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Ques : _____ Grants In-Principle Approval to Capitalmind to Launch Mutual Fund Business

_____ ने कैपिटलमाइंड को म्यूचुअल फंड व्यवसाय शुरू करने के लिए सैद्धांतिक मंजूरी दे दी है

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has given the Bengaluru-based investment management company Capitalmind Financial Services Private Limited preliminary approval to introduce a new mutual fund.
- At the moment, Capitalmind serves as a portfolio manager, overseeing assets under management (AUM) worth over Rs.2,200 crore for over 1,150 clients. The company keeps a solid 98% yearly client retention rate.
- Capitalmind, under the direction of Deepak Shenoy, is ranked 25th in India's AUM for discretionary equities strategies.
- Capitalmind has merged with other asset management companies (AMCs) based in Bengaluru, including Groww Mutual Fund, Zerodha Fund House, and Navi Mutual Fund.
- As of March 31, 2024, there are 74.6 crore PAN card holders in India, but only 4.5 crore unique mutual fund investors, highlighting significant untapped potential in the mutual fund market.

Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), a market regulator, has suggested amending the rules pertaining to debenture trustees (DTs).
- SEBI, which oversees the securities market, has suggested adding a new class of financial instruments to the securities market in order to expand the sustainable financing framework.
- Property Share became the 1st Fractional Ownership Platform (FOP) to receive India's 1st Small and Medium Real Estate Investment Trust (SM REIT) license from SEBI under the newly notified SM REIT regulations.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) launched India's first website for passive funds at the National Stock Exchange (NSE), along with unveiling a comprehensive report on the Indian Capital Markets.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has directed Mutual Funds (MFs) to value their investment in the Additional Tier-1 (AT-1) bonds issued by banks on Yield-to-Call (YTC) basis.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has notified November 1, 2024 as the effective date for the implementation of insider trading rules aimed at enhancing the integrity and transparency within asset management companies (AMCs).
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) addressed recent media reports inaccurately claiming that it was considering making the T+0 settlement cycle mandatory for all transactions.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed a series of near-term measures to prevent speculative trading, such as gambling in index derivatives, which include curbing multiple option contract expiries and increasing the size of options contracts.
- SEBI has introduced SEBI's Virtual Assistant (SEVA) chatbot to help investors of the securities market.
- SEBI has reduced the deliverable period for commodity derivatives from the previous 5 days to 3 days. This regulatory change is set to take effect from July 1, 2024.
- SEBI has increased the limit for the Basic Service Demat Account (BSDA) to Rs 10 lakhs from the current Rs 2 lakhs to encourage small investors to participate in the securities market.

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

About SEBI :

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

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Ques : World's First Mobile Hybrid Rocket RHUMI-1 launched by which country ?

विश्व का पहला मोबाइल हाइब्रिड रॉकेट RHUMI-1 किस देश द्वारा लॉन्च किया गया?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- 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.
- Three Cube satellites were deployed by RHUMI-1 to monitor and gather data on atmospheric conditions, such as air quality, UV and cosmic radiation intensities.
- In order to investigate several atmospheric factors like vibration, accelerometer readings, altitude, ozone levels, and hazardous content, it also launched fifty Pico satellites.
- Data will be gathered by these satellites to aid in the study of climate change and global warming.
- The mission, known as Mission RHUMI 2024, is led by Anand Megalingam, the founder of Space Zone India.

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- Mylswamy Annadurai, a former project director of India's Moon Mission "Chandrayaan" and director of the ISRO Satellite Centre (ISAC), is serving as the project's mentor.
- RHUMI-1 has an electrically activated parachute deployer and a hybrid motor powered by generic fuel. It contains 0% TNT and is completely free of fireworks.
- For increased effectiveness and lower operating costs, the rocket blends liquid and solid fuel propellant systems.

About Space Zone India :

- The Chennai-based aero-technology business Space Zone India seeks to offer long-term, affordable solutions for the space sector.
 - The business provides practical instruction in rocket, satellite, drone, and aerodynamics technology. Additionally, it promotes job prospects in the aerospace sector.
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Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- 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.
- The Indian Navy (IN) has authorized Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) to construct six advanced submarines in partnership with Germany's ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems (TKMS) under the 'Project 75 India (P75I)' initiative
- China intends to compete with SpaceX's Starlink network by launching its first set of internet satellites.
- Indian Air Force has given its green signal for the production of 200 Astra mark-1 (Mk-1) missiles for its Su-30 MKI and the indigenously developed Light Combat Aircraft Tejas.
- India has announced the selection of two astronauts, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair, for the upcoming Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS).
- NASA's Perseverance rover recently made an intriguing discovery that could shed light on the ancient history of Mars and the possibility of past microbial life.
- Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) recently unveiled the country's new air-to-surface missile dubbed "Wind Demon".
- As many as 16,000 Remote Pilot Certificates (RPCs) have been issued for operating drones in the country, Minister of State for Civil Aviation Murlidhar Mohol told the Rajya Sabha.
- Airbus and Tata are joining forces to manufacture India's first FAL (Final Assembly Line) H125 helicopter, which is set to roll out by 2026.
- China sent a new Earth observation satellite into space from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in north China's Shanxi Province.
- Drone Destination and the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a cutting-edge drone training centre at NSIC in New Delhi.
- Europe's latest rocket, the Ariane 6, successfully completed its maiden flight, delivering satellites into orbit and restoring the continent's autonomous access to space.

Ques : Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana comes under which ministry ?

दीन दयाल स्पर्श योजना किस मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत आती है?

- (a) Union Ministry of Home Affairs / केंद्र य गृह मंत्रालय
- (b) Union Ministry of Education / केंद्र य सशिक्षा मंत्रालय
- (c) Union Ministry of Communication / केंद्रीय संचार 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 :

- 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.

About the Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana :

- A recognized school's class VI, VII, VIII, and IX students are eligible to apply for the Deen Dayal SPARSH (Scholarship for Promotion of Aptitude & Research in Stamps as a Hobby) Yojana, which is an all-India program.
- A maximum of 40 scholarships may be given to 10 students from each of Standard VI, VII, VIII, and IX by each postal circle in the nation.
- The scholarship will be awarded weekly and costs Rs 6000 annually.
- The scholarship will only be awarded to students who have a Philately Deposit Account or are members of a Philately group.

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- 920 scholarships for students who pursue philately as a pastime will be given out at all India levels.
 - Students who meet the Yojana's requirements can apply again the following year. Scholarship selections are made for a period of one year.
 - Philately is the study and collection of postal stamps and associated items. Philately is the pastime of collecting stamps and the related objects that are acquired, arranged, cataloged, stored, displayed, and maintained in themed spaces.
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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, the Maharashtra government, led by Eknath Shinde, is scheduled to formally introduce the "Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana."
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- 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.
- The "Nijut Moina Scheme," a program to end child marriages by empowering female students and emphasizing education over early marriage, was introduced by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- The Hemant Soren government in Jharkhand has launched the Mukhyamantri Maiyaan Samman Yojana to provide financial assistance to eligible women in the state.
- Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat, launched the 'Shramik Basera' scheme.
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu launched the NTR Bharosa pension scheme

Ques : What is the contribution of government in Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) ?

यूनिफाइड पेंशन स्कीम (यूपीएस) में सरकार का कितना योगदान है?

- (a) 16.5%
- (b) 17.5%
- (c) 18.5%
- (d) 19.5%
- (e) 20.5%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Unified Pension System (UPS) for its employees has been approved by the Union Cabinet, which is led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The current National Pension System (NPS) will be replaced with the new plan Unified Pension System (UPS).
- With the exception of the military forces, which enlisted on January 1, 2004, all central government employees were required to participate in the National Pension System. Afterwards, the NPS was introduced for employees by numerous state governments.
- The Indian government has planned to adopt the Unified Pension Scheme from April 1, 2025.
- A certain pension amount is provided by the UPS, guaranteeing pensioners a regular, predetermined amount after retirement.
- If you work with UPS for 25 years or more, you will be eligible for a pension that is equal to 50% of your average income from the previous 12 months, with inflation adjusted by dearness allowance.
- Under the UPS, employee contributions won't change. That is Employees are to contribute 10% of their salary. The government will, however, upend its 14% contribution to 18.5%.

- You will get a lump sum payment at superannuation combined with a gratuity when you leave from UPS.
- For each six months of completed service, this will be equal to one-tenth of your monthly emoluments (pay + DA) on the day of superannuation. The guaranteed pension amount will not be lowered by this payment.
- After at least 25 years of qualifying service, retirees under UPS will earn 50% of their average basic pay for the final 12 months prior to retirement.
- Pensions for shorter service durations will be equivalent and require a minimum of ten years of service. At least ten years of service will be required before receiving a pension of Rs 10,000 per month.

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- Uttar Pradesh Launched Upvan Yojna and Heritage Tree Adoption Scheme. Saplings and cuttings of tree are being provided by the state government for plantation in parks, along the road and other spaces right from cities to villages.
- Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced a new scheme, 'Ladka Bhau' Yojana for the unemployed youth of the state.
- Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has introduced the Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhayastam scheme.
- Mahindra & Mahindra Sign MoU with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) for 'Drone Didi' Pilot Project.
- Assam government has announced a new scheme Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina (MMNM) to promote girl education and to end child marriage in the state.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav inaugurated the intra-state air service facility 'PM Shri Tourism Air Service'.
- Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma launched the state government's Mukhya Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi.
- Uttarakhand government has launched the Pirul Lao-Paise Pao campaign to contain the raging forest fire in the state.
- Chief Minister of Rajasthan Bhajan Lal Sharma announced that the state government will develop the Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit with an investment of Rs 100 crore.

Ques : Union Home Minister recently inaugurated the zonal office of the Narcotics Control Bureau in _____?

केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री ने हाल ही में _____ में नारकोटिक्स कंट्रोल ब्यूरो के जोनल कार्यालय का उद्घाटन किया?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Jammu and Kashmir / जम्मू और कश्मीर
- (c) Nagaland / नागालैंड
- (d) Bihar / बिहार
- (e) Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)'s Raipur, Chhattisgarh, Zonal Unit Office was virtually launched by Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah.
- A review meeting regarding the state of narcotics in Chhattisgarh was also presided over by Shri Amit Shah.
- The Union Home Minister stated that every Indian citizen is now determined to support Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's goal of having a drug-free nation by 2047, the nation's centenary year of independence.

About Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) :

- Established on November 14, 1985, in accordance with the terms of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (NDPS Act).
- it is the primary drug law enforcement and intelligence agency under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
- Headquarters : Delhi

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Ques : How many new districts have been announced to be created in the Union Territory of Ladakh?

केंद्र शासित प्रदेश लद्दाख में कितने नए जिले बनाने की घोषणा की गई है?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- In the Ladakh union territory, the Ministry of Home Affairs has agreed to establish five new districts.
- The establishment of new districts will strengthen government throughout every nook and cranny, bringing the advantages intended for the people directly to their doorstep.
- Zaskar, Drass, Sham, Nubra, and Changthang are these districts.
- There are just two districts in Ladakh at the moment: Leh and Kargil. The autonomous district councils that oversee both districts are in charge. Ladakh will have seven districts overall after the additional ones are created.
- Ladakh was a component of the former state of Jammu and Kashmir until 2019. But that year, the state's special status was abolished by the BJP-led Central government. Additionally, the state was split into two union territories by the government: Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.

Ques : In which year Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme was launched?
प्रोडक्शन लिंकड इंसेंटिव (पीएलआई) योजना किस वर्ष शुरू की गई थी?

- (a) 2020
- (b) 2021
- (c) 2022
- (d) 2023
- (e) 2024

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- 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 Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) certified Ola Electric after the company fulfilled the Ministry of Heavy Industries' minimum localization requirement of 50%.
- For a maximum of five consecutive fiscal years beginning with Fiscal 2024, the company is eligible to receive incentives ranging from 13% to 18% of the determined sales value of conforming products.
- Ola Electric is now the only manufacturer of EVs to have PLI compliance certification for four of its models: the 3 kWh and 4 kWh S1 Air, S1 Pro, and S1 X models. Earlier, at the January 2024 Auto PLI Conclave, the S1 Air was certified by PLI.

About Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme :

- With a budgetary commitment of INR 25,938 crore, the government introduced the PLI program in 2021 with the goal of increasing local manufacturing of Advanced automobile Technology (AAT) goods and luring investments into the automobile manufacturing value chain.
- By offering financial incentives to automakers and component manufacturers, the program focuses on Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs), such as Battery Electric and Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicles.

Ques : Which ministry has launched the second cycle of its Capacity Building Program on Specific Learning Disability (SLD) under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP)?

किस मंत्रालय ने मालवीय मिशन शिक्षक प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम (एमएमटीटीपी) के तहत विशिष्ट शिक्षण विकलांगता (एसएलडी) पर अपने क्षमता निर्माण कार्यक्रम का दूसरा चक्र शुरू किया है?

- (a) Union Ministry of Home Affairs / केंद्र य गृह मंत्रालय
- (b) Union Ministry of Education / केंद्र य शिक्षा मंत्रालय
- (c) Union Ministry of Finance / केंद्र य वित्त 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 B

Explanation :

- Under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP), the Ministry of Education has begun its second cycle of the Capacity Building Program on Specific Learning Disability (SLD).
- This program, which builds on the accomplishments of the first cycle, aims to provide Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) with the know-how and competencies required to assist students with particular learning difficulties.
- In collaboration with the Changeinkk Foundation, the inaugural cycle of the "Capacity Building Program on Specific Learning Disabilities" ran from January to July 2024. A cohort of 27 HEIs, including Central Universities, IITs, IIITs, IIMs, IISERs, SPAs, and NITs, took part in the program in the first round.
- The second cycle of the programme that started today will run till December 2024, with sessions to be held both online and in-person with a new set of identified HEIs.

Ques : Diana Pundole, who was in the news recently, is associated with which sport?

हाल ही में चर्चा में रहीं डायना पुंडोले किस खेल से जुड़ी हैं?

- (a) Racing / दौड़
- (b) Squash / स्क्वैश
- (c) Shooting / शूटिंग
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Mother-of-two Diana Pundole, a Pune-based teacher, broke over the glass ceiling when she won the saloon class national championship at the MRF Indian National Car Racing Championship 2024, which was held in Chennai.
- Being the first and only female competitor in the highly competitive Indian Touring Cars mixed category—where the majority of competitors have at least ten to twenty years of experience—she makes history in the racing world.
- She has an outstanding racing history, having competed at the F1 Circuit de Spa in Belgium, the Hockenheimring, and the Dubai Autodrome.
- She has also competed in a number of prestigious events, such as the Renault Clio Cup, BMW M2 Competition, Porsche 911 GT3 Cup, and Ferrari 488 Challenge.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The Indian men's cricket team captain Rohit Sharma was awarded the 23th CEAT International Cricketer of the Year Award at a ceremony held in Mumbai.
- Para-athletes Sumit Antil, a gold medallist at the Tokyo Paralympic Games, and Bhagyashri Jadhav, a shot putter, have been selected by the Paralympic Committee of India to represent their country in the opening ceremony of the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games.
- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will host the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in 2024 instead of Bangladesh.
- Satya Prakash Sangwan, vice president of the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI), has been named chef de mission for the Indian delegation to the 2018 Paralympic Games in Paris.
- The 17th International Earth Sciences Olympiad (IESO), which was held in Beijing, China. Indian team has won two silver, three gold, and one bronze medal.
- Hockey India (HI) has officially announced that retiring goalkeeper PR Sreejesh will be the new head coach for the Indian junior men's hockey team.
- Para shuttler Pramod Bhagat has been suspended for a period of 18 months by the Badminton World Federation for violating anti-doping rules.
- Aman Sehrawat of India won a bronze medal in the men's 57 kg wrestling category at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games after an exciting battle at the Champ de Mars stadium.
- The current Olympic champion, Neeraj Chopra, had a stunning show in the men's javelin throw competition, taking home the silver medal.
- After defeating Spain 2-1 in the third-place game at the Yves du Manoir Stadium in Paris, the Indian men's hockey team won the bronze medal at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris.
- Avinash Sable became the first Indian man to qualify for the 3000m steeplechase final after finishing fifth in his heat.
- Vinesh Phogat was disqualified from the women's 50kg wrestling final at the Paris Olympics. she was found 100 gram overweight during the weigh-in on the day of the final.
- The commemorative stamps were released by the Union Minister of Communication, Jyotiraditya Scindia, and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya. These stamps represent sports such as Javelin Throw, Field Hockey, Sailing and Table Tennis.
- American sprinter Noah Lyles clinched gold in the men's 100-meter sprint at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Ques : Which 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?

किस राज्य सरकार ने सुभद्रा योजना शुरू की है जिसके तहत 21 से 60 वर्ष की आयु की एक करोड़ महिलाओं को पांच वर्षों में Rs.50,000 प्रदान किए जाएंगे?

- (a) Kerala / केरल
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Telangana / तेलंगाना

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Bharatiya Janata Party Government, headed by Chief Minister Mohan Majhi, has announced the launch of the Subhadra initiative, which will give one crore women between the ages of 21 and 60 Rs.50,000 over the course of five years.
- One of the main election promises made by the BJP, which took power by unseating former Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik's 24-year tenure, is the Subhadra program.
- From the fiscal year 2024–2025 until the fiscal year 2028–2029, the Scheme may be implemented. For this endeavor, Rs.55,825 crore has been allocated.
- Over one crore women in the State would have their lives completely changed by Subhadra. All qualified women who are under 60 years old and have reached the age of 21 will be covered.
- The annual amount of ₹10,000 will be paid in two payments of ₹5,000 on March 8th, International Women's Day, and Rakhi Purnima Day.

Ques : Where is Kakrapar Atomic Power Station (KAPS) ?

काकरापार परमाणु ऊर्जा स्टेशन (KAPS) कहाँ है?

- (a) Kerala / केरल
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Gujarat / गुजरात

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Kakrapar Atomic Power Station (KAPS) in Gujarat, India, has reached full operational capacity with its second 700 MW nuclear reactor, KAPS-4.
- This achievement follows the reactor's commercial operation starting on March 31, 2024, and its first criticality on December 17, 2023.
- The Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) confirmed that Unit 4 at KAPS was previously operating at 90% capacity before reaching its full 700 MW output.
- NPCIL is advancing its nuclear energy capabilities with 14 additional reactors of the same design planned for completion by 2031-2032.
- Presently, NPCIL operates 24 reactors totaling 8,180 MW, with eight more reactors under construction and ten additional reactors in pre-project phases.

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Ques : Who has been elected as the new chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC)?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट परिषद (ICC) के नए चेयरमैन के रूप में किसे चुना गया है?

- (a) Sourav Ganguly / सौरव गांगुली
- (b) Roger Binny / रोजर बिन्नी
- (c) Anil Kumble / अनिल कुंबले
- (d) Mohammad Azharuddin / मोहम्मद अज़हरुद्दीन
- (e) Jay Shah / जय शाह

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Jay Shah has been chosen to lead the International Cricket Council (ICC) going forward. He will take over as head of the company on December 1st, replacing Greg Barclay.
- Since there was no nomination made against him, the secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) was elected without opposition.
- Shah will become the ICC's youngest head at the age of 36. With the opportunity to serve an additional three years, he will occupy office for a tenure of three years. Shah has held the position of BCCI since 2019, but he will now have to give it up.

About International Cricket Council (ICC)

- The International Cricket Council is the global governing body of cricket.
- It was founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909 by representatives from Australia, England and South Africa.
- It was renamed as the International Cricket Conference in 1965, and took up its current name in 1987.
- Formation : 15 June 1909
- Headquarters : Dubai, UAE

- Chairman : Jay Shah (replace Greg Barclay) *effect from 1 Dec 2024*
- Deputy Chairman : Imran Khwaja (Singapore)
- CEO : Geoff Allardice (Australia)

Recent Appointment in different departments :

- 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)
- Bibhuti Bhusan Nayak : President of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI)
- Rajendra Prasad Goyal : Additional charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the NHPC Limited
- Cmde D.K. Murali : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL)
- Sumant Sinha : Co-Chair of Global CEO Climate Leaders Alliance
- Deepa Malik : sub-regional representative for South Asia by the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC)
- Roberta Metsola : President of the European Parliament
- Vikram Misri : 35th Foreign Secretary

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- 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.
- TRAI has proposed a reduction in broadband rates for Public Data Offices (PDOs) under the PMWANI scheme to make internet access more affordable and boost the program's success.
- Maharashtra has become the first state to offer Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) to its employees.
- O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) is set to launch India's first Constitution Museum, marking the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of India. The museum, named as "The Constitution Academy and The Rights & Freedoms Museum".
- 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.
- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), which regulates civil aviation, fined Air India ₹90 lakh for using an unqualified crew on a flight from Mumbai to Riyadh on July 9.
- 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.
- Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the GST Bhawan, an Official complex of CGST, Udaipur Commissionerate under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), at Udaipur, Rajasthan.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

- एक्सिस बैंक लिमिटेड ने वीज़ा और मिंटोक के साथ साझेदारी में, एक परिवर्तनकारी मोबाइल ऐप 'नियो फॉर मर्चेन्ट्स' लॉन्च किया है, जो व्यापारी समुदाय के लिए वन-स्टॉप समाधान के रूप में कार्य करेगा।
- ट्राई ने इंटरनेट पहुंच को और अधिक किफायती बनाने और कार्यक्रम की सफलता को बढ़ावा देने के लिए पीएमडब्ल्यूएनआई योजना के तहत सार्वजनिक डेटा कार्यालयों (पीडीओ) के लिए ब्रॉडबैंड दरों में कटौती का प्रस्ताव दिया है।
- महाराष्ट्र अपने कर्मचारियों को एकीकृत पेंशन योजना (यूपीएस) की पेशकश करने वाला पहला राज्य बन गया है।
- ओपी जिंदल ग्लोबल यूनिवर्सिटी (जेजीयू) भारत के संविधान को अपनाने की 75वीं वर्षगांठ के अवसर पर भारत का पहला संविधान संग्रहालय लॉन्च करने के लिए तैयार है। संग्रहालय का नाम "संविधान अकादमी और अधिकार एवं स्वतंत्रता संग्रहालय" रखा गया है।
- मुख्यमंत्री बाल पौष्टिक आहार योजना (एमबीपीएवाई) हिमाचल प्रदेश (एचपी) के मुख्यमंत्री (सीएम) सुखविंदर सिंह सुक्खू द्वारा सरकारी स्कूलों में बच्चों को पौष्टिक भोजन प्रदान करने के लिए शुरू की गई।
- नागरिक उड्डयन महानिदेशालय (डीजीसीए), जो नागरिक उड्डयन को नियंत्रित करता है, ने 9 जुलाई को मुंबई से रियाद की उड़ान में अयोग्य चालक दल का उपयोग करने के लिए एयर इंडिया पर Rs.90 लाख का जुर्माना लगाया।
- भारत को एशियन सर्फिंग चैंपियनशिप 2024 में रजत पदक प्राप्त हुआ, जो एक प्रमुख टीम इवेंट मारुहाबा कप में थुलुसधू, मालदीव में आयोजित किया गया था।
- केंद्रीय वित्त और कॉर्पोरेट मामलों की मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने राजस्थान के उदयपुर में केंद्रीय अप्रत्यक्ष कर और सीमा शुल्क बोर्ड (सीबीआईसी) के तहत सीजीएसटी, उदयपुर आयुक्तालय के एक आधिकारिक परिसर जीएसटी भवन का उद्घाटन किया।