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**Ques : _____ Amends REIT and InvIT Rules.
_____ ने REIT और InvIT नियमों में संशोधन किया**

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

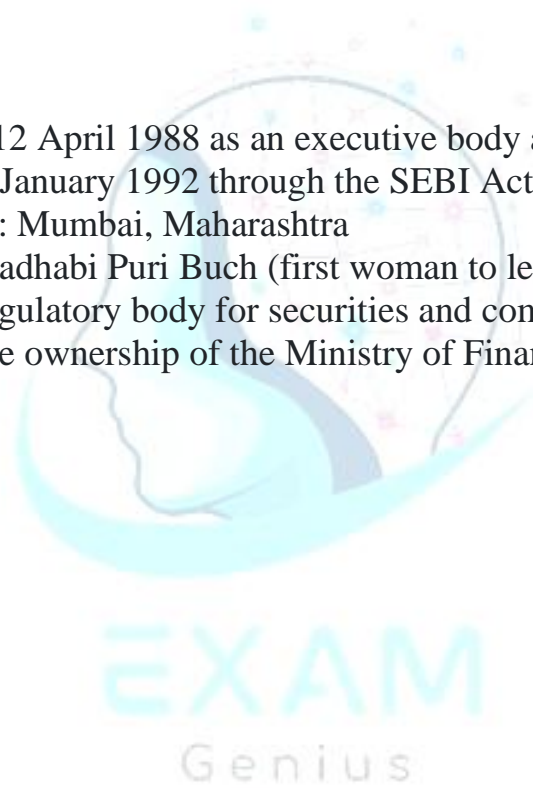
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** came out with a framework for a unit-based employment benefit scheme for investment trusts -**Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)** and **Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs)**.
- Under the framework, SEBI has prescribed the manner of the implementation of the scheme through a trust, the manner of receiving units by the employee benefit trust and the manner of allotment of units to the employee benefit trust by REIT & InvIT.
- The unit-based employee benefit scheme resembles an employee unit option scheme.
- Employee unit option scheme refers to a scheme under which the investment manager grants unit options to its employees through an employee benefit trust.
- The implementation of the scheme would be done through a separate **Employee Benefit Trust (EB Trust)** which can be created by the manager of a REIT or the investment manager of InvIT.
- The manager or investment manager can receive units of the REIT/InvIT in lieu of management fees to facilitate unit-based employee benefits.

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- The EB trust would not undertake any transfer or sale of units of REIT/InvIT held by it except for providing unit-based benefits to the employees of the manager or investment manager.
- The trustee of the EB Trust would not be eligible to vote on account of the units of the REIT/InvIT held by it.
- REITs comprise **commercial real estate assets leased out for income**, while InvITs hold infrastructure assets like **highways**, catering to investor interest in stable returns and capital appreciation.

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 : _____ approved USD 240.5 million in loans for rooftop solar system in India

_____ ने भारत में छत पर सौर प्रणाली के लिए 240.5 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर के ऋण को मंजूरी दी

- (a) WHO
- (b) IMF
- (c) ADB
- (d) UNDP
- (e) None of these

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has **sanctioned** a **loan** of **\$240.5 million** to **fund rooftop solar systems in India**, bolstering the nation's **renewable energy expansion** efforts.
- This financing will support the **second and third tranches** of the **Multitranche Financing Facility (MFF) Solar Rooftop Investment Program**, initially approved by ADB in 2016.
- In 2023, the program was restructured to concentrate on deploying residential solar rooftop systems.
- India aims to achieve about 50 per cent of cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel energy sources by 2030, which is in line with its global commitments to reduce carbon emissions.
- The initiative supports India's Prime Minister's Surya Ghar program, promoting widespread adoption of rooftop solar installations.

About ADB :

- Established : 1966
- Headquarters : Manila, Philippines
- President : Masatsugu Asakawa
- Membership : 68 members, including 49 regional members (countries in Asia and the Pacific) and 19 non-regional members (countries outside the region)

Recent Loan approved by ADB :

- India and ADB sign \$170 million to strengthen pandemic preparedness and response
- India and ADB sign \$181 million to improve livability, mobility in Ahmedabad
- India and ADB sign \$200 million loan to tackle flood and erosion risk along Brahmaputra River
- India signed an MoU with ADB \$250 million for Delhi-Meerut RRTS
- India and ADB sign \$250 million loan for Industrial Corridor Development in India
- India, ADB signed \$200 million loan agreement for Uttarakhand power system project

Ques : K Paul Thomas has been appointed as the MD & CEO of which bank for three years?

के पॉल थॉमस को तीन साल के लिए किस बैंक का एमडी और सीईओ नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) AU Small Finance Bank Limited / एयू स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited / कैपिटल स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (c) Suryoday Small Finance Bank / सूर्योदय स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (d) Shivalik Small Finance Bank / शिवालिक स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
- (e) ESAF Small Finance Bank / ईएसएफ लघु वित्त बैंक

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- **ESAF Small Finance Bank** has **received** Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) nod for **re-appointment** of **K Paul Thomas** as its **Managing Director & CEO** for another three years.
- This approval was communicated via the RBI's letter dated May 16, 2024, granted under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- Additionally, Paul Thomas is the Chairman of the Board of Sa-Dhan, the association of microfinance and impact finance institutions.

About ESAF Small Finance Bank :

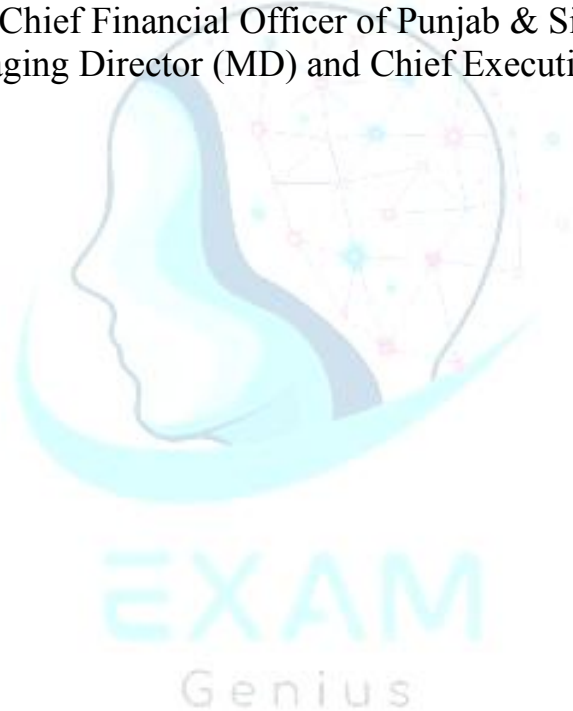
- Founded- 10 March 2017
- Founders- Paul Thomas, Mereena Paul, Jacob Samuel
- Headquarters– Thrissur, Kerala
- MD & CEO – Paul Thomas K
- Chairperson – P R Ravi Mohan

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Arun Bansal : Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Paytm Payments Bank
- Ratan Kumar Kesh : interim MD and CEO of Bandhan Bank
- Siddhartha Mohanty : Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has re-designated as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO).
- Charulatha S. Kar : Executive Directors of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- Challa Sreenivasulu Setty : chairman of State Bank of India (SBI)
- Rushabh Gandhi : Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IndiaFirst Life Insurance
- Naveen Chandra Jha : Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of SBI General Insurance Company Limited
- A Balasubramanian : reappointed as MD and CEO of Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management Company
- 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



Ques : _____ Completed Migration of Citibank Customers to its Platform

_____ ने सिटीबैंक के ग्राहकों का अपने प्लेटफॉर्म पर स्थानांतरण पूरा कर लिया

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- **Axis Bank officially completed Citibank's credit card portfolio migration** to its banking platform.
- This transition includes all credit card relationships and the existing Citibank credit cards will be mapped to new Axis Bank products.
- Axis Bank acquired Citibank India's consumer businesses for Rs 11,603 crore in March 2023, adding 2.4 million Citi customers and Rs 39,900 crore in deposits via this acquisition.

About Axis Bank :

- Established : 1993
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Rakesh Makhija
- MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary
- Tagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi

Ques : _____ Penalizes Bajaj Finance with Rs 2 Crore and Aegon Life with Rs 1 Crore for Norm Violations

_____ ने मानदंडों के उल्लंघन के लिए बजाज फाइनेंस पर 2 करोड़ रुपये और एगॉन लाइफ पर 1 करोड़ रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has **imposed a penalty of Rs 2 crore on Bajaj Finance**, citing violations of norms.
- The IRDAI has fined Bajaj Finance Rs 1 crore concerning the reconciliation of commission and professional fees received and reported to the authority.
- An additional penalty of Rs 1 crore was imposed concerning the maintenance of records of customer documentation.
- **Additionally, IRDAI has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on Aegon Life Insurance (now known as Bandhan Life)** for violating certain provisions under the Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Master Circular, which shall be remitted within 45 days from the date of the order.

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.

About Bajaj Finance:

- Founded: 25 March 1987
- Headquarters: Pune, Maharashtra, India
- CEO: Rajeev Jain
- Type: Indian non-banking financial company (NBFC)

About Bandhan Life Insurance (formerly Aegon Life):

- Founded: 2008
- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- MD & CEO: Satishwar Balakrishnan
- Type: Indian life insurance company offering individual and group insurance online and offline

Ques : Which insurance company has partnered with IDFC First Bank to Boost Bancassurance in July 2024?

किस बीमा कंपनी ने जुलाई 2024 में बैंकाश्योरेंस को बढ़ावा देने के लिए आईडीएफसी फर्स्ट बैंक के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) Bharti AXA General Insurance / भारती एक्सा जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (b) ICICI Lombard General Insurance / आईसीआईसीआई लोम्बार्ड जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (c) Life Insurance Corporation of India / भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम
- (d) Universal Sompo General Insurance / यूनिवर्सल सोम्पो जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (e) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance / कोटक महिंद्रा लाइफ इंश्योरेंस

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- In a strategic **move to enhance bancassurance** and pursue its **mission to provide life insurance coverage to all by 2047**, the **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has **entered** into a Corporate Agency **Arrangement** with **IDFC First Bank Ltd.**, one of the country's most technologically advanced and promising banks.
- This collaboration will benefit over 1 crore customers of IDFC First Bank, who will now have the convenience of purchasing LIC policies through the bank.
- The initiative to facilitate digital onboarding is already underway. Once the development phase is complete, customers will be able to buy LIC policies online by visiting IDFC First Bank's website.
- Given that over 95% of the bank's transactions occur online, this integration promises a seamless and comprehensive solution for customers' varied life insurance needs.

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About Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) :

- Founded – 1 September 1956
- Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairperson – Siddharth Mohanty

Recently signed banking agreements :

- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has partnered with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to use the extensive network of postmen for providing credit to micro-entrepreneurs in rural areas.
- ixigo and AU Small Finance Bank announced the launch of the RuPay variant for its premium co-branded ixigo-AU Small Finance Bank travel credit card, enabling UPI-based payments and rewards.
- NPCI International Payments (NIPL), the international arm of NPCI, signed an agreement with Qatar National Bank (QNB) to launch QRcode-based UPI payments in Qatar.
- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has signed a pact with Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) to provide home loans, car loans, and education loans to SAIL employees at concessional rates.
- Federal Bank, a private sector bank, has entered into a Bancassurance tie-up with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance, a private life insurer.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Ques : Which state government has launched the Mukhyamantri Yuva Karya Prashikshan Yojana (Chief Minister Youth Work Training Scheme)?

किस राज्य सरकार ने मुख्यमंत्री युवा कार्य प्रशिक्षण योजना (मुख्यमंत्री युवा कार्य प्रशिक्षण योजना) शुरू की है

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

Answer : Option D

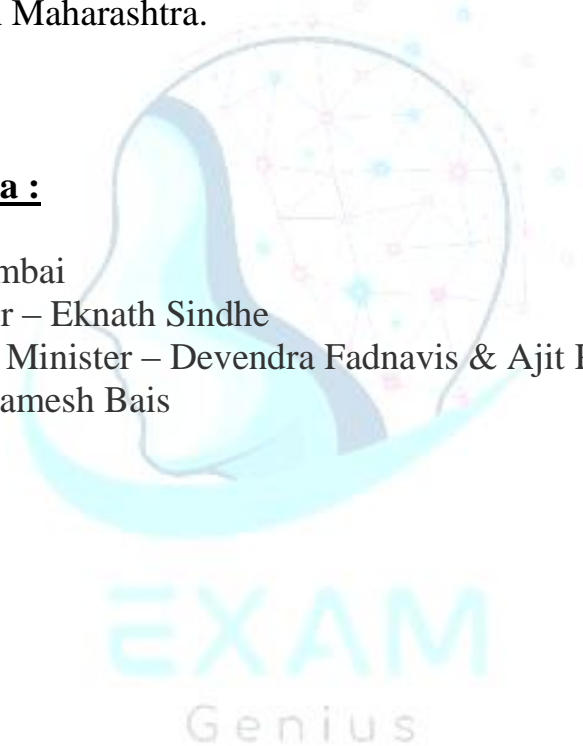
Explanation :

- The Government of **Maharashtra** has unveiled the **Mukhyamantri Yuva Karya Prashikshan Yojana (Chief Minister Youth Work Training Scheme)** aiming to **provide valuable internship opportunities**, equipping **young individuals** with **essential skills and enhancing their employability** in a competitive job market.
- The government has made provision of **Rs.5,500 crore** for the **scheme**.
- Candidates aged between **18 to 35 years** and residing in Maharashtra are eligible to apply under the scheme.
- Minimum educational qualifications range from 12th pass to post-graduation, ensuring a broad spectrum of youth can benefit from practical training opportunities.
- Industries and establishments operating within Maharashtra, registered with the Department of Skills, Employment, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, are also encouraged to participate.

- **Key features** of the scheme include a **six-month internship duration** and a **stipend structure designed** to support interns **based on** their **educational qualifications**.
- Interns will receive **monthly stipends** through **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)**.
- For the **12th pass**, a stipend of **Rs.6,000** is allotted, and for **ITI/Diploma – Rs.8,000** and **degree/post-graduation – Rs.10,000** will be offered.
- The scheme is expected to not only empower the youth with practical skills but also foster entrepreneurship and innovation across various sectors within Maharashtra.

About Maharashtra :

- Capital – Mumbai
- Chief Minister – Eknath Sindhe
- Deputy Chief Minister – Devendra Fadnavis & Ajit Pawar
- Governor – Ramesh Bais



Ques : University Grants Commission (UGC) established in which year ?

विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग (यूजीसी) की स्थापना किस वर्ष हुई?

- (a) 1956
- (b) 1856
- (c) 1756
- (d) 1751
- (e) 1998

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission (UGC) recently unveiled the **ASMITA Project**, aimed at bolstering the availability of educational resources in Indian languages.
- Aim is to produce 1,000 books in 22 languages within five years, resulting in 22,000 books in Bharatiya Bhasha.
- The commission aims to produce 1,800 textbooks covering Arts, Science and Commerce streams by June 2025.
- As many as 13 nodal universities have been identified to lead this project along with member universities from various regions.
- Besides, the ministry also launched Bahubhasha Shabdakosh, a multilanguage dictionary of Indian languages.
- This initiative will be developed by the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) in collaboration with the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti.

About University Grants Commission (UGC) :

- Established : 28 December 1956
- HQ : New Delhi
- Chairman : Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar

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Ques : Who has been named sub-regional representative for South Asia by the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC)?

एशियाई पैरालंपिक समिति (APC) ने दक्षिण एशिया के लिए उपक्षेत्रीय प्रतिनिधि कि से नियुक्त किया है?

- (a) Avani Lekhara / अवनि लेखरा
- (b) Devendra Jhajharia / देवेंद्र झाझरिया
- (c) Deepa Malik / दीपा मलिक
- (d) Devika Malik / देविका मलिक
- (e) Arunima Sinha / अरुणिमा सिन्हा

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- India's **first woman Paralympic medallist Deepa Malik** has been named **sub-regional representative for South Asia** by the **Asian Paralympic Committee (APC)**.
- This appointment, which was confirmed during the 34th Executive Board meeting of the APC, signifies a significant step forward for gender diversity and athlete-centric leadership in para-sports.
- The former Paralympic Committee of India chief's appointment brings the number of female representatives on the APC Executive Board to five, making it the highest female representation on the board in the history of the organization.

About Asian Paralympics Committee :

- Formation- 30 October 2002
- Headquarters – Dubai, UAE
- Members – 45
- President – Majid Rashad

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Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Roberta Metsola : President of the European Parliament
- Vikram Misri : 35th Foreign Secretary
- Justice Aalia Neelum : Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court (LHC) of Pakistan
- Robert Jerard Ravi : BSNL Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)
- Rajat Sharma : President of News Broadcasters & Digital Association (NBDA)
- Gautam Gambhir : appointed as the India men's cricket team's head coach
- Soumya Swaminathan : Principal Adviser at the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP)
- Rachel Reeves : UK's first female finance Minister
- 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.
- Dharendra 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)

Ques : Who has been appointed as the Co-Chair of Global CEO Climate Leaders Alliance?

ग्लोबल सीईओ क्लाइमेट लीडर्स अलायंस का सहअध्यक्ष किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Inder Pal Singh Bindra / इंद्रपाल सिंह बिंद्रा
- (b) Sumant Sinha / सुमंत सिन्हा
- (c) Pradeep Singh Kharola / प्रदीप सिंह खरोला
- (d) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- **Chairman and CEO of ReNew Energy Global PLC, Sumant Sinha** has been appointed as **co-chair** of the Alliance of **CEO Climate Leaders worldwide**.
- He has been serving as Co-Chair of the India chapter of the Alliance since 2022.

About Climate Leaders Alliance :

- Founded by World Economic Forum (WEF): Launched in 2014, the Alliance of CEO Climate Leaders is the largest CEO-led climate alliance globally.
- Purpose: To create a powerful network of business leaders committed to climate action.
- Comprises 130 CEOs from 12 industries across 26 countries.
- Represents USD 4 trillion in revenues and 5.2 Gigatonnes (GT) of carbon emissions, approximately 10% of global emissions.

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Ques : Skill India Mission launched in which year ?

स्किल इंडिया मिशन किस वर्ष शुरू किया गया?

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2012
- (d) 2013
- (e) 2014

Answer : Option A

Eplanation :

- The **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**, Government of India (GoI) commemorated the **10th anniversary** of the **Skill India Mission** on **15th July, 2024**.
- Union Minister of State (MoS) (Independent Charge) Jayant Chaudhary attended an open house dialogue, “Kaushal Samwaad” organised by MSDE, to celebrate World Youth Skills Day (WYSD).
- During the event, Atul Tiwari highlighted that over 1.40 crore youth under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) have been trained and over 33 lakh candidates have engaged as apprentices

About Skill India Mission:

- Launched : 2015
- Aim : To create and implement comprehensive skill development training programmes that would help to bridge the gap between industry demands and skill requirements
- Achievement : Skill India Mission has trained 1.4 crore youth, upskilled and reskilled 54 lakh youth and established 3000 new ITIs

Ques : Where is the headquarter of Indian Oil ?

इंडियन ऑयल का मुख्यालय कहाँ है?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Greater Noida / ग्रेटर नोएडा
- (e) Gurugram / गुरुग्राम

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- India's top oil firm **IndianOil** has started **producing fuel** used in **adrenaline-pumping motor racing** and dispatched **its maiden consignment**.
- The **firm's refinery at Paradip in Odisha** has started producing **STORM-X - a high-octane petrol** specifically formulated **for racing cars**.
- IOC, the country's largest oil firm controlling roughly 40 percent of fuel market share, will be the first Indian company and only a handful globally to produce fuel used in F1 racing.
- IOC has partnered with Madras Motor Sports Club to supply STORM-X for the 3rd and 4th rounds of the Indian National Racing Championship at Madras International Circuit in the 2024 season.
- A total of 55 barrels of STORM-X were dispatched for the 3rd round at the launch ceremony.

About Indian Oil :

- Established : 30 June 1959
- HQ : New Delhi
- CMD : Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

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Ques : How many athletes from India will participate in the upcoming Paris Olympics 2024 to be held from 26 July to 11 August?

26 जुलाई से 11 अगस्त तक होने वाले आगामी पेरिस ओलंपिक 2024 में भारत के कितने एथलीट भाग लेंगे?

- (a) 195
- (b) 117
- (c) 140
- (d) 57
- (e) 114

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- India's final contingent for the **upcoming Paris Olympics** has been approved by the sports ministry. The contingent will have **117 athletes accompanied by 140 support staff and officials**.
- The games will begin from **26th July to 11th August**.
- Athletics will make for the biggest group in the contingent with 29 names followed by shooting 21 and hockey 19.
- Table tennis will be represented by eight players while Badminton will feature seven competitors, including two-time Olympic medallist P. V. Sindhu.
- Wrestling, Archery and Boxing will have six representatives each, followed by Golf four and Tennis three.
- Two each in Swimming and Sailing and one each for Equestrian, Judo, Rowing and Weightlifting is part of the contingent.

SPORTS NEWS :

- India's Shaurya Bawa signed off with a bronze medal after going down 0-3 to Egyptian top seed Mohamed Zakaria in the boys' singles semifinal of the World Junior Squash Championships in Houston.
- The Spanish men's football team, also known as La Roja, won their fourth UEFA European Football Championships or the Euro Cup by defeating England 2-1 in the final played at Berlin's Olympiastadion stadium on 14 July 2024.
- Carlos Alcaraz of Spain and Barbora Krejčíková of Czech Republic won the men's and women's single title respectively at the 2024 Wimbledon Tennis Championships .
- In Shooting, India's Sabeera Haris has bagged the bronze medal in women's trap event at the International Shooting Sport Federation, ISSF Junior World Cup in Porpetto, Italy.
- The Indian badminton players dominated the 3rd BWF Saint-Denis Reunion Open 2024 by winning both the men's and women's singles titles. Tharun Mannepilli of Telangana won the men's singles title by defeating Yudai Okimoto of Japan. Women's badminton single player Tasnim Mir of Gujarat defeated Rakshitha Sree of India
- 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.
- 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 : Nelson Mandela International Day is observed on every year on which day?

नेल्सन मंडेला अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 15 July
- (b) 16 July
- (c) 17 July
- (d) 18 July
- (e) 19 July

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- **Nelson Mandela International Day** is observed on **July 18** every year to celebrate the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela, the first black president of South Africa.
- Mandela was elected South Africa's first democratically elected President on May 10, 1994. He is referred to as the 'Father of the Nation' in South Africa.
- **Theme 2024** – Combatting poverty and inequality is in our hands.
- Nelson Mandela International Day was officially declared by the United Nations in 2009.
- The United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/64/13, which marked July 18 as Nelson Mandela International Day to recognise his contribution to peace and culture. The first Mandela Day was held on July 18, 2010.

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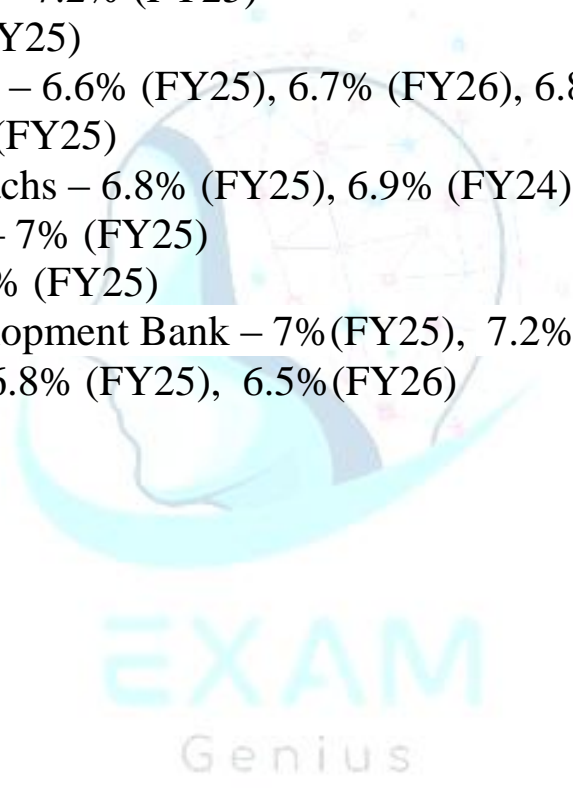
Important days :

- 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
- 10 July : Global Energy Independence Day
- 10 July : National Fish Farmer's Day
- 11 July : World Population Day (Theme 2024 – Leave no one behind, count everyone)
- 12 July : International Day of Combating Sand and Dust Storms
- 12 July : World Malala Day
- 15 July : World Youth Skill Day (Theme 2024 – Youth Skills for Peace and Development)
- 17 July : World Day for International Justice
- 17 July : World Emoji Day

Static Banking Awareness Terms Recently in News :

Updated GDP List :

- IMF – 7% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)
- NCAER – 7.5% (FY25)
- S&P – 6.8% (FY25), 6.9% (FY26), 7% (FY27)
- Fitch Rating – 7.2% (FY25)
- CII – 8% (FY25)
- World Bank – 6.6% (FY25), 6.7% (FY26), 6.8% (FY27)
- RBI – 7.2% (FY25)
- Goldman Sachs – 6.8% (FY25), 6.9% (FY24)
- DBS Bank – 7% (FY25)
- ICRA – 6.5% (FY25)
- Asian Development Bank – 7% (FY25), 7.2% (FY26)
- Moody's – 6.8% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)



IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

- The **South Indian Bank Limited** has named **Dolphy Jose** as the Whole-time **Director (Executive Director)** of the Bank.
- **Coca-Cola India**, in collaboration with **agri solutions** provider **Gram Unnati** has announced the launch of “**Project Mango Unnati.**” The initiative aims to revolutionise sustainable mango cultivation in Karnataka, focusing on the **Alphonso and Totapuri varieties.**
- **India** Shines at **35th International Biology Olympiad 2024** in Kazakhstan. The Indian team achieved remarkable success, with **one** student winning a **GOLD medal** and **three** students securing **SILVER medals.**
- Union Minister for the Development of the North East Region Jyotiraditya Scindia **launched** the **North East Region Agri Commodity E-Connect (NERACE)** designed to benefit the farmers of the region and help position it as a hub of high-value horticultural products in the international market.
- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** will officially **launch MANAS**, India’s first-ever national **toll-free telephonic helpline** dedicated to addressing narcotics crimes and related issues.
- Global travel tech firm **FlixBus** has entered into a strategic **partnership** with fintech major **Paytm**, aimed at expanding its distribution network and **enhancing its reach in the travel industry.**