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Ques : Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TATA AIG General Insurance Company?

- (a) Rajesh Bansal
- (b) Sanjay Gupta
- (c) Amit Ganorkar
- (d) Ramesh Kumar
- (e) Piyush Tiwari

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Amit Ganorkar Appointed as Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TATA AIG General Insurance Company. He Replaced Neelesh Garg.
- TATA AIG General Insurance Company operates in the general insurance sector, offering a range of non-life insurance products.
- TATA AIG General Insurance is a joint venture between the TATA Group and American International Group (AIG), combining domestic and global expertise.
- TATA AIG General Insurance Established in 2001 and Headquarter is in Mumbai.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Jatinder Pal Singh : CEO of ITI Asset Management (ITI AML) (succeeding Hitesh Thakkar)
- Rajat Verma : CEO of DBS Bank India (succeeding Surojit Shome)
- Anup Kumar Sinha : Reappointment as Bandhan Bank's non-executive chairman
- Amitava Chatterjee : Managing director (MD) and CEO J&K Bank
- Alok Aggarwal : Managing Director and CEO of Brookfield India Real Estate Trust
- 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

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Ques : What is the projected GDP growth rate for India in the fiscal year 2024-25 as per the first advance estimates?

- (a) 5.6%
- (b) 5.8%
- (c) 6%
- (d) 6.4%
- (e) 7.2%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is expected to expand at 6.4% in fiscal year 2024-25, a four-year low and a substantial decrease from the 8.2% growth achieved in FY24, according to the government's initial advance forecasts.
- The prognosis is lower than the latest Reserve Bank estimate of 6.6 percent for the current fiscal year, which ends March 2025.
- The NSO released its first advance estimates of national income for 2024-25, stating that "real GDP has been estimated to grow by 6.4 percent in FY2024-25 as compared to the growth rate of 8.2 percent in the Provisional Estimate (PE) of GDP for FY2023-24". The report also showed that real Gross Value Added (GVA) is predicted to increase by 6.4% in FY25, down from 7.2% in FY24. In contrast, nominal GVA is expected to expand at 9.3% in FY25, slightly higher than 8.5% in the previous fiscal year.





Ques : Bajaj Broking, the broking arm of Bajaj Finance Ltd., has partnered with which Bank to introduce a comprehensive 3-in-1 account solution ?

- (a) South Indian Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) Tamilnad Mercantile Bank
- (d) Punjab National Bank
- (e) Karur Vyasya Bank

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Bajaj brokerage, the brokerage arm of Bajaj Finance Ltd., has teamed up with Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) to launch a comprehensive 3-in-1 account solution that combines banking, broking, and investing services on a single platform.
- The agreement intends to provide Tamilnad Mercantile Bank customers with a seamless online trading experience using Bajaj Broking's platform.
- As part of its expansion strategy, Bajaj Broking is increasing its physical presence throughout India. The company intends to expand its branch network to more than 50 locations by March 2025, with an emphasis on metro cities as well as Tier 2 and Tier 3 markets.

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Recently signed banking agreements

- The Assam government has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SBI and UBI to provide insurance coverage to state government employees.
- The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has teamed with Vivifi Finance to start a pilot operation offering unsecured loans to gig workers.
- Mizoram government entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with its partner banks – State Bank of India (SBI), Mizoram Rural Bank (MRB), and Mizoram Cooperative Apex Bank Limited (MCAB) for the disbursement of loans under the Bana Kaih (handholding) Scheme.
- Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Federation of Cold Storage Associations of India (FCAOI) have signed an MoU to improve agricultural infrastructure and cold chain development in India
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) partnered with Bank of Bhutan, Bhutan's largest commercial bank, to modernize its digital core and improve customer experience.
- Magma HDI General Insurance has partnered with IndoStar Capital Finance Limited (ICFL), a prominent NBFC to enhance the availability of motor, health, and commercial insurance solutions for customers.
- M2P Fintech has partnered with the State Bank of India (SBI) to provide smooth and safe payment experiences.
- 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).





Ques : Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of traffic Transport and Highways, has announced a new plan that will provide cashless treatment to traffic accident victims. What is the maximum financial help provided by the new cashless treatment system for road accident victims?

- (a) Rs 1.5 lakh
- (b) Rs 2 lakh
- (c) Rs 2.5 lakh
- (d) Rs 3 lakh
- (e) Rs 3.5 lakh

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of traffic Transport and Highways, has announced a new plan that will provide cashless treatment to traffic accident victims.
- Once the police are notified within 24 hours of the accident, the policy will immediately cover the victim's treatment costs for 7 days, up to a maximum of Rs 1.5 lakh.
- If a person is killed in a hit-and-run accident, his or her immediate family would receive Rs 2 lakh.
- Gadkari also emphasized road safety as a primary issue. In 2024, 1.8 lakh people died in traffic accidents across India. Approximately 30,000 people died as a result of not wearing helmets.
- Another alarming figure is that 66% of fatal accident victims were aged 18 to 34. Additionally, improper access and exit points near schools and colleges resulted in the deaths of 10,000 children.





Ques : Which state has launched the 'Atlas of Indian Wolf Habitats ' ?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Gujarat is prioritizing biodiversity protection, with a focus on the Indian wolf.
- The state has unveiled the 'Atlas of Indian Wolf Habitats,' led by Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and Forest Minister Mulubhai Bera.
- This atlas identifies ideal locations for wolves in 13 districts.
- The Atlas was created by the GEER Foundation in partnership with the Gujarat Forest Department.

Ques : India signed MOU with which country on Non-Basmati White Rice Trade ?

- (a) Indonesia
- (b) Sweden
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Mauritius
- (e) Dubai

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) agreed between the Union Ministry of Cooperation and Indonesia's Ministry of Trade.



- The clearance was provided during a Union Cabinet meeting in New Delhi chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- India will provide Indonesia with one million metric tonnes of non-basmati white rice per year at the current international pricing.
- The MoU will be valid for four years and automatically extended for another four years. The National Cooperative Exports Limited will supply rice to Indonesia.
- In 2023-24, bilateral commerce between the two countries totaled US\$29.4 billion. India's exports to Indonesia were \$5.99 billion, while its imports totaled \$23.4 billion.
- Indonesia is India's eighth-largest trading partner, and India is the second-largest importer of Indonesian coal and crude palm oil.
- To control rice prices in India, the government has banned the export of non-basmati white rice from July 20, 2023. The Indian government lifted the restriction on non-basmati rice exports in September 2024, but only at a minimum export price of \$490 per tonne.

About National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) :

- Established : in 2023 as a Multi-state Cooperative Society under the Multi-State Cooperative Society Act, of 2002
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- Managing Director : Unupom Kausik
- Function : is an umbrella organization for exports by the cooperative sector of the country.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- Uttarakhand government and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) signed an MOU to promote tourism in the border areas of the state.
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has partnered with Stride Ventures, a venture debt firm, to catalyse the growth of Indian startups and widen their global footprint.
- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) & boAt Signs MoU to nurture DPIIT-recognized startups, particularly in the Direct-to-Consumer (D2C) and manufacturing sectors.
- Swiggy Limited & National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) Partners to provide financial literacy to its delivery partners.
- The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and the National Quantum Mission (NQM) have jointly launched India's first Undergraduate (UG) Minor Programme in Quantum Technologies, which will begin in the upcoming academic session.
- 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.
- Uttar Pradesh and Manipur governments signed an MOU To implement the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' program in Lucknow, UP. Manipur is the third state to sign a MoU with Uttar Pradesh (UP) under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme after Arunachal Pradesh (AR) and Meghalaya.
- West Bengal(WB) Government and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) signed an MOU To enhance the treatment of children affected by NonCommunicable Diseases (NCD), including juvenile diabetes.
- The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) and the Indian Ports Association (IPA) have signed a historic MoU in New Delhi to foster digital transformation in India's marine sector.
- Akums Group, a contract development and manufacturing organisation, has signed a strategic long-term arrangement for an estimated 200 million euros (Rs 1,760 crore) with an unknown multinational pharmaceutical company for the manufacture and supply of formulations in the European market





Ques : Who has inaugurated the Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery at Rajghat in New Delhi?

- (a) Draupadi Murmu
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Om Birla
- (d) S Jaishankar
- (e) None of the above

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Om Birla, Lok Sabha Speaker, launched the Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery at Rajghat in New Delhi.
- More than 80 artists have exhibited their work in the gallery, portraying the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, in a distinctive and modern manner.
- Darshan Art Gallery will educate today's youngsters about Gandhian principles.
- The event was organized by the Ministry of Culture, Lalit Kala Academy, and Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti.

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Recent Headlines Related to Inauguration :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 13-kilometer extension of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Namo Bharat route. The corridor, worth Rs 4.600 crore.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the BHARATPOL platform, designed by the Central Bureau of Investigation, in New Delhi. The BHARATPOL platform will make it easier to process all requests for international assistance through INTERPOL.
- The Indian Army recently inaugurated a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Pangong Tso in Ladakh, near the India-China border.
- Two UK universities, Queen's University Belfast and Coventry University, have applied to open international campuses in Gujarat's GIFT City, following the lead of Australian institutions.
- During a function in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the groundwork for the Ken-Betwa National River Linking Project, inaugurated the Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project.
- Union Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu of the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) inaugurated the centenary celebration logo for Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport (NSCBI Airport) in Kolkata, West Bengal (WB), to commemorate its 100-year service.
- GSI Geoscience Museum Inaugurated by Vice President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar at Victoria Market Building in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will formally inaugurate Mahakumbh-2025 and launch over 600 projects worth Rs.7,000 crore, undertaken and completed ahead of the mega once-in-12-years fair.
- Delhi chief minister Atishi inaugurated an underground shooting range at the National Cadet Corps (NCC) Bhawan in Rohini .
- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar inaugurated the new Chancery of the Indian Embassy in Rome, emphasizing the deep historical ties between India and Italy.
- Symbiosis International University's first international campus Inaugurated by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and UAE Minister Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan at Dubai Knowledge Park





Ques : Prabowo Subianto has formally accepted New Delhi's invitation to be the chief guest at the 2025 Republic Day parade. He is the President of which country ?

- (a) Indonesia
- (b) Sweden
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Mauritius
- (e) Dubai

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto has formally accepted New Delhi's invitation to be the chief guest at the 2025 Republic Day parade.
- Subianto's selection as the first visitor of Prime Minister Modi's third term demonstrates the importance India places on bilateral relations with Indonesia and its Act East policy. The visit is designed to strengthen both sides' strategic cooperation and defense connections.
- President Sukarno of Indonesia, a crucial friend of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru during the golden years of the non-aligned movement, was India's first Republic Day visitor.
- India and Indonesia have had strong cultural and commercial ties for over two thousand years, with Hindu, Buddhist, and Muslim traditions extending from India to Indonesia. The legends of the Ramayana and Mahabharata have had a significant impact on Indonesian traditional art and theater.

About Indonesia :

- Capital – Jakarta
- Currency – Rupiah
- Official language – Indonesian
- President – Prabowo Subianto





Ques : Which state has installed the ‘SSI Mantra (Multi-Arm Novel Tele Robotic Assistance) surgical robot’ ?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Noble Hospitals and Research Centre in Pune, Maharashtra has installed the first made-in-India surgical robot, the SSI Mantra (Multi-Arm Novel Tele Robotic Assistance).
- SS Innovations International Inc, an Indian med-tech start-up, created cutting-edge technology that has been authorized by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) in New Delhi.
- The Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Centre (RGCI) in New Delhi deployed the first Indian-made surgical robot system, which has successfully completed 26 procedures.
- It was later set up in Hyderabad, Telangana and Raipur, Chhattisgarh.





Ques : Which organization approved 'Nadi Tarangini' for use as a medical device?

- (a) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- (b) World Health Organization (WHO)
- (c) Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)
- (d) Ministry of AYUSH
- (e) National Accreditation Board for Hospitals (NABH)

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- 'Nadi Tarangini', an indigenously designed pulse diagnostic instrument, has been India's first Ayurvedic medical device to be approved for use by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization CDSCO, a national regulator for the cosmetics, pharmaceutical, and medical device sectors in India.
- Padma Bhushan's brainchild Prof. J. B. Joshi, Chancellor of the famous Institute of Chemical Technology (Formerly UDCT) and President of Marathi Vidnyan Parishad the device built by Dr. Aniruddha Joshi after over 6 years of hard research at IIT Bombay.
- "Nadi Tarangini is an innovative AI-powered pulse testing instrument that aims to speed up traditional Ayurvedic procedures. It combines extremely sensitive sensors with cutting-edge algorithms. It gives exact pulse measurements to provide detailed health information.
- This innovative instrument assists practitioners in analyzing 22 Ayurvedic indicators, including Tridosha balance (Vata, Pitta, Kapha), stress levels, digestive health, and overall well-being of the individual.





Ques : PLI scheme for Specialty Steel, termed as PLI Scheme 1.1 Launched by which ministry ?

- (a) Union Ministry of Home Affairs
- (b) Union Ministry of Education
- (c) Union Ministry of Steel and Heavy Industries
- (d) Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- (e) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- PLI scheme for Specialty Steel, termed as PLI Scheme 1.1 Launched by Union Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries, Shri H. D. Kumaraswamy at Vigyan Bhavan New Delhi.
- It is launched for the Period of FY 2025-26 to FY 2029-30.
- Its aim is to encourage domestic production of specialty steel and lower imports by drawing in capital investments. The Investment is of Rs 6,322 crore.
- It covers Five product categories in line with the existing PLI Scheme, namely Coated / Plated Steel Products, High Strength / Wear resistant Steel, Specialty Rails, Alloy Steel Products & Steel wires and Electrical Steel.
- As of November 2024, companies have already invested Rs 18,300 crore and generated over 8,660 in employment





Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Mira Bhayandar Municipal Corporation (MBMC) has developed a flagship initiative named 'Faral Sakhi' to encourage women entrepreneurs in the city of Mira Bhayandar, Maharashtra.
- The Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the extension of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme until 2025-26, with a total budget of Rs.69,515.71 crore from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- The Income Tax Department has extended the deadline for the Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme 2024, offering taxpayers another chance to resolve disputes at lower tax rates. The extended new date is January 31, 2025.
- The Haryana government has agreed to enhance the maximum amount of Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity for state government employees by 25%.
- Government of India (GoI) sanctioned Rs. 4388 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) Scheme to solarize agriculture for states across India.
- Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal has launched a new scholarship programme aimed at Dalit students in Delhi. The scheme, named the Dr Ambedkar Samman Scholarship, will cover all expenses for Dalit students wishing to pursue higher education abroad.
- 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
- 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.





Ques : What is the Rank of India in Threat Landscape Report 2024 Published by CloudSEK ?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- ThreatLandscape Report 2024 Published by CloudSEK
- In 2024, India was the second most targeted country for cyberattacks, with 95 companies experiencing data breaches.
- Cyber attackers mostly targeted the finance and banking industries, resulting in 20 victims. The government recorded 13 events, followed by telecoms with 12.
- The healthcare, pharmaceutical, and education industries saw substantial threats, with 10 and 9 casualties, respectively.

Ranking of top 5 Countries :

- 1 United States
- 2 India
- 3 Israel
- 4 Thailand
- 5 Brazil

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India's Rankings in Different Indices

- Global Aging Index Published by National University of Singapore (NUS) & Columbia University : India (123rd), Switzerland (top)
- Hurun India Top 200 Self-Made Entrepreneurs of the Millennia 2024 Published by Hurun India & IDFC FIRST Private Banking : Kaivalya Vohra (Zepto) (Youngest), Ashok Soota (Happiest Minds Technologies) (Oldest)
- Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI) 2024 Published by World Economic Forum (WEF) : India (39th), United States (Top)
- 2025 QS Sustainability Rankings Published by QS Rankings : IIT Delhi (171), University of Toronto (Canada) (top)
- SBTi commitments by Indian companies Published by ICRA ESG Ratings Limited : India (6th), United Kingdom (UK) (top)
- "world's worst airlines" in the 2024 AirHelp Score survey : IndiGo (103rd), Brussels Airlines (top)
- Interdisciplinary Science Rankings (ISR) 2025 Published by Times Higher Education (THE) : Anna University in Chennai (Tamil Nadu, TN) (42nd), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) (USA) (top)
- 2024 Network Readiness Index (NRI) Published by Portulans Institute and Saïd Business School : India (49th), United States of America (top)
- Sustainable Trade Index 2024 Published by Hinrich Foundation and IMD : India (23rd), New Zealand (top)
- Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2025 : India (10th), Denmark (last)
- Brand Finance's Global City Index Published by Brand Finance : London (top), New Delhi (77), Mumbai (78)
- WJP Rule of Law Index 2024 Published by World Justice Project (WJP) : India (79th), Denmark (top)
- World Intellectual Property Indicators Report 2024 : India (6th), China (top)
- EdelGive-Hurun India Philanthropy List 2024 : Shiv Nadar & Family (top)
- AI Preparedness Index (API) Published by IMF : India (72nd), Singapore (top)
- Henley Passport Index 2024 : India (83rd), Singapore (top)
- Global Nature Conservation Index for 2024 : India (176th), Luxembourg (top)



Ques : Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) established in which year ?

- (a) 1947
- (b) 1942
- (c) 1956
- (d) 1958
- (e) 1962

Answer : option B

Explanation :

- Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, revealed that the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has created technology to synthesize Paracetamol in-house.
- Dr. Jitendra Singh declared this during the 40th Foundation Day of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) in New Delhi.
- Satya Deeptha Pharmaceuticals Ltd, based in Karnataka, would manufacture inexpensive paracetamol domestically.

About Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) :

- Established : 1942
- HQ : New Delhi
- Director General : N. Kalaiselvi





Ques : Who has been elected as the new President of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI)?

- (a) Milkha Singh
- (b) PT Usha
- (c) Bahadur Singh Sagoo
- (d) Neeraj Chopra
- (e) Abhinav Bindra

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Bahadur Singh Sagoo, an Asian Games gold winner, has been elected as the next President of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI).
- The Asian Games shot put medalist succeeded the outgoing president, Adille Sumariwalla, at the federation's Annual General Assembly Meeting in Chandigarh.
- With Sagoo's appointment, Sumariwalla's more than ten-year reign as AFI president comes to an end. The 67-year-old had been AFI president since 2012.
- Sagoo, a one-time Asian medalist and two-time national champion, won the gold medal in the shot put at the 2002 Busan Asian Games. He also competed at the 2000 and 2004 Olympics. His best attempt of 20.40m occurred in 2004 in Koncha-Zaspa, Kyiv.
- Meanwhile, Sandeep Mehta, who previously served as senior joint secretary, was elected secretary of the body during the AGM.





Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Mike Johnson, a Republican from Louisiana : Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
- Devajit Saikia : Chief Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
- Prabhtej Singh Bhatia : Treasurer of BCCI
- Sanjiv Ranjan : Secretary General of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Secretariat in Ebene, Mauritius (Replaced Salman Al-Farisi of Indonesia)
- Senior bureaucrat Akash Tripathi : Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Power
- Ashutosh Agnihotri : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Food Corporation of India (FCI)
- Jyoti Sharma : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Nasscom Foundation
- Kamal Kishore Soan : Additional Secretary and Mission Director of the Jal Jeevan Mission, which is part of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation
- Shubha Thakur : Inter State Council Secretariat of the Home Ministry
- Faiz Ahmed Kidwai : chief of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation
- Amit Aggarwal : Secretary, of the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- Manish Singhal : Secretary General of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) (replace Deepak Sood)
- Sachin Tendulkar : Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) Membership
- Sandip Kumar Mishra : Director of the National Testing Agency (NTA)
- K N Renuka Pujar : first transgender guest lecturer at a Karnataka institution
- Dr. Sandip Shah : Chairperson of the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL)
- Abhijit Majumder : Chief financial officer (CFO) of Oil India
- Arunish Chawla : Revenue Secretary





Ques : In January 2024, the e-Shram portal has been upgraded in how many languages?

- (a) 12
- (b) 18
- (c) 15
- (d) 20
- (e) 22

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The e-Shram portal has been improved and will now be available in all 22 scheduled languages, allowing unorganized laborers from all parts of the country to use it and benefit from government services.
- The previous version only supported English, Hindi, Kannada, and Marathi.
- Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Labour and Employment, has launched the multilingual e-Shram portal, which aims to be a 'One-Stop-Solution' website for all unorganised registered workers to take advantage of various government schemes designed to support their welfare, livelihood, and well-being.
- MEITY's Bhashini project has been used to enhance the e-Shram portal with 22 languages. The portal is now accepting registrations from building and other construction workers (BoCW), as well as gig and platform workers.





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND) and the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) have signed a MoU for sharing of intelligence and information to check money laundering.

Suzuki Motor Corporation has decided to acquire 26 per cent stake in NDDB Mirda Ltd, a bio-gas venture of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), as part of its plans to use Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) for longevity and performance of vehicles.

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The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has teamed with pollster Axis My India to help bridge India's skills gaps and satisfy the predicted demand for millions of jobs in developed economies over the next five years.

Justin Trudeau Resigned as Canada's Prime Minister & Leader of his Liberal Party of Canada. He came to power in 2015 after 10 years of Conservative Party rule.

The Central Government has approved the establishment of a memorial dedicated to former President Pranab Mukherjee in the Rashtriya Smriti complex, situated in the Rajghat area of New Delhi. Pranab Mukherjee, who served as the 13th President of India from 2012 to 2017, had a political career spanning five decades.

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