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Ques : Mirae Asset Investment Managers (India) Pvt. Ltd. has launched a new fund named Mirae Asset Smallcap Fund. Which of the following statements about the fund is correct?

मिराए एसेट इन्वेस्टमेंट मैनेजर्स (इंडिया) प्रा. लिमिटेड ने मिराए एसेट स्मॉलकैप फंड नाम से एक नया फंड लॉन्च किया है। फंड के बारे में निम्नलिखित में से कौन सा कथन सही है?

- (a) It is an open-ended equity scheme focusing on smallcap stocks / यह एक ओपन-एंडेड इक्विटी स्कीम है जो स्मॉलकैप शेयरों पर केंद्रित है।
- (b) It primarily invests in large-cap stocks to ensure stability / यह स्थिरता सुनिश्चित करने के लिए मुख्य रूप से लार्ज-कैप शेयरों में निवेश करता है
- (c) The fund exclusively focuses on midcap stocks / फंड विशेष रूप से मिडकैप शेयरों पर केंद्रित है
- (d) It is a closed-ended debt scheme targeting short-term investments / यह अल्पकालिक निवेश को लक्षित करने वाली एक बंद अवधि वाली ऋण योजना
- (e) It aims to invest in both smallcap and cryptocurrency markets / इसका लक्ष्य स्मॉलकैप और क्रिप्टोकॉरेन्सी दोनों बाजारों में निवेश करना है

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Mirae Asset Investment Managers (India) Pvt. Ltd. has established the Mirae Asset Smallcap Fund, an open-ended equity plan that focuses primarily on smallcap stocks.
- Senior Fund Manager Varun Goel will manage the fund, which will be benchmarked against the Nifty smallcap 250 Total Return Index (TRI).
- The New Fund Offer (NFO) is open for subscription on January 10 and expires on January 24, with a minimum initial investment of Rs 5,000. Regular trading will begin on February 3, with further investments allowed in multiples of Rs 1.
- The fund's strategy includes investing at least 65 percent of its portfolio in smallcap firms, with the option of allocating up to 35 percent to mid and largecap stocks. It will focus on quality stocks with long-term high profits growth, solid capital efficiency, and good corporate governance.



Ques : ICICI Lombard General Insurance has partnered with __ to offer insurance cover for people travelling to the Maha Kumbh Mela.

आईसीआईसीआई लोम्बार्ड जनरल इंश्योरेंस ने महाकुंभ मेले में यात्रा करने वाले लोगों के लिए बीमा कवर की पेशकश करने के लिए __ के साथ साझेदारी की है।

- (a) Paytm
- (b) Cashfree
- (c) PhonePe
- (d) Google Pay
- (e) Razorpay

Answer : option C

Explanation :

- PhonePe has partnered with ICICI Lombard General Insurance to provide insurance coverage for travelers visiting the Maha Kumbh Mela.
- The insurance plan will be available from January 13, 2024 to February 25, 2025 in two forms.
- This economical insurance package is offered in two options: Rs 59 per traveler for train or bus, and Rs 99 for domestic flights.
- Maximum sum insured is Rs 1 lakh.

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Recently signed banking agreements

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 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.





Ques : Microfinance Institutions Network established in which year ?

माइक्रोफाइनेंस इंस्टीट्यूशंस नेटवर्क की स्थापना किस वर्ष में हुई?

- (a) 2003
- (b) 2005
- (c) 2009
- (d) 2010
- (e) 2011

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN), a self-regulatory organization (SRO) for the microfinance sector, has announced a three-month delay in adopting a new rule that limits the number of lenders per borrower to three, down from four, to mitigate risks.
- The regulation's implementation date has been pushed out to April 1, 2025, from its original January 1, 2025 deadline.
- On January 1, 2025, further regulations were implemented, including a loan cap of Rs.2 lakh per borrower and a ban on lending to delinquent consumers.
- Members were directed to stop making loans to consumers with overdue amounts over ₹3,000 and waiting for more than 60 days.

Ques : What is the revised GDP growth forecast for India by SBI for FY25?

वित्त वर्ष 2025 के लिए एसबीआई द्वारा भारत के लिए संशोधित जीडीपी वृद्धि पूर्वानुमान क्या है?

- (a) 6.1%
- (b) 6.2%
- (c) 6.3%
- (d) 6.4%
- (e) 6.5%

Answer : Option C



Explanation :

- The National Statistical Office (NSO) had predicted that India's GDP will expand by 6.4 percent in the fiscal year 2024–2025 (FY25), however the State Bank of India (SBI) has lowered its estimate to 6.3%.
- SBI's modification reflects concerns about a slowdown in lending and manufacturing, as well as the impact of a big base effect from the previous year.
- According to NSO data, agriculture and related activities are expected to rise by 3.8% in FY25, up from 1.4% in FY24, owing to strong policy measures and public infrastructure development.

Updated GDP List :

- SBI – 6.3% (FY25)
- NSO – 6.4% (FY25)
- RBI – 6.6% (FY24)
- Deloitte – 6.5% – 6.8% (FY24), 6.7% – 7.3% (FY26)
- India Ratings – 6.4% (FY24), 6.6% (FY26)
- ADB – 6.5% (FY24), 7% (FY25)
- S&P – 6.8% (FY25), 6.9% (FY26)
- RBI – 6.6% (FY24)
- Morgan Stanley – 6.3% (FY25)

Ques : Which state has launched the 'Bima Sakhi Yojana' recently ?
हाल ही में किस राज्य ने 'बीमा सखी योजना' शुरू की है?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
- (b) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (c) Goa / गोवा
- (d) Punjab / पंजाब
- (e) Gujarat / गुजरात

Answer : Option C



Explanation :

- Pramod Sawant, the Chief Minister of Goa, has started the 'Bima Sakhi Yojana' in the state with the goal of providing "insurance for all".
- Goa became the second state, after Haryana, to start Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship plan.
- According to the central government's homepage, the Bima Sakhi Yojana project of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is intended to empower women aged 18 to 70 who have completed Class X.
- After training, individuals can work as LIC agents, and graduates like Bima Sakhis can be considered for LIC development officer positions.
- Bima Sakhis will be trained and paid a monthly stipend of Rs 7,000 in the first year, Rs 6,000 in the second, and Rs 5,000 in the third year.
- Overall, these Bima Sakhis would receive Rs 2.16 lakh over the course of three years.
- The special scheme intends to improve life insurance coverage at the grassroots level, in addition to empowering women.

Ques : According to a United Nations report, by what percentage is the Indian economy expected to expand in 2025?

संयुक्त राष्ट्र की एक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, 2025 में भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था के विस्तार की उम्मीद क्या है?

- (a) 6.4%
- (b) 6.6%
- (c) 6.8%
- (d) 7%
- (e) 7.2%

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- According to a United Nations estimate, the Indian economy is expected to grow by 6.6% in 2025, driven mostly by strong private consumption and investment.
- According to the United Nations' World Economic Situation and Prospects 2025, the near-term outlook for South Asia is expected to remain robust, with growth projected at 5.7% in 2025 and 6.0% in 2026, "driven by strong performance in India as well as economic recovery in a few other economies," including Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.
- The Indian economy increased by 6.8% in 2024 and is expected to grow by 6.6% in 2025. The Indian economy is expected to return to 6.8% growth by 2026.



Ques : Study in India (SII) portal Launched in which year ?

स्टडी इन इंडिया (SII) पोर्टल किस वर्ष लॉन्च किया गया?

- (a) 2016
- (b) 2018
- (c) 2019
- (d) 2021
- (e) 2022

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has developed two new specialized visa categories, the 'e-student visa' and the 'e-student-x visa', to let overseas students pursue higher education at Indian schools.
- Eligible overseas students registered on the Study in India (SII) portal can apply for the e-student visa. The e-student-x visa is for dependents of e-student visa holders.
- The e-student visa is for foreign citizens participating in full-time formal programs at India-recognized institutions, including UG, PG, and PhD.
- Valid for up to five years depending on course duration, with extensions available in India.

About the Study in India (SII) portal :

- Launched : 2018
- Aim : to streamline the admission process for international students pursuing higher education in India
- Scholarship : The SII Scholarship, valued at USD 3,200, is awarded to students who excel in the PRAGATI Exam





Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

- The e-Shram portal has been improved and will now be available in all 22 scheduled languages. 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.
- M Nagaraju, the Financial Services Secretary, has unveiled the revised 'Baanknet' portal for e-auctioning items like as commercial buildings, industrial land, stores, automobiles, and agricultural and non-agricultural property.
- Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has unveiled a new citizen-centric project known as the SWAR (Speech and Written Analysis Resource) platform.
- On the occasion of 'Good Governance Day', which commemorates the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh unveiled the Rashtraparv Website and Mobile App on December 25, 2024.
- On National Consumers Day 2024, the Department of Consumer Affairs will make the "Jago Grahak Jago App" and "Jagriti App" available to the public
- Gujarat's Chief Minister, Bhupendra Patel, launched the 'Prakrutik Krushi Portal (Natural Agriculture Portal)' to encourage organic farming
- “Amrit Gyaan Kosh” Portal Launched by Union Minister of State(MoS), Dr. Jitendra Singh, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions to build a comprehensive knowledge base by curating best practices from across India, with a focus on aligning these practices with 15 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Pralhad Joshi, Minister of Food and Consumer Affairs, has presented 'Anna Chakra', a game-changing supply chain optimization tool for the Public Distribution System
- Indian Railways has launched the 'Sanraksha' smartphone application, which is an innovative move toward boosting passenger safety and security.
- The Department of Justice is launching a year-long statewide campaign called 'Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Samman' to commemorate India's 75th year as a Republic and the adoption of its Constitution.





Ques : What is the Rank of India in Henley Passport Index 2025 Published by Henley ?

हेनले द्वारा प्रकाशित हेनले पासपोर्ट इंडेक्स 2025 में भारत का स्थान क्या है?

- (a) 78th
- (b) 80th
- (c) 82nd
- (d) 84th
- (e) 85th

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Henley Passport Index 2025 Published by Henley
- According to the Henley Passport Index 2025, India's position has decreased from 80th to 85th among the world's most powerful passports.
- The Indian passport provides visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 57 places.
- Singapore and Japan have secured the top two positions.

Ranking of top 5 and last countries :

- 1 Singapore (195 destinations)
- 2 Japan (193 destinations)
- 3 Finland, France, Germany, Italy, South Korea, Spain (192 destinations)
- 4 Austria, Denmark, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden (191 destinations)
- 5 Belgium, New Zealand, Portugal, Switzerland, United Kingdom (190 destinations)
- 60 China (85 destinations)
- 85 India (57 destinations)
- 90 Bhutan (50 destinations)
- 96 Sri Lanka (44 destinations)
- 101 Nepal (39 destinations)
- 103 Pakistan (33 destinations)
- 106 Afghanistan (26 destinations)





India's Rankings in Different Indices

- ThreatLandscape Report 2024 Published by CloudSEK : India (2nd), United States (top)
- 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)
- 2024 100 Most Powerful Women (MPW) in Business 27th Edition Published by Fortune : Mary Barra, CEO of General Motors (USA) (top)



Ques : Which IIT has successfully commissioned Asia's largest shallow wave basin at its Discovery campus in Thaiyur ?

किस आईआईटी ने थाईयुर में अपने डिस्कवरी परिसर में एशिया के सबसे बड़े उथले तरंग बेसिन को सफलतापूर्वक चालू किया है?

- (a) IIT Guwahati/ आईआईटी गुवाहाटी
- (b) IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली
- (c) IIT Madras / आईआईटी मद्रास
- (d) IIT Indore / आईआईटी इंदौर
- (e) IIT Roorkee / आईआईटी रुड़की

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- IIT-Madras has successfully commissioned Asia's largest shallow wave basin at its Discovery campus at Thaiyur.
- Collaborators: National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways, and Coasts (NTCPWC), Ministry of Shipping.
- The research facility aims to handle complex coastal engineering challenges and contribute significantly to marine science and engineering.

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Recent News Headlines Related to IITs

- IIT Madras, has worked with the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on a project to increase the efficiency and efficacy of the agricultural extension system through digitization.
- IIT Madras has completed a 410-meter Hyperloop test track, marking a big step forward in India's pursuit of futuristic transportation solutions.
- Hyundai Motor Group has partnered with three IITs to build a joint research system in the domains of batteries and electrification, involving a USD 7 million investment over five years.
- IIT Guwahati will host the 10th India International Science Festival (IISF) 2024 from November 30 to December 3.
- Samsung R&D Institute, Noida (SRI-Noida) has signed a MOU with the famed Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay).
- IIT Madras and ISRO Collaborate to create a Centre of Excellence focused on research in 'Fluid and Thermal Sciences'. ISRO will provide seed funding of Rs 1.84 Crore to establish this center.
- The IIT Madras aims to establish a worldwide flagship center in Dubai to promote research, innovation, and entrepreneurship.
- IIT Delhi and the International Energy Agency (IEA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on clean energy transition.
- IIT Indore has developed a new technology for early detection of breast cancer that is specifically geared to assist women in rural and remote places.
- IIT Delhi and the Indian Air Force's Headquarters Maintenance (HQ) Command in Nagpur have signed a MOU to collaborate on the development of novel technologies for aviation textiles, with an emphasis on parachutes and other safety equipment.
- US Government Partner with IIT Madras Research Park in Chennai to work in 4 broad areas namely, Solar energy (SE), Green Hydrogen (GH), Electric Vehicles (EVs), and Batteries, and Green Buildings (GBs).
- The National Health Authority (NHA) and IIT Kanpur inked an MoU in the presence of Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra





Ques : Which wars did Havaladar (ret'd) Baldev Singh participate in?
हवलदार (सेवानिवृत्त) बलदेव सिंह ने किन युद्धों में भाग लिया?

- (a) Four wars against Pakistan / पाकिस्तान के खिलाफ चार युद्ध
- (b) Two wars against Pakistan and one against China / पाकिस्तान के खिलाफ दो युद्ध और चीन के खिलाफ एक युद्ध
- (c) Three wars against Pakistan and one peacekeeping mission / पाकिस्तान के खिलाफ तीन युद्ध और एक शांति मिशन
- (d) One war against Pakistan and the Kargil conflict / पाकिस्तान के खिलाफ एक युद्ध और कारगिल संघर्ष
- (e) Only one war during the 1965 India-Pakistan conflict / 1965 के भारत-पाकिस्तान संघर्ष के दौरान केवल एक युद्ध

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Veteran soldier Havaladar (ret'd) Baldev Singh, who fought four wars against Pakistan, died at his home in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district. He was 93.
- Singh, born on September 27, 1931, in Nauniyal village, was just 16 years old when he volunteered to join the Bal Sena Force, led by Brigadier Usman, Commander of the 50 Para Brigade, during the battles of Naushera and Jhangar in 1947-48.
- In honor of their valor, then-Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru presented the Bal Sainiks with gramophones, watches, and the opportunity to join the Army.
- Singh joined the Army on November 14, 1950, and served it with dedication and courage for nearly three decades. He served in several wars, including the 1961, 1962, and 1965 India-Pakistan wars.



Ques : Which state has launched the first phase of its flagship education evaluation programme, Gunotsav 2025 ?

किस राज्य ने अपने प्रमुख शिक्षा मूल्यांकन कार्यक्रम, गुणोत्सव 2025 का पहला चरण शुरू किया है?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Mizoram / मिजोरम
- (c) Assam / असम
- (d) Manipur / मणिपुर
- (e) Meghalaya / मेघालय

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Assam government has inaugurated the first phase of its flagship education evaluation initiative, Gunotsav 2025.
- This effort aims to examine education quality and enhance learning outcomes for 14.11 lakh pupils in the state.
- The "Ensuring Quality Education" program will be implemented in three phases across several schools and districts.

Phases of Gunotsav :

- Phase 1 January 6-9, 2025 (11 districts)
- Phase 2 January 17-22, 2025 (14 districts)
- Phase 3 February 5-8, 2025 (10 districts)

About Assam :

- Capital : Dispur
- CM : Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Governor : Lakshman Acharya





Ques : What is the name of the initiative launched by NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) in collaboration with New Shop?

न्यू शॉप के सहयोग से नीति आयोग के महिला उद्यमिता मंच (WEP) द्वारा शुरू की गई पहल का नाम क्या है?

- (a) EmpowHER Biz – Sapno Ki Udaan / एम्पॉवर बिज़ - सपनों की उड़ान
- (b) Women on the Rise / उभरती महिलाएं
- (c) Empower Women Entrepreneurs / महिला उद्यमियों को सशक्त बनाना
- (d) Sapne Saakar – Women in Business / सपने साकार - व्यवसाय में महिलाएं
- (e) Entrepreneurial Growth for Women / महिलाओं के लिए उद्यमशीलता विकास

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) has developed EmpowHER Biz – Sapno Ki Udaan in collaboration with New Shop, India's largest 24/7 convenience shop chain, as part of its Award to Reward (ATR) program.
- This initiative seeks to empower female entrepreneurs by providing them with the knowledge and resources they need to succeed in the organized retail industry.
- EmpowHER Biz will provide mentorship and thorough training to ambitious female entrepreneurs, covering retail management, digital tools, financial literacy, and business development.
- Under the program, fifty volunteers aged 18 to 35 will be chosen through an online application procedure based on predetermined criteria. The top twenty of these competitors will earn a 100% remission of New Shop franchise fees.
- The initiative is being offered for women in Delhi-NCR, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat.
- WEP, which began as an aggregator platform at NITI Aayog in 2018, will shift to a public-private partnership in 2022.



Ques : India and which country have announced a strategic partnership aimed at co-producing sonobuoys for Undersea Domain Awareness (UDA) within the Indian Navy ?

भारत और किस देश ने भारतीय नौसेना के भीतर अंडरसी डोमेन अवेयरनेस (UDA) के लिए सोनोबॉय का सह-उत्पादन करने के उद्देश्य से एक रणनीतिक साझेदारी की घोषणा की है?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- India and the US have partnered to co-produce US sonobuoys for the Indian Navy's underwater domain awareness (UDA).
- Ultra Marine (UM), a US-based leader in underwater combat technology, and Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) will collaborate to build sonobuoys.
- Sonobuoys are vital for detecting submarines in the ocean and enhancing maritime security.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- Union Ministry of Cooperation and Indonesia's Ministry of Trade signed an MOU valid for four years. India will provide Indonesia with one million metric tonnes of non-basmati white rice per year at the current international pricing.
- 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 : The AWBI operates under the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, which is a part of which larger Ministry?

AWBI पशुपालन और डेयरी विभाग के अंतर्गत कार्य करता है, जो किस बड़े मंत्रालय का एक हिस्सा है?

- (a) Union Ministry of Home Affairs / केंद्रीय गृह मंत्रालय
- (b) Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying / केंद्रीय मत्स्य पालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्रालय
- (c) Union Ministry of Power / केंद्रीय शक्ति मंत्रालय
- (d) Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment / केंद्रीय सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय
- (e) Union Ministry of Heavy Industries / केंद्रीय भारी उद्योग मंत्रालय

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI), a statutory agency under the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying of the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, has signed a MOU with NALSAR University of Law in Hyderabad.
- The MoU established a strategic cooperation to provide high-quality, professional legal training to civil society individuals who aid District Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCAs) and State Animal Welfare Boards in their efforts to help animals.
- The training will be conducted in batches, with a maximum of 25 participants each session, and will last at least three days. Upon satisfactory completion of training, AWBI will offer Honorary Animal Welfare Representative (HAWR) credentials based on NALSAR assessments.





Ques : World Hindi Day celebrated every year on which day ?

विश्व हिंदी दिवस प्रत्येक वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Every year on January 10, World Hindi Day, also known as 'Vishwa Hindi Diwas', is observed to promote Hindi as one of the world's most frequently spoken languages, alongside English and Mandarin.
- Theme 2025: A Global Voice of Unity and Cultural Pride.
- On September 14, 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India designated Hindi written in the Devanagari script as the official language of the Republic of India.
- While Hindi became one of India's official languages, the Indian Constitution does not designate a language as the national language.
- Hindi, along with 21 other languages, has official status. The decision underlined the importance of respecting India's multilingual history.





Important days :

- 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 Basketball Day
- 22 December : National Mathematics Day 2024 (Theme 2024 Mathematics: The Bridge to Innovation and Progress)
- 23 December : Kisan Diwas, also known as National Farmer's Day (Theme 2024: Empowering 'Annadata's' for a Prosperous Nation)
- 24 December : National Consumer Rights Day
- 25 December : Good Governance Day
- 26 December : Boxing Day
- 26 December : Computer Operators' Day
- 26 December : Veer Bal Divas A Day of Valor And Righteousness
- 27 December : International Day of Epidemic Preparedness
- 29 December : International Cello Day
- 1 January : Global Family Day (Theme 2025: Let's Start the Year With Love, Unity, and Appreciation)
- 2 January : World Introvert Day (Theme 2025: Finding peace and calm in a noisy world)
- 2 January : 67th Foundation Day of Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)
- 3 January : International Mind-Body Wellness Day
- 4 January : World Braille Day
- 5 January : National Bird Day (Theme 2025: Protecting Our Birds, Protecting Our Future)
- 6 January : World Day of War Orphans
- 8 January : Earth's Rotation Day





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

John Mahama has been sworn in for a second term as Ghana's president at a ceremony in the capital Accra. Mahama takes over from outgoing President Nana Akufo-Addo, who served two terms in power.

Ajit Doval, the country's national security adviser, and Raja Dato Nushirwan Bin Zainal Abidin, the director general of the National Security Council of Malaysia in New Delhi, co-chaired the first India-Malaysia Security Dialogue, wherein the two countries decided to strengthen their cooperation in the areas of cyber security, maritime security, defense industry, and counterterrorism and deradicalization.

KredX, India's largest supply chain finance platform, has secured the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) final approval to commercially launch its Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platform under the brand name DTX (Domestic Trade Exchange).

Coal India Limited (CIL) and Indian Rare Earths Limited (IREL) Partner to collaborate on the development of critical minerals. Coal India Limited (CIL) Established in 1975 and headquarter is in Kolkata, West Bengal.

NRI or Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is observed every year on 9 January to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community towards the development of India.

National Commission for Women (NCW), in collaboration with the Lok Sabha Secretariat and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, inaugurated 'Panchayat Se Parliament 2.0' at the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan. This initiative commemorates the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, a revered tribal leader and freedom fighter.





महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

जॉन महामा ने राजधानी अकरा में एक समारोह में घाना के राष्ट्रपति के रूप में दूसरे कार्यकाल के लिए शपथ ली। महामा ने निवर्तमान राष्ट्रपति नाना अकुफो-एडो का स्थान लिया, जो दो कार्यकाल तक सत्ता में रहे।

देश के राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा सलाहकार अजीत डोभाल और नई दिल्ली में मलेशिया की राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा परिषद के महानिदेशक राजा दातो नुशिरवान बिन जैनल आबिदीन ने पहले भारत-मलेशिया सुरक्षा संवाद की सह-अध्यक्षता की, जिसमें दोनों देशों ने अपनी सुरक्षा को मजबूत करने का निर्णय लिया। साइबर सुरक्षा, समुद्री सुरक्षा, रक्षा उद्योग और आतंकवाद और कट्टरपंथ विरोधी क्षेत्रों में सहयोग।

भारत के सबसे बड़े सप्लाय चैन फाइनेंस प्लेटफॉर्म KredX ने ब्रांड नाम DTX (डोमेस्टिक ट्रेड एक्सचेंज) के तहत अपने ट्रेड रिसीवेबल्स डिस्काउंटिंग सिस्टम (TReDS) प्लेटफॉर्म को व्यावसायिक रूप से लॉन्च करने के लिए भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) की अंतिम मंजूरी हासिल कर ली है।

कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड (सीआईएल) और इंडियन रेयर अर्थ्स लिमिटेड (आईआरईएल) महत्वपूर्ण खनिजों के विकास पर सहयोग करने के लिए भागीदार बने। कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड (सीआईएल) की स्थापना 1975 में हुई और मुख्यालय कोलकाता, पश्चिम बंगाल में है।

भारत के विकास में प्रवासी भारतीय समुदाय के योगदान को चिह्नित करने के लिए हर साल 9 जनवरी को एनआरआई या प्रवासी भारतीय दिवस मनाया जाता है।

राष्ट्रीय महिला आयोग (एनसीडब्ल्यू) ने लोकसभा सचिवालय और जनजातीय मामलों के मंत्रालय के सहयोग से संविधान सदन के सेंट्रल हॉल में 'पंचायत से संसद 2.0' का उद्घाटन किया। यह पहल एक श्रद्धेय आदिवासी नेता और स्वतंत्रता सेनानी भगवान बिरसा मुंडा की 150वीं जयंती का जश्न मनाती है।

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