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Ques : Who has been appointed by pension regulator PFRDA as the chairman of the board of National Pension System (NPS) Trust?

पेंशन नियामक पीएफआरडीए ने किसे राष्ट्रीय पेंशन प्रणाली (एनपीएस) ट्रस्ट के बोर्ड का अध्यक्ष नियुक्त किया है।

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

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- PFRDA, the pension regulator, has selected Chitra Jayasimha as Chairperson of the National Pension System (NPS) Trust Board. Since December 2020, she has served on the NPS Trust Board as a trustee.
- Jayasimha has been named Chairperson of the NPS Trust in place of former Chairman Venkata Rao Yadagani. Yadagani was appointed NPS Trust Chairman on December 12, 2023.
- The NPS Trust is overseen by a Board of Trustees. They are tasked for ensuring that the NPS Trust operates in the best interests of National Pension System (NPS) subscribers.
- The National Pension System (NPS) is a market-linked, optional, portable, and flexible retirement savings program.



Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Sandip Goenka : CEO of Acko Life
- Prasun Sikdar : MD and CEO of Bima Sugam India Federation for three-year
- Amit Kumar : Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of AI Assets Holding Limited
- Martin Schlegel : Chairman of the Governing Board of the Swiss National Bank (SNB) (Replaced Thomas Jordan)
- Partha Pratim Sengupta : MD & CEO of Bandhan Bank for Three Year
- Ravindra Kumar Kundu : Managing Director of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company
- Aviral Jain : Executive Director of RBI
- Parveen Kumar Gupta : Non-Executive Chairman of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
- Sumant Kathpalia : MD & CEO of IndusInd Bank for Three-year term
- KVS Manian : Managing Director and CEO of Federal Bank (Replaced Shyam Srinivasan)
- V Vaidyanathan : MD and CEO of IDFC First Bank
- Vincent Menachery Devassy : TamilNad Mercantile Bank's Whole Time Director (Executive Director) for three years
- Amar Kumar Kakarlapudi : Chief Compliance Officer of Airtel Payments Bank
- Deepti Gaur Mukherjee : Member of the Board of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (replaced Manoj Govil)
- Subrata Mondal : MD and CEO of IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company Limited
- Nehal Vora : MD and CEO of Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL)

Ques : Employees Deposit Linked Insurance (EDLI) Scheme launched by government in which year ?

सरकार द्वारा कर्मचारी जमा लिंक्ड बीमा (ईडीएलआई) योजना किस वर्ष शुरू की गई?

- (a) 1970
- (b) 1972
- (c) 1974
- (d) 1976
- (e) 1978

Answer : Option D



Explanation : •

- Recent News : The Centre has extended the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance (EDLI) Scheme benefits to all Employees' Provident Fund Organization subscribers and their family members till further notice.
- EDLI is an insurance scheme introduced by the government in 1976. It is managed and administered by Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
- The initiative aimed to provide social security benefits to private sector employees who were not typically covered by their employers.
- The scheme is applicable to all organizations registered under the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.
- Employers contribute 0.5% of employees' monthly earnings up to a wage cap of Rs 15,000, while employees do not contribute at all.
- If an EPF member dies while in employment, their nominee or legal heir will receive a maximum assured benefit of Rs 7 lakh.
- The minimum assurance benefit is Rs 2.5 lakh if the deceased member was continuously employed for 12 months prior to their death.

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Ques : In October 2024, who has been appointed as the chief executive officer of the J P Morgan Chase Bank?

अक्टूबर 2024 में, जे पी मॉर्गन चेस बैंक के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Chitra Jayasimha / चित्रा जयसिम्हा
- (b) Aviral Jain / अविरल जैन
- (c) Sandip Goenka / संदीप गोयनका
- (d) Ravindra Kumar Kunda / रविन्द्र कुमार कुंडा
- (e) M. Rajeshwar Rao / एम. राजेश्वर राव

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- India's central bank has accepted Pranav Chawda's nomination as CEO of JPMorgan Chase & Co.'s local banking unit for three years.
- Chawda, who now oversees commercial banking, will take on additional responsibilities as head of corporate banking.
- The role became vacant after former CEO Prabdev Singh resigned before the conclusion of his term.
- Chawda joined JP Morgan in 2019 and is currently responsible for the commercial banking vertical.



Ques : Which country Joins Asian Development Bank (ADB) as 69th Member ?

कौन सा देश 69वें सदस्य के रूप में एशियाई विकास बैंक (एडीबी) में शामिल हुआ?

- (a) Iran / ईरान
- (b) Israel / इजराइल
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) USA / यूएसए
- (e) China / चीन

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- Israel is the newest non-regional member of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- Israel became the 69th and 20th non-regional member of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), meeting all membership requirements.
- The ADB Board of Governors accepted Israel's entrance into the bank in April 2022, pending completion of membership formalities.

About Israel :

- Capital : Jerusalem
- Currency : Israeli New Shekel
- President : Isaac Herzog

About Asian Development Bank :

- Established : 19 December 1966
- HQ : Manila, Philippines
- Members : 69
- Chief Economist : Albert Park
- President : Masatsugu Asakawa



Ques : India pledged over _ to support the WHO's core programmes from 2025 to 2028.
भारत ने 2025 से 2028 तक WHO के मुख्य कार्यक्रमों का समर्थन करने के लिए _____ से अधिक का वादा किया।

- (a) USD 300 million
- (b) USD 400 million
- (c) USD 500 million
- (d) USD 600 million
- (e) USD 700 million

Answer : Option A

Explanation : •

- India, the world's sixth largest contributor to the World Health Organization (WHO), has given over USD 300 million to fund the organization's main programs from 2025 to 2028.
- The Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Traditional Medicine would be established in Jamnagar, Gujarat, with a budget of USD 250 million.
- WHO has pledged over USD 2.2 billion to fill a financial gap of USD 7.1 billion for essential programs, with the goal of saving 40 million lives over four years.

About World Health Organization :

- Established : 7 April 1948
- HQ : Geneva, Switzerland
- Director General : Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus



Ques : Export-Import Bank of India established in which year ?

भारतीय निर्यात-आयात बैंक की स्थापना किस वर्ष हुई?

- (a) 1980
- (b) 1981
- (c) 1982
- (d) 1983
- (e) 1984

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- India Exim Finserve IFSC Private Limited, a subsidiary of Export-Import Bank of India, has partnered with Singapore-based VoloFin Services Private Limited to offer comprehensive receivable finance solutions to Indian exporters.
- This alliance aims to support underrepresented SME exporters, who contribute significantly to the country's economic progress.
- New India Assurance Company Limited, with cooperation from global reinsurer Atradius, launched the first trade financing insurance policy in GIFT City, Gujarat.

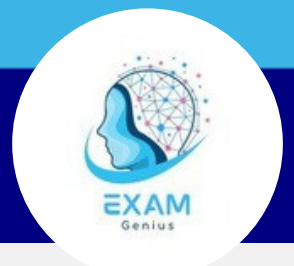
About Export-Import Bank of India :

- Established : 1982
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- CMD : Harsha Bangari



Recently signed banking agreements

- PhonePe has teamed up with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance to provide an affordable firecracker-related injury insurance policy for Diwali.
- NBBL has worked with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) to add the National Pension System (NPS) as a biller category to the Bharat Connect platform (formerly known as Bharat Bill Payment System).
- Aditya Birla Housing Finance (ABHFL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Ltd, has formed a strategic agreement with BharatPe, a fintech startup, to improve access to house loans and loans against property for the latter's merchant partners.
- Tata Digital has partnered with Tata AIA Life Insurance to offer life insurance products on the Tata Neu platform.
- Mastercard and Citigroup have collaborated to enable 24/7 cross-border payments using debit cards, broadening payment alternatives for consumers and businesses worldwide.
- Sohan Lal Commodity Management (SLCM) has teamed with Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Bandhan Bank to offer 'Unified Collateral Management Solutions'.
- The Indian Navy has inked an MoU with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance for Naval Civilians' Insurance Coverage
- ICICI Bank Limited has teamed with PhonePe to provide preapproved consumers with quick credit via the PhonePe app, using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- International Finance Corporation (IFC) & Axis Bank Partners for India's First Blue Loan of \$500 Million to scaling up blue finance and green projects in India.
- Federal Bank, a well-known private sector bank in India, has signed an MoU with Bhashini, an AI-Powered Language Translation Platform, to add vernacular language support to its AI Virtual Assistant, Feddy.
- Global tech titan Google has partnered with Muthoot Finance to offer gold-backed loans through its mobile payments service, GPay.



Ques : Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) imposed a penalty of Rs 54 lakh on which bank ?
वित्तीय खुफिया इकाई (FIU) ने किस बैंक पर 54 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना लगाया?

- (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 C

Explanation :

- The Union Bank of India was fined Rs 54 lakh by the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) for failing to notify suspicious transaction reports (STRs) and failing to conduct due diligence in accordance with the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.
- The penalty was imposed in response to violations discovered during an inquiry into KYC (Know Your Customer) and AML (Anti-Money Laundering) compliance issues with accounts at a Mumbai, Maharashtra branch.
- On October 1, the FIU issued a penalty notice under Section 13 of the PMLA after substantiating charges against the bank through written and oral submissions.

About FIU :

- Formed : November 18, 2004
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- Director : Vivek Aggarwal
- Financial Intelligence Unit—India (FIU-IND) is an organisation under the Department of Revenue, Government of India which collects financial intelligence about offences under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.



Recent Penalties imposed on Banks by RBI :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued a penalty of Rs 28.30 lakh on SG Finserve Limited (previously Moongipa Securities).
- Arunachal Pradesh Rural Bank received a Rs 14 lakh penalty for failing to comply with Prudential Norms (Provisioning, Asset Classification, and Exposure Limit).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.61.60 lakh on The Surat People's Co-operative Bank Limited, Surat, for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI.
- The RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.1.50 lakh on The Bihar Awami Co-operative Bank Ltd., Patna for violating section 26A and section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (BR Act) and failing to comply with RBI's 'Know Your Customer (KYC)' directions.
- Penalty on Hewlett Packard Financial Services (India) Private Limited is Amount to Rs.10.4 lakh and on Muthoot Vehicle & Asset Finance Limited is Amount to Rs.7.9 lakh
- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of Rs 31.8 lakh on BNP Paribas for failing to comply with specific RBI guidelines on 'Interest Rate on Advances'.
- The RBI levied a monetary penalty of Rs.1.91 crore on Axis Bank Limited and Rs.1 crore on HDFC Bank Limited for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.2.68 crore on UCO Bank.
- RBI has also imposed a penalty of Rs.2.1 lakh on Cent Bank Home Finance Limited.

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Ques : Who Updates Alert List of Unauthorized Forex Trading Platforms ?

अनधिकृत विदेशी मुद्रा व्यापार प्लेटफार्मों की चेतावनी सूची को कौन अपडेट करता है?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has added 13 additional firms to its 'Alert List' of unauthorized forex trading platforms, now totaling 88.
- This list contains businesses that are not authorized to conduct forex transactions or maintain electronic trading platforms (ETPs) under the Foreign Exchange Management Act of 1999.
- The revised list includes businesses such as TDFX, Inefex, YorkerFX, Growline, and others that are not permitted to conduct forex trading or run ETPs.

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has expanded access to its Negotiated Dealing System-Order Matching (NDS-OM) electronic trading platform to more regulated entities (RE).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has lifted the restriction on JM Financial Products, allowing the company to continue financing activities such as loans for shares, debentures, and IPO subscription.
- 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.
- The Reserve Bank of India held a one-day symposium in Bengaluru for directors of Small Finance Banks (SFBs).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the merger of The Rajapur Sahakari Bank Limited and The Malad Sahakari Bank Limited, both of which are based in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) intends to establish the Unified Lending Interface (ULI) on a nationwide scale to modernize the lending sector.
- The RBI's latest State of the Economy report shows a decrease in the gap between loan and deposits growth in banks, which had been a major issue for the past two years.



Ques : According to RBI Census which country is the Largest Source of FDI in India ?

RBI जनगणना के अनुसार भारत में FDI का सबसे बड़ा स्रोत कौन सा देश है?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation : •

- The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) annual Census on Foreign Liabilities and Assets of Indian Direct Investment Entities for 2023-24 shows that the United States of America (USA) remains India's leading source of FDI.
- It is followed by Mauritius, Singapore, and the UK.
- The March 2024 census had 41,653 companies, with 37,407 reporting FDI or ODI on their balance sheets.
- According to the RBI census, non-financial companies (NFC) account for almost 90% of total FDI equity at face value.
- During FY24, India's overall FDI expanded by 23.3% at market value in rupees, owing to significant valuation gains and new inflows. However, ODI growth was just 3.4%.
- FDI inflows are expected to increase in 2023-24 (FY24) compared to previous years.
- According to the RBI's census, over 97% of answering businesses remained unlisted as of March 31, 2024.
- According to RBI census data, unlisted firms had a 17.5% increase in FDI at market value this year.
- The manufacturing sector received over 50% of total FDI equity capital at market value, compared to 40% at face value.



Ques : Which Union ministry launched the eShram One Stop Solution ?

किस केंद्रीय मंत्रालय ने ईश्रम वन स्टॉप सॉल्यूशन लॉन्च किया?

- (a) Union Minister of Labour & Employment / केंद्रीय श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्री
- (b) Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports / केंद्रीय युवा मामले और खेल मंत्री
- (c) Union Minister of Home affairs / केंद्रीय गृह मंत्री
- (d) Both a and b / ए और बी दोनों
- (e) Both a and c / ए और सी दोनों

Answer : Option D

Explanation : •

- The eShram One Stop Solution was launched in New Delhi by the Union Ministers of Labour, Employment, and Youth Affairs & Sports.
- The eShram One Stop Solution aims to streamline registration for unorganized workers and increase access to government support systems.
- eShram has integrated key welfare schemes, including the One Nation One Ration Card, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, National Social Assistance Programme, National Career Service, and Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan.
- In 2021, the Ministry of Labour and Employment launched eShram Portal database to register and track unorganized workers.
- The portal's registration process includes Aadhaar verification and seeding. Unorganized workers can register themselves on the portal through self-declaration.





News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, announced the 'Humsafar Policy' in New Delhi to improve the convenience of travel on National Highways.
- The Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is developing the National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal in collaboration with the Gujarat state government under its Sagarmala scheme.
- The Union Environment Ministry has updated the Ecomark Rules, 2024 to label eco-friendly items.
- The BharatGen program was initiated by the Union Ministry of Science and Technology. The effort aims to develop generative AI systems capable of producing high-quality text and multimodal content in Indian languages.
- Ministry of Tourism has launched a national responsible tourism initiative titled Paryatan Mitra and Paryatan Didi.
- The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) launched the 'Cruise Bharat Mission' from Mumbai port.
- Giriraj Singh, Union Minister of Textiles, and Pabitra Margherita, Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles, inaugurated "Paridhi 24×25," an India-specific fashion trend book, a bilingual web page of VisioNxt, and the AI Taxonomy e-book.
- Union Home Ministry has cancelled the FCRA (Foreign Contribution Registration Act) licence of the International Cooperatives Alliance (ICA) for its alleged violation of rules.
- Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E) Increases Provident Fund (PF) withdrawal Limit to Rs. 1 lakh from Rs 50,000.
- Bhupendra Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, led the country's Clean the Beach Campaign on September 21, 2024, which occurred with International Coastal Clean-up Day.
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Jagat Prakash Nadda (JP Nadda), inaugurated the second edition of the Global Food Regulators Summit 2024 in New Delhi.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers' proposal to establish the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) prices for the RAB Season, 2024 (from 01.10.2024 to 31.03.2025) for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers.





Ques : Urmila Chaudhary has won the Global Anti-Racism Championship Award 2024. She is from which country?

उर्मिला चौधरी ने ग्लोबल एंटी-रेसिज्म चैंपियनशिप अवार्ड 2024 जीता है। वह किस देश से हैं?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- Urmila Chaudhary of Nepal received the Global Anti-Racism Championship Award 2024, presented by Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken.
- This award recognizes six civil society leaders for their remarkable courage, leadership, and dedication to promoting racial equity, justice, and human rights.
- She co-founded the Freed Kamlari Development Forum and set up 42 cooperatives to help former bonded labourers. She is currently studying law to help her fight against injustice.
- Urmila Chaudhary has been honored for her efforts to advance the rights of Nepal's underprivileged castes and ethnic communities, as well as her fight against systematic racism and intersectional injustices.



Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Platinum Award in the Airport Sector under Facility Category at the Society of Energy Engineers and Managers (SEEM) Awards : Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) Airport in Ahmedabad(Gujarat)
- Lifetime Achievement award by the Asia Human Resource Development (Asia HRD) Academy : Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin (MK Stalin), Chief Minister (CM) of Tamil Nadu (TN)
- Honorary Doctorate in Political Science (Algiers) : President Droupadi Murmu
- 9th Conscious Companies Awards : Mohanji (global humanitarian leadership)
- 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



Ques : Who has launched the “International Incoming Spoofed Calls Prevention System” to detect and block spam international calls that display Indian numbers as the caller ID?
किसने भारतीय नंबर को कॉलर आईडी के रूप में प्रदर्शित करने वाले स्पैम अंतर्राष्ट्रीय कॉल का पता लगाने और ब्लॉक करने के लिए “अंतर्राष्ट्रीय इनकमिंग स्पूफड कॉल्स प्रिवेंशन सिस्टम” लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (c) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia / ज्योतिरादित्य एम.सिंधिया
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मू
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Union Minister for Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia has introduced the "International Incoming Spoofed Calls Prevention System" of the Department of Telecommunications, which can detect and reject spam international calls with Indian numbers as the caller ID.
- Multiple scammers pose as police officers, courier firm employees, or others to call victims from international numbers that seem as Indian numbers on their phones.
- In July, the finance ministry allocated ₹38.76 crore to the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to establish the Centralized International Out Roamer (CIOR) system.
- The allocation for the Digital Intelligence Unit (DIU) has been increased from ₹50 crore (updated estimate for FY24) to ₹85 crore (budget estimate for FY25) to examine illegal usage of telecom resources, such as scam and spam calls.





Ques : Which country was Luong Cuong appointed as president of in October 2024?

अक्टूबर 2024 में लुओंग कुओंग को किस देश का राष्ट्रपति नियुक्त किया गया?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation : •

- Vietnam elected Luong Cuong, a military officer, as its new president, making him the fourth person to hold the position in the last 18 months.
- Cuong, 67, was voted by the National Assembly to succeed To Lam, who remained president despite being formally installed as general secretary of the ruling Communist Party in August.
- The general secretary has the most powerful position in Vietnam, whereas the presidency is primarily ceremonial.
- Cuong, who has been in the Vietnamese army for nearly 40 years, has been a Politburo member since 2021. Vietnam's authorities are scheduled to hold a Communist Party Congress in early 2026.



Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President :

- President of Tunisia : Kais Saied
- First female president of Mexico : Claudia Sheinbaum
- 101th Prime Minister of Japan (Replaced Fumio Kishida) : Shigeru Ishiba
- Prime Minister of Sri Lanka : Mrs Harini Amarasuriya
- President of Sri Lanka : Anura Kumara Dissanayake
- Prime Minister of Jordan : Jafar Hassan
- President of Algeria : Abdelmadjid Tebboune
- Prime minister of France : Michel Barnier
- Prime minister of Thailand : Paetongtarn Shinawatra
- Prime Minister of Tunisia : Kamel Madouri (replacing Ahmed Hachani)
- Prime Minister of Bulgaria : Goritsa Gruncharova-Kozhareva
- President of Iran : Masoud Pezeshkian
- President of Venezuela : Nicolas Maduro
- Prime Minister of Estonia : Kristen Michal
- President of Rwanda : Paul Kagame
- President of Lithuania : Gitanas Nauseda

EXAM
Genius



Ques : Fortune Released which Edition of 2024 100 Most Powerful Women in Business ?
फॉर्च्यून ने बिजनेस में 2024 की 100 सबसे शक्तिशाली महिलाओं का कौन सा संस्करण जारी किया?

- (a) 25th
- (b) 26th
- (c) 27th
- (d) 28th
- (e) 29th

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- 2024 100 Most Powerful Women (MPW) in Business 27th Edition Published by Fortune.
- Mary Barra, CEO of General Motors (USA), has topped the 2024 MPW in Business list for the 13th time.
- The current edition of MPW in Business features 65 female CEOs, with 15 making their debut in the rankings.

Top 5 Most Powerful Women in Business :

- 1 Mary Barra : Chairman and CEO of GM (USA)
- 2 Karen S.Lynch : President and CEO, CVS Health (USA)
- 3 Jane Fraser : CEO, Citigroup (USA)
- 4 Julie Sweet : Chair and CEO, Accenture (USA)
- 5 Emma Walmsley : CEO, GlaxoSmithKline (UK)



India's Rankings in Different Indices

- Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2024 19th Edition Published by International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) , Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe : India (105th), Belarus (top)
- 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 (Toddler)
- 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)



Ques : Arjun Vajpai Becomes First Indian to Conquer which mountain recently ?

अर्जुन वाजपेई हाल ही में किस पर्वत पर विजय प्राप्त करने वाले पहले भारतीय बने?

- (a) Mt. Lhotse / माउंट ल्होत्से
- (b) Mt. Makalu / माउंट मकालू
- (c) Mt. Cho Oyu / माउंट चो ओयू
- (d) Mt. Kangchenjunga / माउंट कंचनजंगा
- (e) Mt. Shishapangma / माउंट शिशापंगमा

Answer : Option E

Explanation : •

- Arjun Vajpai reached the summit of Mt. Shishapangma, marking his eighth successful summit over 8,000 meters. 1st Indian to summit Mt. Shishapangma.
- Fastest ascent of Mt. Shishapangma (Base Camp to Summit and back in under 72 hours). First Indian to climb eight 8,000-meter peaks.
- Arjun Vajpai, the youngest person to climb Mt. Everest, has made India proud by achieving another historic milestone.
- He, 30 years old, holds the Guinness World Record for being the youngest person to climb Mt. Everest (2010) and Mt. Lhotse (2011).

Arjun Vajpai's 8 Successful Summits (So Far) :

- Mt. Everest (2010)
- Mt. Lhotse (2011)
- Mt. Manaslu (2011)
- Mt. Makalu (2016)
- Mt. Cho Oyu (2016)
- Mt. Kangchenjunga (2018)
- Mt. Annapurna (2023)
- Mt. Shishapangma (2024)



Ques : Battle of Walong held in which year ?

वालॉग का युद्ध किस वर्ष हुआ था?

- (a) 1960
- (b) 1962
- (c) 1964
- (d) 1968
- (e) 1972

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

• Recent News : To commemorate the 62nd anniversary of the Battle of Walong during the 1962 conflict with China, the Army is organizing a month-long series of celebrations.

About the Battle of Walong :

- The conflict took place near the trijunction of India, China, and Myanmar.
- During the 1962 Sino-Indian War, Indian troops were tasked with defending Walong, the only advanced landing ground in the region and a vital supply route connecting remote border posts.
- With 15,000 soldiers versus India's 2,500 and stronger weaponry and artillery, the Chinese enjoyed a significant advantage.
- The Indian Army deployed battalions from the Kumaon Regiment, Sikh Regiment, Gorkha Rifles, Assam Rifles, and Dogra Regiment.



Ques : First Woman on Moon to Wear Prada-Designed Spacesuit for __ 2026 Mission
__ के 2026 मिशन के लिए प्रादा-डिज़ाइन किया गया स्पेससूट पहनने वाली चंद्रमा पर पहली महिला

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- NASA and Italian fashion giant Prada have collaborated to outfit the first woman to land on the Moon with a stylish spacesuit.
- Prada and Axiom Space collaborated to design a cutting-edge spacesuit for NASA's Artemis III mission to the lunar South Pole in 2026.
- The Axiom Extravehicular Mobility Unit (AxEMU) spacesuit prioritizes performance, durability, and adaptability in addition to aesthetics.
- NASA's Artemis III mission will be the first astronaut Moon landing since the Apollo 17 mission in 1972.
- Christina Koch, the sole female member of the Artemis III crew, has the potential to be the first woman to land on the moon, a historic event.
- Only 12 male astronauts have stepped on the Moon.

About NASA :

- Established : July 29, 1958
- HQ : Washington D.C., United States of America
- Administrator : Bill Nelson



Ques : Who inaugurated the Karmayogi Saptah, or National Learning Week at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi

नई दिल्ली में डॉ. अम्बेडकर इंटरनेशनल सेंटर में कर्मयोगी सप्ताह या राष्ट्रीय शिक्षण सप्ताह 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 A

Explanation : •

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Karmayogi Saptah, or National Learning Week, at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi.
- This effort is part of Mission Karmayogi, which aims to increase government workers' skills and match them with India's expanding aspirations, including achieving a developed nation by 2047.
- Mission Karmayogi Launched in September 2020 to build a future-ready public service that blends global thinking with Indian values.



Ques : India launched its __ nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) at the Ship Building Center (SBC) in Visakhapatnam.

भारत ने विशाखापत्तनम में शिप बिल्डिंग सेंटर (एसबीसी) में अपनी __ परमाणु-संचालित बैलिस्टिक मिसाइल पनडुब्बी (एसएसबीएन) लॉन्च की।

- (a) 1st
- (b) 2nd
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 4th
- (e) 5th

Answer : Option D

Explanation : •

• Recent News : India successfully launched its fourth nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) at the Ship Building Center (SBC) in Visakhapatnam, strengthening its nuclear deterrence capabilities.

About recently launched SSBN :

- The fourth SSBN is codenamed S4*
- K-4 ballistic missiles with a 3,500 km range and vertical launching mechanisms, it contains about 75% Indigenous content.
- INS Arihant, carries 750 km range K-15 nuclear missiles whereas INS Arighaat and INS Aridhaman, only carry K-4 ballistic missiles.
- INS Chakra, was dubbed S1, followed by INS Arihant (S2), INS Arighaat (S3), and INS Aridhaman (S4).



Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- The upper stage of ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle C-37 (PSLV C-37) successfully re-entered Earth's atmosphere. This is a crucial step towards ISRO's goal of achieving a debris-free space mission (DFSM) by 2030.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- India recently signed an agreement with the United States to acquire 170 AGM-114R Hellfire missiles.
- 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.
- Lunar Polar Exploration 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.
- India's AstroSat and NASA's space observatories filmed stunning outbursts from star wreckage near a black hole.
- The Indian Army (IA) has opened a new artillery firing range in the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh (AR), which falls under the Eastern Command of the IA. This is the first artillery firing range in a high-altitude area.
- 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).





Ques : Which country was officially declared 'malaria-free' by the World Health Organization (WHO) in October 2024?

विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन (WHO) ने अक्टूबर 2024 में किस देश को आधिकारिक तौर पर 'मलेरिया मुक्त' घोषित किया?

- (a) Spain / स्पेन
- (b) Egypt / मिस्र
- (c) USA / यूएसए
- (d) France / फ्रांस
- (e) UK / यूके

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The World Health Organization (WHO) declared Egypt 'malaria-free'.
- This year, the country became the world's second malaria-free country, after only Cabo Verde. It is also the fifth African country to have been certified malaria-free by the WHO.
- Egypt is the third country in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region to be certified malaria-free, having achieved this milestone after 14 years. Morocco was declared malaria-free in 2010, following the United Arab Emirates' designation in 2007.
- With this news, the WHO has declared 44 countries and one territory as malaria-free.

About Egypt :

- Capital- Cairo
- Currency- Egyptian pound
- Continent – Africa, Asia
- President – Abdel Fattah El-Sisi



Ques : Where is ISSF World Cup Final 2024 was held ?

ISSF विश्व कप फाइनल 2024 कहाँ आयोजित किया गया था?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- The ISSF World Cup Final 2024 was held at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi from October 13-18, 2024. New Delhi hosted the ISSF World Cup final for the second time, having previously hosted it in 2017.
- At the previous ISSF World Cup Final 2023 in Doha, Qatar, Anish Bhanwala earned India's only medal in the men's 25m rapid-fire pistol event.
- Indian shooters ended the ISSF World Cup Final 2024 season with four medals—two silver and two bronze.
- Sonam Maskar won India's first medal, a silver medal in the women's 10m air rifle shooting event. Akhil Sheoran won the bronze medal in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions shooting event.
- Arjun Babuta won a silver medal in the 10m air rifle mixed team event. Sonam also claimed an individual silver medal in the 10m air rifle. Analjaeet Singh Naruka won India's final medal, a bronze in the men's trap event.

About International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)

- Established : 1907
- HQ : Munich, Germany
- President: Luciano Rossi (Italy)
- Members: 149 countries/territories



Recent News headlines related to Sports

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.



Ques : Which institute has signed an MoU with Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL) Hyderabad to bring innovative health products, particularly probiotics to market?

किस संस्थान ने नवीन स्वास्थ्य उत्पादों, विशेष रूप से प्रोबायोटिक्स को बाजार में लाने के लिए भारत बायोटेक इंटरनेशनल लिमिटेड (बीबीआईएल) हैदराबाद के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली
- (b) Delhi University / दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय
- (c) IISc Bengaluru / आईआईएससी बेंगलुरु
- (d) Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology Guwahati / इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ एडवांस्ड स्टडी इन साइंस एंड टेक्नोलॉजी गुवाहाटी
- (e) IIT Madras / आईआईटी मद्रास

Answer : Option D

Explanation : •

- The Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST) Guwahati has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL) Hyderabad.
- The deal focuses on intellectual transfer and seeks to bring breakthrough health products, particularly probiotics, to market.
- These probiotics, derived from traditional fermented foods in Northeast India, have showed promise in treating metabolic illnesses, enhancing gut health, and promoting healthy aging.
- Bharat Biotech, a leading developer of vaccines and health solutions, will undertake pre-clinical and clinical trials to guarantee that the probiotics meet regulatory requirements.
- The trials will assess the products' effectiveness in addressing lifestyle disorders like diabetes and obesity.





Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- 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
- Tata Technologies and BMW Group signed an agreement to launch a joint venture named BMW TechWorks India.
- Ericsson, a Swedish telecom equipment maker, has acquired a new multibillion-dollar contract from India's Bharti Airtel to supply 5G equipment.
- 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.
- 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 Bachho" 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 (MbPA) 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.





Ques : Where was the first Namo Bharat Diwas held?

पहला नमो भारत दिवस कहाँ आयोजित किया गया था?

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

Answer : Option A

Explanation : •

- The Namo Bharat Diwas was commemorated in New Delhi on October 21, 2024, to commemorate the anniversary of the Namo Bharat Trains' operation.
- On October 20, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 17-kilometer segment of the country's first Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) connecting Sahibabad and Duhai Depot.
- The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) implemented and operates the country's first Regional Rapid Transit System, which is 82 kilometers long and connects Delhi, Ghaziabad, and Meerut.
- Namo Bharat refers to the high-speed self-propelled trains that operate on the Regional Rapid Transit System.



Ques : Which edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) began recently at Eastern Naval Command Visakhapatnam?

सिंगापुर-भारत समुद्री द्विपक्षीय अभ्यास (SIMBEX) का कौन सा संस्करण हाल ही में पूर्वी नौसेना कमान विशाखापत्तनम में शुरू हुआ?

- (a) 30th
- (b) 31st
- (c) 32nd
- (d) 33rd
- (e) 34th

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- The 31st iteration of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) will run until October 29 at the Eastern Naval Command here.
- The exercise will be divided into two phases: the Harbour Phase, which will take place from October 23 to 25 in Visakhapatnam, and the Sea Phase, which will take place from October 28 to 29 in the Bay of Bengal.
- SIMBEX, formerly known as 'Exercise Lion King' in 1994, is a bilateral maritime exercise involving the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy.
- RSN ship RSS Tenacious, with helicopter on board, arrived at ENC to participate in SIMBEX2024.



Recent News Headlines Related to Defence Exercise :

- The Indian Coast Guard successfully carried out the second edition of the 'Sagar Kavach' coastal security exercise along the shores of Gujarat and the Union Territory of Daman and Diu.
- The Indian Navy's leading stealth frigate, INS Talwar, landed at Simon's Town, South Africa, to participate in the eighth edition of exercise IBSAMAR. It is a multinational maritime exercise among the Indian, Brazilian, and South African Navy.
- India will host the QUAD nations' joint naval exercise in Visakhapatnam from October 8 to 18. It will include participants from Australia, Japan, and the United States of America.
- India -Kazakhstan joint military exercise 8th edition KAZIND -2024 commenced at the mountainous Surya Foreign Training node in Auli, Uttarakhand.
- The Indian Navy is organizing the sixth edition of the Goa Maritime Symposium at the Naval War College in Goa.
- Exercise AIKYA, a two-day national symposium organized by the National Disaster Management Authority and the Army Southern Command, begins in Chennai.
- The Indian Navy's P8I aircraft, led by Commanding Officer Captain Ajay Kanwar, has reached Australia's Darwin to participate in the 16th edition of Exercise Kakadu 2024.
- The third edition of the INDUS-X Summit completed in the US, making progress towards a cooperative defense innovation ecosystem between India and the USA.
- The Indian Army and the Indian Air Force contingent have arrived in Oman to participate in the AL NAJAH -V and Exercise Eastern Bridge -VII, respectively.
- The 20th edition of India-USA Joint Military Exercise YUDH ABHYAS-2024 at Foreign Training Node in Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan.
- Under the National One Health Mission (NOHM), a comprehensive mock drill named "Vishanu Yuddh Abhyas" (Virus War Exercise) was held in Ajmer district, Rajasthan.
- Exercise VARUNA (2024), edition 22nd Held at Mediterranean Sea between India & France (Navy). The Indian Navy sent a P8I aircraft to France.



Ques : Army's Sudarshan Chakra Corps conducts ____ exercise
सेना की सुदर्शन चक्र कोर __ अभ्यास आयोजित करती है

- (a) sasakht / ससाख्त
- (b) suraksha / सुरक्षा
- (c) Swavlamban Shakti / स्वावलंबन शक्ति
- (d) Veer gati / वीर गति
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : option C

Explanation : •

- To improve combat capabilities by integrating niche and emerging technologies, the Army's Sudarshan Chakra Corps of Southern Command is undertaking 'Exercise SWAVLAMBAN SHAKTI' at the Babina Field Firing Ranges near Jhansi.
- The XXI Corps, also known as the Sudarshan Chakra Corps, is the army's striking corps with its headquarters in Bhopal.
- The exercise, which aims to incorporate New Technology Equipment (NTEs) into the Army's offensive operations and ensure readiness for future conflict situations, began with the presence of Lt Gen Prit Pal Singh, General Officer Commanding of Sudarshan Chakra Corps.
- The exercise involves around 1,800 personnel, 210 armored vehicles, 50 specialty vehicles, and a variety of aviation capabilities.



Ques : "Izdeliye 305" is a missile developed by which country?
"इज़डेलिये 305" किस देश द्वारा विकसित मिसाइल है?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

Recent News : Rostec, a Russian state enterprise, claims its Light Multipurpose Guided Rocket, also known as "Izdeliye 305" or "Product 305," is very resistant to jamming and interference on the Ukrainian battlefield.

About Izdeliye 305 :

- The Izdeliye 305 missile, also known as the Light Multipurpose Guided Rocket (LMUR), is a Russian helicopter-launched air-to-surface missile with great precision. It can target armored vehicles, structures, and warships.
- It's 1.94 meters long, 200 millimeters wide, and weighs around 105 kilos. The missile is fueled by a solid-fuel rocket engine.
- LMUR may carry a variety of warheads, the most popular of which is a high-explosive warhead meant to demolish armored vehicles and infrastructure.



Ques : World Iodine Deficiency Day, also known as Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day, is observed annually on which day?

विश्व आयोडीन अल्पता दिवस, जिसे वैश्विक आयोडीन अल्पता विकार निवारण दिवस के रूप में भी जाना जाता है, प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) October 20
- (b) October 21
- (c) October 22
- (d) October 23
- (e) October 24

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- World Iodine Deficiency Day, also known as Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day, is observed yearly on October 21st.
- The day's goal is to increase awareness about the critical function of iodine in sustaining good health and to highlight the dangers of iodine shortage.
- Theme 2024: Strengthening Public Health via Awareness and Action
- Iodine is a required component of the thyroid hormones thyroxine (T4) and triiodothyronine (T3), which regulate metabolism and are critical for fetal and infant development.
- The most prevalent type, iodide, is rapidly absorbed in the stomach and used by the thyroid to produce hormones. The majority of excess iodide is eliminated through urine.





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
- 20 October : World Osteoporosis Day
- 21 October : National Police Commemoration Day



IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

BITES & Etihad Rail Sign MoU To enhance cooperation in developing railway infrastructure and services in the UAE.

Surgeon Vice Admiral Kavita Sahai, SM, VSM, assumed charge as Director General Medical Services (Navy).

ADB approves USD 42 million loan given to Government of Maharashtra to enhance coastal and riverbank protection ecosystems in Maharashtra.

The total number of dematerialized (demat) accounts reached 175.4 million, with an increase of 4.4 million accounts in September 2024.

The Telangana state government has initiated a fresh initiative to investigate the subclassification of Scheduled Castes (SCs) for reservation purposes. Justice Shameem Akhtar has been assigned the job of leading this inquiry.

RBI has approved the merger of Tata Capital, an unlisted entity, with Tata Motors Finance (TMFL), paving the way for the formation of India's 12th largest non-banking finance company. Resulting in Tata Motors holding a 4.7 per cent stake in the merged entity.

The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) launched the MAHA-EV Mission, which aims to advance electric vehicles in high-impact areas. The focus is on developing essential EV technologies to reduce imports and stimulate indigenous innovation.

Hyundai Motor India Ltd. (HMIL) has launched India's largest IPO of Rs.27,870 crore. The IPO offers 14.2 crore equity shares by the promoter and does not entail any new share issuance.

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, unveiled Pavana Chitra, India's first self-operated interior air quality monitoring facility, at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.

Earlier the dearness allowance was 42%. With 3% increase, Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief (DR) will reach 45% from July 1, 2024.

Maharashtra and Sports Authority of India Sign MoU to establish a National Centre of Excellence in Kandivali, Mumbai.

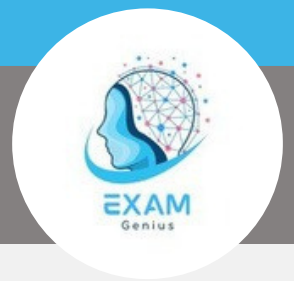
In the Archery World Cup Final, India's Deepika Kumari clinched the silver medal in the women's recurve category in Tlaxcala, Mexico.

InCorp Global, a provider of corporate solutions and professional services in Asia-Pacific, is the first firm at GIFT IFSC to obtain a BATF (Bookkeeping, Accounting, Taxation, and Financial Crime Compliance) license.

Spices Board of India & Directorate of Horticulture and Food Processing, Government of Uttarakhand partners To identify suitable areas for expanding large cardamom cultivation and other spices in Uttarakhand.

The 2026 edition of the Commonwealth Games will be held in Glasgow. Six games which are badminton, cricket, hockey, squash, table tennis and wrestling have been dropped from the 2026 edition.

ICC Men's and Women's player of the month for September 2024 are Kamindu Mendis (Sri Lanka) and Tammy Beaumont (England) respectively.



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