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Ques : Who Fines SBI Life Insurance Rs.1 Crore for Breaching Regulations on Web Aggregators and Outsourcing Activities ?

वेब एग्रीगेटर्स और आउटसोर्सिंग गतिविधियों पर नियमों के उल्लंघन के लिए एसबीआई लाइफ इंश्योरेंस पर 1 करोड़ रुपये का जुर्माना किसने लगाया?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The IRDAI fined SBI Life Insurance Rs.1 crore for regulatory violations.
- The offenses are related to SBI Life Insurance's contacts with insurance site aggregators and its outsourcing activities.
- SBI Life Insurance was discovered to have used online aggregators without properly stating the services supplied and the associated fees.
- The corporation failed to declare outsourcing payments to the IRDAI as required.
- IRDAI has directed SBI Life Insurance to create a thorough outsourcing policy in accordance with existing norms and guidelines.

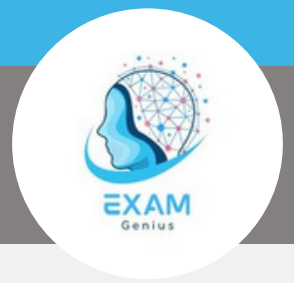
About IRDAI :

- Established : 1999
- Headquarters : Hyderabad, Telangana
- Chairperson : Debasish Panda
- The IRDAI is a statutory body under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance (MoF), Government of India (GoI) and is tasked with regulating and licensing the insurance and reinsurance industries in India.

About SBI Life Insurance :

- Founded : March 2001





- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- MD & CEO : Amit Jhigran

Ques : How many small finance banks (SFBs) have increased their fixed deposit (FD) rates to above 8% ?

कितने छोटे वित्त बैंकों (एसएफबी) ने अपनी सावधि जमा (एफडी) दरें 8% से ऊपर बढ़ा दी हैं?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- More than seven small financing banks (SFBs) have raised their fixed deposit (FD) rates to more than 8% for two-year terms, competing with major banks such as State Bank of India (SBI) and HDFC Bank.
- SFBs are now offering 100-125 basis points more on FDs than they did a year ago, and about 120 basis points more than what big banks like SBI and HDFC Bank are currently offering.
- Some loan companies also provide competitive rates. For example, Manipal Housing Finance Syndicate Ltd gives 8.25% for one to three years, whereas Bajaj Finance offers 8.65% for 42 months.

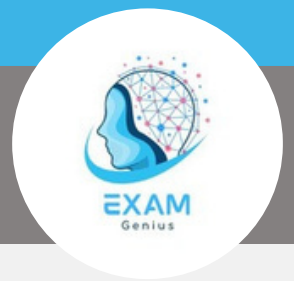
Ques : _____ Approves Rs.10,050 Crore Loan for Damodar Valley Corporation's Proposed 1600 MW Ultra Super Critical Thermal Power Project in Jharkhand

_____ ने झारखंड में दामोदर घाटी निगम की प्रस्तावित 1600 मेगावाट की अल्ट्रा सुपर क्रिटिकल थर्मल पावर परियोजना के लिए Rs.10,050 करोड़ के ऋण को मंजूरी दी

- (a) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक
- (b) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- (c) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (d) UCO Bank / यूको बैंक
- (e) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक

Answer : Option B





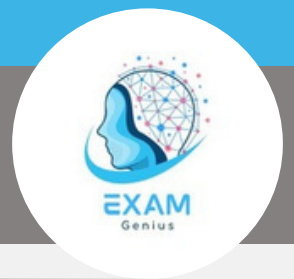
Explanation :

- SBI has approved Rs.10,050 crore for Damodar Valley Corporation's ultra-critical thermal power project.
- The project comprises the construction of a 1600 MW (800 MW * 2) ultra-supercritical thermal power plant in Koderma, Jharkhand.
- The Ministry of Power has designated this project as an important endeavor for increasing capacity by 2030.
- DVC is India's first multipurpose river valley project, established by the Damodar Valley Corporation Act, 1948.
- It is a statutory corporation with contributions from the Government of India, West Bengal, and Jharkhand (formerly Bihar).
- DVC's functions include power generation (both hydroelectric and thermal), distribution and transmission, flood control, irrigation, water supply, drainage, eco-conservation, afforestation, and socioeconomic upliftment in the Damodar Valley region, which covers 24,235 square kilometers in Bihar (now Jharkhand) and West Bengal.

Recent News Headlines Related to SBI :

- The State Bank of India (SBI) has projected that India's real GDP will grow by 7% year-on-year(YoY) in the Financial year 2024-2025(FY25).
- State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jakson Engineers Limited to promote solar energy adoption across India.
- SBI General Insurance Company Limited (SBI General Insurance) and Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, India (HSBC India) or HSBC Bank India have entered into a bancassurance partnership for the distribution of non-life insurance products through HSBC India's network.
- State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest lender, reported a muted growth in its net profit of 0.89% year-on-year (Y-o-Y) for April-June 2024
- Financial Services Institution Bureau (FSIB) has selected Challa Sreenivasulu Setty as the next chairman of State Bank of India (SBI).
- SBI has introduced an online loan facility against mutual fund (MF) units through its internet banking (INB) and YONO App.





- State Bank of India (SBI) has introduced “MSME Sahaj,” a revolutionary online business loan solution tailored for MSMEs.
 - SBI has launched ‘SME Digital Business Loans’, offering end-to-end sanction turnaround time of up to 45 minutes for SMEs
 - According to the State Bank of India, Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara, the bank plans to open 400 branches in India in the 2024-25 financial year.
 - SBI raised Rs. 10,000 crore today at a coupon rate of 7.36% through its sixth infrastructure bond issuance.
 - SBI becomes 7th company to cross Rs 8 lakh crore market capitalisation.
 - State Bank of India (SBI) recently announced it has become the first trading-cum-clearing member at the India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX).
 - State Bank of India (SBI) has increased interest rates on retail domestic term deposits (Below Rs.2 crore) by 25-75 basis points on deposits of less than one year tenor.
 - SBI sanctioned Rs.2,030 cr under co-lending tie-up with NBFCs
- About State Bank of India (SBI) :
- Founded – 1 July 1955
 - Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - Chairman – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
 - Tagline – Pure Banking Nothing Else

Ques : National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing innovations (NIDHI) program completed how many years ?

नेशनल इनिशिएटिव फॉर डेवलपिंग एंड हार्नेसिंग इनोवेशन (NIDHI) कार्यक्रम को कितने वर्ष पूरे हुए?

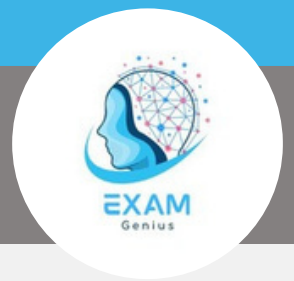
- (a) 5 years
- (b) 6 years
- (c) 7 years
- (d) 8 years
- (e) 9 years

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Celebration of 8 years of the NIDHI underscores Prime Minister Modi’s commitment to empower Women entrepreneurs and extend financial inclusion.
- The National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing innovations (NIDHI) program was started in 2016.





• Union Minister of Science and Technology virtually inaugurated 8 new NIDHI i-TBIs across India along with a new Department of Science and Technology's initiative (DST-NIDHI) Website at IIT Delhi.

• i-TBIs (Inclusive TBI) is a three years duration initiative Supported by DST for educational institutions who are likely to foster innovation and entrepreneurship culture among the students, faculties, entrepreneurs, and nearby communities.

It is an umbrella programme includes other programmes :

- The NIDHI initiative has aided in the development of cutting-edge infrastructure for incubating companies in the technology industry, such as Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) and Centres of Excellence.
- NIDHI Accelerator is often a 3-6 month fast-track organized program that helps ideas advance to the next orbit.
- The NIDHI Seed Support Program makes early-stage seed money available to entrepreneurs, while the NIDHI Accelerator Program accelerates startups' investment readiness.
- The NIDHI- PRAYAS (Promoting and Accelerating Young and Aspiring Innovators and Startups) program at the Proof-of-Concept level mentors and financially supports innovators in translating their ideas into prototypes.
- The NIDHI Entrepreneurs-In-Residence (EIR) Program offers fellowships to students pursuing entrepreneurship.

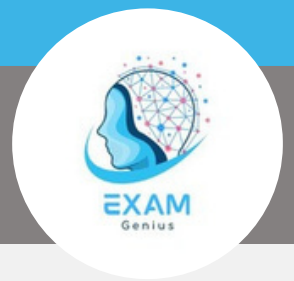
Ques : Abdelmadjid Tebboune has been reelected as the President of which country?

अब्देलमदजीद तेब्बौने को किस देश के राष्ट्रपति के रूप में फिर से चुना गया है?

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

Answer : Option B





Explanation :

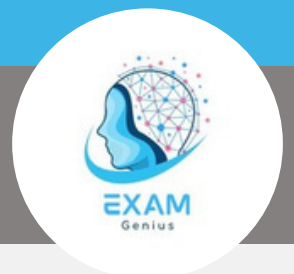
- Algeria's incumbent President Abdelmadjid Tebboune, 78, was re-elected by a landslide.
- According to Mohamed Charfi, chairman of the National Independent Authority for Elections, President Abdelmadjid Tebboune received 94.65% of the valid votes.
- President Abdelmadjid Tebboune was elected to a second five-year term.
- President Abdelmadjid Tebboune was first elected President of Algeria in 2019, but the opposition boycotted the elections.

About Algeria :

- Capital- Algiers
- Currency-Algerian Dinar
- Continent – Africa
- President – Abdelmadjid Tebboune

Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President :

- Prime minister of France : Michel Barnier
- Prime minister of Thailand : Paetongtarn Shinawatra
- Prime Minister of Tunisia : Kamel Madouri (replacing Ahmed Hachani)
- Prime Minister of Bulgaria : Goritsa Gruncharova-Kozhareva
- President of Iran : Masoud Pezeshkian
- President of Venezuela : Nicolas Maduro
- Prime Minister of Estonia : Kristen Michal
- President of Rwanda : Paul Kagame
- President of Lithuania : Gitanas Nauseda
- President of Iran : Masoud Pezeshkian
- Prime Minister of the United Kingdom : Keir Starmer
- Prime Minister of the Netherlands : Dick Schoof
- President of Slovakia : Peter Pellegrini
- President of South Africa : Cyril Ramaphosa
- First female President of Mexico : Claudia Sheinbaum
- President of Lithuania : Gitanas Nauseda
- President of Taiwan : Lai Ching-te



Ques : Legend Luis Ayala passed away recently at the age of 91. He was related to which sport?

दिग्गज लुइस अयाला का हाल ही में 91 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह किस खेल से संबंधित थे?

- (a) Tennis / टेनिस
- (b) Chess / शतरंज
- (c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (d) Wushu / वुशु
- (e) Archery / तीरंदाजी

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Luis Ayala, a Chilean tennis star who reached two French Open finals, died at the age of 91.
- Ayala, a Santiago native, was a renowned player in the sport, winning 46 solo titles during his career, including notable victories on clay courts.
- Ayala, born in Santiago, was a well-known personality in his native country's sports scene. Throughout his lengthy career, he won 46 singles titles and was renowned for his clay court prowess, including being a finalist at Roland Garros in 1958 and 1960.

Ques : According to a new report from Counterpoint Research, _ has emerged as the world's second-largest market for 5G smartphones.

काउंटरप्वाइंट रिसर्च की एक नई रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, ____ 5G स्मार्टफोन के लिए दुनिया का दूसरा सबसे बड़ा बाजार बनकर उभरा है।

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

Answer : Option D





Explanation :

- According to a new analysis from Counterpoint Research, India has become the world's second-largest market for 5G cellphones, after only China. In India, 5G smartphones are becoming more popular across a wide variety of pricing points.
- During the first half, India surpassed the United States as the world's second-largest market for 5G smartphones.
- This trend was driven primarily by high shipments from Xiaomi, Vivo, Samsung, and other inexpensive brands. China continues to lead the worldwide 5G smartphone market, accounting for 32%, followed by India at 13% and United States holding 10% of the market.
- Apple dominates with over 25% market share, primarily driven by the success of its iPhone 15 and 14 series.

India's Rankings in Different Indices

- According to a Nature study, Biggest plastic polluter country : India (1st), Nigeria (2nd), Indonesia (3rd)
- Hurun India Rich List 2024 Published by Hurun India : Gautam Adani, Chairman of the Adani (tops)
- 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) (70th Rank), OpenAI, USA (1st 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)(6th 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 (3rd), 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)) (1st rank)





Ques : Where is the headquarter of Council of Europe ?

यूरोप परिषद का मुख्यालय कहाँ है?

- (a) Norway / नॉर्वे
- (b) Sweden / स्वीडन
- (c) United States / संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका
- (d) France / फ्रांस
- (e) Finland / फिनलैंड

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Council of Europe just revealed that the US, Israel, UK, and EU had signed the International AI Treaty, which was adopted last year.
- Council of Europe headquarters are in Strasbourg, France, and its working languages are English and French.
- The European Union is Europe's oldest and largest intergovernmental organization, with 47 member states, 27 of which are EU members.
- The Council of Europe should not be confused with the European Council, the EU's policy-making body.

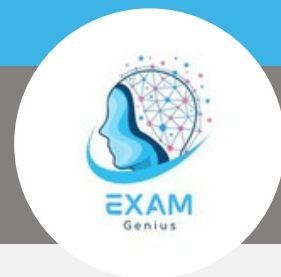
Ques : Aryna Sabalenka, who won the women's singles title of the 2024 US Open Tennis Championship, belongs to which country?

2024 यूएस ओपन टेनिस चैंपियनशिप का महिला एकल खिताब जीतने वाली आर्यना सबालेंका किस देश से संबंधित हैं?

- (a) Poland / पोलैंड
- (b) Belarus / बेलारूस
- (c) Spain / स्पेन
- (d) Czech Republic / चेक गणराज्य
- (e) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया

Answer : Option B





Explanation :

- Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus won the women's singles titles at the 2024 US Open Grand Slam Tennis Tournament.
- Jannik Sinner of Italy won the men's singles championships at the 2024 US Open Grand Slam Tennis Tournament.
- Jannik Sinner and Aryna Sabalenka both won their first US Open titles. Jannik Sinner won his second Grand Slam title, while Aryna Sabalenka won her third.
- Jannik Sinner beat Taylor Fritz of the USA. 6-3, 6-4, 7-5. Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus defeated American Jessica Pegula in the US Open final, 7-5, 7-5.

List of Open Title 2024-

Australian Open title 2024 -

- Men's Singles : Jannik Sinner (Italy)
- Women's Singles : Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)
- Men's Doubles : Rohan Bopanna (India) & Matthew Ebden (Australia)
- Women's Doubles : Hsieh Su-Wei (Taiwan) & Elise Mertens (Belgium)
- Mixed Doubles title : Hsieh Su-wei (Taiwan) & Jan Zielinski (Poland)

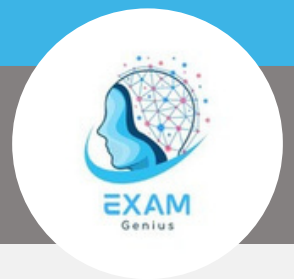
French Open title 2024

- Men's Singles : Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)
- Women's Singles : Iga Świątek (Poland)
- Men's Doubles : Marcelo Arevalo (El Salvador) & Mate Pavic (Croatia)
- Women's Doubles : Coco Gauff (USA) & Katerina Siniakova (Czech)
- Mixed Doubles title : Laura Siegemund (Germany) and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (France)

Wimbledon Open title 2024

- Men's Singles : Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)
- Women's Singles : Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic)
- Men's Doubles : Henry Patten (British) & Harri Heliövaara (Finland)
- Women's Doubles : Taylor Townsend (USA) & Katerina Siniakova (USA)
- Mixed Doubles title : Hsieh Su-Wei (Taiwan) & Jan Zielinski (Poland)





US Open title 2024 -

- Men's Singles : Jannik Sinner (Italy)
- Women's Singles : Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)
- Men's Doubles : Max Purcell (Australia) and Jordan Thompson (Australian)
- Women's Doubles : Lyudmyla Kichenok (Ukraine) and Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia)
- Mixed Doubles title : Sara Errani (Italy) and Andrea Vavassori (Italy)

Ques : Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana launched in which year ?

सुकन्या समृद्धि योजना किस वर्ष शुरू की गई?

- (a) 2012
- (b) 2013
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2015
- (e) 2016

Answer : Option D

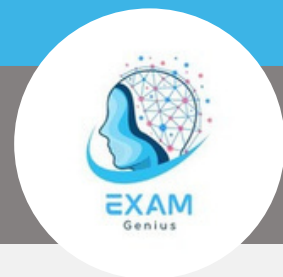
Explanation :

- The government updated the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana guidelines, which would take effect on October 1, 2024.

About Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana:

- This savings scheme launched in 2015 under the Government of India's " Beti Bachao Beti Padhao" campaign with a goal to promote the education of girl children.
- This plan allows guardians to create a savings account for their girl child at an accredited commercial bank or India Post branch.
- Deposits for the scheme should be made for 15 years. However, the program will mature after 21 years. After 21 years from account opening, no interest is payable.
- Deposits in an account are limited to Rs.250 to Rs.1.5 lakh every financial year. Deposits can be made in multiples of 100.
- withdrawal shall be allowed for the purpose of education of the account holder which is upto 50% of the amount in the account.
- withdrawal shall be allowed only after the account holder has attained the age of 18 years or has passed the 10th standard, whichever is earlier.





• Investments made in the scheme can be deducted under Section 80C of the Income Tax Act up to a maximum cap of Rs. 1.5 lakh.

Eligibility for the scheme :

- The girl must be an Indian resident.
- Account can be initiated by the parent or legal guardian.
- A family is limited to opening a maximum of two SSY scheme accounts.
- The girl must operate the account once she attains the age of 18 years.
- Girl child must be below the age of 10 at the time of opening the account.

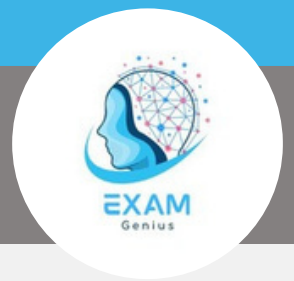
New Change in the Scheme :

- Accounts opened under the supervision of grandparents (other than legal guardians) must be transferred to the natural guardian (living parents) or legal guardian, as per applicable law. Failure to complete the process will result in the account being permanently closed.
- Families having more than two SSY accounts may suffer account termination for violating scheme regulations.

Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs reports that the Smart Cities Mission (SCM), which aims to improve urban quality of life, has completed over 90% of its projects.
- Secretary MeitY Sh. S. Krishnan opened the second cohort of SAMRIDH. The SAMRIDH initiative, established in August 2021, aims to support 300 software product companies with a budget of Rs.99 crore over 4 years.
- The Madhya Pradesh government has authorized the 'Brindavan Gram' program, which will create 'gaushalas' and other schemes for the benefit of villages.
- Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) Launched in 2023.
- Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Campaign on PMJANMAN mission, to raise awareness and ensure 100% saturation of Government Schemes. Launched by Union Minister for Tribal Affairs.
- 'Vigyan Dhara' scheme under Department of Science and Technology, aim is to foster research, innovation, and technology development in addition to increasing capacity in science and technology.
- Mukhyamantri Bal Paushtik Aahar Yojana (MBPAY) Launched by Himachal Pradesh (HP) Chief Minister(CM) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu To provide nutritious food to children in government-run schools.
- Odisha state government has launched the Subhadra scheme under which Rs.50,000 will be provided over five years to one crore women between the ages of 21 and 60





- Scooters manufactured by Ola Electric, model numbers S1 X 3 kWh and S1 X 4 kWh, have been certified as complying with the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for the automotive and auto component industries.
- The Deen Dayal SPARSH Yojana was started by the Department of Post, which is part of the Union Ministry of Communication, to encourage student research and scholarship in stamps throughout the nation.

Ques : Yudh Abhyas is a joint military exercise between India and ____

युद्ध अभ्यास भारत और ____ के बीच एक संयुक्त सैन्य अभ्यास है

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

Answer : Option E

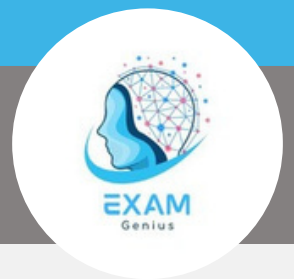
Explanation :

- The 20th edition of India-USA Joint Military Exercise YUDH ABHYAS-2024 at Foreign Training Node in Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan.
- Indian participants is 600 troops from the RAJPUT Regiment and US participants is 1-24 Battalion of the 11th Airborne Division, Alaska.
- The previous edition of the exercise was conducted at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, USA.
- The 1st Edition of Yudh Abhyas started in 2004.

Recent News Headlines Related to Defence Exercise :

- Under the National One Health Mission (NOHM), a comprehensive mock drill named “Vishanu Yuddh Abhyas” (Virus War Exercise) was held in Ajmer district, Rajasthan.
- Exercise VARUNA (2024), edition 22nd Held at Mediterranean Sea between India & France (Navy). The Indian Navy sent a P8I aircraft to France.





- Maritime partnership exercise (MPX) held at Mediterranean Sea, Malaga, Spain between India (INS Tabar)& Spain (Spanish Navy Ship Atalaya).
- The Ulchi Freedom Shield Exercise was conducted between USA and South Korea to strengthen their combined readiness to counter North Korea's armaments and cyberattacks.
- Exercise Udara Shakti 2024, a combined air exercise carried out in cooperation with the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF), the Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent at Kuantan, Malaysia.
- The Indian Army has conducted a strategic military exercise, 'Parvat Prahaar'(Mountain Strike), in Eastern Ladakh, focusing on high-altitude warfare and operations.
- The 10th edition of India- Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise MITRA SHAKTI commenced today, at Army Training School, Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka.
- India is set to host its first multinational air exercise, 'Tarang Shakti 2024', in two phases starting on August 6th in Sular, Tamil Nadu.
- The Indian Army contingent has embarked on its journey to participate in the multinational military exercise KHAAN QUEST 2024 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent landed at the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Base Darwin, Australia for participating in Exercise Pitch Black 2024.

Ques : Swachh Vayu Survekshan Award 2024 Presented by which state ?

स्वच्छ वायु सर्वेक्षण पुरस्कार 2024 किस राज्य द्वारा प्रदान किया गया?

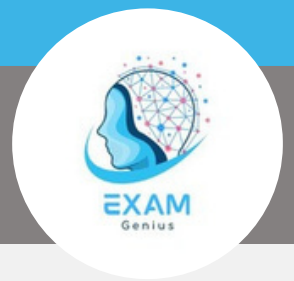
- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies (Swachh Vayu Diwas) was observed on 7th September 2024 in Jaipur
- The Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board conducted an event to celebrate air quality improvements in 131 cities under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).
- It is an initiative by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) to rank cities on the basis of implementation of activities approved under the city action plan and air quality in 130 NCAP cities.





Winners of Swachh Vayu Survekshan Awards 2024:

Category-1 (Population over 10 Lakhs)

1st Rank : Surat, Gujarat

2nd Rank : Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

3rd Rank : Agra, Uttar Pradesh

Category-2 (Population 3-10 Lakhs)

1st Rank : Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh

2nd Rank : Amravati, Maharashtra

3rd Rank : Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh

Category-3 (Population under 3 Lakhs)

1st Rank : Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh

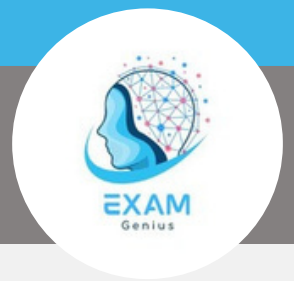
2nd Rank : Nalgonda, Telangana

3rd Rank : Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh

Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- National Award for e-Governance 2024 (Gold) : Ministry of Women and Child Development
- Olympic Order in gold by International Olympic Committee (IOC) : President Emmanuel Macron
- FICCI Young Leaders Youth Icon award : Ayushmann Khurrana and Neeraj Chopra
- Ramon Magsaysay Award (Asia's Nobel Prize) : Hayao Miyazaki
- 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





Ques : Super Typhoon Yagi Hits _ Asia

सुपर टाइफून यागी ____ एशिया से टकराया

- (a) Southeast
- (b) Southwest
- (c) Northeast
- (d) Northwest
- (e) None of these

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Super Typhoon Yagi, Asia's most severe storm in almost a decade, has caused significant disruption across Southeast Asia.
- Yagi is likely to cause severe weather in northern Vietnam and Laos.
- Super Typhoon Yagi hit Hainan Island and Guangdong province in southern China, with gusts reaching 230 km/h (143 mph).
- Yagi is the second-most powerful tropical cyclone in 2024, after Hurricane Beryl.

Ques : Arun Goel appointed as India's next ambassador to which country?

अरुण गोयल को किस देश में भारत का अगला राजदूत नियुक्त किया गया?

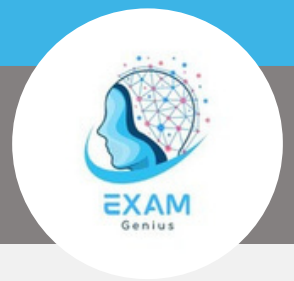
- (a) Netherland / नीदरलैंड
- (b) Croatia / क्रोएशिया
- (c) Brazil / ब्राजील
- (d) Chad / चाड
- (e) Scotland / स्कॉटलैंड

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has named former Election Commissioner Arun Goel as India's next ambassador to the Republic of Croatia.





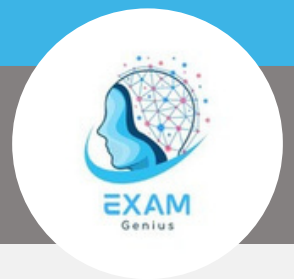
- The former bureaucrat previously served as the Election Commissioner of India.
- Prior to his appointment as Election Commissioner, he had retired voluntarily after serving as a 1985-batch IAS officer in the Punjab cadre.
- He was appointed as Election Commissioner in November 2022. He resigned from the position in March 2024.

About Croatia :

- Capital- Zagreb
- Currency – Kuna
- Official language- Croatian
- Prime minister- Andrej Plenković
- President- Zoran Milanović

Recently appointed ambassador:

- Parvathaneni Harish : India's next Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York
- Vinay Mohan Kwatra : India's Ambassador to the United States
- Senior Diplomat Xu Feihong : Ambassador to India
- Gita Sabharwal : United Nations (UN) Resident Coordinator (UN RC) in the Republic of Indonesia
- Lindy Cameron : First woman British High Commissioner to India
- Salima Tete : Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) Athletes Ambassador from India
- Sibi George : Indian ambassador to the Republic of Marshall Islands
- Shreya Ghodawat : India's ambassador for She Changes Climate
- Ayushmann Khurrana: National Ambassador of Child Rights for UNICEF India
- Eric Garcetti : Next US Ambassador to India
- Sita Ram Meena : India's Ambassador to Niger
- Abhay Thakur : India's Envoy to Myanmar
- Soumendu Bagchi : India's Ambassador to Iraq
- Abhilasha Joshi : India's Ambassador to Chile
- Vinay Kumar : India's Ambassador to Russia



Ques : BepiColombo spacecraft gave scientists their first clear view of which planet's south pole?

BepiColombo अंतरिक्ष यान ने वैज्ञानिकों को किस ग्रह के दक्षिणी ध्रुव का पहला स्पष्ट दृश्य दिया?

- (a) Mars / मंगल ग्रह
- (b) Mercury / बुध
- (c) Jupiter / बृहस्पति
- (d) Neptune / नेपच्यून
- (e) Venus / शुक्र

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The BepiColombo spacecraft gave scientists their first clear view of Mercury's south pole.

About BepiColombo spacecraft :

- It is a collaborative mission to Mercury by the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).
- It was launched on October 20, 2018, and is an ambitious and complex mission meant to investigate Mercury's surface, composition, magnetic field, and interaction with the solar system.
- Its Objective is to Investigating Mercury's surface and composition to better understand its geological history and formation processes.

The BepiColombo spacecraft has two primary components:

- The Mercury Planetary Orbiter (MPO) is mostly provided by ESA and is tasked with mapping and analyzing Mercury's surface, as well as its composition and topography.
- JAXA provides the Mercury Magnetospheric Orbiter (MMO), which studies Mercury's magnetic field and magnetosphere.

Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Union Minister Rajnath Singh of the Ministry of Defence (MoD), approved 10 capital acquisition requests for Rs 1,44,716 crore to strengthen India's defense capabilities.





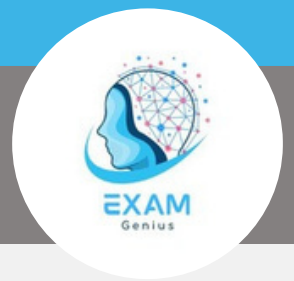
- Russian troops recently hit Kharkiv, Ukraine, with a Grom-E1 hybrid missile. It is an air-to-surface missile with Maximum Range of 120 km (75 miles).
- purchase 240 AL-31FP engines for Russian-origin SU-30 MKI fighter aircraft from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) at a cost of around Rs.26,000 crore.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and SAFHAL Helicopter Engines Private Limited (SAFHAL) have signed an airframer contract to design, develop, produce, supply, and maintain a new high-power engine called "Aravalli".
- The President of Ukraine recently declared that the nation's defense industry-produced Hrim-2 ballistic missile, which is its first, has been successfully tested.
- Goa Shipyard (GSL) has launched the first of two indigenous Pollution Control Vessels (PCVs) for the Indian Coast Guard, marking a major step towards self-reliance in defense manufacture.
- 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 Thiruvudandhai.
- 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.

Ques : Harvinder Singh and ___ has been named India's flag-bearers for the closing ceremony of the Paris Paralympic Games.

हरविंदर सिंह और ___ को पेरिस पैरालंपिक खेलों के समापन समारोह के लिए भारत का ध्वजवाहक नामित किया गया है।

- (a) Preeti Pal / प्रीति पाल
- (b) Ajeet Singh / अजीत सिंह
- (c) Kapil Parmar / कपिल परमार
- (d) Manisha Ramadass / मनीषा रामदास
- (e) Sachin Khilari / सचिन खिलारी

Answer : Option A



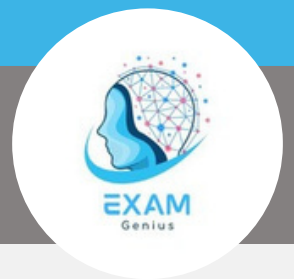
Explanation :

- Harvinder Singh, a gold medal-winning archer, and sprinter Preeti Pal, the first Indian woman to win two medals at the Paralympics, have been appointed India's flag bearers for the Paris Paralympic Games closing ceremony.
- Harvinder, 33, became the first Indian archer to win gold at the Paralympics, adding to his bronze medal from Tokyo in 2021.
- Preeti, 23, reached a milestone by winning bronze medals in the women's T35 100m and 200m races, with personal best performances of 14.21 and 30.01 seconds, respectively.
- The chef de mission of the Indian contingent, Satya Prakash Sangwan, emphasized the significance of their accomplishments and their impact on future generations.

Recent News headlines related to Sports

- In wrestling, Jyoti Berwal won gold in the women's 76 kg freestyle division at the U20 World Championships in Pontevedra, Spain.
- Syria defeated India 3-0 in the final round-robin match to win the fourth Intercontinental Cup men's football title. India, the defending champions, failed to score a single goal during the match.
- At the Paris Paralympics 2024, India's Judo Kapil Parmar earned the bronze medal in the Para Judo men's -60kg J1 category, defeating Brazil's Elielton de Oliveira.
- Siddhartha Aggarwal from Bengaluru has made history by becoming the oldest Indian to swim solo across the English Channel. At the age of 49, he completed the 42 km swim in 15 hours and six minutes.
- Para shuttler Nithya Sre Sivan has won the Bronze medal at the Paris Paralympics in the Women's Singles Badminton SH6 event.
- At the Paris Paralympics 2024, Harvinder Singh from Haryana created history by winning a Gold in the men's archery individual recurve open final.
- The Indian deaf shooter Dhanush Srikanth won three gold medals at the 2024 World Deaf Shooting Championship in Hanover, Germany.
- Dharambir of India smashed the Asian record to win the gold medal in the Paralympics 2024, while compatriot Pranav Soorma took silver, as Indian club throwers dominated the men's F51 event in the showpiece event in Paris.
- Thulasimathi Murugesan and Manisha Ramadass won silver and bronze medals in the women's singles SU5 category at the Paralympics.
- The prestigious Lord's Cricket Ground in London is set to make history by hosting the final of the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) from June 11 to June 15, 2025.
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- Sachin Khilari, the 2023 and 2024 world champion, won silver in the Paris Paralympics. Khilari threw 16.32m in the men's shot put F46 at the Stade de France in Paris, trailing Canada's Greg Stewart.
- Monacan racing driver Charles Leclerc won the 2024 Formula One Italian Grand Prix (GP) at the Autodromo Nazionale Monza in Monza, Italy, driving for Ferrari.
- 15-year-old Chess International Master Mayank Chakraborty from Assam has won his second Grand Master Norm in a GM Norm Tournament being conducted in Greece.

Ques : Who virtually launched the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari initiative in Surat, Gujarat ?

सूरत, गुजरात में जल संचय जनभागीदारी पहल का वस्तुतः शुभारंभ 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 A

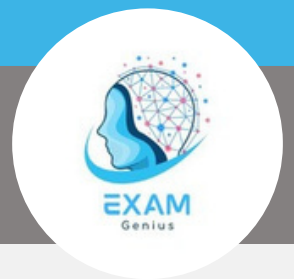
Explanation :

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually launched the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari program in Surat, Gujarat, alongside Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti CR Patil and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel.

About the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari Initiative :

- The Jan Sinchay and Jan Bhagidari Initiative is a collaborative effort between the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti and the Gujarat government.
- The plan intends to improve the state's water conservation efforts by building rainfall gathering facilities throughout the state and replenishing subsurface aquifers.
- The plan seeks to build around 24,800 rainwater collection structures throughout the state.
- The initiative aims to expand on the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti's "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" scheme.





Ques : On which day is the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies commemorated annually?

नीले आसमान के लिए स्वच्छ वायु का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 6 September
- (b) 7 September
- (c) 8 September
- (d) 9 September
- (e) 10 September

Answer : Option B

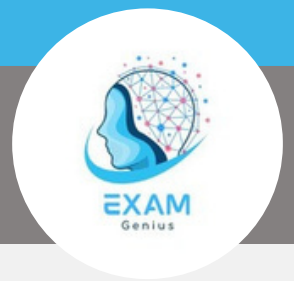
Explanation :

- The International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies is commemorated annually on 7 September.
- Objective – To raise awareness and drive action on combating air pollution.
- By resolution 74/212 of 22 January 2020, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) designated the Day to emphasize the need to make further efforts to improve air quality, including reducing air pollution, to protect human health.
- According to the Health Effects Institute, there were 8.1 million deaths due to air pollution in 2021. Poor air quality is the biggest external threat to health, according to the Air Quality Life Index (AQLI).

Important days :

- 1st September to 7th September : National Nutrition Week (Theme 2024 – Nutritious Diets for Everyone)
- 2 September : World Coconut Day
- 3 September : World Skyscraper Day
- 5 September : International Day of Charity
- 5 September : Teachers' Day
- 7 September : International Day of Police Cooperation
- 7 September : International Vulture Awareness Day 2024
- 8 September : International Literacy Day (ILD) (Theme is "Promoting Multilingual Education: Literacy for Mutual Understanding and Peace.")
- 9 September : UN International Day to Protect Education from Attack





Ques : 2nd Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation held in _
नागरिक उड्डयन पर दूसरा एशिया प्रशांत मंत्रिस्तरीय सम्मेलन _ में आयोजित हुआ

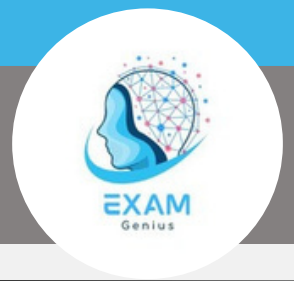
- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- (d) Greater Noida / ग्रेटर नोएडा
- (e) Gurugram / गुरुग्राम

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, Union Minister for Civil Aviation, spoke to the media about the 2nd Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation 2024 at Rajeev Gandhi Bhawan in New Delhi.
- The second Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation was held in Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, India.
- The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India, co-host the event.
- In 2018, Beijing, China, hosted the Asia Pacific region's inaugural Ministerial Conference.
- During the first conference, India offered to host the second conference in 2020, however because to the Covid-19 pandemic, the conference was postponed.
- Around 250 representatives from 41 countries, including Japan, South Korea, and Vietnam, are participating in the second Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation in New Delhi.
- The International International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) was set up in 1944 as a United Nations agency. It works to develop a safe and sound global aviation system by setting the rules and standards and Headquarters in Montreal Canada.
- In 1948, ICAO established the Asia Pacific Office (APAC) in Melbourne, Australia. It was later relocated to Bangkok, Thailand, from Australia in 1955. The APAC currently comprises 39 member countries.



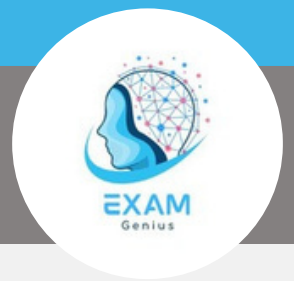


Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- Chinese President Xi Jinping committed \$51 billion to African countries during the ninth Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) summit in Beijing.
- The 54th meeting of the Goods and Services Tax Council chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman concluded in New Delhi.
- The Eastern Economic Forum 2024 was held in Vladivostok, Russia. It is an annual international event, started in 2015.
- The 5th Defence Cooperation Dialogue between India and the Maldives was conducted in New Delhi on September 6, 2024.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will open the 4th Global RE-INVEST Renewable Energy Investors Meet and Expo in Gandhinagar on September 16.
- India and UNESCO to Co-Organize 2024 Chief Science Advisers Roundtable in Paris.
- 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.
- Saudi Arabia will host the 19th Internet Governance Forum (IGF) from December 15-19, 2024, at the King Abdulaziz International Conference Center in Riyadh.
- 2nd edition of India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) to held in Singapore.
- India will host the second International Conference on Green Hydrogen in New Delhi and aims to expand our understanding of the green hydrogen environment.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Deepti Gaur Mukherjee, Secretary of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) Appointed as Member of the Board of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). He replaced Manoj Govil.

Telangana government has signed an MoU with the World Trade Centres' Association for the establishment of a World Trade Centre in the proposed AI City near Hyderabad

Meta Partners with Telangana Government to leverage the latest advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance e-governance and citizen services in the state.

The navies of India and South Africa have signed an implementation agreement to enhance submarine rescue support cooperation that ensures the “safety of the South African Navy’s submarine crew in times of distress or accident.”

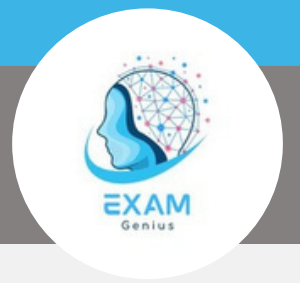
United Arab Emirates has successfully completed the Arab world's first nuclear power plant, the Barakah Nuclear Energy Plant.

REC Limited Honoured as “Nodal Agency of the Year” at Bharat Electricity – Powering India Awards 2024.

The SBI Foundation has launched the 3rd edition of its Asha Scholarship Program, supporting 10,000 meritorious students from underprivileged backgrounds.

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महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

कॉरपोरेट मामलों के मंत्रालय (एमसीए) की सचिव दीप्ति गौड़ मुखर्जी को भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनियम बोर्ड (सेबी) के सदस्य के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया। उन्होंने मनोज गोविल की जगह ली।

तेलंगाना सरकार ने हैदराबाद के पास प्रस्तावित एआई सिटी में वर्ल्ड ट्रेड सेंटर की स्थापना के लिए वर्ल्ड ट्रेड सेंटर्स एसोसिएशन के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।

राज्य में ई-गवर्नेंस और नागरिक सेवाओं को बढ़ाने के लिए आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस (एआई) में नवीनतम प्रगति का लाभ उठाने के लिए मेटा ने तेलंगाना सरकार के साथ साझेदारी की है।

भारत और दक्षिण अफ्रीका की नौसेनाओं ने पनडुब्बी बचाव सहायता सहयोग को बढ़ाने के लिए एक कार्यान्वयन समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं जो "संकट या दुर्घटना के समय में दक्षिण अफ्रीकी नौसेना के पनडुब्बी चालक दल की सुरक्षा" सुनिश्चित करता है।

संयुक्त अरब अमीरात ने अरब दुनिया का पहला परमाणु ऊर्जा संयंत्र, बराक परमाणु ऊर्जा संयंत्र सफलतापूर्वक पूरा कर लिया है।

आरईसी लिमिटेड को भारत इलेक्ट्रिसिटी - पावरिंग इंडिया अवार्ड्स 2024 में "वर्ष की नोडल एजेंसी" के रूप में सम्मानित किया गया।

एसबीआई फाउंडेशन ने वंचित पृष्ठभूमि के 10,000 मेधावी छात्रों को समर्थन देने के लिए अपने आशा छात्रवृत्ति कार्यक्रम का तीसरा संस्करण लॉन्च किया है।

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