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Ques : Which bank Joins Record Samurai Loan Surge with ₹30 Billion Debt Plan ?

- (a) Canara Bank
- (b) State Bank of India
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) UCO Bank
- (e) Axis Bank

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- SBI is seeking a ₹30 billion (\$197 million) credit facility, contributing to a record level of yen loans raised by Asian borrowers outside Japan in 2024.
- The loan amount ₹30 billion (\$197 million) is for 5 years Tenure.
- Interest Margin is 60 basis points over the Tokyo Overnight Average Rate (TONA), a global benchmark for yen-denominated loans
- The Lead Bank is Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc. (MUFG)
- SBI had previously signed a ₹40 billion five-year loan in September 2023
- In addition to the yen loan, SBI is also seeking a syndicated dollar-denominated deal of up to \$1.25 billion

About State Bank of India (SBI) :

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



Recent News Headlines Related to SBI :

- SBI Mutual Fund has established the SBI Quant Fund, an open-ended equity program with a quant-based investment strategy.
- The State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest lender, has launched a statewide awareness campaign to promote the necessity of activating inactive accounts.
- SBI has raised Rs.50,000 crore through domestic bonds in FY25. Bond issuances totaled Rs.30,000 crore for long-term bonds, Rs.15,000 crore for tier 2 bonds, and Rs.5000 crore for AT1
- State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest lender, has introduced a low-cost customized vehicle loan for Uber fleet partners.
- The State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest lender, has successfully raised \$500 million through five-year bonds from international investors
- SBI, India's largest public sector bank, has joined with Jagriti Yatra 2024, an 8,000-kilometer, 15-day entrepreneurial adventure through India's Tier 2 and Tier 3 districts.
- SBI is aiming to secure a \$1.25 billion five-year loan, which would be the largest dollar-denominated loan from India's financial sector in 2024.
- During the India Entrepreneurs Forum (IEF), the South African CEOs of the State Bank of India (SBI) and India Exim Bank emphasized their efforts to bridge the trade finance gap for firms in Africa.
- SBI 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.



Ques : What was the WPI-based inflation rate in November 2024?

- (a) 1.23%
- (b) 1.89%
- (c) 1.75%
- (d) 1.69%
- (e) 1.54%

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Wholesale pricing index (WPI)-based inflation fell to a three-month low of 1.89 percent in November 2024, down from 2.4% in October.
- This decrease in WPI was primarily due to a weakening of primary food inflation, which fell to 8.63 percent in November 2024 from 13.54 percent in October 2024.
- WPI inflation stood at 2.1% from April to November 2024, compared to a 1.29 percent decline in the same period last year.

Recent WPI-based Retail inflation :

- October 2024 : 2.36%
- September 2024 : 1.84%
- August 2024 : 1.31%
- July 2024 : 2.04%
- June 2024 : 3.36%
- May 2024 : 2.6%



Ques : What was the CPI-based inflation rate in November 2024?

- (a) 5.25%
- (b) 5.45%
- (c) 5.53%
- (d) 6.64%
- (e) 6.37%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- India's retail inflation is expected to drop to 5.53% in November, from a 14-month high of 6.21% in October, owing to lower vegetable prices.
- Core inflation has slowed, bringing respite to consumers affected by high food prices.

Month-wise list of retail inflation :

- October 2024 : 6.21%
- September 2024 : 5.49%
- August 2024 : 3.65%
- July 2024 : 3.54%
- June 2024 : 5.08%
- May 2024 : 4.75%



Ques : Infrastructure investment expected to reach 6.5% of Gross domestic product by which year ?

- (a) 2025
- (b) 2026
- (c) 2027
- (d) 2028
- (e) 2029

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- India's infrastructure investment is projected to rise at a 15% CAGR in the next years, with a concentration on capital-intensive sectors such as roads, railroads, and civil aviation.
- Infrastructure investment currently accounts for 5.3% of GDP and is expected to increase to 6.5% by 2029, with a 15.3% CAGR.
- A unprecedented budget of Rs.111 lakh crore has been allotted for infrastructure projects, surpassing the GDP of many developing countries.
- The budget allocation for roads has increased by ninefold, from Rs.31,130 crore in 2013-14 to Rs.2.7 lakh crore in 2024-25.
- India plans to decrease logistics expenses to 9% of GDP by 2025.



Ques : Indian scheduled commercial banks Record All-Time High Net Profit of __ in FY24

- (a) Rs 21.50 Lakh Crore
- (b) Rs 22.45 Lakh Crore
- (c) Rs 19.25 Lakh Crore
- (d) Rs 23.50 Lakh Crore
- (e) Rs 22.50 Lakh Crore

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) gross non-performing asset (NPA) ratio decreased to 2.67% in June 2024 from 11.18% in March 2018, indicating remarkable improvement.
- SCBs achieved their highest-ever aggregate net profit of Rs 23.50 lakh crore in FY2023-24, up from Rs 22.63 lakh crore in FY2022-23.
- PSBs reported their highest-ever net profit of Rs 1.41 lakh crore in FY 2023-24, up from Rs 1.05 lakh crore in FY 2022-23 and Rs 0.86 lakh crore in the first half of FY 2024-25.
- The Provision Coverage Ratio (PCR) for SCBs increased dramatically from 49.31% in March 2015 to 92.52% in June 2024, suggesting better resilience.
- PSBs' gross NPA ratio decreased to 3.32% in June 2024, from 4.97% in March 2015 and 14.58% in March 2018.



Ques : Which bank has launched TIARA Credit Card designed exclusively for women ?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) Karnataka Bank
- (c) Bank of baroda
- (d) Canara Bank
- (e) None of these

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- BOBCARD LIMITED has launched the TIARA Credit Card, a premium credit card specifically developed for women.
- Model and actor Milind Soman, Pinkathon inventor and yoga practitioner Ankita Konwar, and Ravindra Rai, MD & CEO of BOBCARD LIMITED, unveiled the TIARA card, which is powered by the RuPay network.
- It provides a plethora of rewards and advantages in the travel, food, leisure, entertainment, and health categories, appealing to the desires of modern women.
- TIARA customers receive complimentary vouchers and memberships valued up to Rs 31,000 from top brands including Myntra, Nykaa, Flipkart, Lakme Salon, and Urban Company.
- To amplify the card's empowering message, BOBCARD has partnered with cricketer Shreyanka Patil, who personifies the campaign tagline 'Your Woman Card is Your Power Move.'



Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- IDFC FIRST Bank Limited has created a holographic digital avatar of brand ambassador Amitabh Bachchan using AI technology.
- The Federal Bank sponsored an initiative named "Kaliyum Karyavum" to teach life skills to schoolchildren using traditional art forms.
- Paytm launched Unified Payment Interface(UPI) Lite Auto Top-Up which was designed to streamline small, frequent transactions for users, making everyday payments quick and hassle free.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Bima Sakhi Yojana' in Panipat to increase financial literacy and insurance awareness among women. This initiative by the LIC aims to empower women aged 18 to 70 who have completed Class X.
- Esteem Savings Account Launched by Federal Bank Limited for Senior Citizens
- BharatPe, a fintech business, has created a fraud protection package called 'Shield' to provide coverage against digital fraud, including fraudulent Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions.
- Axis Bank has introduced the ARISE Women's Savings Account, a tailored solution designed to meet the financial needs of women.
- HDFC Bank created the Pragati Savings Account to meet the financial needs of India's rural and semi-urban communities.

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Ques : Consider the following statements About National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL) :

- (a) National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL), often known as 'Bad Bank'
- (b) NARCL was established in mid-2022.
- (c) The committee to recommend a fresh list of accounts for NARCL set up under the Chairmanship of SBI Chairman C S Setty

Which of the following statements is/are True ?

- (a) Only a
- (b) only b
- (c) Both a and b
- (d) Both a and c
- (e) All a, b and c

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Finance Ministry's Department of Financial Services (DFS) has agreed to form a Committee chaired by SBI Chairman C S Setty to submit a new list of accounts for transfer to the National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL), often known as 'Bad Bank'.
- This was revealed at a review meeting hosted by DFS Secretary M Nagaraju to address critical operational difficulties and improve the effectiveness of settlement processes through NARCL and the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).
- Since its inception in mid-2021, NARCL has bought 22 accounts totaling ₹95,711 crore. The Finance Ministry aimed to transfer stressed assets worth ₹1 lakh crore to the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) by March 2025.
- A Bad Bank is a business that consolidates a bank's poor loans or non-performing assets (NPAs) and tries to resolve or liquidate these stressed assets to maximize value.
- In India, NARCL acquires these loans by paying 15% in cash and the balance in government-guaranteed SRs, which banks can use to resolve or liquidate poor loans.



Ques : Who launched Golden Jubilee (GJF) Scholarship Scheme 2024 ?

- (a) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- (b) Bharti AXA Insurance
- (c) SBI Life Insurance
- (d) Max Life Insurance
- (e) Edelweiss Insurance

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Golden Jubilee (GJF) Scholarship Scheme 2024 Launched by Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- Its aim is to assist students from economically weaker families in accessing higher education
- There are 2 types of Scholarship : 1. General Scholarship 2. Special Scholarship for Girl Child
- General Scholarship will be provided for the entire duration of the course
- Special Scholarship for Girl Child will be provided for 2 years under Special Girl Scholar, subject to the candidate fulfilling requisite eligibility conditions for renewal

Scholarship Amount :

- Medical Courses : Rs 40,000 per annum, disbursed in two installments of Rs 20,000 each
- Engineering Courses : Rs 30,000 per annum, disbursed in two installments of Rs 15,000 each.
- Graduation in Other Fields : Rs 20,000 per annum, disbursed in two installments of Rs 10,000 each
- Special scholarship for girl child : An amount of Rs 15,000 per annum will be awarded to selected girl child for special scholarship after class 10th for pursuing higher studies in intermediate/10 + 2 pattern/ vocational or diploma courses through government recognized colleges/ institutions or courses in ITI for two years



Ques : Who is the first Pakistan bowler to take 100 wickets in each format of international cricket?

- (a) Shoaib Akhtar
- (b) Waqar Younis
- (c) Wasim Akram
- (d) Shaheen Afridi
- (e) None of these

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Pakistani pacer Shaheen Afridi made history by becoming his country's first bowler to take 100 wickets in all formats of international cricket.
- The left-arm pacer reached the milestone in the opening T20I against South Africa in Durban. The hosts beat Pakistan by 11 runs in the encounter.
- Shaheen grabbed three wickets in the match, bringing his total to 100 T20I wickets in 74 T20s and making him the first Pakistani bowler to have 100 wickets in each format.
- Shaheen became the world's youngest player to achieve this achievement, as well as the first to reach 100 wickets in all three formats of international cricket before the age of 30.
- Notably, he became the youngest bowler to reach 100 wickets across all three forms. He joined New Zealand's Tim Southee, Bangladesh's Shakib Al Hasan, and Sri Lanka's Lasith Malinga.
- Afridi became the second-fastest Pakistani bowler to accomplish this accomplishment. He is now just behind Haris Rauf, who reached this milestone in 71 matches.



Recent records in Cricket :

- Virat Kohli : became the fastest cricketer to amass 27000 international runs, breaking Sachin Tendulkar's previous record.
- Ravindra Jadeja : became the first Indian left arm spinner to reach 300 test wickets
- Jasprit Bumrah : 10th Indian bowler to reach the illustrious milestone of 400 international wickets
- Harmanpreet Kaur : top run-scorer in women's T20I cricket for India
- Ravindra Jadeja : Climbs to 5th Spot in India's Test Wicket List
- Rohit Sharma : First cricketer in the world to hit 600 sixes in international cricket
- Smriti Mandhana : First Indian Woman Cricketer To Score Consecutive Centuries in ODIs
- Kagiso Rabada : Fastest bowler to reach 300 Test wickets based on balls bowled, achieving the milestone in just 11,817 deliveries
- Rohit Sharma 2nd player after MS Dhoni to play 250 matches in IPL
- Shafali Verma : Fastest double century in women's Test cricket
- Jos Buttler : Becomes first Englishman to make 3,000 T20I runs

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Ques : Which country has joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) by signing the ISA Framework Agreement in New Delhi, marking its commitment to renewable energy ?

- (a) Netherland
- (b) Mauritius
- (c) Moldova
- (d) Singapore
- (e) UAE

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Moldova joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) by signing the ISA Framework Agreement in New Delhi, demonstrating its commitment to renewable energy.
- The ISA, co-founded by India and France in 2015, intends to raise USD 1,000 billion for solar energy by 2030.
- The worldwide Solar Alliance (ISA), a treaty-based worldwide intergovernmental organization, seeks to mobilize more than USD 1000 billion in investment by 2030 for significant solar energy deployment.
- Last month, Armenia joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as the 104th full member.

About Moldova :

- Capital- Chisinau
- President- Maia Sandu
- Official language- Romanian
- Currency- Moldovan Leu



Ques : Which country cancels 'most favoured nation' status to India over Nestle ruling ?

- (a) Spain
- (b) Sri lanka
- (c) Switzerland
- (d) Sweden
- (e) USA

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Swiss government has suspended the MFN clause from the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between India and Switzerland.
 - The Swiss finance department stated on December 11 that the move follows the Supreme Court of India's ruling last year that the MFN clause does not automatically trigger when a country joins the OECD if the Indian government signed a tax treaty with that country before joining.
- India negotiated tax treaties with Colombia and Lithuania, resulting in reduced tax rates for some categories of income compared to OECD countries. The two countries later joined the OECD.
- In 2021, Switzerland regarded Colombia and Lithuania joining the OECD as a 5% dividend rate for the India-Switzerland tax treaty under the MFN provision, rather than the 10% stipulated in the agreement.

About Switzerland :

- Capital : Bern
- Currency : Swiss Franc
- President : Viola Amherd



Ques : Where did the Indian Women's Junior Hockey team win the Women's Junior Asia Cup title in 2024?

- (a) Oman
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Jordan
- (d) Somalia
- (e) Kuwait

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Indian women's junior hockey team successfully defended its Women's Junior Asia Cup title in Muscat, Oman, defeating China 3-2 in the final.
- India, the previous 2023 edition winner, won the 10th Women's Junior Asia Cup 3-2 in a penalty shootout in the final in Muscat.
- The top five teams at the 2024 Women's Junior Asia Cup - India, China, Japan, South Korea, and Malaysia - qualified for the 2025 FIH Women's Junior World Cup in Chile.
- The Indian women's hockey squad followed in the footsteps of the Indian men's hockey team, who won the 2024 Hockey Junior Asia Cup for the fifth time in Muscat, Oman.



Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Aryna Sabalenka received the WTA Player of the Year award for the first time after winning two Grand Slam titles and finishing 2024 at No. 1 in the rankings
- The Khelo India Winter Games 2025 will be held in both Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir in two phases. Ladakh will hold ice hockey and skiing from January 23-27, while Jammu & Kashmir will host snow activities
- Dommaraju Gukesh, an Indian grandmaster, became the world's youngest chess champion.
- Aarit Kapil, a nine-year-old from Delhi, defeated Raset Ziatdinov of the United States in the ninth and penultimate round of the KIIT International Open tournament, making him the youngest Indian to achieve this feat.
- The 2027 Women's World Cup in Brazil will be played from June 24 to July 25, FIFA, soccer's international governing body announced. Spain is the defending champion, having won the 2023 Women's World Cup jointly hosted by Australia and New Zealand.
- FIFA has confirmed that Saudi Arabia will host the 2034 World Cup.
- After 26 years, McLaren won the World Constructors' Championship at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, which marked the end of the Formula One 2024 season.
- Bangladesh successfully defended their title by defeating India by 59 runs in the 11th ACC U19 Men's Asia Cup Final held in Dubai, UAE.
- Indian badminton player Sathish Karunakaran has won the BWF Super 100 Guwahati Masters 2024 badminton singles title
- India will host the inaugural Women's T20 World Cup for the Blind in 2025.
- The Indian Men's Junior Hockey team defeated Pakistan 5-3 in the final of the 11th Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup 2024, winning the trophy for a record fifth time.
- The Syed Modi India International Super 300 tournament in Lucknow marked a significant achievement for Indian badminton, as PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen ended their respective title droughts



Ques : Who launched its first ever national soundscape titled Aania ?

- (a) Norway
- (b) Sweden
- (c) United States
- (d) France
- (e) Finland

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Finland presented its first national soundscape, 'Ääniä', on its 107th Independence Day.
- The Finnish title "Ääniä" (meaning "sounds" or "voices") takes listeners on a musical journey across the country's landscapes, seasons, and traditions.
- Composed by Lauri Porra, a renowned classical and metal musician.
- This one-hour soundscape features 15 compositions inspired by Finland's natural and cultural heritage.

About Finland :

- Capital : Helsinki
- Currency : The euro
- President : Alexander Stubb



Ques : Consider the following statements About Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2024 :

- (a) The Lok Sabha passed the Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2024 during the Winter Session despite disruptions
- (b) Merges provisions of the Indian Railway Board Act, 1905, into the Railways Act, 1989
- (c) Cited plans for 13,000 additional trains and ongoing production of 10,000 general coaches to cater to low income passengers

Which of the following statements is/are True ?

- (a) Only a
- (b) only b
- (c) Both a and b
- (d) Both a and c
- (e) All a, b and c

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Lok Sabha passed the Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2024 during the Winter Session despite disruptions, with Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw addressing concerns over potential privatisation.
- Merges provisions of the Indian Railway Board Act, 1905, into the Railways Act, 1989, eliminating the need for dual references and simplifying the legal framework while empowering the Railway Board with statutory powers.
- Grants the central government authority to determine the board's composition, qualifications, and terms of service, ensuring operational flexibility
- Highlighted 100% delegation of tendering powers to zone general managers, accelerating project approvals and decentralisation
- Cited plans for 13,000 additional trains and ongoing production of 10,000 general coaches to cater to low income passengers



Ques : According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index Elon Musk has become the first person to surpass _ billion in net worth

- (a) \$200 billion
- (b) \$300 billion
- (c) \$400 billion
- (d) \$500 billion
- (e) \$600 billion

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Elon Musk has become the first person to cross \$400 billion in net worth, cementing his position as the world's wealthiest person.
- According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Musk's fortune has grown significantly after the US presidential election, reaching \$447 billion.
- Musk's growing wealth reflects the increasing value of his ventures, particularly in the electric vehicle and space sectors, where Tesla and SpaceX continue to dominate their markets.
- Elon Musk's wealth is not just attributed to his well-known enterprises, SpaceX and Tesla. Since May, his artificial intelligence business, xAI, has doubled in valuation to \$50 billion.
- Amazon founder Jeff Bezos is a distant second on the list, at \$249 billion, while Mark Zuckerberg is a close third at \$224 billion.
- Larry Ellison is ranked fourth, with a net worth of \$198 billion, followed by Bernard Arnault, who has \$181 billion.



India's Rankings in Different Indices

- 2025 QS Sustainability Rankings Published by QS Rankings : IIT Delhi (171), University of Toronto (Canada) (top)
- SBTi commitments by Indian companies Published by ICRA ESG Ratings Limited : India (6th), United Kingdom (UK) (top)
- "world's worst airlines" in the 2024 AirHelp Score survey : IndiGo (103rd), Brussels Airlines (top)
- Interdisciplinary Science Rankings (ISR) 2025 Published by Times Higher Education (THE) : Anna University in Chennai (Tamil Nadu, TN) (42nd), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (USA) (top)
- 2024 Network Readiness Index (NRI) Published by Portulans Institute and Saïd Business School : India (49th), United States of America (top)
- Sustainable Trade Index 2024 Published by Hinrich Foundation and IMD : India (23rd), New Zealand (top)
- Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025 : India (10th), Denmark (last)
- Brand Finance's Global City Index Published by Brand Finance : London (top), New Delhi (77), Mumbai (78)
- WJP Rule of Law Index 2024 Published by World Justice Project (WJP) : India (79th), Denmark (top)
- World Intellectual Property Indicators Report 2024 : India (6th), China (top)
- EdelGive-Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024 : Shiv Nadar & Family (top)
- AI Preparedness Index (API) Published by IMF : India (72nd), Singapore (top)



Ques : Which Pakistani cricketer announced his retirement from international cricket ?

- (a) Shoaib Akhtar
- (b) Waqar Younis
- (c) Wasim Akram
- (d) Shaheen Afridi
- (e) Imad Wasim

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Imad Wasim, Pakistan's star all-rounder, has retired from international cricket after a phenomenal nine-year career.
- The 35-year-old played a crucial role in Pakistan's Champions Trophy victory in 2017.
- In May 2015, Imad made his debut for Pakistan in a T20I against Zimbabwe in Lahore.

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Recently Retired Players :

- Siddarth Kaul (Indian) : cricket
- Emma McKeon (Australia): professional swimming
- Rafael Nadal (Spain) : professional tennis
- Tim Southee (New Zealand) : international cricket
- Mohammad Nabi (Afghanistan) : Retire from ODI Cricket
- Wriddhiman Saha (India) : retired from all cricket formats
- Rani Rampal : Retirement from Hockey
- 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

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Ques : Which state launched the 'Urjaveer' scheme ?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- 'Urjaveer' scheme launched by Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Ministry of Power at Poranki in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh.
- It is Implemented by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL).
- The aim of this scheme is to transform Andhra Pradesh into a 100% green energy state, focusing on sustainable development and energy conservation.
- The Target is to involve and train 1,12,000 private registered electricians on the Urjaveer platform.
- Women and young individuals, aged 18 and above, can take part in the Urjaveer scheme by registering as 'Urjaveers' on the Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) platform.

Urjaveers will focus on six key products :

- 6 Watt (W) Light Emitting Diode (LED) bulbs
- 20 Watt (W) LED tube lights
- 30 Watt (W) Brushless Direct Current (BLDC) ceiling fans
- 5-star rated air conditioners (ACs)
- Induction cooking stoves
- 10 Watt (W) LED inverter bulbs



Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- Yuva Shuddhi Abhiyan Launched by Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot to raise awareness about the dangers of drug abuse among youth.
- The Chief Minister introduced 'Him Bhog Atta,' which is prepared from maize harvested by farmers in Uttarakhand using natural agricultural practices.
- The Indira Gandhi Sukh Shiksha Yojna aims to prevent child exploitation and assist vulnerable children of widows, poor mothers, divorced women, and disabled parent
- The Chief Minister handed over keys to 16 electric taxi owners as part of the Rajiv Gandhi Self-Employment Start-up Scheme 2023
- The Government of India's main effort for people with disabilities (PwDs), Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan or Accessible India Campaign (AIC), has been successfully implemented for 9 years.
- The Empowered Programme Committee has approved 7 startup proposals under the GREAT scheme. The Government is providing a maximum fund support of Rs 50 lakhs per startup.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) predicts that by March 2025, rooftop solar installations under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY) will exceed 10 lakh
- Rythu Bharosa Scheme Launched by Telangana government, led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy To provide annual subsidies of Rs.15,000 per farmer as part of Congress' six guarantees. The government has cleared Rs.7,625 crore in crop loan arrears for Kharif 2023, affirming its commitment to farmers' welfare.

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Ques : Which player won the women's singles title at the Odisha Masters 2024?

- (a) Tanvi Sharma
- (b) Saina Nehwal
- (c) Cai Yan Yan
- (d) Anmol Kharb
- (e) None of these

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Rithvik Sanjeevi. Satish Kumar won the men's singles title at the 2024 BWF Super100 Odisha Masters badminton event.
- Rithvik was the only Indian winner at the Odisha Masters, which was dominated by Chinese players who won three titles, with the Japanese taking the women's doubles title.
- Cai Yan Yan of China won her second consecutive BWF Super 100 women's singles title in Cuttack, defeating Tanvi Sharma, 15, in the final.
- Cai Yan Yan defeated India's Anmol Kharb in the singles final of the 2024 BWF Super 100 Guwahati event last week.
- The \$100,000-lakh prize money BWF Super 100 Odisha Masters 2024 was held in Cuttack, Orissa. It was the third edition of the BWF Super 100 Odisha Masters, following the first editions in 2021 and 2023.
- The Badminton Association of India and the Odisha Badminton Association collaborated to organise the BWF Super 100 Odisha Masters 2024.



Ques : International Migrants Day is observed annually on which day ?

- (a) 17 December
- (b) 18 December
- (c) 19 December
- (d) 20 December
- (e) 21 December

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- International Migrants Day is held yearly on December 18th.
- To increase awareness about migrants' rights, integration obstacles, and contributions to host communities.
- Theme 2024: Recognizing the contributions of migrants and protecting their rights.
- The United Nations General Assembly established International Migrants Day in 2000 in response to the growing number of migrants worldwide, as well as to commemorate the establishment of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, adopted by the United Nations in 1990 and entered into force in 2003.

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Important days :

- 29 November : International Jaguar Day
- 29 November : International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People
- 25 to 29 November : Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2024
- 30 November : Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare
- 1 December : Border Security Force (BSF)
- 1 December : World AIDS Day (Theme 2024: Take the Right Path)
- 2 December : World Computer Literacy Day
- 3 December : International Day of Persons with Disabilities (Theme 2024 Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future)
- 4 December : International Day of Banks (Theme 2024: Empowering Sustainable Development through Finance)
- 4 December : International Cheetah Day
- 4 December : Indian Navy Day 2024 (Theme 2024 Strength and Capability through Innovation and Indigenization)
- 5 December : World Soil Day (Theme 2024: Soil is Life)
- 5 December : International Volunteer Day (Theme 2024: Volunteer Now for Our Future)
- 6 December : Mahaparinirvan Diwas
- 7 December : Armed Forces Flag Day
- 7 December : International Civil Aviation Day (Theme 2024: Safe Skies. Sustainable Future: Together for the Next 80 Years)
- 9 December : International Anti-Corruption Day (Theme 2024: Uniting with Youth Against Corruption to Shape Tomorrow's Integrity)
- 9 December : International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of Genocide
- 10 December : World Human Rights Day (Theme 2024: Our Rights, Our Future)
- 11 December : International Mountain Day (Theme 2024 - Mountain solutions for a sustainable future: innovation, adaptation, and youth)
- 11 December : United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) Day
- 12 December : International Day of Neutrality
- 12 December : International Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Day
- 13 December : National Horse Day
- 14 December : National Energy Conservation Day (Theme 2024: Powering Sustainability: Every Watt Counts)
- 21 December : World Meditation Day



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Malaysian coach Tan Kim Her Appointed as India's Doubles Badminton Coach for the 2026 Asian Games and 2028 Olympics

National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), New Delhi has received the approval from World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) as an Athlete Passport Management Unit to manage Athlete Biological Passport.

The SEBI has mandated all Mutual Fund (MF) companies to reduce the processing time for cancelling their Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) to 2 working days from the previous 10 working days.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will formally inaugurate Mahakumbh-2025 and launch over 600 projects worth ₹7,000 crore, undertaken and completed ahead of the mega once-in-12-years fair.

The World Bank has approved the Uttar Pradesh Agriculture Growth and Rural Enterprise Ecosystem Strengthening (UP-AGREES) Project, a \$325.10 million initiative aimed at increasing farmers' incomes in Uttar Pradesh by improving crop productivity, implementing digital and climate-resilient practices, and improving market access.

The Finance Ministry seeks approval for over Rs.44,000 crore in additional cash expenditure through the first Supplementary Demands for Grants (SDG).

Meta Platforms has donated \$1 million to president-elect Donald Trump's inaugural fund, the latest step by CEO Mark Zuckerberg to bolster his once-fraught relationship with the incoming president.

Donald Trump Awarded as Person of the Year for 2024 by Time magazine.

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and International Solar Alliance (ISA) Join Forces to enhance grid interconnections and promote sustainable energy systems.



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