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Ques : What changes have been made by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA)?

भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (RBI) ने विदेशी मुद्रा प्रबंधन अधिनियम (FEMA) के तहत क्या बदलाव किए हैं?

- (a) Promoting digital payments across India / पूरे भारत में डिजिटल भुगतान को बढ़ावा देना
- (b) Allowing cross-border transactions in Indian Rupee (INR) and local/national currencies / भारतीय रुपये (आईएनआर) और स्थानीय/राष्ट्रीय मुद्राओं में सीमा पार लेनदेन की अनुमति देना
- (c) Imposing restrictions on foreign direct investments / प्रत्यक्ष विदेशी निवेश पर प्रतिबंध लगाना
- (d) Enhancing cash withdrawal limits for NRIs / एनआरआई के लिए नकद निकासी सीमा बढ़ाना
- (e) Introducing stricter regulations for forex trading / विदेशी मुद्रा व्यापार के लिए सख्त नियमों का परिचय

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- RBI in cooperation with the government, has proposed amendments to the existing Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) regulations to encourage cross-border transactions in the Indian rupee (INR) and local / national currencies.
- This action comes against the backdrop of the rupee being under pressure from a surging dollar, weakening the Chinese currency.
- According to the revisions in FEMA, overseas branches of banks that are authorized to deal in foreign exchange (Authorised Dealers) would be able to create INR accounts for a resident outside India for the settlement of all permissible current account and capital account transactions with a resident in India.
- According to the FEMA revisions, persons located outside India will be able to use their balances in repatriable INR accounts for overseas investment, including FDI, in non-debt securities.
- Indian exporters would be able to open foreign currency accounts overseas to settle trade transactions, such as receiving export revenues and using them to pay for imports.





Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- RBI has instructed banks and other regulated entities (REs) to use the '1600xx' phone numbering series exclusively for making transactional calls to customers.
- HSBC India, the Indian arm of London-based HSBC, has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to open 20 branches in 20 cities.
- The RBI will conduct daily Variable-Rate Repo (VRR) auctions until further notice. This measure will increase banking liquidity amid the deficit.
- The RBI has implemented new credit reporting rules. Lenders are now required to update credit bureau information every 15 days, rather than monthly. This directive went into force on January 1, 2025.
- The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub and IIMA Ventures have launched Swanari TechSprint 3.0, a program targeted at fostering women-centric financial firms in India.
- The RBI lifted the supervisory restrictions imposed on two non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) – Asirvad Micro Finance Limited and DMI Finance Private Limited.
- The Reserve Bank announced the winners of its 3rd Global Hackathon, themed 'Zero Financial Frauds' and 'Being Divyang Friendly'.
- The RBI has declared that the interest rate for RBI Floating Rate Savings Bonds (Taxable) FRSB 2020 (T) will stay at 8.05% from January 1 to June 30, 2025.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lifted business restrictions on Arohan Financial Services Limited, a microfinance institution situated in Kolkata (West Bengal), after the lender implemented remedial steps and committed to fair loan pricing.
- HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector lender, has received the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval to acquire up to a 9.5% stake in Kotak Mahindra Bank, AU Small Finance Bank, and Capital Small Finance Bank.
- The Reserve Bank of India has approved a voluntary merger between The National Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore (Karnataka) and Cosmos Co-operative Bank Limited (Maharashtra).
- As of December 31, 2024, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that 98.12% of the Rs.2,000 denomination banknotes have been returned to the banking system, with Rs.6,691 crore still held by the public.
- To combat fraud, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) proposed adding a lookup tool for beneficiary accounts to the Real-Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) systems.
- The RBI's "Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India 2023-24" provides a detailed study of the banking sector's performance for fiscal year 2023-24.





Ques : Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Zurich Kotak General Insurance?

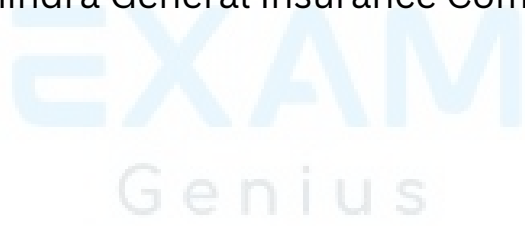
ज्यूरिख कोटक जनरल इंश्योरेंस के प्रबंध निदेशक और मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Sanjay Mehrotra / संजय मेहरोत्रा
- (b) Vikram Singh Mehta / विक्रम सिंह मेहता
- (c) Alok Kumar Agarwal / आलोक कुमार अग्रवाल
- (d) Ajay Bansal / अजय बंसल
- (e) Ramesh Chandran / रमेश चंद्रन

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Zurich Kotak General Insurance has appointed Alok Kumar Agarwal as its Managing Director and CEO. He succeeds Suresh Agarwal.
- Agarwal has over two decades of experience with ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company, where he held several executive positions in the corporate, SME, crop, and retail business segments during his 22-year career.
- The development comes after Zurich Insurance Group's strategic acquisition of a majority stake in Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company in June 2024.





Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Binod Kumar : MD and CEO of Indian Bank
- Ashok Chandra : MD and CEO of Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- Ankur Jhaveri : MD and CEO of Institutional Equities at JM Financial Institutional Securities
- Ambarish Kenghe : CEO of Angel One
- Baldev Prakash : deputy managing director and group chief risk officer of State Bank of India
- Amit Ganorkar : Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TATA AIG General Insurance Company (Replaced Neelesh Garg)
- 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

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Ques : In which country Policybazaar launched the PB Advantage initiative?
पॉलिसीबाजार ने किस देश में पीबी एडवांटेज पहल शुरू की?

- (a) Netherland / नीदरलैंड
- (b) Mauritius / मॉरीशस
- (c) Moldova / मोलदोवा
- (d) Singapore / सिंगापुर
- (e) UAE / यूएई

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Policybazaar.ae, the UAE's premier online insurance marketplace, has launched PB Advantage, a game-changing project that aims to reinvent the health insurance experience in the UAE.
- PB Advantage delivers cutting-edge services to simplify and improve the health insurance procedure.
- 30-Minute Claims Assistance: Dedicated claims desks enable faster outcomes.
- Auto Recharge of Sum Insured: Following the initial claim, the full coverage amount is automatically restored, giving additional coverage for unrelated illnesses or conditions. For example, an AED 1 million policy utilized for surgery is increased by additional AED 1 million for future claims.
- The No Claim Bonus adds 10% to the total insured for each claim-free year, up to a maximum of five years.





Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- Shriram Life Insurance has established Shriram Life Sunishchit Laabh, a non-participating individual savings plan that offers guaranteed returns of up to 668% of the total premium paid.
- Cybersecurity Hackathon 2024-25 1st Edition Launched by Punjab National Bank (PNB). The Theme is "Code Against Malware". Winners will receive prizes worth up to Rs 11 lakhs and have the opportunity to implement their solutions in live environments with PNB.
- Bank of Baroda has launched "bob Liquid Fixed Deposits" as an alternative to regular fixed deposits (FDs). The bob Liquid FD allows you flexible deposit amounts starting at Rs.5,000 (with no maximum deposit amount), duration options ranging from 12 to 60 months, and partial withdrawals in multiples of Rs.1,000
- IDBI Bank has launched a new fixed deposit scheme, 'IDBI Chiranjeevi-Super Senior Citizen FD,' for customers aged 80 and above.
- Bank of Baroda (BoB) will open AI-powered customer service and full-fledged branches in Prayagraj, including forex transaction facilities, to better serve visitors.
- Groww Mutual Fund, an asset management company, introduced the Groww Nifty India Railways PSU Index Fund and ETF.
- RenewBuy, an online insurance company, has launched the RenewBuy Smart Term Plan under its RB Proprietary line.
- 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.
- Go Digit-Life Insurance Limited (Digit-Life), a major new-age digital insurer, has introduced its first individual pure-term life insurance policy, "Digit Glow Term Life Insurance."
- IndiaBonds.com, a SEBI-registered Stock Broker (Debt Segment) and licensed Online Bond website Provider (OBPP), now offers Digital Fixed Deposits (FDs) on its website.
- Punjab & Sind Bank, a state-owned bank, will launch a quick loan scheme for the MSME sector of up to Rs 25 lakh this month as part of its initiative to expand lending through its digital platform.





Ques : Who inaugurated the two-day international seminar on “Formalization and Social Security Coverage for Workers in the Informal Sector”?

“अनौपचारिक क्षेत्र में श्रमिकों के लिए औपचारिकीकरण और सामाजिक सुरक्षा कवरेज” पर दो दिवसीय अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी का उद्घाटन किसने किया?

- (a) Amit Shah / अमित शाह
- (b) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya / डॉ. मनसुख मंडाविया
- (c) Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
- (d) Piyush Goyal / पीयूष गोयल
- (e) Nitin Gadkari / नितिन गडकरी

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Labour and Employment, Youth Affairs, and Sports, has opened a two-day international symposium on "Formalization and Social Security Coverage for Workers in the Informal Sector: Challenges and Innovations" in New Delhi.
- He also released the coffee table book "Social Protection in India," which chronicles India's effort to provide social protection to its population through various social welfare measures.
- The Indian Ministry of Labour and Employment, in partnership with the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) and the worldwide Social Security Association (ISSA), convened this worldwide conversation at the Yashobhoomi - India International Convention & Expo Center.





Recent News Headlines Related to Summits / conference

- During the first-ever corporate round-table conference in New Delhi, Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya invited corporations to adopt one sport with the goal of boosting the Indian sports ecosystem in preparation for the 2036 Olympic Games.
- Om Birla, Speaker of the Lok Sabha, has opened the 85th All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC) in Patna.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025,' the country's largest mobility expo, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Action Summit in France. The event will focus on five key themes: public interest in AI, the future of work, innovation and culture, trust in AI, and global AI governance.
- India will host the 28th Commonwealth Speakers and Presiding Officers Conference (CSPOC) in 2026. The seminar will center on the application of artificial intelligence and social media in parliamentary processes.
- Over the next five years, a total of Rs 50,000 crore would be invested in infrastructure along national waterways. According to the announcement, the investment ideas were announced during the Inland Waterways Development Council (IWDC) meeting in Kohora, Kaziranga.
- 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.
- The latest edition of Asia's largest biannual air show and aviation exhibition, Aero India 2025, will take place at the Air Force Station, Yelahanka in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The 15th edition of the Aero India show.

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Ques : What is the total amount agreed by the Union Cabinet to revive Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)?

राष्ट्रीय इस्पात निगम लिमिटेड (आरआईएनएल) को पुनर्जीवित करने के लिए केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल द्वारा सहमत कुल राशि कितनी है?

- (a) Rs.11,440 crore
- (b) Rs.10,240 crore
- (c) Rs.12,650 crore
- (d) Rs.9,440 crore
- (e) Rs.11,120 crore

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet approved a Rs.11,440 crore revival plan for Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), the state-owned entity that runs the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant.
- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw outlined the strategy, which involves a Rs.10,300 crore equity infusion and the conversion of Rs.1,140 crore in working capital loans to preferred share capital.
- RINL will benefit from a Rs.10,300 crore equity investment to address operational challenges in raising working capital and maximizing productivity in blast furnace operations. The recovery plan anticipates that RINL would begin full production with two blast furnaces in January 2025 and three blast furnaces in August 2025.





Ques : Which organization launched the Internet Governance Internship and Capacity Building Scheme?

किस संगठन ने इंटरनेट गवर्नेंस इंटरनशिप और क्षमता निर्माण योजना शुरू की?

- (a) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) / इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय (MeitY)
- (b) National Informatics Centre (NIC) / राष्ट्रीय सूचना विज्ञान केंद्र (एनआईसी)
- (c) National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) / नेशनल इंटरनेट एक्सचेंज ऑफ इंडिया (NIXI)
- (d) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) / भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान (आईआईटी)
- (e) Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) / इंटरनेट एंड मोबाइल एसोसिएशन ऑफ इंडिया (आईएमएआई)

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) has introduced the Internet Governance Internship and Capacity Building Scheme. The initiative aims to increase awareness and skills in internet governance (IG) among Indian citizens.
- The program's goal is to provide participants with the knowledge they need to effectively participate in global internet governance processes with I-Star organizations such as the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the Internet Society or Information Security Operations Center (ISOC), the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), as well as collaborate closely with leading industry experts.
- The program provides a bi-annual internship with two concurrent tracks: a six-month programme and a three-month programme.
- Interns will get a fixed monthly salary of Rs. 20,000/-, as well as assistance in carrying out necessary outreach projects.
- The National Internet Exchange of India, established on June 19, 2003, is a non-profit business under the aegis of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India.



Ques : MEITY in association with Data Security Council of India (DSCI) Launches which edition of Cyber Security Grand Challenge for Advancing Cyber security Innovations ?
MEITY ने डेटा सिक्योरिटी काउंसिल ऑफ इंडिया (DSCI) के सहयोग से साइबर सुरक्षा नवाचारों को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए साइबर सुरक्षा ग्रैंड चैलेंज का कौन सा संस्करण लॉन्च किया है?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Cyber Security Grand Challenge 2nd Edition launched by S. Krishnan, Secretary of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MEITY).
- It is Implemented by Data Security Council of India (DSCI) based on Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- Total Prize money is Rs.6.85 crores, compared to Rs.3.2 crores in its first edition
- Participants will develop innovative solutions in six key areas : Application Programming Interface (API) Security • Data Security • Wearable Device Security and Privacy • Clone and Fake Application (App) Mitigation • Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Threat Detection and Incident Response • Securing Next-Generation Biometric Systems

The challenge is divided into four stages :

- Idea Stage : A total of 36 startups (6 per problem area) will be selected, each receiving INR 5 lakh
- Minimum Viable Product (MVP) Stage : 18 startups will be chosen and awarded INR 10 lakh each
- Final Product Stage : Winners for each problem area will receive INR 25 lakh
- Go-to-Market Stage : At this final stage, three top winners will be announced

Final stage, three top winners :

- Platinum winner : Rs 1 crore
- Gold Winner : Rs 50 lakh
- Silver Winner : Rs 25 lakh





Ques : National broadband mission (NBM) launched in which year ?

राष्ट्रीय ब्रॉडबैंड मिशन (एनबीएम) किस वर्ष शुरू किया गया?

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2017
- (c) 2019
- (d) 2021
- (e) 2023

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Union Minister of Communications Jyotiraditya M. Scindia has announced a number of projects, including the Sanchar Saathi Mobile App, the National Broadband Mission (NBM) 2.0, and the launch of the Intra Circle Roaming (ICR) capability at DBN-funded 4G mobile sites.
- NBM 2.0 seeks to connect the remaining 170,000 settlements in the country.
- Launched in 2019, the NBM aimed to provide internet access to all villages by 2022 by installing an additional 30 lakh km of optical fibre cable and increasing tower density from 0.42 to 1.0 tower per thousand inhabitants by 2024.

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Ques : Which state has approved solar power projects worth over Rs 10,000 crore to meet the state's renewable energy capacity of 22,000 megawatts (MW) ?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Uttar Pradesh has approved solar power projects worth over Rs 10,000 crore to meet the state's renewable energy capacity of 22,000 megawatts (MW).
- The roadmap calls for the construction of three 2,000 Mw solar power facilities in the Bundelkhand region's Jhansi, Lalitpur, and Chitrakoot districts.
- While NTPC Green Energy will build 800 Mw and 600 Mw solar power plants in Chitrakoot and Lalitpur, respectively, Hinduja Group has been selected to build a 600 Mw unit in Jhansi.
- The UPNEDA has issued bidding paperwork for an additional 1,200 Mw solar power facility in Jalaun, Bundelkhand. Similar projects have been suggested in various locations, including Mirzapur, Kanpur, and Prayagraj.





Ques : What is the name of the air taxi prototype unveiled by Sarala Aviation?
सरला एविएशन द्वारा अनावरण किए गए एयर टैक्सी प्रोटोटाइप का नाम क्या है?

- (a) SkyGlide / स्काईग्लाइड
- (b) SwiftAir / स्विफ्टएयर
- (c) Nimbus / निंबस
- (d) AeroOne / एयरोवन
- (e) Shunya / शून्य

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Sarala Aviation, a Bengaluru-based startup, showcased its prototype air taxi, Shunya, at the Bharat Mobility Global Expo.
- The startup plans to launch electric flying taxis in Bengaluru by 2028, becoming the first to introduce urban air transport in India.
- The Shunya prototype is designed for short travels of 20-30 kilometers and can attain speeds of up to 250 kilometers per hour.
- The vehicle can carry up to six passengers and a maximum weight of 680 kg, making it the biggest payload eVTOL (electric vertical take-off and landing) vehicle on the market today.
- Adrian Schmidt, Rakesh Gaonkar, and Shivam Chauhan co-founded Sarla Aviation in October 2023. Adrian Schmidt is the co-founder and CEO of Sarla Aviation.
- The business just acquired \$10 million in Series A funding, led by Accel and including Flipkart co-founder Binny Bansal and Zerodha co-founder Nikhil Kamath.





Ques : India clinches historic double victory in men's and women's titles in Kho Kho World Cup by defeating which country ?

भारत ने खो खो विश्व कप में किस देश को हराकर पुरुष और महिला वर्ग में ऐतिहासिक दोहरी जीत हासिल की?

- (a) Sri Lanka / श्रीलंका
- (b) Nepal / नेपाल
- (c) Bhutan / भूटान
- (d) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The inaugural Kho Kho World Cup in New Delhi concluded on a historic note, with India winning both the men's and women's titles in dramatic manner.
- The Indian women's kho kho team defeated Nepal 78-40 at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium to win the 2025 title. Meanwhile, the men's team defeated Nepal 54-36 in the final.
- India's Women Team Captain is Priyanka Ingle and India's Men's Team Captain is Pratik Waikar

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Ques : Which country has recently been admitted as a “partner country” of the BRICS bloc?

हाल ही में किस देश को ब्रिक्स ब्लॉक के “भागीदार देश” के रूप में शामिल किया गया है?

- (a) Sweden / स्वीडन
- (b) Spain / स्पेन
- (c) Gabon / गैबॉन
- (d) Comoros / कोमोरोस
- (e) Nigeria / नाइजीरिया

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Nigeria has been welcomed as a "partner country" of the BRICS bloc of developing countries, according to Brazil, the group's chairman.
- Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia, and the United Arab Emirates will join the group in 2023, and Saudi Arabia has been invited.
- Turkey, Azerbaijan, and Malaysia have formally sought to join BRICS, with a few more expressing interest.
- Nigeria is the eighth BRICS member country, joining Belarus, Bolivia, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Thailand, Uganda, and Uzbekistan.
- Brazil, Russia, India, and China founded BRICS in 2009, with South Africa joining in 2010 as a counterweight to the Group of Seven (G-7) main industrialised nations.

About Nigeria :

- Capital- Abuja
- Currency- Nigerian naira
- Continent- Africa
- President- Bola Tinubu





Ques : Who was awarded the Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025?
गेट्स-कैम्ब्रिज इम्पैक्ट पुरस्कार 2025 से किसे सम्मानित किया गया?

- (a) Dr. Ramesh Kulkarni / डॉ. रमेश कुलकर्णी
- (b) Prof. Urbasi Sinha / प्रो. उर्बासी सिन्हा
- (c) Prof. Sudha Murthy / प्रो. सुधा मूर्ति
- (d) Dr. Vandana Sharma / डॉ. वंदना शर्मा
- (e) Prof. Anil K. Gupta / प्रो. अनिल के. गुप्ता

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Prof. Urbasi Sinha, a faculty member in the Light and Matter Physics team of the Raman Research Institute (RRI) in Bengaluru, has been awarded the Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025.
- Professor Sinha is a key figure in India's 'National Quantum Mission,' a program aimed at moving the country to the forefront of global quantum innovation.
- The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation hosted the awards ceremony in Cambridge, UK.
- The Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize was created to mark the 25th anniversary of the Gates-Cambridge Scholarship Program.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Singapore's highest honor for non-citizens, the Honorary Citizen Award : Tarun Das, former Director General of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- 'Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award' : Eminent director Aparna Sen
- Blue Flag certification : Kappad beach in Kozhikode and Chal beach in Kannur in Kerala
- 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





Ques : David Lynch, who recently passed away, was renowned for his work in which field?

डेविड लींच, जिनका हाल ही में निधन हो गया, किस क्षेत्र में अपने काम के लिए प्रसिद्ध थे?

- (a) Literature / साहित्य
- (b) Filmmaking / फिल्म निर्माण
- (c) Painting / पेंटिंग
- (d) Music / संगीत
- (e) Theatre / थिएटर

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- David Lynch, an American filmmaker known for his surrealist films Mulholland Drive and Twin Peaks, passed away at the age of 78.
- He received an honorary Academy Award in 2019 for his lifetime contributions to cinema.
- He received two Primetime Emmy Awards and a Peabody Award for Twin Peaks in 1991.

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Ques : Which team did Karnataka defeat in the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2024-25 final?
विजय हजारे ट्रॉफी 2024-25 के फाइनल में कर्नाटक ने किस टीम को हराया?

- (a) Punjab / पंजाब
- (b) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- (c) Vidarbha / विदर्भ
- (d) Gujarat / गुजरात
- (e) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Karnataka defeated Vidarbha by 36 runs in the Vijay Hazare Trophy (VHT) 2024-25 final at the Kotambi Stadium in Vadodara. This is Karnataka's fifth Vijay Hazare Trophy title win.
- Karnataka first won the event in 2013-14, and they successfully defended it the following year. Their third title came in 2017-18, with Agarwal leading the batting rankings, while Padikkal was the leading run-scorer in Karnataka's fourth victory in 2019-20, over Tamil Nadu.
- Along with Karnataka, only Tamil Nadu (3), Mumbai (2), and Saurashtra (2) have won several titles during this time span.
- Captain of Karnataka Team is Mayank Agarwal and Captain of Vidarbha Team is Karun Nair.





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Novak Djokovic broke a tie with Roger Federer for the most Grand Slam matches in tennis history.
- Arjun Erigaisi, an Indian grandmaster, stunned the internet chess community by defeating World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen and World No. 2 Fabiano Caruana in Chess.com's Titled Tuesday weekly blitz competition.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has named Jasprit Bumrah of India and Annabel Sutherland of Australia as the ICC Men's and Women's Players of the Month for December 2024, respectively.
- The first Kho Kho World Cup kicked off on January 13, 2025, at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi. Sudhanshu Mittal, President of the Indian Kho Kho Federation, officially opened the World Cup.
- 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.
- In squash, India's Anahat Singh won the Under 17 Girl's Singles title at the British Junior Open in Birmingham, England.
- Varun Tomar of the Indian Army has won the Men's 10-meter Air Pistol finals of the 67th National Shooting Championship 2024, which took place at Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi.
- Haryana Steelers reached a historic milestone by winning their first Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) title. In a thrilling final at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex in Pune, the Steelers overcame the Patna Pirates by 32-23.
- West Bengal, the most successful team in the Santosh Trophy's history, added to its trophy collection by defeating Kerala in the final of the 78th edition. This was the Bengal team's 33rd Santosh Trophy.
- Hemanth Muddappa, known as the "Drag King," achieved a remarkable triple crown victory in the final round of the MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Drag Racing Championship held at the Madras International Circuit (MIC).
- 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.
- 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





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Robert Jerard Ravi Appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)

The 7th India Boat & Marine Show (IBMS) was held at the Bolgatty Palace Event Centre in Kochi. K-BIP of the Kerala government, NSIC, Kochi Water Metro, Kerala Tourism, Indian Coast Guard, Southern Naval Command, Kerala Maritime Board, CIFT, and the Fisheries Department have all supported and promoted the event.

Olympic champions Viktor Axelsen and An Se-young won the men's and women's singles titles, respectively, with lopsided victories in the India Open Super 750 badminton tournament in New Delhi.

Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya Appointed as Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. He Replaced Justice Vibhu Bakhru.

Government of Uttarakhand and Icelandic company Verkis Consulting Engineers (Verkis) signed an MOU for geothermal exploration and development in Uttarakhand. Under the agreement, feasibility studies for these projects will be funded by the Government of Iceland.

Justice Alok Aradhe Appointed as Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court. He Replaced Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya.

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रॉबर्ट जेराड रवि को भारत संचार निगम लिमिटेड (बीएसएनएल) के अध्यक्ष और प्रबंध निदेशक (सीएमडी) के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया

7वां इंडिया बोट एंड मरीन शो (आईबीएमएस) कोच्चि के बोलगट्टी पैलेस इवेंट सेंटर में आयोजित किया गया। केरल सरकार के के-बीआईपी, एनएसआईसी, कोच्चि वॉटर मेट्रो, केरल पर्यटन, भारतीय तट रक्षक, दक्षिणी नौसेना कमान, केरल मैरीटाइम बोर्ड, सीआईएफटी और मत्स्य पालन विभाग सभी ने इस आयोजन का समर्थन और प्रचार किया है।

ओलंपिक चैंपियन विक्टर एक्सेलसेन और एन से-यंग ने नई दिल्ली में इंडिया ओपन सुपर 750 बैडमिंटन टूर्नामेंट में एकतरफा जीत के साथ क्रमशः पुरुष और महिला एकल खिताब जीते।

न्यायमूर्ति देवेन्द्र कुमार उपाध्याय को दिल्ली उच्च न्यायालय का मुख्य न्यायाधीश नियुक्त किया गया। उन्होंने न्यायमूर्ति विभू बाखरू का स्थान लिया।

उत्तराखंड सरकार और आइसलैंड की कंपनी वेर्किस कंसल्टिंग इंजीनियर्स (वेर्किस) ने उत्तराखंड में भू-तापीय अन्वेषण और विकास के लिए एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए। समझौते के तहत, इन परियोजनाओं के लिए व्यवहार्यता अध्ययन को आइसलैंड सरकार द्वारा वित्त पोषित किया जाएगा।

न्यायमूर्ति आलोक अराधे को बॉम्बे उच्च न्यायालय के मुख्य न्यायाधीश के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया। उन्होंने न्यायमूर्ति देवेन्द्र कुमार उपाध्याय का स्थान लिया।

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