

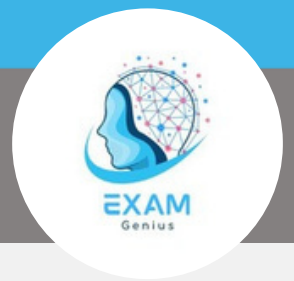
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Ques : Who launches launches NPS Vatsalya for Minors ?

नाबालिगों के लिए एनपीएस वात्सल्य का शुभारंभ किसने किया?

- (a) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़
- (b) Nirmala Sitharaman / निर्मला सीतारमण
- (c) Ashwini Vaishnaw / अश्विनी वैष्णव
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मू
- (e) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी

Answer : Option B

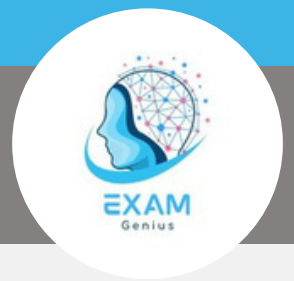
Explanation :

- In accordance with the declaration in the Union Budget 2024-25, Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman will launch the NPS Vatsalya plan on September 18, 2024 in New Delhi.
- Permanent Retirement Account Number (PRAN) cards will be distributed to new minor subscribers.
- Each National Pension System subscriber is provided with a unique 12-digit alphanumeric PRAN number that remains with the subscriber until the end
- An online platform will be introduced for subscribing to NPS Vatsalya. The launch events will be held at nearly 75 locations across India.
- NPS Vatsalya is designed to help parents save for their children's future through a pension account. Ensures long-term wealth accumulation with the power of compounding.
- Parents can invest 1,000 annually in the name of their child. The lock-in period is three years. The partial withdrawal is allowed only three times the duration of the scheme
- The National Pension System offers NPS -1 and NPS- II accounts.
- The NPS I is open to all resident Indians and non-resident Indians(NRI) aged 18 to 70 whereas NPS- II account is for resident Indians only.
- The minimum annual contribution for the NPS-I account is Rs 1000, while there is no minimum contribution requirement for the NPS-II account.
- The scheme will be administered by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

About Ministry of Finance :

- Cabinet Minister : Nirmala Sitharaman
- Minister of State : Pankaj Choudhary
- Finance Secretary : Tuhin Kanta Pandey





Ques : About ___ crore people have subscribed to the Atal Pension Yojana (APY), accumulating a corpus of Rs 35,149 crore,

लगभग _____ करोड़ लोगों ने अटल पेंशन योजना (एपीवाई) की सदस्यता ली है, जिससे 35,149 करोड़ रुपये का कोष जमा हुआ है।

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman revealed that around 7 crore people have enrolled to the Atal Pension Yojana (APY), totaling Rs 35,149 crore.
- APY is a low-cost pension program that provides a guaranteed minimum monthly pension of Rs 1,000-5,000 from the age of 60, based on participants' payments.

About Atal Pension Yojana (APY) :

- This scheme is launched in 9th May 2015, It Replaced Swavalamban Scheme.
- Its Regulating Body is Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).
- Eligibility : APY is open to all bank account holders in the age group of 18 to 40 years who are not income tax payers
- Guaranteed minimum monthly pension of Rs. 1000 or Rs. 2000 or Rs. 3000 or Rs. 4000 or Rs. 5000 after the age of 60 years, based on the contributions made by the subscriber after joining the scheme.

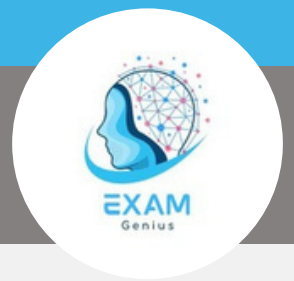
Ques : India has become the _ largest market in the MSCI All Country World Investable Market Index (ACWI IMI)

MSCI ऑल कंट्री वर्ल्डइन्वेस्टेबल मार्केट इंडेक्स (ACWI IMI) में भारत _ सबसे बड़ा बाजार बन गया है।

- (a) 3rd
- (b) 4th
- (c) 5th
- (d) 6th
- (e) 7th

Answer : Option D





Explanation :

- India has surpassed China and is now the sixth largest market in the MSCI All Country World Investable Market Index (ACWI IMI), after only France.
- For the first time, India has become the largest emerging market (EM) in a global capital market performance index.
- At the end of August, India's weight in the MSCI ACWI IMI was 2.35 percent, 11 basis points higher than China's 2.24 percent.
- France has only 3 basis points more weight than India.
- India's weight in this index is 2.07%, compared to China's 2.41 percent.

Ques : Who wins the 8th Men's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy?

आठवीं पुरुष एशियाई हॉकी चैंपियंस ट्रॉफी किसने जीती?

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

Answer : Option D

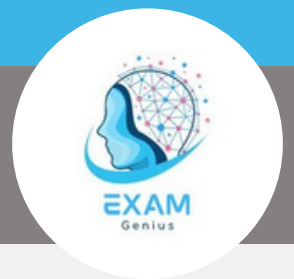
Explanation :

- Harmanpreet Singh led the Indian men's hockey team to a 1-0 victory over host China in the final, winning the Men's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy for the fifth time.
- The final match of the 8th Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 took place on September 17, 2024, at the Moqi Hockey Training Base in Hulunbuir City, China.
- The 8th Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 was held at Hulunbuir City, Inner Mongolia, People's Republic of China, from 8-17 September 2024.
- India was the only team in the 8th Men's Asian Hockey Champions Trophy to go undefeated throughout the competition.
- It was China's first final appearance in the Men's Asian Champions Trophy Championship. The Chinese team defeated Pakistan in the semi-finals.

Awards Winners :

- Best goalkeeper of the tournament: Wang Caiyu of China
- Man of the final match: Lin Changliang of China
- Rising star of the tournament: Shahid Hannan of Pakistan
- Promising goalkeeper of the tournament: Kim Jaehan of South Korea's
- Top scorer of the tournament: Yang Jihun of South Korea (nine goals)
- Player of the tournament: Harmanpreet Singh, captain of India





Recent News headlines related to Sports

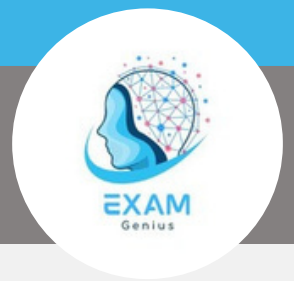
- Neeraj Chopra, an Olympic champion, finished second in the Diamond League (DL) final with a throw of 87.86 meters in Brussels.
- India's 17-year-old shuttler, Anmol Kharb secured her first senior international title by winning the women's singles event at the Belgian International 2024 in Leuven.
- The 63rd Subroto Cup International Football Tournament for under-17 boys was held in New Delhi. It is a top inter-school football event.
- Paralympic archery champions Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar team up to inspire voters nationwide as Election Commission of India's national icons for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).
- Deepali Thapa, an Indian boxer, made history as the first Asian Schoolgirl Champion in Al Ain, UAE.
- India's ancient sport, yogasana was included as a demonstration event at the 2026 Asian Games to be held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- The 2024/25 Irani Cup game, which was planned to take place in Mumbai from October 1 to 5, has been moved to Lucknow.
- The Indian contingent concluded its historic Paris Paralympics campaign with 29 medals, including seven gold, nine silver, and 13 bronze medals.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Ques : International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024 held in which state ?

भारतीय अंतर्राष्ट्रीय फिल्म महोत्सव (IFFI) 2024 किस राज्य में आयोजित हुआ?

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

Answer : Option C



Explanation :

- The Information and Broadcasting Ministry has established a new area for young filmmakers at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2024 called the 'Best Debut Indian Film area 2024.'
- The 55th International Film Festival of India will be place in Goa from November 20th to 28th.
- In this area, IFFI will also highlight Indian debut films, displaying a varied spectrum of narratives and cinematic styles from around the country.
- These selections will showcase young filmmakers' innovative visions and unique storytelling approaches, serving as a platform for new talent and exhibiting emerging directors' work.
- A maximum of five first feature films will be chosen and screened in the Best first Indian Film category. Entries for the 'Best Debut Indian Film Section' are currently available, with the submission deadline set for September 23rd.

Ques : The government recently slashed the windfall tax on domestically produced ___ to 'nil' per tonne.

सरकार ने हाल ही में घरेलू स्तर पर उत्पादित ___ पर अप्रत्याशित कर को घटाकर 'शून्य' प्रति टन कर दिया है

- (a) Crude Oil / कच्चा तेल
- (b) Rice / चावल
- (c) Sunflower Oil / सूरजमुखी तेल
- (d) Mustard Oil / सरसों का तेल
- (e) Coconut Oil / नारियल तेल

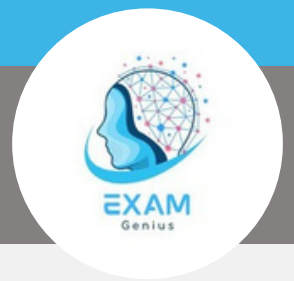
Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The government has reduced the windfall tax on domestic crude oil to 'zero' per tonne.

About Windfall Tax :

- This is a higher tax placed on specific industries with unusually large profits.
- The phrase "windfall" refers to an unexpected increase in profits, and the tax on these gains is known as the windfall tax.
- Profit increases are not due to a business's expansion or investment strategy, but rather to a positive external factor beyond the company's control.
- A windfall tax applies to industries or businesses that experience unexpected profits due to factors such as commodity shortages, wars, pandemics, or government policy changes.



Ques : Prime Minister Narendra Modi has flagged off country's first Vande Metro, now renamed as Namo Bharat Rapid Rail service, between ____.

प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने _ के बीच देश की पहली वंदे मेट्रो, जिसका नाम अब नमो भारत रैपिड रेल रखा गया है, को हरी झंडी दिखाई।

- (a) Bhuj and Ahmedabad / भुज और अहमदाबाद
- (b) New Delhi and Ahmedabad / नई दिल्ली और अहमदाबाद
- (c) New Delhi and Meerut / नई दिल्ली और मेरठ
- (d) Bhuj and Varanasi / भुज और वाराणसी
- (e) New Delhi and Katra / नई दिल्ली और कटरा

Answer : Option A

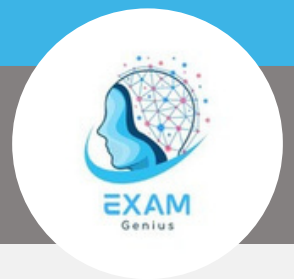
Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the country's first Vande Metro, currently renamed Namo Bharat Rapid Rail service, between Bhuj and Ahmedabad.
- The Ahmedabad-Bhuj Vande Metro service will stop at nine stops and travel 360 kilometers in 5 hours and 45 minutes at a top speed of 110 miles per hour.
- The Vande Metro train, built on the same platform as the Vande Bharat Express, is a self-propelled train set intended for short-distance intercity travel. However, unlike the Vande Bharat, which is a semi-high speed 160 kmph train set, the Vande Metro trains will have a maximum speed of 130 kmph

Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- Maharashtra's governor, Shri. C. P. Radhakrishnan, has announced the establishment of a tribal university to support the development and future of tribal students.
- West Bengal cabinet has proposed establishing five new POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Fast Track Special Courts to expedite cases related to these incidents.
- Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu Inaugurated Digi Yatra Facility for 9 Airports. With this the Digi Yatra-enabled airports will increase from 15 (launched in 1st phase) to 24.
- Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has announced that the state's second AIIMS will be built in Sambalpur.
- 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 Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)'s Raipur, Chhattisgarh, Zonal Unit Office was virtually launched by Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah.





Ques : A two-day national symposium of the National Disaster Management Authority and the Army Southern Command entitled Exercise AIKYA begin in which city?

राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण और सेना दक्षिणी कमान की दो दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी जिसका शीर्षक अभ्यास AIKYA है, किस शहर में शुरू हुई?

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

Answer : Option C

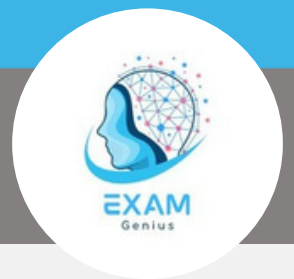
Explanation :

- Exercise AIKYA, a two-day national symposium organized by the National Disaster Management Authority and the Army Southern Command, begins in Chennai.
- The major goal of the exercise is to improve disaster preparedness and encourage strong collaboration among key stakeholders.
- The exercise will include simulations, technical talks, and professional insights into the various aspects of disaster management.
- Representatives from the Railways, Transport, Civil Aviation, Health, Environment, and Climate Change Departments, State and National Disaster Management Authorities, and the Indian Army will be present.
- The symposium will also feature representatives from the IMD, National Remote Sensing Centres, the Central Water Commission, and the Forest Survey of India.

Recent News Headlines Related to Defence Exercise :

- The Indian Navy's P8I aircraft, led by Commanding Officer Captain Ajay Kanwar, has reached Australia's Darwin to participate in the 16th edition of Exercise Kakadu 2024.
- The third edition of the INDUS-X Summit completed in the US, making progress towards a cooperative defense innovation ecosystem between India and the USA.
- The Indian Army and the Indian Air Force contingent have arrived in Oman to participate in the AL NAJAH -V and Exercise Eastern Bridge -VII, respectively.
- The 20th edition of India-USA Joint Military Exercise YUDH ABHYAS-2024 at Foreign Training Node in Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan.
- 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 : Which city will host the 23rd Commonwealth Games in 2026?

2026 में 23वें राष्ट्रमंडल खेलों की मेजबानी कौन सा शहर करेगा?

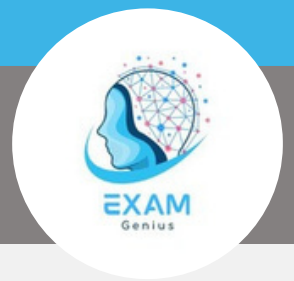
- (a) London / लंदन
- (b) Birmingham / बर्मिंघम
- (c) Brisbane / ब्रिस्बेन
- (d) Oslo / ओस्लो
- (e) Glasgow / ग्लासगो

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Glasgow, Scotland's city, has accepted to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games after the original host, Victoria in Australia, refused due to mounting costs.
- Glasgow successfully hosted the Commonwealth Games in 2012.
- The first Commonwealth Games took place in 1930, and countries or territories that are members of the Commonwealth Games Federation, currently known as Commonwealth Sport, compete.
- The last six of the seventh Commonwealth Games were held in the United Kingdom or Australia.





About Commonwealth Games :

- In 1930, Hamilton, Canada hosted the first Commonwealth Games under the name British Empire Games.
- It occurs every four years, but was not conducted in 1942 or 1946 because of World War II.
- Only two Asian towns have hosted the Commonwealth Games: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in 1998, and Delhi in 2010.
- The Commonwealth is a group of countries that were once colonies of Great Britain but are now independent.
- So far, no African country has hosted the Commonwealth Games.
- Commonwealth Sport Members - 74 Countries

Ques : Who has been appointed the new head coach of the Indian women's football team?
भारतीय महिला फुटबॉल टीम का नया मुख्य कोच किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Vasudha Gupta / वसुधा गुप्ता
- (b) Santosh Kashyap / संतोष कश्यप
- (c) Manoj Soni / मनोज सोनी
- (d) Poonam Sharma / पूनम शर्मा
- (e) Subodh Kumar / सुबोध कुमार

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has named Santosh Kashyap as the next head coach of the national senior women's team, succeeding former international player Chaoba Devi.
- Kashyap's first assignment will be the SAFF Women's Championships, which will be held in Kathmandu, Nepal, from October 17 to October 30.
- Kashyap, a former India international, has almost a decade of I-League coaching experience, having managed clubs such as Mohun Bagan, Aizawl FC, and Mumbai FC, among others.
- The 58-year-old has also served as an assistant coach with NorthEast United FC and, most recently, Odisha FC in India's Super League.
- Priya PV will be Kashyap's assistant coach, while Raghuvir Pravin Khanolkar will coach the goalkeepers.





Recent Appointment in different departments :

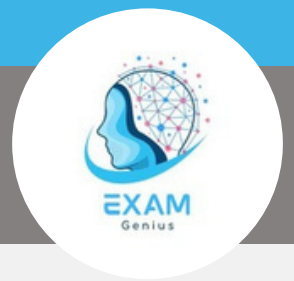
- Atishi Marlena : Chief Minister of Delhi
- RS Sharma : Non-Executive Chairperson of Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)
- Tayyab Ikram : President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH)
- Tuhin Kanta Pandey : Finance Secretary
- Ashok Raj Sigdel : 45th Chief of the Army Staff (CoAS) of the Nepali Army (Replaced Prabhu Ram Sharma)
- Amit Shah : Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language
- Randhir Singh : President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) (Replaced Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah)
- Vinay Goyal : State Mission Director of the National Health Mission (NHM) (succeeds K. Jeevan Babu)
- Rajesh Verma : Chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in NCR (succeeds Dr. M.M. Kutty)
- Partha Sinha : Chairman of Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)
- Ajay Ratna : BCCI appointed as men's cricket team selector (replacing Salil Ankola)
- Dr D K Sunil : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) (Additional charge) of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) (Replaced CB Ananthkrishnan)
- Bharath Sesha : Managing Director for the Philips Indian subcontinent (Replaced - Daniel Mazon)
- Arun Agarwal : Chairman of Texas Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) board
- Rajneesh Narang : Additional Charge of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) (Replaced Pushp Kumar Joshi)
- Satish Kumar : Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Railway Board
- Laurent Freixe : Nestle CEO (Replace Mark Schneider)
- Jay Shah : Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC)

Ques : The Union Minister of State for External Affairs, Kirti Vardhan Singh, was on an official tour of Armenia and __.

केंद्रीय विदेश राज्य मंत्री कीर्ति वर्धन सिंह आर्मेनिया और _ के आधिकारिक दौरे पर थे

- (a) Malaysia / मलेशिया
- (b) Maldives / मालदीव
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (e) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका

Answer : Option A



Explanation :

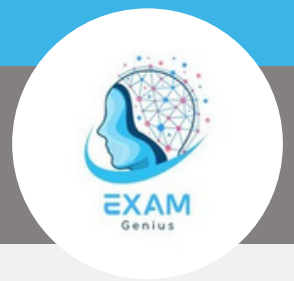
- The Union Minister of State for External Affairs, Kirti Vardhan Singh, was on an official tour of Armenia and Malaysia from 9-15 September 2024.
- Kirti Vardhan Singh visited Armenia on September 9 to 11, 2024. During his visit, he joined the inaugural session of the Yerevan Dialogue in Armenia's capital.
- The Yerevan Dialogue, organized by the Armenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Indian think tank Observer Research Foundation (ORF), lasted 1.5 days.
- During his visit to Armenia, Kirti Vardhan Singh met with Deputy Prime Minister Mher Grigoryan and Minister of Foreign Affairs Ararat Mirzoyan to address bilateral issues.
- Kirti Vardhan Singh planted a seedling in front of Mahatma Gandhi's statue at Buenos Aires Park in Yerevan as part of the Ek Ped Maa ke Naam initiative.
- After that Kirti Vardhan Singh traveled to Malaysia tour.
- During his four-day visit to Malaysia from September 12-15, he launched the second edition of the Peoples of Indian Origin (PIO) Day 'Pravasi Diwas' celebrations and the 15th Global Organization of People of Indian Origin International Convention.
- India and Malaysia signed a MoA to establish the Thiruvalluvar Chair of Indian Studies at Universiti Malaya Kuala Lumpur.
- In Malaysia, Kirti Vardhan Singh met with Datuk Mohamad bin Alamin, Malaysia's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs.

About Armenia :

- Capital : Yerevan
- Currency : Dram
- Prime Minister : Nikol Pashinyan

About Malaysia :

- Capital : Kuala Lumpur
- Currency : Ringgit
- Prime Minister : Anwar Ibrahim



Ques : How much budget is approved for the Chandrayaan-4 mission of ISRO ?
इसरो के चंद्रयान-4 मिशन के लिए कितना बजट स्वीकृत है?

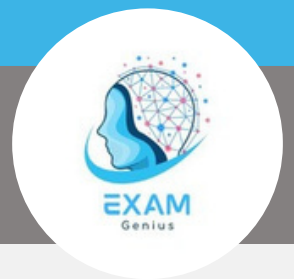
- (a) Rs 2104.06 crore
- (b) Rs 1802.60crore
- (c) Rs 2250.06 crore
- (d) Rs 2745.75 crore
- (e) Rs 2345.25 crore

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- On September 18, 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the Union Cabinet meeting that approved the Chandrayaan-4 mission.
- The Chandrayaan-4 mission will collect lunar samples and return them to Earth. Only three countries (USA, Russia, and China) have successfully returned lunar sand to Earth.
- Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw aims to place an Indian astronaut on the moon by 2040 and successfully return them to Earth.
- During the Amrit Kaal, the Indian government set a broad vision for the Indian space programme, including the construction of an Indian Space Station (Bharatiya Antariksh Station) by 2035 and an Indian landing on the Moon by 2040.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), which launched Chandrayaan-1 in 2008, Chandrayaan-2 in 2019, and Chandrayaan-3 in 2023, will oversee the Chandrayaan-4 mission.
- ISRO has received a budget of Rs 2104.06 crore for the Chandrayaan-4 mission, which would be completed in 36 months.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), which launched Chandrayaan-1 in 2008, Chandrayaan-2 in 2019, and Chandrayaan-3 in 2023, will oversee the Chandrayaan-4 mission.
- ISRO has received a budget of Rs 2104.06 crore for the Chandrayaan-4 mission, which would be completed in 36 months.
- NASA's Artemis Mission aims to land people on the moon's south pole in September 2026.
- China plans to send people to the moon by 2030 and establish a research outpost at the south pole.





Recent News Headlines Related to ISRO

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) aims to launch the first base module of the Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS), India's first space station, in 2028. The BAS will contain five modules.
- ISRO's Earth Perception Satellite-8 (EOS-8) is supposed to be sent off by the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV)-D3 on August 16 from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
- The Air Breathing Propulsion Technology demonstration flight was successfully completed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on its second trial flight.
- GSAT 20 is a 4,700 kg heavy-weight, high-tech satellite. New Delhi: Using SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket, the Indian space agency ISRO will launch its latest big satellite in a first.
- On June 23, ISRO successfully completed the third Landing Experiment (LEX) of the Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) at the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) in Chitradurga, Karnataka.
- To create an indigenous receiver chip for ISRO's Navigation using Indian Constellation (NavIC), the DRDO has commissioned a Bengaluru-based company to do so.
- PraVaHa, a Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) software, was recently created by ISRO.
- On April 16, 2024, S. Somanath, the chairman of the Indian orbit Research Organization (ISRO), declared that India wants to be debris-free in orbit by 2030.
- SFO Technologies' carbon reduction project, which aims for a 50% reduction by 2035 and zero emissions by 2040, was introduced by ISRO Chairman S Somanath.
- The PS4 engine of the PSLV stage had a successful long-duration test, marking yet another design and production milestone for ISRO.
- ISRO will launch the Proba-3 Mission, an ESA mission to study the sun.

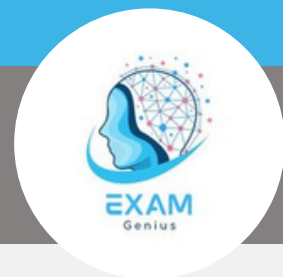
Ques : Women-owned micro and small enterprises will get enhanced credit guarantee coverage of _ percent under the CGTMSE scheme.

महिलाओं के स्वामित्व वाले सूक्ष्म और लघु उद्यमों को सीजीटीएमएसई योजना के तहत ____ प्रतिशत की बढ़ी हुई क्रेडिट गारंटी कवरेज मिलेगी

- (a) 60%
- (b) 50%
- (c) 70%
- (d) 90%
- (e) 80%

Answer : Option D





Explanation :

• The Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) scheme's board recently approved revised criteria, which would provide 90 percent credit guarantee coverage to women-owned micro and small firms.

About Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) :

- The Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (M/o MSME) established the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) in the year 2000.
- Its goal is to accelerate the flow of institutional financing to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs).
- The system was originally established on August 30, 2000, and has been operating since January 1, 2000.
- The scheme aims to improve credit access for the unserved and underserved MSE segment of the MSME sector by making credit available from conventional lenders to new generation entrepreneurs and the underprivileged who do not have collateral security and/or a third-party guarantee to back up their loan proposal.
- The M/o MSME, the Government of India, and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) collaborated to establish CGTMSE to operate the Credit Guarantee Scheme.
- CGTMSE provides collateral-free financial support of up to Rs. 5 crores to MSEs through Member Lending Institutions.
- The guarantee cover for microenterprises is 85% for credit up to Rs. 5 lakhs. The guarantee cover for credit amounts between Rs. 5 lakhs and Rs. 500 lakhs is 75%.
- The North East Region (including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh) offers 80% guarantee insurance for loans/credits up to Rs. 50 lakhs. Guarantee cover is 75% for amounts above Rs. 50 lakhs. Eligible Lending Institutions are :
 - Scheduled commercial banks (Public Sector Banks/Private Sector Banks/Foreign Banks) and select Regional Rural Banks (which have been classified under the 'Sustainable Viable' category by NABARD).
 - National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC), North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi), SIDBI, selected Small Finance banks, and NBFCs have also been made eligible institutions.

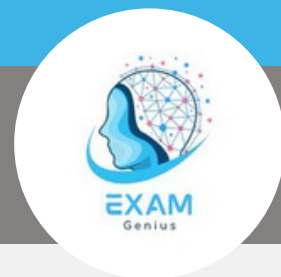
Ques : Which of the following departments was awarded the prestigious Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar for best performance in the Official Language Hindi category ?

निम्नलिखित में से किस विभाग को राजभाषा हिंदी श्रेणी में सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन के लिए प्रतिष्ठित राजभाषा कीर्ति पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया ?

- (a) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances / प्रशासनिक सुधार और लोक शिकायत विभाग
- (b) Ministry of Finance / वित्त मंत्रालय
- (c) Department of Revenue / राजस्व विभाग
- (d) Ministry of Education / शिक्षा मंत्रालय
- (e) Ministry of External Affairs / विदेश मंत्रालय

Answer : Option A





Explanation :

- Hindi Diwas Celebrations and All India Official Language Conference, which were held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- The Secretary, Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, V. Srinivas, was awarded the Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar by the Hon'ble Home Minister and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah.
- The Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, has awarded the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances for the best performance in the Official Language Hindi in the category of Ministries / Departments with fewer than 300 personnel for the fiscal year 2023-24.
- There is a joint Hindi Advisory Committee of DARPG, DoPT and DoP&PW to monitor the implementation of, Official Language Policy in the Ministry.
- The Department has formed an Official Language Implementation Committee, which will be chaired by the Secretary of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances.

Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Singapore Literature Prize : Prasanthi Ram for English fiction, 'Nine Yard Sarees'
- National Florence Nightingale Awards : Given by Droupadi Murmu to nursing professionals.
- Powering India Awards 2024 : REC Limited Honoured as "Nodal Agency of the Year" at Bharat Electricity
- Swachh Vayu Survekshan Award 2024 : Category-1 (Population over 10 Lakhs) 1st Rank : Surat, Gujarat, Category-2 (Population 3-10 Lakhs) 1st Rank : Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh, Category-3 (Population under 3 Lakh) 1st Rank : Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh.
- 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 : Who has been appointed by India's Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) as its brand ambassador?

भारत के बंदरगाह, जहाजरानी और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय (MoPSW) ने किसे अपना ब्रांड एंबेसडर नियुक्त किया है?

- (a) Manu Bhaker / मनु भाकर
- (b) Aman Sehrawat / अमन सहरावत
- (c) Heena Sidhu / हीना सिद्धू
- (d) Avani Lekhara / अवनि लेखरा
- (e) Neeraj Chopra / नीरज चोपड़ा

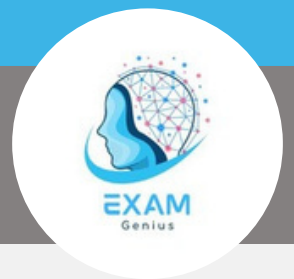
Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- India's Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways (MoPSW) has named Manu Bhaker, a double Olympic medalist, as a brand ambassador.
- Bhaker, a shooting ace who won medals at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Paris, is the daughter of a marine engineer.
- Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister for Port Shipping & Waterways, made the announcement at the 4th Harnessing of the Nari Shakti for the Development of the Nation event in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The Chennai Port Authority and Kamarajar Port Authority hosted the 4th Harnessing of the Nari Shakti for the Development of the Nation event at the Chennai Port's International Cruise Terminal in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Sharath Kamal : first Indian ambassador for the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Foundation
- Alia Bhatt : French cosmetics company L'Oreal Paris
- Salman Khan : GRM Basmati Rice
- Shikhar Dhawan : MotoGP
- Aditya Roy Kapur : Bisleri Limonata
- PV Sindhu : Greenday's 'Better Nutrition' brand
- Shah Rukh Khan : Muthoot Pappachan Group (MPG)
- Pakistan's Shahid Afridi : brand ambassador of 9th ICC Men's T20 World Cup
- Kareena Kapoor : UNICEF India as its new National Ambassador
- Sana Mir : ambassador for the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup



- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : French carmaker Citroen made him as its brand ambassador in India
- Usain Bolt : brand ambassador for the 9th ICC Men's T-20 World Cup
- Valerie Adams : International Event Ambassador for the "16th edition of Tata Consultancy Services' (TCS) World 10K Bengaluru (Karnataka)"
- Ravindra Jadeja : VARNI
- Ranveer Singh : boAt
- Narendra Kumar Yadav : Fit India Movement
- Katrina Kaif : Chennai Super Kings (CSK) for IPL 2024
- Neeraj Chopra : Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL)'s premium petrol variant, 'Speed'
- Actress Nayanthara : Slice

Ques : The International Day for Interventional Cardiology is observed annually on which day?

इंटरवेंशनल कार्डियोलॉजी के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

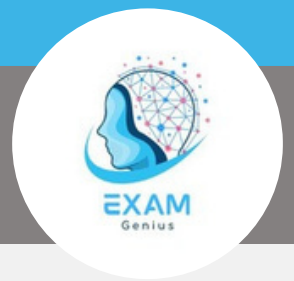
- (a) 16 September
- (b) 17 September
- (c) 18 September
- (d) 19 September
- (e) 20 September

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The International Day for Interventional Cardiology is commemorated every year on September 16.
- This day is dedicated to raising awareness about interventional cardiology and its vital role in treating heart disease with minimally invasive procedures.
- As cardiovascular illnesses remain the leading cause of death worldwide, the significance of this specialist subject cannot be emphasized.
- Dr. Andreas Gruntzig conducted the first coronary angioplasty on September 16, 1977. Since then, angioplasty has saved the most grams of at-risk myocardium around the world.





Ques : World Patient Safety Day is observed every year on which day?

विश्व रोगी सुरक्षा दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

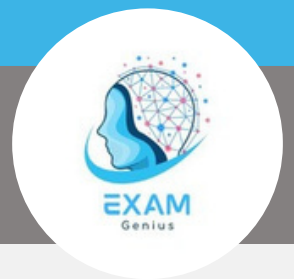
- (a) 16 September
- (b) 17 September
- (c) 18 September
- (d) 19 September
- (e) 20 September

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The World Health Organization (WHO) founded World Patient Safety Day on September 17th, which is observed annually.
- The goal is to create global awareness of patient safety, advocate initiatives to improve safety in healthcare, and urge stakeholders to collaborate for safer healthcare practices.
- Theme 2024: Improving Diagnosis for Patient Safety.
- In 2019, the 72nd World Health Assembly endorsed a resolution designating World Patient Safety Day as a worldwide health priority.
- Each year, the WHO launches worldwide campaigns focusing on several aspects of patient safety, such as safe childbirth, pharmaceutical safety, and patient and caregiver empowerment.

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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
- 7 September : International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies
- 8 September : International Literacy Day (ILD) (Theme is "Promoting Multilingual Education: Literacy for Mutual Understanding and Peace.")
- 8 September : World Physical Therapy Day (Theme 2024: LBP (Low Back Pain) and the role of physiotherapy in its prevention and management)
- 9 September : UN International Day to Protect Education from Attack
- 10 September : World Suicide Prevention Day (Theme 2024 – 'Changing the Narrative on Suicide – Start the Conversation')
- 11 September : National Forest Martyrs Day (Theme 2024 – Honoring the Guardians of Our Forests)
- 12 September : International Day of South-South Cooperation (Theme 2024 – A better tomorrow through South-South Cooperation)
- 13 September : International Chocolate Day
- 14 September : World First Aid Day (Theme 2024: First Aid and Sports)
- 14 September : Hindi Diwas
- 15 September : National Engineers Day (Theme 2024 – Innovating for a Sustainable Future)
- 15 September : International Day of Democracy (Theme 2024 Ensuring Effective Governance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) at all Levels)
- 16 September : World Ozone Day (Theme 2024: Montreal Protocol: Advancing Climate Action)
- 16 September : International Day of Science, Technology and Innovation for the South





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), the corporate entity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant wins National Energy Leader Award given by Confederation of Indian Industry – Green Business Centre (CIIGBC)

Divisional Railway Minister Narendra Anandrao Patil announced that the Vijayawada Railway Station has been awarded the prestigious NonSuburban Group-1 (NSG-1) status by the Ministry of Railways.

Thierry Breton (France) Resigned as French European Union (EU) Commissioner.

The Odisha government recently approved a proposal to transfer 95 percent of the equity shares of Gopalpur Port to Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ).

NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) and Suzlon Group Partnered for India's Largest Wind Energy Order of 1,166 MW.

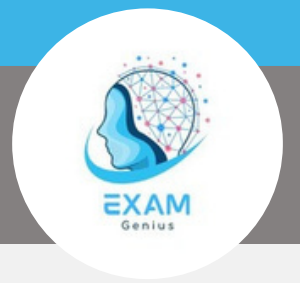
Adani Airports Holdings Ltd, the Adani group firm that operates seven airports in the country, has launched 'aviio' digital platform to provide passengers with real-time data on a variety of airport accesses – from wait times to gate change and bags on belts.

Former Union Minister and Rajya Sabha member Suresh Prabhu nominated to World Agriculture Forum Board.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has dissolved the 14-member Standing Committee on Statistics (SCoS), led by former chief statistician Pronab Sen.

India Participates in G20 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting in Cuiabá, Brazil.

Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena took over as the 22nd Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.



महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

विशाखापत्तनम स्टील प्लांट की कॉर्पोरेट इकाई राष्ट्रीय इस्पात निगम लिमिटेड (आरआईएनएल) ने भारतीय उद्योग परिसंघ - ग्रीन बिजनेस सेंटर (सीआईआईजीबीसी) द्वारा दिया गया राष्ट्रीय ऊर्जा लीडर पुरस्कार जीता।

मंडल रेल मंत्री नरेंद्र आनंदराव पाटिल ने घोषणा की कि विजयवाड़ा रेलवे स्टेशन को रेल मंत्रालय द्वारा प्रतिष्ठित गैर उपनगरीय समूह -1 (एनएसजी -1) का दर्जा दिया गया है।

थिएरी ब्रेटन (फ्रांस) ने फ्रांसीसी यूरोपीय संघ (ईयू) आयुक्त के पद से इस्तीफा दे दिया।

ओडिशा सरकार ने हाल ही में गोपालपुर पोर्ट के 95 प्रतिशत इक्विटी शेयरों को अदानी पोर्ट्स एंड स्पेशल इकोनॉमिक ज़ोन लिमिटेड (APSEZ) को हस्तांतरित करने के प्रस्ताव को मंजूरी दे दी है।

एनटीपीसी ग्रीन एनर्जी लिमिटेड (एनजीईएल) और सुजलॉन ग्रुप ने भारत के 1,166 मेगावाट के सबसे बड़े पवन ऊर्जा ऑर्डर के लिए साझेदारी की।

देश में सात हवाई अड्डों का संचालन करने वाली अदानी समूह की कंपनी अदानी एयरपोर्ट्स होल्डिंग्स लिमिटेड ने यात्रियों को विभिन्न हवाईअड्डे पहुंच पर वास्तविक समय डेटा प्रदान करने के लिए 'एविओ' डिजिटल प्लेटफॉर्म लॉन्च किया है - प्रतीक्षा समय से लेकर गेट परिवर्तन और बेल्ट पर बैग तक।

पूर्व केंद्रीय मंत्री और राज्यसभा सदस्य सुरेश प्रभु विश्व कृषि मंच बोर्ड के लिए नामांकित।

सांख्यिकी और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय (MoSPI) ने पूर्व मुख्य सांख्यिकीविद् प्रोनाब सेन के नेतृत्व वाली सांख्यिकी पर 14 सदस्यीय स्थायी समिति (SCoS) को भंग कर दिया है।

भारत ने ब्राजील के कुइआबा में जी20 कृषि मंत्रिस्तरीय बैठक में भाग लिया।

श्री विनय कुमार सक्सेना ने दिल्ली के 22वें उपराज्यपाल के रूप में पदभार संभाला।