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Ques : Which bank partners with Ecofy to tackle green financing for MSMEs ?
एमएसएमई के लिए हरित वित्तपोषण से निपटने के लिए किस बैंक ने इकोफी के साथ साझेदारी की है?

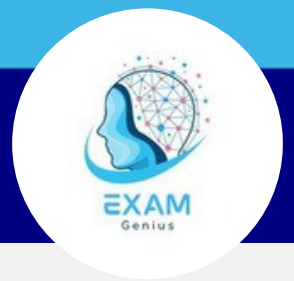
- (a) Federal Bank / फेडरल बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) IndusInd Bank / इंडसइंड बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) Kotak Mahindra Bank / कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Federal Bank has partnered with Ecofy, India's first green-only non-banking financial company (NBFC) backed by Eversource Capital, to offer innovative financing options for MSMEs investing in commercial rooftop solar installations.
- The program seeks to finance 3,600 kW of rooftop solar installations per year, reducing CO2 emissions by about 2,500 tons for MSMEs.
- The bank actively supports MSME loans, which account for approximately 20% of its overall loan book.

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Ques : Who Cancels Registration of Zavron Finance Due to Non-Compliance ?

गैर-अनुपालन के कारण ज़ैवरॉन फाइनेंस का पंजीकरण कौन रद्द करता है?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled Zavron Finance Private Limited's Certificate of Registration (CoR) under Section 45-IA (6) of the RBI Act, 1934.
- The action was taken for irregular lending practices and substantial violations of RBI standards on digital lending.

About RBI :

- Established : 1 April 1935
- HQ : Mumbai
- Governor : Shaktikanta Das
- Deputy Governors : T. Rabi Sankar, M. Rajeshwar Rao, Dr. M. D. Patra, Swaminathan Janakiraman



Ques : Who has been reappointed as the MD & CEO of RBL Bank for three years?

आरबीएल बैंक के एमडी और सीईओ के रूप में किसे तीन साल के लिए फिर से नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Shashwat Sharma / शाश्वत शर्मा
- (b) Ram Mohan Rao Amara / राम मोहन राव अमारा
- (c) Bhavesh Jain / भावेश जैन
- (d) R Subramaniakumar / आर सुब्रमण्यकुमार
- (e) Rajnish Kumar / रजनीश कुमार

Answer : option D

Explanation :

- RBL Bank's Board of Directors has accepted R Subramaniakumar's reappointment as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) for an additional three years, beginning June 23, 2025.
- The reappointment requires approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The bank acknowledged that it will seek regulatory permission by filing an application with the RBI under Section 35B of the Banking Regulation Act, 1935.
- Subramaniakumar, who was named MD & CEO in June 2022, became the second public sector banker after Prashant Kumar to lead a private sector bank.



Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Ram Mohan Rao Amara : Managing Director of State Bank of India (SBI)
- George Heber Joseph : Chief investment officer (CIO) of the newly- incorporated joint venture firm Jio BlackRock Asset Management Company (AMC)
- Manish Jain : Executive Director of YES Bank
- R Ramaseshan : Part-time Chairman' (independent director) of Jana Small Finance Bank (JSFB) Limited (Replaced Subhash Khuntia)
- Bhavesh Jain : Managing Director and CEO of TransUnion CIBIL
- Sanjay Malhotra : 26th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for three years
- Vaibhav Chaturvedi : ex-officio member of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)
- Vijay Chandok : MD & CEO of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) (Replaced Padmaja Chunduru)
- Masato Kanda : 11th president of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Nand Kishore : Managing Director and CEO of SBI Funds Management
- Binod Kumar : Managing Director of Chennai-based Indian Bank
- Rahul Bhawe : Managing Director (MD) and CEO of Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI Ltd)
- Rishi Chhabra : country manager for India at Visa
- Praveena Rai : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX)
- Amitabh Chaudhry : reappointed by MD and CEO Axis Bank
- Ashok Chandra : MD & CEO at Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- Debasish Mishra : Chief General Manager of New Delhi Circle at SBI



Ques : National Housing Bank established in which year ?

राष्ट्रीय आवास बैंक की स्थापना किस वर्ष हुई?

- (a) 1956
- (b) 1965
- (c) 1985
- (d) 1996
- (e) 1988

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Aditya Birla Housing Finance (ABHFL) has partnered with the National Housing Bank (NHB) to further the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana's (PMAY) mission of 'Housing for All'.
- The collaboration aims to provide housing finance solutions to economically weaker sections (EWS), low-income groups (LIG), and middle-income groups (MIG) throughout India.
- ABHFL now offers home loans of up to Rs.25 lakh for families earning Rs.3 lakh yearly, making homeownership more accessible to marginalized communities.

About Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY):

- Launched in 2015, PMAY aims to provide affordable housing to urban poor by 2022. The scheme offers interest subsidies on housing loans, with rates varying based on income categories:
- EWS and LIG: Interest subsidy of 6.5% for loans up to Rs.6 lakh.
- MIG-I: Interest subsidy of 4% for loans up to Rs.9 lakh.
- MIG-II: Interest subsidy of 3% for loans up to Rs.12 lakh.

About National Housing Bank:

- Established : 9 July 1988
- HQ : New Delhi, India
- Managing Director: Sanjay Shukla
- Owner: Ministry of Finance, Government of India

About Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited :

- Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited ("ABHFL"), a subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited, is a rapidly expanding housing finance company ("HFC") in India.
- ABHFL is a non-deposit accepting housing finance firm registered with the National Housing Board (NHB) that began operations in October of 2014.



Recently signed banking agreements

- Manipal Academy of BFSI (MABFSI), a leading learning solutions provider for the BFSI sector, has partnered with Axis Bank to launch a Women-Exclusive Cohort under the Axis Bank Young Bankers Program (ABYB).
- Federal Bank, India's leading private sector bank, has established a strategic relationship with Ecofy, the country's first green-only NBFC backed by Eversource Capital, to provide MSMEs with innovative financing options for commercial rooftop solar installations
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and India's National Bank for finance Infrastructure Development (NaBFID) have signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) to increase finance for India's infrastructure sector and promote sustainable development.
- HSBC and the World Bank's International Finance Corporation (IFC) will jointly provide funding to trade transactions valued at up to \$1 billion, in a move to help fill a gap in financing for emerging market trade.
- ICICI Bank has signed an MoU with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) to enhance support for customers engaged in the Australia-India business corridor
- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), in collaboration with INSOL India, hosted an International Conclave on "Insolvency Resolution: Evolution & Global Perspective"
- Universal Sompo General Insurance has partnered with Child Rights and You (CRY) to increase educational opportunities for children in Andhra Pradesh's underprivileged areas.
- Mahindra Finance, a leading non-banking financial company (NBFC), has entered into a strategic corporate agency agreement with Magma HDI General Insurance Company, a rising name in India's general insurance sector.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Mastercard Impact Fund, administered by the Mastercard Centre for Inclusive Growth, have signed a MoU to enhance financing for Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) in Asia-Pacific.



Ques : Where is the headquarter of RBL Bank Limited ?

आरबीएल बैंक लिमिटेड का मुख्यालय कहाँ है?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- RBL Bank (previously Ratnakar Bank Limited) and Pune-based Bajaj Finance Limited (BFL) have ended their eight-year co-branded credit card agreement due to changes in synergy.
- Established in 2016, this collaboration issued co-branded credit cards for five years, which was renewed in 2021.

About RBL Bank Limited :

- Established : 1943
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : R Subramaniakumar
- Tagline : Apno ka bank



Ques : Times Internet Partners With which Bank For A Co-Branded Premium Metal Credit Card ?
टाइम्स इंटरनेट ने सह-ब्रांडेड प्रीमियम मेटल क्रेडिट कार्ड के लिए किस बैंक के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) Bank of India / बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Yes Bank / यस बैंक
- (d) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (e) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Times Internet, in cooperation with ICICI Bank, has launched the Times Black ICICI Bank Credit Card, an ultra-premium offering designed for high-net-worth individuals (HNIs) and wealthy clients.
- Powered by Visa, this card combines luxury, innovation, and tradition with a slew of exclusive perks and advantages.
- The metallic card with historic design uses printing plates from The Times of India, reflecting innovation, history, and legacy.

About ICICI Bank:

- Formerly : Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (as a Government Organization)
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra, India (corporate headquarters)
- Registered Office : Vadodara, Gujarat, India
- Part-time Chairman : Pradeep Kumar Sinha
- MD & CEO : Sandeep Bakhshi

About Times Internet:

- Founded: 1999
- Headquarters: Gurgaon, India
- Vice Chairman: Satyan Gajwani
- COO: Puneet Gupt



Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- BOBCARD LIMITED has launched the TIARA Credit Card, a premium credit card specifically developed for women.
- Golden Jubilee (GJF) Scholarship Scheme 2024 Launched by Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- 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.

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Ques : RBI discontinues specific Rs __ coins from circulation.

RBI ने _ रुपये के विशिष्ट सिक्कों को प्रचलन से बंद कर दिया

- (a) Rs. 1
- (b) Rs. 2
- (c) Rs. 5
- (d) Rs. 10
- (e) Rs. 20

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Central Government and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reached a crucial decision on the 5 rupee currency.
- A specific type of this currency is being removed from circulation, owing to unique issues and concerns.
- Coins ranging from 1 to 20 rupees are currently in circulation, with several types of 5 rupee coins, including ones made of brass and heavier metals.
- The thicker 5 rupee coins have grown scarce in circulation, hence manufacture has been stopped, leaving only brass coins in circulation.
- The fundamental reason is their misuse.
- The material utilized in these coins is recycled to produce blades, resulting in a large illegal blade market worth crores. A single coin can yield four to five blades.
- Thicker 5 rupee coins will no longer be made, leaving just brass 5 rupee coins in circulation.
- There is no need to deposit thicker coins at the bank.



Ques : Which edition of India Skills Report 2025:Global Talent Mobility-India's Decade published this year ?

इस वर्ष इंडिया स्किल्स रिपोर्ट 2025:ग्लोबल टैलेंट मोबिलिटी-इंडियाज़ डिकेड का कौन सा संस्करण प्रकाशित हुआ?

- (a) 9th
- (b) 10th
- (c) 11th
- (d) 12th
- (e) 13th

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- India Skills Report 2025:Global Talent Mobility-India's Decade 12th Edition published this year.
- By 2025, 54.81% of Indian graduates are predicted to be globally employable, up from 51.2% in 2024, representing a 7.7% increase.
- Management graduates have the highest employability rate (78%), followed by engineering (71.5%), Master of Commerce Administration (MCA) (71%), and science (58%).
- Men's employability rate is projected to reach 53.5% by 2025, up from 51.8% in 2024.
- Women's employment rate is expected to decline to 47.5% in 2025 from 50.9% in 2024, emphasizing the need for gender-specific efforts.

Top 5 States for employability :

- 1 Maharashtra (84%)
- 2 Delhi (78%)
- 3 Karnataka (75%)
- 4 Andhra Pradesh, AP (72%)
- 5 Kerala (71%)

Top 3 Preferred States for employability for Men & Women :

For Men :

- 1 Gujarat
- 2 Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 3 Kerala

For Women :

- 1 Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 2 Kerala
- 3 Gujarat



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)
- Henley Passport Index 2024 : India (83rd), Singapore (top)
- Global Nature Conservation Index for 2024 : India (176th), Luxembourg (top)
- 2024 100 Most Powerful Women (MPW) in Business 27th Edition Published by Fortune : Mary Barra, CEO of General Motors (USA) (top)
- Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2024 19th Edition Published by International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) , Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe : India (105th), Belarus (top)



Ques : Which Temple honored with the prestigious 'Sword of Honour' for safety excellence ?
सुरक्षा उत्कृष्टता के लिए किस मंदिर को प्रतिष्ठित 'स्वोर्ड ऑफ ऑनर' से सम्मानित किया गया?

- (a) Kamakhya Temple / कामाख्या मंदिर
- (b) Lotus Temple / लोटस टेम्पल
- (c) Somnath Temple / सोमनाथ मंदिर
- (d) Ram Mandir / राम मंदिर
- (e) Mahabodhi Temple / महाबोधि मंदिर

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The 'Ram Temple project' of the Shri Ram Janmaboomi Temple in Ayodhya has received the 'Sword of Honour' from the British Safety Council.
- This award was one of the greatest recognitions in safety management, and the British Safety Council evaluated the safety processes, practices, and on-site activities during its audits, with only those who received a five-star rating being eligible for the 'Sword of Honour' award.
- Larsen & Toubro, the company in charge of the temple's construction, was also given a 'Golden Trophy' by the National Safety Council for its construction safety procedures.
- Larsen and Toubro and Tata Consulting Engineers worked closely together to build the temple, which was effectively overseen by the Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust's Construction Committee.
- The first and second floors of the temple, including the Shikhar (spire), were in their last stages of construction, with completion scheduled for June 2025.
- The temple is being built with Bansi Paharpur stone from Rajasthan, totaling around 15 lakh cubic feet of stone, as well as extensive marble covering.



Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) Drone Award in Category "Training and Capacity Building" : Karnataka State Police (KSP)
- Person of the Year for 2024 by Time magazine : Donald Trump
- Directors Guild of America (DGA) 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award : Ang Lee, the celebrated Taiwanese American filmmaker
- Rising Star Women Leaders of Banking for 2024 award : Bharati Kolli from Vizianagaram district in Andhra Pradesh
- Merriam-Webster's Word of the Year 2024 : Polarization (Meaning - Highlighted societal and political divides, moving toward extremes over consensus)
- 3rd PSU Transformation Awards 2024 : Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)
- Turner Prize 2024 : Glasgow-born Scottish Sikh artist Jasleen Kaur (Prize given is £25,000 (Rs.26.84 lakh approximately))
- 82nd Golden Globes 2025 : Payal Kapadia's film All We Imagine As Light nominated for Best Director (Motion Picture)
- 2024 Airline of the Year by CAPA- Centre for Aviation (CAPA) : IndiGo
- Shaji N Karun, an eminent filmmaker : J C Daniel Award for 2023
- International Social Security Association (ISSA) Good Practice Award for Asia and Pacific 2024 : India's Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO)
- Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development for 2024 : Former Chile president and prominent human rights voice Michelle Bachelet
- Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year : 'Manifest'
- PSU Transformation Award in the "Innovative Product Development" category : Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) Ltd
- Oxford Word of the Year 2024 : Brain rot
- Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award for 2024 : Nurse Maria Victoria Juan (Philippines)



Ques : Jalvahak incentive scheme Launched by which ministry ?

जलवाहक प्रोत्साहन योजना किस मंत्रालय द्वारा शुरू की गई?

- (a) Union Ministry of Home Affairs / केंद्र य गृह मंत्रालय
- (b) Union Ministry of Education / केंद्र य सशिक्षा मंत्रालय
- (c) Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways / केंद्रीय बंदरगाह, जहाजरानी और जलमार्ग मंत्री
- (d) Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises / केंद्रीय सूक्ष्म, लघु और मध्यम उद्यम मंत्रालय
- (e) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions / मंत्रालय कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Jalvahak incentive scheme Launched by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal
- The Jalvahak incentive system is a pioneering project aimed at encouraging long-haul cargo transportation across the country's enormous national waterway network.
- The scheme focuses on National Waterways 1 (Ganga), 2 (Brahmaputra), and 16 (Barak), which serve key regions of India.
- The plan provides direct incentives for delivering goods over 300 km on waterways, aiming to reduce congestion on roads and rail networks and promote sustainable transportation.
- Provides reimbursement for up to 35% of cargo transportation operating costs. Incentives items traveled over 300 km or more via rivers.
- India plans to move 200 million tonnes of cargo by 2030 and 500 million tonnes by 2047
- An investment of Rs.95.4 crore by 2027 is expected to significantly boost cargo movement on national waterways



News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- Under the Ministry of Coal's direction, Singrauli-based Coal India arm Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) has launched 'CHARAK'- "Community Health: A Responsive Action for Koylanchal", an innovative health-centric CSR initiative.
- 'Urjaveer' scheme launched by Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Ministry of Power at Poranki in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh.
- 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
- India's atomic power capacity has increased from 4,780 to 8,081 megawatts in the last decade and is expected to triple by 2031, according to Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science, Technology, and Earth Sciences, Jitendra Singh
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah proposes to build a comprehensive anti-drone force to tackle the use of unmanned aerial vehicles for transporting drugs and weapons across the western border with Pakistan.
- Union Minister for Education, Dharmendra Pradhan, has launched PMeVIDYA DTH 24x7 Channel No. 31 for Indian Sign Language (ISL) in New Delhi.
- The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), in partnership with the Indian School of Business (ISB) in Mohali, launched a five-day training program titled "Digital Transformation for Senior Leaders".
- Kirti Vardhan Singh, Union Minister of State for Forest, Environment, and Climate Change, has launched 'Nano Bubble Technology' to clean and purify the water at Delhi's National Zoological Park, as well as to enhance aquatic animal health.



Ques : Who won the gold medal in the Women's 25m Pistol Final at the 67th National Shooting Championship?

67वीं राष्ट्रीय निशानेबाजी चैंपियनशिप में महिलाओं की 25 मीटर पिस्टल फाइनल में स्वर्ण पदक किसने जीता?

- (a) Heena Sidhu / हीना सिधू
- (b) Nikhat Zareen / निकहत ज़रीन
- (c) Manu Bhaker / मनु भाकर
- (d) Manika Batra / मनिका बत्रा
- (e) Riya Shirish Thatte / रिया शिरीष थाटे

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- In shooting, Aurangabad's Riya Shirish Thatte won gold in the women's 25m pistol final at the 67th National Shooting Championships in New Delhi.
- She defeated Simranpreet Kaur Brar of Punjab 7-2 in a shootout after the two had deadlocked at 31 hits in the eight sets of five-shot deciders. This is Riya's first senior national championship.
- Olympian and former Asian Games winner Rahi Sarnobat finished third with 25 hits.
- The National Shooting Championship's shotgun and pistol contests are conducted in New Delhi, while the rifle nationals are held in Bhopal.



Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Mumbai, captained by Shreyas Iyer, defeated Madhya Pradesh to win the 2024-25 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.
- Kiran Ankush Jadhav of the Indian Navy won the men's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) title at the 67th National Shooting Championships in Bhopal, defeating Paris Olympic bronze medalist Swapnil Kusale and another Olympian Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar
- Cai Yan Yan defeated India's Anmol Kharb in the singles final of the 2024 BWF Super 100 Guwahati event.
- Rithvik Sanjeevi. Satish Kumar won the men's singles title at the 2024 BWF Super100 Odisha Masters badminton event.
- 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.
- 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.



Ques : 'Raj Manchanda' also known as 'the Old Fox' passed away at the age of 79. He belongs to which sports ?

'राज मनचंदा' जिन्हें 'द ओल्ड फॉक्स' के नाम से भी जाना जाता है, का 79 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। वह किस खेल से संबंधित हैं?

- (a) Squash / स्क्वाश
- (b) Football / फुटबॉल
- (c) Shooting / शूटिंग
- (d) Badminton / बैडमिंटन
- (e) tennis / टेनिस

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Raj Manchanda, widely known as 'the Old Fox,' an Indian squash player, died at the age of 79 in New Delhi, India.
- He was honored with the 'Best Service Sportsman Award' in 1981 and India's second-highest sports honor, the Arjuna Award, in 1983 for his achievements to the sport.
- He won six consecutive National Squash Championships from 1977 to 1982, as well as 11 titles for the Services

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Genius



Ques : Which team won the inaugural Waldner Cup 2024 Table Tennis tournament?

किस टीम ने पहला वाल्डनर कप 2024 टेबल टेनिस टूर्नामेंट जीता?

- (a) Team World / टीम विश्व
- (b) Team America / टीम अमेरिका
- (c) Team Asia / टीम एशिया
- (d) Team Africa / टीम अफ्रीका
- (e) Team Europe / टीम यूरोप

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Team Asia won the inaugural Waldner Cup 2024 Table Tennis Tournament, defeating Team World 14–10.
- Manika Batra was the sole Indian player on the Team Asia roster. Manika Batra, world number 25, lost both her singles and doubles matches in the Waldner Cup. She lost her singles match to Adriana Diaz of Puerto Rico.
- She played doubles alongside South Korean Shin Yubin but lost to Adriana Diaz and Romania's Bernadette Szocs.



Ques : Lok Sabha defeats Rajya Sabha in Tuberculosis-awareness friendly cricket match.

Who is the captain of Lok Sabha Speaker XI ?

क्षय रोग-जागरूकता मैत्रीपूर्ण क्रिकेट मैच में लोकसभा ने राज्यसभा को हराया। लोकसभा अध्यक्ष एकादश का कप्तान कौन है?

- (a) Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर
- (b) Piyush Goyal / पीयूष गोयल
- (c) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- (d) Dharmendra Pradhan / धर्मेंद्र प्रधान
- (e) Amit Shah / अमित शाह

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- In a TB awareness cricket match, the Lok Sabha Speaker XI defeated the Rajya Sabha Chairman XI by 73 runs in New Delhi.
- BJP MP Anurag Thakur led Lok Sabha Speaker XI and Union Minister Kiren Rijiju led Rajya Sabha Chairman XI.
- Anurag Singh Thakur, a BJP MP from Himachal Pradesh, led the match with an unbeaten 111 runs from 59 balls.
- Congress MP Deepender Singh Hooda won the Best Bowler award, while BJP MP Nishikant Dubey was named Best Fielder.
- Political leaders from both Houses of Parliament gathered on the cricket pitch to promote the objective of a Tuberculosis-free India by 2025.



Ques : Tabla Maestro Ustad Zakir Hussain Passes Away at 73. He received Padma Shri in which year ?

तबला वादक उस्ताद जाकिर हुसैन का 73 साल की उम्र में निधन। उन्हें किस वर्ष पद्म श्री मिला?

- (a) 1956
- (b) 1965
- (c) 1985
- (d) 1996
- (e) 1988

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Ustad Zakir Hussain, a renowned Tabla maestro from his generation, passed away in San Francisco, USA. He was 73 years old.
- Zakir Hussain, born in Mumbai on March 9, 1951, is the son of Ustad Allah Rakha Khan, a renowned Tabla maestro.
- Hussain has four Grammy Awards, including three at the 66th Grammy Awards earlier this year.
- At the 66th Grammy honors, he received honors for Best Contemporary Instrumental Album (As We Speak), Best Global Music (This Moment), and Best Global Music Performance (Pashto).
- He received India's fourth highest civilian award, Padma Shri, in 1988, the third highest, Padma Bhushan, in 2002, and the second highest, Padma Vibhushan, in 2023.
- In 2006, he earned the Kalidas Samman from the Madhya Pradesh government.



Ques : Who was the most searched Indian sportsperson globally in 2024?

2024 में विश्व स्तर पर सबसे अधिक खोजा जाने वाला भारतीय खिलाड़ी कौन था?

- (a) Rohit Sharma / रोहित शर्मा
- (b) Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली
- (c) MS Dhoni / एमएस धोनी
- (d) Ravindra Jadeja / रवींद्र जड़ेजा
- (e) Hardik Pandya / हार्दिक पंड्या

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- According to Google Year in Search 2024, Indian cricketer Hardik Pandya was the most searched Indian athlete globally, ranking sixth among the most sought athletes worldwide.
- Hardik Pandya has had a career-defining year, experiencing the enormous highs and lows of sports in just a few months.
- The IPL was the most popular overall search in India before to the T20 World Cup. The Olympics ranked fifth overall, followed by the Pro Kabaddi League (9th) and the Indian Super League (10th).
- In terms of Indian sporting trends, the IPL, T20 World Cup, and Olympics ranked the top three slots.
- Five of India's top ten trending people were sportspeople: Vinesh Phogat (1st), Hardik Pandya (4th), Shashank Singh (6th), Abhishek Sharma (9th), and Lakshya Sen (10th).



Ques : World Arabic Language Day is celebrated every year on which day ?

विश्व अरबी भाषा दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Since 2012, World Arabic Language Day has been commemorated annually on December 18th.
- The date corresponds with the day in 1973 when the General Assembly of the United Nations approved Arabic as the Organization's sixth official language.
- Theme 2024: Arabic Language and AI: Driving Innovation While Preserving Cultural Heritage.
- Arabic contributes significantly to social cohesiveness, knowledge production, and the dissemination of values such as peace and mutual understanding. Its gift to humanity cannot be attributed to a single person, because it is a civilization's legacy for the entire planet.



Important days :

- 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)
- 16 December : Vijay Diwas 2024 (Commemorates India's decisive victory over Pakistan in the 1971 Indo-Pak War)
- 18 December : International Migrants Day (Theme 2024: Recognizing the contributions of migrants and protecting their rights)
- 18 December : Minorities Rights Day
- 21 December : World Meditation Day



IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

RBI lifted business restrictions on two entities of the Edelweiss Group, ECL Finance Limited and Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (Edelweiss ARC).

Nikshay Niramay Chhattisgarh Abhiyan Launched by Chhattisgarh Chief Minister (CM) Vishnu Deo Sai at All India Institute Of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) campus in Raipur, Chhattisgarh to eradicate diseases like leprosy, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria in the state and will run for 100 days until March 24, 2025.

LazyPay, a leading digital financial services provider by PayU, has launched 'LazyPay EMI' in partnership with its partner lender, PayU Finance. Consumers can finance purchases between Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 1 lakh with flexible repayment options ranging from 3 to 12 months.

The New Delhi Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport has become the first airport in India to connect 150 destinations. As per DIAL, Thai AirAsia X launched direct flights between Delhi and Bangkok-Don Mueang (DMK), marking the 150th destination connected to Delhi Airport.

Bayerische Motoren Werke (BMW) Group and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Collaborated in India to transform the educational landscape for 100,000 children across four states : Assam, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu (TN), and West Bengal (WB)

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma attended Bhutan's 117th National Day celebration on 17 December 2024 at Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan. Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal and Sikkim share a land border with Bhutan.

The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of certain stake of Speed JVco S.à r.l. (Target) by Ramon Investments Pte. Ltd. (Acquirer). The Proposed Combination involves the acquisition of certain stake of the Target by the Acquirer.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 24 projects related to power, road, railway and water worth more than Rs 46,300 crore in Jaipur.



महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

आरबीआई ने एडलवाइस समूह की दो संस्थाओं, ईसीएल फाइनेंस लिमिटेड और एडलवाइस एसेट रिकंस्ट्रक्शन कंपनी लिमिटेड (एडलवाइस एआरसी) पर व्यावसायिक प्रतिबंध हटा दिए।

राज्य में कुछ रोग, तपेदिक (टीबी) और मलेरिया जैसी बीमारियों को खत्म करने के लिए रायपुर, छत्तीसगढ़ में अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान (एम्स) परिसर में छत्तीसगढ़ के मुख्यमंत्री (सीएम) विष्णु देव साई द्वारा निक्षय निरामय छत्तीसगढ़ अभियान शुरू किया गया और यह 100 तक चलेगा। 24 मार्च 2025 तक के दिन।

PayU द्वारा अग्रणी डिजिटल वित्तीय सेवा प्रदाता LazyPay ने अपने साझेदार ऋणदाता PayU फाइनेंस के साथ साझेदारी में 'LazyPay EMI' लॉन्च किया है। उपभोक्ता रुपये के बीच खरीदारी का वित्तपोषण कर सकते हैं। 5,000 से रु. 3 से 12 महीने तक के लचीले पुनर्भुगतान विकल्पों के साथ 1 लाख रु.

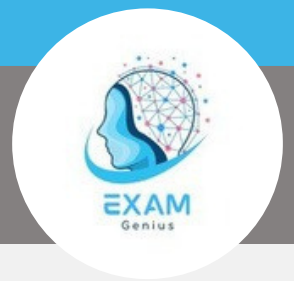
नई दिल्ली इंदिरा गांधी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय (IGI) हवाई अड्डा 150 गंतव्यों को जोड़ने वाला भारत का पहला हवाई अड्डा बन गया है। डीआईएल के अनुसार, थाई एयरएशिया एक्स ने दिल्ली और बैंकॉक-डॉन मुएंग (डीएमके) के बीच सीधी उड़ानें शुरू कीं, जो दिल्ली हवाई अड्डे से जुड़ा 150वां गंतव्य है।

बेयरिश मोटरेन वेर्के (बीएमडब्ल्यू) समूह और संयुक्त राष्ट्र बाल कोष (यूनिसेफ) ने भारत में चार राज्यों: असम, झारखंड, तमिलनाडु (टीएन), और पश्चिम बंगाल (डब्ल्यूबी) में 100,000 बच्चों के लिए शैक्षिक परिदृश्य को बदलने के लिए सहयोग किया।

असम के मुख्यमंत्री हिमंत बिस्वा सरमा ने 17 दिसंबर 2024 को भूटान की राजधानी थिम्पू में भूटान के 117वें राष्ट्रीय दिवस समारोह में भाग लिया। असम, अरुणाचल प्रदेश, पश्चिम बंगाल और सिक्किम भूटान के साथ भूमि सीमा साझा करते हैं।

भारतीय प्रतिस्पर्धा आयोग ने स्पीड जेवीसीओ एस.ए. आर.एल. की कुछ हिस्सेदारी के अधिग्रहण को मंजूरी दे दी है। (लक्ष्य) रेमन इन्वेस्टमेंट्स पीटीई द्वारा। लिमिटेड (अधिग्रहणकर्ता)। प्रस्तावित संयोजन में अधिग्रहणकर्ता द्वारा लक्ष्य की कुछ हिस्सेदारी का अधिग्रहण शामिल है।

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने जयपुर में 46,300 करोड़ रुपये से ज्यादा की बिजली, सड़क, रेलवे और पानी से जुड़ी 24 परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन और शिलान्यास किया।



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