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Ques : Unified Payment Interface Surpasses ___ Daily Transactions in September 2024

एकीकृत भुगतान इंटरफ़ेस सितंबर 2024 में ___ दैनिक लेनदेन से आगे निकल गया

- (a) 500 Million
- (b) 650 Million
- (c) 700 Million
- (d) 550 Million
- (e) 400 Million

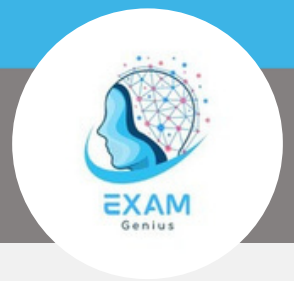
Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- In September 2024, daily transactions using the Unified Payment Interface (UPI) reached 501 million, the most since its inception in 2016.
- Volume increased by 0.5% to 15.04 billion in September 2024, from 14.96 billion in August.
- In September 2024, the figure stayed stable at Rs 20.64 trillion, compared to Rs 20.61 trillion in August 2024.
- In August 2024, daily transactions exceeded 483 million and amounted to Rs 66,475 crore.

About UPI :

- Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is a system that powers multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application.
- It is developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- It was introduced in April 2016.



Ques : RBI Monetary Policy Committee Reshuffles, How many new external members were appointed ?

RBI मौद्रिक नीति समिति में फेरबदल, कितने नए बाहरी सदस्यों की नियुक्ति की गई?

- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 4
- (d) 5
- (e) 6

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

• The Indian government has made a significant move in monetary policy governance by appointing three new external members to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).

The New External Members:

- Dr. Nagesh Kumar – The Director and Chief Executive of the Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi
- Ram Singh – Currently serving as the Director of Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
- Saugata Bhattacharya – A distinguished economist known for his expertise in monetary policy

Outgoing Members:

- Jayanth Varma – Professor at IIM-Ahmedabad
- Shashanka Bhide – Senior Adviser based in New Delhi
- Ashima Goyal – Professor from Mumbai



Ques : State Bank of India Chairman announces plans to expand the network by adding _ branches in FY25
भारतीय स्टेट बैंक के अध्यक्ष ने वित्त वर्ष 2015 में _ शाखाएँ जोड़कर नेटवर्क का विस्तार करने की योजना की घोषणा की

- (a) 200
- (b) 400
- (c) 600
- (d) 800
- (e) 1000

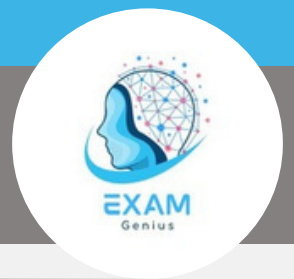
Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- 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.
- SBI has 22,542 branches as of March 2024. In FY24, SBI opened 137 new branches, 59 of which were in rural areas.
- SBI runs 65,000 ATMs and has 85,000 business correspondents.
- SBI has initiated a large-scale outreach initiative to increase deposit mobilization throughout its branch network.

About State Bank of India (SBI) :

- Founded – 1 July 1955
- Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
- Tagline – Pure Banking Nothing Else



Recent News Headlines Related to SBI :

- 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
- Financial Services Institution Bureau (FSIB) has selected Challa Sreenivasulu Setty as the next chairman of State Bank of India (SBI).
- SBI has introduced an online loan facility against mutual fund (MF) units through its internet banking (INB) and YONO App.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has introduced "MSME Sahaj," a revolutionary online business loan solution tailored for MSMEs.
- SBI has launched 'SME Digital Business Loans', offering end-to-end sanction turnaround time of up to 45 minutes for SMEs

Ques : __ collaborates with Jar to introduce Daily Savings in Digital Gold

__ ने डिजिटल गोल्ड में दैनिक बचत शुरू करने के लिए Jar के साथ सहयोग किया है

- (a) Phonepe
- (b) Paytm
- (c) Airtel payments bank
- (d) BharatPe
- (e) None of these

Answer : Option A





Explanation :

- PhonePe announced a cooperation with Jar to launch a new 'Daily Savings' option on its platform for purchasing digital gold.
- This enables users to save 24K digital gold with daily incremental contributions.
- PhonePe's 'Daily Savings' feature seeks to assist users create regular savings habits by allowing them to save amounts ranging from Rs 10 to a maximum of Rs 5,000 per day in digital gold.
- Jar's integrated 'Gold Tech' solution streamlines digital gold investments in under 45 seconds.

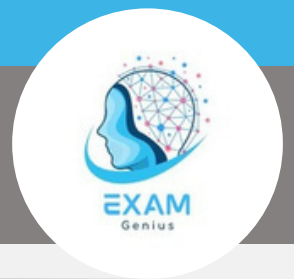
About PhonePe :

- Established : 2015
- Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka
- CEO : Sameer Nigam



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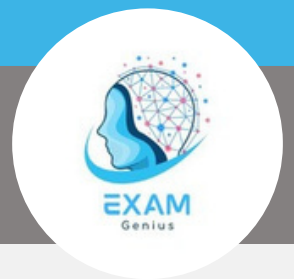




Recently signed banking agreements

- BOBCARD Limited, a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) and a wholly owned by Bank of Baroda (BoB), has partnered with RuPay to launch an Equated Monthly Installment (EMI) feature on UPI.
- Decentro, India's leading fintech infrastructure platform, has launched eNACH and UPI AutoPay, which aims to automate and simplify the management of recurring payments for businesses.
- AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) has partnered with Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Limited to offer life insurance solutions.
- NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) entered into a strategic partnership with the Ministry of Digital Transformation (MDT) of Trinidad and Tobago to Develop UPI-like Payments System. With this, Trinidad and Tobago became the first Caribbean nation to adopt UPI.
- Mahindra Finance has entered into a co-origination partnership with UGRO Capital to provide affordable loans to MSMEs (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises).
- HDFC Life has entered into a bespoke agreement with Metropolis Healthcare Limited, a leading Indian diagnostic company, and CallHealth, an integrated healthcare platform respectively.
- Axis Bank and Mastercard, a worldwide payments technology firm, have announced a collaboration to introduce MyBiz, a business credit card intended specifically for single proprietors and small business owners.
- BLS E-Services has partnered with SBI General Insurance to provide a variety of insurance products directly to customers in India.
- ICICI Bank partners with Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) to launch NPS Vatsalya, a pension account for minors.
- Paisabazaar has teamed with YES BANK, India's sixth largest private-sector bank, to launch the YES BANK Paisabazaar PaisaSave Credit Card.
- AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB) and Kotak Life announced a partnership to offer life insurance and financial security solutions.
- Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited (Star Health Insurance) and Policybazaar have announced the launch of 'SUPER STAR', a personalized long-term health insurance.





Ques : India won the 2024 SAFF Men's U17 Championship by defeating which team in the final?

भारत ने फाइनल में किस टीम को हराकर 2024 SAFF पुरुष U17 चैम्पियनशिप जीती?

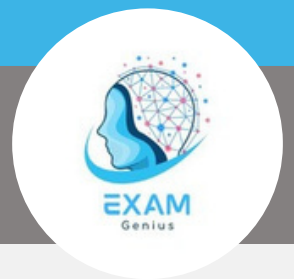
- (a) Tanzania / तंजानिया
- (b) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (c) Oman / ओमान
- (d) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (e) UAE / यूएई

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

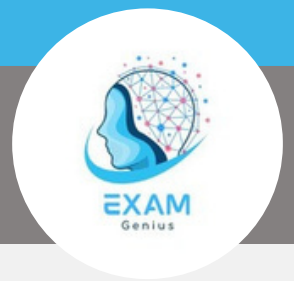
- The undefeated Indian football team won the 2024 Men's SAFF U17 Championship, defeating Bangladesh 2-0 in the final.
- The final was place at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu, Bhutan.
- The 2024 Men's SAAF U17 Championships featured seven teams: India, Bangladesh, the Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan.
- The Indian boys' football squad, commonly known as the Blue Colts, went undefeated throughout the competition. Captain of the Indian team is Ngamgouhou Mate.
- India has won four times: U18 in 2019; U20 in 2022; U16 in 2023; and U17 in 2024. Bangladesh won once in the U16 category, in 2015.
- Group A consisted of India, Bangladesh, and the Maldives, while Group B included Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Bhutan.
- Player of the Tournament: Mohammed Arbash of India.
- Goalkeeper of the Tournament: Aheibam Suraj Singh





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- In snooker, Indian veteran Kamal Chawla won his first IBSF World 6-Red title with a 6-2 triumph over Pakistan's Asjad Iqbal in the final at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- Indian tennis players Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan and Vijay Sundar Prashanth won the doubles title at the ATP 250 Hangzhou Open 2024.
- Lando Norris raced from pole to chequered flag to win the Singapore Grand Prix, closing the gap on championship leader Max Verstappen, who finished second.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced that men's and women's cricket teams will receive equal prize money in all World Cup events, starting with the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup.
- Sangram Singh became the first Indian male wrestler to win an MMA (mixed martial arts) bout in the Gama International Fighting Championship Tbilisi in Georgia.
- 61st edition of 2024 Duleep Trophy played this year. Champion team is India A and Runners-up is India C.
- Jasprit Bumrah has become the 10th Indian bowler to reach the illustrious milestone of 400 international wickets.
- India won historic twin gold medals at the 2024 Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary. Both male and female teams emerged victorious.
- ICC Men's player of the month for August 2024 is Dunith Wellalage (Sri Lanka) and ICC Women's player of the month for August 2024 is Harshitha Samarawickrama (Sri Lanka)
- Dhanush Loganathan of India won the bronze medal in the men's 55kg event at the 2024 IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships in Leon, Spain.
- With 4 Bronze medals and 12 Medallions of Excellence, India has firmly established itself as a rising force in the global skills arena in WorldSkills 2024 competition in Lyon, France.
- Glasgow, Scotland's city, has accepted to host the 2026 Commonwealth Games after the original host, Victoria in Australia, refused due to mounting costs.



Ques : Which Department asked white goods manufacturers to participate in large numbers to avail fiscal benefits ?

किस विभाग ने श्वेत वस्तु निर्माताओं को राजकोषीय लाभ प्राप्त करने के लिए बड़ी संख्या में भाग लेने के लिए कहा?

- (a) Department of Science and Technology / विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग
- (b) Department of Biotechnology / जैव प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग
- (c) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade / उद्योग और आंतरिक व्यापार संवर्धन विभाग
- (d) Department of Space / अंतरिक्ष विभाग
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

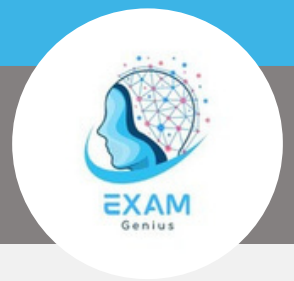
Answer : Option C

Explanation :

• Recent News : The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has requested that white goods producers engage in large numbers to benefit from the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme.

About white goods :

- White goods typically relate to large home appliances like stoves, refrigerators, freezers, and washing machines.
- The same things are available in a variety of colors, yet they are still referred to as "white goods."
- In the alcohol industry, "white goods" refers to colorless spirits like vodka and gin.
- White goods in fabrics can refer to household items made of linen, cotton, or other white base materials. These are curtains, towels, and sheets.



Ques : What is the rank of India in 2024 Global Innovation Index (GII) ?

2024 ग्लोबल इनोवेशन इंडेक्स (GII) में भारत का स्थान क्या है?

- (a) 35
- (b) 37
- (c) 39
- (d) 40
- (e) 42

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

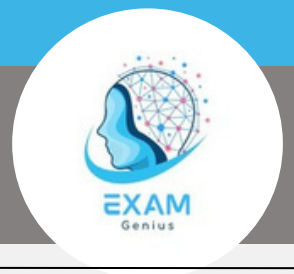
- World Intellectual Property Organisation announced the 17th edition of the Global Innovation Index, which ranked countries based on their innovation attributes.
- First Index published in 2007 and in 17th edition, 133 Countries are included in index.
- India's rating in the 2024 Global Innovation Index (GII) has risen to 39, from 40 in the previous edition. India's rating has risen by 42 places over the last nine years, from 81st in 2015 to 39th in 2024.
- Amongst the 10 economies of Central and Southern Asia, India has been ranked 1st. Switzerland remained the top-ranked country, while Angola, an African country, finished at the bottom.
- This is the 14th consecutive year that Switzerland has been ranked no.1 on the Index. Like last year, Sweden and the United States maintained their 2nd and 3rd position, respectively.
- The countries are evaluated based on over 80 indicators divided into four categories: science and innovation investment, technological progress, technology adoption, and the socioeconomic impact of innovation.

Following is the list of the top 10 ranked countries in the 2024 Global Innovation Index :

1. Switzerland
2. Sweden
3. United States
4. United Kingdom
5. Singapore
6. Finland
7. Netherland
8. Germany
9. Denmark
10. South Korea

About World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) :

- Set up in 1967 as a United Nations special agency.
- Headquarters of WIPO : Geneva, Switzerland
- Director General of WIPO Daren Tang
- Members : 193 countries



India's Rankings in Different Indices

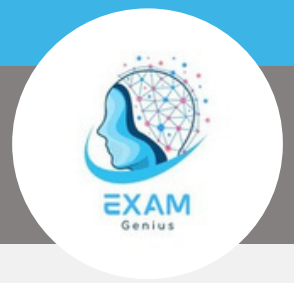
- LinkedIn's Top Startups India List 2024 : Zepto
- Asian Power Index Report 2024 released recently by the Australian think tank Lowy Institute : India third most powerful country. United States (1st) and China (2nd)
- World's Best Companies 2024 list Published by USA based TIME Magazine : HCL Technologies Limited (India 112th rank), Apple (Top)
- 2024 Megahubs report 10th Edition Published by Official Airline Guide (OAG) : Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in New Delhi (Delhi) (24th), London Heathrow Airport (LHR) (UK)(top)
- State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2024 6th Edition Published by FSSAI : Kerala (top), Tamil Nadu (2nd), Jammu Kashmir (3rd)
- S&P Global's "India Forward: Emerging Perspectives" report : India would become the world's third largest economy by FY31
- Report Best Countries Ranking 2024 Published by US News & World Report : India (33rd), Switzerland (top)
- Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2024 5th Edition Published by International Telecommunication Union (ITU) : India has ranked among Tier 1 countries
- According to a Nature study, Biggest plastic polluter country : India (1st), Nigeria (2nd), Indonesia (3rd)
- Hurun India Rich List 2024 Published by Hurun India : Gautam Adani, Chairman of the Adani (tops)
- Global Property Price Index 2024 Published by Knight Frank : Mumbai (2nd), Manila (1st)

Ques : Who inaugurated the 21st Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Zone III Conference?

21वें राष्ट्रमंडल संसदीय संघ जोन III सम्मेलन का उद्घाटन किसने किया?

- (a) Draupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मू
- (b) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (c) Om Birla / ओम बिड़ला
- (d) S Jaishankar / एस जयशंकर
- (e) None of the above / उपरोक्त में से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option C

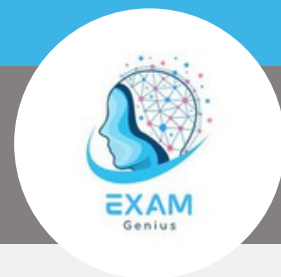


Explanation :

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has opened the 21st Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Zone III Conference in Aizawl, Mizoram.
- The conference, held at the Mizoram Legislative Assembly Complex in Aizawl, aimed to strengthen the democratic process in the country's northeastern region.
- Theme: Democratic Sanctity, Transparency, Accountability, and Results from Democracy.
- The conference intends to promote collaboration and conversation among Northeastern state legislators, with a focus on addressing regional concerns democratically.



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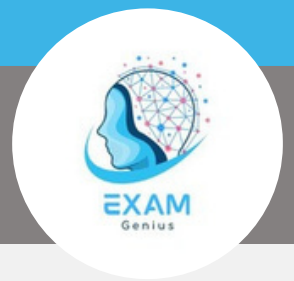


Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and New and Renewable Energy, has inaugurated the 2nd India Sugar and Bio-Energy Conference in New Delhi.
- The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), in collaboration with the Institute for What Works to Advance Gender Equality (IWWAGE) successfully hosted the National Conclave on Gender Mainstreaming in New Delhi.
- During the sixth Quad Summit meeting, it was agreed that India would host the seventh Quad Summit meeting in 2025.
- Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister for Finance and Minister for Corporate Affairs, represented India at the 9th Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Board of Governors meeting held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the 41st edition of the Indian Coast Guard Commanders' Conference in New Delhi.
- India to Host World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit 2025 at Jawaharlal Nehru Architecture and Fine Arts University (JNAFAU), Hyderabad.
- 11th National Level Exhibition and Project Competition (NLEPC) of INSPIRE– MANAK winners felicitation ceremony in New Delhi.
- International WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Conference Organised by Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti Held during 8th India Water Week. Theme is Sustaining Rural Water Supply.
- The third edition of World Food India 2024 is taking place in New Delhi.
- 2nd Edition of Naval Commanders' Conference Held at New Delhi Inaugurated by Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi.

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Ques : Claudia Sheinbaum has recently taken oath as the first female President of which country?

क्लाउडिया शिनबाम ने हाल ही में किस देश की पहली महिला राष्ट्रपति के रूप में शपथ ली है?

- (a) South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया
- (b) Germany / जर्मनी
- (c) Japan / जापान
- (d) Mexico / मेक्सिको
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

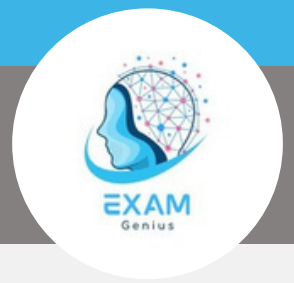
Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Claudia Sheinbaum was sworn in as Mexico's first female president.
- She promises to strengthen women's rights and keep Latin America's number two economy a safe haven for international investment.
- The 62-year-old climate scientist and former mayor of Mexico City will serve a six-year term that ends in 2030.
- Sheinbaum's inauguration marks the completion of a four-decade rise in Mexican politics, highlighted by her historic election as the first woman to head Mexico City.

About Mexico :

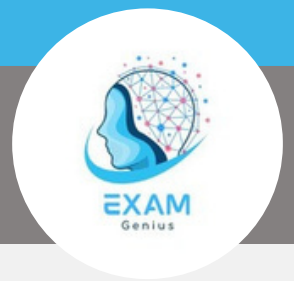
- Capital- Mexico City
- Currency – Peso
- President- Claudia Sheinbaum (first woman president of nation)
- Continent- North America



Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President :

- Shigeru Ishiba : 101th Prime Minister of Japan (Replaced Fumio Kishida)
- 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
- President of Iran : Masoud Pezeshkian
- Prime Minister of the United Kingdom : Keir Starmer
- Prime Minister of the Netherlands : Dick Schoof
- President of Slovakia : Peter Pellegrini
- President of South Africa : Cyril Ramaphosa
- First female President of Mexico : Claudia Sheinbaum
- President of Lithuania : Gitanas Nauseda
- President of Taiwan : Lai Ching-te
- Prime Minister of Singapore : Lawrence Wong





Ques : Harpoon anti-ship missile systems was developed by which country ?

हार्पून एंटी-शिप मिसाइल सिस्टम किस देश द्वारा विकसित किया गया था?

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

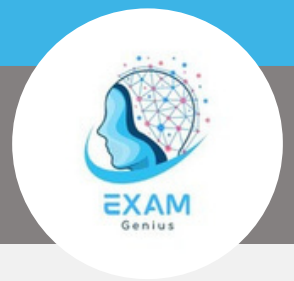
Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The first shipment of 100 land-based Harpoon anti-ship missile systems from the United States has arrived in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

About the Harpoon Missile :

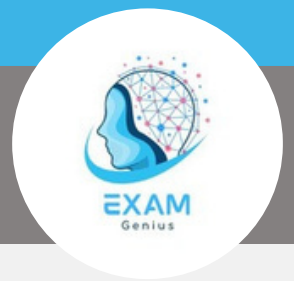
- The Harpoon (RGM-84/UGM-84/AGM-84) is a U.S.-designed subsonic antiship cruise missile that has been in service since 1977.
- A single missile measures 4.5 m in length and weighs 526 kg with Turbojet, solid propellant.
- It is capable of executing both land-strike and anti-ship missions. Its Range is 90-240 km.
- It has been built in several variations, including air, ship, and sub-launched versions. It is currently in use by the military forces of over 30 countries, including India.



Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- Dassault Aviation, a French aircraft manufacturer known for its Rafale combat planes, has announced plans to enter into the Indian market.
- Russian cosmonauts Oleg Kononenko and Nikolai Chub have established a new record for the longest single mission aboard the International Space Station (ISS).
- The country's indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, joined the Western Naval Fleet, significantly increasing maritime strength in the Arabian Sea.
- Bellatrix Aerospace, a Bengaluru-based space firm, revealed Project 200 during the Bengaluru Space Expo 2024.
- Aryabhata Research agency of Observational Sciences (ARIES), has inked a MoU with Bharat Electronics Limited to develop crucial technology for tracking space objects, notably near-Earth objects and artificial satellites, as part of India's expanding emphasis on Space Situational Awareness (SSA).
- NASA is set to launch the Europa Clipper mission, aiming to explore Jupiter's icy moon, Europa.
- The TRISHNA Mission is a collaboration between ISRO and the French Space Agency (CNES). It Provide high geographical and temporal resolution of the Earth's surface.
- Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister of India has approved the development of Venus Orbiter Mission (VOM) for better understanding of the Venusian surface.
- The Prime Minister of India chairs the Union Cabinet, which has approved the development of the Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV). Compared to LVM3, it will have three times the cargo capabilities at 1.5 times the cost.
- During the Amrit Kaal, the construction of an Indian Space Station (Bharatiya Antariksh Station) by 2035 and an Indian landing on the Moon by 2040.
- Iran has successfully launched its research satellite, Chamran-1, into space recently.
- The Indian Navy has commissioned the Kalvari Submarine Escape Training Facility, which was planned and developed in-house, at its flagship submarine training base, INS Satavahana in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- United Kingdom has reportedly given clearance for Ukraine to use Storm Shadow cruise missiles to target Russian territories
- A Soyuz spacecraft, carrying two Russians and an American, docked at the International Space Station (ISS) just over three hours after launch





Ques : India claims bronze medal in 1st Asia Pacific Padel Cup held in which country ?

भारत ने किस देश में आयोजित प्रथम एशिया पैसिफिक पैडल कप में कांस्य पदक जीता?

- (a) Indonesia / इंडोनेशिया
- (b) Sweden / स्वीडन
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (e) Dubai / दुबई

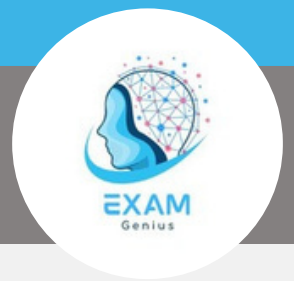
Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- In the inaugural Asia Pacific Padel Cup (APPC)2024, held in Amare Padel Club Umalas in Bali, Indonesia, the Indian team won bronze after defeating Malaysia.
- India won the inaugural padel event in the Asia-Pacific area.
- Indonesia earned the gold medal and the Philippines won the silver medal in the event.

About Asia Pacific Padel Cup (APPC) :

- It is a racquet sport with Mexican origin that is played in an enclosed court, like squash, that is slightly smaller than a doubles tennis court in size.
- It is the 1st Edition, Nations participated are Hong Kong (China), India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Singapore.
- Each match will be played between two countries, with each country represented by five teams (3 male teams and 2 female teams)



Ques : Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually dedicated the Bidkin Industrial Area in _ to the nation.

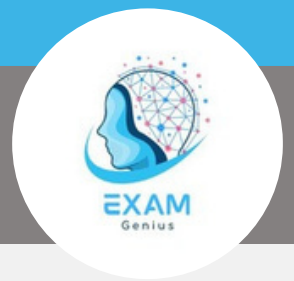
प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने महाराष्ट्र में बिडकिन औद्योगिक क्षेत्र को वस्तुतः राष्ट्र को समर्पित किया

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Bidkin Industrial Area in Maharashtra to the nation on September 29, 2024.
- The Bilkin Industrial Area, located 20 km south of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, is part of the DelhiMumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) was established by the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP).
- The initiative is part of the national government's "Make in India, Make for the World" program, promoting industrial progress, economic success, and sustainable development in the region.
- The Make in India program, initiated by the Indian government on September 25, 2015.
- Maharashtra Industrial Township Limited has promoted the Bidkin Industrial Area. The Maharashtra Industrial Township Limited is a Special Purpose Vehicle founded by the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) and the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT).
- Under NICDP, 11 Industrial Corridors, with 44 industrial nodes/areas/smart cities, are being developed in four phases.
- The Bidkin Industrial Area spans 7,855 acres and was built in three phases for Rs 6,414 crore.
- The Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) Project, approved by the government in 2007, is the first Industrial Corridor. It is being developed with the help of Japan.



Ques : Earth is set to welcome a temporary “mini-moon” in the form of a small asteroid named_____.

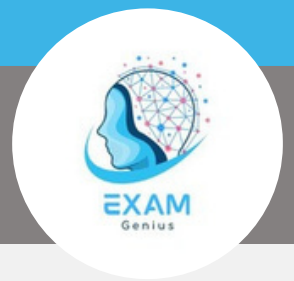
पृथ्वी _ नाम के एक छोटे क्षुद्रग्रह के रूप में एक अस्थायी "मिनी-मून" का स्वागत करने के लिए तैयार है।

- (a) 2024 PT4
- (b) 2024 PT5
- (c) 2024 PT6
- (d) 2024 PT7
- (e) 2024 PT8

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- A tiny asteroid dubbed 2024 PT5 will orbit Earth, creating a momentary "mini-moon" effect.
- On August 7, 2024, NASA's Asteroid Terrestrial-Impact Last Alert System (Atlas) discovered a 33-foot-wide asteroid from the Arjuna asteroid belt.
- The asteroid will pass 2.8 million miles (4.5 million kilometers) from Earth at a speed of nearly 22,000 mph (35,540 km/h).
- After leaving Earth's orbit in 2024, PT5 will remain in near proximity until January 9, 2025.



Ques : Who has been awarded the prestigious 2024 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize ?

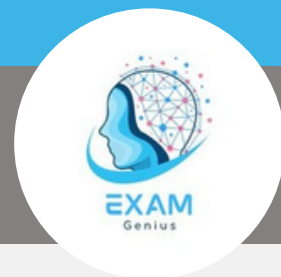
प्रतिष्ठित 2024 शास्त्र रामानुजन पुरस्कार से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (a) Alexander Dunn / अलेक्जेंडर डन
- (b) Deepika Misra / दीपिका मिश्रा
- (c) Alexandr Predke / एलेक्ज़ेडर प्रेडके
- (d) Jaykumar Sammed / जयकुमार सम्मेद
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

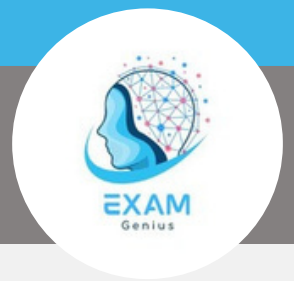
- Alexander Dunn was awarded the prestigious 2024 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize, which was established in 2005.
- SASTRA University awards this award annually on Ramanujan's birth anniversary, December 22, on its campus near Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu.
- Eligibility for the prize is Mathematicians under 32 years old working in areas affected by Srinivasa Ramanujan are eligible for the annual prize.
- The cash prize includes a citation and \$10,000.
- Other recipients: Manjul Bhargava and Akshay Venkatesh



Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- 54th Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award : Mithun Chakraborty
- Global Prestige Award at the House of Lords in the United Kingdom Parliament : Vinod Bachchan
- 97th Academy Awards (in Los Angeles, United States) : Film 'Laapataa Ladies' chosen as International Feature Film Category at the 97th Academy Awards 2025
- Ekalabya Puraskar in 2024 : Pratyasa Ray (received cash prize of Rs. 7 lakhs)
- Miss Universe India 2024 : Rhea Singha (Gujarat), Pranjal Priya (first runner-up), Chhavi Verg (second place)
- Miss India Worldwide 2024 : Dhruvi Patel (USA), Teen Category : Sierra Suret (Guadeloupe)
- FIDE 100 Awards (in Hungary) : Magnus Carlsen (best male player award), Judit Polgar (best Female player award)
- South Indian International Movie Awards (SIIMA) 2024 : Aishwarya Rai Wins Best Actress (critics) Award for her role in "Ponniyin Selvan 2"
- National Energy Leader Award given by Confederation of Indian Industry – Green Business Centre (CIIGBC) : Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)
- Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar for best performance in the Official Language Hindi category : Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
- Singapore Literature Prize : Prasanthi Ram for English fiction, 'Nine Yard Sarees'
- National Florence Nightingale Awards : Given by Droupadi Murmu to nursing professionals.
- Powering India Awards 2024 : REC Limited Honoured as "Nodal Agency of the Year" at Bharat Electricity
- Swachh Vayu Survekshan Award 2024 : Category-1 (Population over 10 Lakhs) 1st Rank : Surat, Gujarat, Category-2 (Population 3-10 Lakhs) 1st Rank : Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh, Category-3 (Population under 3 Lakh) 1st Rank : Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh.
- National Award for e-Governance 2024 (Gold) : Ministry of Women and Child Development
- Olympic Order in gold by International Olympic Committee (IOC) : President Emmanuel Macron





Ques : Who Launches 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' App ?

'एक पेड़ माँ के नाम' ऐप किसने लॉन्च किया?

- (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

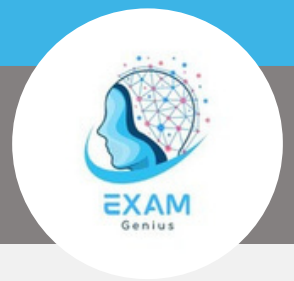
Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- 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).
- It allows users to plant a tree in honour of their mothers, contributing to environmental sustainability and a greener planet.

About Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam Campaign :

- It is launched on 5 June 2024.
- Its aim is to tackle global warming by promoting large-scale tree planting, to protect the environment and nature
- Successfully planted 80 crore saplings, 5 days ahead of its September 2024 target

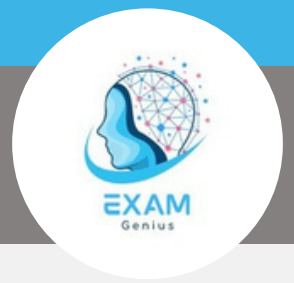


Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

- 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.
- The government of India has released an updated version of the Flood Watch India 2.0 App in an effort to enhance the nation's flood forecasting and flood control capabilities.
- Upasthiti (attendance) Portal : Hemant Soren, the Chief Minister of Jharkhand, launched to ensure daily attendance of doctors, para-medical staff and other employees under the health department.
- Version 4.0 of Price Monitoring System (PMS) Mobile app : Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution & New and Renewable Energy launched to improve the quality of price data

Genius





Ques : Which country developed the KH-22 Cruise Missile ?

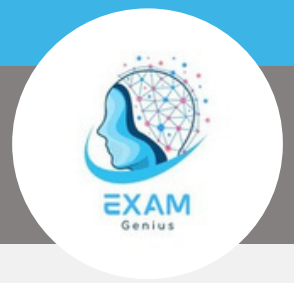
KH-22 क्रूज़ मिसाइल किस देश ने विकसित की?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Russian Aerospace Forces' Tu-22M3 missile carriers launched Kh-22 cruise missiles against Snake Island in the Black Sea.
- The AS-4 'Kitchen' is a long-range airborne supersonic cruise missile from the Soviet era.
- The Kh-22 series was developed in the USSR in the 1960s and planned for launch from Tupolev-22 bombers. The USSR built around 3,000 such missiles.
- This missile is designed to destroy big maritime targets, such as aircraft carriers, using conventional or nuclear warheads. Its astounding characteristics include a speed of up to Mach 4.6 and a range of around 600 kilometers.



Ques : The International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste (IDAFLW) is celebrated every year on which day?

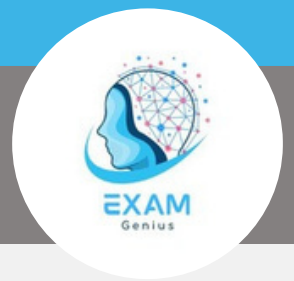
खाद्य हानि और बर्बादी के बारे में जागरूकता का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस (IDAFLW) हर साल किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 26 September
- (b) 27 September
- (c) 28 September
- (d) 29 September
- (e) 30 September

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste (IDAFLW) is observed on September 29th each year.
- The day's purpose is to raise awareness about food waste and inspire people to take action to reduce it.
- Theme 2024: Climate Finance for Food Loss and Waste Reduction.
- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, notably SDG 12, Target 12.3, aims for decreasing global per capita food waste at the retail and consumer levels, as well as minimizing food losses throughout the production and supply chains.



Ques : International Translation Day is celebrated every year on which day?

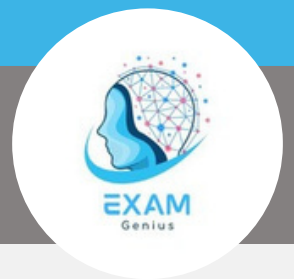
अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अनुवाद दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 26 September
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Answer : Option E

Explanation :

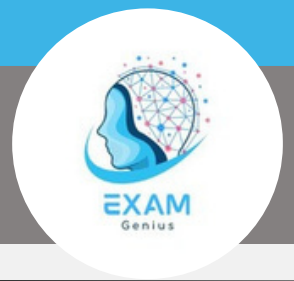
- Every year on September 30th, International Translation Day commemorates the efforts of translators and interpreters.
- Its goal is to encourage communication and understanding among persons from various cultures and language backgrounds.
- Theme 2024: Translation as an Art Worth Protecting: Moral and Material Rights for Indigenous Languages.
- International Translation Day, established by the United Nations in 2017, honors the arduous work of translators and interpreters in promoting conversation, peace, and mutual understanding among people from various linguistic and cultural backgrounds, according to UNESCO.



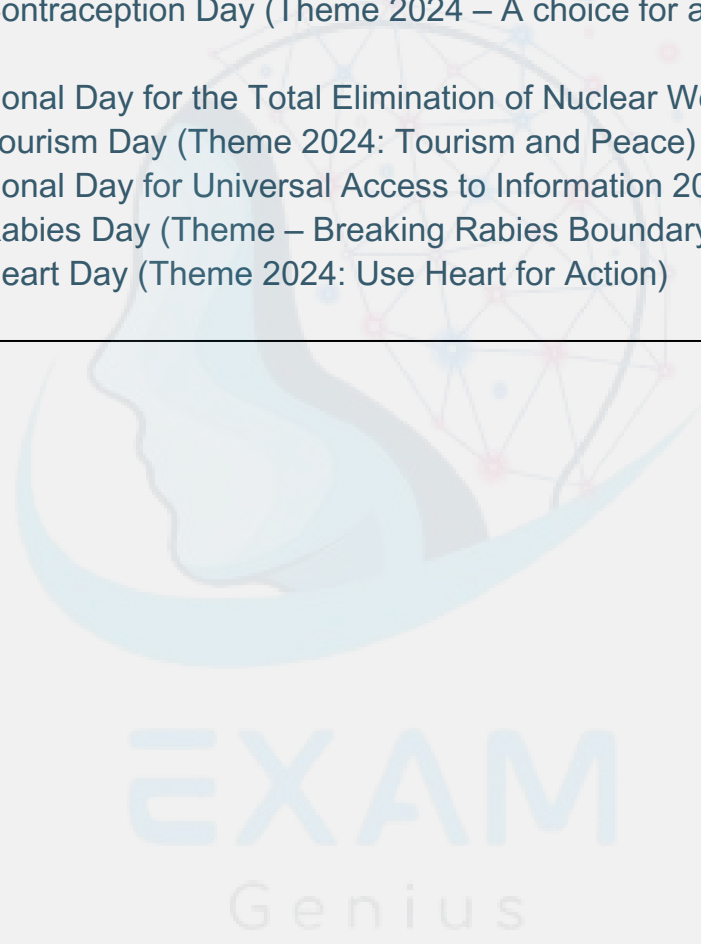
Important days :

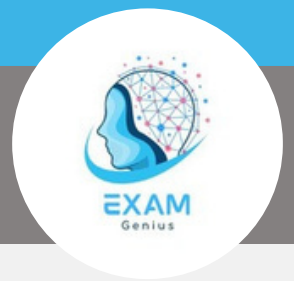
- 1st September to 7th September : National Nutrition Week (Theme 2024 – Nutritious Diets for Everyone)
- 2 September : World Coconut Day
- 3 September : World Skyscraper Day
- 5 September : International Day of Charity
- 5 September : Teachers' Day
- 7 September : International Day of Police Cooperation
- 7 September : International Vulture Awareness Day 2024
- 7 September : International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies
- 8 September : International Literacy Day (ILD) (Theme is "Promoting Multilingual Education: Literacy for Mutual Understanding and Peace.")
- 8 September : World Physical Therapy Day (Theme 2024: LBP (Low Back Pain) and the role of physiotherapy in its prevention and management)
- 9 September : UN International Day to Protect Education from Attack
- 10 September : World Suicide Prevention Day (Theme 2024 – 'Changing the Narrative on Suicide – Start the Conversation')
- 11 September : National Forest Martyrs Day (Theme 2024 – Honoring the Guardians of Our Forests)
- 12 September : International Day of South-South Cooperation (Theme 2024 – A better tomorrow through South-South Cooperation)
- 13 September : International Chocolate Day
- 14 September : World First Aid Day (Theme 2024: First Aid and Sports)
- 14 September : Hindi Diwas
- 15 September : National Engineers Day (Theme 2024 – Innovating for a Sustainable Future)
- 15 September : International Day of Democracy (Theme 2024 Ensuring Effective Governance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) at all Levels)
- 16 September : World Ozone Day (Theme 2024: Montreal Protocol: Advancing Climate Action)
- 16 September : International Day of Science, Technology and Innovation for the South
- 16 September : International Day for Interventional Cardiology
- 17 September : World Patient Safety Day (Theme 2024: Improving Diagnosis for Patient Safety)
- 18 September : World Bamboo Day (Theme 2024: Next Generation Bamboo: Solutions, Innovation, and Design.)
- 18 September : International Equal Pay Day (Theme 2024: Need to Eliminate Wage Discrimination)
- 20 September : World Cleanup Day
- 21 September : International Day of Peace (Theme 2024: cultivating a culture of peace)
- 21 September : World Alzheimer's Day
- 21 September (3rd Saturday of September): International Red Panda Day
- 22 September : World Rhino Day (Theme 2024 – Keep the Five Alive)
- 22 September (4th Sunday of September) : World Rivers Day 2024





- 23 September : International Day of Sign Languages (Theme 2024 – Sign up for Sign Language Rights)
- 24 September : World Bollywood Day 2024
- 25 September : World Pharmacist Day (Theme 2024 - Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs)
- 25 September : Antyodaya Diwas
- 26 September : World Environmental Health Day (Theme 2024 – Environmental Health: Creating Resilient Communities through Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation)
- 26 September : World Maritime Day (Theme 2024: Navigating the Future: Safety First)
- 26 September : World Contraception Day (Theme 2024 – A choice for all. Freedom to plan, power to choose)
- 26 September : International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons
- 27 September : World Tourism Day (Theme 2024: Tourism and Peace)
- 28 September : International Day for Universal Access to Information 2024
- 28 September : World Rabies Day (Theme – Breaking Rabies Boundary)
- 29 September : World Heart Day (Theme 2024: Use Heart for Action)





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

HDFC Bank has launched updates to its SmartWealth app. One of the key additions is the Instant SIP, which allows users to invest in mutual funds on the same day they identify an opportunity.

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) Signed under 'Centre of Excellence for Khadi-2.0(CoEK-2.0)'. Its aim is to enhance the reach and marketability of "Brand Khadi" domestically and internationally, in Rajghat, New Delhi

Federal Bank, one of India's leading banks has unveiled NPS Vatsalya, a pioneering program inside the National Pension System (NPS) designed exclusively for minors.

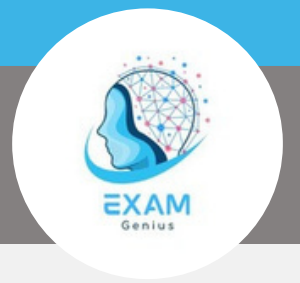
Sumant Kathpalia Appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of IndusInd Bank for Three-year term.

Reserve Bank of India has approved the reappointment of Parveen Kumar Gupta as Non-Executive Chairman of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank

During his inaugural speech, Pralhad Joshi said that India is the world's third-largest producer and consumer of Ethanol. The United States is the largest producer of ethanol in the world, and Brazil is the second-largest producer.

Glasgow, the capital of Scotland, has been announced as the host city of the 2026 Commonwealth Games, the 23rd edition of the Commonwealth Games (CWG) after Australian state of Victoria decided to withdraw from hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Games.





महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

एचडीएफसी बैंक ने अपने स्मार्टवेल्थ ऐप में अपडेट लॉन्च किया है। प्रमुख परिवर्धनों में से एक इंस्टेंट एसआईपी है, जो उपयोगकर्ताओं को उसी दिन म्यूचुअल फंड में निवेश करने की अनुमति देता है जिस दिन वे अवसर की पहचान करते हैं।

खादी और ग्रामोद्योग आयोग (KVIC) और राष्ट्रीय फैशन टेक्नोलॉजी संस्थान (NIFT) ने 'खादी उत्कृष्टता केंद्र-2.0 (CoEK-2.0)' के तहत हस्ताक्षर किए। इसका उद्देश्य राजघाट, नई दिल्ली में घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर "ब्रांड खादी" की पहुंच और विपणन क्षमता को बढ़ाना है।

भारत के अग्रणी बैंकों में से एक, फेडरल बैंक ने एनपीएस वात्सल्य का अनावरण किया है, जो राष्ट्रीय पेंशन प्रणाली (एनपीएस) के अंदर एक अग्रणी कार्यक्रम है जो विशेष रूप से नाबालिगों के लिए डिज़ाइन किया गया है।

सुमंत कठपालिया को तीन साल के कार्यकाल के लिए इंडसइंड बैंक के प्रबंध निदेशक और मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (एमडी और सीईओ) के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया।

भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने उत्कर्ष लघु वित्त बैंक के गैर-कार्यकारी अध्यक्ष के रूप में परवीन कुमार गुप्ता की पुनर्नियुक्ति को मंजूरी दे दी है।

अपने उद्घाटन भाषण के दौरान, प्रल्हाद जोशी ने कहा कि भारत दुनिया का तीसरा सबसे बड़ा इथेनॉल उत्पादक और उपभोक्ता है। संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका दुनिया में इथेनॉल का सबसे बड़ा उत्पादक है, और ब्राजील दूसरा सबसे बड़ा उत्पादक है।

ऑस्ट्रेलियाई राज्य विक्टोरिया द्वारा 2026 राष्ट्रमंडल खेलों की मेजबानी से हटने के फैसले के बाद स्कॉटलैंड की राजधानी ग्लासगो को 2026 राष्ट्रमंडल खेलों, राष्ट्रमंडल खेलों (सीडब्ल्यूजी) के 23वें संस्करण के मेजबान शहर के रूप में घोषित किया गया है।