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**Ques : State Bank of India will provide a Rs 487.60 Crore loan to which country under the government of India's Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS) ?**

**भारतीय स्टेट बैंक भारत सरकार की भारतीय विकास और आर्थिक सहायता योजना (IDEAS) के तहत किस देश को 487.60 करोड़ रुपये का ऋण प्रदान करेगा?**

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

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- India has issued a fresh Line of Credit of INR 487.60 crores to the Government of Mauritius to finance a water pipeline replacement project.
- India has granted the first-ever Rs. denominated Line of Credit for project funding to any country through the Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS).
- The State Bank of India (SBI) will offer the Mauritius government with a Rs 487.60 crore line of credit to finance a water project. The loan will be used to replace approximately 100 kilometers of old water pipes in Mauritius.

**About IDEA scheme :**

- The Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS) was launched by the Indian government under the name India Development Initiative.
- It was announced in the 2003-2004 budget speech by then-Finance Minister Jaswant Singh, who allocated Rs 200 crore.
- It was subsequently renamed the Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS).

**About Mauritius :**

- Capital : Port Louis
- Currency : Rupee
- Prime Minister : Pravind Jugnauth



## Recent News Headlines Related to SBI :

- 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.
- 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).
- 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.

**Ques : Which bank has introduced a 400-day 'Utsav Deposit Scheme' for the festive season, offering 7.30 per cent interest to general citizens?**

**किस बैंक ने त्योहारी सीज़न के लिए 400-दिवसीय 'उत्सव जमा योजना' शुरू की है, जिसमें आम नागरिकों को 7.30 प्रतिशत ब्याज दिया जाएगा?**

- (a) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (b) Karnataka Bank / कर्नाटक बैंक
- (c) Bank of baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
- (d) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

**Answer : Option C**



## Explanation : •

- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched a 400-day 'Utsav Deposit Scheme' for the festive season, paying 7.30 percent interest to common citizens, while increasing interest rates on term deposits (TDs) in the above three to five-year bucket from 6.50 percent to 6.80 percent.
- The Utsav Deposit Scheme applies to fixed deposits under Rs.3 crore and gives interest rates of 7.80% for senior citizens, 7.90% for super senior citizens (aged 80+), and up to 7.95% for non-callable accounts.
- The 30 basis points (bps) increase in interest rates on TDs in the above 3 to 5 year bucket will also help the bank's SDP (Systematic Deposit Plan) customers, who will be able to lock in greater interest rates on each monthly deposit made for the next three to five years.
- SDP is a recurrent deposit system that ensures monthly returns through regular savings.

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## Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Magma HDI General Insurance provides 'Double Suraksha,' a comprehensive insurance solution tailored to the demands of people with diverse financial backgrounds.
- Mastercard established a cutting-edge Tech Hub in Pune, Maharashtra, India to promote growth and innovation inside the organization.
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched the 'bob Masterstroke Savings Account' for high-end customers.
- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), a public-sector lender, has launched eight new Retail Loan Processing Centres (RLPCs) across India.
- Paytm Money has launched a BSE Futures & Options (BSE F&O) trading facility on its platform as part of the Noida-based company's attempts to grow its wealth management and financial services business.
- Reliance Nippon Life Insurance Company Limited has launched a new deferred annuity plan called Reliance Nippon Life Nishchit Pension.
- Arka Fincap Limited, a subsidiary of Kirloskar Oil Engines Limited (KOEL), has launched a new product called 'Uday', which provides Small Ticket Loans Against Property (STLAP).
- Magma HDI, India's leading general insurance provider, has launched OneProtect, a modern personal accident insurance policy.
- Visa has announced the Visa Tokenized Asset technology (VTAP), a technology designed to assist global institutions in issuing stablecoins and fiat-backed tokens.
- Federal Bank, one of India's leading banks has unveiled NPS Vatsalya, a pioneering program inside the National Pension System (NPS) designed exclusively for minors.

**Ques : India's Software Services Exports Rise to \_\_\_\_ in 2023-24**

**भारत का सॉफ्टवेयर सेवा निर्यात 2023-24 में बढ़कर \_\_ हो गया**

- (a) \$200.2 Billion
- (b) \$205.2 Billion
- (c) \$215.2 Billion
- (d) \$225.2 Billion
- (e) \$235.2 Billion

**Answer : Option B**



## Explanation : •

- According to a Reserve Bank of India (RBI) survey, India's total exports of software services, including those provided by foreign affiliates of Indian enterprises, climbed to \$205.2 billion in 2023-24 from \$200.6 billion in the previous fiscal year.
- In 2023-24, software services exports increased by 2.8% to \$190.7 billion, excluding revenues from abroad commercial presence.
- The US was the top software export destination, accounting for 54% of total exports.
- Europe accounted for 31%, with the UK being a major destination.
- The US dollar accounted for 72% of invoices, followed by the euro, rupee, and pound sterling.



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**Ques :** India's largest payment and API banking firm, Cashfree Payments has received certification from the \_\_\_ for its UPI Switch service.

भारत की सबसे बड़ी भुगतान और एपीआई बैंकिंग फर्म, कैशफ्री पेमेंट्स को अपनी यूपीआई स्विच सेवा के लिए \_ से प्रमाणन प्राप्त हुआ है।

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

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :** •

- Cashfree Payments, India's leading payment and API banking firm, has been certified by the National Payments Corporation of India for their UPI Switch service.
- This will enable Cashfree to link directly with any bank's main banking software, resulting in a greater transaction success rate for its merchants.
- Cashfree can settle approximately 12,000 transactions per second with this certification. Cashfree designed this switch in collaboration with NSDL Payments Bank, the sponsor bank.
- This will allow Cashfree to increase transaction success rates by 5%, as well as provide speedier merchant onboarding, instant access to new UPI features, and greater control over the whole payment journey.
- CEO and co-founder of Cashfree Payments - Akash Sinha



**Ques : Who Approves Tenders for Rs.1,734 Crore Shimla Ropeway Projects ?**  
1,734 करोड़ रुपये की शिमला रोपवे परियोजनाओं के लिए निविदाओं को कौन मंजूरी देता है?

- (a) NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग
- (b) SIDBI / सिडबी
- (c) World Bank / विश्व बैंक
- (d) New Development Bank / न्यू डेवलपमेंट बैंक
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

**Answer : Option D**

## Explanation : •

- New Development Bank Approves Tenders for Rs.1,734 Crore Shimla Ropeway Projectsto Himachal Pradesh Ropeways Corporation
- The tender process is expected to begin soon, with plans to complete 50% of the 13.79-km ropeway within two years.
- Himachal Pradesh government will contribute 20% of the project cost. The NDB will fund the remaining 80%, comprising 90% as a subsidy and 10% as a loan
- Construction is scheduled to begin by January 2025, with the goal of making the ropeway operational by 2026 . Shimla Ropeway will span 13.79 kilometers and include 16 stations located at key sites throughout the city

## About New Development Bank :

- Established : 2014
- HQ : Shanghai, China
- President Dilma Rousseff



**Ques :** Who has been honored with a special recognition for his global humanitarian leadership at the 9th Conscious Companies Awards held in Johannesburg, South Africa?  
दक्षिण अफ्रीका के जोहान्सबर्ग में आयोजित 9वें कॉन्शियस कंपनी अवार्ड्स में वैश्विक मानवीय नेतृत्व के लिए किसे विशेष सम्मान से सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (a) Baba Ramdev / बाबा रामदेव
- (b) Shalini Shetty / शालिनी शेटी
- (c) Mohanji / मोहनजी
- (d) Bal Krishnan / बाल कृष्णन
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :** •

- Mohanji, a prominent humanitarian and spiritual leader, received particular recognition for his global humanitarian leadership at the 9th Conscious Companies Awards in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- The distinguished annual event honors ethical and visionary leaders that exemplify conscious leadership within their enterprises, uniting people, profit, and purpose to benefit all stakeholders and build a better world.
- The Conscious Companies Awards recognize individuals and organizations that promote ethical behavior and sustainable practices, supporting leadership that emphasizes profits while also improving the well-being of people and the environment.



## Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Femina Miss India 2024 : Nikita Porwal, from Madhya Pradesh
- 2024 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences : Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and James Robinson
- 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

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**Ques : Who has been nominated as the New Chief Justice of India (CJI) ?**

**भारत के नए मुख्य न्यायाधीश (सीजेआई) के रूप में किसे नामित किया गया है?**

- (a) Justice B.V. Nagarathna / न्यायमूर्ति बी.वी. नागरत्ना
- (b) Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai / न्यायमूर्ति भूषण रामकृष्ण गवई
- (c) Justice Sanjiv Khanna / न्यायमूर्ति संजीव खन्ना
- (d) Justice Hrishikesh Roy / न्यायमूर्ति हृषिकेश रॉय
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation : •**

- Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud has officially started the process of appointing his successor by suggesting Justice Sanjiv Khanna, the Supreme Court's most senior judge, to the Union cabinet.
- Justice Khanna will take over as Chief Justice of India (CJI) on November 11, following Justice Chandrachud's resignation on November 10.
- According to the present memorandum of procedure (MoP), the most senior Supreme Court judge who is judged fit is appointed as the Chief Justice of India. This practice led to the recommendation of Justice Khanna's name.
- Justice Khanna, who would become the 51st Chief Justice of India, is scheduled to serve until his retirement on May 13, 2025, a period of almost six months.
- In 1983, he joined the Bar Council of Delhi and began practicing law in the Tis Hazari district courts before going on to the Delhi High Court.
- Justice Khanna was appointed an additional judge of the Delhi High Court in 2005, and he became a permanent judge in 2006.
- Justice Khanna also joined a five-judge panel that deemed the electoral bond Scheme unlawful earlier last year, agreeing that anonymous donations through electoral bonds violate the public's right to knowledge, which is a critical component of informed voting.





## Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Manoj Kumar Dubey : CEO, Chairman, and Managing Director of Indian Railways Financial Corporation
- Sanath Jayasuriya : Head coach of Sri Lanka men's cricket team
- Manish Tiwary : Managing Director of Nestlé India Limited
- Anil Kumar Gupta : Member (Planning) on the Board of Airports Authority of India
- 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
- Alok Ranjan : Chief of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) (He Replaced Vivek Gogia)
- Amit Garg : Head of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA)



**Ques :** Nima Rinji Sherpa, made history by becoming the youngest person to summit all 14 of the world's 8,000- meter (26,246-foot) peaks. He is from which country ?

नीमा रिनजी शेर्पा ने दुनिया की 8,000 मीटर (26,246 फुट) ऊंची सभी 14 चोटियों पर चढ़ने वाले सबसे कम उम्र के व्यक्ति बनकर इतिहास रच दिया। वह किस देश से है?

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

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :** •

- Nima Rinji Sherpa, an 18-year-old Nepali mountaineer, made history as the youngest person to summit all 14 of the world's 8,000-meter peaks.
- He achieved a spectacular feat by reaching the summit of Tibet's Shisha Pangma at 26,335 feet. Nima Rinji Sherpa summited Tibet's 26,335-foot Shisha Pangma.
- This ascent marked the end of his mission to conquer all 14 of the world's "eight-thousanders."
- Mingma Gyabu "David" Sherpa, a 30-year-old Nepali climber, set the record for summiting all 14 of the world's highest peaks in 2019.



**Ques :** The Supreme Court (SC) of India has unveiled a redesigned version of the 'Lady Justice' statue. In statue what is replaced by sword ?

भारत के सर्वोच्च न्यायालय (एससी) ने 'लेडी जस्टिस' प्रतिमा के पुनः डिज़ाइन किए गए संस्करण का अनावरण किया है। मूर्ति में तलवार के स्थान पर क्या रखा गया है?

- (a) National flag / राष्ट्रीय ध्वज
- (b) Law Book / कानून पुस्तक
- (c) Bhagwat gita / भागवत गीता
- (d) Pen / कलम
- (e) Constitution of India / भारत का संविधान

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation :** •

- The Supreme Court (SC) of India has presented a modified version of the 'Lady Justice' statue, a notable break from its colonial roots.
- Traditionally pictured with a blindfold and a sword, the new monument now portrays 'Lady Justice' with open eyes and the Indian Constitution in place of the sword, signifying the judiciary's devotion to constitutional ideals and justice that "sees everyone equally".
- The sword had previously signified authority and punishment; its replacement by the Constitution represents a shift toward a more principled and balanced approach to justice.
- The updated statue now stands proudly in the judges' library, embodying a justice system that is aware, vigilant, and inclusive.



**Ques :** Dr. P. Venugopal passed away recently at the age of 82. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in which year ?

**डॉ. पी. वेणुगोपाल का हाल ही में 82 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। उन्हें किस वर्ष पद्म भूषण से सम्मानित किया गया था?**

- (a) 1995
- (b) 1996
- (c) 1997
- (d) 1998
- (e) 1999

**Answer : D**

**Explanation : •**

- Dr. P. Venugopal, former Director of AIIMS and renowned heart surgeon, passed away peacefully at the age of 82.
- After training in open-heart surgery in the US, he established the first clinic at AIIMS in 1974.
- In 2003, he became the head of AIIMS and established the Cardiothoracic Sciences Centre, which hosted pioneering surgeries such as India's first heart transplant on August 3, 1994.
- Venugopal received the Padma Bhushan in 1998 for his major contributions to medicine.
- He co-authored Heartfelt, a book published in 2023 about his pioneering work in cardiac surgery.



**Ques :** Which state government develop the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary (KWLS) into a tiger reserve ?

किस राज्य सरकार ने कैमूर वन्यजीव अभयारण्य (KWLS) को बाघ अभयारण्य के रूप में विकसित किया है?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Jammu and Kashmir / जम्मू और कश्मीर
- (c) Nagaland / नागालैंड
- (d) Bihar / बिहार
- (e) Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :** •

- The central government has given preliminary approval for Bihar's second tiger reserve in Kaimur district. The Bihar government proposed developing the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary (KWLS) into a tiger reserve.
- The Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) in West Champaran was the sole tiger reserve in Bihar until now. VTR now houses 54 tigers, above the optimal limit of 45.
- Kaimur has the largest forests in Bihar, spanning 1,134 square kilometers.
- These areas are connected to wildlife corridors in Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh, making them important tiger habitats.
- The core zone for prime tiger habitat has been reduced to 450 square kilometers from the original proposal of 900 square kilometers.



## Recent News Headlines related to Tiger reserves

- According to 'EnviStats India-2024' report Nagarjunsagar Srisaillam Tiger Reserve (NSTR) has been ranked first for its leopard population.
- Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve in the Chandrapur district in Maharashtra is going to introduce a ropeway safari for the first time. It is the largest and oldest Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra.
- The forest department organised its first 'Cyclothron' 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.



**Ques : Where was the 19th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities meeting held?**

**औषधि नियामक प्राधिकारियों की 19वीं अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन बैठक कहाँ आयोजित की गई?**

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

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation : •**

- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda opened the 19th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities (ICDRA).
- The event, hosted for the first time in India from October 14th to 18th by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), brought together regulatory authorities, policymakers, and health officials from over 194 WHO member states.
- The 5-day conference will include a variety of informative sessions where regulatory authorities and industry experts will discuss critical problems influencing global pharmaceuticals and medical device regulation.



## Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- The first phase of the Second Army Commanders' Conference for 2024 was held in a hybrid manner in Gangtok, Sikkim.
- The second phase of the Army Commanders' Conference will take conducted in Delhi on October 28th and 29th.
- Malaysia will host the 2025 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit meeting.
- 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.



**Ques :** The Indian Railway Board has reduced the deadline for advance booking of trains from 120 days to \_\_\_\_.

भारतीय रेलवे बोर्ड ने नई समय सीमा के साथ ट्रेनों की अग्रिम बुकिंग की समय सीमा 120 दिन से घटाकर \_\_\_\_ कर दी है।

- (a) 50 days
- (b) 60 days
- (c) 80 days
- (d) 90 days
- (e) 100 days

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :** •

- The Railway Board has cut the time limit for advance train booking from 120 days to 60 days, effective November 1.
- The Railways emphasized that bookings made under the current 120-day ARP before October 31 will still be valid. It also said that cancellations made after the new 60-day ARP will still be accepted.
- Certain daytime express trains, such as the Taj Express and Gomti Express, have different advance reservation limits, therefore the amended revisions will not apply to them.
- Furthermore, international tourists will still be able to book 365 days in advance.
- The modern train ticket purchasing system allows users to easily plan their journeys. Previously, the Railways provided this opportunity up to 120 days (four months) before the journey date.



**Ques : India's Textiles Sector Targets \$350 Billion by which year ?**

**भारत के कपड़ा क्षेत्र का लक्ष्य किस वर्ष तक 350 बिलियन डॉलर का है?**

- (a) 2026
- (b) 2027
- (c) 2028
- (d) 2029
- (e) 2030

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation : •**

- According to India's trade data for August 2024, the Ready-Made Garments (RMG) category of textile exports is expected to expand by 11% year on year.
- India's textile business is projected to reach USD 350 billion by 2030, owing to its natural strengths and a supportive policy framework for investment and export.
- The PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park concept is estimated to attract over Rs. 90,000 crore in investment during the next 3-5 years.

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**Ques : Omar Abdullah Sworn as chief minister of which UT/ state ?**

**उमर अब्दुल्ला ने किस केंद्र शासित प्रदेश/राज्य के मुख्यमंत्री के रूप में शपथ ली?**

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश
- (c) Jammu and Kashmir / जम्मू और कश्मीर
- (d) Assam / असम
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

**Answer. : Option C**

**Explanation : •**

- Omar Abdullah, of the National Conference party, was sworn in as the first chief minister of Jammu & Kashmir.
- Along with Omar Abdullah, five ministers were sworn in: four from the National Conference Party and one independent.
- Surinder Kumar Choudhary, a National Conference MLA from the Jammu region, was sworn in as deputy chief minister.
- The president has ruled Jammu and Kashmir since the dissolution of the PDP-BJP coalition government in 2018. The President renounced his rule after six years on October 13, 2024.
- Omar Abdullah has been sworn in as Jammu and Kashmir's chief minister for the second time. He became chief minister of Jammu & Kashmir for the first time in January 2009 and served until January 8, 2014.



**Ques : THAAD Missile System developed by which country ?**

**THAAD मिसाइल प्रणाली किस देश द्वारा विकसित की गई?**

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

**Answer : Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Recent News : The US plans to deploy the Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) missile defense system to Israel as it intensifies its military assault against Hezbollah militants in Lebanon.
- This missile defense system targets and destroys short, medium, and intermediate-range ballistic missiles at their final phase of flight.
- It uses a "hit to kill" method, blasting missiles when they enter their target zone during descent. Range from 150-200 kilometers (93-124 miles).
- The US developed it following their experience with Iraq's Scud missile assaults during the 1991 Persian Gulf War. In 2008, the United States deployed an early missile warning radar, part of the THAAD system, to Israel.



**Ques : What is the rank of india in Global Hunger Index 2024 ?**

**ग्लोबल हंगर इंडेक्स 2024 में भारत का स्थान क्या है?**

- (a) 101
- (b) 102
- (c) 103
- (d) 104
- (e) 105

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation : •**

- Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2024 19th Edition Published by International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) , Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe.
- India scored 105th out of 127 countries in the 2024 Global Hunger Index. Along with Pakistan and Afghanistan, it is among 42 countries classified as "serious" for hunger levels.
- India's 2024 Global Hunger Index score of 27.3 indicates acute hunger.

**Ranking of top 5 & last country :**

- 1 Belarus
- 2 Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 3 Chile
- 4 China
- 5 Costa Rica
- 105 India
- 109 Pakistan
- 116 Afghanistan
- 127 Somalia



## India's Rankings in Different Indices

- State of Global Water Resource Report is an annually published by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) : 2023 was the driest year for global rivers in over three decades
- 2024 Hurun India under 35s 1st Edition Published by Hurun India : Ankush Sachdeva (ShareChat), Parita Parekh (Toddle)
- Asia Power Index Published by Lowy Institute : India (3rd), United States (top)
- World Intellectual Property Organisation announced the 17th edition of the Global Innovation Index : India (39th), Switzerland (top)
- LinkedIn's Top Startups India List 2024 : Zepto
- Asian Power Index Report 2024 released recently by the Australian think tank Lowy Institute : India third most powerful country. United States (1st) and China (2nd)
- World's Best Companies 2024 list Published by USA based TIME Magazine : HCL Technologies Limited (India 112th rank), Apple (Top)
- 2024 Megahubs report 10th Edition Published by Official Airline Guide (OAG) : Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in New Delhi (Delhi) (24th), London Heathrow Airport (LHR) (UK)(top)
- State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2024 6th Edition Published by FSSAI : Kerala (top), Tamil Nadu (2nd), Jammu Kashmir (3rd)
- S&P Global's "India Forward: Emerging Perspectives" report : India would become the world's third largest economy by FY31
- Report Best Countries Ranking 2024 Published by US News & World Report : India (33rd), Switzerland (top)
- Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2024 5th Edition Published by International Telecommunication Union (ITU) : India has ranked among Tier 1 countries
- 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)



**Ques : National Solidarity Day is observed every year on which day?**

**राष्ट्रीय एकता दिवस हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 18 October
- (b) 19 October
- (c) 20 October
- (d) 21 October
- (e) 22 October

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Every year on October 20, India celebrates National Solidarity Day to honor the soldiers who served in the 1962 Sino-Indian War.
- The Sino-Indian War, also called the China-India War, lasted from October to November 1962. The conflict began with a series of border skirmishes and territory disputes.
- On October 20, 1962, China launched a devastating offensive, defeating India and causing territorial losses, most notably Aksai Chin.
- In 1966, a committee appointed by then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi designated October 20 as National Solidarity Day to commemorate troops and their families who died in conflicts.



## 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)
- 15 October : International Day of Rural Women and Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas (National Women Farmer's Day) (Theme 2024: Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All)
- 15 October : World Students' Day (Theme 2024: Empowering Students to Be Agents of Change)
- 15 October : Global Handwashing Day (Theme 2024 – Why are clean hands still important)
- 16 October : World Anaesthesia Day (Theme 2024: Workforce Well-Being.)
- 16 October : World Food Day (Theme 2024: The Right to Food for a Better Life and Future)
- 17 October : International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (Theme 2024 - Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges: Working Together for Equality and Inclusion)



## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Martin Schlegel appointed as Chairman of the Governing Board of the Swiss National Bank(SNB). He Replaced Thomas Jordan.

The Union Government has released the first instalment of the 15th Finance Commission grants for the FY 2024–25 to the Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) in Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) has decreased its growth prediction for the volume of global commercial trade in 2025 to 3% from 3.3%, due to growing conflict in the West Asia region.

The Indian Naval Ship Shardul, part of the First Training Squadron of the Indian Navy, arrived at Port Mina Rashid, Dubai, UAE, on October 12, 2024, as part of its Long Range Training Deployment.

Four MoUs signed during President Droupadi Murmu's visit to Mauritania. It is the first visit to Mauritania by an Indian leader. MoUs are Training of diplomats, Cultural exchange, Visa exemption and Foreign Office consultations.

President Droupadi Murmu was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Political Science by Sidi Abdellah Science and Technology Pole University in Algiers.

Pankaj Advani, the only player to have won world titles in all billiards and snooker formats, won the Singapore Open by defeating Jaden Ong in 5-1 frames.

21-year-old Tanya Hemanth of India won the 2024 Bendigo International badminton tournament women's singles final. She defeated Tung Ciou-tong of Chinese Taipei in the final at Bendigo, Australia, in straight sets 21-17, 21-17.

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## मह वपूण एक-पं करंट अफेयस

मार्टिन श्लेगल को स्विस नेशनल बैंक (एसएनबी) के गवर्निंग बोर्ड के अध्यक्ष के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया। उन्होंने थॉमस जॉर्डन का स्थान लिया।

केंद्र सरकार ने आंध्र प्रदेश और राजस्थान में ग्रामीण स्थानीय निकायों (आरएलबी) को वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए 15वें वित्त आयोग अनुदान की पहली किस्त जारी कर दी है।

विश्व व्यापार संगठन (डब्ल्यूटीओ) ने पश्चिम एशिया क्षेत्र में बढ़ते संघर्ष के कारण 2025 में वैश्विक वाणिज्यिक व्यापार की मात्रा के लिए अपनी वृद्धि भविष्यवाणी को 3.3% से घटाकर 3% कर दिया है।

भारतीय नौसेना जहाज शार्दुल, भारतीय नौसेना के पहले प्रशिक्षण स्क्वाड्रन का हिस्सा, अपनी लंबी दूरी की प्रशिक्षण तैनाती के हिस्से के रूप में 12 अक्टूबर, 2024 को पोर्ट मीना राशिद, दुबई, संयुक्त अरब अमीरात में पहुंचा।

राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू की मॉरिटानिया यात्रा के दौरान चार समझौता ज्ञापनों पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए। यह किसी भारतीय नेता की मॉरिटानिया की पहली यात्रा है। एमओयू राजनयिकों का प्रशिक्षण, सांस्कृतिक आदान-प्रदान, वीजा छूट और विदेश कार्यालय परामर्श हैं।

राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू को अल्जीयर्स में सिदी अब्देल्लाह विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी पोल विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा राजनीति विज्ञान में मानद डॉक्टरेट की उपाधि से सम्मानित किया गया।

सभी बिलियर्ड्स और स्नूकर प्रारूपों में विश्व खिताब जीतने वाले एकमात्र खिलाड़ी पंकज आडवाणी ने जेडन ऑग को 5-1 फ्रेम में हराकर सिंगापुर ओपन जीता।

भारत की 21 वर्षीय तान्या हेमंथ ने 2024 बेंडिगो इंटरनेशनल बैडमिंटन टूर्नामेंट महिला एकल फाइनल जीता। उन्होंने ऑस्ट्रेलिया के बेंडिगो में फाइनल में चीनी ताइपे की तुंग सिओ-टोंग को सीधे सेटों में 21-17, 21-17 से हराया।

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