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**Ques :** Net direct tax collection grew \_\_\_\_ to about Rs.11.25 lakh crore as of October 10 this fiscal.

इस वित्तीय वर्ष में 10 अक्टूबर तक शुद्ध प्रत्यक्ष कर संग्रह \_\_\_\_ बढ़कर लगभग Rs.11.25 लाख करोड़ हो गया।

- (a) 18.3%
- (b) 15.3%
- (c) 16.3%
- (d) 19.3%
- (e) 11.3%

**Answer :** Option A

**Explanation :**

- According to government data, net direct tax collection increased by 18.3% to ₹11.25 lakh crore as of October 10, current fiscal year.
- Personal income tax collection totaled Rs.5.98 lakh crore, while corporation tax collection was Rs.4.94 lakh crore.
- The Securities Transaction Tax (STT) generated Rs.30,630 crore, while other taxes (equalization levy and gift tax) earned Rs.2,150 crore.
- The income tax agency collected Rs.9.51 lakh crore in the same time last year.
- The government has budgeted to collect Rs 22.07 trillion in direct taxes during the current fiscal year.



**Ques :** SBI wants to increase the quick lending ceiling for the MSME sector from the current Rs ?

एसबीआई एमएसएमई क्षेत्र के लिए त्वरित ऋण सीमा को मौजूदा रुपये से बढ़ाना चाहता है?

- (a) Rs. 1 Crore
- (b) Rs. 2 Crore
- (c) Rs. 3 Crore
- (d) Rs. 4 Crore
- (e) Rs. 5 Crore

**Answer :** Option E

**Explanation :**

- The State Bank of India (SBI) plans to increase the quick loan scheme's threshold from Rs 5 crore to improve credit availability for the MSME sector.
- 'MSME Sahaj - End to End Digital Invoice Financing' offers automated loan application, documentation, and disbursement within 15 minutes.
- Last year, we built a business rule engine that uses data to assess credit limits up to Rs 5 core. Simply provide your PAN and approval for sourcing GST data at our MSME branch. We can provide approval within 15-45 minutes.
- SBI plans to open 600 branches across the country in the current fiscal year.



## Recent News Headlines Related to SBI :

- The State Bank of India (SBI) has extended the Amrit Kalash and Amrit Vrishti fixed deposit schemes till March 31, 2025.
- The State Bank of India (SBI) chaired a committee to promote co-lending agreements between commercial banks and non-banking financial enterprises. The committee proposed abolishing the 18% Goods and Services Tax (GST) on co-lending-related operations.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has filed a petition under Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, against KM Toll Road Private Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Reliance Infrastructure, before the National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai, for a claim amount of Rs.233.44 crore (including interest).
- State Bank of India (SBI) intends to open 600 branches across the country this fiscal year in an effort to capitalize on economic prospects in growing areas such as major residential townships.
- State Bank of India (SBI) is expected to raise up to Rs.7,500 crore through the issuance of tier-2 bonds
- SBI has approved Rs.10,050 crore for Damodar Valley Corporation's ultra-critical thermal power project.
- The SBI Foundation has launched the 3rd edition of its Asha Scholarship Program, supporting 10,000 meritorious students from underprivileged backgrounds.
- 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).

**Ques : Who takes action against 4 NBFCs, ceases them from loan disbursal ?**

**4 एनबीएफसी के खिलाफ कौन कार्रवाई करता है, उन्हें ऋण वितरण से रोकता है?**

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

**Answer : Option B**





## Explanation : •

- Action under Section 45L(1)(b) of the RBI Act.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken serious action against four non-banking financial companies (NBFCs).
- The companies include Asirvad Micro Finance Limited, Arohan Financial Services Limited, DMI Finance Private Limited, and Navi Finserv Limited.
- These NBFCs have been advised to discontinue loan sanctioning and disbursement activities beginning October 21, 2024.

## About Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) :

A non-banking financial company (NBFC) is a corporation registered under the Companies Act of 1956 that participates in different financial operations, including :

- Providing credit to individuals and enterprises.
- Investment activities include purchasing shares, stocks, bonds, debentures, and other marketable securities.
- Provide equipment leasing and hire-purchase services.
- Conducting insurance business (subject to restrictions).
- Managing chit fund schemes.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- In a draft circular on 'forms of business and prudential norms for investments,' the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recommends that banks refrain from using group corporations to avoid requirements.
- The Reserve Bank of India plans to develop a data repository called the Reserve Bank Climate Risk Information System (RB-CRIS).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) previously ordered credit institutions (CIs) to transmit credit information of onboarded borrowers to credit information companies (CICs) before license was cancelled and end of operations.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) accepted bids worth Rs.24,453.3 crore for government securities at the buyback auction.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) enhanced transaction limits for UPI123Pay and UPI Lite to encourage wider adoption of these UPI products. UPI123Pay New per-transaction limit Rs.10,000 (increased from Rs.5,000) and UPI Lite Overall wallet limit Rs.5,000 (increased from Rs.2,000).
- The RBI has issued a white-label ATM (WLA) license to Electronic Payment and Services (EPS), a Mumbai-based ATM outsourcing company.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA) inked a currency exchange agreement under the SAARC Currency exchange Framework for 2024-2027.

**Ques : Which city will host the first phase of the Second Army Commanders' Conference in 2024 in a hybrid format?**

**कौन सा शहर 2024 में हाइब्रिड प्रारूप में दूसरे सेना कमांडरों के सम्मेलन के पहले चरण की मेजबानी करेगा?**

- (a) Guwahati / गुवाहाटी
- (b) Shimla / शिमला
- (c) Dehradun / देहरादून
- (d) Srinagar / श्रीनगर
- (e) Gangtok / गंगटोक

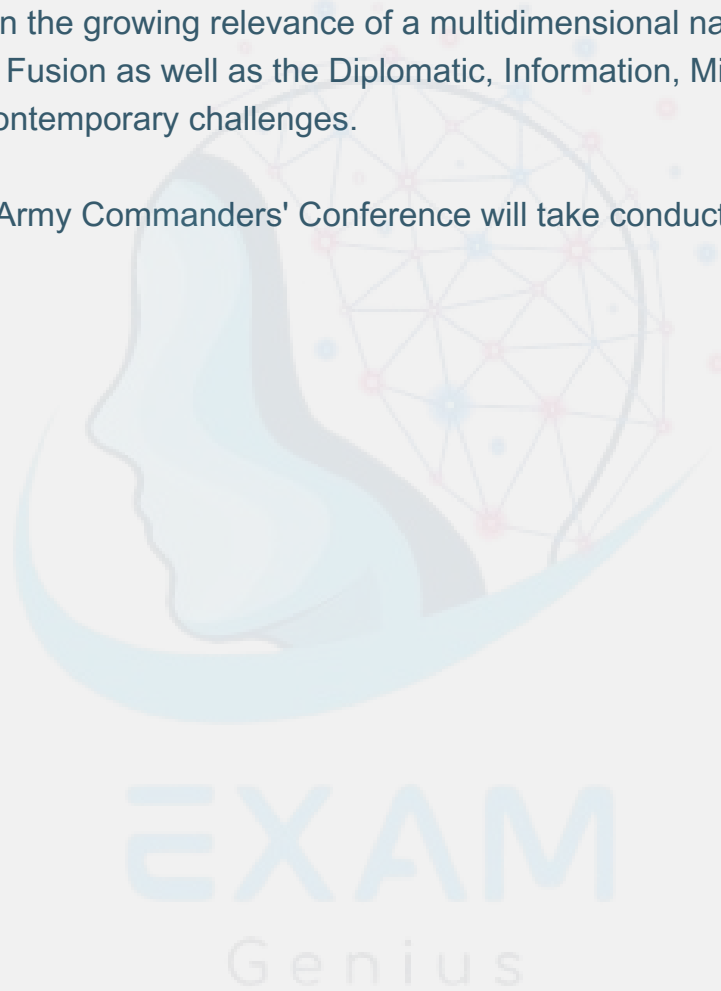
**Answer : Option E**





## Explanation : •

- The first phase of the Second Army Commanders' Conference for 2024 was held in a hybrid manner in Gangtok, Sikkim.
- The two-day meeting will provide an opportunity for Senior Commanders to examine current operational preparedness, discuss essential strategies, and establish future directives.
- The workshop will focus on the growing relevance of a multidimensional national security strategy that integrates Civil-Military Fusion as well as the Diplomatic, Information, Military, and Economic (DIME) pillars to confront contemporary challenges.
- The second phase of the Army Commanders' Conference will take conducted in Delhi on October 28th and 29th.







## Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The 7th India-Argentina Joint Commission meeting, co-chaired by Dr S Jaishankar and Ms Diana Mondino, was held in New Delhi.
- The 12th meeting of the India-UAE High-Level Joint Task Force on Investments (HLJTFI) was held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Madhya Pradesh government has launched the Ekal Nari scheme, where free education is provided to children of widows and single women.
- President Murmu attended the Global Summit on 'Spirituality for Clean and Healthy Society', organized by Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya in Mount Abu, Rajasthan, on October 4, 2024.
- The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and inaugurated the 8th edition of the India Mobile Congress 2024 will be held in New Delhi from October 14 to 24, 2024. It has been held every four years since 2002.
- The World Green Economy Forum launched in Dubai, bringing together global leaders to address environmental challenges.
- The Conference on Maritime Decarbonization in India, co-hosted by the Ministry of Ports and the Asian Development Bank, concluded in New Delhi.
- Ayush Medical Value Travel Summit 2024 Organised by Ministry of Ayush, Ministry of Tourism, the Government of Maharashtra in Mumbai.
- The 12th International Film Festival and Forum on Environment and Wildlife, Vatavaran, has begun at Paryavaran Bhawan in New Delhi.
- The Union Telecom Minister organized a meeting with the seven working groups of the Bharat 6G Alliance, indicating the upcoming launch of 6G in India.
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has opened the 21st Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Zone III Conference in Aizawl, Mizoram.
- Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and New and Renewable Energy, has inaugurated the 2nd India Sugar and Bio-Energy Conference in New Delhi.
- The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), in collaboration with the Institute for What Works to Advance Gender Equality (IWWAGE) successfully hosted the National Conclave on Gender Mainstreaming in New Delhi.







**Ques :** International Energy Agency has collaborated with which IIT for clean energy?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ऊर्जा एजेंसी ने स्वच्छ ऊर्जा के लिए किस आईआईटी के साथ सहयोग किया है?

- (a) IIT Guwahati/ आईआईटी गुवाहाटी
- (b) IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली
- (c) IIT Madras / आईआईटी मद्रास
- (d) IIT Bhubaneswar / आईआईटी भुवनेश्वर
- (e) IIT Roorkee / आईआईटी रुड़की

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :** •

- IIT Delhi and the International Energy Agency (IEA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on clean energy transition.
- The MoU aims to share information on policy analysis and energy technology developments.
- The International Energy Agency is a Paris-based autonomous international agency founded in 1974.

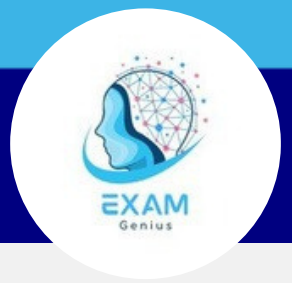
**International Energy Agency (IEA) :**

- Established : 1974
- HQ : Paris, France
- Members : 31 member countries
- Executive Director : Fatih Birol (Turkey)



## Recent News Headlines Related to IITs

- IIT Indore has developed a new technology for early detection of breast cancer that is specifically geared to assist women in rural and remote places.
- IIT Delhi and the Indian Air Force's Headquarters Maintenance (HQ) Command in Nagpur have signed a MOU to collaborate on the development of novel technologies for aviation textiles, with an emphasis on parachutes and other safety equipment.
- US Government Partner with IIT Madras Research Park in Chennai to work in 4 broad areas namely, Solar energy (SE), Green Hydrogen (GH), Electric Vehicles (EVs), and Batteries, and Green Buildings (GBs).
- The National Health Authority (NHA) and IIT Kanpur inked an MoU in the presence of Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra.
- The establishment of an Advanced Drone Excellence Center at the IIT Bhubaneswar Research and Entrepreneurship Park is the result of an agreement between IIT Bhubaneswar and IG Drones.
- Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) has partnered with IDBI Bank to launch a cybersecurity Lab to develop and deploy security solutions in crucial sectors such as healthcare, fintech and aerospace, among others.
- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), signed an agreement with the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) and Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi (IIT Mandi). Goal for the development of 'Cell-Free' 6G Access Points. Both the IITs are collaborating to develop this technology.



**Ques : Who has been appointed the 26th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard?**

**भारतीय तटरक्षक बल का 26वां महानिदेशक किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Arti Sarin / आरती सरीन
- (b) Paramesh Sivamani / परमेश शिवमणि
- (c) Suman Kumari / सुमन कुमारी
- (d) Preeti Rani / प्रीति रानी
- (e) SP Dharkar / एसपी धारकर

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation : •**

- Paramesh Sivamani became the 26th Director General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). In September 2022, he was promoted to Additional Director General and assigned to the Coast Guard Headquarters in the nation's capital.
- The Flag Officer was awarded the Tatrakshak Medal in 2014 and the President Tatrakshak Medal in 2019 for his outstanding service.
- He also received the DG Coast Guard Commendation in 2012 and the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Commendation (East) in 2009.
- He was assigned the additional position of DG ICG in August 2024 following the sudden death of then-Director General Rakesh Pal from a heart attack in Chennai.

**About the Indian Coast Guard :**

- Established : 1 February 1977 on the recommendation of the K.F. Rustamji committee.
- HQ : New Delhi
- Motto : Vayam Rakshamah
- 1st Director General : Vice-Admiral V.A. Kamath



## Recent Defence related appointments :

- Air Marshal SP Dharkar : Vice Chief of Air Staff
- IPS Nalin Prabhat : Director General of Police (DGP) of Jammu and Kashmir (Replaced R.R. Swain)
- Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin : first female officer as Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS)
- Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh : Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF) (succeed Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari)
- Nikhat Zareen (boxer) : Telangana Police as a Deputy Superintendent of Police (Special Police)
- Amrit Mohan Prasad : Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal
- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit : Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of Central Air Command
- 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





**Ques :** India's AstroSat and \_\_\_ space observatories filmed stunning outbursts from star wreckage near a black hole.

भारत के एस्ट्रोसैट और \_ की अंतरिक्ष वेधशालाओं ने ब्लैक होल के पास तारे के मलबे से आश्चर्यजनक विस्फोटों को फिल्माया।

- (a) ISRO
- (b) NASA
- (c) DRDO
- (d) HAL
- (e) None of these

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :** •

- India's AstroSat and NASA's space observatories filmed stunning outbursts from star wreckage near a black hole.
- Launched on September 28, 2015, by the Indian launch vehicle PSLV from Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota.
- India's first multi-wavelength space observatory studies astronomical sources throughout X-ray, optical, and UV spectral bands.
- The spacecraft control center at ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) in Bengaluru manages the satellite during its mission life. The AstroSat mission has a minimum usable life of about five years.
- Its aim is to better understand high-energy processes in binary star systems with neutron stars and black holes and Estimate the magnetic fields of neutron stars.



**Ques :** According to 'EnviStats India-2024' report which Tiger Reserve has been ranked first for its leopard population ?

'एनवीस्टैट्स इंडिया-2024' रिपोर्ट के अनुसार किस टाइगर रिजर्व को तेंदुए की आबादी के लिए पहला स्थान दिया गया है?

- (a) Nagarjunsagar Srisaillam Tiger Reserve / नागार्जुनसागर श्रीशैलम टाइगर रिजर्व
- (b) Valmiki Tiger Reserve / वाल्मिकी टाइगर रिजर्व
- (c) Nameri Tiger Reserve / नामेरी टाइगर रिजर्व
- (d) Kamlang Tiger Reserve / कमलांग टाइगर रिजर्व
- (e) Bandipur Tiger Reserve / बांदीपुर टाइगर रिजर्व

**Answer : Option A**

**Explanation : •**

- According to 'EnviStats India-2024' report Nagarjunsagar Srisaillam Tiger Reserve (NSTR) has been ranked first for its leopard population.
- The Nallamala hill ranges in Andhra Pradesh are home to India's largest tiger reserve Nagarjunsagar Srisaillam , covering 5937 sq. km.
- The NSTR is called for two important dams in the area, Nagarjuna Sagar Dam and Srisaillam Dam.
- It also includes two wildlife sanctuaries, Rajiv Gandhi Wildlife Sanctuary and Gundla Brahmeswaram Wildlife Sanctuary (GBM). It has the greatest tiger population in the Eastern Ghats.



## Recent News Headlines related to Tiger reserves

- The forest department organised its first 'Cyclothon' recently to celebrate World Wildlife Week 2024 at the buffer zone of the Kawal Tiger Reserve in Telangana. Government of India declared Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary a Tiger Reserve in 2012.
- The Ratapani Sanctuary is stretching its arms to get the status of a tiger reserve. It is Situated in Raisen and Sehore districts of Madhya Pradesh, it spreads over 825.90 sq km.
- The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has been told by forest officials at the Palamau Tiger Reserve that Naxals have invaded the area.
- 'Dark Sky Park' has made Pench Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra the first tiger reserve in India and the fifth in Asia.
- A cutting-edge artificial intelligence (AI) technology for the early detection of forest fires was recently introduced by Pench Tiger Reserve.
- By the end of the year, Bihar will have another tiger reserve, the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary, in the Kaimur district, following the Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) in the West Champaran district.
- The creation of the Special Tiger Protection Force for the three Tiger Reserves in Arunachal Pradesh has been approved.
- The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) approved a proposal to establish India's 54th tiger reserve in the districts of Karauli and Dholpur in Rajasthan.
- The Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve rises to rank seventh in Madhya Pradesh and 55th overall in India.
- The Bihar government has begun exploring the constitution of the Rhino Task Force to Conserve the Rhino species in Valmiki Tiger Reserve.
- The Odisha government has announced the development of the world's first melanistic tiger safari.
- With an annual growth rate of 6.1%, India's tiger population has reached 3,925 and now accounts for 75% of the world's wild tigers





**Ques : Which country Host World Pickleball Championship Series for the First Time ?**

**कौन सा देश पहली बार विश्व पिकलबॉल चैम्पियनशिप श्रृंखला की मेजबानी करता है?**

- (a) China / चीन
- (b) Pakistan / पाकिस्तान
- (c) India / भारत
- (d) Iran / ईरान
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation : •**

- The AIPA will hold the World Pickleball Championship (WPC) Series for the first time in India.
- The 2024 Pickleball World Championship will be held in Mumbai from November 12th to 17th, bringing together elite pickleball players from all over the world. This event follows the successful legs in Vietnam and Bali.
- The World Pickleball League (WPBL) will host the WPC Series in India, with roughly 650 players from 6 to 7 countries participating.

**About the All India Pickleball Association (AIPA) :**

- Established : 2008
- HQ : Mumbai
- President : Arvind Prabhoo



## Recent News headlines related to Sports

- International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) announced ISSF Junior World Cup 2025 will be held in India.
- Harmanpreet Kaur set a new national record of 127 kg in clean and jerk and 223 kg overall in the 76 kg senior women's category at the IWLF National Weightlifting Championship.
- At the ISSF World Cup 2024 final in Delhi, Indian shooter Sonam Uttam Maskar won silver in the Women's 10m Air Rifle event.
- Jannik Sinner of Italy won the ATP Shanghai Masters 1000 singles title after defeating Serbia's Novak Djokovic, a 24-time Grand Slam winner. The defeat also stopped Djokovic's quest to win 100 ATP titles.
- The Astana event is also a qualifying event for the 2025 World Table Tennis Championships, which will be held in Doha, Qatar.
- The Indian men's and women's teams earned bronze medals in their respective events at the 27th Asian Table Tennis Championships 2024 in Astana, Kazakhstan
- The Singapore Turf Club, which has staged horse racing for 181 years, will be repurposed for new housing constructions.
- The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) President Luciano Rossi confirmed that India will host the ISSF Junior World Cup in 2025.
- In table tennis, India's top-ranked pair of Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee made history by winning the country's first-ever medal in the Women's Doubles at the Asian Championships 2024 in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar introduced the logo and mascot for the Women's Asian Champions Trophy-2024, which will take place in Rajgir from November 11 to 20. The mascot, 'Gudiya', is based on the state bird of Bihar, the Sparrow.



**Ques :** Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of the Public Sector Undertaking Indian Railways Financial Corporation (IRFC)?

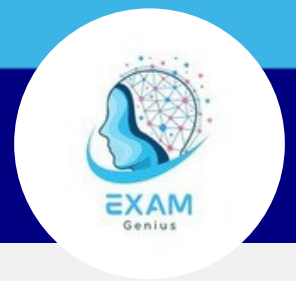
सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रम भारतीय रेलवे वित्तीय निगम (आईआरएफसी) के एमडी और सीईओ के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Neville Tata / नेविल टाटा
- (b) Rajkumar prasad / राजकुमार प्रसाद
- (c) Noel Tata / नोएल टाटा
- (d) Vikram Kirloskar / विक्रम किलोस्कर
- (e) Manoj Kumar Dubey / मनोज कुमार दुबे

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :** •

- Indian Railways Financial Corporation has nominated Manoj Kumar Dubey as its CEO, Chairman, and Managing Director for a five-year term.
- Dubey joined the Indian Railway Accounts Service (IRAS) in the 1993 batch after passing the Civil Services exam on his first attempt.
- He received the National Award for Outstanding Service at the Minister of Railways level in 2011 for his leadership and innovative initiatives.
- He served on the Board of Directors of General Electricals of the United States and India, Alstom of France and India, and NMDC, SAIL, and Indian Railways. He took over as CONCOR's Director (Finance) and Chief Financial Officer.



## Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Manish Tiwary : Managing Director of Nestlé India Limited
- Noel Tata : Chairman of Tata Trusts
- Prasanth Kumar : president of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI)
- JP Nadda : Chairperson of the 77th session of WHO's Regional Committee for Southeast Asia
- L Satya Srinivas : CEO of the public procurement platform Government e-Marketplace (GeM)
- Sharad Kumar : BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit
- Prakash Man Singh Raut : Chief Justice of Nepal (Replaced Bishowambhar Prasad Shrestha)
- Udhayanidhi Stalin : Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
- Nand Kishore : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of IL&FS Group (Replaced CS Rajan)
- Indra Sena Reddy Nallu : Acting Governor of Mizoram (Replaced Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati)
- M V Shreyams Kumar : President of The Indian Newspaper Society (INS) (Replace Rakesh Sharma)
- Shri AK Saxena : Chairman and Managing Director at RINL (Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited) (Replaced Atul Bhatt)
- Lt Gen Muhammad Asim Malik : Director General of Pakistan's ISI (Replaced Lt Gen Nadeem Anjum)
- Board of directors of Stability AI : James Cameron

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**Ques :** Nikita Porwal was crowned Femina Miss India 2024 in Mumbai. She is from which state?

निकिता पोरवाल को मुंबई में फेमिना मिस इंडिया 2024 का ताज पहनाया गया। वह किस राज्य से हैं?

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

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :** •

- Nikita Porwal, from Madhya Pradesh, was crowned Femina Miss India 2024 in Mumbai.
- The sparkling event, held at Famous Studios, was the 60th edition of the beauty pageant.
- She was followed in second place by Rekha Panday from the Union Territories, and Gujarat's Ayushi Dholakia finished second.
- The 18-year-old performer began her career as a television anchor and was crowned by last year's victor, Nandini Gupta.
- Neha Dhupia placed the Miss India sash on her. Despite appearing in a film, many people know little about Nikita Porwal.
- Nikita succeeds Nandini Gupta of Rajasthan, who had held the title since 2023.



## Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- WAZA Conservation Award : Darjeeling's Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park's Red Panda Program
- 2024 Nobel Peace Prize : Nihon Hidankyo, a Japanese organization
- 2024 Nobel Prize in Literature : South Korean novelist Han Kang
- MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity 2024 : Vera Voronova (Kazakhstan) and Ysabel Agustina Calderon Carlos (Peru)
- Nobel Prize in Physics in 2024 : John J. Hopfield and Geoffrey E. Hinton
- 2024 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine : Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun
- 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry : David Baker, Demis Hassabis, and John M. Jumper
- 25th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence for 2024 : Smt. Rajashree Birla
- Prestigious 2024 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize : Alexander Dunn
- 54th Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award : Mithun Chakraborty
- Global Prestige Award at the House of Lords in the United Kingdom Parliament : Vinod Bachchan
- 97th Academy Awards (in Los Angeles, United States) : Film 'Laapataa Ladies' chosen as International Feature Film Category at the 97th Academy Awards 2025
- Ekalabya Puraskar in 2024 : Pratyasa Ray (received cash prize of Rs. 7 lakhs)
- Miss Universe India 2024 : Rhea Singha (Gujarat), Pranjal Priya (first runner-up), Chhavi Verg (second place)
- Miss India Worldwide 2024 : Dhruvi Patel (USA), Teen Category : Sierra Suret (Guadeloupe)
- FIDE 100 Awards (in Hungary) : Magnus Carlsen (best male player award), Judit Polgar (best Female player award)
- South Indian International Movie Awards (SIIMA) 2024 : Aishwarya Rai Wins Best Actress (critics) Award for her role in "Ponniyin Selvan 2"





**Ques :** Lunar Polar Exploration Mission (Lupex) is a partnership between \_ and Japan's space agency JAXA.

लूनर पोलर एक्सप्लोरेशन मिशन (लुपेक्स) \_ और जापान की अंतरिक्ष एजेंसी JAXA के बीच एक साझेदारी है।

- (a) NASA
- (b) ISRO
- (c) DRDO
- (d) HAL
- (e) None of these

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation : •**

- Following the successful launch of Chandrayaan-3 in August 2023, India's National Space Commission (NSC) has approved a new lunar project, the Lunar Polar Exploration project.
- This project, a collaboration between India's space agency ISRO and Japan's space agency JAXA, will focus on researching the Moon's resources, particularly water near the lunar south pole.
- The joint moon expedition, which is scheduled to land at the moon's precise southern point (90 degrees latitude), is dedicated to investigating the moon for water and other vital resources.
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- The Lupex rover will weigh approximately 350 kg, significantly more than the Pragyan rover from Chandrayaan-3, which weighed only 26 kg.
- Lupex's data will assist plan future Moon missions, including those that may return lunar samples to Earth. It is also part of India's overall ambition to send astronauts to the Moon by 2040.
- Scientists want to understand how much water is present, where it is located, and whether it is just on the surface or also beneath the Moon's soil, known as regolith.
- Lupex is designed to operate for up to 100 days on the Moon's surface. It will explore areas that are permanently shadowed places that sunlight never reaches.







## Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- Lokesh Machines Limited, situated in Hyderabad, Telangana, has successfully delivered the first significant order for its 9×19 millimeter Submachine Gun (SMG) "Asmi" to the Indian Army's Northern Command.
- The Russian Defence Ministry recently claimed to have launched a group strike on Ukraine with Kinzhal missiles.
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd has delivered INS Nirdeshak to the Indian Navy. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers is currently building the second of four Survey Vessels (Large).
- India has reached an agreement with the United States to purchase 31 General Atomics Predator MQ-9B High Altitude Long Endurance UAVs.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) marked its 92nd anniversary on October 6, 2024, with a stunning air show that attracted an estimated 1.5 million spectators at Marina Beach, Chennai. With the theme "Sashakt, Saksham, Atmanirbhar" (Potent, Powerful, Self-reliant).
- Iran has launched over 180 ballistic missiles, including the hypersonic medium-range Fattah-2, in an effort to overwhelm Israel's air defenses.
- Indian Army has significantly enhanced its air defence capabilities with the acquisition of 100 Akashteer air defence systems. It is developed by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).
- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), Israel's biggest aerospace and defense business, have formed a joint venture company (JVC) called BEL IAI AeroSystems Private Ltd.
- China has started the second phase of expanding its Five-Hundred Aperture Spherical Telescope (FAST). It is the world's largest and most sensitive radio telescope, with a 500-meter diameter.
- Russian Aerospace Forces' Tu-22M3 missile carriers launched Kh-22 cruise missiles against Snake Island in the Black Sea.



**Ques :** The Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR), under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, announces the winners of \_ National Water Awards (NWA), 2023.

जल शक्ति मंत्रालय के तहत जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा कायाकल्प विभाग (DoWR, RD & GR), \_ राष्ट्रीय जल पुरस्कार (NWA), 2023 के विजेताओं की घोषणा करता है।

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

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation : •**

- The Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR), under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, has announced the winners of the 5th National Water Awards (NWA) 2023.
- The awards recognize 38 winners across 9 categories, promoting best practices in water usage and sustainability.
- Since its inception in 2018, the awards have grown in popularity, with recipients from across the country honored for their services to water management.

**Winners of 5th National Water Awards 2023 :**

**Best State :**

- 1st : Odisha
- 2nd : Uttar Pradesh
- 3rd : Gujarat and Puducherry (Joint Winner)

**Best District (Zone-Wise) :**

- South : Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)
- North-East : Dhalai (Tripura)
- North : Banda (Uttar Pradesh) and Ganderbal (Jammu & Kashmir) (Joint Winner)
- West : Indore (Madhya Pradesh)
- East : Balangir (Odisha)



## Best Village Panchayat :

- 1st : Pullampara, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)
- 2nd : Masulpani, Kanker (Chhattisgarh)
- 3rd : Hampapuram, Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh) and Khliehrangnah, West Jaintia Hills (Meghalaya) (Joint Winner)



EXAM  
Genius



**Ques :** Who has inaugurated the second edition of the art exhibition “Silent Conversation: From Margins to the Centre” in New Delhi?

नई दिल्ली में कला प्रदर्शनी “साइलेंट कन्वर्सेशन: फ्रॉम मार्जिन्स टू द सेंटर” के दूसरे संस्करण का उद्घाटन किसने किया?

- (a) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़
- (b) S Jaishankar / एस जयशंकर
- (c) Anurag Singh Thakur / अनुराग सिंह ठाकुर
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मू
- (e) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :** •

- Union Minister for External Affairs Dr. S. Jaishankar opened the second edition of the art show "Silent Conversation: From Margins to the Centre" in New Delhi.
- The National Tiger Conservation Authority arranged the four-day show in partnership with the Sankala Foundation.
- The National Human Rights Commission and the International Big Cat Alliance.
- In the evening, a cultural program was held, which was attended by Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, Dr. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- On the occasion, a book named "Hidden Treasures: India's Heritage in Tiger Reserves" and a magazine called "Big Cats" were also published.



## Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- PM Modi opened the Banjara Virasat Museum in Poharadevi, Washim, Maharashtra.
- The Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) Observatory was opened by Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Secretary DAE and Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, at Hanle, Ladakh.
- President Droupadi Murmu presided over the Rajasthan government's inaugural Adi Gaurav Samman Samaroh in Mangarh Dham, Banswara.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated DefConnect 4.0 at the Manekshaw Centre in Delhi Cantt.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has officially opened the new National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru, now known as the BCCI Centre of Excellence.
- National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality be set up in Mumbai.
- Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, has inaugurated Oxygen Bird Park (Amrit Mahotsav Park) on National Highway 44 between Nagpur and Hyderabad.
- Union Minister for Power inaugurated the Computer Security Incident Response Team for the power sector (CSIRT-Power) in New Delhi.
- The first inaugural Regional Ports and Transportation Conference will be held in Mumbai, India in 2025.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the country's first Vande Metro, currently renamed Namo Bharat Rapid Rail service, between Bhuj and Ahmedabad.
- 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.





**Ques : Which country demands for Taurus missiles to confront the Russian military ?**  
**कौन सा देश रूसी सेना का सामना करने के लिए टॉरस मिसाइलों की मांग करता है?**

- (a) Malaysia / मलेशिया
- (b) Ukraine / यूक्रेन
- (c) Sweden / स्वीडन
- (d) Vietnam / वियतनाम
- (e) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation : •**

• Recent News : The South Korean Air Force conducted a live firing rehearsal with German-origin Taurus missiles in response to Ukraine's request for them to oppose Russian military power.

**About Taurus Missile :**

- In the mid-1990s, LFK (now MBDA Deutschland) and Saab Bofors Dynamics collaborated to develop this missile. It is a long-range air-to-surface cruise missile.
- Weight is 1,400 kg and length is 5.1 meters approx.
- MEPHISTO is a dual-stage weapon designed to penetrate bunkers and underground sites before exploding.
- It travels at a low height of 35 meters, making radar detection nearly impossible. Range: 500 kilometers.



**Ques :** International Day of Rural Women is observed every year on which day?

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण महिला दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 14 October
- (b) 15 October
- (c) 16 October
- (d) 17 October
- (e) 18 October

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :** •

- October 15 is International Day of Rural Women and Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas (National Women Farmer's Day).
- The United Nations General Assembly established the International Day of Rural Women in 2007, to recognize the essential role that rural women play in promoting agricultural and rural development, boosting food security, and eradicating rural poverty.
- Theme 2024: Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All.
- The Ministry of Agriculture declared the Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas in 2016 to commemorate women's significant and crucial roles in agricultural development and related fields.





**Ques : World Students' Day is observed every year on which day ?**

**विश्व छात्र दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 14 October
- (b) 15 October
- (c) 16 October
- (d) 17 October
- (e) 18 October

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation : •**

- Every year on October 15, World Students' Day commemorates former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's contributions to education.
- Known as the Missile Man of India, India's 11th president from 2002 to 2007 was a brilliant administrator and scientist who worked for the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) for over four decades.
- Theme 2024: Empowering Students to Be Agents of Change
- In 2010, October 15 was designated as World Students' Day in honor of Kalam's countless accomplishments, particularly in academia and research.



**Ques :** World White Cane Day is observed annually on which day?

विश्व सफेद बेंत दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 14 October
- (b) 15 October
- (c) 16 October
- (d) 17 October
- (e) 18 October

**Answer :** Option B

**Explanation :** •

- Every year on October 15, World White Cane Day commemorates the value of the white cane as an aid for those who are blind or visually impaired.
- Aside from its practical applications, this day seeks to increase public awareness of pedestrian safety and the rights of people with vision impairments.
- Theme 2024 - Promoting Inclusion: Celebrating Abilities and Advocating Access for People.
- The day was first observed in 1964, when President Lyndon B. Johnson marked the occasion. Since then, the white cane has been regarded not only as a necessary instrument for mobility, but also as a powerful symbol of freedom for the blind.



## Important days :

- 1 October : International Day of the Elderly (Theme 2024: Ageing with Dignity: The Importance of Strengthening Care and Support Systems for Older People Worldwide)
- 1 October : World Vegetarian Day (Theme 2024 : Mix It Up)
- 1 October : International Coffee Day (Theme 2024 – Coffee, Your Daily Ritual, Our Shared Journey)
- 1 October : International Day of Non-Violence
- 4 October : Animal Welfare Day (Theme 2024: The World Is Their Home Too)
- 4 October to 10 October : World Space Week (Theme 2024: Space & Climate Change)
- 4 October : World Smile Day (Theme 2024 – Do an act of kindness)
- 5 October : World Teachers' Day (Theme 2024 - Valuing Teacher Voices: Towards a New Social Contract in Education)
- 6 October : World Cerebral Palsy Day (Theme 2024: Uniquely CP)
- 7 October : World Cotton Day (Theme 2024: Cotton for Good)
- 7 October : World Habitat Day (Theme 2024: Engaging Youth to Build a Better Urban Future.)
- 8 October : Indian Air Force Day (Theme 2024: "Bharatiya Vayusena: Saksham, Sashakt aur Aatmnirbhar" (Potent, Powerful, and Self-Reliant))
- 9 October : World Post Day (Theme 2024: 150 Years of Enabling Communication and Empowering People Across Nations)
- 10 October : World Mental Health Day (Theme 2024: Mental Health at Work)
- 10 October (second Thursday of October) : World Sight Day (Theme 2024 – Children, Love Your Eyes)
- 11 October : International Day of the Girl Child (Theme 2024: Girls' Vision for the Future)
- 11 October (second Friday of October) : World Egg Day (Theme 2024 – United by Eggs)
- 12 October : World Arthritis Day
- 13 October : International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (Theme 2024: Empowering the Next Generation for a Resilient Future)
- 12 October (second Saturday of May and October) : World Migratory Bird Day (Theme: Protect Insects and Birds)
- 14 October : World Standards Day (Theme 2024 – Shared Vision for a Better World: Standards for the Changing Climate)
- 15 October : World White Cane Day (Theme 2024 – Promoting Inclusion: Celebrating Abilities and Advocating Access for People)





## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Malaysia will host the 2025 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit meeting.

Indian Olympic Association has chosen Uttarakhand to host the next National Winter Games and 38th Summer National Games are also held by Uttarakhand.

According to UNICEF, Indian vendors are the world's third largest provider of health and nutrition support for children.

Magma HDI General Insurance provides 'Double Suraksha,' a comprehensive insurance solution tailored to the demands of people with diverse financial backgrounds.

Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and James Robinson will receive the 2024 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, Sweden.

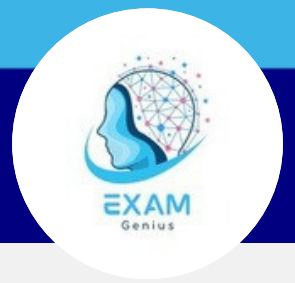
The Uttar Pradesh government, led by Yogi Adityanath, plans to establish India's first museum of Hindi literature in Varanasi. The museum will be the country's first dedicated to a specific language.

The election in Maharashtra will take place in a single phase on 20 November 2024, and in Jharkhand, it will be held in two phases: 13 and 20 November 2024.

The Jharkhand legislature is unicameral, with a legislative assembly having 81 members. The Maharashtra legislature is divided into two houses: the legislative council (78 members) and the legislative assembly. The Maharashtra Legislative Assembly has 288 members.

United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) has committed USD 40 million (approx Rs 330 crore) loan with UGRO Capital to bridge the credit gap in the MSME sector.

The Delhi cabinet authorized a 50% increase in MLA-LAD money, raising the annual distribution to legislators from Rs.10 crore to Rs.15 crore.



## मह वपूण एक-पं करंट अफेयस

मलेशिया 2025 एसोसिएशन ऑफ साउथईस्ट एशियन नेशंस (आसियान) शिखर बैठक की मेजबानी करेगा।

भारतीय ओलंपिक संघ ने अगले राष्ट्रीय शीतकालीन खेलों की मेजबानी के लिए उत्तराखंड को चुना है और 38वें ग्रीष्मकालीन राष्ट्रीय खेल भी उत्तराखंड के पास हैं।

यूनिसेफ के अनुसार, भारतीय विक्रेता बच्चों के लिए स्वास्थ्य और पोषण सहायता प्रदान करने वाले दुनिया के तीसरे सबसे बड़े प्रदाता हैं।

मैग्मा एचडीआई जनरल इंश्योरेंस 'डबल सुरक्षा' प्रदान करता है, जो विविध वित्तीय पृष्ठभूमि वाले लोगों की मांगों के अनुरूप एक व्यापक बीमा समाधान है।

डारोन एसेमोग्लू, साइमन जॉनसन और जेम्स रॉबिन्सन को स्टॉकहोम, स्वीडन में रॉयल स्वीडिश एकेडमी ऑफ साइंसेज से अल्फ्रेड नोबेल की स्मृति में आर्थिक विज्ञान में 2024 स्वेरिगेस रिक्सबैंक पुरस्कार प्राप्त होगा।

योगी आदित्यनाथ के नेतृत्व वाली उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार, वाराणसी में भारत का पहला हिंदी साहित्य संग्रहालय स्थापित करने की योजना बना रही है। यह संग्रहालय किसी विशिष्ट भाषा को समर्पित देश का पहला संग्रहालय होगा।

महाराष्ट्र में चुनाव एक ही चरण में 20 नवंबर 2024 को होगा, और झारखंड में यह दो चरणों में होगा: 13 और 20 नवंबर 2024 को।

झारखंड विधानमंडल एकसदनीय है, इसकी विधान सभा में 81 सदस्य हैं। महाराष्ट्र विधानमंडल दो सदनों में विभाजित है: विधान परिषद (78 सदस्य) और विधान सभा। महाराष्ट्र विधान सभा में 288 सदस्य हैं।

यूनाइटेड स्टेट्स इंटरनेशनल डेवलपमेंट फाइनैस कॉर्पोरेशन (डीएफसी) ने एमएसएमई क्षेत्र में क्रेडिट अंतर को पाटने के लिए यूजीआरओ कैपिटल के साथ 40 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर (लगभग 330 करोड़ रुपये) का ऋण देने का वादा किया है।

दिल्ली कैबिनेट ने MLA-LAD धन में 50% की वृद्धि को मंजूरी दे दी, जिससे विधायकों को वार्षिक वितरण 10 करोड़ रुपये से बढ़ाकर 15 करोड़ रुपये कर दिया गया।



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