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Ques: Nippon India Mutual Fund opened its first-ever mutual fund office in which high-altitude region, located 11,500 feet above sea level?

निप्पोन इंडिया म्यूचुअल फंड ने 11,500 फीट की ऊंचाई पर स्थित किस उच्च पर्वतीय क्षेत्र में अपना पहला म्यूचुअल फंड कार्यालय खोला है?

- A. Shimla / शिमला
- B. Manali / मनाली
- C. Leh / लेह
- D. Mussoorie / मसूरी
- E. Nainital / नैनीताल

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Nippon India Mutual Fund has opened its first-ever mutual fund office in Leh, located at 11,500 feet above sea level, making it the highest-altitude MF office in India.
- The goal is to promote Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) in remote and high-altitude areas.
- The initiative has already empowered local drivers, hotel staff, and army families to begin investing.
- Retired Army Chief Gen VP Malik supported the effort, and over 350 army personnel attended an investor awareness session.
- Nippon India also established a NISM training and online exam centre in Leh, with the first distributor certification exam scheduled for August 22.





Ques: What is the main objective of the 30-member Regulatory Review Cell set up by the RBI in August 2025?

अगस्त 2025 में RBI द्वारा गठित 30-सदस्यीय रेगुलेटरी रिव्यू सेल का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

- A. Launching new banking products / नए बैंकिंग उत्पाद लॉन्च करना
- B. Implementing monetary policy changes / मौद्रिक नीति में बदलाव लागू करना
- C. Eliminating outdated and irrelevant regulations / पुराने और अप्रासंगिक नियमों को हटाना
- D. Promoting digital currency adoption / डिजिटल करेंसी को बढ़ावा देना
- E. Enhancing RBI's overseas presence / RBI की अंतरराष्ट्रीय उपस्थिति बढ़ाना

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The RBI formed a 30-member Regulatory Review Cell (RRC) in August 2025 to identify and remove obsolete, redundant, and irrelevant financial regulations.
- Goal: Reduce the total regulations from 8,000 to 3,000.
- Focus: Simplify compliance, consolidate rules, and avoid regulatory complexity.
- Not aimed at introducing new regulations but at streamlining the existing framework to improve efficiency and transparency.
- Led by a user-centric and systemic reform approach.

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Ques: Until which year has the PM E-DRIVE scheme been extended, and will there be any additional budget for it?

पीएम ई-ड्राइव योजना को किस वर्ष तक बढ़ाया गया है, और क्या इसके लिए कोई अतिरिक्त बजट आवंटित किया जाएगा?

- A. Till 2026, Yes
- B. Till 2027, No
- C. Till 2028, No
- D. Till 2029, Yes
- E. Till 2028, Yes

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

The PM E-DRIVE (Prime Minister Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement) scheme has been extended till March 2028, but no additional budget has been allocated.

- The scheme will continue using the remaining funds from the Rs.10,900 crore originally sanctioned.
- Focus areas include e-trucks, e-buses, e-ambulances, public EV charging, and e3W L5 vehicles.
- The initiative supports Make in India, aims to reduce oil imports, and encourages environment-friendly mobility solutions.

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Ques: Which brand name has been chosen by eight co-operative institutions for launching a new taxi service to compete with Ola and Uber?

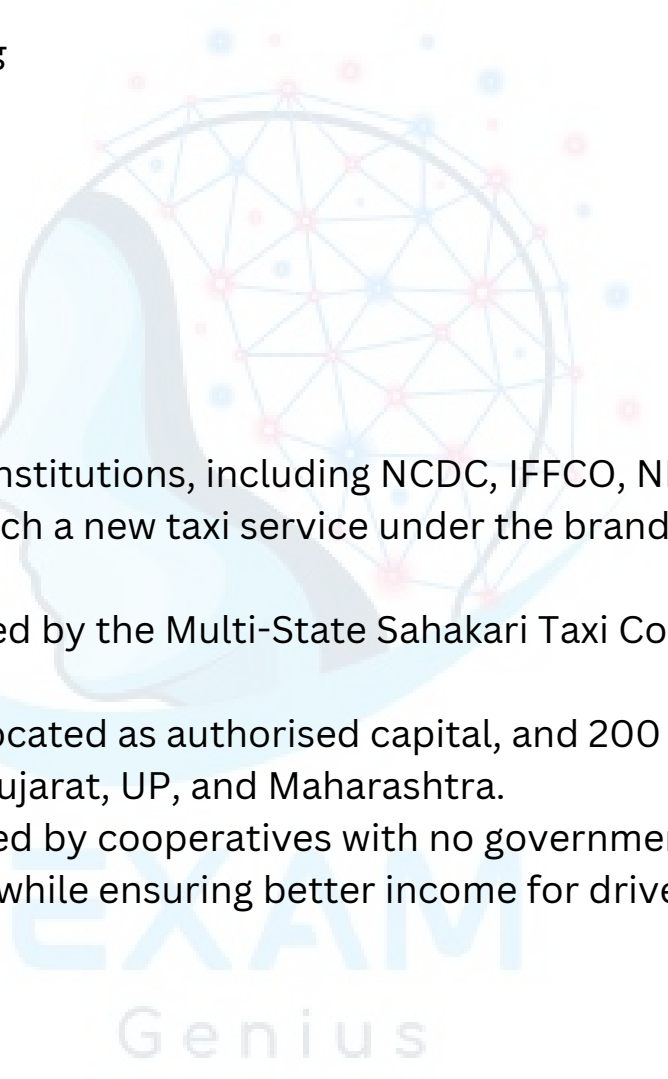
ओला और उबर को टक्कर देने के लिए आठ सहकारी संस्थाओं द्वारा किस ब्रांड नाम से नई टैक्सी सेवा शुरू की जा रही है?

- A. Sahkaar Cabs / सहकार कैब्स
- B. Bharat Taxi / भारत टैक्सी
- C. Swadeshi Ride / स्वदेशी राइड
- D. Co-op Cabs / को-ऑप कैब्स
- E. Desh Yatra / देश यात्रा

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Eight major co-operative institutions, including NCDC, IFFCO, NDDB, and NABARD, have come together to launch a new taxi service under the brand name 'Bharat' by the end of 2025.
- The service will be operated by the Multi-State Sahakari Taxi Co-operative Ltd, formed on June 6, 2025.
- Rs.300 crore has been allocated as authorised capital, and 200 drivers have already been onboarded in Delhi, Gujarat, UP, and Maharashtra.
- This initiative is fully funded by cooperatives with no government stake, and aims to offer safe, affordable rides while ensuring better income for drivers.





Ques: As of July 23, 2025, what is the total amount of deposits under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)?

23 जुलाई 2025 तक प्रधानमंत्री जन धन योजना (PMJDY) के तहत कुल जमा राशि कितनी थी?

- A. Rs.2.58 lakh crore
- B. Rs.2.60 lakh crore
- C. Rs.2.62 lakh crore
- D. Rs.2.63 lakh crore
- E. Rs.2.64 lakh crore

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

As per official data, total deposits under PMJDY stood at Rs.2.62 lakh crore as of July 23, 2025, slightly lower than the all-time high of Rs.2.63 lakh crore on April 9.

- Average balance per account declined from Rs.4,760 to Rs.4,680.
- Total number of Jan Dhan accounts rose to 559.8 million.
- Scheme started in August 2014, focusing on financial inclusion and zero-balance savings.
- Key benefits include overdraft of Rs.10,000, free RuPay card with Rs.2 lakh accident insurance, and no minimum balance requirement.

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Ques: According to NPCI's new circular effective from August 1, 2025, how many times per day can a UPI user check their bank balance per app?

NPCI के नए परिपत्र के अनुसार, जो 1 अगस्त 2025 से प्रभावी हुआ है, एक UPI उपयोगकर्ता प्रति ऐप प्रति दिन अधिकतम कितनी बार बैंक बैलेंस जांच सकता है?

- A. 25 times
- B. 30 times
- C. 50 times
- D. 75 times
- E. Unlimited

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) issued a new circular that came into effect on August 1, 2025, to manage the increasing load on UPI infrastructure.
- Users can now check their bank balance only 50 times per day per UPI app.
- After every successful UPI transaction, the available balance will be displayed automatically, reducing the need for repeated manual balance enquiries.
- Additionally, the "view linked accounts" feature is limited to 25 views per day per app, and failed/pending transaction status checks are restricted to 3 times a day, with at least 90 seconds between attempts.
- From August 1, a nominal fee will be levied on payment aggregators (e.g. GPay, PhonePe), though users and merchants will not be affected financially.
- UPI IDs not used for 12 months or longer may be automatically deactivated to curb misuse—particularly arising from reused mobile numbers.
- When making payments, the recipient's registered bank name and identity must now be displayed before Confirmation—enhancing user clarity and fraud prevention.
- Scheduled UPI payments (e.g. subscriptions, EMI, utility bills) will now only execute during these non-peak windows Before 10:00 AM, Between 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM and After 9:30 PM
- The system allows up to 4 attempts per mandate (1 initial + 3 retries). Failed executions will result in cancellation and user notification.





Ques: What was the title of the 1st BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival held in New Delhi?

नई दिल्ली में आयोजित पहले बिम्सटेक पारंपरिक संगीत महोत्सव का शीर्षक क्या था?

- A. One Asia, One Song / एक एशिया, एक गीत
- B. Harmony of Nations / राष्ट्रों की मेलोडी
- C. SaptaSur: Seven Nations, One Melody / सप्तसुर: सात राष्ट्र, एक मेलोडी
- D. Sound of Unity / एकता की ध्वनि
- E. Melodies of the East / पूरब की धनियाँ

Answer: Option C

Explanation :

- The 1st BIMSTEC Traditional Music Festival, titled “SaptaSur: Seven Nations, One Melody”, was held in New Delhi.
- The event showcased the cultural and musical heritage of the seven BIMSTEC nations —India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand
- It was organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).
- The festival was inaugurated by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar.
- This initiative aims to promote cultural exchange and strengthen regional ties among BIMSTEC member countries.

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Recent News Headlines Related to Festivals & Fairs :

- Gavri festival : 40-day dance-drama festival performed by the Bhil tribal community of Mewar region in southern Rajasthan
- Mango Festival 1st Edition : at Longmatra village, Kiphire district, Nagaland
- Behdeinkhlam Festival : cultural festivals of the Pnar community in Meghalaya
- Jagannath Rath Yatra : celebrated annually in Puri, Odisha, on the second day of the bright fortnight (Shukla Paksha) of the Odia month Ashadha
- Bonalu : Hindu folk festival celebrated primarily in Telangana, especially in Hyderabad, Secunderabad during the Ashada Masam (July–August) as a form of thanksgiving to Goddess Mahakali
- Kataragama Esala festival : commence in Sri Lanka with the flag hoisting ceremony.
- Ashadhi Bij : falls on the second day of Shukla paksha of Ashada month of Hindu calendar. It is associated with the beginning of rains in the Kutch region of Gujarat.
- Ambubachi Mela : held at the Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Assam
- ‘Beej Utsav’ (Seed Festival) : held in the tribal regions at the tri-junction of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat for 4 Days
- Deva Snana Purnima ritual, also called Snana Yatra : Rath Yatra festivities in Puri
- Poson Poya festival : Sri Lanka is celebrating to mark the historic arrival of Buddhism over 2,000 years ago
- Lavender Festival 3rd Edition : Organized by CSIR – Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM) at Bhaderwah, J&K
- Strawberry Festival : Meghalaya
- Festival Garia and Borsho Boron Utsav 2025 : at Swami Vivekananda Maidan, Agartala, Tripura
- Defence Literature Festival ‘Kalam & Kavach 2.0’ : 2nd edition held at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- Madhavpur Mela : in Madhavpur, Porbandar district, Gujarat to commemorates the divine union of Lord Krishna of Dwarka and Rukmani of Arunachal Pradesh
- Rongali Bihu, also called Bohag Bihu : celebrated in Assam in mid-April, marking the Assamese New Year
- Sarhul Festival : tribal festival celebrated by Adivasi communities in the Chhotanagpur region, especially in Jharkhand





Ques: Which company has partnered with Numaligarh Refinery Ltd to deploy India's first 5G captive private network in the refinery sector?

भारत के रिफाइनरी क्षेत्र में पहला 5G कैप्टिव निजी नेटवर्क तैनात करने के लिए नुमालीगढ़ रिफाइनरी लिमिटेड ने किस कंपनी के साथ साझेदारी की है?

- A. Jio / जियो
- B. Airtel / एयरटेल
- C. BSNL / बीएसएनएल
- D. MTNL / एमटीएनएल
- E. Vi / वीआई

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- BSNL, India's state-run telecom operator, has partnered with Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) to deploy India's first 5G captive non-public network in the refinery sector.
- This network will support secure, ultra-reliable, and real-time industrial connectivity within the refinery.
- It marks a major step in advancing Industry 4.0 technologies and promoting digital innovation in India's energy sector.
- Under this collaboration, BSNL will provide telecom infrastructure, and NRL will use it for refining operations, boosting automation and efficiency.

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Recent News Headlines Related to MoU and agreement :

- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), in collaboration with the Ministry of Ayush, has released a definitive list of Ayurveda Aahara to mainstream traditional Ayurvedic dietary wisdom
- The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) in collaboration with national and international institutions, has launched an Artificial Intelligence powered initiative titled 'AI-powered Context-Specific Agromet Advisory Services for Climate-Resilient Agriculture at Scale
- India's digital transformation and industrial modernization, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) signed a landmark MoU during the "Industry 4.0 Workshop for CPSEs" organized under the aegis of the Ministry of Finance in Guwahati.
- Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBPF) & Department of Biotechnology (DBT) signed MOU to use biotechnology solutions for critical health and environmental challenges faced by ITBPF Personnel
- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Roche Products (India) Pvt. Ltd. to bolster DPIIT-recognized startups working in critical therapeutic areas such as oncology, neurology, ophthalmology, haematology, and rare diseases.
- On the occasion of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, a renewed MoU was signed between the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and the National Commission for Women (NCW) to facilitates the organization of structured training programs and sensitization initiatives for RPF personnel
- The Ministry of Defence signed a MoU to establish a state-of-the-art testing facility in the Mechanical & Material domain at Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu, under the Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS)
- Progress Harmony Development Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) in collaboration with the Indian Air Force (IAF) is conducting the SHAURYA BHARAT Car Rally
- Australia and the United Kingdom (UK) have signed a 50- year commitment to the AUKUS defence treaty despite the United States' ongoing review of the pact. It is a security and defense partnership between Australia, the UK, and the US, announced in September 2021.



Ques: Who assumed charge as the Controller Personnel Services (CPS) of the Indian Navy on 31 July 2025?

31 जुलाई 2025 को भारतीय नौसेना के कंट्रोलर पर्सनल सर्विसेज (CPS) का पदभार किसने संभाला?

- A. Vice Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi / वाइस एडमिरल दिनेश कुमार त्रिपाठी
- B. Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh / वाइस एडमिरल संजय जसजीत सिंह
- C. Vice Admiral C R Praveen Nair / वाइस एडमिरल सी. आर. प्रवीन नायर
- D. Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh / वाइस एडमिरल अजेन्द्र बहादुर सिंह
- E. Vice Admiral R. Hari Kumar / वाइस एडमिरल आर. हरि कुमार

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Vice Admiral C R Praveen Nair, AVSM, NM, assumed charge as the Controller Personnel Services (CPS) of the Indian Navy on 31 July 2025.
- Before taking over this role, he served as the Commandant of the Indian Naval Academy.
- He has been honoured with the Nao Sena Medal (for devotion to duty) in 2000, and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) in January 2025.
- As CPS, he is responsible for overseeing key human resource functions in the Indian Navy.

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Recent Defence related appointments :

- Lieutenant General V. Sreehari : General Officer Commanding (GOC), Dakshin Bharat Area
- Dr. Mayank Sharma : Financial Advisor (Defence Services)
- Commodore Varghese Mathew : Naval Officer-in-Charge, Kerala
- Shri Raj Kumar Arora : Controller General of Defence Accounts
- Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan : 47th Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS) (succeeds Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan)
- Lieutenant General Pushpendra Singh : Vice Chief of the Army Staff (succeeding Lt. Gen. N.S. Raja Subramani)
- Sanjay Singhal : Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) (replaces Amrit Mohan Prasad)
- Sonali Mishra : first woman Director General (DG) of the Railway Protection Force (RPF)
- Sub-Lieutenant (SLt) Aastha Poonia : first woman pilot in the fighter stream of Indian Naval Aviation
- Lieutenant General Dinesh Singh Rana : 23rd Colonel of the Regiment of Garhwal Rifles (succeed Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani)
- Rear Admiral V Ganapathy : command of the Military Institute of Technology (MILIT), Pune
- Senior IPS officer Parag Jain : Chief of RAW (Research and Analysis Wing)
- Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai : Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy)
- Lieutenant Commander Yashasvi Solanki : Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the President of India
- Shri Shailendra Nath Gupta : Director General of Defence Estates
- Lieutenant General Dinesh Singh Rana : 18th Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN) (replaces Air Marshal Saju Balakrishnan)
- Eyal Zamir : 24th Israel's new military chief (Replaced Lieutenant General Herzi Halevi)
- Dr Mayank Sharma : Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)
- Kash Patel : 9th director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Shashank Anand : Inspector general (IG) of the Border Security Force of strategic Jammu sector (Replaced DK Boora)
- Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal : Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF)





Ques: Which state government has announced insurance coverage for Govindas participating in the Dahi Handi festival during Gokulashtami?

दही हांडी उत्सव में भाग लेने वाले गोविंदाओं के लिए बीमा कवरेज की घोषणा किस राज्य सरकार ने की है?

- A. Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश
- B. Gujarat / गुजरात
- C. Maharashtra / महाराष्ट्र
- D. Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश
- E. Rajasthan / राजस्थान

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Maharashtra Government has announced insurance coverage for 1.5 lakh Govindas participating in the Dahi Handi festival during Gokulashtami.
- The insurance cost of Rs.75 per participant will be fully borne by the state through The Oriental Insurance Company.
- A total of Rs.1.12 crore will be allocated from the Sports Development Fund for this initiative.
- The scheme will be implemented with the help of the Maharashtra State Dahi Handi Govinda Association and the Sports and Youth Services Department.
- This move aims to ensure the safety and well-being of participants in this high-risk festive event.

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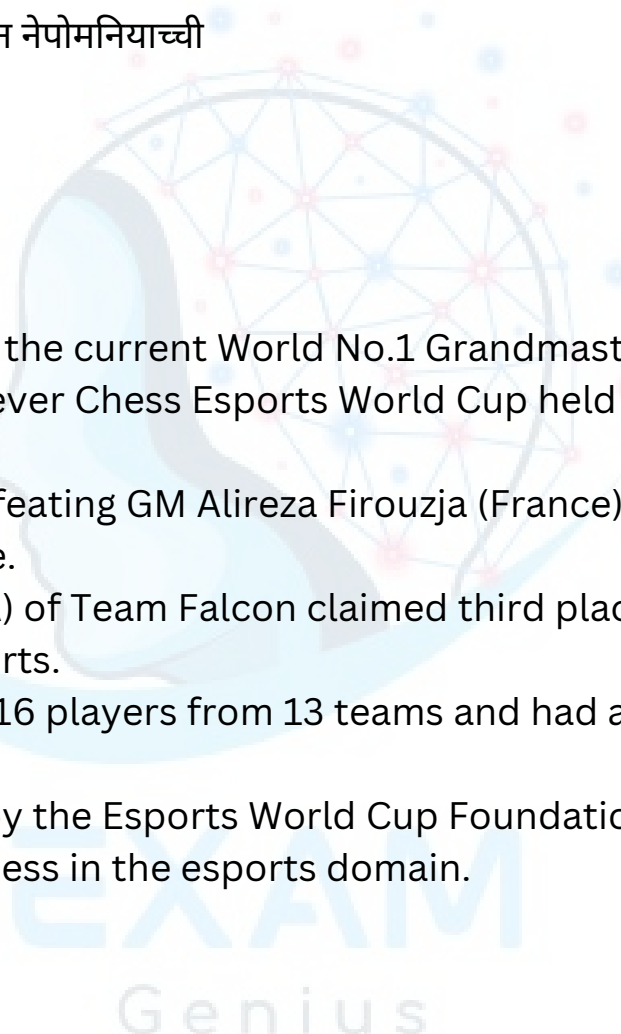
Ques: Who won the first-ever Chess Esports World Cup held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia?
रियाद, सऊदी अरब में आयोजित पहले शतरंज ईस्पोर्ट्स विश्व कप का विजेता कौन बना?

- A. Magnus Carlsen / मैग्नस कार्लसन
- B. Hikaru Nakamura / हिकारू नाकामुरा
- C. Alireza Firouzja / अलीरेज़ा फ़िरौज़ज़ा
- D. Arjun Erigaisi / अर्जुन एरिगैसी
- E. Ian Nepomniachtchi / इयान नेपोमनियाच्ची

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Magnus Carlsen (Norway), the current World No.1 Grandmaster and a member of Team Liquid, won the first-ever Chess Esports World Cup held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- He secured the title by defeating GM Alireza Firouzja (France) of Team Falcon in the Grand Final with a 2-0 score.
- GM Hikaru Nakamura (USA) of Team Falcon claimed third place, beating India's GM Arjun Erigaisi of Gen.G Esports.
- The tournament featured 16 players from 13 teams and had a total prize pool of 1.5 million USD.
- The event was organized by the Esports World Cup Foundation (EWCF), highlighting a new era of competitive chess in the esports domain.





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- The 8th Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG) in 2027 will be hosted by Malta, as announced by Commonwealth Sport (formerly Commonwealth Games Federation)
- Athletes will be eligible to compete in the female category for world ranking competitions such as the World Championships only if they clear a one-time gene test in a bid to protect the integrity of women's sport, World Athletics
- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) launched the Benevolence Fund to offer one-time medical financial assistance to retired players, coaches, referees, match officials, and support staff
- In a nail-biting finale at the Hungarian Grand Prix 2025, Lando Norris secured victory after fending off a late charge from his McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri.
- Shreyasi Joshi has made history—becoming the first Indian to win gold in Classic Slalom at the Asian Roller Skating Championships 2025, held in South Korea.
- England, the defending champions, won the 14th edition of the UEFA European Women's Championship (UEFA Women's Euro Cup) by defeating Spain in the final
- India concluded its campaign at the FISU World University Games 2025 in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany with a total of 12 medals, including 2 Gold, 5 Silver and 5 Bronze
- Oscar Piastri, representing UK-based team McLaren, won the 70th edition of the Belgian Grand Prix held at Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps, Stavelot, Belgium
- Shubman Gill, the Indian Test team captain, created history by scoring four centuries in his debut Test series as captain during the 2025 Test series against England at Old Trafford
- Riley Powell spoiled Pankaj Advani's bid for a 29th world title, delivering a stunning comeback victory at the IBSF World 6-Red Snooker Championship.
- Indian shuttlers Tanvi Sharma and Vennala Kalagotla assured the country of two medals after storming into the singles semifinals at the Badminton Asia Junior Individual Championships 2025.
- India showcased outstanding performance at the 36th International Biology Olympiad and secured two gold and two silver medals. The event was held in Quezon City, Philippines, from July 20 to July 27





Ques: Who became the first player in World Test Championship (WTC) history to score over 6000 runs?

वर्ल्ड टेस्ट चैंपियनशिप (WTC) के इतिहास में 6000 से अधिक रन बनाने वाले पहले खिलाड़ी कौन बने हैं?

- A. Steve Smith / स्टीव स्मिथ
- B. Marnus Labuschagne / मार्नस लाबुशेन
- C. Joe Root / जो रूट
- D. Virat Kohli / विराट कोहली
- E. Ben Stokes / बेन स्टोक्स

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- England's Joe Root made history by becoming the first batter to cross 6000 runs in World Test Championship (WTC) history.
- He achieved this milestone during a match played on Sunday, bringing his WTC record to 21 centuries and 23 fifties in 69 matches.
- Root surpassed top Australian batters Steve Smith (4278 runs in 55 Tests) and Marnus Labuschagne (4225 runs in 53 Tests).
- This feat highlights his consistency and dominance in Test cricket under the WTC format.

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Ques: Where was the last of the 16 Airbus C-295 aircraft received by Indian officials in 2025?

वर्ष 2025 में 16 एयरबस C-295 विमानों में से अंतिम विमान भारतीय अधिकारियों द्वारा कहाँ प्राप्त किया गया?

- A. Madrid, Spain / मैड्रिड, स्पेन
- B. Toulouse, France / टूलूज़, फ्रांस
- C. Hyderabad, India / हैदराबाद, भारत
- D. Seville, Spain / सेविले, स्पेन
- E. Bengaluru, India / बेंगलुरु, भारत

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Indian Ambassador to Spain, Dinesh K Patnaik, along with senior officials, received the last of 16 Airbus C-295 military transport aircraft at the Airbus Defence and Space assembly line in Seville, Spain.
- The C-295 is a multi-role tactical airlifter, known for its versatility and reliability with over 300 aircraft under contract globally.
- India had signed a \$2.5 billion deal with Airbus for 56 aircraft, of which 40 will be manufactured in India by Tata Advanced Systems, making it the first “Make in India” project in the defence aircraft sector.
- The first C295 was officially handed over to India on September 13, 2023, in Seville, in the presence of IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari.

India's C-295 Procurement Deal :

- In September 2021, India and Airbus inked an agreement for the purchase of 56 C-295 aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF).
 - The entire cost came to Rs.21,935 crore, or almost \$2.5 billion.
 - The first sixteen planes were supposed to arrive from Spain in flyaway condition.
 - Under the Make in India program, Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) would manufacture the remaining 40 aircraft in India.
 - The remaining 40 C-295s will be produced domestically by Tata-Airbus in Vadodara, Gujarat.
- Assembly Line (FAL) in the private sector.





Ques: Which Indian state became the first to introduce a Sabbatical Leave scheme for government employees?

सरकारी कर्मचारियों के लिए सवैतनिक अवकाश (Sabbatical Leave) योजना शुरू करने वाला पहला भारतीय राज्य कौन बना?

- A. Kerala / केरल
- B. Himachal Pradesh / हिमाचल प्रदेश
- C. Uttarakhand / उत्तराखंड
- D. Sikkim / सिक्किम
- E. Goa / गोवा

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Sikkim became the first state in India to formally introduce a Sabbatical Leave scheme for its government employees in August 2023.

Under this scheme:

- Regular employees with at least 5 years of continuous service can take leave from 365 to 1,080 days while receiving 50% of their basic pay.
- Seniority is preserved, and the government retains the right to recall employees with one month's notice.
- The scheme was later extended to temporary staff who become eligible after six months of service.

In April 2025, approval authority was delegated:

- Group C & D employees (including temporary staff) – Leave can be approved by Heads of Departments.
- Group A & B employees – Require approval from the Secretary of the Personnel Department.





Ques: What is the name of the mascot unveiled for the Asia Rugby Under-20 (Sevens) Championship 2024 to be held in Rajgir, Bihar?

राजगीर, बिहार में आयोजित होने वाली एशिया रग्बी अंडर-20 (सेवंस) चैंपियनशिप 2024 के लिए अनावरण किए गए शुभंकर का नाम क्या है?

- A. Ashoka / अशोक
- B. Cheetah / चीता
- C. Veer / वीर
- D. Sheru / शेरू
- E. Agile / एजाइल

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveiled the mascot 'Ashoka', a rabbit, for the Asia Rugby Under-20 (Sevens) Championship.
- The event will be held at the Rajgir Sports Complex on 9th and 10th August, marking the first time such an international rugby event is being hosted in Bihar.
- The rabbit symbolizes agility, which is a vital trait in rugby.
- Eight top rugby-playing Asian countries, including India, Hong Kong, China, UAE, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Nepal, will participate in both men's and women's categories.
- Rahul Bose is the President of Rugby India.

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Ques: The heritage train service on the Patalpani–Kalakund line, recently resumed by Western Railway, was originally envisioned by which historical ruler?

पश्चिम रेलवे द्वारा हाल ही में फिर से शुरू की गई पातालपानी–कालाकुंड लाइन पर विरासती ट्रेन सेवा की परिकल्पना सबसे पहले किस ऐतिहासिक शासक ने की थी?

- A. Maharaja Ranjit Singh / महाराजा रणजीत सिंह
- B. Maharaja Tukoji Rao Holkar II / महाराजा तुकोजी राव होल्कर II
- C. Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad / महाराजा सयाजीराव गायकवाड़
- D. Maharaja Shivaji Rao Scindia / महाराजा शिवाजीराव सिंधिया
- E. Lord Curzon / लॉर्ड कर्जन

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Western Railway has resumed the heritage train service on the 9.5 km Patalpani–Kalakund metre-gauge line in Madhya Pradesh, located on the Dr. Ambedkar Nagar (Mhow)–Khandwa section.
- This scenic line offers breathtaking views of valleys, forests, and waterfalls, making it a popular tourist attraction.
- Operations had been temporarily suspended due to a fall in tourist numbers.
- The line dates back to the 19th century and was first envisioned by Maharaja Tukoji Rao Holkar II (1844–1886) of the Holkar dynasty of Indore.
- Approval from the British government took six years, and the project was funded via a loan of Rs.1 crore at 4.5% interest.

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Ques: Who is the author of the book "Mohan and Muhammad: Gandhi, Jinnah and the Break-up of British India"?

"मोहन एंड मुहम्मद: गांधी, जिन्ना और ब्रिटिश भारत का विभाजन" पुस्तक के लेखक कौन हैं?

- A. Shashi Tharoor / शशि थरूर
- B. Meghnad Desai / मेघनाद देसाई
- C. Rajmohan Gandhi / राजमोहन गांधी
- D. Ramchandra Guha / रामचंद्र गुहा
- E. Salman Khurshid / सलमान खुरशीद

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The book "Mohan and Muhammad: Gandhi, Jinnah and the Break-up of British India" is written by Meghnad Desai.
- It explores the ideological and personal journeys of Mahatma Gandhi and Muhammad Ali Jinnah, two pivotal leaders in India's independence movement.
- The book focuses on similarities and contrasts in their lives, ideas, and interactions, and delves into the factors that led to the partition of British India.
- It is published by Rupa Publications.

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Ques: Who has been appointed as the new Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram?

विक्रम साराभाई अंतरिक्ष केंद्र (वीएसएससी), तिरुवनंतपुरम के नए निदेशक के रूप में किसे नियुक्त किया गया है?

- A. S. Somanath / एस. सोमनाथ
- B. Dr. A. Rajarajan / डॉ. ए. राजराजन
- C. S. Unnikrishnan Nair / एस. उन्नीकृष्णन नायर
- D. K. Sivan / के. सिवन
- E. Ritu Karidhal / रितु करिधाल

Answer: Option B

Explanation :

- Dr. A. Rajarajan, who was earlier the Director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), has been appointed as the Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), located in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- He replaces S. Unnikrishnan Nair as the new head of VSSC.
- Dr. Rajarajan is also a board member of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe), which promotes private participation in space activities.
- Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) was established in 1963 and is one of the major ISRO centres for launch vehicle development.

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IMPORTANT ONE – LINER Current Affairs

In a historic step towards the revival of Assam's river-based trade and sustainable logistics, National Waterway-57 (River Kopili) was operationalised with the first-ever cargo trial run from the Govardhan Bridge in Chandrapur, Kamrup to Hatsingimari in South Samara.

Pakistan launched an advanced Earth observation satellite, Pakistan Remote Sensing Satellite with technical assistance from Pakistan's Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) from Xichang Satellite Launch Centre, in Sichuan Province, China.

IIT Madras develops agriculture waste-based packaging materials to eliminate plastic use. The researchers cultivated fungi (mushroom) on agriculture and paper waste to derive the material.

The Guinness World Record for the "Most people registered on a Citizen Engagement Platform in one month" has been awarded to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's flagship program, Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC), which has been effectively run by the Ministry of Education in partnership with MyGov since 2018.

Andhra Pradesh police to launch 'Operation Trace' to identify missing and kidnapped girls from August 1-31





महत्वपूर्ण एक-पंक्ति समसामयिक समाचार

असम के नदी-आधारित व्यापार और सतत रसद के पुनरुद्धार की दिशा में एक ऐतिहासिक कदम उठाते हुए, राष्ट्रीय जलमार्ग-57 (कोपिली नदी) को चंद्रपुर, कामरूप में गोवर्धन पुल से दक्षिण समारा में हाटसिंगिमारी तक पहली बार कार्गो परीक्षण के साथ चालू किया गया।

पाकिस्तान ने चीन के सिचुआन प्रांत में स्थित शीचांग उपग्रह प्रक्षेपण केंद्र से पाकिस्तान के अंतरिक्ष और ऊपरी वायुमंडल अनुसंधान आयोग (SUPARCO) की तकनीकी सहायता से एक उन्नत पृथ्वी अवलोकन उपग्रह, पाकिस्तान रिमोट सेंसिंग सैटेलाइट, प्रक्षेपित किया।

आईआईटी मद्रास ने प्लास्टिक के उपयोग को समाप्त करने के लिए कृषि अपशिष्ट-आधारित पैकेजिंग सामग्री विकसित की है। शोधकर्ताओं ने इस सामग्री को प्राप्त करने के लिए कृषि और कागज के कचरे पर कवक (मशरूम) की खेती की।

"एक महीने में नागरिक सहभागिता मंच पर सबसे ज़्यादा लोगों के पंजीकरण" का गिनीज़ वर्ल्ड रिकॉर्ड प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेंद्र मोदी के प्रमुख कार्यक्रम, "परीक्षा पे चर्चा" (पीपीसी) को मिला है। यह कार्यक्रम शिक्षा मंत्रालय द्वारा MyGov के साथ साझेदारी में 2018 से प्रभावी ढंग से चलाया जा रहा है।

आंध्र प्रदेश पुलिस 1 से 31 अगस्त तक लापता और अपहृत लड़कियों की पहचान के लिए 'ऑपरेशन ट्रेस' शुरू करेगी।

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