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## Current Affairs



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**Ques : How much lakh crore rupees was GST collected in August 2024?**  
**अगस्त 2024 में कितने लाख करोड़ रुपये का जीएसटी संग्रह हुआ?**

- (a) 1.75 lakh crore
- (b) 1.82 lakh crore
- (c) 2.10 lakh crore
- (d) 1.32 lakh crore
- (e) 2.72 lakh crore

**Answer : Option A**

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**Explanation :**

- In August 2024, India's GST collections reached Rs.1.75 lakh crore, marking a 10% year-on-year growth compared to Rs.1.59 lakh crore in August 2023.
- Domestic GST revenue grew by 9.2% to Rs.1.25 lakh crore, while revenue from the import of goods increased by 12.1% to Rs.49,976 crore.

**GST Collection of Previous Months :**

- March 2024 : 1,78,4847 crore
- April 2024 : 2,10,267 crore
- May 2024 : 1,72,739 crore
- June 2024 : 1.74 lakh crore
- July 2024 : 182,075 crore

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**Ques : Which Bank announces GIGA, Financial Product for India's Gig Workers ?**

**किस बैंक ने भारत के गिग श्रमिकों के लिए वित्तीय उत्पाद GIGA की घोषणा की?**

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक

**Answer : Option D**

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**Explanation :**

- GIGA is a full financial suite designed specifically for Indian gig workers and freelancers, and it was unveiled by HDFC Bank Limited.
- Gig workers have access to several financial alternatives such as Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs), Fixed Deposits (FDs), and Recurring Deposits (RDs), and are required to maintain a quarterly balance of Rs 10,000 in metro/urban areas and Rs 5,000 in semi-urban/rural areas.
- Personal accidental death cover up to Rs 10 lakh and expedited cashback are features of the GIGA Business Debit Card.
- For gig workers and their families, HDFC Ergo offers health insurance, with daily premiums as low as Rs 20.
- Freelancers can use a flexible investment scheduler offered by HDFC Asset Management Company (AMC) to invest based on available finances and modify their plans as necessary.

**About HDFC Bank :**

- Established : August 1994
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Tagline : We Understand Your World

**Ques : \_\_\_\_\_ Collaborates with Unity Bank to Introduce Third-Party App for Simplified Payments**

**\_\_\_\_\_ ने सरलीकृत भुगतान के लिए थर्ड-पार्टी ऐप पेश करने के लिए यूनिटी बैंक के साथ सहयोग किया**

- (a) Phonepe
- (b) Paytm
- (c) Airtel payments bank
- (d) BharatPe
- (e) None of these

**Answer : Option D**

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**Explanation :**

- To introduce its UPI Third Party Application Provider (TPAP) service, BharatPe has teamed up with Unity Bank.
- The "postpe" app has been renamed "BharatPe," and UPI payments are now accepted on it.
- On the BharatPe app, users can generate UPI IDs in order to pay bills, send money to other users, and transact with merchants.
- Currently, BharatPe provides two apps: "BharatPe for Business" for retailers and "BharatPe" for regular consumers.

**About BharatPe :**

- Founded : 2018
- Headquarters : New Delhi, India
- CEO : Nalin Negi
- BharatPe is an Indian fintech company that sells digital payment and financial services to small merchants and Grocery stores.

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### **About Unity Bank :**

- Founded : 2006
- Headquarters : Lagos, Nigeria
- Managing Director : Tomi Somefun

### **Recently signed banking agreements**

- Birla Aditya The "Income Suraksha Plan," a new term insurance plan, has been jointly introduced by Sun Life Insurance (ABSLI) and Policybazaar.
- Two-wheeler loans are now possible thanks to a partnership between BharatPe and OTO Capital, a digital commerce and lending platform.
- YES Bank has entered into a co-lending partnership with Newtap Finance Private Limited to provide personalised financing solutions for creditworthy individuals on payments platform CRED.
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and ESAF Small Finance Bank have partnered to create the exclusive Inori RuPay Platinum Credit Card.
- Zeta, a global supplier of cutting-edge banking technology to financial institutions, has partnered up with HDFC Bank to provide the bank's UPI (CLOU) platform credit line services.
- A strategic agreement to grow their co-lending business has been announced by Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Limited (also known as Piramal Finance), and the Central Bank of India.
- Indian consumers now have fast access to digital credit thanks to a partnership between PayU, a fintech company sponsored by Naspers, and Amazon Pay Later.
- Consumer payments and lending company Slice has received approval from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for its merger with North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB).
- Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), a significant state-owned steel manufacturer, and Bank of Baroda (BoB) have agreed to a Rs.5,000 crore credit arrangement.
- Karnataka Bank and fintech company Navi established a partnership to launch a credit line on UPI goods for users of the platform.
- 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.

**Ques : Which Bank to Provide Personal Loans through Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) ?**

**कौन सा बैंक ओपन नेटवर्क फॉर डिजिटल कॉमर्स (ओएनडीसी) के माध्यम से व्यक्तिगत ऋण प्रदान करेगा?**

- (a) J&K Bank / जे एंड के बैंक
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank / इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक
- (c) Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (d) Karnataka Bank / कर्नाटक बैंक
- (e) Central Bank of India / सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया

**Answer : Option D**

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**Explanation :**

- Being the first bank to do so, Karnataka Bank will provide personal loans via the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).
- The ONDC network's buyer apps will provide access to the personal loans.
- This service will first be accessible to current bank clients.

**About Karnataka Bank :**

- Founded : 18 February 1924
- Headquarters : Mangalore, Karnataka, India
- MD & CEO : Srikrishnan Hari Hara Sarma
- Executive Director : Sekhar Rao



## Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), a key player in the energy sector in India, and RBL Bank have partnered to introduce the co-branded credit card XTRA at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) in Mumbai.
- High-End Credit Card “ETERNA” on RuPay Network Launched by BOBCARD Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BOB).
- Tata AIA Life launches ‘Sampoorna Raksha Promise’ product with Rs.3 lakh instant payout feature.
- DigiPassBook, a new feature on HDFC Bank's SmartWealth app, enables users to manage all of their investments from a single location.
- Axis Bank Limited launches ‘Neo for Merchants’, a transformative mobile app which will act as a one stop solution for the merchant community, in partnership with VISA and Mintoak.
- Ecommerce major Amazon India has launched its artificial intelligence (AI)-powered shopping assistant ‘Rufus’ in India.
- A new security feature called Face Match has been introduced by Airtel Payments Bank to guard against fraudulent activity on user accounts.
- Sampoorna Raksha Promise, the newest term insurance offering from Tata AIA Life Insurance, has been revealed. Upon notification of a death claim, the plan offers an instant reimbursement of Rs.3 lakh to cover emergency needs.
- The savings account called "Avni," which is only available to women, has been launched by Bandhan Bank.
- Nippon Life India Asset Management launched the Nifty 500 Equal Weight Index Fund, a unique open-ended scheme tracking the Nifty 500 Equal Weight Index.
- IDBI Bank has increased its fixed deposit (FD) rate to 7.85% for a 444-day tenure, aiming to attract more deposits.
- BharatPe, a fintech company, recently revealed that it will be expanding its business to include secured loans for its merchant partners.
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched a new feature called 'UPI Circle-Delegate Payments' on its Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform.
- The Bank of Baroda (BoB) Executive Director, Sanjay Vinayak Mudaliar, opened the "phygital" branch at ChandaNagar, Hyderabad.
- The PNB ANTAH DRISHTI Braille Debit Card is a new initiative from Punjab National Bank (PNB) that aims to improve financial accessibility for those with visual impairments.

**Ques : Which Bank Honoured with 4 Awards at ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave & Awards 2024 ?**

**ICC इमर्जिंग एशिया बैंकिंग कॉन्क्लेव एंड अवार्ड्स 2024 में किस बैंक को 4 पुरस्कारों से सम्मानित किया गया?**

- (a) AU Small Finance Bank Limited / एयू स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited / कैपिटल स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (c) Jana Small Finance Bank / जना स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
- (d) Shivalik Small Finance Bank / शिवालिक स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
- (e) Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited / इक्विटास स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड

**Answer : Option C**

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**Explanation :**

- Jana Small Finance Bank Honoured with 4 Awards at ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave & Awards 2024

**These Four Awards are as follows :**

- Best Small Finance Bank (India)
  - Best Performance on Profitability (Runners-up)
  - Best Performance on Asset Quality
  - Best Performance on Risk Management
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- ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave & Awards 2024 received by Gopal Tripathi, Head of Treasury and Capital Markets at Jana SFB.
  - Edition 2nd Held at New Delhi Organised by Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Theme Leading in the Digital Paradigm
  - Theme: Leading in the Digital Paradigm

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### **About Jana Small Finance Bank :**

- Established : 2018
  - HQ : Bangalore, Karnataka
  - CEO : Ajay Kanwal
  - Tagline : Paise Ke Kadar
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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

**Ques : India's 2nd nuclear missile submarine \_\_\_\_\_ commissioned by Rajnath Singh.**

**भारत की दूसरी परमाणु मिसाइल पनडुब्बी \_\_\_\_\_ को राजनाथ सिंह ने कमीशन किया**

- (a) INS Agni
- (b) INS Gadar
- (c) INS Arighat
- (d) INS Angad
- (e) INS Shatru

**Answer : Option C**

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**Explanation :**

- In the presence of Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, the INS Arighaat, India's second nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, was put into service at Visakhapatnam.
- It joins the INS Arihant, the first of its kind, which went into service in 2016.
- In August 2016, the INS Arihant was discretely put into service. It is driven by an 83 MW pressurized light-water reactor using enriched uranium, and it has a displacement of 6,000 tonnes.
- The dimensions and reactor of INS Arighaat remain the same, however it has undergone many technical advancements.
- When Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared on social media in November 2018 that INS Arihant had returned from its first deterrence patrol, the nuclear trio was complete.
- The project aimed at developing advanced technology started in the 1980s, and its first product, the Arihant vessel, was introduced by Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh in 2009. The vessel was eventually put into service in 2016.

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- A 3,500 km range Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) K-4 is being developed and tested for the first time in 2020, whereas INS Arihant is currently equipped with a 750 km range K-15 SLBM.
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### Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- India has reordered 73,000 SIG716 assault weapons from SiG Sauer Inc., a US company.
- Axiom Space & Nokia Partners To Bring 4G Technology in NASA's Lunar Spacesuits. It will be used for NASA's Artemis III lunar mission.
- Kim Jong Un, the leader of North Korea, recently revealed a brand-new kind of "suicide drone." These drones are made to behave like guided missiles.
- India launched its first reusable hybrid rocket, named RHUMI-1. Space Zone India, a start-up based in Tamil Nadu, worked with the Martin Group to develop the rocket. The rocket was launched from Chennai, India's Thiruvudandai.
- 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

**Ques : Payment Passkey Service launched by \_\_\_\_\_.  
भुगतान पासकी सेवा \_\_\_\_\_ द्वारा शुरू की गई।**

- (a) Rupay
- (b) Google pay
- (c) SBI card
- (d) Paypal
- (e) Mastercard

**Answer : Option E**

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**Explanation :**

- Global payments technology company Mastercard announced the global launch of its new Payment Passkey Service.
- Payment passkeys offer a more secure and easier way for cardholders to authenticate themselves during e-commerce transactions on web or merchant apps.
- Passkeys encrypt data using algorithms to provide quick and safe identity verification for users.
- It will provide clients a transaction management solution that is not OTP-based.
- It makes use of biometric authentication techniques that are device-based, such fingerprint or face scans.
- When users log into their accounts for the first time, their device generates two keys: one that is private on your device to unlock the passkey and access your account, and another that is public and shared with the website for passkey validation.
- The Mastercard Payment Passkey Service makes transactions faster and more secure against fraud and scams by substituting standard passwords and OTPs.

**Ques : Reliance Jio is set to launch suite of AI tools called \_\_\_\_\_.  
रिलायंस जियो \_\_\_\_\_ नामक AI टूल का सूट लॉन्च करने के लिए तैयार है।**

- (a) Jio health
- (b) Jio entertain
- (c) Jio Brain
- (d) Jio games
- (e) Jio help

**Answer : Option C**

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**Explanation :**

- A significant advancement in artificial intelligence was revealed by Chairman Mukesh Ambani during Reliance Industries' 47th Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- Reliance Jio, the company's telecom division, is about to introduce "Jio Brain," a comprehensive suite of AI tools and apps.
- This cutting-edge platform attempts to combine cutting-edge machine learning technology with Jio's 5G network capabilities.
- Ambani declared his intention to build AI-capable data centers in Jamnagar, Gujarat.

**Ques : \_\_\_\_ Approves Merger of RIL's Media Assets with Walt Disney  
\_\_\_\_ ने RIL की मीडिया संपत्तियों को वॉल्ट डिज़्नी के साथ विलय को मंजूरी दे दी**

- (a) RBI
- (b) SEBI
- (c) IRDAI
- (d) CCI
- (e) NABARD

**Answer : Option D**

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**Explanation :**

- The planned merger including Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), Viacom18 Media Private Limited (Viacom18), Digital18 Media Limited, Star India Private Limited (SIPL), and Star Television Productions Limited (STPL) has been allowed by the Competition Commission of India (CCI).
- The purpose of the agreement is to combine the entertainment divisions of SIPL, a fully owned subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company (TWDC), and Viacom18, a division of the RIL group.

**About Competition Commission of India :**

- Established : 14 October 2003
- HQ : New Delhi
- Chairman : Mrs. Ravneet Kaur

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**Ques : In the World U20 Athletics Championships, Aarti won a Bronze medal in the Women's \_\_\_\_\_ race walk event with the National U20 record time at Lima in Peru.**

**विश्व अंडर-20 एथलेटिक्स चैंपियनशिप में, आरती ने पेरू के लीमा में राष्ट्रीय अंडर-20 रिकॉर्ड समय के साथ महिलाओं की \_\_\_\_\_ रेस वॉक स्पर्धा में कांस्य पदक जीता।**

- (a) 100m
- (b) 1000m
- (c) 10000m
- (d) 200m
- (e) 2000m

**Answer : Option C**

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**Explanation :**

- Aarti opened India's medal tally at the World U20 Athletics Championships in Lima, Peru, by winning a bronze medal in the women's 10000m race walk event in the national U20 record time.
- On the final day of contests, she finished third in the demanding event with a time of 44 minutes 39.39 seconds.
- Aarti, 17, shattered her previous national record of 47 minutes, 21.04 seconds, set at the National Federation Cup U20 Championships in Lucknow in March of this year.
- Chinese race walkers Meiling Chen took home the silver medal and Zhuoma Baima the gold.

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## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Karthik Venkataraman won the 61st edition of the Indian National Championship by scoring 9/11 points in the event organised by the Haryana Chess Association.
- The 8th Women's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey Tournament will take place in Rajgir, Bihar, in 2024. India is hosting the competition for the second time in a row.
- 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 : Which Edition of Hurun India Rich List 2024 Published by Hurun India ?  
हुरुन इंडिया द्वारा प्रकाशित हुरुन इंडिया रिच लिस्ट 2024 का कौन सा संस्करण?**

- (a) 10th
- (b) 11th
- (c) 12th
- (d) 13th
- (e) 14th

**Answer : Option D**

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**Explanation :**

- Hurun India Rich List 2024 Edition 13th Published by Hurun India.
- With a 95% increase in fortune, Gautam Adani, Chairman of the Adani Group, tops the Rich List, which was recently announced. His net worth is Rs 1,161,800 Crore (Cr).
- The youngest people on the list are Zepto co-founders Kaivalya Vohra (age 21) and Aadit Palicha (age 22), with respective net worths of INR 3,600 crore and INR 4,300 crore.
- At Rs 47,500 crore, Radha Vembu of Zoho is the wealthiest self-made woman. Falguni Nayar of Nykaa is second with Rs 32,200 crore, while Jayshree Ullal of Arista Networks is third with Rs 32,100 crore.
- Mumbai is home to 386 people who are listed on the 2024 wealthy list, followed by New Delhi (Delhi), Hyderabad (Telangana), Bengaluru (Karnataka), and Hyderabad (217).
- The first angel investor on the list is 45-year-old Anand Chandrasekaran, who has a net worth of Rs 1,200 crore.
- Actor Shah Rukh Khan, the founder of Red Chillies Entertainment, a production company, debuted with a net worth of Rs 7,300 crore and led the list of silver screen titans in 2024.

### **Top 5 in the Hurun India Rich List 2024:**

1. Gautam Adani : Adani Group
2. Mukesh Ambani : RIL
3. Shiv Nadar & Family : HCL Technologies
4. Cyrus S Poonawalla & Family : Serum Institute of India
5. Dilip Shanghvi : Sun Pharmaceutical Industries

### **India's Rankings in Different Indices**

- Global Property Price Index 2024 Published by Knight Frank : Mumbai (2nd), Manila (1st)
- Forbes Cloud 100 2024 List 9th edition published by Forbes : Razorpay Software Private Limited (RSPL) (70<sup>th</sup> Rank), OpenAI, USA (1<sup>st</sup> Rank)
- Trade Statistics 2023 report : India (s eighth largest exporter of agricultural products), European Union (1 st Rank)
- Global Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) rankings for 2024 : Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited (Tata AIA)(India)(6<sup>th</sup> Rank), AIA – China (Top)
- Henley Passport Index : India (82nd), Singapore (top)
- NITI Aayog's SDG India Index 2023-24 : Uttarakhand and Kerala (top), Bihar (worst)
- Artificial Intelligence Preparedness Index (AIPI) : India (72nd), Singapore (topped)
- Global Liveability Index 2024 : Vienna (Austria) (topped)
- Most valuable and strongest Indian brands June 2024 : Tata Group (\$28.6 billion)
- Largest Domestic Airline Markets : India (3<sup>rd</sup>), United States (topped)
- Global Energy Transition Index 2024 : India (63rd), Sweden (topped)
- Report of Cost of Living City Ranking 2024 : Mumbai (Expensive city in India), Hong Kong (Hong Kong (sar)) (1<sup>st</sup> rank)
- 2024 Environment Performance Index (EPI) : India (176th), Estonia (top)
- Global Gender Gap index 2024 : India (129<sup>th</sup>), Iceland (top)
- Container Port Performance Index 2023 (CPPI 2023) : Visakhapatnam Port (19<sup>th</sup> rank), China's Yangshan Port (1<sup>st</sup> rank)
- Oxford Economics' Global Cities Index : Delhi (350th rank), New York ranks first

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**Ques : Recently Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Grants 'Navratna' Status to \_\_\_\_ Central Public Sector Enterprises**

**हाल ही में वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने \_\_\_\_ केंद्रीय सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उद्यमों को 'नवरत्न' का दर्जा दिया**

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

**Answer : Option C**

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**Explanation :**

- Navratna status has been granted to four Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

**These CPSEs are:**

- Railtel Corporation of India (RCIL)
- Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) Limited
- Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) Limited
- National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC)

**With this approval, the total number of Navratna CPSEs in India has increased to 25.**

- Railtel Corporation of India (RCIL) Became the 22nd Navratna CPSE. RCIL, under the Ministry of Railways, achieved a turnover of Rs.2,622 crore and a net profit of Rs.246 crore for FY24.
- Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) Became the 23rd Navratna CPSE. SECI is a leader in renewable energy capacity development in India, with a cumulative awarded capacity of 69.25 gigawatts (GW) and an annual power trading volume exceeding 42 billion units.

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- National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Became the 24th Navratna CPSE. NHPC, under the Ministry of Power, reported an annual turnover of Rs.8,405 crore and a net profit of Rs.3,744 crore for FY 2023-24.
- Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd (SJVN) Became the 25th Navratna CPSE, with an annual turnover of Rs.2,833 crore and a net profit of Rs.908 crore for FY24.
- **Navratna Scheme:** Introduced by the government in **1997**, the Navratna scheme aims to identify CPSEs with competitive advantages and support their growth into global giants.

#### **Criteria for Navratna Status:**

**To be eligible for Navratna status, a CPSE must:**

- Be a Miniratna Category I company.
- Be a Schedule 'A' company.
- Have achieved 'excellent' or 'very good' MOU ratings in at least three of the last five years.

#### **Achieve a composite score of 60 or above across six selected performance indicators, which include:**

- Net profit to net worth (25%)
- Manpower cost to total cost of production/services (15%)
- Profit before depreciation, interest, and taxes to capital employed (15%)
- Profit before interest and taxes to turnover (15%)
- Earnings per share (10%)
- Inter-sectoral performance (20%)

**Ques : India will host inaugural World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) in which state ?**

**भारत किस राज्य में उद्घाटन विश्व ऑडियो विजुअल और मनोरंजन शिखर सम्मेलन (वेव्स) की मेजबानी करेगा?**

- (a) Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
- (b) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (c) Goa / गोवा
- (d) Punjab / पंजाब
- (e) Gujarat / गुजरात

**Answer : Option C**

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**Explanation :**

- In an effort to strengthen India's media and entertainment sector and increase its impact internationally, the government of India will organize the first World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES).
- This year's Summit will take place in Goa from November 20 to November 25.
- On August 22, the "Create in India Challenge - Season 1" marked the debut of 25 challenges, as announced by Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- With an emphasis on entertainment economics and technology, WAVES is positioned to grow into a major platform for global media and entertainment luminaries.
- These tasks span a variety of artistic mediums, such as comic books, video games, animation, and music.
- These challenges, which range from animation and gaming to music and emerging technologies, are intended to encourage and enable participants to discover new avenues, display their skills, and add to India's developing story in the international media and entertainment sector.



**Ques : PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Vadhvan Port in the Palghar district of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने \_\_\_\_\_ के पालघर जिले में वधवन बंदरगाह की आधारशिला रखी।**

- (a) Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
- (b) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (c) Goa / गोवा
- (d) Punjab / पंजाब
- (e) Gujarat / गुजरात

**Answer : Option B**

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**Explanation :**

- In the Maharashtra district of Palghar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the cornerstone for Vadhvan Port.
- Additionally, he gave fishermen Kisan Credit Cards and transponders and launched a number of fisheries ventures.
- This project will probably cost 76,000 crore rupees. Its goal is to create a top-notch marine gateway that will support big cargo ships, deeper drafts, and container ships, all of which will increase commerce and economic growth in the nation.
- One of India's biggest deep-water ports, Vadhvan Port is situated in the Palghar district close to Dahanu town. It would offer direct access to international shipping lanes, cutting down on both transit times and prices.
- In addition, the prime minister dedicated and set the groundwork for 218 fisheries projects totaling around 1,560 crore rupees, with the goal of enhancing the infrastructure and production of the industry nationwide.



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

- India And Malaysia Sign MoU For Strengthening Co-Operation In The Field Of Tourism.
- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated a state-of-the-art sports academy, sports complex, and sports university in Rajgir on National Sports Day.
- The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) recently celebrated its 54th Foundation Day at its headquarters in New Delhi. It was established on 28th August 1970 under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- As part of the planned merger of Vistara with Air India, Singapore Airlines announced that it has gained approval from the Indian government for the foreign direct investment.
- ReNew Power Private Limited(ReNew/ RPPL) and Microsoft Corporation Signed agreement for clean power sale agreement of 437.6 MegaWatt (MW) to produce more than 1 million units of green electricity.
- An agreement was signed by the corporate body of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, RINL, and M/s. IOCL for the supply of hydraulic and lubricating oils and greases for a five-year term spanning from 2024 to 2029.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) presented a dividend cheque of ₹3,662.17 crore to Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- Shannon Gabriel of the West Indies has announced his retirement from international cricket.

## महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

- भारत और मलेशिया ने पर्यटन के क्षेत्र में सहयोग को मजबूत करने के लिए समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए।
- बिहार के मुख्यमंत्री नीतीश कुमार ने राष्ट्रीय खेल दिवस पर राजगीर में अत्याधुनिक खेल अकादमी, खेल परिसर और खेल विश्वविद्यालय का उद्घाटन किया।
- पुलिस अनुसंधान और विकास ब्यूरो (बीपीआरएंडडी) ने हाल ही में नई दिल्ली में अपने मुख्यालय में अपना 54वां स्थापना दिवस मनाया। इसकी स्थापना 28 अगस्त 1970 को गृह मंत्रालय के तहत की गई थी।
- एयर इंडिया के साथ विस्तार के नियोजित विलय के हिस्से के रूप में, सिंगापुर एयरलाइंस ने घोषणा की कि उसे प्रत्यक्ष विदेशी निवेश के लिए भारत सरकार से मंजूरी मिल गई है।
- रीन्यू पावर प्राइवेट लिमिटेड (रेन्यू/आरपीपीएल) और माइक्रोसॉफ्ट कॉरपोरेशन ने 1 मिलियन यूनिट से अधिक हरित बिजली का उत्पादन करने के लिए 437.6 मेगावाट (मेगावाट) की स्वच्छ बिजली बिक्री समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए।
- विशाखापत्तनम स्टील प्लांट के कॉर्पोरेट निकाय, आरआईएनएल और मेसर्स द्वारा एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए। 2024 से 2029 तक पांच साल की अवधि के लिए हाइड्रोलिक और चिकनाई वाले तेल और ग्रीस की आपूर्ति के लिए आईओसीएल।
- भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम (LIC) ने केंद्रीय वित्त और कॉर्पोरेट मामलों की मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण को ₹3,662.17 करोड़ का लाभांश चेक प्रस्तुत किया।
- वेस्टइंडीज के शैनन गेब्रियल ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रिकेट से संन्यास की घोषणा कर दी है।