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Ques : Where is the Headquarter of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India ?

भारतीय बीमा नियामक एवं विकास प्राधिकरण का मुख्यालय कहाँ है?

- (a) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (b) Mumbai / मुंबई
- (c) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- (d) Haryana / हरियाणा
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Freo, a digital banking company backed by Peak XV, has obtained a corporate agent license from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- This license enables Freo to provide insurance products on its platform.
- A neo bank is a digital bank that provides financial services online or via mobile app, with no physical branches. Neo banks are sometimes referred to as fintech, challenger, or digital banks.
- Alongside insurance, Freo will continue to provide digital banking services such as UPI payments, savings accounts, and credit products.

About IRDAI :

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



Ques : Which Bank Introduces Mahila Shaksham Scheme to Empower Women Entrepreneurs ?

महिला उद्यमियों को सशक्त बनाने के लिए कौन सा बैंक महिला सक्षम योजना शुरू करता है?

- (a) J&K Bank / जे एंड के बैंक
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank / इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक
- (c) Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (d) Karnataka Bank / कर्नाटक बैंक
- (e) Central Bank of India / सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The public sector Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has started the 'Mahila Shaksham' plan to fund individual women members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs).
- The project is consistent with the Centre's Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission initiative.
- The project intends to empower women entrepreneurs by ensuring their financial independence.
- It is part of the Ministry of Rural Development's 'Lakshpati Didi Yojana', which aims to improve the financial situation of women SHG members.
- It Offers credit support of up to Rs.10 lakh to individual members participating in the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission.

About IOB :

- Founded : 10 February 1937
- Headquarters : Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
- MD & CEO : Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- Tagline : Good people to grow with



Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- 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.
- 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.

Ques : Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) established in which year ?

भारतीय नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा विकास एजेंसी लिमिटेड (आईआरईडीए) की स्थापना किस वर्ष हुई?

- (a) 1985
- (b) 1986
- (c) 1987
- (d) 1988
- (e) 1999

Answer : Option C



Explanation : •

- The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) has acquired in-principle clearance from the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) to establish a wholly-owned subsidiary for retail and B2B business in the renewable energy sector.
- The focus will be on growing renewable energy sectors, including EVs, energy storage, green technologies, sustainability, and energy efficiency.

About IREDA :

- Established : 1987
- HQ : New Delhi
- CMD : Pradip Kumar Das





Ques : PB Fintech Subsidiary Receives __ Approval to Launch 'Account Aggregator' Business.

पीबी फिनटेक सहायक कंपनी को 'अकाउंट एग्रीगेटर' व्यवसाय शुरू करने के लिए भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की मंजूरी मिली

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- The RBI granted a 'Certificate of Registration' (CoR) to PB Fintech's wholly-owned subsidiary, PB Financial Account Aggregators Private Limited, allowing it to start its 'Account Aggregator' operation.
- PB Financial Account Aggregators will operate as a non-banking financial institution (NBFC) that does not take public deposits, subject to the RBI's CoR. The CoR is valid from October 18, 2024.
- Account aggregators enable clients to accept various payment methods, including debit cards, credit cards, cardless EMI, UPI, bank transfers, e-wallets, and e-mandates.



Ques : HDFC bank has inaugurated its first branch in which country after receiving a wholesale banking license ?

थोक बैंकिंग लाइसेंस प्राप्त करने के बाद एचडीएफसी बैंक ने किस देश में अपनी पहली शाखा का उद्घाटन किया है?

- (a) Netherland / नीदरलैंड
- (b) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (c) Moldova / मोल्दोवा
- (d) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (e) UAE / यूएई

Answer : Option D

Explanation : •

- HDFC Bank has launched its first branch in Singapore, as part of its worldwide expansion strategy.
- The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) has granted the bank a wholesale banking license, starting October 15, 2024. The bank will provide a range of financial services to Singapore residents.
- HDFC now has five foreign branches: Hong Kong, Bahrain, Dubai, and Singapore, as well as an IFSC Banking Unit in Gujarat's foreign Finance Tech City.
- The bank has representative offices in Nairobi, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, and London.

About HDFC Bank :

- Established : August 1994
- HQ : Mumbai
- MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Tagline : We Understand Your World



Ques : Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India Extends IFRS 17 Implementation Deadline to ____

भारतीय बीमा विनियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण ने IFRS 17 कार्यान्वयन की समय सीमा ____ तक बढ़ा दी है

- (a) FY25
- (b) FY26
- (c) FY27
- (d) FY28
- (e) FY29

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) has directed both bank-sponsored and non-bank-sponsored insurance businesses to apply IFRS 17 regulations by FY27, giving these companies enough time to prepare.
- Previously, Irdai had set an FY25 deadline for implementing IFRS 17 in the insurance industry.

About IFRS 17 :

- IFRS 17 (International Financial Reporting Standard 17) is an accounting standard that provides a framework for reporting insurance contracts.
- It establishes criteria for the classification of assets and liabilities in the insurance industry and seeks to promote consistency in principles for reporting insurance contracts.
- The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) created IFRS 17, which went into effect on January 1, 2023.
- IRDAI has reconstituted an Expert Committee to oversee the implementation of Ind AS 117 or IFRS 17.



Ques : Which bank Raise Rs.5,000 Crore via AT-I Bonds ?

कौन सा बैंक AT-I बांड के माध्यम से 5,000 करोड़ रुपये जुटाता है?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- SBI intends to issue Rs.5,000 crore in the domestic debt capital market via non-convertible, perpetual, subordinated, unsecured Basel III-compliant Additional Tier I (AT-I) notes.
- The base issue size is Rs.2,000 crore, with a green shoe option of Rs.3,000 crore, allowing for a total of up to Rs.5,000 crore.
- The AT-I bonds have been rated AA+ by domestic rating agencies CRISIL and CARE.
- In September 2024, SBI had raised Rs.7,500 crore through Tier-II bonds to strengthen its capital base.

About SBI :

- Established : 1 July 1955
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- Chairman : Challa Sreenivasulu Setty



Recent News Headlines Related to SBI :

- 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 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.
- State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest lender, reported a muted growth in its net profit of 0.89% year-on-year (Y-o-Y) for April-June 2024



Ques : India and which country developed 'The Fishing App' to help the fishermen communities of Kerala?

भारत और किस देश ने केरल के मछुआरा समुदायों की मदद के लिए 'द फिशिंग ऐप' विकसित किया?

- (a) Spain / स्पेन
- (b) Italy / इटली
- (c) Brazil / ब्राजील
- (d) UK / यूके
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option D

Explanation : •

- Researchers from India and the UK collaborated to create The Fishing App, a mobile platform for small-scale fishermen, to address dwindling fish stocks on Kerala's coast.
- This effort aims to improve fishing efficiency and address economic difficulties for coastal communities.
- The University of Southampton is leading the study in partnership with ICAR's Central Institute of Fisheries Technology and scholars from Exeter and Newcastle universities.
- The Fishing App's GPS-sharing feature enables users to identify and share fish-rich spots. This function saves other fishers time and gasoline by directing them to good fishing areas.



Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

- Dr S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister, launched the eMigrate V2.0 web portal and mobile app in Delhi.
- Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam app launched by Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Ministry of Communications (MoC), and Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER).
- Indian Cancer Genome Atlas (ICGA) recently announced that it has launched India's first comprehensive cancer multi-omics data portal.
- Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) launched Saarthi app in collaboration with Bhashini. Application designed to assist businesses in creating their own customised buyer-side apps.
- Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, the Hon'ble Minister for Communications and Development of the North Eastern Region (DoNER), has formally launched the Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav website.
- Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched the "Rangeen Machhli" mobile app at ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar.
- Since its launch in 2021, the Sugamya Bharat mobile app has received over 1,400 accessibility complaints, with around 75% of them rectified (official data).
- The Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) created and launched the Air Quality Management Exchange Platform (AQMx).
- Women and Child Development Minister, Annpurna Devi has launched the She-Box portal to make workplaces safer for women.
- The new guidelines feature an integrated, user-friendly platform on the Centralised Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) portal.
- The Union Ministry of Power has introduced three new online platforms, JAL VIDYUT DPR, DRIPS, and PROMPT developed by Central Electricity Authority.





Ques : Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and ____ Partner to Launch AI Assistant for Skill India Mission.

कौशल विकास और उद्यमिता मंत्रालय (एमएसडीई) और ____ कौशल भारत मिशन के लिए एआई असिस्टेंट लॉन्च करने के लिए भागीदार।

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) Tinder
- (c) Meta
- (d) Google
- (e) Amazon

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Meta partner to introduce an AI-powered assistant for the Skill India Digital (SID) Portal and establish five Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in Virtual Reality (VR) and Mixed Reality (MR) across India.
- Five CoEs in Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Jodhpur, Chennai, and Kanpur

About Skill India Mission :

- It is Launched in 2015
- Its aim is to create and implement comprehensive skill development training programmes that would help to bridge the gap between industry demands and skill requirements
- Skill India Mission has trained 1.4 crore youth, upskilled and reskilled 54 lakh youth and established 3000 new ITIs



Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- 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.
- The government and Meta have joined forces for the "Scam se Bacho" campaign to combat the growing menace of internet frauds.
- The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has signed an MoU with the leading global resources company, BHP to support steelmaking decarbonisation.
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has an MoU with the Mumbai Port Authority (MhPA) and the Mumbai Port Sustainability Foundation (MPSF) to create a state-of-the-art green fuel ecosystem at Mumbai Port.
- Department of Posts (DoP) & Amazon Unite to empower India's growing e-commerce sector by enhancing logistical capabilities, supporting job creation, and contributing to economic growth.
- India's intention to join the International Energy Efficiency Hub aligns with the government's goal of reducing energy intensity in the economy by creating energy-efficient technology and goods.
- Meghalaya Signs MoU with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to Boost Health and Nutrition in the State. Meghalaya is only the third state in India, after Uttar Pradesh & Bihar, with whom the Gates Foundation is establishing a partnership.
- Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka signs MOU for Wildlife protection and Forest Management. Its aim is to address wildlife and forest management challenges at an Inter-State coordination meeting in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) & Reliasat Inc. Canada Signed MOU To collaborate in the area of space products, at BEL's Corporate Office in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- India signed the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement, sometimes known as the "Treaty of the High Seas", to safeguard ocean life.
- Tata Power & Rajasthan government signed MOU to advance power distribution, transmission, and green energy projects, significantly boosting its renewable energy presence in the state.





Ques : UN General Assembly (UNGA) has elected how many new members to the 47-member Human Rights Council ?

संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा (UNGA) ने 47 सदस्यीय मानवाधिकार परिषद के लिए कितने नए सदस्यों को चुना है?

- (a) 12
- (b) 16
- (c) 14
- (d) 18
- (e) 20

Answer : Option D

Explanation : •

- The UN General Assembly has elected 18 new members to the Human Rights Council (47 members) for the 2025-2027 term.
- The newly elected members will start their three-year tenure on January 1, 2025.
- The 18 countries are Benin, Bolivia, Colombia, Cyprus, Czechia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Gambia, Iceland, Kenya, the Marshall Islands, Mexico, North Macedonia, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Spain, Switzerland, and Thailand.

About UN Human Rights Council :

- Established : 2006
- HQ : Geneva, Switzerland
- President : Omar Zniber



Ques : NITI Aayog has organized a two-day international methanol seminar and expo in 2024 in ____.

नीति आयोग ने 2024 में ____ में दो दिवसीय अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मेथनॉल सेमिनार और एक्सपो का आयोजन किया है।

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The NITI Aayog has planned a two-day international methanol lecture and expo in New Delhi in 2024. The event was organized in partnership with the Methanol Institute of the United States.
- This event will highlight the progress of projects, products, and R&D initiatives linked to methanol production, application, and related technological breakthroughs worldwide.
- The conference will focus on Methanol's significance in the global energy transition, as well as its rise as a low-carbon fuel in green shipping.



Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- 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.
- 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.





Ques : India Joins __ Codex Nutrition Committee Meeting.

भारत 44वीं कोडेक्स पोषण समिति की बैठक में शामिल हुआ

- (a) 42nd
- (b) 43rd
- (c) 44th
- (d) 45th
- (e) 46th

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- India attended the 44th Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) meeting in Dresden, Germany.
- The committee agreed to revise probiotic guidelines and asked FAO and WHO to evaluate relevant documents from 2001 and 2002, including current scientific material.
- India gave excellent insights on nutritional reference values (NRVs) for individuals aged 6-36 months.
- The committee agreed to calculate the combined NRV-R value for this age group by averaging the two subgroups (6-12 months and 12-36 months).
- Canada, Chile, and New Zealand supported India's views, demonstrating international collaboration.
- CCNFSDU (Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses) is a unit of the Codex Alimentarius Commission(CAC), responsible for developing global standards for special dietary foods such as infant formulas, dietary supplements, and medical foods.





Ques : How many countries are the members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization(SCO)?

शंघाई सहयोग संगठन (एससीओ) के कितने देश सदस्य हैं?

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

Answer : Option E

Explanation : •

- Dr S Jaishanakar, External Affairs Minister, represented India in the 23rd Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organizations (SCO) Council of Heads of Government, which was held in Islamabad.
- The two-day meeting was hosted by Pakistani Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif.
- This was the first visit by an Indian minister to Pakistan since External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj's visit in 2015.
- Sushma Swaraj traveled to Islamabad, Pakistan, in December 2015 to attend the Heart of Asia Conference.

About Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) :

- Founded – 15 June 2001
- Headquarters – Beijing, China
- Member Countries – 10 (Iran, China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Belarus)
- The founding members (5) of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) were China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan. India and Pakistan officially joined this organization in 2017. Iran joined in 2023.
- Observer members – 2 (Afghanistan and Mongolia).
- Belarus, which was earlier the Observer country at the SCO, was upgraded and made the 10th full member of the SCO in 2024.





Ques : Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) marks _ years on Vijayadashami.

राष्ट्रीय स्वयंसेवक संघ (आरएसएस) विजयादशमी पर _ वर्ष मनाता है।

- (a) 80
- (b) 90
- (c) 100
- (d) 120
- (e) 150

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the world's largest voluntary organization, celebrates its 100th anniversary during Vijayadashami.
- The RSS was founded on this day in 1925, also known as Dussehra. Over the past nine decades, it has expanded its impact across India and worldwide.
- In 1925, Keshav Baliram Hedgewar, a physician from Maharashtra, created the RSS in response to British colonial rule and communal conflicts between Hindus and Muslims.
- Hedgewar was inspired by Vinayak Damodar Savarkar's teachings on Hindu nationalism, namely the concept of a "Hindu nation."



Ques : Debraj Roy passed away at the age of 69. Who was he?

देबराज रॉय का 69 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह कौन थे?

- (a) Writer / लेखक
- (b) Politician / राजनेता
- (c) Actor / अभिनेता
- (d) Social Worker / सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता
- (e) Filmmaker / फिल्म निर्माता

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- Debraj Roy, 69, a veteran actor, went away in Kolkata.
- He contributed significantly to Bengali cinema and Doordarshan, as well as being affiliated with Akashvani.
- Debraj Roy made his film debut in Satyajit Ray's Pratidwandi in 1970, and the following year, he became a household name with his amazing performance in Mrinal Sen's Calcutta 1971.
- He worked with prominent directors such as Tarun Majumdar, Bibhuti Laha, and Tapan Sinha.



Ques : Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has become the __ Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) of India.

हिंदुस्तान एयरोनॉटिक्स लिमिटेड (एचएएल) भारत का __ महारत्न केंद्रीय सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र उद्यम (सीपीएसई) बन गया है।

- (a) 11th
- (b) 12th
- (c) 13th
- (d) 14th
- (e) 15th

Answer : option D

Explanation : •

- The Finance Ministry has stated that Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) will be the 14th 'Maharatna' business among Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE).
- This classification provides the organization with greater financial and strategic autonomy.
- HAL is a Department of Defense Production (DoDP) CPSE with an annual sales of Rs.28162 crore and a net profit of Rs.7595 crore in FY2023-24.

Criteria for Maharatna Status :

- The company must have already been granted Navratna status.
- The company must be listed on the Indian stock exchange and follow SEBI guidelines.
- Average yearly turnover of over Rs.25,000 crore in the past three years.
- During the same period, the average annual net worth exceeded Rs.15,000 crores.
- around the past three years, the average yearly net profit after tax has been around Rs.
- Extensive international operations or a global footprint.5,000 crore.

14th Maharatna CPSEs are :

1. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
2. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
3. Coal India Limited
4. GAIL India Limited
5. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
6. Indian Oil Corporation Limited
7. NTPC Limited
8. Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited,
9. Power Finance Corporation
10. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
11. Steel Authority of India Limited
12. Rural Electrification Corporation Limited
13. Oil India Ltd
14. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited



Ques : Ericsson is the company of which country?

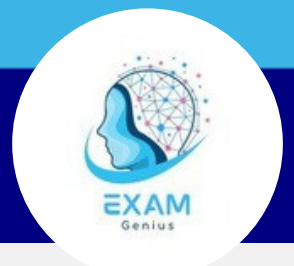
एरिक्सन किस देश की कंपनी है?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- Ericsson, a Swedish telecom equipment maker, has acquired a new multibillion-dollar contract from India's Bharti Airtel to supply 5G equipment.
- This comes after Ericsson was awarded a \$3.6 billion contract last month to sell 5G equipment to India's Vodafone Idea. It shared the contract with Nokia and Samsung.
- The new contracts are expected to bolster Ericsson's revenue next year, following a significant drop in contracts from India during the first half of the year.
- Demand for the Indian 5G market began to rise in 2023, when sales increased by up to five times as Airtel and Jio, the telecoms unit of Indian conglomerate Reliance Industries, began to ramp up 5G services.



Ques : New Zealand defeated which country to win the Women's T20 Cricket World Cup 2024?
न्यूजीलैंड ने किस देश को हराकर महिला टी20 क्रिकेट विश्व कप 2024 जीता है?

- (a) New Zealand / न्यूजीलैंड
- (b) Ireland / आयरलैंड
- (c) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option D

Explanation : •

- New Zealand made history in the Women's T20 Cricket World Cup, defeating South Africa by 32 runs at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. Sophie Devine led the team.
- South Africa scored 126 runs for the loss of nine wickets in the twenty overs allotted to them while chasing New Zealand's 159-run mark.
- Amelia Kerr was named Player of the Series and Match.
- This was the Kiwis' third final appearance in the showpiece event, and after two successful tries, they now hold the coveted trophy.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- 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 Hemant 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.
- Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus defeated China's Zheng Qinwen for her third consecutive WTA Wuhan 1000 singles title.
- The All India Pickleball Association (AIPA) will hold the World Pickleball Championship (WPC) Series for the first time in India.
- Indian Olympic Association has chosen Uttarakhand to host the next National Winter Games and 38th Summer National Games are also held by Uttarakhand.
- 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.



Ques : Which state government has recently installed pink alarms at the government-run district hospital and medical college for safety of women?

हाल ही में किस राज्य सरकार ने महिलाओं की सुरक्षा के लिए सरकारी जिला अस्पताल और मेडिकल कॉलेज में पिंक अलार्म लगाए हैं?

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

Answer : Option E

Explanation : •

- For the safety of women, Madhya Pradesh's Datia district hospital and medical college erected 'pink alarms'.
- The campaign was launched following the rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata.
- The pink alarm system, developed by district collector Sandeep Makin, alerts security within five minutes of activation. Alarms are installed in staff duty rooms throughout the Maternity Ward, Trauma Center, and New OPD Block.
- This is the first government hospital in the state to offer this facilities for women's security.
- Sandeep Makin, the district collector, invented the pink alarm system. When an alarm is pressed, a siren sounds, and security officers arrive within five minutes.

About Madhya Pradesh :

- Capital – Bhopal
- Chief Minister – Dr Mohan Yadav (replace Shivraj Singh Chauhan)
- Deputy CM – Jagdish Devda & Rajendra Shukla
- Governor – Mangubhai C. Patel



Ques : Who has inaugurated the international conference Advancements of Research and Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda (AROHA-2024) in New Delhi?

नई दिल्ली में समग्र आयुर्वेद के लिए अनुसंधान और वैश्विक अवसरों की उन्नति (AROHA-2024) पर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन का उद्घाटन किसने किया?

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Chief Justice DY Chandrachud / चीफ जस्टिस डीवाई चंद्रचूड़
- (c) Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मू
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- Chief Justice of India, DY Chandrachud, has opened the international conference Advancements of Research and Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda (AROHA-2024) in New Delhi.
- The three-day event aspires to establish Ayurveda as a critical component of worldwide health and wellness.
- AROHA 2024 was organized by the All-India Institute of Ayurveda in New Delhi, which is an autonomous institute under the Union Ministry of Ayush.
- The theme for AROHA 2024 : Advancements in Research and Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda.
- Foreign delegates include those from Japan, Colombia, Australia, Germany, Sri Lanka, and Argentina.



Ques : Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal unveiled the district version of the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan for how many aspirational districts in the country?

केंद्रीय वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री पीयूष गोयल ने देश के कितने आकांक्षी जिलों के लिए पीएम गतिशक्ति राष्ट्रीय मास्टर प्लान के जिला संस्करण का अनावरण किया?

- (a) 25
- (b) 26
- (c) 27
- (d) 28
- (e) 28

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- On the three-year anniversary of PM GatiShakti, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal launched the district version of the National Master Plan for 27 aspirational districts in the country.
- Gatishakti, an intelligent infrastructure planning tool, will expand the district master plan to over 750 districts in the next 18 months.
- The minister launched 'Guidelines for Preparing City Logistics Plans for Indian Cities' to assist cities in tailoring their logistics planning to their specific vision, objectives, and local characteristics.
- Launched in October 2021, the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan aims to revamp India's infrastructure with a Rs. 100 lakh crore investment over five years.
- It has been developed as a Digital Master Planning tool by BISAG-N (Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics).



Ques : Which crop has seen the maximum increase in minimum support price for the 2025-26 rabi season?

2025-26 रबी सीजन के लिए किस फसल के न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य में अधिकतम वृद्धि देखी गई है?

- (a) Wheat
- (b) Barley
- (c) Gram
- (d) Lentil
- (e) Mustard

Answer : E

Explanation : •

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has recommended raising the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for all mandatory Rabi crops for the marketing season 2025-26.
- The greatest rise in MSP has been declared for Rapeseed and Mustard at Rs.300 per quintal, followed by Lentil (Masur) at Rs.275 per quintal. Gram, wheat, safflower, and barley prices have increased by Rs.210, Rs.150, Rs.140, and Rs.130 per quintal, respectively.
- In the 2018-19 Union Budget, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley stated that a crop's MSP should be at least 1.5 times the All-India weighted average cost of production.
- The predicted margin above the All-India weighted average cost of production is 105 percent for wheat, 98 percent for rapeseed and mustard, 89 percent for lentil, 60 percent for gram, 60 percent for barley, and 50 percent for safflower.
- In 1966-67, the Indian government implemented the Minimum Support Crop (MSP) program for specific crops. The government announces it before to the Kharif and Rabi seasons.
- MSP guarantees farmers that the government would buy their products at a fixed price; however, the government is not required to acquire all commodities from all farmers at MSP rates.
- The concept of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops was announced for the first time by the Government of India after the Green Revolution.
- Rabi Crops is sown during October -December and harvested in March/April. Major crops are Barley, peas, sunflower, mustard, wheat gram, etc.





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

विश्व ऑस्टियोपोरोसिस दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 19 October
- (b) 20 October
- (c) 21 October
- (d) 22 October
- (e) 23 October

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- Every year on October 20, we commemorate World Osteoporosis Day.
- The goal is to increase knowledge about osteoporosis prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.
- Osteoporosis is a metabolic bone disease in which new bone creation does not keep up with the loss of existing bone.
- It is caused by a loss of bone mass and mineralization, which results in brittle bones and, in some cases, fractures even with slight falls, hence the phrase "fragility fractures."



Ques : National Police Commemoration Day is observed on every year on which day?

राष्ट्रीय पुलिस स्मृति दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 19 October
- (b) 20 October
- (c) 21 October
- (d) 22 October
- (e) 23 October

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- National Police Commemoration Day is commemorated on October 21 to honor police personnel who died while on duty.
- This solemn day allows us to express our gratitude to the officers who are presently serving and their families, who support them every day.
- Police Commemoration Day has its roots in the stormy events of 1958 and 1959, when India and China's relationship was strained due to political and geographical difficulties.



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)
- 13 October : Breast Cancer Awareness Day (Theme 2024 No one should face breast cancer alone)
- 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)
- 20 October : National Solidarity Day





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Tata Technologies and BMW Group signed an agreement to launch a joint venture named BMW TechWorks India.

Pune to get India's second 3D-printed post office, after Bengaluru.

Subhash Prasad Gupta Appointed as High Commissioner of India to St. Vincent and the Grenadines and also In July this year, He was appointed as India's next Ambassador to Suriname.

The Bima Sugam India Federation has recently announced the appointment of Prasun Sikdar as its first Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for a three-year term, who currently serves as the MD and CEO of Manipal Cigna Health Insurance.

Vivriti Capital Raises USD 25 Million ADB Loan for Climate Bond. This 4-year tenor bond is the 1st by an NBFC which will be used to expand its green finance portfolio.

India and Columbia have signed an Audio-Visual Co-Production Agreement in New Delhi to boost the partnership between the film industry in both countries. Colombia is the 17th country with which India has signed such an agreement.

The Central Bank of India has received approval from the Competition Commission of India to acquire 24.91% of Future Generali India Insurance and 25.18% of Future Generali India Life Insurance, respectively.

SpaceX scored a huge milestone in space exploration by landing their Starship rocket using an innovative structure known as "Mechazilla." It refers to the huge 400-foot rocket-catching structure at SpaceX's Starbase.

The Supreme Court denied a petition under Article 142 to include sexual offenses against males, transgender individuals, and animals in the newly adopted Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Article 142 empowers the Supreme Court to provide justice in unusual instances where established provisions or laws do not apply.

India captain Harmanpreet Singh became the most expensive player on day one of the Hockey India League auction, with Soorma Hockey Club paying 78 lakh rupees for the great drag-flicker.





मह वपूण एक-पं करंट अफेयस

- टाटा टेक्नोलॉजीज और बीएमडब्ल्यू ग्रुप की संयुक्त उद्यम: टाटा टेक्नोलॉजीज और बीएमडब्ल्यू ग्रुप ने बीएमडब्ल्यू टेकवर्क्स इंडिया नामक एक संयुक्त उद्यम शुरू करने के लिए एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।
- पुणे में भारत का दूसरा 3डी-प्रिंटेड पोस्ट ऑफिस: पुणे में भारत का दूसरा 3डी-प्रिंटेड पोस्ट ऑफिस खुलेगा, जो बेंगलुरु के बाद देश में दूसरा होगा।
- सुभाष प्रसाद गुप्ता की नियुक्ति: सुभाष प्रसाद गुप्ता को सेंट विसेंट और ग्रेनेडाइंस के लिए भारत का उच्चायुक्त नियुक्त किया गया है, और इससे पहले जुलाई में उन्हें सूरीनाम के लिए भारत का अगला राजदूत नियुक्त किया गया था।
- बिमा सुगम इंडिया फेडरेशन के एमडी और सीईओ: बिमा सुगम इंडिया फेडरेशन ने प्रसून सिकंदर को अपना पहला एमडी और सीईओ नियुक्त किया है, जो वर्तमान में मैनिपल सिग्ना हेल्थ इंश्योरेंस के एमडी और सीईओ हैं।
- विवृति कैपिटल का क्लाइमेट बॉन्ड: विवृति कैपिटल ने एडीबी से 25 मिलियन डॉलर का क्लाइमेट बॉन्ड लोन प्राप्त किया है, जो एनबीएफसी द्वारा पहला बॉन्ड होगा जिसका उपयोग अपने ग्रीन फाइनेंस पोर्टफोलियो का विस्तार करने के लिए किया जाएगा।
- भारत-कोलम्बिया ऑडियो-विजुअल सह-उत्पादन समझौता: भारत और कोलम्बिया ने नई दिल्ली में दोनों देशों की फिल्म उद्योग के बीच साझेदारी को बढ़ावा देने के लिए एक ऑडियो-विजुअल सह-उत्पादन समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।
- सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया की अधिग्रहण: सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया ने फ्यूचर जनराली इंडिया इंश्योरेंस और फ्यूचर जनराली इंडिया लाइफ इंश्योरेंस में क्रमशः 24.91% और 25.18% हिस्सेदारी खरीदने के लिए भारत के प्रतिस्पर्धा आयोग से मंजूरी प्राप्त की है।
- स्पेसएक्स की मेकाजिला: स्पेसएक्स ने अपने स्टारशिप रॉकेट को मेकाजिला नामक एक नवीन संरचना का उपयोग करके उतारने में एक बड़ी उपलब्धि हासिल की है, जो स्पेसएक्स के स्टारबेस में 400 फीट ऊंची रॉकेट-कैचिंग संरचना है।
- भारतीय कप्तान हरमप्रीत सिंह: भारतीय हॉकी टीम के कप्तान हरमप्रीत सिंह हॉकी इंडिया लीग की नीलामी के पहले दिन सबसे महंगे खिलाड़ी बने, जिन्हें सूरमा हॉकी क्लब ने 78 लाख रुपये में खरीदा है।



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