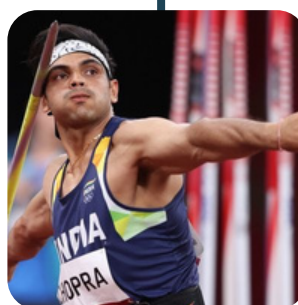


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**Ques : Which of the following country was approved for membership in the BRICS New Development Bank (NDB) ?  
निम्नलिखित में से किस देश को ब्रिक्स न्यू डेवलपमेंट बैंक (एनडीबी) में सदस्यता के लिए मंजूरी दी गई?**

- (a) Iran / ईरान**
- (b) Algeria / अल्जीरिया**
- (c) UAE / यूएई**
- (d) Syria / सीरिया**
- (e) Saudi Arabia / सऊदी अरब**

**Answer : Option B**

Explanation :

- Algeria has been approved as the BRICS New Development Bank's newest member, joining other countries looking for alternatives to international financial institutions such as the World Bank and IMF.
- Dilma Rousseff, the head of the NDB, made the decision and revealed it during a meeting in Cape Town, South Africa. The bank of the BRICS group of nations, whose name is derived from the initials of founding members Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- Membership in the BRICS bank will provide Algeria, Africa's biggest natural gas exporter, with "new prospects to support and strengthen its economic growth in the medium and long term."
- The NDB was founded in 2015, and its primary objective is to mobilize capital for initiatives in emerging markets and underdeveloped countries.
- The NDB has increased its membership to include Bangladesh and the UAE in 2021, as well as Egypt in 2023.

About New Development Bank (NDB) :

- Founded – 2015
- Headquarters – Shanghai, China
- Membership (9) – Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Bangladesh, UAE, Uruguay & Egypt
- President – Dilma Rousseff (Brazil)
- Vice President – Anil Kishora (Indian)

**Ques : \_\_\_ Imposes Rs.1.91 Crore Fine on Axis Bank and Rs.1 Crore Penalty on HDFC Bank**

**\_ ने एक्सिस बैंक पर Rs.1.91 करोड़ और एचडीएफसी बैंक पर Rs.1 करोड़ का जुर्माना लगाया**

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

**Answer : Option B**

Explanation :

- The RBI levied a monetary penalty of ₹1.91 crore on Axis Bank Limited.
- The penalty applies for violating Section 19 (1) (a) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (BR Act) and failing to follow RBI directions on interest rates on deposits, Interest Rate on Deposits and Know Your Customer (KYC).
- Opening of savings deposit accounts in the name of ineligible entities.
- Allotment of multiple customer identification codes instead of a Unique Customer Identification Code (UCIC) for certain customers.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.1 crore on HDFC Bank Limited for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI on 'Interest Rate on Deposits', 'Recovery Agents engaged by Banks' and 'Customer Service in Banks'.

## Recent Penalties imposed on Banks by RBI :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.2.68 crore on UCO Bank.
- RBI has also imposed a penalty of Rs.2.1 lakh on Cent Bank Home Finance Limited.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.1.25 lakh on The Valsad Mahila Nagarik Sahakari Bank Ltd., Valsad, Gujarat
- The RBI also imposed a penalty of Rs.1,99,50,000 on Innofin Solutions Private Limited, also known as 'LenDen Club'.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.1,92,00,000 on NDX P2P Private Limited, also known as 'LiquiLoans'.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has fined Bank of Maharashtra Rs.1,27,20,000/- for failing to follow certain guidelines on the "Loan System for Delivery of Bank Credit," "Cyber Security Framework in Banks," and "Know Your Customer."
- Additionally, Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited (the company) has been fined Rs.4.90 lakh by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for failing to comply with various KYC (know your customer) regulations. Guidelines, 2016
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has fined Bank of Maharashtra Rs.1,27,20,000/-for failing to follow certain guidelines on the "Loan System for Delivery of Bank Credit," "Cyber Security Framework in Banks," and "Know Your Customer."
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed monetary penalties on 5 urban cooperative banks for failing to comply with various regulatory directions.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has levied a penalty of Rs.1,90,000 (1.9 lakh) on Muthoot Finance Limited for non-compliance with the 'Know Your Customer (KYC) Directions, 2016.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of Rs.10,000 on YES Bank for not exchanging mutilated notes.
- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1.31 crore on Punjab National Bank for non-compliance with certain directions related to KYC and 'loans and advances'.

**Ques : Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) established in which year ?**

**जमा बीमा और क्रेडिट गारंटी निगम (DICGC) की स्थापना किस वर्ष में हुई?**

- (a) 1978
- (b) 1954
- (c) 1985
- (d) 1970
- (e) 1980

**Answer : Option A**

**Explanation :**

- The Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) has launched an online tool called Daava Soochak, which allows depositors to check the status of their insurance claims.
- Since its formation, the DICGC has been in charge of reimbursing insured funds to depositors of insolvent banks.
- Daava Soochak, a user-friendly online tool, is part of DICGC's ongoing commitment to improving the services provided for depositors.
- Since 1962, the deposit insurance coverage level has been increased six times, from Rs 1,500 per depositor held in the same right and capacity across all covered bank branches to Rs 5,00,000 on February 4, 2020.
- Currently, 97.8% of all deposit accounts are properly safeguarded. The remaining 2.2% of accounts have deposits protected up to Rs 5 lakh.

**About DICGC :**

- Formed : 1978
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- DICGC is a specialised division of the Reserve Bank of India which is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
- It was established under the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation Act, 1961 for the purpose of providing insurance of deposits and guaranteeing of credit facilities.



## Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Razorpay has launched the innovative Point-of-Sale (POS) software, 'Razorpay DigiPOS'
- 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.
- NPST, a leading digital banking and payments technology provider launched Risk Intelligence Decisioning Platform and EVOK 3.0 payment platform.
- 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.

**Ques : Who advises India to reassess Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) decision to achieve \$1 trillion export target ?**

**भारत को \$1 ट्रिलियन निर्यात लक्ष्य प्राप्त करने के लिए क्षेत्रीय व्यापक आर्थिक भागीदारी (RCEP) निर्णय का पुनर्मूल्यांकन करने की सलाह कौन देता है?**

- (a) WTO**
- (b) NABARD**
- (c) SEBI**
- (d) WHO**
- (e) IMF**

**Answer : Option D**

Explanation :

- The World Bank has asked India to reconsider its regional integration policy, especially its choice not to join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) as part of its goal to achieve a \$1 trillion export by 2030.
- India withdrew from RCEP negotiations in 2019, citing concerns over market access and competitiveness.
- The RCEP includes 10 ASEAN nations (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines, Laos, and Vietnam) and six FTA partners (China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, and New Zealand).
- India has FTAs with 13 of 15 RCEP members, with the exception of China and New Zealand.

About World Bank :

- Established : 1944
- HQ : Washington DC
- Members : 189
- World Bank Group 5 : (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID)
- President : Ajay Banga
- MD & CFO : Anshula Kant
- Chief Economist : Indermit Gill

**Ques : Indian Rupee \_\_\_ Worst Performing Asian Currency in August 2024 Due to High Dollar Demand and Equity Outflows**  
**उच्च डॉलर की मांग और इक्विटी बहिर्प्रवाह के कारण अगस्त 2024 में भारतीय रुपया \_ सबसे खराब प्रदर्शन करने वाली एशियाई मुद्रा है**

- (a) 1st
- (b) 2nd
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 4th
- (e) 5th

**Answer : Option B**

Explanation :

- In August 2024, the Indian rupee was the second-worst-performing Asian currency, trailing only the Bangladeshi taka. This was due to high dollar demand and outflows from domestic equity markets.
- It depreciated by 0.2% during the month. The rupee has depreciated by 0.6% so far in the current financial year.
- It was the third most stable Asian currency against the US dollar in FY24, following the Hong Kong dollar and Singapore dollar.
- The last time the rupee exhibited such stability was in 1994 when it appreciated by 0.4%.



## Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has clarified to banks that Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cardholders are eligible for education loans for study abroad if they live in India.
- Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS): The RBI confirmed that there is no upper limit on the amount that can be remitted under LRS for education purposes.
- Resident individuals, including minors, can remit up to \$250,000 per financial year for current or capital account transactions under the LRS.
- Public sector banks (PSBs) disbursed Rs.28,699 crore towards education loans in FY24, with a year-on-year growth of 17% in number of accounts and 14.8% in disbursement amounts.

## About overseas citizen of India :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) defines an Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) as a foreign national of Indian origin who is registered as an OCI cardholder under Section 7(A) of the Citizenship Act, 1955.
- The OCI scheme was introduced in 2005 to address the demand for dual citizenship for individuals of Indian origin.
- The OCI scheme grants foreign citizens of Indian origin the right to live and work in India indefinitely.

## Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- Chennai based Fintech startup Paysharp Private Limited received the final authorisation from the Reserve Bank Of India (RBI) to act as a Payment Aggregator (PA).
- The Fintech Association for Consumer Empowerment (FACE) is the first Self-Regulatory Organization (SRO-FT) in the FinTech sector, having been formally registered by RBI.
- Due to high NPAs and lender repayment failures, RBI cancelled the Certificate of Registration (CoR) granted to Margdarshak Financial Services Limited (MFSL), its headquarters in Lucknow, UP.
- The Unified Lending Interface (ULI) was introduced by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das in Bengaluru, Karnataka, during the Global Conference on Digital Public Infrastructure and Emerging Technologies.
- The schedule for the early redemption of Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) issued between May 2017 and May 2020 has been released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The national common mobility cards (NCMCs) and Fastags autoreplenishment have been integrated into the e-mandate framework by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given IndusInd Bank permission to form a wholly owned subsidiary that will solely focus on asset management for mutual funds.
- The RBI90Quiz, an undergraduate college test, has been made available to students by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das received an 'A+' rating for the 2nd consecutive year in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2024.
- Peer-to-peer (NBFC-P2P) lending platforms run the risk of being branded as investment products by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) due to their inability to offer features like liquidity choices and tenure-linked guaranteed minimum returns.
- According to a Reserve Bank of India (RBI) study, capital expenditure (capex) in the private sector is expected to increase from Rs.1.59 trillion in FY24 to Rs.2.45 trillion in FY25.
- In order to improve compliance culture and offer a platform for consultation while formulating policy, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released a framework for the recognition of self-regulatory organizations (SROs) in the financial markets.

## Ques : Which Assembly Passes Historic Anti-Rape 'Aparajita' Bill Amid Political Drama ?

राजनीतिक नाटक के बीच किस विधानसभा ने ऐतिहासिक बलात्कार विरोधी 'अपराजिता' विधेयक पारित किया?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

### Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The West Bengal Assembly unanimously enacted the 'Aparajita Woman and Child Bill (West Bengal Criminal Laws and Amendment) 2024', making a significant change in the state's legal framework against sexual offenses.
- With this move, West Bengal becomes the first state to amend central laws dealing with rape, gang-rape, and sexual crimes against children.
- The 'Aparajita' bill is named in tribute to a 31-year-old trainee doctor who was raped and murdered at RG Kar Medical Centre and Hospital last month.

Key Provisions of the Bill :

- Life Sentence: Without parole for those convicted of rape.
- Death Penalty: Imposed for rape if the victim dies or suffers severe brain damage.
- Aparajita Task Force: To ensure punishment within 21 days of the preliminary report.
- 'Ratri Saathi' Provision: Extends the duty hours for female workers, ensuring their safety during night shifts.
- Enhanced Safety Measures: Installation of CCTV cameras and increased security on routes used by female healthcare workers, with an allocation of Rs 120 crores.

About West Bengal :

- Capital : Kolkata
- CM : Mamata Banerjee
- Governor : Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose

**Ques : Which ministry launched the Vishvasya-Blockchain Technology Stack ?**

**किस मंत्रालय ने विश्वस्य-ब्लॉकचेन टेक्नोलॉजी स्टैक लॉन्च किया?**

- (a) Union Ministry of Home Affairs / केंद्र य गृह मंत्रालय**
- (b) Union Ministry of Education / केंद्र य सशिक्षा मंत्रालय**
- (c) Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology / केंद्रीय इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय**
- (d) Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises / केंद्रीय सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्रालय**
- (e) Union Ministry of Steel / केंद्र य इस्पात मंत्रालय**

**Answer : Option C**

Explanation :

- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY launched the Vishvasya-Blockchain Technology Stack.

- It Provide Blockchain-as-a-Service with a geographically distributed infrastructure that can support a variety of permissioned Blockchain-based applications.

- MeitY also unveiled the NBFLite-Lightweight Blockchain Platform, Praamaanik – an innovative blockchain-enabled solution for verifying mobile app origin and National Blockchain Portal.

- National Blockchain Framework (NBF) for promoting research and application development; facilitating state of the art, transparent, secure and trusted digital service delivery to citizens.

- The Government also unveiled a suite of applications of the Vishvasya Blockchain as a Service BaaS. And Praamaanik – verification of mobile app authenticity.

- The NBF is built on a distributed infrastructure and includes key components such as Distributed Infrastructure, Core Framework Functionality, Smart Contracts & API Gateway, and Security, Privacy & Interoperability.

## News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- 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 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.
- 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.

**Ques : Where was the "Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)" summit held?**

**"फोरम ऑन चाइना-अफ्रीका कोऑपरेशन (FOCAC)" शिखर सम्मेलन कहाँ आयोजित किया गया था?**

- (a) Shanghai / शंघाई**
- (b) Beijing / बीजिंग**
- (c) Dhaka / ढाका**
- (d) Islamabad / इस्लामाबाद**
- (e) Mogadishu / मोगादिशु**

**Answer : Option B**

Explanation :

- Chinese President Xi Jinping committed \$51 billion to African countries during the ninth Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Beijing.
- FOCAC comprises 53 African countries, except Eswatini, which supports Taiwan and opposes China's "One China" policy.
- China will finance 30 infrastructure projects with 360 billion yuan in financial aid.
- Every three years, the forum alternates between China and an African nation.
- This year's topic is "Joining Hands to Advance Modernization and Build a High-Level China-Africa Community with a Shared Future." FOCAC was founded in 2000 to boost China-Africa cooperation.



## Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- India and UNESCO to Co-Organize 2024 Chief Science Advisers Roundtable in Paris.
- Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transports and Highways, and Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, jointly opened the India Bio-Energy & Tech Expo 2024 in New Delhi.
- Saudi Arabia will host the 19th Internet Governance Forum (IGF) from December 15-19, 2024, at the King Abdulaziz International Conference Center in Riyadh.
- 2nd edition of India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) to held in Singapore.
- India will host the second International Conference on Green Hydrogen in New Delhi and aims to expand our understanding of the green hydrogen environment.

**Ques : Which state government approved 33% reservation for women in the police force by deciding to amend the State Police Subordinate Service Rules, 1989?**

**किस राज्य सरकार ने राज्य पुलिस अधीनस्थ सेवा नियम, 1989 में संशोधन करने का निर्णय लेकर पुलिस बल में महिलाओं के लिए 33% आरक्षण को मंजूरी दी?**

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

**Answer : Option C**

Explanation :

- The Rajasthan State Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, has approved a significant policy shift that mandates 33% reservation for women in the police service.
- This decision, made on September 4, 2024, is consistent with the BJP's 2023 Assembly election manifesto vow to increase female participation in law enforcement.
- The amendment to the Rajasthan Police Subordinate Service Rules, 1989, will soon be formalized through a notification by the Personnel department.
- In addition to the quota decision, the Cabinet passed various pension-related reforms. Specially abled children, siblings, and dependent parents can now be included in the Pension Payment Order if no other eligible family members are present.
- This change involves updating Rules 67 and 87 of the Rajasthan Civil Services Pension Rules, 1996.

**Ques : Kapil Parmar has won bronze medal at Paris Paralympics 2024.  
He is related to which sport?**

**कपिल परमार ने पेरिस पैरालिंपिक 2024 में कांस्य पदक जीता है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित हैं?**

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

**Answer : Option D**

Explanation :

- At the Paris Paralympics 2024, India's JudoKa Kapil Parmar earned the bronze medal in the Para Judo men's -60kg J1 category, defeating Brazil's Elielton de Oliveira.
- This is India's first medal in this event at the Paralympics. The match lasted just 33 seconds.
- Parmar delivered an outstanding performance, dominating his opponent from start to end and winning the bronze medal match 10-0.
- In the semifinals, he was defeated 0-10 by S Banitaba Khorram Abadi of Iran.
- Parmar, who won silver at the 2022 Asian Games in the same event, defeated Venezuela's Marco Dennis Blanco 10-0 in the quarterfinals.
- The J1 level in para judo is for competitors who have little to no visual activation. Athletes in this group wear red circles to signify that they may require directed help before to, during, and after a competition.

## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Para shuttler Nithya Sre Sivan has won the Bronze medal at the Paris Paralympics in the Women's Singles Badminton SH6 event.
- At the Paris Paralympics 2024, Harvinder Singh from Haryana created history by winning a Gold in the men's archery individual recurve open final.
- The Indian deaf shooter Dhanush Srikanth won three gold medals at the 2024 World Deaf Shooting Championship in Hanover, Germany.
- 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.
- 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

**Ques : Who has been appointed as the State Mission Director of the National Health Mission (NHM)?**

**सितंबर 2024 में राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन (एनएचएम) का राज्य मिशन निदेशक किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Sujai Raina / सुजाई रैना**
- (b) Dinesh Dasa / दिनेश दासा**
- (c) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता**
- (d) Manoj Soni / मनोज सोनी**
- (e) Vinay Goyal / विनय गोयल**

**Answer : Option E**

Explanation :

- Vinay Goyal has been appointed State Mission Director of the National Health Mission (NHM).
- He succeeds K. Jeevan Babu, who has moved to the Kerala Water Authority as Managing Director.
- Dr. Goyal, a Haryana native, is part of the 2016 IAS batch.
- He had held the positions of CEO of Thiruvananthapuram Smart City; Managing Director of Kerala Rapid Transit Corporation Ltd. (KRTCL); Director of the Backward Classes Development Department; Secretary of the Kerala State Housing Board, among others.

## Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Partha Sinha : Chairman of Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)
- Ajay Ratra : BCCI appointed as men's cricket team selector (replacing Salil Ankola)
- Dr D K Sunil : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) (Additional charge) of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) (Replaced CB Ananthakrishnan)
- 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)



**Ques : Which state will host the 4th Global Renewable Energy Investors Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST)**

**कौन सा राज्य चौथे वैश्विक अक्षय ऊर्जा निवेशक सम्मेलन और एक्सपो (री इन्वेस्ट) की मेजबानी करेगा?**

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

**Answer : Option B**

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will open the 4th Global RE-INVEST Renewable Energy Investors Meet and Expo in Gandhinagar on September 16.
- The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy's three-day flagship event, held at Mahatma Mandir, will bring together important participants in the renewable energy sector.
- On the first day of the event, all chief ministers will meet in a plenary session, followed by a similar session for all state energy ministers on the second.
- Representatives from Germany, Australia, Norway, and Denmark will be among those in attendance. Sessions will cover subjects such as green hydrogen, innovative models for round-the-clock renewable energy, making India a hub for battery energy storage, and mainstreaming offshore wind in India.

**Ques : Michel Barnier, who was seen in the news recently, is the Prime Minister of which country?**

**हाल ही में खबरों में रहे मिशेल बार्नियर किस देश के प्रधानमंत्री हैं?**

- (a) Spain / स्पेन**
- (b) Egypt / मिस्र**
- (c) USA / यूएसए**
- (d) France / फ्रांस**
- (e) UK / यूके**

**Answer : Option D**

Explanation :

- French President Emmanuel Macron has named Michel Barnier, the European Union's former Brexit negotiator, as his new prime minister.
- Michel Barnier oversaw the EU's negotiations with Britain over its withdrawal from the bloc from 2016 to 2021. Prior to that, the conservative politician served in several French governments and was an EU commissioner.
- At 73, Barnier is the oldest prime minister in France's modern political history, succeeding Gabriel Attal, who was the youngest.

About France :

- Capital- Paris
- President- Emmanuel Macron
- Prime Minister- Michel Barnier
- Official language- French

## Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President :

- Prime minister of Thailand : Paetongtarn Shinawatra
- Prime Minister of Tunisia : Kamel Madouri (replacing Ahmed Hachani)
- Prime Minister of Bulgaria : Goritsa Gruncharova-Kozhareva
- President of Iran : Masoud Pezeshkian
- President of Venezuela : Nicolas Maduro
- Prime Minister of Estonia : Kristen Michal
- President of Rwanda : Paul Kagame
- President of Lithuania : Gitanas Nauseda
- President of Iran : Masoud Pezeshkian
- Prime Minister of the United Kingdom : Keir Starmer
- Prime Minister of the Netherlands : Dick Schoof
- President of Slovakia : Peter Pellegrini
- President of South Africa : Cyril Ramaphosa
- First female President of Mexico : Claudia Sheinbaum
- President of Lithuania : Gitanas Nauseda
- President of Taiwan : Lai Ching-te
- Prime Minister of Singapore : Lawrence Wong
- President of the Russian Federation : Vladimir Putin
- President of Panama : Jose Raul Mulino
- Prime minister of Solomon Islands : Jeremiah Manele
- Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister : Ishaq Dar
- Prime Minister of Bhutan (2nd term) : Tshering Tobgay
- Prime Minister of Yemen : Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak
- Prime Minister of Kazakhstan : Olzhas Bektenov
- Prime Minister of Tuvalu : Feleti Teo

**Ques : President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Vishwashanti Buddha Vihar in which state ?**

**राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू ने किस राज्य में विश्वशांति बुद्ध विहार का उद्घाटन किया?**

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

**Answer : Option D**

**Explanation :**

- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Vishwashanti Buddha Vihar in Udgir, Maharashtra's Latur district.
- The statue of Lord Buddha at Buddha Vihar stands 10.5 feet tall and weighs 520 kilos, according to officials.
- This Buddha Vihar replicates a similar establishment in Kalaburagi, Karnataka.
- Built on 1.15 hectares, the Buddha Vihar can accommodate up to 1,200 people.
- The entry gate is modeled after the Sanchi Stupa in Madhya Pradesh.

**Ques : Which edition of India-Maldives Defence Cooperation Dialogue Held in New Delhi ?**

**भारत-मालदीव रक्षा सहयोग वार्ता का कौन सा संस्करण नई दिल्ली में आयोजित किया गया?**

- (a) 2nd
- (b) 3rd
- (c) 4th
- (d) 5th
- (e) 6th

**Answer : Option D**

Explanation :

- The 5th Defence Cooperation Dialogue between India and the Maldives was conducted in New Delhi on September 6, 2024.
- The Indian team was led by Defence Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane, and the Maldivian delegation was led by General Ibrahim Hilmy, Chief of the Maldives National Defence Force.
- The summit served as a forum to further bilateral defense cooperation, with an emphasis on completing ongoing projects and promoting regional stability in the Indian Ocean.
- India and the Maldives share a strong defence partnership, focusing on the security of the Indian Ocean region.
- Both sides emphasized expediting ongoing defence cooperation initiatives and Focus was placed on collaborative capability development projects.

**Ques : Agni-4 Ballistic Missile successfully test fired in which state ?**  
**अग्नि-4 बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल का सफलतापूर्वक परीक्षण किस राज्य में किया गया?**

- (a) Kerala / केरल
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (d) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (e) Telangana / तेलंगाना

**Answer : Option C**

Explanation :

India has completed a successful test-fire of Agni-4 Ballistic Missile.

The Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-4, was launched from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, Odisha.

The launch was successful in validating all operational and technical criteria. The Strategic Forces Command, which is part of India's Nuclear Command Authority (NCA), directed the operation.

Agni-4 boosted the range even further, reaching up to 4,000 kilometers. The 20-metre-long missile has a payload capacity of 1,000 kg and may be launched from a road-mobile launcher.

During its 2012 test launch, Agni-4 traveled over 3,000 kilometers in 20 minutes. It was the DRDO's longest-range mission at the time.

The Agni-4 missile was previously known as Agni-2 Prime. The Agni missiles are designed and developed by the DRDO.



## Recent News Headlines Related to DRDO

- Energy-harvesting shoes with GPS tracking have been created by the IIT Indore, Madhya Pradesh, in collaboration with the DRDO.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has sanctioned seven new projects for the private sector under the Technology Development Fund scheme.
- Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR) developed by the Jodhpur Laboratory of the Research DRDO was formally handed over to the Indian Navy at a function held in New Delhi.
- DRDO successfully tested the next-generation Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system on 1 May 2024 from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.
- DRDO hands over nine defence tech projects to IIT-Bhubaneswar
- DRDO chairman Samir V Kamat gets one-year extension
- DRDO has taken up a preliminary study on the design and development of an indigenous conventional submarine under Project-76
- DRDO successfully tested the Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile (ITCM) from Chandipur, Odisha
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is reported to be testing a prototype of its DURGA-2 (Directionally Unrestricted Ray Gun Array) system.

## Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) :

- Founded : 1 January 1958
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- Chairman : Sameer V Kamat

## **IMPORTANT ONE – LINER CURRENT AFFAIRS**

**SIDDHARTHA AGGARWAL FROM BENGALURU HAS MADE HISTORY BY BECOMING THE OLDEST INDIAN TO SWIM SOLO ACROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL. AT THE AGE OF 49, HE COMPLETED THE 42 KM SWIM IN 15 HOURS AND SIX MINUTES.**

**THE UNION CABINET COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY PM NARENDRA MODI APPROVED THE DIGITAL AGRICULTURE MISSION WITH AN OUTLAY OF RS. 2817 CRORE, INCLUDING THE CENTRAL SHARE OF RS. 1940 CRORE.**

**RAJESH VERMA HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT (CAQM) IN NCR. HE SUCCEEDS DR. M.M. KUTTY.**

**THE EASTERN ECONOMIC FORUM 2024 WAS HELD IN VLADIVOSTOK, RUSSIA. IT IS AN ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL EVENT, STARTED IN 2015.**

**THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA, DROUPADI MURMU, HAS DELEGATED THE POWERS TO LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF DELHI TO CONSTITUTE AND APPOINT MEMBERS OF ANY AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR STATUTORY BODY.**

**UNION HOME AND COOPERATION MINISTER AMIT SHAH RELEASED THE DOCUMENTARY FILM MUMBAI SAMACHAR200 NOT OUT, WHICH CHRONICLES THE REMARKABLE 200-YEAR JOURNEY OF ASIA'S OLDEST NEWSPAPER.**

**THE 54TH MEETING OF THE GOODS AND SERVICES TAX COUNCIL CHAIRED BY FINANCE MINISTER NIRMALA SITHARAMAN CONCLUDED IN NEW DELHI.**

**IFFCO TOKIO GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED (IFFCO TOKIO) HAS APPOINTED SUBRATA MONDAL AS ITS NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR (MD) AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO).**

## महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

बेंगलुरु के सिद्धार्थ अग्रवाल ने इंग्लिश चैनल को अकेले तैरकर पार करने वाले सबसे उम्रदराज भारतीय बनकर इतिहास रच दिया है। 49 साल की उम्र में उन्होंने 42 किमी की तैराकी 15 घंटे और छह मिनट में पूरी की।

पीएम नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में केंद्रीय कैबिनेट समिति ने रुपये के परिव्यय के साथ डिजिटल कृषि मिशन को मंजूरी दी। 2817 करोड़ रुपये, जिसमें केंद्र का हिस्सा भी शामिल है। 1940 करोड़।

राजेश वर्मा को एनसीआर में वायु गुणवत्ता प्रबंधन आयोग (सीएक्यूएम) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है। उन्होंने डॉ. एम.एम. का स्थान लिया। कुट्टी।

ईस्टर्न इकोनॉमिक फोरम 2024 रूस के व्लादिवोस्तोक में आयोजित किया गया था। यह एक वार्षिक अंतर्राष्ट्रीय कार्यक्रम है, जो 2015 में शुरू हुआ था।

भारत के राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू ने किसी भी प्राधिकरण, बोर्ड, आयोग या वैधानिक निकाय के सदस्यों के गठन और नियुक्ति के लिए दिल्ली के उपराज्यपाल को शक्तियां सौंपी हैं।

केंद्रीय गृह और सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह ने डॉक्यूमेंट्री फिल्म मुंबई समाचार 200 नॉट आउट जारी की, जो एशिया के सबसे पुराने अखबार की 200 साल की उल्लेखनीय यात्रा का वर्णन करती है।

वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण की अध्यक्षता में वस्तु एवं सेवा कर परिषद की 54वीं बैठक नई दिल्ली में संपन्न हुई।

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फको टोकियो जनरल इंश्योरेंस कंपनी लिमिटेड (इफको टोकियो) ने सुब्रत मंडल को अपना नया प्रबंध निदेशक (एमडी) और मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) नियुक्त किया है।