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Ques : Bank of Baroda Launches 'Phygital' Branch in _____
बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा ने _____ में 'फिजिटल' शाखा शुरू की

- (a) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (b) Mumbai / मुंबई
- (c) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- (d) Haryana / हरियाणा
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Bank of Baroda (BoB) Executive Director, Sanjay Vinayak Mudaliar, opened the "phygital" branch at ChandaNagar, Hyderabad.
- To meet the various needs of clients, the branch combines assisted and self-service modes.
- The Bank of Baroda opened its second "phygital" branch in Chanda Nagar.
- The bank celebrated its 117th anniversary of founding on July 20 by opening its first physical branch at Horniman Circle in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Our customers can do their banking activities in a non-intrusive way and at any time of day with the convenience of a physical location.
- A further initiative from Bank of Baroda is the Baroda mDigiNext Mobile App for Corporate Banking clients, which is an improved version of the UPI Payments PSP app called bobePay.
- By entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with EaseMyTrip to launch a co-branded travel debit card, Bank of Baroda is updating its fully-owned subsidiary Baroda Sun Technologies.

Ques : Fintech co Navi collabs with ____ to introduce credit line on UPI
फिनटेक कंपनी नवी ने यूपीआई पर क्रेडिट लाइन शुरू करने के लिए ____ के साथ
साझेदारी की

- (a) J&K Bank / जे एंड के बैंक
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank / इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक
- (c) Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (d) Karnataka Bank / कर्नाटक बैंक
- (e) Central Bank of India / सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Karnataka Bank and fintech company Navi established a partnership to launch a credit line on UPI goods for users of the platform.
- The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has a monthly transaction value of over Rs 10,000 crore, of which the credit line for UPI products accounts for between Rs 100 and Rs 200 crore.

About Karnataka Bank :

- Established : 1924
- HQ : Mangaluru, Karnataka
- MD & CEO : Srikrishnan Harihara Sarma
- Tagline Your Family Bank Across India

Recently signed banking agreements

- Setu, a Pine Labs-owned API infrastructure provider, has launched UPISetu in collaboration with Axis Bank.
- Ageas Federal Life Insurance is joining forces with PhonePe to offer Instant Term insurance to their wide-ranging customers.
- Capital Small Finance Bank Limited (CSFB), and Edelweiss Life Insurance have entered into a bancassurance tie-up
- SBI General Insurance Company Limited (SBI General Insurance) and Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, India (HSBC India) or HSBC Bank India have entered into a bancassurance partnership for the distribution of non-life insurance products through HSBC India's network.
- Government of Nagaland has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with State Bank of India (SBI) General Insurance Company Limited for Disaster Risk Transfer Parametric Insurance Solution (DRTPS) in Kohima, Nagaland.
- Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT) is launching an artificial intelligence (AI)-driven pilot in partnership with Axis Bank to help combat payments fraud occurring in cross-border payments.
- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has partnered with C2treds and UGRO Capital to facilitate loans to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector.
- Karnataka Bank has partnered with ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited to offer enhanced insurance solutions and customer benefits to its patrons.
- Tata Power Solar Systems Limited (TPSSL) has partnered with the Bank of India (BOI) to provide easy and affordable financing for rooftop solar installations and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations.
- 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.
- IndusInd Bank has launched the 'Wrestle for Glory' program as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. The program continues the bank's longstanding partnership with the Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS), a high-performance Olympic training facility in Vijayanagar, Bellary.
- Arka Fincap Limited, an NBFC and part of the Kirloskar Group, has a colending agreement with the Central Bank of India. With this agreement, Arka will be able to offer loans to MSMEs at affordable rates.

Ques : ICICI Lombard enters into _____ new bancassurance partnerships with various banks.

आईसीआईसीआई लोम्बार्ड ने विभिन्न बैंकों के साथ _____ नई बैंकएश्योरेंस साझेदारियां कीं।

- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 4
- (d) 6
- (e) 7

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- ICICI Lombard General Insurance has teamed up with seven different financial institutions for bancassurance partnerships.
- The seven financial institutions are:- Aye Finance, Bandhan Bank, Karnataka Bank, Muthoot Mini, Nivara Home Finance Pvt Ltd, NSDL Payment Bank and The Andhra Pradesh State Co-operative Bank.

About ICICI Lombard General Insurance :

- Established : 2001
- HQ : Mumbai
- CMD : Sanjeev Mantri

Recently signed bancassurance agreement :

Bank Name - Insurance Company Name

- IDFC First Bank : Life Insurance Corporation of India
- Federal Bank : Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- Jana Small Finance Bank : SBI General Insurance
- Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank : Star Health Insurance
- Axis Bank : Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- Karnataka Bank : ICICI Lombard General Insurance
- Capital Small Finance Bank : Edelweiss Life Insurance

Ques : What is the current rate of Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation as of July 2024?

जुलाई 2024 तक थोक मूल्य सूचकांक (WPI) मुद्रास्फीति की वर्तमान दर क्या है?

- (a) 2.54%
- (b) 2.94%
- (c) 3.04%
- (d) 2.04%
- (e) 4.04%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- With food prices sharply declining, India's wholesale pricing index (WPI) inflation dropped to a three-month low of 2.04% in July from a 16-month peak of 3.36 percent in June.
- After rising by 10.87% the month before, the inflation rate for food prices was 3.45% this month.
- According to data from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, other main sub-indices of inflation, such as manufactured goods, gasoline, and power, saw a modest increase in July's year-over-year (Y-o-Y) print.
- A decrease in the inflation of primary articles, despite an increase in the inflation of manufactured goods, fuel, and electricity, was the main factor moderating WPI inflation.

Recent WPI-based Wholesale inflation in India :

- January 2024 : 0.27%
- February 2024 : 0.2%
- March 2024 : 0.53%
- April 2024 : 1.26%
- May 2024 : 2.6%
- June 2024 : 3.36%

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Ques : India celebrates its Independence Day annually on August 15. This year, the nation marks its _____ Independence Day

भारत प्रतिवर्ष 15 अगस्त को अपना स्वतंत्रता दिवस मनाता है। इस वर्ष, राष्ट्र अपना _____ स्वतंत्रता दिवस मना रहा है

- (a) 75th
- (b) 76th
- (c) 77th
- (d) 78th
- (e) 79th

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- On August 15, India commemorates its Independence Day every year. The country celebrates Swatantrata Diwas, or its 78th Independence Day, this year.
- The Indian government has declared that this year's **theme is Viksit Bharat**, meaning Developed India. It represents the government's commitment to transforming India and represents the goal of a developed country by 2047.
- India will celebrate its 100th year of independence from colonial domination in 2047.
- India's independence from British colonial rule for over 200 years was celebrated on August 15, 1947, which is known as Independence Day. With the Revolution of 1857, the nation's fight for independence got underway.
- Mahatma Gandhi led the liberation movement as it gathered steam later, circa 1920. Finally, the Indian Independence Bill was introduced by the British House of Commons on July 4, 1947. India gained its independence on August 15.
- With this year's speech, PM Modi will have given 11 straight Independence Day speeches—the first one of his third term.

Ques : Model Solar Village initiative under PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana have been notified by which Ministry ?

पीएम-सूर्य घर के तहत मॉडल सौर ग्राम पहल: मुफ्त बिजली योजना किस मंत्रालय द्वारा अधिसूचित की गई है?

- (a) Ministry of Corporate Affairs/ कॉर्पोरेट मामलों के मंत्रालय
- (b) Ministry of Ayush / आयुष मंत्रालय
- (c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs / आवास और शहरी मामलों के मंत्रालय
- (d) Ministry of New & Renewable Energy / नवीन एवं नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय
- (e) Ministry of Home Affairs / गृह मंत्रालय

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has announced the Scheme Guidelines for the PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana's "Model Solar Village" implementation.
- Its objective is to encourage the use of solar energy and empower village communities to satisfy their own energy needs independently.
- A total of Rs.800 crore has been set up for this component, with Rs.1 crore going toward each Model Solar Village that is chosen.
- Its goal is to establish one Model Solar Village in each Indian district.

Procedure :

- Under the competition approach, a village must have a population of at least 5,000 (or 2,000 in the case of special category states) and be a revenue village.

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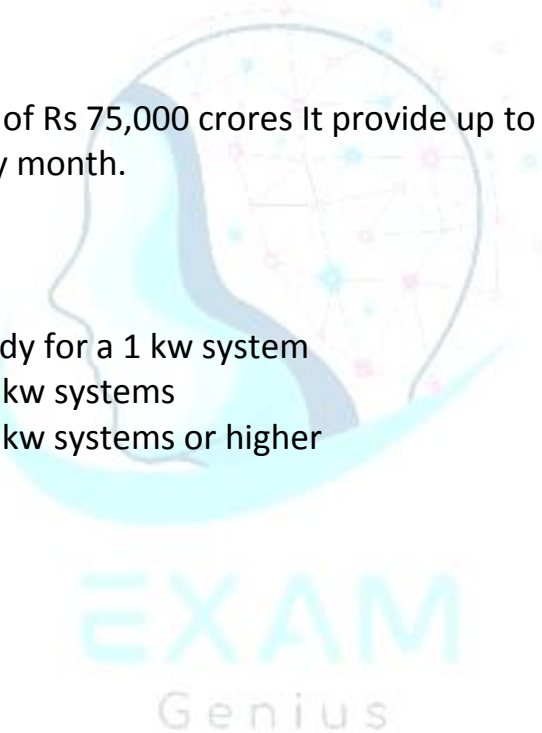
- A competitive mode is used in the selection process, with villages being judged based on the total amount of distributed renewable energy (RE) capacity installed six months after the District Level Committee (DLC) declared a possible candidate.
- A central financial support grant of Rs.1 crore will be given to the village in each district that has the highest RE capacity.

About PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana :

- It is launched on February, 2024 with the objective to boost sustainable development and ensure the well-being of people by offering free electricity.
- With an Outlay of Rs 75,000 crores It provide up to 300 units of free electricity every month.

Subsidy :

- Rs 30,000 subsidy for a 1 kw system
- Rs 60,000 for 2 kw systems
- Rs 78,000 for 3 kw systems or higher



Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The "Nijut Moina Scheme," a program to end child marriages by empowering female students and emphasizing education over early marriage, was introduced by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- The Hemant Soren government in Jharkhand has launched the Mukhyamantri Maiyaan Samman Yojana to provide financial assistance to eligible women in the state.
- Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat, launched the 'Shramik Basera' scheme.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu launched the NTR Bharosa pension scheme
- Uttar Pradesh Launched Upvan Yojna and Heritage Tree Adoption Scheme. Saplings and cuttings of tree are being provided by the state government for plantation in parks, along the road and other spaces right from cities to villages.
- Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced a new scheme, 'Ladka Bhau' Yojana for the unemployed youth of the state.
- Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has introduced the Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhayastam scheme.
- Mahindra & Mahindra Sign MoU with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) for 'Drone Didi' Pilot Project.
- Assam government has announced a new scheme Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina (MMNM) to promote girl education and to end child marriage in the state.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav inaugurated the intra-state air service facility 'PM Shri Tourism Air Service'.
- Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma launched the state government's Mukhya Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi.
- Uttarakhand government has launched the Pirul Lao-Paise Pao campaign to contain the raging forest fire in the state.
- Chief Minister of Rajasthan Bhajan Lal Sharma announced that the state government will develop the Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit with an investment of Rs 100 crore.

Ques : Which ministry launched the Version 2.0 of the 'FloodWatch India' mobile application ?

किस मंत्रालय ने 'फ्लडवॉच इंडिया' मोबाइल एप्लिकेशन का संस्करण 2.0 लॉन्च किया?

- (a) Ministry of Corporate Affairs/ कॉर्पोरेट मामलों के मंत्रालय
- (b) Ministry of Ayush / आयुष मंत्रालय
- (c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs / आवास और शहरी मामलों के मंत्रालय
- (d) Ministry of New & Renewable Energy / नवीन एवं नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय
- (e) Ministry of Jal Shakti / जल शक्ति मंत्रालय

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The government of India has released an updated version of the Flood Watch India 2.0 App in an effort to enhance the nation's flood forecasting and flood control capabilities.
- At a ceremony in New Delhi, Union Minister for Jal Shakti C.R. Paatil unveiled the Flood Watch India 2.0 app. The Central Water Commission developed the Flood Watch India 2.0 app.
- An improved version of the Flood Watch India app, which was released in August 2023, is called Flood Watch India app 2.0. Covers additional national water reservoirs and flood monitoring stations than the 2023 edition.
- In real time, it may give the public information about flood forecasts for up to seven days. Provide a 24-hour flood forecast broken down by state and basin.
- At 592 flood monitoring stations, Version 2.0 offers data on flood forecasts. It has previously supplied data at 200 flood monitoring stations.
- Information is available on the app in both Hindi and English. In addition to providing textual information, the app allows users to hear the audio broadcast.

Ques : MoU Signed Between Ministry of MSME And Small Business Administration (SBA) of which country ?

किस देश के एमएसएमई मंत्रालय और लघु व्यवसाय प्रशासन (एसबीए) के बीच समझौता जापान पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MSME has signed a Memorandum of Understanding, MoU with the Small Business Administration (SBA) of the Government of the United States of America.
- The objective is to promote Cooperation on Small and Medium-size Enterprises (SMEs).
- A framework for discussion and exploration of potential areas of collaboration pertaining to micro, small, and medium-sized companies (MSMEs) is provided by the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- It calls for the two parties to share experience on matters pertaining to enhancing MSME involvement in the international economy.
- In order to empower women entrepreneurs and promote trade partnerships between women-owned small enterprises in the two nations, it calls for the joint administration of programs.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- An MOU for cooperation in education, research, and technology has been inked between Amity University Noida and the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) in New Delhi.
- The Maitri Research and Cultural Partnerships Grants, a program designed to promote cooperation and interchange between Australia and India, have been introduced by the Australian government.
- India and New Zealand have signed a customs cooperation arrangement to ease trade between the two countries.
- India and Vietnam signed nine agreements to deepen comprehensive strategic partnership and enhance cooperation in the fields of customs, agriculture, legal, radio and television broadcast, culture and tourism.
- Government of India and World Bank Signed USD 500 Million Agreement for Construction of the Green National Highway Corridors Project (GNHCP).
- RITES Signs MoU With National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) For Delivery Of Consultancy Services. Its objective is to provide consultancy services to NHAI in highways, bridges, tunnels, road safety audits and other projects.
- India and the United States of America have signed a Cultural Property Agreement to stop the illegal trade in Indian antiquities in the United States of America (USA).
- India and Bhutan have approved 61 projects worth Rs.4,958 crore to be implemented during the Himalayan country's 13th five-year plan, for which New Delhi is providing Rs.10,000 crore as development support.
- India and the United Kingdom have launched a new technology security initiative to deepen defence collaboration and boost economic ties between the two countries.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Ques : PM Modi releases ____ climate-friendly and high-yielding crop varieties

पीएम मोदी ने ____ जलवायु-अनुकूल और अधिक उपज देने वाली फसल की किस्में जारी कीं।

- (a) 100
- (b) 104
- (c) 106
- (d) 109
- (e) 112

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- 109 new varieties of 61 crops created by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) were unveiled by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi at the IARI—Indian Agricultural Research Institute—in Pusa, New Delhi.
- The high yielding, climate resilient and biofortified varieties of the 61 crops includes 34 field crops and 27 horticultural crops.
- Prime Minister discussed the importance of millets and underlined how people are moving towards nutritious food.
- The seeds of these crops are climate friendly and can yield good crop even in adverse weather and these varieties are rich in nutrition.

Important Crop Varieties :

- Girnar 6 : A groundnut variety, has high oil content
- Pusa 2002 : A millet variety, matures in just 70 days, compared to the 110 days required by most other varieties
- Nandyal 1267 : Chickpea Variety, is suitable for mechanical harvesting
- Pooja 1801 : A millet variety, has exceptional iron and zinc content

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Ques : When the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme launched ?

अमृत भारत स्टेशन योजना कब शुरू की गई?

- (a) January 2023
- (b) February 2023
- (c) March 2023
- (d) April 2023
- (e) May 2023

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Western Railway has added Kandivali and Dahisar stations to the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.
- The Ministry of Railways started this continuing project in February 2023 with the goal of revitalizing train stations all over India.
- It is intended for the long-term, continuous development of railroad stations.
- It entails the development of comprehensive plans and the gradual execution of those plans to enhance different station facilities.
- The development plan promotes a comprehensive approach to railway station enhancement by accounting for the particular requirements of each station.
- With increased passenger amenities, better traffic circulation, intermodal integration, and improved signage, the concept intends to turn train stations into contemporary, well-equipped centers.

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Ques : Who partners with Gentari to increase EV delivery fleet to 10,000 by 2025?

2025 तक ईवी डिलीवरी बेड़े को 10,000 तक बढ़ाने के लिए जेंटारी के साथ किसने साझेदारी की?

- (a) Amazon India
- (b) Swiggy
- (c) Microsoft
- (d) Google
- (e) Apple

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- With the goal of reaching 10,000 units in its fleet by 2025, Gentari Green Mobility India (Gentari) has teamed up with Amazon India to expand the e-commerce giant's electric vehicle (EV) fleet for last-mile delivery.
- The collaboration takes place as the e-commerce company looks to increase the number of EVs it sells in more than 400 Indian locations.
- By 2025, Amazon India hopes to have 10,000 EVs in its fleet of delivery vehicles in India, having already deployed over 7,200 EVs in the previous year.
- Gentari Green Mobility India provides lease options for vehicles and charging stations (CPs) for electric vehicles.
- Nikhil Thomas, CEO of Gentari Green Mobility India

Ques : Elon Musk's Starlink wins satellite broadband services licence in

एलोन मस्क के स्टारलिंग ने _____ में सैटेलाइट ब्रॉडबैंड सेवा लाइसेंस जीता

- (a) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
- (b) Nepal / नेपाल
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) India / भारत
- (e) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Elon Musk's Starlink, SpaceX's satellite division, has been given permission by Sri Lanka's telecoms authority to offer satellite internet services there.
- Sri Lanka's parliament recently passed a new telecommunications bill, the first amendment in 28 years, enabling Starlink Lanka to enter the market.
- SpaceX's Starlink dominates the satellite internet industry, owning around 60% of the approximately 7,500 satellites orbiting Earth.

About Sri Lanka :

- Capital : Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- Currency : Sri Lankan Rupee
- President : Ranil Wickremesinghe
- PM : Dinesh Gunawardena

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**Ques : Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council established in which year ?
रत्न एवं आभूषण निर्यात संवर्धन परिषद की स्थापना किस वर्ष हुई?**

- (a) 1964
- (b) 1965
- (c) 1966
- (d) 1967
- (e) 1968

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- At the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council's (GJEPC) 40th edition of the India International Jewellery Show (IIJS) 2024, the Union Minister of Commerce & Industry announced the establishment of the Diamond Imprest Licence.
- The license permits qualified exporters to import polished and cut diamonds, including half-cut, broken, and semi-processed diamonds.
- Exporters may import up to 5% of their average turnover over the previous three years, subject to a 10% value addition requirement.
- Imported diamonds must be used by the importer and cannot be transferred, even after exports are finished.
- Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council was set up by the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India (GoI) in 1966.
- It is one of several Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) launched by the Indian Government, to boost the country's export thrust, when India's post-Independence economy began making forays in the international markets.

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Ques : Prasara Bharati and BCL Sign a historic agreement to Promote _____
प्रसार भारती और बीसीएल ने _____ को बढ़ावा देने के लिए एक ऐतिहासिक समझौते
पर हस्ताक्षर किए

- (a) Cricket / क्रिकेट
- (b) Football / फुटबॉल
- (c) Shooting / शूटिंग
- (d) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (e) Table tennis / टेबल टेनिस

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- In a historic long-term agreement, national broadcaster Prasara Bharati and the Big Cricket League (BCL), a franchise-based Twenty20 competition that would provide aspiring local players with an opportunity to play alongside their cricketing stars, have partnered.
- This September in Lucknow, there will be the first-ever BCL event.
- The BCL will be televised live throughout the nation on DD Sports, and Prasara Bharati will advertise the league throughout its network.
- Six teams - namely Awadh Lions, Northern Challengers, Rajasthan Kings, Mumbai Marines, Southern Spartans, and Bengal Rhinos.
- Former Indian pacer Rudra Pratap Singh is President and legendary West Indian fast bowler Courtney Walsh is Vice-President of BCL.
- A council of eminent former cricketers, led by the League Commissioner and former India captain Dilip Vengsarkar, will oversee the league.

Ques : The Indian Navy (IN) has authorized Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) to construct six submarines in partnership with Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS) ?

भारतीय नौसेना (आईएन) ने जर्मनी के थिसेनक्रुप मरीन सिस्टम्स (टीकेएमएस) के साथ साझेदारी में छह पनडुब्बियों के निर्माण के लिए मझगांव डॉक शिपबिल्डर्स लिमिटेड (एमडीएल) को अधिकृत किया है?

- (a) 6
- (b) 2
- (c) 4
- (d) 8
- (e) 10

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Indian Navy (IN) has authorized Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) to construct six advanced submarines in partnership with Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS) under the 'Project 75 India (P75I)' initiative
- The project, valued at approximately Rs 60,000 crore, is pivotal in strengthening India's naval capabilities in the Indian Ocean.
- In addition, the government has launched Project 76, a partnership with IN and the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) that aims to construct six conventional submarines with a fully indigenous design.

About Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders :

- Established : 1934
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman & MD : Sanjeev Singhal

Recent News Headlines Related to Defence Exercise :

- Exercise Udara Shakti 2024, a combined air exercise carried out in cooperation with the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF), the Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent at Kuantan, Malaysia.
- The Indian Army has conducted a strategic military exercise, 'Parvat Prahaar'(Mountain Strike), in Eastern Ladakh, focusing on high-altitude warfare and operations.
- The 10th edition of India- Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise MITRA SHAKTI commenced today, at Army Training School, Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka.
- India is set to host its first multinational air exercise, 'Tarang Shakti 2024', in two phases starting on August 6th in Sular, Tamil Nadu.
- The Indian Army contingent has embarked on its journey to participate in the multinational military exercise KHAAN QUEST 2024 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent landed at the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Base Darwin, Australia for participating in Exercise Pitch Black 2024.
- The Indian Army contingent departed for the 13th edition of India Thailand joint military Exercise MAITREE being conducted from the 1st to 15th of July at Fort Vachiraprakan in Tak Province of Thailand.
- Indian Air Force and Egyptian Air Force conducted 4th edition of Exercise-HOPEX this year.
- The Indian Air Force's first multinational air exercise, Tarang Shakti2024, will be held in August.
- The 8th edition of the Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX-24) has started at Yokosuka, Japan. The JIMEX-24 exercise is being hosted by the Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF). The Japanese Navy is called the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force.
- The second edition of India, Australia, Indonesia Trilateral Maritime Security Workshop (TMSW) was conducted at INS Dronacharya, Kochi, India.
- 7th edition of the India-France Joint Military Exercise "Shakti" is scheduled to commence from May 13, to 26, 2024 at the Joint Training Node, Umroi in Meghalaya.
- Indian Navy conducted Exercise Poorvi Lehar on East Coast
- Exercise DUSTLIK 5th edition : between India-Uzbekistan (Army) at Termez District, Uzbekistan
- Gagan Shakti : Indian Air Force Pokhran Field Firing Range, Jaisalmer district, Rajasthan

Ques : The Government of India has declared ____ August as “National Space Day” to celebrate the remarkable success of Chandrayaan-3 Mission?
भारत सरकार ने चंद्रयान-3 मिशन की उल्लेखनीय सफलता का जश्न मनाने के लिए ____ अगस्त को "राष्ट्रीय अंतरिक्ष दिवस" घोषित किया है?

- (a) 21 August
- (b) 22 August
- (c) 23 August
- (d) 24 August
- (e) 25 August

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- August 23rd has been proclaimed "National Space Day" by the Indian government in observance of the Chandrayaan-3 Mission, which successfully landed the Vikram Lander and placed the Pragyaan rover on the lunar surface close to the South Pole.
- India is now the fourth country to land on the Moon and the first to do so close to the Moon's south pole, putting it among an exclusive group of spacefaring nations.
- In July and August of 2024, this accomplishment will be commemorated nationwide in an effort to inspire and engage the next generation of space scientists and technologists.
- Under Dr. Abhilash Khosla's direction, the Department of Space is holding a series of seminars and demonstrations on "Application of Space Technologies in Fisheries Sector" throughout coastal States and UTs to recognize the astounding achievement of the Chandrayaan-3 Mission.

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Important days :

- 30 July : World Day Against Trafficking In Persons (Theme 2024 – Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking)
- 31 July : World Ranger Day 2024 (Theme 2024 30 by 30)
- 1 August : World Wide Web (WWW) Day
- 1 August : World Lung Cancer Day (Theme 2024 – Close the care gap: Everyone deserves access to cancer care)
- 1 August : National Mountain Climbing Day
- 1 August : Muslim Women's Rights Day 2024
- 1 August : World FinTech Day 2024 (Theme 2024 Blueprint for the Next Decade of Finance: Responsible AI/Inclusive/Resilient)
- 1-7 August : World Breastfeeding Week (Theme 2024 – Closing the gap: Breastfeeding support for all)
- 3 August : Indian Organ Donation Day
- 4 August (first Sunday of August) : National Friendship Day 2024
- 6 August : Hiroshima Day
- 7 August : National Javelin Day
- 7 August : National Handloom Day
- 9 August : Nagasaki Day 2024 (Theme 2024 Together with the Hibakusha, let us achieve a nuclear weaponfree, peaceful, and just world—for the future of humankind and our planet)
- 9 August : International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (Theme 2024 – Protecting the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation and Initial Contact)
- 10 August : World Lion Day (Theme 2024 : Celebrating the King of the Jungle)
- 10 August : World Biofuel Day 2024 (Theme 2024 Sustainable Biofuels: Fueling a Greener Future)
- 12 August : International Youth Day (Theme 2024 – From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development)
- 12 August : World Elephant Day (Theme 2024 – Personifying prehistoric beauty, theological relevance, and environmental importance)

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

- Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem is Javelin Throw gold medallist in the Paris Olympics 2024, honoured with Hilal-e-Imtiaz by the Pakistan's government. Hilal-e-Imtiaz is the second-highest civilian award given by the Government of Pakistan
- The Ratnagiri geoglyphs and petroglyphs have been designated as "protected monuments" by the Maharashtra government in accordance with the Maharashtra Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1960.
- Para shuttler Pramod Bhagat has been suspended for a period of 18 months by the Badminton World Federation for violating anti-doping rules.
- In September 2024, Haryana will host the inaugural Global Women's Kabaddi League, which aims to promote the game of Kabaddi on a worldwide scale. The organization is now known as the Global Overseas Women's Kabaddi League (GPKL).
- Hockey India (HI) has officially announced that retiring goalkeeper PR Sreejesh will be the new head coach for the Indian junior men's hockey team.
- Issa Hayatou, who served as the President (Interim) of Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) from October 2015 to February 2016, passed away at the age of 77 in Paris, France.
- The Ministry of Minority Affairs runs the Jiyo Parsi scheme, which aims to stabilize the Parsi population and reverse the trend of population decline through the use of scientific protocols and organized interventions.
- Padma Bhushan Awardee Kunwar Natwar Singh, a Diplomat and Former External Affairs Minister, passed away at the age of 93 in Gurugram, Haryana.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

- पाकिस्तान के अरशद नदीम पेरिस ओलंपिक 2024 में जेवलिन थ्रो के स्वर्ण पदक विजेता हैं, उन्हें पाकिस्तान सरकार द्वारा हिलाल-ए-इम्तियाज से सम्मानित किया गया है। हिलाल-ए-इम्तियाज पाकिस्तान सरकार द्वारा दिया जाने वाला दूसरा सबसे बड़ा नागरिक पुरस्कार है
- महाराष्ट्र प्राचीन स्मारक और पुरातात्विक स्थल और अवशेष अधिनियम, 1960 के अनुसार महाराष्ट्र सरकार द्वारा रत्नागिरी जियोग्लिफ और पेट्रोग्लिफ को "संरक्षित स्मारक" के रूप में नामित किया गया है।
- पैरा शटलर प्रमोद भगत को डोपिंग रोधी नियमों का उल्लंघन करने के लिए बैडमिंटन वर्ल्ड फेडरेशन द्वारा 18 महीने की अवधि के लिए निलंबित कर दिया गया है।
- सितंबर 2024 में, हरियाणा उद्घाटन वैश्विक महिला कबड्डी लीग की मेजबानी करेगा, जिसका उद्देश्य विश्व स्तर पर कबड्डी के खेल को बढ़ावा देना है। संगठन को अब ग्लोबल ओवरसीज महिला कबड्डी लीग (जीपीकेएल) के रूप में जाना जाता है।
- हॉकी इंडिया (HI) ने आधिकारिक तौर पर घोषणा की है कि सेवानिवृत्त गोलकीपर पीआर श्रीजेश भारतीय जूनियर पुरुष हॉकी टीम के नए मुख्य कोच होंगे।
- इस्सा हयातौ, जिन्होंने अक्टूबर 2015 से फरवरी 2016 तक फेडरेशन इंटरनेशनल डी फुटबॉल एसोसिएशन (फीफा) के अध्यक्ष (अंतरिम) के रूप में कार्य किया, का पेरिस, फ्रांस में 77 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया।
- अल्पसंख्यक मामलों का मंत्रालय जियो पारसी योजना चलाता है, जिसका उद्देश्य वैज्ञानिक प्रोटोकॉल और संगठित हस्तक्षेपों के उपयोग के माध्यम से पारसी आबादी को स्थिर करना और जनसंख्या में गिरावट की प्रवृत्ति को उलटना है।
- पद्म भूषण पुरस्कार से सम्मानित राजनयिक और पूर्व विदेश मंत्री कुंवर नटवर सिंह का 93 वर्ष की आयु में हरियाणा के गुरुग्राम में निधन हो गया।

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