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Ques : Which bank signed a MoU with the Indian Army (IA) to extend 'Rakshak Salary Package' ?

किस बैंक ने 'रक्षक वेतन पैकेज' का विस्तार करने के लिए भारतीय सेना (आईए) के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Bank of India (BOI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Army (IA) to provide the 'Rakshak Salary Package' to Army personnel, veterans, and Agniveers recruited through the Agnipath Scheme in New Delhi.
- The Rakshak Salary Package offers additional benefits such as free Personal Accident Insurance (PAI) coverage up to Rs.100 lakh and air accident coverage up to Rs.200 lakh.

About Bank of India :

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

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Recently signed banking agreements

Heading

- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and the Federal Bank have struck an agreement to provide financial assistance to micro, small, and medium-sized firms (MSMEs).
- Magma General Insurance Limited (Magma) has formed a strategic relationship with Hyundai India Insurance Broking Pvt. Ltd. (HIIB) to improve motor insurance accessibility throughout the country.
- City Union Bank Ltd, a historic private sector bank, has teamed with Chennai Super Kings (CSK) to establish a co-branded credit card.
- YES BANK, India's sixth-largest private sector bank, collaborated with the World Trade Center (WTC) Mumbai to present the Export Conclave 2025 at YES BANK House.
- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Tata Capital Limited (TCL) signed a MoU for Partnership for financing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)
- Paytm has teamed with Perplexity AI to provide users with real-time financial support. The payment gateway will integrate the AI startup's search engine to expand access to Paytm's user base of 100 million active customers across the country
- At the Advantage Assam 2.0 Summit, the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the Government of Assam inked an MoU to execute a student skilling plan for Assam's youth in the Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) sector.
- Go Digit General Insurance Limited (Digit Insurance) and K.M. Dastur Reinsurance Brokers (KMD) have developed India's first parametric insurance plans based on Air Quality Index (AQI)
- IndusInd Bank Limited announced its partnership with the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) as its official Banking Partner.
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has teamed up with Paytm to foster innovation and help manufacturing and fintech firms in India





:Ques : Which Bank has become the first Indian bank to execute an aircraft financing transaction through its International Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City IFSC ?

कौन सा बैंक GIFT सिटी IFSC में अपनी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बैंकिंग इकाई (IBU) के माध्यम से विमान वित्तपोषण लेनदेन को निष्पादित करने वाला पहला भारतीय बैंक बन गया है?

- (a) South Indian Bank / साउथ इंडियन बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) Indian Bank / इंडियन बैंक
- (d) Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
- (e) Karur Vyas Bank / करूर व्यास बैंक

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Axis Bank has become the first Indian bank to carry out an aircraft finance transaction through its International Banking Unit (IBU) at GIFT City IFSC.
- The contract was completed for AI Fleet Services Limited (AIFS), Air India's leasing arm and wholly owned subsidiary.
- It is a long-term USD loan for the purchase of 34 training aircraft that will be stationed at Air India's new pilot training institution in Amravati, Maharashtra.
- For the first time, GIFT City entities represent all essential players in the transaction, including the lender, borrower, law firm, facility agent, and security agent.
- Air India has begun a five-year restructuring journey known as Vihaan. AI has placed an order for 570 aircraft, and GIFT City will be key in financing these aircraft.





Ques : Which bank Launches 'Global Women NRE & NRO Savings Account' for Women NRIs ?

किस बैंक ने महिला एनआरआई के लिए 'ग्लोबल वूमेन एनआरई और एनआरओ बचत खाता' लॉन्च किया 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 C

Explanation :

- Bank of Baroda (BoB) is the first public sector bank to offer the 'bob Global Women Non-Resident External (NRE) and Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) Savings Account' for female NRIs.
- The project supports global goals with features like auto sweep for better interest profits and concessional house and auto loan rates.
- The Bank of Baroda serves over 165 million customers globally through 60,000 touch points in 17 countries across five continents.
- The Bank claims to be the first public sector bank to offer insurance coverage to NRIs in savings accounts.

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- PhonePe has launched the 'insuring HEROES' campaign in honor of International Women's Day
- Project HAKK (Hawai Anubhavi Kalyan Kendra-Serving those who have served) Launched By HDFC Bank Limited
- HDFC Bank Limited was the first domestic bank to trade 5 kg of gold at the India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX) in GIFT City, Gujarat.
- Paytm, owned by One 97 Communications, now offers a technology that allows brokerage apps to freeze cash directly in users' bank accounts using its Unified Payments Interface (UPI). The feature uses the NPCI infrastructure
- Poonawalla Fincorp Limited has launched a new digital personal loan product called "PL Prime Digital 24x7" for salaried professionals
- ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has launched ICICI Pru GIFT Select, a new long-term savings plan designed to provide consumers with assured immediate income as they manage the current market's uncertainty.
- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has introduced a new feature that allows customers to download their home loan interest certificates directly from DigiLocker
- Annuity Deposit Launched by Federal Bank Limited for Resident customers offering stable income for a period of 5 to 20 years. Minimum investment required is Rs. 15 lakh and Maximum investment limit is Rs. 2 crore
- Anmol Savings Account Launched by HDFC Bank Limited. It is India's first Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) Salary Account with a cyber-fraud protection.

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Ques : In March 2025, which life insurance company partnered with GIC Housing Finance Limited to provide credit life insurance solutions?

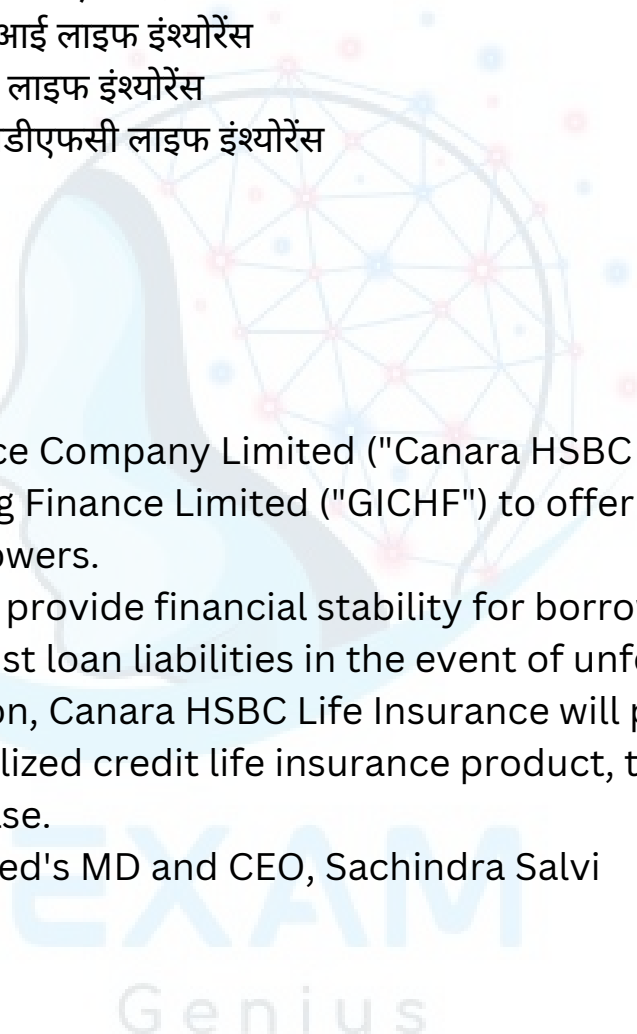
मार्च 2025 में, किस जीवन बीमा कंपनी ने क्रेडिट जीवन बीमा समाधान प्रदान करने के लिए जीआईसी हाउसिंग फाइनेंस लिमिटेड के साथ साझेदारी की?

- (a) Canara HSBC Life Insurance / केनरा एचएसबीसी जीवन बीमा
- (b) Bharti AXA Insurance / भारती एक्सा इंश्योरेंस
- (c) SBI Life Insurance / एसबीआई लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
- (d) Max Life Insurance / मैक्स लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
- (e) HDFC Life Insurance / एचडीएफसी लाइफ इंश्योरेंस

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company Limited ("Canara HSBC Life Insurance") has teamed up with GIC Housing Finance Limited ("GICHF") to offer credit life insurance options to house loan borrowers.
- This agreement intends to provide financial stability for borrowers and their families by protecting against loan liabilities in the event of unforeseen occurrences.
- As part of this collaboration, Canara HSBC Life Insurance will provide its 'Group Asset Secure' plan, a specialized credit life insurance product, through GIC Housing Finance's wide customer base.
- GIC Housing Finance Limited's MD and CEO, Sachindra Salvi





Ques : Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive (CE) of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)?

भारतीय बैंक संघ (आईबीए) के मुख्य कार्यकारी (सीई) के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Sunil Mehta / सुनील मेहता
- (b) Shaktikanta Das / शक्तिकांत दास
- (c) Atul Kumar Goel / अतुल कुमार गोयल
- (d) Rajnish Kumar / रजनीश कुमार
- (e) Uday Kotak / उदय कोटक

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Atul Kumar Goel has been named Chief Executive (CE) of The Indian Banks' Association.
- Goel served as the MD and CEO of Punjab National Bank (PNB) from February 2022 to December 2024. He served as Chairman of the IBA for two terms: 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- Sunil Mehta, his predecessor at IBA, was also the MD and CEO of PNB from May 2017 to September 2019 and the Association's Chairman from 2018 to 2019. Mehta was IBA CE from January 2020 to September 2024.
- The New IBA The Chief Executive is a trained Chartered Accountant. He has three decades of banking experience at four banks: Allahabad Bank (now Indian Bank), Union Bank of India (as Executive Director), UCO Bank (MD & CEO), and PNB.

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Recent Appointment in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- **Sumant Kathpalia** : reappointment as Managing Director and CEO of Indusind Bank for one year
- **Ajit Ratnakar Joshi** : Executive Director (ED), in charge of the Department of Statistics and Information Management and the Department of Financial Stability
- **Narendra Agrawal** : president and head of branch banking and retail liabilities of RBL bank
- **T S Pari** : chief operating officer (COO) of RBL bank
- **Santosh Agarwal** : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Paisabazaar (Replaced Naveen Kukreja, co-founder of Paisabazaar)
- **Neeraj Tripathi** : Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Paisabazaar (Replaced Vivek Audichya)
- **Dorababu Daparti** : SBI Life Insurance Company's Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- **Finance Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey** : Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for a three-year term
- **Shahrukh Todiwala** : MD, CEO of Kotak Mahindra Prime, a subsidiary of Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMB)
- **Prabdev Singh (P.D.) Singh** : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of India's operation of Standard Chartered of India based in Mumbai (Replaced Zarin Daruwala)
- **JP Morgan** : CEO for Standard Chartered (StanC) in India
- **Salila Pande** : MD and CEO of SBI Cards and Payment Services Board
- **Shreekant** : Administrator of New India Cooperative Bank
- **Dr. Madhavankutty G** : Chief economist of Canara Bank
- **Ashu Khullar** : Global co-head of Global Asset Managers (GAM)
- **Mr. Rajendra Narayan Das** : Inspector general (IG) of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)





Ques : Which cricketer became the second-most successful Indian captain by clinching his second ICC title ?

कौन सा क्रिकेटर अपना दूसरा आईसीसी खिताब जीतकर दूसरा सबसे सफल भारतीय कप्तान बन गया?

- (a) Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली
- (b) Rohit Sharma / रोहित शर्मा
- (c) Dinesh Karthik / दिनेश कार्तिक
- (d) Suryakumar Yadav / सूर्यकुमार यादव
- (e) Rishabh Pant / ऋषभ पंत

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Rohit Sharma became the second-most successful Indian skipper after winning his second ICC title.
- Under Rohit's captaincy, India won their second ICC silverware in less than nine months, defeating South Africa in the 2024 T20 World Cup at Bridgetown.
- It was also India's fourth consecutive ICC final in less than two years, following the World Test Championship (WTC) in 2023, the ODI World Cup in 2023, and the T20 World Cup in 2024, before playing their third Champions Trophy final in Dubai.
- Rohit became the first skipper in international cricket to lead his team to the finals of all four major ICC tournaments. Last year, the Rohit Sharma-led India won the 2024 T20 World Cup, ending a more-than-decade-long ICC trophy drought that began with MS Dhoni's Champions Trophy victory in 2013.
- Rohit has joined the list, having won two ICC titles in less than a year, surpassing famous cricketers Sourav Ganguly (2002 Champions Trophy) and Kapil Dev (1983 ODI World Cup).
- India also became the first country to win the Champions Trophy for the record third time in the tournament's eight-year history.



Ques : Which country conferred its highest civilian award, “The Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean”, to Prime Minister, Narendra Modi ?

किस देश ने प्रधान मंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी को अपना सर्वोच्च नागरिक पुरस्कार, "द ग्रेंड कमांडर ऑफ द ऑर्डर ऑफ द स्टार एंड की ऑफ द इंडियन ओशन" प्रदान किया?

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

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Topmost honour of Mauritius, The Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean is given to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- PM Modi attended the 57th National Day celebrations of the Republic of Mauritius as the Chief Guest.
- During his visit, eight Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed between the two countries, and PM Modi was also the Chief Guest of the National Day celebration of Mauritius.
- PM Modi is the first Indian to receive the honour. It is the twenty-first international honour bestowed upon PM Modi by a foreign country.
- During his visit, he presented the President and First Lady of Mauritius with Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cards. He also gave them holy Sangam water from Mahakumbh in a brass and copper pot, superfood Makhana, and a Banarasi Saree in a Sadeli box
- The Prime Minister visited the Ayurveda garden at the State House in Mauritius, constructed in conjunction with the Indian government.
- He toured the garden alongside Mauritius' President, Dharambeer Gokhool.



Ques : Which edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise Khanjar is being held in Kyrgyzstan from March 10 to March 23, 2025?

भारत-किर्गिजस्तान संयुक्त विशेष बल अभ्यास खंजर का कौन सा संस्करण 10 मार्च से 23 मार्च, 2025 तक किर्गिजस्तान में आयोजित किया जा रहा है?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The 12th edition of India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise KHANJAR-XII is scheduled to take place in Kyrgyzstan from March 10 to March 23, 2025.
- The joint military exercise Khanjar-XII between Indian and Kyrgyz special forces began in Tokmok, Kyrgyzstan, with an opening ceremony.
- Exercise Khanjar-XII 2025 intends to improve military cooperation and interoperability by sharing best practices between the Indian Army's Special Forces and the Kyrgyz Army.
- Indian participant is The Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) and Kyrgyzstan participant is Kyrgyz Scorpion Brigade
- Last edition held in Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh and 1st edition in 2011

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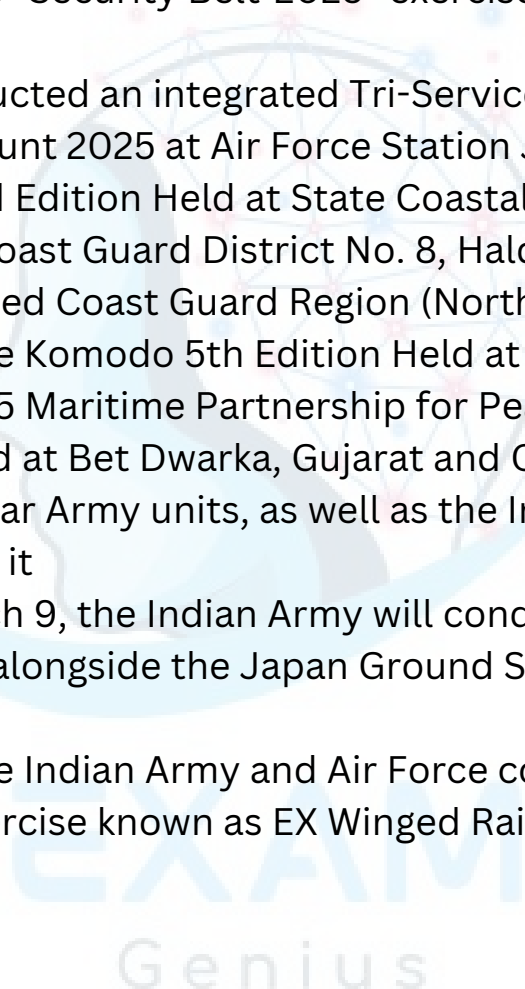




Recent News Headlines Related to Defence

Exercise :

- Exercise Sea Dragon 2025 5th Edition held at Guam coast in the western Pacific Ocean. It is held between United States Navy, Indian Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force, Royal Australian Air Force, and the Republic of Korea Navy and hosted by United States Navy
- Russia, China, and Iran plan to conduct combined naval exercises in the Indian Ocean later this month. The "Security Belt-2025" exercises will take conducted near Iran's port of Chabahar.
- The Indian Air Force conducted an integrated Tri-Service Special Forces exercise known as Exercise Desert Hunt 2025 at Air Force Station Jodhpur.
- Exercise Sagar Kavach 3rd Edition Held at State Coastal Security Operation Centre (SCSOC) at Headquarters Coast Guard District No. 8, Haldia, West Bengal. It is Coordinated by Kolkata based Coast Guard Region (North East)
- Multilateral Naval Exercise Komodo 5th Edition Held at Benoa Port in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. Theme 2025 Maritime Partnership for Peace and Stability
- Jal-Thal-Raksha 2025 Held at Bet Dwarka, Gujarat and Organised by Indian Army. 11 Ahmedabad and 31 Jamnagar Army units, as well as the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and Marine Police Participate in it
- From February 25 to March 9, the Indian Army will conduct the sixth edition of Exercise Dharma Guardian alongside the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) atop Mount Fuji in Japan
- In the Eastern Theater, the Indian Army and Air Force collaborated to undertake a comprehensive training exercise known as EX Winged Raiders





Ques : Who has been appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of India as per the latest Union government notification?

नवीनतम केंद्र सरकार की अधिसूचना के अनुसार भारत के सर्वोच्च न्यायालय के न्यायाधीश के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Justice Joymalya Bagchi / न्यायमूर्ति जॉयमाल्या बाग
- (b) Justice Sanjay Karol / न्यायमूर्ति संजय करोल
- (c) Justice Abhay Oka / न्यायमूर्ति अभय ओका
- (d) Justice BR Gavai / न्यायमूर्ति बीआर गवई
- (e) Justice Dipankar Dutta / न्यायमूर्ति दीपांकर दत्ता

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Justice Joymalya Bagchi, a sitting judge of the Calcutta High Court Appointed as Judge of the Supreme Court of India by President of India after consultation with the Chief Justice of India (CJI)
- Justice Bagchi is in line to become the Chief Justice of India (CJI) in 2031, succeeding Justice KV Viswanathan
- With the appointment of Justice Bagchi, the Supreme Court has one vacancy remaining out of a strength of 34 judges
- Justice Bagchi was appointed as a judge of the Calcutta High Court in June 2011. In January 2021, he was transferred to the Andhra Pradesh High Court, before being returned to the Calcutta High Court in November 2021. During his 13-year career as a high court judge, he garnered vast experience in a variety of legal subjects.





Recent Appointment in different departments :

- **Takashi Nakajima** : President & CEO of Honda Cars India (Replaced Takuya Tsumura)
- **Vikas Kaushal** : Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL)
- **Rajeev Shukla** : Vice-President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), will represent India as an Executive Board Member on the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Board
- **Dr. Anju Rathi Rana** : Secretary of the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice
- **Ajay Bhadoo** : Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Government e Marketplace (GeM)
- **Christian Stocker** : as Austria's chancellor
- **Suresh Khanna** : Convenor of the Group of Ministers (GoM) on revenue mobilisation for natural calamities
- **Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth** : additional charge of the post of Secretary, Department of Revenue
- **Senior Advocate Manan Kumar Mishra** : re-elected as head of the Bar Council of India (BCI)
- **Suman Kumar** : Indian Oil Corporation's Director (Planning & Business Development)
- **Friedrich Merz** : Germany's next chancellor (Replaced Olaf Scholz)
- **N Chandrasekaran, Tata Sons chairman** : Chairman of the Ratan Tata Endowment Foundation
- **Fernando Fernandez** : CEO of Unilever (Replaced Hein Schumacher)
- **Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi** : one-year extension as Drug Controller General of India
- **Professor Sabyasachi Kar** : Director of the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), New Delhi (Replaced Professor Chetan Ghate)
- **Shaktikanta Das** : Principal Secretary II to Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- **Rekha Gupta (BJP)** : Chief Minister of Delhi
- **B V R Subrahmanyam** : extended the tenure of NITI Aayog Chief Executive Officer (CEO) by one year



Ques : Which three countries will not participate in the 2026 FIFA World Cup due to separate controversies?

कौन से तीन देश अलग-अलग विवादों के कारण 2026 फीफा विश्व कप में भाग नहीं लेंगे?

- (a) Germany, Japan, and South Korea / जर्मनी, जापान और दक्षिण कोरिया
- (b) Argentina, Iran, and Nigeria / अर्जेंटीना, ईरान और नाइजीरिया
- (c) Russia, Pakistan, and Congo / रूस, पाकिस्तान और कांगो
- (d) Italy, Brazil, and France / इटली, ब्राजील और फ्रांस
- (e) Ukraine, Egypt, and Chile / यूक्रेन, मिस्र और चिली

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The 2026 FIFA World Cup, hosted by the US, Canada, and Mexico, will not include Russia, Pakistan, and Congo owing to individual controversies.
- Pakistan's suspension is due to administrative failings by the Pakistan Football Federation (PFF), which did not approve an updated constitution to ensure fair elections.
- Russia still faces geopolitical sanctions for its 2022 invasion of Ukraine.
- Congo's ban is due to third-party meddling in their football federation, which violates FIFA standards.

About FIFA :

- **Established** : 21 May 1904
- **HQ** : Zurich, Switzerland
- **Membership** : 211 national associations
- **President** : Gianni Infantino

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Ques : Majhi Ladki Behan Yojana, which was in the news recently, is related to which state?

माझी लडकी बहिन योजना, जो हाल ही में खबरों में रही, किस राज्य से संबंधित है?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Maharashtra government distributed approximately Rs.17,000 crore in financial support to 2.38 crore women in a period of seven months since it launched the Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana last year.
- The State has launched Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana in June 2024, with the objectives to promote rehabilitation, economic growth and empowerment of women and girls in the age bracket 21 to 65 years.
- The scheme provides a monthly disbursement of Rs.1,500 to rehabilitate women economically and socially, promote empowerment, and improve the health and nutritional status of their dependents.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Government of India has introduced a modified Ethanol Interest Subvention Scheme to assist Cooperative Sugar Mills (CSMs) in converting their existing ethanol plants into multi-feedstock plants, allowing them to use grains like maize and damaged food grains (DFG) for ethanol production
- Gujarat is the national leader in mangrove afforestation, planting 19,020 hectares at a cost of about Rs 76 crore through the Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats and Tangible Incomes (MISHTI) initiative
- The government has modified the PM CARES plan to provide high-quality coaching to youngsters, including SC and OBC students. The free coaching system, introduced under the Sixth Five-Year Plan, has been updated to improve its effectiveness over time
- The Rajasthan government has established the Shiksha Sanjeevani Bima Yojana, which would give accidental insurance to schoolchildren in the state.
- The Nayab Singh Saini-led BJP government announced the "Haryana Witness Protection Scheme, 2025" to protect witnesses as the state prepares to adopt three new criminal legislation.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the 19th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) initiative from Bhagalpur, Bihar. The Prime Minister's installment was distributed to 9.8 crore eligible farmers via Direct Benefit Transfer
- The Government of India (GoI) launched the Soil Health Card (SHC) project to help state governments provide soil health cards to all farmers in the country. It has been successfully implemented for the past decade
- Recognizing Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)'s impact, the Union Cabinet recommended its continuation, together with the Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS), until 2025-26, with a budget of Rs.69,515.71 crore.
- The Centre has inaugurated the 'Mutual Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs', which was announced in the Union Budget 2025-26, to help micro, small, and medium-sized firms. The policy allows MSMEs to obtain collateral-free loans of up to Rs 100 crore for the purchase of plant, machinery, or equipment
- G-SAFAL (Gujarat Scheme for Antyodaya Families for Augmenting Livelihoods) Launched by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. Its aim is to uplift 50,000 Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) cardholder families across 25 talukas in 10 districts of Gujarat over the next five years.





Ques : What is the rank of Amul in YouGov India Value Rankings 2025 Published by YouGov India ?

YouGov India द्वारा प्रकाशित YouGov India Value Rankings 2025 में अमूल का रैंक क्या है?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Report YouGov India Value Rankings 2025 Published by YouGov India
- According to the YouGov India Value Rankings 2025, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (Amul) is the third most valuable brand in India.
- The research ranks Amul as the only FMCG brand among the top three, alongside e-commerce giants Amazon and Flipkart.
- EaseMyTrip experienced the biggest rise, with a 5.8-point increase.
- The ranking includes six sectors: airlines, consumer electronics, automobiles, general insurance, travel booking platforms, and e-commerce.
- Men pick Tata Motors and Air India, while women chose Swiggy and Malabar Gold & Diamonds, indicating a penchant for convenience and jewelry.

Top 5 Brands in YouGov India Value Rankings 2025 with their score :

- 1 Amazon 56.5
- 2 Flipkart 53.0
- 3 Amul 52.8
- 4 Tanishq 48.4
- 5 MakeMyTrip 45.4



India's Rankings in Different Indices

- **Report 2025 Glass-Ceiling Index Published by The Economist (London)** : Sweden (1st)
- **Report IT Services 25 2025 Published by Brand Finance** : TCS Limited (4th Consecutive Year), India (2nd), Accenture plc (7th Consecutive year), USA (1st)
- **Busiest Airports by Seats according to International Air Transport Association (IATA)** : Indira Gandhi International Airport, India (8th), Dubai International Airport, UAE (top)
- **World Reputation Rankings 2025 Published by Times Higher Education (THE)** : Harvard University, USA (1st)
- **Forbes' Women Billionaire List Published by Forbes** : Alice Walton \$112.5 billion (top)
- **FutureBrand Index 2024 Published by FutureBrand** : Samsung (South Korea) (1st), RIL (India) (2nd)
- **2024 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500 ranking** : Reliance Industries (1st)
- **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)



Ques : Which organization is responsible for the 'Medical Innovations Patent Mitra' initiative?

'मेडिकल इनोवेशन पेटेंट मित्र' पहल के लिए कौन सा संगठन जिम्मेदार है?

- (a) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) / भारतीय चिकित्सा अनुसंधान परिषद (आईसीएमआर)
- (b) World Health Organization (WHO) / विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन (डब्ल्यूएचओ)
- (c) Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) / केंद्रीय औषधि मानक नियंत्रण संगठन (सीडीएससीओ)
- (d) Ministry of AYUSH / आयुष मंत्रालय
- (e) National Accreditation Board for Hospitals (NABH) / राष्ट्रीय अस्पताल प्रत्यायन बोर्ड (एनएबीएच)

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Union Health Minister J P Nadda has launched the Indian Council of Medical Research's (ICMR) flagship initiative 'Medical Innovations Patent Mitra' to enhance India's healthcare innovation ecosystem.
- The initiative's goal is to provide innovators with comprehensive guidelines and support for patent filings and technology transfer of medical innovations to industry.
- The initiative was launched at the International Symposium on Health Technology Assessment (ISHTA).
- This program, designed under the leadership of NITI Aayog and in conjunction with the Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), is supported by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- Medical Innovation Patent Mitra demonstrates ICMR's commitment to advancing medical innovation.





Ques : The Centre declared the Madhav National Park in Madhya Pradesh as the country's ____ tiger reserve.

केंद्र ने मध्य प्रदेश के माधव राष्ट्रीय उद्यान को देश का ____ बाघ अभयारण्य घोषित किया।

- (a) 55th
- (b) 56th
- (c) 57th
- (d) 58th
- (e) 59th

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Madhav National Park in Madhya Pradesh (MP) has been designated as India's 58th Tiger Reserve (TR) by Union Minister Bhupender Yadav of the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC). This is the ninth TR in MP.
- The newly established Madhav Tiger Reserve situated in Shivpuri district, Gwalior-Chambal area. It is 1,751 square kilometers in size, comprising 375 square kilometres of core area and 1,276 square kilometres of buffer zone.
- The newly established Madhav Tiger Reserve follows the recent recognition of Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary, located between Bhopal and Raisen districts, as the state's eighth Tiger Reserve and 57th Tiger Reserve of India.
- Three tigers, two of which were females, were introduced to Madhav National Park in 2023 as part of the state's tiger reintroduction project.
- Other TRs in MP include Bandhavgarh, Kanha, Panna, Sanjay, Satpura, Pench, Veerangana Durgavati, and Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Tiger Reserves are notified by state governments based on Section 38V of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and advice from the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA).





Recent News Headlines related to Tiger reserves

- Bhupender Yadav, the Union Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, notified the nation that the Ratapani Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh has been designated as the country's 57th Tiger Reserve.
- The 12th International Tourism Mart was held in Kaziranga National Park, Assam, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- The Chhattisgarh government has officially established Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary as tiger reserves, bringing the total number of tiger reserves in the state to four.
- The central government has given preliminary approval for Bihar's second tiger reserve in Kaimur district. The Bihar government proposed developing the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary (KWLS) into a tiger reserve.
- According to 'EnviStats India-2024' report Nagarjunsagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) has been ranked first for its leopard population.
- Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve in the Chandrapur district in Maharashtra is going to introduce a ropeway safari for the first time. It is the largest and oldest Tiger Reserve of Maharashtra.
- The forest department organised its first 'Cyclothon' recently to celebrate World Wildlife Week 2024 at the buffer zone of the Kawal Tiger Reserve in Telangana. Government of India declared Kawal Wildlife Sanctuary a Tiger Reserve in 2012.
- The Ratapani Sanctuary is stretching its arms to get the status of a tiger reserve. It is Situated in Raisen and Sehore districts of Madhya Pradesh, it spreads over 825.90 sq km.
- The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has been told by forest officials at the Palamau Tiger Reserve that Naxals have invaded the area.
- 'Dark Sky Park' has made Pench Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra the first tiger reserve in India and the fifth in Asia.
- A cutting-edge artificial intelligence (AI) technology for the early detection of forest fires was recently introduced by Pench Tiger Reserve.
- By the end of the year, Bihar will have another tiger reserve, the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary, in the Kaimur district, following the Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) in the West Champaran district.
- The creation of the Special Tiger Protection Force for the three Tiger Reserves in Arunachal Pradesh has been approved.



Ques : Which state government has launched Project Hifazat to protect women from violence?

महिलाओं को हिंसा से बचाने के लिए किस राज्य सरकार ने प्रोजेक्ट हिफाजत शुरू किया है?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Punjab government has started Project Hifazat to protect women from assault on the eve of International Women's Day.
- Dr. Baljit Kaur, Punjab's Minister for Social Security, Women, and Child Development, launched the project in Chandigarh.
- The project's goal is to safeguard women and children from violence by coordinating urgent aid from government ministries. It has a designated helpline number, '181', where the victim can call for assistance.
- The program intends to strengthen government agencies' reaction mechanisms to reports of violence against women through better inter-departmental collaboration.

EXAM
Genius





Ques : Which state Names Electronics City After Ratan Tata ?

किस राज्य ने इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स सिटी का नाम रतन टाटा के नाम पर रखा है?

- (a) Assam / असम
- (b) Meghalaya / मेघालय
- (c) Tripura / त्रिपुरा
- (d) Manipur / मणिपुर
- (e) Arunachal Pradesh / अरुणाचल प्रदेश

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The state government has named the future Electronics City in Jagiroad after Ratan Tata, in recognition of his significant contributions to Assam's growth.
- The declaration follows Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran's statements at the Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment Summit in February 2025, where he highlighted Ratan Tata's deep ties to the state.
- Tata Electronics is investing Rs.27,000 crore to build India's first indigenous semiconductor assembly and testing facility in Assam. The plant will produce 48 million chips per day and create 30,000 jobs.

EXAM
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Ques : Which veteran leader and former Minister from the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) recently passed away?

बीजू जनता दल (बीजेडी) के किस वरिष्ठ नेता और पूर्व मंत्री का हाल ही में निधन हो गया?

- (a) Ananta Das / अनंत दास
- (b) Naveen Patnaik / नवीन पटनायक
- (c) Baijayant Panda / बैजयंत पांडा
- (d) Damodar Rout / दामोदर राउत
- (e) Bhartruhari Mahtab / भर्तृहरि महताब

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Ananta Das, a veteran Biju Janata Dal (BJD) leader and former Minister, died at the age of 85 in Bhubaneswar.
- Das represented the Bhograi constituency in Balasore district in the Odisha Assembly, winning the seat four times in a row on a BJD ticket from 2004 to 2019.
- Between 2017 and 2019, Das held numerous ministerial posts, including those for higher education and industries. He also served as the chief whip in the Odisha Assembly from 2014 to 2017.

EXAM
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Ques : International Day of Women Judges celebrated every year on which day ?
अंतर्राष्ट्रीय महिला न्यायाधीश दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 10 March
- (b) 11 March
- (c) 12 March
- (d) 13 March
- (e) 14 March

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- In the ICC Champions Trophy 2025 final, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma made history.
- Playing in their 9th ICC event final, they broke Yuvraj Singh's record for most appearances.
- Ravindra Jadeja equaled Yuvraj's record of 8 final appearances.

Players with the Most ICC Final Appearances :

1. **Virat Kohli & Rohit Sharma** : 9 finals
2. **Yuvraj Singh & Ravindra Jadeja** : 8 finals
3. **Mahela Jayawardene & Kumar Sangakkara** : 7 finals
4. **Muttiah Muralitharan & Ricky Ponting** : 6 finals

EXAM
Genius





Recent records in Cricket :

- **Virat Kohli** : He played his 300th One Day International (ODI) match against New Zealand in Dubai
- **Virat Kohli** : fastest hitter to achieve 14,000 runs in one-day internationals
- **Rohit Sharma** : second fastest batter after compatriot Virat Kohli to complete 11,000 runs in One-day Internationals
- **Babar Azam** : joint-fastest hitter to reach 6000 ODI runs
- **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





Ques : What is the monthly scholarship amount provided under the ‘Scholarships to Young Artists in Different Cultural Fields (SYA)’ scheme?

‘विभिन्न सांस्कृतिक क्षेत्रों में युवा कलाकारों को छात्रवृत्ति (एसवाईए)’ योजना के तहत प्रदान की जाने वाली मासिक छात्रवृत्ति राशि क्या है?

- (a) Rs.3,000
- (b) Rs.5,000
- (c) Rs.7,500
- (d) Rs.10,000
- (e) Rs.12,000

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Culture is implementing a financial grant scheme known as 'Scholarships to Young Artists in Different Cultural Fields (SYA)' to assist young artists specializing in various cultural fields such as classical dance forms, indigenous artwork, and other traditional art forms in pursuing advanced training in their respective fields.
- Under this scheme component, a scholarship of Rs. 5,000/- per month is awarded to up to 400 scholars for a duration of two years in four equal six-monthly instalments.
- The selected scholars should be between the ages of 18 and 25 and have been training under any Guru or Institution for at least 5 years.
- The Scholars are chosen based on their performance in a personal interview / contact with an Expert Committee appointed by the Ministry.





Important days :

- **12 February** : National Productivity Day (Theme 2025: "From Ideas to Impact: Protecting Intellectual Property for Competitive Startups.")
- **12 February** : International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism
- **12 February** : International Darwin Day
- **13 February** : World Radio Day (Theme 2025: Radio and Climate Change)
- **13 February** : National Women's Day
- **15 February** : International Childhood Cancer Day (Theme 2025 Inspiring Action)
- **15 February** (Third Saturday of February) : 14th World Pangolin Day
- **17 February** : Global Tourism Resilience Day
- **20 February** : World Day of Social Justice (Theme 2025: Empowering Inclusion: Bridging Gaps in Social Justice)
- **21 February** : 25th International Mother Language Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Silver Jubilee Celebration of International Mother Language Day)
- **22 February** : World Thinking Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Our Story)
- **23 February** : World Peace and Understanding Day
- **24 February** : Central Excise Day
- **27 February** : 6th World Protein Day 2025 (Theme 2025 #RightWayToProtein)
- **27 February** : World NGO Day (Theme 2025: Empowering grassroots movements for a sustainable future)
- **28 February** : National Science Day (Theme : 'Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science and Innovation for Viksit Bharat')
- **28 February** (Last day of February, either 28 or 29 in leap years) : Rare Disease Day 2025 (Theme 2025 More than you can imagine; an anthology of rare experiences)
- **1 March** : World Seagrass Day (Theme 2025 Harnessing Seagrass' Carbon Sequestration Potential Against the Climate Crisis)
- **1 March** : Zero Discrimination Day (Theme 2025: We Stand Together)
- **1 March** : World Civil Defence Day (Theme 2025 Civil Defence, Guarantee of Security for the Population)
- **3 March** : World Wildlife Day (Theme 2025: Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and the Planet)
- **3 March** : World Hearing Day (Theme 2025 – Changing mindsets: empower yourself to make ear and hearing care a reality for all)
- **4 March** : National Safety Day (Theme 2025 - Safety and well-being are crucial for Viksit Bharat (Developed India))





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) & Government of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Signed MoU to enhance river cruise tourism on three National Waterways in J&K. they are River Chenab (NW-26), River Jhelum (NW-49), and River Ravi (NW-84) out of the 111 recognized national waterways in India.

In Uttar Pradesh, nurses, ANMs, and health professionals will utilize the 'Rapid Immunisation Skill Enhancement' (RISE) software to digitally monitor routine vaccinations for children.

Book Prapancha Charitra Authored by Former minister and Member of Parliament Daggubati Venkateswara Rao and Published by Penned in Telugu and published by Parragon Publishing India Private Limited

On April 2, President Donald Trump imposed reciprocal tariffs on India, potentially complicating discussions for the Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

Renowned agricultural scientist Dr Himanshu Pathak Appointed as Director General (DG) of International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT). He Replaced Dr. Jacqueline d'Arros Hughes

Geological Survey of India (GSI) celebrated its 175th Foundation Day and During the event, Union minister G. Kishan Reddy, launched two significant digital initiatives: the Field Data Acquisition Application (App) and the Geo-heritage App 'Bhuvirasat'

Suman Chakraborty, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur wins 2026 World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) Award in Engineering and Computer Sciences (CS) for Developing Low-Cost Medical Diagnostic Solutions

A Million Women Arise initiative Launched by National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog and India Small, and Medium Enterprise (SME) Forum to address challenges faced by women-led Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).



महत्वपूर्ण एक लाइनर करंट अफेयर्स

भारतीय अंतर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण (IWAI) और जम्मू और कश्मीर सरकार (J&K) ने J&K में तीन राष्ट्रीय जलमार्गों पर नदी क्रूज पर्यटन को बढ़ाने के लिए समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए। वे भारत में 111 मान्यता प्राप्त राष्ट्रीय जलमार्गों में से नदी चिनाब (NW-26), नदी झेलम (NW-49) और नदी रावी (NW-84) हैं।

उत्तर प्रदेश में, नर्स, एएनएम और स्वास्थ्य पेशेवर बच्चों के लिए नियमित टीकाकरण की डिजिटल निगरानी के लिए 'रैपिड इम्यूनाइजेशन स्किल एन्हांसमेंट' (RISE) सॉफ्टवेयर का उपयोग करेंगे।

पूर्व मंत्री और सांसद दग्गुबाती वेंकटेश्वर राव द्वारा लिखित और पैरागॉन पब्लिशिंग इंडिया प्राइवेट लिमिटेड द्वारा प्रकाशित पुस्तक प्रपंच चरित्र

2 अप्रैल को, राष्ट्रपति डोनाल्ड ट्रम्प ने भारत पर पारस्परिक शुल्क लगाया, जिससे मुक्त व्यापार समझौते (FTA) के लिए चर्चाएँ जटिल हो सकती हैं।

प्रसिद्ध कृषि वैज्ञानिक डॉ. हिमांशु पाठक को अंतर्राष्ट्रीय अर्ध-शुष्क उष्णकटिबंधीय फसल अनुसंधान संस्थान (ICRISAT) का महानिदेशक (DG) नियुक्त किया गया। उन्होंने डॉ. जैकलीन डी'आरोस ह्यूजेस का स्थान लिया।

भारतीय भूवैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षण (जीएसआई) ने अपना 175वां स्थापना दिवस मनाया और इस अवसर पर केंद्रीय मंत्री जी. किशन रेड्डी ने दो महत्वपूर्ण डिजिटल पहलों का शुभारंभ किया: फील्ड डेटा अधिग्रहण एप्लिकेशन (ऐप) और जियो-हेरिटेज ऐप 'भुविरासत'

भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, खड़गपुर में मैकेनिकल इंजीनियरिंग की प्रोफेसर सुमन चक्रवर्ती ने कम लागत वाले मेडिकल डायग्नोस्टिक समाधान विकसित करने के लिए इंजीनियरिंग और कंप्यूटर विज्ञान (सीएस) में 2026 विश्व विज्ञान अकादमी (टीडब्ल्यूएस) पुरस्कार जीता

राष्ट्रीय भारत परिवर्तन संस्थान (नीति) आयोग और भारत लघु एवं मध्यम उद्यम (एसएमई) फोरम द्वारा महिलाओं के नेतृत्व वाले सूक्ष्म, लघु एवं मध्यम उद्यमों (एमएसएमई) के सामने आने वाली चुनौतियों का समाधान करने के लिए एक मिलियन वूमेन एराइज पहल शुरू की गई।