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Ques : Public Sector Banks Reduce Government Securities Holdings Under Held-to-Maturity by _____

सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंकों ने परिपक्वता तक धारित सरकारी प्रतिभूतियों में ____ की कटौती की

- (a) 40%
- (b) 50%
- (c) 60%
- (d) 70%
- (e) 80%

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Holdings of government securities (G-Secs) under the Held-to-Maturity (HTM) category have been reduced by over 50% by public sector banks.
- This cut is in accordance with updated Reserve Bank of India (RBI) investment guidelines. The revised regulations became operative on April 1, 2024.
- Banks are only allowed to realize 5% of their HTM holdings' profits because they are not allowed to sell any more than this amount.
- Banks have less freedom now that they can only sell up to 5% of their HTM holdings.
- With the removal of the 90-day cap on holding periods for HFT, banks now have more scope in this subcategory.

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Ques : _____ Unveils New ATM Products and Renames BBPS to Bharat Connect

_____ ने नए एटीएम उत्पादों का अनावरण किया और बीबीपीएस का नाम बदलकर भारत कनेक्ट कर दिया

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

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) unveiled products aimed at transforming ATM infrastructure in the country.
- These new offerings include Bharat BillPay (BBPS) for Business, designed to streamline business-to-business (B2B) transactions across different ERPs and accounting platforms, and UPI Circle, which enables delegate payments to users.
- With the launch of UPI interoperable cash deposit service, users will be able to deposit money into any bank account or their own via automated teller machines (ATMs) operated by banks and white-label ATM operators using UPI, eliminating the requirement for a physical card.
- These ATMs, which are utilized for both cash deposits and withdrawals, are known as cash recyclers.
- Additionally, RBI announced the rebranding of the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) to Bharat Connect.

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About NPCI :

- Founded : 2008
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- MD & CEO : Dilip Asbe
- The NPCI is an umbrella organization for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India.

Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Global payments technology company Mastercard announced the global launch of its new Payment Passkey Service.
- GIGA is a full financial suite designed specifically for Indian gig workers and freelancers, and it was unveiled by HDFC Bank Limited.
- Being the first bank to do so, Karnataka Bank will provide personal loans via the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).
- Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), a key player in the energy sector in India, and RBL Bank have partnered to introduce the co-branded credit card XTRA at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) in Mumbai.
- High-End Credit Card “ETERNA” on RuPay Network Launched by BOBCARD Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BOB).
- Tata AIA Life launches ‘Sampoorna Raksha Promise’ product with Rs.3 lakh instant payout feature.
- DigiPassBook, a new feature on HDFC Bank's SmartWealth app, enables users to manage all of their investments from a single location.
- Axis Bank Limited launches ‘Neo for Merchants’, a transformative mobile app which will act as a one stop solution for the merchant community, in partnership with VISA and Mintoak.
- Ecommerce major Amazon India has launched its artificial intelligence (AI)-powered shopping assistant ‘Rufus’ in India.
- 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.

Ques : _____ Seeks Reserve Bank of India approval for Transition to Universal Bank

_____ ने यूनिवर्सल बैंक में परिवर्तन के लिए भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक से मंजूरी मांगी है

- (a) AU Small Finance Bank / एयू स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
- (b) Capital Small Finance Bank / कैपिटल स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
- (c) Suryoday Small Finance Bank / सूर्योदय स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड
- (d) Shivalik Small Finance Bank / शिवालिक स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक
- (e) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank / उज्जीवन स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has received a formal application from AU Small Finance Bank requesting permission to change its status from small finance bank to universal bank.
- On April 26, 2024, the RBI released a call for applications from small financing banks (SFBs) to become universal banks.

Eligibility for change :

- Minimum net worth of Rs.1,000 crore at the end of the previous quarter.
- Shares of the bank should be listed on a recognized stock exchange.
- Gross non-performing assets (GNPA) and net non-performing assets (NNPA) should be $\leq 3\%$ and $\leq 1\%$, respectively, in the last two financial years.
- Net profit in the last two financial years.
- Minimum five-year satisfactory track record.
- Adherence to the prescribed Capital-to-Risk Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR).

About AU Small Finance Bank :

- Founded : 1996
- Headquarters : Jaipur, Rajasthan, India
- MD & CEO : Sanjay Agarwal
- Tagline : Badlaav Humse Hai

Ques : Finance Ministry to Sell _____ Stake in GIC Re for Rs 4,700 Crore
वित्त मंत्रालय जीआईसी आरई में _____ हिस्सेदारी 4,700 करोड़ रुपये में बेचेगा

- (a) 6.70%
- (b) 6.28%
- (c) 5.78%
- (d) 6.78%
- (e) 7.78%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- In order to collect about Rs 4,700 crore, the Union Ministry of Finance plans to sell a 6.78% share in General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re) through an offer-for-sale (OFS).
- This is going to be the first stake sale following the 2017 listing of GIC Re.
- 85.78% of GIC Re is owned by the government. This action is in line with earlier plans to facilitate inclusion in index funds, such the LIC IPO.
- 3.39% of the government's stock in GIC Re will be made available, with an extra 3.39% available as a green shoe option. Approximately Rs 395 per share is the floor price.

About General Insurance Corporation of India :

- Established : 1972
- HQ : Mumbai
- CMD : Ramaswamy Narayanan

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Ques : Consider the following statements About Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) :

सकल राज्य घरेलू उत्पाद (जीएसडीपी) के बारे में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

(a) Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Rajasthan have reported the highest growth in real Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) for FY24 among the ten largest states based on their GSDP.

तेलंगाना, तमिलनाडु और राजस्थान ने अपने जीएसडीपी के आधार पर दस सबसे बड़े राज्यों में वित्त वर्ष 2014 के लिए वास्तविक सकल राज्य घरेलू उत्पाद (जीएसडीपी) में सबसे अधिक वृद्धि दर्ज की है।

(b) In FY24, Telangana, the seventh biggest State, grew its economy at 9.2 per cent to reach real GSDP of Rs.7.9 lakh crore.

वित्त वर्ष 2014 में, सातवें सबसे बड़े राज्य, तेलंगाना ने अपनी अर्थव्यवस्था को 9.2 प्रतिशत की दर से बढ़ाकर 7.9 लाख करोड़ रुपये की वास्तविक जीएसडीपी तक पहुंचा दिया।

(c) Tamil Nadu, which is the third largest State, grew its economy 8.2 per cent to reach Rs.15.7 lakh crore in size.

तमिलनाडु, जो तीसरा सबसे बड़ा राज्य है, ने अपनी अर्थव्यवस्था 8.2 प्रतिशत बढ़ाकर 15.7 लाख करोड़ रुपये तक पहुंचा दी।

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

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Rajasthan have reported the highest growth in real Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) for FY24 among the ten largest states based on their GSDP.
- The services sector has been essential in this economic progress and accounts for a major portion of the Gross Value Added (GVA) of large states.
- The ninth-largest State, Telangana, saw 9.2% economic growth in FY24, bringing its real GSDP to Rs.7.9 lakh crore. This is faster than national GDP growth of 8.2 per cent.
- The economy of Tamil Nadu, the third-largest State, expanded by 8.2 percent to Rs.15.7 lakh crore. Rajasthan increased by 8% to take sixth place.
- UP and Karnataka are neck-to-neck in fourth and fifth spot with UP's GSDP just Rs.130 crore more than that of the latter.
- Even though these States had the greatest growth, Maharashtra still has the largest economy in India, with a real GDP of Rs.24.1 lakh crore.
- Although Gujarat's numbers are not yet available, it is expected to come in second place based on its budget forecasts. Gujarat was the second-largest state in FY23.

Ques : Who has been appointed as the Deputy Chief of the Indian Air Force?
भारतीय वायु सेना के उप प्रमुख के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Anish Dayal Singh / अनीश दयाल सिंह
- (b) Sujoy Lal Thakosen / सुजॉय लाल थाओसेन
- (c) Vineet McCarty / विनीत मैक्कार्ती
- (d) Tejinder Singh / तेजिंदर सिंह
- (e) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal / सुबोध कुमार जयसवाल

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- In New Delhi, Air Marshal Tejinder Singh assumed the position of Deputy Chief of Staff for the Indian Air Force.
- Air Marshal Tejinder was commissioned on June 13, 1987, in the Indian Air Force's fighter branch. He attended the National Defence Academy.
- With more than 4500 flight hours under his belt, he is a Category "A" Qualified Flying Instructor and a graduate of both National Defence College and Defence Service Staff College.
- He has held the position of Air Officer Commanding in Jammu and Kashmir, as well as Commanding a Fighter Squadron, a Radar Station, and an elite Fighter Base.
- In addition, he received the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2022 and the Vayu Sena Medal in 2007.

Recent Defence related appointments :

- Vice Admiral Rajesh Dhankhar : Director General of Project Seabird
- Rajwinder Singh Bhatti : Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- 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

Ques : Poba Reserve Forest is in which state ?

पोबा रिजर्व फॉरेस्ट किस राज्य में है?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Sikkim / सिक्किम
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Poba Reserve Forest in Assam's Dhemaji district will shortly be designated a wildlife sanctuary. It is a rainforest located in northern Assam.
- The Reserved Forest (RF) was established in 1924 and encompasses a total of 10,221 hectares.
- A few ethnic groups live in the RF's borders, including Mising, Bodo, Sonowal Kachari, and Hajong (Rabha).
- In terms of vegetation and wildlife, it is one of the richest rain forests in North-East India.
- Boundaries: The foothills of the Himalayan range in Arunachal Pradesh are to the north; to the east and south are the Siang, Dibang, and Lohit River systems that combination into the powerful Brahmaputra and the Dibru-Saikhowa National Park; and to the west are the revenue villages of the Jonai Sub-division of the Dhemaji district of Assam.

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Ques : Consider the following statements About India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) :

भारत सेमीकंडक्टर मिशन (आईएसएम) के संबंध में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

(a) Semiconductor unit in Sanand, Gujarat, is the fifth semiconductor unit to be approved under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)

गुजरात के साणंद में सेमीकंडक्टर इकाई, भारत सेमीकंडक्टर मिशन (आईएसएम) के तहत अनुमोदित होने वाली पांचवीं सेमीकंडक्टर इकाई है।

(b) India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) is a specialized and independent Business Division within the Digital India Corporation

इंडिया सेमीकंडक्टर मिशन (आईएसएम) डिजिटल इंडिया कॉर्पोरेशन के भीतर एक विशेष और स्वतंत्र बिजनेस डिवीजन है

(c) Union Cabinet recently gave the Approval to Kaynes Semicon Pvt Ltd
केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने हाल ही में कायन्स सेमीकॉन प्राइवेट लिमिटेड को मंजूरी दे दी है

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

- (a) Only a and b
- (b) Only b and c
- (c) Only a
- (d) Only c
- (e) All a, b and c

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Kaynes Semicon Pvt Ltd received approval from the Union Cabinet to develop a new semiconductor unit in Sanand, Gujarat. This is the fifth unit sanctioned under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM).

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- The India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) is an independent business division of the Digital India Corporation.
- ISM is responsible for catalyzing the India Semiconductor ecosystem in production, packaging, and design, with full administrative and financial powers.
- ISM serves as the nodal agency for Semicon India Programme-approved programs.
- Its goal is to create a flourishing semiconductor and display ecosystem, enabling India to become a global powerhouse for electronics manufacture and design.
- The ISM was launched in 2021 with a financial outlay of Rs. 76,000 crores by the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), Government of India.
- It also promotes and facilitates indigenous Intellectual Property (IP) generation and encourages, enables, and incentivizes the Transfer of Technologies (ToT).
- Tata Electronics, part of the Tata Group, is establishing two semiconductor manufacturing facilities in India. The company plans to establish a semiconductor fab in Dholera, Gujarat, and one in Morigaon, Assam.
- The India Semiconductor Mission has approved a request from American company Micron to establish a semiconductor facility in Sanand by June 2023.

Ques : Cabinet Approves Setting Up of 12 Industrial Smart Cities In how many States ?

कैबिनेट ने कितने राज्यों में 12 औद्योगिक स्मार्ट शहरों की स्थापना को मंजूरी दी?

- (a) 8
- (b) 10
- (c) 12
- (d) 16
- (e) 14

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the establishment of 12 industrial smart cities under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP), with a projected investment of Rs. 28,602 crore.
- The project covers ten states and is strategically organized along six major lines.
- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw stated that the project has an investment potential of approximately Rs 1.52 lakh crore.

These industrial areas will be located in :

- Rajpura-Patiala, Punjab
- Agra and Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
- Dighi, Maharashtra
- Orvakal and Koppa, Andhra Pradesh
- Jodhpur-Pali, Rajasthan
- Palakkad, Kerala
- Gaya, Bihar
- Zaheerabad, Telangana
- Khurpia, Uttarakhand

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Ques : Consider the following statements About Vehicle Scrapping Policy :
वाहन स्क्रेपिंग नीति के बारे में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

(a) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has launched the Vehicle Scrapping Policy.

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय (एमओआरटीएच) ने वाहन स्क्रेपिंग नीति शुरू की है।

(b) This policy will be implemented through a network of Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facilities (RVSFs) and Automated Testing Stations (ATSs).

यह नीति पंजीकृत वाहन स्क्रेपिंग सुविधाओं (आरवीएसएफ) और स्वचालित परीक्षण स्टेशनों (एटीएस) के नेटवर्क के माध्यम से लागू की जाएगी।

(c) Its goal is to create an ecosystem for phasing out unfit polluting vehicles across India.

इसका लक्ष्य पूरे भारत में अनफिट प्रदूषण फैलाने वाले वाहनों को चरणबद्ध तरीके से हटाने के लिए एक पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र बनाना है।

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

- (a) Only a and b
- (b) Only b and c
- (c) Only a
- (d) Only c
- (e) All a, b and c

Answer : Option E

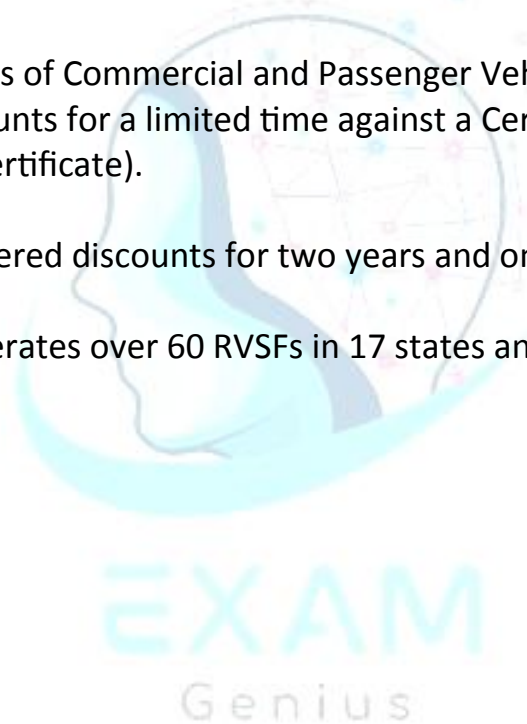
Explanation :

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has launched the Vehicle Scrapping Policy or Voluntary Vehicle Modernization Program(VVMP) to create an ecosystem for phasing out unfit polluting vehicles across India.

- The policy will be implemented through a network Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facilities (RVSFs) and Automated Testing Stations (ATs).
- The policy allows state governments to reduce motor vehicle taxes by up to 25% for non-transport vehicles and 15% for transportation vehicles.

About Vehicle Scrapping Policy :

- The Vehicle Scrappage Policy in India is a government program that aims to replace old and unfit vehicles with newer, safer, and cleaner ones.
- Manufacturers of Commercial and Passenger Vehicles have agreed to provide discounts for a limited time against a Certificate of Deposit (Scrappage Certificate).
- They have offered discounts for two years and one year, respectively.
- India now operates over 60 RVSFs in 17 states and over 75 ATs in 12 states.



Ques : Thanjavur Veena is the _____ musical instrument in the country to get the GI tag.

तंजावुर वीणा जीआई टैग पाने वाला देश का _____ संगीत वाद्ययंत्र है।

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

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Thanjavur Veena is the country's first Geographical Indication (GI)-certified musical instrument. The Thanjavur veena is an Indian instrument with a unique structure.
- There are two types: "Ekantha Veena" and "Sada Veena".
- Ekantha Veena is carved from a single block of wood, whereas Sada Veena contains joints and is divided into three sections: resonator, neck, and head.
- Made using fresh bark from a Jack Fruit tree. Tree bark undergoes rigorous testing before being used.
- There are four varieties of veenas. Hindustani classical music commonly uses Rudra and Vichitra veenas, whereas Carnatic classical music uses Saraswati and Chitra veenas.
- GI tags are given under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999. The Geographical Indication Registry, part of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, issues this tag for industry promotion and internal trade.

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Ques : Union Cabinet Committee chaired by the Prime Minister of India approved the Digital Agriculture Mission with an outlay of _____
भारत के प्रधान मंत्री की अध्यक्षता में केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल समिति ने _____ के परिव्यय के साथ डिजिटल कृषि मिशन को मंजूरी दी

- (a) Rs. 2817 Crore
- (b) Rs. 3817 Crore
- (c) Rs. 4817 Crore
- (d) Rs. 2800 Crore
- (e) Rs. 2714 Crore

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet Committee, led by the Prime Minister of India, authorized the Digital Agriculture Mission with a budget of Rs. 2817 crore, including the central contribution of Rs. 1940 crore.
- The scheme aims to support digital agriculture initiatives, including Digital Public Infrastructure, the Digital General Crop Estimation Survey (DGCEs), and other IT initiatives by the Central Government, State Governments, and Academic and Research Institutions.
- The Digital Agriculture Mission has three primary DPI components : AgriStack, Krishi Decision Support System (DSS), and Soil Profile Maps.
- Farmers' Registry will receive a digital identity ('Farmer ID') comparable to Aadhaar. This ID will be dynamically connected to records of land, animal ownership, crops sown, demographics, family details, schemes and benefits, etc.
- Pilots projects for the creation of Farmer IDs have been carried out in six districts — Farrukhabad (Uttar Pradesh), Gandhinagar (Gujarat), Beed (Maharashtra), Yamuna Nagar (Haryana), Fatehgarh Sahib (Punjab), and Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu).

Ques : Himanshi Tokas, who was seen in news for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?

उल्लेखनीय उपलब्धि हासिल करने के लिए खबरों में रहीं हिमांशी टोकस निम्नलिखित में से किस खेल से संबंधित हैं?

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Squash / स्क्वैश
- (c) Shooting / शूटिंग
- (d) Judo / जूडो
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Himanshi Tokas won a silver medal at the Asian Cadet and Junior Judo Championships.
- The event took place in Mungyeong, South Korea.
- Himanshi competed in the women's 63-kilogram weight category.
- She is 19 years old and part of the Khelo Bharat program. 12 members from India participated in the competition.

Recent News headlines related to Sports

- 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.
- Karthik Venkataraman won the 61st edition of the Indian National Chess 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.
- 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.

Ques : Yogesh Kathuniya has won the silver medal in the Paris Paralympic Games 2024. He is related to which sport?

योगेश कथुनिया ने पेरिस पैरालंपिक खेल 2024 में रजत पदक जीता है। वह किस खेल से संबंधित हैं?

- (a) Discus Throw / डिस्कस थ्रो
- (b) Squash / स्क्वैश
- (c) Shooting / शूटिंग
- (d) Judo / जूडो
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Yogesh Kathuniya of India won his second consecutive Paralympic silver medal in the men's discus throw F-56 event with a season-best effort of 42.22m at the current Games in Paris.
- The 27-year-old hurled the discus to the podium-clinching distance in his first try to add to his silver medal from the Tokyo Paralympics three years ago.
- Brazil's Claudiney Batista dos Santos won a hat-trick of Paralympic gold medals, setting a new Games record of 46.86m on his sixth attempt.
- Konstantinos Tzounis of Greece won bronze with 41.32 meters.

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Ques : National Nutrition Week is observed from _____ every year.

राष्ट्रीय पोषण सप्ताह हर साल 1 सितंबर से 7 सितंबर तक मनाया जाता है।

- (a) 1 September to 7 September
- (b) 2 September to 8 September
- (c) 3 September to 9 September
- (d) 4 September to 10 September
- (e) 5 September to 11 September

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- National Nutrition Week is observed from 1st September to 7th September every year.
- Objective – To raise awareness about the importance of nutrition and promote healthy eating habits.
- Theme 2024 – Nutritious Diets for Everyone
- This initiative focuses on educating the public, particularly women and children, about the benefits of a balanced diet, good nutrition, and an active lifestyle to improve overall health.
- National Nutrition Week in India was first observed in 1982 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

Important days :

- 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)

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- 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)
- 31 August : International Day for People of African Descent

IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

- The World Gold Council (WGC) has raised its projection for India's gold consumption in 2024 to 850 tonnes from 750 tonnes.
- In the Paris Paralympic Games, Indian shooter Rubina Francis won bronze in the women's 10-meter air pistol SH1 final qualification round.
- The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has inaugurated the National Conference of District Judiciary at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- Kerala Tourism was presented the globally acclaimed Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Gold Award 2024 for its online contest 'Holiday Heist' in the Digital Marketing Campaign category, at a function in Bangkok.
- Rajneesh Narang Appointed as Additional Charge of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL). He Replaced Pushp Kumar Joshi.
- Visa and the Tourism & Hospitality Skill Council inked a 3-year partnership of up to \$1 million USD This initiative, designed to up skill at least 20,000 Indian youth in tourism-relevant skills.
- Maritime partnership exercise (MPX) held at Mediterranean Sea, Malaga, Spain between India (INS Tabar)& Spain (Spanish Navy Ship Atalaya).
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has introduced the Dispute Resolution Scheme (e-DRS), 2022, as an efficient platform for taxpayers to resolve their income tax disputes.

महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

- वर्ल्ड गोल्ड काउंसिल (डब्ल्यूजीसी) ने 2024 में भारत में सोने की खपत का अनुमान 750 टन से बढ़ाकर 850 टन कर दिया है।
- पेरिस पैरालंपिक खेलों में भारतीय निशानेबाज रुबीना फ्रांसिस ने महिलाओं की 10 मीटर एयर पिस्टल SH1 फाइनल क्वालिफिकेशन राउंड में कांस्य पदक जीता।
- प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने नई दिल्ली के भारत मंडपम में जिला न्यायपालिका के राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन का उद्घाटन किया।
- केरल पर्यटन को बैंकॉक में एक समारोह में डिजिटल मार्केटिंग अभियान श्रेणी में अपनी ऑनलाइन प्रतियोगिता 'हॉलिडे हीस्ट' के लिए विश्व स्तर पर प्रशंसित पैसिफिक एशिया ट्रेवल एसोसिएशन (PATA) गोल्ड अवार्ड 2024 प्रदान किया गया।
- रजनीश नारंग को हिंदुस्तान पेट्रोलियम कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड (एचपीसीएल) के अध्यक्ष और प्रबंध निदेशक (सीएमडी) के अतिरिक्त प्रभार के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया। उन्होंने पुष्प कुमार जोशी का स्थान लिया।
- वीज़ा और पर्यटन एवं आतिथ्य कौशल परिषद ने \$1 मिलियन अमरीकी डालर तक की 3-वर्षीय साझेदारी पर हस्ताक्षर किए। यह पहल, कम से कम 20,000 भारतीय युवाओं को पर्यटन-संबंधित कौशल में कुशल बनाने के लिए डिज़ाइन की गई है।
- भारत (आईएनएस ताबर) और स्पेन (स्पेनिश नौसेना जहाज अटलाया) के बीच भूमध्य सागर, मलागा, स्पेन में समुद्री साझेदारी अभ्यास (एमपीएक्स) आयोजित किया गया।
- केंद्रीय प्रत्यक्ष कर बोर्ड (सीबीडीटी) ने करदाताओं के लिए अपने आयकर विवादों को सुलझाने के लिए एक कुशल मंच के रूप में विवाद समाधान योजना (ई-डीआरएस), 2022 पेश की है।