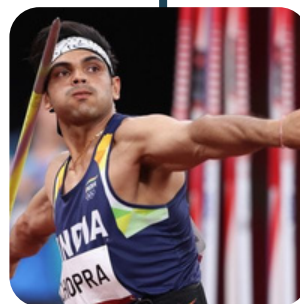


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**Ques : India's UPI Processes Nearly \_\_ Transactions In April-July.**

**भारत के UPI से अप्रैल-जुलाई में लगभग \_ लेनदेन की प्रक्रिया होती है**

- (a) 81 Lakh Crore**
- (b) 82 Lakh Crore**
- (c) 83 Lakh Crore**
- (d) 84 Lakh Crore**
- (e) 85 Lakh Crore**

**Answer : Option A**

Explanation :

- Paysecure statistics shows that India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) completed almost 81 lakh crore rupees in transactions from April to July 2024.
- India is the world leader in digital transactions, accounting for nearly 40% of all payments, with UPI being the preferred method. This is a 37% increase year on year (YOY).
- UPI transactions reached 20.6 lakh crore rupees in July 2024, the highest- ever recorded in a month.
- UPI handled 3,729.1 transactions per second, up 58% from 2,348 in 2022.
- In 2023, Skrill, based in the UK, was the second-most popular alternative payment method, processing 49 billion transactions at a rate of 1,553.8 per second.
- Pix, founded in Brazil, is the third most popular alternative payment method, processing 1,331.8 transactions every second.

**Ques : India's first Braille insurance policy named 'Special Care Gold' introduced by which insurance company ?**

**भारत की पहली ब्रेल बीमा पॉलिसी जिसका नाम 'स्पेशल केयर गोल्ड' है, किस बीमा कंपनी द्वारा शुरू की गई?**

**(a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance / बजाज आलियांज जनरल इंश्योरेंस**

**(b) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance / आईसीआईसीआई प्रूडेंशियल लाइफ इंश्योरेंस**

**(c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance / कोटक महिंद्रा लाइफ इंश्योरेंस**

**(d) Go Digit General Insurance / गो डिजिट जनरल इंश्योरेंस**

**(e) Star Health and Allied Insurance / स्टार हेल्थ एंड अलाइड इंश्योरेंस**

**Answer : Option E**

Explanation :

- Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited has introduced an insurance policy in Braille named 'Special Care Gold'.
- The Braille version was produced in collaboration with the National Association of the Blind (NAB).
- The Braille edition helps visually impaired people to independently access and review policy information, as well as make educated health and financial decisions.
- According to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, approximately 34 million people in India (2.5% of the population) are visually impaired.
- The launch aligns with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India's (IRDAI) vision of 'Insurance for All'.

## Eligibility :

- Any person aged between 18 and 65 years can avail this policy.
- Dependent children are covered from newborn to 17 years of age.

## About National Association of the Blind (NAB) :

- Established : 1951
- HQ : Mumbai
- Brand Ambassador : John Abraham
- President : Hemant Takle

## About Star Health and Allied Insurance Co Ltd :

- Founded : 2006
- Headquarters : Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
- MD & CEO : Mr. Anand Roy

## Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Global payments technology company Mastercard announced the global launch of its new Payment Passkey Service.
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- Being the first bank to do so, Karnataka Bank will provide personal loans via the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).
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- A new security feature called Face Match has been introduced by Airtel Payments Bank to guard against fraudulent activity on user accounts.

**Ques : \_\_\_ partnership with Ashok Leyland to Offer Vehicle Finance Solutions**

**वाहन वित्त समाधान की पेशकश के लिए \_\_\_ ने अशोक लीलैंड के साथ साझेदारी की**

- (a) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक**
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक**
- (c) IndusInd Bank / इंडसइंड बैंक**
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक**
- (e) Bandhan Bank / बंधन बैंक**

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :**

- Ashok Leyland, a commercial vehicle maker, has inked an MoU with Bandhan Bank.
- The partnership's goal is to provide Ashok Leyland clients with customized financial options. Bandhan Bank will provide comprehensive financial solutions, including vehicle loans.
- The loans will have flexible monthly repayment plans that adjust to the customer's preferences.
- The alliance will focus on satisfying customer demands by offering specialized financial assistance for purchasing Ashok Leyland cars.

**About Ashok Leyland :**

- Founded : 7 September 1948
- Headquarters : Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India

**About Bandhan Bank :**

- Founded : 23 August 2015
- Headquarters : Kolkata, West Bengal, India
- MD & CEO : Ratan Kumar Kesh
- Tagline : 'Aapka Bhalai. Sabki Bhalai. ', (Your benefit. Everyone's welfare.)



## Recently signed banking agreements

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

**Ques : POP Launches India's First Multi-Brand Co-Branded Credit Card in Partnership with RuPay & \_\_**  
**POP ने भारत का पहला मल्टी-ब्रांड सह-ब्रांडेड क्रेडिट कार्ड लॉन्च किया RuPay और \_ के साथ साझेदारी**

- (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 C**

**Explanation :**

- YEB BANK POP-CLUB RuPay Credit Card Launched by POPtech Growth Private Limited (POP) & Yes Bank Limited Powered by RuPay
- Every transaction earns POPcoins for the cardholder, and using the card with POP UPI increases rewards.
- 10% POPcoins are earned for online transactions, 2% are earned for offline transactions, and an extra 5% are earned for POP UPI transactions.
- Within the POP app, POPcoins can be redeemed for goods in a variety of categories, including home goods, electronics, fashion, and cosmetics.

**About POPtech Growth Private Limited :**

- Established : 2023
- HQ : Bengaluru, Karnataka
- CEO : Thuong (Jayce) Nguyen

**About YES Bank :**

- Established : 2004
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Prashant Kumar
- Chairman : Sunil Mehta
- Tagline : Experience our Expertise

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- 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.



**Ques : Which Small Finance Bank is planning to expand its newly introduced Dabba Savings Accounts campaign across the country ?**

**कौन सा लघु वित्त बैंक पूरे देश में अपने नए शुरू किए गए डब्बा बचत खाता अभियान का विस्तार करने की योजना बना रहा है**

**(a) AU Small Finance Bank Limited / एयू स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड**

**(b) Capital Small Finance Bank Limited / कैपिटल स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड**

**(c) Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited / फिनकेयर स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड**

**(d) ESAF Small Finance Bank Limited / ESAF स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड**

**(e) North East Small Finance Bank Limited / उत्तर पूर्व स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक लिमिटेड**

**Answer : Option D**

**Explanation :**

- The nation will soon witness the nationwide rollout of ESAF Small Finance Bank's recently launched Dabba Savings Account initiative.
- In line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the government's efforts to entice the unbanked into formal banking, the campaign seeks to advance financial inclusion.
- The Dabba Savings Account Campaign was recognized with many awards at the MAD Stars awards in Busan, South Korea, and recently received bronze in the Sustainable Development Goals category at the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity.
- The campaign targets women in low-income communities who lack bank accounts because they are inaccessible or fearful of banking procedures.
- In order to promote micro savings accounts—which are essential for cultivating a savings culture within the microbanking community—it is intended to cater to the financial demands of microbanking clients.

**Ques : Ramon Magsaysay Award given in how many categories ?**  
**रेमन मैग्सेसे पुरस्कार कितनी श्रेणियों में दिया जाता है?**

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

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :**

- Hayao Miyazaki, a Japanese anime filmmaker, was awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award, sometimes known as Asia's Nobel Prize.
- The Ramon Magsaysay Award is Asia's highest honor, recognizing greatness of spirit and transformative leadership. It is presented in formal ceremonies in Manila, Philippines.
- Ramon Magsaysay Award established in 1957 and In 1958, Vinoba Bhave became the first Indian to win the Magsaysay Award.

**Award was granted in six categories :**

- Community Leadership: Recognizing a community's efforts to provide opportunity and improve the lives of the poor.
- Public Service : Recognize great public service by private citizens.
- Government Service: Recognizes exceptional public service in all branches of government, including executive, judicial, legislative, and military.
- Peace and International Understanding: Recognize contributions to promoting friendship, tolerance, peace, and solidarity as the basis for sustainable development within and between countries.
- Journalism, Literature, and Creative Communication Arts: Recognize the impact of effective writing, publishing, photography, radio, television, cinema, and performing arts on the public good.
- Emergent Leadership: Recognizes individuals under 40 years of age who have made remarkable contributions to social change in their community, but whose leadership may not be widely known outside of the community.

## Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- ICC Emerging Asia Banking Conclave & Awards 2024 : Jana Small Finance Bank
- 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

**Ques : Who among the following assumed the position of Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of Central Air Command?**

**निम्नलिखित में से किसने मध्य वायु कमान के एयर ऑफिसर कमांडिंग-इन-चीफ (AOC-in-C) का पद ग्रहण किया?**

- (a) Ashutosh Dixit / आशुतोष दीक्षित**
- (b) Sujoy Lal Thaosen / सुजॉय लाल थाओसेन**
- (c) Vineet McCarty / विनीत मैक्कार्टी**
- (d) Tejinder Singh / तेजिंदर सिंह**
- (e) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal / सुबोध कुमार जयसवाल**

**Answer : Option A**

**Explanation :**

- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit took over as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Central Air Command.
- He graduated from the famous National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College (Bangladesh), and National Defence College, has actively engaged in a number of missions and exercises, including Op-Safed Sagar and Op-Rakshak.
- He was commissioned into the Indian Air Force's (IAF) fighter stream on December 6, 1986. The Air Officer is an Experimental Test Pilot and Qualified Flying Instructor with over 3300 hours of flight time on various IAF aircraft.
- The Hon'ble President of India has given him the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Vayu Sena Medal, and Vishisht Seva Medal in appreciation of his outstanding contribution.

**Recent Defence related appointments :**

- Air Marshal Tejinder Singh : Deputy Chief of the Indian Air Force
- 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 : World Health Organisation has declared Dhulikhel Becomes Second Healthiest City In Asia. It is in which country?**

विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन ने घोषित किया है कि धुलीखेल एशिया का दूसरा सबसे स्वस्थ शहर बन गया है। यह किस देश में है?

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

**Answer : Option B**

Explanation :

- The World Health Organization recognizes Dhulikhel Municipality in Kavrepalanchok district as Nepal's first 'healthy city' and Asia's second-healthiest city.
- Dhulikhel has a score of 65.48, ranking second only to Pune's Banda City in India, which is the healthiest city in Asia.
- The municipality received USD 5,000 for implementing Healthy City initiatives.
- Dhulikhel Municipality has made progress towards four SDGs: poverty alleviation, decent education, access to safe drinking water, and zero carbon emissions.

About Nepal :

- Capital : Kathmandu
- Currency : Nepalese rupee
- President : Ram Chandra Paudel
- Prime minister : KP Sharma Oli

**Ques : Which Edition of Durand Cup played this year ?**  
**इस वर्ष डुरंद कप का कौन सा संस्करण खेला गया?**

- (a) 131st
- (b) 132nd
- (c) 133rd
- (d) 134th
- (e) 135th

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The 133rd Durand Cup was held in Kolkata, Kokrajhar (Assam), Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), and Shillong (Meghalaya) from July 27 to August 31, 2024.
- Asia's oldest football event concluded on August 31, 2024, at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- NorthEast United Football Club won their maiden Durand Cup trophy by defeating defending champion Mohun Bagan Super Giant (MBSG) 4-3 in a penalty shootout.
- Mohun Bagan Super Giant football club, the most successful team in the history of the Durand Cup, having won it 17 times.

**Title Winners :**

- Golden Boot (top goal scorer) : Noah Sadaoui scored six goals (Kerala Blasters Football Club)
- Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper) : Gurmeet Singh (NorthEast United Football Club)
- Golden Ball (Best player of the tournament ) : Jithin MS (NorthEast United Football Club)

**About Durand Cup :**

- Started : 1888 at Shimla by the British India Army
- It is the oldest football tournament in India and Asia.
- The event is named after Mortimer Durand, the then-foreign secretary of British India.

## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Himanshi Tokas won a silver medal at the Asian Cadet and Junior Judo Championships in Mungyeong, South Korea.
- In the Paris Paralympic Games, Indian shooter Rubina Francis won bronze in the women's 10-meter air pistol SH1 final qualification round.
- 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.
- 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 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.

**Ques : Who unveiled the new flag and insignia of the Supreme Court of India ?**

**भारत के सर्वोच्च न्यायालय के नए ध्वज और प्रतीक चिन्ह का अनावरण किसने किया?**

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (c) Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मू
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़

**Answer : Option D**

**Explanation :**

- During the two-day National Conference of District Judiciary in New Delhi, President Droupadi Murmu revealed the Supreme Court of India's new flag and emblem.
- The blue flag represents trust, wisdom, and justice, and includes key symbols of Indian identity.

- Along with the flag, the new Supreme Court symbol was unveiled. The text "Supreme Court of India" and the Sanskrit phrase "Yato Dharmastato Jayah" are inscribed in Devanagari script.
- This saying means "Where there is Dharma, there is victory" or "Victory lies where Dharma (righteousness) prevails."
- Also Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a commemorative postage stamp celebrating 75 years of the Supreme Court of India District Judges Conference at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

**Ques : Which country will host the 19th Internet Governance Forum (IGF) from December 2024?**

**कौन सा देश दिसंबर 2024 से 19वें इंटरनेट गवर्नेंस फोरम (IGF) की मेजबानी करेगा?**

- (a) Iran / ईरान
- (b) India / भारत
- (c) UAE / यूएई
- (d) Syria / सीरिया
- (e) Saudi Arabia / सऊदी अरब

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :**

- Saudi Arabia will host the 19th Internet Governance Forum (IGF) from December 15–19, 2024, at the King Abdulaziz International Conference Center in Riyadh.
- The IGF is a global multi-stakeholder platform. The UN-organized event, which has been held since 2006, promotes conversations on public policy concerns concerning the internet, allows information sharing, experience exchange, and collaboration to find answers.
- The forum's goal is to obtain an agreement among governments, the commercial sector, and non-profit groups on measures that will strengthen global internet governance.



- The five-day event is projected to attract over 10,000 people from 160 nations, including over 1,000 international speakers.

### About Saudi Arabia :

- Capital- Riyadh
- Currency- Saudi riyal
- Prime minister- Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud

**Ques : FICCI Honours \_\_\_\_\_ and Neeraj Chopra as Youth Icons of India.**

**फिक्की ने \_\_\_\_\_ और नीरज चोपड़ा को भारत के युवा प्रतीक के रूप में सम्मानित किया**

- (a) Sanjana Sanghi / संजना सांघी
- (b) Aamir Khan / आमिर खान
- (c) Rajkummar Rao / राजकुमार राव
- (d) Vicky Kaushal / विकी कौशल
- (e) Ayushmann Khurrana / आयुष्मान खुराना

**Answer : Option E**

### Explanation :

- The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) recently organized its prestigious Young Leaders Awards in New Delhi.
- This event showcased the achievements of artists, entrepreneurs, and social leaders, highlighting their contributions to society and their respective industries.

### FICCI Young Leaders Youth Icon award Winners are :

- Ayushmann Khurrana : Bollywood superstar and versatile actor
- Neeraj Chopra : Olympic gold medalist in javelin throw

About Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) :

- **President:** Subhrakant Panda
- **Founded:** 1927
- **Founder:** Ghanshyam Das Birla
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi

**Ques : Where was the India Bio-Energy & Tech Expo 2024 organised?**

**इंडिया बायो-एनर्जी एंड टेक एक्सपो 2024 कहाँ आयोजित किया गया?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Greater Noida / ग्रेटर नोएडा
- (e) Gurugram / गुरुग्राम

**Answer : Option B**

### **Explanation :**

- Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transports and Highways, and Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, jointly opened the India Bio-Energy & Tech Expo 2024 in New Delhi.
- The India Bio-Energy & Tech Expo 2024, organized by the Indian Federation of Green Energy and MMACTIV Sci-Tech Communications Ltd, took place in New Delhi.
- Both ministers recognized significant companies in the bioenergy industry for their contributions to increasing production and supply.
- The India Bio-Energy & Tech Expo 2024 brings stakeholders together to discuss the future of bioenergy technologies and promote India's efforts.

**Ques : India, Sri Lanka, \_\_\_\_, Maldives sign Charter and MoU for establishment of Colombo Security Conclave Secretariat.**

**भारत, श्रीलंका, \_\_, मालदीव ने कोलंबो सुरक्षा कॉन्क्लेव सचिवालय की स्थापना के लिए चार्टर और समझौता जापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए**

- (a) Netherland / नीदरलैंड**
- (b) Mauritius / मॉरीशस**
- (c) Brazil / ब्राजील**
- (d) Chad / चाड**
- (e) Scotland / स्कॉटलैंड**

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- India, the Maldives, Mauritius, and Sri Lanka have signed a Charter and an MoU to establish the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Secretariat in Colombo to address security and stability concerns in the Indian Ocean Region.
- National Security Advisor Ajit Doval stressed the significance of the Colombo Security Conclave in tackling classic, nontraditional, and emergent hybrid security concerns.
- He emphasized the importance of long-term regional collaboration across multiple security pillars.
- The Government of Sri Lanka sponsored the signing event in Colombo. Seychelles has an observer status in the Colombo Security Conclave

**There are five pillars of cooperation under the CSC :**

- Maritime Safety and Security
- Countering Terrorism and Radicalisation
- Combating Trafficking and Transnational Organised Crime
- Cyber Security and Protection of Critical Infrastructure and Technology
- Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief.

**Ques : World Coconut Day is celebrated annually on which day?**

**विश्व नारियल दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 1 September**
- (b) 2 September**
- (c) 3 September**
- (d) 4 September**
- (e) 5 September**

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- World Coconut Day is celebrated annually on September 2nd.
- Objective – To promote the importance of coconuts worldwide. This versatile fruit is crucial in agriculture, nutrition, and the economy in many tropical regions.
- World Coconut Day was established in 2009 by the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC), an intergovernmental organization under the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

**Ques : World Skyscraper Day is celebrated every year on which day?**

**विश्व गगनचुंबी इमारत दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 1 September**
- (b) 2 September**
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- (e) 5 September**

**Answer : Option C**

## Explanation :

- World Skyscraper Day is celebrated every year on September 3.
- It is a tribute to the breathtaking structures that have transformed the cities. These structures are testaments to human creativity, engineering prowess and an unwavering drive to reach for the skies.
- The World Skyscraper Day has its roots in the history of modern skyscrapers.
- The date was decided to commemorate the birthday of Louis H. Sullivan, an American architect also known as the Father of Skyscrapers. His work includes stunning designs and layouts.
- He designed some of America's most iconic structures, including the Wainwright Building, Union Trust Building and Prudential Building.

## 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 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)



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### महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

- क्लियरटैक्स ने भारत में 20 मिलियन से अधिक भारतीय गिग वर्कर्स के लिए टैक्स फाइलिंग को आसान बनाने के लिए माइक्रोसॉफ्ट के साथ हाथ मिलाया है।
- रूसी सैनिकों ने हाल ही में ग्रोम-ई1 हाइब्रिड मिसाइल से यूक्रेन के खार्किव पर हमला किया। यह हवा से सतह पर मार करने वाली मिसाइल है जिसकी अधिकतम सीमा 120 किमी (75 मील) है।
- चेन्नई स्थित फिनटेक स्टार्टअप पेशार्प प्राइवेट लिमिटेड को पेमेंट एग्रीगेटर (पीए) के रूप में कार्य करने के लिए भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (आरबीआई) से अंतिम प्राधिकरण प्राप्त हुआ।
- राष्ट्रीय डिजिटल भारत मिशन और एनआईआईटी फाउंडेशन के संयुक्त उद्यम के साथ 2017 में शुरू की गई डिजिटल बस पहल ने अब तक तीन लाख से अधिक लाभार्थियों को प्रभावित किया है।
- पेरिस पैरालिंपिक 2024 में, भारतीय पैरा एथलीट प्रीति पाल ने महिलाओं की 200 मीटर - टी35 फाइनल में कांस्य पदक जीतकर भारत के लिए एक और पदक हासिल किया।
- एक्सिस बैंक ने इनोवेटिव डिजिटल सॉल्यूशंस पेश किए: यूपीआई-एटीएम और बिजनेस के लिए भारत कनेक्ट। यूपीआई-एटीएम किसी भी यूपीआई एप्लिकेशन (ऐप) का उपयोग करके कार्ड रहित नकद निकासी और जमा प्रणाली है।
- भारतीय रेलवे (आईआर) ने अपने भर्ती पोर्टल को डिजीलॉकर के साथ विलय कर दिया है, जिससे भर्ती प्रक्रिया 18-24 महीने से घटकर 6 महीने से भी कम हो गई है।
- असम के 15 वर्षीय शतरंज अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मास्टर मयंक चक्रवर्ती ने ग्रीस में आयोजित जीएम नॉर्म टूर्नामेंट में अपना दूसरा ग्रैंड मास्टर नॉर्म जीता है।
- भारतीय पुरुष राष्ट्रीय स्क्वैश चैंपियन, अभय सिंह ने 2024 तुआंकु मुहरिज़ ट्रॉफी का पुरुष एकल खिताब जीता और मलेशिया की ऐरा अज़ामन ने महिला एकल खिताब जीता।