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Ques : Who has appointed Grant Thornton Bharat as an external auditor?

ग्रंट थॉर्नटन भारत को बाहरी लेखा परीक्षक के रूप में किसने नियुक्त किया है?

- (a) Federal Bank / फेडरल बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) IndusInd Bank / इंडसइंड बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank / कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB)** has appointed **Grant Thornton Bharat** as an **external auditor** for its IT systems.
- This **appointment comes months after** the Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) **barred the bank from adding new clients digitally**.
- In April 2024, the RBI identified deficiencies and non-compliances in several areas of Kotak Mahindra Bank's IT operations for 2022 and 2023.
- The issues included IT inventory management, patch and change management, user access management, vendor risk management, and data security.

About Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB) :

- Founded : 1985
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- MD & CEO : Ashok Vaswani

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Ques : Atal Innovation Mission and _____ sign a Letter of Intent towards building joint innovation programs in global south.

अटल इनोवेशन मिशन और _____ ने वैश्विक दक्षिण में संयुक्त नवाचार कार्यक्रम बनाने की दिशा में एक आशय पत्र पर हस्ताक्षर किए।

- (a) World Trade Organization
- (b) Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
- (c) International Monetary Fund
- (d) World Intellectual Property Organization
- (e) None of these

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- A high-level delegation from **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)** comprising of **Mr. Sherif Saadallah, Executive Director, WIPO Academy** and Ms. Altaye Tedla, Head WIPO Academy visited NITI Aayog for **signing of a Joint Letter of Intent (JLoI) between Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and WIPO.**
- The JLoI is aimed at building programs for Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Intellectual Property (IP) for countries in the Global South.
- This pathbreaking partnership between AIM and WIPO will take the best of India's innovation models to countries that are on similar development trajectories, and will enhance understanding and awareness about IPR right from the school-level and unlock the innovation potential of the world as well as foster inclusive and sustainable economic growth.
- **Atal Innovation Mission** is a **flagship initiative** by the **NITI Aayog** to create a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship across India.

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Ques : Tripartite Agreement on Cross-Border Electricity Trade Among _____ , India and Bangladesh.

_____ , भारत और बांग्लादेश के बीच सीमा पार बिजली व्यापार पर त्रिपक्षीय समझौता।

- (a) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
- (b) Nepal / नेपाल
- (c) Malaysia / मलेशिया
- (d) Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
- (e) Bhutan / भूटान

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- **Tripartite Agreement on Cross-Border Electricity Trade Among Nepal, India and Bangladesh.**
- Its **objective** is to **Import of electricity from Nepal to Bangladesh** via India transmission lines.
- **Nepal will export 40 megawatts (MW) of electricity annually** to Bangladesh during the monsoon season, spanning five months each year. Nepal expects to earn 6.40 cents per unit of electricity.
- Estimated at USD 9.216 million from electricity sales to **Bangladesh** during the five-month peak season.

Recent agreements between India with Different countries :

- India and the U.S. : To rapidly conclude a bilateral agreement aimed at enhancing cooperation on critical minerals
- India and Marshall Islands : To provide an annual grant for four community development projects as part of New Delhi's outreach to Pacific Island states
- India and Bhutan : To work together in the areas of air quality, forest, wildlife management and capacity building in the field of environment and climate change

Ques : Coal India Limited Established in Which Year ?

कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड की स्थापना किस वर्ष हुई?

- (a) 1975
- (b) 1985
- (c) 1995
- (d) 1972
- (e) 1987

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Public-sector Company **Coal India Ltd (CIL)** has **stepped** into **mining critical minerals**.
- CIL said it had got its first critical-mineral asset, a graphite block in Madhya Pradesh.
- **Graphite is crucial for lithium-ion batteries**, used in electric vehicles and renewable energy storage
- By acquiring the composite licence for the 599.76-hectare graphite block, CIL has become the first major player in the critical-mineral auction.

About Coal India Limited :

- Established : 1975
- HQ : Kolkata, West Bengal
- CMD : PM Prasad

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Ques : How many remote pilot certificates issued for operating drones in India ?

भारत में ड्रोन संचालन के लिए कितने रिमोट पायलट प्रमाणपत्र जारी किए गए हैं?

- (a) 15,000
- (b) 16,000
- (c) 17,000
- (d) 18,000
- (e) 12,000

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- As many as **16,000 Remote Pilot Certificates (RPCs)** have been issued for **operating drones** in the country, Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol told the Rajya Sabha.
- The certificates have been issued by the **DGCA-approved Remote Pilot Training Organisations (RPTOs)**.
- 48 drone companies are producing DGCA type-certified Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) models in the country and 70 models have been type certified by the regulator.
- There are **116-DGCA-approved RPTOs**.

About Minister of State for Civil Aviation :

- Union Minister : Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu
- Minister of State : Murlidhar Kisan Mohol

Defence Related News :

- Airbus and Tata are joining forces to manufacture India's first FAL (Final Assembly Line) H125 helicopter, which is set to roll out by 2026.
- China sent a new Earth observation satellite into space from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in north China's Shanxi Province.
- 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 country reported interest in acquiring India's Pralay missile ?

किस देश ने भारत की प्रलय मिसाइल प्राप्त करने में रुचि दिखाई?

- (a) Spain / स्पेन
- (b) Argentina / अर्जेंटीना
- (c) France / फ्रांस
- (d) Armenia / आर्मेनिया
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- **Armenia's** reported interest in acquiring India's Pralay missile is a great opportunity for India.

About Pralay Missile:

- 'Pralay' is a 350-500 km short-range, quasi-ballistic surface-to-surface missile with a payload capacity of 500-1,000 kg.
- Range: It can hit targets 150-500 km away.
- The missile has been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in view of the country's defence requirements along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and Line of Control (LoC).
- The solid-fuel, battlefield missile is based on the Prithvi Defence Vehicle.

Ques : _____ inaugurated the National Landslide Forecasting Centre

_____ ने भूवैज्ञानिक में राष्ट्रीय भूस्खलन पूर्वानुमान केंद्र का उद्घाटन किया

- (a) Minister of Defence / रक्षा मंत्री
- (b) Minister of Road Transport and Highways / सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री
- (c) Minister of Commerce and Industry / वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री
- (d) Minister of Panchayati Raj / पंचायती राज मंत्री
- (e) Minister of Coal and Mines / कोयला और खान मंत्री

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- **Union Minister of Coal and Mines inaugurated the National Landslide Forecasting Centre at Geological Survey of India (GSI) Kolkata and also launched the Bhusanket Web Portal and Bhooskhalan Mobile App.**
- The advanced National Landslide Forecasting Center, equipped with the latest technology, will **provide early warning information to the local administration, update landslide inventories**, and integrate real-time rainfall and slope instability data for **enhanced forecasting accuracy**.
- The Web Portal, **Bhooskhalan Mobile App**, will enable quick dissemination of **daily landslide forecasts** and **allow stakeholders to share and update spatial and temporal information** on landslide occurrences.
- A landslide is the **mass movement** of earth, rocks, or debris down a mountain slope due to the pull of gravity. It can happen suddenly or slowly over a long period.

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- The most landslide-prone areas in India are the **Himalayan regions**, followed by the Northeastern hill ranges, the Western Ghats, the Nilgiris, the Eastern Ghats and the Vindhyans mountain range.
- The landslide in the Northeastern region, especially the **Darjeeling district of West Bengal, in Sikkim, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Assam, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh**, pose chronic problems, causing recurring economic losses worth billions of rupees.
- That is why the **first National Landslide Forecasting Center**, which will **cater** to the **Northeastern region**, has been set up **in Kolkata**.

About the Geological Survey of India :

- The Geological Survey of India (GSI) was set up in 1851 to find coal-bearing areas for the Railways.
- Currently, the main function of the Geological Survey of India is to create and update the national mineral resource assessment and geoscientific information.
- It comes under the Union Ministry of Mines.
- Headquarters: Kolkata
- Regional Offices of GSI: Lucknow, Jaipur, Nagpur, Hyderabad, Shillong and Kolkata
- Director General of GSI: Janardan Prasad

Recently launched Apps/portals:

- North East Region Agri Commodity E-Connect (NERACE) app : Union Minister for the Development of the North East Region Jyotiraditya Scindia launched to support agricultural and horticultural products
- eSwasthya Dham portal : Uttarakhand Government's Department of Health and Family Welfare
- Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) Portal : Jayant Chaudhary, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge)
- Lokpath Mobile App : Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Mohan Yadav has launched to quickly fix road problems that people report within seven days.
- Noble Initiative for Rewarding Mains Aspirants of National Civil Services Examination (NIRMAN) - Union Minister for Coal and Mines, G Kishan Reddy for providing support of Rs 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) to the Preliminary examination qualified candidates
- Sangyaan App - Director General of Railway Protection Force (RPF) Manoj Yadava
- Karnataka Bank Limited (KBL), a leading private sector bank launched KBL WISE (Wellness Investments and Savings for Elderly) Senior Citizen Savings Account.
- The government is likely to launch the National Health Claim Exchange (NHCX) — a single portal to submit and process health insurance claims across hospitals in the country — in the next two three months.
- 'Swiggy Pawlice' initiative for finding missing pets : Swiggy
- 'Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan and Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan' (PM-SURAJ) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- 'Know Your Candidate' (KYC) Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar
- Bhasha-Net Portal : National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- Sankalan : Union Minister Amit Shah, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)
- Saksham App : Election Commission
- citizens' vigil App : Election Commission

Ques : Which company will set up two waste-to-green charcoal plants Gurugram and Faridabad, Haryana?

कौन सी कंपनी हरियाणा के गुरुग्राम और फरीदाबाद में दो अपशिष्ट-से-हरित चारकोल संयंत्र स्थापित करेगी?

- (a) Reliance Industries Ltd. / रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड
- (b) Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd / महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा लिमिटेड
- (c) NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited / एनटीपीसी विद्युत व्यापार निगम लिमिटेड
- (d) Larsen & Toubro (L&T) / लार्सन एंड टुब्रो (एल एंड टी)
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- **NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited (NVVNL)** will set up **two green charcoal plants** in **Gurugram and Faridabad, Haryana**. These plants will **convert municipal waste into charcoal or green coal**.
- The **MoU** was **signed** in the presence of **Union Power Minister Manohar Lal, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and Minister of State for Urban Local Bodies Subhash Sudha**.
- NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited, a subsidiary of National Thermal Power Corporation Limited, will set up this plant under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.
- These green charcoal plants will be set up in Bandhwari in Gurugram and Mothuka in Faridabad. Each plant will cost around 500 crore rupees.
- These plants will convert 1,500 tonnes of waste collected daily from Gurugram and Faridabad into charcoal.

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Recent MoU and agreement :

- Airports Authority of India has signed an agreement with Urban Development Department, government of Rajasthan, and the Civil Aviation Department, for the development of Kota Greenfield Airport in Rajasthan.
- National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), a public sector enterprise under the aegis of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MoIB), have joined hands with Netflix India to launch an upskilling program for voice-over artists in India called “The Voicebox”.
- PUMA India has partnered with Indian Olympic Association (IOA) as the official footwear partner for the Indian contingent heading to the Paris Olympics 2024.
- The Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) for organic products between India and Taiwan has been implemented during the 9th Working Group on Trade Meeting with Taiwan at New Delhi.
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (Delhi) Signs MoU to Enhance Road Safety by deploying Artificial Intelligence.
- Punjab Police in association with the Border Security Force (BSF) and Village Defence Committees (VDCs) have launched a ‘Mission Nishchay’ in Fazilka district.
- Snapdeal and Bhashini signed an MoU to promote digital inclusiveness
- Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and Sansad TV signed an agreement to make Indian art and culture more accessible to the people.
- The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has granted its approval for the merger of Vistara with Air India allowing a period of nine months for the dissolution of the former.
- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has taken a significant step towards enhancing pensioner services by forging partnerships with four prominent banks. The MoUs with Bank of India, Canara Bank, Central Bank of India, and Utkarsh Small Finance Bank.
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers has signed a deal with DRDO to build Research Vessel for DRDO in Rs. 500 crore deal.
- Finnish telecom gearmaker Nokia has signed an agreement with the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) for carrying out joint research related to 5G/6G communications in the transportation and logistics sector.
- The Department of School Education, Ministry of Education, has signed an MoU with the National Book Trust to establish an institutional framework for Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya, a pioneering digital library platform.

- 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).
- Ghana has signed deals with a Reliance Jio subsidiary, Tech Mahindra and other vendors to build 4G and 5G infrastructure as the African country aims to enhance its telecom capabilities.
- Swiggy has partnered with SHIELD, a device-first risk AI platform, to enhance its fraud prevention and detection capabilities.
- Cisco and Tata Communications have launched their Webex Calling solution in India with cloud public switched telephone network (PSTN), aimed at helping enterprises move from on-premises phone systems to a global cloud calling system.
- Airbus Helicopters and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for financing the purchase of Airbus helicopters in India.
- The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) under the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India on Digitalization of Vaccine Cold Chain Management, Communication Planning and Capacity Building.
- AIIMS New Delhi has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UK based University of Bolton Institute of Medicine to collaborate in the field of medical research, innovation and education.
- PUMA India has signed a deal with the Athletics Federation of India to become its official kit sponsor.
- India and Iran Inks 10-year Deal to Operate Iran's Chabahar Port. Under the agreement, India Ports Global Limited (IPGL) committed to investing \$370 million to enhance the port's infrastructure
- India and Moldova signed an agreement allowing holders of diplomatic and official passports from either country to travel to the other without requiring a visa.
- A joint initiative between India and Oman to boost research and conservation of sharks and rays in the Arabian Sea will be launched
- Girish Chandra Murmu, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), has signed a MoU with Toyam Raya, Auditor General of Nepal to strengthen collaboration and facilitate the exchange of expertise in auditing practices between the Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) of both countries.

Ques : Who has been elected as the President of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India for the 2024-25 period?

2024-25 की अवधि के लिए भारतीय लागत लेखाकार संस्थान के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे चुना गया है?

- (a) Gaurav Banerjee / गौरव बनर्जी
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर
- (c) Pradeep Singh Kharola / प्रदीप सिंह खरोला
- (d) Srinivasa Prasad / श्रीनिवास प्रसाद
- (e) Bibhuti Bhusan Nayak / विभूति भूषण नायक

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- **Bibhuti Bhusan Nayak** has been **elected** unanimously as the **new President of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI)** for the **2024-25 period**.
- He will **succeed Ashwin Dalwadi**, who was the **president** for the **2023-24 period**.
- TCA Srinivasa Prasad has been elected as the vice president of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India for 2024-25 .

About Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) :

- The Institute of Cost Accountants of India was set up as a statutory body on 28 May 1959 under the provisions of the Cost and Works Accountants Act, 1959.
- A statutory body is an institution set up under the provision of a law made by the Parliament or by a competent state legislature.

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The Institute of Cost Accountants of India comes under the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

- The Institute of Cost Accountants of India is the regulator of Cost and Accounting Management in India.
- The Institute of Cost Accountants of India has four Regional Councils in Kolkata, Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai, 113 Chapters in India and 10 overseas Centers.

Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Rajendra Prasad Goyal : Additional charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the NHPC Limited
- Cmde D.K. Murali : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL)
- Sumant Sinha : Co-Chair of Global CEO Climate Leaders Alliance
- Deepa Malik : sub-regional representative for South Asia by the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC)
- 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 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.
- 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)
- 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

Ques : Kristen Michal has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of which country?

क्रिस्टन माइकल को किस देश का नया प्रधानमंत्री नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Lithuania / लिथुआनिया
- (b) Estonia / एस्टोनिया
- (c) Netherlands / नीदरलैंड
- (d) Poland / पोलैंड
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- **Kristen Michal** was sworn in as the new **Prime Minister of Estonia** for the **Estonian Reform Party** (Eesti Reformierakond).
- The Estonian Parliament voted in favour of Michal, previously the Minister of Climate, to become the country's new leader after he was nominated for the position by his party to replace outgoing Prime Minister Kaja Kallas.
- Estonian liberals retain the Prime Minister position as well as six ministerial roles. Yoko Alender, Member of the Estonian Parliament, is the new Minister of Climate and Erkki Keldo has become the Minister of Economic Affairs and Industry.

About Estonia :

- Capital – Tallinn
- Currency – Euro
- Official language – Estonian
- President – Alar Karis
- Prime Minister – Kristen Michal

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Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President :

- President of Rwanda : Paul Kagame
- President of Lithuania : Gitanas Nauseda
- President of Iran : Masoud Pezeshkian
- Prime Minister of the United Kingdom : Keir Starmer
- Prime Minister of the Netherlands : Dick Schoof
- President of Slovakia : Peter Pellegrini
- President of South Africa : Cyril Ramaphosa
- First female President of Mexico : Claudia Sheinbaum
- President of Lithuania : Gitanas Nauseda
- President of Taiwan : Lai Ching-te
- Prime Minister of Singapore : Lawrence Wong
- President of the Russian Federation : Vladimir Putin
- President of Panama : Jose Raul Mulino
- Prime minister of Solomon Islands : Jeremiah Manele
- Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister : Ishaq Dar
- Prime Minister of Bhutan (2nd term) : Tshering Tobgay
- Prime Minister of Yemen : Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak
- Prime Minister of Kazakhstan : Olzhas Bektenov
- Prime Minister of Tuvalu : Feleti Teo
- President of Slovakia - Peter Pellegrini
- President of Senegal – Bassirou Diomaye Faye
- Prime Minister of Portugal – Luis Montenegro
- President of Indonesia – Prabowo Subianto
- PM of Palestinian – Mohammad Mustafa
- President of Pakistan – Asif Ali Zardari (14th)
- Prime Minister of Pakistan – Shehbaz Sharif (2nd term)
- First female Prime Minister of Democratic Republic of Congo - Judith Suminwa Tuluka
- President of Finland - Alexander Stubb
- President of Hungary - Tamas Sulyok

Ques : Nuno Borges is from which country?

नूनो बोर्गस किस देश से हैं?

- (a) Portugal / पुर्तगाल
- (b) Spain / स्पेन
- (c) Sweden / स्वीडन
- (d) France / फ्रांस
- (e) Belarus / बेलारूस

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- In **Swedish Open Tennis**, **Nuno Borges of Portugal** defeated Spaniard Rafael Nadal in the final, 6-3, 6-2, to **win the men's singles tennis title** at Bastad in Sweden.
- It was **Borges's first ATP Tour title**.
- He became the **second Portuguese player in the Open Era to win** a main tour singles title, after João Sousa. It was also Nadal's first final since the 2022 French Open.

SPORTS NEWS :

- India's Kush Maini won his maiden Formula 2 Sprint Race at the Hungarian Grand Prix after initial winner Richard Verschoor's was disqualified due to a technical infringement.
- Lallianzuala Chhangte and Indumathi Kathiresan were named the AIFF Best Men's and Women's Players of the Year 2023-24 at the AIFF Award Night in New Delhi.
- Oscar Piastri won his first Formula One race after completing a McLaren one-two with Lando Norris at the Hungarian Grand Prix.
- India has maintained its 124th position in the latest FIFA men's rankings released. Argentina at the top of the FIFA rankings.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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 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.

Ques : Which country has recently unveiled the world's first high-speed carbon fiber train?

हाल ही में किस देश ने दुनिया की पहली हाईस्पीड कार्बन फाइबर ट्रेन का अनावरण किया है?

- (a) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (b) Russia / रूस
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) China / चीन

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- **China has shown off a revolutionary passenger train made of only carbon fiber.** This is a **big step forward in high-speed rail technology.**
- According to Interesting Engineering, the country has **unveiled the first carbon fiber-only passenger train in history.** The world looks to China's vast high-speed rail network, which currently covers around 28,000 miles.
- This advanced train can reach a top speed of 87 mph. It is expected to consume 7% less energy than a typical steel train, according to Qingdao Sifang.
- This is a notable advancement in sustainable transportation since the decrease in energy usage is in line with larger environmental objectives.

About China

- Capital – Beijing
- Currency – Yuan
- President – Xi Jinping

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Ques : ‘Shiksha Saptah’ will observe by the Department of School Education and Literacy from _____ to _____ July 2024.

स्कूली शिक्षा एवं साक्षरता विभाग द्वारा _____ से _____ जुलाई 2024 तक ‘शिक्षा सप्ताह’ मनाया जाएगा।

- (a) July 22 to July 28
- (b) July 23 to July 28
- (c) July 24 to July 29
- (d) July 24 to July 30
- (e) July 25 to July 31

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The **Department of School Education and Literacy under the Ministry of Education (MoE)** has **begun** its week-long observance of ‘**Shiksha Saptah**’ (Education Week), to **mark** the **fourth anniversary** of the **National Education Policy 2020**.
- The event is scheduled **from July 22 to July 28** with the **first day** being **observed** as the **Teaching-Learning Material (TLM) Day**.
- This event, organised under the ambit of the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, aims to present a common platform to resonate and live the spirit of achievements gained over the last four years of NEP 2020 implementation.
- **During the week theme-based days will be observed**. It includes Teaching-Learning Material Day, Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Day, Sports Day and Cultural Day.

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Ques : National Broadcasting Day is celebrated in India every year on which day?

भारत में हर साल किस दिन राष्ट्रीय प्रसारण दिवस मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 22 July
- (b) 23 July
- (c) 24 July
- (d) 25 July
- (e) 26 July

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- **National Broadcasting Day** is celebrated in India every year **on July 23**.
- It is a day to remember and appreciate the impact of radio as a medium of communication, entertainment, and education.
- **Radio** has **played a significant role** in connecting people across India, sharing news, music, and stories that have shaped the nation's cultural and social landscape.
- The **history** of **National Broadcasting Day** dates back to **July 23, 1927**. On this day, the Indian Broadcasting Company (IBC) made its first radio broadcast from Bombay (now Mumbai).
- This event marked the start of organised radio broadcasting in India. The IBC was later taken over by the government and renamed All India Radio (AIR) in 1936. Since then, AIR has become one of the largest radio networks in the world, reaching millions of listeners across the country.

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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
- 20 July : International Moon Day (Theme 2024 – Illuminating the Shadows)
- 20 July : International Chess Day
- 23 July : National Broadcasting Day
- 22 July : Pi Approximation Day 2024
- 22 July : World Brain Day 2024 (Theme 2024 Brain Health and Prevention: Protecting Our Future)

Static Banking Awareness Terms Recently in News :

Types of Money

1. Dear Money :

- The money which is available at high interest rates and hence restricts expenditure by companies.
- Due to restricted money supply, interest rates will be pushed up. Hence, it is very difficult to raise money during this period of dear money.

2. Barren Money :

- Money which is not earning any interest
- Money which is not invested anywhere
- Money which is kept in a safe deposit locker

3. Hot Money :

- Hot money refers to funds that are controlled by investors who actively seek short-term returns. These investors scan the market for short-term, high interest rate investment opportunities. A typical shortterm investment opportunity that attracts "hot money" is the certificate of deposits.
- Hot currency is the currency which is easily available in the market and can be converted into another currency. And it flows easily in and out of the market in terms of investment.

4. Hard Currency :

- Hard currency, safe-haven currency or strong currency is any globally traded currency that serves as a reliable and stable store of value.

5. Fiat Money :

- Fiat money is one that is declared legal tender. This includes any form of currency in circulation such as paper money or coins. Fiat money is backed by a country's government instead of a physical commodity.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

- The **European Space Agency** recently **announced** that its new **Ramses spacecraft** may accompany the **asteroid Apophis before and after its safe**, albeit rather close, **pass of Earth**. It will intercept the asteroid 99942 Apophis and accompany it through its safe but exceptionally close flyby of Earth in 2029.
- **Sanjeev Krishan** re-elected for second term as **PwC India Chairperson**.
- **Union Minister of Coal and Mines** launched the **Mineral Exploration Hackathon** and the **National District Mineral Foundation (DMF) Portal**. It is a centralized platform to gather information on the District Mineral Foundations across the country.
- Former Indian tennis stars **Leander Paes and Vijay Amritraj** have become the **first Asian men** to be **inducted into the prestigious International Tennis Hall of Fame**.
- The Navratna company **ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL)** has **bought** the Norwegian firm **Equinor's stake in Azerbaijan's offshore Azeri Chirag Gunashli oil field** and an associated oil pipeline for \$60 million.
- The Centre plans to increase the upper limit of the short-term crop loans under the **Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS)** from **Rs 3 lakh to Rs 5 lakh**.
- Scientists from the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** have **successfully** mapped the submerged **structure of Adam's Bridge**, also known as **Ram Setu**.
- The **Madhya Pradesh** State Wildlife Board has accorded **approval** to declare **Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary**, on the outskirts of Bhopal, as the eighth tiger reserve of MP.
- The newly elected **BJP government** has **renamed** the **Biju Patnaik Sports Award** as **Odisha Rajya Krida Samman'**.