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Ques : As per 2024 data, what is the share of gold in India's total forex reserves?
2024 के आंकड़ों के अनुसार, भारत के कुल विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार में सोने की हिस्सेदारी कितनी है?

- a) 8.6%
- b) 11.4%
- c) 6.7%
- d) 12.8%
- e) 10.3%

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- According to the World Gold Council (WGC), the share of gold in India's total forex reserves stood at 11.4% in 2024, up from just 6.7% in 2018.
- This sharp increase reflects the Reserve Bank of India's active gold accumulation strategy to diversify the reserve portfolio.
- In 2024, India purchased 72.6 tonnes of gold, becoming the third-largest central bank gold buyer globally, after Poland and Turkey.
- This move was in response to global economic uncertainties, currency volatility, and a growing need to reduce reliance on the US dollar.
- The RBI's enhanced gold holdings contribute to greater financial stability, acting as a hedge against inflation and geopolitical risks.
- As of February 2025, the gold share further rose to 12%, indicating continued strategic investment in gold.

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Ques: Which bank faced the highest monetary penalty imposed by the RBI in FY25 as per the FACE report on enforcement actions?

FY25 में आरबीआई द्वारा प्रवर्तन कार्यवाहियों पर FACE रिपोर्ट के अनुसार सबसे अधिक मौद्रिक जुर्माना किस बैंक पर लगाया गया?

- (a) UCO Bank / यूको बैंक
- (b) Axis Bank / एक्सिस बैंक
- (c) State Bank of India / स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इंडिया
- (d) J&K Bank / जम्मू और कश्मीर बैंक
- (e) Bank of Baroda / बैंक ऑफ बड़ौदा

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- FACE, a self-regulatory organization recognized by the RBI, said that the RBI conducted 79 enforcement proceedings against banks and NBFCs in FY25.
- Of them, 30 were against banks, 1 was against a credit bureau, and 48 were against NBFCs. Monetary fines of Rs.33 crore were levied.
- In contrast, NBFCs are responsible for 60% of penalty cases but only 18% of the total penalty sum.
- Banks were engaged in only 38% of the instances, but they were responsible for 82% of the overall penalty amount.
- For infractions pertaining to BSBDA accounts, beneficial ownership identification, and working capital loans against government subsidies, J&K Bank was hit with the highest fine of Rs.3.31 crore.
- UCO Bank was fined Rs.2 crore and Axis Bank Rs.1.9 crore for violations of regulatory norms
- FACE did not include actions against regional rural banks and cooperative banks for this report.





Ques : What is the total capital infusion IDFC FIRST Bank will receive from Warburg Pincus and ADIA arm?

IDFC FIRST बैंक को Warburg Pincus और ADIA से कुल कितनी पूंजी मिलेगी?

- (a) Rs.5,000 crore
- (b) Rs.6,500 crore
- (c) Rs.7,500 crore
- (d) Rs.8,000 crore
- (e) Rs.8,500 crore

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- IDFC FIRST Bank is set to receive a total capital infusion of Rs.7,500 crore through a preferential issue of CCPS (Compulsorily Convertible Preference Shares).

This investment will come from two major global investors:

- Rs.4,876 crore from Warburg Pincus (via Currant Sea Investments B.V.)
- Rs.2,624 crore from Platinum Invictus B 2025 RSC Ltd, a subsidiary of ADIA (Abu Dhabi Investment Authority)

- The bank's capital adequacy ratio will increase from 16.1% to 18.9%, with CET-1 rising to around 16.5%, strengthening its ability to absorb financial shocks.
- This funding marks a key step in the bank's strategy to expand operations, enhance profitability, and improve investor confidence.
- The preferential allotment was approved by the bank's board to support this capital raise.
- The entry of reputed global institutions reflects strong confidence in the bank's future performance and growth potential.



Ques: In the World's Best Hospitals 2025 report by Newsweek and Statista, what is the global rank of AIIMS, New Delhi?

न्यूज़वीक और स्टैटिस्टा की 'वर्ल्ड्स बेस्ट हॉस्पिटल्स 2025' रिपोर्ट में अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान (AIIMS), नई दिल्ली को कौन-सा वैश्विक स्थान मिला है?

- (a) 122
- (b) 113
- (c) 97
- (d) 146
- (e) 228

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- According to Newsweek and Statista's "World's Best Hospitals 2025" study, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (Aiims) in New Delhi is the 97th-best hospital in the world.
- The institute, which was placed 122nd in the same survey in 2023, rose nine spots to 113th in 2024, and is now 16 spots higher at 97th. This is a significant increase.
- In its sixth year, the annual ranking assessed more than 2,400 hospitals in 30 countries, gauging their performance based on peer recommendations from thousands of medical professionals, clinical outcomes, patient satisfaction, and sanitary standards.
- Two other Indian hospitals, in addition to AIIMS, were listed among the top 250.
- Two more institutes also made a significant appearance, ranking 146th (ranked 166th in 2024) and 228th (ranked 246th in 2024), respectively: Medanta – The Medicity in Gurgaon and Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh.
- The Mayo Clinic and Cleveland Clinic in the United States are at the top of the 2024 list, followed by Toronto General in Canada and Johns Hopkins Hospital. Karolinska University Hospital in Sweden completes the top five.





India's Rankings in Different Indices

- World's busiest airports in 2024 Published by Airports Council International (ACI) : Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in Delhi (9th), Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (United States) (1st)
- Report Automotive Industry: Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains 2nd Edition Published by National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) : India (4th), China (1st)
- Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) baseline report 1st Edition Published by Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) : Gujarat (top)
- World's Best Airport for 2025 : Singapore Changi Airport (1st), Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), or Delhi International Airport (32nd)
- 'Readiness for Frontier Technologies' index Published by UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) : India (36th)
- Annual World's Billionaires list 39th Edition Published by Forbes : Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla Motors (1st), Mukesh Ambani (18th)
- Global Financial Centres Index (GFCI 37) 37th Edition Published by China Development Institute (CDI) : GIFT City-Gujarat (India) (46th), New York (USA) (1st)
- 2025 Hurun Global Rich List Edition 14th Published by Hurun Research Institute : Elon Musk (1st), Mukesh Ambani (17th)
- Annual ranking of 500 high-growth Asia-Pacific companies : Lendbox - India (USD 51.13 million) (1st)
- QS World University Rankings by Subject 15th Edition Published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) : Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad (20th), Harvard University, USA (Arts & Humanities) (1st)
- World Happiness Report 2025 13th Edition : India (118th), Finland (1st)
- World Air Quality Report 2024 7th Edition Published by Switzerland based air quality technology company IQAir : India (5th), Chad (1st)
- Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2024 Published by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) : Ukraine (top Importer), USA (Exporter)





Ques: Which country remained India's largest trading partner in FY 2024-25 for the 4th consecutive year?

वित्त वर्ष 2024-25 में लगातार चौथे वर्ष भारत का सबसे बड़ा व्यापारिक साझेदार कौन-सा देश रहा?

- (a) United States of America (USA) / अमेरिका
- (b) United Arab Emirates (UAE) / संयुक्त अरब अमीरात
- (c) China / चीन
- (d) Saudi Arabia / सऊदी अरब
- (e) Russia / रूस

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- The United States of America (USA) remained India's top trading partner for the fourth consecutive year in Financial Year 2024-25 (FY25), with bilateral trade totaling USD 131.84 billion, according to trade data issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I).
- With a total bilateral trade value of USD 127.7 billion in FY25, China was India's second-largest trading partner, followed by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in third place with USD 100.5 billion.
- In FY25, India's imports from the USA increased by 7.44% to USD 45.33 billion, while its exports to the USA increased by 11.6% to USD 86.51 billion.
- From USD 35.32 billion in FY24 to USD 41.18 billion in FY25, India's trade surplus with the USA grew.
- In FY 24-25 India and China total trade - USD 127.7 Billion and Trade Deficit - USD 99.2 Billion
- India's exports to China declined to USD 14.25 Billion meanwhile imports from China increased to USD 113.45 Billion.





:Ques : Who has been appointed as the new Director-General of ICAR for a period of 3 years?

भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद (ICAR) के नए महानिदेशक के रूप में 3 वर्षों के लिए किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- a) Himanshu Pathak / हिमांशु पाठक
- b) Trilochan Mohapatra / त्रिलोचन महापात्र
- c) Ramesh Chand / रमेश चंद
- d) Mangi Lal Jat / मांगी लाल जाट
- e) Rajesh Sharma / राजेश शर्मा

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- Dr. Mangi Lal Jat has been appointed as the Director-General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE).
- He succeeds Dr. Himanshu Pathak, who retired from ICAR and joined ICRISAT on 6 March 2025.
- Dr. Jat previously served as Deputy Director General – Research (AI) at ICRISAT, Hyderabad, and brings with him vast experience in agricultural research.
- His appointment is for a tenure of 3 years from the date he assumes office, or until further notice, whichever is earlier.
- ICAR is India's apex body overseeing agricultural education and research, while DARE functions under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.





Recent Appointment in different departments :

- Justice Dinesh Maheshwari : Chairperson of the 23rd Law Commission of India
- Justice B.R. Gavai : recommended as the 52nd Chief Justice of India by the incumbent CJI Sanjiv Khanna
- Mirabai Chanu : Chairperson of the Athletes' Commission of the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF)
- Justice Arun Palli : Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (Replaced Chief Justice Tashi Rabistan)
- Sourav Ganguly : Chairperson of the ICC men's cricket committee
- Aarthi Subramanian : Executive Director-President and COO of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- Shaleen Toshniwal : 20th Chairman of Manmade and Technical Textiles Export Promotion Council (MATEXIL) (Replaced Bhadrash Dodhia)
- Seema Agrawal : Director-General of Police (DGP)/ Director of Fire and Rescue Services (Replaced Former DGP Abhash Kumar)
- SC Ralhan : president of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) (succeeding Ashwani Kumar)
- Nikhil Singhal : Uttar Pradesh Anmol Ratan Award
- H Shankar : Managing Director (MD) of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL), a subsidiary of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
- Shirley Botchwey : first African woman to assume the office of the Secretary General of the Commonwealth of Nations
- Shibashish Roy : CEO and Managing Director of Croma, an electronics retail company owned by the Tata Group
- Australian cricketer Steve Waugh : member of the Centre for Australia-India Relations Advisory Board (replaced Adam Gilchrist)
- Indian-American scientist Jay Bhattacharya : Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- Ashok Singh Thakur : Chairman of Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)
- Nidhi Tewari : Private Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi





Ques : Which edition of India Justice Report (IJR 2025) Published by Tata Trusts ?
टाटा ट्रस्ट द्वारा इंडिया जस्टिस रिपोर्ट (IJR 2025) का कौन सा संस्करण प्रकाशित किया गया है?

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

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

India Justice Report (IJR 2025) 4th Edition Published by Tata Trusts. It is Released by Justice Madan Lokur, Chair of the UN Internal Justice Council.

It is started in 2019. Four Pillars of report are : 1. Police 2. Prisons 3. Judiciary 4. Legal Aid

Out of 18 major and mid-sized Indian states with a population of one crore or more, Karnataka has the best record for delivering justice. Report on the basis of Four pillar :

1. Police :

- The police-to-population ratio in India is still 155 per 1 lakh, much below the necessary 197.5.
- In terms of police performance, Telangana State is ranked first, followed by Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.
- Despite having the greatest progress in the police category, Bihar had the lowest police ratio, at just 81.
- In India, 30% of police stations lack female help desks, while nearly 17% lack closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras.
- Among the four pillars, the national per capita expenditure on police is the highest at Rs. 1,275.

2. Prisons :





- Tamilnadu has the lowest staff vacancies and the best budget utilization in jail administration. With 22 prisoners for every officer, it also boasts the best ratio.
- With 80% of the total, Karnataka has the largest percentage of undertrial prisoners (UTP).
- AP spends the most per prisoner, at Rs2.67 lakh per year, whereas the national average is Rs 57 per capita.

3. Legal Aid :

- The state with the greatest improvement in legal aid was Haryana. Only Rs 6 is spent annually per person nationwide on legal help.

4. Judiciary :

- Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, and Rajasthan all saw improvements in judicial metrics
- Gujarat had the most open positions for High Court (HC) judges and personnel.
- Just Rs 182 is spent on the judiciary nationwide per person, and no state allocates more than 1% of its whole budget to it.

Ranking of Top 5 and last States in IJR 2025 (large and mid-sized States) :

- 1 Karnataka
- 2 Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 3 Telangana
- 4 Kerala
- 5 Tamil Nadu (TN)
- 18 West Bengal

Ranking of Top 5 and last States in IJR 2025 (Small States) :

- 1 Sikkim
- 2 Himachal Pradesh (HP)
- 3 Arunachal Pradesh (AR)
- 4 Tripura
- 5 Meghalaya
- 7 Goa





Ques: On the occasion of World Quantum Day, which document was released by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India to promote global collaboration in quantum science?

विश्व क्वांटम दिवस के अवसर पर, भारत सरकार के प्रधान वैज्ञानिक सलाहकार (PSA) कार्यालय द्वारा क्वांटम विज्ञान में वैश्विक सहयोग को बढ़ावा देने के लिए कौन-सा दस्तावेज़ जारी किया गया?

- (a) National Quantum Innovation Framework / राष्ट्रीय क्वांटम नवाचार रूपरेखा
- (b) Quantum Advancement Roadmap / क्वांटम प्रगति रोडमैप
- (c) International Technology Engagement Strategy for Quantum (ITES-Q) / क्वांटम के लिए अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संलग्नता रणनीति
- (d) Quantum Collaboration Charter / क्वांटम सहयोग चार्टर
- (e) India Global Quantum Plan / भारत वैश्विक क्वांटम योजना

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The Office of the PSA launched the first edition of ITES-Q to mark World Quantum Day and the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology (IYQST 2025).
- Unveiled by Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, the report focuses on boosting global collaboration and innovation in Quantum Science, Technology, and Innovation (QSTI).
- It aligns with India's National Quantum Mission (NQM) to ensure leadership in quantum advancements.

About National Quantum Mission (NQM) :

- Launched in : April 2023
- Total Outlay : Rs 6003.65 Crore
- Tenure of Project : 8 Years (from 2023-24 to 2030-31)
- Aim : to seed, nurture, and scale up scientific and industrial R&D, creating a vibrant and innovative ecosystem in Quantum Technology (QT)
- The NQM envisages the establishment of four Thematic Hubs (T-Hubs) in key domains : 1. Quantum Computing 2. Quantum Communication 3. Quantum Sensing & Metrology 4. Quantum Materials & Devices





Ques : Who is set to become the first Indian astronaut in over four decades to travel to space in May 2025?

मई 2025 में चार दशकों बाद अंतरिक्ष यात्रा करने वाले पहले भारतीय अंतरिक्ष यात्री कौन होंगे?

- A. Rakesh Sharma / राकेश शर्मा
- B. Sunita Williams / सुनीता विलियम्स
- C. Shubhanshu Shukla / शुभांशु शुक्ला
- D. Jitendra Singh / जीतेन्द्र सिंह
- E. Gaganyaan Crew / गगनयान क्रू

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla will travel to the International Space Station (ISS) in May 2025 as part of the Axiom-4 mission aboard a Russian Soyuz spacecraft.
- He will be the first Indian astronaut to go to space after Rakesh Sharma's mission in 1984, marking a gap of over 40 years.
- The announcement was made by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, and the mission involves coordination between the Department of Space and ISRO.

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Ques: Under which expedition is Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) 'Tarini' undertaking a global circumnavigation journey crewed by two women officers?
भारतीय नौसेना की नौकायन पोत 'INSV तारिणी' किस अभियान के अंतर्गत दो महिला अधिकारियों की टीम के साथ विश्व परिक्रमा यात्रा कर रही है?

- (a) Navika Sagar Parikrama II / नाविका सागर परिक्रमा II
- (b) Vishva Yatra Abhiyan / विश्व यात्रा अभियान
- (c) Samudra Parikrama / समुद्र परिक्रमा
- (d) Naari Sagar Mission / नारी सागर मिशन
- (e) Mahila Sagar Abhiyan / महिला सागर अभियान

Answer: Option A

Explanation :

- For the last part of her voyage to Goa, the Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) "Tarini," which was carrying two female officers, was ceremoniously launched off from Cape Town, South Africa.
- Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, the Chief of the Naval Staff, launched off the full voyage, which will span over 23,400 nautical miles (43,300 km), from Goa on October 2, 2024. It is expected to return to Goa by the end of May.
- Under the Navika Sagar Parikrama (NSP) II, an Indian Navy expedition who is trying a double-handed round of the planet via the three Great Capes, "Tarini" is embarking on the global circumnavigation journey.
- Before arriving in Cape Town, the journey has so far made stops in Fremantle, Australia; Lyttelton, New Zealand; and Port Stanley, Falklands, UK.
- The warship, manned by Lt Cdr Dilna K and Lt Cdr Roopa A, made a planned stopover at Cape Town as part of the ongoing Navika Sagar Parikrama II.





Ques : Where will the headquarters of the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) be located?

अंतरराष्ट्रीय बिग कैट एलायंस (IBCA) का मुख्यालय कहाँ स्थित होगा?

- a) South Africa / दक्षिण अफ्रीका
- b) United States / संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका
- c) India / भारत
- d) Kenya / केन्या
- e) Brazil / ब्राज़ील

Answer : Option C

Explanation :

- The International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in April 2023, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of Project Tiger.
- The alliance aims to promote the global conservation of seven major big cat species: Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Puma, Jaguar, and Cheetah.
- As per the headquarters agreement signed in April 2024, India will host the permanent headquarters and secretariat of IBCA.
- The Government of India has committed Rs.150 crore towards the alliance between 2023-24 and 2028-29. This will cover corpus funding, infrastructure, and recurring expenses.
- India became an official member in September 2023, after ratification by five initial signatories: India, Liberia, Eswatini, Somalia, and Nicaragua.
- IBCA attained global legal status in February 2024, making it an internationally recognized conservation platform.
- The agreement was signed by P. Kumaran (Secretary, East – MEA) and S. P. Yadav (Director General, IBCA), confirming India as the host nation for the headquarters.





Ques: Which country was appointed as the first chair of INTERPOL's newly established Committee on Governance for a two-year term?

INTERPOL की नई स्थापित गवर्नेंस समिति का पहला अध्यक्ष दो वर्षीय कार्यकाल के लिए किस देश को नियुक्त किया गया?

- (a) France / फ्रांस
- (b) United Kingdom / यूनाइटेड किंगडम
- (c) Germany / जर्मनी
- (d) United Arab Emirates / संयुक्त अरब अमीरात
- (e) India / भारत

Answer: Option D

Explanation :

- One of the main advisory groups of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the Committee on Governance, has been chosen to be chaired by the Ministry of Interior of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- As a result, the UAE was appointed as the first nation to chair this newly established standing committee, which will have a two-year term.
- During the committee's meeting in Lyon, France, representatives from INTERPOL member states gave Lieutenant Colonel Dana Humaid Al Marzouqi, Director General (DG) of the International Affairs Bureau at the Ministry of Interior (UAE), 67% of the vote.

About INTERPOL's Committee on Governance :

Established : November 2024, during 92nd General Assembly of INTERPOL held in Glasgow, the United Kingdom

Aim : to monitor the review of INTERPOL's statutes, regulations, and related documents, proposing necessary amendments or clarifications

About International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) :

- Established : 1923
- HQ : Lyon, France
- Secretary General : Valdecy Urquiza (Brazil)



Ques: The book 'The India I Saw: A Glimpse into the Life of S. Ambujammal' is an English translation of which Tamil autobiography?

पुस्तक 'The India I Saw: A Glimpse into the Life of S. Ambujammal' किस तमिल आत्मकथा का अंग्रेज़ी अनुवाद है?

- (a) Enathu Bharatha Payanam / एनथु भारत पयनम
- (b) Nan Kanda Bharatham / नान कांडा भारतम
- (c) Bharatha Kathai / भारत कथा
- (d) En Bharatha Anubhavangal / एन भारत अनुभवंगल
- (e) Kaalathin Kural / कालथिन कुरल

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- The book 'The India I Saw: A Glimpse into the Life of S. Ambujammal' is translated from the 1973 Tamil autobiography 'Nan Kanda Bharatham'.
- S. Ambujammal, a freedom fighter, authored the original work.
- The English version is translated by historian Sriram V, offering insights into her life and India's freedom movement through her lens.

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Ques : Which coal PSU has become the first in India to adopt paste fill technology for coal mining?

भारत में कोयला खनन के लिए पेस्ट फिल टेक्नोलॉजी अपनाने वाला पहला कोल PSU कौन बना है?

- a) Coal India Ltd / कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड
- b) Northern Coalfields Ltd / नॉर्थर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड
- c) Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd / महानदी कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड
- d) South Eastern Coalfields Ltd (SECL) / साउथ ईस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लिमिटेड (एसईसीएल)
- e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option D

Explanation :

- South Eastern Coalfields Ltd (SECL) has become the first coal PSU in India to adopt Paste Fill Technology, a modern innovation in underground mining.
- This technology helps prevent land subsidence, ensures structural safety of mines, and promotes the recycling of waste materials such as fly ash.
- SECL has signed a Rs.7040 crore agreement with TMC Mineral Resources Pvt. Ltd. for the implementation of this method at the Singhali underground coal mine in Korba, Chhattisgarh.
- The project will be operational for 25 years, with an expected output of 8.4 million tonnes of coal, setting a benchmark in sustainable mining practices.

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:Ques : How many new members have recently been appointed to the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) by the Union Government?

हाल ही में केंद्र सरकार द्वारा केंद्रीय प्रत्यक्ष कर बोर्ड (CBDT) में कितने नए सदस्य नियुक्त किए गए हैं?

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 5
- d) 6
- e) 4

Answer : Option E

Explanation :

- The Union Government has appointed four new members to the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) — Pankaj Kumar Mishra, Sanjay Bahadur, L Rajasekhar Reddy, and G Aparna Rao.
- All four are 1989 batch IRS (Income Tax cadre) officers.
- The appointments were cleared by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- With these appointments, CBDT now has a near full-strength board, headed by Chairman Ravi Agrawal (1988 batch IRS).
- Before these new additions, Prabodh Seth and Ramesh Narain Parbat were the only serving members from the same batch.
- The CBDT, under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, plays a key role in the formulation of direct tax policy and administration in India.





Ques: Who was awarded the "Legends of Endoscopy" title at the Tokyo Live Global Endoscopy 2025 event for contributions to GI Endoscopy?

2025 के टोक्यो लाइव ग्लोबल एंडोस्कोपी कार्यक्रम में गैस्ट्रोइंटेस्टाइनल (GI) एंडोस्कोपी में योगदान के लिए "लेजेंड्स ऑफ एंडोस्कोपी" की उपाधि किसे प्रदान की गई?

- (a) Dr. Naresh Trehan / डॉ. नरेश त्रेहन
- (b) Dr. Devi Shetty / डॉ. देवी शेटी
- (c) Dr. D. Nageshwar Reddy / डॉ. डी. नागेश्वर रेड्डी
- (d) Dr. Prathap C. Reddy / डॉ. प्रताप सी. रेड्डी
- (e) Dr. Randeep Guleria / डॉ. रणदीप गुलेरिया

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- Dr. D. Nageshwar Reddy, Chairman of AIG Hospitals, was honored with the "Legends of Endoscopy" award.
- The award was conferred by a community of Japanese gastroenterologists.
- The honor was presented during the Tokyo Live Global Endoscopy 2025 event at SHOWA Medical University Koto Toyosu Hospital in Tokyo.
- It recognized his significant contributions to the advancement of Gastrointestinal (GI) Endoscopy.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- Verchol Dalit Literary Award : Retired IAS officer, writer, and politician P. Sivakami
- National Maritime Varuna Award : Rajesh Unni, the founder of Synergy Marine Group
- Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra, Slovakia : President Droupadi Murmu
- Key to the City of Lisbon, which is the highest civilian honour awarded by the city of Lisbon, Portugal : President Droupadi Murmu
- shortlisted for the International Booker Prize 2024 : Heart Lamp by Banu Mushtaq and translated into English by Deepa Bhasthi
- Fred Darrington Sand Master Award : artist Sudarsan Pattnaik became the first Indian
- SKOCH 2025 Award in the Gold category for Infrastructure : Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Limited (MSRDC)
- 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

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Ques: What was the objective of the special session of the Rashtriya Karmayogi Jan Seva Programme organised by the Ministry of Ayush?

आयुष मंत्रालय द्वारा आयोजित राष्ट्रीय कर्मयोगी जन सेवा कार्यक्रम के विशेष सत्र का उद्देश्य क्या था?

- (a) Launching new wellness schemes / नई वेलनेस योजनाओं की शुरुआत
- (b) Promoting exports of Ayurvedic products / आयुर्वेदिक उत्पादों का निर्यात बढ़ाना
- (c) Enhancing employees' service orientation and professional skills / कर्मचारियों की सेवा उन्मुखता और पेशेवर कौशल बढ़ाना
- (d) Introducing a new yoga certification system / एक नया योग प्रमाणन प्रणाली शुरू करना
- (e) Organising a health camp for the public / आम जनता के लिए स्वास्थ्य शिविर आयोजित करना

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- To improve employees' service orientation and professional skills, the Ministry of Ayush organized a special Rashtriya Karmayogi Jan Seva Program session at Ayush Bhawan in partnership with the Capacity Building Commission under Mission Karmayogi.
- Dr. Subodh Kumar oversaw the program's second phase, which was managed by Shipra Singh and included interactive, team-based learning modules on leadership, motivation, self-awareness, and real-world case studies from traditional medicine, yoga, and Ayurveda.
- The program encourages officials to use training insights for better public service delivery, reflecting the Ministry's continuous commitment to developing a responsive and effective staff.

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Ques : Who has been appointed as the new Secretary of the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance?

वित्त मंत्रालय के राजस्व विभाग के नए सचिव के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- a) Samir Kumar Sinha / समीर कुमार सिन्हा
- b) Arvind Shrivastava / अरविंद श्रीवास्तव
- c) Nikunja Bihari Dhal / निकुंज बिहारी ढल
- d) Santosh Kumar Sarangi / संतोष कुमार सारंगी
- e) None of these / इनमें से कोई नहीं

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- The Government of India has appointed Arvind Shrivastava as the new Secretary of the Department of Revenue, which functions under the Ministry of Finance.
- He was earlier serving as Additional Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), bringing significant administrative experience to his new role.
- The Department of Revenue is responsible for matters related to income tax, customs, GST, and overall revenue collection of the central government.
- Arvind Shrivastava's appointment is part of a broader reshuffle of secretaries across key ministries, aimed at strengthening administrative leadership.

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Ques : World Heritage Day, also known as the International Day for Monuments and Sites (IDMS), is observed on which day ?

विश्व धरोहर दिवस, जिसे स्मारकों और स्थलों के लिए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस (आईडीएमएस) के रूप में भी जाना जाता है, किस दिन मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 17 April
- (b) 18 April
- (c) 19 April
- (d) 20 April
- (e) 21 April

Answer : Option B

Explanation :

- In order to raise awareness of the richness of cultural heritage, the fragility of monuments and sites, and the work necessary to protect them, World Heritage Day, also known as the International Day for Monuments and Sites (IDMS), is celebrated annually on April 18.
- Theme 2025 – Heritage under Threat from Disasters and Conflicts: Preparedness and Learning from 60 Years of ICOMOS Actions
- In 1982, the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) made the proposal, and in 1983, UNESCO gave its approval.
- The day serves as a reminder to governments and local communities of the value of conserving historical places and honoring the diverse cultural heritage of the world's civilizations.

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Important days :

- 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)
- 1 April : 89th edition of Utkal Divas, also known as Odisha Day or Vishuva Milan to commemorate the formation of the state of Odisha in 1936
- 2 April : International Fact-Checking Day
- 2 April : World Autism Awareness Day (Theme 2025: Advancing Neurodiversity and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs))
- 2 April (first Wednesday of April) : National Walking Day (Theme 2025: Protect yourself from diabetes, heart disease, and cancer)
- 3 April : 261st Raising Day of the Army Medical Corps 2025 (To honor the founding of the AMC in 1764)
- 4 April : International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (Theme 2025 - Safe Futures Begin Here)
- 5 April : National Maritime Day
- 6 April : International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) (Theme 2025 Leveling the Playing Field: Sport for Social Inclusion)
- 7 April : World Health Day (Theme 2025: Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures)
- 7 April : International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda
- 1 to 7 April : Prevention of Blindness Week
- 8 April : Earth's Rotation Day (Theme 2025 Our Power, Our Planet)
- 10 April : World Homoeopathy Day (Theme 2025 – Adhyayan, Adhyaapan, Anusandhaan” (Education, Practice, and Research))
- 11 April : National Safe Motherhood Day (Theme 2025 – Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures)
- 11 April : World Parkinson's Day 2025
- 12 April : International Day of Human Space Flight
- 13 April : Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Day
- 14 April : World Quantum Day (Theme 2025 – Every Day in 2025)
- 17 April : World Haemophilia Day (Theme 2025 – Access for All: Women and Girls Bleed Too)





IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

In honor of the 172nd anniversary of India's first rail trip, Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw recalled the momentous day on April 16, 1853, when the first train left Bori Bunder for Thane in Maharashtra. There were 400 invited passengers on the 14-coach train. Three engines—Sindh, Sultan, and Saheb—pulled the train, which traveled 34 kilometers in one hour and fifteen minutes.

Godrej Capital Limited & Telangana signed MoU to boost growth and development of MSMEs in the state by enhancing access to credit facilities and business opportunities

T Koshy Resigned as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)

Aamir Khan honoured at Macau International Comedy Festival 2025, Macau in China with Master Humor Award. Aamir enjoys massive popularity in China, earning the nickname 'Uncle Mi'.

Zaggle Prepaid Ocean Services Limited has received TPAP (Third-Party Application Provider) approval from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

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महत्वपूर्ण वन-लाइनर करेंट अफेयर्स

भारत की पहली रेल यात्रा की 172वीं वर्षगांठ के सम्मान में, रेल मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव ने 16 अप्रैल, 1853 के उस महत्वपूर्ण दिन को याद किया, जब पहली ट्रेन महाराष्ट्र के बोरीबंदर से ठाणे के लिए रवाना हुई थी। 14 कोच वाली इस ट्रेन में 400 आमंत्रित यात्री सवार थे। तीन इंजन-सिंध, सुल्तान और साहेब- ने ट्रेन को खींचा, जिसने एक घंटे और पंद्रह मिनट में 34 किलोमीटर की यात्रा की।

गोदरेज कैपिटल लिमिटेड और तेलंगाना ने राज्य में एमएसएमई के विकास को बढ़ावा देने के लिए ऋण सुविधाओं और व्यावसायिक अवसरों तक पहुँच बढ़ाकर समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए

टी कोशी ने ओपन नेटवर्क फॉर डिजिटल कॉमर्स (ONDC) के प्रबंध निदेशक (MD) और मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी (CEO) के पद से इस्तीफा दिया

आमिर खान को चीन के मकाऊ में मकाऊ इंटरनेशनल कॉमेडी फेस्टिवल 2025 में मास्टर ह्यूमर अवार्ड से सम्मानित किया गया। आमिर चीन में बहुत लोकप्रिय हैं, जिसके कारण उन्हें 'अंकल मी' उपनाम मिला है।

जैगल प्रीपेड ओशन सर्विसेज लिमिटेड को भारतीय राष्ट्रीय भुगतान निगम (एनपीसीआई) से टीपीएपी (थर्ड-पार्टी एप्लिकेशन प्रदाता) अनुमोदन प्राप्त हो गया है।

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