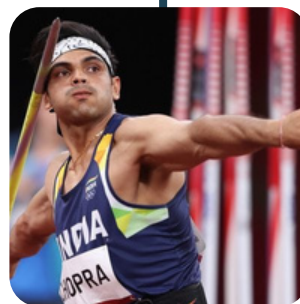


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Ques : The World Bank revised its FY25 growth forecast for India to how much per cent from its previous estimate of 6.6%?

विश्व बैंक ने भारत के लिए वित्त वर्ष 2025 के विकास पूर्वानुमान को 6.6% के अपने पिछले अनुमान से संशोधित कर कितने प्रतिशत कर दिया है?

- (a) 6.8%**
- (b) 7.0%**
- (c) 7.2%**
- (d) 7.4%**
- (e) 7.5%**

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The World Bank upped India's FY25 growth forecast to 7%, up from 6.6% previously.
- The improvement reflects the Indian government's ongoing capital expenditure on infrastructure, an increase in household real estate investments, higher-than-expected monsoon and agricultural output, and increased private consumption, according to the report.
- Moody's raised its economic growth forecast for India to 7.2% in 2024 and 6.6% in 2025, up from earlier estimates of 6.8% and 6.4%, respectively, citing broad-based development.
- According to their predictions, India's debt-to-GDP ratio will fall from 83.9% in FY24 to 82% in FY27, while the current account deficit is expected to remain between 1% and 1.6% of GDP through FY27.

Updated GDP List :

- World Bank – 7% (FY25)
- Moody's – 7.2% (FY24), 6.6% (FY25)
- Goldman Sachs – 6.7% (CY24), 6.4% (CY24)
- Deloitte – 7 – 7.2% (FY25)
- India Ratings – 7.5% (FY25)
- FICCI – 7% (FY25)
- ADB – 7% (FY25), 7.2%(FY26)

Ques : Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) established in which year ?

भारतीय बीमा विनियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण (IRDAI) की स्थापना किस वर्ष में हुई?

- (a) 1956**
- (b) 1965**
- (c) 1972**
- (d) 1985**
- (e) 1999**

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has issued a Master Circular to streamline norms on policyholder protection.
- The Master Circular replaces 30 previous circulars and consolidates them into a comprehensive document.
- Both life and health insurance contracts include a 30-day free look period, which allows policyholders to review policy terms and conditions.
- Most policies do not require a premium proposal deposit, with the exception of those where risk coverage begins immediately upon receipt of premium.
- IRDAI's Bima Bharosa website allows policyholders to search for unclaimed money.

About IRDAI :

- Established : 1999
- Headquarters : Hyderabad, Telangana
- Chairperson : Debasish Panda
- The IRDAI is a statutory body under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance (MoF), Government of India (GoI) and is tasked with regulating and licensing the insurance and reinsurance industries in India.

Ques : Max Life Forms Bancassurance Partnership with ____
मैक्स लाइफ ने _ के साथ बैंकएश्योरेंस साझेदारी बनाई

- (a) City Union Bank / सिटी यूनियन बैंक**
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank / इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक**
- (c) Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया**
- (d) Karnataka Bank / कर्नाटक बैंक**
- (e) CSB Bank / सीएसबी बैंक**

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Max Life Insurance Company Limited has formed a bancassurance collaboration with CSB Bank, a private sector bank in India.
- Over 2.5 million CSB Bank clients will benefit from a variety of savings, protection, retirement, and group life insurance programs through the agreement.
- Max Life will offer its comprehensive insurance products to CSB Bank customers, assisting them in achieving their goals and protecting their loved ones at various life stages.
- Bancassurance is an insurance distribution mechanism in which insurance companies work with banks to market policies.

About Max Life Insurance Company Limited :

- Established : 2001
- Headquarters : New Delhi, Delhi, India
- MD & CEO : Prashant Tripathy
- It is an 80:20 joint venture between Max Financial Services and Axis Bank. The company is a subsidiary of the publicly-listed Max Financial Services.

About CSB Bank :

- Established : 26 November 1920
- Headquarters : Thrissur, Kerala, India
- MD & CEO : Pralay Mondal

Recently signed banking agreements

- Ashok Leyland, a commercial vehicle maker, has inked an MoU with Bandhan Bank. To provide financial solutions, including vehicle loans.
- Visa and the Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council inked a 3-year partnership of up to \$1 million USD. This initiative, designed to up skill at least 20,000 Indian youth in tourism-relevant skills.
- To introduce its UPI Third Party Application Provider (TPAP) service, BharatPe has teamed up with Unity Bank. The "postpe" app has been renamed "BharatPe," and UPI payments are now accepted on it.
- Birla Aditya The "Income Suraksha Plan," a new term insurance plan, has been jointly introduced by Sun Life Insurance (ABSLI) and Policybazaar.
- Two-wheeler loans are now possible thanks to a partnership between BharatPe and OTO Capital, a digital commerce and lending platform.
- YES Bank has entered into a co-lending partnership with Newtap Finance Private Limited to provide personalised financing solutions for creditworthy individuals on payments platform CRED.
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and ESAF Small Finance Bank have partnered to create the exclusive Inori RuPay Platinum Credit Card.
- Zeta, a global supplier of cutting-edge banking technology to financial institutions, has partnered up with HDFC Bank to provide the bank's UPI (CLOU) platform credit line services.
- A strategic agreement to grow their co-lending business has been announced by Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Limited (also known as Piramal Finance), and the Central Bank of India.
- Indian consumers now have fast access to digital credit thanks to a partnership between PayU, a fintech company sponsored by Naspers, and Amazon Pay Later.
- Consumer payments and lending company Slice has received approval from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for its merger with North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB).

**Ques : Finance Ministry Eases Rules for Expenditures Over
_____to Speed Up Capex**

**वित्त मंत्रालय ने पूंजीगत व्यय में तेजी लाने के लिए __ से अधिक के
व्यय के नियमों को आसान बनाया**

- (a) Rs.500 Crore**
- (b) Rs.600 Crore**
- (c) Rs.700 Crore**
- (d) Rs.800 Crore**
- (e) Rs.900 Crore**

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Finance Ministry has loosened spending limits above Rs.500 crore to speed up capital expenditure (capex) for the current fiscal year.
- The fiscal year's capital expenditure target is a record Rs.11.11 lakh crore, up 11.1% from the previous plan.
- The relaxation intends to increase government spending, which had previously halted due to the general elections.
- Financial Advisers will now review and freeze the timing of dividend receipts and other non-tax receipts for their respective ministries and departments.
- Dividend payments and buyback considerations will be targeted for the first half of the financial year.

Ques : _____ Raises \$300 Million by Issuing 5-Year Bonds via IFSC Banking Unit
_____ ने IFSC बैंकिंग यूनिट के माध्यम से 5-वर्षीय बांड जारी करके \$300 मिलियन जुटाए

- (a) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक**
- (b) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक**
- (c) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक**
- (d) UCO Bank / यूको बैंक**
- (e) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक**

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Canara Bank has issued \$300 million in 5-year bonds.
- The bonds were issued under the bank's USD 3 billion Medium-Term Note (MTN) program through its IFSC Banking Unit.
- The 5-year bond is priced at T+125 basis points, with a semi-annual coupon rate of 4.896% and a maturity date of September 11, 2029.
- The proceeds from the bonds will be used by the issuer's IFSC/GIFT banking unit for general corporate purposes.
- The last benchmark bond, issued in 2019, was priced at T+170 basis points and matured on March 28, 2024.

About Canara Bank :

- Founded : 1906
- Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka, India
- MD & CEO : K Satyanarayana Raju
- Tagline : Together We Can

Ques : _____ Launches Digital Film to Support Indian Athletes for Paralympic Games Paris 2024

_____ ने पैरालिंपिक गेम्स पेरिस 2024 के लिए भारतीय एथलीटों का समर्थन करने के लिए डिजिटल फिल्म लॉन्च की

- (a) Canara HSBC Life Insurance / केनरा एचएसबीसी जीवन बीमा**
- (b) Bharti AXA Insurance / भारती एक्सा इंश्योरेंस**
- (c) SBI Life Insurance / एसबीआई लाइफ इंश्योरेंस**
- (d) Max Life Insurance / मैक्स लाइफ इंश्योरेंस**
- (e) HDFC Life Insurance / एचडीएफसी लाइफ इंश्योरेंस**

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- SBI Life Insurance has released a new digital short to promote the Indian delegation in the Paralympic Games Paris 2024.
- The film intends to portray the inspirational stories of three para athletes: Simran Sharma (runner), Ashok Malik (powerlifter), and Mona Agarwal (shooting), demonstrating their unwavering determination.
- The digital film encapsulates the idea of 'IRADDE', representing the athletes' tenacity, and is consistent with SBI Life's philosophy, 'Apne Liye, Apno Ke Liye'.
- It demonstrates how loved ones' support and strength enable these Paralympians to overcome obstacles and achieve their goals.

About SBI Life Insurance :

- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- MD & CEO : Mr. Amit Jhigran
- It was incorporated in October 2000 and was registered with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) in March 2001.
- It is a joint venture between State Bank of India (SBI) and French financial institution BNP Paribas Cardif.

Ques : _____ Introduces Special Fixed Deposit with Interest Rates Up to 7.9% for Limited Tenure

__ ने सीमित अवधि के लिए 7.9% तक की ब्याज दरों के साथ विशेष सावधि जमा की शुरुआत की

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Bank of India has announced a special tenor fixed deposit scheme called Star Dhan Vriddhi, which will pay senior residents up to 7.9% in interest.
- The Bank of India has changed its FD interest rates for amounts less than Rs 3 crore and launched a new special FD tenure of 333 days at higher rates.
- Following the change, the bank will provide FD interest rates ranging from 3% to 7.25% for terms ranging from 7 days to 10 years to regular clients.
- This term has the highest interest rates, at 7.25% for regular people, 7.75% for senior citizens, and 7.90% for super seniors.
- These tariffs are effective September 1, 2024.

About BoI :

- Founded : 7 September 1906
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Rajneesh Karnatak
- Tagline : Relationship beyond banking

Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- ESAF Small Finance Bank's recently launched Dabba Savings Account initiative
- Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited has introduced an insurance policy in Braille named 'Special Care Gold'.
- YEB BANK POP-CLUB RuPay Credit Card Launched by POPtech Growth Private Limited (POP) & Yes Bank Limited Powered by RuPay
- Global payments technology company Mastercard announced the global launch of its new Payment Passkey Service.
- GIGA is a full financial suite designed specifically for Indian gig workers and freelancers, and it was unveiled by HDFC Bank Limited.
- Being the first bank to do so, Karnataka Bank will provide personal loans via the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).
- Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), a key player in the energy sector in India, and RBL Bank have partnered to introduce the co-branded credit card XTRA at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) in Mumbai.
- High-End Credit Card "ETERNA" on RuPay Network Launched by BOBCARD Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BOB).
- Tata AIA Life launches 'Sampoorna Raksha Promise' product with Rs.3 lakh instant payout feature.
- DigiPassBook, a new feature on HDFC Bank's SmartWealth app, enables users to manage all of their investments from a single location.
- Axis Bank Limited launches 'Neo for Merchants', a transformative mobile app which will act as a one stop solution for the merchant community, in partnership with VISA and Mintoak.
- Ecommerce major Amazon India has launched its artificial intelligence (AI)- powered shopping assistant 'Rufus' in India.

Ques : Which government has introduced the Digital Media Policy, 2024 ?

किस सरकार ने डिजिटल मीडिया नीति, 2024 पेश की है?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश**
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात**
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान**
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र**
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश**

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Uttar Pradesh government's Digital Media Policy, 2024 encourages social media influencers to promote state programs, schemes, and successes on various online platforms.
- Influencers can earn up to Rs.8 lakh per month based on platform and category.
- X, Facebook, and Instagram: Payments of Rs.5 lakh, Rs.4 lakh, Rs.3 lakh, and Rs.2 lakh.
- Payments for YouTube videos, shorts, and podcasts range from Rs.8 lakh to Rs.4 lakh.

About Uttar Pradesh :

- Capital : Lucknow
- CM : Yogi Adityanath
- Governor : Anandiben Patel
- Classical Dance : Kathak National Park Dudhwa National Park

Ques : ____ & SAFHAL Signed an Airframer Contract to Develop and Produce 'Aravalli' Helicopter Engines
__ और SAFHAL ने 'अरावली' हेलीकॉप्टर इंजन के विकास और उत्पादन के लिए एक एयरफ्रेमर अनुबंध पर हस्ताक्षर किए

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and SAFHAL Helicopter Engines Private Limited (SAFHAL) have signed an airframer contract to design, develop, produce, supply, and maintain a new high-power engine called "Aravalli".

The Aravalli engine will power the 13-ton Medium Lift class Indian MultiRole Helicopter (IMRH) and Deck-Based Multi-Role Helicopter (DBMRH), both designed and built by HAL.

The engine is called after the Aravalli Mountain Range (AMR), representing India's goal of self-reliance in crucial engine technology.

About the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited :

Established : 1940

HQ : Bengaluru, Karnataka

CMD : C.B. Ananthakrishnan

Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- The President of Ukraine recently declared that the nation's defense industry-produced Hrim-2 ballistic missile, which is its first, has been successfully tested.
- Goa Shipyard (GSL) has launched the first of two indigenous Pollution Control Vessels (PCVs) for the Indian Coast Guard, marking a major step towards self-reliance in defense manufacture.
- India has reordered 73,000 SIG716 assault weapons from SiG Sauer Inc., a US company.
- Axiom Space & Nokia Partners To Bring 4G Technology in NASA's Lunar Spacesuits. It will be used for NASA's Artemis III lunar mission.
- Kim Jong Un, the leader of North Korea, recently revealed a brand-new kind of "suicide drone." These drones are made to behave like guided missiles.
- India launched its first reusable hybrid rocket, named RHUMI-1. Space Zone India, a start-up based in Tamil Nadu, worked with the Martin Group to develop the rocket. The rocket was launched from Chennai, India's Thiruvudandhai.
- Launched from SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket carried the satellite Tanager-1, which was created by an alliance of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
- The Shaheen-II surface-to-surface ballistic missile was successfully launched into training by the Pakistani military lately.
- Swadeshi (indigenous) Kamikaze Drones are do-or-die Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) powered by in-house engines that can propel them up to 1,000 kilometers (km) in the air. These drones were recently introduced by the National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL).
- Elon Musk's Starlink, SpaceX's satellite division, has been given permission by Sri Lanka's telecoms authority to offer satellite internet services there.

Ques : L'Oreal Paris, a French cosmetics company, has appointed __ as its new brand ambassador.

फ्रांसीसी सौंदर्य प्रसाधन कंपनी लोरियल पेरिस ने __ को अपना नया ब्रांड एंबेसडर नियुक्त किया है।

- (a) Kareena Kapoor / करीना कपूर**
- (b) Alia Bhatt / आलिया भट्ट**
- (c) Ananaya Pandey / अनन्या पांडे**
- (d) Katrina Kaif / कैटरीना कैफ**
- (e) Sunny Leone / सनी लिओनी**

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

Leading French cosmetics company L'Oreal Paris has named Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt as its new worldwide brand ambassador.

Bhatt joins a broad group of L'Oreal brand ambassadors, including Viola Davis, Jane Fonda, Eva Longoria, Kendall Jenner, Elle Fanning, Camila Cabello, and many more.

She will star in the French beauty brand's campaigns beginning in September 2024.

Bhatt represents L'Oreal Paris' core values of inclusivity and empowerment, demonstrating the transformational power of self-belief to women all throughout the world.

Recent Headlines Related to Brand Ambassador :

- Salman Khan : GRM Basmati Rice
- Shikhar Dhawan : MotoGP
- Aditya Roy Kapur : Bisleri Limonata
- PV Sindhu : Greenday's 'Better Nutrition' brand
- Shah Rukh Khan : Muthoot Pappachan Group (MPG)
- Pakistan's Shahid Afridi : brand ambassador of 9th ICC Men's T20 World Cup
- Kareena Kapoor : UNICEF India as its new National Ambassador
- Sana Mir : ambassador for the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : French carmaker Citroen made him as its brand ambassador in India
- Usain Bolt : brand ambassador for the 9th ICC Men's T-20 World Cup
- Valerie Adams : International Event Ambassador for the "16th edition of Tata Consultancy Services' (TCS) World 10K Bengaluru (Karnataka)"

Ques : India's Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar clinched the bronze medal in the mixed compound open _____ event at the Paris 2024 Paralympics.

भारत की शीतल देवी और राकेश कुमार ने पेरिस 2024 पैरालिंपिक में मिश्रित कंपाउंड ओपन _____ स्पर्धा में कांस्य पदक जीता।

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Chess / शतरंज
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- India's Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar won bronze in the mixed compound open archery event at the Paris 2024 Paralympics.
- The duo won a nail-biting encounter against Italy's Eleonora Sarti and Matteo Bonacina by a single point (156-155).
- Sheetal Dev, then 17, became India's youngest Paralympic medalist in history. She was the only female armless archer in Paris 2024.
- Rakesh Kumar, 39, won his first Paralympic medal after years of consistent performance at the highest level. He won gold medals at both the Para World Championship and the Asian Para Games

Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The 133rd Durand Cup was held in Kolkata, Kokrajhar (Assam), Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), and Shillong (Meghalaya) from July 27 to August 31, 2024.
- NorthEast United Football Club won their maiden Durand Cup trophy by defeating defending champion Mohun Bagan Super Giant (MBSG) 4-3 in a penalty shootout
- Himanshi Tokas won a silver medal at the Asian Cadet and Junior Judo Championships in Mungyeong, South Korea.
- In the Paris Paralympic Games, Indian shooter Rubina Francis won bronze in the women's 10-meter air pistol SH1 final qualification round.
- Yogesh Kathuniya of India won his second consecutive Paralympic silver medal in the men's discus throw F-56 event with a season-best effort of 42.22m at the current Games in Paris.
- Aarti opened India's medal tally at the World U20 Athletics Championships in Lima, Peru, by winning a bronze medal in the women's 10000m race walk event in the national U20 record time.
- Karthik Venkataraman won the 61st edition of the Indian National Championship by scoring 9/11 points in the event organised by the Haryana Chess Association.

- The 8th Women's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey Tournament will take place in Rajgir, Bihar, in 2024. India is hosting the competition for the second time in a row.
- Bangladesh team has won the title of SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) Under-20 Championship Football Tournament.
- Hockey India has revealed their updated national men's hockey team for the 8th Men's Asian Champions Trophy in 2024, which will be captained by Harmanpreet Singh.
- In the women's 10m Air Rifle competition, Indian competitors Avani Lekhara and Mona Agarwal took home the gold and bronze medals, respectively.
- Indian wrestler Ronak Dahiya won Bronze medal in Men's Greco-Roman 110 kilograms event at Under-17 World Wrestling Championship in Jordan.
- Tanvi Patri, an Odisha girl of 14 years old, defeated Vietnamese player Nguyen Thi Thu Huyen in the final to win the Asian U-15 Junior Championships 2024 women's singles title.
- Max Verstappen was defeated by Lando Norris at the Zandvoort Dutch Grand Prix.
- India received the silver medal at the Asian Surfing Championship 2024, which was held in Thulusdhoo, Maldives, in the Maruhaba Cup, a prominent team event.

**Ques : Procurement of 240 aero-engines (AL-31FP) for SU-30 MKI fighter aircraft from _ _ _
_ _ _ से SU-30 MKI लड़ाकू विमान के लिए 240 एयरो-इंजन (AL-31FP) की खरीद**

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

The Cabinet Committee on Security, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, authorized a proposal to purchase 240 AL-31FP engines for Russian-origin SU-30 MKI fighter aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) at a cost of around Rs.26,000 crore.

The MoD approved a Rs.60,000 crore upgrade for the Indian Air Force's SU-30 MKI fleet to extend operational life.

The Ministry of Defence said the proposal for upgrade of SU-30 MKI has been given nod under Buy (Indian) category and the delivery of these aero-engines would start after one year and complete over a period of eight years.

SU-30 MKI fighter aircraft is the fourth-generation fighter jet powered by two AL-31 FP aero engines. AL-31FP is a high temperature turbojet by-pass engine of modular design.

The Su-30MKI fleet of IAF was fitted with air-launched version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles and was successfully tested in November 2017.

Ques : Which state government recently introduced the "Brindavan Gram Scheme"?

हाल ही में किस राज्य सरकार ने "बृन्दावन ग्राम योजना" शुरू की है?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश**
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात**
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान**
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र**
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश**

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Madhya Pradesh government has authorized the 'Brindavan Gram' program, which will create 'gaushalas' and other schemes for the benefit of villages.
- This plan is the flagship of Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, who made a formal declaration on Janmashtami.
- The selected gram panchayats will be called 'Brindavan Gram'. Madhya Pradesh has 313 blocks, and one gram panchayat will be selected from each. Gaushalas (cow shelters) will be built, and milk output will be increased.

About Madhya Pradesh :

- Capital – Bhopal
- Chief Minister – Dr Mohan Yadav (replace Shivraj Singh Chauhan)
- Deputy CM – Jagdish Devda & Rajendra Shukla
- Speaker of Madhya Pradesh Assembly – Narendra Singh Tomar
- Governor – Mangubhai C. Patel

Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) Launched in 2023.
- Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Campaign on PMJANMAN mission, to raise awareness and ensure 100% saturation of Government Schemes. Launched by Union Minister for Tribal Affairs.
- 'Vigyan Dhara' scheme under Department of Science and Technology, aim is to foster research, innovation, and technology development in addition to increasing capacity in science and technology
- Mukhyamantri Bal Paushtik Aahar Yojana (MBPAY) Launched by Himachal Pradesh (HP) Chief Minister(CM) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu To provide nutritious food to children in government-run schools.
- Odisha state government has launched the Subhadra scheme under which Rs.50,000 will be provided over five years to one crore women between the ages of 21 and 60
- Scooters manufactured by Ola Electric, model numbers S1 X 3 kWh and S1 X 4 kWh, have been certified as complying with the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for the automotive and auto component industries.
- The Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana was started by the Department of Post, which is part of the Union Ministry of Communication, to encourage student research and scholarship in stamps throughout the nation.
- The Unified Pension System (UPS) for its employees has been approved by the Union Cabinet. The current National Pension System (NPS) will be replaced with the new plan Unified Pension System (UPS).
- On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, the Maharashtra government, led by Eknath Shinde, is scheduled to formally introduce the "Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana."
- Yogi Adityanath, the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, introduced the "Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyam Vikas Abhiyan Yojana" with the goal of increasing job prospects for young people in the state.
- 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.
- 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.

Ques : Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) for 2024-25?
2024-25 के लिए भारतीय विज्ञापन मानक परिषद (ASCI) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Gaurav Banerjee / गौरव बनर्जी**
- (b) Jetha Ahir / जेठा अहीर**
- (c) Partha Sinha / पार्थ सिन्हा**
- (d) Amardeep Singh Bhatia / अमरदीप सिंह भाटिया**
- (e) Rajesh Kumar Singh / राजेश कुमार सिंह**

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) has named Partha Sinha as its new Chairman for 2024-25.
- Sinha is the President and Chief Brand Officer of Bennett Coleman & Company Limited.
- Sinha, who has previously worked for Ogilvy, Publicis, BBH, McCann, and Citibank, will succeed Saugata Gupta, Marico Limited's Managing Director and CEO.

Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Bharath Sesha : Managing Director for the Philips Indian subcontinent (Replaced - Daniel Mazon)
- Arun Agarwal : Chairman of Texas Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) board
- Rajneesh Narang : Additional Charge of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) (Replaced Pushp Kumar Joshi)
- Satish Kumar : Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Railway Board

- Laurent Freixe : Nestle CEO (Replace Mark Schneider)
- Jay Shah : Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC)
- Satish Kumar Vaduguri : Additional Charge of Chairman of the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) (Replaced - Shrikant Madhav Vaidya)
- Sanjiv Ranjan : Secretary General (SG) of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Secretariat in Mauritius
- M Suresh : additional charge as Chairman of AAI
- Ashok Kumar Singh : Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)
- Govind Mohan : Secretary of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (Home Secretary)
- Harish Dudani : Member in Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)
- Amit Singh Negi : Additional secretary in the Prime Minister's Office
- Grinson George : Director of ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)
- Robert "Kelly" Ortberg : CEO of Boeing
- Preeti Sudan : Chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
- Mohsin Naqvi : President of the Asian Cricket Council
- Cmde D.K. Murali : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL)
- Veteran filmmaker Shekhar Kapur : festival director for the International Film Festival of India (IFFI)
- Ajinkya Naik : youngest president of the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA)

Ques : Exercise Varuna is conducted between India and

वरुण अभ्यास भारत और ___ के बीच आयोजित किया जाता है

- (a) Russia / रूस**
- (b) USA / यूएसए**
- (c) Israel / इजराइल**
- (d) UK / यूके**
- (e) France / फ्रांस**

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Exercise VARUNA (2024), edition 22nd Held at Mediterranean Sea between India & France (Navy).
- This bilateral exercise between the two navies was initiated in 1993.
- The Indian Navy sent a P8I aircraft to France to participate in 'Exercise Varuna' alongside the French navy.
- The Indian Navy's P-8I aircraft, renowned for its maritime surveillance and anti-submarine warfare capabilities, will play a pivotal role in these exercises and it joins the INS Tabar.
- P-8I is a long-range, multi-mission maritime patrol aircraft being manufactured by Boeing for the Indian Navy.

Recent News Headlines Related to Defence Exercise :

- Maritime partnership exercise (MPX) held at Mediterranean Sea, Malaga, Spain between India (INS Tabar) & Spain (Spanish Navy Ship Atalaya).
- The Ulchi Freedom Shield Exercise was conducted between USA and South Korea to strengthen their combined readiness to counter North Korea's armaments and cyberattacks.
- 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 Shakti 2024, 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.

IMPORTANT ONE LINER CURRENT AFFAIRS

- Uttar Pradesh is set to Invest Rs 33,500 Crore (around \$4 billion) in IT and ITeS Hubs.
- The BCCI recently appointed former India wicketkeeper Ajay Ratra as the men's cricket team selector, replacing Salil Ankola in the five-member panel.
- Union Minister Smt Annapurna Devi Launches 7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024 at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat for enhancing nutrition awareness.
- Union Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal launched the new Notary Portal in New Delhi.
- Dr D K Sunil Appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) (Additional charge) of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). He Replaced CB Ananthakrishnan.
- The revenue department in the finance ministry has formed a panel headed by V K Gupta, chief commissioner of income-tax (I-T), to simplify the decades-old I-T Act.
- Abdul Ghafoor Majeed Noorani, (popularly known as A. G. Noorani) a renowned Constitutional expert, a distinguished lawyer, and author passed away at the age of 94 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Indian paddler Divyanshi Bhowmick clinched a bronze medal in the Under-19 Youth Girls Singles Event at the World Table Tennis Youth Contender Varazdin 2024 ARENA VARAZDIN in Croatia.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

- उत्तर प्रदेश आईटी और आईटीईएस हब में 33,500 करोड़ रुपये (लगभग 4 बिलियन डॉलर) का निवेश करने के लिए तैयार है।
- बीसीसीआई ने हाल ही में भारत के पूर्व विकेटकीपर अजय रात्रा को पांच सदस्यीय पैनल में सलिल अंकोला की जगह पुरुष क्रिकेट टीम का चयनकर्ता नियुक्त किया है।
- केंद्रीय मंत्री श्रीमती अन्नपूर्णा देवी ने पोषण जागरूकता बढ़ाने के लिए महात्मा मंदिर, गांधीनगर, गुजरात में 7वें राष्ट्रीय पोषण माह 2024 का शुभारंभ किया।
- केंद्रीय कानून और न्याय मंत्री अर्जुन राम मेघवाल ने नई दिल्ली में नया नोटरी पोर्टल लॉन्च किया।
- डॉ डी के सुनील को हिंदुस्तान एयरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड (एचएएल) के अध्यक्ष और प्रबंध निदेशक (सीएमडी) (अतिरिक्त प्रभार) के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया। उन्होंने सीबी अनंतकृष्णन का स्थान लिया।
- वित्त मंत्रालय के राजस्व विभाग ने दशकों पुराने आईटी अधिनियम को सरल बनाने के लिए मुख्य आयकर आयुक्त (आई-टी) वी के गुप्ता की अध्यक्षता में एक पैनल का गठन किया है।
- अब्दुल गफूर मजीद नूरानी, (ए.जी. नूरानी के नाम से लोकप्रिय) एक प्रसिद्ध संवैधानिक विशेषज्ञ, एक प्रतिष्ठित वकील और लेखक का 94 वर्ष की आयु में मुंबई, महाराष्ट्र में निधन हो गया।
- भारतीय पैडलर दिव्यांशी भौमिक ने क्रोएशिया में वर्ल्ड टेबल टेनिस यूथ कंटेंडर वराज़दीन 2024 एरेना वराज़दीन में अंडर-19 यूथ गर्ल्स सिंगल्स इवेंट में कांस्य पदक जीता।