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Ques : Which bank Renew MoU with Indian Army and CSC Academy to Expand Project NAMAN ?

किस बैंक ने प्रोजेक्ट नमन का विस्तार करने के लिए भारतीय सेना और सीएससी अकादमी के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन को नवीनीकृत किया?

- (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 A

Explanation :

- HDFC Bank Limited, the Indian Army's Directorate of Indian Army Veterans (DIAV), and Common Service Centres Academy (under CSC e-Governance Services India Limited) have renewed their MoU to expand Project NAMAN.
- This effort strives to provide crucial services to Army veterans, their families, and next of kin.

About Project NAMAN :

- **Implemented through :** Common Service Centres (CSC)
- **Operated by :** Veterans or their families
- **Phase 1 (September 2023) :** The project established CSCs at 14 DIAV locations
- **Phase 2 (March 2025) :** The project will now expand to 26 DIAV locations across Rajasthan, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Meghalaya, Bihar, Odisha, and New Delhi



Ques : Where was the 29th Meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) on MSME credit flow held?

एमएसएमई ऋण प्रवाह पर स्थायी सलाहकार समिति (एसएसी) की 29वीं बैठक कहाँ आयोजित की गई?

- (a) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- (b) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
- (c) Guwahati / गुवाहाटी
- (d) Ahmedabad / अहमदाबाद
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) chaired by Swaminathan J, Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, held its 29th meeting in Ahmedabad to assess credit flows to the MSME sector.
- The meeting focused on strategies to improve institutional credit assistance, tackle financial difficulties, and advance digital solutions.

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Ques : Which insurance company Launched SheTARA campaign ?
किस बीमा कंपनी ने SheTARA अभियान शुरू किया?

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance / बजाज आलियांज जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (b) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance / आईसीआईसीआई प्रूडेंशियल लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance / कोटक महिंद्रा लाइफ इंश्योरेंस
- (d) Go Digit General Insurance / गो डिजिट जनरल इंश्योरेंस
- (e) Star Health Insurance / स्टार हेल्थ इंश्योरेंस

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- SheTARA campaign Launched by Star Health Insurance at Tamil Nadu
- Its aim is to promote preventive healthcare among women while also encouraging more women to join as insurance agents
- Tamil Nadu, which employs nearly 42% of India's women workforce (6.3 lakh), serves as an ideal location for this initiative

About Star Health Insurance :

- **Established :** 2006
- **HQ :** Chennai
- **MD & CEO :** Anand Roy

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Recent Facilities Launched in Banking & Insurance Sector :

- 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
- 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
- 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.
- The Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) has launched three programs to promote financial inclusion, investor awareness, and investment recovery. These efforts, Chhoti SIP, Tarun Yojana, and MITRA, aim to make mutual fund investing more accessible.
- South Indian Bank, a private lender based in Kochi, has developed 'SIB QUICKPL', a totally digital personal loan platform for new customers. This in-house solution enables salaried and self-employed persons with good credit to obtain unsecured personal loans in 10 minutes.



Ques : Which company has become the first private reinsurer in India to receive IRDAI approval?

कौन सी कंपनी भारत की पहली निजी पुनर्बीमा कंपनी बनी जिसे IRDAI की मंजूरी मिली?

- (a) GIC Re / जीआईसी रि
- (b) HDFC Ergo / एचडीएफसी एर्गो
- (c) Valueattics Re / वैल्यूएटिक्स रि
- (d) ICICI Lombard / आईसीआईसीआई लोम्बार्ड
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has granted approval to Valueattics Re, making it the first private reinsurance company in India.
- Valueattics Re is promoted by Prem Watsa-backed FAL Corporation and GoDigit founder Kamesh Goyal.
- Until now, GIC Re (General Insurance Corporation of India) was the only reinsurance company operating in the country.
- Reinsurance companies provide coverage to primary insurers, helping them manage risk exposure and financial stability.
- With this approval, Kamesh Goyal and Fairfax become the first promoters in India to hold licenses across general insurance, life insurance, and reinsurance businesses.

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Ques : Under which initiative will RBI set up an on-tap cohort on climate change risks?

RBI किस पहल के तहत जलवायु परिवर्तन जोखिमों पर ऑन-टैप समूह स्थापित करेगा?

- (a) Green Finance Program / ग्रीन फाइनेंस प्रोग्राम
- (b) Regulatory Sandbox / रेगुलेटरी सैंडबॉक्स
- (c) Sustainable Banking Mission / सस्टेनेबल बैंकिंग मिशन
- (d) Climate Risk Fund / क्लाइमेट रिस्क फंड
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the establishment of an on-tap cohort focused on climate change risks and sustainable finance under its regulatory sandbox initiative.
- RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra also revealed plans to conduct a special event called 'Greenathon' to address challenges related to climate change and green finance.
- The initiative aims to promote sustainable finance and mitigate climate change risks in the financial sector.
- Green financing poses higher credit risks due to the involvement of new technologies that have limited track records.
- This move is expected to enhance financial stability by fostering innovative solutions for climate resilience and green investments.

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Ques : Which UPI app recorded the highest number of transactions in February 2025?

फरवरी 2025 में किस UPI ऐप ने सबसे अधिक लेनदेन दर्ज किए?

- (a) Google Pay / गूगल पे
- (b) Paytm / पेटीएम
- (c) PhonePe / फोनपे
- (d) Super.money / सुपर मनी
- (e) Cred / श्रेय

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) experienced a 5.2% decrease in transaction volume in February 2025, totaling 16.11 billion transactions.
- Despite the fall, PhonePe, Google Pay, and Paytm remained the market leaders, with Flipkart's Super.money making its debut among the top five UPI apps.

UPI Market Share & Performance Overview :

1. PhonePe – The Market Leader

- **Transaction Volume:** 7,656.40 million
- **Market Share:** 47.54%
- **Total Transaction Value:** Rs.11,18,963.81 crore
- **Value Share:** 50.94%

2 Google Pay – The Strongest Challenger

- **Transaction Volume:** 5,836.80 million
- **Market Share:** 36.24%
- **Total Transaction Value:** Rs.7,71,089.15 crore
- **Value Share:** 35.11%

3 Paytm – Maintaining Stability

- **Market Share:** 6.70%
- **Transaction Value:** Rs.1,17,090.29 crore
- **Value Share:** 5.33%



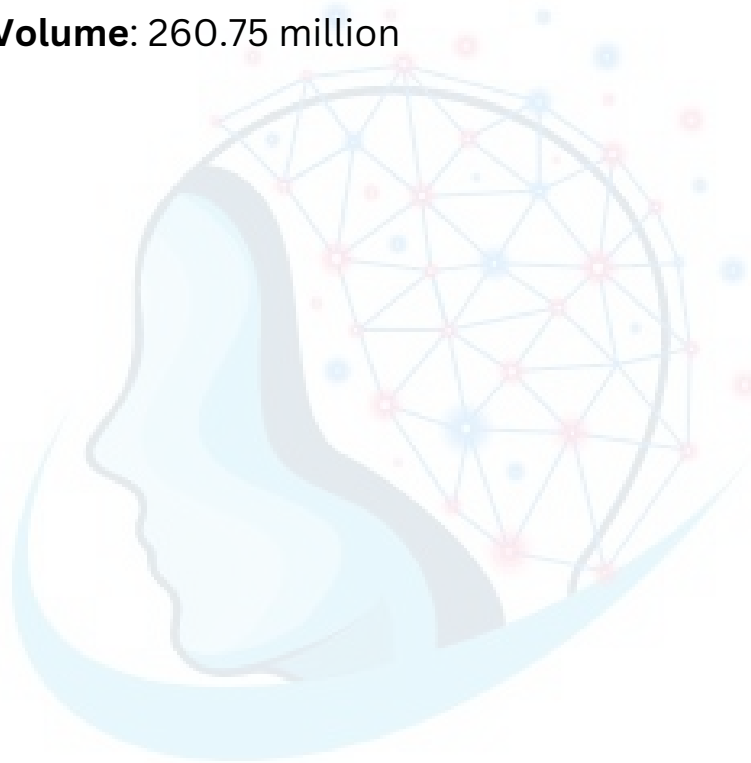


4 Super.money – The Emerging Contender

- **Transaction Volume:** 139.10 million
- Now Ranked as the 5th Largest UPI App, Surpassing CRED

5 CRED & Other Players – Niche Presence

- **CRED's Transaction Value:** Rs.45,127.72 crore
- **Value Share:** 2.05%
- **Navi's Transaction Volume:** 260.75 million



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Ques : Which organisation has launched DesignShaala™, an initiative aimed at promoting financial innovation through Human-Centered Design (HCD) ?
किस संगठन ने मानव-केंद्रित डिज़ाइन (HCD) के माध्यम से वित्तीय नवाचार को बढ़ावा देने के उद्देश्य से डिज़ाइनशाला™ नामक पहल शुरू की है?

- (a) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) / नेशनल पेमेंट्स कॉर्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया (एनपीसीआई)
- (b) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) / भारतीय लघु उद्योग विकास बैंक (सिडबी)
- (c) Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) / रिजर्व बैंक इनोवेशन हब (आरबीआईएच)
- (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) / भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनियम बोर्ड (सेबी)
- (e) Indian Banks' Association (IBA) / भारतीय बैंक संघ (आईबीए)

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has launched DesignShaala™, an initiative that promotes financial innovation through Human-Centered Design (HCD).
- The program was inaugurated by Nandan Nilekani, Infosys' Chairman and Co-Founder, during the 'Building for Billions' event in Bengaluru.
- DesignShaala™ builds financial solutions based on user needs, behaviors, and experiences, making it more intuitive, inclusive, and impactful.
- The program seeks to enable financial innovators to create solutions that go beyond functionality and provide really revolutionary user experiences.

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Ques : The Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) is part of which RBI initiative?
डिजिटल भुगतान जागरूकता सप्ताह (DPAW) RBI की किस पहल का हिस्सा है?

- (a) UPI Expansion Mission / यूपीआई विस्तार मिशन
- (b) Secure Banking for All / सभी के लिए सुरक्षित बैंकिंग
- (c) Har Payment Digital / हर भुगतान डिजिटल
- (d) Digital Economy Drive / डिजिटल अर्थव्यवस्था अभियान
- (e) FinTech Revolution / फिनटेक क्रांति

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched the 5th Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW), a campaign to raise awareness about the importance of digital transactions and ensure their safe use.
- The event, taking place from March 10 to 16, 2025, is part of the RBI's 'Har Payment Digital' program.
- This year's theme, "India Pays Digitally," underscores the country's tremendous progress toward a digitally empowered society in which digital payments are fast becoming the norm.
- Throughout the week, the RBI, in partnership with banks, payment system operators, and other stakeholders, will launch a variety of awareness campaigns around the country. These include multimedia campaigns, on-the-ground instructional activities, and broad outreach via social media channels.

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reported that 98.18% of the Rs.2,000 banknotes in circulation have been returned to the banking system, leaving only Rs.6,471 crore for the public
- On March 5th, 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced open market purchases of government assets and USD/INR swaps totaling Rs 1.9 lakh crore to boost banking liquidity
- In February 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the quarterly House Price Index (HPI) for the December quarter of 2024-25. The All-India HPI increased by 3.1% for the third quarter of the Financial Year 2024-25 (Q3 FY25)
- The Reserve Bank has reduced risk weights for bank financing to NBFCs and microfinance loans, resulting in increased credit availability.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the small loan ceiling for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) to Rs 3 crore per borrower
- The RBI eased restrictions on New India Co-operative Bank, allowing customers to withdraw up to Rs.25,000 from their savings accounts starting February 27
- During the Open Market Operation (OMO) buy auction, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) received bids for Rs 1.87 trillion versus the notified amount of Rs 40,000 crore
- The Reserve Bank of India launched the 2025 Financial Literacy Week, an annual program to raise financial awareness among the public. This year's campaign runs from February 24 to 28, with the theme "Financial Literacy—Women's Prosperity"
- RBI reported that outward remittances under its Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) decreased by 10.15% year on year to USD 22.82 billion from April to December of Financial Year 2024-25 (9MFY25), from USD 24.80 billion in 9M FY24
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched a new smartphone application called 'RBIDATA', which provides easy access to over 11,000 series of economic and financial data relating to the Indian economy
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) launched the Reserve Bank Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS), 2021, which was incorrectly translated into Hindi as "रज़वसबैंक-एकीकृत लोकपाल योजना, 2021." To ensure compliance, the RBI has formally renamed its plan in Hindi to "रज़वसबैंक-एकीकृत ओम्बड्समैन योजना, 2021," replacing "लोकपाल" with "ओम्बड्समैन"





Ques : Which Russian company is acquiring a stake in an Indian alumina refinery?
कौन सी रूसी कंपनी भारतीय एल्युमिना रिफाइनरी में हिस्सेदारी खरीद रही है?

- (a) Gazprom / गज़प्रोम
- (b) Rosneft / रोसनेफ्ट
- (c) Rusal / रुसल
- (d) Norilsk Nickel / नोरिल्स्क निकेल
- (e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Russian aluminium giant Rusal has entered into an agreement to acquire a 26% stake in an Indian alumina refinery owner for \$243.75 million.
- The company has a strategic plan to increase its stake to 50% in stages, strengthening its control over the refinery.
- This acquisition is aimed at reducing Rusal's dependence on third-party raw materials, ensuring a more stable supply chain.
- Rusal will gradually acquire up to 50% of Pioneer Aluminium Industries Ltd. in three stages.
- This move aligns with Rusal's broader expansion strategy to secure long-term access to alumina, a crucial raw material for aluminium production.

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Ques : What is the theme of the Commonwealth Games Federation's rebranding campaign?

राष्ट्रमंडल खेल महासंघ के पुनःब्रांडिंग अभियान का विषय क्या है?

- (a) Unity in Sports / खेलों में एकता
- (b) One World, One Game / एक विश्व, एक खेल
- (c) More in Common / अधिक समानता
- (d) Sports Without Borders / बिना सीमाओं के खेल
- (e) Stronger Together / एक साथ मजबूत

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) has changed its name to Commonwealth Sports as part of the 'More in Common' branding strategy.
- The news was made on Commonwealth Day, the Commonwealth of Nations' annual commemoration held on the second Monday of March.
- Commonwealth Day also marks the start of the Commonwealth Sport King's Baton Relay at Buckingham Place, with 500 days till the Opening Ceremony in Glasgow 2026.
- Katie Sadleir is CEO of Commonwealth Sport

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Ques : India conduct Exercise BONGOSAGAR and 'Coordinated Patrol' (CORPAT) with which country ?

भारत किस देश के साथ बोंगोसागर अभ्यास और 'समन्वित गश्ती' (कॉर्पेट) आयोजित कर रहा है?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Exercise BONGOSAGAR 4th Edition and 'Coordinated Patrol' (CORPAT) 6th Edition Held at Designated maritime areas of the Bay of Bengal between India-Bangladesh (Navy) at Designated maritime areas of the Bay of Bengal
- It is Supervised by Commander Flotilla West
- Indian participant are INS Ranvir and a helicopter and Bangladesh participant are Bangladesh Naval Ship (BNS) Abu Ubaidah and a maritime patrol aircraft
- Last edition held at Northern Bay of Bengal

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Recent News Headlines Related to Defence

Exercise :

- 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
- 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
- Exercise Cyclone 2025 3rd Edition Held at Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan between India-Egypt Joint Special Forces
- The 13th edition of the joint military exercise 'Ekuverin' between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force has begun in the island nation. It took place from June 11 to 24, 2023, at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand
- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Mumbai is taking part in the fourth edition of the multinational naval exercise La Perouse in the eastern Indian Ocean. France will lead the 2025 La Perouse exercise.





Ques : PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY), the world's largest domestic rooftop solar initiative. Which of the following Union Territories has achieved 100% rooftop solar installation on government buildings?

पीएम सूर्य घर: मुफ्त बिजली योजना (PMSGMBY), दुनिया की सबसे बड़ी घरेलू रूफटॉप सोलर पहल है। निम्नलिखित में से किस केंद्र शासित प्रदेश ने सरकारी भवनों पर 100% रूफटॉप सोलर इंस्टॉलेशन हासिल किया है?

- (a) Delhi and Chandigarh / दिल्ली और चंडीगढ़
- (b) Chandigarh and Daman & Diu / चंडीगढ़ और दमन और दीव
- (c) Andaman & Nicobar Islands / अंडमान और निकोबार द्वीप समूह
- (d) Lakshadweep and Chandigarh / लक्षद्वीप और चंडीगढ़
- (e) Puducherry and Daman & Diu / पुडुचेरी और दमन और दीव

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSGMBY), the world's largest home rooftop solar scheme, has reached an important milestone by completing 10.09 lakh installations across the country as of March 10, 2025.
- This ambitious project, inaugurated by PM Modi on February 13, 2024, intends to deliver free electricity to 1 crore residential families via rooftop solar systems, reducing reliance on traditional power sources and empowering residents to become energy producers.
- The program allows each family to contribute to climate change mitigation by lowering carbon emissions equivalent to planting 100 trees.
- Under PM Modi's leadership, a fundamental aspect of the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana is the availability of collateral-free loans through 12 Public Sector Banks (PSBs) at a subsidized interest rate of 6.75% for loans up to Rs.2 lakhs, making rooftop solar systems more accessible to the general public.
- With the easy financing arrangement, a 3 KW rooftop solar system could be constructed with an investment as low as Rs.15,000/-, yielding returns up to Rs.15 lakh over 25 years.
- Notably, Chandigarh and Daman & Diu have met 100% of their government-mandated rooftop solar targets, leading the country in clean energy adoption. States such as Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu also perform admirably, contributing significantly to total installation figures.





Ques : Which country won the 6th Edition of the Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship?

एशियाई महिला कबड्डी चैंपियनशिप का छठा संस्करण किस देश ने जीता?

- (a) Iran / ईरान
- (b) South Korea / दक्षिण कोरिया
- (c) India / भारत
- (d) Japan / जापान
- (e) Bangladesh / बांग्लादेश

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Indian women's Kabaddi team won the '6th Edition of Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship championship', defeating Iran's team 32-25 in the final in Tehran, Iran.
- India won the event for the fifth time, following victories in 2005, 2007, 2008, and 2017, with the exception of 2016 when South Korea triumphed.
- The Indian team, led by captain Sonali Shingate, were the defending champions.
- Iran hosted the Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship for the third time, having previously done so in 2007 and 2017.

List of winners of the Asian Women's Kabaddi Championships :

- **India** : Gold - 213 Score
- **Iran** : Silver - 111 Score
- **Bangladesh** : Bronze - 117 Score
- **Nepal** : Bronze - 82 Score

About Asian Kabaddi Federation (AKF) :

- **Established** : 1978
- **HQ** : Tehran, Iran
- **Member** : 19 countries
- **President** : Janardhan Singh Gehlot (India)





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The 2026 FIFA World Cup, hosted by the US, Canada, and Mexico, will not include Russia, Pakistan, and Congo owing to individual controversies
- Rohit Sharma became the second-most successful Indian skipper after winning his second ICC title
- In tennis, Siddhant Banthia of India and Alexander Donski of Bulgaria won the ATP Kigali Challenger in Kigali, Rwanda. In the final, they defeated the third-seeded pair, Geoffrey Blancaneaux of France and Kolar Zdenek of Czechia. This is Banthia's first ATP Challenger title
- Indian Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram has clinched the Prague Masters 2025 Chess title. He finished the tournament with six points after settling for a draw against Turkey's Ediz Gurel in the final round
- The All India Football Federation has announced that Sunil Chhetri, a former Indian captain, will return to the national squad for the FIFA International Window matches against Maldives and Bangladesh this month
- India won the ICC Champions Trophy for the third time. In a thrilling final versus New Zealand. India dominated the semi-final against Australia
- In chess, 18-year-old Indian Grandmaster Pranav Venkatesh dominated the FIDE World Junior Championship 2025, winning the championship in Montenegro
- At the 2025 Mountain West Indoor Track and Field Championships, India's Krishna Jayasankar became the first Indian woman to throw an indoor shot put over 16 meters. Her record-breaking throw was 16.03 meters
- In tennis, Rithvik Choudary Bollipalli of India and his Colombian partner Nicolas Barrientos won the Chile Open men's doubles tournament in Santiago. Last night, the Indian-Colombian combination defeated Argentina's top seeds Maximo Gonzalez and Andres Molteni in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2.
- In tennis, Brandon Holt of the USA clinched his second ATP Challenger singles title of the season after beating Japan's Shintaro Mochizuki 6-3, 6-3 in the Bengaluru Open 2025 tennis tournament's singles final.
- The Vidarbha cricket team won the 2024-25 Ranji Trophy by defeating Kerala in the final at the Vidarbha Cricket Association (VCA) Stadium in Nagpur, Maharashtra, after leading in the first innings.
- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) formed an ad hoc committee to oversee the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) due to "administrative instability" inside the organization. The IOA ad hoc committee will be led by Jharkhand Olympic Association general secretary Madhukant Pathak.





Ques : Which country tops the Report Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2024 Published by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) ?

स्टॉकहोम इंटरनेशनल पीस रिसर्च इंस्टीट्यूट (SIPRI) द्वारा प्रकाशित अंतर्राष्ट्रीय शस्त्र हस्तांतरण में रुझान, 2024 रिपोर्ट में कौन सा देश शीर्ष पर है?

- (a) Japan / जापान
- (b) Argentina / अर्जेन्टीना
- (c) Russia / रूस
- (d) Brazil / ब्राजील
- (e) Ukraine / यूक्रेन

Answer : Option E

Explanation : • Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2024 Published by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

- Between 2020 and 2024, Ukraine became the world's main importer of major weaponry, with purchases about 100 times higher than in 2015-19.
- In 2020-2024, India ranked as the world's second-largest arms importer, with a 9.3% decrease in imports from 2015-2019.
- Russia is India's largest arms supplier, accounting for 36% of overall imports. France is the second-largest provider to India, accounting for 33% of total imports.
- Israel contributed 13% of India's total imports.
- The United States accounted for 43% of global arms exports, up 21% from 2015-19.

Ranking of Top 5 Importers :

- 1 Ukraine
- 2 India
- 3 Qatar
- 4 Saudi Arabia
- 5 Pakistan

Top 5 Exporters :

- 1 USA
- 2 France
- 3 Russia
- 4 China
- 5 Germany





India's Rankings in Different Indices

- **Report YouGov India Value Rankings 2025 Published by YouGov India** : Amul (3rd), Amazon (1st)
- **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 : When was e-Shram portal launched by Ministry of Labour and Employment ?
श्रम और रोजगार मंत्रालय द्वारा ई-श्रम पोर्टल कब लॉन्च किया गया?

- (a) 2019
- (b) 2020
- (c) 2021
- (d) 2022
- (e) 2023

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- On August 26, 2021, the Ministry of Labour and Employment launched the e-Shram site (eshram.gov.in) to create a comprehensive National Database of Unorganized Workers (NDUW).
- As of March 3, 2025, over 30.68 crore unorganized workers have enrolled on the e-Shram platform, with women accounting for over half (53.68%).
- So far, 13 initiatives from various Central Ministries/Departments have been integrated/mapped with the e-Shram.
- e-Shram is now available on the Unified Mobile Application for New-age Government (UMANG app), allowing workers to register and update information from their mobile devices.

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Ques : Where will the Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) be developed?

मल्टी-मॉडल लॉजिस्टिक्स पार्क (एमएमएलपी) कहाँ विकसित किया जाएगा?

- (a) Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh / कानपुर, उत्तर प्रदेश
- (b) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh / वाराणसी, उत्तर प्रदेश
- (c) Patna, Bihar / पटना, बिहार
- (d) Bhubaneswar, Odisha / भुवनेश्वर, ओडिशा
- (e) Indore, Madhya Pradesh / इंदौर, मध्य प्रदेश

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) and the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) inked a substantial MoU to establish a cutting-edge Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- The MMLP will be built on a 150-acre plot and connected to National Highway 7 (NH7) by a 650-meter access road. It is located only 1.5 kilometers from the critical NH7-NH2 junction, which improves regional communication.
- In addition to road connectivity, the park will be seamlessly integrated with the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor by a 5.1 kilometer railway line from Jeonathpur Station.
- The area is also well connected to National Waterway-1 and approximately 30 kilometers from Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport, ensuring reliable transportation for both local and international trade.
- The project is intended to produce significant investment opportunities and job creation, hence bolstering India's logistics sector.





Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- 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.
- Coal India Limited (CIL) has inked an MoU with Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (IIT-H) for establishing a Centre of Clean Coal Energy and Net Zero (CLEANZ) at Hyderabad
- The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and Sustain Plus, a Bangalore-based NGO, have collaborated to launch a large-scale circular dairy scheme that would install 10,000 biogas plants in 15 Indian states, including Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Bihar
- DPIIT and Mercedes-Benz India Private Limited have inked an agreement to strengthen India's industrial ecosystem, improve road safety, and promote environmental sustainability.
- The India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), Tata Electronics Private Limited (TEPL), and Tata Semiconductor Manufacturing Private Limited (TSMPL) have signed a Fiscal Support Agreement (FSA) to build India's first commercial semiconductor fabrication unit in Dholera, Gujarat
- Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited & Ministry of Defence signed MOU of Worth Rs 239 crore For the supply of multi-mode hand grenade, to be completed within 1 year
- The governments of India and Nepal have signed a MOU to strengthen cooperation in the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) sector, which includes waste management
- Belgium's John Cockerill Defence (JCD), a prominent global maker of tank turrets, has formed a joint venture (JV) with Electro Pneumatics & Hydraulics (EPH), an Indian company headquartered in Pune
- The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, will hold the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Executive Capacity Building Programme for Human Rights in New Delhi.
- The Maharashtra government has teamed with Meta (previously Facebook) for Mumbai Tech Week 2025.





Ques : What is the new official name of India's Astra MK-III missile?

भारत की एस्ट्रा एमके-III मिसाइल का नया आधिकारिक नाम क्या है?

- (a) Vajra / वज्र
- (b) Gandiva / गांडीव
- (c) Pinaka / पिनाका
- (d) Trishul / त्रिशूल
- (e) Brahmastra / ब्रह्मास्त्र

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Astra MK-III, India's most advanced air-to-air missile, has been formally christened Gandiva, after Arjuna's renowned bow from the Mahabharata.
- The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) is currently developing a missile that is projected to transform aerial warfare, particularly in beyond visual range (BVR) conflict.
- The Gandiva missile can strike enemy airborne targets with a range of 340 km at 20 km altitude and 190 km at 8 km altitude.
- The missile will be deployed on the IAF's Sukhoi Su-30MKI jets and the Light Combat Aircraft Tejas.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Lineman Diwas 5th Edition Held at New Delhi and Organised By Central Electricity Authority (CEA) & Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (TPDDL). Lineman Diwas is annually observed on March 4th across India and its Theme 2025 is Seva, Suraksha, Swabhiman

Amitava Mukherjee Appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NMDC Limited

The Mahila Samriddhi Yojana was authorized by the Delhi government during a cabinet meeting. On International Women's Day, Delhi CM Rekha Gupta fulfilled her commitment of providing ₹2,500 to qualified women. The national capital budget includes a provision of ₹5,100 crore for the scheme's implementation.

England batsman Harry Brook has withdrawn from the Indian Premier League (IPL) for the second consecutive year, risking a potential twoyear ban under IPL regulations. He need to focus on preparations for England's upcoming series as the reason for his decision.

GRM Overseas or “GRM”, a prominent FMCG player in India, is poised to transform the Wheat Flour market with its new campaign for 10X Classic Chakki Fresh Atta, featuring the company’s recently appointed brand ambassador, Bollywood actor Salman Khan.

India’s Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) and Armenia’s Center of Drug and Medical Technology Expertise (CDMTE) Sign MoU to strengthen collaboration in diplomatic training and exchange programs. It focuses on cooperation in regulating medical products to ensure their quality and safety

Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Annapurna Devi will lead India’s delegation at the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the United Nations headquarters in New York.

Avanse Financial Services Ltd. (Avanse) has launched ‘SWALAKSH’, a specialised education loan tailored for female students aspiring to study abroad.



महत्वपूर्ण एक लाइनर करेंट अफेयर्स

लाइनमैन दिवस का 5वां संस्करण नई दिल्ली में आयोजित किया गया और इसका आयोजन केंद्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण (सीईए) और टाटा पावर दिल्ली डिस्ट्रीब्यूशन लिमिटेड (टीपीडीडीएल) द्वारा किया गया। लाइनमैन दिवस पूरे भारत में 4 मार्च को प्रतिवर्ष मनाया जाता है और इसका थीम 2025 है सेवा, सुरक्षा, स्वाभिमान

अमिताव मुखर्जी को एनएमडीसी लिमिटेड का अध्यक्ष और प्रबंध निदेशक (सीएमडी) नियुक्त किया गया

दिल्ली सरकार ने कैबिनेट बैठक के दौरान महिला समृद्धि योजना को अधिकृत किया। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस पर, दिल्ली की सीएम रेखा गुप्ता ने योग्य महिलाओं को ₹2,500 प्रदान करने की अपनी प्रतिबद्धता पूरी की। राष्ट्रीय राजधानी के बजट में इस योजना के कार्यान्वयन के लिए ₹5,100 करोड़ का प्रावधान शामिल है।

इंग्लैंड के बल्लेबाज हैरी ब्रूक ने लगातार दूसरे साल इंडियन प्रीमियर लीग (आईपीएल) से नाम वापस ले लिया है, जिससे आईपीएल नियमों के तहत उन पर दो साल का प्रतिबंध लगने का खतरा है। उन्हें इंग्लैंड की आगामी श्रृंखला की तैयारियों पर ध्यान केंद्रित करने की आवश्यकता है, क्योंकि उन्होंने यह निर्णय लिया है।

जीआरएम ओवरसीज या “जीआरएम”, भारत में एक प्रमुख एफएमसीजी खिलाड़ी, 10X क्लासिक चक्की फ्रेश आटा के लिए अपने नए अभियान के साथ गेहूं के आटे के बाजार को बदलने के लिए तैयार है, जिसमें कंपनी के हाल ही में नियुक्त ब्रांड एंबेसडर, बॉलीवुड अभिनेता सलमान खान शामिल हैं।

भारत के केंद्रीय औषधि मानक नियंत्रण संगठन (CDSCO) और आर्मेनिया के औषधि एवं चिकित्सा प्रौद्योगिकी विशेषज्ञता केंद्र (CDMTE) ने राजनयिक प्रशिक्षण और विनिमय कार्यक्रमों में सहयोग को मजबूत करने के लिए समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए। यह चिकित्सा उत्पादों की गुणवत्ता और सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए उनके विनियमन में सहयोग पर केंद्रित है।

केंद्रीय महिला एवं बाल विकास मंत्री अन्नपूर्णा देवी न्यूयॉर्क में संयुक्त राष्ट्र मुख्यालय में महिलाओं की स्थिति पर आयोग (CSW) के 69वें सत्र में भारत के प्रतिनिधिमंडल का नेतृत्व करेंगी।

एवांसे फाइनेंशियल सर्विसेज लिमिटेड (एवांसे) ने विदेश में अध्ययन करने की इच्छुक महिला छात्रों के लिए विशेष शिक्षा ऋण ‘स्वलक्ष’ लॉन्च किया है।