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Ques : Which country's regulatory authority has granted approval for Doha Insurance Group (DIG) to establish a reinsurance branch in India?

- (a) RBI
- (b) SEBI
- (c) World Bank
- (d) Qatar Central Bank
- (e) Dubai Financial Market

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region's top insurance and reinsurance provider, Doha Insurance Group (DIG), has revealed plans to build a reinsurance branch in India as part of its expansion.
- The Qatar Central Bank has given the insurer permission to open a branch in Gujarat International Financial Technology City (GIFT City). The "Gift City" international insurance office category will apply to the new branch's operations.
- Building on the achievements of its regional centers, which have greatly increased the group's revenues and fortified its insurance portfolio, this calculated move is a component of DIG's larger expansion strategy.

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Ques : Shriram Finance established in which year ?

- (a) 1979
- (b) 1956
- (c) 1998
- (d) 1999
- (e) 2002

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- To strengthen its green finance initiatives, the Shriram Group's flagship company, Shriram Finance Limited, established a special business unit called "Shriram Green Finance."
- Within the next three to four years, Shriram Green Finance's main objective is to reach an Asset Under Management (AUM) of Rs 5,000 crore.
- The company's initial focus will be on expanding its EV portfolio in areas such as Maharashtra, Kerala, the National Capital Region (NCR), and Karnataka.

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Ques : Which edition of Exercise Surya Kiran 2024 Held at Saljhandi, Nepal ?

- (a) 12th
- (b) 13th
- (c) 15th
- (d) 17th
- (e) 18th

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Indian and Nepalese Army contingents are taking part in the 18th round of Exercise Surya Kiran.
- A battalion from the 11th Gorkha Rifles is in charge of the 334-person Indian Army contingent.
- The Srijung Battalion will represent the Nepal Army contingent.
- Saljhandi, Nepal, will host the exercise from December 31, 2024, to January 13, 2025.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Defence Exercise :

- Exercise Sahayog–Hop Tac 2nd Edition Held at off the coast of Kochi, Kerala between India & Vietnam (Coast guard).
- Exercise Desert Knight 2025 Held at Arabian Sea between India, France, and the UAE (Air force). From India Sukhoi-30MKI, Jaguars, IL-78 mid-air refuellers, and AEW&C (Airborne Early Warning and Control) systems participate in Exercise.
- The Eastern Naval Command will host the bilateral naval exercise SLINEX 2024 (Sri Lanka-India Exercise) at Visakhapatnam from December 17 to 20, 24.
- India and Cambodia's first joint tabletop exercise, dubbed 'CINBAX,' began at the Foreign Training Node in Pune, Maharashtra
- On December 2, 2024, India and Malaysia began the bilateral Joint Military Exercise "Harimau Shakti" at the Bentong camp in Pahang district, Malaysia
- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) held the 11th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2024) off the Kochi coast.
- The 13th edition of Joint Military Exercise AGNI WARRIOR (XAW-2024), a bilateral exercise between the Indian Army and the Singapore Armed Forces, ended at Field Firing Ranges in Devlali (Maharashtra).
- The 11th edition of the Indian Coast Guard's National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise and Workshop (SAREX-24) starts in Kochi, Kerala.
- The Indian Army successfully completed the Multilateral Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise 'Sanyukt Vimochan 2024', which took place in Ahmedabad and Porbandar, Gujarat
- India Launches First Space Defense Exercise Antariksha Abhyas – 2024 To simulate and address threats to and from space-based assets, integrating space capabilities into military operations
- Exercise AUSTRALIND 3rd Edition Held at Foreign Training Node, Pune, Maharashtra between India & Australia (Army)
- The Indian Army, Indian Air Force, and Indian Navy will launch a command-level tri-service theatre exercise called 'Poorvi Prahar' along the India-China border.
- The fifth edition of the Vietnam-Indian Bilateral Army Exercise "VINBAX 2024" began in Ambala. The drill will take place from November 4 to 23 in Ambala and Chandimandir.





Ques : Youth Co:Lab Launched in india in which year ?

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2017
- (c) 2019
- (d) 2020
- (e) 2021

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The 7th edition of the 'Youth Co:Lab National Innovation Challenge for 2024-2025' has been launched by the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the Citi Foundation.
- The 2024-2025 iteration will be implemented in conjunction with the Bangalore (Karnataka)-based AssisTech Foundation (ATF).
- The competition encourages young founders (18-32 years) to produce significant ideas that address real-world difficulties, with a focus on disability inclusion.
- The initiative intends to help 30-35 early-stage entrepreneurs through a springboard program, offering seed money to the top performers to scale their impact.

About Youth Co:Lab :

- Launched in : 2017
- Launched by : UNDP and Citi Foundation, Youth Co:Lab
- Launched in India : 2019
- Launched by : UNDP and Citi Foundation, Youth Co:Lab with AIM, NITI Aayog
- Aim : To drive Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through leadership, innovation, and entrepreneurship





About Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) :

- Launched in : 2016
- Launched by : NITI Aayog
- Objective : To promote innovation and entrepreneurship

About NITI Aayog :

- Established : 1 January 2015
- HQ : New Delhi
- Chairman : Narendra Modi
- CEO : B V R Subrahmanyam

Ques : What was the primary focus of the 45th edition of PRAGATI chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi ?

- (a) Reviewing international trade agreements
- (b) Discussing defense modernization
- (c) Reviewing key infrastructure and development projects
- (d) Addressing climate change policies
- (e) Announcing new education reforms

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 45th edition of PRAGATI, an interactive platform aimed at ensuring Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation of various development and infrastructure projects across India.
- PRAGATI enables the review and resolution of bottlenecks in critical government initiatives to enhance public service delivery.





- During the meeting, PM Modi reviewed eight significant projects Costs More than Rs 1 lakh crore.
- Six metro projects of Urban Transport, One project of Road Connectivity and One project of Thermal Power.

About PRAGATI Platform :

- Launched on : March 25, 2015
- Developed By : PMO team with the National Informatics Center (NIC)
- Aim : Addresses public grievances and monitors key government projects

Ques : Which state defeated Chandigarh 34-31 to clinch their maiden Senior National Men's Handball Championship title ?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Telangana

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Kerala won the Senior National Men's Handball Championship for the first time, defeating Chandigarh 34-31. The event final was held in Changanassery, Kerala.
- Kerala made it to the final for the first time, defeating Services in the semi-finals, and Chandigarh defeated Indian Railways to win their position.
- Kerala's Devendar was crowned Best Player of the Championship, while Rahul was awarded Best Goalkeeper.
- Sujith was recognized as the finest left-wing player.





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Punjab's Vijayveer Sidhu defeated fellow Olympian Gurpreet Singh of the Army Marksmanship Unit to win his first men's 25m rapid-fire pistol (RFP) title at the 67th National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) for pistol events
- Lakshya Sen from India secured third place at the King Cup International Badminton Open by defeating French player Alex Lanier in straight games
- Karnataka's M. Raghu and Haryana's Devika Sihag won the men's and women's singles titles, respectively, at the 86th Senior National Badminton Championships 2024.
- Koneru Humpy, an Indian Grandmaster, won his second World Rapid Chess Championship, this time in New York. Koneru Humpy, 37, won the title by defeating Irene Sukandar with black pieces in the final round.
- Indian lifter Martina Devi clinched a silver medal in the women's junior +87kg category at the Asian Junior Weightlifting Championships.
- Bihar will host the Women's Kabaddi World Cup in March 2025 at Rajgir Sports Academy's indoor venue.
- The young Indian weightlifters ended the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships 2024 with a respectable 33 medals, including 7 gold, 16 silver, and 10 bronze
- India won the inaugural Women's U-19 Asia Cup at Kuala Lumpur's Bayuemas Oval, defeating Bangladesh by 41 runs in the final.
- Haris Rauf (Pakistan) named as ICC Men's player of the month for November 2024 and Danni Wyatt-Hodge (England) as ICC Women's player of the month for November 2024.
- Real Madrid won the 2024 FIFA Intercontinental Cup, defeating Mexico's Pachuca 3-0 at Lusail Stadium, Qatar.
- Daniil Savelev, a Russian tennis player, has received a two-year suspension for violating anti-doping rules.
- 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.





- At the Mangaung Oval in Bloemfontein, South Africa, England's Nat Sciver-Brunt and Maia Bouchier broke records in women's cricket.
- The Indian men's team achieved fifth place in Men's World Team Squash Championships.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami unveiled the logo, theme music, and mascot for the upcoming 38th National Games in Dehradun.

Ques : Which state government has decided to increase the maximum limit of Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity for state government employees by 25 percent ?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Haryana
- (e) Maharashtra

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Haryana government has agreed to enhance the maximum amount of Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity for state government employees by 25%.
- This enhancement will take effect on January 1, 2025, increasing the gratuity from Rs 20 lakh to Rs 25 lakh.
- The Cabinet also approved a 25% increase in the maximum death-cum-retirement gratuity for state judicial officers.
- These decisions are intended to provide increased financial stability to state government employees and their families, as well as judicial authorities.

About Haryana :

- Capital – Chandigarh
- Chief Minister – Nayab Singh Saini
- Governor – Bandaru Dattatreya



Ques : Which cricket legend has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Kissht, India's leading digital lending platform?

- (a) Rohit Sharma
- (b) Virat Kohli
- (c) MS Dhoni
- (d) Ravindra Jadeja
- (e) Sachin Tendulkar

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Sachin Tendulkar, the iconic cricketer known as the "God of Cricket," has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Kissht, a leading digital lending platform operated by OnEMI Technology Solutions Private Limited.
- His association is expected to enhance Kissht's brand image and connect with a broader audience.

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Recent Headlines Related to Brand Ambassador :

- Salman Khan : Inaugural Kho Kho World Cup
- Indian Chess Prodigy D Gukesh : RBL Bank Limited
- Indian cricketer Rohit Sharma : ixigo's Trains app
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : Eurogrip Tyres
- Mary Kom : Brand ambassador for the "Assam Rifles Half-Marathon (ARHM) 2024" in Shillong
- Rashmika Mandanna : DRA, a Chennai-based real estate developer
- Pankaj Tripathi : Festival ambassador for the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav 2024
- Abhishek Bachchan : Ramraj Cotton, a prominent traditional and ethnic wear brand
- Bollywood actor Jackie Shroff : All Living Things Environmental Film Festival (ALT EFF)
- Harbhajan Singh and Sania Mirza : Sports Ambassador by Dubai Sports Council
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : Jharkhand Assembly Election
- Pankaj Tripathi : brand ambassador of Madhya Pradesh Tourism Department
- Sonu Sood : Brand Ambassador and Honorary Tourism Advisor for Thailand
- Rashmika Mandanna : Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre
- Manu Bhaker : Golden Bullet, a tools company
- Rahul Dravid : Shriram Finance Ltd
- Manu Bhaker : Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW)
- Sharath Kamal : first Indian ambassador for the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Foundation
- Alia Bhatt : French cosmetics company L'Oreal Paris
- Salman Khan : GRM Basmati Rice
- Shikhar Dhawan : MotoGP
- Aditya Roy Kapur : Bisleri Limonata
- PV Sindhu : Greenday's 'Better Nutrition' brand



Ques : Consider the following statements About newly-formed interim Asian body for boxing :

- (a) The interim Asian body was established by the World Boxing organization.
- (b) Ajay Singh has been appointed as the Board Member.
- (c) Lovlina Borgohain is one of the members of the Athletes' Commission in this body.

Which of the following statement is/are true ?

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

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Athletes' Commission now includes Tokyo Olympic medallist Lovlina Borgohain, while the newly formed interim Asian body, which was created by the breakaway organization World Boxing, will comprise six officials from the Boxing Federation of India (BFI), including president Ajay Singh.
- With the BFI holding seven important positions, including Singh's appointment as a board member, India will be pivotal in determining the direction of Asian boxing in the future.
- Borgohain will speak for sportsmen in Asian and international boxing. Treasurer Digvijay Singh and Secretary General Hemanta Kumar Kalita, two important BFI officials, will serve on the Finance and Audit Committee and the Olympic Commission, respectively.
- One of the three members of the Athletes' Commission, Borgohain, emphasized the value of the platform in promoting improved facilities, equitable chances, and support networks for athletes throughout Asia.





- Dr. Karanjeet Singh will join the Medical Commission, and BFI executives D P Bhatt and Narender Kumar Nirwan will serve on the Constitution and Sports & Competition Commissions, respectively.

Ques : Which Indian airport recently became the country's first Zero-Waste Airport?

- (a) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
- (b) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai
- (c) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
- (d) Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport, Indore
- (e) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport in Indore has been officially declared India's first Zero-Waste Airport.
- Inauguration of 3,000 square feet (sq.ft) material recovery facility at the airport by Union Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu, Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA). This facility is based on the concept of 4R i.e. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Restore.
- The airport achieved this milestone by implementing sustainable waste management practices, recycling, and minimizing waste generation, setting a benchmark for environmental responsibility in the aviation sector.





Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and World :

- Uttarakhand has recently inaugurated its first wine production unit in Kotdwar, which is part of the government's new excise policy aimed at promoting wine tourism
- The Punjab Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann, approved the Punjab State (Development and Promotion of Sports) Act, 2024, making it the first state in the country to do so.
- Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) Mundra welcomed CMA CGM Fort Diamant, the first LNG-powered container vessel to berth at the port's Container Terminal-CT4.
- Uttar Pradesh is the first state to connect its procurement process with the Centre's Govt e-Marketplace (GeM), replacing its traditional tendering system
- Masali, a village in Gujarat's Banaskantha district, has become India's first 'solar village' near the border, a key milestone in the country's renewable energy efforts.
- Uttarakhand, often known as "Devbhoomi," will be the first Indian state to enact a specific Yoga Policy, aiming to make the state a global yoga destination.
- The first Ganges River Dolphin (Platanista Gangetica) has been tagged in Assam, marking a historic moment in animal conservation.
- 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.





Ques : Which organization awarded with the 'Great Place to Work' certification for January 2025 to January 2026?

- (a) BHEL
- (b) SAIL
- (c) RINL
- (d) BPCL
- (e) HPCL

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Great Place to Work Institute in India has granted Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) the esteemed "Great Place to Work" certification for January 2025–2026.
- After been certified for December 2023 to December 2024, this is SAIL's second straight certification.
- The company's creative HR initiatives, such as the Work Other than Workplace (WoW) program, flexible scheduling for city-based employees, self-paced learning via LinkedIn Learning Hub and E-Pathshala, high-end IT and digital training with NASSCOM, etc., are highlighted by this consecutive worldwide recognition.
- These programs are designed to increase output, get workers ready for new technology, and help them reach their maximum potential.
- Through a stringent review process, the Great Place to Work Institute is a global organization that honors employers who are delivering exceptional employee experiences. After the Institute performed a thorough survey based on direct input from SAIL employees, SAIL obtained the certification.





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- SKOCH Award : Maharashtra government's initiative 'Shasan Aplya Dari' ('Government at Your Doorstep')
- 34th Vyas Samman for 2024 : Hindi writer Suryabala for Her novel "Kaun Des Ko Vasi: Venu Ki Diary" which was published in 2018
- Prestigious "Gold Award" in the State Energy Conservation Award 2024 : RINL, the corporate entity of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant
- Royal honors 'knighthood' and 'damehood' by King Charles III : Oscar award winning filmmaker Christopher Nolan and his wife, Emma Thomas
- Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri : Rashtriya Tansen Samman 2023
- Sanand Nyas Sanstha from Indore : Raja Mansingh Tomar Samman 2023
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi : Kuwait's highest civilian honour, the Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer
- Mrs. India USA 2024 : Caitlin Sandra Neil, a 19-year-old Indian-American teenager born in Chennai, India
- Miss Teen India USA 2024 : Sanskriti Sharma from Illinois
- 14th PSE Excellence Awards in 3 Category : "Corporate Governance" and "Corporate Social Responsibility & Sustainability" and "Operational Performance Excellence" : Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA)
- Public Relations Society of India (PRSI) National Awards 2024 (in 8 category) : Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
- US Navy's prestigious Distinguished Public Service Award : Tom Cruise
- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar : Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award for Public Leadership by the South Indian Education Society (SIES)
- Biocon Group Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw : Jamsetji Tata Award by the Indian Society for Quality (ISQ)
- Best FIFA Men's Player : Vinícius Junior of Spain and Real Madrid football club of Spain
- Best FIFA Women's Player : Aitana Bonmatí of Spain and Barcelona football club of Spain
- Best FIFA Women's Coach : Emma Hayes, coach of the United States women's team
- Best FIFA Men's Goalkeeper : Emiliano Martínez of Argentina and English club Aston Villa





Ques : Which Indian Cricketer Accepts Prestigious Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) Membership ?

- (a) Rohit Sharma
- (b) Virat Kohli
- (c) MS Dhoni
- (d) Ravindra Jadeja
- (e) Sachin Tendulkar

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC), which manages the renowned Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), has announced that legendary Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar has accepted an Honorary Cricket Membership.
- This award honors Tendulkar's outstanding achievements to cricket during his 24-year international career.
- The Melbourne Cricket Club was founded on November 15, 1983, by Fred Powlett, Robert Russell, George B. Smyth, and brothers Alfred and Charles Mundy.
- Tendulkar holds the record for the most runs at MCG, with 449 from five Tests at an average of 44.90 and a strike rate of 58.69, including a hundred and three fifties.
- In 2012, Tendulkar received the Order of Australia, one of the country's highest honors.

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Ques : Who has become the youngest female to scale the highest peaks on all seven continents?

- (a) Malavath Purna
- (b) Kaamya Karthikeyan
- (c) Arunima Sinha
- (d) Bachendri Pal
- (e) Tashi Malik

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The remarkable accomplishment of becoming the youngest female to climb the highest peaks on all seven continents was accomplished by Kaamya Karthikeyan, a Class 12 student at Navy Children's School in Mumbai.
- Together with her father, Commander S. Karthikeyan, Kaamya climbed Mount Vinson in Antarctica to complete the Seven Summits Challenge at the age of 17.
- She climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa, Mt. Elbrus in Europe, Mt. Kosciuszko in Australia, Mt. Aconcagua in South America, Mt. Denali in North America, Mt. Everest in Asia, and Mt. Vinson in Antarctica.
- Kaamya's love of adventure was demonstrated when she ascended Mount Everest at the age of 16.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Tiger Shroff Appointed as Brand ambassador for the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup

The US released a revised edition of Form I-129, the petition for a nonimmigrant worker, in alignment with the newly announced H-1B and H-2 modernisation final rules

Google has introduced 2 experimental upgrades to its Gemini Artificial Intelligence (AI) suite “Gemini-Exp-1206 and Gemini 2.0 Flash”.

India recorded its highest ever coal production of 997.826 million tonnes (MT) in the financial year 2023-24 which represents an 11.71 per cent increase in comparison to the corresponding figure of 893.191 MT in the year 2022-23.

Elephant and Tourism Festival 18th Edition Held at Baghmara Intermediate Community Forest near the renowned Chitwan National Park, Sauraha, Chitwan, Nepal.

Uttar Pradesh and Japan’s Yamanashi Prefecture signs MOU to improve economic and cultural cooperation between UP and Yamanashi, representing a growing partnership between the two nations.

The 39th President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, died in his hometown of Plains, Georgia, at the age of 100. Carter won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002 and later received recognition for his international peace initiatives, despite serving only one time as president.

