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Ques : IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Ltd established in which year ?
इंडियाफर्स्ट लाइफ इंश्योरेंस कंपनी लिमिटेड की स्थापना किस वर्ष में हुई?

- (a) 2005
- (b) 2006
- (c) 2007
- (d) 2008
- (e) 2009

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited (IndiaFirst Life) has become the first Indian life insurer to start operations in Gujarat International Finance Tec City (GIFT City), Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- At the nation's international financial gateway, the business opened its IFSC Insurance Office (IIO).
- The specialized team at IndiaFirst Life's IIO will be responsible for meeting the demands of GIFT City's international audience.
- Customers from other countries who want to build wealth and leave a legacy over the long term may consider this US dollar based plan.
- The IndiaFirst Life Wealth Wise plan is a particularly created ULIP product by the firm for Indians living abroad.

About IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Ltd :

- Established: 2009
- MD & CEO: Rushabh Gandhi
- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra

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Ques : What is the debt rating given by Fitch Ratings to India's sovereign debt ?

फिच रेटिंग्स द्वारा भारत के संप्रभु ऋण को दी गई ऋण रेटिंग क्या है?

- (a) AAA
- (b) AA
- (c) A
- (d) BBB
- (e) BB

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Fitch Ratings reaffirmed India's sovereign debt rating at 'BBB-', with a stable outlook, citing the country's robust medium-term growth prospects and solid external finance position.
- The 'BBB' rating reflects low default risk expectations, where the capacity to meet financial commitments remains adequate despite potential vulnerabilities from adverse business or economic conditions.
- In fiscal year 2024, the Indian government successfully contained the fiscal deficit at 5.6% of GDP, below the revised estimate of 5.8%.
- The government aims to reduce the fiscal deficit to 4.5% or lower by FY26.
- Fitch projected India's GDP growth at 7.2% in FY25 and 6.5% in FY26.
- The fiscal deficit target has been further trimmed to 4.9% for FY25, down from the 5.1% target set during the interim budget in February.

Ques : Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has launched a co-branded credit card XTRA in partnership with which bank ?

इंडियन ऑयल कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड (IOCL) ने किस बैंक के साथ साझेदारी में एक सह-ब्रांडेड क्रेडिट कार्ड XTRA लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (b) IDFC First Bank / आईडीएफसी फर्स्ट बैंक
- (c) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (d) RBL Bank / आरबीएल बैंक
- (e) Yes Bank / यस बैंक

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- 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.
- Through this strategic partnership, cardholders will be able to get enticing rewards and perks, with the potential to earn up to 250 liters of free gasoline every year.
- One of the top private sector banks in India, RBL Bank is becoming more and more widespread throughout the nation. Corporate Banking, Commercial Banking, Branch Banking & Retail Liabilities, Retail Assets, and Treasury & Financial Markets Operations are the five business verticals within which the Bank provides specialized services.

About RBL Bank Limited :

- Established : 1943
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : R Subramaniakumar
- Tagline : Apno ka bank

Recently signed banking agreements

- Two-wheeler loans are now possible thanks to a partnership between BharatPe and OTO Capital, a digital commerce and lending platform.
- YES Bank has entered into a co-lending partnership with Newtap Finance Private Limited to provide personalised financing solutions for creditworthy individuals on payments platform CRED.
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and ESAF Small Finance Bank have partnered to create the exclusive Inori RuPay Platinum Credit Card.
- Zeta, a global supplier of cutting-edge banking technology to financial institutions, has partnered up with HDFC Bank to provide the bank's UPI (CLOU) platform credit line services.
- A strategic agreement to grow their co-lending business has been announced by Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Limited (also known as Piramal Finance), and the Central Bank of India.
- Indian consumers now have fast access to digital credit thanks to a partnership between PayU, a fintech company sponsored by Naspers, and Amazon Pay Later.
- Consumer payments and lending company Slice has received approval from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for its merger with North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB).
- Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), a significant state-owned steel manufacturer, and Bank of Baroda (BoB) have agreed to a Rs.5,000 crore credit arrangement.
- Karnataka Bank and fintech company Navi established a partnership to launch a credit line on UPI goods for users of the platform.
- Setu, a Pine Labs-owned API infrastructure provider, has launched UPISetu in collaboration with Axis Bank.
- Ageas Federal Life Insurance is joining forces with PhonePe to offer Instant Term insurance to their wide-ranging customers.
- Capital Small Finance Bank Limited (CSFB), and Edelweiss Life Insurance have entered into a bancassurance tie-up
- SBI General Insurance Company Limited (SBI General Insurance) and Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, India (HSBC India) or HSBC Bank India have entered into a bancassurance partnership for the distribution of non-life insurance products through HSBC India's network.
- Government of Nagaland has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with State Bank of India (SBI) General Insurance Company Limited for Disaster Risk Transfer Parametric Insurance Solution (DRTPS) in Kohima, Nagaland.

Ques : Women and Child Development Minister, _____ has launched the She-Box portal to make workplaces safer for women.

महिला एवं बाल विकास मंत्री, _____ ने महिलाओं के लिए कार्यस्थलों को सुरक्षित बनाने के लिए शी-बॉक्स पोर्टल लॉन्च किया है।

- (a) Smriti Irani / स्मृति ईरानी
- (b) Annpurna Devi / अन्नपूर्णा देवी
- (c) Anupriya Patel / अनुप्रिया पटेल
- (d) Savitri Thakur / सावित्री ठाकुर
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The government has launched the She-Box portal to make workplaces safer for women.
- Women and Child Development Minister Annpurna Devi launched the portal in New Delhi.
- The She-Box portal is a unified hub for filing and tracking reports of workplace sexual harassment against women.
- This tool offers the ability to register complaints, monitor their progress, and guarantee that internal committees process them within a certain amount of time.
- The administration, she declared, is dedicated to making the nation's workplaces safer and more welcoming to women. She conveyed confidence that complaints could be safely filed using the platform without exposing personal information to the public.
- This project is a vital step in offering a more effective and safe forum for handling accusations of sexual harassment at work.

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Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

- The new guidelines feature an integrated, user-friendly platform on the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) portal.
- The Union Ministry of Power has introduced three new online platforms, JAL VIDYUT DPR, DRIPS, and PROMPT developed by Central Electricity Authority.
- The government of India has released an updated version of the Flood Watch India 2.0 App in an effort to enhance the nation's flood forecasting and flood control capabilities.
- Upasthiti (attendance) Portal : Hemant Soren, the Chief Minister of Jharkhand, launched to ensure daily attendance of doctors, para-medical staff and other employees under the health department.
- Version 4.0 of Price Monitoring System (PMS) Mobile app : Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution & New and Renewable Energy launched to improve the quality of price data
- e-Sakshya, Nyaya Setu, Nyaya Shruti and e-Summon apps : Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah has launched for the three new criminal laws
- District App : Zomato has launched a new app to consolidate various 'going-out' services such as dining, movies, sports ticketing, live performances, shopping etc.
- National Apprenticeship and Training Scheme (NATS) 2.0 Portal : Union Minister for Education, Dharmendra Pradhan has launched, Rs 100 crore in stipends has been disbursed to young graduates and diploma holders through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
- Amrit Brikshya Andolan 2.0 App : Launched by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. The app enables individuals to register or renew their participation in the tree-planting campaign.
- E-Upahaar Portal : Rashtrapati Bhavan will auction selected gift items, presented to the President and former Presidents on various occasions, through an online portal called E-Upahaar.
- Bhusanket Web Portal and Bhooskhalan Mobile App : Union Minister of Coal and Mines inaugurated the National Landslide Forecasting Centre at Geological Survey of India (GSI) Kolkata
- North East Region Agri Commodity E-Connect (NERACE) app : Union Minister for the Development of the North East Region Jyotiraditya Scindia launched to support agricultural and horticultural products

Ques : Which ministry approved 4 Start-Ups in the field of Technical Textiles, under the 'Grant for Research & Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles (GREAT)' scheme?

किस मंत्रालय ने तकनीकी वस्त्रों के क्षेत्र में 4 स्टार्ट-अप को 'तकनीकी वस्त्रों में महत्वाकांक्षी नवप्रवर्तकों के लिए अनुसंधान और उद्यमिता के लिए अनुदान (GREAT)' योजना के तहत मंजूरी दी है?

- (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 Textiles / केंद्रीय कपड़ा मंत्रालय
- (e) Union Ministry of Steel / केंद्र य इस्पात मंत्रालय

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The National Technical Textiles Mission's 8th Empowered Programme Committee (EPC) meeting was presided over by the Secretary of the Ministry of Textiles at Udyog Bhawan in New Delhi.
- Four start-ups have been granted grants under the "Grant for Research & Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles (GREAT)" scheme, totaling around INR 50 lakhs each, by the committee.
- The primary strategic areas of composites, sustainable textiles, and smart textiles are the focus of the approved start-up projects.
- In accordance with the "General Guidelines for Enabling of Academic Institutes in Technical Textiles," the committee has also granted a grant of about INR 20 Cr. to five education institutes for the introduction of technical textile courses.
- The authorized education institutions have suggested adding new B.Tech programs in a variety of technical textile applications and sectors, such as geotextiles.

News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- Within six months, state wildlife departments must register exotic pets included in Schedule IV of the Wildlife Act with the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change (MoEFCC) through the PARIVESH 2.0 site.
- A new program called "Sustainability in Spice Sector through Progressive, Innovative and Collaborative Interventions for Export Development (SPICED)" has been introduced by the Spices Board, which is part of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- To mark 165 years of Income Tax (IT) in India, Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman of the Ministry of Finance (MoF) announced "My Stamp - 165th Income Tax Day" in New Delhi.
- Amit Shah, the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, presided over an interstate coordination meeting and a review meeting on Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda inaugurated the National Medical Register (NMR) Portal of the National Medical Commission (NMC) for registration of all the MBBS doctors.
- 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.

Ques : Union Minister Giriraj Singh Presented EPCH's _____ Handicrafts Export Awards ?

केंद्रीय मंत्री गिरिराज सिंह ने ईपीसीएच के 24वें हस्तशिल्प निर्यात पुरस्कार प्रदान किए ?

- (a) 20th
- (b) 21th
- (c) 22th
- (d) 23rd
- (e) 24th

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- 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.
- Ceremony held by the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) at the Convention Hall of The Ashok Hotel in New Delhi.
- 63 winners from 2019–20 and 61 from 2020–21 received a total of 123 awards, in addition to a Lifetime Achievement Award.
- The recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award was Jammu & Kashmir's seasoned exporter, Muzafar Hussain.
- The Top All Handicrafts Award was given to Ajay Gupta's CL Gupta Exports Limited (Uttar Pradesh) in both 2019–20 and 2020–21.

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 : Where was the second Indo-Russian commission meeting on emergency management held?

आपातकालीन प्रबंधन पर भारत-रूसी आयोग की दूसरी बैठक कहाँ आयोजित की गई?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Kochi / कोच्चि
- (e) Moscow / मास्को

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- On August 28, 2024, Moscow played home to the Joint Russian-Indian Commission on Emergency Management's Second Meeting.
- Kurenkov Aleksandr Vyacheslavovic, Minister for Civil Defence, Emergencies, and Disaster Management, led the Russian delegation.
- Nityanand Rai, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, led the Indian delegation.
- This Indo-Russian Joint Commission met for the first time in 2016 in New Delhi.
- They will also collaborate in emergency management in 2025–2026 and decided to keep exchanging lessons learned and best practices in disaster management.

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Ques : Which edition of Global Fintech Fest held in Mumbai ?
ग्लोबल फिनटेक फेस्ट का कौन सा संस्करण मुंबई में आयोजित हुआ?

- (a) 4th
- (b) 5th
- (c) 6th
- (d) 7th
- (e) 8th

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Mumbai, Maharashtra, was the venue for the 5th Global Fintech Fest. PM Modi gave a speech at the fifth annual Global Fintech Festival.
- Kris Gopalakrishnan, the chairman of Global Fintech Fest (GFF), and Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das were also in attendance.
- Commencing in 2021, the festival seeks to position itself as the leading worldwide conference for the fintech ecosystem, foster cooperation, and impact the direction of the Fintech sector.
- The National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI), the Payment Council of India, and the Fintech Convergence Council are the organizations behind the Global Fintech Fest.
- The different regulated financial service providers and fintech startups are represented by the Fintech Convergence Council, which was founded in 2018.

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Ques : Who has been Appointed as Director General of Project Seabird ?
प्रोजेक्ट सीबर्ड के महानिदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Rohit Dhankhar / रोहित धनखड़
- (b) Rajkumar singh / राजकुमार सिंह
- (c) Rajan Kumar / राजन कुमार
- (d) Rajesh Dhankhar / राजेश धनखड़
- (e) Tarun Singh / तरुण सिंह

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Vice Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar NM succeeded Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti as Director General Project Seabird, with the responsibility of supervising the most extensive defense infrastructure project that is under underway at the Karwar Naval Base.
- On July 1, 1990, VAdm Rajesh Dhankhar was commissioned into the Indian Navy. He specializes in navigation and direction.
- The Flag Officer completed the Higher Command Course in Japan, the Defence Services Staff College, and the esteemed Naval Academy.
- Over the course of his 34-year career, the Flag Officer has held specialist assignments aboard the warships Godavari, Kora, Mysore, and Pondicherry.
- The officer has also completed teaching assignments at the Singaporean MIDS Wing Officer's Cadet School, the Navigation & Direction School, and the former Project 15 Training Team.
- In recognition of his non-combatant evacuation operations (NEO) involving Indian nationals from Aden and Al-Hodeida, Yemen, the Flag Officer was awarded the 2015 Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry).

Recent Defence related appointments :

- B Srinivasan : Director General (DG) of National Security Guard
- Sanjeev Raina : ITBP Additional Director General
- Daljit Singh Chawdhary : additional charge of Director General of Border Security Force
- Hargobinder Singh Dhaliwal : Director General of Police (DGP) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- Captain Supreetha C.T. : first woman officer from the Corps of Army Air Defence, to be operationally deployed at Siachen Glacier
- Rajindra Khanna : Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA)
- Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani : Vice Chief of Army Staff
- Rear Adm Nelson D'Souza : Commandant, Military Institute of Technology, Pune
- Upendra Dwivedi : Chief of the Army Staff
- Sub Lieutenant Anamika B. Rajeev : Indian Navy's first woman helicopter pilot
- Vice Admiral Gurcharan Singh : Commandant in National Defence Academy
- Vice Admiral Sanjay Bhalla : Chief of Personnel of the Indian Navy
- IPS Officer Idashisha Nongrang : first woman Director General of Police (DGP) of Meghalaya state
- Nalin prabhat : Director general of the National Security Guard (NSG)
- Vice Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi : Chief of the Naval Staff
- Sapna Tewari : Special Director in the Intelligence Bureau (IB)
- Jagjit Pavadia : Re-elected to International Narcotics Control Board
- IPS officer Love Kumar : Inspector General in SPG (Special Protection Group)
- S Rajeev : Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)
- Daljit Singh Chaudhary : Director General (DG) of the National Security Guard (NSG)
- Lieutenant General JS Sidana : 33rd Director General of the Department of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers (DGEME) and Senior Colonel Commandant of the EME Corps
- Anurag Agarwal : Head of Parliament security
- Suman Kumari : First woman sniper of the Border Security Force (BSF)
- Sadanand Vasant Date : Director General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA)
- Piyush Anand : Chief of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)

Ques : Which edition of the Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 will begin at Rajgir in Bihar?

महिला एशियाई चैंपियंस ट्रॉफी 2024 का कौन सा संस्करण बिहार के राजगीर में शुरू होगा?

- (a) 5th
- (b) 6th
- (c) 7th
- (d) 8th
- (e) 9th

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The 8th Women's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey Tournament will take place in Rajgir, Bihar, in 2024. India is hosting the competition for the second time in a row.
- The competition will take place at Rajgir's recently constructed Rajgir Hockey Stadium.
- President of the Asian Hockey Federation, Dato Fumio Ogura, declared that India would serve as the host nation for the 8th Women's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey Tournament.
- Hockey India and the Bihar government will host the 8th Women's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey Tournament from November 11–20, 2024.
- From October 27 to November 5, 2023, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India played host to the 7th Women's Asian Champions Trophy hockey event, which the Indian team won.
- South Korea is the most successful team, having won it three times, followed by India and Japan, which have each won twice.

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Asian Hockey Federation :

- HQ : Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
 - President : Dato Fumio Ogura.
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Recent News headlines related to Sports

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

Ques : Consider the following statements About Project NAMAN :

प्रोजेक्ट नमन के बारे में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

(a) The Indian Navy launched the first phase of Project NAMAN

भारतीय नौसेना ने प्रोजेक्ट नमन का पहला चरण लॉन्च किया

(b) It is designed to provide dedicated support and services to Defence pensioners, veterans, and their families.

इसे रक्षा पेंशनभोगियों, दिग्गजों और उनके परिवारों को समर्पित सहायता और सेवाएं प्रदान करने के लिए डिज़ाइन किया गया है।

(c) In the first phase of Project NAMAN, 15 Common Services Centres have been established.

प्रोजेक्ट नमन के पहले चरण में, 15 सामान्य सेवा केंद्र स्थापित किए गए हैं।

Which of the given statement is/are true ? दिए गए कथनों में से कौन सा/से सत्य है?

- (a) Only a
- (b) Both b and c
- (c) Only b
- (d) Both a and c
- (e) Both a and b

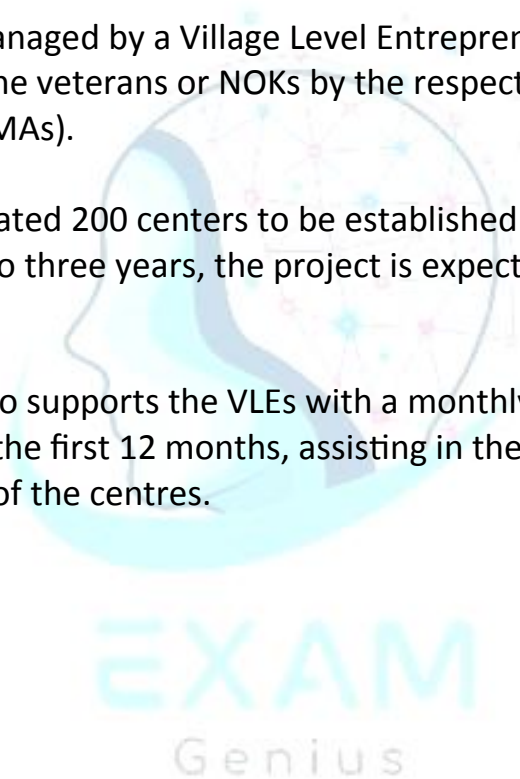
Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Project NAMAN, which aims to offer committed assistance and services to veterans, defense pensioners, and their families, was initiated by the Indian Army.
- The project's significance relies in its ability to guarantee that veterans and their families obtain the necessary treatment and assistance.

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- It includes the creation of centers for reception and facilitation, made possible by a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in September 2023 by HDFC Bank Limited, the Indian Army's Directorate of Indian Army Veterans Common Service Centre (CSC), and e-Governance India Limited.
- In the first phase of Project NAMAN, New Delhi, Jalandhar, Leh, Dehradun, Lucknow, Jodhpur, Bengdubi, Gorakhpur, Jhansi, Secunderabad, Saugor, Guntur, Ahmedabad, and Bangalore are among the important sites in India where 14 Common Services Centers (CSC) have been created.
- Each CSC is managed by a Village Level Entrepreneur (VLE), selected from among the veterans or NOKs by the respective Local Military Authorities (LMAs).
- With an estimated 200 centers to be established across the country in the next two to three years, the project is expected to grow considerably.
- HDFC Bank also supports the VLEs with a monthly monetary grant of Rs.20,000 for the first 12 months, assisting in the stabilisation and sustainability of the centres.



Ques : Which edition of PRAGATI Interaction held this year ?

इस वर्ष प्रगति इंटरैक्शन का कौन सा संस्करण आयोजित हुआ?

- (a) 42nd
- (b) 43rd
- (c) 44th
- (d) 45th
- (e) 46th

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The 44th PRAGATI summit, which brought together the Central and State governments, was presided over by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. PRAGATI is an ICT-based multimodal platform for pro-active governance and timely implementation.
- It was PRAGATI's inaugural meeting during the third term of the Narendra Modi administration.
- Seven major projects were evaluated during the meeting, two of which had to do with road connectivity, two of which involved rail, and one each from the sectors of coal, power, and water resources.
- These developments came at a total cost of almost 76 thousand 500 crore rupees. Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Odisha, Goa, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, and Delhi are among the states covered by the projects.
- A total of 355 projects worth over 18 lakh crore rupees have been reviewed up until the 44th PRAGATI meeting.
- The Prime Minister also spoke over AMRUT 2.0 and the public complaints regarding the Jal Jeevan Mission during their conversation. Together, these initiatives address a variety of water-related concerns in both rural and urban locations.

Ques : Hrim-2 is a ballistic missile system developed by which country ?
हीम-2 किस देश द्वारा विकसित एक बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल प्रणाली है?

- (a) Malaysia / मलेशिया
- (b) Ukraine / यूक्रेन
- (c) Sweden / स्वीडन
- (d) Vietnam / वियतनाम
- (e) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The President of Ukraine recently declared that the nation's defense industry-produced Hrim-2 ballistic missile, which is its first, has been successfully tested.
- The Hrim system is a short-range ballistic missile system developed in Ukraine.
- It combines the capabilities of a tactical missile system and multiple rocket launchers. The Hrim-2 version, intended for export, has a limited range of 280 kilometers to comply with the 300-kilometer limit set by the Missile Technology Control Regime.
- However, the system's range has been increased to 700 kilometers for Ukrainian military purposes.
- It can avoid contemporary air defenses such as the S-300 and S-400 thanks to its aero-ballistic skills, which are similar to those of the Russian 9K720 Iskander missile complex.
- A 10-wheeled Transporter-Erector-Launcher (TEL) with the capacity to transport two containerized missiles at once makes up the Sapsan system.

Ques : Goa Shipyard established in which year ?
गोवा शिपयार्ड की स्थापना किस वर्ष हुई?

- (a) 1957
- (b) 1954
- (c) 1950
- (d) 1850
- (e) 1857

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Goa Shipyard (GSL) has launched the first of two indigenous Pollution Control Vessels (PCVs) for the Indian Coast Guard, marking a major step towards self-reliance in defense manufacture.
- The "Samudra Pratap," this ship embodies the best of Indian engineering and creativity when it comes to protecting the marine environment.
- With a 72% indigenous content, this vessel highlights India's increasing capacity for shipbuilding and technical innovation.
- With an internal design by GSL, "Samudra Pratap" measures 114.5 meters in length, 16.5 meters in width, and 4,170 tons in displacement.

About Goa Shipyard :

- Established : 1957
- HQ : Vasco da Gama, Goa
- CMD : Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay

Ques : Bharat Biotech International Ltd established in which year?

भारत बायोटेक इंटरनेशनल लिमिटेड की स्थापना किस वर्ष हुई?

- (a) 1995
- (b) 1956
- (c) 1996
- (d) 1950
- (e) 1850

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The innovative oral cholera vaccine (OCV) Hillchol (BBV131), created under license from Hilleman Laboratories, has been introduced by Bharat Biotech International Ltd.
- This introduction is crucial since there has been a shortage of about 40 million doses because of limited supply, and the yearly global demand for OCVs surpasses 100 million doses.
- Hillchol is suited for people above one year of age and is given orally on Days 0 and 14.
- The vaccine, which comes in a single-dose respule, is to be stored between +2°C and +8°C.
- Hilleman Laboratories, Bharat Biotech, the University of Gothenburg, and Gotovax AB worked together to develop the vaccine.

About Bharat Biotech International Ltd. :

- Established in 1996
- HQ : Hyderabad, India
- Specialization: Creating, manufacturing, and distribution of vaccines
- Notable Products: Hillchol (oral cholera vaccine), Typbar TCV (typhoid vaccine), Rotavac (rotavirus vaccine), and Covaxin (COVID-19 vaccine).

Ques : Who has been appointed as Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)?

केंद्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल (CISF) के महानिदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Rajendra Prasad Goyal / राजेंद्र प्रसाद गोयल
- (b) Rajwinder Singh Bhatti / राजविंदर सिंह भट्टी
- (c) Pramod Sharma / प्रमोद शर्मा
- (d) Meenesh Shah / मीनेश शाह
- (e) Manoj Kumar / मनोज कुमार

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Rajwinder Singh Bhatti Appointed as Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). He replaced S K Singhal.
- Bihar cadre is the origin of Rajwinder Singh Bhatti, an IPS officer from the 1990 batch.
- He has held important roles in the BSF, including Additional Director General (Eastern Command) and Director General of the Bihar Military Police, in addition to serving as the state's Director General of Police (DGP).
- As a Joint Director, he has also made contributions to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

About CISF :

- Formed : 10 March 1969
- Headquarters : New Delhi, Delhi, India
- The CISF is a Central Armed Police Force in India under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- CISF's primary mission is to provide security to large institutions, be it Governmental or private.

Ques : International Day for People of African Descent is observed every year on which day?

अफ्रीकी मूल के लोगों के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 29 August
- (b) 30 August
- (c) 31 August
- (d) 1 September
- (e) 2 September

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- International Day for People of African Descent is observed every year on 31 August.
- The International Day for People of African Descent marks a significant milestone in the global recognition of the contributions and challenges faced by individuals of African descent worldwide.
- On June 19, 2020, the Council adopted a resolution on the “Promotion and protection of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Africans and people of African descent against excessive use of force and other human rights violations by law enforcement officers.”

Important days :

- 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)
- 26 August : International Dog Day (Theme 2024 – Every dog deserves a spa day)
- 25 – 29 August : World Water Week (Theme 2024 - Bridging Borders: Water for a Peaceful and Sustainable Future)
- 29 August : National Sports Day (Theme 2024 – Sports are an enabler to an inclusive and fit society.)
- 29 August : International Day against Nuclear Tests (Theme 2024 - The Path to Zero: The Role of the United Nations in Nuclear Disarmament)
- 30 August : Small Industry Day (Theme 2024 – Leveraging Power and Resilience of Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) to Accelerate Sustainable Development and Eradicate Poverty in Times of Multiple Crises)
- 30 August : International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances (Theme 2024 Honoring an Invisible Struggle)

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

- German healthcare firm Siemens Healthineers AG received the Indian drug regulator's approval to manufacture mpox detection kits in the country, a significant step to help screen and prevent the spread of the viral infection.
- Karthik Venkataraman won the 61st edition of the Indian National Championship by scoring 9/11 points in the event organised by the Haryana Chess Association.
- The Amazon Pay ICICI Bank credit card, powered by VISA, has achieved a significant milestone becoming the first co-branded credit card in India to onboard over 5 million customers nationwide.
- 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.
- Hitachi Payment Services, India's leading provider of payments and commerce solutions, announced India's first Android-based cash recycling machine, which also serves as a Digital Banking Unit.
- ICAR-CIFE and VAMNICOM Sign MoU to Enhance Cooperative Management in Fisheries. Significant step toward the goal of creating 2 lakh PACS, Fishery Cooperatives, and Dairy Cooperatives in each Panchayat.
- SEBI proposed a mandatory UPI block mechanism facility for secondary market trading using the UPI-based block mechanism to their clients.
- 10th Edition of India-Australia CECA Negotiations held on five tracks in Sydney, Australia.
- Typhoon Shanshan made landfall on Japan's southwestern main island of Kyushu, bringing heavy rain and strong winds that left at least 40 people injured in three prefectures.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

- जर्मन हेल्थकेयर फर्म सीमेंस हेल्थिनियर्स एजी को देश में एमपॉक्स डिटेक्शन किट बनाने के लिए भारतीय दवा नियामक की मंजूरी मिल गई, जो वायरल संक्रमण के प्रसार को रोकने और जांच में मदद करने के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम है।
- कार्तिक वेंकटरमन ने हरियाणा शतरंज एसोसिएशन द्वारा आयोजित प्रतियोगिता में 9/11 अंक हासिल करके भारतीय राष्ट्रीय चैम्पियनशिप का 61वां संस्करण जीता।
- वीज़ा द्वारा संचालित अमेज़ॅन पे आईसीआईसीआई बैंक क्रेडिट कार्ड ने देश भर में 5 मिलियन से अधिक ग्राहकों को जोड़ने वाला भारत का पहला सह-ब्रांडेड क्रेडिट कार्ड बनकर एक महत्वपूर्ण उपलब्धि हासिल की है।
- केंद्रीय युवा मामले एवं खेल और श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्री ने नई दिल्ली में राष्ट्रीय खेल दिवस के अवसर पर "सेवानिवृत्त खिलाड़ी सशक्तिकरण प्रशिक्षण" (RESET) कार्यक्रम लॉन्च किया। सेवानिवृत्त एथलीटों को उनकी करियर विकास यात्रा में समर्थन देना।
- भारत के अग्रणी भुगतान और वाणिज्य समाधान प्रदाता हिताची पेमेंट सर्विसेज ने भारत की पहली एंड्रॉइड-आधारित कैश रीसाइक्लिंग मशीन की घोषणा की, जो डिजिटल बैंकिंग इकाई के रूप में भी काम करती है।
- मत्स्य पालन में सहकारी प्रबंधन को बढ़ाने के लिए ICAR-CIFE और VAMNICOM ने समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए। प्रत्येक पंचायत में 2 लाख पैक्स, मत्स्य पालन सहकारी समितियां और डेयरी सहकारी समितियां बनाने के लक्ष्य की दिशा में महत्वपूर्ण कदम।
- सेबी ने अपने ग्राहकों के लिए यूपीआई-आधारित ब्लॉक तंत्र का उपयोग करके द्वितीयक बाजार व्यापार के लिए एक अनिवार्य यूपीआई ब्लॉक तंत्र सुविधा का प्रस्ताव रखा।
- भारत-ऑस्ट्रेलिया CECA वार्ता का 10वां संस्करण सिडनी, ऑस्ट्रेलिया में पांच ट्रैक पर आयोजित हुआ।
- टाइफून शानशान ने जापान के दक्षिण-पश्चिमी मुख्य द्वीप क्यूशू पर दस्तक दी, जिससे भारी बारिश और तेज़ हवाएँ आईं, जिससे तीन प्रान्तों में कम से कम 40 लोग घायल हो गए।