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Ques : Tata Power and which Bank Partner for Rooftop Solar Loans ?

रूफटॉप सोलर लोन के लिए टाटा पावर और कौन सा बैंक भागीदार है?

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

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Tata Power Renewable Energy, a unit of Tata Power, has partnered with Canara Bank to offer cheap financing for rooftop solar installations.
- Up to Rs 2 Lakh Loans and Systems with up to 3 kW capacity the interest rate is 7% per annum. 10% margin required with 10 years Repayment Period.
- Up to Rs 6 Lakh Loans and Systems with a capacity ranging from 3 kW to 10 kW the interest rate is 10% per annum. 20% margin required with 10 years Repayment Period.
- Up to 60% Subsidy is Available for systems with capacities up to 2 kW
- 40% Subsidy is For systems between 2 kW and 3 kW (subsidy capped at 3 kW).

About Canara Bank :

- Established : 1906
- HQ : Bangalore, Karnataka
- Non-Executive Chairman : Vijay Srirangan
- MD & CEO : K. Satyanarayana Raju
- Tagline : Together we can



Ques : Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has inked a partnership with which bank to strengthen the startup ecosystem?

उद्योग और आंतरिक व्यापार संवर्धन विभाग (DPIIT) ने स्टार्टअप पारिस्थितिकी तंत्र को मजबूत करने 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 D

Explanation :

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has signed an MoU with HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank by assets, to provide entrepreneurs with world-class banking and financial services.
- The collaboration intends to boost the startup ecosystem by providing knowledge sharing, mentorship, and capacity-building activities to encourage innovation and growth.
- Startups will benefit from specialized banking and financial products that address their specific needs, such as working capital, credit availability, and cash flow management.
- Director of Startup India: Dr. Sumeet Kumar Jarangal



Ques : Alok Aggarwal has been appointed as Chairman of the Indian REITs Association (IRA). Which regulatory body guided the establishment of the Indian REITs Association?

आलोक अग्रवाल को भारतीय REITs एसोसिएशन (IRA) का अध्यक्ष नियुक्त किया गया है। भारतीय REITs एसोसिएशन की स्थापना का मार्गदर्शन किस नियामक निकाय ने किया?

- (a) RBI
- (b) WHO
- (c) NABARD
- (d) SEBI
- (e) IRDAI

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Indian REITs Association (IRA) has nominated Alok Aggarwal, Managing Director and CEO of Brookfield India Real Estate Trust, as its new Chairman.
- The Indian REITs Association, founded in 2023 and governed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), is a non-profit trade organization dedicated to the growth and development of India's Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) sector.
- Its initial members are Brookfield India Real Estate Trust, Embassy Office Parks REIT, Mindspace Business Parks REIT, and Nexus Select Trust.
- Aggarwal graduated from IIT Delhi and ISB Hyderabad with an engineering degree and an MBA, respectively.



Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- R Subramaniakumar : MD & CEO of RBL Bank
- 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 Bhave : 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



Ques : Who Unveils SWITCH EiV12 and SWITCH E1 Buses ?

स्विच EiV12 और स्विच E1 बसों का अनावरण किसने किया?

- (a) Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर
- (b) Piyush Goyal / पीयूष गोयल
- (c) Jitendra Singh / जितेंद्र सिंह
- (d) Nitin Gadkari / नितिन गडकरी
- (e) Kiren Rijiju / किरण रिजिजू

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), unveiled the 'SWITCH EiV12', India's first low-floor electric city bus, a significant step forward in the country's EV sector.
- SWITCH Mobility Limited, a subsidiary of Ashok Leyland based in Chennai, developed the product. The Hinduja Group is headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The SWITCH E1 was launched in India and Europe, with a virtual launch in Spain.
- The SWITCH EiV12 has a floor-mounted battery (up to 400 kWh) for enhanced stability and comfort.
- The SWITCH E1 features in-wheel motors, a flat gangway, and a triple-door arrangement for convenient access. It can carry up to 93 passengers and provides a large and comfortable trip.



News Headlines Related to Ministry :

- Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav released the 'India State of Forest Report 2023 (ISFR 2023)' today at Forest Research Institute, Dehradun.
- 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 : The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has signed an MoU with which company for mentoring startups in financial management and compliance ?

उद्योग संवर्धन और आंतरिक व्यापार विभाग (डीपीआईआईटी) ने वित्तीय प्रबंधन और अनुपालन में स्टार्टअप को सलाह देने के लिए किस कंपनी के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) Google
- (c) Tally solutions
- (d) IBM
- (e) WIPRO

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Tally Solutions Pvt Ltd, a well-known business management software provider.
- This collaborative alliance aims to introduce a comprehensive, module-based training series that addresses major difficulties encountered by startups in areas such as financial management, compliance, marketing, digitization, and investment readiness.

Tally's collaborative project has several key characteristics, including:

- Participants will receive free one-year rental licenses for Tally Prime software.
- Modules focused on important business topics such as accounting principles, tax compliance, marketing tactics, digitization technologies, and investor preparation.
- Networking opportunities with industry mentors and colleagues.
- Post-Workshop Support to ensure long-term learning and operational gains.



Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- The Ministry of Culture has partnered with France Museums Development (FMD) to transform the Yuga Yugeen Bharat National Museum into a world-class cultural institution
- Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Limited (AVPPL) and Government of Kerala signed an agreement for the development of Vizhinjam Seaport. The first phase is expected to be commissioned in December 2024. The second and third phases of the project will be completed by 2028.
- 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)
- All India Institute of Medical Sciences Delhi (AIIMS), New Delhi and Wipro GE Healthcare Partners to establish an AI Health Innovations Hub, marking a major step in leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) for healthcare advancements.
- Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has reached a deal with NICDC Logistics Data Services Ltd. (NLDS) to integrate its APIs with the Unified Logistics Interface Platform
- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), a telecom R&D centre under the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India, recently signed an agreement with Trois Infotech for their "Face Recognition Using Drone" technology
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and International Solar Alliance (ISA) Join hands to enhance grid interconnections and promote sustainable energy systems.
- Government-owned oil major HPCL and Sea6 Energy Private Limited have entered into an MoU for R&D collaboration to take up joint development and commercialisation of technologies for valorising seaweed biomass.
- Prasar Bharati has signed an MoU with Hockey India to provide a live broadcast of the upcoming Hockey India League. With this MoU, Doordarshan has become the official broadcast partner for Hockey India League 2024-25.
- Kyndryl, the world's largest IT infrastructure services provider, has partnered with The Co-operative Bank to migrate the bank's existing applications from on-premise environments to AWS Cloud.
- The Geological Survey of India (GSI) will collaborate with Italy's Research Institute for Geo-Hydrological Protection (CNR-IRPI) to enhance landslide forecasting and early warning systems.



Ques : The Global Status of Salt-Affected Soils report Published by which organization ?
नमक प्रभावित मिट्टी की वैश्विक स्थिति रिपोर्ट किस संगठन द्वारा प्रकाशित की गई है?

- (a) WHO
- (b) WTO
- (c) FAO
- (d) IMF
- (e) ADB

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Global Status of Salt-Affected Soils Published by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- The survey found that salinity damaged over 1.4 billion hectares (ha) of land, or 10.7% of the worldwide land surface.
- This includes around 10% of both irrigated and rain-fed crops, putting major pressure on food security.
- As per the research India had roughly 6.72 million hectares (mha) of salt-affected soils of which 2.95 mha were salty and the remaining 3.77 mha were sodic which constitute about 2.1% of the country's total geographical area.
- The salt-affected region in India is classified into 2.95 mha of saline soils and 3.77 mha of sodic soils.
- In India, salt or sodicity affects 20% of agricultural land, primarily in Jaisalmer (Rajasthan), Gujarat's coast, and the Ganges Basin.

Top 5 Countries with largest Areas of Salt-Affected Soils :

- 1 Australia (357 mha)
- 2 Argentina (153 mha)
- 3 Kazakhstan (94 mha)
- 4 Russian Federation (77 mha)
- 5 United States of America (USA) (73.4 mha)

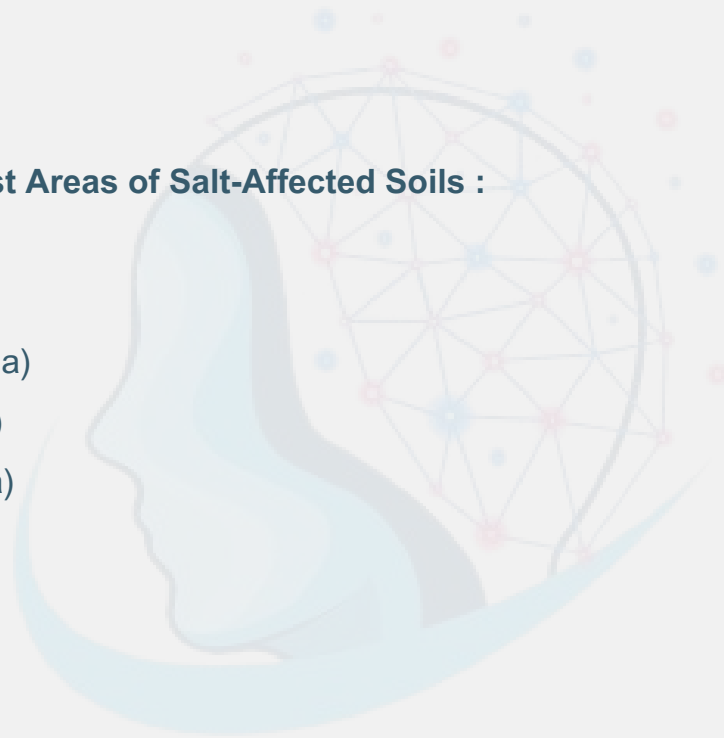


Top 5 Countries Most Affected by Salinity and Sodicity :

- 1 Oman (93.5%)
- 2 Uzbekistan (92.9%)
- 3 Jordan (90.6%)
- 4 Kuwait (88.8%)
- 5 Iraq (70.5%)

Top 5 states with largest Areas of Salt-Affected Soils :

- 1 Gujarat (2.23 mha)
- 2 Uttar Pradesh (1.37 mha)
- 3 Maharashtra (0.61mha)
- 4 West Bengal (0.44 mha)
- 5 Rajasthan (0.38 mha)



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Ques : Consider the following statements About credit guarantee scheme :

क्रेडिट गारंटी योजना के बारे में निम्नलिखित कथनों पर विचार करें:

(a) It enable farmers to access credit from eligible financial institutions on harvested crops deposited in registered warehouses

यह किसानों को पंजीकृत गोदामों में जमा की गई कटी हुई फसलों पर पात्र वित्तीय संस्थानों से ऋण प्राप्त करने में सक्षम बनाता है

(b) It was launched by the Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New & Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi, in New Delhi

इसे नई दिल्ली में केंद्रीय उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण और नवीन एवं नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री, प्रल्हाद जोशी द्वारा लॉन्च किया गया था।

(c) The corpus of the CGS-NPF Scheme is Rs 2000 crore

सीजीएस-एनपीएफ योजना का कोष 2000 करोड़ रुपये है

Which of the following statement is/are true ? निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा कथन सत्य है?

(a) Only a

(b) Only c

(c) Both a and b

(d) Both a and c

(e) All a, b and c

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Union government has launched a credit guarantee plan to help farmers obtain credit from qualifying financial institutions for harvested crops stored in registered warehouses.
- The Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and New and Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi, launched the Credit Guarantee Scheme for e-NWR-based Pledge Financing (CGS-NPF) in New Delhi.
- The CGS-NPF Scheme has a corpus of Rs 1,000 crore. The CGS-NPF fund will be administered by the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution.
- The government anticipates that the initiative will increase post-harvest loans to farmers and traders to Rs 5.5 lakh crore over the following ten years.
- Farmers/traders can obtain loans from approved financial institutions utilizing electronic negotiable warehouse receipts issued by Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) certified warehouses.
- Electronic negotiable warehouse receipts will be created for agricultural commodities placed by farmers/traders with warehouses.



Ques : Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the United Nations Internal Justice Council (IJC)?

संयुक्त राष्ट्र आंतरिक न्याय परिषद (आईजेसी) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Justice Krishna Moorthy / जस्टिस कृष्ण मूर्ति
- (b) Justice Kamal Hassan / न्यायमूर्ति कमल हसन
- (c) Justice Jagdeep singh / न्यायमूर्ति जगदीप सिंह
- (d) Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud / न्यायमूर्ति धनंजय वाई चंद्रचूड़
- (e) Justice Madan B Lokur / न्यायमूर्ति मदन बी लोकुर

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Madan B Lokur, a former Supreme Court judge, has been appointed chairperson of the United Nations Internal Justice Council (IJC).
- Lokur has been appointed for a four-year term expiring on November 12, 2028. In a communication with Justice Lokur.
- The UN General Assembly established the IJC as part of the new internal judicial system to promote independence, professionalism, and accountability in the administration of the UN's legal system.
- Justice Madan Lokur retired as a Supreme Court judge on December 31, 2018, after serving for more than six years.



Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Raj Kumar Chaudhary : Additional charge of CMD for the government-owned hydropower company SJVN Limited (Replaced Sushil Sharma)
- Dr. Jagath Wickramaratne : Speaker of Sri Lanka's 10th Parliament (Replaced Asoka Ranwala)
- Malaysian coach Tan Kim Her : India's Doubles Badminton Coach for the 2026 Asian Games and 2028 Olympics
- Preeti Lobana : Country Manager and Vice President in India by Google
- Carl Hopkinson : Mumbai Indians' new fielding coach for the IPL 2025
- Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth : Additional charge of Revenue Secretary (Replaced Sanjay Malhotra)
- Rahul Narwekar : 15th Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Speaker
- Rabindra Nath Mahato : Speaker of the 6th Jharkhand Legislative Assembly
- Shammi Silva : President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) (Replaced Jay Shah)
- Assam cricketer Devajit Saikia : interim secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
- BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis : 18th Chief Minister of Maharashtra (Replaced Eknath Shinde)
- Mallika Srinivasan : Chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)
- Supreme Court Justice Murdu Nirupa Bidushinie Fernando : 48th Chief Justice of Sri Lanka (Replaced Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya)

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Ques : The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) has recently upgraded its SARAT to improve the effectiveness of sea rescue operations. In SARAT ' T' stands for ____.

भारतीय राष्ट्रीय महासागर सूचना सेवा केंद्र (INCOIS) ने हाल ही में समुद्री बचाव कार्यों की प्रभावशीलता में सुधार के लिए अपने SARAT को अपग्रेड किया है। SARAT में 'T' का अर्थ ____ है।

- (a) Technology
- (b) Technique
- (c) Tool
- (d) Temperature
- (e) Territory

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) improved the Search and Rescue Aid Tool (SARAT) to enhance marine rescue operations.
- SARAT, created in 2016, has become a crucial tool for the Indian Coast Guard and other organizations.
- SARAT 2 is an improved version with enhanced capabilities that optimize rescue efforts by predicting missing objects and individuals at sea more accurately.
- Customizable search with 60 object kinds improves accuracy in locating missing things and individuals.

About INCOIS :

- Established : 1999
- HQ : Hyderabad
- Chairman : Dr. M. Ravichandran



Ques : Which state government launched the 'Prakrutik Krushi Portal (Natural Agriculture Portal)' to promote organic farming ?

किस राज्य सरकार ने जैविक खेती को बढ़ावा देने के लिए 'प्राकृतिक कृषि पोर्टल' लॉन्च किया?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Gujarat's Chief Minister, Bhupendra Patel, launched the 'Prakrutik Krushi Portal (Natural Agriculture Portal)' to encourage organic farming.
- The "Seva, Sushasan Ane Samarpan Na 2 Varsh" project honors the Gujarat Chief Minister's two years of exceptional service and dedication.
- The portal supports Gujarat's commitment to sustainable agriculture and promotes organic farming throughout the state.

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Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

- “Amrit Gyaan Kosh” Portal Launched by Union Minister of State(MoS), Dr. Jitendra Singh, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions to build a comprehensive knowledge base by curating best practices from across India, with a focus on aligning these practices with 15 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Pralhad Joshi, Minister of Food and Consumer Affairs, has presented 'Anna Chakra', a game-changing supply chain optimization tool for the Public Distribution System
- Indian Railways has launched the 'Sanraksha' smartphone application, which is an innovative move toward boosting passenger safety and security.
- The Department of Justice is launching a year-long statewide campaign called 'Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Samman' to commemorate India's 75th year as a Republic and the adoption of its Constitution.
- Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, has launched the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) and Regulatory Affairs Portal in a bid to enhance transparency and facilitate feedback on India's business environment
- Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister for Education, has inaugurated The TeacherApp, an innovative digital platform built by the Bharti Airtel Foundation to provide educators with the skills needed to address the changing demands of 21st-century classrooms.

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Ques : Who unveiled Kisan Kavach, Bharat's first-of-its-kind anti-pesticide bodysuit ?
भारत के अपनी तरह के पहले कीटनाशक रोधी बॉडीसूट, किसान कवच का अनावरण किसने किया?

- (a) Anurag Thakur / अनुराग ठाकुर
- (b) Piyush Goyal / पीयूष गोयल
- (c) Jitendra Singh / जितेंद्र सिंह
- (d) Nitin Gadkari / नितिन गडकरी
- (e) Kiren Rijiju / किरण रिजिजू

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, unveiled Kisan Kavach, India's first indigenous anti-pesticide bodysuit.
- Developed by BRIC-inStem, Bangalore, in collaboration with Sepio Health Pvt. Ltd., the suit aims to protect farmers from pesticide-induced health risks.
- Priced at Rs.4,000, with promises for increased affordability through larger manufacturing.
- It promotes the Modi government's BioE3 initiatives and India's biotech sector, aiming for a \$300 billion bioeconomy.



Ques : Which state plans to spend Rs 100 crore annually on the one-district-one-product (ODOP) policy ?

कौन सा राज्य एक जिला-एक उत्पाद (ओडीओपी) नीति पर सालाना 100 करोड़ रुपये खर्च करने की योजना बना रहा है?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Rajasthan intends to invest Rs 100 crore per year on the one-district, one-product (ODOP) strategy, which benefits local artisans, farmers, manufacturers, and entrepreneurs.
- The strategy, which was established a few days ago, is inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Vocal for Local" agenda, according to a state industries department official.
- The ODOP would also assist workers, dealers, and exporters across the state's 50 districts.
- The ODOP initiative aims to promote balanced regional development across all districts in the state.
- The objective is to choose, market, and promote one product from each district of the state in order to achieve overall socioeconomic progress across all regions.

About Rajasthan :

- Capital – Jaipur
- Chief Minister – Bhajan Lal Sharma (replace Ashok Gehlot)
- Governor – Haribhau Bagade



Ques : Delhi Chief Minister Atishi has launched the Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana for women residents. What is the monthly stipend provided under the Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana?

दिल्ली की मुख्यमंत्री आतिशी ने महिला निवासियों के लिए मुख्यमंत्री महिला सम्मान योजना शुरू की है। मुख्यमंत्री महिला सम्मान योजना के तहत प्रदान किया जाने वाला मासिक वजीफा क्या है?

- (a) Rs.500
- (b) Rs.1000
- (c) Rs.1500
- (d) Rs.2000
- (e) Rs.2500

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Delhi Chief Minister Atishi has introduced the Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana, which would pay a monthly stipend of Rs 1,000 to women residents with annual household incomes of up to Rs 3 lakh.
- The plan was suggested in Delhi's budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25, with Rs 2,000 crore committed to it.
- The stipend for the Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana will be enhanced to Rs 2,100 if the Aam Aadmi Party government in Delhi is re-elected, according to AAP National Convener Arvind Kejriwal



Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Uttar Pradesh have emerged as the top three states for rooftop solar installations under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana plan. It is launched on February 15, 2024.
- West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has launched the "Banglar Bari" initiative, which aims to provide housing for the state's rural poor.
- 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.



Ques : Nat Sciver-Brunt and Maia Bouchier setting remarkable records in women's cricket. They belongs to which country ?

नेट साइवर-ब्रंट और माइया बाउचियर ने महिला क्रिकेट में उल्लेखनीय रिकॉर्ड स्थापित किए। वे किस देश के हैं?

- (a) England / इंग्लैंड
- (b) New Zealand / न्यूजीलैंड
- (c) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) Ireland / आयरलैंड

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- At the Mangaung Oval in Bloemfontein, South Africa, England's Nat Sciver-Brunt and Maia Bouchier broke records in women's cricket.
- Sciver-Brunt set a record for the fastest Test century by a woman, and Bouchier also scored a century in her Test debut.
- Sciver-Brunt was the first woman cricketer to make a Test century in less than 100 balls, with 96.
- This achievement surpassed Sri Lanka's Chamani Seneviratna's record of a century in 106 balls set in 1998.
- The match was the first women's Test in South Africa in 22 years.



Recent records in Cricket :

- Shaheen Afridi (Pakistani) : country's first bowler to take 100 wickets in all formats of international 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
- Sophie Ecclestone : Fastest woman to reach 100 wickets in One Day International (ODI) cricket

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Ques : Who chaired the 72nd plenary session of the North Eastern Council (NEC) in Agartala?
अगरतला में पूर्वोत्तर परिषद (एनईसी) के 72वें पूर्ण अधिवेशन की अध्यक्षता किसने की?

- (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 E

Explanation :

- Amit Shah, the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, presided over the North Eastern Council (NEC)'s 72nd plenary session in Agartala, Tripura.
- The final plenary session of the North Eastern Council was held at Agartala in 2008.
- The North Eastern Council Act 1971, as revised in 2002, requires the Council to convene at least twice a year.

About North Eastern Council :

- The North Eastern Council was established pursuant to the requirements of the North East Council Act of 1971. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi launched it on November 7, 1972, in Shillong, Meghalaya.
- Initially, it consisted of seven North Eastern states: Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram, and Arunachal Pradesh.
- The North East Council Act was revised in 2002, and Sikkim became the Council's eighth member.



Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- India served as vice chair during the Supply Chain Council's second meeting. India was represented by Shri Rajesh Agrawal, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami opened the 10th World Ayurveda Congress and Arogya Expo 2024 at Dehradun.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi opened the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit 2024 and the Rajasthan Global Business Expo at the Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre (JECC) in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- The two-day maiden India Maritime Heritage Conclave 2024 ended in New Delhi. The Conclave highlighted India's strong maritime tradition dating back to the Harappan period.
- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) convened the India-Norway Business Forum in Mumbai in partnership with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Government of India
- The India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2024 was hosted in the Bharat Mandapam Convention Center, Pragati Maidan in New Delhi
- The Western Air Command (WAC) staged a two-day Commanders' Conference in New Delhi, with Air primary Marshal AP Singh, Chief of the Air Staff (CAS), as the primary guest, who was greeted with a ceremonial Guard of Honour
- The Indian Embassy in Austria stated that India has been chosen to chair the 68th session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND)
- The second India-United Kingdom 2+2 Foreign and Defense Dialogue was conducted in New Delhi.



Ques : Malaysia has extended its visa exemption for Indian nationals until December 31, 2026. What is the duration for which Indian nationals can stay in Malaysia without a visa?

मलेशिया ने भारतीय नागरिकों के लिए अपने वीजा छूट को 31 दिसंबर, 2026 तक बढ़ा दिया है। भारतीय नागरिक बिना वीजा के मलेशिया में कितने समय तक रह सकते हैं?

- (a) 20 days
- (b) 30 days
- (c) 40 days
- (d) 50 days
- (e) 60 days

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Malaysia has extended its visa exemption for Indian nationals until December 31, 2026, allowing them to stay without a visa for up to 30 days.
- This statement was made by Datuk Awang Alik Jeman, Secretary-General of the Home Ministry, who underlined that the extension is in line with Malaysia's 2025 ASEAN chairmanship and preparations for Visit Malaysia Year 2026.
- The visa liberalization plan, which was initially announced in 2023, intends to boost tourism and economic growth.
- A similar exemption has been offered to Chinese nationals, demonstrating Malaysia's commitment to recruiting more visitors from vital markets.



Ques : On which date is World Basketball Day celebrated?

विश्व बास्केटबॉल दिवस किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

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

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- World Basketball Day, celebrated on December 21, recognizes one of the world's most popular sports.
- This date is notable because it commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. James Naismith, the founder of basketball.
- Dr. Naismith originally taught basketball in December 1891, while teaching at the International YMCA Training School in Springfield, Massachusetts.
- On August 25, 2023, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/77/324, officially acknowledging basketball's global significance.
- This resolution designated December 21 as World Basketball Day, recognizing the sport's ability to unite people from all walks of life.



Ques : National Farmer's Day celebrated on which day ?

राष्ट्रीय किसान दिवस किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 19 December
- (b) 20 December
- (c) 21 December
- (d) 22 December
- (e) 23 December

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Kisan Diwas, also known as National Farmer's Day, is commemorated every year on December 23 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh, India's fifth Prime Minister and a staunch supporter of farmers.
- In 2001, the Government of India declared December 23 as Kisan Diwas to honor Chaudhary Charan Singh's contributions to farmer empowerment.
- This day is observed to show gratitude to the farmers who are the backbone of the country's economy.
- Theme 2024: Empowering 'Annadatas' for a Prosperous Nation.



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
- 18 December : World Arabic Language Day (Theme 2024: Arabic Language and AI: Driving Innovation While Preserving Cultural Heritage)
- 19 December : Goa Liberation Day
- 20 December : International Human Solidarity Day (Theme 2024: Promote friendship and collaboration)
- 21 December : World Meditation Day (Theme 2024: Inner Peace, Global Harmony)
- 21 December : World Meditation Day



IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Shriram Finance raised \$1.27 billion through a multi-currency syndicated external commercial borrowing (ECB), marking it as the largest ECB loan secured by a domestic private non-banking finance company (NBFC)

GSI Geoscience Museum Inaugurated by Vice President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar at Victoria Market Building in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and Google partners 0074o launch YouTube Channels in 29 Indian languages, including sign language from grades 1-12.

India will host of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun 2025. This will be the third top ISSF event to be held in the country after the senior World Cup in Bhopal in 2023

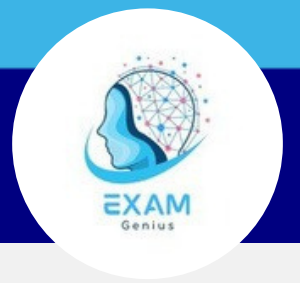
Snack foods firm Epigamia's founder Rohan Mirchandani died at the age of 41. Mirchandani, an alumnus of NYU Stern and The Wharton School, founded Drums Food International in 2013.

Dr Shankar Prasad Sharma Appointed as Nepal's Ambassador to India and Dr Netra Prasad Timsina Appointed as Resident Ambassador of Nepal to Malaysia.

NLC India Limited (NLCIL) and Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (UPRVUNL) partners to commence commercial operations of its 1st supercritical power plant '1980 Mega Watt (MW) Ghatampur Thermal Power Plant' (GTPP) in Uttar Pradesh

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar was awarded the Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award for Public Leadership by the South Indian Education Society (SIES).

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महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

श्रीराम फाइनेंस ने बहु-मुद्रा सिंडिकेटेड बाह्य वाणिज्यिक उधार (ईसीबी) के माध्यम से 1.27 बिलियन डॉलर जुटाए, इसे घरेलू निजी गैर-बैंकिंग वित्त कंपनी (एनबीएफसी) द्वारा सुरक्षित सबसे बड़ा ईसीबी ऋण के रूप में चिह्नित किया गया।

मध्य प्रदेश के ग्वालियर में विक्टोरिया मार्केट बिल्डिंग में उपराष्ट्रपति श्री जगदीप धनखड़ द्वारा जीएसआई भूविज्ञान संग्रहालय का उद्घाटन किया गया।

राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद (एनसीईआरटी) और गूगल पार्टनर्स 00740 ने 29 भारतीय भाषाओं में यूट्यूब चैनल लॉन्च किए हैं, जिसमें कक्षा 1-12 तक की सांकेतिक भाषा भी शामिल है।

भारत इंटरनेशनल शूटिंग स्पोर्ट फेडरेशन (आईएसएसएफ) जूनियर विश्व कप राइफल/पिस्टल/शॉटगन 2025 की मेजबानी करेगा। 2023 में भोपाल में सीनियर विश्व कप के बाद यह देश में आयोजित होने वाला तीसरा शीर्ष आईएसएसएफ आयोजन होगा।

स्नैक फूड फर्म एपिगैमिया के संस्थापक रोहन मीरचंदानी का 41 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। एनवाईयू स्टर्न और द व्हार्टन स्कूल के पूर्व छात्र मीरचंदानी ने 2013 में ड्रम्स फूड इंटरनेशनल की स्थापना की।

डॉ. शंकर प्रसाद शर्मा को भारत में नेपाल के राजदूत के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया और डॉ. नेत्र प्रसाद टिमसीना को मलेशिया में नेपाल के स्थानीय राजदूत के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया।

एनएलसी इंडिया लिमिटेड (एनएलसीआईएल) और उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य विद्युत उत्पादन निगम लिमिटेड (यूपीआरवीयूएनएल) ने उत्तर प्रदेश में अपने पहले सुपरक्रिटिकल पावर प्लांट '1980 मेगा वाट (मेगावाट) घाटमपुर थर्मल पावर प्लांट' (जीटीपीपी) का वाणिज्यिक संचालन शुरू करने के लिए साझेदारी की है।

विदेश मंत्री एस जयशंकर को साउथ इंडियन एजुकेशन सोसाइटी (एसआईएस) द्वारा सार्वजनिक नेतृत्व के लिए श्री चंद्रशेखरेंद्र सरस्वती राष्ट्रीय प्रतिष्ठित पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया।

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