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Ques : How much did overseas Indians deposit in NRI deposit schemes during April-October FY25, and how does it compare to the same period in the previous year?

वित्त वर्ष 2025 में अप्रैल-अक्टूबर के दौरान प्रवासी भारतीयों ने एनआरआई जमा योजनाओं में कितना जमा किया और इसकी तुलना पिछले वर्ष की समान अवधि से कैसे की जाती है?

- (a) \$6.11 billion, double the previous year's deposits of \$3 billion
- (b) \$12 billion, nearly double the previous year's deposits of \$6.11 billion
- (c) \$12 billion, similar to the previous year's deposits of \$12 billion
- (d) \$6.11 billion, significantly less than the previous year's deposits of \$12 billion
- (e) None of these

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Overseas Indians deposited approximately \$12 billion in NRI deposit schemes from April to October FY25, nearly double the amount deposited the previous year (\$6.11 billion).
- In October 2024, the total outstanding NRI deposits reached \$162.69 billion, up from \$143.48 billion in October 2023.
- In October 2024, overseas Indians invested nearly \$1 billion in various NRI deposit schemes.
- FCNR (B) accounts enable NRIs to hold fixed deposits in India in freely convertible foreign currencies for one to five years.
- During April-October FY25, FCNR (B) deposits saw the most inflows, totaling \$6.1 billion, up from \$2.06 billion the previous year.
- The total outstanding FCNR (B) deposits were \$31.87 billion.



Ques : Which country has emerged as the global leader in Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) in terms of volume, hosting twice as many IPOs as the United States and 2.5 times more than Europe, as per Pantomath Group's analysis?

पैंटोमैथ ग्रुप के विश्लेषण के अनुसार, कौन सा देश आरंभिक सार्वजनिक पेशकश (आईपीओ) में मात्रा के मामले में वैश्विक नेता के रूप में उभरा है, जिसने संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका की तुलना में दोगुने और यूरोप की तुलना में 2.5 गुना अधिक आईपीओ की मेजबानी की है?

- (a) United States / संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका
- (b) China / चीन
- (c) India / भारत
- (d) Japan / जापान
- (e) Russia / रूस

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- India has become the global leader in Initial Public Offerings (IPOs), hosting twice as many IPOs as the United States and 2.5 times more than Europe, according to data analyzed by Pantomath Group.
- In the first 11 months of 2024, 76 companies in India raised ₹1.3 trillion through IPOs. The Pantomath report predicts that IPO fundraising in 2025 could break records, reaching over ₹2 trillion.
- For the first time, India ranked #1 globally in IPO volume, surpassing the US and Europe. India listed nearly double the number of IPOs compared to the US and 2.5 times more than Europe. However, the US still leads in total IPO proceeds (money raised), showing its market is highly attractive to global investors.
- Meanwhile, China's IPO activity dropped to its lowest in 10 years due to stricter regulations. Globally, the Technology, Media, and Telecommunications (TMT), industrials, and consumer sectors drove most IPO activity, contributing about 60% of the total IPOs.

IPO Volume :

- India: 332 IPOs (highest globally)
- US: 205 IPOs
- China: 130 IPOs
- Western Europe: 64 IPOs
- Japan: 80 IPOs



IPO Proceeds (Value Raised) :

- US: \$35.6 billion (largest value)
- India: \$22.7 billion
- Western Europe: \$17.7 billion
- China: \$17.0 billion
- Japan: \$2.3 billion

This shows that although India leads in the number of IPOs, the US IPOs are much larger on average, raising more funds.



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Ques : In October 2024, how much did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) net sell in the foreign exchange market, marking its highest monthly sale in over two years?

अक्टूबर 2024 में, भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक (RBI) ने विदेशी मुद्रा बाजार में कितनी शुद्ध बिक्री की, जो दो वर्षों में इसकी सबसे अधिक मासिक बिक्री है?

- (a) \$8.5 billion
- (b) \$9.2 billion
- (c) \$10.3 billion
- (d) \$7.8 billion
- (e) \$6.8 billion

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- In October 2024, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) sold \$9.2 billion, its highest monthly sale in almost two years (since September 2022, when \$10.3 billion was sold).
- In October, the RBI bought and sold \$27.5 billion and \$36.7 billion of foreign currency respectively.
- The rupee fell by 0.34% in October, reaching 84 per dollar on October 11 and surpassing 85 per dollar by the end of the month.
- The RBI intervened strongly at 83.98 per dollar to control the rupee's volatility.
- In the first half of the current fiscal year (April-September), the RBI purchased \$8.52 billion.



Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- Banks have asked the RBI to extend the deadline for compliance with new lending standards that prohibit overlapping activity between banks and their group businesses.
- RBI lifted business restrictions on two entities of the Edelweiss Group, ECL Finance Limited and Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (Edelweiss ARC).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled Zavron Finance Private Limited's Certificate of Registration (CoR) under Section 45-IA (6) of the RBI Act, 1934.
- In-Solutions Global (ISG) has received full authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as a payment aggregator under the Payment and Settlement Systems framework
- RBI has announced Introduction of the Secured Overnight Rupee Rate (SORR) , a benchmark based on the secured money markets
- The RBI increased the interest rate limit for NRI FCNR (B) deposits for a limited period.
- The Reserve Bank of India's Innovation Hub (RBIH), Bengaluru has launched MuleHunter.AI is a cutting-edge program that detects and flags mule bank accounts implicated in criminal financial activity, including money laundering.
- The RBI has increased the collateral-free lending limit for agricultural producers from Rs.1.66 lakh to Rs.2 lakh per borrower, providing significant relief to small and marginal farmers.
- The Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) is lobbying the RBI for preferential treatment of Electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (eNWRs).
- The Reserve Bank of India's sectoral credit statistics shows that bank credit to non-banking financial businesses (NBFCs) decreased to 6.4% in October from 18.3% the previous year.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) hosted a two-day "High-Level Policy Conference of Central Banks from the Global South" in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The Durga Cooperative Urban Bank Limited, based in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, has lost its licence after 95 years of operation, according to the Reserve Bank of India
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the UPI 123Pay transaction limit from Rs 5,000 to Rs 10,000, allowing consumers to make higher-value digital payments using feature phones.
- The Central Bank of India has received approval from the Reserve Bank to enter the insurance industry through a joint venture with Generali under FGIICL and FGILICL.
- RBI will launch a trial initiative in 2025 to provide affordable cloud data storage for financial enterprises.



Ques : Which port welcomed CMA CGM Fort Diamant, the first-ever Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) powered container vessel to dock at its Container Terminal-CT4?

किस बंदरगाह ने अपने कंटेनर टर्मिनल-सीटी4 पर डॉक करने वाले पहले तरलीकृत प्राकृतिक गैस (एलएनजी) संचालित कंटेनर जहाज सीएमए सीजीएम फोर्ट डायमंट का स्वागत किया?

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru Port / जवाहरलाल नेहरू पोर्ट
- (b) Adani Ports Mundra / अदानी पोर्ट्स मुंद्रा
- (c) Chennai Port / चेन्नई बंदरगाह
- (d) Vizag Port / विजाग पोर्ट
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) Mundra welcomed CMA CGM Fort Diamant, the first LNG-powered container vessel to berth at the port's Container Terminal-CT4.
- This vessel, 268 meters long and 43 meters wide, is the third in a line of LNG-powered ships with a capacity of 7,000 containers.
- The CIMEX2K/AS-1 service connects the Indian subcontinent and China, boosting global commerce lines.
- Adani's Mundra port is India's largest port and the showpiece of APSEZ, with cutting-edge infrastructure capable of handling vessels up to 21 meters deep and solid connectivity via highways, rail corridors, and the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC).
- Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ) is India's largest commercial port operator, responsible for approximately a quarter of all cargo flow in the country.
- It has 13 domestic ports spread over seven marine states: Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Odisha.



Ques : Who has been appointed as the Chief financial officer (CFO) of Oil India ?
ऑयल इंडिया के मुख्य वित्तीय अधिकारी (सीएफओ) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Rajesh Verma / राजेश वर्मा
- (b) Amitava Chatterjee / अमिताव चटर्जी
- (c) Arunish Chawla / अरुणीश चावला
- (d) Abhijit Majumder / अभिजीत मजूमदार
- (e) Sunil Sharma / सुनील शर्मा

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Oil India said that its board has accepted the appointment of Abhijit Majumder, director (finance), as chief financial officer (CFO) of the firm, effective December 18, 2024.
- Abhijit Majumder will replace Rupam Barua, ED (F&A), as the company's CFO.
- Majumder is a member of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of India, holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and Law, a postgraduate diploma in Forex Management from ICFAI, and is a graduate of the IICA Valuation Certificate Programme.
- Oil India is a state-owned Maharatna that reports to India's Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. As of September 30, 2024, the government of India owned 56.66% of the corporation.



Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Arunish Chawla : Revenue Secretary
- Suman Berry : Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)
- Unsoo Kim : Managing Director (MD) of Hyundai Motor India for 3 years
- Pradeep Chugh : Company secretary of Hyundai Motor India
- Sriram Krishnan : Senior White House Policy Advisor on Artificial Intelligence
- Rupam Roy : General Secretary (GS) of All India State Bank Officers' Federation (AISBOF)
- Arun Kumar Bishoyi : President of All India State Bank Officers' Federation (AISBOF)
- Retired Supreme Court Justice V. Ramasubramanian : Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission
- Madan B Lokur : chairperson of the United Nations Internal Justice Council (IJC)
- Raj Kumar Chaudhary : Additional charge of CMD for the government-owned hydropower company SJVN Limited (Replaced Sushil Sharma)
- Dr. Jagath Wickramaratne : Speaker of Sri Lanka's 10th Parliament (Replaced Asoka Ranwala)
- Malaysian coach Tan Kim Her : India's Doubles Badminton Coach for the 2026 Asian Games and 2028 Olympics
- Preeti Lobana : Country Manager and Vice President in India by Google
- Carl Hopkinson : Mumbai Indians' new fielding coach for the IPL 2025
- Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth : Additional charge of Revenue Secretary (Replaced Sanjay Malhotra)
- Rahul Narwekar : 15th Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Speaker



Ques : Maia Sandu Sworn in as President of which country for 2nd Term ?

मैया संदू ने दूसरे कार्यकाल के लिए किस देश के राष्ट्रपति के रूप में शपथ ली?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Ms Maia Sandu was sworn in as Moldova's President for a second four-year term.
- Ms Maia Sandu became President of Moldova in 2020. She was the first woman to become President of the country after it earned independence in 1991, following the Soviet Union's collapse.
- According to Moldova's constitution, a person can serve as President for two four-year terms.
- During her tenure, the country shifted away from Russia and toward stronger connections with the European Union. Moldova applied to join the European Union, which has 27 member nations, in 2022.

About Moldova :

- Capital – Chisinau
- Currency- Moldovan Leu
- Official language- Romanian
- President- Maia Sandu



Newly Appointed Prime Minister & President :

- President of Tonga : Aisake Valu Eke
- President of Georgia : Mikheil Kavelashvili
- Prime Minister of France : Francois Bayrou
- Interim Prime Minister of Syria : Mohammad al-Bashir
- President of Ghana : John Dramani Mahama
- Prime minister of Burkina Faso : Rimtalba Jean Emmanuel Ouedraogo
- President of Namibia : Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah (Replaced Nangolo Mbumba)
- Prime Minister (PM) of Lithuania : Gintautas Paluckas (Replaced Ingrida Simonyte)
- Prime Minister of Uzbekistan (3rd time) : Abdulla Nigmatovich Aripov
- President of Uruguay : Yamandu Orsi
- Prime Minister of Mali : Abdoulaye Maiga (Replaced Choguel Maiga)
- President of Somalia : Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi (Waddani Party) (Replaced Muse Bihi Abdi)
- Prime Minister of Haiti : Alix Didier Fils-Aime (Replaced Garry Conille)
- Prime Minister of Mauritius : Navin Ramgoolam
- 103rd Prime Minister of Japan : Leader of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) Shigeru Ishiba
- President of Moldova (2nd term) : Maia Sandu
- 47th president of America : Donald Trump (Republican party) (Replaced Joe Biden)
- 50th Vice president of USA : JD Vance



Ques : Which state becomes first state to fully adopt Govt e-Marketplace (GeM) ?

कौन सा राज्य पूरी तरह से गवर्नमेंट ई-मार्केटप्लेस (GeM) को अपनाने वाला पहला राज्य बन गया है?

- (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 is the first state to connect its procurement process with the Centre's Govt e-Marketplace (GeM), replacing its traditional tendering system.
- On November 26, 2024, the UP government issued a comprehensive government order (GO) canceling over 33 previous procurement-related directives to ensure full compliance with the GeM portal policies.

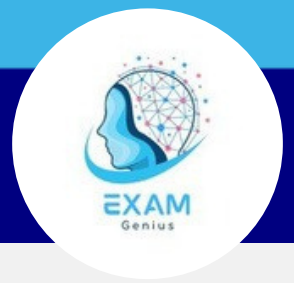
About Uttar Pradesh :

- Capital : Lucknow
- CM : Yogi Adityanath
- Governor : Anandiben Patel



Recent News Headlines Related to First in India and World :

- Masali, a village in Gujarat's Banaskantha district, has become India's first 'solar village' near the border, a key milestone in the country's renewable energy efforts.
- Uttarakhand, often known as "Devbhoomi," will be the first Indian state to enact a specific Yoga Policy, aiming to make the state a global yoga destination.
- The first Ganges River Dolphin (Platanista Gangetica) has been tagged in Assam, marking a historic moment in animal conservation.
- NLC India Limited (NLCIL) and Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (UPRVUNL) partners to commence commercial operations of its 1st supercritical power plant '1980 Mega Watt (MW) Ghatampur Thermal Power Plant' (GTPP) in Uttar Pradesh.
- Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, unveiled Kisan Kavach, India's first indigenous anti-pesticide bodysuit.
- The New Delhi Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport has become the first airport in India to connect 150 destinations.
- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in collaboration with the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation (MDRF) has set up the country's first diabetes biobank in Chennai.
- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) – Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) introduced India's first ginger variety, "IISR Surasa," which was developed to use as a vegetable.
- Finland presented its first national soundscape, 'Aania', on its 107th Independence Day.
- India's first Hyperloop test track measuring 410 meters (m) was successfully completed at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, Discovery Campus in Thaiyur, Tamil Nadu.
- Uber has inaugurated India's first water transport service, the Uber Shikara, on the tranquil Dal Lake in Srinagar.
- India's first modern, self-sufficient gaushala named Adarsh Gaushala Inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Laltipara, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.



Ques : Who has been awarded for 34th Vyas Samman 2024 ?

34वें व्यास सम्मान 2024 से किसे सम्मानित किया गया है?

- (a) Geetanjali Shree / गीतांजलि श्री
- (b) Suryabala / सूर्यबाला
- (c) Nirmal Verma / निर्मल वर्मा
- (d) Krishna Sobti / कृष्णा सोबती
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The 34th Vyas Samman for 2024 has been awarded to Hindi writer Suryabala for Her novel “Kaun Des Ko Vasi: Venu Ki Diary” which was published in 2018.
- It is Chaired by A committee chaired by Prof. Ramji Tiwari.

About Vyas Samman :

Started : 1991

Awarded by : K.K. Birla Foundation

Awarded for : To honors outstanding Hindi literary works published in the last 10 years

Prize given : Rs 4 lakh, along with a citation and a plaque

1st winner : Dr. Ram Vilas Sharma for his work Bharat ke Pracheen Bhasha aur Hindi

33rd winner : Pushpa Bharathi for the book “Yaadein Yaadein Aur Yaadein”



Ques : Which company wins Gold award at the AP State Energy Conservation Award-2024 competitions ?

एपी राज्य ऊर्जा संरक्षण पुरस्कार-2024 प्रतियोगिताओं में किस कंपनी ने स्वर्ण पुरस्कार जीता?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- RINL, the corporate entity of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, has won the prestigious "Gold Award" in the State Energy Conservation Award 2024 competitions (conducted by Andhra Pradesh's State Energy Conservation Mission) for its significant initiatives in energy conservation in the Iron and Steel category.
- This prestigious Gold award was given to RINL for implementing energy conservation measures over the last three years and utilizing waste energy.
- Sri Uttam Brahma, GM (Energy, Environment, and Utilities), and Sri VVVS Pulla Reddy, DGM (Energy Management Department), accepted the Gold Award on behalf of RINL.



Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Royal honors 'knighthood' and 'damehood' by King Charles III : Oscar award winning filmmaker Christopher Nolan and his wife, Emma Thomas
- Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri : Rashtriya Tansen Samman 2023
- Sanand Nyas Sanstha from Indore : Raja Mansingh Tomar Samman 2023
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi : Kuwait's highest civilian honour, the Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer
- Mrs. India USA 2024 : Caitlin Sandra Neil, a 19-year-old Indian-American teenager born in Chennai, India
- Miss Teen India USA 2024 : Sanskriti Sharma from Illinois
- 14th PSE Excellence Awards in 3 Category : "Corporate Governance" and "Corporate Social Responsibility & Sustainability" and "Operational Performance Excellence" : Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA)
- Public Relations Society of India (PRSI) National Awards 2024 (in 8 category) : Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
- US Navy's prestigious Distinguished Public Service Award : Tom Cruise
- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar : Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award for Public Leadership by the South Indian Education Society (SIES)
- Biocon Group Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw : Jamsetji Tata Award by the Indian Society for Quality (ISQ)
- Best FIFA Men's Player : Vinícius Junior of Spain and Real Madrid football club of Spain
- Best FIFA Women's Player : Aitana Bonmatí of Spain and Barcelona football club of Spain
- Best FIFA Women's Coach : Emma Hayes, coach of the United States women's team
- Best FIFA Men's Goalkeeper : Emiliano Martínez of Argentina and English club Aston Villa
- Good Design Award Australia 2024 : Air India Limited, India's leading airline based in New Delhi
- 'Sword of Honour' from the British Safety Council : 'Ram Temple project' of the Shri Ram Janmaboomi Temple in Ayodhya
- Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) Drone Award in Category "Training and Capacity Building" : Karnataka State Police (KSP)



Ques : India reached an important milestone in its self-reliance journey by delivering how many warships to the Indian Navy ?

भारतीय नौसेना को कितने युद्धपोत सौंपकर भारत अपनी आत्मनिर्भरता यात्रा में एक महत्वपूर्ण मील के पत्थर तक पहुँच गया?

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) 5

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- India marked a significant milestone in its self-reliance by delivering two warships to the Indian Navy: the destroyer Surat and the frigate Nilgiri.
- The Navy's Warship Design Bureau and MDL (Mumbai's Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited) collaborated in India to design and build both ships.
- Surat's keel was placed on November 7, 2019 and launched on May 17, 2022. The Nilgiri's keel was placed on December 28, 2017 and launched on September 28, 2019.
- INS Surat is a Visakhapatnam-class destroyer with a length of 163 meters and a displacement of approximately 7,400 tons.
- INS Nilgiri is a 126-meter-long stealth frigate with a displacement of about 6,500 tons.
- The guided-missile destroyer INS Surat is the fourth and last ship in the Visakhapatnam class. Meanwhile, INS Nilgiri is the first of seven stealth-guided missile frigates in the class.



Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- China successfully launched four Earth-observation radar satellites called 'PIESAT-2' using a Long March-2D rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in Shanxi Province.
- Space entrepreneurs in Japan and India had agreed to collaborate on a study of utilizing laser-equipped spacecraft to remove garbage from orbit, as an experimental answer to the increasingly pressing problem of orbital congestion.
- China's space program reached a milestone when two of its astronauts performed a nine-hour spacewalk. Shenzhou-19 crew members Cai Xuzhe and Song Lingdong completed a nine-hour extravehicular exercise (EVA), breaking a 22-year-old US record
- Defence PSU BEML Limited has secured Rs.136 crore contract to supply indigenously designed High Mobility Vehicles (HMs) 8x8.
- Starting in 2025, India's Aditya L1 and the European Space Agency's (ESA) Proba-3 missions will collaborate to further solar research.
- INS Tushil, a Russian-built guided missile frigate, was commissioned into the Indian Navy in Kaliningrad, Russia, in front of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, and other senior officials.
- Adani Defence has delivered the second Drishti-10 Starliner surveillance drone to the Indian Navy, improving the country's marine capability.
- The Ministry of Defence has inked a contract with M/s Cochin Shipyard Limited for the Short Refit and Dry Docking (SRDD) of INS Vikramaditya at a total cost of Rs. 1207.5 crore
- India and the United Kingdom have signed a Statement of Intent (Sol) to cooperate on the design and development of Electric Propulsion Systems for the Indian Navy.
- MOI-TD (My Orbital Infrastructure – Technology Demonstrator), India's first AI laboratory in space Made by Hyderabad-based space tech company TakeMe2Space (TM2Space). Launch Vehicle is ISRO'S PSLV C60 rocket.
- The Indian Navy successfully tested a nuclear-capable K-4 missile from its nuclear-powered submarine, INS Arighaat. The INS Arighaat submarine can accommodate four K-4 missiles
- Navika Sagar Parikrama 2, a world circumnavigation voyage headed by the Indian Navy's INSV Tarini, traveled from Fremantle to Lyttelton, New Zealand.



Ques : Akums Group has entered into a strategic long-term agreement at an estimated value of _ with an undisclosed global pharma firm.

एकम्स ग्रुप ने एक अज्ञात वैश्विक फार्मा फर्म के साथ __ के अनुमानित मूल्य पर एक रणनीतिक दीर्घकालिक समझौता किया है।

- (a) 50 million euros
- (b) 100 million euros
- (c) 150 million euros
- (d) 200 million euros
- (e) 250 million euros

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- 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.
- Akums Group will create and supply several stock-keeping units of oral liquid formulations for the partner company to market in various European countries.
- As part of the arrangement, the Akums Group will get an initial payment of 100 million euros (Rs 880 crore) from European authorities for product development and site approval.
- Commercial supply of these items is planned to commence in 2027 and continue until 2032.



Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- Terminal Investment Ltd Sarl (TIL) has signed an MoU with the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), proposing to invest Rs 20,000 crore for constructing the Vadhvan Port Project. TIL headquartered in Geneva.
- Adani Defence Systems & Technologies Ltd (ADSTL) has signed a share purchase agreement to acquire 85.8 % shareholding for an enterprise value of Rs 400 crore in Air Works, India's largest private sector maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) company.
- Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. & Transport Department, Government of Bihar Collaborate to establish five automated driving license test tracks in Bhagalpur, Darbhanga, Gaya, Purnia, and Saran.
- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a Rs 7,628.70 crore contract with Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T) for the procurement of additional 155 mm/52 calibre K9 Vajra-T self-propelled tracked artillery guns for the Indian Army.
- National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and Google partners to launch YouTube Channels in 29 Indian languages, including sign language from grades 1-12.
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has signed a MOU with Tally Solutions Pvt Ltd, a well-known business management software provider.
- The Ministry of Culture has partnered with France Museums Development (FMD) to transform the Yuga Yugeen Bharat National Museum into a world-class cultural institution
- Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Limited (AVPPL) and Government of Kerala signed an agreement for the development of Vizhinjam Seaport. The first phase is expected to be commissioned in December 2024. The second and third phases of the project will be completed by 2028.
- Bayerische Motoren Werke (BMW) Group and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Collaborated in India to transform the educational landscape for 100,000 children across four states : Assam, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu (TN), and West Bengal (WB)
- All India Institute of Medical Sciences Delhi (AIIMS), New Delhi and Wipro GE Healthcare Partners to establish an AI Health Innovations Hub, marking a major step in leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) for healthcare advancements.
- Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has reached a deal with NICDC Logistics Data Services Ltd. (NLDS) to integrate its APIs with the Unified Logistics Interface Platform
- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), a telecom R&D centre under the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India, recently signed an agreement with Trois Infotech for their "Face Recognition Using Drone" technology
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and International Solar Alliance (ISA)



Ques : Who awarded the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 17 Children during a ceremony at New Delhi's Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre ?

नई दिल्ली के राष्ट्रपति भवन सांस्कृतिक केंद्र में एक समारोह के दौरान 17 बच्चों को प्रधानमंत्री राष्ट्रीय बाल पुरस्कार से किसने सम्मानित किया?

- (a) Jagdeep Dhankhar / जगदीप धनखड़
- (b) Rajesh Kumar Singh / राजेश कुमार सिंह
- (c) Ashwini Vaishnaw / अश्विनी वैष्णव
- (d) Droupadi Murmu / द्रौपदी मुर्मू
- (e) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- President Droupadi Murmu awarded the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 17 youngsters (10 girls and 7 boys) during a ceremony at New Delhi's Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre.
- The prize was announced and presented during the Veer Baal Diwas.
- Since 2022, December 26 has been observed as Veer Bal Diwas to honour and remember the sacrifice of Guru Gobind Singh's youngest sons, Zorawar Singh and Fateh Singh.
- The winner of the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar receives a medal, a certificate, and a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh.
- The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar is overseen by the Union Ministry of Women and Children Development. The Indian government introduced the prize in 1996.

About the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar :

- It is given to youngsters aged 5 to 18 years for their extraordinary performance, abilities, and achievements. Each year, a maximum of 25 youngsters are honored.
- The award is offered in seven categories, which are essentially grouped into two: Child Bravery and Child Excellence.
- The Child Excellence Award is granted to children who have demonstrated extraordinary abilities and achievements in the following areas: (i) innovation (ii) arts and culture (iii) science and technology (iv) the environment (v) social service (vi) sports.



Ques : Women's Kabaddi World Cup 2025 to be Held in which state ?

महिला कबड्डी विश्व कप 2025 किस राज्य में आयोजित किया जाएगा?

- (a) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (b) Jammu and Kashmir / जम्मू और कश्मीर
- (c) Nagaland / नागालैंड
- (d) Bihar / बिहार
- (e) Chhattisgarh / छत्तीसगढ़

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Bihar will host the Women's Kabaddi World Cup in March 2025 at Rajgir Sports Academy's indoor venue.
- 14 countries (India, China, Japan, South Korea, Nepal, Pakistan, Iran, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Poland, Argentina, and South Africa) are expected to participate.
- Bihar will host the Women's Kabaddi World Cup for the second time, following its previous hosting in 2012 at the Patliputra Sports Complex in Patna.

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Ques : Which renowned environmentalist, also known as the 'Encyclopedia of Forest', recently passed away at the age of 86 in Honnali, Karnataka?

किस प्रसिद्ध पर्यावरणविद्, जिन्हें 'वन विश्वकोश' के नाम से भी जाना जाता है, का हाल ही में 86 वर्ष की आयु में कर्नाटक के होन्नाली में निधन हो गया?

- (a) Medha Patkar / मेधा पाटकर
- (b) Vandana Shiva / वंदना शिवा
- (c) Sunita Narain / सुनीता नारायण
- (d) Tulsi Gowda / तुलसी गौड़ा
- (e) Aradhna Sharma / आराधना शर्मा

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Tulsi Gowda, commonly known as the "Encyclopedia of Forest," died at the age of 86 in Honnali, Karnataka. She was born in 1938 in Honnali.
- In 2021, she received the Padma Shri Award, India's fourth highest civilian honor, for her contributions to environmental conservation.
- Tulsi Gowda, from the Halakki tribal family, is known as the "Vruksha Maate" (Mother of Tress) among her tribe for her extensive knowledge of the forest.
- In 1999, she received the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award (also known as the Kannada Rajyotsava).

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Ques : How many medals did India win at the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championship 2024?

एशियाई युवा और जूनियर भारोत्तोलन चैंपियनशिप 2024 में भारत ने कितने पदक जीते?

- (a) 25
- (b) 27
- (c) 30
- (d) 33
- (e) 37

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The young Indian weightlifters ended the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships 2024 with a respectable 33 medals, including 7 gold, 16 silver, and 10 bronze.
- Jyoshna Sabar of Uttar Pradesh dominated with three gold medals and a new Asian record.
- At the 2023 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, the Indian weightlifting team won 42 medals.
- The Asian Weightlifting Federation organised the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships 2024 in Doha, Qatar.
- The Youth Championship was accessible to weightlifters aged 13 to 17, while weightlifters aged 15-20 were eligible for the Asian Junior Championship.

India's medal winners in Asian Youth Weightlifting Championships 2024 :

Gold medal winners :

- Jyoshna Sabar – women's youth 40kg (total)
- Jyoshna Sabar – women's youth 40kg (snatch)
- Jyoshna Sabar – women's youth 40kg (clean and jerk)
- Payal – women's youth 45kg (total)
- Payal – women's youth 45kg (snatch)
- Koyel Bar – women's youth 55kg (clean and jerk)
- Sairaj Pardeshi – men's youth 81kg (total)



Recent News headlines related to Sports

- India won the inaugural Women's U-19 Asia Cup at Kuala Lumpur's Bayuemas Oval, defeating Bangladesh by 41 runs in the final.
- Haris Rauf (Pakistan) named as ICC Men's player of the month for November 2024 and Danni Wyatt-Hodge (England) as ICC Women's player of the month for November 2024.
- Real Madrid won the 2024 FIFA Intercontinental Cup, defeating Mexico's Pachuca 3-0 at Lusail Stadium, Qatar.
- Daniil Savelev, a Russian tennis player, has received a two-year suspension for violating anti-doping rules.
- India will host of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun 2025. This will be the third top ISSF event to be held in the country after the senior World Cup in Bhopal in 2023.
- At the Mangaung Oval in Bloemfontein, South Africa, England's Nat Sciver-Brunt and Maia Bouchier broke records in women's cricket.
- The Indian men's team achieved fifth place in Men's World Team Squash Championships.
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami unveiled the logo, theme music, and mascot for the upcoming 38th National Games in Dehradun.
- The Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) has officially appointed Bollywood superstar Salman Khan as the brand ambassador for the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup, which will be held in New Delhi from January 13 to 19, 2025.
- In shooting, Aurangabad's Riya Shirish Thatte won gold in the women's 25m pistol final at the 67th National Shooting Championships in New Delhi
- Team Asia won the inaugural Waldner Cup 2024 Table Tennis Tournament, defeating Team World 14–10
- In a TB awareness cricket match, the Lok Sabha Speaker XI defeated the Rajya Sabha Chairman XI by 73 runs in New Delhi
- Mumbai, captained by Shreyas Iyer, defeated Madhya Pradesh to win the 2024-25 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.
- Kiran Ankush Jadhav of the Indian Navy won the men's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) title at the 67th National Shooting Championships in Bhopal, defeating Paris Olympic bronze medalist Swapnil Kusale and another Olympian Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar
- Cai Yan Yan defeated India's Anmol Kharb in the singles final of the 2024 BWF Super 100 Guwahati event.



Ques : Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed how much property cards to property owners under SVAMITVA Scheme ?

प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने SVAMITVA योजना के तहत संपत्ति मालिकों को कितने संपत्ति कार्ड वितरित किए?

- (a) 50 lakh
- (b) 52 lakh
- (c) 54 lakh
- (d) 56 lakh
- (e) 58 lakh

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Four years after the Union government began the Svamitva initiative to digitize rural property records, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a virtual event in which 58 lakh property cards offering 'Record of Rights' were issued to owners in over 50,000 villages across 12 states.
- The Prime Minister introduced the SVAMITVA project with the goal of enhancing rural India's economic prosperity by offering a 'Record of Rights' to households with residences in inhabited sections of villages using cutting-edge surveying drone technology.
- The strategy also facilitates property monetization and institutional credit through bank loans, reduces property-related conflicts, improves property assessment and property taxation in rural areas, and allows for complete village-level planning.
- Drone surveys have been conducted in over 3.1 lakh villages, accounting for 92% of the target communities. So far, around 2.2 crore property cards have been created for over 1.5 lakh localities.
- Tripura, Goa, Uttarakhand, and Haryana have all fully utilised the initiative.
- Drone surveys have been done in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh, as well as various Union Territories.



Ques : Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL)?

राष्ट्रीय परीक्षण एवं अंशांकन प्रयोगशाला प्रत्यायन बोर्ड (एनएबीएल) के अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Dr. Sandip Shah / डॉ. संदीप शाह
- (b) Prof. Subbanna Ayyappan / प्रो. सुब्बन्ना अय्यप्पन
- (c) Dr. Randeep Guleria / डॉ. रणदीप गुलेरिया
- (d) Dr. Devi Shetty / डॉ. देवी शेट्टी
- (e) Dr. Vinay Kumar / डॉ. विनय कुमार

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Dr. Sandip Shah, an accomplished medical expert and visionary leader, has been selected as the Chairperson of the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), a constituent board of the Quality Council of India (QCI).
- NABL seeks to improve the quality of testing and calibration services, assuring trust in the products and services utilized by consumers, businesses, and regulators.
- Dr. Shah, a Gold Medalist in MD Pathology and Bacteriology at B.J. Medical College in Ahmedabad, has substantial academic and practical experience in pathology, molecular biology, and transplant immunology.

About National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) :

- Founder- Department of Science and Technology
- Founded- 1988
- Headquarters- Gurgaon
- NABL is one of the constituent boards of Quality Council of India (QCI), an autonomous body under Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.



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The central government announced this amendment in the Right of Children and Free School Education Act 2010 (RTE Act 2010). The new amendments allow states to hold regular exams for the students of class 5 and 8 and hold them back if they fail. These amendments come five years after the RTE Act was amended, in 2019.

The Supreme Court overturned the National Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission's (NCDRC) 2008 order that prohibited commercial banks from charging credit card holders over 30% per year for late payments.

For the first time in Indian Railways, Northeast Frontier Railway has started a project to maintain electrification infrastructure, including Overhead Equipment (OHE) and Power Supply Installation (PSI), by partnering with IRCON International Limited through an agreement.

The Punjab Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann, approved the Punjab State (Development and Promotion of Sports) Act, 2024, making it the first state in the country to do so.

Social Democratic party leader Kristrunn Frostadottir Appointed as 33rd Prime Minister of Iceland. She Replaced Bjarni Benediktsson.

Union Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu of the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) inaugurated the centenary celebration logo for Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport (NSCBI Airport) in Kolkata, West Bengal (WB), to commemorate its 100-year service.

Uttarakhand has recently inaugurated its first wine production unit in Kotdwar, which is part of the government's new excise policy aimed at promoting wine tourism.

Indian lifter Martina Devi clinched a silver medal in the women's junior +87kg category at the Asian Junior Weightlifting Championships.

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महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

केंद्र सरकार ने बच्चों का अधिकार और मुफ्त स्कूल शिक्षा अधिनियम 2010 (आरटीई अधिनियम 2010) में इस संशोधन की घोषणा की। नए संशोधन राज्यों को कक्षा 5 और 8 के छात्रों के लिए नियमित परीक्षा आयोजित करने और असफल होने पर उन्हें रोकने की अनुमति देते हैं। ये संशोधन 2019 में आरटीई अधिनियम में संशोधन के पांच साल बाद आए हैं।

सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने राष्ट्रीय उपभोक्ता विवाद निवारण आयोग (एनसीडीआरसी) के 2008 के आदेश को पलट दिया, जिसने वाणिज्यिक बैंकों को देर से भुगतान के लिए क्रेडिट कार्ड धारकों से प्रति वर्ष 30% से अधिक शुल्क लेने से रोक दिया था।

भारतीय रेलवे में पहली बार, पूर्वोत्तर सीमांत रेलवे ने एक समझौते के माध्यम से इरकॉन इंटरनेशनल लिमिटेड के साथ साझेदारी करके, ओवरहेड इक्विपमेंट (ओएचई) और पावर सप्लाई इंस्टॉलेशन (पीएसआई) सहित विद्युतीकरण बुनियादी ढांचे को बनाए रखने के लिए एक परियोजना शुरू की है।

पंजाब के मुख्यमंत्री भगवंत सिंह मान ने पंजाब राज्य (खेलों का विकास और संवर्धन) अधिनियम, 2024 को मंजूरी दे दी, जिससे वह ऐसा करने वाला देश का पहला राज्य बन गया।

सोशल डेमोक्रेटिक पार्टी के नेता क्रिस्ट्रन फ्रॉस्टडॉटर को आइसलैंड के 33वें प्रधान मंत्री के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया। उन्होंने बजरनी बेनेडिक्टसन का स्थान लिया।

नागरिक उड्डयन मंत्रालय (MoCA) के केंद्रीय मंत्री किंजरापु राममोहन नायडू ने कोलकाता, पश्चिम बंगाल (WB) में नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे (NSCBI हवाई अड्डे) की 100 साल की सेवा के उपलक्ष्य में शताब्दी समारोह लोगो का उद्घाटन किया।

उत्तराखंड ने हाल ही में कोटद्वार में अपनी पहली वाइन उत्पादन इकाई का उद्घाटन किया है, जो वाइन पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देने के उद्देश्य से सरकार की नई आबकारी नीति का हिस्सा है।

भारतीय भारोत्तोलक मार्टिना देवी ने एशियाई जूनियर भारोत्तोलन चैंपियनशिप में महिला जूनियर +87 किग्रा वर्ग में रजत पदक जीता।

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