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Ques : Which digital financial services platform has launched an Instant Fixed Deposit (FD) product on its mobile app with up to a 9.5% interest rate?

किस डिजिटल वित्तीय सेवा प्लेटफॉर्म ने अपने मोबाइल ऐप पर 9.5% तक की ब्याज दर के साथ तत्काल सावधि जमा (FD) उत्पाद लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Razorpay
- (b) Amazon Pay
- (c) PhonePe
- (d) Instamojo
- (e) Mobikwik

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- MobiKwik, a digital financial services platform, has introduced an Instant Fixed Deposit (FD) product on its mobile app in collaboration with financial institutions. The product attempts to make saving easier for its consumers.
- 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.
- Users can select a tenure ranging from 7 days to 60 months based on their preferences.
- MobiKwik aims to guarantee security for fixed deposit bookings made on its platform through partnerships with RBI-regulated small finance banks and NBFCs such as Suryoday Small Finance Bank, Bajaj Finance, and others, as well as technology service provider Blostem.

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- 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.
- Reliance Nippon Life Insurance Company Limited has launched a new deferred annuity plan called Reliance Nippon Life Nishchit Pension.
- Arka Fincap Limited, a subsidiary of Kirloskar Oil Engines Limited (KOEL), has launched a new product called 'Uday', which provides Small Ticket Loans Against Property (STLAP).
- Magma HDI, India's leading general insurance provider, has launched OneProtect, a modern personal accident insurance policy.

Ques : Ujjivan Small Finance Bank receives _ approval for foreign exchange services
उज्जीवन स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक को विदेशी मुद्रा सेवाओं के लिए ____ की मंजूरी मिली

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

Answer : Option B



Explanation : •

- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited (Ujjivan SFB) has gained approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to provide currency products and services.
- USFB obtained the 'Authorized Dealer Category 1' license under Section 10(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999.

About Ujjivan Small Finance Bank :

- Established : 2017
- HQ : Bengaluru, Karnataka
- MD & CEO : Sanjeev Nautiyal
- Tagline : Build a Better life



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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- 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.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has added 13 additional firms to its 'Alert List' of unauthorized forex trading platforms, now totaling 88.
- 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 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.

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Ques : European Investment Bank established in which year ?

यूरोपीय निवेश बैंक की स्थापना किस वर्ष हुई?

- (a) 1954
- (b) 1956
- (c) 1958
- (d) 1960
- (e) 1962

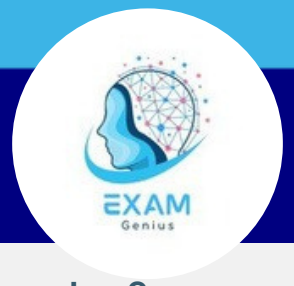
Answer : option C

Explanation : •

- European Investment Bank (EIB) Funds Rs.2,800 Cr for Bengaluru Suburban Railway To build four dedicated rail corridors covering 149 km, with plans for 58 stations and two depots.
- Since 2016, EIB has committed approximately €3.25 billion (around ₹30,225 crore) in loans for various transport projects across India
- Previous loan of €500 million (about ₹4,650 crore) aimed at developing a segment of the Bengaluru Metro

About European Investment Bank

- Established : 1958
- HQ : Kirchberg, Luxembourg
- President : Nadia Calvino



Ques : Which bank Named Best Bank in India for 2024 by Global Finance Magazine ?

ग्लोबल फाइनेंस मैगज़ीन द्वारा 2024 के लिए किस बैंक को भारत में सर्वश्रेष्ठ बैंक का नाम दिया गया?

- (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 : •

- Global Finance Magazine named State Bank of India (SBI) the Best Bank in India for 2024 at its 31st Annual Best Bank Awards, held in Washington with the IMF and World Bank's annual meetings.
- SBI Chairman CS Setty accepted the award, stressing the bank's commitment to providing great services and fostering financial inclusion in the country.
- In Q1 FY25, 63% of new savings accounts were created digitally, and pre-approved personal loan disbursements totaled ₹1,399 crore through YONO.

About State Bank of India (SBI) :

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



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.
- 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.





Ques : Who Imposes Rs.16 Lakh Penalty on Edelweiss Asset Management ?

एडलवाइस एसेट मैनेजमेंट पर 16 लाख रुपये का जुर्माना किसने लगाया?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation : •

- SEBI levied a Rs.16 lakh penalty on Edelweiss Asset Management Ltd, CEO Radhika Gupta, and fund manager Trideep Bhattacharya for violating mutual fund regulations.
- Rs.8 lakh on Edelweiss Asset Management Ltd. And Rs.4 lakh each on CEO Radhika Gupta and fund manager Trideep Bhattacharya.
- The Edelweiss Focused Equity Fund (EFEF) breached the mutual fund rule of maintaining a maximum of 30 stocks for an open-ended equity scheme on 88 occasions.

About SEBI :

- Established : 12 April 1988 as an executive body and was given statutory powers on 30 January 1992 through the SEBI Act, 1992
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Madhabi Puri Buch (first woman to lead the SEBI)
- SEBI is the regulatory body for securities and commodity markets in India under the ownership of the Ministry of Finance (MoF), GoI.



Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- SEBI extended the deadline to implement direct payout of securities to the Demat account from October 14 to November 11, 2024, to ensure a hassle-free implementation.
- SEBI has changed the nomination rules between Mutual Funds (MF) and Demat Accounts allowing the holders of both instruments to include up to 10 nominees.
- SEBI is considering permitting mutual funds (MFs) to start a new type of actively managed commodity fund that invests solely in exchange-traded commodity derivatives (ETCDs).
- SEBI approved a new asset class, allowing high-net-worth investors to invest in riskier regulated products. The new asset class is to have a minimum investment amount of Rs 10 lakh.
- SEBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 12 lakh on NSE Data And Analytics Ltd for its failure to segregate IT infrastructures and manpower between itself and its parent firm National Stock Exchange (NSE).
- SEBI has mandated individual investors applying for amounts up to Rs 5 Lakh through intermediaries to use only the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) to block funds. from 1st November 2024.
- Jio Financial Services' joint venture with BlackRock to enter the mutual fund industry in India has got approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), according to an exchange filing.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has allowed mutual funds to offer credit default swaps (CDS) to boost liquidity in the corporate bond market.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has shortened the time for crediting and trading bonus shares to two days from the record date.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has formed a 22-member advisory committee to streamline the rules governing listing responsibilities and transparency.



Ques : Asian Development Bank approves USD 434.25 million loan to support solar power project in __

एशियाई विकास बैंक ने _____ में सौर ऊर्जा परियोजना का समर्थन करने के लिए 434.25 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर के ऋण को मंजूरी दी

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Sikkim / सिक्किम
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has authorized a USD 434.25 million (about Rs 3,600 crore) loan to enhance renewable energy capacity and improve energy security in Assam.
- The project intends to boost renewable energy capacity, improve energy security, and reduce Assam's reliance on fossil fuels.
- The program would assist Assam in developing a renewable energy plan to achieve its solar energy target of 3,000 megawatts (MW) by 2030.
- The Assam Solar Project calls for the building of a 500 MW grid-connected solar photovoltaic (PV) project in Karbi Anglong district.
- ADB will offer an additional USD 1 million in technical assistance from its Clean Energy Fund to enhance project implementation and capacity building for Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL) and local communities.

About ADB :

- Established : 1966
- Headquarters : Manila, Philippines
- President : Masatsugu Asakawa
- Membership : 68 members, including 49 regional members (countries in Asia and the Pacific) and 19 non-regional members (countries outside the region)



Ques : IIM Shillong and _ Collaborate to Foster Northeast Entrepreneurship
आईआईएम शिलांग और _ ने पूर्वोत्तर उद्यमिता को बढ़ावा देने के लिए सहयोग किया

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

Answer : Option E

Explanation : •

- 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.
- The IIM Shillong Foundation for Incubation and Enterprise (IIMSFIE) offers organized entrepreneurship training and incubation programs.
- The 18-month training program for 30 selected individuals combines classroom learning, hands-on practice, and comprehensive incubation assistance.

About SIDBI :

- Established : 1990
- HQ : Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- Chairman & MD : Manoj Mittal



Recently signed banking agreements

- 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



Ques : Pakistan requests additional _ loan from China ?

पाकिस्तान ने चीन से अतिरिक्त _ का ऋण मांगा है

- (a) 8 billion yuan
- (b) 9 billion yuan
- (c) 10 billion yuan
- (d) 11 billion yuan
- (e) 12 billion yuan

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- Pakistan has requested an additional loan of 10 billion yuan (USD 1.4 billion) from China, in addition to the current trade facility worth 30 billion yuan (USD 4.3 billion).
- If approved, the facility would cost around USD 5.7 billion.
- This request follows China's three-year extension of the existing USD 4.3 billion facility.
- During Chinese Premier Li Qiang's recent visit to Pakistan, a currency swap arrangement was made, which extended the debt payback period until 2027.

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Ques : Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh launched the __ Livestock Census
केंद्रीय मंत्री राजीव रंजन सिंह ने ____ पशुधन जनगणना का शुभारंभ किया

- (a) 20th
- (b) 21st
- (c) 22nd
- (d) 23rd
- (e) 24th

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- The 21st Livestock Census, announced by Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, would cost ₹200 crore and take place until February of next year.
- He underlined the importance of precise data collecting in formulating effective regulations to provide animal health security and promote livestock sector growth.
- In addition to the census, a USD 25 million 'Pandemic Fund Project' was initiated to improve animal health security and preparedness.
- Around 1 lakh field officials, mostly veterinarians or paraveterinarians, will take part in the census.
- Data collection will cover 219 indigenous breeds from 15 animal species, including cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats, and pigs.
- Livestock Census Started in 1919, conducted in the gap of Every five years



Ques : Where is the government of India launched the Gram Panchayat-Level Weather Forecasting ?

भारत सरकार ने ग्राम पंचायत-स्तरीय मौसम पूर्वानुमान कहाँ शुरू किया है?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- The government of India introduced Gram Panchayat-Level Weather Forecasting at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
- This effort is a collaboration between the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) and the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
- The initiative offers Gram Panchayats a five-day weather forecast and hourly updates, helping rural communities plan agricultural activities and prepare for weather-related dangers.
- Weather updates will be delivered via e-GramSwaraj, the Meri Panchayat app, and Gram Manchitra websites. e-GramSwaraj is currently operational.
- Users can view gram panchayat-level data on temperature, wind speed, cloud cover, rainfall, and relative humidity, as well as five-day forecasts of lowest and maximum temperatures, rainfall, cloud cover, wind direction, and wind speed.



Ques : The government will commemorate the _____ birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

सरकार सरदार वल्लभभाई पटेल की _____ जयंती मनाएगी।

- (a) 100th
- (b) 120th
- (c) 140th
- (d) 150th
- (e) 160th

Answer : Option D

Explanation : •

- The government will commemorate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 150th birth anniversary with a two-year statewide programme from 2024 to 2026 to acknowledge his huge contribution to the country. He was born on October 31, 1875, in Nadiad, Gujarat.
- Sardar Patel's enduring reputation as the visionary behind the construction of one of the world's most robust democracies, as well as his important role in integrating India from Kashmir to Lakshadweep, will be remembered forever.
- Since 2014, the Central government has observed October 31 as 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' or National Unity Day to develop and reinforce its commitment to maintaining and enhancing the nation's unity, integrity, and security.



Ques : Which IIT launch its inaugural international flagship centre in Dubai ?

किस आईआईटी ने दुबई में अपना उद्घाटन अंतरराष्ट्रीय फ्लैगशिप केंद्र लॉन्च किया?

- (a) IIT Guwahati/ आईआईटी गुवाहाटी
- (b) IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली
- (c) IIT Madras / आईआईटी मद्रास
- (d) IIT Bhubaneswar / आईआईटी भुवनेश्वर
- (e) IIT Roorkee / आईआईटी रुड़की

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras aims to establish a worldwide flagship center in Dubai to promote research, innovation, and entrepreneurship.
- The program, set to begin in early 2025, intends to promote collaboration and knowledge exchange between India and the UAE.
- The initiative is a collaboration between IIT Madras and Dubai Department of Economy and Tourism (DET).

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Recent News Headlines Related to IITs

- IIT Delhi and the International Energy Agency (IEA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on clean energy transition.
- IIT Indore has developed a new technology for early detection of breast cancer that is specifically geared to assist women in rural and remote places.
- IIT Delhi and the Indian Air Force's Headquarters Maintenance (HQ) Command in Nagpur have signed a MOU to collaborate on the development of novel technologies for aviation textiles, with an emphasis on parachutes and other safety equipment.
- US Government Partner with IIT Madras Research Park in Chennai to work in 4 broad areas namely, Solar energy (SE), Green Hydrogen (GH), Electric Vehicles (EVs), and Batteries, and Green Buildings (GBs).
- The National Health Authority (NHA) and IIT Kanpur inked an MoU in the presence of Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra.
- The establishment of an Advanced Drone Excellence Center at the IIT Bhubaneswar Research and Entrepreneurship Park is the result of an agreement between IIT Bhubaneswar and IG Drones.
- Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) has partnered with IDBI Bank to launch a cybersecurity Lab to develop and deploy security solutions in crucial sectors such as healthcare, fintech and aerospace, among others.
- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), signed an agreement with the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) and Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi (IIT Mandi). Goal for the development of 'Cell-Free' 6G Access Points. Both the IITs are collaborating to develop this technology.
- IIT Delhi and Prasara Bharati host the two-day Robot Competition 'DD-Robocon' India 2024 at Thyagaraj Stadium in Delhi.



Ques : Hand-in-Hand Initiative is a flagship program of which organization ?

हैंड-इन-हैंड इनिशिएटिव किस संगठन का प्रमुख कार्यक्रम है?

- (a) Food and Agricultural Organisation / खाद्य एवं कृषि संगठन
- (b) NITTI Aayog / नीति आयोग
- (c) Border Roads Organization / सीमा सड़क संगठन
- (d) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India / भारतीय खाद्य सुरक्षा और मानक प्राधिकरण
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option A

Explanation : •

- The Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) Director-General launches the third Hand-in-Hand Investment Forum. it is the FAO's flagship program Launched in 2019.
- So far 72 countries have joined the Initiative.
- Prioritizes nations and territories with high poverty and hunger rates, inadequate national capacity, or operational challenges caused by natural or man-made crises.
- The SDGs aim to eliminate poverty (SDG 1), end hunger and malnutrition (SDG 2), and reduce inequalities (SDG 10) through market-based transformation of agri-food systems. This will increase incomes, improve nutrition, empower vulnerable communities, and boost resilience to climate change.
- Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN) that leads international efforts to defeat hunger. It is established in October 1945.
- It has currently 194 Member States plus the European Union and Headquarters in Rome, Italy



Ques : Which edition of Nature Conservation Index (NCI) published this year ?

इस वर्ष प्रकृति संरक्षण सूचकांक (एनसीआई) का कौन सा संस्करण प्रकाशित हुआ?

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

Answer : Option A

Explanation : •

- Nature Conservation Index (NCI) 1st Edition Published by Goldman Sonnenfeldt School of Sustainability and Climate Change and BioDB.com
- Indicators involved are land management, threats to biodiversity, capacity & governance and future trends
- India ranks 176th on the Global Nature Conservation Index for 2024, with a score of 45.5 out of 100.
- India is the world's fourth-largest illegal wildlife trader, with yearly sales of over £15 billion. The index recommends increased enforcement and international cooperation.

Ranking of Top 5 and last Countries :

- 1 Luxembourg
- 2 Estonia
- 3 Denmark
- 4 Finland
- 5 United Kingdom
- 180 Kiribati





India's Rankings in Different Indices

- 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)
- 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





Ques : Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) of the National Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) for a five-year term?
पांच वर्ष के कार्यकाल के लिए भारतीय राष्ट्रीय कृषि सहकारी विपणन संघ लिमिटेड (नेफेड) के नए प्रबंध निदेशक (एमडी) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Pankaj Kumar / पंकज कुमार
- (b) Parul Sharma / पारुल शर्मा
- (c) Deepak Agarwal / दीपक अग्रवाल
- (d) Nikhil Kapoor / निखिल कपूर
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- The Cabinet Appointments Committee (ACC) has nominated Deepak Agarwal as the next Managing Director (MD) of the National Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) for a five-year tenure
- Agarwal is a 2000-batch IAS officer from Uttar Pradesh cadre.
- Previously, on September 30, the ACC designated Pankaj Kumar Bansal, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, to fill the position of MD, NAFED temporarily. This provisional assignment was set for either three months or until a formal MD appointment could be scheduled.

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Recent Appointment in different departments :

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
- Thachath Viswanath Narendran : second Indian chairman of the World Steel Association (First was Sajjan Jinda)
- Omar Abdullah : Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir
- Manoj Kumar Dubey : CEO, Chairman, and Managing Director of Indian Railways Financial Corporation
- Sanath Jayasuriya : Head coach of Sri Lanka men's cricket team
- Manish Tiwary : Managing Director of Nestlé India Limited



Ques : Airbus established in which year ?

एयरबस की स्थापना किस वर्ष हुई?

- (a) 1950
- (b) 1960
- (c) 1970
- (d) 1980
- (e) 1990

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- Airbus has opened its new India and South Asia Headquarters and Training Center, a huge investment in the Indian aerospace industry.
- Airbus' facility in the National Capital Region (NCR) will train pilots and technicians and increase its industrial presence in India.
- The center has four A320 simulators and can train 800 pilots and 200 technicians annually.

About Airbus :

- Established : 1970
- HQ : Blagnac, France
- CEO : Guillaume Faury



Ques : singles Grand Slam champion Maria Sharapova, belongs to which country ?
एकल ग्रैंड स्लैम चैंपियन मारिया शारापोवा, किस देश से संबंधित हैं?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- 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.
- Sharapova, one of only ten women to win a career Grand Slam in singles, was the first Russian woman to earn the world number one spot in 2005. She also won a silver medal in the 2012 London Olympics.
- The Bryans won 16 Grand Slam men's doubles titles together and remained the world's number one pair for a record 438 weeks.
- The Bryans also won Olympic gold in London in 2012 and were members of the United States' Davis Cup winning team in 2007.



Ques : 17th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2024 held in which state ?
17वां अर्बन मोबिलिटी इंडिया (यूएमआई) सम्मेलन और प्रदर्शनी 2024 किस राज्य में आयोजित हुआ?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation : •

- Manohar Lal, Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs and Power, delivered the closing remarks at the three-day 17th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2024, held at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- The theme of this year's Conference was "Standardisation and Optimisation of Urban Transport Solutions".
- The UMI has various categories of prizes in the transportation sector, particularly in urban transport. The awards are offered to state/city governments for "Excellence/best practice projects in Urban Transport".
- Shri Manohar Lal, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Power, Government of India, recently announced that Gurugram, Haryana, will host the 18th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2025.
- Bhubaneswar was named the 'City with the Best Public Transportation System' at the 17th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Exhibition 2024.



Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- Chief Justice of India, DY Chandrachud, has opened the international conference Advancements of Research and Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda (AROHA-2024) in New Delhi.
- The NITI Aayog has planned a two-day international methanol lecture and expo in New Delhi in 2024. The event was organized in partnership with the Methanol Institute of the United States
- India attended the 44th Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) meeting in Dresden, Germany.
- Dr S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister, represented India in the 23rd Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organizations (SCO) Council of Heads of Government, which was held in Islamabad.
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda opened the 19th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities (ICDRA). The event, hosted for the first time in India.
- The first phase of the Second Army Commanders' Conference for 2024 was held in a hybrid manner in Gangtok, Sikkim.
- The second phase of the Army Commanders' Conference will take conducted in Delhi on October 28th and 29th.
- Malaysia will host the 2025 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit meeting.
- The 7th India-Argentina Joint Commission meeting, co-chaired by Dr S Jaishankar and Ms Diana Mondino, was held in New Delhi.
- The 12th meeting of the India-UAE High-Level Joint Task Force on Investments (HLJTFI) was held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.



Ques Loan limit under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) increased to _ from the current Rs.10 lakh.

प्रधानमंत्री मुद्रा योजना (पीएमएमवाई) के तहत ऋण सीमा मौजूदा 10 लाख रुपये से बढ़ाकर _ कर दी गई है।

- (a) Rs.20 lakh
- (b) Rs.15 lakh
- (c) Rs.25 lakh
- (d) Rs.30 lakh
- (e) Rs.35 lakh

Answer : Option A

Explanation : •

- The government has increased the maximum Mudra loan amount under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) to Rs 20 lakh from Rs 10 lakh under a new 'Tarun Plus' category.
- The increase is intended to help the Mudra Scheme achieve its goal of funding the underfunded. This upgrade is especially advantageous to fledgling entrepreneurs, allowing them to grow and expand.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharman announced the increased limit for Mudra loans in the Union Budget 2024-25 on July 23, this year.
- Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) is an initiative introduced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 8, 2015, to provide loans of up to ten lakh to micro and small businesses.
- Loans under the PM Mudra loan plan are offered to non-farm micro or small firms that generate income through manufacturing, commerce, or services.
- Non-corporate small firms, micro-enterprises, and people working in the manufacturing, trading, services, and agriculture industries are all eligible.



Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- Madhya Pradesh government has launched the Ekal Nari scheme, where free education is provided to children of widows and single women.
- The Union Health Ministry has increased the monthly nutrition support under Ni-Kshay Poshan Yojana from Rs 500 to Rs 1,000 for all TB patients undergoing treatment.
- The Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved a revision to the Productivity Linked Reward (PLR) Scheme for major ports and dock labor Board employees/workers from 2020-21 to 2025-26.
- According to the Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, the Jal Hi AMRIT plan was implemented within 100 days of its inception under the AMRUT 2.0 plan.
- The Union Finance Minister introduced the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme for next five years to provide internship opportunities to one crore young people at the top 500 corporations.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan in Hazaribagh, Jharkhand
- Dr. Manik Sahah, Chief Minister of Tripura, has announced the CM-SATH plan to improve the educational opportunities of the state's top children.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India met its 100-day target of 100 Nagar Vans under the Nagar Van Yojana (NVY) to promote urban greenery. It was launched in 2020.
- The Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY plan, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 23, 2018, marked its sixth anniversary.
- Prime Minister Modi launched the Maharashtra Government's Acharya Chanakya Skill Development Scheme at Wardha. Aim to focuses on skilling the state's youth between the ages of 15 and 45 to become self-reliant.
- The second edition of the Direct Tax Vivad se Viswas scheme 2024 (VSV 2.0) will go live soon, the Finance Ministry announced in a notification.





Ques : What is the Rank of India in FIFA Rankings ?

फीफा रैंकिंग में भारत का स्थान क्या है?

- (a) 121
- (b) 122
- (c) 123
- (d) 124
- (e) 125

Answer : option E

Explanation : •

- The Indian men's football team now ranks 125th in the FIFA rankings, a little improvement.
- This growth is credited to their resilient performance in a recent international friendly against Vietnam, which resulted in a 1-1 tie.
- India has risen one position to 22nd in the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), demonstrating the fierce competition in Asian football.

About FIFA Top 5 Teams

- 1 Argentina
- 2 France
- 3 Spain
- 4 England
- 5 Brazil



Ques : Vikram Dev Dutt assumed the charge as the Secretary of which ministry ?
विक्रम देव दत्त ने किस मंत्रालय के सचिव के रूप में पदभार ग्रहण किया?

- (a) Ministry of Home Affairs / गृह मंत्रालय
- (b) Ministry of Education / शिक्षा मंत्रालय
- (c) Ministry of Finance / वित्त मंत्रालय
- (d) Ministry of Coal/ कोयला मंत्रालय
- (e) Ministry of Steel / इस्पात मंत्रालय

Answer : Option D

Explanation : •

- Vikram Dev Dutt became the Secretary of the Ministry of Coal.
- Shri Dutt, a 1993-batch IAS officer from the Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre, previously held the position of Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- He succeeds Shri VL Kantha Rao, who is currently the Secretary of Mines and also oversees the Ministry of Coal.
- Prior to Shri Rao, Shri Amrit Lal Meena was the Secretary of the Ministry of Coal.

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Ques : Which state Education Board has proposed making Sanskrit a compulsory subject ?
किस राज्य शिक्षा बोर्ड ने संस्कृत को अनिवार्य विषय बनाने का प्रस्ताव दिया है?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश
- (b) Sikkim / सिक्किम
- (c) Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Uttarakhand / उत्तराखंड

Answer : Option E

Explanation : •

- The Uttarakhand Madrasa Education Board (UMEB) proposes making Sanskrit a compulsory subject at 416 madrassas across the state.
- UMEB plans to make Sanskrit an obligatory subject in 416 madrassas, affecting nearly 70,000 students.
- Over 100 madrassas currently teach Arabic, and integrating Sanskrit lectures will create a diversified language environment for students.

About Uttarakhand :

- Capital : Gairsain (summer) Dehradun (winter)
- CM : Pushkar Singh Dhami
- Governor : Gurmit Singh





Ques : Which Department has announced a new initiative for central government pensioners aged 80 and older ?

किस विभाग ने 80 वर्ष और उससे अधिक आयु के केंद्र सरकार के पेंशनभोगियों के लिए एक नई पहल की घोषणा की है?

- (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 Pension and Pensioners' Welfare / पेंशन और पेंशनभोगी कल्याण विभाग
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option D

Explanation : •

- The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) is implementing a compassionate allowance for central government pensioners aged 80 and beyond.
- The additional pension begins on the first day of the month when the pensioner achieves the required age. A pensioner born on August 20, 1942, will be entitled for an additional 20% starting August 1, 2022.

Pension Increases by Age Bracket:

- 80 to 85 years : 20% of basic pension/compassionate allowance
- 85 to 90 years : 30% of basic pension/compassionate allowance
- 90 to 95 years : 40% of basic pension/compassionate allowance
- 95 to 100 years : 50% of basic pension/compassionate allowance
- 100 years and older : 100% of basic pension/compassionate allowance



Ques : Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought Started in which year ?

विचार की स्वतंत्रता के लिए सखारोव पुरस्कार किस वर्ष शुरू हुआ?

- (a) 1985
- (b) 1986
- (c) 1977
- (d) 1966
- (e) 1988

Answer : Option E

Explanation : •

- Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought given to Venezuelan opposition leaders Maria Corina Machado and Edmundo Gonzalez by European Parliament.
- This is given to Recognizes their efforts in representing the Venezuelan people's fight for freedom and democracy.

About Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought :

- Started : 1988
- First winner : Nelson Mandela and Anatoli Marchenko
- Presentation : €50,000 endowment
- 2023 winner : Jina Mahsa Amini and the Woman, Life, Freedom Movement in Iran





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- 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
- 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



Ques : How many medals were won by the India Para-Badminton players at the Japan Para-Badminton International 2024?

जापान पैरा-बैडमिंटन इंटरनेशनल 2024 में भारत के पैरा-बैडमिंटन खिलाड़ियों ने कितने पदक जीते?

- (a) 20
- (b) 12
- (c) 24
- (d) 27
- (e) 6

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- Indian para-badminton players performed admirably at the Japan Para-Badminton Internationals 2024, winning 24 medals—6 gold, 9 silver, and 9 bronze.
- Japan Para-Badminton Internationals 2024 were held in Tokyo, Japan. It was a Level 2 Para-Badminton competition.
- Sivarajan Solaimalai and Sukant Kadam lead the Indian medal rush.
- Paralympic athletes Sivarajan Solaimalai and Sukant Kadam led India's medal push in Tokyo.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- 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.
- 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.



Ques : World Stroke Day is observed annually on which day ?

विश्व स्ट्रोक दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 27 October
- (b) 28 October
- (c) 29 October
- (d) 30 October
- (e) 31 October

Answer : Option C

Explanation : •

- World Stroke Day is marked every year on October 29 to promote awareness of strokes, their causes, and the need of prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation.
- It was founded by the World Stroke Organisation to raise awareness of the high prevalence and effect of strokes worldwide, as well as to educate people about risk factors and preventive measures.
- Theme 2024: #GreaterThanStroke.

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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)
- 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
- 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)

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Butterfly enthusiasts from the Nilgiris have recorded for the first time in India, the Nilgiri tit Butterfly (*Hypolycaena nilgirica*) utilising a large terrestrial orchid plant as a host.

South African fast bowler Kagiso Rabada has created history by becoming the bowler to take 300 wickets in the least number of balls in Test cricket.

The 12th India-Singapore Joint Military Training exercise began on October 21, 2024, at the Kalaikunda Air Force Station in West Bengal.

Cyclone 'Dana' is expected to hit the Odisha coast the wind speed can reach up to 120 km/h. Cyclone Dana was named by Qatar.

PM Modi inaugurated airports at Rewa (Madhya Pradesh), Ambikapur (Chhattisgarh), and Saharanpur (Uttar Pradesh) through the UDAN scheme. The government recently extended the Udan plan for another ten years.

Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) Coal India Limited (CIL) and GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL) have formed a joint venture to build a coal-to-synthetic natural gas facility.

Vedanta has announced an investment of over Rs. 1 lakh crore in Rajasthan, targeting sectors such as zinc, oil and gas, and renewable energy.

Sreeja Akula, an Indian women's table tennis player, became the highest-ranked Indian player in the world. According to the most recent International Table Tennis Federation rankings, she is placed 22nd in the world for women's singles.

Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu has initiated steps to introduce India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in the country, aiming to significantly benefit the Maldivian economy.

BRICS Summit is being organized from 22 to 24 October 2024 in Kazan, Russia, hosted by Russia.

Union Minister of State for Science and Technology (Independent Charge) Dr Jitendra Singh unveiled Pavana Chitra, India's first Airport based self-powered indoor air quality monitoring facility at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.

Reliance Industries has partnered with US chip giant Nvidia to establish AI infrastructure in India. The announcement was made during the Nvidia AI Summit 2024 in Mumbai.

Adar Poonawalla Acquires 50% Stake in Karan Johar's Dharma Productions for Rs. 1 Crore.

UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme Extended for 10 years announced by Civil Aviation Minister K. Rammohan Naidu During the celebration of eight years of the UDAN scheme.

The Hemant Soren cabinet in Jharkhand has increased the monthly honorarium for women under the Maiyaan Samman Yojana from Rs.1,000 to Rs.2,500.

EOS-06, commonly known as Oceansat-3, is an Earth observation spacecraft created by ISRO. It was successfully launched on November 26, 2022, using ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C54).





Axis Bank has been reappointed Amitabh Chaudhry as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the bank for the next three years.

Australia has been named the "Country of Focus" for the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa, as announced by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL) and University of South Wales (UNSW) Partnership to promote innovation and support start-ups focusing on clean and renewable energy technologies

Assam government and ADB join together to restore 129 wetlands, known locally as beels, covering an area of 3,800 hectares with Rs 796 crore project.

Kaksar Bridge was renamed Capt. Amit Bhardwaj Setu to honor the sacrifice of Capt. Amit Bhardwaj during the Kargil War

Prime Minister Modi presented Russian President Vladimir Putin with a Sohrai painting from Hazaribagh district in Jharkhand.

The Army Chief, General Upendra Dwivedi officially launched "Agniastra," a portable multi-target detonation device, during the Army Commanders Conference in Gangtok

Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2024 2nd Edition Held at Manekshaw Centre in Delhi. Theme is "Drivers in Nation Building: Fueling Growth Through Comprehensive Security"

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