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Ques : Which organization, along with RBI, has launched nationwide financial literacy campaigns?

किस संगठन ने आरबीआई के साथ मिलकर देशव्यापी वित्तीय साक्षरता अभियान शुरू किया है?

- (a) SEBI / सेबी
- (b) NABARD / नाबार्ड
- (c) National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) / राष्ट्रीय वित्तीय शिक्षा केंद्र (NCFE)
- (d) Ministry of Finance / वित्त मंत्रालय
- (e) NITI Aayog / नीति आयोग

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The RBI and National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) have started nationwide programs to promote financial literacy.
- These efforts aim to equip varied parts of the public with the necessary knowledge and skills to manage

Key Initiatives :

- Financial Literacy Centres (FLCs) have been established by Lead Banks to promote financial awareness and inclusion.
- 'RBI Kehta Hai' is a multimedia, multilingual campaign aimed at educating the public on safe banking practices.
- Mass media campaigns are conducted to disseminate essential financial awareness messages to all age groups.
- The Financial Awareness Messages (FAME) booklet, developed by RBI, provides standardized financial education content tailored for different target groups, including senior citizens.
- The National Strategy for Financial Education (NSFE) focuses on equipping individuals with the knowledge, skills, and behavior necessary for effective financial management and future planning.
- The National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) conducts financial education programs targeting individuals below 18 years and above 60 years.



Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will shortly produce Rs.100 and Rs.200 banknotes in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series, with the signature of the newly appointed Governor, Shri Sanjay Malhotra
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set the final redemption price for Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) maturing on March 17, 2025, at Rs.8,624 per unit
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been awarded the Digital Transformation Award 2025 by Central Banking, London, UK, for its innovative digital initiatives
- The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has launched DesignShaala™, an initiative that promotes financial innovation through Human-Centered Design (HCD)
- 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
- 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 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 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.





Ques : Where is the Headquarter of Kuhoo Finance Private Limited ?

कुहू फाइनेंस प्राइवेट लिमिटेड का मुख्यालय कहां है?

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

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Kuhoo Finance Private Limited, a fintech platform specializing in student loans, has received a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The company is backed by WestBridge Capital India Advisors Private Limited, strengthening its financial credibility.
- With this approval, Kuhoo Finance can directly disburse loans up to ₹2 crores from its own books.
- The license enhances the startup's ability to support students pursuing higher education by offering tailored financial solutions.

About Kuhoo Finance Private Limited :

- **Established** : 2021
- **HQ** : Mumbai
- **MD & CEO** : Prashant A Bhonsle

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Ques : HDFC Bank is selling Rs.1,028 crore bad loans through which auction method?

HDFC बैंक Rs.1,028 करोड़ के खराब ऋण किस नीलामी पद्धति के माध्यम से बेच रहा है?

- (a) Open Auction / खुली नीलामी
- (b) Swiss Challenge / स्विस् चैलेंज
- (c) Reverse Auction / रिवर्स नीलामी
- (d) Online Bidding / ऑनलाइन बोली
- (e) Direct Negotiation / प्रत्यक्ष बातचीत

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- HDFC Bank is selling Rs.1,028 crore worth of bad loans using the Swiss Challenge auction method, which allows competitive bidding.
- The bad loan portfolio includes Rs.329 crore from mortgage & home loans, Rs.77 crore from commercial vehicle loans, and Rs.72 crore from agriculture loans.
- The Swiss Challenge method ensures transparency, allowing higher bids to be challenged by other bidders, creating a fair and competitive process.

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Ques : Who brings Gemma 3 open model to compete with Meta's Llama, DeepSeek V3 ?

मेटा के लामा, डीपसीक वी3 के साथ प्रतिस्पर्धा करने के लिए जेम्मा 3 ओपन मॉडल कौन लेकर आया है?

- (a) Microsoft / माइक्रोसॉफ्ट
- (b) Tinder / टिंडर
- (c) Meta / मेटा
- (d) Google / गूगल
- (e) Amazon / अमेज़ॅन

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Google has announced the Gemma 3, the next-generation Gemma AI model, which joins its open model lineup.
- Gemma 3 was "built from the same research and technology that powers" the Gemini 2.0 versions. It is available in sizes 1B, 4B, 12B, and 27B.
- The company claims to outperform the Llama-405B, DeepSeek-V3, and o3-mini models on the benchmarking site LMArena.

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Ques : Mission Amrit Sarovar launched in which year ?

मिशन अमृत सरोवर किस वर्ष शुरू किया गया?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Indian Railways has joined the Union Government's Mission Amrit Sarovar, started in April 2022, to address water scarcity and improve groundwater recharge across the country.
- The program intends to build or renovate 75 ponds in each district, with emphasis on community involvement (Jan Bhagidari) and climate resilience.

About Mission Amrit Sarovar :

- **Launched** : April 2022 under Ministry of Rural Development
- **Aim** : construct or rejuvenate 75 ponds per district
- **Technical partner** : Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Application and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N)
- **Achievement** : By October 2024, over 68,000 ponds have been rejuvenated
- In Phase 2, the Indian Railways will assist in desilting, excavating, and constructing new water bodies near railway lines





Ques : Which state/UT recently signed an MoU with the National Health Authority (NHA) to implement AB-PMJAY and become 35th state/UT to adopt the scheme ?
हाल ही में किस राज्य/केंद्र शासित प्रदेश ने AB-PMJAY को लागू करने के लिए राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य प्राधिकरण (NHA) के साथ एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए और इस योजना को अपनाने वाला 35वां राज्य/केंद्र शासित प्रदेश बन गया?

- (a) Punjab / पंजाब
- (b) Delhi / दिल्ली
- (c) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (d) Karnataka / कर्नाटक
- (e) Rajasthan / राजस्थान

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Delhi government signed an MoU with the National Health Authority (NHA) to implement the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), becoming the 35th state/UT to adopt the scheme. West Bengal remains the only state yet to implement it.

About AB-PMJAY :

- The Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is the world's largest government-sponsored health insurance programme.
- It provides Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary hospital care to nearly 550 million beneficiaries from 123.7 million economically vulnerable families, covering the bottom 40% of India's population.



Ques : Which team topped the medal tally of Khelo India Winter Games 2025 ?
खेलो इंडिया शीतकालीन खेल 2025 की पदक तालिका में कौन सी टीम शीर्ष पर रही?

- (a) Ladakh / लद्दाख
- (b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- (c) Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
- (d) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- (e) Army / सेना

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The fifth edition of India's major winter sports event, the Khelo India Winter Games 2025, held its second leg in Gulmarg on March 9-12.
- The event was held in two sections, with the first leg taking place in Ladakh from January 23-27.
- This year's event has almost 400 competitors from 19 teams fighting for 136 medals in six winter sports.
- The Indian Army won the most medals, with seven golds, five silvers, and six bronze.
- The first Winter Games 2025, featuring ice hockey and skating, will take place in Leh from January 23rd to January 27th, 2025.
- The second chapter of the 2025 Winter Games, featuring four snow sports (Ski Mountaineering, Alpine Skiing, Snowboard, and Nordic Skiing), will be held in Gulmarg, J&K.

Khelo India Winter Games 2025 medal tally :

- 1 **Army** : 7 (Gold) 5 (Silver) 6 (Bronze) = 18 (Total)
- 2 **Himachal Pradesh** : 6 (Gold) 5 (Silver) 7 (Bronze) = 18 (Total)
- 3 **Ladakh** : 4 (Gold) 2 (Silver) 1 (Bronze) = 7 (Total)
- 4 **Maharashtra** : 3 (Gold) 5 (Silver) 5 (Bronze) = 13 (Total)
- 5 **Tamil Nadu** : 3 (Gold) 2 (Silver) 0 (Bronze) = 5 (Total)





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The World Para Athletics Grand Prix (WPA GP) 2025 will begin at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi. Praveen Kumar, Navdeep Singh, and Dharambir, who won gold medals at the Paris 2024 Paralympics, will lead the Indian delegation
- Mumbai Indians (MI) clinched their second Women's Premier League (WPL) title by defeating Delhi Capitals (DC) by 8 runs in the final
- 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
- 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.
- 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





Ques : Alana King have won the ICC Women's Player of the Month awards for February 2025. Which country does Alana King represent?

अलाना किंग ने फरवरी 2025 के लिए ICC महिला प्लेयर ऑफ द मंथ पुरस्कार जीता है। अलाना किंग किस देश का प्रतिनिधित्व करती हैं?

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

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has named the winners of the ICC Men's and Women's Player of the Month Awards for February 2025.
- Shubman Gill of India earned the ICC Men's Player of the Month award, while Alana King of Australia took the ICC Women's Player of the Month title.
- Alana became the third consecutive Australian cricketer to receive the ICC Women's Player of the Month award.

ICC Women's Player of the Month :

- October 2024 – Amelia Kerr (New Zealand)
- November 2024 – Danni Wyatt-Hodge (England)
- December 2024 – Annabel Sutherland (Australia)
- January 2025 – Beth Mooney (Australia)

ICC Men's Player of the Month :

- October 2024 – Noman Ali (Pakistan)
- November 2024 – Haris Rauf (Pakistan)
- December 2024 – Jasprit Bumrah (India)
- January 2025 – Jomel Warrican (West Indies)



Ques : When was the Oilfield (Regulatory and Development) Amendment Bill, 2024 passed by the Rajya Sabha?

तेल क्षेत्र (विनियामक और विकास) संशोधन विधेयक, 2024 राज्य सभा द्वारा कब पारित किया गया?

- (a) 1st January 2025
- (b) 26th November 2024
- (c) 3rd December 2024
- (d) 15th February 2025
- (e) 10th October 2024

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Lok Sabha approved the Oilfield (Regulatory and Development) Amendment Bill, 2024, following its passage in the Rajya Sabha on December 3, 2024.
- The bill aims to modernize regulations to attract investment and enhance exploration and production in the oil and gas sector.
- It aligns with the government's initiative to shift from a "production sharing" to a "revenue sharing" model for awarding contracts, streamlining procedures, and reducing regulatory burdens.
- Since 2014, over 76% of India's active exploration acreage has been allocated under these reforms.
- The penalty for non-compliance with the Act has been enhanced to 25 lakh rupees and up to 10 lakh per day, with the goal of deterring future violations.

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the captain of Delhi Capitals for the upcoming IPL season?

आगामी आईपीएल सत्र के लिए दिल्ली कैपिटल्स का कप्तान किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- (a) Rishabh Pant / ऋषभ पंत
- (b) KL Rahul / केएल राहुल
- (c) Prithvi Shaw / पृथ्वी शॉ
- (d) Axar Patel / अक्षर पटेल
- (e) David Warner / डेविड वार्नर

Answer : option D

Explanation :

- Axar Patel, an all-rounder from India, has been named captain of the Delhi Capitals for the 2017 IPL season, replacing KL Rahul, a senior player who has recently joined the squad.
- The 31-year-old is the team's longest-serving player, having played six seasons for Delhi since 2019.
- He was retained for INR 16.50 crore during the mega auction in November.
- He has scored 967 runs and 62 wickets in 82 games for Delhi, with an impressive economy rate of over 7.

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:Ques : Who launched the 'UN80 Initiative' to enhance efficiency within the United Nations?

संयुक्त राष्ट्र में दक्षता बढ़ाने के लिए 'UN80 पहल' किसने शुरू की?

- (a) Joe Biden / जो बिडेन
- (b) Antonio Guterres / एंटोनियो गुटेरेस
- (c) Jens Stoltenberg / जेन्स स्टोलटेनबर्ग
- (d) Ursula von der Leyen / उर्सुला वॉन डेर लेयेन
- (e) Kristalina Georgieva / क्रिस्टालिना जॉर्जीवा

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres launched the 'UN80 Initiative' to improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness in the 80-year-old organization amid financial challenges.
- The initiative focuses on quick efficiency improvements, reviewing mandates, and assessing structural and program changes across the UN system. A task force led by Under-Secretary-General Guy Ryder will oversee its implementation.
- The UN General Assembly approved a \$3.72 billion budget for 2025, with the US contributing 22% of the regular budget and 27% of the peacekeeping budget.
- The 2024-25 peacekeeping budget is \$5.6 billion, with the US as the largest contributor at 26.95%.

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Ques : Which country tops World Air Quality Report 2024 Published by Switzerland based air quality technology company IQAir ?

स्विट्जरलैंड स्थित वायु गुणवत्ता प्रौद्योगिकी कंपनी IQAir द्वारा प्रकाशित विश्व वायु गुणवत्ता रिपोर्ट 2024 में कौन सा देश शीर्ष पर है?

- (a) Namibia / नामिबिया
- (b) Lebanon / लेबनान
- (c) Uruguay / उरुग्वे
- (d) Chad / चाड
- (e) Haiti / हैती

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- World Air Quality Report 2024 7th Edition Published by Switzerland based air quality technology company IQAir. It includes Total 138 Countries.
- Chad ranks first among the most polluted countries, with an average value of $91.8 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. India ranks fifth behind Chad, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Congo.
- In 2024, India's average PM 2.5 concentration was $50.6 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, down 7% from $54.4 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ in 2023.
- The 2024 World Air Quality Report found that only 7 of 138 countries met the WHO's annual PM_{2.5} limit of $5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, with over 90% reporting dangerous levels.
- India has 13 of the world's 20 most polluted cities.
- Only seven nations (Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Estonia, Grenada, Iceland, and New Zealand) met the WHO annual average PM_{2.5} guideline of $5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$.

Ranking of Top 5 most polluted countries in 2024 :

- 1 Chad
- 2 Bangladesh
- 3 Pakistan
- 4 Congo
- 5 India

Ranking of Top 5 Most Polluted Cities in 2024:

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Byrnihat, India | 2 New Delhi , India |
| 3 Karaganda, Kazakhstan | 4 Mullanpur, India |
| 5 Lahore, Pakistan | |





India's Rankings in Different Indices

- Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2024 Published by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) : Ukraine (top Importer), USA (Exporter)
- 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)





Ques : Who won the Ramsar Award for 'Wetland Wise Use' in 2024?
2024 में 'वेटलैंड बुद्धिमान उपयोग' के लिए रामसर पुरस्कार किसने जीता?

- (a) Medha Patkar / मेधा पाटकर
- (b) Jayshree Vencatesan / जयश्री वेंकटेशन
- (c) Sunita Narain / सुनीता नारायण
- (d) Vandana Shiva / वंदना शिवा
- (e) Maneka Gandhi / मेनका गांधी

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Dr. Jayshree Vencatesan, co-founder of Care Earth Trust, was honored with the Ramsar Award for 'Wetland Wise Use' for her contributions to wetland conservation at Gland, Switzerland
- She was among the 12 women recognized by the Ramsar Secretariat in the second edition of Women Changemakers in the World of Wetlands.
- She is the first Indian to win the yearly coveted Award.

List of winners of 2025 Women changemakers in the world of wetlands :

Fostering international collaboration for wetlands :

1. Professor Celesto Saulo of Argentina
2. Julie Mulonga of Kenya
3. Jennifer George of New Zealand
4. Libuse Vlasakova of Czechia

Contributing to Wetland Protection :

1. Rachel D'Silva of Jamaica
2. Laura González of Panama
3. Franziska Trautmann of the United States of America
4. Oladosu Adenike of Nigeria





Contributing to the Wise Use of Wetlands :

1. Tatiana Minayeva of Poland
2. Rosa Jalja of Bolivia
3. Teresa Vincente Gimenez of Spain
4. Dr. Jayshree Vencatesan of India



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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- 2026 World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) Award : Suman Chakraborty in Engineering and Computer Sciences (CS) for Developing Low-Cost Medical Diagnostic Solutions
- The Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean by Mauritius : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Lifetime Achievement Award for Hospitality and Education award : Dr. Suborno Bose, Chairman of the International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM)
- EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2024 : Nithin Kamath, Founder and CEO of Zerodha
- Lifetime Achievement Award : K.V. Kamath, Chairman of Jio Financial Services Limited
- Special Jury Award : S. Somanath, former Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- 'Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados' : Pabitra Margherita received on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Nominated for the coveted Laureus World Sports Award 2025 in the comeback of the year category : Rishabh Pant
- ISO 22301:2019 Business Continuity Management System (BCMS) certification from the British Standards Institution (BSI) : Bank of Baroda
- 2025 Pritzker Architecture Prize : Liu Jiakun, a Chinese architect and educator
- Jay Shah : prestigious Icon of Excellence award at the 14th Forbes India Leadership Awards (FILA 2025)
- National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Awards : 1. Vaidya Tara Chand Sharma 2. Vaidya Maya Ram Uniyal 3. Vaidya Sameer Govind Jamadagni
- “Sarvashrestha Suraksha Puraskar (Golden Trophy)” in ‘Service Sector’ category : Goa’s Manohar International Airport (GOX), also known as Mopa Airport
- SKOCH Award : Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP)
- insignia of the Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE) : Sunil Bharti Mittal
- Governor of Massachusetts’ Citation : Nita Ambani, the Founder and Chairperson of Reliance Foundation





Ques : "Gyandhara" initiative, which aims to introduce VR metaverse in PM SHRI schools, is being developed by which institution?

"ज्ञानधारा" पहल, जिसका उद्देश्य PM SHRI स्कूलों में VR मेटावर्स को लागू करना है, किस संस्थान द्वारा विकसित की जा रही है?

- (a) IIT Guwahati/ आईआईटी गुवाहाटी
- (b) IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली
- (c) IIT Madras / आईआईटी मद्रास
- (d) IIT Indore / आईआईटी इंदौर
- (e) IIT Roorkee / आईआईटी रुड़की

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- IIT Guwahati has developed India's first VR Metaverse, "Gyandhara", for PM SHRI Schools in collaboration with the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Assam Government's Department of Education.
- The project aims to enhance digital education by integrating Virtual Reality (VR) into learning, providing students with an immersive educational experience.
- "Gyandhara" is being piloted in 56 PM SHRI schools across Assam, where students will use VR technology to engage with complex topics more effectively.
- This initiative aligns with India's push for digital transformation in education, leveraging advanced VR tools to make learning more interactive and engaging.

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Recent News Headlines Related to IITs

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has inked a MOU with IIT Dharwad, to boost industry-academia collaboration in advanced technologies
- Indian Bank has announced a Cyber Security & FinTech hackathon in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, set for April 2025
- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Indian Institute of Technology Indore (IIT-I) collaborate to launch 'AgriHub'
- The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), the premier Telecom R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), GoI, has signed an agreement with IIT Mandi, in collaboration with IIT Jammu, for the development of "Wideband Spectrum-Sensor ASIC-Chip, for Enhancing Spectrum Utilization".
- IIT-Madras has successfully commissioned Asia's largest shallow wave basin at its Discovery campus at Thaiyur.
- IIT Madras, has worked with the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on a project to increase the efficiency and efficacy of the agricultural extension system through digitization.
- IIT Madras has completed a 410-meter Hyperloop test track, marking a big step forward in India's pursuit of futuristic transportation solutions.
- Hyundai Motor Group has partnered with three IITs to build a joint research system in the domains of batteries and electrification, involving a USD 7 million investment over five years.
- IIT Guwahati will host the 10th India International Science Festival (IISF) 2024 from November 30 to December 3.
- Samsung R&D Institute, Noida (SRI-Noida) has signed a MOU with the famed Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay).
- IIT Madras and ISRO Collaborate to create a Centre of Excellence focused on research in 'Fluid and Thermal Sciences'. ISRO will provide seed funding of Rs 1.84 Crore to establish this center.
- The IIT Madras aims to establish a worldwide flagship center in Dubai to promote research, innovation, and entrepreneurship.
- IIT Delhi and the International Energy Agency (IEA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on clean energy transition.





:Ques : Which Indian hockey player won the 'Goalkeeper of the Year' award at the 7th Hockey India Annual Awards 2024?

7वें हॉकी इंडिया वार्षिक पुरस्कार 2024 में 'गोलकीपर ऑफ द ईयर' पुरस्कार किस भारतीय हॉकी खिलाड़ी ने जीता?

- (a) PR Sreejesh / पीआर श्रीजेश
- (b) Savita Punia / सविता पुनिया
- (c) Harmanpreet Singh / हरमनप्रीत सिंह
- (d) Manpreet Singh / मनप्रीत सिंह
- (e) Amit Rohidas / अमित रोहिदास

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Hockey India honored the 1975 Indian hockey team, which won the Hockey World Cup in Kuala Lumpur, with the Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award at the 7th Hockey India Annual Awards.
- A Rs.12 crore prize pool was distributed to recognize individual and team achievements in Indian hockey.
- Savita Punia (Women) and Harmanpreet Singh (Men) won the Balbir Singh Sr. Player of the Year Award, receiving Rs.25 lakh each.

Other awardees include:

- **Savita Punia** : Goalkeeper of the Year
- **Amit Rohidas** : Defender of the Year
- **Abhishek** : Forward of the Year
- **Nadia (Tamil Nadu)** : Upcoming Player of the Year (Women) : Rs.10 lakh
- **Manpreet Singh** : Player of the Year (Men) : Rs.25 lakh
- **1975 World Cup-winning Team** : Rs.50 lakh Lifetime Achievement Award





Ques : How many new moons were recently discovered around Saturn, making it the planet with the most moons in the solar system?

शनि ग्रह के चारों ओर हाल ही में कितने नए चंद्रमा खोजे गए, जिससे यह सौरमंडल में सबसे अधिक चंद्रमाओं वाला ग्रह बन गया?

- (a) 90
- (b) 100
- (c) 113
- (d) 128
- (e) 136

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Astronomers have discovered 128 new moons around Saturn, bringing its total to 274, making it the planet with the most moons in the solar system.
- These newly found moons are small and irregular, following elongated and tilted orbits around Saturn.
- Scientists believe these moons formed due to past cosmic collisions, with some being fragments of larger celestial bodies that shattered millions of years ago.
- The Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope was used to track and confirm these moons over time.
- The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has officially recognized these 128 new moons, solidifying Saturn's position as the planet with the most natural satellites.

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Ques : Which Chinese company recently launched two new AI models, including a reasoning-focused model?

कौन सी चीनी कंपनी ने हाल ही में दो नए AI मॉडल लॉन्च किए, जिनमें एक तर्क क्षमता पर केंद्रित मॉडल शामिल है?

- (a) Tencent / टेनसेंट
- (b) Alibaba / अलीबाबा
- (c) Huawei / हुआवेई
- (d) Baidu / Baidu
- (e) DeepSeek / डीपसीक

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Baidu has launched two new AI models, including one focused on reasoning, to compete in the fast-growing AI sector.
- ERNIE X1, one of the models, rivals DeepSeek R1, offering similar performance at half the price.
- ERNIE X1 features advanced capabilities like understanding, planning, reasoning, reflection, and evolution, making it a powerful AI tool.
- Baidu aims to strengthen its position in the competitive AI market, where companies are rapidly advancing AI technologies.

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Ques : Where has the first-ever temple of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj been inaugurated? छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज का पहला मंदिर कहाँ उद्घाटित किया गया है?

- (a) Pune / पुणे
- (b) Nashik / नासिक
- (c) Bhiwandi / भिवंडी
- (d) Kolhapur / कोल्हापुर
- (e) Mumbai / मुंबई

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated the first-ever temple dedicated to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Bhiwandi, Thane district, on his birth anniversary.
- The 6.5-feet statue of Shivaji Maharaj is the centerpiece, designed by renowned sculptor Arun Yogiraj (who also made the Ram idol in Ayodhya).
- The temple structure resembles a fort, with bastions, a 42-foot grand entrance, and military-style elements, symbolizing Shivaji Maharaj's legacy.
- The temple spans 2,500 sq. ft., featuring 36 sections showcasing key moments from Shivaji Maharaj's life.
- CM Fadnavis announced that pilgrimage status will soon be granted to the temple.

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Ques : World Consumer Rights Day on which day ?

विश्व उपभोक्ता अधिकार दिवस किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 10 March
- (b) 11 March
- (c) 12 March
- (d) 14 March
- (e) 15 March

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- World Consumer Rights Day is commemorated every March 15 to increase awareness about consumer rights and protection.
- Theme 2025: A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles.
- It was inspired by former US President John F. Kennedy's 1962 speech on consumer rights, in which he articulated four fundamental rights: the right to be safe, the right to be informed, the freedom to choose, and the right to be heard.

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Ques : World Sleep Day is observed annually on which day ?

विश्व नींद दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

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

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Every year on March 14, World Sleep Day promotes healthy sleep habits, raises awareness about sleep disorders, and emphasizes the significance of quality sleep.
- Theme 2025: Make Sleep Health a Priority
- This global movement, organized by the World Sleep Day Committee of the World Sleep Society, raises awareness of the negative impact of sleep disorders on general health while advocating for their prevention and treatment.

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Ques : Pi Day is celebrated annually on which day ?

पाई दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

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

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- Pi Day, observed annually on March 14, honors the mathematical constant Pi, which is about 3.14.
- The date, written as 3/14, corresponds to the first three digits of Pi, making it an appropriate day for mathematicians and numerophiles to commemorate this significant number.
- Larry Shaw, a physicist, celebrated Pi Day for the first time in 1988. In 2009, the United States House of Representatives declared March 14 to be Pi Day.
- Later, in 2019, UNESCO named Pi Day the "International Day of Mathematics" at its general assembly.
- Albert Einstein, the famed scientist who developed the "General Theory of Relativity," was born on Pi Day in 1879. Archimedes of Syuse, an ancient mathematician, originally computed the value of Pi.
- It gained widespread acceptance after Leonhard Euler used the sign Pi in 1737. Shaw, a physicist, related Pi's digits to March 14, preparing a special celebration for the Exploratorium workers in San Francisco.





Important days :

- **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))
- **4 March** : 6th World Engineering Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Unleashing the power of engineers to advance the Sustainable Development Goals)
- **5 March** : International Day for Disarmament and Nonproliferation Awareness
- **6 March** : National Dentist's Day 2025
- **7 March** : 7th Jan Aushadhi Diwas 2025
- **1st to 7th March** : Jan Aushadhi Diwas Week
- **8 March** : International Women's Day (IWD) (Theme 2025: For All Women and Girls: Rights, Equality, and Empowerment)
- **4 to 10 March** : 54th National Safety Week 2025 (Theme 2025 Safety & Well-being Crucial for Viksit Bharat)
- **10 March** : International Day of Women Judges
- **10 March** : CISF Raising Day





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

Arun Mammen, Vice Chairman & Managing Director of MRF Ltd, has been elected as the next Chairman of the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA), India's national automotive tyre industry association. ATMA has appointed Hiroshi Yoshizane, Managing Director of Bridgestone India, as its new Vice Chairman.

The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) successfully test-fired India's Astra Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) from the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) AF MK1 prototype off the coast of Chandipur, Odisha. It is developed by DRDO.

Tata Communications has appointed N Ganapathy Subramaniam (NGS) as the chairman of the board of directors of the company.

Muthoot Microfin Wins Two prestigious Gold Awards at the SKOCH Awards 2025. First category is Corporate Excellence – “Best Customer Application on Digital Financial Inclusion” and second is BFSI Award – “Best Insurance Scheme”

Jio Platforms, led by Mukesh Ambani, has partnered with SpaceX to bring Starlink's internet services to India. However, the deal depends on SpaceX getting approval to sell Starlink in the country. This partnership will allow Jio and SpaceX to explore ways to expand internet services for consumers and businesses.

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महत्वपूर्ण एक लाइनर करंट अफेयर्स

एमआरएफ लिमिटेड के उपाध्यक्ष और प्रबंध निदेशक अरुण मैमन को भारत के राष्ट्रीय ऑटोमोटिव टायर उद्योग संघ, ऑटोमोटिव टायर मैनुफैक्चरर्स एसोसिएशन (एटीएमए) का अगला अध्यक्ष चुना गया है। एटीएमए ने ब्रिजस्टोन इंडिया के प्रबंध निदेशक हिरोशी योशिज़ेन को अपना नया उपाध्यक्ष नियुक्त किया है।

एयरोनॉटिकल डेवलपमेंट एजेंसी (एडीए) ने ओडिशा के चांदीपुर तट पर लाइट कॉम्बैट एयरक्राफ्ट (एलसीए) एएफ एमके1 प्रोटोटाइप से भारत की एस्ट्रा बियोन्ड विजुअल रेंज एयर-टू-एयर मिसाइल (बीवीआरएएम) का सफलतापूर्वक परीक्षण किया। इसे डीआरडीओ द्वारा विकसित किया गया है।

टाटा कम्युनिकेशंस ने एन गणपति सुब्रमण्यम (एनजीएस) को कंपनी के निदेशक मंडल का अध्यक्ष नियुक्त किया है।

मुथूट माइक्रोफिन ने SKOCH अवार्ड्स 2025 में दो प्रतिष्ठित स्वर्ण पुरस्कार जीते। पहली श्रेणी कॉर्पोरेट उत्कृष्टता है - "डिजिटल वित्तीय समावेशन पर सर्वश्रेष्ठ ग्राहक आवेदन" और दूसरी BFSI पुरस्कार है - "सर्वश्रेष्ठ बीमा योजना"

मुकेश अंबानी के नेतृत्व वाली जियो प्लेटफॉर्म ने भारत में स्टारलिनक की इंटरनेट सेवाओं को लाने के लिए स्पेसएक्स के साथ साझेदारी की है। हालाँकि, यह सौदा स्पेसएक्स द्वारा देश में स्टारलिनक को बेचने की स्वीकृति मिलने पर निर्भर करता है। यह साझेदारी जियो और स्पेसएक्स को उपभोक्ताओं और व्यवसायों के लिए इंटरनेट सेवाओं का विस्तार करने के तरीके तलाशने की अनुमति देगी।

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