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Ques : When is Tata AIG General Insurance Company established ?
टाटा एआईजी जनरल इंश्योरेंस कंपनी की स्थापना कब हुई?

- (a) 2000
- (b) 2001
- (c) 2002
- (d) 2003
- (e) 2004

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- TATA AIG, a significant general insurance company in India, has established a strategic relationship with Mahindra Finance, one of the country's top non-banking finance companies.
- The alliance aims to provide customer-centric insurance products that serve the unique needs of people and families across many areas.

About Tata AIG General Insurance Company :

- Established : 2001
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : Neelesh Garg

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Ques : _____ Establishes Committee to Review Fee Structure for White-Label ATMs .

_____ ने व्हाइट-लेबल एटीएम के लिए शुल्क संरचना की समीक्षा के लिए समिति की स्थापना की

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has set up a **committee** to review the fee structure **for white-label ATMs (WLAs)**.
- The **committee is headed by** Indian Banks' Association chief executive **Sunil Mehta**.
- It includes representatives from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), leading banks, ATM manufacturers, and other stakeholders.
- As per industry estimates, India's ATM market is expected to grow at a CAGR of **9.2% from 2024 to 2032**.
- **White Label ATMs** are the kinds of ATMs that are **managed and operated by some non-banking entities** as per the mandates generated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

About RBI :

- Established : 1 April 1935
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Governor : Shaktikanta Das

**Ques : Reserve Bank of India Fines Muthoot Finance Limited.
_____ for Know Your Customer Non-Compliance**

**भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक ने नो योर कस्टमर गैर-अनुपालन के लिए मुथूट फाइनेंस लिमिटेड
पर _____ का जुर्माना लगाया**

- (a) Rs. 1.9 lakh
- (b) Rs. 2.9 lakh
- (c) Rs. 1.5 lakh
- (d) Rs. 1.8 lakh
- (e) Rs. 2.4 lakh

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has levied a penalty of ₹1,90,000 (1.9 lakh) on Muthoot Finance Limited for non-compliance with the 'Know Your Customer (KYC) Directions, 2016'.
- The penalty is imposed under:
- Clause (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 58G.
- Clause (aa) of sub-section (5) of Section 58B of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

About Muthoot Finance Limited :

- Founded : 1939
- Headquarters : Kochi, Kerala, India
- Chairman : George Jacob Muthoot
- Muthoot Finance Ltd is a non-banking financial company that provides various financial services to customers.

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Recent Penalties imposed on Banks by RBI :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of Rs.10,000 on YES Bank for not exchanging mutilated notes.
- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1.31 crore on Punjab National Bank for non-compliance with certain directions related to KYC and 'loans and advances'.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of Rs. 29.60 lakh on The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) for non-compliance with specific RBI directions.
- RBI imposes Rs 1.45 cr penalty on Central Bank of India For noncompliance with certain directions related to 'loans and advances' and 'customer protection'.
- RBI imposes Rs 96.4 lakh on Sonali Bank PLC For non-compliance with certain norms, including KYC Directions, 2016.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 88.70 lakh on SBM Bank (India) for non-compliance with specific regulatory norms. This includes licensing conditions and directives related to the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a fine of Rs 36.38 lakh on foreign lender HSBC for Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) violations.
- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of Rs. 1 crore on ICICI Bank for non-compliance with certain directions on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions'.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed Rs 3.10 lakh penalty on Hero Fincorp Ltd for rule violations.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 10 lakh on NABFINS Limited, a subsidiary of NABARD, for non-compliance with certain rules.
- IDFC First Bank (Rs.1 crore) – for non-compliance with certain directions on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions'.
- LIC Housing Finance (Rs. 7 lakh) – for non-compliance with certain provisions of the Fair Practices Code
- Nashik's Janalaxmi Cooperative Bank (59.90 lakh) – for non-compliance with certain regulatory norms.
- Solapur Janata Sahakari Bank (28.30 lakh) – For sanctioning fresh loans carrying risk weights of more than 100 per cent in FY22.

Ques : _____ Proposes New Asset Class to Bridge Gap Between Mutual Funds and Portfolio Management Services

_____ ने म्यूचुअल फंड और पोर्टफोलियो प्रबंधन सेवाओं के बीच अंतर को पाटने के लिए नए परिसंपत्ति वर्ग का प्रस्ताव रखा है

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has **proposed** a **new asset class** aimed at **bridging the gap** between **mutual funds and portfolio management services (PMS)**, targeting investors with **investible funds ranging from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 50 lakh**.
- This move is designed to provide a regulated product with greater flexibility, higher risk-taking capability, and higher ticket size to cater to an emerging category of investors.
- The **minimum investment** for this new asset class is **Rs 10 lakh per investor**.
- The **total invested amount** should **not drop below Rs 10 lakh** due to withdrawals or systematic transactions.
- Investors can use **Systematic Investment Plans (SIP)**, **Systematic Withdrawal Plans (SWP)**, and **Systematic Transfer Plans (STP)** for investing in this new asset class.

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Ques : India Beat _____ to Win World Championship of Legends 2024

भारत ने _____ को हराकर वर्ल्ड चैंपियनशिप ऑफ लीजेंड्स 2024 जीता

- (a) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (b) Nepal / नेपाल
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- **Indian Champions team led by Yuvraj Singh won the inaugural edition of the World Championship Of Legends (2024) by defeating the Younis Khan-led Pakistan Champions team by five wickets during the finals held in Birmingham, England.**
- The World Championship of Legends 2024, hosted by England at the Edgbaston Cricket Ground in Birmingham and Northampton Stadium.

Awards winners of World Championship Of Legends 2024:

- Player of the Match (Finals) : Ambati Rayudu (India)
- Player of the Tournament : Yusuf Pathan (India)
- Most runs : Shoaib Malik(Pakistan) – 245
- Most wickets : Nathan Coulter-Nile (Australia) – 9
- Most sixes : Daniel Christian(Australia) – 2

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SPORTS NEWS :

- 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.
- 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 Manneppalli 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.

Ques : Kavin Quintal is associated with which of the following sports?

केविन क्विंटल निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से सम्बंधित हैं?

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotput / शॉटपुट
- (c) Racing / रेसिंग
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- **Rider Kavin Quintal** is all set to make a historic debut at the WorldSBK SSP300 competitions and become the **first Indian rider to participate in a World Superbike Championship.**
- The **19-year-old Chennai star, Kavin Quintal**, will be filling in for the Irish team's main rider, Spaniard Daniel Mogeda, who suffered an injury after leading the Supersport 300 class, in an unfortunate crash that paved the way for the Irish team to rope in Kavin Quintal.
- SBK, founded in 1988, is an event for heavily modified production sports motorcycles and consists of a series of rounds held on permanent racing facilities.

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Ques : Who is the author of the book “Tantra on the Edge”, which recently won the Oxford Bookstore Art Book Prize?

“तंत्र ऑन द एज” नामक पुस्तक के लेखक कौन हैं, जिसने हाल ही में ऑक्सफोर्ड बुक स्टोर आर्ट बुक पुरस्कार जीता है?

- (a) Amitav Ghosh / अमिताव घोष
- (b) Vikram Seth / विक्रम सेठ
- (c) Salman Rushdie / सलमान रुश्दी
- (d) Jumpa Lahiri / जम्पा लाहिरी
- (e) Madhu Khanna / मधु खन्ना

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Art historian **Madhu Khanna** has won the second edition of the Oxford Bookstore Art Book Prize for her book, “Tantra on the Edge”.
- The award ceremony, hosted by Ambassador of Norway to India and Sri Lanka May-Elin Stener, saw Khanna and book’s publisher DAG being felicitated with the trophy, certificate and one lakh rupees cash prize.

Recent Books :

- Power Within: The Leadership Legacy of Narendra Modi : Dr R Balasubramaniam
- I have the Streets – R Ashwin & Sidharth Monga
- ‘Gateways to the Sea: Historic Ports and Docks of Mumbai Region’ : Released by Governor of Maharashtra Ramesh Bais
- “The Adventures of Ed-a-Mamma: Ed Finds A Home.” : Alia Bhatt
- India’s Trade Policy; The 1990’s and beyond – Arvind Panagariya
- An Anchored Vision – Karumuttu T Kanan

- India and The Indian Ocean World Trade and Politics – Ashin Das Gupta
- A Fly on the RBI Wall – Alpana Killawala
- The Scam That Shook a Nation: The Nagarwala Scandal – Prakash Patra and Rasheed Kidwai
- “The Winner’s Mindset” : Shane Watson
- Before I forget – M K Raina
- Heavenly Islands of Goa’ : P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
- A Game of Fire – Navdeep Suri & Nanak Singh
- Just a Mercenary?, Notes from My Life and Career – Former RBI head Duvvuri Subbarao
- India — the Road to Renaissance: A Vision and an Agenda : Bhimeswara Challa.
- Code Dependent: Living in the Shadow of AI : Indian-British journalist Madhumita Murgia
- The Idea of Democracy : Sam Pitroda
- Booker Prize-winning author Salman Rushdie’s memoir "Knife" : Salman Rushdie
- Maker of Goa: The Untold Story of Pratap Singh Rane : Vijayadevi Rane (Pratap’s wife)
- The Law and Spirituality: Reconnecting the Bond : Raman Mittal and Dr. Seema Singh
- I Can Coach – Siddharth Rajsekar
- The Idea of Democracy – Sam Pitroda
- From A Car Shed To The Corner Room & Beyond – S Raman
- The Man Who Lost India – Meghna Pant • Conspiracy to oust me from the Presidency – Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- The Gems of Indian Art – Harish Khullar

Ques : Which organisation has launched Operation Nanhe Farishtey ?

ऑपरेशन नन्हे फरिशते किस संगठन ने शुरू किया है?

- (a) RPF
- (b) BSF
- (c) CISF
- (d) Indian Army
- (e) CBI

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The **Railway Protection Force (RPF)** has **rescued 84,119 Children** at risk in stations and trains, preventing them from falling into harm's way from the various zones of the Indian railways in the past seven years.
- According to the RPF, during the last seven years (2018- May 2024), the highest number of rescued children was in 2022, when 17,756 children were rescued.
- **Operation Nanhe Farishtey** was launched by the RPF in 2018 to take care of the children who were perceived as at risk within the railway station premises.
- It focusses on saving children who were **runaway, abandoned by their families, impoverished, disabled or victims of kidnapping.**
- A maximum of the children rescued, including both boys and girls, were runaways (who have run away from their homes due to various reasons).

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About Railway Protection Force :

- Established : 1872
 - HQ : New Delhi
 - Director General : Manoj Yadava
-

Operations in News :

- Operation Maryada : for the smooth conduct of Kedarnath Dham Yatra 2024 in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand
- Operation Sadbhavana : launched by Indian Army Trishakti Corps to provided essential aid and healthcare to North Sikkim's Naga and Rangrang villages post-GLOF.
- Operation Ajay – To evacuate Indians from Israel
- Operation Kaveri – To evacuate Indians from Sudan
- Operation Karuna – To help Myanmar affected by cyclone Mocha
- Operation Dost – Help to earthquake affected Turkey
- Operation Ganga – To bring back Indians from Ukraine

Ques : What is the rank of India in FIFA Rankings Released ?
जारी फीफा रैंकिंग में भारत का स्थान क्या है?

- (a) 120th
- (b) 121st
- (c) 122nd
- (d) 123rd
- (e) 124th

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- **India** has maintained its **124th position** in the latest **FIFA men's rankings released**.
- The Indian men's national football team faced setbacks in June when it dropped three places in the FIFA rankings.
- India had achieved a significant milestone last year by breaking into the top 100, reaching its best-ever ranking of 99.

Ranking of top 5 FIFA Rankings :

- 1 Argentina
- 2 France
- 3 Spain
- 4 England
- 5 Brazil

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**Ques : Indian Navy's frontline frigate, INS Tabar arrived at _____
भारतीय नौसेना का अग्रणी युद्धपोत, आईएनएस ताबर _____ पहुंचा**

- (a) South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया
- (b) Germany / जर्मनी
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) Mexico / मेक्सिको
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- **Indian Navy's frontline frigate, INS Tabar** arrived at **Hamburg, Germany** for a three day visit.
- INS Tabar (F44), **called the "battle axe"** is the third of the Talwar-class frigates of the Indian Navy.
- The frigate was commissioned on 19 April 2004 in Kaliningrad, Russia with Captain (later Vice Admiral) Biswajit Dasgupta.
- The current Commanding Officer (CO) of INS Tabar is Captain Mahesh Mangipudi.
- Along with her sister ships INS Talwar ("sword" in Sanskrit) and INS Trishul ("trident" in Sanskrit), INS Tabar is assigned to the Indian Navy's Western Naval Command, head-quartered in Mumbai.

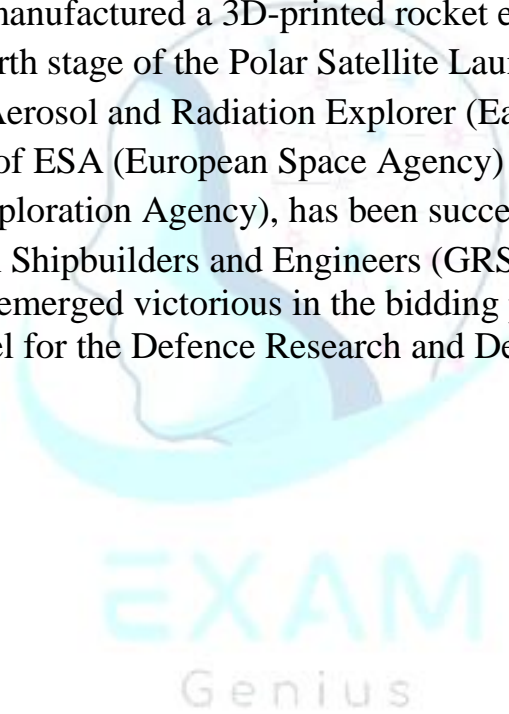
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Defence Related News :

- Drone Destination and the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a cutting-edge drone training centre at NSIC in New Delhi.
- Europe's latest rocket, the Ariane 6, successfully completed its maiden flight, delivering satellites into orbit and restoring the continent's autonomous access to space.
- 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. the 25-ton tank named 'Zorawar' is the result of a public-private partnership between DRDO and L&T.
- 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).
- Earth Cloud Aerosol and Radiation Explorer (EarthCARE) satellite, a joint mission of ESA (European Space Agency) and JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency), has been successfully launched.
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), a leading Indian shipyard, has emerged victorious in the bidding process for a new research vessel for the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).



Ques : Which person has reclaimed the top spot to become India's most valued celebrity, boasting a brand value of \$227.9 million in 2023?

2023 में 227.9 मिलियन डॉलर की ब्रांड वैल्यू के साथ, किस व्यक्ति ने भारत की सब से मूल्यवान सेलिब्रिटी बनने के लिए शीर्ष स्थान हासिल किया है?

- (a) Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली
- (b) MS Dhoni / एमएस धोनी
- (c) Ranveer Singh / रणवीर सिंह
- (d) Akshay Kumar / अक्षय कुमार
- (e) Sharukh Khan / शारुख खान

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- **Virat Kohli** is India's most valued celebrity with a brand value of USD 227.9 million marking a significant increase of nearly 29% from USD 176.9 million in 2022.
- Consultancy firm Kroll shared a list ranking India's most influential celebrity brands in which Virat Kohli featured on the top followed by **Ranveer Singh** who slipped to the **second spot** with a brand value of USD 203.1 million.
- The report, titled Kroll's Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2023, features **Shah Rukh Khan at the third spot** after the success of films like "Jawaan" and "Pathaan"- with a brand value of USD 120.7 million in 2023.
- **Akshay Kumar is at the fourth place** with a brand value of USD 111.7 million, down from third in 2022 while Alia Bhatt dropped to fifth from fourth with a valuation of USD 101.1 million. Deepika Padukone is at the sixth place with a brand value of USD 96 million.

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Ques : Gevra & Kusbunda coal mine included in World's 10 largest coal mines. They belongs to which state ?

**गेवरा एवं कुसमुंडा कोयला खदान विश्व की 10 सबसे बड़ी कोयला खदानों में शामिल।
वे किस राज्य से हैं?**

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Jammu and Kashmir / जम्मू और कश्मीर
- (c) Nagaland / नागालैंड
- (d) Bihar / बिहार
- (e) Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Two coal mines in **Chhattisgarh, Gevra and Kusbunda**, have been included in **WorldAtlas.com's top ten coal mines of the world**.
- **Gevra** mine has an **annual production capacity** of **70 MT**. The mine produced 59 MT of coal in FY24. While **Kusbunda** produced over **50 MT** of coal. Both are **open-cast mine projects**.
- **Gevra and Kusbunda** coal mines have secured the **2nd and 4th spot** in the list of the **world's 10 largest coal mines** released by **WorldAtlas.com**.
- Indonesia dominates the top ten coal mines list, with four mines, and the United States Black Thunder Mine has been ranked the world's largest coal mine.
- China is the world's largest producer and consumer of coal, and India is the second largest producer.
- The United States of America has the largest known coal reserves in the world.

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Ques : Which of the following trusts has been honoured with the “Best Child and Women Development Initiatives of the Year 2024”?
निम्नलिखित में से किस ट्रस्ट को “वर्ष 2024 की सर्वश्रेष्ठ बाल एवं महिला विकास पहल” से सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (a) Reliance Foundation / रिलायंस फाउंडेशन
- (b) Smile Foundation Trust / स्माइल फाउंडेशन ट्रस्ट
- (c) Akshay Patra Foundation / अक्षय पात्र फाउंडेशन
- (d) Disha Foundation Trust / दिशा फाउंडेशन ट्रस्ट
- (e) Sri Kurumba Trust / श्री कुरुम्बा ट्रस्ट

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Sobha Group’s CSR wing, **Sri Kurumba Educational and Charitable Trust** has been **honoured** with the “**Best Child and Women Development Initiatives of the Year 2024**”.
- This esteemed accolade was presented at the Global CSR, Sustainability, and ESG Awards 2024, at the Hyatt Regency, Gurgaon.
- The event was organised by Marketing and Brand Honchos and brought together industry leaders and champions of social responsibility.

About Global CSR & ESG Awards 2024

- The Global CSR & ESG Awards 2024 are designed to recognise and honour social and visionary leaders, organisations, and individuals involved in acts of humanity or social welfare that bring positive change or impact to society.
- The award ceremony celebrates various dignitaries, guests of honour, social activists, volunteers, corporates, institutes, organisations, and distinguished individuals from various walks of life from the global arena.

Recent Awards & Winners :

- COSPAR Harrie Massey Award : Prahlad Chandra Agrawal
- Golden sand master award : Sudarsan Pattnaik
- Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity 2024. : Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF)
- best state in Horticulture in the prestigious Agriculture Leadership Awards 2024 : Nagaland
- Order of St Andrew Russia's Highest Civilian Honour : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- "Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur" Highest civilian award of France : Roshni Nadar Malhotra
- Dr. C. Narayana Reddy National Literary Award : Sivashankari
- Spice Award 2024 : Sopna Kallingal
- 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

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- 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

Ques : Which city set a new Guinness World Record in the category of “the most trees planted by a team in 24 hours” ?

किस शहर ने "24 घंटों में एक टीम द्वारा लगाए गए सबसे अधिक पेड़" की श्रेणी में नया गिनीज वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड बनाया?

- (a) Guwahati / गुवाहाटी
- (b) Indore / इंदौर
- (c) Agra / आगरा
- (d) Mumbai / मुंबई
- (e) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- **Indore** set a new **Guinness World Record** in the category of “the most trees planted by a team in 24 hours” by planting more than 11 lakh saplings.
- **Earlier** in the day, **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** participated in the ‘**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**’ campaign and planted a sapling.
- The “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” campaign was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 5 to mark World Environment Day.
- Under this drive, approximately 140 crore trees will be planted across the country, including 5.5 crore in Madhya Pradesh, which Shah described as the ‘lungs of Bharat.’

About Madhya Pradesh :

- Capital : Bhopal
- CM : Mohan Yadav
- Governor : Mangubhai C. Patel
- National Parks : Satpura National Park, Bandhavgarh National Park, Kanha National Park, Pench National Park, Madhav National Park, Panna National Park, Sanjay-Dubri National Park, Fossil National Park, Van Vihar National Park

Ques : International Moon Day is observed annually on which day?
अंतर्राष्ट्रीय चन्द्र दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 18 July
- (b) 19 July
- (c) 20 July
- (d) 21 July
- (e) 22 July

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- **International Moon Day** is observed annually on **20 July**.
- This day is **celebrated to commemorate** the anniversary of the **first human landing on the surface of the Moon**.
- **Neil Armstrong** was the first man to step on the Moon as part of the Apollo 11 mission.
- **Theme 2024** – Illuminating the Shadows
- On December 9, 2021, the United Nations General Assembly recognized a resolution submitted by the Moon Village Association and other groups.
- The moon day of 2022 was the first lunar day celebrated by the global community.
- The application was submitted to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) to celebrate International Moon Day.

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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
- 18 July : Nelson Mandela International Day (Theme 2024 – Combatting poverty and inequality is in our hands)
- 18 July : World Listening Day (Theme 2024 – Listening to the Weave of Sound)
- 19 July : National Football Day

Static Banking Awareness Terms Recently in News :

TYPES OF ATM (Automated Teller Machine) :

- **White Label ATMs (WLAs)** - ATMs set up, owned and operated by non-banks (i.e NBFCs) are WLAs. Non-bank ATM operators are authorised under the Payment & Settlement Systems Act, 2007 by RBI.
- **Green Label ATMs** – ATMs for agricultural transactions.
- **Orange label ATMs** – ATMs used for share transactions.
- **Pink Label ATMs** – ATMs that are meant only for women (ease their banking).
- **Yellow Label ATMs** – ATMs meant for E-commerce facility.
- **Brown Label ATMs** – ATMs that are outsourced by a bank to a third party (based on the concept of sharing the cost).
- **Biometric ATMs** – These are ATMs that use security features like fingerprint scanner and eye scanner of the customer to access the bank details.
- **Onsite ATMs** – ATMs that are located inside the bank's premises.
- **Offsite ATMs**- ATMs that are located in various places except inside the bank's premises.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

- **The International Cricket Council (ICC)** has **honoured** six nations in associate cricket with the **ICC Development Award for 2023**. **Mexico**, the South American country known for its excellence in the world of football, has now been honoured for its excellence in Cricket.
- **Jammu & Kashmir** Elevates Agricultural **Partnership** with **New Zealand**. Its objective is to transform and revitalize both the **sheep and goat sectors** in the Union Territory through comprehensive training initiatives besides innovative and sustainable practices.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated **India's longest and largest urban tunnel project**, the **Thane Borivali Twin Tunnel**. This initiative is part of broader infrastructure projects worth Rs. 29,000 crore aimed at enhancing connectivity in Mumbai.
- **Visakhapatnam** hosted the prestigious **Fleet Awards Function** to honor the Eastern Fleet's exceptional operational achievements over the past year. **INS Delhi** was recognized as the **Best Ship of the Eastern Fleet**.
- The **world's first commercial passenger ferry** powered by **100% hydrogen fuel**, the **MV Sea Change**, was launched recently at the San Francisco Ferry Building.
- **Haryana** state government has recently **announced** to give **10% reservation to Agniveers** in **Mining Guard and Police recruitment**.