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Ques : Which Coca-Cola brand in India achieved a historic milestone of \$1 billion in annual sales in 2024?

भारत में किस कोका-कोला ब्रांड ने 2024 में वार्षिक बिक्री में \$1 बिलियन का ऐतिहासिक मील का पत्थर हासिल किया?

- (a) Sprite / स्पाइट
- (b) Thums Up / थम्स अप
- (c) Maaza / माज़ा
- (d) Fanta / फैंटा
- (e) Limca / लिम्का

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- In 2024, Coca-Cola's mango-based beverage Maaza reached USD1 billion in yearly sales, marking a historic milestone.
- Maaza becomes Coca-Cola's third billion-dollar brand in India, joining Thums Up (2021) and Sprite (2022).
- This makes Maaza the world's 30th billion-dollar beverage brand.
- Maaza, a popular mango-flavored drink in India, was launched by Parle Bisleri in 1976.
- Coca-Cola purchased Maaza and other Indian beverage brands in 1993, including Thums Up, Limca, and Gold Spot.

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Ques : Recently which Bank Receives RBI Approval to Establish Branch in GIFT City ?
हाल ही में किस बैंक को GIFT सिटी में शाखा स्थापित करने के लिए RBI की मंजूरी मिली है?

- (a) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- (b) Karnataka Bank / कर्नाटक बैंक
- (c) Bank of baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
- (d) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक
- (e) Bank of Maharashtra / बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed the Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) to open a branch in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City.
- This strategic move intends to strengthen BoM's offshore banking operations in India and coincide with the bank's expansion goals in the area.
- The bank aims to reach Rs.15,000 crore in revenue by the second quarter of 2024-25, a 25% increase from its current level.

About Bank Of Maharashtra :

- **Established :** 1935
- **HQ :** Pune, Maharashtra
- **MD & CEO :** Nidhu Saxena
- **Tagline :** One Family One Bank

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Ques : Which organization has launched a marketing technology (MarTech) platform under Project DIVE?

किस संगठन ने प्रोजेक्ट DIVE के तहत मार्केटिंग टेक्नोलॉजी (MarTech) प्लेटफॉर्म लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance / कोटक महिंद्रा लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
- (b) Tata AIA Life Insurance / टाटा एआईए लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
- (c) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance / बजाज आलियांज जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (d) Bharti AXA General Insurance / भारती एक्सा जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (e) Life Insurance Corporation of India / भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The state-owned Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched a marketing technology (MarTech) platform aimed at redefining consumer engagement.
- The platform is the first key milestone in the DIVE project.
- This launch marks LIC's first move toward becoming a worldwide digital champion in the insurance business, employing world-class technology to transform consumer engagement on a massive scale.
- The MarTech platform adds an intelligent, multi-channel engagement capability, allowing LIC to run hyper-personalized, always-on campaigns that improve the customer experience and drive revenue.

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance

Sector :

- Union Mutual Fund has launched two new funds : Union Gold ETF and Union Gold ETF Fund of Fund subscriptions are now open and will continue till February 24, with a minimum investment of Rs 1,000
- Beacon Launches India Bill Pay for NRIs to pay bills directly in India using Canadian dollars from their Beacon Money account. Beacon becomes the 1st North American company to integrate with Bharat Connect
- South Indian Bank Launches Two Specialized Startup Current Account Products to Support India's Startup Ecosystem. They are SIB Business Startup Current Account and SIB Corporate Startup Current Account Launched by South Indian Bank (SIB).
- HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, has announced the 8th edition of its Parivartan Start-Up Grants initiative, with a total investment of up to Rs.20 crore
- L & T Finance Limited (LTF) has launched Knowledgeable AI (KAI), an AI-powered virtual home loan advisor aimed to simplify and personalize the home loan process, which is available on their newly updated corporate website
- Canara Crest Launched by Canara Bank in two Categories. They are CREST and CREST PLUS
- SBI Patrons Launched by State Bank of India (SBI) as Term Deposit (TD) Scheme for Super Senior Citizens (residents aged 80 years or above). Interest rates are From 4.10% to 7.60%
- Shriram General Insurance (SGIC) has launched its first indemnity health insurance plan, Shri Health Suraksha Insurance, which aims to provide complete coverage at an affordable price
- Receive Money QR Widget Launched by Paytm for Enabling instant payment collection directly from a smartphone's home screen
- CRED has become the first fintech startup to introduce a beta version of its e-rupee wallet, which allows for transactions using India's central bank digital currency (CBDC)
- MobiKwik, one of India's leading digital wallet providers, has unveiled a fully operational version of India's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) e-rupee wallet in collaboration with the Reserve Bank of India and Yes Bank
- HSBC TravelOne Credit Card Launched by HSBC India. It is Powered by Mastercard
- Frictionless Finance Accelerator Programme Launched by YES Bank Limited, Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) & S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR)



Ques : which public sector bank has launched Aadhaar-OTP based account opening and API banking services?

किस सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के बैंक ने आधारओटीपी आधारित खाता खोलने और एपीआई बैंकिंग सेवाएं शुरू की हैं?

- (a) City Union Bank / सिटी यूनियन बैंक
- (b) Indian Overseas Bank / इंडियन ओवरसीज बैंक
- (c) Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (d) Karnataka Bank / कर्नाटक बैंक
- (e) CSB Bank / सीएसबी बैंक

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- On the occasion of its 89th Foundation Day celebrations, the public sector Indian Overseas Bank has launched Aadhaar-OTP-based account opening and API banking services.
- The efforts were intended to provide streamlined banking services to both individual and corporate consumers.
- The city-based bank has implemented an Aadhaar OTP-based account opening facility, allowing consumers to open a savings account easily through the bank's website.

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Ques : REC Limited established in which year ?

आरईसी लिमिटेड की स्थापना किस वर्ष हुई?

- (a) 1952
- (b) 1962
- (c) 1969
- (d) 1972
- (e) 1980

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Loan amount of Rs 2,147.51 crore given by REC Limited (formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited) to Chenab Valley Power Project Limited (CVPPL).
- For the development and construction of the Pakal Dul Hydro Electric Project (HEP) in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)
- It is Developed on Marusudar River, situated in the Kishtwar District of J&K with the Capacity of 1,000 megawatts (MW). Cost incurred is Rs 12,669.67 crore.

About REC Limited :

- **Established** : 1969
- **HQ** : Gurugram, Haryana
- **CMD** : Vivek Kumar Dewangan

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RECENT LOANS AND AGREEMENTS :

- Shriram financing, a large non-banking financing company (NBFC), raised \$500 million through the SACE External Commercial Borrowing Push loan facility, which has a ten-year term
- The Export Import Bank of India will provide lines of credit totalling \$300 million to Vietnam for procuring high-speed guard boats and offshore patrol vessels
- AFD will offer SIDBI a credit line of USD 100 million to enhance access to affordable financing.
- Loan of Rs 2,424.28 crore (approximately USD 280 million) given to Kerala Health System Improvement Programme (KHSP), Government of Kerala by World Bank to Strengthen Healthcare System
- National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) Extends Rs 2,000 crore Loan to Gramercy Techpark Private Limited, backed by Blackstone Inc. for setting up of 120 MegaWatt (MW) data centre at Mahape in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
- CreditAccess Grameen has received approval from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to commit USD 50 million.
- The state-owned National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) raised Rs 5,000 crore through 15-year bonds with a 7.25 percent cut-off rate
- USD 30 million for JK Tyre & Industries Limited and up to USD 70 million for Cavendish Industries Limited (CIL) loan given by International Finance Corporation (IFC) to boost local supply chains, encourage the development of energy-efficient tyre production, and create employment.
- Tata Capital Ltd, the Tata group's financial services arm, raised \$400 million through a maiden international bond with a 5.38 percent interest rate.
- USD 35 million Given to Meghalaya Multisectoral Project for Adolescent Wellbeing, Empowerment and Resilience (MPOWER) by World Bank.
- The Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) successfully raised \$1 billion (Rs. 8,570 crore) in overseas bond issuance at competitive rates, a notable achievement for Indian issuers in global capital markets.
- The Government of India (GoI) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) agreed to a \$42 million loan for the Maharashtra Sustainable Climate-Resilient Coastal Protection and Management Project.





Ques : Who has inaugurated Aadi Mahotsav 2025 in New Delhi ?
नई दिल्ली में आदि महोत्सव 2025 का उद्घाटन किसने किया है?

- (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 :

- The Aadi Mahotsav 2025, a big event highlighting India's rich tribal heritage, will take place from February 16 to 24, 2025, at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi.
- The event, organized by the Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) and hosted by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, will highlight India's tribal populations' diverse culture, legacy, and economic potential.
- Droupadi Murmu, the President of India, has inaugurated the celebration as the Chief Guest. More than 600 tribal craftspeople, 500 performing artists, and 25 food stalls will showcase the unique cultures of over 30 states and union territories.
- The event aims to empower indigenous groups by providing them with a large marketplace to showcase their products and reach modern consumers.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Festivals & Fairs :

- **24th Divya Kala Mela** : at Gulshan Ground in Jammu
- **“Culinary, Crafts & Clicks – Moods & Magic”, a Festival of Street Food & Handicraft** : Amrit Udyan, Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA)
- **51-day Pir Panjal Winter Festival** : inaugurated by Indian Army in the border district of Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir
- **38th edition of the Surajkund International Crafts Mela** : in Faridabad
- **world's largest Jhumur dance, also known as Jhumoir** : Assam
- **Nagoba Jatara** : second biggest festival in Telangana Held at Keslapur village, Indravelli mandal
- **10th Sci-Fi Science Film Festival of India** : Panaji in Goa
- **seven-day "International Saraswati Mahotsav 2025"** : "Adi Badri" in Haryana's Yamunagar district
- **New Delhi World Book Fair 2025** : Bharat Mandapam in Pragati Maidan
- **Pangsau Pass International Festival (PPIF) 2025** : Nampong, Arunachal Pradesh on 3rd week of January
- **18th edition of the Jaipur Literature Festival** : Jaipur
- **Flamingo Festival 2025** : Andhra Pradesh
- **Avaniyapuram Jallikattu Festival** : Avaniyapuram village, near the Sri Bathrakaliamman Temple, Madurai, Tamil Nadu. 1,100 bulls and 900 bull-tamers participate.
- **Thalai Pongal** : the first day of the Tamil month, is a significant harvest festival

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Ques : Who was ranked as the world's highest-paid athlete in 2024, according to Sportico?

स्पोर्टिको के अनुसार, 2024 में दुनिया के सबसे अधिक भुगतान पाने वाले एथलीट के रूप में किसे स्थान दिया गया था?

- (a) Lionel Messi / लियोनेल मेसी
- (b) LeBron James / लेब्रोन जेम्स
- (c) Kylian Mbappe / किलियन एम्बीप्पे
- (d) Cristiano Ronaldo / क्रिस्टियानो रोनाल्डो
- (e) Roger Federer / रोजर फेडरर

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- List of the world's highest paid athletes 2024 Published by Sportico
- According to Sportico, Cristiano Ronaldo led the list of the world's highest paid sportsmen in 2024 with a total revenue of \$260 million. However, no female athletes made the top 100.
- The top 100 athletes in football, NBA, NFL, golf, and boxing earned an estimated \$6.2 billion in total income last year.
- The athletes on the list represent 27 countries and compete in eight sports.
- Coco Gauff, former US Open tennis winner, earned \$30.4 million last year, making her the highest-paid female athlete.

Ranking of top 5 in the List of the world's highest paid athletes 2024 :

- 1 Cristiano Ronaldo : Football (\$260M)**
- 2 Stephen Curry : Basketball (\$153.8M)**
- 3 Tyson Fury : Boxing (\$147M)**
- 4 Lionel Messi : Football (\$135M)**
- 5 LeBron James : Basketball (\$133.2M)**



India's Rankings in Different Indices

- **Asia's 20 richest families Published by Bloomberg** : Ambani family (tops)
- **Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) for 2024 30th Edition Published by Transparency International** : India (96th), Denmark (1st)
- **Logistics Performance Index (LPI), 2023 Published by World Bank** : India (22nd), Singapore (1st)
- **2025 Henley Passport Index Published by Henley & Partners** : India (80th), Singapore (1st)
- **USGBC's LEED green building certification global rankings by 2024** : India (3rd), China (1st)
- **Full-year and December 2024 international passenger market performance data Published by International Air Transport Association (IATA)** : India (1st), United States of America (2nd)
- **2025 list of the world's 10 most powerful countries Published by Forbes** : India (12th), United States (1st)
- **Forbes "50 Over 50" Women Global list 2025 1st Edition Published by Forbes** : Quarraisha Abdool Karim (top)(South Africa), Urmila Asher (3rd) (India)
- **World's Billionaires List 2025 Published by Forbes** : Elon Musk (top), Mukesh Ambani (9th)
- **World University Rankings by Subject 2025 Published by Times Higher Education (THE)** : Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru, Karnataka (96th), University of Oxford (UK) (1st)
- **Global Firepower Index 2025 Published by Globalfirepower.com** : India (4th), US (top)
- **Global 500 2025 report 19th Edition Published by Brand Finance** : Apple (top), Tata Group (15th)
- **World Future Skills Index 2025 Published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)** : India (25th), USA (top)
- **HSBC Hurun Global Indians List 2024 Published by Hurun** : Satya Nadella, CEO of Microsoft (Top)
- **Annual India Fintech Report 2024 Published by Tracxn Technologies Limited** : India (3rd), United States of America (USA) (1st)
- **Henley Passport Index 2025 Published by Henley** : India (85th), Singapore (top)
- **ThreatLandscape Report 2024 Published by CloudSEK** : India (2nd), United States (top)



Ques : The Karuna Arogya Suraksha Paddhati (KASAP) scheme, which was in the news recently, is related to which state?

करुणा आरोग्य सुरक्षा पद्धति (केएसएसपी) योजना, जो हाल ही में चर्चा में रही, किस राज्य से संबंधित है?

- (a) Kerala / केरल
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Odisha / ओडिशा
- (d) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश
- (e) Telangana / तेलंगाना

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Kerala government has budgeted an additional ₹300 crore for Karunya Arogya Suraksha Padhathi (KASAP), an integrated health protection system that covers over 64 lakh poor and vulnerable persons in the state.
- The flagship initiative now has a total budget of ₹978.54 crore for the current fiscal year, including this additional allocation.
- KASAP seeks to provide a health cover of ₹5 lakh yearly to around 41.99 lakh poor and vulnerable families (about 64 lakh beneficiaries), representing the bottom 40% of the Kerala population.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- Mamata Banerjee, the Chief Minister of West Bengal, has inaugurated the "Nodi Bandhan" initiative as part of the state's 2025-26 budget
- The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has opened over 54.58 crore bank accounts as of January 15, 2025, marking an important milestone
- National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) Previous timeline is March 31, 2022. It is now Extended Three years until March 31, 2025. Extension budget is Approximately Rs.43.68 crore
- Bikashita Gaon Bikashita Odisha Launched by Odisha chief minister Mohan Charan Majhi For rural infrastructure development projects in the state with an Outlay of Rs.5,000 crore budget for five years
- Key programs launched by Odisha Government aimed at empowering teenage girls include "Nirbhaya Kadhi" (Fearless Bud), "Mo Gelha Jiya" (My Dear Daughter) in Ganjam, "Kalpana Avijan" in Dhenkanal, "Swarna Kalika" in Keonjhar, and "Veerangana Yojana" in Deogarh district
- The Prime Minister's Research Fellowship (PMRF) scheme, which supports brilliant students conducting doctorate research in India, has got a significant boost in Budget 2025
- The Indian government has introduced the Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs (MCGS-MSME) to help small and medium businesses (MSMEs) get easier access to loans
- On Republic Day, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy introduced his government's four welfare schemes--Rythu Bharosa, Indiramma Atmiya Bharosa, Indiramma Indlu, and new ration cards
- The MoF announced the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) as an option for central government employees who are already covered by the National Pension System (NPS).
- The Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY), launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 22, 2015, has been providing financial security to India's girl children for ten years.





Ques : India recently signed a deal with which country to procure the Klub-S missile system for its submarine fleet?

भारत ने हाल ही में अपने पनडुब्बी बेड़े के लिए क्लब-एस मिसाइल प्रणाली खरीदने के लिए किस देश के साथ एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं?

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

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

• India has reached an agreement with Russia to acquire the Klub-S missile system. The system enhances the operational capabilities of the Indian Navy's submarine force.

About Klub-S missile system :

- **Developed by :** NPO Novator, Russia
- **Induction Year :** 1994 into Russian defense forces
- **Targeting Capabilities :** Surface ships, submarines & ground target
- **Warhead Payload and Range :** 400 kg payload and range Up to 300 K.m.
- **Resistance to Electronic Warfare :** It operates effectively even in conditions of heavy enemy fire & electronic warfare
- **Cruising Altitude :** It mostly Flies at a height of 10-15 meters which reduces enemy reaction time
- **Vertical Launcher Unit (VLU) :** It launched the missiles from submarines
- **Terminal Phase Speed :** It achieves supersonic speeds in the terminal phase and this makes its interception very difficult
- **Fire Control System :** It ensure accurate targeting & missile guidance



Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- China's Shenzhou-19 crew successfully demonstrated "**artificial photosynthesis**" technology in orbit, advancing space exploration
- Hindustan Jet Trainer HJT-36, the flagship training aircraft of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), has been renamed 'Yashas' following major upgrades to improve departure characteristics
- Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh opened Asia's largest 15th Aero India event in Bengaluru. The five-day expo, themed "Runway to a Billion Opportunities"
- The MoD secured defence contracts worth Rs 10,147 crore to strengthen the Indian Army's firepower
- The Indian Navy's First Training Squadron (1TS) ships, INS Sujata, INS Shardul, and ICGS Veera, have landed at Changi Naval Base in Singapore for Long-Range Training Deployment to Southeast Asia
- The Indian Army renamed Kolkata's Fort William, the headquarters of its Eastern Command, Vijay Durg as part of the Central Government's anti-colonial activities
- Sunita Williams, an Indian-origin astronaut, has broken Peggy Whitson's record for the longest female spacewalk
- Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, an Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) astronaut and fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force (IAF), has been named the pilot for Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4), a private trip to the International Space Station (ISS)
- Purchased 31 MQ-9B Predator drones from General Atomics (USA) for USD 3.99 billion, and developed two nuclear-powered assault submarines (SSNs) in-house
- The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the procurement of nearly Rs 10,000 crore in ammunition for the Indian Army's Pinaka Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher Systems (MBRLs)
- Chennai-based Garuda Aerospace, a drone manufacturer, has announced an investment of Rs.100 crore for the development of Andhra Pradesh as India's first 'Drone City'. Agnishwar Jayaprakash is Founder & CEO of Garuda Aerospace
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched 'SANJAY - The Battlefield Surveillance System (BSS)' from South Block in New Delhi.
- M/s L&T Shipyard's second Multi-Purpose Vessel (MPV) for the Indian Navy was launched at its Kattupalli, Chennai, facility. The vessel, named 'Utkarsh'.





किस भारतीय एथलीट को बीबीसी स्पोर्ट्सवुमन ऑफ द ईयर 2024 से सम्मानित किया गया?

- (a) Mirabai Chanu / मीराबाई चानू
- (b) PV Sindhu / पीवी सिंधु
- (c) Manu Bhaker / मनु भाकर
- (d) Nikhat Zareen / निकहत ज़रीन
- (e) Rani Rampal / रानी रामपाल

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Manu Bhaker, an Indian shooter, was named the BBC Sportswoman of the Year following an excellent performance at the Paris Olympics 2024, where she won two bronze medals.
- The 22-year-old's outstanding exploits cemented her place among the country's top athletes. She became the first Indian shooter to win several medals at the same Olympics. She became the first Indian woman to win an Olympic shooting medal.
- Her fellow shooter, Avani Lekhara, received the BBC ISWOTY Para-Sportswoman of the Year award.
- Archer Sheetal Devi received the Emerging Athlete Award for becoming India's youngest Paralympic medalist.
- Mithali Raj received the Lifetime Achievement Award for captaining the Indian women's cricket team for an unprecedented 18 consecutive years.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- **Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division) :** Chairman of Tata Group, Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- **Forward Faster Sustainability Award 2025 in the Water Resilience category :** NTPC Ltd
- **Golden Peacock Award for Corporate Social Responsibility :** Coal India Limited (CIL)
- **Bronze Award at the Global Best M-Gov Award 2025 at the World Government Summit (WGS) in Dubai :** Sagar Teotia (team leader), Abhinav Mishra, and Anushka Singh for application AccessWay
- **Sahitya Akademi Award 2024 in the Dogri language :** Late Chaman Arora for His short story book 'Ik Hor Ashwthama'(Short Stories)
- **NETPAC Award at the 2025 International Film Festival Rotterdam (IFFR) :** Bad Girl, filmmaker Varsha Bharath's maiden feature film
- **'CA in Public Service' award by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) :** Deepak Kumar Kedia
- **The University of Sussex has conferred an honorary doctorate :** Noel Tata
- **First Grammy Award in the 'Best New Age Album, Ambient or Chant Album category' :** Chandrika Tandon
- **BCCI's Lifetime Achievement Award :** Sachin Tendulkar
- **Maharaja Hari Singh Award :** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha
- **Nomination for a Japan Academy Film Prize :** Kiran Rao's directorial feature Laapataa Ladies
- **Best tableau award at the Republic Day Parade :** Uttar Pradesh's tableau, based on the theme 'Mahakumbh 2025 - Swarnim Bharat: Virasat aur Vikas'
- **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award from India :** Christine Carla Kangaloo, President of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
- **Nominated for 'Best Live-Action Short Film' at the 97th Academy Awards 2025 :** Indian short film 'Anuja'
- **Indian Banks Association (IBA) Banking Technology Awards in seven categories :** City Union Bank (CUB)





Ques : Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi meet Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk?

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने टेस्ला और स्पेसएक्स के सीईओ एलन मस्क से कहाँ मुलाकात की?

- (a) The White House / वह सफ़ेद घर
- (b) Blair House, Washington / ब्लेयर हाउस, वाशिंगटन
- (c) Tesla Headquarters, Texas / टेस्ला मुख्यालय, टेक्सास
- (d) SpaceX Launch Facility, Florida / स्पेसएक्स लॉन्च सुविधा, फ्लोरिडा
- (e) Silicon Valley, California / सिलिकॉन वैली, कैलिफोर्निया

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla and SpaceX, at the Blair House in Washington. Musk, along with his three children and partner Shvonne Zilis, presented Prime Minister Modi with an eye-catching gift.
- The millionaire who oversees the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) in the Trump administration gave PM Modi a heatshield tile from SpaceX's test flight 5 in October last year.
- The relic was inscribed with the words "Starship Flight Test 5. October 13, 2024."
- In 2015, the PM visited Tesla's San Jose facility and received a personal tour from the CEO.

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Ques : Which Edition of Report Forbes India 30 Under 30 Class of 2025 published by Forbes India ?

फोर्ब्स इंडिया द्वारा 2025 की रिपोर्ट फोर्ब्स इंडिया 30 अंडर 30 क्लास का कौन सा संस्करण प्रकाशित किया गया?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Forbes India 30 Under 30 Class of 2025 12th Edition Published by Forbes India. 1st edition was Published in 2014.
- The 2025 list recognizes 42 individuals, including actress Aparna Balamurali, actor Rohit Saraf, and Swiss founder Aniket Shah, in 19 categories.
- The 2025 lists include 12 professionals and 11 women.
- D Gukesh, the 2024 World Chess Champion, was the youngest award winner in 2025.
- This year's list includes the Artificial Intelligence (AI) category for the first time.

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Ques : What is India's rank among the most affected countries by climate change from 1993-2022, according to CRI?

CRI के अनुसार, 1993-2022 तक जलवायु परिवर्तन से सबसे अधिक प्रभावित देशों में भारत का स्थान क्या है?

- (a) 4th
- (b) 5th
- (c) 6th
- (d) 7th
- (e) 8th

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- According to the newly released 2025 Climate Risk Index (CRI), India has been one of the countries most affected by extreme weather over the last 30 years.
- Between 1993 and 2022, the country had more than 400 extreme events, including floods, heatwaves, and cyclones, resulting in 80,000 fatalities and economic losses of about \$180 billion.
- The CRI assesses both the human and economic costs of climate-related disasters, ranking countries according to fatalities, damages, and the number of people affected.
- According to the Climate Risk Index, India ranks sixth among the ten most affected countries, with high absolute mortality and economic losses, as well as a large absolute and relative number of affected individuals.
- It also makes notice of cyclones in Gujarat (1998), Odisha (1999), Hudhud (2014), and Amphan (2020), as well as catastrophic floods in northern India (1993), Uttarakhand (2013), and severe floods in 2019.

Countries Most Affected by Climate-Related Extreme Weather Events :

1993-2022 (Most Affected Countries) :

1. Dominica
2. China



3. Honduras
4. Myanmar
5. Italy
6. India

2022 (Most Affected Countries) :

1. Pakistan
2. Belize
3. Italy
4. Greece
5. Spain



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Ques : Babar Azam recently became the joint-fastest batter to score 6000 runs in ODI cricket. Against which team did he achieve this feat?

बाबर आजम हाल ही में वनडे क्रिकेट में संयुक्त रूप से सबसे तेज 6000 रन बनाने वाले बल्लेबाज बने। उन्होंने किस टीम के खिलाफ यह उपलब्धि हासिल की?

- (a) England / इंग्लैंड
- (b) New Zealand / न्यूजीलैंड
- (c) Australia / ऑस्ट्रेलिया
- (d) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- (e) Ireland / आयरलैंड

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- **Babar Azam** has been the joint-fastest hitter to reach 6000 ODI runs. The right-hander achieved the feat against New Zealand in the Tri-Series final at Karachi's National Stadium.
- Babar Azam and former South African batsman Hashim Amla have reached 6,000 ODI runs each. Both players needed 123 innings to accomplish this milestone.
- Virat Kohli of India has 6,000 ODI runs after 136 innings, while Kane Williamson and David Warner each have 139 innings.

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Recent records in Cricket :

- **Dinesh Karthik** : highest run-scorer in T20 cricket
- **Smriti Mandhana** : the first Indian woman to score 10 ODI century and Scored a century in just 70 balls
- **Jasprit Bumrah** : the bowler with the highest average among those with 200 or more Test wickets
- **Richa Ghosh** : India's wicket keeper-batter, made history by hitting the joint-fastest fifty in women's T20Is
- **Nat SciverBrunt** : Fastest Test Century in just 96 balls
- **Shaheen Afridi (Pakistani)** : country's first bowler to take 100 wickets in all formats of international cricket
- **Virat Kohli** : became the fastest cricketer to amass 27000 international runs, breaking Sachin Tendulkar's previous record.
- **Ravindra Jadeja** : became the first Indian left arm spinner to reach 300 test wickets
- **Jasprit Bumrah** : 10th Indian bowler to reach the illustrious milestone of 400 international wickets
- **Kagiso Rabada** : Fastest bowler to reach 300 Test wickets based on balls bowled, achieving the milestone in just 11,817 deliveries
- **Harmanpreet Kaur** : top run-scorer in women's T20I cricket for India
- **Ravindra Jadeja** : Climbs to 5th Spot in India's Test Wicket List
- **Rohit Sharma** : First cricketer in the world to hit 600 sixes in international cricket
- **Smriti Mandhana** : First Indian Woman Cricketer To Score Consecutive Centuries in ODIs
- **Kagiso Rabada** : Fastest bowler to reach 300 Test wickets based on balls bowled, achieving the milestone in just 11,817 deliveries
- **Rohit Sharma** 2nd player after **MS Dhoni** to play 250 matches in IPL





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Uttarakhand Government's Department of Horticulture and Food Processing (DHFP) have signed the 'Records of Discussions', an official agreement document, for the 'Uttarakhand Integrated Horticulture Development Promotion Project'.

Jotham Napat Appointed as 14th Vanuatu's new Prime Minister. He Replaced Charlot Salwai.

The International Women's Conference 10th Edition Held at Bengaluru and Inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu. It is Organised by The Art of Living and Over 500 delegates from 50 countries gathered at the Art of Living International Center

Zulia Investments, a unit of Singapore's state-owned investment firm Temasek acquire Up to 7% Stake in AU Small Finance Bank.

Union Minister Jitendra Singh has inaugurated India's first 'Open Air Art Wall Museum' at Mausam Bhawan in New Delhi. It depicts and celebrates the 150-year milestone journey of the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

Conservative government's nominee, Constantine Tassoulas Appointed as 9th President of Greece. He Replaced Katerina Sakellariopoulou, Greece's first female president.

Annual Conference of the International Institute of Administrative Science (IIAS) Edition 1st Held at New Delhi and Organised by International Institute of Administrative Science (IIAS) with the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG). Theme is Next Generation Administrative Reforms – Empowering Citizens and Reaching the Last Mile.





महत्वपूर्ण एक-लाइनर करेंट अफेयर्स

जापान इंटरनेशनल कोऑपरेशन एजेंसी (जेआईसीए) और उत्तराखंड सरकार के बागवानी और खाद्य प्रसंस्करण विभाग (डीएचएफपी) ने 'उत्तराखंड एकीकृत बागवानी विकास संवर्धन परियोजना' के लिए एक आधिकारिक समझौता दस्तावेज 'रिकॉर्ड्स ऑफ डिस्कशन्स' पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं।

जोथम नापत को 14वें वानुअतु के नए प्रधान मंत्री के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया। उन्होंने चार्लोट सलवाई का स्थान लिया।

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय महिला सम्मेलन का 10वां संस्करण बेंगलुरु में आयोजित किया गया और इसका उद्घाटन राष्ट्रपति द्रौपदी मुर्मू ने किया। इसका आयोजन आर्ट ऑफ लिविंग द्वारा किया गया है और 50 देशों के 500 से अधिक प्रतिनिधि आर्ट ऑफ लिविंग इंटरनेशनल सेंटर में एकत्र हुए हैं।

सिंगापुर की सरकारी स्वामित्व वाली निवेश फर्म टेमासेक की इकाई जूलिया इन्वेस्टमेंट्स ने एयू स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक में 7% तक हिस्सेदारी का अधिग्रहण किया।

केंद्रीय मंत्री जितेंद्र सिंह ने नई दिल्ली के मौसम भवन में भारत के पहले 'ओपन एयर आर्ट वॉल म्यूजियम' का उद्घाटन किया है। यह भारत मौसम विज्ञान विभाग (आईएमडी) की 150 साल की मील के पत्थर की यात्रा को दर्शाता है और उसका जश्न मनाता है।

कंजर्वेटिव सरकार के नामित, कॉन्स्टेंटाइन टैसॉलस को ग्रीस के 9वें राष्ट्रपति के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया। उन्होंने ग्रीस की पहली महिला राष्ट्रपति कतेरीना सकेलारोपोलू का स्थान लिया।

इंटरनेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ एडमिनिस्ट्रेटिव साइंस (आईआईएस) संस्करण का पहला वार्षिक सम्मेलन नई दिल्ली में आयोजित किया गया और प्रशासनिक सुधार और लोक शिकायत विभाग (डीएआरपीजी) के साथ इंटरनेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ एडमिनिस्ट्रेटिव साइंस (आईआईएस) द्वारा आयोजित किया गया। थीम है अगली पीढ़ी के प्रशासनिक सुधार - नागरिकों को सशक्त बनाना और अंतिम मील तक पहुंचना।

