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**Ques: SEBI has extended the ban on the future trading of how many agricultural commodities till January 2025 ?**

**SEBI ने कितनी कृषि जिंसों के वायदा कारोबार पर प्रतिबंध जनवरी 2025 तक बढ़ा दिया है?**

- (a) 5
- (b) 6
- (c) 7
- (d) 8
- (e) 9

**Answer : Option C**

### Explanation :

- SEBI has extended the prohibition on future trade of seven agricultural commodities until January 2025: soybeans and their derivatives, crude palm oil, wheat, rice (non-basmati), moong, chana, and mustard seeds.
- According to the SEBI statement, this was done to prevent speculation in this commodity and maintain food inflation under control in the country.
- SEBI restricted future trading in these seven agricultural commodities for a year, beginning in December 2021. It was extended for one year in December 2022 and again in December 2023 for another year.
- The restriction limits the creation of new contracts and the trading of existing ones on all SEBI-recognised commodity exchanges.
- The futures market is a market in which an attempt is made to predict the future price of a commodity while taking into account its demand and supply.
- A commodity market is a market in which commodities are purchased and sold. A commodity is a tangible asset that serves as an input in the production of other goods, such as rice, wheat, crude oil, natural gas, gold, and silver. Commodities, such as mandis, are traded on the spot market as futures derivatives.



## Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- SEBI has urged stock exchanges, clearing organizations, and depositories to implement a common strategy for sharing data used in research and research publications conducted by approved academic institutions.
- 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.
- SEBI, the market regulator, has expanded the list of equities eligible for the optional T+0 mode of trading and settlement to 500 starting January 31
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) published a circular under Section (11) of the SEBI Act, 1992, to safeguard investor interests, regulate the securities market, and promote its growth.
- SEBI has slapped a Rs.9 lakh fine on Reliance Securities for "flouting market norms" and stock broker regulations.
- Angel One Asset Management Company has received SEBI's approval to act as the asset management company for Angel One Mutual Fund which will focus exclusively on passive investment solutions.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has scrapped the requirement for corporations to deposit 1% of the issue size with stock exchanges before making a public offering
- Unifi Asset Management Pvt Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Unifi Capital, has received final approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to launch its mutual fund operations.
- SEBI may soon expand angel funds' investor base to include Hindu undivided families (HUFs), family trusts, and single proprietorships.
- SEBI, the market regulator, has exempted infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs) and real estate investment trusts (REITs) from specific lock-in and allotment restrictions when issuing units to an employee benefit trust under unit-based employee benefit (UBEB) schemes.



**Ques : Where is the headquarter of Poonawalla Fincorp ?**

**पूनावाला फिनकोर्प का मुख्यालय कहाँ है?**

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Pune / पुणे
- (d) Greater Noida / ग्रेटर नोएडा
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- Poonawalla Fincorp, a non-banking finance company under Cyrus Poonawalla Group, has implemented AI in HR operations to reduce risks and increase hiring accuracy.
- The phased deployment lowered job offer processing time from 10 days to less than a day, resulting in a 90% reduction in time and operational costs.
- Poonawalla Fincorp has teamed with IIT Bombay to support AI implementation.

**About Poonawalla Fincorp :**

- Established : 1988
- HQ : Pune, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Adar Poonawalla



## Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- 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
- 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.



**Ques : M2P Fintech has joined hands with which bank to deliver seamless and secure payment experiences?**

**M2P फिनटेक ने सहज और सुरक्षित भुगतान अनुभव प्रदान करने के लिए किस बैंक के साथ हाथ मिलाया 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 B**

### Explanation :

- M2P Fintech has partnered with the State Bank of India (SBI) to provide smooth and safe payment experiences.
- This collaboration strives to deliver innovative and user-friendly solutions, promoting prepaid payment systems as wiser, more efficient choices in the financial environment.
- The alliance aims to leverage M2P Fintech's superior technological platform, which is known for its agility and scalability, in conjunction with SBI's extensive network and client base.
- Together, they aim to meet the changing needs of digital payment users while maintaining ease, security, and dependability.
- M2P Fintech's partnership will allow SBI to boost its prepaid services with advanced features like as real-time tracking, fast card issuance, and increased fraud prevention systems.
- These features are intended to appeal to a wide range of use cases, including corporate disbursements, travel cards, and gift cards, offering unparalleled flexibility to both businesses and consumers.



## Recently signed banking agreements

- Tata Power Renewable Energy, a unit of Tata Power, has partnered with Canara Bank to offer cheap financing for rooftop solar installations.
- 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.
- 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'.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.





**Ques :** Which financial services company, has launched a new vertical to manage all its commitments to green financing ?

किस वित्तीय सेवा कंपनी ने हरित वित्तपोषण के लिए अपनी सभी प्रतिबद्धताओं का प्रबंधन करने के लिए एक नया वर्टिकल लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Muthoot Finance / मुथूट फाइनेंस
- (b) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited / महिंद्रा एंड महिंद्रा फाइनेंशियल सर्विसेज लिमिटेड
- (c) Shriram Finance Ltd. / श्रीराम वित्त लिमिटेड
- (d) LIC Housing Finance / एलआईसी हाउसिंग फाइनेंस
- (e) L&T Finance Ltd / एल एंड टी फाइनेंस लिमिटेड

**Answer :** Option C

### Explanation :

- Shriram Finance Limited, a financial services company, has developed a new vertical to manage all of its green finance commitments.
- It would primarily finance electric cars (EV), battery charge stations, renewable energy, and energy-efficient technology.
- Shriram Finance aims to achieve Rs 5,000 crore (\$588 million) in assets under management (AUM) for the portfolio over the next three to four years. It intends to raise capital from both domestic and foreign sources, with a focus on green ventures.
- Shriram Green Finance will initially focus on expanding its EV portfolio in Karnataka, Kerala, Delhi NCR, and Maharashtra. The company is aggressively working with original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) to form long-term collaborations.





**Ques :** Banks request \_ to extend timeline for compliance with overlapping lending regulations.  
**बैंक \_ से ओवरलैपिंग ऋण नियमों के अनुपालन के लिए समयसीमा बढ़ाने का अनुरोध करते हैं**

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

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- Banks have asked the RBI to extend the deadline for compliance with new lending standards that prohibit overlapping activity between banks and their group businesses.
- Banks have requested extensions beyond the two-year deadline, with some wanting up to five years to fully comply with the regulations.
- The RBI's draft circular issued in October outlines new parameters requiring only one business within.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- RBI lifted business restrictions on two entities of the Edelweiss Group, ECL Finance Limited and Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (Edelweiss ARC).
- 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.
- In-Solutions Global (ISG) has received full authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as a payment aggregator under the Payment and Settlement Systems framework
- RBI has announced Introduction of the Secured Overnight Rupee Rate (SORR) , a benchmark based on the secured money markets
- The RBI increased the interest rate limit for NRI FCNR (B) deposits for a limited period.
- The Reserve Bank of India's Innovation Hub (RBIH), Bengaluru has launched MuleHunter.AI is a cutting-edge program that detects and flags mule bank accounts implicated in criminal financial activity, including money laundering.
- The RBI has increased the collateral-free lending limit for agricultural producers from Rs.1.66 lakh to Rs.2 lakh per borrower, providing significant relief to small and marginal farmers.
- The Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) is lobbying the RBI for preferential treatment of Electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (eNWRs).
- The Reserve Bank of India's sectoral credit statistics shows that bank credit to non-banking financial businesses (NBFCs) decreased to 6.4% in October from 18.3% the previous year.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) hosted a two-day "High-Level Policy Conference of Central Banks from the Global South" in Mumbai, Maharashtra.



**Ques :** According to a report, by what percentage have UPI transactions at retail stores increased in semi-urban and rural areas this year?

एक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, इस वर्ष अर्धशहरी और ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में खुदरा स्टोरों पर यूपीआई लेनदेन में कितने प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हुई है?

- (a) 23%
- (b) 28%
- (c) 33%
- (d) 38%
- (e) 42%

**Answer :** Option C

### Explanation :

- This year, UPI transactions at retail establishments climbed by 33% in semi-urban and rural areas, demonstrating the expanding use of digital payments, according to a report.
- Furthermore, branchless banking and digital network PayNearby reported a 127% rise in transaction volume for insurance policy purchases and premium collections, as well as a 96% increase in new customer adoption for the year.
- The research is based on an analysis of real transaction data from over 100,000 small retailers (kirana stores, mobile recharge businesses, and so on) that provide financial and digital services in rural and semi-urban areas across India.
- The results compare company data from January to November 2024 to the same period in 2023.
- According to the Retail-O-Nomics report, credit products such as business loans, gold loans, personal loans, and revolving credit have increased in volume by an impressive 297 percent in rural and semi-urban areas.



**Ques :** India join hands with which country to study laser-equipped satellite to tackle space debris ?

भारत ने अंतरिक्ष मलबे से निपटने के लिए लेजर से सुसज्जित उपग्रह का अध्ययन करने के लिए किस देश के साथ हाथ मिलाया है?

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

**Answer : Option C**

### Explanation :

- Space entrepreneurs in Japan and India had agreed to collaborate on a study of utilizing laser-equipped spacecraft to remove garbage from orbit, as an experimental answer to the increasingly pressing problem of orbital congestion.
- Orbital Lasers, based in Tokyo, and InspeCity, an Indian robotics company, announced plans to investigate economic potential for in-space services such as de-orbiting a decommissioned satellite and extending the life of a spacecraft.
- The initiative is the latest example of Japanese-Indian collaboration, with both nations cooperating on the joint Lunar Polar Exploration (LUPEX) mission, which might launch as early as 2026.
- Indian rocket manufacturer Skyroot and satellite constructor HEX20 are also collaborating with Japanese moon exploration company Ispace on a potential lunar orbiter mission.



## Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- China's space program reached a milestone when two of its astronauts performed a nine-hour spacewalk. Shenzhou-19 crew members Cai Xuzhe and Song Lingdong completed a nine-hour extravehicular exercise (EVA), breaking a 22-year-old US record
- Defence PSU BEML Limited has secured Rs.136 crore contract to supply indigenously designed High Mobility Vehicles (HMs) 8x8.
- Starting in 2025, India's Aditya L1 and the European Space Agency's (ESA) Proba-3 missions will collaborate to further solar research.
- INS Tushil, a Russian-built guided missile frigate, was commissioned into the Indian Navy in Kaliningrad, Russia, in front of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, and other senior officials.
- Adani Defence has delivered the second Drishti-10 Starliner surveillance drone to the Indian Navy, improving the country's marine capability.
- The Ministry of Defence has inked a contract with M/s Cochin Shipyard Limited for the Short Refit and Dry Docking (SRDD) of INS Vikramaditya at a total cost of Rs. 1207.5 crore
- India and the United Kingdom have signed a Statement of Intent (Sol) to cooperate on the design and development of Electric Propulsion Systems for the Indian Navy.
- MOI-TD (My Orbital Infrastructure – Technology Demonstrator), India's first AI laboratory in space Made by Hyderabad-based space tech company TakeMe2Space (TM2Space). Launch Vehicle is ISRO'S PSLV C60 rocket.
- The Indian Navy successfully tested a nuclear-capable K-4 missile from its nuclear-powered submarine, INS Arighaat. The INS Arighaat submarine can accommodate four K-4 missiles
- Navika Sagar Parikrama 2, a world circumnavigation voyage headed by the Indian Navy's INSV Tarini, traveled from Fremantle to Lyttelton, New Zealand.
- Elon Musk's SpaceX launched India's heavy communication satellite, GSAT-20, from Cape Canaveral in the United States.
- India successfully tested its first long-range hypersonic missile, capable of transporting payloads over 1,500 kilometers, from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island
- India uses the CubeSat standard for worldwide satellite play
- India and Russia agreed to jointly manufacture the Pantsir air defense missile-gun system.



**Ques :** India Emerges as \_\_\_\_ Largest Exporter in Smartphone Market.

भारत स्मार्टफोन बाजार में \_\_\_\_ सबसे बड़ा निर्यातक बनकर उभरा

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

**Answer :** Option C

### Explanation :

- India has improved its manufacturing and export capabilities, rising from 23rd to 3rd in worldwide smartphone exports by 2024.
- Smartphone exports reached ₹20,000 crore in November 2024, demonstrating India's success in leveraging government efforts and a strong domestic industrial environment.
- India's smartphone exports surged by 92% in November 2024 compared to the same month previous year.
- Exports in November 2024 totaled ₹20,395 crore, up from ₹10,634 crore in November 2023.



**Ques :** According to the 'Mind the Gender Gap' report Women constitute less than \_\_\_\_% of the overall workforce.

**'माइंड द जेंडर गैप' रिपोर्ट के अनुसार कुल कार्यबल में महिलाएं \_\_\_\_% से भी कम हैं।**

- (a) 10%
- (b) 20%
- (c) 30%
- (d) 40%
- (e) 50%

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- The 'Mind the Gender Gap' report is based on data from 300 Indian firms' Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reports (BRSRs).
- According to a survey, women make up less than 20% of the total workforce and just 10% of key management personnel (KMP) roles, despite organizations' efforts to promote diversity.
- According to the CFA Institute and CFA Society India's 'Mind the Gender Gap' report, women make up less than 20% of the total workforce and slightly more than 10% of KMP roles, while female directors make up less than 20% of total board director positions.
- The survey also indicated that women board members and KMPs are disproportionately underpaid compared to their male colleagues, revealing a gender pay gap at the highest levels.
- Female directors earn only 44% of their male counterparts' median income, while female KMPs receive less than 25% of the compensation granted to male KMPs.
- The IT sector employs the most women (34%), followed by the consumer discretionary and financial sectors (25% and 24%, respectively), with utilities having the lowest female participation (4%).





## 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)



**Ques :** Five-time Haryana Chief Minister and veteran Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) leader Om Prakash Chautala died at the age of 89. In which year Om Prakash Chautala and his son sentenced to prison ?

पांच बार हरियाणा के मुख्यमंत्री और अनुभवी इंडियन नेशनल लोकदल (आईएनएलडी) नेता ओम प्रकाश चौटाला का 89 वर्ष की आयु में निधन हो गया। किस वर्ष ओम प्रकाश चौटाला और उनके बेटे को जेल की सजा सुनाई गई थी?

- (a) 2011
- (b) 2012
- (c) 2013
- (d) 2014
- (e) 2015

**Answer :** Option C

**Explanation :**

- Om Prakash Chautala, the five-time Haryana Chief Minister and veteran Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) leader, died at the age of 89.
- Chautala, born in Sirsa on January 1, 1935, became Haryana's chief minister in 1989 and served for six months. He took the oath of office as chief minister again two months later, but resigned after only five days.
- His third term began in 1991, but it was cut short because President's control was declared in the state after two weeks. He went on to serve two consecutive terms from 1999 until 2005.
- After being convicted of corruption in a teacher recruitment fraud, Chautala and his son Ajay Singh Chautala were sentenced to ten years in jail in 2013. They were convicted of illegally recruiting 3,206 teachers in the state in 2000.



**Ques :** The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) announced the extension of the Import Management System (IMS) for seven Information Technology (IT) hardware products until which year ?

विदेश व्यापार महानिदेशालय (DGFT) ने सात सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी (IT) हार्डवेयर उत्पादों के लिए आयात प्रबंधन प्रणाली (IMS) को किस वर्ष तक बढ़ाने की घोषणा की?

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

**Answer : Option A**

**Explanation :**

- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has extended the Import Management System (IMS) for seven IT hardware products for one year, until December 31, 2025.
- Laptops, tablets, all-in-one PCs, ultra-small form factor computers, and servers fall under HSN code 8471.
- Importers must obtain a new Import Authorization through the DGFT portal. Applications are open from December 13, 2024 to December 15, 2025, and approvals are valid until December 31, 2025.

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**Ques :** The first Ganges River Dolphin (Platanista Gangetica) has been tagged in which state marking a historic moment in wildlife conservation ?

वन्यजीव संरक्षण में एक ऐतिहासिक क्षण को चिह्नित करते हुए पहली गंगा नदी डॉल्फिन (प्लैटनिस्टा गैंगेटिका) को किस राज्य में टैग किया गया है?

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

**Answer : Option C**

### Explanation :

- The first Ganges River Dolphin (Platanista Gangetica) has been tagged in Assam, marking a historic moment in animal conservation.
- The tagging of India's national aquatic animal, the Gangetic River Dolphin, is part of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change's Project Dolphin, which aims to track the migration patterns of the extremely endangered species.
- The initiative's funding came from the National CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority).
- It was carried out by the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, in partnership with the Assam Forest Department and Aaranyak, a well-known biodiversity conservation group in Assam.
- The data acquired from the tagged dolphin will help conservationists better understand the species' movement range and habitat, allowing them to develop a more effective conservation plan.
- The Gangetic River Dolphin (Platanista gangetica) is also known as the Blind Dolphin, Ganges Susu, and Hihu's. The river dolphin is a mammal, not a fish. According to the Wildlife Institute of India, there are approximately 4000 River Dolphins in India, with approximately 2000 located in Uttar Pradesh.



## Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

- 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.
- Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, unveiled Kisan Kavach, India's first indigenous anti-pesticide bodysuit
- The New Delhi Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport has become the first airport in India to connect 150 destinations.
- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in collaboration with the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation (MDRF) has set up the country's first diabetes biobank in Chennai.
- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) – Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) introduced India's first ginger variety, "IISR Surasa," which was developed to use as a vegetable.
- Finland presented its first national soundscape, 'Aania', on its 107th Independence Day.
- India's first Hyperloop test track measuring 410 meters(m) was successfully completed at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, Discovery Campus in Thaiyur, TamilNadu
- Uber has inaugurated India's first water transport service, the Uber Shikara, on the tranquil Dal Lake in Srinagar.
- India's first modern, self-sufficient gaushala named Adarsh Gaushala Inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Laltipara, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- Amara Raja Infra, an EPC company, has completed the construction of India's first green hydrogen fueling station in Leh, Ladakh, for NTPC.
- Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla jointly launched India's first Constitution Museum at the O P Jindal Global University.
- Iraq is undertaking its first nationwide census since 1987, under Saddam Hussein's government. The effort involves 120,000 researchers.



**Ques : Which country Launches 4 PIESAT-2 Remote-Sensing Satellites to enhance Earth Observation Capabilities ?**

**किस देश ने पृथ्वी अवलोकन क्षमताओं को बढ़ाने के लिए 4 PIESAT-2 रिमोट-सेंसिंग उपग्रह लॉन्च किए?**

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

**Answer : Option B**

**Explanation :**

- China successfully launched four Earth-observation radar satellites called 'PIESAT-2' using a Long March-2D rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in Shanxi Province.
- This was China's 65th space launch in 2024 and 553rd flight of the Long March rocket series.
- GalaxySpace developed the PIESAT-2 satellites, which use Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) for high-resolution, all-weather, day-and-night Earth observations

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**Ques : Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in December 2024?**

**दिसंबर 2024 में राष्ट्रीय मानवाधिकार आयोग (NHRC) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?**

- (a) Mallikarjun Kharge / मल्लिकार्जुन खड़गे
- (b) Justice Kamal Hassan / न्यायमूर्ति कमल हसन
- (c) Justice V. Ramasubramanian / न्यायमूर्ति वी. रामसुब्रमण्यम
- (d) Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud / न्यायमूर्ति धनंजय वाई चंद्रचूड़
- (e) Justice Madan B Lokur / न्यायमूर्ति मदन बी लोकुर

**Answer : Option C**

**Explanation :**

- The President of India has selected retired Supreme Court Justice V. Ramasubramanian as Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission. The office of NHRC chief has been vacant since June of this year.
- The President also appointed Priyank Kanoongo and retired Justice Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi as members of the NHRC-India.
- On December 18, a high-powered committee led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi convened to elect the next chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission.
- Both Leaders of the Opposition (LoPs), Mallikarjun Kharge in the Rajya Sabha and Rahul Gandhi in the Lok Sabha, attended the meeting.
- Justice Ramasubramanian, a well-known Tamil scholar and a master in the art of writing judgments, was born on June 30, 1958. He received his bachelor's degree in science from Vivekananda College in Chennai.





## Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Madan B Lokur : chairperson of the United Nations Internal Justice Council (IJC)
- 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)
- Kash Patel : Nominated as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)



**Ques :** Aisake Valu Eke has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country?

आइसेक वेलू एके को किस देश का प्रधानमंत्री चुना गया है?

- (a) Tonga / टोंगा
- (b) Ghana / घाना
- (c) Sudan / सूडान
- (d) Burkina Faso / बुर्किना फासो
- (e) Fiji / फ़िजी

**Answer : Option A**

**Explanation :**

- Tonga, a Pacific island nation, has elected veteran politician Aisake Valu Eke as its new Prime Minister.
- Aisake Valu Eke will succeed former Prime Minister Siaosi Sovaleni, who resigned two weeks ago after a no-confidence motion was brought against him in Parliament.
- Aisake Valu Eke will be formally sworn in as the new Prime Minister of the country in February 2025 and is expected to lead the country into the next general elections scheduled for November 2025.



## Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President :

- President of Georgia : Mikheil Kavelashvili
- Prime Minister of France : Francois Bayrou
- Interim Prime Minister of Syria : Mohammad al-Bashir
- President of Ghana : John Dramani Mahama
- Prime minister of Burkina Faso : Rintalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedraogo
- President of Namibia : Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah (Replaced Nangolo Mbumba)
- Prime Minister (PM) of Lithuania : Gintautas Paluckas (Replaced Ingrida Simonyte)
- Prime Minister of Uzbekistan (3rd time) : Abdulla Nigmatovich Aripov
- President of Uruguay : Yamandu Orsi
- Prime Minister of Mali : Abdoulaye Maiga (Replaced Choguel Maiga)
- President of Somalia : Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi (Waddani Party) (Replaced Muse Bihi Abdi)
- Prime Minister of Haiti : Alix Didier Fils-Aime (Replaced Garry Conille)
- Prime Minister of Mauritius : Navin Ramgoolam
- 103rd Prime Minister of Japan : Leader of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) Shigeru Ishiba
- President of Moldova (2nd term) : Maia Sandu
- 47th president of America : Donald Trump (Republican party) (Replaced Joe Biden)
- 50th Vice president of USA : JD Vance

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**Ques : Good Governance Day celebrated on which day ?**

**सुशासन दिवस किस दिन मनाया जाता है?**

- (a) 22 December
- (b) 23 December
- (c) 24 December
- (d) 25 December
- (e) 26 December

**Answer : Option D**

**Explanation :**

- Good Governance Day is marked on December 25th each year in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. This year marks Vajpayee's 100th birth anniversary.
- The day aims to promote transparency, accountability, and effective governance at all levels of government, emphasizing the importance of public service and citizen welfare.
- It focuses on modernizing government procedures and fostering digital governance to increase the delivery of services to residents.
- In 2014, the government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared Vajpayee's birthday Good Governance Day.
- During Vajpayee's term, various initiatives were implemented to promote good governance, including the Kisan Credit Card, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, and the National Rural Health Programme. In 2015, he was awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honor.



## 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
- 21 December : World Basketball Day
- 23 December : Kisan Diwas, also known as National Farmer's Day (Theme 2024: Empowering 'Annadatas' for a Prosperous Nation)



## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel bestowed the 'Bura Marp' (red scarf) and 'Patang' (ceremonial sword) on renowned Indian educationist Arun Kapur, who established schools in India, Bhutan, and Oman, at the 117th Bhutanese National Day ceremonies in Thimphu's Changlimathang stadium.

Israel approved a settlement expansion plan in the Golan Heights, allocating \$11.13 million to increase population and infrastructure. The Golan Heights, captured by Israel during the 1967 Six-Day War and annexed in 1981, are not recognized as Israeli territory.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a Rs 7,628.70 crore contract with Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T) for the procurement of additional 155 mm/52 calibre K9 Vajra-T self-propelled tracked artillery guns for the Indian Army.

Rupam Roy Appointed as General Secretary (GS) of All India State Bank Officers' Federation (AISBOF) and Arun Kumar Bishoyi Appointed as President of AISBOF.

The Central Bank of India (CBI) Regional Office in Ranchi marked the bank's 114th Foundation Day. Sir Sorabji Pochkhanawala established the Central Bank of India on December 21, 1911, making it India's first indigenous bank.

Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. & Transport Department, Government of Bihar Collaborate to establish five automated driving license test tracks in Bhagalpur, Darbhanga, Gaya, Purnia, and Saran.

Magma HDI General Insurance, a leading player in India's general insurance sector, has partnered with IndoStar Capital Finance Limited (ICFL), a prominent non-banking financial company (NBFC) to enhance the availability of motor, health, and commercial insurance solutions for customers.

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## महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

भूटान के राजा जिग्मे खेसर नामग्याल ने थिम्पू में 117वें भूटानी राष्ट्रीय दिवस समारोह में भारत, भूटान और ओमान में स्कूल स्थापित करने वाले प्रसिद्ध भारतीय शिक्षाविद् अरुण कपूर को 'बुरा मार्प' (लाल दुपट्टा) और 'पतंग' (औपचारिक तलवार) से सम्मानित किया। चांगलीमथांग स्टेडियम।

इज़राइल ने जनसंख्या और बुनियादी ढांचे को बढ़ाने के लिए 11.13 मिलियन डॉलर आवंटित करते हुए गोलान हाइट्स में एक निपटान विस्तार योजना को मंजूरी दी। 1967 के छह-दिवसीय युद्ध के दौरान इज़राइल द्वारा कब्जा कर लिया गया और 1981 में कब्जा कर लिया गया गोलान हाइट्स को इजरायली क्षेत्र के रूप में मान्यता नहीं दी गई है।

रक्षा मंत्रालय (MoD) ने भारतीय सेना के लिए अतिरिक्त 155 मिमी/52 कैलिबर K9 वज्र-T सेल्फ-प्रोपेल्ड ट्रैक आर्टिलरी गन की खरीद के लिए लार्सन एंड टुब्रो लिमिटेड (L&T) के साथ 7,628.70 करोड़ रुपये के अनुबंध पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।

रूपम रॉय को ऑल इंडिया स्टेट बैंक ऑफिसर्स फेडरेशन (AISBOF) के महासचिव (GS) के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया और अरुण कुमार बिशोयी को AISBOF के अध्यक्ष के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया।

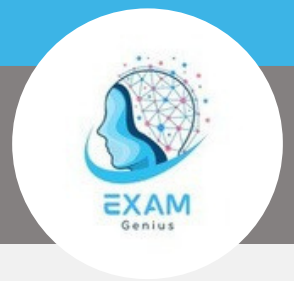
रांची में सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया (सीबीआई) क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय ने बैंक का 114वां स्थापना दिवस मनाया। सर सोराबजी पोचखानावाला ने 21 दिसंबर, 1911 को सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया की स्थापना की, जिससे यह भारत का पहला स्वदेशी बैंक बन गया।

मारुति सुजुकी इंडिया लिमिटेड और परिवहन विभाग, बिहार सरकार ने भागलपुर, दरभंगा, गया, पूर्णिया और सारण में पांच स्वचालित ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस परीक्षण ट्रैक स्थापित करने के लिए सहयोग किया है।

भारत के सामान्य बीमा क्षेत्र की अग्रणी कंपनी मैग्मा एचडीआई जनरल इंश्योरेंस ने ग्राहकों के लिए मोटर, स्वास्थ्य और वाणिज्यिक बीमा समाधानों की उपलब्धता बढ़ाने के लिए एक प्रमुख गैर-बैंकिंग वित्तीय कंपनी (एनबीएफसी) इंडोस्टार कैपिटल फाइनेंस लिमिटेड (आईसीएफएल) के साथ साझेदारी की है।

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