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Ques : Which bank is marketing its first dollar syndicated loan since 2012 of as much as \$400 million ?

- (a) Canara Bank
- (b) Bank of India
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) UCO Bank
- (e) Axis Bank

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- According to sources, Bank of India is offering its first syndicated loan of up to \$400 million since 2012, coinciding with an increase in Indian debtors seeking worldwide credit.
- The Indian lender is raising the loan in three and five-year tranches through its Gujarat International Finance TecCity division.
- According to Bloomberg data, Bank of India last used offshore credit markets in 2012 to raise a \$200 million facility for two years.

About Bank of India :

- Established : 7 September 1906
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Rajneesh Karnatak
- Tagline : Relationship Beyond Banking





Ques : How many persons can an investor declare as nominees under the revised SEBI rules for demat accounts or mutual fund folios?

- (a) 8
- (b) 10
- (c) 12
- (d) 15
- (e) 16

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Sebi has made significant modifications to the nomination requirements for mutual funds and demat accounts to reduce unclaimed assets.
- Sebi updated mutual fund nomination regulations, effective March 1, 2025.
- According to Sebi, investors can designate up to 10 candidates for their demat or mutual fund accounts. However, the investor must declare the nominee.
- New rules require investors to declare nominees themselves, as Power of Attorney (PoA) holders are not authorized to do so.

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## Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- According to SEBI Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch, total capital market fundraising in FY2025 is likely to increase by 21% to Rs.14.7 lakh crore from Rs.11.8 lakh crore in FY2024.
- Cosmea Financial Holdings (CFH) Private Limited, led by Sam Ghosh, was granted approval by the SEBI to sponsor a Mutual Fund (MF). CFH plans to invest Rs 200 crore (USD 23.3 million) in its Asset Management Company (AMC).
- SEBI, the market regulator, slapped a Rs 54 lakh penalty on Jaiprakash Power Ventures, its MD and CEO Suren Jain, and other key personnel for falsifying the company's financial statements.
- 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.
- 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.





Ques : What was the Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based retail inflation in December 2024 as reported by MoSPI?

- (a) 5%
- (b) 5.22%
- (c) 6%
- (d) 5.7%
- (e) 6.5%

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- In December, India's retail inflation reached a four-month low of 5.22 percent, down from 5.48 percent the previous month.
- December is the fourth consecutive month of over 5% inflation.
- In October, India's retail inflation reached a 14-month high of 6.21%, while food inflation rose to a 15-month high of 10.9%.

Month-wise list of retail inflation :

- July 2024 : 3.54%
- August 2024 : 3.65%
- September 2024 : 5.49%
- October 2024 : 6.21%
- November 2024 : 5.48%

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the new secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)?

- (a) Jay Shah
- (b) Devajit Saikia
- (c) Sourav Ganguly
- (d) Rahul Dravid
- (e) Anurag Thakur

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Former first-class cricketer Devajit Saikia has been named as the new secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), succeeding Jay Shah, who became the ICC Chairman last year.
- Prabhtej Singh Bhatia was chosen Treasurer of the Indian Cricket Board.
- Saikia, who represented Assam in the 1990-91 first-class cricket season, scored 53 runs in four games.
- He also has extensive cricket administrative expertise, having previously served as the BCCI joint secretary and the secretary of the Assam Cricket Association.

About Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) :

- Founded : 1928
- HQ : Mumbai
- President : Roger Binny
- Secretary : Devajit Saikia
- Treasurer : Prabhtej Singh Bhatia





### Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Brijendra Pratap Singh : Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of National Aluminium Company (NALCO)
- B. N. Srikrishna : Chairperson of Equal's newly formed Advisory Board
- Tuhin Kanta Pandey : Secretary, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance
- Dr. V Narayanan : chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- Bahadur Singh Sagoo : President of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) (Replaced Adille Sumariwalla)
- 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)







Ques : Why is India's inclusion in the UN Committee of Experts on Big Data significant?

- (a) It enhances India's role in climate policy formulation
- (b) It recognizes India as a global leader in data science and statistical innovation
- (c) It helps India influence global trade policies
- (d) It promotes India's interests in artificial intelligence research
- (e) It aids in India's sustainable development goals

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- India has joined the UN's Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics.
- The UN Committee of Experts on Big Data and Data Science for Official Statistics (UN-CEBD) was established to explore the potential benefits and challenges of Big Data.
- This development aligns with India's efforts to modernize its statistical processes by integrating non-traditional data sources such as satellite imagery, IoT, and machine learning to provide accurate and real-time insights for governance.

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Ques : How much total investment has the Adani Group committed in Chhattisgarh for energy and cement projects?

- (a) Rs 40,000 crore
- (b) Rs 45,000 crore
- (c) Rs 50,000 crore
- (d) Rs 60,000 crore
- (e) Rs 65,000 crore

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Adani Group plans to invest Rs 65,000 crore in energy and cement projects in Chhattisgarh.
- Gautam Adani, chairman of Adani Group, met with Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and announced an investment of Rs 60,000 crore to expand the group's power plants in Raipur, Korba, and Raigarh in the state. The development will increase Chhattisgarh's power producing capacity by 6,120 megawatts.
- According to the announcement, the Adani Group has invested Rs 5,000 crore to the construction and expansion of its cement factories in Chhattisgarh. Adani Cement operates two integrated operations in the state, in Bhatapara and Jamul, and has already announced growth at the Bhatapara facility.
- Adani Power is India's leading private thermal power producer. It plans to increase its thermal power capacity to 30.67 GW by 2029-30 from 15 GW currently.
- The company announced last month that it was considering investing Rs 20,000 crore to build a coal-fired ultra-supercritical thermal power plant in Bihar.
- Adani has committed to investing Rs 10,000 crore in the state over the next four years to support CSR activities in education, healthcare, skill development, and tourism.





Ques : What is the Outlay of the project INROAD (Indian Natural Rubber Operations for Assisted Development) ?

- (a) Rs.50 crore
- (b) Rs.100 crore
- (c) Rs.150 crore
- (d) Rs.200 crore
- (e) Rs.250 crore

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- INROAD (Indian Natural Rubber Operations for Assisted Development) started in the North-East India and parts of West Bengal with an Outlay of Rs.100 crore
- The initiative is financially backed by four large corporations: Apollo, Ceat, JK, and MRF. The Rubber Board of India is in charge of its implementation.
- In its first four years, the project has successfully established 1,25,272 hectares of new natural rubber plantations.
- These plantations span across 94 districts in the North East and parts of West Bengal.
- A model smokehouse has been inaugurated for the Bhaishkhuli Pragatishil Mohila Samittee, a cooperative of 65 female rubber growers in Goalpara, Assam to enhance the quality of natural rubber produced in India's North-East.





Ques : Which state government launched the Swami Vivekanand Yuva Shakti Mission on the occasion of the National Youth day?

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

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- On the occasion of the National Youth Day in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav officially launched the Swami Vivekanand Yuva Shakti Mission.
- Chief Minister Mohan Yadav also unveiled the world's largest 3-D rangoli, depicting Swami Vivekananda, at the Shaurya Smarak in Bhopal.
- The Swami Vivekananda Yuva Shakti Mission was launched by the state government in accordance with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's guiding principle of GYAN (Focus on the Poor, Youth, Farmers, and Women) and inspired by Swami Vivekanand's ideas.
- The Chief Minister also introduced the Swami Vivekananda Yuva Shakti Mission Portal and theme song. The Portal will provide information on the mission to the broader public.
- The state government intends to employ more than 70% of the young by 2028. By 2030, all of the state's youth will have completed their education through the 12th grade.





Ques : Which state became the 34th state to implement the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) ?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Odisha became the 34th state to implement the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY), a substantial improvement in the state's healthcare system.
- The National Health Authority (NHA) of the Union Ministry of Health and Odisha's Department of Health and Family Welfare signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalize their merger.
- The AB PM-JAY would work with Odisha's existing Gopabandhu Jan Arogya Yojana (GJAY).
- The unified system provides annual health coverage of ₹5 lakh per family, with an additional Rs.5 lakh for female members.

About Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) :

- Launched : 23 September, 2018
- Nodal agency National Health Authority
- It provides a health coverage of Rs.5 lakh per family annually, with an additional Rs.5 lakh specifically for women members
- AB PM-JAY has recorded 8.19 crore hospital admissions across India, with Rs.1.13 lakh crore allocated towards healthcare for marginalized communities





Ques : Kappad beach and Chal beach wins Blue Flag certification. It is in which state ?

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

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), based in Denmark, has given Kerala's renowned Kappad beach in Kozhikode and Chal beach in Kannur the prestigious Blue Flag designation.
- This designation acknowledges beaches that adhere to high environmental, safety, and sustainability criteria.
- The Blue Flag designation raises Kerala's profile as a sustainable tourism destination and serves as a global benchmark for environmentally friendly tourism activities.
- Kappad Beach has earned the Blue Flag certification for the 4th consecutive year. As of November 2024, India has 13 Blue Flag beaches.
- Award given to Beaches and marinas that meet 33 criteria, focusing on environmental education, water quality, safety, services, and waste management
- It is Launched under the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project (ICZMP) by the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change.

13 Blue Flag beaches in India are :

- Shivrajpur Beach : Dwarka, Gujarat (2020)
- Golden Beach : Puri, Odisha (2020)
- Ghoghla Beach : Diu, Gujarat (2020)
- Kasarkod Beach : Uttara Kannada, Karnataka (2020)
- Padubidri Beach : Udupi, Karnataka (2020)
- Rushikonda Beach : Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (2020)
- Radhanagar Beach : Havelock Island, Andaman & Nicobar Islands (2020)
- Kovalam Beach : Chennai, Tamil Nadu (2020)
- Eden Beach : Puducherry (2020)
- Minicoy Thundi Beach : Lakshadweep (2022)
- Kadmat Beach : Lakshadweep (2022)
- Kappad Beach : Kozhikode, Kerala (2025)
- Chal Beach : Kannur, Kerala (2025)





Ques : Which organization has launched a dedicated Post-Retirement Benefit (PRB) Cell to enhance the welfare and convenience of its retired employees?

- (a) Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd
- (b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- (c) South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL)
- (d) Steel Authority of India Limited
- (e) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), a subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL) headquartered in Chhattisgarh, has established a dedicated Post-Retirement Benefit (PRB) Cell to improve the welfare and convenience of its retired personnel.
- The PRB Cell will function as a single-window system, integrating post-retirement services traditionally overseen by multiple departments such as Personnel, Finance, and Medical.
- The effort also compliments 'Mission Sambandh,' an SECL program that aims to improve stakeholder communication and collaboration.
- This centralized approach attempts to avoid delays and confusion, giving retirees easier access to pensions, provident funds, medical facilities, and other benefits.







Ques : Where is the headquarter of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) ?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) Germany
- (c) Switzerland
- (d) Denmark
- (e) Cambodia

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species has recognized India's Western Ghats as a global hotspot for threatened freshwater species. This is the first-ever multi-taxon assessment of freshwater fauna worldwide.
- The evaluation evaluates the extinction risk and significant threats to 23,496 freshwater species, including crustaceans, fishes, and odonates.
- The study found 89 confirmed and 187 suspected extinctions of freshwater species since 1500 AD.
- The Western Ghats is home to about 300 freshwater fish species, making it one of the richest places for freshwater biodiversity.
- Kerala has the highest number of vulnerable freshwater fishes in India, with 74 out of 188 species categorized as such.

About IUCN :

- Established : 1948
- HQ : Gland, Switzerland
- Director : General Grethel Aguilar







Ques : Who has successfully completed user trials of HIMKAVACH multi-layer clothing system in extreme cold weather conditions ?

- (a) DRDO
- (b) ISRO
- (c) HAL
- (d) NASA
- (e) None of these

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has completed user trials for its HIMKAVACH multi-layer apparel system in extreme cold temperatures.
- The system is meant to protect personnel in temperatures ranging from +20°C to -60°C, making it excellent for high-altitude military operations, especially in the Himalayan region.
- Previously, the Indian Army (IA) utilized the Extreme Cold Weather Clothing System (ECWCS), a 3-layered suit created by DRDO's Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (DIPAS).

About DRDO :

- Established : 1958
- HQ : New Delhi
- Chairman : Sameer V. Kamat

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## Recent News Headlines Related to DRDO

- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), a defence PSU, formally handed over the "Jaldoot" Unmanned Surface Vessel (USV) to DRDO's Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL) in Visakhapatnam after successful trials.
- DRDO has completed flight testing for the Guided Pinaka Weapon System as part of the PSQR validation trials.
- DRDO has successfully completed three flight tests of the 4th Generation Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) at the Pokhran Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan.
- DRDO, in collaboration with experts from IIT Delhi, has created lightweight bulletproof jackets called ABHED (Advanced Ballistics for High Energy Defeat), which provide 360-degree protection.
- The Indian Light Tank, Zorawar, underwent successful initial vehicle testing undertaken by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- The Indian Navy, in collaboration with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), successfully tested the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM).
- India has completed a successful test-fire of Agni-4 Ballistic Missile in Chandipur, Odisha. The Agni missiles are designed and developed by the DRDO.
- Energy-harvesting shoes with GPS tracking have been created by the IIT Indore, Madhya Pradesh, in collaboration with the DRDO.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has sanctioned seven new projects for the private sector under the Technology Development Fund scheme.
- Medium Range-Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR) developed by the Jodhpur Laboratory of the Research DRDO was formally handed over to the Indian Navy at a function held in New Delhi.
- DRDO successfully tested the next-generation Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system on 1 May 2024 from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.
- DRDO hands over nine defence tech projects to IIT-Bhubaneswar
- DRDO chairman Samir V Kamat gets one-year extension
- DRDO has taken up a preliminary study on the design and development of an indigenous conventional submarine under Project-76
- DRDO successfully tested the Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile (ITCM) from Chandipur, Odisha





Ques : Which institutions are collaborating with C-DOT for the development of the Wideband Spectrum-Sensor ASIC-Chip?

- (a) IIT Delhi and IIT Bombay
- (b) IIT Kanpur and IIT Hyderabad
- (c) IIT Madras and IISc Bengaluru
- (d) IIT Mandi and IIT Jammu
- (e) IIT Roorkee and IIT Guwahati

Answer : option D

Explanation :

- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), the premier Telecom R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), GoI, has signed an agreement with IIT Mandi, in collaboration with IIT Jammu, for the development of "Wideband Spectrum-Sensor ASIC-Chip, for Enhancing Spectrum Utilization".
- The agreement was struck under the Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) initiative of India's Department of Telecommunications.
- This program, which aims to support Indian entrepreneurs, academia, and R&D institutions, is a critical enabler for creating, developing, and commercializing telecommunications technologies and solutions.
- The project's goal is to create a dependable and easy-to-implement wideband spectrum sensing (WSS) algorithm that would enhance spectrum efficiency by using spectrum holes to provide broadband services in rural India.
- Spectrum sensing allows cognitive radio users to adapt to their surroundings by recognizing spectrum voids while avoiding interference with the core network.





## Recent News Headlines Related to IITs

- IIT-Madras has successfully commissioned Asia's largest shallow wave basin at its Discovery campus at Thaiyur.
- 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 : Who was recently honored with the 'Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award' for contributions to Indian cinema?

- (a) Aparna Sen
- (b) Sharmila Tagore
- (c) Satyajit Ray
- (d) Rituparno Ghosh
- (e) Soumitra Chatterjee

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Eminent director Aparna Sen was honoured with the 'Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award' at the annual award ceremony of West Bengal Film Journalists Association (WBFJA) for her contributions to Indian cinema.

Winners List of West Bengal Film Journalists Association (WBFJA) :

- Best Bengali Film : Manik Babur Megh
- Best Actor (Male) : Chandan Sen
- Best Director : Srijit Mukherji ('Badami Haynar Kabale') and Debaloy Bhattacharya ('Padatik')
- Best Screenplay : Anjan Dutt (For 'Chalchitra Ekhon')
- Best Music Director : Amit Chatterjee
- Most Popular Film Award : Khadaan
- Best Actor (Female) : Rituparna Sengupta (for 'Ajogya')
- Most Promising Director : Abhinandan Banerjee (For 'Manik Babur Megh')
- Best Background Score : Rathijit Bhattacharya (for 'Khadaan')
- Playback singer awards : Timir Biswas (Tekka), Rathijit Bhattacharya (Khadaan), and Antara Mitra (Khadaan)
- Best Lyricist : Kaushik Ganguly (for 'Ajogya')
- Special Recognition for Technical Innovation : Srijit Mukherji's 'Oti Uttam'







## Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Best javelin thrower of 2024 by American publication Track and Fields News : India's Neeraj Chopra
- India's 1st and world's 3rd airport to receive the prestigious Level 5 Accreditation : Mumbai (Maharashtra)-based Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA)
- Padmapani Lifetime Achievement Award : Sai Paranjpye for her contributions to both Indian cinema and Marathi literature
- Gangadhar National Award for Poetry 2023 : Odia poet Prativa Satpathy
- Bahrain's prestigious 'Medal of Efficiency' (First Class) by King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa : Dr. Ravi Pillai
- "Great Place to Work" certification for January 2025–2026 : Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
- 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)





Ques : Which state University was recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956, enabling it to offer academic courses in physical education and sports sciences ?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) Jharkhand
- (c) Assam
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Meghalaya

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Bihar Sports University, based in Rajgir, Bihar, is accredited by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956, allowing it to provide academic degrees in physical education and sports sciences.
- The Bihar government has nominated Shishir Sinha, a retired IAS officer, as the university's first Vice-Chancellor (VC).
- The university's academic programs will begin in the 2025-2026 session.

These programs will include :

- A four-year Bachelor of Physical Education (B.P.Ed.) program (subject to approval from the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE))
- Diplomas and PG diplomas in yoga.
- Diplomas and PG diplomas in sports coaching, focusing on two or three sports

About University Grants Commission :

- Established : 28 December 1956
- HQ : New Delhi
- Chairman : Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar





## IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and JK Cement Signed an MOU to foster innovation, empower entrepreneurs, and strengthen India's manufacturing ecosystem.

Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar Appointed as Brand ambassador for POCO India.

India and Mumbai batter Shreyas Iyer, the second-most expensive player in the player auction, has been appointed captain by Punjab Kings for IPL 2025. The 2024 IPL winning captain has previously led Delhi Capitals (DC) and Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the IPL.

Mongolia & India Signed an Mining Partnership. In the areas of geology and exploration, aiming to enhance resource security and diversify supply chains.

Mount Ibu in North Maluku, Indonesia, erupted, producing ash clouds up to 4,000 meters and ejecting hot lava up to two kilometers from its crater. The volcano is located on Halmahera Island.

Zoran Milanović, political leader of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) Appointed as 5th President of Croatia for the 2nd consecutive term. He served as the President of Croatia for the 1st time in January 2020 by defeating former president Kolinda GrabarKitarovic.

India achieved a record renewable energy capacity addition of 30 GW in 2024, according to data from the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE). India targets 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030.

