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Aparchit May 1st Week English Best 350+ MCQs with Amazing Facts
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Q. Consider the following statements with reference to the Stand-By Arrangement of the International Monetary Fund (IMF):

- 1. It provides short-term financial assistance to countries facing balance of payments problems.**
- 2. It is available for both emerging as well as low-income countries.**

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 only B) 2 only
C) Both 1 and 2 D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C

- ✓ The International Monetary Fund has approved an immediate disbursement of USD 1.1 billion to Pakistan as part of a bailout package supported by the IMF's Stand-By Arrangement (SBA).
- ✓ The Stand-by Arrangement (SBA) provides short-term financial assistance to countries facing balance of payments problems.
- ✓ Historically, it has been the IMF lending instrument most used by advanced and emerging market countries.
- ✓ Eligibility: All member countries facing actual or potential external financing needs. Most often used by advanced and emerging market countries, but low-income countries sometimes use the SBA together with the Standby Credit Facility (SCF).
- ✓ Conditionality
- ✓ Countries' economic policies must address the problems that led the country to seek funding.
- ✓ Disbursements conditional on the observance of quantitative performance criteria.
- ✓ Duration of loan: Flexible. Typically covers a period of 12–24 months, but not more than 36 months.
- ✓ Key facts about IMF
- ✓ It fosters economic growth and employment by providing temporary financial assistance to countries to help ease the balance of payments adjustment and technical assistance.
- ✓ Foundation: Formed in 1944 at the Bretton Woods Conference with the goal of reconstructing the international monetary system.
- ✓ Important Reports: World Economic Outlook and Global Financial Stability Report
- ✓ Headquarters: Washington, DC, USA



IMF IN NEWS 2024

- International Monetary Fund has approved an immediate disbursement of USD 1.1 billion to Pakistan as part of a bailout package supported by the IMF's Stand-By Arrangement (SBA).
- Recently, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) released the latest Global Financial Stability Report.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF) has reappointed Kristalina Georgieva (Bulgaria) as Managing Director for a second five-year term starting October 1, 2024.
- IMF Raises India's GDP Growth Projection to 6.8% for FY 2024-25.
- Recently, in its Fiscal Monitor the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said industrial policy initiatives pursued by the United States, Europe and other countries to steer innovation in certain sectors were no panacea to boost economic growth
- Sri Lanka will get 337 million US dollars assistance from IMF to stabilize the economy.
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- Founded : 1945
- Headquarters: Washington, D.C.
- Managing Director : Kristalina Georgieva (Bulgaria)
- First Deputy MD : Gita Gopinath
- Chief Economist : Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas (France)
- Executive Director for India at IMF : Krishnamurthy Subramaniam
- Member countries : 190 (Andorra)
- IMF Released Report
- Global Financial Stability Report
- World Economic Outlook.
- The value of Special Drawing Right (SDR) is determined by the basket of 5 currencies.
- The currencies are, US Dollar, Japanese Yen, British Pound, Chinese Yuan and Euro.
- Special Drawing Right is known as the Paper Gold. The value of the SDR is based on a basket of key international currencies reviewed by IMF every five years. SDR was introduced in the 1969 by the IMF to solve the problem of International liquidity



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Q. Which IIT has unveiled Innovative 3D Printed Dummy Ballot Unit in April 2024?

- A) IIT Guwahati B) IIT Indore
C) IIT Roorkee D) IIT Delhi

Answer : A

- ✓ Innovative 3D Printed Dummy Ballot Unit unveiled by IIT Guwahati
- ✓ The Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation Cell (SVEEP) of Kamrup Election District has partnered with Indian Institute of Technology-Guwahati to develop a innovative 3D printed dummy ballot unit.
- ✓ The inauguration of the dummy ballot unit was held at the IIT Guwahati campus and was attended by several dignitaries.
- ✓ Crafted with the objective of acquainting citizens, particularly new voters, and senior citizens, with the intricacies of voting procedures, the 3D printed dummy ballot unit aims to dispel any apprehensions, anxiety or uncertainties associated with the voting process.
- ✓ SVEEP
- ✓ SVEEP is a programme launched by the Election Commission of India. It aims to educate and spread awareness among the citizens, electors, and voters regarding the electoral process.
- ✓ This programme is designed to fulfill the needs of different states based on their socio-economic, cultural, and demographic profile as well as their history of electoral participation.
- ✓ SVEEP is a multi-approach program that uses various modes and media to provide voter education materials and promote informed participation in the electoral process.
- ✓ The Commission produces a range of voter awareness materials and disseminates them through different mediums/platforms of communication, such as print media, electronic media, and social media

Q. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) was recently granted 'Navratna' status by the Department of Public Enterprises. With this the total number of Navratna PSEs has become __.

- A) 15 B) 16
C) 17 D) 19

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) was granted 'Navratna' status by the Department of Public Enterprises.



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- ✓ A non-banking financial institution under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, IREDA is engaged in promoting, developing and extending financial assistance for setting up projects related to new and renewable sources of energy.
- ✓ The Indian government grants Navratna status to premier public sector undertakings (PSUs), empowering them to execute significant investments of up to ₹1,000 crore without requiring approval from the central authority.
- ✓ These firms are permitted to allocate up to 30 per cent of their net worth annually, provided it remains under ₹1,000 crore. Additionally, they have the option to participate in joint ventures, forge partnerships, and set up overseas subsidiaries.
- ✓ Established in March 1987, the company offers financial assistance to projects that produce electricity using fresh and sustainable sources. The government holds a 75 per cent ownership stake in the company.
- ✓ This takes the total number of Navratna PSEs to 17.

IREDA IN NEWS 2023-24

- IREDA has opened an office in GIFT City, Gandhinagar, which will specialize in providing debt options denominated in foreign currencies.
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency, Punjab National Bank to co-finance green energy projects.
- IREDA has entered into an agreement with IIT Bhubaneswar to promote innovation and research in the renewable energy sector.
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) Launches 'Pahal' Vigilance Journal
- IREDA Declared 2024 as 'Year of HR Development and Discipline'
- IREDA CMD Pradip Kumar Das bagged 'CMD of the Year' award
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) launched a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) portal to improve transparency in CSR initiatives.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted an 'Infrastructure Finance Company (IFC)' status to Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA).
- IREDA signs MoUs with Union Bank of India and Bank of Baroda to co-finance Renewable Energy projects.
- IREDA and Bank of Maharashtra partner to promote renewable energy adoption in India.



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- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), a Mini Ratna (Category – I) has signed an MoU with Government, Revenue Target for 2023-24 set at ₹ 4,350.
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has set up a state-of-the-art Business Centre at NBCC Office Complex, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi.
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
- It was incorporated as a Public Limited Company in the year 1987 as a 'Non-Banking Financial Institution'.
- It is a Miniratna (Category 1) type company functioning under the administrative control of 'Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India.
- Its function is to encourage projects related to new and renewable energy sources and to provide them financial assistance for their development.
- It has been notified as a 'Public Financial Institution' under section 4'A' of the 'Companies Act, 1956'.
- Chairman and Managing Director - Pradip Kumar Das

Q. Who has been appointed as the captain of the Indian men's cricket team for the ICC 2024 T20 World Cup?

A) Shubman Gill

B) Hardik Pandya

C) Rohit Sharma

D) Virat Kohli

Answer : C

- ✓ Rohit Sharma to lead Indian team for the 2024 T20 Cricket World Cup.
- ✓ The five-member Senior Men's Cricket Selection Committee, headed by Ajit Agarkar, announced the 15-member Indian squad for the 2024 ICC men's T20 cricket World Cup.
- ✓ The 9th ICC Men's T 20 Cricket World Cup will be held from 1-29 June 2024.
- ✓ It is being co-hosted by the West Indies and the United States of America.
- ✓ India has been placed in group A along with Pakistan, Canada, the United States and Ireland.
- ✓ India will play its first match against Ireland on June 5. It will then play against Pakistan on 9 June, the USA on 12 June, and Canada on 15 June
- ✓ India squad for the 2024 T20 World Cup



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- ✓ Rohit Sharma (Captain), Hardik Pandya (Vice-Captain), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant (wicket keeper), Sanju Samson (wicket keeper), Shivam Dube, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Arshdeep Singh, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohd. Siraj.
- ✓ Reserve players: Shubman Gill, Rinku Singh, Khaleel Ahmed, Avesh Khan

Q. Who is the 26th Chief of Naval Staff of the Indian Navy?

- A) R K Dhawan
- B) Karambir Singh
- C) Dinesh Kumar Tripathi
- D) R Harikumar

Answer : C

- ✓ Admiral Dinesh Tripathi take charge as 26th Naval Chief
- ✓ Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi assumed office as the 26th Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) on 30 April 2024. Admiral Dinesh Tripathi took the place of Admiral R.Hari Kumar, who demitted his office on 29 April 2024.
- ✓ Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi is an alumnus of Sainik School Rewa, Madhya Pradesh and the National Defence Academy. He was commissioned in the Indian Navy in 1985.
- ✓ About Indian Navy
- ✓ The Indian Navy is one of the three armed forces of India, the other being the Army and Air Force.
- ✓ It is responsible for guarding the maritime boundary and its maritime interests.
- ✓ The Indian Navy is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Defence, government of India. The President of India is the chief commander of the armed forces, including the Indian Navy.
- ✓ History of the Indian Navy
- ✓ The British established the modern Indian Navy as the Royal Indian Navy on 2 October 1934. On 26 January 1950, the Indian constitution was promulgated, and the Royal Indian Navy was renamed the Indian Navy.
- ✓ Admiral Sir Edward Parry was the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy. The post of Commander in Chief was changed to Chief of Naval Staff in 1955, and the first chief of Naval staff was Admiral Sir Edward Parry.
- ✓ Vice Admiral RD Katari assumed office as the first Indian Chief of the Naval Staff on 22 April 1958



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- Rahul Rasgotra : Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
- Lieutenant General Anil Chauhan : Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)
- Daljit Singh Chawdhary : Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)
- Nitin Agarwal : Border Security Force (BSF)
- Pradeep Chandran Nair : Assam Rifles
- Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari : Air Force Chief
- General Manoj Pande : Army Chief
- Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi : Navy Chief
- Nina Singh : Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) [Nina Singh becomes 1st woman to head CISF]
- Rakesh Pal : Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
- Lieutenant General Gurbirpal Singh : National Cadet Corps (NCC)

Q. Who was appointed as the President of Indian Vaccine Manufacturers Association (IVMA)?

- A) Krishna M Ella B) Adar C Poonawala
C) Sreelakshmi Suresh D) Farrhad Acidwalla

Answer : A

- ✓ Bharat Biotech co-founder Krishna M Ella was appointed president of the Indian Vaccine Manufacturers Association (IVMA) for a two-year term from April 2024 to 2026.
- ✓ Krishna M Ella has taken over from Adar C Poonawala.
- ✓ Krishna M Ella aims to strengthen collaboration between vaccine manufacturers, researchers. Policymakers have been asked to accelerate vaccine development and improve production. The Indian Vaccine Manufacturers Association (IVMA) also wants to support developing countries' access to affordable vaccines
- ✓ Adar Poonawalla has served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Serum Institute of India (SII) since 2011.
- ✓ SII became the first Indian company to introduce AstraZeneca and Oxford vaccines under the brand name Covishield during Covid-19.



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- ✓ Krishna M Ella takes over as chairman from Adar C Poonawalla, who held the post from 2019 to March 2024

Q. Which Indian company's spices have been banned by the health authorities of Singapore and Hong Kong in April 2024?

A) Badshah and MDH

B) MDH and Everest

C) Catch and Zoff

D) Ramdev and Catch

Answer : B

- ✓ FSSAI to check Spices after Singapore & Hong Kong Ban Indian Spices.
- ✓ Indian food regulator FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) has announced that it will start checking the quality of spices and culinary herbs within the country.
- ✓ The FSSAI announcement comes after Hong Kong and Singapore banned the four spices mixes of two Indian companies, Everest and MDH, for containing carcinogenic substances.
- ✓ The Maldivian government has also banned the sale of Everest and MDH companies' spices in the country.
- ✓ The United States has also said that it will conduct a quality check of the spices made by the two Indian companies.
- ✓ Spices of Everest and MDH banned by Singapore and Hong Kong
- ✓ The health authorities in Hong Kong and Singapore banned the sale of four spice mixes of Everest and MDH due to the presence of the cancer-causing pesticide ethylene oxide above the acceptable limits.
- ✓ The International Agency for Research on Cancer has identified ethylene oxide as a major carcinogen that causes cancer in humans.
- ✓ In Hong Kong, three of the four failed products belonged to the MDH brand and one to Everest. Singapore's food safety department banned the Fish Curry Masala manufactured by spice maker Everest due to the high presence of ethylene oxide
- ✓ Spice Trade and India
- ✓ India is the largest producer, consumer, and exporter of spices in the world. During 2022-23, the country exported 1404357 tons of spices/spice products valued at Rs.31761 crore (3952.60 million US\$).
- ✓ During 2022-23, the single largest spice exported from India was chilli, followed by cumins and Oleoresins.
- ✓ Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- ✓ The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) was set up in 2008 under the Food Safety and Standards Act 2006.



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- ✓ FSSAI is a statutory body which is under the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- ✓ FSSAI has been created to lay down science-based standards for food and to regulate its manufacture, storage, distribution, sale, and import to ensure the availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption.
- ✓ Headquarters: New Delhi
- ✓ Regional Offices: Delhi, Guwahati, Mumbai, Kolkata, Cochin and Chennai

FSSAI IN NEWS 2023-24

- FSSAI to check Spices after Singapore & Hong Kong Ban Indian Spices.
- FSSAI is working towards creating a network of 34 microbiology labs across the country that will be equipped to test food products for 10 pathogens.
- FSSAI has awarded 'Eat Right Station' certification to 150 railway stations so far for ensuring safe, hygienic and nutritious food options for passengers.
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) introduced a new provision called 'Special Category' in the FOSCOS portal.
- FSSAI has recently recognized the Mithun as a 'food animal,' opening doors for its commercial use found in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Defence ministry, FSSAI to promote use of millets, healthy eating habits among armed forces.
- Guwahati Railway Station of the Northeast Frontier Railway has been awarded the 'Eat Right Station' certification by FSSAI, for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers.
- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated the state-of-the-art National Training Centre for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- Varanasi Cantt Railway Station of the Indian Railways has been awarded the 5-Star 'Eat Right Station' certification for providing high quality nutritious food to the passengers.
- The Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) has awarded the food provided by the Bulandshahr prison of Uttar Pradesh a five-star rating and the tag 'Eat Right Campus'. Bulandshahr Jail is the second prison after Farrukhabad jail to get this tag from Uttar Pradesh..
- G Kamala Vardhana Rao was appointed the chief executive officer (CEO) of the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).



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- FSSAI has been established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which is a consolidating statute related to food safety and regulation in India.
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- Founded : 2008
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- Chairperson : Rajesh Bhushan
- CEO : G Kamala Vardhana Rao

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the 'Inflation Expectations Survey of Households' and 'Consumer Confidence Survey'.

1. They are conducted by NITI Aayog to provide useful inputs for monetary policy.

2. Both surveys are conducted in all of Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : D

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently announced the launch of 'Inflation Expectations Survey of Households' and 'Consumer Confidence Survey' which will provide key inputs for the bi-monthly monetary policy.
- ✓ About 'Inflation Expectations Survey of Households' and 'Consumer Confidence Survey':
- ✓ They are launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ✓ The results of the surveys provide useful inputs for the bi-monthly monetary policy.
- ✓ Inflation Expectations Survey of Households:
- ✓ It aims at capturing subjective assessments on price movements and inflation, based on their individual consumption baskets.
- ✓ This survey spans 19 cities, including Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Lucknow, and Thiruvananthapuram.
- ✓ This survey will also be conducted in 19 cities, including Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, and Delhi



Q. What is the primary purpose of 'acceptance sampling' in quality control?

- A) To ensure 100% defect-free products
- B) To eliminate all defects in the production process
- C) To select a representative sample for testing for defects.
- D) To reduce the production costs

Answer : C

- ✓ The VVPAT-based audit of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) is a typical case of “lot acceptance sampling”, a statistical quality control technique widely used in industry and trade.
- ✓ About Acceptance Sampling:
- ✓ It is a statistical measure used in quality control.
- ✓ It allows a company to determine the quality of a batch of products by selecting a specified number for testing.
- ✓ It tests a representative sample of the product for defects.
- ✓ The quality of this designated sample will be viewed as the quality level for the entire group of products.
- ✓ The process involves first, determining the size of a product lot to be tested, then the number of products to be sampled, and finally the number of defects acceptable within the sample batch.
- ✓ Products are chosen at random for sampling.
- ✓ It does not assure the quality of the complete set of products from which the sample is derived

Q. TacticAI, recently seen in news, is developed by:

- A) Microsoft
- B) Google
- C) Nvidia
- D) Facebook

Answer : B

- ✓ Google's DeepMind developed and evaluated TacticAI in a multi-year research collaboration with experts from Liverpool Football Club.
- ✓ It is an AI system that can provide experts with tactical insights, particularly on corner kicks (football), through predictive and generative AI.
- ✓ This AI tool can be used by football team managers as an assistant for tactics.



- ✓ It has been incorporated both a predictive and generative component to allow coaches to effectively sample and explore alternative player setups for each corner kick, and to select those with the highest predicted likelihood of success.
- ✓ It is developed by Google's DeepMind.

Q. Consider the following:

1. Canada
2. Russia
3. Japan
4. Germany
5. Australia

How many of the above are part of Group of Seven (G7)?

- A) Only two
- B) Only three
- C) Only four
- D) All five

Answer : B

- ✓ Recently, G7 energy ministers discussed a possible time frame for phasing out coal-fired power plants.
- ✓ It is an intergovernmental organisation of leading industrialised nations formed in 1975.
- ✓ Member countries: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United State.
- ✓ Apart from the 7 member countries, the European Union (EU) has also participated fully in the G7 since 1981 as a “non-enumerated” member.
- ✓ It meets annually to discuss issues such as global economic governance, international security, and energy policy.
- ✓ Presidency: The host of the G7 summit, also known as the presidency, rotates annually among member countries.
- ✓ It was formerly referred to as the G-8 until Russia was suspended from the group in 2014 after annexing Crimea.
- ✓ Some of the key principles of the G7 include
- ✓ Democracy: G7 countries promote democratic values and institutions, including free and fair elections, the rule of law, and the protection of individual rights and freedoms.
- ✓ Human rights: They support the protection and promotion of human rights around the world, including civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights.



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- ✓ Free and fair trade: They are committed to promoting international trade and investment based on open, transparent, and non-discriminatory rules.
- ✓ Environmental protection: They are committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, protecting biodiversity, and addressing other environmental challenges.
- ✓ Peace and security: They are committed to promoting international peace and security, and to preventing and resolving conflicts through diplomatic means.

Q. Tata Motors has tied up with which bank to offer financing solutions to its commercial vehicle customers and dealerships?

- A) Karur Vyasya Bank B) Karnataka Bank
C) Axis Bank D) South Indian Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ Tata Motors has tied up with South Indian Bank to offer financing solutions to its commercial vehicle customers and dealerships.
- ✓ Objective – To empower fleet owners and dealerships to achieve their business goals.
- ✓ As part of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), South Indian Bank will offer financing solutions across the auto major's entire commercial vehicle portfolio.

Q. Reserve Bank kept the limits for FPI investment in government securities (g-secs), state government securities (SGSs) and corporate bonds will remain unchanged at ____, respectively, of outstanding stocks of securities for the current fiscal (2024-25).

- A) 6%, 15% and 2%
B) 2%, 6% and 15%
C) 6%, 12% and 15%
D) 6%, 2% and 15%

Answer : D

- ✓ FPI limit in G-sec unchanged at 6% of outstanding stocks of securities: RBI
- ✓ Reserve Bank kept the limits for FPI investment in government securities (g-secs), state government securities (SGSs) and corporate bonds will remain unchanged at 6 per cent, 2 per cent and 15 per cent, respectively, of outstanding stocks of securities for the current fiscal (2024-25).



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- ✓ As of now, all investments by eligible investors in the 'specified securities' will be reckoned under the fully accessible route (FAR).
- ✓ The allocation of incremental changes in the g-sec limit over the two sub-categories – 'General' and 'Long-term' – shall be retained at 50:50 for 2024-25.
- ✓ Further, the aggregate limit of the notional amount of Credit Default Swaps sold by FPIs shall be 5 percent of the outstanding stock of corporate bonds. Accordingly, an additional limit of Rs 2,54,500 crore has been set.

Q. Who has been conferred Honorary Doctorate by the Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) in April 2024?

A) K.V. Kamath

B) Urjit Patel

C) Raghuram Rajan

D) C. Rangarajan

Answer : A

- ✓ Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) held a special convocation in Manipal to confer an honorary doctorate upon KV Kamath, Chairman of National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) and Chairman of Jio Financial Services Ltd.
- ✓ This honorary doctorate signifies the profound impact Mr Kamath has had, and we are confident his example will continue to inspire our students to pursue excellence in their chosen fields.

Q. When is the International Workers' Day observed?

A) May 02

B) May 01

C) May 03

D) May 04

Answer : B

- ✓ Every year, 1st May is observed as International Labour Day /Workers Day, or May Day, in many countries of the world, including India.
- ✓ The day is observed to mark the contribution of the working people and the labour movement that fought for the rights of the working class.
- ✓ The genesis of International Labour Day is traced to a strike by the labour union in the American industrial city of Chicago on 1 May 1886. The workers were demanding eight hours working day and other amenities for the labour class.
- ✓ Steps Taken for Labour Welfare in India



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- ✓ The government of India has taken a number of steps for the welfare of the working class in India.
- ✓ Simplified Labour laws
- ✓ In order to simplify labour laws, the government has merged 29 separate labour-related regulations into four Codes: the Wage Code, the Social Security Code, the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, and the Industrial Relations Code.
- ✓ Schemes for Workers
- ✓ E-Shram Portal: The E-Shram Portal for registering Unorganized Workers across the Country was launched by the government of India on 26 August 2021. It has been developed to create a database of unorganized workers in India.
- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana: Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana is a government of India scheme to provide old age protection and social security for Unorganized workers.
- ✓ It is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme under which the beneficiary receives a minimum assured pension of Rs 3000/—per month after attaining the age of 60.
- ✓ If the beneficiary dies, the beneficiary's spouse is entitled to receive 50% of the pension as a family pension.

Q. Ayushman Bharat Diwas is celebrated annually on which day in India to raise awareness of the objectives of the government's Ayushman Bharat Yojana?

A) 30 April

B) 29 April

C) 28 April

D) 27 April

Answer : A

- ✓ Ayushman Bharat Diwas is celebrated annually on 30 April in India to raise awareness of the objectives of the government's Ayushman Bharat Yojana.
- ✓ The Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) is also known as the Ayushman Bharat Yojana.
- ✓ It is a healthcare scheme launched by the Indian government to provide affordable and accessible healthcare to about 50 crore people who are economically disadvantaged.
- ✓ The government introduced Ayushman Bharat Yojana scheme after it saw the problem of many people facing difficulties in accessing essential medical care due to financial constraints.
- ✓ Under this scheme, the government will provide medical expenses of up to Rs 5 lakh annually to people who are financially backward.
- ✓ **History of Ayushman Bharat Diwas**



- ✓ The Ayushman Bharat Yojana (PM-JAY) is a healthcare scheme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2018.
- ✓ Under this scheme, free health insurance of Rs 5 lakh is provided to more than 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families every year under the PM-JAY scheme.
- ✓ Through this scheme, the government provides three days of pre-hospitalization and 15 days of pre-hospitalization care to the patients.

Q. When is the Maharashtra Day observed each year?

- A) May 04 B) May 03
C) May 02 D) May 01

Answer : D

- ✓ Every year Maharashtra Day and Gujarat Day is marked on 1st of May, to commemorate the formation of the state of Maharashtra and Gujarat.
- ✓ In 1960, the Bombay State was bifurcated into two separate states namely, Gujarat and Maharashtra, with the enactment of Bombay Reorganisation Act in 1960
- ✓ Initially, the state of Bombay had mainly four major languages namely, Marathi, Kutchi, Gujarati, and Konkani.
- ✓ After bifurcation, the Marathi and Konkani-speaking population became a part of the state of Maharashtra, while the Kutchi and Gujarati-speaking population became a part of the state of Gujarat.
- ✓ The Day is commonly marked with parades and political speeches and ceremonies, as well as various other public and private events to celebrate the history, culture, values and traditions of both these states.

Q. According to the Asian Development Bank's Annual Report for 2023, what portion of its financial commitment was dedicated to climate action initiatives?

- A) USD 9.8 billion B) USD 13.8 billion
C) USD 23.6 billion D) USD 33.4 billion

Answer : A

- ✓ ADB operations reach USD 23.6 billion in 2023, achieve record climate finance of USD 9.8 billion.
- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) committed USD 23.6 billion from its own resources in 2023, including USD 9.8 billion for climate action, to help Asia and the Pacific progress on sustainable development.)



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- ✓ These figures are among the financial and operational results published in ADB's Annual Report 2023. The report summarises how ADB supported its developing member countries (DMCs) to address the worsening climate crisis as well as the impacts of conflicts, food insecurity, and increased debt burdens, among other challenges.
- ✓ The \$23.6 billion comprised loans, grants, equity investments, guarantees, and technical assistance provided to governments and the private sector. Supplementing its own resources, ADB mobilized an additional \$16.4 billion in cofinancing through its strong partnership

ADB IN NEWS 2023-24

- ADB operations reach USD23.6 billion in 2023, achieve record climate finance of USD9.8 billion.
- Government of India and ADB have signed a \$23 million loan agreement to strengthen the fintech ecosystem in India.
- India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have collaboratively signed a \$181 million loan agreement targeting the improvement of infrastructure and services in the peri-urban areas surrounding Ahmedabad city in Gujarat.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has recently appointed Mio Oka as the new director of the bank in India, replacing Takeo Konishi.
- Vikas Sheel has been appointed as Executive Director of Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- India, ADB sign \$200 million loan agreement for Uttarakhand power system project.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a substantial \$170 million loan to catalyze the modernization of water supply services in Kochi, a rapidly growing city in the southern Indian state of Kerala.
- India & ADB sign \$400 million loan to support urban reform agenda.
- ADB to Support Improvement of Urban Infrastructure and Services in Peri-urban Areas of Ahmedabad, India.
- ADB Capital Management Reforms Bring \$100 Billion Benefits Over Next Decade to Asia-Pacific.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced the allocation of US \$ 400 million for welfare work with a special focus on women and girls in Afghanistan.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Fourth Partner Energy Private Limited (Fourth Partner) signed a long-term loan of up to 1.2 billion Indian rupees (about \$14.7 million) .



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- ADB Approves USD 40.5 Million Loan to Enhance Childhood Development and Maternal Mental Health in Meghalaya.
- Government of India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$200 million loan as additional financing for the ongoing Rajasthan.
- ADB approves \$295mn loan to improve Transport Connectivity in Bihar.
- ADB gives 130 million dollars to increase horticulture in Himachal Pradesh.
- ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)
- Founded : 19 December 1966
- HQ : Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines
- President : Masatsugu Asakawa (Japan)
- Vice President : Ashok Lavasa (Indian)
- Director of ADB for India : Mio Oka (Japan)
- Executive Director : Sameer Kumar
- Member Countries : 68 (Nuie).
- ADB has grown to encompass 68 members; of which 49 are from within Asia and the Pacific and 19 outside.
- Japan is the largest contributor in the subscribed capital of the country.
- Asian Development Outlook, reports published by ADB.
- It is a regional multilateral financial institution focused on countries in the Asia and Pacific region.
- It currently has 68 members – of which 49 are from the Asia and Pacific region and 19 from outside.

Q. Which event has EaseMyTrip partnered with as the presenting partner, starting on July 3, 2024, at Edgbaston Stadium in Birmingham, UK?

A) FIFA World Cup

B) ICC Cricket World Cup

C) None of these

D) World Championship of Legends (WCL)

Answer : D

- ✓ EaseMyTrip becomes presenting partner of World Championship of Legends.
- ✓ EaseMyTrip has announced its partnership as the presenting partner of the World Championship of Legends (WCL), set to commence on July 3, 2024 at Edgbaston Stadium in Birmingham, UK.



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- ✓ This partnership underscores our unwavering dedication to championing sporting excellence and curating unforgettable experiences for cricket enthusiasts around the globe.
- ✓ Six teams will be vying for glory, including India Champions, Australia Champions, Pakistan Champions, England Champions, South Africa Champions, and West Indies Champions

Q. Which company has partnered with the State Bank of India for its digital transformation?

- A) TCS B) Infosys
C) HCLSoftware D) Wipro

Answer : C

- ✓ SBI partners with HCLSoftware for digital transformation.
- ✓ The country's largest lender, the State Bank of India, partnered with HCLSoftware, the software business unit of HCLTech, for the bank's digital transformation.
- ✓ As part of the five-year agreement, HCLSoftware will deploy the HCL Unica platform to enable SBI to digitally transform its customer interaction framework and provide hyper-personalized communication across the bank's diverse digital marketing channels, while adhering to the Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA) and other stringent security requirements.
- ✓ HCL Unica, with its advanced Customer Data Platform, AI capabilities and comprehensive campaign management tools, would leverage real-time data to significantly improve SBI's ability to engage with its customers. It will help facilitate complex, multi-channel digital marketing campaigns, enhancing customer engagement precision and relevance.

SBI IN NEWS 2023-24

- SBI partners with HCLSoftware for digital transformation.
- Aurionpro secures a significant deal with SBI for iCashpro+, a cash management platform. Valued at Rs 100 crore, it involves phased delivery over 12 months, followed by 6-year maintenance.
- LIC emerged as the most valued Indian PSU firm, surpassing SBI.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has signed a Line of Credit (LOC) of Euro 70 million (about Rs 630 crore) with German development bank KfW to promote solar projects in the country.
- SBI Mutual Fund got permission from the RBI to buy up to a 9.99% share in Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurates SBI branch in Sri Lanka.
- State Bank of India ropes in MS Dhoni as brand ambassador.



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- SBI has launched a 'Mobile Handheld Device' as part of its financial inclusion drive in a bid to improve accessibility and convenience.
- The tenure of State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman Dinesh Khara has been extended till August 2024.
- State Bank of India has introduced a digital facility for Non-Resident Indians to effortlessly open Non-Residential External and Non-Resident Ordinary accounts through its mobile app YONO.
- State Bank of India has launched its 'Nation First Transit Card', a RuPay prepaid instrument under the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) that can be used nationwide.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has raised Rs 10,000 crore at a coupon rate of 7.54 percent through its third infrastructure bond issuance.
- STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)
- Founded : 1 July 1955
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Dinesh Kumar Khara
- Imperial Bank of India was previous name of SBI
- The presidency Banks of Bengal, Bombay and Madras with merged in 1921 to Imperial Bank of India.
- Tagline of State Bank of India
 - (1) Pure Banking Nothing Else
 - (2) With you all the way
 - (3) A bank of the common man
 - (4) The banker to every Indian
 - (5) The Nation banks on us.
- It is one of the largest and oldest banks in India.

Q. Where will the 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting be held in India?

A) Visakhapatnam

B) Kochi

C) Mumbai

D) Hyderabad

Answer : B

- ✓ India to host the 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting.



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- ✓ India will host the 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM 46) and the 26th Meeting of the Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP 26) from May 20 to 30, 2024, in Kochi, Kerala.
- ✓ The National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, Union Ministry of Earth Science, will host the meeting.
- ✓ Over 350 delegates from more than 60 countries are expected to attend the 46th ATCM and 26th CEP meetings.
- ✓ The Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting is a forum where the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties and other stakeholders meet to discuss the environmental, scientific, and governance issues affecting Antarctica.
- ✓ Antarctic Treaty
- ✓ The Antarctic Treaty was signed in 1959 in Washington, D.C., by 12 countries and came into force in 1961. At present, 56 countries have signed the Antarctic Treaty.
- ✓ The permanent secretariat of the Antarctic Treaty is in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- ✓ India And Antarctica
- ✓ India signed the Antarctic Treaty in 1983. India enacted the Antarctic Act in 2022.
- ✓ India started its scientific expedition to Antarctica in 1981 to carry out research in the area.
- ✓ The government of India established the first Antarctic research station, Dakshin Gangotri, in 1983 to facilitate research expeditions in the area.
- ✓ At present, India operates two research stations: Maitri (1989) and Bharati (2012)
- ✓ National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR)
- ✓ The National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research is the nodal body for conducting research in the polar regions (the Arctic and Antarctic), the Himalayas, and the Southern Ocean.
- ✓ The Center is an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Earth Science, Government of India.
- ✓ Headquarters: Vasco Da Gama, Goa

Q. What is the name of the torpedo developed by DRDO ?

A) Varunastra

B) Prahaar

C) Dhanush

D) Astra

Answer : A

- ✓ DRDO successfully test SMART missile system for Indian Navy.
- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully tested the next-generation Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system on 1 May 2024 from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.



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- ✓ According to DRDO, several state-of-the-art mechanisms, such as symmetric separation, ejection and velocity control, were validated during the test.
- ✓ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and DRDO chief Dr Samir V Kamat lauded the efforts of the entire SMART team.
- ✓ About SMART Missile System
- ✓ The SMART (Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo) system is a next-generation missile-based lightweight torpedo delivery system being developed by DRDO for the Indian Navy. It is likely to boost the anti-submarine capability of the Indian Navy.
- ✓ The SMART missile system comprises a long-range supersonic missile carrier that can travel up to 643 km, a lightweight torpedo with a range of 20 km, and a 50 kg high-explosive warhead as the payload.
- ✓ What is a Torpedo?
- ✓ A torpedo is a cigar-shaped, self-propelled underwater missile launched from a submarine, ship, or aeroplane. It is designed to explode upon contact with submarines or surface ships.
- ✓ DRDO Torpedo Varunastra
- ✓ DRDO has developed an indigenous torpedo, Varunastra. It is a ship-launched anti-submarine torpedo that was inducted into the Indian Navy in 2016.
- ✓ Varubastra has a range of 40-50 kilometres and is a subsonic missile.
- ✓ Varunastra can hit submarines in deep and shallow waters and quiet submarines.
- ✓ Varunastra can be fired from any Anti-Submarine Ship of the Indian Navy capable of firing heavyweight torpedoes.

DRDO IN NEWS 2023-24

- DRDO successfully tested the next-generation Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) system on 1 May 2024 from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is reported to be testing a prototype of its DURGA-2 (Directionally Unrestricted Ray Gun Array) system.
- DRDO successfully tested the Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile (ITCM) from Chandipur, Odisha.



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- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) carried out successful trials of the Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) Weapon System at Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan
- Recently, Strategic Forces Command and DRDO successfully tested the new generation ballistic missile Agni-Prime off the coast of Odisha.
- DRDO successfully conducted two flight tests of the Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) missile.
- DRDO successfully conducted four flight trials of the high-speed expendable aerial target 'ABHYAS' recently.
- Defence Ministry has cleared the proposal of buying a regiment of Pralay tactical ballistic missiles for the Indian Army which can strike targets at 150–500 km.
- DRDO organises 'Anusandhaan Chintan Shivir' to encourage Defence R&D.
- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) have formed a partnership to create an Indigenous Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) System for the submarines in the Indian Navy.
- DRDO Industry Academia Centre of Excellence inaugurated at IIT Hyderabad.
- Indian Navy and Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) collaborated to conduct the first successful test trial of a locally-made Air Droppable Container called 'ADC-150' from the IL 38SD aircraft off the coast of Goa .
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) celebrated its 66th foundation day on 1st January 2024.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- Founded : 1 January 1958
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- Motto : "Strength's Origin is in Knowledge"
- Chairman : Sameer V Kamat

Q. Which of the following States of India are known for 'Patachitra painting'?

A) Bihar and Uttar Pradesh

B) Assam and Tripura

C) Odisha and West Bengal

D) Kerala and Tamil Nadu



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Answer : C

- ✓ The first-generation women patachitra artists of West Bengal's village of Naya sell their work online and are recognised the world over, encouraging future generations to stay in the profession.
- ✓ About Patachitra Painting:
- ✓ Patachitra, or Pattachitra, is a general term for traditional, cloth-based scroll painting based in the eastern Indian States of Odisha and West Bengal.
- ✓ It is believed to have originated as early as the 12th century.
- ✓ In the Sanskrit language, "Patta" literally means "cloth" and "Chitra" means "picture".
- ✓ Pattachitra paintings are made on a special canvas where cotton sarees are layered with tamarind paste and then coated with clay powder

Q. In context of financial markets, the term 'front-running' refers to:

- A) buying and selling of securities simultaneously**
- B) using non-public information concerning a significant transaction to execute trades**
- C) increase in investment in high-risk assets**
- D) investment in securities through Participatory Notes (P-Notes)**

Answer : B

- ✓ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) recently approved changes in mutual fund regulations to prevent front-running in asset management companies (AMCs).
- ✓ About Front-running:
- ✓ Front-running is when a broker or an investor joins a trade because they have pre-existing non-public information concerning a significant transaction that may change the asset's price, equity, or derivative to obtain economic benefits.
- ✓ It is also known as forward-trading or tailgating.
- ✓ It is illegal in India.
- ✓ Front-running can occur in various forms and contexts, including the stock market, commodities market, and other financial markets.
- ✓ The strategies commonly used to front-run trades are the Buy-Buy-Sell (BBS) trading pattern and the Sell-Sell-Buy (SSB) trading pattern.
- ✓ What is Buy-Buy-Sell (BBS) trading pattern?



Q. Consider the following statements regarding Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome:

- 1. It is characterized by blood clots combined with low levels of platelets in human body.**
- 2. It is more common among younger age groups.**

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 only** **B) 2 only**
C) Both 1 and 2 **D) Neither 1 nor 2**

Answer : C

- ✓ Recently, AstraZeneca (AZ) has admitted its Covid vaccine may cause Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome (TTS).
- ✓ It is characterized by blood clots (thrombosis) combined with low levels of platelets (thrombocytopenia), which are necessary for blood clotting.
- ✓ It often involves unusual blood clot locations, such as in the brain (cerebral venous sinus thrombosis) or abdomen.
- ✓ Symptoms of TTS: Severe or persistent headaches, blurred vision, Shortness of breath, Chest pain, Leg swelling, Persistent abdominal pain and Easy bruising or tiny blood spots under the skin beyond the injection site etc.

Q. La Cumbre volcano, recently in news, is located in:

- A) Andaman and Nicobar** **B) Galápagos Islands**
C) Baffin Island **D) Sicily Island**

Answer : B

- ✓ Recent lava spewing from La Cumbre volcano on Galápagos Islands destroying habitat of rare land iguanas.
- ✓ It is located on Fernandina Island – the third largest island in the Galápagos Islands.
- ✓ It lies directly atop the mantle plume, or hot spot, that produced all of the Galápagos Island.
- ✓ It is located around 1,125 kilometres off mainland Ecuador and erupted for the first time since 2020.
- ✓ The volcano has a large crater, or caldera, at its summit that harbors a permanent crater lake.
- ✓ This lake attracts a wide variety of animals including tens of thousands of Galápagos land iguanas (*Conolophus subcristatus*) that lay their eggs in nests within the caldera



Q. The Ministry of Mines has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which of the following to enhance the knowledge base of the critical minerals processing industry in India?

- A) ReNew Power
- B) Adani Enterprises
- C) NTPC Limited
- D) Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation

Answer : D

- ✓ The Ministry of Mines has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the non-profit, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, to enhance the knowledge base of the critical minerals processing industry in India.
- ✓ This partnership will help in creating a robust domestic critical minerals processing sector to support the country's economic growth and enable a transition to clean sources of energy.
- ✓ The partnership will help promote India as a global hub for critical minerals processing and make it a self-reliant and globally competitive player in the critical minerals arena.
- ✓ The pact will help create a sustainable ecosystem for the growth of the critical minerals industry while ensuring environmental protection

Q. Which company has signed an MoU with Norwegian company M/s Ocean Sun for the implementation of Floating Solar Energy Technology in India?

- A) SJVN Limited
- B) NTPC Limited
- C) NHPC Limited
- D) ReNew Power

Answer : C

- ✓ NHPC Limited to collaborate with Ocean Sun for implementation of Floating Solar Energy Technology
- ✓ NHPC Limited, the largest organization for hydropower development in India, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with M/s Ocean Sun, a Norwegian company operating as a technology provider to the floating solar industry.
- ✓ As per the MoU, NHPC and Ocean Sun will explore key areas of cooperation for demonstration of Ocean Sun's floating solar energy technology based on photovoltaic panels. The panels would be mounted on hydro-elastic membranes, at relevant sites to be identified by NHPC.



Q. Isidro Pablo Porqueras Orea has been appointed as the Chief of Transformation for which airline company?

- A) IndiGo
- B) Air India
- C) SpiceJet
- D) Akasha

Answer : A

- ✓ IndiGo has named Isidro Pablo Porqueras Orea, former COO of European airline Volotea, as a chief of transformation.
- ✓ Orea has 25 years of professional experience in different functional areas such as operations, commercial, strategy and finance.
- ✓ He was with European airline Volotea from 2016-2023 and served as their COO for the last 5 years.
- ✓ Currently, Wolfgang Prock-Schauer is the COO of India's largest airline

Q. India will host the Badminton World Junior Championships 2025 in which city?

- A) Guwahati
- B) New Delhi
- C) Bengaluru
- D) Ahmedabad

Answer : A

- ✓ India will host the BWF World Junior Championships 2025 at the National Centre of Excellence in Guwahati.
- ✓ The 2025 edition in India will mark the return of the BWF Junior World Championships to the country for the first time since 2008 when Pune hosted the event.
- ✓ The team as well as individual events will be held at the National Centre of Excellence, which was inaugurated by the Badminton Association of India (BAI) last year. It boasts 16 badminton courts, a 4,000 square feet gymnasium, a hostel for players and a dedicated 2,000 square feet physiotherapy centre.
- ✓ The 2026 edition of the BWF Thomas and Uber Cup Finals, meanwhile, will head to the Danish city of Horsens



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Q. Which organization was granted Navratna Status by the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), allowing it to operate more independently and efficiently?

- A) Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO)
- B) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
- C) National Housing Bank (NHB)
- D) Urban Development Corporation (UDC)

Answer : A

- ✓ HUDCO granted 'Navratna status' by Department Of Public Enterprises
- ✓ The Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) granted the Navratna Status to Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO). This status allows IREDA to operate more independently and efficiently.
- ✓ The 'Navratna status' is accorded to Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) who are authorized to take up investments of up to ₹1,000 crore without Central nod.
- ✓ They have the room to invest up to 30% of their net worth within a year as long they adhere to the ₹1,000 crore threshold

Q. Which city has been identified as the most polluted in the world according to IQAir's real-time pollution measurements?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Kathmandu
- C) Chiang Mai
- D) Hanoi

Answer : B

- ✓ According to IQAir, an organization that measures the real-time pollution of 101 cities in the world, Kathmandu was found to be the most polluted city in the world. In terms of pollution, Kathmandu, New Delhi, Chiang Mai in Thailand,
- ✓ Hanoi in Vietnam, Bangkok in Thailand and Dhaka in Bangladesh are ranked first, second, third, fourth and fifth respectively.
- ✓ According to the 'World Air Quality Index-Ranking', which measures the level of air pollution around the world, Kathmandu's air is at the top of the world's unhealthy air list. Air pollution affects the heart and blood vessels, lungs, brain, eyes, nose, ears, and throat and also increases the risk of asthma, cancer and other diseases.



- ✓ As there is a high possibility of heat waves in the Terai region during summer, the Ministry has requested that people should not go outside unnecessarily during the day and drink more water and take liquid food

Q. Which port in the Northern part of Sri Lanka is set to undergo renovation with the support of an Indian financial grant?

- A) Hambantota Port B) Colombo Port
C) Galle Port D) Kankesanthurai Port

Answer : D

- ✓ Sri Lanka's Cabinet has approved the plan to renovate the Kankesanthurai port in the Northern part of the island. The project will be executed under an Indian financial grant.
- ✓ The project had faced delays as estimated costs surpassed available funds. Recognizing the project's significance, India has pledged to cover the entire estimated cost of the project(USD 61.5 million). Situated in the northern region of Sri Lanka, the Kankesanthurai Port or the KKS Port, with an area of approximately 16 acres, is located at a distance of 104 km (56 nautical miles) from Karaikal Port in Puducherry.

Q. Which organizations have announced a two-year strategic partnership to drive innovation in Mobile Financial Services (MFS) and Fintech solutions?

- A) Ericsson and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur
B) Ericsson and Fintech Solutions Development Institute
C) Ericsson and Foundation for Innovation & Research in Science & Technology (F.I.R.S.T)
D) Ericsson and Fintech Solutions Development Institute

Answer : C

- ✓ Ericsson and IIT Kanpur partner to drive innovation in mobile financial services.
- ✓ Ericsson and the Foundation for Innovation & Research in Science & Technology (F.I.R.S.T) at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur have announced a two-year strategic partnership to drive innovation in Mobile Financial Services (MFS) and Fintech solutions.
- ✓ This collaboration comes at a pivotal moment as the digital wallet market is predicted to surpass \$16 trillion in transactions by 2028.
- ✓ Ericsson's Wallet Platform is claimed to support over 400 million registered mobile wallets, processing 2.8 billion transactions valued at over \$40 billion monthly.



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IIT KANPUR IN NEWS 2023 – 24

- Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT) and Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) have joined forces to establish the Kotak School of Sustainability.
- IIT Kanpur Collaborated with Indian Navy to Promote Technology Development
- IITK has established a Center of Excellence (CoE) named ATMAN (Advanced Technologies for Monitoring Air-quality iNdicators)
- Sandeep Jain, an auto-component manufacturer and alumnus of IIT-Kanpur, has been unanimously elected as the President of the Federation of Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises (FISME) for the year 2024-25
- Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK) and Airbus have formalized their partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Q. Which day of the year is observed as the World Tuna Day?

- A) May 04
- B) May 03
- C) May 02
- D) May 01

Answer : C

- ✓ The World Tuna Day is observed on May 2 every year to raise awareness about the Tuna fish and its importance to humans and earth and also to promote more sustainable fishing practices.
- ✓ Theme 2023: Yes We Can.
- ✓ The United Nations (UN) officially recognised the World Tuna Day in 2017.
- ✓ The first World Tuna Day was observed in the year 2017.
- ✓ Tuna is a saltwater fish comprising of some 15 different species across five genera

Q. The Space Applications Centre (SAC) of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is located in which one of the following cities?

- A) Bengaluru
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Thiruvananthapuram
- D) Ahmedabad

Answer : D



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- ✓ A study carried out by the scientists at the Space Applications Centre suggests that the extent of water ice in the northern polar region is twice that in the southern polar region of the Moon.
- ✓ About Space Applications Centre (SAC):
- ✓ It is a major research and development centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- ✓ Located in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, SAC is spread across two campuses with multi-disciplinary activities.
- ✓ Genesis:
- ✓ The genesis of the centre dates back to 1966, with the establishment of the Experimental Satellite Communication Earth Station (ESCES) by the late Dr. Vikram Sarabhai in Ahmedabad.
- ✓ Later in 1972, the different units of ISRO in Ahmedabad pursuing research in applications of space technology were merged to form SAC.
- ✓ Besides these, the centre also contributes significantly to scientific and planetary missions of ISRO like Chandrayan-1, the Mars Orbiter Mission, etc.

ISRO IN NEWS 2023-24

- Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) Chairman S Somanath announced on 16 April 2024 that India aims to achieve debris-free space by 2030.
- Proba-3 Mission of ESA to Study Sun will be Launched by ISRO
- to Study Sun will be Launched by ISRO
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chandrayaan -3 mission team was awarded the 2024 John L “Jack” Swigert, Jr, Award for Space Exploration by the US-based Space Foundation.
- Vikram Sarabhai Space Center (VSSC) located at Thumba, Thiruvananthapuram has launched a multi-purpose app 'SAKHI' (Space-borne Assistant and Knowledge Hub for Crew Interaction-SAKHI) to assist the Gaganyaan crew.
- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has partnered with ISRO for the Urban Frame Survey (UFS) using Bhuvan.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and ISRO Chairman have already said that by 2040 we should have an Indian astronaut on the moon and also to have our space station by 2035.
- PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the second spaceport of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu.



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- ISRO has successfully launched meteorological satellite INSAT-3DS with the GSLV-F14/INSAT-3DS mission from SDSC-SHAR, Sriharikota.
- Vyommitra(Woman Robot Astronaut) is going to fly into Space ahead of ISRO's "Gaganyaan" Mission
- ISRO has completed all key tests on Insat-3DS satellite before the final review which will be followed by its shipping to the spaceport in Srihari Kota, Andhra Pradesh.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the PSLV-C58 X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat) mission.
- Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is planning to send Indian astronauts to the moon for the first time by 2040.
- ISRO's Next Moon Mission in Collaboration with Japan Gathers Steam. This mission, called LUPEX, or Lunar Polar Exploration, is slated for 2024-25.
- Centre has approved the establishment of a new spaceport in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu for carrying out the launches of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLV) developed by the ISRO.
- ISRO has announced a new online training programme for post-graduate and final-year undergraduate students of physical sciences and technology. The programme is called Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START) .
- ISRO will launch Singapore's TeLEOS-2 satellite using the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- Founded : 15 August 1969
- HQ : Bangalore, Karnataka
- Founder / 1st Chairman : Vikram Sarabhai
- 10th Chairman : S Somanath
- Aryabhata India's first satellites Launched on 19 April 1975.
- GSAT-1 India's first commercial satellite.
- SLV-3 was India's first experimental satellite launch vehicle.
- Ariane Passenger PayLoad Experiment, (APPLE) first communication satellite in India 19 June 1981.
- Udupi Ramachandra Rao : satellite Man of India



Q. What regulatory approval has Groww Pay, the UPI payments platform of broking firm Groww, received from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) Authorization to issue credit cards.
- B) Permission to operate as a Payments Aggregator (PA).
- C) License to provide insurance services.
- D) Approval to offer investment advisory services.

Answer : B

- ✓ RBI grants in-principle nod to Groww to operate as payments aggregator.
- ✓ Groww Pay, the UPI payments platform of broking firm Groww, has received in-principle authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a Payments Aggregator (PA).
- ✓ This licence will allow the company to enable e-commerce transactions through its UPI app — Groww Pay.
- ✓ In July last year, the broking firm rolled out UPI payment services through the Groww Pay Private Limited feature to expand its financial services.

Q. Who recently became the third Indian female Grandmaster after being awarded the title by FIDE, the International Chess Federation?

- A) Tania Sachdev
- B) Mary Ann Gomes
- C) Vaishali Ramesh Babu
- D) Padmini Rout

Answer : C

- ✓ International Chess Federation Awards Grandmaster Title To Indian Chess Prodigy Vaishali Ramesh Babu.
- ✓ Indian Chess Prodigy, Vaishali Ramesh Babu, has officially been awarded the title of Grandmaster by FIDE, the International Chess Federation. This remarkable achievement makes Vaishali the third Indian female Grandmaster, joining Koneru Humpy and Harika Dronavalli.
- ✓ Vaishali's promotion to Grandmaster title carries a unique distinction, as she and her brother, Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa, became the world's first Grandmaster brother-sister duo.



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CHESS GRANDMASTER IN NEWS 2023-24

- International Chess Federation Awards Grandmaster Title To Indian Chess Prodigy Vaishali Ramesh Babu.
- Indian young chess player Rameshbabu Praggnanand has defeated world chess champion Ding Liren in the 'Tata Steel Masters' held in Netherlands.
- Vaishali Rameshbabu has become the 84th Grandmaster of India.
- Raunak Sadhwani (Maharashtra) won FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess Championship.
- India's Karthikeyan Murali became the third Indian chess player to defeat World No 1 Magnus Carlsen in classical chess after he prevailed over the Norwegian at the Qatar Masters tournament.
- Divya Deshmukh (Maharashtra) Emerges Winner Of 2023 Tata Steel Chess India Women's Rapid Tournament defeated Koneru Humpy.
- Magnus Carlsen (Norway) wins the Chess World Cup Final 2023.
- Aditya Samant becomes India's 83rd Grandmaster.
- Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa has won the title of V Geza Hetenyi Memorial Super GM Chess Tournament 2023 .

Q. India was ranked as the third-largest country globally for phishing attacks. Which sector in India faced nearly 33 per cent of all such attacks, making it the most targeted industry?

A) Healthcare

B) Finance

C) Technology

D) Education

Answer : C

- ✓ India ranks third globally for phishing attacks: Report
- ✓ India ranked as the third-largest country globally for phishing attacks after the US and UK, with its technology sector facing nearly 33 per cent of all such strikes, marking it as the most targeted industry, according to a report.
- ✓ The report by cybersecurity firm Zscaler showed a 60 per cent rise in global phishing attacks over the past year. The ThreatLabz 2024 Phishing Report gathered insights from 2 billion blocked phishing transactions between January and December 2023.



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- ✓ In 2023, phishing scams targeted the United States (55.9 per cent), United Kingdom (5.6 per cent), and India (3.9 per cent) the most. India experienced over 79 million phishing attacks, making it the third most targeted country, it noted.

Q. Where was the country's first Constitution Park, developed jointly by the Indian Army and Punit Balan Group, inaugurated?

A) Mumbai

B) Pune

C) Delhi

D) Kolkata

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian Army & Punit Balan Group develop country's first Constitution Park.
- ✓ The country's first Constitution Park, developed jointly by the Indian Army and Punit Balan Group, was inaugurated by GOC-in-C, Southern Command, Lt Gen Ajai Kumar Singh in Pune.
- ✓ Lt. Gen. Ajai Kumar Singh highlighted the global significance of the Indian Constitution, which not only grants Fundamental Rights but also underscores Fundamental Duties.
- ✓ He stressed the need for citizens to comprehend their rights and fulfill their duties, as outlined in the Constitution, for the realization of a developed India by 2047.

INDIA'S FIRST IN NEWS 2023-24

- Indian Army and the Punit Balan Group joined hands to inaugurate the nation's first Constitution Park in Pune
- Adani Group's Vizhinjam Port in Kerala has received approval from the shipping ministry to operate as India's first transshipment port
- SJVN Limited has commissioned India's first multipurpose (heat and power) green hydrogen pilot project at the 1,500 MW Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station at Jhakri, Himachal Pradesh.
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has launched India's first medical devices calibration facility on wheels.
- India's first Artificial Intelligence based Film 'IRAH' trailer launched
- India's 1st Battery Energy Storage GigaFactory will be Launched in J&K
- India's first integrated oil palm processing unit in Arunachal Pradesh started operation by one of India's largest oil palm development companies, 3F Oil Palm.
- India's first Indoor athletic centre inaugurated in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.



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- India's First Research IIT Satellite Campus will be in Ujjain.
- India's first spy satellite built by Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) will be launched in a SpaceX rocket by April and will be used by the armed forces to obtain secret information.
- Commencement of Core Loading at India's first indigenous Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) (500 MWe) at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu.
- The PFBR has been fully designed and constructed by BHAVINI.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first automobile in-plant railway siding project at Maruti Suzuki India's plant in Hansalpur, Gujarat.
- Kerala has declared the man-animal conflict a state-specific disaster, the first in India to do so.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched India's first indigenous green hydrogen fuel cell inland waterway vessel in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.
- Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT-K) has successfully established and tested India's first Hypervelocity Expansion Tunnel Test Facility.
- Ola Founder's Krutrim Becomes First \$1 Billion Indian AI Startup.
- For the first time in India, a boat running on solar energy will be operated in the Saryu river in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.
- Reliance Industries Achieves India's First ISCC-Plus Certification .
- Lucknow city, known as the 'City of Nawabs', will be developed as India's first 'AI City'.
- Uttar Pradesh government has announced the launch of India's first 'Telecom Center of Excellence.
- India's first solar roof cycling track was inaugurated in Hyderabad city.
- Uttarakhand launches India's first polythene waste bank for sustainable waste management.
- Telangana has launched India's first Agricultural Data Exchange (ADeX) and Agriculture Data Management Framework (ADMF) in Hyderabad.
- India's first-ever sports university to be set up in Manipur.
- India Launches Its 1st Indigenous e-Tractor Developed By the CMERI.
- Dr Jitendra Singh, had launched the CSIR Prima ET11, the first indigenous e-Tractor developed by the Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI), Durgapur, a public engineering R&D institution in Durgapur, West Bengal, and a constituent laboratory of the Indian Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- Kerala Launches India's First AI School, Pioneering Future-Focused Education.



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- Sanchi, a world heritage site located in the Raisen district of Madhya Pradesh, is all set to become India's first solar city.
- Hitachi Payment Services launched India's first UPI-ATM.
- India's first Vedic-themed park unveiled in Noida.

Q. Worldline ePayments India obtained authorization from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to function as what?

- A) Mobile wallet provider B) Payment gateway
C) Online Payment Aggregator (PA) D) Digital currency exchange

Answer : C

- ✓ Worldline ePayments India gets RBI nod to operate as payment aggregator.
- ✓ Worldline ePayments India, a player in digital payments, on Tuesday said it received authorisation from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator (PA) under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act of 2007.
- ✓ The authorisation from RBI is a testimony of our commitment to the Indian market and affirming our focus on compliance and highlighting the significance of a well-regulated payments landscape.
- ✓ Worldline ePayments India offers solutions for all kinds of payment needs offering in-store, online, and omnichannel payments to its customers. Since late last year, the RBI has approved multiple online payment gateway companies to be PAs including DigiO, PayU, CRED, CC Avenue, Mswipe, Razorpay, Cashfree, Decentro, Zoho, Tata Pay, Google Pay, and EnKash, among others.

Q. How did the value of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions compare to the record high observed in March 2024?

- A) It was 0.7% higher B) It was 0.7% lower
C) It remained the same D) It increased by 40%

Answer : B

- ✓ UPI transactions moderate from March peak to ₹19.6-lakh crore.
- ✓ The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) saw both the number and value of transactions moderating by about 1 per cent on month from the record high seen in March 2024.



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- ✓ Transactions worth ₹19.64 lakh crore were processed during April 2024, 0.7 per cent lower than the record of ₹19.78-lakh crore seen in the previous month. The value of transactions was 40 per cent higher compared with April 2023, as per data by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- ✓ The end of a financial year traditionally sees a lot of transactions closer to the 1 lakh limit as a lot of merchants, business owners and individuals square off transactions leading to higher value and volume of transactions.
- ✓ The number of transactions on the UPI network fell 1.0 per cent to 1,330 crore during the month from the March peak level of 1,344 crore transactions. On year, the volume of transactions was 50 per cent higher.

Q. According to the latest data by I Lattice, which bank held the highest market share in the Debit cards market in March 2024?

A) Bank of Baroda

B) Canara Bank

C) Union Bank

D) State Bank of India

Answer : D

- ✓ HDFC and SBI dominate credit and debit cards market, BoB records highest growth in Mar'24
- ✓ India's largest public sector lender, the State Bank of India, remained the front runner in the Debit cards market, holding a 24 per cent share in March 2024, revealed latest data by I Lattice.
- ✓ Top banks followed the list like Bank of Baroda which held about 10 per cent market share, followed by Canara Bank, Union Bank and HDFC Bank with approximately 6 per cent market share each and Bank of India with a 5 per cent market share.
- ✓ In the Debit cards segment, Bank of Baroda recorded the highest growth, of approximately 16 per cent year-on-year, while Axis Bank recorded 15 per cent growth and Canara Bank recorded 12 per cent growth. Thereafter, following the lead, Union Bank and HDFC bank registered a growth of 8 per cent each.
- ✓ It is expected that card-based transactions will continue to witness steady growth, at almost 16 per cent year on year for the next four years

Q. Where did American Express recently inaugurate its expansive nearly one-million-square-foot campus?

A) Mumbai, Maharashtra

B) Bangalore, Karnataka

C) Gurugram, Haryana

D) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Answer : C



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- ✓ American Express opens its largest office worldwide in India.
- ✓ American Express, a global payments company, has announced the inauguration of its expansive, nearly one-million-square-foot campus in Gurugram, Haryana. The new campus will serve as a hub for American Express operations in India and will be the largest campus opened by the company to date.
- ✓ Situated in sector 74A Gurugram, the new office will be an addition to its existing facilities in Gurugram, Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai, and Pune.

Q. With which entity has NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) signed an agreement to support the development of an instant payment system similar to India's Unified Payment Interface (UPI) for Namibia?

- A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) B) Bank of Namibia (BoN)
C) South African Reserve Bank (SARB) D) Central Bank of India (CBI)

Answer : B

- ✓ NPCI inks pact with Bank of Namibia for developing UPI-like instant payment system.
- ✓ NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) has signed an agreement with the Bank of Namibia (BoN) to support them in developing an instant payment system like Unified Payment Interface (UPI) for Namibia. By leveraging technology and experiences from India's UPI, the partnership seeks to help Namibia modernize its financial ecosystem.
- ✓ This includes improving accessibility, affordability and connectivity with both domestic and international payment networks, and interoperability.
- ✓ Through this collaboration, BoN will gain access to best-in-class technology and insights from NIPL, enabling the creation of a similar platform in Namibia for the digital welfare of its citizens

Q. Who has recently resigned from the position of joint Managing Director at Kotak Mahindra Bank and is expected to join Federal Bank, as per reports?

- A) Uday Kotak B) KVS Manian
C) Aditya Puri D) Shikha Sharma

Answer : B

- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Bank Joint MD KVS Manian resigns with immediate effect.
- ✓ KVS Manian, joint MD at Kotak Mahindra Bank, has stepped down from his position with immediate effect, the bank informed the exchanges. He is now likely to join Federal Bank, according to reports.



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- ✓ Manian had been with the Kotak Group for a long time and played key roles in taking forward the group's success, and foray into various financial services business.

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK IN NEWS 2023-24

- KVS Manian, joint MD at Kotak Mahindra Bank, has stepped down from his position with immediate effect, the bank informed the exchanges. He is now likely to join Federal Bank.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank has appointed Jaideep Hansraj, current MD and CEO of Kotak Securities, as Group President of 'One Kotak' with effect from April 1, 2024.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank has sold a 2% stake in KFin Technologies through the open market for Rs 208 crore.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank has launched 'Smart Choice Gold Loan' for customers.
- CCI approves Zurich Insurance's acquisition of 70% stake in Kotak Mahindra General Insurance.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Partners with IITK to Launch Kotak School of Sustainability. The Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT) and Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) have joined forces to establish the Kotak School of Sustainability.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of CS Rajan as part-time Chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank has partnered with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) to issue its first electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) on the latter's platform.
- Ashok Vaswani is next Kotak Mahindra Bank CEO.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank has received the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval to acquire 100% stake in micro-lender Sonata Finance.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of ₹12.19 crore on ICICI Bank and ₹3.95 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank for non-compliance of certain regulatory norms.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank
- Founded 1985
- Founders : Uday Kotak
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO : Ashok Vaswani
- Tagline : Let's Make Money Simple Ab Kona Kona Kotak.



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- Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited is an Indian banking and financial services company headquartered in Mumbai.
- It is India's third largest private sector bank by market capitalisation after HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank.
- As of 31 March 2023, the bank has a national footprint of 1,780 branches and 2,963 ATMs.
- Kotak Mahindra Finance was then renamed Kotak Mahindra Bank. At the time, Uday Kotak had a 56% stake in the company while Anand Mahindra held a 5% stake .

Q. Who was honored by the Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankar, for her 'Outstanding Contribution to the cause of Corporate Social Responsibility'?

A) Nita Ambani

B) Priya Patel

C) Dr. Bina Modi

D) Anjali Sharma

Answer : C

- ✓ Dr. Bina Modi Felicitated by Vice President of India for Contributions to SIL.
- ✓ Dr. Bina Modi, Chairperson and Managing Director of Modi Enterprises – KK Modi Group, was honoured by the esteemed Vice President of India, Jagdeep Dhankar, for her 'Outstanding Contribution to the cause of Corporate Social Responsibility'.
- ✓ The event marked the inauguration of the new building for the Society of Indian Law Firms (SILF), with the Vice President gracing the occasion as the chief guest.
- ✓ Dr. Modi has been actively engaged in various Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives aimed at uplifting communities and fostering sustainable development. Since 2015, she has been supporting the marginalized farmer community in Andhra Pradesh through multifaceted interventions.
- ✓ Dr. Bina Modi, the esteemed Chairperson of Modi Enterprises, has been honored with the prestigious 'Outstanding Business Woman of the Year' Award

Q. Consider the following statements with reference to Project ISHAN:

1. It aims to streamline and enhance air traffic management.

2. It unifies four Flight Information Regions to single continuous airspace in Delhi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2



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Q. With reference to Navratna Public Sector Undertakings (PSU), consider the following statements:

1. They can invest up to Rs 1,000 crore without seeking approval from the Central Government.
2. They can enter into technology joint ventures with other companies.
3. They have autonomy to incur capital expenditure on purchase of new items.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A) Only one B) Only two
C) All three D) None

Answer : C

- ✓ Recently, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency public sector undertaking company was granted 'Navratna status' from the department of public enterprises.
- ✓ The government categorises all Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) into three categories, namely Maharatna, Navratna, and Miniratna.
- ✓ The Government had introduced the 'Navratna' scheme in 1997.
- ✓ Criteria for Navratna status
- ✓ A PSU should be a Miniratna-I, Schedule 'A' company, should have obtained an 'excellent' or 'very good' MoU rating in three of the last five years, and must have a composite score of 60 in six performance indicators.
- ✓ It must report a net profit of more than Rs 5,000 crore for three consecutive years, and maintain an average annual turnover of Rs 25,000 crore for three years, or have an annual average net worth of over Rs 15,000 crore for three years.
- ✓ Benefits
- ✓ Financial Independence: They invest up to ₹1,000 crore without seeking approval from the Central Government.
- ✓ Navratna companies are also allowed to invest up to 15% of their net worth on a single project, or 30% of their net worth in a given year, subject to a cap of ₹1,000 crore.
- ✓ To incur capital expenditure on purchase of new items or for replacement, without any monetary ceiling..
- ✓ To enter into technology joint ventures or strategic alliances



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Q. India has cut its windfall tax on petroleum crude to ____ Indian rupees a metric ton from 9,600 rupees with effect from May 1.

- A) 9000
B) 8000
C) 8400
D) 8800

Answer : C

- ✓ India has cut its windfall tax on petroleum crude to 8,400 Indian rupees (\$100.66) a metric ton from 9,600 rupees with effect from May 1.
- ✓ The tax, which is revised every fortnight, was left unchanged at zero for diesel and aviation turbine fuel.
- ✓ The government had on April 16 raised the windfall tax on petroleum crude to 9,600 rupees a metric ton from 6,800 rupees.
- ✓ This tax is levied as the Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED).
- ✓ The windfall tax remains unchanged at zero for diesel and aviation turbine fuel (ATF).
- ✓ The Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) on the export of diesel, petrol, and jet fuel (ATF) remains at nil

Q. National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) expects its loan sanctions pipeline to swell to about __ by March-end 2025 against about ₹1 lakh crore as of March-end 2024.

- A) ₹2 lakh crore
B) ₹3 lakh crore
C) ₹4 lakh crore
D) ₹5 lakh crore

Answer : A

- ✓ NaBFID expects cumulative loan sanctions to top ₹2-lakh cr in FY25
- ✓ The Government-owned National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) expects its loan sanctions pipeline to swell to about ₹2 lakh crore by March-end 2025 against about ₹1 lakh crore as of March-end 2024.
- ✓ To support loan growth, the development financial institution (DFI) is planning to mop up about ₹53,000 crore this year via bond market, bank and multilateral credit lines.
- ✓ The All India Financial Institution was set up in 2022 under the NABFID Act, 2021, as the principal entity for infrastructure financing in the country.
- ✓ NaBFID sanctioned ₹18,560 crore in the January-March 2023 quarter and ₹83,280 crore in FY24. NaBFID crossed ₹1 lakh crore (cumulative) loan sanctions mark in March 2024.



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Q. How much lakh crore rupees were GST collected in April 2024?

- A) Rs 2.35 lakh cr B) Rs 2.10 lakh cr
C) Rs 2.80 lakh cr D) Rs 2.76 lakh cr

Answer : B

- ✓ GST revenue collection hits record high of Rs 2.10 lakh cr in April
- ✓ India's Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections hit a record high of Rs 2.10 lakh crore in April, growing 12.4 per cent on year-on-year basis.
- ✓ GST collection in March stood at Rs 1.78 lakh crore. Previously, the highest-ever GST collection figure stood at Rs 1.87 lakh crore in April 2023.
- ✓ This is also the first time GST collection has crossed the ₹2 trillion mark, since the unified indirect tax regime was rolled out seven years ago.

Q. Who has been appointed as the Director of the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)?

- A) Pratima Singh B) Rajesh Singh
C) Deepak Singh D) Ramesh Chandra

Answer : A

- ✓ Pratima Singh (IRS) has been selected for the appointment as Director of the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- ✓ She has been selected for the appointment under the Central Staffing Scheme for a period of five years.
- ✓ Singh is an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer of 2009-batch. She was recommended for the Central deputation by the Department of Revenue.

Q. Which IIT was awarded a patent by the Government of India on indigenously developed compact inverter?

- A) IIT Varanasi B) IIT Patna
C) IIT Delhi D) IIT Mumbai

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology-Patna (IIT Patna) has been awarded a patent by the Patent Office of the Government of India on an indigenously developed lightweight, compact and easy-to-port inverter.



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- ✓ IIT Patna will have the copyright on the commercial use of this technology for 20 years.

Q. Who recently took over as the Vice Chief of the Indian Navy?

- A) Krishna Swaminathan B) Vinod Kumar
C) Abhinav Kumar D) Abhay Kohli

Answer : A

- ✓ Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan assumed charge as Vice Chief of the Naval Staff on 01 May 2024.
- ✓ He was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 Jul 87.
- ✓ He is an expert in communications and electronic warfare.
- ✓ He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla.

Q. When is the World Press Freedom Day commemorated all over the world?

- A) 01 May B) 02 May
C) 04 May D) 03 May

Answer : D

- ✓ The World Press Freedom Day is observed on May 3 annually to raise awareness of the importance of freedom of the press and remind governments of their duty to respect and uphold the right to freedom of expression.
- ✓ The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in December 1993.
- ✓ The 2024 World Press Day is the 31st World Press Day.
- ✓ The theme of the 31st World Press Day is A Press for the Planet: Journalism in the Face of the Environmental Crisis.
- ✓ Freedom of Press in India
- ✓ The Indian constitution does not mention freedom of the press as a fundamental right. However, Article 19 1(a) of the Constitution guarantees freedom of speech and expression to all citizens of India.
- ✓ The Supreme Court, in the Indian Express vs. Union of India case in 1984, held that though freedom of the press is not mentioned in the constitution, nevertheless the freedom of the press is a fundamental right.
- ✓ The court held that freedom of the press is included in Article 19 1(a) of the constitution



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Q. With which financial services provider did YES Bank collaborate to introduce two co-branded credit cards named Pi and Phi?

A) Axis Bank

B) HDFC Bank

C) ICICI Bank

D) ANQ

Answer : D

- ✓ YES Bank collaborates with ANQ to launch 2 co-branded credit cards Pi, Phi.
- ✓ YES Bank has partnered with Bengaluru-based financial services provider, ANQ, to unveil two co-branded credit cards — Pi and Phi.
- ✓ The strategic partnership aims to bridge the gap between traditional banking and the fintech industry, offering innovative solutions to meet evolving consumer needs, a release said.
- ✓ The YES Bank-ANQ Pi credit card is a digital-only card that offers credit on UPI for domestic transactions, providing users with convenient and secure payment options. The credit card caters to both domestic and international purchases with its physical card format, offering users versatility in their spending options

YES BANK IN NEWS 2023-24

- YES Bank collaborates with ANQ to launch 2 co-branded credit cards Pi, Phi.
- YES Bank has partnered with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) as the Official Banking Partner for Team India at the Paris Olympics 2024.
- Yes Bank becomes first Indian bank to conduct export finance transactions on RXIL's ITFS.
- Yes Bank Launches SmartFin With Veefin Solutions, An Advanced Digital Platform To Boost MSMEs.
- Yes Bank becomes first lender to offer 'ONDC Network Gift Card'.
- Yes bank partnered with fintech Zaggle for next-gen corporate credit card.
- YES Bank goes live with UPI interoperability on Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).
- Yes Bank Launches All-In-One 'IRIS' Mobile App.
- Reliance General Insurance becomes first insurer to accept Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) e-Rupee (₹) in tie-up with YES Bank
- YES Bank announced the unveiling of its new logo, which forms part of its "refreshed brand identity." YES BANK launches new logo, to roll out campaign 'Life Ko Banao Rich'.



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- Yes Bank is an Indian bank headquartered in Mumbai, India and was founded by Rana Kapoor and Ashok Kapoor in 2004.
- YES BANK
- Founded : 2004
- Founder : Rana Kapoor and Ashok Kapoor
- Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Sunil Mehta
- MD & CEO : Prashant Kumar
- YES BANK launches new logo, to roll out campaign 'Life Ko Banao Rich'.

Q. Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands by the legislators, formerly serving as the Foreign Minister?

A) John Moffat Fugui

B) Manasseh Sogavare

C) Jeremiah Manele

D) Rick Houenipwela

Answer : C

- ✓ Solomon Islands elects Jeremiah Manele as new prime minister.
- ✓ Legislators in the Solomon Islands have elected former Foreign Minister Jeremiah Manele as their new prime minister.
- ✓ Manele, who has pledged to continue the Pacific nation's China-friendly foreign policy, won 31 votes in a secret ballot. His opponent, longtime opposition leader Matthew Wale, secured 18 votes.

NEWLY PRIME MINISTER IN NEWS

- Ahmed Abdullah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah : Kuwait
- Simon Harris : Ireland
- Bjarni Benediktsson : Iceland
- Luis Montenegro : Portugal
- Mohammad Mustafa : Palestine
- Olzhas Bektenov : Kazakhstan
- Gabriel Attal : France
- Donald Tusk : Poland



- Luke Frieden : Luxembourg
- Robert Fico : Slovakia
- Christopher Luxon : 42nd PM of New Zealand
- Srettha Thavisin : Thailand
- Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani : Qatar
- Li Qiang : China
- Manuela Roka Botey as first female PM : Equatorial Guinea
- Anwar Ibrahim : Malaysia
- Benjamin Netanyahu : Israel
- Rishi Sunak : 57th PM of United Kingdom (UK)

Q. Who won the 2024 Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize for designing the cover of “The Book Beautiful” written by Pradeep Sebastian and published by Hachette India?

- A) Bhavi Mehta
- B) Pradeep Sebastian
- C) Hachette India
- D) Oxford Bookstores

Answer : A

- ✓ Bhavi Mehta wins 2024 Oxford Book Cover Prize for designing Pradeep Sebastian’s ‘The Book Beautiful’.
- ✓ Oxford Bookstores announced Bhavi Mehta as the winner of the 2024 Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize. She won the prize for designing The Book Beautiful written by Pradeep Sebastian and published by Hachette India.
- ✓ The winner, announced at India Habitat Centre (IHC) here, was felicitated with a trophy, certificate and one lakh rupees cash prize by art historian and the chair of the jury Alka Pande, author-politician Shashi Tharoor, Ambassador of Norway to India May-Elin Stener and CEO of Apeejay Oxford Bookstores Swagat Sengupta.

Q. Which company will be the lead arm sponsor for USA’s cricket team in ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024?

- A) Amul
- B) Mother Dairy
- C) Tata
- D) Dream 11

Answer : A



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- ✓ Amul will be the lead arm sponsor for USA's cricket team that will participate in ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 which commences on June 1.
- ✓ The opening match of the tournament will be played between USA and Canada in Dallas.
- ✓ This association with Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), responsible for marketing milk and milk products under the brand name Amul, signifies a significant step towards expanding and popularizing cricket across the nation

SPONSOR IN NEWS 2024

- Amul will be the lead arm sponsor for USA's cricket team that will participate in ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 which commences on June 1
- Aramco company would sponsor major FIFA tournaments until 2027.
- IndusInd Bank, a leading financial institution in India, has announced a significant multi-year sponsorship deal with the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- Nandini's Sponsorship of Ireland and Scotland Cricket Teams Sparks Debate
- Tata Group Secures IPL Title Sponsorship for Next 5 Years spanning 2024 to 2028.
- Indian Cricket Board announced that the IDFC First Bank has grabbed the title rights for home international series of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for three years.
- Dream11 has reportedly taken over as the main jersey sponsor for the Indian cricket team from July 2023 to March 2026, replacing Byju's.

Q. Indian wildlife biologist, Purnima Devi Barman has been conferred with the Whitley Gold Award 2024 in May 2024. She is from which state?

A) Uttarakhand

B) Assam

C) Haryana

D) Tripura

Answer : B

- ✓ Purnima Devi Barman received 'Green Oscar' Whitley Gold Award 2024
- ✓ A wildlife biologist from Assam, Dr Purnima Devi Barman has won her second Whitley Gold Award, also known as the Green Oscar.
- ✓ She was honoured for her conservation effort of the endangered bird, Hargila or Greater Adjutant Stork and its wetland habitat.



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- ✓ This is the second time that Dr Barman has been honoured with the Whitley Gold Award. She was also awarded the prize in 2017.
- ✓ Ms Barman received the trophy from charity patron Princess Anne – the Princess Royal, the sister of King Charles III, in recognition of her conservation of the stork known locally as “Hargila” in Assamese.
- ✓ The Whitley Awards also celebrated six other grassroots conservationists – from Guyana, Papua New Guinea, Bhutan, Cameroon, Nepal and Brazil – for their locally-led solutions to the global biodiversity and climate crises.
- ✓ Winner of the 2024 Whitley Gold Awards
- ✓ The first Indians to get the Whitley Gold Award were Archana Godbole and Brad Norman in 2007.

Serial no	Winner	Country	Conservation Work
1	Naomi Longa	Papua New Guinea	Marine
2	Raju Sharma	Nepal	Terrestrial
3	Aristide Kamla	Cameroon	Wetlands and Freshwater
4	Kuenzang Dorji	Bhutan	Terrestrial
5	Fernanda Abra	Brazil	Terrestrial
6	Leroy Ignacio	Guyana	Terrestrial
7	Purnima Barman	India	Terrestrial

Q. High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS), recently seen in the news, is developed by which one of the following countries?

- A) USA
- B) Russia
- C) Israel
- D) India

Answer : A



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- ✓ Russia's government recently published new footage claiming to show the targeting of two Ukrainian High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) shortly after the U.S. authorized a significant new chunk of military aid for Ukraine.
- ✓ About High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS):
- ✓ It is a light, multiple rocket launcher.
- ✓ It is manufactured by Lockheed Martin Corporation, a US-based security and aerospace company.
- ✓ HIMARS is intended to engage and defeat artillery, air defence concentrations, trucks, light armour, and personnel carriers, as well as support troop and supply concentrations.
- ✓ It is an air-transportable wheeled launcher mounted on a 5-ton Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV).
- ✓ It can carry either a launcher pod of six rockets or one MGM-140 Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS), which have a range of 300 km (186 miles).

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the Commission on Population and Development:

1. It was established by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

2. It consists of 47 member countries elected for a period of four years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C

- ✓ The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund is organizing event titled “Localizing the SDGs: Women in Local Governance in India Lead the Way” during the 57th Session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD57).
- ✓ It was established by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 1946, which was renamed as the Commission on Population and Development by the General Assembly in 1994.
- ✓ Members: It is composed of 47 member countries.
- ✓ Term: Member countries are elected by the Economic and Social Council for a period of four years on the basis of geographic distribution.



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- ✓ It was constituted as three-tiered intergovernmental mechanism that plays the primary role in the follow-up to the implementation of the programme of action at the national, regional and international levels and advise the Council thereon.
- ✓ The meetings of commission were held typically every two or three years until 1994, after which it has been held once a year.
- ✓ It is not a United Nations affiliated body.
- ✓ The government of India has selected three elected women representatives Neeru Yadav, Supriya Das Datta, and Kunuku Hema Kumari, to represent India at the United Nations' "Localising the SDGs: Women in Local Governance in India Lead the Way" event. The event will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 3 May 2024.
- ✓ Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India, is leading the Indian delegation to the United Nations event
- ✓ The "Localising the SDGs: Women in Local Governance in India Lead the Way" event in New York is being organised by the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj, the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations, along with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
- ✓ The Indian-organised event will be held alongside during the 57th Session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD57), which will be held from 29 April - 3 May 2024 in New York, United States of America.
- ✓ The United Nations adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015 to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030, all people will enjoy peace and prosperity. The United Nations has set a target to achieve the 17 SDG goals by 2030

Q. Consider the following statements with reference to C295 Transport Aircraft:

1. It is a new-generation tactical airlifter indigenously designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

2. It is powered by turboprop engines and designed to provide low-level flight characteristics.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : B



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- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) recently received delivery of the second of the 56 C295 aircraft.
- ✓ About C295 Transport Aircraft:
- ✓ It is a new-generation tactical airlifter in the light and medium segment.
- ✓ It was designed and built by Airbus, a European multinational aerospace corporation.
- ✓ It is a reliable and highly versatile tactical transport that is tailored for missions that range from carrying troops and cargo, maritime patrol, airborne warning, surveillance and reconnaissance to signals intelligence, armed close air support, medical evacuation, Air-to-Air refuelling, VIP transport, and airborne firefighting.
- ✓ In 2021, India formalised the acquisition of 56 C295 aircraft to replace the legacy Avro fleet of the IAF at a cost of Rs 21,935 crore.
- ✓ Under the deal, Airbus will deliver the first 16 aircraft in 'fly-away' condition from its final assembly line in Seville by 2025, and the subsequent 40 aircraft will be manufactured and assembled by Tata Advanced Systems (TASL) in India as part of an industrial partnership between the two companies.

Q. Which organization organized the #PlayTrue Campaign in India to commemorate WADA's Play True Day?

- A) UNESCO
- B) WHO
- C) NADA
- D) UNICEF

Answer : C

- ✓ NADA India organized #PlayTrue Campaign to create awareness about clean sports.
- ✓ The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), India concluded #PlayTrue Campaign, with turnout of more than 12,133 participants.
- ✓ The campaign commemorated WADA's Play True Day and aimed at fostering awareness about the importance of clean sport and anti-doping practices in India, received overwhelming participation and support from athletes, coaches, and sports enthusiasts nationwide.
- ✓ The #PlayTrue Campaign highlights NADA India's commitment to equipping athletes, coaches, and the entire sporting community with a thorough understanding of anti-doping regulations, empowering them to champion clean play in India. The campaign was held from 15th to 30th April, 2024



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Q. What is the name of the portal launched by the government's Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare in collaboration with Bank of India?

- A) PensionEase Portal B) Pensioners' Bank Portal
C) Integrated Pensioners' Portal D) PensionerConnect Portal

Answer : C

- ✓ Pension department launches integrated portal for govt retirees.
- ✓ The government's Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare has started a portal in collaboration with Bank of India. The Integrated Pensioners' Portal of Bank of India combines the pension processing and payment services of five banks into a single window, said the Press Information Bureau (PIB) in a statement.
- ✓ A key feature of the portal, made possible by the department's collaboration with Bank of India, is that retirees can access their monthly pension slips, check the status of life certificates, submit Form 16, and view statements of arrears paid.
- ✓ Integrating the portal, which is also known as Bhavishya Portal, with the relevant services of State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Punjab National Bank and Canara Bank has been completed. Most pension-disbursing banks will be integrated with the portal later

Q. What interest rate did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announce for the Government of India Floating Rate Bond 2034 (GOI FRB 2034) for the half-year period from April 30, 2024, to October 29, 2024?

- A) 6%
B) 7%
C) 8%
D) 9%

Answer : C

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced an 8 percent interest on Government of India Floating Rate Bond 2034 (GOI FRB 2034) for the half year April 30, 2024 to October 29, 2024.
- ✓ It may be recalled that FRB 2034 carries a coupon, which has a base rate equivalent to the average of the Weighted Average Yield (WAY) of last three auctions (from the rate fixing day i.e., April 30, 2024) of 182 Day T-Bills, plus a fixed spread (0.98 per cent), the RBI said in a release



Q. Which investors have backed the neobanking startup Fi, enabling it to secure a non-banking finance company (NBFC) license from the Reserve Bank of India?

- A) HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank B) Peak XV and Temasek
C) Axis Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank D) SBI and PNB

Answer : B

- ✓ Neobanking startup Fi secures NBFC licence from RBI.
- ✓ Neobanking startup Fi, backed by investors such as Peak XV and Temasek, has secured a non-banking finance company (NBFC) licence from the Reserve Bank of India, enabling it to provide loans from its own books.
- ✓ With this, Fi has joined the likes of Jupiter, Groww and Cred, all of which got into the lending business either by getting a fresh licence or by acquiring another NBFC.
- ✓ In recent years, fintech startups have pursued NBFC licences to streamline their entry into lending, given the RBI's stringent regulations on online credit disbursement.

Q. Which IT company has recently announced a partnership with Spain-based Atento to deliver generative AI-powered solutions and services to global enterprises?

- A) Wipro
B) TCS
C) Infosys
D) Tech Mahindra

Answer : D

- ✓ Tech Mahindra, Atento join hands to offer GenAI-powered services.
- ✓ IT company Tech Mahindra said it has partnered with Spain-based Atento to provide generative AI-powered solutions and services to global enterprises.
- ✓ Atento is a customer relationship management (CRM) and business transformation outsourcing (BTO) company in Latin America.
- ✓ The partnership will deliver end-to-end business transformation solutions and services that leverage.
- ✓ Generative AI-powered technologies, as well as customer experience (CX) consulting for customers in the United States, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa and Latin American regions.



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Q. Who emerged victorious in the men's and women's categories at the 16th edition of the Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) World 10K Bengaluru?

- A) Peter Mwaniki and Lilian Kasait B) Eliud Kipchoge and Brigid Kosgei
C) Joshua Cheptegei and Hellen Obiri D) Geoffrey Kamworor and Faith Chepngetich

Answer : A

- ✓ Kenyan athletes triumph at TCS World 10K Bengaluru 2024.
- ✓ The 16th edition of the Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) World 10K Bengaluru witnessed a display of exceptional athleticism as Kenyan runners, Peter Mwaniki and Lilian Kasait, claimed victory in the men's and women's categories respectively.
- ✓ Mwaniki, touted as a favourite contender, secured the men's title with a commanding performance, crossing the finish line with a time of 28:15. His strategic surge in the final stretch propelled him ahead of his compatriot Hillary Chepkwony, who finished closely behind at 28:33. Notably, 17-year-old debutant Hagos Eyob impressed with a time of 28:39, securing the third position.
- ✓ In the women's category, Kasait showcased her prowess early on, seizing the lead and maintaining a relentless pace throughout the race. While falling just short of the event record, Kasait's determined run culminated in a victory with a time of 30:56.
- ✓ The Indian elite category saw Kiran Matre and Sanjivani Jadhav emerge as the victors, both setting new event records. Matre's resilient effort resulted in a first-place finish with a time of 29:32, breaking the previous record

Q. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director & CEO designate for Mahindra and Mahindra Financial Services Limited (MMFSL), set to assume office upon the retirement of Ramesh Iyer on April 29, 2024?

- A) Ramesh Iyer B) Raul Rebello
C) Anand Mahindra D) Pawan Goenka

Answer : B

- ✓ Raul Rebello appointed MD & CEO of Mahindra Finance.
- ✓ The Board of Directors of Mahindra and Mahindra Financial Services Limited (MMFSL Company) announced Raul Rebello as the MD & CEO designate for MMFSL. Raul will take over as MD & CEO when Ramesh Iyer retires, on 29th April 2024.



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- ✓ Raul, aged 45 years, joined MMFSL on 1st September 2021 as the Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Over the past 17 months, Raul has capably led the growth and transformation journey in MMFSL, demonstrating strong leadership.

Q. The National Coal Miners Day is observed in India on which day?

- A) May 01
- B) May 04
- C) May 02
- D) May 03

Answer : B

- ✓ In India, the Coal Miners Day is celebrated on May 4 every year, to recognize the hard work of some of the great unsung heroes of Industrial Revolution.
- ✓ The day aims to show appreciation for the coal miners and honour their accomplishments, who spend most of the days digging, tunnelling and extracting coal from the mines.
- ✓ Though coal miners have been working for centuries, they became significantly important due to the Industrial revolution between 1760 and 1840 when coal was used on a large scale to fuel stationary and locomotive engines and heat buildings.
- ✓ Indian states such as Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra are the significant coal suppliers

Q. The International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is marked annually on _____

- A) May 02
- B) May 03
- C) May 04
- D) May 01

Answer : C

- ✓ The International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is observed on May 4 every year since 1999, to recognise and honour the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure that their communities and environment are as safe as possible.
- ✓ The day was instituted, after the deaths of five firefighters in tragic circumstances in a bushfire in Australia on 2 December 1998.



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Q. Koothandavar festival, recently in news, is celebrated in:

- A) Gujarat B) Manipur
C) Maharashtra D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : D

- ✓ Koothandavar festival at Koovagam in Tamil Nadu plays out a tale of marriage and widowhood, all in a day.
- ✓ In the Tamil month of Chithirai (mid-April to mid-May), the 18-day Koothandavar festival takes place in Koovagam of Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ It is the annual event, steeped in tradition, garners global attention for its unique celebration of the transgender identity.

FESTIVAL IN NEWS 2023-24

- Koothandavar Festival : Tamil Nadu
- Seng Khihlang Festival : Meghalaya
- Gorsam Kora festival : Arunachal Pradesh
- Chapchar Kut Festival : Mizoram
- Orange Festival : Nagaland
- Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival : Arunachal Pradesh
- Ethnic Mamani Festival : Ladakh
- International Camel Festival : Bikaner, Rajasthan
- Chandubi Festival : Assam
- International Purple Fest 2024 - Goa
- National Street Food Festival : New Delhi
- Kuno Forest Festival : Madhya Pradesh
- 'Shar Amartala Torgya' Festival : Arunachal Pradesh
- 24th Hornbill Festival : Nagaland
- Dhillio festival : Goa
- India International Science Festival (IISF) 2023 : Faridabad, Haryana
- Arattu festival : Kerala
- Banni festival : Andhra Pradesh



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- Zanskar Festival : Ladakh
- Indo-Latin America Cultural Festival : New Delhi
- Nuakhai festival : Odisha
- Nadi Utsav : Delhi
- Karnataka Cultural Festival : Sri Lanka .
- Unmesha' – International Literature Festival and 'Utkarsh' – Festival of Folk and Tribal Performing Arts : Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Festival of Libraries 2023 : New Delhi .
- Chachin Grazing Festival : Arunachal Pradesh
- Harela Festival : Uttarakhand
- Bonalu Festival : Telangana
- Kharchi Puja : Tripura
- Palkhi festival : Maharashtra
- Raja festival : Odisha

Q. Where did REC Limited receive regulatory approval to set up its wholly owned subsidiary, as announced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

A) Mumbai

B) New Delhi

C) Gandhinagar

D) Bangalore

Answer : C

- ✓ REC gets RBI nod to set up subsidiary in GIFT City, Gujarat.
- ✓ REC Limited, a Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Power and a leading NBFC, has received a 'No Objection Certificate' from the Reserve Bank of India(RBI) , for setting up a wholly owned subsidiary in International Financial Services Centre (IFSC), Gujarat International Finance Tec-City ("GIFT"), Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- ✓ The decision to expand operations into GIFT, a burgeoning hub for financial services in India, comes as REC continues to diversify its portfolio and explore new avenues for growth.
- ✓ The proposed subsidiary will engage in a range of financial activities as a finance company within GIFT, including lending, investment, and other financial services.



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REC LTD IN NEWS 2023-24

- REC gets RBI nod to set up subsidiary in GIFT City, Gujarat
- REC Limited, a Ministry of Power entity, clinched the SKOCH ESG Award 2024 in 'Renewable Energy Financing'.
- REC Limited joins hands with UNISED to support Education of Children.
- REC Limited, a Maharatna CPSE under the Ministry of Power and a leading NBFC, has been honoured with the 'Innovative Technology Development Award' at the 'Building India 2047: Technology for Better Tomorrow', an IIT Madras CSR Summit.
- REC Limited has been awarded the prestigious Best Green Bond – Corporate Award at The Asset Triple A Awards for Sustainable Finance 2024.
- REC will lend up to ₹1.2 trillion for the installation of rooftop solar panels under the Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana.
- REC Limited issues inaugural Yen Denominated Green Bonds aggregating to 61.1 Billion Japanese Yen.
- REC sets ₹1 lakh crore sanction target for infrastructure space including roads and highways in FY24.
- REC Invests Rs. 35,000 Cr In Multi-Modal Projects With Rail Vikas Nigam For 5 Years.
- REC Honoured with 'Best Employer in Diversity & Inclusion' Award by Assocham.
- RailTel has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with REC Ltd extending up to Rs 30,000 crore as financial assistance for telecom, IT and railway signaling infrastructure projects.
- REC Ltd gets Golden Peacock Award for Disaster Management.
- REC Limited, the Maharatna Central Public Sector Enterprise launched a SUGAM REC mobile application.
- REC Limited and Punjab National Bank have signed an MoU to explore funding possibilities in the Power Infrastructure and logistics sectors.
- The consortium arrangement will co-finance loans worth Rs 55,000 crores over the next three years.
- REC Ltd has become the 12th company to attain the Maharatna status
- REC Limited, formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited
- Founded : 1969
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- CMD : Vivek Kumar Dewangan



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- REC was formerly known as Rural Electrification Corporation Limited.
- REC Limited is an NBFC focused on financing and development of the power sector across India.
- REC Limited has also recently started services in the financing infrastructure and logistics sector.
- REC funding lights every fourth bulb in India. REC is a 'Maharatna' company under the Ministry of Power.

Q. Who has been named as the laureates of the 2024 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize?

- A) Chilean journalists reporting on corruption
- B) Palestinian journalists covering Gaza
- C) Indian journalists advocating for press freedom
- D) Nigerian journalists promoting investigative journalism

Answer : B

- ✓ Palestinian journalists covering Gaza awarded 2024 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.
- ✓ Palestinian journalists covering Gaza have been named as laureates of the 2024 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize, following the recommendation of an International Jury of media professionals. The Award Ceremony taken place the margins of the World Press Freedom Conference in Santiago, Chile.
- ✓ The ongoing conflict in Gaza is having grave consequences for journalists. Since 7 October 2023, UNESCO has condemned and deplored the deaths of 26 journalists and media workers in the line of work, based upon information from its international NGO partners. The Organization is reviewing dozens of other cases.
- ✓ UNESCO is supporting journalists reporting from conflict and crisis zones. The Organization is distributing essential supplies to journalists in Gaza, and has established safe working spaces and provided emergency grants for journalists in Ukraine and Sudan.

UNESCO IN NEWS 2023-24

- Palestinian journalists covering Gaza awarded 2024 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize
- A multibillion-dollar dam project underway across the Mekong River in Laos has prompted concerns that it could result in Luang Prabang City losing its UNESCO World Heritage Site status.



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- India has nominated the “Maratha Military Landscapes”, a network of forts that showcase the strategic military powers of Maratha rule, for inclusion in the UNESCO World Heritage list for 2024-25.
- 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee will take place from July 21 to 31, 2024 in New Delhi, India.
- Gujarat’s Garba Dance Enters UNESCO’s ‘Intangible Cultural Heritage’ List.
- Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has secured recognition as one of the ‘World’s Most Beautiful Airports’ and has been awarded the ‘World Special Prize for an Interior 2023’ by the UNESCO’s Prix Versailles.
- ‘Garba of Gujarat’ has been inscribed in the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of Humanity by UNESCO.
- Garba dance is the 15th intangible cultural heritage of India to be included in this list.
- Kozhikode in Kerala has been designated as the UNESCO ‘City of Literature’ and Gwalior as the ‘City of Music’ in the latest UNESCO list of Creative Cities Network.
- temples of the Hoysala Empire in Karnataka, India were officially added to the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites, marking India's 42nd addition to the prestigious heritage list.
- Three Hoysala-era temples in Karnataka [Chennakeshava (Belur), Hoysaleswara (Halebidu) and Keshava Temple (Somanathapura, Mysuru)] recently made it to UNESCO’s World Heritage List, under the collective entry of ‘Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas’.
- Santiniketan, located in West Bengal, India, has achieved the prestigious status of being recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site .
- Santiniketan as the 41st World Heritage Property in India.
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- Formation : 16 November 1945
- Headquarters : Paris, France
- Director-General : Audrey Azoulay (France)
- Member countries : 193



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Q. Who has been announced as the new National Ambassador for Unicef India, after previously serving as a Celebrity Advocate for the organization?

- A) Kareena Kapoor Khan B) Priyanka Chopra Jonas
C) Deepika Padukone D) Aishwarya Rai Bachchan

Answer : A

- ✓ UNICEF India appoints Kareena Kapoor Khan as National Ambassador #ForEveryChild.
- ✓ Unicef India announced Bollywood star Kareena Kapoor Khan as its new National Ambassador.
- ✓ Kareena had earlier served as a Celebrity Advocate for Unicef India.
- ✓ The “Crew” star, who has been associated with Unicef India since 2014, will support the not-for-profit organisation in furthering every child’s right to early childhood development, health, education and gender equality.
- ✓ The four advocates are Gauranshi Sharma from Madhya Pradesh on right to play and disability inclusion; Kartik Verma from Uttar Pradesh on climate action and child rights advocacy; singer Nahid Afrin from Assam on mental health and early childhood development; and Vinisha Umashankar from Tamil Nadu is a budding innovator and STEM pioneer.

LATEST BRAND AMBASSADOR IN NEWS 2023-24

- Kareena Kapoor Khan : UNICEF India National Ambassador #ForEveryChild
- Yuvraj Singh : ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024
- Usain Bolt : 2024 ICC T20 World Cup
- Sana Mir : ICC Women’s T20 World Cup Qualifier
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : Citroen
- Sanjana Sanghi : SPACE India
- Narendra Kumar Yadav : “Fit India” Movement as Brand Ambassador
- Katrina Kaif : Chennai Super Kings as Brand Ambassador for IPL 2024
- Ranveer Singh : boAt
- Deepika Padukone : TECNO
- R Madhavan : Acko
- Sourav Ganguly : brand ambassador of Tripura state to promote tourism
- Sourav Ganguly : Brand Ambassador of Bengal



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- Pankaj Tripathi : 'UPI Safety Ambassador
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : State Bank of India (SBI)
- Katrina Kaif : Luxury Swiss watch brand 'Rado'
- Chetan bhagat : Henry Harvin Education
- Mohammed Shami : Puma
- Sachin Tendulkar : ICC as the global ambassador of ODI World Cup 2023
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : JioMart
- Katrina Kaif : Uniqlo
- Hrithik Roshan : lubricants brand Mobilil
- Anushka Sharma : W
- Mahendra Singh Dhoni : Swaraj Tractors
- Iga Świątek : Infosys
- Rafael Nadal : Infosys
- Rahul Dravid : Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)
- Shah Rukh Khan : ICC World Cup 2023
- Shraddha Kapoor: Asics India Private Limited
- Rashmika Mandanna : Printer company Epson India
- Smriti Mandhana : Wrangler
- Hrithik Roshan : Zebronics TV
- Sachin Tendulkar : Smile Ambassador
- Sania Mirza : Sony Sports Network
- Sourav Ganguly : Brand ambassador of Tripura Tourism
- Virat Kohli : Duroflex
- Alia Bhatt : Gucci, the luxury fashion brand from Italy
- Ayushman Khurana : Wakefit
- Rishabh Pant : Star Sports
- Rohit Sharma : JioCinema
- Virat Kohli : HSBC India
- Ranveer Singh : Star Sports Network
- Shreya Ghodawat : India's ambassador for She Changes Climate



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- MC Mary Kom, Farhan Akhtar : Brand ambassadors of IBA Women's World Championships 2023
- Sachin Tendulkar : World's first 'Hand Ambassador' for Savlon India
- Ranveer Singh : Pepsi
- Ayushmann Khurrana : UNICEF India child rights
- Yastika Bhatia and Renuka Singh Thakur : Hyundai Motor India Ltd
- Vir Das : Plant-based meat brand UnCrave
- Harmanpreet Kaur : Puma
- Nikhat Zareen : National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)
- Saurav Ganguly : Bandhan Bank 'Jahaan Bandhan, Wahaan Trust' campaign
- Anushka Sharma : Puma
- Deepika Padukone : Pottery Barn
- Virat Kohli : Smart watch Noise
- Praseon Joshi : Uttarakhand State
- Lionel Messi : Byjus

Q. 'MQ-9B Predator', recently seen in news, is a:

- A) next-generation space exploration rover
- B) nuclear-powered submarine
- C) high-altitude Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
- D) cutting-edge military stealth fighter jet

Answer : C

- ✓ The MQ-9B Predator drones India will be buying from the United States will be placed in two States: Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ About MQ-9B Predator:
- ✓ It is a high-altitude, long-endurance armed Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), capable of remotely controlled or autonomous flight operations.
- ✓ It is a variant of the MQ-9 "Reaper" developed by General Atomics Aeronautical Systems (GA-ASI), with its primary purpose being for the United States Air Force (USAF).
- ✓ The United States uses these drones for surveillance, intelligence gathering, and airstrikes.



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- ✓ The MQ-9B drone has two variants: SkyGuardian and SeaGuardian. The latter has been in operation by the Indian Navy since 2020.
- ✓ Features:
- ✓ It can carry up to 5,670 kg and has a fuel capacity of 2,721 kg.
- ✓ It can operate at altitudes exceeding 40,000 feet.

Q. With reference to Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), consider the following statements:

- 1. They can only accept demand deposits from the public.**
- 2. They do not form part of the payment and settlement system and cannot issue cheques drawn on itself.**
- 3. Deposit insurance facility of Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) is not available to depositors of NBFCs.**

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A) Only one B) Only two
C) All three D) None

Answer : B

- ✓ Non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) are increasing their fixed deposit (FD) rates to mop up funds that can make up for lower bank borrowings.
- ✓ About Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC):
- ✓ An NBFC is a company registered under the Companies Act, 1956, engaged in the business of loans and advances, the acquisition of shares/stocks/bonds/debentures/securities issued by the Government or local authority or other marketable securities of a like nature, leasing, hire-purchase, insurance business, chit business.
- ✓ It does not include any institution whose principal business is that of agriculture activity, industrial activity, the purchase or sale of any goods (other than securities) or providing any services and sale/purchase/construction of immovable property.
- ✓ A non-banking institution which is a company and has the principal business of receiving deposits under any scheme or arrangement in one lump sum or in installments by way of contributions, or in any other manner, is also an NBFC (Residuary non-banking company).
- ✓ They cannot accept deposits for a period less than 12 months and more than 60 months.



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- ✓ NBFCs cannot offer interest rates higher than the ceiling rate prescribed by RBI from time to time. The present ceiling is 12.5 per cent per annum.
- ✓ NBFCs also provide a wide range of monetary advice like chit-reserves and advances.
- ✓ NBFCs do not have a banking license;
- ✓ NBFCs cannot accept demand deposits;
- ✓ Regulation:
 - ✓ The functions of the NBFCs are managed by both the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and the RBI.
 - ✓ The RBI has the authority to issue licenses to NBFCs, regulate their operations, and ensure that they adhere to the established norms and regulations.
- ✓ NBFCs are categorized
 - ✓ in terms of the types of liabilities into Deposit and Non-Deposit accepting NBFCs,
 - ✓ non-deposit taking NBFCs by their size into systemically important and other non-deposit holding companies (NBFC-NDSI and NBFC-ND) and by the kind of activity, they conduct.
- ✓ What are systemically important NBFCs?
- ✓ NBFCs whose asset size is ₹ 500 crore or more as per the last audited balance sheet are considered systemically important NBFCs.
- ✓ Examples of NBFCs include investment banks, mortgage lenders, money market funds, insurance companies, equipment leasing companies, infrastructure finance companies, hedge funds, private equity funds, and P2P lenders

Q. What is the primary objective of a Nifty Non-Cyclical Index Fund, recently seen in the news?

- A) To generate short-term profits through speculative trading**
- B) To capitalize on market trends during economic downturns**
- C) To focus on high-risk, high-return investments**
- D) To invest in securities of companies that are not impacted by economic instability**

Answer : D

- ✓ Groww Mutual Fund recently launched India's first Nifty Non-Cyclical Consumer Index Fund.
- ✓ About Nifty Non-Cyclical Index Fund:
 - ✓ It is a type of mutual fund that aims to generate long-term capital growth by investing in securities of the Nifty Non-Cyclical Consumer Index (TRI).



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- ✓ This index contains 30 companies that are not majorly impacted by economic instability and are in regular demand, making them a good investment option during economic downturns.
- ✓ Non-cyclical stocks are also known as defensive stocks; these stocks outperform their industry in the stock market despite economic instability.
- ✓ They are not affected by cyclical changes and are in constant demand due to the everyday needs of consumers, such as food, water, and other utilities.
- ✓ Key Facts about NIFTY:
 - ✓ NIFTY is a market index introduced by the National Stock Exchange (NSE), India's largest stock exchange.
 - ✓ It is a blended word: National Stock Exchange and Fifty coined by the NSE.
 - ✓ Nifty was established in 1996 with the name CNX Nifty. Further, in 2015, it was renamed Nifty 50.
 - ✓ NIFTY 50 is a benchmark-based index and also the flagship of NSE.
 - ✓ It represents the performance of the 50 largest and most actively traded stocks listed on the NSE.
 - ✓ It includes stocks of companies from 12 sectors, such as financial services, information technology, consumer goods, metals, pharmaceuticals, energy, etc, and collectively represents the stock market and economic trends of India.
 - ✓ NSE ranks companies based on free-float market capitalisation.
 - ✓ It is one of the two main stock market indices in India, the other being SENSEX, a product of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

Q. Consider the following statements with reference to the Participatory Notes:

- 1. These are financial instruments used by investors to invest in the Indian securities.**
- 2. These are issued by the Reserve Bank of India to overseas investors.**

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both 1 and 2
- D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : A

- ✓ Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) domiciled at the GIFT International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) and registered with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) have been allowed to issue participatory notes.
- ✓ These are often referred to as PNs or P-Notes.



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- ✓ These are financial instruments used by investors and hedge funds to invest in the Indian securities, and no registration is required with the Security Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- ✓ Investments flowing in through PNs are considered as offshore derivative investments.
- ✓ These are issued by registered FPIs to overseas investors who wish to be part of the Indian stock market without registering themselves directly.
- ✓ While the FIIs have to report all such investments each quarter to SEBI, they need not disclose the identity of the actual investors.
- ✓ What is Foreign Portfolio Investment?
- ✓ It refers to the purchase and holding of a wide array of foreign financial assets by investors seeking to invest in a country outside their own.
- ✓ Foreign portfolio investors have access to a range of investment instruments such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, derivatives, fixed deposits, etc.
- ✓ FPI generally intends to invest money into the foreign country's stock market to generate a quick return.
- ✓ In India, foreign portfolio investment is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

Q. With reference to Sahyadri Tiger reserve, consider the following statements:

1. It has the presence of barren rocky and lateritic plateaus locally called Sadas.
2. It is located in the State of Karnataka.
3. It includes the area around Koyna Dam and Warna river.

How many of the above statements are correct?

- A) Only one B) Only two
C) All three D) None

Answer : B

- ✓ The Maharashtra forest department is gearing up for translocation of a few tigers from the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve (TATR) in Chandrapur to Sahyadri Tiger reserve.
- ✓ It is located in the Sahyadri Ranges of the Western Ghats in Maharashtra.
- ✓ It was notified in 2010 by amalgamating the Chandoli national park and Koyna wildlife sanctuary.
- ✓ The region of this Tiger Reserve includes the area around the Koyna Dam, the Warna River, and many other small rivers and streams originating from the Western Ghats and flowing to the east.



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- ✓ Other tiger reserves of Maharashtra: Melghat Tiger Reserve, Bor Tiger Reserve, Nawegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve, Pench Tiger Reserve and Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve
- ✓ Hence only statements 1 and 3 are correct

Q. Bhavishya platform, recently launched by the Government of India, primarily aims to:

- A) facilitate online voter registration**
- B) track pension sanction and payment process online**
- C) simplify the process of issuance of passport**
- D) streamline the income tax returns filing process**

Answer : B

- ✓ The Government's Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare recently started the Integrated Pensioners' Portal in collaboration with Bank of India.
- ✓ About Integrated Pensioners' Portal:
- ✓ The portal is specifically designed to ensure complete digitization of the pension processing and payment system.
- ✓ It combines the pension processing and payment services of five banks (Bank of India, State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Punjab National Bank, and Canara Bank) into a single window.
- ✓ Most pension-disbursing banks will be integrated with the portal later.
- ✓ Its primary objective is to achieve transparency and efficiency in pension-related services.
- ✓ With this system, the pensioner's personal and service particulars can be captured, which enables the online submission of pension forms.
- ✓ Retirees will also be notified of the progress of their pension sanction through SMS or email, keeping them informed throughout the process.
- ✓ The portal has a Bhavishya platform and a Centralised Pension Grievances Redress and Monitoring System (CPENGRAMS).
- ✓ Bhavishya platform:
- ✓ It is an online Pension Sanction & Payment Tracking System launched by the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare.



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- ✓ It provides online tracking of pension sanction and payment process by the individual as well as the administrative authorities for all actions preparatory to grant pension and other retirement benefits, as well as payment of monthly pension after retirement.

Q. Consider the following statements with reference to the Lakshya Aircraft:

1. It is a re-usable high subsonic aerial target system powered by a gas turbine engine.

2. It is designed and built by the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C

- ✓ Aeronautical Development Establishment, a Bengaluru-based Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) lab that developed the Lakshya aircraft, has been visited by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- ✓ About Lakshya Aircraft:
 - ✓ It is an indigenously developed micro-light and pilot-less target aircraft.
 - ✓ It designed and built by the Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), a subsidiary of DRDO, for the Indian Armed Forces.
 - ✓ The Lakshya was inducted into the Indian Air Force, Indian Navy, and Indian Army in 2000, 2001, and 2003, respectively.
 - ✓ The Lakshya was inducted into the Indian Air Force, Indian Navy, and Indian Army in 2000, 2001, and 2003, respectively.
 - ✓ It is a cost-effective re-usable high subsonic aerial target system powered by a gas turbine engine.
 - ✓ The engine is designed and manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Bangalore.
 - ✓ It is required for evaluation and development trials of new surface-to-air and air-to-air weapon systems.
 - ✓ It carries two tow targets of tow lengths of 1.5 km each, having radar, IR or visual signature augmentation, and a Miss Distance Indication Scoring System.

Q. Which Indian state surpassed Karnataka in total private equity investments for the fiscal year 2023-24?

A) Karnataka

B) Haryana



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C) Maharashtra

D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : C

- ✓ Maharashtra leads in private equity investments in FY24 while overall investment drops.
- ✓ Maharashtra has emerged as the top state, surpassing Karnataka in total money flow for the fiscal year 2023-24 in terms of private equity investments (PE funds) in India. In 2022-23, Karnataka has topped the list for maximum PE investments in the state.
- ✓ Mumbai, the financial capital of India, has clinched the spotlight by becoming the leading city for investments after receiving an investment of \$7.3 billion, according to a report titled 'India Invests' by Wealth 360 One.
- ✓ Maharashtra, Karnataka, Haryana, Delhi, and Tamil Nadu are the top five states to attract substantial investments from private equity funds.
- ✓ Mumbai has surpassed India's Silicon City Bengaluru in attracting PE funds, as startup funding has substantially lowered in FY24

Q. What is the name of India's first indigenous bomber UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) aircraft developed by Flying Wedge Defence, a leading company in India's defense and aerospace technology sector?

A) FWD-100A

B) FWD-200B

C) FWD-300C

D) FWD-400D

Answer : B

- ✓ India's first indigenous bomber UAV unveiled in Bengaluru.
- ✓ India's first indigenous bomber UAV aircraft- FWD-200B developed by Flying Wedge Defence, one of the pioneers in India's defence and aerospace technology sector, was unveiled.
- ✓ The Flying Wedge Defence's state-of-the-art manufacturing unit where the FWD-200B was meticulously crafted, is over 12000 sq.ft built on 1.5 acre land and is located at Electronic City.
- ✓ The FWD-200B has a payload capacity of 100 kgs and is classified as a MALE Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (medium-altitude, long-endurance). The Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) consists of optical surveillance payloads and is integrated with missile-like weapons for precision air strikes. While having a max speed of 200 kts/370 kmph, it has an endurance capacity of 12-20 hours.



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Q. Which actor, known for his roles in “The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King” and “Titanic,” has passed away at the age of 79?

A) Bernard Hill

B) Ian McKellen

C) Leonardo DiCaprio

D) Viggo Mortensen

Answer : A

- ✓ Actor Bernard Hill, of ‘Titanic’ and ‘Lord of the Rings,’ passes away
- ✓ Actor Bernard Hill, who delivered a rousing cry before leading his people into battle in The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King” and went down with the ship as the captain in Titanic, has died. He was 79.
- ✓ Hill joined The Lord Of The Rings franchise in the second film of the trilogy, 2002’s The Two Towers, as Thoden, King of Rohan. The following year, he reprised the role in Return of the King, a movie that won 11 Oscars.
- ✓ He was nominated for an award in 1983 from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts for the role, and the show won the BAFTA for best drama series

Q. Who, known for leading Argentina to victory in the 1978 FIFA World Cup, has passed away at the age of 85?

A) Lionel Messi

B) Diego Maradona

C) Gabriel Batistuta

D) Cesar Luis Menotti

Answer : D

- ✓ Argentina’s FIFA World Cup-Winning Coach Menotti Dies Aged 85.
- ✓ Cesar Luis Menotti, who led a dashing Argentina team to victory in the 1978 FIFA World Cup, has died aged 85, the country’s football federation announced.
- ✓ Menotti played for Rosario Central, Boca Juniors and Santos. He began his coaching career at Newell’s Old Boys and won the Argentine championship with Huracan in 1973, before taking over as head coach of the Argentine national team in 1974.
- ✓ Menotti, who left the national side after the 1982 World Cup, went on to coach Barcelona, where he guided the side to the Copa Del Rey success in 1983.



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Q. The Appointment committee of Cabinet has approved the appointment of ___ as President GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) for 4 years.

A) Ranveer Arora

B) Akhilendra Sahu

C) Kavita Shukla

D) Sanjaya Kumar Mishra

Answer : D

- ✓ Sanjaya Kumar Mishra appoints as head of GST Appellate Tribunal
- ✓ The Appointment committee of Cabinet has approved the appointment of Sanjaya Kumar Mishra as President GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) for 4 years.
- ✓ Mishra is a former Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court.
- ✓ The selection was made on the recommendations of a Search-Cum-Selection Committee. This will speed up the process of making the GSTAT functional at earliest.
- ✓ GSTAT will have one Principal Bench located at Delhi and 31 State benches located at various locations across States.
- ✓ In February 2024, the Department of Revenue invited applications for appointments to the posts of the 63 posts of judicial members and 32 posts for the technical Members (Centre) in Principal Bench of GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT).
- ✓ The eligibility criteria was being a judge of the High Court, or serving a retired District Judge or Additional District Judge with 10 years of combined experience, or Lawyer with 10 years of experience with substantial experience in litigation in matters relating to indirect taxes

Q. Which company has secured USD 400 million finance from a consortium of five international banks for its under-construction solar projects of 750 MW in Gujarat and Rajasthan?

A) NTPC Limited

B) REC Limited

C) ReNew Power

D) Adani Green Energy

Answer : D

- ✓ Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) has secured USD 400 million finance from a consortium of five international banks for its under-construction solar projects of 750 MW in Gujarat and Rajasthan.
- ✓ One of the projects is being developed in Rajasthan with 500 MW capacity and has a long-term power purchase agreement (PPA) with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI).



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- ✓ The second one, with 250 MW capacity, is a standalone merchant power project being implemented at the world's largest RE cluster in Khavda, Gujarat.
- ✓ The consortium of lenders includes Cooperative Rabobank U.A., DBS Bank Ltd, Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A., MUFG Bank, Ltd., and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

Q. Who has been appointed as MD of Raymond for 5 years?

- A) Farrhad Acidwalla B) Akhilendra Sahu
C) Gautam Hari Singhania D) Nithin Kamath

Answer : C

- ✓ Gautam Singhania appointed as MD of Raymond
- ✓ Raymond has re-appointed Gautam Hari Singhania as its managing director for a term of five years effective from July 1, 2024.
- ✓ Singhania, a commerce graduate, assumed the role of chairman and managing director of Raymond in September 2000.
- ✓ Over the years, he has been instrumental in strategically restructuring the Raymond Group, including the divestment of its non-core businesses of Steel, Cement, and Synthetics.

Q. Carol Furtado has been appointed as executive director of which Small Finance Bank in May 2024?

- A) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank B) Shivalik Small Finance Bank
C) Suryoday Small Finance Bank D) Capital Small Finance Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has appointed Carol Furtado as executive director for three years with effect from May 1.
- ✓ Ms Furtado has been with the bank since its inception and assumed various key positions including chief human resource officer, head of operations and service quality and chief business officer.
- ✓ Furtado has over 29 years of banking experience in retail banking and non-banking finance company domains. She was instrumental in the organisation's transition from NBFC-MFI to a small finance bank.

Q. Which day of the year is observed as the International Day of the Midwife?

- A) 02 May B) 05 May
C) 03 May D) 04 May



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Answer : B

- ✓ Every year the, International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) celebrates the International Day of the Midwife on 5 May.
- ✓ The first International Day of the Midwife was celebrated in 1992.
- ✓ The main objective of this day is to recognise the work of midwives and raise awareness about the status of midwives for the essential care they provide to mothers and their newborns.

Q. Coal Miners Day is observed every year on which day in India?

- A) May 5 B) May 3
C) May 4 D) May 2

Answer : C

- ✓ In India, the Coal Miners Day is celebrated on May 4 every year, to recognize the hard work of some of the great unsung heroes of Industrial Revolution.
- ✓ The day aims to show appreciation for the coal miners and honour their accomplishments, who spend most of the days digging, tunnelling and extracting coal from the mines.
- ✓ Though coal miners have been working for centuries, they became significantly important due to the Industrial revolution between 1760 and 1840 when coal was used on a large scale to fuel stationary and locomotive engines and heat buildings.
- ✓ Indian states such as Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra are the significant coal suppliers

Q. When is the International No Diet Day celebrated?

- A) May 7 B) May 5
C) May 4 D) May 6

Answer : D

- ✓ International No Diet Day is observed on May 6, and its symbol is a light blue ribbon.
- ✓ It is an annual celebration of body acceptance, including fat acceptance and body shape diversity. It means recognising that your body is beautiful exactly as it is and worry less about your weight, body shape and more about being healthy and active.



- ✓ The day is dedicated to promoting a healthy life style with a focus on health at any size and in raising awareness of the potential dangers of dieting and the unlikelihood of success

Q. Consider the following statements with reference to the FWD-200B, recently seen in the news:

1. It is an indigenous military-grade bomber Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV).

2. It is designed and manufactured by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : A

- ✓ India's first indigenous bomber UAV aircraft, the FWD-200B, developed by Flying Wedge Defence, an Indian defence and aerospace company, was unveiled recently.
- ✓ About FWD-200B:
- ✓ It is an indigenous military grade bomber Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV).
- ✓ It is India's first indigenous unmanned bomber aircraft.
- ✓ It is designed and manufactured by Flying Wedge Defence and Aerospace Technologies, an Indian defence and aerospace company.
- ✓ It has a payload capacity of 100 kg and is classified as a MALE (medium-altitude, long-endurance) Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle.
- ✓ The Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) consists of optical surveillance payloads and is integrated with missile-like weapons for precision air strikes.
- ✓ It has a maximum speed of 370 kmph (200 knots), an endurance capacity of 12 to 20 hours, and a ground control station range of 200 km.
- ✓ At six metres long, with an eight-metre wingspan, the aircraft can carry a maximum take-off weight of 498 kg and has an operational altitude of 9,000 feet above mean sea level.

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- Indian Army and the Punit Balan Group joined hands to inaugurate the nation's first Constitution Park in Pune
- Adani Group's Vizhinjam Port in Kerala has received approval from the shipping ministry to operate as India's first transshipment port
- SJVN Limited has commissioned India's first multipurpose (heat and power) green hydrogen pilot project at the 1,500 MW Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station at Jhakri, Himachal Pradesh.
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has launched India's first medical devices calibration facility on wheels.
- India's first Artificial Intelligence based Film 'IRAH' trailer launched
- India's 1st Battery Energy Storage GigaFactory will be Launched in J&K
- India's first integrated oil palm processing unit in Arunachal Pradesh started operation by one of India's largest oil palm development companies, 3F Oil Palm.
- India's first Indoor athletic centre inaugurated in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- India's First Research IIT Satellite Campus will be in Ujjain.
- India's first spy satellite built by Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) will be launched in a SpaceX rocket by April and will be used by the armed forces to obtain secret information.
- Commencement of Core Loading at India's first indigenous Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) (500 MWe) at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu.
- The PFBR has been fully designed and constructed by BHAVINI.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first automobile in-plant railway siding project at Maruti Suzuki India's plant in Hansalpur, Gujarat.
- Kerala has declared the man-animal conflict a state-specific disaster, the first in India to do so.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched India's first indigenous green hydrogen fuel cell inland waterway vessel in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.
- Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT-K) has successfully established and tested India's first Hypervelocity Expansion Tunnel Test Facility.
- Ola Founder's Krutrim Becomes First \$1 Billion Indian AI Startup.
- For the first time in India, a boat running on solar energy will be operated in the Saryu river in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.
- Reliance Industries Achieves India's First ISCC-Plus Certification .



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- Lucknow city, known as the 'City of Nawabs', will be developed as India's first 'AI City'.
- Uttar Pradesh government has announced the launch of India's first 'Telecom Center of Excellence'.
- India's first solar roof cycling track was inaugurated in Hyderabad city.
- Uttarakhand launches India's first polythene waste bank for sustainable waste management.
- Telangana has launched India's first Agricultural Data Exchange (ADeX) and Agriculture Data Management Framework (ADMF) in Hyderabad.
- India's first-ever sports university to be set up in Manipur.
- India Launches Its 1st Indigenous e-Tractor Developed By the CMERI.
- Dr Jitendra Singh, had launched the CSIR Prima ET11, the first indigenous e-Tractor developed by the Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI), Durgapur, a public engineering R&D institution in Durgapur, West Bengal, and a constituent laboratory of the Indian Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- Kerala Launches India's First AI School, Pioneering Future-Focused Education.
- Sanchi, a world heritage site located in the Raisen district of Madhya Pradesh, is all set to become India's first solar city.
- Hitachi Payment Services launched India's first UPI-ATM.
- India's first Vedic-themed park unveiled in Noida.

Q. Iga Swiatek, who won the 2024 Madrid Open Tennis Women's singles title, belongs to which country?

A) Belarus

B) Poland

C) Norway

D) Australia

Answer : B

- ✓ World no.1 women's tennis players Iga Swiatek and Andrey Rublev won the women's and men's singles titles at the 2024 Madrid Open, respectively.
- ✓ This was the first Madrid Open title for Iga Swiatek of Poland, while it was the second Madrid Open title for Andrey Rublev.
- ✓ The Madrid Open Tennis was held in the Spanish capital city of Madrid from 22 April to 5 May 2024.
- ✓ Iga Swiatek defeated Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (9/7) to win her first Madrid Open title. Last year, she lost in the final to Aryna Sabalenka.



- ✓ Andrey Rublev of Russia won the singles title of the ATP Madrid Open Masters 1000, beating Felix Auger-Aliassime of Canada 4-6, 7-5, 7-5, to win his second ATP Masters title.

Q. Who has won the 2024 Thomas Cup badminton title?

- A) China**
- B) Indonesia**
- C) India**
- D) Malaysia**

Answer : A

- ✓ China wins both Thomas and Uber Cup Badminton titles
- ✓ The Chinese badminton team confirmed its domination of the sport by winning both the men's Tomas Cup and the women's Uber Cup. The final of the 2024 BWF Thomas and Uber Cup was played in the Chinese city of Chengdu on May 5, 2024.
- ✓ Thomas and Uber Cup is held every two years and is organised by the world badminton governing body, the Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- ✓ In both the Thomas and Uber Cup, three singles and two doubles matches are played. However, if a team wins the first two singles and the first doubles, then no other matches are played.
- ✓ The 2024 edition of the Thomas and Uber Cup was held in Chengdu, China, from 27 April to 5 May 2024.
- ✓ 2024 BWF Thomas and Uber Cup
- ✓ For the first time since 2012, Chinese badminton has won both the men's and women's titles at the world team championships.
- ✓ Thomas Cup
- ✓ China defeated Indonesia 4-1 to win the Thomas Cup for the 11th time.
- ✓ 16 teams participated in the Thomas Cup, including India. However, the Indian team lost to China in the quarterfinals 3-1 to crash out of the championship. India was the defending champion.
- ✓ The Indian team won the Thomas Cup held in Bangkok, Thailand, in 2022.
- ✓ Uber Cup
- ✓ The Chinese women's team defeated Indonesia 3-0 to win the Uber Cup for the 16th time. The Chinese women's team dominated the event by winning 24 straight games throughout the tournament.
- ✓ The Indian women's team lost in the quarter-finals to Japan 3-0.
- ✓ About Thomas Cup
- ✓ The Thomas Cup is also known as the World Men's Badminton Team Championship.
- ✓ The first Thomas Cup was held in 1948-49, and Malaysia won it by defeating Denmark in the final.



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- ✓ To date, only six countries have won the Thomas Cup
- ✓ Indonesia has been the most successful team in the event, winning it 15 times. China has won the title 11 times. Malaysia has won it 5 times, Japan has won it once, and India has won it once in 2022.
- ✓ The only non-Asian country to win the Thomas Cup was Denmark in 2016.
- ✓ The 2024 Thomas Cup champion team is China
- ✓ About Uber Cup
- ✓ The Women's Badminton Team Championship is also popularly known as Uber Cup. The trophy has been named after England's great badminton player Betty Uber who designed and donated the trophy.
- ✓ Since 1984, Uber has been held along with the Thomas Cup at the same venue. It is also held every two years.
- ✓ The first Uber Cup was held in 1956-57 and it was won by the USA team.
- ✓ China is the most successful team, having won it 16 times, and Japan has won it 6 times. The Indian women's team has never won the Uber Cup.
- ✓ The 2024 champion team is China

Q. Who has won the 2024 Uber Cup badminton title?

- A) Japan
- B) India
- C) Indonesia
- D) China

Answer : D

Q. Which team has won the 2023-24 Indian Super League title?

- A) Mohun Bagan Super Giant
- B) Mumbai City FC
- C) FC Goa
- D) Odisha FC

Answer : B

- ✓ Mumbai City FC defeat Mohun Bagan Super Giant to win the ISL 2023-24
- ✓ Mumbai City FC football club defeated Mohun Bagan Bagan Super Giant by 3-1 goals to win the 2023-24 Indian Super League (ISL) final, which was played at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan Stadium in Kolkata (West Bengal). This was Mumbai City FC's second title.
- ✓ Incidentally, Mumbai City FC won its first ISL title in 2020-21 by defeating the Mohun Bagan team
- ✓ The winner of the ISL 2023-24 Mumbai City FC took Rs 6 crore as the prize money, and the runners-up, Mohun Bagan Super Giant, got Rs 3 crore as prize money.



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Q. Who has won the 2024 Men's AFC U23 title?

- A) Japan B) Uzbekistan
C) India D) Thailand

Answer : A

- ✓ Japan win 2024 Men's AFC U-23 Title by beating Uzbekistan in final
- ✓ Japan defeated Uzbekistan in the final to win the Men's AFC U-23 Asian Cup for the second time. Japan had earlier won the tournament title in 2016.
- ✓ In the final match played at the Jassim bin Hamad Stadium in Doha, Qatar, Japan won by a solitary goal and also qualified for the 2024 Paris Olympics
- ✓ The 6th edition of AFC U-23 was held in Qatar from 15 April -3 May 2024.
- ✓ Gold for Japan, Silver for Uzbekistan, and Bronze for Iraq
- ✓ Performers at the 2024 AFC U 23
- ✓ Fair Play Award - Uzbekistan. The award was received by Uzbekistan's captain Jaloliddinov.
- ✓ Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament- Uzbekistan's goalkeeper Nematov.
- ✓ Top Goalscorer of the Tournament - Ali Jasim of Iraq. He scored four goals during the tournament.
- ✓ Most Valuable Player of the Tournament - Japanese team captain Fujita
- ✓ 2024 Men's AFC U 23
- ✓ The 6th edition of the 2024 men's AFC U-23 was held in Doha, Qatar, from 15 April -3 May 2024. 16 teams from Asia participated in the tournament.
- ✓ The 2024 Men's AFC U 23 Asian Cup was organised by the Asian Football Confederation along with the host Qatar Football Association.
- ✓ The men's AFC U 23 is organised every two years.
- ✓ The first championship was organised in 2013 in Oman which was won by Iraq.
- ✓ In the 2022 championship, Saudi Arabia won the title.
- ✓ Japan is the most successful team, having won it in 2016 and 2024.

Q. Which team has won the 2023-24 season La Liga title?

- A) Barcelona B) Sevilla
C) Forward D) Real Madrid

Answer : D



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- ✓ 36th La Liga Title for Real Madrid football club
- ✓ The Spanish football club Real Madrid has been crowned the La Liga 2023-24 season title after beating Cadiz 3-0. In the other match, which had a bearing on the title, the Girona football club defeated Barcelona 4-2 to ensure that Real Madrid won its 36th La Liga title.
- ✓ Real Madrid, also known as Los Blancos by its supporters, leads the 2023-24 La Liga season with 87 points, with four games still to play.
- ✓ Real Madrid has taken an unassailable lead of 13 points over its nearest rival, Girona.
- ✓ Brahim Diaz, Jude Bellingham and Joselu scored the goals for Real Madrid in the match against Cadiz. La Liga is the top domestic men's professional football tournament in Spain.

Q. India's premier biennial motor show "Auto Expo" will be held in which city in 2025?

A) Hyderabad

B) Mumbai

C) Chennai

D) New Delhi

Answer : D

- ✓ Auto Expo set to move back to New Delhi in 2025
- ✓ The Auto Expo is set to return to the national capital in 2025, after a decade.
- ✓ India's flagship biennial motor show will be organized next year under the Bharat Mobility umbrella in New Delhi's Pragati Maidan, 10 years after the exhibition was moved to Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, in 2014.
- ✓ Under the Bharat Mobility umbrella, automotive industry body Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) will organize the customer-focused motor show.
- ✓ It is typically a ticketed event attracting retail footfall at Bharat Mandapam in Pragati Maidan, while the global components expo will be organized by Automotive Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA) at Yashobhoomi in Dwarka.

SUMMIT & CONFERENCE IN NEWS 2023- 24

- A Ministerial round table conference was held on April 24th, 2024, during the 26th World Energy Congress in Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure's 6th edition has begun in New Delhi.
- The conference's theme is "Investing today for a more resilient tomorrow".
- The 16th World Future Energy Summit has recently commenced in Abu Dhabi, UAE.



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- 3rd Summit for Democracy being hosted by South Korea
- The 148th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly was held in Geneva, Switzerland from March 23–27, 2024.
- Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurates World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS 2024) in Delhi.
- WSDS 2024 is the 23rd edition of the summit.
- WSDS 2024 will take place on the theme 'Leadership for the Sustainable Development and Climate Justice'
- 54th annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) is being held in Davos, Switzerland from 15 January 2024.
- Theme of 54th meeting of WEF: 'Rebuilding Trust'.
- India launched Global Good Alliance for Gender Equity and Equality, at the World Economic Forum Summit at Davos, Switzerland, held from 15-19 January 2024.
- Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the 10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit- 2024 at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, on 10 January 2024.
- Theme of 10th Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit- 2024: 'Gateway to the Future'.
- India has been selected for the first time to chair and host the 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.
- The 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee will be held in New Delhi between 21 and 31 July 2024.
- Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates joined BRICS as new full members. This group has now become an organization of 10 countries.
- Russia's tenure as Chairman of BRICS begins from January 1, 2024.
- 27th WAIPA World Investment Conference (WIC) started on 11 December 2023 in New Delhi
- India Internet Governance Forum 2023 (IIGF-2023) will be organized on 5 December 2023 in New Delhi.
- India is going to organize a three-day (4 to 6 December) Global Technology Summit (GTS) from 4 December 2023



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Q. In which country will the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 be organized?

- A) India
B) Bangladesh
C) England
D) Australia

Answer : B

- ✓ International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the schedule of the upcoming Women's T20 World Cup 2024.
- ✓ This will be the ninth edition of the Women's T20 World Cup which will be held in Bangladesh between 3 to 20 October.
- ✓ The Indian cricket team will take on arch-rival Pakistan on October 6

Q. Which company will launch the world's first compressed natural gas (CNG) motorcycle in June 2024?

- A) Honda
B) Hyundai
C) Bajaj Auto
D) Ola

Answer : C

- ✓ Bajaj Auto will launch the world's first compressed natural gas (CNG) motorcycle on June 2024.
- ✓ This move marks a significant shift in the industry, providing customers with a cost-effective and eco-friendly alternative to traditional petrol motorcycles.
- ✓ With the new CNG-powered bikes, customers can expect a significant reduction in operational costs, making it an attractive proposition in today's market.
- ✓ Bajaj Auto plans to initiate production with an initial capacity of 20,000 CNG motorcycles, a cautious step considering the varied response the initiative has garnered thus far.
- ✓ The CNG-powered bike is to be named Bruzer 125 CNG.

Q. Sunita Williams is ready to fly into space, how many times has she traveled to space before?

- A) Once
B) Twice
C) Three times
D) Four times

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian-origin astronaut Sunita Williams is set to fly into space for the third time as a pilot in the first crewed test flight of Boeing's Starliner spacecraft. Boeing's Starliner will fly to the International Space Station from



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Cape Canaveral, Florida. Butch Wilmore will travel to the International Space Station with 58-year-old Williams.

FIRST'S FEMALE IN NEWS 2023-24

- Professor Naima Khatoun has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).
- Democratic Republic Of Congo Appoints Judith Suminwa Tuluka As African Nation's First Woman Prime Minister.
- Suman Kumari has become the first woman sniper of the Border Security Force (BSF).
- Maryam Nawaz was sworn in as the first woman Chief Minister (CM) of Pakistan's Punjab province.
- Justice Ritu Bahri was today sworn in as the first woman Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court.
- Nina Singh becomes first woman to be appointed as DG of CISF.
- Captain Fatima Wasim has become the first woman medical officer to be posted at the operational post of Siachen Glacier.
- Captain Geetika Kaul of Snow Leopard Brigade had become the first woman medical officer to be deployed in Siachen.
- Commander Perna Deosthalee has been appointed as the first woman officer to command a warship in the Indian Navy (INW).
- Sue Redfern became the first woman to stand as an umpire in a men's first-class cricket match in England and Wales.
- Jaya Varma Sinha has been appointed as the new Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Railway Board (Ministry of Railways) w.e.f Sept 01, 2023. She has replaced AK Lahoti.
- She is the first woman to be appointed to this Apex post of Indian Railways.
- Geetika Srivastava is first woman to head Indian mission in Pakistan.
- Phangnon Konyak became the first woman to chair the Rajya Sabha from Nagaland.
- Tenzing Yangki has become the first female IPS officer of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Lisa Franchetti becomes 1st woman to be top Navy officer in US history.
- Nusrat Chowdhary will become the first Muslim woman federal judge in US history.
- Celeste Saulo of Argentina has been appointed as the first female Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).



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- Shalini Singh from Lucknow has become the first woman NCC cadet in India to complete a mountaineering course in the Himalayan region of Uttarakhand.
- Parminder Chopra becomes first woman Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Power Finance Corporation.
- Amy Pope of the United States has been selected as the first female Director-General of the United Nations Migration Agency.
- Lieutenant Shivangi Singh is the first woman Rafale pilot to take part in Orion Exercise 2023.
- Wing Commander Deepika Mishra has become the first woman Air Force officer to receive the Gallantry Medal.
- New Zealand-born Kim Cotton has become the first female umpire to officiate in a Men's T20 International (T20I) cricket match involving two ICC full-member nations.
- Sheenu Jhawar becomes first woman president of TiE Rajasthan.
- American Space Agency, NASA has selected the first woman astronaut, Christina Koch for its Artemis II mission.
- Surekha Yadav, Asia's 1st woman loco pilot who now operates Vande Bharat, From Solapur to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminal (CSMT) in Maharashtra.
- Shalija Dhami becomes first woman officer to command a fighter unit in Indian Air Force (IAF).
- Colonel Geeta Rana became the first woman officer to command a field workshop.
- Captain Shiva Chauhan becomes the first women officer to be operationally deployed in the highest battleground in Kumar Post on the Siachen glacier.
- The first woman officer to be posted on foreign assignment in the Border Roads Organization (BRO) - Captain Surabhi Jakhmola.
- Rae Bareli's hockey stadium is named after hockey star Rani Rampal, first woman player from India to achieve this feat.
- Hekani Jakhalu became the first female MLA of Nagaland Assembly.
- Equatorial Guinea appoints Manuela Roka Botey as first female PM.
- Indian-origin Manpreet Monica Singh sworn in as 1st female Sikh judge of USA.
- Santhi Kumari Appointed as First Woman Chief Secretary of Telangana.
- Saudi Arabia's Rayna Barnawi first female astronaut is set to go into space this year .
- Dina Boluarte became Peru's first female president.



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- FIFA has announced that Stephanie Frappart of France will be the first woman to referee a men's World Cup match.
- PT Usha Become First Women President of Indian Olympic Association.

Q. India's Tejaswin Shankar, who was seen in news in May 2024 for achieving a remarkable achievement, is associated with which of the following sport?

- A) Hockey
- B) Badminton
- C) Weightlifting
- D) High Jump

Answer : D

- ✓ India's Tejaswin Shankar clinched victory in the men's High Jump event at the USATF Festival in Tucson, Arizona, USA.
- ✓ The National record holder Tejaswin cleared 2.23 metres in his first attempt to secure the top spot at the World Athletics Continental Tour – Silver event. With this jump, he equaled his season-best effort.
- ✓ Earnie Sears of USA finished second, while Roberto Vilches of Mexico was third. Another Indian athlete, Sarvesh Kushare cleared 2.13m to finish fifth

Q. When is the World Athletics Day 2024 being observed by the IAAF?

- A) 06 May
- B) 03 May
- C) 05 May
- D) 07 May

Answer : D

- ✓ World Athletics Day is celebrated globally on May 7.
- ✓ The day aims to boost participation in athletics among youngsters and make people aware of the various health issues and create awareness about the importance of fitness.
- ✓ World Athletics Day was introduced in 1996 by then-president of International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) Primo Nebiolo.
- ✓ The date to celebrate this day is different every year and is decided by IAAF, but the month remains the same which is May.



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STATE - FROM PUNJAB



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NAME - MANU YARGHESE
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BANK - KERALA GRAMEEN
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