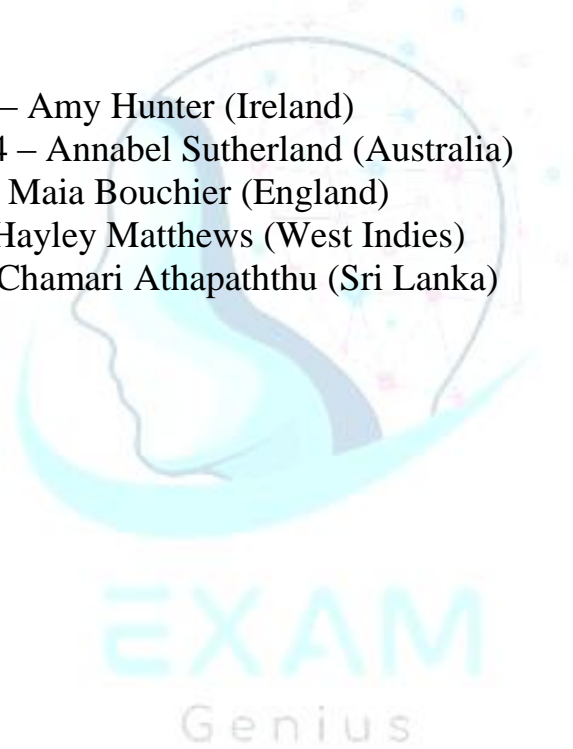
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ICC Men's Player of the Month

- January 2024 – Shamar Joseph (West Indies)
- February 2024 – Yashasvi Jaiswal (India)
- March 2024 – Kamindu Mendis (Sri Lanka)
- April 2024 – Muhammad Waseem (UAE)
- May 2024 – Gudakesh Motie (West Indies)

ICC Women's Player of the Month

- January 2024 – Amy Hunter (Ireland)
- February 2024 – Annabel Sutherland (Australia)
- March 2024 – Maia Bouchier (England)
- April 2024 – Hayley Matthews (West Indies)
- May 2024 – Chamari Athapaththu (Sri Lanka)



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Ques : Global Energy Independence Day is observed every year on which day?

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- (a) 9 July
- (b) 10 July
- (c) 11 July
- (d) 12 July
- (e) 13 July

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- **Global Energy Independence Day** is observed every year on **July 10**.
- **Objective** – To promote awareness for alternative forms of energy.
- The day also offers opportunities to learn more about renewable forms of energy, such as solar, wind, and geothermal.
- In 2006, Michael D. Antonovich proclaimed July 10th as Global Energy Independence Day. At the time, Antonovich served as a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.
- The date of July 10th coincides with the birthday of Nikola Tesla, who was born in 1856. Tesla is a Serbian-American inventor born in Croatia.

Important days :

- 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)
- 26 June : International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (Theme 2024 – The evidence is clear: invest in prevention)
- 27 June : Micro Small Medium Enterprise (MSME) Day (Theme 2024 – MSMEs and the SDG)
- 28 June : National Insurance Awareness Day
- 30 June : International Day of Parliamentarism (Theme 2024 – Parliamentary diplomacy: Building bridges for peace and understanding.)
- 30 June : International Asteroid Day
- 1 July : National Doctor's Day (Theme 2024 – Healing Hands, Caring Hearts.)
- 1 July : Chartered Accountants Day (CA Day)
- 1 July : National Postal Worker Day
- 2 July : World Sports Journalist Day
- 2 July : World UFO Day
- 3 July : International Plastic Bag Free Day
- 3 July : Disobedience Day
- 5 July : **Pet Remembrance Day**
- 6 July : World Zoonoses Day (Theme 2024 – One World, One Health: Prevent Zoonoses)
- 10 July : Chronic Disease Awareness Day

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

- India and Russia have announced an initiative to develop strategic areas of economic cooperation to achieve a bilateral trade target of \$100 billion by 2030. The initiative was announced after the 22nd edition of the annual summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Vladimir Putin in Moscow.
- Maharashtra has won the Best Agriculture State Award for 2024. The announcement was made by the 15th Agriculture Leadership Awards Committee, headed by Justice P Sathasivam, former Chief Justice of India and Governor of Kerala.
- Indian Energy Exchange (IEX) board approved the proposal to reappoint Satyanarayan Goel as its Chairman and Managing Director and to appoint Rohit Bajaj as its Joint Managing Director.
- Tata Power Solar Systems Limited has launched the 'Ghar Ghar Solar' initiative in Uttar Pradesh aimed at providing every home with clean energy through rooftop solar solutions.
- Another Indian, Anupama Ramachandran, won her first international title by defeating Panchaya Channoi of Thailand 3-1 in the final of the Asian Women Snooker category.
- President Draupadi Murmu, who is on a four-day visit to Odisha, is visiting the historic Udayagiri Caves in Bhubaneswar. The Udayagiri Caves are famous for the Hathigumpha inscription which is engraved in Brahmi script.