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## Current Affairs



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**Ques : \_\_\_\_\_ Unveils Unified Lending Interface (ULI)**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ ने एकीकृत ऋण इंटरफ़ेस (यूएलआई) का अनावरण किया**

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

**Answer : Option B**

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**Explanation :**

- The Unified Lending Interface (ULI) was introduced by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das in Bengaluru, Karnataka, during the Global Conference on Digital Public Infrastructure and Emerging Technologies.
- With a focus on underprivileged populations, ULI aims to improve credit availability and disbursement processes in India.

**About Unified Lending Interface :**

- The ULI platform enables the smooth and permission-based transfer of digital data from several data service providers to lenders, including land records from different states.
- This shortens the time needed for credit evaluation, particularly for rural and smaller borrowers.
- A state-of-the-art digital platform called ULI has been developed to make lending easier throughout the financial sector.
- For real-time access to borrower financial data, ULI interacts with digital infrastructure and financial databases, linking banks, fintech companies, and non-banking financial corporations (NBFCs).

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- Along with JAM (Jan Dhan, Aadhar, and Mobile) and UPI (Unified Payments Interface), the ULI is considered a component of India's larger development of digital infrastructure.
  - The government uses a program called JAM Trinity—Jan Dhan, Aadhar, and Mobile—to send cash benefits straight to the designated beneficiary's bank account.
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### **Recent News Headlines Related to RBI**

- 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 : \_\_\_\_\_ UPI reaches a significant milestone by surpassing 100 million customers**

**\_\_\_\_\_ यूपीआई 100 मिलियन ग्राहकों को पार करके एक महत्वपूर्ण उपलब्धि तक पहुंच गया है**

- (a) Mobi Kwik
- (b) Google Pay
- (c) Amazon Pay
- (d) PayU
- (e) None of these

**Answer : Option C**

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**Explanation :**

- With over 100 million users, Amazon Pay UPI is an online platform mostly utilized for e-commerce, utility bill payments, and mobile recharges.
- The app has been a huge success, simplifying transactions on the Amazon.in retail app as well as on numerous other platforms.
- Amazon Pay UPI was introduced in 2019 and is mostly utilized for cellphone recharges, utility bill payments, and online purchases.
- The software has a good adoption rate among younger users, with youths between the ages of 18 and 24 finding it especially popular.
- Major states like Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, and Karnataka have adopted it widely, and its use in tier II and tier III towns is increasing.
- Via Amazon's e-commerce platform, Amazon Pay UPI provides a range of financial services, such as bill payment, money transfers, insurance purchases, travel reservations, and investments in mutual funds and digital gold.

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**Ques : Goldman Sachs Group Inc. has lowered India's growth forecast to \_\_\_\_\_ for 2024-25?**

**गोल्डमैन सैक्स ग्रुप इंक ने 2024-25 के लिए भारत के विकास का अनुमान घटाकर \_\_\_\_\_ कर दिया है?**

- (a) 6.5%
- (b) 6.6%
- (c) 6.7%
- (d) 6.8%
- (e) 7.2%

**Answer : Option C**

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**Explanation :**

- Goldman Sachs Group Inc. has lowered India's growth forecast by 20 basis points each for this year and the next, citing a contraction in central government expenditure.
- The bank now expects the nation's economy to expand at 6.7% in calendar 2024, and 6.4% in 2025.
- The current year's downgrade factors a 35% year-on-year contraction in government expenditure during the April-June quarter that coincided with the weeks-long general election.

**Updated GDP List :**

- Deloitte – 7 – 7.2% (FY25)
- India Ratings – 7.5% (FY25)
- FICCI – 7% (FY25)
- ADB – 7% (FY25), 7.2%(FY26),
- IMF – 7% (FY25), 6.5% (FY26)
- NCAER – 7.5% (FY25)
- S&P – 6.8% (FY25), 6.9% (FY26), 7% (FY27)

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**Ques : Small Savings Schemes Grow \_\_\_\_\_ Driven by Sukanya Samriddhi and Senior Citizens Scheme**

**सुकन्या समृद्धि और वरिष्ठ नागरिक योजना से लघु बचत योजनाएं \_\_\_\_\_ बढ़ीं**

- (a) 11.5%
- (b) 12.8%
- (c) 13.5%
- (d) 13.8%
- (e) 10.5%

**Answer : Option D**

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**Explanation :**

- Data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) shows that people are still putting their trust in small savings plans, with the corpus growing at a respectable 13.8% annual rate through February 2024 to reach Rs.18.1 lakh crore.
- Small savings plans are financial instruments offered by the Center with the dual goals of encouraging investors to save consistently and aiding in the financing of its expenses.
- February 2023 : Outstanding balance reached ₹15.9 lakh crore, showing a 12.1% year-on-year growth.
- February 2024 : Outstanding balance achieved ₹18.1 lakh crore, reflecting a 13.8% growth.

**Schemes with Highest Outstanding Balances:**

- Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana Account (SSA) : Grew by 41% from Rs.77,472 crore (Feb 2023) to Rs.1 lakh crore (Feb 2024).
- Senior Citizens Scheme 2004 : Saw a 28% growth from Rs.1.3 lakh crore (Feb 2023) to Rs.1.7 lakh crore (Feb 2024).
- Post Office Time Deposits
- Monthly Income Scheme
- Kisan Vikas Patras - 2014
- Both SSA and Senior Citizens Scheme 2004 offer the highest interest rate of 8.2% among all small savings schemes.

**Ques : Scheme 'Vigyan Dhara' come under which department ?**

**विज्ञान धारा योजना किस विभाग के अंतर्गत आती 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 Space / अंतरिक्ष विभाग
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

**Answer : Option A**

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**Explanation :**

- Today, the Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, approved the continuation of the three umbrella programs, which had been combined into the Department of Science and Technology's (DST) "Vigyan Dhara" central sector program.

**The scheme has three broad components:**

1. Science and Technology (S&T) Institutional and Human Capacity Building,
  2. Research and Development and
  3. Innovation, Technology Development and Deployment.
- The principal aim of the 'Vigyan Dhara' scheme is to foster research, innovation, and technology development in addition to increasing capacity in science and technology, with the ultimate goal of strengthening the nation's ecosystem in these areas.
  - Additionally, it will help to create a vital human resource pool that will boost the nation's science and technology sector and increase the number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) researchers by extending the nation's R&D base.

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- With the ultimate goal of achieving gender parity in Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI), targeted interventions will be implemented to increase the engagement of women in S&T.
  - All the programs proposed under the 'Vigyan Dhara' scheme would be aligned with the 5-year goals of DST towards realising the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.
  - The proposed outlay for the implementation of the unified scheme 'Vigyan Dhara' is Rs.10,579.84 crore during the 15<sup>th</sup> finance Commission period from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
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### Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- 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.
- 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
- 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 Abhayastham 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 : PM-JANMAN scheme launched in which year ?**

**PM-JANMAN योजना किस वर्ष शुरू की गई?**

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

**Answer : Option D**

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**Explanation :**

- Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Campaign on PM-JANMAN mission, to raise awareness and ensure 100% saturation of Government Schemes.
- Launched by Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Shri Jual Oram and Minister of State, Shri Durgadas Uikey with the aim of reaching out to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) habitations and PVTG families in 194 districts across the country.
- Tenure From 23rd August, 2024 till 10th September, 2024. The goal behind is to cover around 16,500 villages, 15,000 Gram Panchayats and 1000 Talukas in the said 194 districts.

**About PM-JANMAN scheme:**

- Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) Launched in 2023.
- Total outlay Rs.24,104 crore (Central Share : Rs.15,336 crore and State Share : Rs.8,768 crore) and the Focus area are 11 important areas/critical interventions across 9 line Ministries.
- The Beneficiary are 75 communities located in 18 states and the Union Territory (UT) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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**Ques : India and which country have entered into a bilateral non-binding Security of Supply Arrangements (SOSA)?**

**भारत और किस देश ने द्विपक्षीय गैर-बाध्यकारी आपूर्ति व्यवस्था सुरक्षा (SOSA) में प्रवेश किया है?**

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

**Answer : Option D**

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**Explanation :**

- In order to meet their respective national security interests, the 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 and to handle unforeseen supply chain interruptions.
- The two nations are still engaged in negotiations for the Reciprocal Defence Procurement Agreement (RDP). Indian companies will be able to service contracts with the US Department of Defense (DoD) through the RDP, and US companies will be required to honor commitments with the Indian Ministry of Defense (MoD).
- In addition, as a follow-up to their earlier mutually agreed commitment to improve information sharing between the US and India, the two parties signed the Memorandum of Agreement for the Assignment of Liaison Officers
- According to a media announcement from the US Department of Defense, the United States and India have agreed to reciprocally prioritize supporting goods and services that strengthen national defense under the terms of the SOSA.

## Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- 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.
- MoU was signed at Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Rajghat, New Delhi, by the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and the Department of Posts, to boost Prime Minister Employment Generation Program (PMEGP)
- India agreed to buy an extra 251 MW of power from Nepal, increasing its overall imports to 941 MW.
- Nepal Academy and BHU Ink MoU for Nepali Language and Culture Research.
- Together, Israel and India are building a new water technology center at IIT Madras, which is anticipated to be a "key contributor" to India's efforts to provide everyone with a sustainable supply of water.
- Prasar Bharati and the Big Cricket League (BCL), a franchise-based Twenty20 competition that would provide aspiring local players with an opportunity to play alongside their cricketing stars, have partnered.
- With the goal of reaching 10,000 units in its fleet by 2025, Gentari Green Mobility India (Gentari) has teamed up with Amazon India to expand the e-commerce giant's electric vehicle (EV) fleet for last-mile delivery.
- Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MSME has signed a MoU with the Small Business Administration (SBA) of the Government of the United States of America. The objective is to promote Cooperation on Small and Medium-size Enterprises (SMEs).
- An MOU for cooperation in education, research, and technology has been inked between Amity University Noida and the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) in New Delhi.
- The Maitri Research and Cultural Partnerships Grants, a program designed to promote cooperation and interchange between Australia and India, have been introduced by the Australian government.
- India and New Zealand have signed a customs cooperation arrangement to ease trade between the two countries.
- India and Vietnam signed nine agreements to deepen comprehensive strategic partnership and enhance cooperation in the fields of customs, agriculture, legal, radio and television broadcast, culture and tourism.

**Ques : Union Cabinet recently approved the 'BioE3' Policy for promote high-performance biomanufacturing of which department ?**

**केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने हाल ही में किस विभाग की उच्च-प्रदर्शन जैव विनिर्माण को बढ़ावा देने के लिए 'BioE3' नीति को मंजूरी दी?**

- (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 Space / अंतरिक्ष विभाग
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

**Answer : Option B**

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**Explanation :**

- The "BioE3" (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment, and Employment) Policy was recently authorized by the Union Cabinet to support the Department of Biotechnology's high-performance biomanufacturing.

**About BioE3 (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) Policy :**

- The Department of Biotechnology will oversee the policy, which aims to promote high-performance biomanufacturing.
- The policy aims to incorporate entrepreneurship and research and development across theme sectors with innovation-driven assistance.
- By creating hubs for biomanufacturing, bio-AI, and biofoundry, this will expedite the development and commercialization of technology.
- The ability to create goods ranging from materials to medicines, solve issues related to farming and food production, and develop the production of bio-based products by integrating cutting-edge biotechnological processes is known as high-performance biomanufacturing.

**Ques : National Medical Register (NMR) Portal of the National Medical Commission (NMC) Launched by which ministry ?**

**राष्ट्रीय चिकित्सा आयोग (एनएमसी) का राष्ट्रीय चिकित्सा रजिस्टर (एनएमआर) पोर्टल किस मंत्रालय द्वारा लॉन्च किया गया?**

- (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 ववत्त मंत्रालय
- (d) Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises / केंद्रीय सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्रालय
- (e) Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare / केंद्रीय स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय

**Answer : Option E**

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**Explanation :**

- Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda inaugurated the National Medical Register (NMR) Portal of the National Medical Commission (NMC).
- It is for registration of all the MBBS doctors who are eligible for registration in India.
- The National Medical Register (NMR) is mandated under Section 31 of the NMC Act, 2019 , which states that the Ethics & Medical Registration Board (EMRB) of NMC shall maintain a National Register in electronic form containing the name, address, and all recognized qualifications possessed by a licensed medical practitioner.
- The National Health Register is a much-awaited step in this direction that will strengthen the digital healthcare ecosystem and will ensure quality healthcare to the people of India.

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### News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- The Narcotics Control Bureau's Raipur zonal office was officially opened by the Union Home Minister of Chhattisgarh. It is the primary narcotics law enforcement and intelligence organization under the Indian government's Ministry of Home Affairs.
- On August 23, 2024, the Union Ministry of Education published the first issue of the online journal Sapno ki Udaan. A digital magazine was introduced in honor of the inaugural National Space Day.
- 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).
- 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.
- 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.
- Krishi-Decision Support System (DSS), a digital geo-spatial platform launched by Minister of State , Bhagirath Choudhary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) to empower stakeholders with real-time data-driven insights on weather patterns, soil conditions, crop health.
- 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.
- 'Jiyo Parsi Scheme Portal' and 'Haj Applications(app) – 2025' launched by Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) and Minister of State (MoS) George Kurian, MoMA. It enable Parsis to apply online, check the status of their application and to receive financial assistance online through Direct Benefit Transfer mode.
- Mahindra & Mahindra Sign MoU with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) for 'Drone Didi' Pilot Project.



**Ques : Which edition of the Puthiya Thalaimurai Tamilan Awards recently honored?**

**हाल ही में पुथिया थलाईमुरई तमिलन पुरस्कार के किस संस्करण से सम्मानित किया गया?**

- (a) 9th
- (b) 10th
- (c) 11th
- (d) 12th
- (e) 13th

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The 11th edition of the Puthiya Thalaimurai Tamilan Awards recently honored outstanding individuals across various fields.

**The 11th Puthiya Thalaimurai Tamilan Awards winners are :**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Achiever Award</u>	<u>Promising Talent Award</u>
Sports: Honoring Athletic Excellence	W.V. Raman (Former Cricketer)	Indumathi Kathiresan (Football Player)
Science and Technology: Pushing Boundaries	P. Veeramuthuvel (ISRO Scientist)	Vinisha Umashankar (Environmentalism)
Business: Innovators and Entrepreneurs	Arogyaswamy Velumani (Founder of Thyrocare)	Dinesh Arun (CEO of Raptee)
Social Work: Changing Lives, Inspiring Communities	Palam Kalyanasundaram (Retired Librarian)	Kowser Baig (Activist)
Tamil Literature: Words that Inspire	Perumal Murugan	Karan Karki
Arts: Celebrating Cinematic Brilliance	K.S. Ravikumar (Film Director)	Ashok Selvan (Actor)

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## Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Prof. Dhiraj Mohan Banerjee : National Geoscience Award for Lifetime Achievement
- Dr. Ashutosh Pandey : National Young Geoscientist Award
- Arshad Nadeem (Pakistan) : second-highest civilian award of Pakistan Hilal-e-Imtiaz
- Abhinav Bindra : prestigious Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee (IOC)
- President Droupadi Murmu : Grand Collar of the Order of Timor Leste (highest civilian honor)
- Global Water Tech Award 2024 : Delhi Metro Rail Corporation
- Prestigious V Venkayya Epigraphy Award : Tamil Epigrapher V. Vedachalam
- Customised gold coins by the Grevin Museum : Shah Rukh Khan
- International Excellence Award : CA Arpit Jagdish Kabra
- 'Best Performing State' under the Prime Minister SVANidhi scheme : Madhya Pradesh
- Awarded with Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) : Shooter Abhinav Bindra
- "Best Child and Women Development Initiatives of the Year 2024" : Sri Kurumba Educational and Charitable Trust
- COSPAR Harrie Massey Award : Prahlad Chandra Agrawal
- Golden sand master award : Sudarsan Pattnaik
- Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity 2024. : Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming (APCNF)
- best state in Horticulture in the prestigious Agriculture Leadership Awards 2024 : Nagaland
- Order of St Andrew Russia's Highest Civilian Honour : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- "Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur" Highest civilian award of France : Roshni Nadar Malhotra
- Dr. C. Narayana Reddy National Literary Award : Sivashankari
- Spice Award 2024 : Sopna Kallingal
- K. Saraswathi Amma Award : P Geetha
- Padma Bhushan : Foxconn Chairman Young Liu
- Sustainable Governance Champion Award : Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd.
- 12th Vishwa Hindi Samman (World Hindi Conference) : Dr. Usha Thakur

**Ques : Which edition of India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable To Held In Singapore?**

**भारत-सिंगापुर मंत्रिस्तरीय गोलमेज सम्मेलन का कौन सा संस्करण सिंगापुर में आयोजित किया जाएगा?**

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

**Answer : Option B**

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**Explanation :**

- 2nd edition of India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) to held in Singapore.
- From Singapore the conference lead by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry Gan Kim Yong.
- Indian participants are Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of External Affairs Dr S Jaishankar, Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal, Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Railways, Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- The ISMR is a high-level forum that gives both nations a way to talk about the whole range of partnerships and decide on future goals for their bilateral ties.
- Focused on digital connectivity, Fintech, the green economy, green hydrogen, skill development, and food security, the first ISMR was hosted in New Delhi in 2022.
- India and Singapore talked about stepping up their collaboration on the six ISMR pillars—digitalization, advanced manufacturing and connectivity, skill development, sustainability, healthcare and medicine—at the 2nd ISMR.

**Ques : Who won the women's singles title at the Asian U-15 Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2024 ?**

**एशियाई अंडर-15 बैडमिंटन एशिया जूनियर चैंपियनशिप 2024 में महिला एकल का खिताब किसने जीता?**

- (a) Sheyphali Sharan / शेफाली शरण
- (b) Anshika Singh / अंशिका सिंह
- (c) Tanvi Patri / तन्वी पात्री
- (d) Rashmi Kumari / रश्मी कुमारी
- (e) Maushami Chakraborty / मौसमी चक्रवर्ती

**Answer : Option C**

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**Explanation :**

- Tanvi Patri, an Odisha girl of 14 years old, defeated Vietnamese player Nguyen Thi Thu Huyen in the final to win the Asian U-15 Junior Championships 2024 women's singles title.
- Tanvi Patri made history by being the third Indian woman to win the Asian U-15 Badminton Championships women's singles crowns.
- The People's Republic of China's Chengdu hosted the Badminton Asia U-17 & U-15 Junior Championships in 2024.
- In the Asian U-15 championship, Samiya Imad Farooqui won the singles title in 2017 and Tasnim Mir did so in 2019.
- Tanvi Patri, the top seed, defeated Vietnamese Nguyen, the second seed, 22–20, 21–11 in 34 minutes in the championship match.

## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

**Ques : Daniela Larreal Chirinos Passed Away recently. She is belongs to which sports ?**

**डेनिएला लारियल चिरिनोस का हाल ही में निधन हो गया। वह किस खेल से संबंधित है?**

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Shotput / गोला फेंक
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Cyclist / साइकिल-सवार
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

**Answer : Option D**

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**Explanation :**

- Daniela Greluis Larreal Chirinos, a Five time Olympic cyclist has passed away at the age of 50 in Las Vegas, Nevada, United States of America (USA).
- Daniela Greluis has competed in 5 Summer Olympic Games representing Venezuela beginning with 1992 (Barcelona), 1996 (Atlanta), 2000 (Sydney), 2004 (Athens) and 2012 (London).
- She won two gold medals at the 19th Central American and Caribbean Games in San Salvador, 2002.

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**Ques : Who has won the Dutch Grand Prix 2024?**

**डच ग्रैंड प्रिक्स 2024 किसने जीता है?**

- (a) Sergio Perez / सर्जियो पेरेज़
- (b) Lando Norris / लैंडो नॉरिस
- (c) Max Verstappen / मैक्स वेरस्टैपेन
- (d) Sebastian Vettel / सेबस्टियन वेट्टेली
- (e) Lewis Hamilton / लुईस हैमिल्टन

**Answer : Option B**

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**Explanation :**

- Max Verstappen was defeated by Lando Norris at the Zandvoort Dutch Grand Prix.
- Norris of McLaren resumed his series of bad starts when he failed to hold the lead from the top of the Formula 1 grid for the sixth time in a row. However, he passed Verstappen of Red Bull at the beginning of lap 18 and won by a commanding 22-second margin.
- Charles Leclerc of Ferrari, who started the race sixth on the grid, put up a strong fight to hold off Oscar Piastri, Norris's McLaren teammate, for the final podium position.

**Recent 2024 F1 Grand Prix Winner :**

- Hungarian Grand Prix F2 – Kush Maini (India)
- Belgian Grand Prix – Mercedes's Lewis Hamilton (UK)
- Hungarian Grand Prix – McLaren's Oscar Piastri (Australia)
- British Grand Prix – Mercedes's Lewis Hamilton (UK)
- Austrian Grand Prix – Mercedes's George Russell (UK)
- Spanish Grand Prix – Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- Canadian Grand Prix – Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- Monaco Grand Prix – Ferrari's Charles Leclerc (Monacco)
- Emilia Romagna Grand Prix – Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- Miami Grand Prix – McLaren's Lando Norris (British)
- Chinese Grand Prix – Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- Japanese Grand Prix – Red Bull's Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
- Australian Grand Prix – Ferrari's Carlos Sainz (Spain)



**Ques : International Dog Day is observed every year on which day?**

**अंतर्राष्ट्रीय कुत्ता दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 23 August
- (b) 24 August
- (c) 25 August
- (d) 26 August
- (e) 27 August

**Answer : Option D**

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**Explanation :**

- International Dog Day is observed every year on 26 August.
  - This day is all about recognising the importance of dogs in our lives, showing appreciation for them, and promoting their welfare.
  - Theme 2024 – Every dog deserves a spa day
  - International Dog Day was first celebrated in 2004 by animal welfare activist and pet lifestyle expert Colleen Paige. Ms Paige chose the date of August 26 in particular as it was on this date that the activist's family adopted their first dog "Sheltie" from the local animal shelter. Ms Colleen was 10 when the family welcomed Sheltie into their fold.
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**Important days :**

- 1 August : World Wide Web (WWW) Day
- 1 August : World Lung Cancer Day (Theme 2024 – Close the care gap: Everyone deserves access to cancer care)
- 1 August : National Mountain Climbing Day
- 1 August : Muslim Women's Rights Day 2024
- 1 August : World FinTech Day 2024 (Theme 2024 Blueprint for the Next Decade of Finance: Responsible AI/Inclusive/Resilient)

- 1-7 August : World Breastfeeding Week (Theme 2024 – Closing the gap: Breastfeeding support for all)
- 3 August : Indian Organ Donation Day
- 4 August (first Sunday of August) : National Friendship Day 2024
- 6 August : Hiroshima Day
- 7 August : National Javelin Day
- 7 August : National Handloom Day
- 9 August : Nagasaki Day 2024 (Theme 2024 Together with the Hibakusha, let us achieve a nuclear weaponfree, peaceful, and just world—for the future of humankind and our planet)
- 9 August : International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (Theme 2024 – Protecting the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation and Initial Contact)
- 10 August : World Lion Day (Theme 2024 : Celebrating the King of the Jungle)
- 10 August : World Biofuel Day 2024 (Theme 2024 Sustainable Biofuels: Fueling a Greener Future)
- 12 August : International Youth Day (Theme 2024 – From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development)
- 12 August : World Elephant Day (Theme 2024 – Personifying prehistoric beauty, theological relevance, and environmental importance)
- 16 August : Death Anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- 19 August : World Photography Day
- 19 August : World Humanitarian Day (Theme 2024 – Act For Humanity)
- 20 August : Sadbhavana Diwas or Harmony Day 2024
- 20 August : World Mosquito Day (Theme 2024 – Accelerating the fight against malaria for a more equitable world)
- 21 August : 7th International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism 2024 (Theme 2024 Voices for Peace: Victims of Terrorism as Peace Advocates and Educators)
- 21 August : World Senior Citizens Day
- 23 August : National Space Day ( to celebrate the remarkable success of Chandrayaan-3 Mission)

### **IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs**

- Former Meghalaya Chief Minister Salseng C Marak passed away at the age of 82.
- Tamil cinema's leading actor and Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam president Vijay launched his party's flag and flag song at the party headquarters at Panaiyur in Chennai.
- Indian wrestler Ronak Dahiya won Bronze medal in Men's Greco-Roman 110 kilograms event at Under-17 World Wrestling Championship in Jordan.
- The 161-year-old Kanchrapara Workshop of Eastern Railway (ER) in West Bengal has come up with an Artificial Intelligence-based chatbox named 'Prabodh' to help ER employees remain abreast with the latest rules and regulations.
- Petronet LNG (PLL) has entered into an MoU with LTL Holdings of Sri Lanka, for supply of LNG to LTL's dual fuelled power plants in Kerawalapitiya, Colombo.
- After eight years, Nestle CEO Mark Schneider steps down, and Laurent Freixe assumes the role.
- The US recently approved a USD 52.8 million government-to-government deal for the sale of AntiSubmarine Warfare (ASW) Sonobuoys that will be integrated with the Indian Navy's Romeo helicopters.
- 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.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi pledged extensive humanitarian support and handed over four BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita and Maitri) Cubes to the Ukrainian government.
- Zomato acquired the movie and events ticketing businesses of Paytm for Rs 2,048 crore.

## महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

- मेघालय के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री साल्सेंग सी मराक का 82 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया।
- तमिल सिनेमा के प्रमुख अभिनेता और तमिलागा वेट्टी कज़गम के अध्यक्ष विजय ने चेन्नई के पनियूर स्थित पार्टी मुख्यालय में अपनी पार्टी का झंडा और ध्वज गीत लॉन्च किया।
- भारतीय पहलवान रौनक दहिया ने जॉर्डन में अंडर-17 विश्व कुश्ती चैंपियनशिप में पुरुषों की ग्रीको-रोमन 110 किलोग्राम स्पर्धा में कांस्य पदक जीता।
- पश्चिम बंगाल में पूर्वी रेलवे (ईआर) की 161 साल पुरानी कांचरापाड़ा कार्यशाला ईआर कर्मचारियों को नवीनतम नियमों और विनियमों से अवगत रहने में मदद करने के लिए 'प्रबोध' नामक एक आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस-आधारित चैटबॉक्स लेकर आई है।
- पेट्रोनेट एलएनजी (पीएलएल) ने केरावालापिटिया, कोलंबो में एलटीएल के दोहरे ईंधन वाले बिजली संयंत्रों को एलएनजी की आपूर्ति के लिए श्रीलंका की एलटीएल होल्डिंग्स के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किया है।
- आठ वर्षों के बाद, नेस्ले के सीईओ मार्क शनाइडर ने पद छोड़ दिया, और लॉरेंट फ्रीक्स ने यह भूमिका ग्रहण की।
- अमेरिका ने हाल ही में एंटीसबमरीन वारफेयर (एसडब्ल्यू) सोनोबॉय की बिक्री के लिए 52.8 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर के सरकार-से-सरकारी सौदे को मंजूरी दी है, जिसे भारतीय नौसेना के रोमियो हेलीकॉप्टरों के साथ एकीकृत किया जाएगा।
- भारत और डेनमार्क 2-3 साल की अवधि में उन्नत प्रौद्योगिकियों और एक व्यापक नदी प्रबंधन योजना का उपयोग करके वरुणा नदी को पुनर्जीवित करने के लिए स्वच्छ नदी पहल पर सहयोग करते हैं।
- प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने व्यापक मानवीय सहायता का वादा किया और यूक्रेनी सरकार को चार भीष्म (सहयोग हित और मैत्री के लिए भारत स्वास्थ्य पहल) क्यूब सौंपे।
- ज़ोमैटो ने 2,048 करोड़ रुपये में पेटिएम की फिल्म और इवेंट टिकटिंग व्यवसायों का अधिग्रहण किया।
- 24वां अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मदर टेरेसा पुरस्कार समारोह 26 अगस्त, 2024 को मिलेनियम प्लाजा दुबई में आयोजित किया जाएगा।
- भारतीय वायु सेना ने मिस्र इंटरनेशनल एयरशो के उद्घाटन संस्करण में भाग लेने के लिए अपनी सारंग हेलीकॉप्टर डिस्प्ले टीम भेजी।