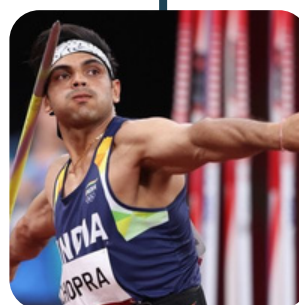


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Ques : Who has been appointed as MD and CEO of Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL)?

सेंट्रल डिपॉजिटरी सर्विसेज (इंडिया) लिमिटेड (सीडीएसएल) के एमडी और सीईओ के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Tapan Goyal / तपन गोयल**
- (b) Siddharth Agnihotri / सिद्धार्थ अग्निहोत्री**
- (c) Nehal Vora / नेहल वोरा**
- (d) KVS Manian / केवीएस मणियन**
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं**

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has accepted the appointment of Nehal Vora as the MD and CEO of Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL).
- Nehal Vora's appointment to this leadership position is a significant development for CDSL, particularly as the firm works to strengthen its leadership in line with its long-term strategic goals.
- Vora, who formerly served as the BSE's Chief Regulatory Officer, is expected to offer substantial knowledge to CDSL, furthering the organization's objective to improve India's depository services sector.

Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Krishnan Venkat Subramanian : Managing Director and CEO of Federal Bank
- Rama Mohan Rao Amara : Managing Director at State Bank of India
- Y Haragopal : Managing Director of NABCONS (NABARD Consultancy Services)
- Challa Sreenivasulu Setty : 27th Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI)
- Subhasri : MD & CEO of Shriram Capital Pvt Ltd

- Salee Sukumaran Nair : managing director and chief executive officer of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB)
- Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh : Managing Director in charge of State Bank of India's (SBI) risk compliance and stressed assets resolution group (SARG) departments.
- Tan Su Shan : CEO of DBS Group (Piyush Gupta (Indian) will retire in March 2025)
- Lalitha Nataraj : CEO of NPCI Bhim Services Ltd (NBSL)
- Praveena Rai : Managing Director and CEO of Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX)
- Sanjay Shukla : Managing Director (MD) of National Housing Bank (NHB)
- Manoj Mittal : Chairman and Managing Director of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- KVS Manian : Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Federal Bank
- K Paul Thomas : Managing Director & CEO of ESAF Small Finance Bank
- Arun Bansal : Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Paytm Payments Bank
- Ratan Kumar Kesh : interim MD and CEO of Bandhan Bank
- Siddhartha Mohanty : Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has re-designated as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO).
- Charulatha S. Kar : Executive Directors of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Ques : Who launched Risk Intelligence Decisioning Platform and EVOK 3.0 payment platform ?

रिस्क इंटेलिजेंस डिसिजनिंग प्लेटफॉर्म और EVOK 3.0 पेमेंट प्लेटफॉर्म किसने लॉन्च किया?

- (a) phone pay
- (b) paytm
- (c) Razor pay
- (d) NPST
- (e) Amazon

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- NPST, a leading digital banking and payments technology provider launched a suite of new-age AI-enabled digital payment solutions at the Global Fintech Fest 2024.
- These Solutions are Risk Intelligence Decisioning Platform and EVOK 3.0 payment platform.
- Risk Intelligence Decisioning Platform combines insight from several data sources to learn and evaluate transaction trends. By forecasting and mitigating new threats, the platform allows merchant acquirers to efficiently foresee and prevent fraud, resulting in a strong security foundation for person-to-merchant transactions.
- EVOK 3.0 is an enhanced version of the EvoK platform that provides a comprehensive payment solution designed specifically for payment aggregators, payment gateway service providers, and retailers.
- EVOK 3.0 features advanced transaction processing capabilities such as multi-bank intelligent routing and shadow ledger capabilities that are intended to offload transaction authorization from Core Banking Systems.
- Deepak Chand Thakur, Co-founder and CEO of NPST

Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Axis Bank introduces Innovative Digital Solutions : UPI-ATM & Bharat Connect for Business. UPI-ATM is a cardless cash withdrawal and deposit system using any UPI application (app).
- SBI Life Insurance has released a new digital short to promote the Indian delegation in the Paralympic Games Paris 2024.
- 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.
- 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.
- A new security feature called Face Match has been introduced by Airtel Payments Bank to guard against fraudulent activity on user accounts.
- Sampoorna Raksha Promise, the newest term insurance offering from Tata AIA Life Insurance, has been revealed. Upon notification of a death claim, the plan offers an instant reimbursement of Rs.3 lakh to cover emergency needs.

Ques : International Solar Alliance (ISA) established in which year ?
अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सौर गठबंधन (ISA) की स्थापना किस वर्ष में हुई?

- (a) 2014
- (b) 2015
- (c) 2016
- (d) 2017
- (e) 2018

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The United States of America (USA)-based Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) a member of the World Bank Group (WBG) and the International Solar Alliance (ISA), has established a multi-donor trust fund called the 'MIGA-ISA Solar Facility'.
- The facility leverages ISA's technical expertise and MIGA's finance capabilities to boost global solar energy adoption.
- ISA has pledged USD 2 million in seed money and aims to generate USD 10 million for the facility.
- This is the first program under the guarantee component of ISA's Global Solar Facility (GSF), aiming to fund USD 200 million for African projects.

About the International Solar Alliance (ISA):

- Established : 2015
- HQ : Gurugram, Haryana
- Member : 99 countries
- Director General : Dr Ajay Mathur

Ques : _____ becomes first major Indian Bank to sign Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF)

___ कार्बन अकाउंटिंग फाइनेंशियल (पीसीएफ) के लिए साझेदारी पर हस्ताक्षर करने वाला पहला प्रमुख भारतीय बैंक बन गया

- (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 C

Explanation :

- Union Bank of India has announced its decision to join the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF), an international alliance of financial institutions dedicated to standardizing the measurement and disclosure of greenhouse gas emissions related to loans and investments.
- Union Bank of India has joined PCAF to support worldwide efforts to quantify and manage funded emissions, which are critical for understanding and mitigating climate risks in the banking sector.
- This action demonstrates the bank's commitment to following the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) recent proposed rules for climate risk reporting.

About Union Bank of India:

- Founded: November 11, 1919
- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- MD & CEO : Manimekhalai
- Tagline: "Good People to Bank With"

Recently signed banking agreements

- South Indian Bank Partners with Sohan Lal Commodity Management to Launch 'Unified Collateral Management Solutions which will benefit farmers and other stakeholders in the agricultural ecosystem.
- Max Life Insurance Company Limited has formed a bancassurance collaboration with CSB Bank, a private sector bank in India.
- 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).
- Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), a significant state-owned steel manufacturer, and Bank of Baroda (BoB) have agreed to a Rs.5,000 crore credit arrangement.
- Karnataka Bank and fintech company Navi established a partnership to launch a credit line on UPI goods for users of the platform.

Ques : Loss and Damage Fund (LDF) established in which year ?
हानि एवं क्षति कोष (एलडीएफ) की स्थापना किस वर्ष में की गई?

- (a) 2019
- (b) 2020
- (c) 2021
- (d) 2022
- (e) 2023

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- A critical debate has recently erupted over whether subnational entities can claim compensation from the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's Loss and Damage Fund (LDF).
- The LDF was founded during the 2022 UNFCCC Conference (COP27) in Egypt.
- Its Objective is to offer financial assistance to regions experiencing economic and non-economic losses as a result of climate change.
- Economic loss and damage are negative consequences that can be measured financially. Whereas Non-economic loss and damage are unfavorable consequences that are difficult or impossible to quantify financially.
- Financial assistance will be provided in the form of grants and concessional financing that may be used by any eligible countries.
- The fund encourages voluntary contributions from affluent countries while also inviting underdeveloped countries to participate
- The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is a treaty that establishes the legal framework for international cooperation on climate change. The UNFCCC's goal is to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere to prevent dangerous human interference with the climate system.

Ques : Who visit Brunei recently from India ?

हाल ही में भारत से ब्रुनेई की यात्रा किसने की?

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी**
- (b) Amit Shah / अमित शाह**
- (c) Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह**
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मू**
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़**

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Modi will visit Brunei and Singapore from September 3 to 5, 2024.
- This is the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Brunei since diplomatic ties were established on May 10, 1984.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Brunei's capital, Bandar Seri Begawan, on 3 September 2024. Where Sultan of Brunei, Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah personally received him.
- India and Brunei are celebrating 40 years of diplomatic relationship in 2024.
- Sultan Bolkiah is currently the longest-serving monarch in the world after assuming the throne in 1967.
- The Sultan of Brunei organized a lunch for PM Modi at his house, Istana Nurul Iman Palace.
- The Istana Nurul Iman Palace is the world's largest palace, having 1,788 rooms, 257 bathrooms, and 44 stairs.

About Brunei :

- Islamic Sultanate situated on Borneo island in Southeast Asia.
- It gained independence from Great Britain in 1984.
- One of the richest countries in Asia and is a member of the OPEC+ group.
- Capital: Bandar Seri Begawan
- King: Haji Hassanal Bolkiah
- Currency: Bruneian dollar

Ques : Which ministry approved Centralized Pension Payment System (CPPS) ?

किस मंत्रालय ने केंद्रीकृत पेंशन भुगतान प्रणाली (सीपीपीएस) को मंजूरी दी?

- (a) Union Ministry of Home Affairs / केंद्र य गृह मंत्रालय**
- (b) Union Ministry of Education / केंद्र य सशिक्षा मंत्रालय**
- (c) Union Ministry of Finance / केंद्र य वित्त मंत्रालय**
- (d) Union Ministry of Labour and Employment / केंद्रीय श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय**
- (e) Union Ministry of Steel / केंद्र य इस्पात मंत्रालय**

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The proposal for a Centralized Pension Payment System (CPPS) for the Employees' Pension Scheme of 1995 has been authorized by the Union Minister of Labour and Employment and the Chairperson of the EPF's Central Board of Trustees.
- The CPPS represents a significant shift by providing a national-level consolidated system that allows pension payout through any bank and branch in India.
- Centralized Pension Payment System (CPPS) marks a significant milestone in modernization of the EPFO.
- This project tackles long-standing issues for seniors by allowing them to receive their pensions from any bank, branch, or location in the country, ensuring a seamless and effective payment method.
- There would also be no need for pensioners to attend the branch for verification at the time of pension commencement, and the pension will be credited immediately upon release.
- The CPPS will also assure the disbursement of pension throughout India without the need to move Pension Payment Orders (PPO) from one office to another.

To be eligible for benefits under the Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS), an individual must meet the following criteria :

- He should join the EPFO.
- He should have completed ten years of service.
- He attained the age of 58.
- He can also withdraw his EPS at a reduced rate starting at the age of 50 years.
- He can also defer his pension for two years (up to 60 years of age), after which he will receive a pension at an additional rate of 4% per year.
- Members who have contributed to the Employees' Pension Scheme (EPS) will get a constant income from these benefits.

News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE) stated that e-Shram has registered more than 30 crore unorganised workers, showcasing its rapid and widespread adoption among the unorganised workers. Launched in 2021.
- Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, launched the AgriSURE Scheme in New Delhi.
- Union Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal launched the new Notary Portal in New Delhi.
- 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.
- Union Minister Smt Annapurna Devi Launches 7th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024 at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat for enhancing nutrition awareness.
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has launched the Vehicle Scrapping Policy or Voluntary Vehicle Modernization Program(VVMP) to create an ecosystem for phasing out unfit polluting vehicles across India.
- Ministry of Textiles approved 4 Start-Ups in the field of Technical Textiles, under the 'Grant for Research & Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles (GREAT)' scheme.

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment launched the "Retired Sportsperson Empowerment Training" (RESET) Programme on the occasion of National Sports Day in New Delhi. To support retired athletes on their career development journey.
- The 24th Handicrafts Export Awards were given to Indian handicraft exporters by Union Minister Giriraj Singh of the Ministry of Textiles (MoT) during a ceremony.
- Within six months, state wildlife departments must register exotic pets included in Schedule IV of the Wildlife Act with the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change (MoEFCC) through the PARIVESH 2.0 site.
- A new program called "Sustainability in Spice Sector through Progressive, Innovative and Collaborative Interventions for Export Development (SPICED)" has been introduced by the Spices Board, which is part of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- To mark 165 years of Income Tax (IT) in India, Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman of the Ministry of Finance (MoF) announced "My Stamp - 165th Income Tax Day" in New Delhi.

Ques : Smart Cities Mission (SCM) launched in which year ?

स्मार्ट सिटीज़ मिशन (एससीएम) किस वर्ष शुरू किया गया?

- (a) 2012
- (b) 2013
- (c) 2015
- (d) 2017
- (e) 2020

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs reports that the Smart Cities Mission (SCM), which aims to improve urban quality of life, has completed over 90% of its projects.
- The Smart Cities Mission was launched on June 25, 2015, with the primary goal of encouraging cities to offer basic infrastructure, a clean and sustainable environment, and a good standard of living for their residents through the use of 'smart solutions'.

- It is a centrally sponsored scheme run by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- From 2016 to 2018, 100 cities were selected to become Smart Cities after a two-stage competition. Each city would have five years to complete their projects.
- The Central Government will give financial support to the extent of Rs. 48,000 crores over 5 years, i.e., on an average of Rs.100 crore per city per year.

Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- Secretary MeitY Sh. S. Krishnan opened the second cohort of SAMRIDH. The SAMRIDH initiative, established in August 2021, aims to support 300 software product companies with a budget of Rs.99 crore over 4 years.
- The Madhya Pradesh government has authorized the 'Brindavan Gram' program, which will create 'gaushalas' and other schemes for the benefit of villages.
- 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 : President Droupadi Murmu has approved the constitution of the 23rd Law Commission of India for _____-year term.

राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू ने ___ वर्ष के कार्यकाल के लिए भारत के 23वें विधि आयोग के गठन को मंजूरी दे दी है।

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- President Droupadi Murmu has approved the constitution of India's 23rd Law Commission, whose term would run from September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2027.
- The commission will have a full-time chairperson, four members, and several ex-officio and part-time members. The commission's mandate is to study and recommend legal reforms that will improve the Indian legal system.
- Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, the Law Commission's then-Chairman, resigned in March 2024 after serving for 17 months. While the report on simultaneous elections is complete, it cannot be submitted to the Law Ministry due to procedural restrictions that call for a chairperson.
- The 22nd Law Commission's mandate expires on August 31, 2024. The panel has been without a head for some months, delaying critical reports such as the Uniform Civil Code and simultaneous elections.
- It is Administered by Union Ministry of Law and Justice.
- 1st constituted in 1834 by the Governor-General (empowered by the Charter Act, 1833) under the Chairmanship of Lord Macaulay.

Ques : India has signed four agreements with which country on semiconductors, digital cooperation, healthcare and medical research, and education and skill development?

भारत ने किस देश के साथ सेमीकंडक्टर, डिजिटल सहयोग, स्वास्थ्य सेवा और चिकित्सा अनुसंधान, तथा शिक्षा और कौशल विकास पर चार समझौतों पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- India and Singapore signed agreements for a semiconductor ecosystem alliance and increased interoperability between their digital industries, while elevating their relationship to a comprehensive strategic partnership.
- India and Singapore have signed four agreements including semiconductors, digital collaboration, healthcare and medical research, and education and skill development.
- The Memorandum of Understanding for a Semiconductor Ecosystem Partnership envisions collaboration to help India's burgeoning semiconductor industry while allowing Singapore enterprises and supply chains' entry into the Indian market.
- The MoU on digital technology cooperation would promote greater interoperability between the two nations' digital economy and build on previous efforts, such as connecting India and Singapore's digital payment systems

Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- Mastercard Collaborates with Gramophone To provide agri inputs to 2 million smallholder farmers in India via the Mastercard Community Pass platform.
- The Indian Railways (IR) has merged its recruiting portal with DigiLocker, reducing the recruitment process from 18-24 months to less than 6 months.
- ClearTax Joins Hand with Microsoft to Ease Tax Filing for Over 20 Mn Indian Gig Workers in india.
- India, the Maldives, Mauritius, and Sri Lanka have signed a Charter and an MoU to establish the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Secretariat in Colombo to address security and stability concerns in the Indian Ocean Region
- India And Malaysia Sign MoU For Strengthening Co-Operation In The Field Of Tourism.

- ReNew Power Private Limited(ReNew/ RPPL) and Microsoft Corporation Signed agreement for clean power sale agreement of 437.6 MegaWatt (MW) to produce more than 1 million units of green electricity.
- An agreement was signed by the corporate body of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, RINL, and M/s. IOCL for the supply of hydraulic and lubricating oils and greases for a five-year term spanning from 2024 to 2029.
- ICAR-CIFE and VAMNICOM Sign MoU to Enhance Cooperative Management in Fisheries. Significant step toward the goal of creating 2 lakh PACS, Fishery Cooperatives, and Dairy Cooperatives in each Panchayat.
- United States and India have engaged into a bilateral, non-binding Security of Supply Arrangements (SOSA) to guarantee the mutual supply of defense equipment and services.
- India and Denmark Collaborate on Clean River Initiative To revitalize the Varuna River using advanced technologies and a comprehensive river management plan over a 2-3-year period.
- Hindustan Zinc Ltd., and the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) have inked a MoU to work together on developing new zinc material variants.
- Sri Lankan government and India's state-run firm, Petronet LNG Limited Collaborate on LNG Infrastructure Development for Power Generation..

Ques : India's Dharambir has won the gold medal in the men's F51 event of which sport in Paris Paralympics 2024?

भारत के धरमबीर ने पेरिस पैरालिंपिक 2024 में किस खेल की पुरुषों की F51 स्पर्धा में स्वर्ण पदक जीता है?

- (a) Shooting / शूटिंग
- (b) Club Throw / क्लब थ्रो
- (c) Javelin Throw / भाला फेंक
- (d) Archery / तीरंदाजी
- (e) Badminton / बैडमिंटन

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Dharambir of India smashed the Asian record to win the gold medal in the Paralympics 2024, while compatriot Pranav Soorma took silver, as Indian club throwers dominated the men's F51 event in the showpiece event in Paris.
- After four fouled efforts, Dharambir, a world championship bronze medalist from Sonapat, hurled the club to a distance of 34.92m on his fifth try to take the lead.
- Soorma, who had a spinal cord injury aged 16 when a cement sheet fell on his head, threw 34.59 meters on his first attempt. Despite his outstanding effort, the 29-year-old from Faridabad was unable to beat Dharambir, resulting in a one-two finish for India.

Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Thulasimathi Murugesan and Manisha Ramadass won silver and bronze medals in the women's singles SU5 category at the Paralympics.
- The prestigious Lord's Cricket Ground in London is set to make history by hosting the final of the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) from June 11 to June 15, 2025.
- Sachin Khilari, the 2023 and 2024 world champion, won silver in the Paris Paralympics. Khilari threw 16.32m in the men's shot put F46 at the Stade de France in Paris, trailing Canada's Greg Stewart.
- Monacan racing driver Charles Leclerc won the 2024 Formula One Italian Grand Prix (GP) at the Autodromo Nazionale Monza in Monza, Italy, driving for Ferrari.
- 15-year-old Chess International Master Mayank Chakraborty from Assam has won his second Grand Master Norm in a GM Norm Tournament being conducted in Greece.
- India's Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar won bronze in the mixed compound open archery event at the Paris 2024 Paralympics

- 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.
- The Indian men's national squash champion, Abhay Singh, won the men's singles title of the 2024 Tuanku Muhriz Trophy and Aira Azaman of Malaysia won the women's singles title.
- At Paris Paralympics 2024, Indian Para Athlete Preethi Pal secured yet another medal for India, clinching a Bronze medal in the Women's 200 meters – T35 Final.
- 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.

Ques : DAC approves _____ Capital Acquisition Proposals worth Rs 1.45 lakh crore to Enhance Defence Preparedness
डीएसी ने रक्षा तैयारियों को बढ़ाने के लिए 1.45 लाख करोड़ रुपये के _____ पूंजी अधिग्रहण प्रस्तावों को मंजूरी दी

- (a) 5
- (b) 8
- (c) 10
- (d) 12
- (e) 15

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Union Minister Rajnath Singh of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), approved 10 capital acquisition requests for Rs 1,44,716 crore to strengthen India's defense capabilities.
- 99% of the cost comes from indigenous sources under the Buy (Indian) and Buy (Indigenously Designed, Developed, and Manufactured) categories.

To strengthen the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), the DAC approved the following three key acquisitions:

- Acquisition of Next Generation Fast Patrol Vessels for high operational capability in rough conditions.
- Approval for Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels with advanced technology for long-range operations
- Procurement of Dornier-228 aircraft for enhanced maritime surveillance.

Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- Russian troops recently hit Kharkiv, Ukraine, with a Grom-EI hybrid missile. It is an air-to-surface missile with Maximum Range of 120 km (75 miles).
- 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.
- 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 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.
- The Coast Guard's new Maritime Rescue Coordination Center (MRCC) was officially opened in Chennai by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Ques : India will hold the second edition of the International Conference on Green Hydrogen from 11th to 13th September in which city?

भारत 11 से 13 सितंबर तक किस शहर में ग्रीन हाइड्रोजन पर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन का दूसरा संस्करण आयोजित करेगा?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- India will host the second International Conference on Green Hydrogen in New Delhi from September 11 to 13.
- This three-day event aims to expand our understanding of the green hydrogen environment while also fostering links with global scientific groups and companies.
- India as a whole seeks to lower the emissions intensity of GDP by 45 percent. Finally, India pledges to achieving net-zero emissions by 2070.

Ques : Which Department notifies New Rules for 'Digital Bharat Nidhi' to Boost Telecom Access ?

दूरसंचार पहुंच को बढ़ावा देने के लिए कौन सा विभाग 'डिजिटल भारत निधि' के लिए नए नियमों को अधिसूचित करता है?

- (a) Department of Science and Technology / विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग
- (b) Department of Biotechnology / जैव प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग
- (c) Department of Atomic Energy / परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग
- (d) Department of Telecommunications / दूरसंचार विभाग
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communication (MoC), has issued the 'Telecommunications (Administration of Digital Bharat Nidhi) Rules, 2024' to improve telecom access.
- The new guidelines aim to improve the management and implementation of the 'Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN)' project, created under Section 24(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 2023.
- The Indian Telegraph Act of 1885 established the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), which was later renamed DBN.
- The new rules supersede rules 523–527 of the Indian Telegraph Rules, 1951, which outlined how the USOF operates.

Ques : A new methodology termed as FRAME. In which R stands for ?

एक नई पद्धति को FRAME कहा गया। जिसमें R का मतलब है?

- (a) Recovery
- (b) Round
- (c) Real
- (d) Recreate
- (e) Rigid

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- According to calculations based on data from a new methodology known as Food Recovery to Avoid Methane Emissions (FRAME), each food bank reduces the same amount of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as taking 900 gasoline-powered cars off the road for a year.

About Food Recovery to Avoid Methane Emissions (FRAME) methodology :

- It calculates the avoided emissions and co-benefits of diverting food loss and waste to direct human consumption via food recovery and redistribution operations.
- The FRAME started as a pilot project in Mexico and Ecuador, when six community-run food banks were examined.
- It was created by The Global Food Banking Network (GFN) in collaboration with the Global Methane Hub and the Carbon Trust.
- The new FRAME tool will enable food banks, food recovery organizations, private sector businesses, scientific experts, and anyone involved in the food loss and waste sector to effectively quantify and manage emissions from food recovery and redistribution.

Ques : A Book Titled, "From Oil to Lithium: Navigating the Future of Energy" by _.

एक किताब जिसका शीर्षक है, फ्रॉम ऑयल टू लिथियम: नैविगेटिंग द फ्यूचर ऑफ एनर्जी __

- (a) Amitav Ghosh / अमिताव घोष
- (b) Vikram Seth / विक्रम सेठ
- (c) Salman Rushdie / सलमान रुश्दी
- (d) Kuldeep Gupta / कुलदीप गुप्ता
- (e) Chetan Bhagat / चेतन भगत

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Book Name "From Oil to Lithium: Navigating the Future of Energy" authored by Kuldeep Gupta.
- Kuldeep Gupta, the mastermind of this thought-provoking book, brings much expertise and awards to his writing.
- Gupta's career path closely mirrors the narrative he weaves in his book, as he has been named a Future Energy Leader for the Middle East by Economic Times Energy World.
- His participation in lithium-ion cell production and several renewable energy projects, including the establishment of the region's first Gigafactory.
- The book is about the potential of renewable energy solutions and urgent need for a collective shift towards sustainability.

Recent News Headlines Related to Books :

- Modi's Governance Triumph: Reshaping India's Path to Prosperity : Tarun Chugh
- India@100: Envisioning Tomorrow's Economic Powerhouse : Professor K V Subramanian
- Breaking Rocks and Barriers: The Adventurous Life of Sudipta Sengupta : Sudipta Sengupta
- Jamsetji Tata: Powerful Learnings for Corporate Success : R Gopalakrishnan and Harish Bhat
- "Wings to Our Hopes – Volume 1" & "Kahani Rashtrapati Bhavan Ki" : Shri Rajesh Kumar
- Rashtrapati Bhavan: Heritage Meets the Present : Shri Omita Paul
- Tantra on the Edge : Madhu Khanna
- Power Within: The Leadership Legacy of Narendra Modi : Dr R Balasubramaniam
- I have the Streets – R Ashwin & Sidharth Monga
- 'Gateways to the Sea: Historic Ports and Docks of Mumbai Region' : Released by Governor of Maharashtra Ramesh Bais
- "The Adventures of Ed-a-Mamma: Ed Finds A Home." : Alia Bhatt
- India's Trade Policy; The 1990's and beyond – Arvind Panagariya
- An Anchored Vision – Karumuttu T Kanan
- India and The Indian Ocean World Trade and Politics – Ashin Das Gupta
- A Fly on the RBI Wall – Alpana Killawala

Ques : Which country has signed an MoU with India to strengthen public-sector audit cooperation in September 2024?

किस देश ने सितंबर 2024 में सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के लेखा परीक्षा सहयोग को मजबूत करने के लिए भारत के साथ एक समझौता जापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

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

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- During a bilateral meeting with the President of the UAE Accountability Authority, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding.
- This Memorandum of Understanding demonstrates our institutions' similar values and aspirations and strengthens India-UAE ties.
- The MoU aims to promote collaboration between the two Supreme Audit Institutions by focusing on knowledge exchange, capacity building, and best practices in public sector auditing. By sharing skills and experiences, both countries want to better their own audit procedures and overall governance.

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER CURRENT AFFAIRS

- The Indian deaf shooter Dhanush Srikanth won three gold medals at the 2024 World Deaf Shooting Championship in Hanover, Germany.
- India and UNESCO to Co-Organize 2024 Chief Science Advisers Roundtable in Paris.
- Razorpay has launched the innovative Point-of-Sale (POS) software, 'Razorpay DigiPOS'.
- Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, has officially inaugurated the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi Abu Dhabi campus.
- Para shuttler Nithya Sre Sivan has won the Bronze medal at the Paris Paralympics in the Women's Singles Badminton SH6 event.
- Motilal Oswal Mutual Fund (MOMF) has launched its New Fund Offer (NFO), the 'Motilal Oswal Nifty 500 Momentum 50 Index Fund'. This is India's first 500 Momentum 50 Index fund.
- Ministry of Women and Child Development received National Award for e-Governance 2024 (Gold) for the Poshan Tracker initiative
- At the Paris Paralympics 2024, Harvinder Singh from Haryana created history by winning a Gold in the men's archery individual recurve open final.
- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has become the first Indian company to surpass Rs 10 lakh crore in annual revenue.
- Babita Chauhan Appointed as Chairperson of Uttar Pradesh's women's commission and Aparna Yadav and Charu Chaudhary Appointed as Vice Chairperson of Uttar Pradesh's women's commission.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

- भारतीय बधिर निशानेबाज धनुष श्रीकांत ने जर्मनी के हनोवर में 2024 विश्व बधिर निशानेबाजी चैम्पियनशिप में तीन स्वर्ण पदक जीते।
- भारत और यूनेस्को पेरिस में 2024 मुख्य विज्ञान सलाहकार गोलमेज सम्मेलन का सह-आयोजन करेंगे।
- रेजरपे ने इनोवेटिव प्वाइंट-ऑफ-सेल (पीओएस) सॉफ्टवेयर, 'रेजरपे डिजीपीओएस' लॉन्च किया है।
- अबू धाबी के क्राउन प्रिंस शेख खालिद बिन मोहम्मद बिन जायद अल नाहयान ने आधिकारिक तौर पर भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आईआईटी) दिल्ली अबू धाबी परिसर का उद्घाटन किया है।
- पैरा शटलर निथ्या श्री सिवन ने पेरिस पैरालिंपिक में महिला एकल बैडमिंटन SH6 स्पर्धा में कांस्य पदक जीता है।
- मोतीलाल ओसवाल म्यूचुअल फंड (एमओएमएफ) ने अपना नया फंड ऑफर (एनएफओ), 'मोतीलाल ओसवाल निफ्टी 500 मोमेंटम 50 इंडेक्स फंड' लॉन्च किया है। यह भारत का पहला 500 मोमेंटम 50 इंडेक्स फंड है।
- महिला एवं बाल विकास मंत्रालय को पोषण ट्रेकर पहल के लिए ई-गवर्नेंस 2024 (स्वर्ण) का राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार मिला
- पेरिस पैरालिंपिक 2024 में, हरियाणा के हरविंदर सिंह ने पुरुष तीरंदाजी व्यक्तिगत रिकर्व ओपन फाइनल में स्वर्ण जीतकर इतिहास रच दिया।
- रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड (आरआईएल) 10 लाख करोड़ रुपये वार्षिक राजस्व को पार करने वाली पहली भारतीय कंपनी बन गई है।
- बबीता चौहान को उत्तर प्रदेश महिला आयोग की अध्यक्ष और अपर्णा यादव और चारु चौधरी को उत्तर प्रदेश महिला आयोग की उपाध्यक्ष नियुक्त किया गया।