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# Current Affairs



Ques : Which organisation Issues World's 1st Carbon Removal Bond of USD 225 Million to Fund Amazon Reforestation ? कौन सा संगठन अमेज़ॅन पुनर्वनीकरण को निधि देने के लिए 225 मिलियन अमरीकी डालर का विश्व का पहला कार्बन रिमूवल बांड जारी करता है?

- (a) WHO
- (b) WTO
- (c) ADB
- (d) World bank
- (e) IMF

**Answer: Option D** 

#### **Explanation:**

- The USD 225 million Amazon Reforestation-Linked Outcome Bond was issued by the World Bank's lending arm, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD). The bond is principal protected.
- The 9-year bond's maturity date is July 31, 2033, and it was priced on August 13, 2024.
- The guaranteed annual return on this issue is a minimum of roughly 1.745%, with the potential to reach 4.362% if the projects meet expectations.

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#### **About World Bank:**

Established : 1944HQ : Washington DC

Members: 189

• World Bank Group 5 (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID)

President : Ajay banga
MD & CFO : Anshula Kant
Chief Economist : Indermit Gill

Ques : Centre Secures USD 500 Million Loan Package from \_\_\_\_\_ for Health Infrastructure in Maharashtra केंद्र ने महाराष्ट्र में स्वास्थ्य अवसंरचना के लिए \_\_\_\_\_ से 500 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर का ऋण पैकेज सुरक्षित किया

- (a) WHO
- (b) WTO
- (c) ADB
- (d) World bank
- (e) IMF

**Answer: Option C** 

#### **Explanation:**

- India has signed a USD 500 million loan package with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the Maharashtra Tertiary Care and Medical Education Sector Development Program.
- Enhance access to quality and affordable tertiary health care and medical education in Maharashtra.
- Establish four new medical colleges attached to tertiary care teaching hospitals in under-served districts.
- Incorporate climate-resilient, disaster-resilient, gender-responsive, and socially inclusive features in these facilities.
- Increase bed capacity in government tertiary care hospitals. Recruit at least 500 new doctors for the four new governmental medical colleges.

#### **About ADB:**

Established: 1966

• Headquarters : Manila, Philippines

• President : Masatsugu Asakawa

• Membership: 68 members, including 49 regional members (countries in Asia and the Pacific) and 19 non-regional members (countries outside the region)

Ques : \_\_\_\_\_ Proposes Amendments to Regulations for Debenture Trustees \_\_\_\_ ने डिबेंचर ट्रस्टियों के लिए विनियमों में संशोधन का प्रस्ताव रखा है

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

**Answer: Option D** 

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), a market regulator, has suggested amending the rules pertaining to debenture trustees (DTs).
- To provide clarification on what constitutes a "pecuniary relationship" under current regulations between a Debenture Trustee and the issuer, SEBI released a consultation paper.
- Comments on the paper can be submitted by stakeholders until September 11, 2024.
- Currently, an entity cannot be appointed as a DT if its pecuniary relationship with the issuer equals or exceeds 2% of its gross turnover or total income, or Rs.50 lakh, whichever is lower.
- There is ambiguity regarding whether the remuneration paid to DTs by the issuer is included in the 'pecuniary relationship' when determining eligibility.
- SEBI proposes excluding DT remuneration from the computation of 'pecuniary relationship'.

• SEBI also suggests that DTs disclose the proportion of their total remuneration/revenue from debenture trusteeship services relative to the total remuneration/revenue received from the issuer for all services.

#### **Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI**

- SEBI, which oversees the securities market, has suggested adding a new class of financial instruments to the securities market in order to expand the sustainable financing framework.
- Property Share became the 1st Fractional Ownership Platform (FOP) to receive India's 1st Small and Medium Real Estate Investment Trust (SM REIT) license from SEBI under the newly notified SM REIT regulations.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) launched India's first website for passive funds at the National Stock Exchange (NSE), along with unveiling a comprehensive report on the Indian Capital Markets.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has directed Mutual Funds (MFs) to value their investment in the Additional Tier-1 (AT-1) bonds issued by banks on Yield-to-Call (YTC) basis.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has notified November 1, 2024 as the effective date for the implementation of insider trading rules aimed at enhancing the integrity and transparency within asset management companies (AMCs).
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) addressed recent media reports inaccurately claiming that it was considering making the T+0 settlement cycle mandatory for all transactions.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed a series of near-term measures to prevent speculative trading, such as gambling in index derivatives, which include curbing multiple option contract expiries and increasing the size of options contracts.
- SEBI has introduced SEBI's Virtual Assistant (SEVA) chatbot to help investors of the securities market.
- SEBI has reduced the deliverable period for commodity derivatives from the previous 5 days to 3 days. This regulatory change is set to take effect from July 1, 2024.

- SEBI has increased the limit for the Basic Service Demat Account (BSDA) to Rs 10 lakhs from the current Rs 2 lakhs to encourage small investors to participate in the securities market.
- SEBI has launched SCORES 2.0, an upgraded version of its Complaint Redress System (SCORES), to strengthen mechanisms for addressing investor complaints.
- LIC to meet regulatory requirements, the SEBI has extended LIC's deadline to achieve a minimum 10% public shareholding.
- SEBI has decided to decrease the minimum issue size for public issuance of Zero Coupon Zero Principal Instruments (ZCZP) from Rs 1 crore to Rs 50 lakh.
- National Stock Exchange (NSE) gets the final SEBI approval to launch Social Stock Exchange.
- SEBI has granted approval to CRISIL ESG Ratings & Analytics as a Category 1 provider of ESG ratings, marking a significant development in the realm of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) assessments in India.

#### **About SEBI:**

- Established: 12 April 1988 as an executive body and was given statutory powers on 30 January 1992 through the SEBI Act, 1992
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman: Madhabi Puri Buch (first woman to lead the SEBI)
- SEBI is the regulatory body for securities and commodity markets in India under the ownership of the Ministry of Finance (MoF), GoI.

Ques : \_\_\_\_\_ launches RBI90Quiz for undergraduate college students \_\_\_\_\_ ने स्नातक कॉलेज के छात्रों के लिए RBI90Quiz लॉन्च किया

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

**Answer: Option B** 

#### **Explanation:**

- The RBI90Quiz, an undergraduate college test, has been made available to students by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The RBI90Quiz is open to undergraduate students who are not more than 25 years of age on September 1, 2024 (i.e., those born on or after September 01, 1999) and pursuing bachelor's degree across any stream of study through colleges located in India
- The quiz is a nationwide competition being held as part of the events to commemorate 90 years of RBI's functioning.
- This is a timed quiz with 36 multiple choice questions of varying difficulty levels and 25-second time limit to answer each question. (Total Quiz duration: 15 minutes).

#### **About RBI:**

• Established : 1 April 1935

• Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

• Governor : Shaktikanta Das

• Deputy governors: Swaminathan Janakiraman, M. Rajeshwar Rao,

Michael Patra and T. Rabi Shankar

#### **Recent News Headlines Related to RBI**

- According to a Reserve Bank of India (RBI) study, capital expenditure (capex) in the private sector is expected to increase from Rs.1.59 trillion in FY24 to Rs.2.45 trillion in FY25.
- In order to improve compliance culture and offer a platform for consultation while formulating policy, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released a framework for the recognition of self-regulatory organizations (SROs) in the financial markets.
- The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Liberalized Remittance Scheme (LRS) saw a 24.39% year-over-year decline in outward remittances to \$6.9 billion in Q1 FY25 from \$9.1 billion in the same time the previous year.
- Top 100 Largest Central Bank Rankings by Total Assets in the World in 2024 Published by Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute (SWFI): Reserve Bank of India (RBI) ranked 12th globally
- A committee comprising ten members has been established by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to compare its statistics with those of other countries.
- In the second half of Financial Year 2024–25 (FY25), the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) stated that trading of Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrB) would begin at the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in Gujarat.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) proposed to create a public repository of digital lending apps (DLAs) in a bid to address the problems arising from mushrooming unauthorised players in the segment.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released draft guidelines for streamlining the onboarding and monitoring of Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS) operators to counter frauds perpetuated through the ecosystem.
- L&T Finance Limited received its Certificate of Registration (CoR) from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), as a NBFC Investment and Credit Company(NBFC-ICC).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed continuous clearing of cheques under the Cheque Truncation System (CTS) with 'onrealisation-settlement', replacing the current two-working-day clearing cycle.

### Ques : Credit rating agency ICRA established in which year ? क्रेडिट रेटिंग एजेंसी ICRA की स्थापना किस वर्ष में हुई?

- (a) 1990
- (b) 1991
- (c) 1992
- (d) 1993
- (e) 1994

**Answer: Option B** 

#### **Explanation:**

- Non-banking finance firms (NBFCs) should expect a 30–50 basis point (bps) increase in their gross stage-3 asset ratio, or gross bad loans, in the current financial year compared to 2.8% in FY24, per a research by domestic rating agency ICRA.
- Asset quality in FY25 will be impacted by slower growth and portfolio seasoning as a result of the retail assets' quick credit expansion over the previous two fiscal years.
- The share of unsecured loans (personal and business) in NBFCs' assets under management (AUM) increased to 11% in March 2024 from 7% in March 2021, raising concerns about loan quality risk.
- Shadow lenders in the infrastructure and housing loan segments are anticipated to see an improvement in their gross bad loans ratio by 10-20 bps in the current fiscal year.

#### **About ICRA Limited:**

• Founded: 1991

Headquarters: Gurgaon, Haryana

Managing Director & Group CEO: Ramnath Krishnan

Ques: Which state has become the first state to launch a Gross Environment Product Index?

कौन सा राज्य सकल पर्यावरण उत्पाद सूचकांक लॉन्च करने वाला पहला राज्य बन गया है?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश
- (b) Sikkim / सिक्किम
- (c) Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Uttarakhand / उत्तराखंड

**Answer: Option E** 

- The first state in India to introduce a Gross Environment Product Index (GEPI) is Uttarakhand.
- Ecological development impacted by human activity is assessed by GEPI. The four main pillars of it are water, trees, soil, and air.
- The formula is: GEP index = (Air-GEP index + Water-GEP index + Soil-GEP index + Forest-GEP index).
- GEPI assesses the economic and welfare advantages of natural ecosystems and assists in evaluating how human activity affects ecosystems. It also analyzes environmental contributions.

Ques : 3rd India Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue held in \_\_\_\_\_ तीसरी भारत जापान 2+2 मंत्रिस्तरीय वार्ता \_\_\_\_\_ में आयोजित हुई

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

**Answer: Option B** 

- On August 20, 2024, the Defense and Foreign Affairs Ministers of India and Japan convened for the third India-Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue in New Delhi.
- The 2+2 Dialogue provides a forum for both nations to talk about important bilateral, regional, and international concerns.
- In order to strengthen and expand India and Japan's defense and security cooperation, it was initiated in 2019.
- India and Japan have strong diplomatic ties, and in 2024 they will commemorate the tenth anniversary of their Special Strategic and Global Partnership.
- The first India-Japan 2+2 dialogue was held in New Delhi in November 2019. The second India-Japan 2+2 dialogue was held in Tokyo, Japan, in September 2022.
- India participates in 2+2 dialogues with the US, Brazil, Japan, Australia, and Russia. India negotiates at the secretary level with Brazil and at the ministerial level with the other nations.

#### **Dialogue with different countries:**

- **United States**: The United States was the first country with which India started the 2+2 Dialogue. The first India -US 2+2 Dialogue was held in September 2018 in New Delhi.
- The 5th India- United States 2+2 Dialogue was held in New Delhi in November 2023.
- **Brazil**: The first 2+2 Dialogue was held in New Delhi in March 2024. However, it was led by secretaries of the respective departments rather than Ministers.
- Australia: The first India -Australia 2+2 Dialogue was held in New Delhi on 11 September 2021. The second Dialogue was held on 20 November 2023 in New Delhi, and the third will be held in 2025.
- **Russia**: The first India -Russia 2+2 Dialogue was held in New Delhi on 6 December 2021.
- Japan: First in 2019 in New Delhi, second in Tokyo in 2022 and third in 2024.



Ques : RBI's Shaktikanta Das receives \_\_\_\_\_ rating for second year in global finance central banker report cards 2024 आरबीआई के शक्तिकांत दास को वैश्विक वित्त केंद्रीय बैंकर रिपोर्ट कार्ड 2024 में दूसरे वर्ष के लिए \_\_\_ रेटिंग प्राप्त हुई

- (a) A+
- (b) A
- (c) A-
- (d) B+
- (e) B

**Answer: Option A** 

#### **Explanation:**

- Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2024 Published by Global Finance Magazine.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das received an 'A+' rating for the 2nd consecutive year in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2024.
- The Global Finance Magazine released the names of the central bank governors around the world who have earned "A+", "A", or "A-" in its Central Banker Report Cards for the year 2024.

## Ranking of Top 5 in the Report:

1. Denmark Christian Kettel Thomsen: A+ grade

2. India Shaktikanta Das: A+ grade

3. Switzerland Thomas Jordan: A+ grade

4. Brazil Roberto Campos Neto: A grade

5. Chile Rosanna Costa: A grade

Ques: UN Human Rights Team to Visit \_\_\_\_\_ to Investigate Human Rights Violations.

मानवाधिकार उल्लंघनों की जांच के लिए संयुक्त राष्ट्र मानवाधिकार टीम \_\_\_\_ का दौरा करेगी

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

**Answer: Option E** 

#### **Explanation:**

- A human rights team from the United Nations will visit Dhaka next week to discuss with the Bangladesh interim government, investigations into the human rights violations during the recent unrest in Bangladesh.
- A report from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva said that Hindus and their temples have been attacked in Bangladesh.

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#### <u>About Bangladesh :</u>

Capital : DhakaCurrency : Taka

President : Mohammad Shahabuddin

#### **About United Nations Human Rights Council:**

Established: 15 March 2006
HQ: Geneva, Switzerland
President: Omar Zniber

Ques: Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) of the Coast Guard has been inaugurated in which city?

तटरक्षक बल के समुद्री बचाव समन्वय केंद्र (MRCC) का उद्घाटन किस शहर में किया गया है?

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

**Answer: Option C** 

- The Coast Guard's new Maritime Rescue Coordination Center (MRCC) was officially opened in Chennai by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- During the occasion, he also used video conferencing to officially open two new Coast Guard facilities: the Coast Guard Air Enclave in Puducherry and the Regional Marine Pollution Response Centre (RMPRC) in Chennai.
- The establishment of the new MRCC would enable better coordination for the maritime rescue of fishermen and mariners who are in distress. It has been outfitted with the most recent technology for satellite and terrestrial crisis monitoring systems.
- Chetak and Advanced Light Helicopter Squadrons would be stationed at the Coast Guard Air Enclave in Puducherry. These two helicopters are built in the country and are capable of performing various operations such as maritime patrol, search and rescue, and more from both land and from Coast Guard ships that are on sea patrol.

#### **Recent News Headlines related to Defence**

- 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
- China intends to compete with SpaceX's Starlink network by launching its first set of internet satellites.
- Indian Air Force has given its green signal for the production of 200 Astra mark-1 (Mk-1) missiles for its Su-30 MKI and the indigenously developed Light Combat Aircraft Tejas.
- India has announced the selection of two astronauts, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair, for the upcoming Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS).
- NASA's Perseverance rover recently made an intriguing discovery that could shed light on the ancient history of Mars and the possibility of past microbial life.
- Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) recently unveiled the country's new airto-surface missile dubbed "Wind Demon".
- 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.
- Airbus and Tata are joining forces to manufacture India's first FAL (Final Assembely 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.

# Ques : Who has been appointed as the chef de mission of the Indian contingent at the upcoming Paris Paralympics? आगामी पेरिस पैरालिम्पिक्स में भारतीय दल का प्रमुख किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Gagan Narang / गगन नारंग
- (b) Ramesh Goyal / रमेश गोयल
- (c) Samir Ashwin / समीर अश्विन
- (d) Annu Raj Singh / अन्नू राज सिंह
- (e) Satya Prakash Sangwan / सत्य प्रकाश सांगवान

**Answer : Option E** 

- Satya Prakash Sangwan, vice president of the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), has been named chef de mission for the Indian delegation to the 2018 Paralympic Games in Paris.
- He will serve as the CDM for the largest-ever delegation of 84 paraathletes from India, who will compete in 12 different sports.
- For more than ten years, Satya Prakash Sangwan has been a crucial member of the Indian Paralympic Committee. Our athletes have always been inspired by his commitment and leadership.

Ques : The ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 venue has been shifted to which country from Bangladesh ?
ICC महिला T20 विश्व कप 2024 का आयोजन स्थल बांग्लादेश से किस देश में स्थानांतरित कर दिया गया है?

- (a) Netherland / नीदरलैंड
- (b) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (c) Moldova / मोलदोवा
- (d) Singapore / सिंगाप्र
- (e) UAE / यूएई

**Answer: Option E** 

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will host the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in 2024 instead of Bangladesh.
- There will be no modifications to the dates of the scheduled matches; the tournament will take place between October 3 and October 20 at the two UAE locations, Dubai and Sharjah.
- Bangladesh was scheduled to host the cricket tournament's ninth edition, but the country's political upheaval forced them to change their plans.
- But the BCB will continue to co-host the Women's T20 World Cup 2024 with the Emirates Cricket Board, retaining the hosting rights. Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka had also offered to step in as hosts.
- The defending champions for the last three times, the Australian women's cricket team, will start the competition. In the past seven editions, Australia has won the championship six times.
- The only previous teams to win the Women's T20 World Cup are West Indies, who won in 2016, and England, who won the competition's first edition in 2009.

#### **Recent News headlines related to Sports**

- The 17th International Earth Sciences Olympiad (IESO), which was held in Beijing, China. Indian team has won two silver, three gold, and one bronze medal.
- 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.
- Para shuttler Pramod Bhagat has been suspended for a period of 18 months by the Badminton World Federation for violating anti-doping rules.
- Aman Sehrawat of India won a bronze medal in the men's 57 kg wrestling category at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games after an exciting battle at the Champ de Mars stadium.
- The current Olympic champion, Neeraj Chopra, had a stunning show in the men's javelin throw competition, taking home the silver medal.
- After defeating Spain 2-1 in the third-place game at the Yves du Manoir Stadium in Paris, the Indian men's hockey team won the bronze medal at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris.
- Avinash Sable became the first Indian man to qualify for the 3000m steeplechase final after finishing fifth in his heat.
- Vinesh Phogat was disqualified from the women's 50kg wrestling final at the Paris Olympics. she was found 100 gram overweight during the weigh-in on the day of the final.
- The commemorative stamps were released by the Union Minister of Communication, Jyotiraditya Scindia, and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya. These stamps represent sports such as Javelin Throw, Field Hockey, Sailing and Table Tennis.
- American sprinter Noah Lyles clinched gold in the men's 100-meter sprint at the 2024 Paris Olympics.
- Serbian Tennis legend Novak Djokovic became the fifth tennis player in history to claim the Golden Slam.
- India's two-time Olympic bronze medallist Manu Bhaker is set to be India's flagbearer in the closing ceremony of the Paris Olympics.
- Lewis Hamilton has won the Belgian Grand Prix after teammate George Russell, who had originally come home in first, was disqualified following the race for an underweight car.
- Swapnil Kusale clinched his first Olympic bronze and third medal for India in the 50m rifle 3 positions event in the Summer Olympics games being held in Paris.
- Shooter Manu Bhaker teamed up with Sarabjot Singh to win the bronze medal in the 10m air pistol mixed team shooting event.

Ques : As per the latest Food & Drink 2024 report, which Indian brand has been ranked as the "strongest food brand in the world"? नवीनतम खाद्य और पेय 2024 रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, किस भारतीय ब्रांड को "दुनिया में स बसे मजबूत खाद्य ब्रांड" का दर्जा दिया गया है?

- (a) Britannia
- (b) Amul
- (c) Dabur
- (d) Patanjali
- (e) None of these

**Answer: Option B** 

- According to the most recent Food & Drink 2024 survey, the Indian brand "Amul" is the "strongest food brand in the world."
- Amul is currently the most popular dairy brand worldwide. Still, it is a significant honor to be named the strongest food brand in the world.
   Amul was ranked second in this category the year before.
- The world's top brand consultant, Brand Finance, has released its annual assessment on the strongest and most valuable food, dairy, and nonalcoholic drink brands.
- According to the report, Amul's brand value increased by 11% to \$3.3 billion, and it has a AAA+ grade and a Brand Strength Index (BSI) score of 91.0 out of 100. Amul's robust brand strength is ascribed to its impressive results in the metrics of familiarity, consideration, and recommendation.
- According to the research, Amul continues to be the best-ranked dairy brand, with an improved 91 out of 100 on the Brand Strength Index (BSI).

#### **India's Rankings in Different Indices**

- Trade Statistics 2023 report : India (s eighth largest exporter of agricultural products), European Union (1 st Rank)
- Global Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) rankings for 2024: Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited (Tata AIA)(India)(6<sup>th</sup> Rank), AIA China (Top)
- Henley Passport Index : India (82nd), Singapore (top)
- NITI Aayog's SDG India Index 2023-24: Uttarakhand and Kerala (top), Bihar (worst)
- Artificial Intelligence Preparedness Index (AIPI) : India (72nd), Singapore (topped)
- Global Liveability Index 2024 : Vienna (Austria) (topped)
- Most valuable and strongest Indian brands June 2024 : Tata Group (\$28.6 billion)
- Largest Domestic Airline Markets: India (3<sup>rd</sup>), United States (topped)
- Global Energy Transition Index 2024 : India (63rd), Sweden (topped)
- Report of Cost of Living City Ranking 2024 : Mumbai (Expensive city in India), Hong Kong (Hong Kong (sar)) (1<sup>st</sup> rank)
- 2024 Environment Performance Index (EPI) : India (176th), Estonia (top)
- Global Gender Gap index 2024 : India (129<sup>th</sup>), Iceland (top)
- Container Port Performance Index 2023 (CPPI 2023): Visakhapatnam Port (19<sup>th</sup> rank), China's Yangshan Port (1<sup>st</sup> rank)
- Oxford Economics' Global Cities Index : Delhi (350th rank), New York ranks first
- Travel & Tourism Development Index 2024 : India (39th), US topped
- Young University Rankings 2024: Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU) in Kottayam, Kerala, ranked 81(globally), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore (topped)
- World Migration Report 2024 : United Arab Emirates (UAE) is the top destination for Indian migrants
- The Wealthiest Cities Report 2024 : New York City (top), Mumbai (24th)and Delhi (37th)
- Global Electricity Review report : India (3rd), China (1st)
- World Press Freedom Index 2024 : India ( 159th ), Norway topped
- 'Newsweek World's Best Hospitals 2024' rankings : Medanta Gurugram
- 'Best Airport Staff in India & South Asia 2024' : GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd (GHIAL)

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- Shiveluch volcano in Russia erupted after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck off the eastern coast of the country.
- Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Director General Rakesh Pal died after suffering a heart attack in Chennai. He had taken charge as the 25th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard on July 19 last year.
- Nippon Life India Asset Management launched the Nifty 500 Equal Weight Index Fund, a unique open-ended scheme tracking the Nifty 500 Equal Weight Index.
- Nepal Academy and BHU Ink MoU for Nepali Language and Culture Research.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) recently handed over the Authority Holding Sealed Particulars (AHSP) of 'Nipun' munition to Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA).
- Ashok Kumar Singh Appointed as Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC). He replaced Kamal Kishor Soan.
- M Suresh, Member, Air Navigation Services, Airports Authority of India (AAI)
  has been entrusted with additional charge as Chairman of AAI.
- Germany captain Ilkay Gundogan announced his retirement from international football after leading his country at Euro 2024.

## महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

- रूस में शिवलुच ज्वालामुखी देश के पूर्वी तट पर आए 7.0 तीव्रता के भूकंप के बाद फट गया।
- भारतीय तटरक्षक (ICG) के महानिदेशक राकेश पाल का चेन्नई में दिल का दौरा पड़ने से निधन हो गया। उन्होंने पिछले साल 19 जुलाई को भारतीय तटरक्षक बल के 25वें महानिदेशक के रूप में कार्यभार संभाला था।
- निप्पॉन लाइफ इंडिया एसेट मैनेजमेंट ने निफ्टी 500 इक्वल वेट इंडेक्स फंड लॉन्च किया, जो निफ्टी 500 इक्वल वेट इंडेक्स पर नज़र रखने वाली एक अनूठी ओपन-एंडेड योजना है।
- नेपाली भाषा और संस्कृति अनुसंधान के लिए नेपाल अकादमी और बीएचयू ने समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किया।
- रक्षा अनुसंधान और विकास संगठन (डीआरडीओ) ने हाल ही में गुणवत्ता
   आश्वासन महानिदेशालय (डीजीक्यूए) को 'निपुन' युद्ध सामग्री के अथॉरिटी होल्डिंग सीलबंद विवरण (एएचएसपी) सौंपे हैं।
- अशोक कुमार सिंह को कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा निगम (ईएसआईसी) के महानिदेशक के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया। उन्होंने कमल किशोर सोन का स्थान लिया।
- एम सुरेश, सदस्य, एयर नेविगेशन सर्विसेज, भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण (एएआई) को एएआई के अध्यक्ष के रूप में अतिरिक्त प्रभार सौंपा गया है।
- जर्मनी के कप्तान इल्के गुंडोगन ने यूरो 2024 में अपने देश का नेतृत्व करने के बाद अंतरराष्ट्रीय फुटबॉल से संन्यास की घोषणा की।