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Ques : PSU Banks Likely to Receive Additional ____ Year Extension to Meet SEBI's Minimum Public Shareholding Norms.

सेबी के न्यूनतम सार्वजनिक शेयरधारिता मानदंडों को पूरा करने के लिए पीएसयू बैंकों को अतिरिक्त ____ साल का विस्तार मिलने की संभावना है

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) 5

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Public sector banks (PSBs) are expected to receive another two-year extension to comply with the Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI's) minimum public shareholding (MPS) norms, requiring a minimum public shareholding of 25%.
- This extension follows a special forbearance that allowed state-owned banks until August 2024 to meet the requirement.
- Public sector banks (PSBs) are expected to receive another two-year extension to comply with the Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI's) minimum public shareholding (MPS) norms, requiring a minimum public shareholding of 25%.
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Banks with High Government Holdings:

- Punjab & Sind Bank: Government holding is 98.25%.
- Indian Overseas Bank: Government holding is 96.38%.
- UCO Bank: Government holding is 95.39%.
- Central Bank of India: Government holding is 93.08%.
- Bank of Maharashtra: Government holding is 86.46%, which may fall below 75% during the current fiscal year.

Ques : The Mahabhairab Cooperative Urban Bank Limited. Is in which state ?

महाभैरव सहकारी शहरी बँक लिमिटेड किस राज्य में है?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Sikkim / सिक्किम
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has **cancelled** the **license** of The **Mahabhairab Cooperative Urban Bank Limited., Tezpur, Assam.**
- The bank ceased its banking operations **effective from** the close of business on **July 24, 2024.**
- The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Assam has been requested to issue an order for winding up the bank and to appoint a liquidator.
- The bank did not meet the required capital and earning prospects.
- It failed to comply with **Section 11(1) and Section 22(3)(d)** read with **Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.**
- Depositors are entitled to a deposit insurance claim up to **Rs.5,00,000** from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) under the provisions of the **DICGC Act, 1961.**

RBI in News :

- According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI's) index that measures the adoption of online transactions, Digital payments across the country registered a 6% on-year rise as of March 31, 2024.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is planning to release guidance notes on scenario analysis, stress testing, and effective management of climate-related financial risks.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that 5 entities were selected for the test phase of the regulatory sandbox's theme-neutral fifth cohort that it had announced in October, 2023.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework to improve weak Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs), effective from April 1, 2025.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the Certificate of Registration (CoR) (license) of Uravakonda Cooperative Town Bank Limited based in Andhra Pradesh (AP), due to inadequate capital and earning prospects
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) tightened norms related to cash payout service at banks, making it mandatory for lenders to keep a record of recipients.
- Cashfree Payments, a company specialising in banking solutions and payments, received the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) nod to operate as a payment aggregator-cross border (PA-CB).
- According to a Bloomberg report, India's central bank Reserve Bank of India (RBI) sold Rs.34 billion (\$406 million) of bonds in the secondary market, likely to absorb excess cash in the banking system resulting from inflows into the nation's debt after being included in a global index.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up a committee to review the fee structure for white-label ATMs (WLAs). The committee is headed by Indian Banks' Association chief executive Sunil Mehta.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has developed new standards for lenders to follow before categorising loan accounts as fraudulent.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in a notification allowed resident individuals to open Foreign Currency Account (FCA) in International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs) at GIFT City in Gujarat under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed banks to use ratings by Brickwork Ratings India Private Limited for loans up to Rs.250 crore.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the certificates of registration (CoR) of 2 Non Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs), Star Finserv India and Polytex India, due to irregular lending practices.
- According to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) KLEMS [Capital (K), Labour (L), Energy (E), Material (M) and Services (S)] database, Employment growth rate rose to 6% in FY24 against 3.2% in FY23.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the licence of Banaras Merchantile Co-operative Bank Limited, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (UP) over inadequate capital and earnings prospects.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Arnab Kumar Chowdhury and Charulatha S. Kar as executive directors.
- RBI has joined Project Nexus, a multilateral initiative aimed at enabling instant cross-border retail payments by interlinking domestic Fast Payments Systems (FPSs).
- RBI Announces SAARC Currency Swap Framework For 2024-27. The total corpus of the Rupee support is Rs.250 billion.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has unveiled three major initiatives: the Pravaah portal, the Retail Direct Mobile App, and a FinTech Repository
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) conducted two variable rate reverse repo (VRRR) auctions totaling Rs.44,430 crore, aiming to absorb surplus liquidity from the banking system.

Ques : _____ Imposes Three-Year Ban on Vijay Mallya from Indian Markets

_____ ने विजय माल्या पर भारतीय बाजारों से तीन साल का प्रतिबंध लगाया

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has barred **Vijay Mallya** from accessing the Indian securities market **for 3 years**.
- Mallya was found guilty of illegally routing funds into the Indian stock market through his UBS bank accounts in London **between January 1, 2006, and March 31, 2008**.
- Mallya is also prohibited from associating with any listed entities for the same three-year period.
- Mallya used a sub-account called Matterhorn Ventures, which was registered as a foreign institutional investor (FII), to indirectly trade in the shares of his own group companies, Herbertsons and USL (United Spirits Limited).
- SEBI had previously barred Mallya from accessing the securities market for three years, starting June 1, 2018, due to manipulative activities and improper transactions related to the shares of USL.

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Ques : Shriram Group Receives _____ Approval to Enter Asset Reconstruction Business

श्रीराम ग्रुप को परिसंपत्ति पुनर्निर्माण व्यवसाय में प्रवेश के लिए _____ की मंजूरी मिली

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Chennai-based conglomerate **Shriram Group** is set to **enter the asset reconstruction (ARC) business** during the current financial year and has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- This move is part of their broader plan announced in **November 2023** which includes entering both the asset reconstruction and wealth management sectors.
- The wealth management business will be operated under Shriram Credit, a subsidiary of Shriram Capital. The asset reconstruction business will be managed by **Shriram Capital**.
- Shriram Finance (SFL), **India's largest retail non-banking financial company (NBFC)**, has set a guidance of 15% growth for its assets under management (AUM) for the current financial year.

About Shriram Group :

- Founded : 5 April 1974
- Headquarters : Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
- Chairman : R. Thyagarajan

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Ques : Tata Power Solar Collaborates with _____ to Offer Affordable Financing for Rooftop Solar and Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installations

टाटा पावर सोलर ने रूफटॉप सोलर और इलेक्ट्रिक वाहन चार्जिंग स्टेशन इंस्टॉलेशन के लिए किफायती वित्तपोषण की पेशकश करने के लिए _____ के साथ सहयोग किया है।

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Bank of India / बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (d) Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd / तमिलनाडु मर्केंटाइल बैंक लिमिटेड
- (e) Karur Vysya Bank / करूर व्यास बैंक

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- **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.**
- The partnership is a significant milestone with Tata Power Solar becoming the 1st solar company to collaborate with BOI for both solar and EV Charging Station financing and strengthening its leadership as a green energy solutions provider.
- This collaboration aligns with the government's initiatives to promote rooftop solar installations.
- Targeted customers include residential users under the PM Surya Ghar Yojana, housing societies, and Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

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- Under the PM Surya Ghar Yojana, Residential customers can avail up to Rs 2 lakh for solar systems up to 3 KW with a 5% margin money requirement.
- Loans are offered at an interest rate of 10% per annum, collateral-free, with a tenure of up to 10 years.

About Bank of India :

- Established : 7 September 1906
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- MD & CEO : Rajneesh Karnatak
- Tagline : Relationship Beyond Banking

Recently signed banking agreements :

- 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 co-lending agreement with the Central Bank of India. With this agreement, Arka will be able to offer loans to MSMEs at affordable rates.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has entered into a Corporate Agency Arrangement with IDFC First Bank Ltd. to Boost Bancassurance.
- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has partnered with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to use the extensive network of postmen for providing credit to micro-entrepreneurs in rural areas.
- ixigo and AU Small Finance Bank announced the launch of the RuPay variant for its premium co-branded ixigo-AU Small Finance Bank travel credit card, enabling UPI-based payments and rewards.
- NPCI International Payments (NIPL), the international arm of NPCI, signed an agreement with Qatar National Bank (QNB) to launch QRcode-based UPI payments in Qatar.

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- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has signed a pact with Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) to provide home loans, car loans, and education loans to SAIL employees at concessional rates.
- Federal Bank, a private sector bank, has entered into a Bancassurance tie-up with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance, a private life insurer.
- Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited, India's largest retail health insurance company announced a strategic corporate agency agreement with Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank (HPSCB), the leading bank of Himachal Pradesh.
- Border Security Force (BSF) and State Bank of India (SBI) have partnered for a 'Grow with the Trees' plantation drive at the BSF Headquarters in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and Online PSB Loans Limited have signed an agreement to promote financial inclusion through regional rural banks.
- NPCI International Payments Ltd. (NIPL), in partnership with Network International, a leading digital commerce enabler across the Middle East and Africa, has facilitated the acceptance of QR-codebased Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payments across point-of-sale (POS) terminals in the UAE.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has joined hands with the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and central banks of 4 Asean (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries to collaborate on Project Nexus - a multilateral international initiative to enable retail cross-border payments.
- Truecaller, the world's leading global communications platform, has partnered with HDFC ERGO, India's leading general insurance company to unveil Fraud Insurance.
- Axis Bank, India's third-largest private sector bank, has partnered with Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Limited under the co-lending business.
- Punjab and Sind Bank (PSB) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Army (IA) to offer a defence salary package with a host of facilities including free insurance cover.
- Travel booking platform ixigo has expanded its exclusive partnership with PhonePe to offer flight and bus bookings on the fintech platform's app.
- One97 Communications (parent company of Paytm) has partnered with global travel aggregators including Skyscanner, Google Flights, and Wego to expand its presence in the travel segment.
- BharatPe, a leading fintech company in India announced that it has collaborated with Invest India to promote digital financial inclusion and digital financial literacy across One District One Product (ODOP) producers and sellers across ODOP districts in India.

- Action Construction Equipment Ltd. (ACE), a prominent player in India's construction equipment manufacturing sector, has entered into a MoU with Bank of Baroda to facilitate financing solutions for construction equipment businesses.
- India and South East Asian nation Cambodia are negotiating collaboration in Unified Payment Interface-based (UPI) digital payment to promote trade and tourism.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has partnered with Ria Money Transfer, a global leader in cross-border money transfers to provide convenient and affordable doorstep financial services to customers in remote areas across the country.
- Federal Bank, in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has launched RuPay Wave Credit Card to offer customers UPI-powered transactions on RuPay network.
- Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and Mastercard India have signed MoU for collaboration in cyber security to enhance India's cyber-resilience in the financial sector
- Namdev Finvest, a Jaipur based NBFC, has entered into strategic alliance with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, a leading insurance platform, to offer comprehensive financial solutions, including insurance and NBFC services, to its customers.
- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the State Bank of India (SBI) signed MoU to enhance digital payment services for users of the eMigrate portal.
- Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Ltd. (Kotak Life) has formed a partnership with Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd. (Mahindra Finance) to provide life insurance solutions to customers.
- Fintech firm PhonePe has partnered with ride – hailing platform PickMe to facilitate Unified Payments Interface (UPI)-based payments for Indian travellers in Sri Lanka.
- Ashv Finance, a part of the Aavishkaar Group, has entered into a co-lending agreement with HDFC Bank to offer unsecured business loans to micro and small enterprises (MSEs).
- Muthoot Microfin has entered into a strategic co-lending partnership with the State Bank of India (SBI). With this collaboration, Muthoot Microfin Limited aims to extend its financial services to women entrepreneurs in rural and semi-urban regions across India

Ques : _____ Partners with ICICI Lombard General Insurance to Offer Enhanced Insurance Solutions and Benefits to Customers

_____ ने ग्राहकों को उन्नत बीमा समाधान और लाभ प्रदान करने के लिए आईसीआईसीआई लोम्बार्ड जनरल इंश्योरेंस 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** has **partnered** with **ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited** to offer **enhanced insurance solutions** and customer benefits to its patrons.
- These offerings include health insurance, motor insurance, travel insurance, home insurance, and more, catering to the diverse insurance needs of individuals and businesses alike.

About Karnataka Bank :

- Founded: February 18, 1924.
- Headquarters: Mangalore, Karnataka, India.
- MD & CEO: Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma.
- Tagline: "Your family bank across India."

About ICICI Lombard :

- Founded: 2001.
- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.
- Chairman & Managing Director: Sanjeev Mantri.
- Ownership Structure: A joint venture between ICICI Bank (holding a 64% stake) and Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited (holding a 36% stake).

Ques : _____ has taken over as the Chair of Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) for 2024-25.

_____ ने 2024-25 के लिए एशियाई आपदा तैयारी केंद्र (एडीपीसी) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में पदभार संभाला है।

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

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- **India** has taken over as the **Chair of Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) for 2024-25.**
- It is an **autonomous international organization established in 1986.**
- It is for cooperation in and implementation of disaster risk reduction and building climate resilience in Asia and the Pacific region.
- Its **objective** is to "Safer communities and sustainable development through disaster risk reduction" and its geographical remit is Asia and the Pacific
- **Member countries** are India, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand are the founding members.
- **Headquarters:** Bangkok, Thailand and sub-centres in the country of operations are the operational parts of ADPC.

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Different Meetings and conferences host by India this year :

- India has taken over as the Chair of Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) for 2024-25.
- 64th International Sugar Organisation Council meeting commenced on 25th June 2024 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- India is set to host the second Asia Pacific (APAC) ministerial conference on civil aviation, which will be jointly organised by the Indian government and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).
- India will host the 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM 46) and the 26th Meeting of the Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP 26) from May 20 to 30, 2024, in Kochi, Kerala.
- India has been selected for the first time to chair and host the 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee will be held in New Delhi between 21 and 31 July 2024.
- India To Host Global Technology Summit will be organized in New Delhi.
- India to host 'Global India AI 2023' conference.

Ques : With which country has India signed a Cultural Property Agreement to stop the illegal trade in smuggled Indian antiquities?

अवैध व्यापार को रोकने के लिए भारत ने किस देश के साथ सांस्कृतिक संपत्ति समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं? भारतीय पुरावशेषों की तस्करी?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- **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).**
- The agreement was signed on the sidelines of the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee of the United Nations Cultural and Educational Organizations (UNESCO) in New Delhi on 26 July 2024.
- The Agreement will help bring back smuggled Indian artefacts impounded by the American Customs.
- The agreement is in line with the UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property 1970, of which both India and the USA are members.
- Under the Cultural Property Agreement the USA government will return to India any Indian artefacts which have been mentioned in the Designated list of the USA government as per the Cultural Property Agreement.

Recent MoU and agreement :

- 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.
- 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.

Ques : Which state Launches Amrit Brikshya Andolan 2.0 App ?
किस राज्य ने अमृत बृक्ष आंदोलन 2.0 ऐप लॉन्च किया?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Sikkim / सिक्किम
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Second edition of the **Amrit Brikshya Andolan Launched** by **Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma**.
- Assam Launches **Amrit Brikshya Andolan 2.0 App**.
- The app enables individuals to register or renew their participation in the tree-planting campaign.
- The initiative aims to plant 3 crore saplings across Assam from August 1 to 15, 2024.
- The state has a total of 4 crore saplings, with 1 crore reserved for replacements.
- 90 per cent of the 1.12 crore saplings that were planted last year in the first edition of the Amrit Brikshya Andolan survived.
- Target is to plant 10 crore saplings in three to four years and to expand the forest cover from 36 per cent to 38 per cent.
- 4,000 distribution points have been established throughout the state for efficient sapling distribution. Saplings will be sourced from the State Government's nurseries.

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About Assam :

- Formation (as a state) - 26 January 1950
- Capital : Dispur
- CM : Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Governor : Gulab Chand Kataria
- Rajya Sabha - 7 seats
- Lok Sabha - 14 seats

Recently launched Apps/portals:

- E-Upahaar Portal : Rashtrapati Bhavan will auction selected gift items, presented to the President and former Presidents on various occasions, through an online portal called E-Upahaar.
- Bhusanket Web Portal and Bhooskhalan Mobile App : Union Minister of Coal and Mines inaugurated the National Landslide Forecasting Centre at Geological Survey of India (GSI) Kolkata
- 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 (NHCE) — a single portal to submit and process health insurance claims across hospitals in the country — in the next two three months.

Ques : Hargobinder Singh Dhaliwal Appointed as Director General of Police of _____

हरगोबिंदर सिंह धालीवाल _____ समूह के पुलिस महानिदेशक के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Sikkim / सिक्किम
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश
- (e) Andaman and Nicobar Islands / अण्डमान और निकोबार द्वीप समूह

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) appointed senior IPS officer Hargobinder Singh Dhaliwal as the new Director General of Police (DGP) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- Before his appointment, he served as the Special Commissioner of Police in New Delhi, overseeing traffic zone II.
- Dhaliwal is a 1997-batch IPS officer and an alumnus of Panjab University.
- Meanwhile, incumbent DGP Devesh Chandra Srivastava has been transferred to New Delhi.
- Srivastava, with 27 years of distinguished service, has held various pivotal roles in Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Delhi, and Mizoram.

About Andaman and Nicobar Islands :

- Lieutenant governor : Devendra Kumar Joshi
- Capital : Port Blair

Recent Defence related appointments :

- Captain Supreetha C.T. : first woman officer from the Corps of Army Air Defence, to be operationally deployed at Siachen Glacier
- Rajindra Khanna : Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA)
- Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani : Vice Chief of Army Staff
- Rear Adm Nelson D'Souza : Commandant, Military Institute of Technology, Pune
- Upendra Dwivedi : Chief of the Army Staff
- Sub Lieutenant Anamika B. Rajeev : Indian Navy's first woman helicopter pilot
- Vice Admiral Gurcharan Singh : Commandant in National Defence Academy
- Vice Admiral Sanjay Bhalla : Chief of Personnel of the Indian Navy
- IPS Officer Idashisha Nongrang : first woman Director General of Police (DGP) of Meghalaya state
- Nalin prabhat : Director general of the National Security Guard (NSG)
- Vice Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi : Chief of the Naval Staff
- Sapna Tewari : Special Director in the Intelligence Bureau (IB)
- Jagjit Pavadia : Re-elected to International Narcotics Control Board
- IPS officer Love Kumar : Inspector General in SPG (Special Protection Group)
- S Rajeev : Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)
- Daljit Singh Chaudhary : Director General (DG) of the National Security Guard (NSG)
- Lieutenant General JS Sidana : 33rd Director General of the Department of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (DGEME) and Senior Colonel Commandant of the EME Corps
- Anurag Agarwal : Head of Parliament security
- Suman Kumari : First woman sniper of the Border Security Force (BSF)
- Sadanand Vasant Date : Director General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA)
- Piyush Anand : Chief of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)
- Rajeev Kumar : Director General of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)

Ques : Perseverance rover recently in news related to _____
दृढ़ता रोवर हाल ही में _____ से संबंधित समाचार में है

- (a) ISRO
- (b) DRDO
- (c) HAL
- (d) NASA
- (e) None of these

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- 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.
- The rover has identified a rock named "Cheyava Falls" that exhibits intriguing characteristics, suggesting it may have hosted microbial life billions of years ago.
- Cheyava Falls, an arrowhead-shaped rock, was found on the northern edge of Neretva Vallis, an ancient river valley that once channeled water into Jezero Crater, where Perseverance is working.

About Perseverance Rover:

- It is part of NASA's ongoing Mars 2020 Mission.
- Launch: It was launched on July 30, 2020, from Cape Canaveral, Florida.
- Landing: Successfully landed on the surface of Mars's Jezero Crater on February 18, 2021.
- Perseverance, nicknamed "Percy", is a semi-autonomous rover the size of a small car designed to explore the surface of Mars.
- Seek signs of ancient life and collect samples of rock and regolith (broken rock & soil) for possible return to Earth.

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Defence Related News :

- Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) recently unveiled the country's new air-to-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 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 : World Squash Federation (WSF) World Junior Squash Championships held in _____

वर्ल्ड स्क्वैश फेडरेशन (डब्ल्यूएसएफ) वर्ल्ड जूनियर स्क्वैश चैंपियनशिप _____ में आयोजित हुई

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- **India** have ended their **World Squash Federation (WSF) World Junior Squash Championships, Houston, USA campaign** with the men's team finishing sixth and the women's team nailing the seventh place.
- The **Indian men lost to England 1-2** in the match for fifth position while their women counterparts beat New Zealand 2-1 in the clash for the seventh.
- India's Shaurya Bawa won a bronze medal at the World Junior Squash Championships 2024 in Houston, Texas.
- It is only the second medal achieved by an Indian male squash player at the World Junior Squash Championships.
- Kush Kumar, an Asian Games gold medallist, was the last Indian to reach the semi-finals of this tournament back in 2014.
- Egypt's women's and men's teams captured the 2024 WSF World Junior Team Championships.

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SPORTS NEWS :

- Real Madrid have become the first football club to report revenue generation of over €1 billion (\$1.08bn).
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced that the French Alps will host the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2030.
- 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.
- 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 Manneppalli of Telangana won the men's singles title by defeating Yudai Okimoto of Japan. Women's badminton single player Tasnim Mir of Gujarat defeated Rakshitha Sree of India
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has revealed the winners of the ICC Player of the Month awards for June 2024 with India's Jasprit Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana both emerging victorious.
- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has named Gagan Narang as the Chef-de-Mission of the Indian contingent to compete in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, starting on 26th July.
- India's Dhruv Sitwala has won the men's Asian Billiards Championships after defeating Pankaj Advani in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- In the lead-up to the Paris Olympics, India's two-time Olympian Vinesh Phogat won the gold medal in the women's 50 kg category in the Grand Prix of Spain international continental wrestling championship.
- The 133rd Durand Cup matches will be held in Kolkata, Kokrajhar (Assam), Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), and Shillong (Meghalaya). For the first time, Jamshedpur will host the Durand Cup matches.
- India emerged as the top-performing nation at the Under 23 Asian Wrestling Championship 2024 in Amman, Jordan. Indian wrestlers secured a total of eight medals in freestyle wrestling: four gold, two silver, and two bronze.
- India's Jyothi Yarraji has won gold medal in the Women's 100m Hurdles at the National Inter State Senior Athletics Championships in Panchkula. While in Men's 110m Hurdles, Tejas Shirse won the gold medal.
- Former world chess champion Viswanathan Anand of India has won the Leon Master chess championship for the 10th time.
- India concluded their campaign at the Under-17 Asian Wrestling Championships in Amman, Jordan, on a resounding note. The young Indian contingent clinched a total of 11 medals, including four gold, two silver, and five bronze medals.
- Sreeja Akula of Hyderabad became the first Indian table tennis player to win a WTT (World Table Tennis) Contender Women's single title.
- In the Archery World Cup Stage 3, Dhiraj Bommadevara won the bronze in the men's individual recurve event as well as in the mixed team event with Bhajan Kaur, in Antalya, Turkey
- Carlos Alcaraz clinched his first French Open title, making him the youngest male tennis player to win Grand Slam titles on all three surfaces: hard, grass, and clay

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

- **Chandrayaan 3** wins prestigious **World Space Award** given by International Astronautical Federation (IAF) at 75th International Astronautical Congress in Milan, Italy.
- In a bid to promote language and culture, the **Government of Meghalaya** has launched its own **OTT platform, 'Hello Meghalaya.'** Meghalaya becomes the first state in India to launch an OTT platform.
- **Covrzy, a Bengaluru (Karnataka)-based Insurance technology (Insurtech)** startup has obtained a direct broking (general) licence from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), Hyderabad, Telangana.
- The US Navy, **Navy SEAL commandos**, and the US Air Force are set to install the **Mako missile** in all their military aircraft. It is an air-launched hypersonic multi-mission missile, **developed by Lockheed Martin**, an American aerospace and defence manufacturer.
- **Rashtrapati Bhavan** will **auction** selected **gift items**, presented to the President and former Presidents on various occasions, through an online **portal called E-Upahaar.**
- A warning has been issued to people residing in low-lying areas of the **Mettur Dam**, following **increased inflow into the dam.** It is located at Mettur, District Salem in Tamil Nadu and constructed in a gorge, where the Kaveri River enters the plains.
- The **World Heritage Committee (WHC)** decided to **include** the **Palestinian site of Tell Umm Amer** in both the UNESCO World Heritage Site List and the Lost of World Heritage in Danger during its 46th session in New Delhi.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

- चंद्रयान 3 ने इटली के मिलान में 75वें अंतर्राष्ट्रीय एस्ट्रोनॉटिकल कांग्रेस में इंटरनेशनल एस्ट्रोनॉटिकल फेडरेशन (IAF) द्वारा दिया गया प्रतिष्ठित **विश्व अंतरिक्ष पुरस्कार** जीता।
- भाषा और संस्कृति को बढ़ावा देने के लिए, मेघालय सरकार ने अपना खुद का ओटीटी प्लेटफॉर्म '**हैलो मेघालय**' लॉन्च किया है। मेघालय ओटीटी प्लेटफॉर्म लॉन्च करने वाला भारत का पहला राज्य बन गया है।
- **बेंगलुरु (कर्नाटक) स्थित बीमा प्रौद्योगिकी (इंश्योरटेक) स्टार्टअप कोवरज़ी** ने भारतीय बीमा नियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण (आईआरडीएआई), हैदराबाद, तेलंगाना से प्रत्यक्ष ब्रोकिंग (सामान्य) लाइसेंस प्राप्त किया है।
- **अमेरिकी नौसेना**, नेवी सील कमांडो और अमेरिकी वायु सेना अपने सभी सैन्य विमानों में **माको मिसाइल** स्थापित करने के लिए तैयार हैं। यह एक हवा से लॉन्च की जाने वाली हाइपरसोनिक मल्टी-मिशन मिसाइल है, जिसे अमेरिकी एयरोस्पेस और रक्षा निर्माता लॉकहीड मार्टिन द्वारा विकसित किया गया है।
- **राष्ट्रपति भवन ई-उपहार** नामक एक ऑनलाइन पोर्टल के माध्यम से विभिन्न अवसरों पर राष्ट्रपति और पूर्व राष्ट्रपतियों को भेंट की गई चुनिंदा उपहार वस्तुओं की नीलामी करेगा।
- बांध में पानी का प्रवाह बढ़ने के बाद **मेडूर बांध** के निचले इलाकों में रहने वाले लोगों को चेतावनी जारी की गई है। यह तमिलनाडु में मेडूर, जिला सलेम में स्थित है और एक घाटी में निर्मित है, जहां कावेरी नदी मैदानी इलाकों में प्रवेश करती है।
- विश्व धरोहर समिति (डब्ल्यूएचसी) ने नई दिल्ली में अपने 46वें सत्र के दौरान **टेल उम्म आमेर के फिलिस्तीनी स्थल को यूनेस्को की विश्व धरोहर स्थल सूची और लुप्त हो चुकी विश्व धरोहर सूची दोनों में शामिल करने का निर्णय** लिया।