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Ques : Which bank and India Exim Bank Bridge Trade Financing Gaps in Africa ?
कौन सा बैंक और भारत एक्जिम बैंक अफ्रीका में व्यापार वित्तपोषण अंतर को पाटते हैं?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- During the India Entrepreneurs Forum (IEF), the South African CEOs of the State Bank of India (SBI) and India Exim Bank emphasized their efforts to bridge the trade finance gap for firms in Africa.
- SBI now provides bank guarantees to Indian corporates in over 40 African nations.
- India Exim Bank has operations in 31 African countries, the most on any continent after Asia (17), Latin America (15), and Europe (10).
- Exim Bank supports projects such as IT solutions for national identity certificates in Ethiopia and electrical network construction in Burundi.

About State Bank of India (SBI):

- Established : 01 July 1955
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Challa Sreenivasulu Setty

About Export-Import Bank of India :

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



Recent News Headlines Related to SBI :

- SBI intends to issue Rs.5,000 crore in the domestic debt capital market via non-convertible, perpetual, subordinated, unsecured Basel III-compliant Additional Tier I (AT-I) notes.
- The State Bank of India (SBI) will offer the Mauritius government with a Rs 487.60 crore line of credit to finance a water project.
- The State Bank of India (SBI) plans to increase the quick loan scheme's threshold from Rs 5 crore to improve credit availability for the MSME sector.
- The State Bank of India (SBI) has extended the Amrit Kalash and Amrit Vrishti fixed deposit schemes till March 31, 2025.
- The State Bank of India (SBI) chaired a committee to promote co-lending agreements between commercial banks and non-banking financial enterprises. The committee proposed abolishing the 18% Goods and Services Tax (GST) on co-lending-related operations.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has filed a petition under Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, against KM Toll Road Private Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Reliance Infrastructure, before the National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai, for a claim amount of Rs.233.44 crore (including interest).
- State Bank of India (SBI) intends to open 600 branches across the country this fiscal year in an effort to capitalize on economic prospects in growing areas such as major residential townships.
- State Bank of India (SBI) is expected to raise up to Rs.7,500 crore through the issuance of tier-2 bonds
- SBI has approved Rs.10,050 crore for Damodar Valley Corporation's ultra-critical thermal power project.
- The SBI Foundation has launched the 3rd edition of its Asha Scholarship Program, supporting 10,000 meritorious students from underprivileged backgrounds.

Ques : _ Unveils 'SME Turbo Loan' Offering Instant Credit Approvals for Small and Medium Enterprises

_ ने छोटे और मध्यम उद्यमों के लिए तत्काल ऋण स्वीकृति की पेशकश करते हुए 'एसएमई टर्बो लोन' का अनावरण किया

- (a) City Union Bank / सिटी यूनियन बैंक
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank / इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक
- (c) Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (d) Karnataka Bank / कर्नाटक बैंक
- (e) CSB Bank / सीएसबी बैंक

Answer : Option E



Explanation : •

- CSB Bank, a renowned private sector bank, has developed SME Turbo Loan, a new loan product designed to provide small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) with quick and smooth credit access.
- The loan offers in-principle approval for credit amounts of up to Rs 5 crore and includes features such as overdrafts, term loans, and trade finance.
- The new loan facility, like the overdraft, term loan, and trade facilities, will underwrite applicants using their 'digital scorecard'.
- The lending product assesses customers using a digital scorecard that incorporates several data sources such as credit bureau information, GST filings, and financial performance.

About CSB Bank :

- Founded : 26 November 1920
- Headquarters : Thrissur, Kerala, India
- MD & CEO : Pralay Mondal



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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- MobiKwik Fixed Deposits allows consumers to begin saving with as little as Rs 1,000 and earn up to 9.5% annual returns without creating a new bank account.
- 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.
- The public sector Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has started the 'Mahila Shaksham' plan to fund individual women members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs).
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched a 400-day 'Utsav Deposit Scheme' for the festive season, paying 7.30 percent interest to common citizens, while increasing interest rates on term deposits (TDs) in the above three to five-year bucket from 6.50 percent to 6.80 percent.
- Magma HDI General Insurance provides 'Double Suraksha,' a comprehensive insurance solution tailored to the demands of people with diverse financial backgrounds.
- Mastercard established a cutting-edge Tech Hub in Pune, Maharashtra, India to promote growth and innovation inside the organization.
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched the 'bob Masterstroke Savings Account' for high-end customers.
- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), a public-sector lender, has launched eight new Retail Loan Processing Centres (RLPCs) across India.
- Paytm Money has launched a BSE Futures & Options (BSE F&O) trading facility on its platform as part of the Noida-based company's attempts to grow its wealth management and financial services business.



Ques : Solex Energy collaborates with which bank to offer financing for solar projects ?
सोलेक्स एनर्जी ने सौर परियोजनाओं के लिए वित्तपोषण की पेशकश करने के लिए किस बैंक के साथ सहयोग किया है?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- Solex Energy has teamed with State Bank of India (SBI) to provide solar financing alternatives to commercial, industrial, and institutional customers.
- As part of the partnership, SBI would provide solar finance for solar projects in India through loans of up to Rs 10 crore under its Surya Shakti Solar Finance Scheme.
- The collaboration's goal is to make solar energy accessible, affordable, and a driving force for India's sustainable energy future.
- Tata Power Solar Systems Ltd (TPSSL) and ICICI Bank signed a deal in August 2024 to finance solar units for residential and corporate customers.



Recently signed banking agreements

- The Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Shillong and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) have joined to promote entrepreneurship in India's Northeast.
- 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.
- 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.





Ques : What is the rank given to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das ?
भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) के गवर्नर शक्तिकांत दास को कौन सी रैंक दी गई है?

- (a) A+
- (b) A
- (c) A++
- (d) B
- (e) B+

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India's Governor Shaktikanta Das has been named the top central banker by Global Finance magazine, based in the United States.
- For the second year in a row, he has been named the world's top central banker.
- Governor Shaktikanta was awarded an A+ grade in the Central Bank Report Cards 2024 for the second year in a row. Das is at the top of a list of three A+-rated central bank governors.
- According to Global Finance magazine, grades are assigned on a range of A to F based on success in inflation control, economic growth goals, currency stability, and interest rate management.
- An 'A' symbolizes outstanding performance, whereas a 'F' denotes complete failure.
- Denmark's Christian Kettel Thomsen and Switzerland's Thomas Jordan have both been regarded as 'A+' central bankers.



Ques : The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) recommended Ashok Chandra for the position of Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of which bank?

वित्तीय सेवा संस्थान ब्यूरो (एफएसआईबी) ने अशोक चंद्रा को किस बैंक के प्रबंध निदेशक (एमडी) और मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (सीईओ) के पद के लिए अनुशंसित किया है?

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Indian Bank / इंडियन बैंक
- (d) Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
- (e) Karur Vyas Bank / करूर व्यास बैंक

Answer : Option D

Explanation : •

- The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) has recommended Ashok Chandra for the role of managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) at Punjab National Bank (PNB).
- Chandra has been the executive director (ED) at Canara Bank since November 21, 2022. Atul Kumar Goel, PNB's current MD and CEO, will step down on December 31, 2024.
- Chandra started his banking career as a probationary officer at the former Corporation Bank in September 1991. He has a Masters degree in economics and is a Certified Associate with the Indian Institute of Bankers.

About Punjab National Bank :

- Established : 19 May 1894
- HQ : New Delhi
- Tagline : The Name You Can Bank Upon



Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Pam Kaur : First female chief financial officer(CFO) of Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) (Replaced Georges Elhedery)
- Chitra Jayasimha : Chairperson of the National Pension System (NPS) Trust Board (Replaced Venkata Rao Yadagani)
- Pranav Chawda : CEO of JPMorgan Chase & Co.'s (Replaced Prabdev Singh)
- 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)



Ques : Who will take charge as the next Managing Director (MD) and CEO of Bharti Airtel ?
भारती एयरटेल के अगले प्रबंध निदेशक (एमडी) और सीईओ के रूप में कौन कार्यभार संभालेगा?

- (a) Shashwat Sharma / शाश्वत शर्मा
- (b) Richa Shrama / ऋचा श्रमा
- (c) Dr Archana Majumdar / डॉ. अर्चना मजूमदार
- (d) Vikram Dev Dutt / विक्रम देव दत्त
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : option A

Explanation : •

- Shashwat Sharma, Bharti Airtel's Chief Operating Officer (COO), will become the company's next Managing Director and CEO.
- While incumbent Gopal Vittal has been named vice-chairman, effective January 1, 2026. Vittal has been at the helm for the previous twelve years.
- Vittal spent two decades in Hindustan Unilever, working in many categories and locations before joining Airtel.

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Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Prabhakar Raghavan, an alumnus of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras : Google's Chief Technologist
- Vipin Kumar : Chairman of Airports Authority of India (Replaced M. Suresh)
- Vikram Dev Dutt : Secretary of the Ministry of Coal
- Deepak Agarwal : Managing Director (MD) of the National Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED)
- Former BCCI chief Sourav Ganguly : Director of Cricket at JSW Sports
- Praveen Vashista : Special Secretary (Internal Security) in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) (Replaced Sivagami Sundari Nanda)
- Akash Tripathi : Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD/CEO) of Digital India Corporation (DIC)
- Thachath Viswanath (TV) Narendran, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Tata Steel : Chairman of the World Steel Association (Worldsteel) (Replaced Leon Topalian)
- Smt. Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar : 9th Chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW) (Replaced Ms. Rekha Sharma)
- Abhyudaya Jindal : President of the Indian Chamber of Commerce (Replaced Ameya Prabhu)
- Bollywood actress and environmental activist Dia Mirza : Jury member for the All Living Things Environmental Film Festival (ALT EFF) 2024
- Subhash Prasad Gupta : High Commissioner of India to St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- Brij Bhushan Agarwal : Senior Vice President of Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Parthiv Vikram Neotia : Vice President of Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- Nayab Singh Saini : CM of Haryana for 2nd time



Ques : Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra has inaugurated the new campus of India's first Bio manufacturing Institute in which city?

केंद्रीय विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) डॉ. जितेंद्र ने किस शहर में भारत के पहले जैव विनिर्माण संस्थान के नए परिसर का उद्घाटन किया है?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Guwahati / गुवाहाटी
- (d) Mohali / मोहाली
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

Answer : Option D

Explanation : •

- Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Earth Sciences, PMO, Atomic Energy, Space, and Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions, has opened the new complex of India's first bio-manufacturing institute, the "BRIC-National Agri-Food Bio-Manufacturing Institute" (BRIC-NABI).
- The BRIC-National Agri-Food Bio Manufacturing Institute (BRIC-NABI), founded through the strategic merger of NABI and CIAB, is poised to change India's agricultural landscape by bringing together biotechnology and bioprocessing capabilities.
- This newly constituted business intends to shorten the path from research to commercialization by enabling pilot-scale production and bringing novel agri-tech solutions to market.
- The foundation of the BRIC-National Agri-Food Bio-Manufacturing Institute is a watershed moment in India's transition to an integrated, science-driven economy.



Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

- The Uttar Pradesh government, led by Yogi Adityanath, plans to establish India's first museum of Hindi literature in Varanasi. The museum will be the country's first dedicated to a specific language.
- Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has opened India's first supercapacitor manufacturing facility at Keltron Component Complex Limited (KCCL) in Kallyassery, Kannur.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched GAIL's first CBG plant in Jharkhand in a virtual event.
- Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin became the first female officer to take over as Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS).
- The first Kho Kho World Cup will be contested in India next year, with 16 men's and women's teams from 24 countries and six continents.
- Saleema Imtiaz became the first Pakistani woman to be named to the ICC's worldwide panel of development umpires.
- Mexico became the world's first country to allow voters to elect judges at all levels after protesters invaded the upper house and suspended debate on the issue.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi Chaired the 1st edition of the governing board of Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) in New Delhi.
- India and the US will establish the world's first multi-material chip production unit for national security.
- India will host the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) from October 14 to 24, 2024, for the first time.



Ques : Central government is set to commence census in which year ?

केंद्र सरकार किस वर्ष में जनगणना शुरू करने के लिए तैयार है?

- (a) 2024
- (b) 2025
- (c) 2026
- (d) 2027
- (e) 2028

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- The Central government plans to start the long-awaited census in 2025 and complete it by 2026.
- The census was initially slated for 2021, but was delayed owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The BJP-led government aims to delimit Lok Sabha seats by 2028.
- The decadal census cycle will be modified, with the next slated in 2035.
- The tenure of India's Registrar General and Census Commissioner, Mritunjay Kumar Narayan, has been extended to August 2026, indicating that census preparations are ongoing.

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Ques : Which country has won the 6th ACC Men's Emerging Teams Asia Cup 2024?

किस देश ने छठा एसीसी पुरुष इमर्जिंग टीम एशिया कप 2024 जीता है?

- (a) India A
- (b) Afghanistan A
- (c) Bangladesh A
- (d) Sri Lanka A
- (e) Pakistan A

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- Afghanistan A men's cricket team defeated Sri Lanka A by seven wickets to win the ACC Men's T20 Emerging Teams Asia Cup 2024.
- The Asian Cricket Council hosted the 6th ACC Men's Emerging Teams Asia Cup in Al Almerat, Oman.
- For the first time, the ACC Men's Emerging Teams Asia Cup was played in T20 format.
- Afghanistan's A squad won its first title in the ACC Men's Emerging Teams Asia Cup. The Afghanistan squad advanced to the final after defeating India A in the semi-final, while Sri Lanka A defeated Pakistan Shaheens in the other semi-final.
- The regular test players from India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Afghanistan do not compete in the ACC Emerging Team Asia Cup tournament.
- Player of the Match: Allah Mohammad Ghazanfar (Afghanistan) and Player of the series: Sediqullah Atal (Afghanistan)



Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Indian para-badminton players performed admirably at the Japan Para-Badminton Internationals 2024, winning 24 medals—6 gold, 9 silver, and 9 bronze.
- The Indian men's football team now ranks 125th in the FIFA rankings
- Maria Sharapova, a five-time Grand Slam singles champion from Russia, and American twins Bob and Mike Bryan, who created the most successful doubles combination in history, have been named to the International Tennis Hall of Fame Class of 2025.
- 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.
- In the Archery World Cup Final, India's Deepika Kumari clinched the silver medal in the women's recurve category in Tlaxcala, Mexico.
- 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
- 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.



Quies : Who has recently inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various projects worth Rs 7,160 crore in Bihar?

हाल ही में किसने बिहार में 7,160 करोड़ रुपये की विभिन्न परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन और शिलान्यास किया है?

- (a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (b) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (c) Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
- (d) Nitish Kumar / नीतीश कुमार
- (e) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़

Answer : Option D

Explanation : •

- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has inaugurated and laid the groundwork for several projects totaling Rs 7,160 crore.
- The CM lay the groundwork for 2,615 panchayat government structures in various blocks across the state, as well as a panchayat resource center in Sonepur, Saran district.
- At a ceremony held at the Chief Minister's official house, Kumar also inaugurated 13 district panchayat resource centres, 65 panchayat government structures, an e-gram kachhari court management system, and portals for numerous district councils. The government has set a goal of creating such structures in each gram panchayat.
- Initially, 330 panchayat administration buildings were constructed. Of the 8,053 panchayat structures in the state, 6,858 have been sanctioned. 1,548 of these have been completed, with the remaining under development.

About Bihar :

- Capital – Patna
- Chief Minister – Nitish Kumar (9th time)
- Deputy CM – Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha
- Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arleka



Ques : _ prepares for 'Space Handshake' SPADEX, a Private Firm Delivers Two Satellites.
_ 'स्पेस हैंडशेक' स्पेडेक्स की तैयारी, एक निजी फर्म दो उपग्रह वितरित करती है।

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

Answer : Option A

Explanation : •

- ISRO has acquired two 400kg satellites for the next Space Docking Experiment (SPADEX).
- Ananth Technologies Private Limited (ATL) integrated two 400kg satellites for ISRO at the Udupi Ramachandra Rao Satellite Centre (URSC) in Bengaluru, a facility dedicated to satellite design and development.
- Satellites traveling at 28,000 kmph will align, perform a space handshake, then dock to form a single orbital unit.
- SPADEX is significant for the country since it will create an Indian space station by 2028.

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Recent News Headlines related to Defence

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

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Ques : Tata Advanced Systems Ltd's (TASL) Tata Aircraft Complex inaugurated in which state ?

टाटा एडवांस्ड सिस्टम्स लिमिटेड (TASL) टाटा एयरक्राफ्ट कॉम्प्लेक्स का उद्घाटन किस राज्य में हुआ?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and visiting Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez jointly opened the Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) Tata Aircraft Complex in Vadodara, Gujarat.
- The complex houses the final production line plant for the C-295 military transport aircraft, which India purchased from Airbus.
- This is Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez's first visit to India, and it has been 18 years since a Spanish Prime Minister has visited India.
- Tata Advanced Systems set up the factory in partnership with Airbus Spain. The facility is located on the TATA Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) campus.
- The C-295 programme includes 56 aircraft, 16 of which will be delivered directly by Airbus from Spain, and the rest 40 will be manufactured in India.
- Tata Advanced Systems Ltd is in charge of producing these 40 airplanes in India. This factory will be India's first private sector final assembly line (FAL) for military aircraft.



Ques : What is the rank of India in Economic Freedom of the World (EFW) 2024 Annual Report ?

विश्व की आर्थिक स्वतंत्रता (EFW) 2024 की वार्षिक रिपोर्ट में भारत का स्थान क्या है?

- (a) 81st
- (b) 82nd
- (c) 83rd
- (d) 84th
- (e) 85th

Answer : Option D

Explanation : •

- Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR), People's Republic of China, now holds the world's largest freest economy with an overall score of 8.58, surpassing Singapore's second-place ranking of 8.55.
- In 2023, Hong Kong dropped from first to second place for the first time since the EFW index was established in 1970.
- India ranked 84th in 2024, up three places from 87th in 2023, with an overall rating of 6.58.

Ranking of Top 5 and last Countries :

- 1 Hong Kong SAR, China
- 2 Singapore
- 3 Switzerland
- 4 New Zealand
- 5 United States
- 84 India
- 165 Venezuela



India's Rankings in Different Indices

- Global Nature Conservation Index for 2024 : India (176th), Luxembourg (top)
- 2024 100 Most Powerful Women (MPW) in Business 27th Edition Published by Fortune : Mary Barra, CEO of General Motors (USA) (top)
- 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)



Ques : Who among the following has been given the highest civilian honour of the South Pacific nation of Fiji in October 2024?

निम्नलिखित में से किसे अक्टूबर 2024 में दक्षिण प्रशांत राष्ट्र फिजी का सर्वोच्च नागरिक सम्मान दिया गया है?

- (a) Baba Ramdev / बाबा रामदेव
- (b) Sadhguru / सद्गुरु
- (c) Sri Sri Ravi Shankar / श्री श्री रविशंकर
- (d) Acharya Balkrishna / आचार्य बालकृष्ण
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- Fiji, a South Pacific nation, has bestowed its highest civilian accolade on Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, the renowned spiritual teacher and humanitarian leader, in recognition of his untiring contributions to the upliftment of the human spirit and the peaceful coexistence of many people.
- Sri Sri Ravi Shankar was appointed 'Honourary Officer Of The Order of Fiji' by the President of the Republic of Fiji, HE Ratu Wiliame M Katonivere.
- Fiji becomes the sixth country in the world to bestow the highest civilian award on Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, recognizing the vast scope of his humanitarian work around the world through The Art of Living, which has been spreading happiness and harmony for the past 43 years through a variety of service initiatives in stress relief and meditation programs.



Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought : Venezuelan opposition leaders Maria Corina Machado and Edmundo Gonzalez
- Best Hospitality Management Institute of the Year Awarded by Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat & Goa CM Pramod Sawant : International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM)
- Harry Messel Award for Conservation Leadership : Assam-based conservation scientist Bibhab Kumar Talukdar
- International Astronautical Federation (IAF) World Space Award : Dr. S. Somanath, Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for Chandrayaan-3
- Global Anti-Racism Championship Award 2024 : Urmila Chaudhary of Nepal
- 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



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

राष्ट्रीय एकता दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 29 October
- (b) 30 October
- (c) 31 October
- (d) 1 November
- (e) 2 November

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- National Unity Day is commemorated annually on October 31st to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, a major figure in India's struggle for independence.
- He serves as the country's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister.
- National Unity Day serves as a reminder of his efforts to merge the country's numerous princely kingdoms into a one nation, as well as to develop a sense of togetherness among its citizens.
- Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, known as the Iron Man of India, is celebrated for his remarkable leadership and unwavering devotion to national integration.
- National Unity Day 2024 is observed on October 31, 2024, to commemorate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 149th birth anniversary.



Important days :

- 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)
- 10 October : World Day Against The Death Penalty (Theme 2024 Death Penalty and Safety)
- 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
- 20 October : 4th World Statistics Day 2024
- 21 October : National Police Commemoration Day
- 21 October : World Iodine Deficiency Day (Theme 2024: Strengthening Public Health via Awareness and Action)
- 24 October : United Nations Day (Theme 2024 Cultivating a Culture of Peace)
- 24 October : World Polio Day (Theme 2024 A Global Mission to Reach Every Child)
- 24 October : World Development Information Day
- 24 October : International Day of Diplomats (Theme 2024 Honoring the Unsung Guardians of Global Peace)
- 24 October : 63rd Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Raising Day
- 27 October : Indian Army Infantry Day
- 28 October to 3 November : Vigilance Awareness Week (Theme 2024 Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity)
- 28 October : International Animation Day
- 29 October : International Day of Care and Support (Theme 2024 Ageing with Dignity: The Importance of Strengthening Care and Support Systems for Older Persons Worldwide)
- 29 October : World Stroke Day (Theme 2024: #GreaterThanStroke.)
- 29 October : 9th Ayurveda Day (Theme 2024 Ayurveda Innovations for Global Health)
- 27 October : World Day for Audiovisual Heritage (Theme 2024 – Your widow to the world)



IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Kundli (NIFTEM-K) has introduced Solar Assisted Reefer Transportation with Hybrid Controls and Intelligence (SARTHI) system. It is an innovative solution to reduce post-harvest losses in perishable food transportation.

ShakthiSAT mission Launched by Aerospace startup Space Kidz to train 12,000 girls aged 14-18 from 108 countries in space technology, targeting a satellite launch under ISRO's Chandrayaan-4 mission in 2026

India's first Demonstration Facility for Biopolymers Inaugurated by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology at Jejuri in Pune. The initiative highlights PM Narendra Modi's vision of a 'Net Zero' carbon economy by 2070

The National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG) has successfully concluded its 34th Capacity Building Programme (CBP) for Maldivian civil servants in New Delhi.

State-owned Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) has been awarded a contract worth ₹866.87 crore by Integral Coach Factory (ICF) to design, manufacture, and commission India's first indigenously built bullet trains.

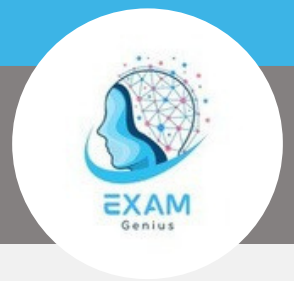
According to the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)'s latest report, over 11.5 lakh children across the 27 states and 7 Union Territories (UTs) of India were found to be "vulnerable" to child marriage in 2023-24. UTs like Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands has identified no children vulnerable to child marriage.

The Government of Karnataka has introduced 'Shiksha Copilot', a new Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered digital assistant designed to help teachers create lesson plans and improve student learning outcomes.

The Indian wrestling contingent finished its U23 World Wrestling Championships 2024 campaign with nine medals—1 gold, 1 silver, and 7 bronze.

The country's first 'Writer's village' was jointly inaugurated by former President Ram Nath Kovind, Uttarakhand Governor Lt Gen Gurmeet Singh (retd) and Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami.

Meta & IndiaAI and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) partners to Establishing a Center for Generative AI at IIT Jodhpur and launching the "AI for Skilling and Capacity Building" initiative



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