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Ques : How many branches did Karur Vysya Bank inaugurate in FY 2024-25?
करूर वैश्य बैंक ने वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 में कितनी शाखाएं शुरू कीं?

- a) 46
- b) 50
- c) 40
- d) 60
- e) 38

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) has opened 46 new branches in the financial year 2024-25, expanding its total branch network to 888.
- The newly inaugurated branches include locations in Kumbakonam, Visakhapatnam, Coimbatore, and Alapakkam (Chennai).
- The bank aims to enhance its footprint in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, strengthening its banking presence in these regions.

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Ques : Which bank earned the highest fee from ATM withdrawals in FY24?

वित्त वर्ष 2024 में एटीएम निकासी से किस बैंक ने सबसे अधिक शुल्क अर्जित किया?

- a) Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा
- b) Punjab National Bank / पंजाब नेशनल बैंक
- c) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- d) Union Bank of India / यूनियन बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- e) Canara Bank / केनरा बैंक

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- State Bank of India (SBI), which holds a 30% share in India's ATM network with over 65,000 ATMs, earned Rs.331 crore in fees from ATM withdrawals in FY24.
- Unlike SBI, other Public Sector Banks (PSBs) suffered losses on ATM cash withdrawals, with Bank of Baroda (BoB) incurring the highest loss of Rs.212 crore.
- The disparity arises due to SBI's extensive ATM network, which allows it to charge fees from customers of other banks, while smaller PSBs face higher outflow costs.
- The trend highlights the financial impact of ATM usage fees and operational costs on different banks within the public sector.

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Ques : Who has been elected as the new Chairman of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)?

भारतीय बैंक संघ (आईबीए) के नए अध्यक्ष के रूप में किसे चुना गया है?

- a) Atul Kumar Goel / अतुल कुमार गोयल
- b) A Manimekhalai / ए मणिमेखलाई
- c) Swarup Kumar Saha / स्वारूप कुमार साहा
- d) CS Setty / सीएस सेट्टी
- e) B Ramesh Babu / बी रमेश बाबू

Answer : option D

Explanation :

- The Indian Banks' Association (IBA) has elected CS Setty, the Chairman of the State Bank of India (SBI), as its new Chairman.
- Union Bank MD A Manimekhalai, Punjab & Sind Bank MD Swarup Kumar Saha, and Madhav Nair from Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait BSC have been elected as Deputy Chairmen.
- Karur Vysya Bank MD B Ramesh Babu has been elected as the honorary secretary.
- Former PNB MD Atul Kumar Goel was recently appointed as the CEO of IBA.

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Ques : Which bank has launched the PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme to support meritorious students financially?

किस बैंक ने मेधावी छात्रों को वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए पीएम-विद्यालक्ष्मी योजना शुरू की 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) has launched the PM-Vidyalaxmi Scheme to provide financial assistance to meritorious students pursuing higher education.
- The scheme is part of a Government of India initiative to ensure financial constraints do not hinder students' access to quality education.
- The program aims to support talented youth by offering easy access to education loans through the Vidyalaxmi Portal.
- The scheme aligns with the government's vision of promoting financial inclusion in education and helping students achieve their academic goals.

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Ques : What is the starting price of own damage cover on PhonePe for 2-wheeler insurance?

PhonePe पर 2-पहिया बीमा के लिए स्वयं क्षति कवर की प्रारंभिक कीमत क्या है?

- a) Rs.10
- b) Rs.5
- c) Rs.1
- d) Rs.50
- e) Rs.100

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- PhonePe has introduced insurance coverage for both two-wheelers and four-wheelers, enabling users to compare policies from multiple insurers and purchase them online.
- The platform offers significant savings, allowing users to save up to Rs.4,000 on two-wheeler insurance and up to Rs.40,000 on four-wheeler insurance compared to dealership rates.
- It provides the most affordable pricing for two-wheeler insurance, with own damage cover starting at just Rs.1.
- The entire insurance purchase process is 100% digital, eliminating the need for any paperwork.

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Ques : What is the interest rate on Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana for the April-June 2025 quarter?

अप्रैल-जून 2025 तिमाही के लिए सुकन्या समृद्धि योजना पर ब्याज दर क्या है?

- a) 7.1%
- b) 7.7%
- c) 8.0%
- d) 8.2%
- e) 7.5%

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Government of India has kept interest rates unchanged on small savings schemes for the April-June 2025 quarter, making it the fifth consecutive quarter without revision.
- Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY) will continue to offer an interest rate of 8.2%, ensuring stable returns for investors.
- The Public Provident Fund (PPF) and a three-year term deposit retain their rates at 7.1%, while post office savings deposits remain at 4%.
- Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) will continue to offer 7.5% interest, with a maturity period of 115 months.
- The National Savings Certificate (NSC) interest rate remains at 7.7%, and the Monthly Income Scheme (MIS) continues to provide a 7.4% interest rate.

Rate of interest from April to June 2025 :

- Post Office Savings Deposit : 4%
- 1 Year Time Deposit : 6.9%
- 2 Year Time Deposit : 7%
- 3 Year Time Deposit : 7.1%
- 5 Year Time Deposit : 7.5%
- 5 Year Recurring Deposit : 6.7%
- Senior Citizen Savings Scheme : 8.2%
- Monthly Income Account Scheme : 7.4%
- National Savings Certificate : 7.7%



- Public Provident Fund : 7.1%
- Kisan Vikas Patra : 7.5%
- Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana : 8.2%



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Ques : Where was the 8th State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) Meeting held by RBI?

RBI द्वारा 8वीं राज्य स्तरीय समन्वय समिति (SLCC) बैठक कहाँ आयोजित की गई?

- (a) Guwahati / गुवाहाटी
- (b) Shimla / शिमला
- (c) Dehradun / देहरादून
- (d) Srinagar / श्रीनगर
- (e) Gangtok / गंगटोक

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The 8th State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) Meeting was held in Gangtok to discuss financial regulations and fraud prevention measures.
- It was chaired by Ravindra Telang, Chief Secretary of Sikkim, and convened by Thotngam Jamang, Regional Director of RBI.
- Key discussions included the implementation of BUDS Rules under the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act, 2019.
- The meeting addressed the rise in digital and financial frauds, with Sikkim Police reporting recovery efforts.
- RBI and SEBI highlighted investor awareness programs, the Sachet portal for reporting unregulated entities, and initiatives to curb fraudulent activities.
- The meeting was attended by dignitaries from RBI, SEBI, and Sikkim government departments, emphasizing financial literacy outreach by RBI Gangtok.

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Ques : Which company is LIC acquiring a 40-49% stake in?
एलआईसी किस कंपनी में 40-49% हिस्सेदारी खरीद रही है?

- a) Star Health Insurance / स्टार हेल्थ इंश्योरेंस
- b) ICICI Lombard / आईसीआईसीआई लोम्बार्ड
- c) Care Health Insurance / केयर हेल्थ इंश्योरेंस
- d) Max Bupa Health Insurance / मैक्स बूपा हेल्थ इंश्योरेंस
- e) ManipalCigna Health Insurance / मणिपालसिग्ना हेल्थ इंश्योरेंस

Answer : Option E

- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is set to acquire a 40-49% stake in ManipalCigna Health Insurance, marking its entry into the standalone health insurance segment.
- The deal, valued at Rs.3,500 crore, includes both fresh capital infusion and the sale of existing shares.
- With LIC's strong distribution network and financial backing, the standalone health insurance market is expected to undergo significant changes.
- This acquisition aligns with LIC's strategy to diversify beyond life insurance and expand its presence in the health insurance sector.
- ManipalCigna is a joint venture between Manipal Group and US-based Cigna Corporation, specializing in innovative health insurance solutions.

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Ques: Which organization has partnered with Bank of India to offer general insurance products?

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया ने सामान्य बीमा उत्पादों की पेशकश के लिए किस संगठन के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- (a) LIC / एलआईसी
- (b) SBI General Insurance / एसबीआई जनरल इश्योरेंस
- (c) HDFC ERGO / एचडीएफसी एर्गो
- (d) New India Assurance / न्यू इंडिया एश्योरेंस
- (e) ICICI Lombard / आईसीआईसीआई लोम्बार्ड

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- This partnership between Bank of India (BOI) and New India Assurance (NIACL) is a strategic move to enhance financial security for BOI's customers.

Key Benefits of the Tie-up :

- **Comprehensive Coverage:** Customers can access a wide range of general insurance products, including health, motor, travel, and property insurance.
- **Seamless Access:** BOI's customers can now conveniently purchase New India Assurance policies directly through the bank's network.
- **Enhanced Financial Protection:** The collaboration aims to strengthen financial inclusion by providing affordable and accessible insurance solutions.

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Ques : What percentage cap is India's central bank planning to allow for individual foreign investors in listed companies?

भारत का केंद्रीय बैंक सूचीबद्ध कंपनियों में व्यक्तिगत विदेशी निवेशकों के लिए कितने प्रतिशत की सीमा की अनुमति देने की योजना बना रहा है?

- a) 5%
- b) 7.5%
- c) 10%
- d) 15%
- e) 12%

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- India's central bank plans to double the cap on individual foreign investor holdings in listed companies from 5% to 10% to attract more capital inflows.
- Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) have withdrawn over \$28 billion from Indian stocks since September due to weak earnings, high valuations, and US tariff concerns.
- The move extends investment benefits previously available only to overseas Indian citizens under FEMA to all foreign investors.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) also plans to increase the total holding limit for all foreign individual investors in an Indian listed company from 10% to 24%.
- The proposal is in its final discussion stage between the government, RBI, and SEBI to encourage foreign investment and strengthen market liquidity.

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Ques : Where has Jana Small Finance Bank opened its first branch in Andhra Pradesh?

जना स्मॉल फाइनेंस बैंक ने आंध्र प्रदेश में अपनी पहली शाखा कहाँ खोली है?

- a) Vijayawada / विजयवाड़ा
- b) Visakhapatnam / विशाखापत्तनम
- c) Tirupati / तिरुपति
- d) Guntur / गुंटूर
- e) Nellore / नेल्लोर

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Jana Small Finance Bank has expanded its operations to Andhra Pradesh by opening its first branch in Guntur.
- The branch will provide a range of banking services, including deposits, housing loans, gold loans, MSME loans, and agricultural loans.
- This expansion aligns with the bank's strategy to strengthen its presence in South India and enhance financial inclusion.
- Jana Small Finance Bank aims to support small businesses and individuals by offering secured and unsecured business loans, along with supply chain finance solutions.

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Ques : Which Indian bank has partnered with JPMorgan to enable 24x7 US dollar payments?

किस भारतीय बैंक ने 24x7 अमेरिकी डॉलर भुगतान को सक्षम करने के लिए जेपी मॉर्गन के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- a) ICICI Bank / आईसीआईसीआई बैंक
- b) HDFC Bank / एचडीएफसी बैंक
- c) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- d) State Bank of India / भारतीय स्टेट बैंक
- e) Kotak Mahindra Bank / कोटक महिंद्रा बैंक

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

This collaboration between Axis Bank and JPMorgan represents a major step in modernizing cross-border transactions, particularly for businesses operating in India.

- **Real-Time Transactions:** The service allows Indian commercial clients to make and receive USD payments 24x7, eliminating delays caused by banking hours or holidays.
- **Blockchain Integration:** The system is powered by Kinexys, JPMorgan's blockchain and digital asset unit, enhancing transaction speed and security.
- **GIFT City Operations:** The service will be available from GIFT City, Gujarat, India's premier international financial hub.
- **First-of-its-Kind in India:** This marks a significant shift in the Indian banking sector, as no other Indian company has previously had such flexibility for USD transactions.

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Ques : Which organization recently launched BHIM 3.0 to enhance digital payment accessibility?

किस संगठन ने हाल ही में BHIM 3.0 को डिजिटल भुगतान पहुंच बढ़ाने के लिए लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) RBI
- (b) SEBI
- (c) NPCI
- (d) NITI Aayog
- (e) SIDBI

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched BHIM 3.0, a revamped version of its digital payment platform aimed at improving user experience and promoting financial inclusivity.
- BHIM 3.0 now supports over 15 Indian languages and is designed to work efficiently in areas with low internet connectivity, making it more accessible for users in remote locations.
- This update aligns with NPCI's vision of promoting a cashless economy and expanding digital payment solutions to underserved regions.
- The launch of BHIM 3.0 is an important step in making digital payments more accessible and inclusive across India.

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Ques : Which regulatory authority granted approval for MobiKwik Securities Broking?

मोबिक्विक सिक्योरिटीज ब्रोकिंग को किस नियामक प्राधिकरण ने मंजूरी दी?

- a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) / भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनिमय बोर्ड (सेबी)
- b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) / भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक (आरबीआई)
- c) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) / कॉर्पोरेट मामलों का मंत्रालय (एमसीए)
- d) National Stock Exchange (NSE) / नेशनल स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (एनएसई)
- e) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) / भारतीय बीमा नियामक और विकास प्राधिकरण (आईआरडीएआई)

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- MobiKwik, a fintech company, has entered the stock broking industry by launching its wholly owned subsidiary, MobiKwik Securities Broking.
- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has approved the establishment of this new entity.
- MobiKwik will compete with established players like Zerodha, Groww, and AngelOne in the stock broking sector.
- The subsidiary aims to join various stock and commodity exchanges in India and globally, allowing trading in shares, securities, debt instruments, commodities, currencies, and derivatives.
- MobiKwik Securities Broking starts with an initial capital of Rs 1 lakh, with plans to invest an additional Rs 2 crore in phases for expansion.





Ques : What is the primary objective of the ₹22,919 crore PLI scheme approved by the Union Cabinet?

केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल द्वारा अनुमोदित ₹22,919 करोड़ की पीएलआई योजना का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

- a) Boost semiconductor manufacturing / सेमीकंडक्टर निर्माण को बढ़ावा देना
- b) Increase exports of pharmaceuticals / फार्मास्यूटिकल्स का निर्यात बढ़ाना
- c) Promote domestic production of electronic components / इलेक्ट्रॉनिक घटकों के घरेलू उत्पादन को बढ़ावा देना
- d) Support renewable energy projects / नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा परियोजनाओं का समर्थन करना
- e) Expand automobile manufacturing capacity / ऑटोमोबाइल निर्माण क्षमता का विस्तार करना

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Rs.22,919 crore Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme aims to boost domestic manufacturing of critical electronic components.
- The scheme is expected to attract Rs.59,350 crore in investments and generate electronic products worth Rs.4.6 lakh crore over six years.
- It will create approximately 91,600 jobs and support key components such as printed circuit boards (PCBs), lithium-ion battery cells, and enclosures for electronics hardware.
- The scheme provides employment-linked benefits, capital expenditure support, and turnover-based incentives.

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Ques : Where has Waaree Energies inaugurated India's largest solar cell factory?
वारी एनर्जी ने भारत का सबसे बड़ा सौर सेल कारखाना कहाँ शुरू किया है?

- a) Surat / सूरत
- b) Chikhli / चिखली
- c) Noida / नोएडा
- d) Nandigram / नंदीग्राम
- e) Vadodara / वडोदरा

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Waaree Energies has inaugurated India's largest solar cell manufacturing facility in Chikhli, South Gujarat, with a production capacity of 5.4 GW.
- The factory uses advanced TOPCon (Tunnel Oxide Passivated Contact) technology, enabling the production of 20 solar cells per second.
- The facility has achieved 25% efficiency in its solar cells, improving energy conversion rates and maximizing power output from the same surface area.
- Spread across 150 acres with a built-up area of 101 acres, this plant is one of Waaree Energies' four manufacturing units in India.
- The company has invested Rs.3,000 crore in the Chikhli plant, with its other three facilities located in Surat, Nandigram, and Noida.

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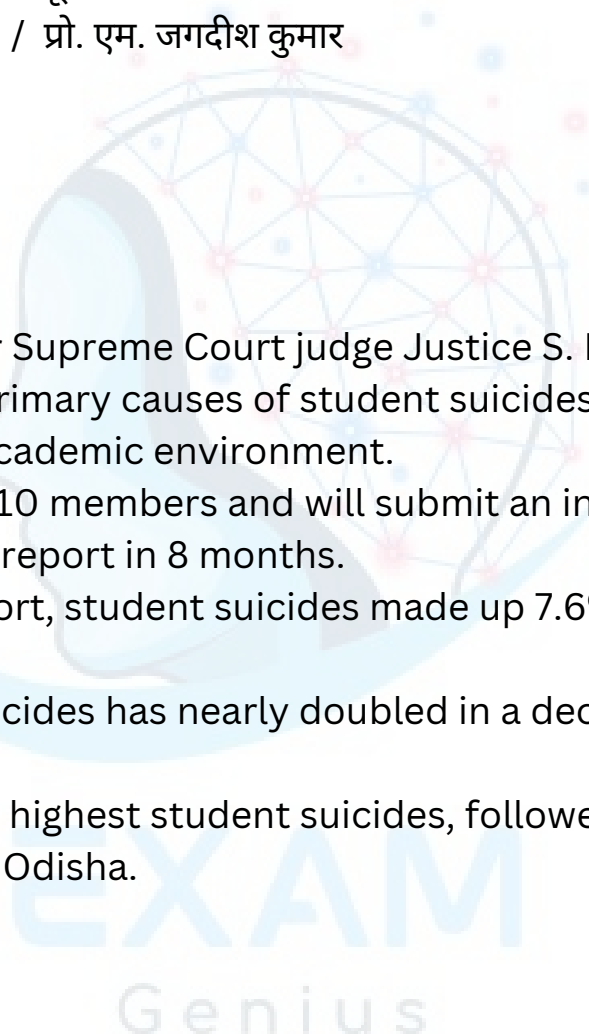
Ques : Who is heading the task force formed to address student suicides in India?
भारत में छात्र आत्महत्याओं से निपटने के लिए गठित टास्क फोर्स का नेतृत्व कौन कर रहा है?

- a) Justice U.U. Lalit / न्यायमूर्ति यू.यू. ललित
- b) Dr. K. Kasturirangan / डॉ. के. कस्तूरीरंगन
- c) Justice S. Ravindra Bhat / न्यायमूर्ति एस. रवींद्र भट
- d) Justice Ranjan Gogoi / न्यायमूर्ति रंजन गोगोई
- e) Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar / प्रो. एम. जगदीश कुमार

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- A task force, led by former Supreme Court judge Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, has been formed to investigate the primary causes of student suicides and suggest measures to foster a more inclusive academic environment.
- The task force consists of 10 members and will submit an interim report in 4 months, followed by a final report in 8 months.
- As per the NCRB 2022 report, student suicides made up 7.6% of total suicides in India.
- The number of student suicides has nearly doubled in a decade, rising from 6,654 in 2012 to 13,044 in 2022.
- Maharashtra recorded the highest student suicides, followed by Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Odisha.





Ques : How much total amount has been released by the Union Government as the second installment of the XV Finance Commission (XV FC) Grants for rural local bodies in Karnataka and Tripura for FY 2024-25?

केंद्र सरकार ने वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए कर्नाटक और त्रिपुरा में ग्रामीण स्थानीय निकायों के लिए XV वित्त आयोग (XV FC) अनुदान की दूसरी किस्त के रूप में कुल कितनी राशि जारी की है?

- a) Rs.350 crores
- b) Rs.402 crores
- c) Rs.600 crores
- d) Rs.500 crores
- e) Rs.436 crores

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Union Government has disbursed over Rs.436 crores as the second installment of the Fifteenth Finance Commission (XV FC) Grants for rural local bodies in Karnataka and Tripura for the financial year 2024-25.
- Karnataka received Rs.404.97 crores in Untied Grants for 5,375 eligible Gram Panchayats, while Tripura was allocated Rs.31.13 crores for 589 Gram Panchayats, Block Panchayats, District Panchayats, and Traditional Local Bodies.
- The grants enable Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to address local developmental needs as per the 29 subjects listed in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution.
- These funds are meant for developmental projects and cannot be used for salaries or administrative expenses.
- XV Finance Commission Grants are categorized into Untied Grants, which provide flexibility for local development, and Tied Grants, which focus on essential services like sanitation and drinking water.
- This initiative aims to decentralize resources and strengthen local governance for rural development.





Ques : Which state CM launches AI chatbot 'Sarathi' for enhanced citizen engagement ?

किस राज्य के मुख्यमंत्री ने नागरिक सहभागिता बढ़ाने के लिए एआई चैटबॉट 'सारथी' लॉन्च किया है?

- (a) West Bengal / पश्चिम बंगाल
- (b) Karnataka / कर्नाटक
- (c) Uttarakhand / उत्तराखंड
- (d) Haryana / हरियाणा
- (e) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has inaugurated the AI-powered chatbot 'Sarathi' on the Chief Secretary's office website.
- This chatbot aims to improve citizen involvement by offering quick access to government directives, notices, and circulars from previous years.
- According to the statement, HARTRON (Haryana State Electronics Development Corporation Limited) built the chatbot.

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Ques : Who has been reappointed as the Managing Director of Ambuja Cement Ltd?
अंबुजा सीमेंट लिमिटेड के प्रबंध निदेशक के रूप में किसे फिर से नियुक्त किया गया है?

- a) Vinod Bahety / विनोद बहेती
- b) Rakesh Tiwary / राकेश तिवारी
- c) Ajay Kapur / अजय कपूर
- d) Gautam Adani / गौतम अडानी
- e) Sanjay Gupta / संजय गुप्ता

Answer : option C

Explanation:

- Ajay Kapur has been reappointed as the Managing Director of Ambuja Cement Ltd for a tenure of two years, starting from April 1.
- The board has also appointed Vinod Bahety as the Additional Director, Whole-time Director, and CEO for a period of three years.
- Rakesh Tiwary has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the company.

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Ques : What does 'P4' stand for in the 'Zero Poverty - P4' initiative?

‘शून्य गरीबी - P4’ पहल में 'P4' का क्या अर्थ है?

- a) Public-Private-Panchayat Partnership / सार्वजनिक-निजी-पंचायत भागीदारी
- b) Public-Private-People Partnership / सार्वजनिक-निजी-जन भागीदारी
- c) Poverty Prevention Partnership / गरीबी निवारण भागीदारी
- d) People's Prosperity Partnership / जन समृद्धि भागीदारी
- e) Public-Private-Poor Partnership / सार्वजनिक-निजी-गरीब भागीदारी

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- Andhra Pradesh CM N. Chandrababu Naidu launched the ‘Zero Poverty - P4’ initiative to eradicate poverty in the state by 2029.
- P4 stands for Public-Private-People Partnership, emphasizing collaboration between these sectors to reduce the socio-economic gap.
- The initiative encourages the wealthiest 10% of the population to extend support to the bottom 20% poorest families.
- The government will play a facilitative role by using real-time digital dashboards to monitor the progress of the initiative.

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Ques : Where is the Yuge Yugeen Bharat National Museum being developed?
युगे युगीन भारत राष्ट्रीय संग्रहालय कहाँ विकसित किया जा रहा है?

- a) Rashtrapati Bhavan / राष्ट्रपति भवन
- b) India Gate / इंडिया गेट
- c) North and South Blocks, New Delhi / उत्तर और दक्षिण ब्लॉक, नई दिल्ली
- d) Red Fort / लाल किला
- e) Raj Ghat / राजघाट

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Yuge Yugeen Bharat National Museum is a major upcoming museum in New Delhi, being developed under the Central Vista Redevelopment Project.
- It will be located in the North and South Blocks and aims to showcase India's rich civilizational and cultural heritage.
- A technical cooperation agreement has been signed between the National Museum of India and France Museums Development for the museum's development.
- The project seeks to transform iconic government buildings into world-class cultural spaces.

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Ques : Which of the following pilot projects are included in this initiative?
इस पहल में निम्नलिखित में से कौन सी पायलट परियोजनाएँ शामिल हैं?

- a) Didi ki Dukan / दीदी की दुकान
- b) Computer Didi Centers / कंप्यूटर दीदी केंद्र
- c) Digital Didi Program / डिजिटल दीदी कार्यक्रम
- d) Both (a) and (b) / (a) और (b) दोनों
- e) All of the above / उपरोक्त सभी

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and UNICEF YuWaah have signed a three-year partnership to promote rural employment, entrepreneurship, and skill development for women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs).
- Pilot projects such as “Computer Didi Centers” and “Didi ki Dukan” will be launched in five states—Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Rajasthan—to enhance digital infrastructure and economic opportunities.
- If successful, the initiative could expand to impact 35 lakh women across 7,000+ blocks in India, aligning with the 2025-26 Union Budget’s vision for rural development.
- The partnership will introduce a “Youth Hub” for jobs, skilling, and volunteering, and will also promote the “Lakhpatti Didis” model, which aims to empower women entrepreneurs in rural India.

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Ques : Which state has become the first state in India to pass a law creating a commission for senior citizens ?

वरिष्ठ नागरिकों के लिए आयोग बनाने वाला कानून पारित करने वाला भारत का पहला राज्य कौन सा बन गया है?

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

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- Kerala has become the first state in India to establish a dedicated commission for senior citizens through legislation.
- According to the United Nations Population Fund, Kerala's elderly population (60 and above) is projected to reach 22.8% by 2036, up from 16.5% in 2021.
- The Kerala State Senior Citizens Commission will have a chairperson and up to three members, including one woman and one representative from Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes.
- The commission will be supported by an Additional Secretary as the secretary and a Joint Secretary from the law department as the registrar.
- Members will serve a fixed tenure of three years.
- The Kerala government provides a rs.1,600 monthly pension under the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme for individuals aged 60 and above with an annual income of Rs.1,00,000 or less.





Ques : Which state topped the medal tally at the Khelo India Para Games 2025?
खेलो इंडिया पैरा गेम्स 2025 में पदक तालिका में कौन सा राज्य शीर्ष पर रहा?

- a) Haryana / हरियाणा
- b) Tamil Nadu / तमिलनाडु
- c) Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- d) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- e) Punjab / पंजाब

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Khelo India Para Games 2025 completed at JLN Stadium in New Delhi, providing as a major platform for para-athletes, with 18 national records broken and over 550 medals given in six sports.
- Haryana won the most medals with 34 gold, 39 silver, and 31 bronze, followed by Tamil Nadu with 28 gold, 19 silver, and 27 bronze, and Uttar Pradesh in third with 23 gold, 21 silver, and 20 bronze.
- Over 1,300 para-athletes from all over India competed in Para Archery, Para Athletics, Para Badminton, Para Powerlifting, Para Shooting, and Para Table Tennis over the course of eight days.
- Union Minister Raksha Nikhil Khadse unveiled the Handbook on Accessibility of Sports Facilities, underlining the government's commitment to promoting inclusivity and parasports in India.

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Ques : Who did Gopal Vittal replace as the Chairman of GSMA?

जीएसएमए के अध्यक्ष के रूप में गोपाल विट्टल ने किसे प्रतिस्थापित किया?

- a) Mukesh Ambani / मुकेश अंबानी
- b) Sunil Bharti Mittal / सुनील भारती मित्तल
- c) Jose Maria Alvares-Pallete / जोस मारिया अल्वारेस-पैलेटे
- d) Pekka Lundmark / पेक्का लुंडमार्क
- e) Nick Read / निक रीडें

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Gopal Vittal, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Bharti Airtel, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Board of the Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA).
- His tenure will continue until the end of 2026.
- He replaces José Maria Álvares-Pallete, CEO of Telefónica, in this role.
- Vittal is the second Indian to hold this prestigious position, following Sunil Mittal.
- Before his formal appointment, he had been serving as the acting chair since February 2025.

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