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**Ques :** \_ transported an additional 102 tonnes of gold from the Bank of England to secure storage facilities within India.

\_ ने भारत के भीतर भंडारण सुविधाओं को सुरक्षित करने के लिए बैंक ऑफ़ इंग्लैंड से अतिरिक्त 102 टन सोना पहुँचाया।

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

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- On Dhanteras (October 29, 2024), the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) transferred an additional 102 tons of gold from the Bank of England to secure storage facilities in India.
- RBI's Gold Holdings: According to the RBI's 43rd Half Yearly Report on Management of Foreign Exchange Reserves (April - September 2024), the RBI owns 854.73 metric tons of gold.
- Domestically, 46 metric tonnes of gold are stored, whereas 324.01 metric tonnes are held overseas by the Bank of England and the Bank for International Settlements (BIS).
- An extra 26 metric tons are held as gold deposits.

Since September 2022, over 214 tons of gold have been returned to India as a result of heightened emphasis on asset protection amid global geopolitical uncertainties.

- The Bank of England is the world's second-largest gold custodian, after the New York Federal Reserve.

**About RBI :**

- Established : 1 April 1935
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- Governor : Shaktikanta Das



## Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India's Governor Shaktikanta Das has been named the top central banker with A+ rating by Global Finance magazine, based in the United States
- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited (Ujjivan SFB) has gained approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to provide currency products and services.
- 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.

**Ques :** Reserve Bank said an entity seeking authorisation or recognition as a Central Counterparty (CCP) should have a minimum net worth of \_\_\_\_

रिज़र्व बैंक ने कहा कि प्राधिकरण या मान्यता चाहने वाली एक इकाई एक केंद्रीय प्रतिपक्ष (सीसीपी) की न्यूनतम निवल संपत्ति \_\_\_\_

- (a) Rs 100 crore
- (b) Rs 200 crore
- (c) Rs 300 crore
- (d) Rs 400 crore
- (e) Rs 500 crore

**Answer : Option C**



## Explanation : •

- The Reserve Bank requires an organization seeking authorization or recognition as a Central Counterparty (CCP) to have a minimum net value of Rs 300 crore when filing their application.
- A central clearing house (CCP) serves as an intermediary between system participants in settlement transactions.
- In June 2019, the RBI modified its Central Counterparty standards.
- The amended directions require authorized CCPs to produce an audited network certificate from their statutory auditor within six months of the end of the fiscal year.
- Foreign CCPs must apply for RBI approval to conduct activities in India, including clearing and settlement.



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**Ques : Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd has partnered with which Bank to finance solar projects ?**

**टाटा पावर रिन्यूएबल एनर्जी लिमिटेड ने सौर परियोजनाओं को वित्तपोषित करने के लिए किस बैंक के साथ साझेदारी की है?**

- (a) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) IndusInd Bank / इंडसइंड बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) Bandhan Bank / बंधन बैंक

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd has teamed with IndusInd Bank to provide solar financing solutions for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs).
- Tata Power Renewable Energy announced a solar finance partnership for MSEs, giving loans ranging from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 2 crore with no collateral required.
- These loans, subject to bank credit approval, demand a 20% margin and offer competitive interest rates for up to 7 years.

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## Recently signed banking agreements

- Solex Energy has teamed with State Bank of India (SBI) to provide solar financing alternatives to commercial, industrial, and institutional customers.
- 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'.



**Ques :** Famous Gusadi folk dancer Kanaka Raju, also known as Gusadi Raju, passed away recently at the age of 84. In which year he was honoured with the Padma Shri award?

प्रसिद्ध गुसाडी लोक नर्तक कनक राजू, जिन्हें गुसाडी राजू के नाम से भी जाना जाता है, का हाल ही में 84 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। उन्हें किस वर्ष पद्म श्री पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया था?

- (a) 2023
- (b) 2022
- (c) 2021
- (d) 2020
- (e) 2024

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The famed Gussadi folk dancer Kanaka Raju, popularly known as Gussadi Raju, died at the age of 84.
- Kanaka Raju was born in Marlawai village, Jainoor mandal, Komaram Bheem Asifabad district, Telangana.
- Kanaka Raju was received a Padma Shri in 2021 for his contributions to the global spread of folk dancing.
- Kanaka Raju, from the Raj Gond tribe, popularized the rhythmic dance of Gussadi. He caught the nation's imagination in 1982 by performing in front of then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.





**Ques :** In October 2024, who among the following has made table tennis history as she became the first Indian to qualify for quarter-finals at a WTT Champions event?

अक्टूबर 2024 में, निम्नलिखित में से किसने टेबल टेनिस इतिहास रच दिया है क्योंकि वह WTT चैंपियंस इवेंट में क्वार्टर फाइनल के लिए क्वालीफाई करने वाली पहली भारतीय बन गई है?

- (a) Sreeja Akula / श्रीजा अकुला
- (b) Anna Hursey / अन्ना हर्से
- (c) PV Sindhu / पीवी सिंधु
- (d) Manika Batra / मनिका बत्रा
- (e) A.G. Kamath / ए.जी. कामथ

**Answer :** Option D

**Explanation :** •

- Manika Batra created table tennis history by being the first Indian to go to the quarterfinals of a WTT Champions event.
- Manika, an Indian paddler, upset Romanian Bernadette Szocs 3-1 in the round of 16 yesterday in Montpellier, France.
- Manika also defeated Romania at the 2024 Paris Olympics earlier this year, 3-2. She was the first Indian table tennis player to reach the round of 16 in an Olympic singles competition. Batra won numerous Commonwealth Games medals.

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**Ques : U23 World Wrestling Championships held in which country ?**

**U23 विश्व कुश्ती चैंपियनशिप किस देश में आयोजित की गई?**

- (a) Brazil / ब्राज़ील
- (b) UAE / यूएई
- (c) Albania / अल्बानिया
- (d) Sweden / स्वीडन
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation : •**

- India won nine medals, including gold and silver, at the Under-23 global championships in Tirana, Albania, with Chirag Chikkara emerging as the champion.
- He is the second Indian athlete to win gold in the U23 Championships, following bronze medalist Aman Sehrawat from the Paris Olympics.
- Sehrawat won the same category in 2022, while Reetika Hooda was the first Indian woman to win gold in the 76 kg division last year.
- India finished fourth in the overall team rankings with 82 points, trailing Iran (158), Japan (102), and Azerbaijan (100).



## Recent News headlines related to Sports

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





**Ques :** Which ministry recently launched the Civil Registration System (CRS) mobile application to integrate technology with governance?

हाल ही में किस मंत्रालय ने शासन के साथ प्रौद्योगिकी को एकीकृत करने के लिए नागरिक पंजीकरण प्रणाली (सीआरएस) मोबाइल एप्लिकेशन लॉन्च किया है?

- (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 A**

**Explanation :** •

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah has unveiled a mobile application that allows for seamless and hassle-free registration of births and deaths at the click of a button.
- The Civil Registration System (CRS) smartphone app, developed by India's Registrar General and Census Commissioner, is projected to dramatically cut the time necessary to register births and deaths.
- The software makes it easier and more convenient to register births and deaths. Citizens can register at any time and from any location in their state's official language.
- The application is intended to shorten the time required for these registrations. This move is part of a bigger attempt to modernize government services using digital technologies.



## Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

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



**Ques :** Which company has partnered with the Indian Army to establish a Solar Hydrogen-based Microgrid at Chushul, Ladakh?

किस कंपनी ने लद्दाख के चुशुल में सौर हाइड्रोजन आधारित माइक्रोग्रिड स्थापित करने के लिए भारतीय सेना के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) ReNew Power
- (b) TP renewable Microgrid
- (c) JSW Energy
- (d) NTPC Limited
- (e) SJVN Limited

**Answer : Option D**

**Explanation : •**

- NTPC has partnered with the Indian Army to build a Solar Hydrogen Microgrid in Chushul, Ladakh. This crucial milestone will provide a reliable power source at off-grid Army sites using Green Hydrogen.
- NTPC created a revolutionary Solar Hydrogen-based microgrid system to function autonomously, using hydrogen as an energy storage medium to provide 200kW of power continuously throughout the year.
- NTPC will fund the initiative for 25 years, with the goal of assisting Indian soldiers stationed in these strategically important difficult terrains and harsh climates.
- NTPC is dedicated to generating 60GW of renewable energy by 2032 and become a key player in green hydrogen technologies and energy storage.



**Ques :** Indian Railways has signed an MoU with \_\_\_\_\_'s the Federal Department of the Environment, Transport and Communications to enhance technical cooperation between the two nations.

भारतीय रेलवे ने दोनों देशों के बीच तकनीकी सहयोग बढ़ाने के लिए \_\_\_\_\_ के संघीय पर्यावरण, परिवहन और संचार विभाग के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।

- (a) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (b) Germany / जर्मनी
- (c) Switzerland / स्विट्ज़रलैंड
- (d) Denmark / डेनमार्क
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation : •**

- Indian Railways has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Swiss Confederation's Federal Department of Environment, Transport, and Communications to strengthen technological collaboration.
- This MoU will establish a comprehensive framework for partnership with the Indian Railways in a variety of sectors, including technology transfer, track maintenance, management, and building.
- The initial Memorandum of Understanding, signed on August 31, 2017, was good for five years.
- Prior to the signing of the MoU, a Joint Working Group (JWG) was established to facilitate collaboration between Indian Railways and Swiss Railways. The JWG had two meetings to discuss several major areas of collaboration, on October 21, 2019, and August 30, 2022.





## Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- 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
- 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
- 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.
- 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.
- The Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST) Guwahati has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL) Hyderabad.
- NASA and Italian fashion giant Prada have collaborated to outfit the first woman to land on the Moon with a stylish spacesuit.
- Maharashtra and Sports Authority of India Sign MoU to establish a National Centre of Excellence in Kandivali, Mumbai.
- Spices Board of India & Directorate of Horticulture and Food Processing, Government of Uttarakhand partners To identify suitable areas for expanding large cardamom cultivation and other spices in Uttarakhand.
- RITES & Etihad Rail Sign MoU To enhance cooperation in developing railway infrastructure and services in the UAE.
- India and Columbia have signed an Audio-Visual Co-Production Agreement in New Delhi to boost the partnership between the film industry in both countries. Colombia is the 17th country with which India has signed such an agreement







**Ques :** Three Chinese astronauts, including a woman, entered the space station after the successful launch of their spacecraft \_\_\_\_\_, which will stay at the station for the next six months.

एक महिला सहित तीन चीनी अंतरिक्ष यात्री अपने अंतरिक्ष यान \_\_\_\_\_ के सफल प्रक्षेपण के बाद अंतरिक्ष स्टेशन में प्रवेश कर गए, जो अगले छह महीने तक स्टेशन पर रहेंगे।

- (a) Shenzhou-10
- (b) Shenzhou 12
- (c) Shenzhou 15
- (d) Shenzhou 17
- (e) Shenzhou 19

**Answer : Option E**

**Explanation : •**

- Three Chinese astronauts, including a woman, made a seamless arrival into the orbiting space station following the successful launch of their spacecraft, where they will spend the next six months.
- The three astronauts from China's Shenzhou-19 manned mission have entered the Tiangong space station and met with another astronaut trio to begin a new round of in-orbit crew handover.
- Earlier, the spaceship Shenzhou-19, carrying three astronauts, successfully docked with the space station ISS. At 11 a.m., the spaceship completed a rapid, automatic rendezvous and docked with the front port of the space station's core module Tianhe, where the three men entered.
- The Shenzhou-19 crew includes mission commander Cai Xuzhe and astronauts Song Lingdong and Wang Haoze. Wang is now China's lone female space engineer and the third Chinese woman taking part in a crewed spaceflight mission.



## Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- 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
- The Army Chief, General Upendra Dwivedi officially launched "Agniastra," a portable multi-target detonation device, during the Army Commanders Conference in Gangtok
- 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.
- India recently signed an agreement with the United States to acquire 170 AGM-114R Hellfire missiles.



**Ques :** Asian Arm Wrestling Cup 2024 held in which city ?

एशियन आर्म रेसलिंग कप 2024 किस शहर में आयोजित हुआ?

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

**Answer :** Option E

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**Explanation :** •

- India finished second overall in the Asian Arm Wrestling Cup 2024, held at the Aurika Skycity Hotel in Mumbai.
- The Indian team finished second in medals, trailing only Kazakhstan, the world's top arm wrestling nation.
- The Asian ArmWrestling Cup featured nine nations competing in six categories (para, masters, sub-junior, junior, youth, and seniors) with different weight classes.
- India won 223 medals, including 63 gold, 100 silver, and 60 bronze.

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**Ques :** Rodri has won the prestigious Ballon d'Or award in men's football category. He is from which country?

रॉड्री ने पुरुष फुटबॉल वर्ग में प्रतिष्ठित बैलन डी'ओर पुरस्कार जीता है। वह किस देश से हैं?

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

**Answer : Option A**

## Explanation : •

- Rodri of Manchester City became the first Spanish footballer since 1960 to win the coveted Ballon d'Or award in men's football.
- Rodri, 28, becomes the first Premier League player to win the Ballon d'Or since Manchester United's Cristiano Ronaldo in 2008.
- Rodri helped Manchester City win the Premier League title for the fourth straight year.
- Rodri also played an important role for Spain's national squad, helping them win the 2024 Euros in Germany, defeating England 2-1 in July. He was selected Player of the Tournament.
- For the first time since 2003, neither Messi nor Cristiano Ronaldo, who have won the renowned individual honor a total of 13 times, were considered for this year's accolade.

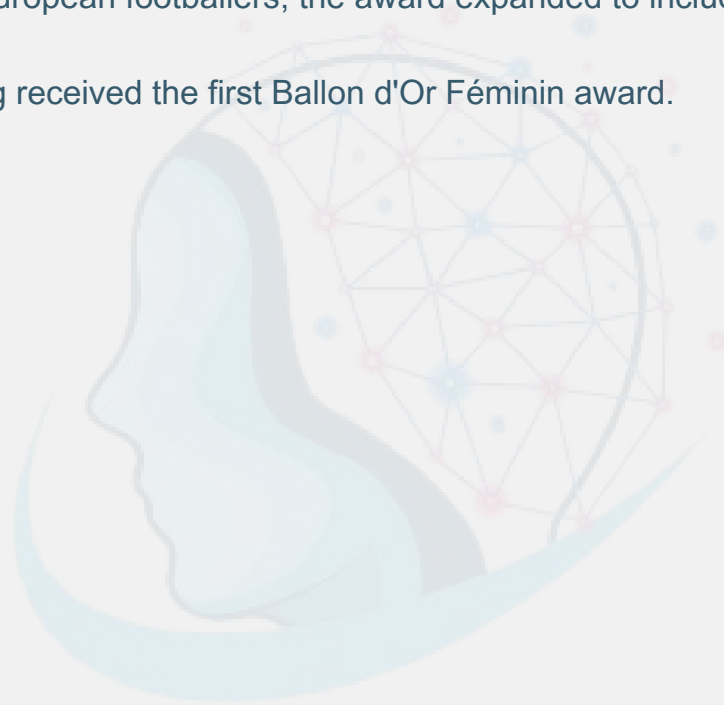
## Complete list of Ballon D'Or 2024 Awards :

- Men's Ballon d'Or- Rodri (Spain, Manchester City)
- Women's Ballon d'Or-Aitana Bonmati (Spain, FC Barcelona)
- Kopa Trophy- Lamine Yamal (Spain, FC Barcelona)
- Yashin Trophy- Emiliano Martinez (Argentina, Aston Villa)
- Men's Coach of the Year- Carlo Ancelotti (Italy, Real Madrid)
- Women's Coach of the Year- Emma Hayes (England, Chelsea/USA)
- Men's Club of the Year- Real Madrid
- Women's Club of the Year- FC Barcelona
- Gerd Muller Trophy- Harry Kane (England, Bayern Munich); Kylian Mbappe (France, Paris Saint-Germain/Real Madrid)
- Socrates Award- Jenni Hermoso (Spain, Tigres UANL)



## About the Ballon d'Or Award :

- The Ballon d'Or award was established by the French sports weekly magazine France Football.
- The prize has been given since 1956, with Stanley Matthews of England becoming the first to earn it.
- Established in 2018, the Ballon d'Or Féminin award recognizes the finest female footballer.
- Originally reserved for European footballers, the award expanded to include players from all over the world in 1995.
- Norway's Ada Hegerberg received the first Ballon d'Or Féminin award.



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## Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Highest civilian honour of the South Pacific nation of Fiji : Sri Sri Ravi Shankar
- 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)

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**Ques :** Rani Rampal, who recently announced her retirement, belongs to which sport?  
रानी रामपाल, जिन्होंने हाल ही में संन्यास की घोषणा की है, किस खेल से संबंधित हैं?

- (a) Hockey / हॉकी
- (b) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (c) Kho Kho / खो खो
- (d) Football / फुटबॉल
- (e) Cricket / क्रिकेट

**Answer : Optio A**

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### Explanation : •

- Rani Rampal, the 30-year-old former Indian women's hockey captain regarded as the "Queen of Indian Hockey," has declared her retirement from the game.
- Hockey India, India's hockey governing body, has decided to retire the No.28 shirt in honour of Rani Rampal. Rani wore jersey number 28 while playing for India.
- Rani has played 254 international matches and scored 120 goals since her debut at 14 years old in 2008 at the Olympic qualifiers in Kazan, making her the youngest woman to represent India at the senior level in hockey.
- Rani, the queen of Indian hockey, will soon be seen instructing and nurturing the sport's future stars after being selected head coach of India's under-17 squad by Hockey India in 2023.
- Rani Rampal is the first Indian women's hockey player to have a stadium named after her. The Raebareli stadium of the Indian Railways' Modern Coach Factory has been christened Rani's Girls Hockey Turf.
- Rani Rampal received the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, India's highest athletic honour, in 2020. Rani received the Padma Shri, India's fourth highest civilian award, in 2020.





## Recently Retired Players :

- Wicketkeeper-Batter Matthew Wade : Retires from International Cricket
- Andres Iniesta (Spain) : Retirement from professional football
- Rafael Nadal (from Spain) : Retirement from professional tennis
- Dipa Karmakar : Retirement from gymnastics
- Dwayne Bravo : All forms of cricket
- Luis Suarez (Uruguay) : National football team
- Moeen Ali (England) : Retirement from international cricket
- Shannon Gabriel (West Indies) : Retirement from international cricket
- Dawid Malan (England) : Retirement from international cricket
- Shikhar Dhawan (India) : All forms of cricket
- Ilkay Gundogan (Germany) : International football
- Ashwini Ponnappa : Badminton
- Rohan Bopanna (India) : international tennis
- PR Sreejesh (India) : international hockey
- Thomas Muller (German) : International Football

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**Ques :** Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) established in which year ?

भारत संचार निगम लिमिटेड (बीएसएनएल) की स्थापना किस वर्ष हुई?

- (a) 1998
- (b) 1999
- (c) 2000
- (d) 2001
- (e) 2002

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :** •

- Union Minister Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia, Ministry of Communications (MoC), and Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) introduced the new logo for Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL).
- They have launched 7 customer-centric services at Bharat Sanchar Bhavan in New Delhi, Delhi.
- The new logo features green and white arrows surrounding India to represent the company's nationwide coverage, while the orange backdrop represents warmth and inclusivity.
- BSNL has developed 7 initiatives based on three pillars: security, affordability, and reliability.

**BSNL has launched 7 new initiatives :**

1. Spam! Free Network
2. BSNL National Wi-Fi Roaming
3. BSNL Intranet Fiber Television (IFTV)
4. Any Time SIM (ATS) Kiosks
5. Direct-to-Device Service
6. 'Public Protection & Disaster Relief' – as a solution
7. 1st captive 5G network for coal mines in India, in partnership with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)

**About BSNL :**

- Established : 2000
- HQ New Delhi
- CMD : A. Robert J. Ravi



**Ques : Who has become the first Indian to win the prestigious Miss Grand International 2024 crown in October 2024?**

**अक्टूबर 2024 में प्रतिष्ठित मिस ग्रैंड इंटरनेशनल 2024 का ताज जीतने वाली पहली भारतीय कौन बन गई है?**

- (a) Nikita Porwal / निकिता पोरवाल
- (b) Rhea Singha / रिया सिंघा
- (c) Chhavi Verg / छवि वर्ग
- (d) Rachel Gupta / राचेल गुप्ता
- (e) Pranjal Priya / प्रांजल प्रिया

**Answer : Option D**

**Explanation : •**

- Rachel Gupta, 20, from Jalandhar, has become the first Indian to win the prestigious Miss Grand International 2024 title.
- She won a historic triumph after competing against contenders from over 70 countries.
- Gupta also won the Grand Pageant Choice Award 2024. Rachel now holds the record for the most worldwide pageant crowns won by an Indian, tying former Miss Universe Lara Dutta.
- Previously, she won the 'Miss Super Talent of the World' title in 2022, confirming her consistent success in international competitions.
- Her road to the Miss Grand International crown began in August 2024, when she won the Miss Grand India title.



**Ques :** Global Media and Information Literacy Week celebrated every year on which week ?  
वैश्विक मीडिया एवं सूचना साक्षरता सप्ताह प्रत्येक वर्ष किस सप्ताह मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 22-29 October
- (b) 23-30 October
- (c) 24-31 October
- (d) 20-27 October
- (e) 21-30 October

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :** •

- Global Media and Information Literacy Week is an annual event held from October 24th to October 31st to raise awareness and celebrate efforts toward universal media and information literacy.
- Theme 2024: The New Digital Frontiers of Information: "Media and Information Literacy for Public Interest Information"
- During Global Media and Information Literacy Week, stakeholders from all around the world arrange events, and UNESCO co-hosts a global conference gathering, the Media and Information Literacy community.

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## Important days :

- 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 (Theme 2024 Say no to fragile bones)
- 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 : UN Disarmament Week
- 24 October : 63rd Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Raising Day
- 24 October : International Day of Diplomats (Theme 2024 Honoring the Unsung Guardians of Global Peace)
- 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 window to the world)
- 30 October : World Thrift Day
- 31 October : National Unity Day
- 31 October : World Savings Day
- 31 October : World Cities Day (Theme 2024 Youth leading climate and local action for cities)



## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) unveiled a Rs 100 commemorative coin to mark the Birth Centenary of HH Mataji Nirmala Devi Ji at the National Museum in New Delhi.

Telugu film star Chiranjeevi Honored with ANR Award by Amitabh Bachchan, which is Organised by Akkineni International Foundation.

Keshav Chandra Appointed as Chairman of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC). He Replaced Naresh Kumar

ISRO has launched India's first analog space mission from Leh, Ladakh. The mission involves ISRO, the University of Ladakh, IIT Bombay, AAKA Space Studio, and the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council.

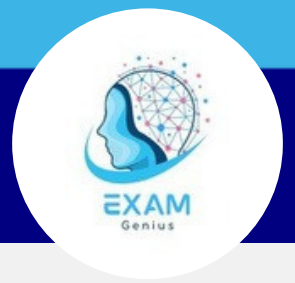
The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved two railway projects from the Ministry of Railways, totaling Rs.6,798 crore.

Two projects have been approved: (a) the doubling of the Narkatiaganj-Raxaul-Sitamarhi-Darbhanga and Sitamarhi-Muzaffarpur sections, which covers 256 kilometers; and (b) the construction of a new line between Errupalem and Namburu via Amaravati, which covers 57 kilometers.

On the 200th anniversary of Kittur Vijayotsava a commemorative Postage stamp was released at the historic Kittur Rani Channamma Stage, Kittur Fort Premises. This grand event commemorated Rani Channamma's glorious victory on 23rd October, 1824 against the British rule.

India's former cricketer VVS Laxman will take over as head coach for the Indian team during their upcoming four-match Twenty20 International (T20I) tour of South Africa in November

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## महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

केंद्रीय मंत्री नितिन गडकरी, सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय (MoRTH) ने नई दिल्ली में राष्ट्रीय संग्रहालय में परम पूज्य माताजी निर्मला देवी जी की जन्म शताब्दी को चिह्नित करने के लिए 100 रुपये के स्मारक सिक्के का अनावरण किया।

तेलुगु फिल्म स्टार चिरंजीवी को अमिताभ बच्चन द्वारा एएनआर पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया, जो अक्किनेनी इंटरनेशनल फाउंडेशन द्वारा आयोजित किया गया है।

केशव चंद्रा को नई दिल्ली नगरपालिका परिषद (एनडीएमसी) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया। उन्होंने नरेश कुमार का स्थान लिया

इसरो ने लेह, लद्दाख से भारत का पहला एनालॉग अंतरिक्ष मिशन लॉन्च किया है। मिशन में इसरो, लद्दाख विश्वविद्यालय, आईआईटी बॉम्बे, एएकेए स्पेस स्टूडियो और लद्दाख स्वायत्त पहाड़ी विकास परिषद शामिल हैं।

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में आर्थिक मामलों की कैबिनेट समिति (सीसीईए) ने रेल मंत्रालय की दो रेलवे परियोजनाओं को मंजूरी दे दी है, जिनकी कुल लागत 6,798 करोड़ रुपये है।

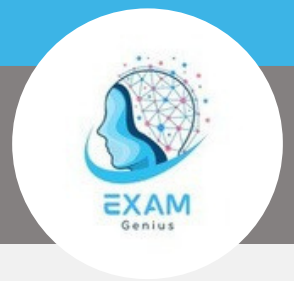
दो परियोजनाओं को मंजूरी दी गई है: (ए) नरकटियागंज-रक्सौल-सीतामढ़ी-दरभंगा और सीतामढ़ी-मुजफ्फरपुर खंडों का दोहरीकरण, जो 256 किलोमीटर की दूरी तय करता है; और (बी) अमरावती के माध्यम से एरुपलेम और नंबुरु के बीच एक नई लाइन का निर्माण, जो 57 किलोमीटर की दूरी तय करती है।

किचूर विजयोत्सव की 200वीं वर्षगांठ पर ऐतिहासिक किचूर रानी चन्नम्मा स्टेज, किचूर किला परिसर में एक स्मारक डाक टिकट जारी किया गया। इस भव्य आयोजन ने 23 अक्टूबर, 1824 को ब्रिटिश शासन के खिलाफ रानी चन्नम्मा की शानदार जीत का जश्न मनाया।

भारत के पूर्व क्रिकेटर वीवीएस लक्ष्मण नवंबर में दक्षिण अफ्रीका के आगामी चार मैचों के ट्वेंटी-20 अंतर्राष्ट्रीय (टी20ई) दौरे के दौरान भारतीय टीम के मुख्य कोच का पद संभालेंगे।

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