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Ques : Where was the recent RBI-led conference for large-sized NBFCs held?

- a) Mumbai / मुंबई
- b) Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
- c) Chennai / चेन्नई
- d) Hyderabad / हैदराबाद
- e) New Delhi / नई दिल्ली

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- A conference for large-sized Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) was recently held in Chennai was chaired by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- Key participants are Chairpersons of the Audit Committee of the Board (ACB), MD & CEOs, and Statutory Auditors of various NBFCs
- The central theme of the conference was : “Shared Vision, Shared Responsibility: Strengthening the NBFCs”

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Ques : Which organization has granted an NBFC license to Securis Finance Private Limited?

किस संगठन ने सिक्यूरिस फाइनेंस प्राइवेट लिमिटेड को एनबीएफसी लाइसेंस प्रदान किया है?

- (a) RBI / आरबीआई
- (b) SEBI / सेबी
- (c) NABARD / नाबार्ड
- (d) SIDBI / सिडबी
- (e) IRDAI / आईआरडीएआई

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Reserve Bank of India has given a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) license to Securis Finance Private Limited, a subsidiary of FirstPay Technologies situated in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The permission allows the corporation to offer education loans to teenagers ranging from Rs 50,000 to Rs 5 lakh.
- Kuhoo Finance, India's premier student loan fintech platform, has gotten clearance for a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) license from the RBI.

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Recent News Headlines Related to RBI

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will issue new Rs.10 and Rs.500 banknotes. The signatory on these new notes will be Sanjay Malhotra, the current RBI Governor
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that the Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) investment limits in debt instruments will remain unchanged for the fiscal year 2025-26
- The Government of India, in coordination with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), will re-issue two Government Securities (G-Secs) through a price-based auction on April 4, 2025
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) celebrated its 90th anniversary with a grand event. President Droupadi Murmu was the Chief Guest at the celebration
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised the aggregate liquidity limit for Standalone Primary Dealers (SPDs) under the Standing Liquidity Facility (SLF) from Rs.10,000 crore to Rs.15,000 crore
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that 98.21% of Rs.2,000 denomination banknotes have been returned to the banking system
- The Reserve Bank amended its Priority Sector Lending (PSL) criteria to better focus bank credit to priority areas of the economy
- 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
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed standalone primary dealers (SPDs) to participate in all repo operations, regardless of the tenor
- The 614th meeting of the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was held in Thiruvananthapuram.
- RBI released a paper titled 'Changing Dynamics of India's Remittances: Insights from the Sixth Round of India's Remittances Survey' in their monthly bulletin
- RBI has approved a revision in ATM interchange fees, which will take effect from May 1. The fee for financial transactions has been increased from Rs.17 to Rs.19, and for non-financial transactions from Rs.6 to Rs.7
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the interest rate for the Government of India Floating Rate Bond 2033 (GOI FRB 2033) as 7.81% per annum for the period from March 22, 2025, to September 21, 2025





LQues : What is the maximum loan amount offered under Jio Finance's LAS product?

जियो फाइनेंस के LAS प्रोडक्ट के तहत अधिकतम लोन राशि कितनी है?

- A) Rs.10 lakh
- B) Rs.50 lakh
- C) Rs.1 crore
- D) Rs.5 crore
- E) Rs.25 lakh

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Jio Finance Ltd (JFL), the NBFC arm of Jio Financial Services Ltd, has launched a new product called Loan Against Securities (LAS).
- Under this scheme, investors can get a loan of up to ₹1 crore by pledging their securities like shares or mutual funds.
- The interest rate starts at 9.99%, and the loan tenure can go up to 3 years.
- There are no foreclosure charges, which means borrowers can repay early without any extra fees.
- This move helps boost digital lending and makes it easier for investors to get quick funds without selling their investments.

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Ques : What is the name of Russia's first nuclear-powered submarine equipped with Zircon hypersonic cruise missiles?

जिरकोन हाइपरसोनिक क्रूज मिसाइलों से लैस रूस की पहली परमाणु ऊर्जा चालित पनडुब्बी का नाम क्या है?

- a) Kazan / कज़ान
- b) Belgorod / बेलगोरोड
- c) Perm / पर्म
- d) Novgorod / नोवगोरोड
- e) Kursk / कुर्स्क

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Russia has launched its first nuclear-powered submarine, Perm, equipped with Zircon hypersonic cruise missiles.
- The Perm is the sixth vessel in the sophisticated Yasen-M class built by Sevmash shipyard.
- The Zircon missile, a key submarine armament, can reach Mach 8-9 (approximately 10,000 km/h) and has a range of up to 900 kilometers.
- It will replace the Akula and Oscar-class submarines.

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Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed an agreement with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for the procurement of Electronic Warfare (EW) suites and modification kits for Mi-17 V5 helicopters
- The Indian Army plans to deploy 100 kamikaze first-person view (FPV) drones to destroy enemy assets, following successful target neutralization tests at Pathankot
- SpaceX launched Fram2, the first human spaceflight to directly travel over both the North and South Poles on a privately funded mission
- India's defence exports in FY25 reached Rs.23,622 crore, marking a 12.04% year-on-year growth
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed two contracts with the Ministry of Defence (MoD) to supply 156 Light Combat Helicopters (LCH), Prachand, along with training and associated equipment, at a total cost of Rs.62,700 crore
- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a contract with Armoured Vehicle Nigam Limited for the procurement of the Nag Missile System (NAMIS) Tracked version of the anti-tank weapon platform, as well as Force Motors Ltd and Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd for approximately 5,000 Light Vehicles for the Armed Forces at a total cost of around Rs 2,500 crore. The overall contract cost for the procurement of the NAMIS(Tr), designed by the Defence Research & Development Laboratory of DRDO, is Rs 1,801.34 crore
- The Indian Navy has launched its second frigate, 'Tavasya', as part of Project 1135.6 at Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) in Goa
- Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed a Rs.6,900 crore contract with Bharat Forge Ltd and Tata Advanced Systems Ltd. The deal involves procurement of 307 Advanced Towed Artillery Gun Systems (ATAGS) and 327 towing vehicles
- On March 19, NASA astronauts Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore returned to Earth on a SpaceX Dragon spaceship, marking the end of their space journey
- Between 2015 and 2024, India generated USD 143 million in foreign exchange revenue by launching 393 satellites from 34 countries, making it a worldwide space leader
- 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





Ques : Who launched the Bhagirath mobile app for water conservation ?
जल संरक्षण के लिए भागीरथ मोबाइल ऐप किसने लॉन्च किया?

- a) Narendra Modi / नरेंद्र मोदी
- b) Pushkar Singh Dhami / पुष्कर सिंह धामी
- c) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat / गजेंद्र सिंह शेखावत
- d) Rajnath Singh / राजनाथ सिंह
- e) Trivendra Singh Rawat / त्रिवेन्द्र सिंह रावत

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Bhagirath mobile app was launched by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami.
- It was unveiled at the Mukhya Sevak Sadan, located at the CM's residence.
- The app is based on the Jal Sanrakshan Abhiyan 2025 theme : "Dhara Mera, Naula Mera, Gaon Mera, Prayas Mera".
- Objective: To enable citizens to report and share information about critical and endangered water sources in their areas, encouraging local water conservation efforts.
- This initiative aims to strengthen community participation in protecting traditional water bodies and sources across Uttarakhand.

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Ques : What is the funding pattern of the Vibrant Villages Programme - II (VVP-II)?
वाइब्रेंट विलेज प्रोग्राम-II (VVP-II) का वित्तपोषण पैटर्न क्या है?

- a) 50% Centre – 50% State
- b) 75% Centre – 25% State
- c) 100% State funded
- d) 100% Centre funded
- e) Public-Private Partnership

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved Vibrant Villages Programme – II (VVP-II) as a Central Sector Scheme, with 100% funding from the Centre
- The scheme aims to boost the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047, focusing on creating safe, secure, and vibrant land borders.
- It targets villages along international land borders (ILBs) not already covered under VVP-I, promoting comprehensive development.
- The total outlay for the programme is ₹6,839 crore, and it will be implemented till FY 2028-29 across strategic villages in 18 States/UTs, including Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab, Rajasthan, West Bengal, etc.
- The goal is to improve living circumstances, livelihood possibilities, internal security, and integrate border inhabitants as key players in border protection.
- Infrastructure development, value chain creation through cooperatives and SHGs, SMART education, tourism circuits, and other sustainable livelihood projects will all benefit from the funding.
- The initiative will use technological platforms such as PM Gati Shakti to assure service saturation in four major areas: road, telecom, TV connectivity, and electrification, through collaboration with current schemes.





Ques : Where is IOC investing Rs.61,000 crore in a petrochemical project?
आईओसी Rs.61,000 करोड़ का पेट्रोकेमिकल निवेश कहां कर रहा है?

- A) Mumbai, Maharashtra / मुंबई, महाराष्ट्र
- B) Kochi, Kerala / कोच्चि, केरल
- C) Paradip, Odisha / पारादीप, ओडिशा
- D) Jamnagar, Gujarat / जामनगर, गुजरात
- E) Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh / विशाखापत्तनम, आंध्र प्रदेश

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) is making a major investment of Rs.61,077 crore in Paradip, Odisha.
- The purpose is to set up a mega petrochemical complex, which will help meet the growing demand for petrochemical products in India.
- A MoU was signed between IOC and the Odisha Government for this project.
- The investment is expected to generate large-scale employment opportunities in the region.
- It will also boost the petrochemical industry and contribute to Odisha's growth as a major industrial hub in India.

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Ques : Which platform will Alcatel use to launch its smartphones in India?
अल्काटेल भारत में अपने स्मार्टफोन लॉन्च करने के लिए किस प्लेटफॉर्म का उपयोग करेगा?

- A) Amazon / अमेज़न
- B) Flipkart / फ्लिपकार्ट
- C) Tata CLiQ / टाटा क्लिक
- D) Reliance Digital / रिलायंस डिजिटल
- E) Croma / क्रोमा

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- French tech brand Alcatel has entered into a partnership with Flipkart, one of India's leading e-commerce platforms.
- The purpose of this collaboration is to launch Alcatel's latest smartphones on both Flipkart's main site and FK Minutes platform.
- The smartphones are designed to cater to digitally-savvy consumers in metro cities as well as tier-2 and tier-3 towns.
- Under the "Make in India" initiative, Alcatel smartphones will combine French design with premium innovation, while keeping the devices affordable and feature-rich.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- A MoU was signed on April 5 between the Cotton Association of India (CAI) and the Australian Cotton Shippers Association (ACSA). The MoU was signed by CAI President Atul S. Ganatra and ACSA Chair Cliff White.
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has partnered with Rajasthan Part I Power Transmission Limited, a subsidiary of Adani Energy Solutions Limited (AESL), for a major power transmission project
- Bharti Airtel and Nokia have signed a multi-year agreement to enhance 5G and 4G networks in India
- Chhattisgarh government & National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) signed an agreement to boost the state's development and generate employment opportunities. Under its new industrial policy, Chhattisgarh has attracted investment proposals worth Rs.4.4 trillion
- The Himachal Pradesh government has partnered with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to enhance the quality of education in the state
- India and Japan have signed credit agreements totaling 191.736 billion Japanese yen for six projects through Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) to India
- Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) has signed a Rupee Term Loan (RTL) agreement worth Rs.5,000 crore with NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (NTPC REL), a subsidiary of NTPC Green Energy Limited (NTPC GEL)
- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), in partnership with the IIM Ahmedabad, hosted a workshop on "Emerging Trends in Public Data and Technology for Research and Policy" on the IIM Ahmedabad campus to improve the national data ecosystem and drive evidence-based policymaking
- The Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research (SAMEER) and AIIMS have signed an MoU to collaborate on the development of advanced medical devices
- WWE has entered into a \$5 billion exclusive streaming agreement with Netflix
- MoU was signed between the Lok Sabha Secretariat and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) with an objective of this agreement is to launch the SANSAD BHASHINI initiative.





Ques : Which organization launched the "Customer Service Month" campaign in April 2025?

किस संगठन ने अप्रैल 2025 में "ग्राहक सेवा माह" अभियान शुरू किया?

- a) MTNL / MTNL
- b) Jio / जियो
- c) Vodafone Idea / वोडाफोन आइडिया
- d) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) / भारत संचार निगम लिमिटेड (BSNL)
- e) Airtel / एयरटेल

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has launched Customer Service Month in April 2025.
- The campaign is themed "Connecting with Care", emphasizing empathy and customer-first service.
- The objective is to enhance customer experience and build stronger relationships with users.
- This initiative focuses on delivering better service quality, resolving issues promptly, and improving customer satisfaction through proactive engagement.

About BSNL :

- Established : 15 September 2000
- HQ : New Delhi
- CMD : A. Robert J. Ravi

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Ques : Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan Launched by which state government ?

मुख्यमंत्री महिला उद्यमिता अभियान किस राज्य सरकार द्वारा शुरू किया गया?

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

Answer : Option A

Explanation :

- The Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan was launched by the Assam government to empower women entrepreneurs.
- The launch event took place at Behali, Biswanath district, Assam.
- The scheme aims to benefit 30 lakh women across the state by providing financial assistance and encouraging self-employment.
- On the first day of the initiative, a total of 23,375 women received financial aid at the launch event itself.

Different Phases :

- First Year : Beneficiaries receive Rs.10,000 as seed capital to kickstart their ventures.
- Second Year : Eligible women get Rs.25,000, comprising a Rs.12,500 bank loan and Rs.12,500 government support to scale their business.
- Third Year : Those who successfully sustain their enterprise receive Rs.50,000 from the government to expand operations further.





Recent News Headlines Related to Schemes

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the inclusion of Bihar's Kosi Mechi Intra-State Link Project under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana – Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (PMKSY-AIBP). The central government will provide Rs.3,652.56 crore in financial support for the project, which has a total estimated cost of Rs.6,282.32 crore and is expected to be completed by March 2029
- The final budget for the Department of Fertilizers in 2024-25 was increased from Rs.1,68,130.81 crore to Rs.1,91,836.29 crore. The allocation for the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme also rose from Rs.45,000 crore to Rs.54,310 crore through Supplementary Demands for Grants
- The Union Cabinet, led by PM Modi, has approved the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme with a budget of Rs.22,919 crore to strengthen India's electronics supply chain and promote self-reliance
- As of February 28, 2025, the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) has established 15,057 Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) in India
- The Rs.22,919 crore Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme aims to boost domestic manufacturing of critical electronic components
- Central Government Employees Given Until June 30, 2025, to Opt for Unified Pension Scheme (UPS). It will officially launch on April 1, 2025, with a three-month window until June 30, 2025, for eligible employees to opt in.
- The Vigyan Dhara scheme was launched on 16 January 2025 by the Ministry of Science & Technology. The scheme has an outlay of Rs.10,579.84 crore for the 15th Finance Commission period (2021–22 to 2025–26)
- The 'Rajiv Yuva Vikasam' Scheme was launched by Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to provide financial assistance to unemployed youth from SC, ST, BC, and Minority communities
- The Union Cabinet has approved an increased budget for the Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM), raising the total outlay to Rs.3,400 crore





Ques : Which portal has the Railway Protection Force (RPF) officially integrated with across India?

रेलवे सुरक्षा बल (RPF) ने आधिकारिक तौर पर पूरे भारत में किस पोर्टल को एकीकृत किया है?

- a) DigiLocker / डिजिलॉकर
- b) BharatNet / भारतनेट
- c) UMANG / उमंग
- d) CEIR (Central Equipment Identity Register) / CEIR (केंद्रीय उपकरण पहचान रजिस्टर)
- e) CyberSafe / साइबरसेफ

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Following a successful pilot in the Northeast Frontier Railway, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) has now officially integrated with the CEIR (Central Equipment Identity Register) portal across India.
- This integration allows RPF to block IMEI numbers of lost or stolen mobile phones, rendering them unusable and curbing illegal resale.
- Passengers can report missing phones through Rail Madad (either online or by calling 139).
- RPF's Zonal Cyber Cells will file a complaint with CEIR, block the device, and arrange recovery and return.
- RPF's Operation Amanat has returned property worth Rs.84.03 crores to over 1.15 lakh passengers. The CEIR platform will help RPF track and repair missing mobile phones more efficiently.

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Ques : The bill aligns India's aircraft leasing framework with which international convention?

यह विधेयक भारत के विमान पट्टे ढांचे को किस अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन के साथ संरेखित करता है?

- a) Warsaw Convention / वारसॉ सम्मेलन
- b) Montreal Protocol / मॉन्ट्रियल प्रोटोकॉल
- c) Cape Town Convention / केप टाउन सम्मेलन
- d) Chicago Convention / शिकागो सम्मेलन
- e) Hague Convention / हेग सम्मेलन

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The Protection of Interest in Aircraft Objects Bill, 2025, which was enacted by both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, is the second major aviation reform under Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu.
- The measure seeks to connect India's aircraft leasing and financing environment with global standards, bolstering investor confidence in the country's rapidly expanding aviation business.
- It builds on the foundation of the Cape Town Convention of 2001, which aimed to simplify and standardize international leasing contracts.
- Although India formally embraced this agreement in 2008, loopholes in legal enforcement resulted in higher lease costs—typically 8-10% higher than in other countries.
- India's aviation sector has expanded rapidly, with annual passenger volume doubling from 10.38 crore (Independence to 2014) to 22.81 crore by 2024, and the number of airports expanding from 74 in 2014 to 159 in 2024.
- The Act promotes the sector's growth—as indicated by aircraft numbers increasing from 340 in 2014 to over 840 in 2024—while addressing issues such as high Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) costs, which account for 45% of airline operational expenses.
- Future goals include producing 2.5 crore gallons of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) by 2025, converting over 100 airports to renewable energy, and expanding Flight Training Organizations (FTOs) to fulfill the demand for 30,000-34,000 pilots over the next 10-15 years.





Ques : What is the total number of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) the central government aims to establish?

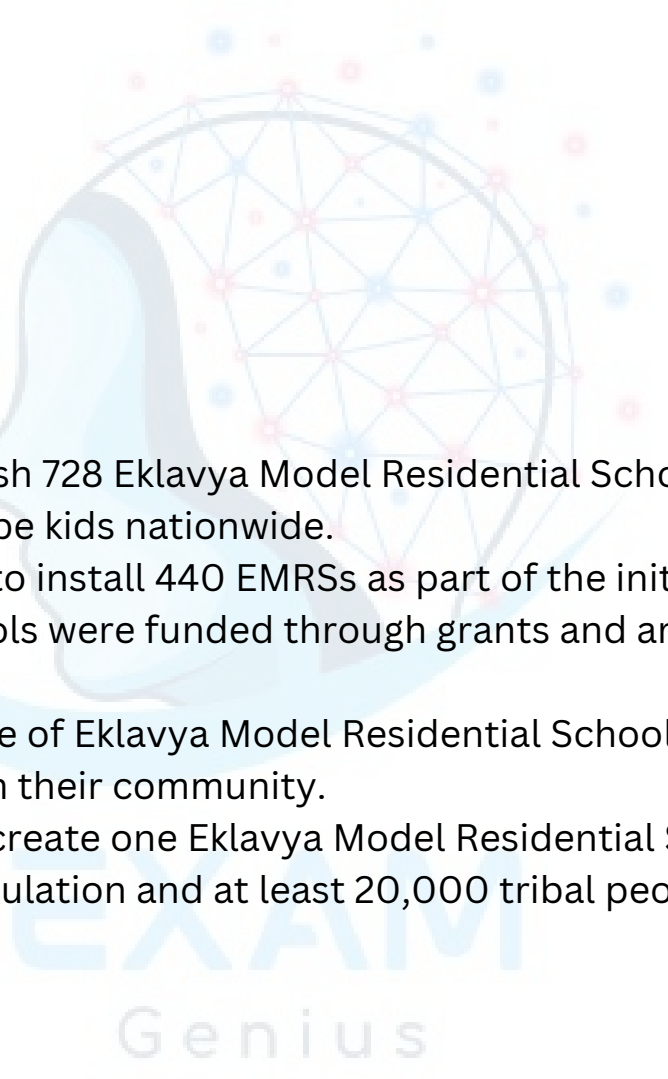
केंद्र सरकार द्वारा स्थापित किए जाने वाले एकलव्य मॉडल आवासीय विद्यालयों (ईएमआरएस) की कुल संख्या कितनी है?

- a) 440
- b) 288
- c) 728
- d) 600
- e) 520

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The center aims to establish 728 Eklavya Model Residential Schools, benefiting about 3.5 lakh Schedule Tribe kids nationwide.
- The government planned to install 440 EMRSs as part of the initiative.
- Initially, 288 Eklavya schools were funded through grants and are being updated to the new model.
- The Central Sector Scheme of Eklavya Model Residential School began in 2018-19 to serve tribal youngsters in their community.
- The government plans to create one Eklavya Model Residential School in each block with more than 50% ST population and at least 20,000 tribal people.





Ques : Who launched the Web-based Reservoir Storage Monitoring System (RSMS) Portal?

वेब-आधारित जलाशय भंडारण निगरानी प्रणाली (आरएसएमएस) पोर्टल किसने लॉन्च किया?

- a) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat / गजेंद्र सिंह शेखावत
- b) Bhupender Yadav / भूपेन्द्र यादव
- c) Mansukh Mandaviya / मनसुख मंडाविया
- d) C.R. Patil / सी.आर. पाटिल
- e) Nitin Gadkari / नितिन गडकरी

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil unveiled the Web-based Reservoir Storage Monitoring System (RSMS) Portal in New Delhi, which automates the compilation of weekly water storage bulletins and replaces the previous manual system.
- The portal monitors 161 important reservoirs (a total live storage capacity of 182.375 BCM) and offers real-time information, graphs, tables, and downloadable bulletins. It is accessible to policymakers and the general public.
- Bulletins are issued every Thursday and distributed to agencies such as the PMO, NITI Aayog, IMD, MoJS, and several state governments. Advisories are issued in the event of a critical storage scenario.
- Reservoir data are used for agriculture, power, home usage, disaster management, and climate resilience, and they play an important role in guaranteeing water security and managing crop cycles throughout the country.





Recent News Headlines Related to launched Apps/portals

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the 'NITI NCAER States Economic Forum' portal in New Delhi. It serves as a comprehensive repository of data related to social, economic, and fiscal parameters, along with research reports, papers, and expert commentaries
- The Delhi Legislative Assembly, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, and the Delhi government have signed MoU to execute the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA). With this decision, Delhi becomes India's 28th legislature to adopt a digital system
- South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), a Coal India subsidiary, has made history with its CSR initiative 'SECL Ke Sushrut' becoming the first and only coal PSU CSR scheme listed on the Government of India's Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) portal
- Geological Survey of India (GSI) celebrated its 175th Foundation Day and During the event, Union minister G. Kishan Reddy, launched two significant digital initiatives: the Field Data Acquisition Application (App) and the Geo-heritage App 'Bhuvirasat'
- The government has launched a new Aadhaar Governance Portal (<http://swik.meity.gov.in>) to streamline the approval procedure for Aadhaar authentication requests.
- The Maharashtra government has created the MAITRI 2.0 Portal to streamline the investment process and eliminate administrative and procedural bottlenecks
- The Government of India has taken considerable initiatives to improve the Haj pilgrimage experience, including the introduction of the 'Haj Suvidha App' and extensive healthcare services for Indian pilgrims, with a special emphasis on the elderly
- The Ministry of Railways has launched 'SwaRail', a new superapp. The app allows quick access to services like as reserved and unreserved ticket bookings, platform and parcel bookings, train queries, PNR inquiries, RailMadad assistance, and more.
- 'Samman Sanjeevani' app Launched by Haryana Cabinet Minister Shruti Choudhry. Its aimed at enhancing the efficiency of the 'Mahila Evam Kishori Samman Yojana'. which is designed to provide essential services to BPL (Below Poverty Line) women and girls between the ages of 10 and 45, particularly sanitary napkins.
- Building on DigiLocker's success, the government has launched 'Entity Locker,' a new digital platform designed to simplify the management and verification of corporate and organizational records





Ques : What is the total estimated cost of the four major multitracking projects approved for Indian Railways?

भारतीय रेलवे के लिए स्वीकृत चार प्रमुख मल्टीट्रैकिंग परियोजनाओं की कुल अनुमानित लागत कितनी है?

- a) Rs.12,500 crore
- b) Rs.18,658 crore
- c) Rs.20,100 crore
- d) Rs.15,300 crore
- e) Rs.10,000 crore

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Union Cabinet has approved four significant multitracking railway projects aimed at increasing line capacity and improving passenger and freight transportation.
- The projects stretch 1,247 km across 15 districts in Maharashtra, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh, costing Rs.18,658 crore and expected to be finished by 2030-31.
- The goal is to improve transport efficiency for coal, iron ore, and minerals, reduce logistical costs, and promote sustainable rail operations.
- The four projects include the third and fourth line expansions between Sambalpur and Jarapda, the third and fourth lines between Jharsuguda and Sason, the fifth and sixth lines between Kharsia, Naya Raipur, and Parmalkasa, and the doubling of the Gondia-Balharshah track.
- These projects are part of the PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan for Multimodal Connectivity.
- The projects would also include the development of 19 additional stations, which will improve access to key areas, including two aspirational districts, Gadchiroli and Rajnandgaon.
- This improved connectivity will assist roughly 3,350 villages and 47.25 million people.





Ques : How many villages are connected by the Samruddhi Mahamarg?
समृद्धि महामार्ग से कितने गांव जुड़े हैं?

- a) 156
- b) 202
- c) 392
- d) 504
- e) 600

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Limited (MSRDC) received the prestigious SKOCH 2025 Award in the Gold category for Infrastructure.
- The award was presented at the 100th SKOCH Summit held at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- MSRDC was honored for the successful execution of its flagship project – ‘Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samruddhi Mahamarg’.

The Samruddhi Mahamarg is a high-speed greenfield expressway, which:

- Connects 392 villages across 26 talukas in 10 districts of Maharashtra.
- Has significantly reduced travel time between Nagpur and Mumbai from 16–18 hours to just 7–8 hours.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Sri Lanka's highest civilian award "Sri Lanka Mitra Vibhushana" : Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- Gold Mercury Award for Peace and Visionary Governance 2025 : Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama
- Ugadi Award by the Andhra Pradesh government : Historian and archaeologist MyNaa Swamy
- 28th Abel Prize for Mathematics (2025) : Masaki Kashiwara from Japan
- 59th Jnanpith Award in 2024 : Vinod Kumar Shukla
- Knight's Cross of the Order of Dannebrog, a distinguished Danish honour : Vijay Sankar, Chairman of the Chennai-based Sanmar Group
- 2025 Stockholm Water Prize : Austrian hydrologist Gunter Bloesch
- Sangita Kalanidhi award 2025 : Renowned violinist R.K. Shriramkumar
- Maharashtra Bhushan : Veteran sculptor Ram Sutar
- 2025 Holberg Prize : Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak
- iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence) Award : Atima Corporation Private Limited for developing the VEER Electric Tactical All-Terrain Vehicle (E-TATV)
- Air Service Quality (ASQ) award : Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIAB)
- ACM A.M. Turing Award, often referred to as the "Nobel Prize of Computing" : Dr. Andrew Barto from the USA and Richard S. Sutton from Canada

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Ques : India will host the first-ever BIMSTEC Games in which year?

भारत किस वर्ष पहली बार बिम्सटेक खेलों की मेज़बानी करेगा?

- a) 2024
- b) 2025
- c) 2026
- d) 2027
- e) 2028

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the sixth BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Summit, which was hosted by Thailand, the current chair.
- The Theme of the Summit was "BIMSTEC: Prosperous, Resilient, and Open". It reflected the leaders' priorities and the ambitions of the peoples of the BIMSTEC region, as well as BIMSTEC's efforts to ensure shared growth in the face of global uncertainty.
- To improve capacity building and economic integration, PM Modi launched the BODHI youth skilling program, suggested a BIMSTEC Chamber of Commerce, an annual BIMSTEC Business Summit, a Digital Public Infrastructure study, and a cancer care capacity-building project.
- To strengthen cultural and people-to-people links, India will host the BIMSTEC Athletics Meet in 2025, the inaugural BIMSTEC Games in 2027, a Traditional Music Festival, and youth-focused events such as a Young Leaders' Summit, Hackathon, and Young Professional Visitors Programme.





Ques : NTPC's new capacity addition of 90 MW is part of which project?
एनटीपीसी की नई 90 मेगावाट क्षमता किस परियोजना का हिस्सा है?

- A) Kutch Wind Energy Project / कच्छ पवन ऊर्जा परियोजना
- B) Bhuj Hybrid Project / भुज हाइब्रिड परियोजना
- C) Tamil Nadu Solar Park / तमिलनाडु सोलर पार्क
- D) Rajasthan Wind Corridor / राजस्थान पवन गलियारा
- E) NTPC Thermal Expansion / एनटीपीसी थर्मल विस्तार

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- NTPC Limited has crossed a major milestone with its total installed capacity now exceeding 80,000 MW (80 GW).
- This was achieved after the commissioning of a 90 MW wind power unit under Phase-I of the Dayapar Wind Energy Project in Gujarat.
- The project is part of NTPC's 450 MW Hybrid Project at Bhuj.
- It is managed by NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (NGEL) and became operational on April 9, 2025.
- This development highlights NTPC's growing focus on renewable energy and supports India's clean energy goals.

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:Ques : Who recently set a new national record in the men's 100m sprint at the Indian Grand Prix 1 in Bengaluru?
हाल ही में बेंगलुरु में इंडियन ग्रैंड प्रिक्स 1 में पुरुषों की 100 मीटर स्प्रिंट में किसने नया राष्ट्रीय रिकॉर्ड बनाया?

- a) Manikanta Hoblidhar / मणिकांत होबलीधर
- b) Avinash Sable / अविनाश साबले
- c) Gurindervir Singh / गुरिंदरवीर सिंह
- d) Neeraj Chopra / नीरज चोपड़ा
- e) Muhammed Anas / मुहम्मद अनस

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- Gurindervir Singh, a 24-year-old sprinter from Punjab, created history at the Indian Grand Prix 1 in Bengaluru.
- He clocked 10.20 seconds in the men's 100m sprint, setting a new national record.
- Gurindervir broke the previous record of 10.23 seconds, set by Manikanta Hoblidhar in October 2023.
- He was representing Reliance during this record-breaking performance.

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Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Indian Grandmaster Nihal Sarin clinched the 2025 Tashkent Open Agzamov Memorial title in Uzbekistan. Nihal 20-year-old secured the title.
- Czech teenager Jakub Mensik defeated Novak Djokovic in the Miami Open final, denying him his 100th tour-level title
- Olympian Deepak Punia won silver in the men's freestyle 92kg category at the Asian Wrestling Championships in Amman, Jordan. Dinesh clinched bronze in the 125kg category after defeating Turkmenistan's Zyyamuhammet Saparov
- Rajgir, Bihar, will host the Hero Asia Cup Hockey 2025 from August 29 to September 7.
- India's No. 1-ranked women's squash player, Anahat Singh, won the women's singles title at the Indian Open 2025 PSA Copper event in Mumbai. In the men's category, Egypt's Kareem El Torkey clinched the title.
- In Tennis, Novak Djokovic has become the oldest man to reach semi-final of the ATP Masters 1000. The 37-year-old Serbian achieved this feat by defeating American Sebastian Korda with an impressive 6-3 7-6 win in the quarterfinals of the Miami Open
- Aryna Sabalenka won her maiden Miami Open title by defeating Jessica Pegula in the final with a score of 7-5, 6-2
- In table tennis, Manav Thakkar made history by becoming the first Indian to reach the final eight of a WTT Star Contender event
- The Khelo India Para Games 2025 completed at JLN Stadium in New Delhi. 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.
- Indian wrestler Sunil Kumar secured a bronze medal in the 87kg Greco-Roman category at the Asian Wrestling Championship held in Amman, Jordan
- In Gymnastics, India's Pranati Nayak has bagged the bronze medal in the Women's Vault final at the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG) World Cup in Antalya, Turkey
- The Indian team earned the bronze medal in the mixed quad category event at the ISTAF Sepak Takraw World Cup 2025, which is now underway in Patna





Ques : World Health Day is celebrated every year on which day ?

विश्व स्वास्थ्य दिवस हर वर्ष किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 5 April
- (b) 6 April
- (c) 7 April
- (d) 8 April
- (e) 9 April

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- World Health Day is observed every year on April 7, commemorating the establishment of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948 and raising worldwide health awareness.
- Theme 2025: Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures.
- The day supports universal health coverage, mental health, and equitable healthcare access, with the goal of creating a better, fairer world for all.

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Important days :

- 20 March : World Oral Health Day (Theme 2025: "A Happy Mouth is...A Happy Mind.")
- 20 March : World Sparrow Day (Theme 2025: A tribute to nature's tiny messengers)
- 20 March : French Language Day
- 21 March : World Day for Glaciers
- 21 March : World Poetry Day
- 21 March : The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 21 March : The International Day of Forests (Theme 2025: Forests and Food)
- 21 March : World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) (Theme 2025: Improve Our Support Systems)
- 21 March : World Puppetry Day 2025 (Theme 2025 Robots, AI, and the Dream of the Puppet?)
- 22 March (Last Saturday of March) : Earth Hour
- 22 March : World Water Day (Theme 2025: Glacier Preservation)
- 22 March : World Day For Glaciers 2025 (Theme 2025 Glaciers' Preservation)
- 23 March : World Meteorological Day (Theme 2025: Closing the Early Warning Gap Together)
- 23 March : Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs' Day (March 23, 1931, lies in the execution of three young revolutionaries (Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev))
- 24 March : International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims
- 24 March : World Tuberculosis Day (Theme 2025 – Yes! We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver)
- 25 March : The International Day of the Unborn Child
- 25 March : The International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members
- 26 March : World Purple Day
- 27 March : World Theatre Day (Theme 2025: Theatre and a Culture of Peace)
- 28 March : Universal Acceptance Day (Theme 2025 "Connecting the Unconnected – Building a Multilingual Internet for Viksit Bharat.")
- 29 March : World Piano Day
- 30 March : International Day of Zero Waste 2025 (Theme 2025 Towards Zero Waste in Fashion and Textiles)





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

In a remarkable display of skill and dedication, young Indian equestrian player Niharika Singhania has clinched first position in the prestigious Azelhof CSI Lier equestrian competition held in Belgium.

Book The Great Conciliator: Lal Bahadur Shastri and the Transformation of India is Authored by Sanjeev Chopra

Seema Agrawal Appointed as Director-General of Police (DGP)/ Director of Fire and Rescue Services. She Replaced Former DGP Abhash Kumar.

India Assist, a real-time travel assistance service platform & Authorities of United Arab Emirates (UAE) signed between to launch its international arm, 'UAE Assist'.

Karnataka Vikas Gramin Bank (KVGB), a leading rural bank in India, has launched e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) services in partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited (NESL).

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महत्वपूर्ण एक पंक्ति करंट अफेयर्स

युवा भारतीय घुड़सवार खिलाड़ी निहारिका सिंघानिया ने कौशल और समर्पण का शानदार प्रदर्शन करते हुए बेल्जियम में आयोजित प्रतिष्ठित एज़ेलहोफ़ सीएसआई लियर घुड़सवारी प्रतियोगिता में प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त किया है।

द ग्रेट कॉन्सिलिएटर: लाल बहादुर शास्त्री एंड द ट्रांसफॉर्मेशन ऑफ़ इंडिया नामक पुस्तक संजीव चोपड़ा द्वारा लिखी गई है।

सीमा अग्रवाल को पुलिस महानिदेशक (डीजीपी)/अग्निशमन और बचाव सेवाओं की निदेशक नियुक्त किया गया। उन्होंने पूर्व डीजीपी अभाष कुमार का स्थान लिया।

इंडिया असिस्ट, एक वास्तविक समय यात्रा सहायता सेवा प्लेटफ़ॉर्म और संयुक्त अरब अमीरात (यूएई) के अधिकारियों ने अपनी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय शाखा, 'यूएई असिस्ट' को लॉन्च करने के लिए आपस में समझौता किया।

भारत के एक प्रमुख ग्रामीण बैंक, कर्नाटक विकास ग्रामीण बैंक (केवीजीबी) ने नेशनल ई-गवर्नेंस सर्विसेज़ लिमिटेड (एनईएसएल) के साथ साझेदारी में ई-बैंक गारंटी (ई-बीजी) सेवाएँ शुरू की हैं।

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