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Aparchit June 3rd Week English Best 350+ MCQs with Amazing Facts
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Q. Who has been re-appointed as the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India in June 2024?

- A) Nripendra Misra
B) P.K. Mishra
C) Pulok Chatterjee
D) Brajesh Misra

Answer : B

- ✓ Dr PK Mishra re-appointed Principal Secretary under Modi Government.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet, has re-appointed Dr Pramod Kumar Mishra as the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister.
- ✓ The retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, Dr P.K. Mishra, has been appointed for his second consecutive term.
- ✓ According to the Department of Personnel and Training, the government of India, Dr P.K. Mishra's appointment comes into effect on 10 June 2024. He will continue in office until the term of the incumbent Prime Minister or until further order
- ✓ Dr P.K. Mishra has been given the rank of cabinet minister in the Modi government
- ✓ He was appointed as the Principal Secretary to the prime minister for the first time in 2019 and was re-appointed for the second time in 2024.
- ✓ The post of Cabinet Secretary is the highest civil servant post in the Indian government.
- ✓ The Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister heads the PMO.
- ✓ The first Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister was P.N.Haksar, who was appointed by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1973.
- ✓ Dr PK Mishra is the 13th Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister.

FAMOUS SECRETARY IN NEWS

- Pramod Kumar Mishra : Principal Secretary to Prime Minister
- Sanjay Malhotra : Revenue Secretary
- Aramane Giridhar : Defence Secretary
- Rajiv Gauba - Cabinet Secretary
- Vivek Kumar - Private Secretary to PM
- Vinay Mohan Kwatra - Foreign secretary



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- Tarun Kapoor - Advisor to PM
- T V Somanathan - Finance Secretary.
- Ajay Seth - Economic Affairs Secretary.
- TV Somanathan - Expenditure Secretary.
- P Praveen Siddharth - Private Secretary to President.
- Kapil Dev Tripathi - Secretary to President

Q. Which state government has launched the PM Shri Tourism Air Service?

- A) Uttar Pradesh B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Rajasthan D) Bihar

Answer : B

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh CM launches PM Shri Tourism Air Service.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav inaugurated the intra-state air service facility 'PM Shri Tourism Air Service' on 13 June 2024.
- ✓ He inaugurated the first flight under the service from the Bhopal airport.
- ✓ PM Shri Tourism Air Service
- ✓ The PM Shri Tourism Air Service is an intra-state air service that connects the state's religious and tourist spots by air. It aims to improve connectivity for domestic and international tourists visiting Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ Madhya Pradesh Tourism has launched the PM Shri Tourism Air Service in partnership with JETSERVE Aviation Private Limited.
- ✓ The PM Shri Tourism Air Service will connect eight cities in the state: Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Rewa, Ujjain, Gwalior, Singrauli, and Khajuraho

MADHYA PRADESH IN NEWS 2024

- World's First Vedic Clock Unveiled in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.
- Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change has submitted three nominations from India for Wetland City Accreditation (WCA) of Indore (Madhya Pradesh), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) & Udaipur (Rajasthan) under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
- Madhya Pradesh government will set up PM College of Excellence in all districts of the state.
- Mohan Yadav has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh.



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- The city of Kozhikode in Kerala was added in UNESCO's Creative Cities Network (UCCN).
- Gwalior from Madhya Pradesh was also among the 55 new cities to join the network.
- Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve becomes the 7th tiger reserve of Madhya Pradesh and 55th in India.

Q. Which Indian player has won the 2024 FIDE World Chess Junior U-20 Girl's Chess Championship?

A) Suamya Swaminathan

B) Harika Dronavalli

C) Divya Deshmukh

D) Koneru Humpy

Answer : C

- ✓ 18-year Nagpur girl and women's chess International Master Divya Deshmukh won the FIDE under -20 Girl's World Chess Championship.
- ✓ In the men's section, Grand Master Kazybek Nogerbek, a 20-year-old chess player from Kazakhstan, won the world title.
- ✓ The 2024 FIDE U-20 World Chess Championship was organised by the world chess governing body, the International Chess Federation (FIDE).
- ✓ Divya Deshmukh is the fourth Indian to win the FIDE under -20 Girl's World Chess Championship after Koneru Humpy, Harika Dronavalli and Soumya Swaminathan.
- ✓ Grand Master Kazybek Nogerbek of Kazakhstan won the 2024 FIDE World Junior Chess Championship.

CHESS GRANDMASTER IN NEWS 2024

- 18-year Nagpur girl and women's chess International Master Divya Deshmukh won the FIDE under -20 Girl's World Chess Championship.
- Magnus Carlsen and Ju Wenjun emerged as the champions at the Norway Chess tournament at Stavanger.
- World No 1, Magnus Carlsen won the Casablanca Chess Variant tournament .
- P Shyaamnikhil of Tamil Nadu becomes India's 85th Chess Grandmaster.
- 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.



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- 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.

Q. Cyril Ramaphosa, who was in the news recently, belongs to which country?

- A) South Africa
- B) Nigeria
- C) Ethiopia
- D) Kenya

Answer : A

- ✓ Cyril Ramaphosa secures second term as South African President.
- ✓ Cyril Ramaphosa has secured a second term as the President of South Africa after he was elected by the South African Parliament in a late night sitting on 14 June 2024. Cyril Ramaphosa was re-elected after a deal was signed between his African National Congress (ANC) Party and the centre-right Democratic Alliance (DA) and other smaller parties to form a coalition government.
- ✓ Cyril Ramaphosa was elected as the President of South Africa for the first time on 15 February 2018.
- ✓ About the Republic of South Africa
- ✓ The apartheid ended in 1994, and black leader Nelson Mandela was elected as the first Black President of South Africa in 1994.
- ✓ Capital of South Africa: It has three capitals. Pretoria (executive), Cape Town (legislative), and Bloemfontein (judicial).
- ✓ Currency: Rand
- ✓ President: Cyril Ramaphosa

Q. “Kavli Prizes”, recently seen in the news, are awarded for?

- A) Literature, peace and economics
- B) Environmental science, public health and engineering
- C) Astrophysics, nanoscience and neuroscience
- D) Mathematics, computer science and biology

Answer : C



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- ✓ The winners of the 2024 Kavli Prize were announced on Wednesday. Eight winners were awarded for their contributions to astrophysics, neuroscience, and nanoscience.
- ✓ About:
- ✓ It is awarded in honour of Norwegian-American businessman and philanthropist Fred Kavli (1927-2013)
- ✓ The Kavli Prizes are awarded in three areas: astrophysics, nanoscience and neuroscience — the largest, the smallest, and the most complex. The inaugural prize was announced in 2008.
- ✓ Winners in 2024:
- ✓ ASTROPHYSICS: This year's prize for astrophysics has been awarded to David Charbonneau, and Sara Seager for discoveries of exoplanets, and the characterisation of their atmosphere.
- ✓ NANOSCIENCE: Robert Langer, Armand Paul Alivisatos, and Chad Mirkin were given the prize for nanoscience for biomedical applications breakthroughs.
- ✓ NEUROSCIENCE: The prize in neuroscience has been awarded to Nancy Kanwisher, Winrich Freiwald, and Doris Tsao for their collective effort over decades to map the linkage between facial recognition and the brain.

Q. Rajeev Taranath, who recently passed away at the age of 91, was a renowned maestro of which classical musical instrument?

- A) Sitar
- B) Tabla
- C) Sarod
- D) Flute

Answer : C

- ✓ Sarod Maestro Rajeev Taranath Passes Away At 91.
- ✓ Sarod maestro of international repute Rajeev Taranath has passed away in Mysuru in Karnataka after a prolonged illness. He was 91.
- ✓ He has composed music for many internationally acclaimed Kannada films including Samskara, Kanchana Sita and Kadavu. He served as the head of the Indian music programme at the World Music department of the California Institute of the Arts.
- ✓ He is the recipient of Padma Shri award in 2019



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- ✓ Headquarters: Campbell Bay
- ✓ Indira Point, situated in Campbell Bay, is the southernmost point of India and is only about 150 km from Sumatra, Indonesia.
- ✓ The population consists mostly of two indigenous communities: Shompen, a largely nomadic hunter-gatherer Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group, and Nicobarese, a semi-traditional Scheduled Tribe.
- ✓ The only Bio-sphere Reserve in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the Great Nicobar Bio-sphere Reserve encompasses a large part (some 85%) of the island.
- ✓ The island also comprises a hill range with its highest point being around 642 meters above sea level at Mount Thullier.

Q. The term “Nagastra”, recently seen in the news, refers to:

- A) a newly developed anti-tank guided missile**
- B) an advanced weather satellite**
- C) a next-generation ballistic missile defense system**
- D) the first indigenous man-portable suicide drone**

Answer : D

- ✓ The army has got its first indigenous man-portable suicide drones that are designed to target enemy training camps, launch pads and infiltrators with precision, without endangering the lives of soldiers.
- ✓ About:
- ✓ The Indian army has integrated the Nagastra 1 loitering munition, designed by Economic Explosives Limited (EEL), as its first indigenous man-portable suicide drone.
- ✓ These drones enhance the army's precision strike capabilities against enemy training camps and infiltrators, with a focus on reducing dependence on imports and promoting self-reliance in defence technology.
- ✓ With the potential for exports to friendly nations, Nagastra 1 showcases India's advancement in developing cost-effective solutions for modern warfare.
- ✓ The Nagastra-1 is fully designed and developed in India, with an indigenous content of over 75%.
- ✓ The drone can carry out GPS-enabled precision strikes with an accuracy of 2 meters and has a range of almost 30 km.
- ✓ The drone weighs 6 kg and can stay airborne for up to 60 minutes.



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- ✓ Sankalan app has been designed for navigating through new criminal laws as a bridge between old and new criminal laws

Q. The Ministry of Textiles has approved funding of Rs. 50 lakh each for seven startups in Technical Textiles to promote innovation and sustainability. This initiative was announced during the meeting chaired by___

- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- B) Minister of Textiles Smriti Irani
- C) None of the above
- D) Secretary of the Ministry of Textiles Rachna Shah

Answer : D

- ✓ Centre Approves ₹50 Lakh Grants Each For 7 Startups In Technical Textiles To Boost Innovation And Sustainability.
- ✓ The Ministry of Textiles has approved Rs. 50 Lakh each for seven startups in Technical Textiles to boost innovation and sustainability and to foster transformative developments that will shape the industry's future.
- ✓ The grants have been approved under the NTTM's Grant for Research and Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles (GREAT) scheme. This initiative aims to encourage young innovators, scientists, technologists, and startup ventures to transform their ideas into commercial technologies and products, thereby fostering self-reliance in India

Q. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and La Fondation Dassault Systemes India celebrated the conclusion of which flagship program for school students during the grand finale held in Pune?

- A) AIM Student Innovation Challenge
- B) AIM Student Entrepreneurship Program
- C) AIM Young Innovators Challenge
- D) AIM Future Entrepreneurs Program

Answer : B

- ✓ Young innovators shine at the 'Student Entrepreneurship Program – Seed the Future Entrepreneurs' finale organized by Atal Innovation Mission and La Fondation Dassault Systemes India
- ✓ Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) in collaboration with La Fondation Dassault Systemes India celebrated the culmination of its flagship program for school students, 'Made in 3D – Seed the Future Entrepreneurs' under AIM's Student Entrepreneurship Program (SEP) season – 2023-24 during the grand finale held in Pune.



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This event marked the conclusion of an eight-month journey dedicated to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship among young minds.

- ✓ The season 2023-24 of this program witnessed a special focus on connecting students with Krishi Vigyan Kendras, resulting in a significant number of projects centered around the rural ecosystem theme

Q. An agreement has been signed between which two entities to make Indian art and culture more accessible through television?

- A) Ministry of Culture and Doordarshan
- B) Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and Sansad TV
- C) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and Lok Sabha TV
- D) National Museum and Rajya Sabha TV

Answer : B

- ✓ IGNCA signs MoU with Sansad TV.
- ✓ To make Indian art and culture more accessible to the people, an important agreement has been signed between the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and Sansad TV.
- ✓ Under this, programmes produced by IGNCA will be telecast on Sansad TV and Sansad TV will also be able to use the content from IGNCA's cultural archives.

SIGNS MoU IN NEWS 2024

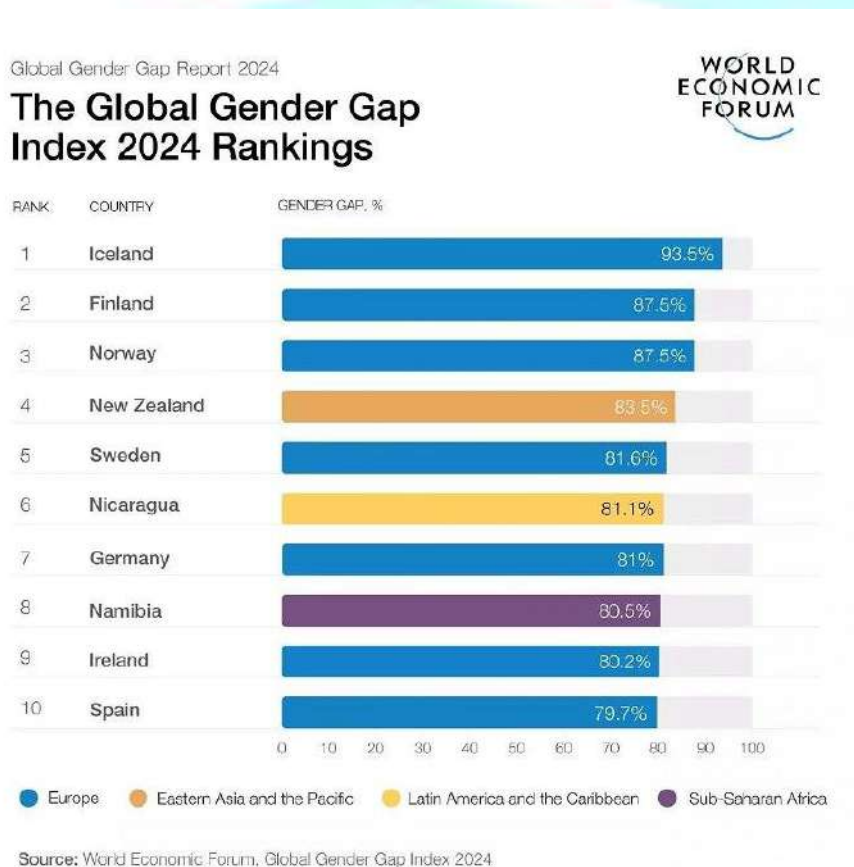
- Indian Coast Guard and Jindal Steel & Power sign MoU to enhance indigenous shipbuilding
- India signs MoU with Bulgaria to enhance collaboration, exchange auditing expertise
- India and Mauritius recently amended their Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) to combat tax evasion and avoidance.
- India and Nepal agree to promote Sanskrit research and education.
- India and Bhutan signed MoU in the field of Energy Efficiency and Energy Conservation Measures.
- India, Colombia sign MoU on Cooperation in the field of Sharing Successful Digital Solutions.
- India Signs Agreement for Lithium Exploration & Mining Project in Argentina



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- ✓ The Global Gender Gap Index is an annual report produced by the World Economic Forum (WEF) that measures gender-based gaps in access to resources and opportunities in countries around the world.
- ✓ It is the longest-standing index, tracking progress towards closing these gaps over time since its inception in 2006.
- ✓ It tracks the gender gap across four key parameters:
 1. Economic participation and opportunity,
 2. Educational attainment,
 3. Health and survival, and
 4. Political empowerment.
- ✓ It ranks countries on a scale from 0 to 1, with a score of 1 indicating that a country has achieved complete gender equality, while a score of 0 indicates a complete lack of equality.





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- ✓ The top 10 most gender-equal nations are found to be in Europe, with Iceland retaining its top position with a score of 0.935. Sudan was ranked last on the index of 146 countries.
- ✓ Of the four gender gap areas measured, the Health and Survival gender gap has closed by 96%, the Educational Attainment gap by 94.9%, the Economic Participation and Opportunity gap by 60.5%, and the Political Empowerment gap by 22.5%.
- ✓ The most significant shift occurs in Political Empowerment, where parity has jumped a total of 8.3 percentage points.
- ✓ India has closed 64.1% of its gender gap in 2024 and has declined two places from 127th last year to 129th. It ranked the third lowest among the South Asian economies.
- ✓ Bangladesh stands at the 99th position, Nepal at 117th, Sri Lanka at 122nd, Bhutan (0.651) at 124th, and Pakistan (0.570) at the 145th position among the immediate neighbours.
- ✓ India's rank in all the four parameters:
 - ✓ Economic Participation and Opportunity – 142
 - ✓ Health and Survival – 142
 - ✓ Educational Attainment – 112
 - ✓ Political empowerment – 65

Southern Asia

Economy	Rank		Score
	Regional	Global	
Bangladesh	1	99	0.689
Nepal	2	117	0.664
Sri Lanka	3	122	0.653
Bhutan	4	124	0.651
India	5	129	0.641
Maldives	6	132	0.633
Pakistan	7	145	0.570



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Q. Which AI tool developed by Ingenious Research Solutions Pvt Ltd. integrates face recognition with physiological parameters such as gait and skeleton?

A) Pratibha

B) Divya Drishti

C) Netra

D) Shakti

Answer : B

- ✓ DRDO Unveils the Power of AI.
- ✓ Ingenious Research Solutions Pvt Ltd., a start-up established by a woman entrepreneur, Dr. Shivani Verma after winning the prestigious Dare to Dream Innovation contest 2.0, a pan India theme-based contest organised by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has successfully developed an AI tool “Divya Drishti” that integrates face recognition with immutable physiological parameters such as gait and skeleton.
- ✓ The AI tool has been developed under the technical guidance and mentoring by Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics (CAIR), a laboratory of DRDO based at Bangalore.
- ✓ ‘Divya Drishti’ creates a robust and multifaceted authentication system by combining facial recognition with gait analysis.

DRDO IN NEWS 2024

- DRDO chairman Samir V Kamat gets one-year extension.
- DRDO hands over nine defence tech projects to IIT-Bhubaneswar
- 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.
- 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.



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- 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 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 company recently became the world's most valuable due to advancements in artificial intelligence technology?

A) Microsoft

B) Nvidia

C) Tesla

D) Apple

Answer : D

- ✓ AI-Powered Apple Overtakes Microsoft As World's Most Valuable Company.
- ✓ Apple once again became the world's most valuable company, dethroning Microsoft from the top spot, as the iPhone maker pushed ahead in a race to dominate artificial intelligence technology.
- ✓ Its shares jumped nearly 4% to a record \$215.04, giving it a market valuation of \$3.29 trillion. Microsoft's market capitalization stood at \$3.24 trillion, falling behind Apple for the first time in five months.
- ✓ AI chip leader Nvidia, which briefly overtook Apple's market value last week, is up a whopping 154% this year. Nvidia last had a market value of \$3.11 trillion

MICROSOFT IN NEWS 2024

- Microsoft Debuts 'Copilot+' PCs With AI Features.
- Microsoft invests €4 billion to drive AI growth in France.
- Microsoft unveiled the latest version of its 'lightweight' AI model – the Phi-3-Mini.
- Microsoft announces VASA-1 AI model to turn images into videos.
- Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella pledges to skill 2 million Indians by 2025
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- Headquarters : Washington DC
- Chairman : Satya Nadella
- CEO : Satya Nadella
- President : Brad Smith

Q. According to recent reports, how much monetary penalty did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) impose on Central Bank of India for regulatory compliance deficiencies?

- A) ₹1.50 crore B) ₹1.23 crore
D) ₹1.78 crore E) ₹1.45 crore

Answer : D

- ✓ RBI imposes Rs 1.45 Crore penalty on Central Bank of India.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1,45,50,000 on the Central Bank of India, citing deficiencies in regulatory compliance.
- ✓ The penalty follows the findings of the Statutory Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation (ISE 2022) conducted by the RBI with reference to the bank's financial position as of March 31, 2022.
- ✓ The Central Bank of India was found to have violated RBI directions related to 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions' and 'Customer Protection – Limiting Liability of Customers in Unauthorised Electronic Banking Transactions.'

PENALTY IN NEWS 2024

- RBI imposes Rs 1.45 Crore penalty on Central Bank of India.
- SEBI has slapped a fine of Rs 7.75 crore on 11 individuals for allegedly operating a 'pump and dump' scheme in scrip of Svarnim Trade Udyog.
- ICICI Bank faced a penalty of ₹1 crore for contravening RBI's directions on 'loans and advances — statutory and other restrictions.'
- YES Bank incurred a penalty of ₹91 lakh for failing to adhere to RBI's directives on 'customer service in banks' and the 'unauthorised operation of internal/office accounts'.
- SEBI imposes ₹11.90 crore fine on 19 entities for Superior Finlease 'pump and dump'
- IRDAI imposes a fine of Rs 1 crore on IPO-bound Go Digit Insurance



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- Bank of Baroda (BOB)
- Founded : 1908
- Founder : Sayajirao Gaekwad III
- Headquarters : Vadodara, Gujarat
- MD & CEO : Debadatta Chand
- Tagline : India's International Bank

Q. How much fine has the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) imposed on Axis Bank for failing to detect and report suspicious transactions related to the NSG account?

A) Rs 1.60 crore

B) Rs 1.66 crore

C) Rs 1.55 crore

D) Rs 1.70 crore

Answer : B

- ✓ FIU imposes over Rs 1.66 cr fine on Axis Bank for failing to detect fraud NSG account.
- ✓ The Financial Intelligence Unit has slapped a fine of more than Rs 1.66 crore on Axis Bank for “failing” to put in place a mechanism to detect and report suspicious transactions carried out at one of its branches by creating a “fraud” account in the name of counter-terrorist commando force NSG.
- ✓ The federal agency has issued an order under Section 13 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) that empowers its Director to impose a monetary penalty on a reporting entity (like Axis Bank) if the agency finds that its designated director on the board or any of its employees failed to comply with the obligations mandated under the said law

AXIS BANK IN NEWS 2024

- Financial Intelligence Unit imposes over Rs 1.66 cr fine on Axis Bank for failing to detect fraud NSG account.
- Axis Bank, Bajaj Allianz forge strategic bancassurance partnership.



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- VST Tillers Tractors Limited (VST), a farm equipment manufacturer, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Axis Bank, to offer financial solutions to the farmers for purchasing tractors and Farm Mechanisation products.
- Axis Bank to groom LGBTQIA+ talent for careers in banking.
- Axis Bank has recently reappointed Amitabh Chaudhry as the MD and CEO of the bank.
- Axis Bank has launched the digital US dollar Fixed Deposits (FD) tailored for Non-Resident Indian (NRI) customers at the IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) situated in GIFT City, Gujarat
- AXIS BANK
- Founded : 1993
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Rakesh Makhija
- MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary
- Tagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi

Q. After becoming the Prime Minister for the third time, which was the first country to be visited by Prime Minister Modi?

- A) Italy
- B) Bhutan
- C) Maldives
- D) UAE

Answer : A

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi returned home on 15 June 2024 after his first official foreign visit after being sworn in as the Prime Minister of India for the third successive term.
- ✓ He was on a one-day visit to Italy to attend the Group of Seven (G7) Outreach session held in Borgo Egnazia, Apulia, Italy, on 14 June 2024.
- ✓ Fifth G7 Outreach Session Meeting for PM Modi
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi was invited by Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni to participate in the Outreach session on Artificial Intelligence, Energy, Africa, and the Mediterranean.
- ✓ 50th G7 Summit Meeting in Italy
- ✓ The 50th G7 meeting was hosted by Italy in Apulia from 13 to 15 June 2024. The meeting was attended by the leaders of the member countries of the G7. The meeting was attended by Joe Biden, President of the United States, President of France Emmanuel Macron, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of Canada, Prime



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Minister Rishi Sunak of the United Kingdom, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Prime Minister of Japan Fumio Kishida and the host Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni

- ✓ This was the fifth time, 2019,2021,2022,2023 and 2024, that Narendra Modi had attended the G7 Outreach session.
- ✓ He has equalled the record of former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, who has also attended the G7 outreach session five times.
- ✓ The first Indian Prime Minister to get an invitation to participate in the G7 Outreach session was Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 2003.
- ✓ Other Non-members to be Invited
- ✓ This time, Italy invited Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, India, Jordan, Kenya, Mauritania, Tunisia, Türkiye and the United Arab Emirates. It also invited the heads of the African Development Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development, the United Nations and the World Bank.
- ✓ Support to Ukraine
- ✓ At the G7 summit meeting, the member countries supported Ukraine in its fight against the Russian invasion.
- ✓ During the summit, American President Joe Biden signed a 10-year security agreement with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The United States will provide modern arms and ammunition to Ukraine, but it will not help Ukraine in its war with Russia by sending American troops to Ukraine.
- ✓ The G7 countries also agreed to provide a \$ 50 billion loan to Ukraine using interest from Russian assets frozen after Moscow's invasion.
- ✓ What is G7?
- ✓ The G7 is an informal group of the seven most industrialised democratic countries.
- ✓ It was created on the initiative of France after the Arab countries increased crude petroleum oil prices after the Arab-Israeli war of 1973.
- ✓ The first summit meeting took place in France in 1975.
- ✓ The next 51st summit meeting will be held in Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada, in 2025.

Q. Which country hosted the 50th Summit meeting of the leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) countries?

A) France

B) Canada

C) Germany

D) Italy



Q. Who recently became the first Indian rider to win a three-star Grand Prix event in equestrian sports?

- A) Tatiana Antonenco B) Juliane Jerich
C) Shruti Vora D) Fouaad Mirza

Answer : C

- ✓ Shruti Vora logs historic victory, becomes first Indian to win 3-star GP event.
- ✓ In a historic achievement for Indian equestrian sports, Shruti Vora, astride Magnanimous, has become the first Indian rider to win a three-star Grand Prix event.
- ✓ Shruti scored 67.761 points in the CDI-3 event held in Lipica, Slovenia, from June 7 to 9. The Indian finished ahead of Moldova's Tatiana Antonenco (Aachen), who scored 66.522. Austria's Juliane Jerich (Quarter Girl) completed the top three with a score of 66.087.
- ✓ Shruti has represented India in the Dressage World Championship (2022) and the Asian Games (2010, 2014).

Q. Which organization has the World Health Organization (WHO) designated as a Collaborating Centre for Traditional Medicine Research?

- A) Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH)
B) All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)
C) National Institute of Siddha (NIS), Chennai
D) National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH), Hyderabad

Answer : D

- ✓ WHO Designates CCRAS-NIIMH, Hyderabad as Collaborating Centre for Traditional Medicine Research.
- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated the National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH), Hyderabad, a unit under the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of Ayush as a WHO Collaborating Centre (CC) for "Fundamental and Literary Research in Traditional Medicine" (CC IND-177). This prestigious recognition is granted for a period of four years, starting from June 3, 2024.
- ✓ This designation by WHO is a significant milestone, reflecting our relentless efforts in the field of traditional medicine and historical research.
- ✓ The Institute has been a pioneer in various digital initiatives of Ayush, including the AMAR Portal,



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Q. Where did the two-day India-IORA Cruise Tourism Conference conclude?

- A) Mumbai
B) New Delhi
C) Chennai
D) Goa

Answer : B

- ✓ The two day India-IORA Cruise Tourism Conference concluded in New Delhi.
- ✓ Officials and experts from the Indian Ocean Rim Association, IORA Member States including Bangladesh, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mozambique, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Seychelles and Tanzania participated in the Conference.
- ✓ FICCI in partnership with Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) secretariat and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, organised the India-IORA Cruise Tourism Conference.
- ✓ The Conference provided a platform for stakeholders to share best practices and policy initiatives towards developing and strengthening the cruise tourism sector in IORA Member States

Q. What is the focus of the MoU signed between Snapdeal and Digital India Bhashini?

- A) Enhancing cybersecurity measures
B) Promoting e-commerce in rural areas
C) Improving language translation for digital inclusion
D) Developing AI-powered customer service bots

Answer : C

- ✓ Snapdeal collaborates with Bhashini to boost language translation efforts for digital inclusion.
- ✓ E-commerce platform Snapdeal signed a MoU with Digital India Bhashini, an Independent Business Division established by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) within Digital India Corporation (DIC), to develop services and products focused on enhancing language translation efforts to promote digital inclusion in India.
- ✓ This partnership will leverage Artificial Intelligence (AI) to develop innovative solutions catering to over nine vernacular languages.
- ✓ The company said that this partnership focuses on Snapdeal's commitment to advancing digital inclusivity in India.



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Q. RITES Ltd, a premier PSU transport infrastructure consultancy, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with which entity for major schedule repair and maintenance of Diesel-Electric Locomotives?

- A) Indian Railways Central Railway Division
- B) Andal Diesel Shed, Asansol Division, West Bengal
- C) Ministry of Transport, Government of India
- D) Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation

Answer : B

- ✓ RITES and Andal Diesel Shed sign MoU for loco maintenance.
- ✓ RITES Ltd, a premier PSU transport infrastructure consultancy, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Eastern Railway's Andal Diesel Shed, Asansol Division, West Bengal.
- ✓ This MoU sets up a framework for collaboration on major schedule repair and maintenance of Diesel-Electric Locomotives owned by RITES, Navratna Public Sector Enterprise, and other clients at the Andal Diesel Shed facility.
- ✓ The partnership aims at streamlining the repair and maintenance process for diesel locomotives.

Q. Which organization built Yard 81, LSAM 13, the fifth barge of the Missile Cum Ammunition Barge project for the Indian Navy?

- A) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
- B) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- C) SECON Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd
- D) Goa Shipyard Limited

Answer : C

- ✓ 5th LSAM 13 missile cum ammunition barge inducted into Indian Navy.
- ✓ The 'Missile Cum Ammunition Barge, LSAM 13, Yard 81, the fifth Barge of the Missile Cum Ammunition Barge project has been inducted into the Indian Navy.
- ✓ Yard 81 built by MSME Shipyard, SECON Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd (SEPPL), Visakhapatnam for Indian Navy. The launching Ceremony was presided over by Cmde Manish Vig, General Manager (QA), ND(Mbi).
- ✓ The availability of these Barges would provide impetus to operational commitments of IN by facilitating Transportation, Embarkation and Disembarkation of articles/ ammunition to IN Ships both alongside jetties and at outer harbours.



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Q. Who is the author of the recently released novel titled 'Manohar Kahani'?

- A) Raghu Srinivasan B) Hachette India
C) Kokum Grove D) Manohar Srinivas

Answer : A

- ✓ The novel titled 'Manohar Kahani' written by Raghu Srinivasan has been released recently. The book was published by Hachette India.
- ✓ "Manohar Kahani" is a charming and whimsical story set in an unknown seaside hamlet in the Konkan area.
- ✓ Srinivasan, who is a serving officer in the Indian army, has served up a perfect medley of greed and schemes, topped with a garnish of resilience. He is also the author of two adventure thrillers-The Avatari (2014) and Xianqui (2020).

Q. Since December, how many digital small business loans ranging from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 50 lakh has SBI sanctioned?

- A) 10,000
B) 15,000
C) 20,000
D) 25,000

Answer : C

- ✓ SBI sanctioned 20,000 digital small biz loans up to Rs 50 lakh since Dec: Official.
- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI) has sanctioned around 20,000 loans of Rs 10 lakh to Rs 50 lakh for small businesses as part of a digital lending pilot that started in December.
- ✓ Having been satisfied with the results of the pilot, under which a customer can get a loan sitting at home, the country's largest lender is now broadening the loan amounts to Rs 5 crore.
- ✓ SBI services 16 crore of the 52 crore Prime Minister Jan Dhan Yojana accounts opened since 2014. Financial inclusion as a phrase has gone beyond mere opening of bank accounts and now encompasses serving credit, helping the customer get an insurance cover.



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Q. Which company developed the indigenous Nagastra-1 man-portable suicide drones for the Indian Army?

- A) Economic Explosives Limited (EEL)
- B) Solar Industries
- C) Indian Defence Technologies (IDT)
- D) Bharat Dynamics Limited

Answer : A

- ✓ Army unleashes 'silent killer' indigenous Nagastra-1 suicide drones along Pakistan, China borders.
- ✓ The Indian Army has received the first batch of domestically produced man-portable suicide drones, called Nagastra-1. The drones have been designed and developed fully in India by Economic Explosives Limited (EEL), a subsidiary of Solar Industries, and have an indigenous content of over 75 per cent.
- ✓ Nagastra-1 is a cutting-edge unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) designed for loitering munitions with advanced features such as abort, recover, and reuse capabilities. The army ordered these drones using its emergency procurement powers, and they were delivered within a year to address urgent needs along the Pakistan and China borders.
- ✓ The suicide drones can neutralise any hostile threat with GPS-enabled precision strikes with an accuracy of 2 metres
- ✓ .The fixed-wing electric UAV has an endurance of 60 minutes, a man-in-loop range of 15 km, and a range of 30 km in autonomous mode.
- ✓ The munition can carry a 1 kg warhead up to a range of 15 km, with an upgraded version capable of carrying a 2.2 kg warhead up to 30 km.

Q. What is the military export target set by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for the year 2028-29?

- A) ₹5,000 crore
- B) ₹10,000 crore
- C) ₹50,000 crore
- D) ₹100,000 crore

Answer : C

- ✓ Defence minister Rajnath Singh said that the objective of his ministry would be to increase exports, and set the target at ₹ 50,000 crore in the year 2028-29. He was speaking at a review meeting on the 100-day action plan of the defence ministry after taking charge for the second consecutive time as defence minister.
- ✓ The defence exports had touched a record ₹ 21,083 crore in financial year 2023-24. It was historic



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- ✓ Emphasising the growing salience of the Indian Ocean Region in the defence calculus, Rajnath said his first visit in this tenure would be to the Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam, where he will interacting with officers and sailors.

Q. Who ceased to be the chairman of PTC India Financial Services Ltd (PFS) and CMD of PTC India Ltd following SEBI's order?

A) Rajib Kumar Mishra

B) Anil Kumar Singh

C) Sunil Mehta

D) Deepak Parekh

Answer : A

- ✓ Rajib Kumar Mishra ceases to be chairman of PFS, CMD of PTC India after Sebi's order.
- ✓ Rajib Kumar Mishra ceased to be chairman of PTC India Financial Services Ltd (PFS) as well as CMD of PTC India Ltd following the order passed by markets regulator Sebi that restrained him from holding the director's post for six months, the two companies said.
- ✓ Mishra held office in PFS in the capacity of chairman and non-executive director and was also holding the position of Chairman & Managing Director of PTC India Ltd.
- ✓ Also, Sebi slapped a fine of Rs 10 lakh on him.
- ✓ Apart from Mishra, the watchdog prohibited the company's former MD and CEO Pawan Singh from holding the post of director in any listed company for two years and also imposed a penalty of Rs 25 lakh on him.

Q. Which regulatory body has granted a prepaid payments instrument licence to Jupiter, a neobanking startup backed by Tiger Global and Peak XV Partners?

A) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

B) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

C) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)

D) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)

Answer : B

- ✓ Neobanking startup Jupiter gets RBI nod for mobile wallet licence
- ✓ Tiger Global and Peak XV Partners-backed neobanking startup Jupiter has secured a prepaid payments instrument licence from the Reserve Bank of India.



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- ✓ This will allow the Bengaluru-based startup to offer digital wallets to its users for making UPI payments, transferring funds, besides paying bills.
- ✓ Armed with the PPI licence, Jupiter intends to build new use cases on the app, which currently offers digital savings accounts, UPI payments and financial management. The central bank allows PPI accounts with full KYC to undertake activities almost similar to a bank account including UPI payments

Q. Who has been announced as the President of the Asian Association of Hair Restoration Surgeons (AAHRS)?

A) Dr. Sunil Patel

B) Dr. Ramesh Gupta

C) Dr. Kapil Dua

D) Dr. Sanjay Sharma

Answer : C

- ✓ Dr Kapil Dua Announced as President of the Asian Association of Hair Restoration Surgeons.
- ✓ Dr Kapil Dua, a pioneer in hair transplant surgery in India with over two decades of experience, has been announced as the President of the Asian Association of Hair Restoration Surgeons (AAHRS).
- ✓ The announcement was made at the 8th Annual Scientific Meeting and Surgical Workshop of AAHRS, held from June 6th to 9th in China.

Q. Which brand will Aurionpro Payment Solutions operate under as an online payment aggregator, following approval from the Reserve Bank of India?

A) AuroPay

B) PayLink

C) PayPro

D) ProPay

Answer : A

- ✓ Aurionpro Payments gets RBI nod to operate as online payment aggregator.
- ✓ Aurionpro Payment Solutions said it has received Reserve Bank's nod to operate as an online payment aggregator via its payment gateway brand AuroPay.
- ✓ The authorisation from the apex bank enables the company to operate as an online payment aggregator to provide digital payments services to merchants across the country.
- ✓ The Mumbai-based technology solutions company caters to the needs of banking, mobility, payments and government sectors.



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- ✓ Members of G7
- ✓ Initially, the group started as G6 with six members- France, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, and Italy.
- ✓ In 1976, it became G7, with Canada becoming its seventh member.
- ✓ In 1997, it became G8 with the inclusion of Russia. However, Russia was later expelled from the group in 2014 after it annexed the Crimea region of Ukraine. After the expulsion of Russia, the group was again renamed G 7.
- ✓ The European Union has participated in the G7 meetings since 1977. The European Union is jointly represented by the President of the European Council and the President of the European Commission.
- ✓ Summit Meeting
- ✓ The first Summit meeting of the Heads of State and Government of G7 was held in 1975 in Rambouillet, France.
- ✓ Every year, a member of the G7 hosts the annual summit.
- ✓ The host country, also known as the G7 presidency, rotates annually among member countries in the following order: France, the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, Italy, and Canada.
- ✓ Italy currently holds the G7 presidency and will host the 50th G7 Summit in Apulia from June 13 to 15, 2024.
- ✓ About G7
- ✓ It is an intergovernmental political forum.
- ✓ It consists of seven member states: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- ✓ In addition to the seven member states, the European Union is also part of the G7 as a non-enumerated member.
- ✓ Formation - 25 March 1973.
- ✓ 1st - 1975 : France
- ✓ 46th - 2020 : United States
- ✓ 47th - 2021 : United Kingdom
- ✓ 48th - 2022 : Germany
- ✓ 49th - 2023 : Japan
- ✓ 50th - 2024 : Italy



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- ✓ 51st - 2025 : Canada
- ✓ Trick to remember G7 Countries
- ✓ Trick - Drink JUICE with GF (girlfriend)
- ✓ JUICE case :-
- ✓ J for Japan
- ✓ U for USA
- ✓ I for Italy
- ✓ C for Canada
- ✓ E for England
- ✓ GF case :-
- ✓ G for Germany
- ✓ F for France

Q. Which prestigious award did wildlife filmmaker Subbiah Nallamuthu receive at the 18th Mumbai International Film Festival?

- A) Padma Shri Award B) V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award
C) National Film Award D) Golden Globe Award

Answer : B

- ✓ S. Nallamuthu Conferred 18th V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award.
- ✓ The prestigious 18th V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred to the Noted wildlife filmmaker Subbiah Nallamuthu.
- ✓ The award was conferred to Subbiah Nallamuthu by the Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting L Murugan at the inaugural ceremony of the 18th Mumbai international Film Festival at Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ✓ Subbiah Nallamuthu received this award for his outstanding contributions to the field of non-feature and wildlife documentary filmmaking.
- ✓ V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award
- ✓ The Prestigious V.Shantaram Lifetime Achievement has been instituted in memory of the legendary filmmaker V.Shantaram.
- ✓ The award, instituted in 1990 by the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, is given at the Mumbai International Film Festival.



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- ✓ The award is given to a filmmaker who has made a significant contribution to documentary films. The first person to receive it was Ezra Mir in 1990
- ✓ The V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award carries a citation, a trophy and Rs 10 lakh as a cash prize.
- ✓ About Subbiah Nallamuthu
- ✓ Subbaiah Nallamuthu is an alumnus of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) is best known for his tiger-centric documentaries including "Tiger Dynasty", "Tiger Queen", and "The World's Most Famous Tiger".
- ✓ Nallamuthu became famous with his "Living on the Edge" documentary.

AWARDS AND HONOURS IN NEWS 2024

- S. Nallamuthu Conferred 18th V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Indian entrepreneur Vellayan Subbiah was conferred the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2024 .
- SEBI was awarded the 'Best Conduct of Business Regulator' in the Asia-Pacific by The Asian Banker.
- Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) has won the United Nations World Summit of Information Society (WISS) “Champion” Award 2024.
- National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, India’s premier mental health institution, has been conferred the prestigious Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion for 2024 by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- REC wins Award at Outlook Planet Sustainability Summit & Awards 2024
- 2023 UN Military Gender Advocate of Year Award for Major Radhika Sen
- Payal Kapadia’s directed film All We Imagine as Light made history at the 77th Cannes Film when it ‘ won the Grand Prix prize in the feature film segment.
- Anasuya Sengupta created history at the Cannes Film Festival by winning the Best Actress award in the Un Certain Regard segment for her film Shameless.
- NHPC Honoured with ‘The Economic Times HR World Future Ready Organization Award 2024-25’.
- Kairos’ by Jenny Erpenbeck, translated by Michael Hofmann, has won the International Booker Prize 2024.
- Chhattisgarh’s environmental activist and convenor of Chhattisgarh Bachao Andolan Alok Shukla has been selected for the 2024 Goldman Environmental Prize



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- Noted Hindi film superstars Hema Malini and Saira Banu as well as other prominent personalities from the fields of art and culture, will be honoured with the prestigious Pandit Lacchu Maharaj Award
- Tata Group Chairman Ratan Tata was honoured with the prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award 2021.
- Amitabh Bachchan will receive Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar award
- Kannada poet, Mamta Ji Sagar was honored with the World Literary Prize for her contribution to literature by the World Organization of Writers (WOW)
- India's premier national space agency, the 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.
- SJVN Limited was awarded the 15th CIDC Vishwakarma Award 2024 for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Contribution

Q. Which central theme was highlighted at the 'Global Wind Day 2024' event organized by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)?

- A) Renewable India: Future Prospects**
- B) Green Energy Revolution**
- C) Pawan-Urja: Powering the Future of India**
- D) Sustainable Energy for All**

Answer : C

- ✓ Ministry of New and Renewable Energy organises 'Global Wind Day 2024' event with a central theme of "Pawan-Urja: Powering the Future of India".
- ✓ The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) organised 'Global Wind Day' on the 15th of June 2024, aimed at celebrating the glorious success of Indian Wind Sector so far and also discussing the potential way forward for accelerating wind energy adoption in India.
- ✓ With a central theme of "Pawan-Urja: Powering the Future of India".
- ✓ With a cumulative installed wind power capacity of 46.4 GW by May 2024, it has progressed to become the fourth largest in the world.
- ✓ Wind energy is crucial to India's efforts in achieving 50% of its electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030 and net zero by 2070.



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Q. What is the upper limit set by the Finance Ministry for arbitration cases involving government or public sector enterprises (PSEs)?

A) ₹5 crore

B) ₹10 crore

C) ₹15 crore

D) ₹20 crore

Answer : B

- ✓ Finance Ministry caps dispute value at ₹10 crore for arbitration.
- ✓ In order to streamline arbitration process to resolve commercial dispute having government or PSE is one party, Finance Ministry has set an upper limit of ₹10 crore for cases to be brought in.
- ✓ It has also said that arbitration clause should not be automatically included in large contracts.
- ✓ This move aims to mitigate the perceived challenges of lengthy proceedings and potential misconduct among arbitrators

Q. Who is the author of the book titled “A Fly on the RBI Wall: An Insider’s View of the Central Bank”?

A) Raghuram Rajan

B) Urjit Patel

C) Alpana Killawala

D) Shaktikanta Das

Answer : C

- ✓ Book “A Fly on the RBI Wall” by Alpana Killawala.
- ✓ The book titled “A Fly on the RBI Wall: An Insider’s View of the Central Bank” written by Alpana Killawala has been released recently.
- ✓ This book offers an insightful glimpse into her journey and the institution’s transformation over 25 years.
- ✓ The book delves into the RBI’s evolution over the last 25 years, highlighting significant changes as India embarked on its journey of economic and trade reforms. Alpana’s narrative details how the RBI adapted to these changes, positioning itself as a key player in the country’s economic landscape.

BOOKS & AUTHORS IN NEWS 2024

- A Fly on the RBI Wall : Alpana Killawala
- Ed Finds a Home : Alia Bhatt
- I Have the Streets: A Kutti Cricket Story : Ravichandran Ashwin & Sidharth Monga
- The Winner’s Mindset : Shane Watson
- Source Code: My Beginnings : Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates



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Q. What is the name of the scheme introduced by the Assam government to provide monthly monetary support to girl students in order to combat child marriage?

- A) Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina (MMNM)**
- B) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP)**
- C) Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY)**
- D) Kanya Sumangala Yojana (KSY)**

Answer : A

- ✓ Assam government introduces monthly monetary support for girl students to combat child marriage.
- ✓ The Assam government, led by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, started the Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina (MMNM) to provide monetary benefits to girl students every month.
- ✓ The Assam government has allocated Rs. 1,500 crore over five years for the MMNM scheme, with an initial budget of Rs. 300 crore for the first year.
- ✓ For students enrolled in Higher secondary education will receive Rs. 1,000 per month , for students enrolled in Graduation will receive Rs. 1,250 per month, for students enrolled in Post Graduation will get Rs. 2,500 per month under Pragyani Bharati scheme with Nijut Moina scheme.

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- Assam government has announced a new scheme Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina (MMNM) to promote girl education and to end child marriage in the state.



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Answer : B

- ✓ Tata Communications secures five-year contract with World Athletics .
- ✓ Tata Communications has signed a five-year contract with global sports organization World Athletics as the latter's technology broadcast partner across the globe.
- ✓ Under this partnership, Tata Communications will serve as the host broadcaster for highlighted events such as the World Athletics Indoor Championships in Nanjing, the World Athletics Relays in Guangzhou, and the World Athletics Road Running Championships in San Diego, all scheduled for 2025
- ✓ World Athletics
- ✓ Founded : 1912
- ✓ Headquarters : Monaco
- ✓ President : Sebastian Coe

SPONSOR IN NEWS 2024

- Tata Communications signed a five-year contract with global sports organization World Athletics.
- Puma signs deal with Athletics Federation of India for official kit sponsor
- Sri Lanka has announced Amul, one of India's iconic diary brands with a global footprint, as their sponsor for the ICC T20 World Cup 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.

Q. The JIMEX 2024 bilateral military exercise, is conducted between India and:

- A) Japan
- B) Singapore
- C) Thailand
- D) Malaysia



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Answer : A

- ✓ This is the eighth edition of JIMEX, since its inception in 2012.
- ✓ The exercise includes both harbour and sea phases.
- ✓ The harbour phase will comprise professional, sports and social interactions.
- ✓ During the exercise, navies of both the countries will jointly hone their war fighting skills at sea and enhance their interoperability.
- ✓ Indian Navy's indigenous Stealth Frigate INS Shivalik is participating in the bilateral maritime exercise. Japan is being represented by the Guided Missile Destroyer JS Yugiri.
- ✓ It provides an opportunity to learn from each other's best practices and facilitates operational interactions between India and Japan.
- ✓ The exercise also reaffirms their shared commitment towards maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region.
- ✓ Other Exercises between India and Japan:
 - ✓ Malabar: India and Japan with the United States and Australia participate in the naval war gaming exercise named Malabar.
 - ✓ SHINYUU Maitri (Air Force)
 - ✓ Dharma Guardian (Military Exercise)

Q. Digital Health Incentive Scheme (DHIS) was launched under which one of the following initiatives?

- A) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission**
- B) National Disease Control Programme**
- C) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana**
- D) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**

Answer : A

- ✓ The central government has given a year-long extension to the Digital Health Incentive Scheme (DHIS) meant for digitising patients' health records and linking them with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Health Account (ABHA ID).
- ✓ About:
 - ✓ The Digital Health Incentive Scheme (DHIS) is a national initiative by the National Health Authority (NHA) aimed at promoting the adoption of digital health practices in India.



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- ✓ It was launched on January 1, 2023, under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) to create a robust digital health ecosystem and enhance the quality of care for patients.
- ✓ With this extension, the scheme will now remain in effect till June 30, 2025.
- ✓ National Health Authority (NHA):
- ✓ It is the apex body responsible for implementing AB PM-JAY.
- ✓ It has been entrusted with the role of designing strategy, building technological infrastructure and implementation of "National Digital Health Mission " to create a National Digital Health Eco-system.
- ✓ It is the successor of the National Health Agency, which has been functioning as a registered society since 2018.
- ✓ Under the Cabinet decision for full functional autonomy, the National Health Agency was reconstituted as the National Health Authority in January 2019.

Q. Mitigation Work Programme (MWP), which aims to help countries scale up their mitigation ambition and implementation to achieve the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement was established by?

- A) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)**
- B) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**
- C) World Bank**
- D) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

Answer : B

- ✓ The road to the COP29 to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Baku appears bumpy after the mid-year climate talks in Bonn, Germany concluded on June 13, with little progress, according to researchers from the Centre for Science and Environment.
- ✓ About:
- ✓ The Mitigation Work Programme (MWP) is a process established by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to help countries scale up their mitigation ambition and implementation to achieve the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement.
- ✓ UNFCCC:
- ✓ The UNFCCC, established in 1992 during the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, aims to stabilize greenhouse gas concentrations to prevent dangerous climate change, ensuring ecosystems adapt naturally and sustainable development is maintained



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- ✓ India is the world's second largest source of nitrous oxide (N₂O), a greenhouse gas that heats up the atmosphere far more than carbon dioxide.
- ✓ Nearly 11% of such global man-made emissions in 2020 were from India, topped only by China at 16%.
- ✓ The report titled "Global Nitrous Oxide Budget 2024", led by researchers from Boston College and published in the journal Earth System Science Data, says the uncontrolled use of nitrogen fertilisers and animal manure in agricultural production contributed 74% of the total anthropogenic nitrous oxide emissions in the last decade.
- ✓ The top five emitters by volume of anthropogenic nitrous oxide emissions in 2020 were China (16.7%), India (10.9%), USA (5.7%), Brazil (5.3%), and Russia (4.6%). The per capita emissions (Kg N₂O/person) for the top five emitters are 1.3 (China), 0.8 (India), 1.7 (USA), 2.5 (Brazil), and 3.3 (Russia).

Q. Which international partners have joined China in developing scientific instruments for the Chang'e-7 mission aimed at the moon's South Pole?

- A) UAE and Saudi Arabia B) Egypt and Bahrain
C) Qatar and Oman D) Jordan and Kuwait

Answer : B

- ✓ Chang'e-7 mission: Egypt, Bahrain join China to build hyperspectral camera.
- ✓ Egypt and Bahrain have joined China as international partners to develop and deliver scientific instruments for the Chang'e-7 mission, the Chinese lunar mission aimed at searching for water ice at the moon's South Pole in 2026.
- ✓ The hyperspectral camera, developed collaboratively by Egypt and Bahrain with assistance from Chinese engineers, is one of six international payloads chosen by the CNSA for the Chang'e-7 lunar Mission.
- ✓ The remaining five payloads will be provided by Thailand, Russia, Italy, Switzerland, and the International Lunar Observatory Association, a Hawaii-based non-governmental organisation

Q. At the G7 annual summit, how much funding did the leaders agree to provide to Ukraine using profits from frozen Russian assets?

- A) \$20 billion B) \$30 billion
C) \$40 billion D) \$50 billion

Answer : D

- ✓ G7 leaders agree to \$50bn loan for Ukraine at annual summit.



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- ✓ Armenia's Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan confirmed that his country would pull out of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), amid a widening rift with Moscow.
- ✓ The CSTO is a Russia-dominated alliance of former Soviet states that have pledged to protect one another in the event of an attack.

Q. Where were three newly discovered craters on Mars named after Indian physicist Devendra Lal and towns in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar?

- A) Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad
- B) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore
- C) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai
- D) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Bengaluru

Answer : A

- ✓ 'Lal', 'Mursan' & 'Hilsa': Three Mars craters named after Indian physicist Devendra Lal, towns in UP, Bihar.
- ✓ Three recently discovered craters on the surface of Mars have been named for renowned cosmic ray physicist late Devendra Lal and the towns of Mursan and Hilsa in northern India.
- ✓ While the discovery was made by a team of scientists which included researchers working at the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) Ahmedabad in 2021, the naming was approved by an international body earlier this month.
- ✓ The three craters are situated in the Tharsis volcanic region of the Red Planet, said the Ahmedabad-based PRL, a unit of the Department of Space of the Government of India.

Q. Jammu & Kashmir has upgraded its Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with which country into a comprehensive strategic agreement, focusing on the agricultural sector?

- A) Australia
- B) Canada
- C) New Zealand
- D) United Kingdom

Answer : C

- ✓ Jammu & Kashmir Elevates Agricultural Partnership With New Zealand.
- ✓ In a major advancement in the agricultural sector, Jammu & Kashmir has broadened its existing Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with New Zealand into a full fledged strategic agreement.



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- ✓ India set to be the 6th country to have its own Deep Sea Mission; 1st Stage of harbor trail (40-50m) deep of deep sea mission planned by September 2024; The Mission has the potential to contribute greatly to the overall growth of Indian economy.
- ✓ About:
- ✓ The Matsya 6000 is a three-person submersible that will be able to go 6,000 metres under the sea. The vessel is being developed by Chennai's National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT).
- ✓ Structure: Made of 80mm-thick titanium alloy, it will be able to withstand a pressure 600 times greater than that at sea level. The Matsya 6000 will be able to operate from 12 to 16 hours straight and will have an oxygen supply of 96 hours.
- ✓ National Institute of Ocean Technology:
- ✓ It was established in November 1993 as an autonomous society under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- ✓ Objectives: To develop reliable indigenous technologies to solve the various engineering problems associated with harvesting of non-living and living resources in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), which is about two-thirds of the land area of India.
- ✓ Deep Sea Mission:
- ✓ The Deep Ocean Mission (DOM) is an ambitious Indian initiative to explore and harness the depths of the ocean.
- ✓ It is a five-year mission, approved by the Union Cabinet in 2021, with a budget of nearly ₹4,077 crore.
- ✓ The mission aims to develop technologies for deep-sea mining, manned submersibles, and underwater robotics, as well as for ocean climate change advisory services, deep-ocean survey and exploration.

Q. "Exercise Red Flag 2024", recently seen in the news, is hosted by:

A) U.S. Air Force

B) Republic of Singapore Air Force

C) Indian Air Force

D) Royal Netherlands Air Force

Answer : A

- ✓ An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent participated in the Exercise Red Flag 2024 conducted at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska of the United States Air Force, from 04 Jun to 14 Jun 24.
- ✓ About:
- ✓ This was the second edition of Ex Red Flag 2024, which is an advanced aerial combat training exercise, held four times in a year by the US Air Force.



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- ✓ Participation of the Indian Air Force along with Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF), Royal Air Force (RAF) of the United Kingdom, Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNLAf), German Luftwaffe, and the US Air Force (USAF).

EXERCISE IN NEWS 2024

- An Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent participated in the Exercise Red Flag 2024 conducted at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska of the United States Air Force, from 04 Jun to 14 Jun 24.
- The Indian Air Force will host an air exercise, Tarang Shakti-2024 in August.
- The 8th edition of the Japan-India Maritime Exercise(JIMEX-24) has started at Yokosuka, Japan
- Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Navy are taking part in two mega multinational war games named Exercise Red Flag and RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific).
- Joint military Exercise Shakti between the Indian and the French forces will be held at the Joint Training Node of the Indian Army in Umroi, Meghalaya, from 13 -26 May 2024
- The 5th edition of the 'Dustlik' joint military exercise between India and Uzbekistan begins in Uzbekistan
- Recently, a two-day 'Sagar Kavach' exercise was organised in the Lakshadweep Islands.
- A bilateral tri-service exercise Tiger Triumph-24 between India and the US will be held on the Eastern Seaboard in the US from March 18 to 31.
- An Indian Army contingent on Monday departed for Seychelles to participate in the 10th edition of joint military exercise "LAMITIYE-2024" with Seychelles Defence Forces (SDF). The joint exercise will be conducted in Seychelles from March 18-27, 2024.
- The naval forces of China, Iran, and Russia recently launched a joint exercise called the "Maritime Security Belt-2024" near the Gulf of Oman.
- The joint exercise 'Bharat-Shakti' of the three armies of India (Army, Navy and Air Force) will be organized in Asia's largest field firing range located in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- The United States Coast Guard's (USCG) Bertholf ship reached Port Blair ahead of the 'Sea Defenders-2024' joint exercise.
- Exercise Samudra Laksamana kicked off on February 28 and will continue until March 2, taking place at or off the coast of Visakhapatnam
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) started its largest military exercise in Europe, the Steadfast Defender 2024, recently.



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- The 5th edition of the joint military exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN' is being organized at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan.

Q. Which Indian has been conferred with the 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award' for his contribution to films?

A) Mrinal Sen

B) Shyam Benegal

C) Girish Kasaravalli

D) Vinod Ganatra

Answer : D

- ✓ Eminent children's film-maker Vinod Ganatra has been conferred with South Africa's prestigious 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award' for his contribution to films.
- ✓ Vinod Ganatra becomes the first Indian to be honoured with the 'Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award'.
- ✓ Vinod Gantra was conferred with the award at the 7th Nelson Mandela Children's Film Festival for his outstanding contribution to children's cinema
- ✓ About Vinod Ganatra
- ✓ Globally renowned filmmaker and editor Vinod Ganatra of Gujarat but now based in Mumbai has been active in Film & Television Production from 1982.
- ✓ His first TV programme, BAINGAN RAJA, won the 'Janakinath Gaur Award' from Doordarshan.
- ✓ His Gujarati film Harun Arun made on the India Pakistan border received the "Liv Ullmann Peace Prize" at the 26th Chicago International Children's Film Festival. He is the only Indian to have won the prestigious 'Liv Ullmann Peace Prize'.
- ✓ About Nelson Mandela
- ✓ Nelson Mandela is perhaps the most famous personality in South Africa who has the distinction of being the first black President of South Africa.
- ✓ From 1964 to 1982, he was kept at the Robben Island Prison off Cape Town, and later he was shifted to Pollsmoor Prison.
- ✓ The new South Africa was called a 'Rainbow Nation'.
- ✓ Nelson Mandela and Frederik Willem de Klerk were honoured with the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.



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- ✓ The Indian government conferred him with the country's highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna, in 1990. He is the second non-Indian after Pakistan's Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan (1987) to receive India's highest civilian award
- ✓ His birthday, 18 July, is observed as Nelson Mandela International Day.
- ✓ 'Long Walk to Freedom' is an autobiography of Nelson Mandela

Q. Which international financial institution has invested \$105 million in the non-convertible debenture of Brookfield's Bikaner Solar Power project in Rajasthan?

- A) International Finance Corporation (IFC)**
- B) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)**
- C) International Development Agency (IDA)**
- D) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)**

Answer : A

- ✓ IFC to invest \$105 million in Brookfield's Bikaner Solar Power project.
- ✓ The International Finance Corporation (IFC) has agreed to invest \$105 million (around Rs 871 crore) in the non-convertible debentures of Brookfield's Bikaner Solar Power project in Rajasthan.
- ✓ IFC is a company of the World Bank Group which provides finance to the private sector companies.
- ✓ Brookfield Global Transition Fund (BGTF) is building a 550 MW solar power project in Bikaner in two phases.
- ✓ The Brookfield commissioned the first phase of the Bikaner solar power project 268 MW in March 2024. In the second phase the capacity of the solar power project is 282 MW taking the combined power generation capacity to 550 MW.
- ✓ The estimated cost of the second phase is estimated to be USD 317 million.
- ✓ The government of India is committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2070. To achieve this target, the government has set a target to increase its non-fossil fuel-based power producing capacity to 500 Giga Watt by 2030.
- ✓ India has attracted around USD 10 billion in annual investments between 2017 and 2022. The country is expected to attract annual investments of USD 25 billion through 2030.
- ✓ International Finance Corporation



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- ✓ The International Finance Corporation was set up by the World Bank in 1956 to support the private sector of the developing countries who are members of the World Bank.
- ✓ The IFC invests in the private sector by investing in their capital instruments like shares or debt instruments like debentures.
- ✓ IFC is a part of the World Bank group, which also includes the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association.
- ✓ The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) provides loans to the World Bank's member countries for development purposes.
- ✓ The International Development Association provides loans to only the least developed member countries of the World Bank at a concessional rate for development purposes.
- ✓ The headquarters of IFC: Washington D.C. the United States of America
- ✓ Managing Director: Makhtar Diop.
- ✓ Members: 186 countries.

Q. Where was the 2nd meeting of the India-US initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) held?

A) Chennai

B) New Delhi

C) Hyderabad

D) Mumbai

Answer : B

- ✓ NSA of India & US Co-chair 2nd India- US meeting on ICET In New Delhi.
- ✓ The 2nd meeting of the India-US initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET) was held between the two countries on 17 June 2024 in New Delhi.
- ✓ The meeting was co-chaired by the National Security Advisor (NSA) of India, Ajit Doval and the United States (U.S) NSA Jake Sullivan.
- ✓ Jake Sullivan is the first high-ranking official of the American government to visit India after the Narendra Modi government was sworn in for the third consecutive time.
- ✓ The iCET focuses on deepening and expanding strategic cooperation in space, semiconductors, advanced telecommunications, artificial intelligence, quantum, biotechnology, and clean energy between the two countries.
- ✓ The first iCET meeting was held in Washington, D.C., USA, in January 2023.



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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.
- Defense Secretary Giridhar Armane attended the meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Defence Ministers in Astana, Kazakhstan on April 26, 2024.

Q. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, has collaborated with which entity to offer additional digital payment services through the SBIEPay payment gateway to users of the eMigrate portal ?

- A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) B) State Bank of India (SBI)
C) Punjab National Bank (PNB) D) HDFC Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ MEA and SBI sign MoU to enhance digital payment services for migrant workers via eMigrate portal.
- ✓ The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, and State Bank of India(SBI) to provide an additional digital payment services of the SBI through payment gateway called SBIEPay to Indian migrant workers, Recruiting Agents (RAs) and other users of the eMigrate portal.
- ✓ Through implementation of this MoU, payment of various emigration related fee would be possible with NIL transaction charges for payment through UPI, credit/debit cards and NEFT through net banking of all Indian banks.
- ✓ Signing of this MoU would further facilitate and enhance the ambit of safe and legal migration of Indian migrant workers.

Q. Consider the following statements with reference to the eMigrate Portal:

1. It was launched in 2014 to make the emigration process online and transparent.
2. It has a feature of voluntary registration of emigrants holding ECNR (Emigration Check Not Required) category passports.

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



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- ✓ Recently, the Ministry of External Affairs and the SBI have signed an MoU to provide an additional digital payment service of the bank through its payment gateway SBIPay to users of the eMigrate portal.
- ✓ It was launched in 2014 and it has been instrumental in making the emigration process online and transparent for Indian workers heading to countries where emigration checks are required.
- ✓ The portal connects foreign employers, registered recruiting agents, and insurance companies issuing the Pravasi Bhartiya Bima Yojna, facilitating seamless, safe, and legal migration.
- ✓ The portal also has a mechanism for voluntary registration of emigrants holding ECNR (Emigration Check Not Required) category passports proceeding for overseas employment.
- ✓ It is integrated with the external affairs ministry's Passport Seva Project to validate the passport details of ECR category workers. This integration helps detect fake passport cases and check for data entry errors at the registration stage.
- ✓ The Overseas Employment (OE) and Protector General of Emigrants (PGE) division of the external affairs ministry is responsible for overseeing the emigration of Indian workers having Emigration Clearance Required (ECR) category passports.
- ✓ ECR passport holders require Emigration Clearance (EC) when taking up jobs in the 18 designated ECR countries – Afghanistan, Bahrain, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

APP & PORTAL IN NEWS 2024

- INDRA app was launched in an event conducted by School of Naval Oceanology & Meteorology (SNOM) and Indian Naval Meteorological Analysis Centre (INMAC) at Southern Naval Command as part of the World Meteorological Day celebrations.
- Uttar Pradesh Police will now use the state-of-the-art digital platform Trinetra App 2.0, which has been designed to help in crime prevention and investigation.
- Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry (GROW) report and "Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry (GROW)-Suitability Mapping" portal was launched by NITI Aayog.
- Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India launched "Science for Women-A Technology & Innovation (SWATI)" Portal.



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- Agriculture minister launches Sarathi portal for insurance products.
- GHAR - GO Home and Re-Unite Portal have been developed and launched by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).
- Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs launched a web portal of Coal Mines Provident Fund Organization (CMPFO) namely C- CARES.
- About C- CARES Portal:
 - It is developed and designed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
 - Ministry of Communications launched the “Bharat 5G Portal- an integrated portal” on the sidelines of ‘Bharat Telecom 2024’.
- About Bharat 5G Portal:
 - It is a comprehensive platform serving the interests of startups, industry and academia in quantum, 6G, IPR and 5G domains
 - Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) launched the MPLADS e-SAKSHI Mobile Application.
- About e-SAKSHI Application:
 - It was launched for revised fund flow procedure under Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLAD) Scheme.

Q. Which organization awarded the “Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024” to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) International Monetary Fund B) World Bank
C) Central Banking D) Financial Stability Board

Answer : C

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India bags ‘risk manager of the year award 2024’ by London’s Central Banking publication.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been awarded the “Risk Manager of the Year Award 2024” by Central Banking, a renowned publication headquartered in London.
- ✓ This prestigious accolade highlights the RBI’s significant progress in cultivating a robust risk culture and heightened awareness, solidifying its essential role in maintaining the stability of India’s financial system.



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- ✓ The RBI has been proactive in embracing financial technology (FinTech) innovations while mitigating potential risks. It established a regulatory sandbox, which facilitates controlled experimentation with new FinTech products and services.

RBI IN NEWS 2024

- RBI unveils ambitious reform agenda for centenary celebrations in 2035, charts out 14-point action plan.
- RBI to set up digital payments intel platform after cyber frauds spike over 700%.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has unveiled three major initiatives: the Pravaah portal, the Retail Direct Mobile App, and a FinTech Repository.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has levied a penalty of Rs 36.38 lakh on HSBC Limited for breaching regulations outlined in the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).
- RBI imposed penalties on ICICI Bank and YES Bank.
- ICICI Bank has been fined Rs 1 crore for its improper loan practices.
- YES Bank has been penalized Rs 91 lakh for charging customers for not maintaining minimum balances in savings accounts.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted approval to Quant Mutual Fund (MF) to increase its stake in RBL Bank to 9.98% by May 12, 2025.
- RBI has lifted restrictions on Bank of Baroda's BoB World app, allowing immediate customer onboarding.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued guidelines for Small Finance Banks (SFBs) seeking to transition into Universal Banks, providing a pathway for conversion.
- To be eligible for conversion, SFBs must have a minimum net worth of Rs 1,000 crore.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a comprehensive master direction for asset reconstruction companies (ARCs), which will come into effect from April 24, 2024.
- ARCs are required to maintain a minimum capital of Rs 300 crore, a significant increase from the previous requirement of Rs 100 crore set on October 11, 2022. Existing ARCs are given a transition period until March 31, 2026, to meet this new minimum requirement.
- ARCs with a minimum Net Owned Fund (NOF) of Rs 1000 crore are eligible to act as resolution applicants.



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- RBI has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on IDFC First Bank for non-compliance with certain directions on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions'.
- The central bank has also imposed a penalty of ₹49.7 lakh on LIC Housing Finance for breach of norms.
- RBI Monetary Policy Rate.
- Policy Repo Rate: 6.50%
- Standing Deposit Facility (SDF): 6.25%
- Marginal Standing Facility Rate: 6.75%
- Bank Rate: 6.75%
- Fixed Reverse Repo Rate: 3.35%
- CRR: 4.50%
- SLR: 18.00%.
- RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI)
- Founded : 1 April 1935
- RBI Nationalised : 1 January 1949
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- RBI set up : Hilton Young Commission
- 1st Governor : Sir Osborne Smith (Australia)
- 1st Indian Governor : CD Deshmukh
- 25th Governor : Shaktikanta Das
- RBI Deputy Governor (4)
 1. Tavana Rabi Sankar
 2. Michael D Patra
 3. M Rajeshwar Rao
 4. Swaminathan Janakiraman
- FIVE SUBSIDIARIES OF RBI :
 1. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGC)
 2. Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL)
 3. Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)
 4. Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS).



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5. Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)

- India has four currency note printing presses.
- Nashik in Maharashtra and Dewas in Madhya Pradesh owned by govt of India.
- Mysuru in Karnataka and Salboni in West Bengal owned by RBI.
- Coins are minted in four mints owned by the Government of India.
- Mumbai, Hyderabad, Calcutta and Noida

Q. Consider the following statements regarding the National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH):

1. It is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

2. It provides resource materials for historians, scientists, and other workers who are interested in studying and documenting the historical aspects of systems of Medicine.

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

- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated the National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage as WHO-Collaborating Centre (CC) for "Fundamental and Literary Research in Traditional Medicine".
- ✓ About National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH):
- ✓ The NIIMH, formerly known as the National Center of Indian Medical Heritage (NCIMH), provides resource materials for historians, scientists and other workers who are interested in studying and documenting the historical aspects of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy, and Sowa Rigpa (AYUSH), along with Modern Medicine.
- ✓ The institute is functioning under the administrative control of the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India.
- ✓ This Institute, which is only of its kind in South East / Asia is located in Dilsuknagar, Hyderabad.



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- ✓ The aim of SDG 7 is to “ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.”
- ✓ The report is produced annually by the five custodian agencies responsible for tracking progress toward the goal.
- ✓ The custodian agencies are the International Energy Agency (IEA), the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), the World Bank, and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ✓ This report summarizes global progress on energy access, energy efficiency, renewable energy, clean cooking, and international cooperation to advance SDG 7.
- ✓ Highlights of 2024 Report:
- ✓ The latest report confirms that the number of people without access to electricity increased for the first time in over a decade, as population grew—mostly in Sub-Saharan Africa—at a higher rate than that of new electricity connections, leaving 685 million people without electricity in 2022, 10 million more than in 2021.
- ✓ The world remains off track to achieve universal access to clean cooking by 2030. 2.1 billion people still live without access to clean cooking fuels and technologies, largely in Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia.
- ✓ A significant portion of this funding came from Germany and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD).

Q. Which of the following changes will Indian universities and higher education institutions (HEIs) implement starting from the 2024-25 academic session according to UGC?

- A) Offering admissions only in the July-August cycle.
- B) Offering admissions only in the January-February cycle.
- C) Offering admissions twice a year in July-August and January-February cycles.
- D) Ending the practice of annual admissions entirely.

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian universities and higher education institutions (HEIs) will now be allowed to offer admissions twice a year on lines of foreign universities.
- ✓ The two admission cycles followed globally also will be July-August and January-February from the 2024-25 academic session.



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- ✓ Biannual admissions will also enable the higher education institutes (HEIs) to plan their resource distribution, such as faculty, labs, classrooms and support services, more efficiently, resulting in a better functional flow within the university.
- ✓ At present, universities and colleges admit students annually in July-August every year. All HEIs follow the academic session that begins in July-August and ends in May-June.

Q. Who inaugurated the 'Prerna Sthal' in the Parliament complex, which now houses statues of national icons and freedom fighters?

- A) Rajya Sabha Chairperson and Vice President Hamid Ansari
- B) President Droupadi Murmu
- C) Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla
- D) Rajya Sabha Chairperson and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar

Answer : D

- ✓ Vice President Dhankhar inaugurates 'Prerna Sthal' in Parliament complex.
- ✓ Rajya Sabha chairperson and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the 'Prerna Sthal' in the Parliament complex which now houses statues of national icons and freedom fighters that were earlier at different places on the premises.
- ✓ The 'Prerna Sthal' will inspire and motivate people, Dhankhar said, amid criticism by the Congress over the removal of the statues from their original places.
- ✓ The Congress claimed the decision to relocate the statues within the Parliament premises was taken by the ruling regime "unilaterally". Its sole objective was to not have the statues of Mahatma Gandhi and B R Ambedkar, which have been traditional sites of democratic protests, right next to where the Parliament actually meets.

Q. Which company announced its partnership with Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation to equip the state's youth with IT skills and enhance employment opportunities?

- A) Microsoft
- B) Google
- C) IBM
- D) Oracle

Answer : D

- ✓ Oracle partners with Tamil Nadu to empower youth with IT skills.



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- Manohar International Airport, Mopa, joins 13 others in India adopting the Digi Yatra system, enhancing travel convenience.
- Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) in Delhi, India has been named the “Best Airport” in the Asia-Pacific region for six years in a row.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated 15 airport projects, including the revamped Terminal 1 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi, worth over Rs.9,800 crore
- Cochin International Airport Limited has signed an agreement with Bharat Petroleum (BPCL) for the Green Hydrogen Project.

Q. What is the name of the indigenously designed and manufactured submachine gun which has been recently inducted into the Indian Army?

A) Beretta M9

B) Glock 18

C) M16A4

D) ASMI

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian Army to induct Indigenous ASMI submachine gun.
- ✓ Northern Command of the Indian Army has ordered 550 indigenously designed, developed, and manufactured ASMI submachine guns worth Rs 4.26 crores.
- ✓ This is the first such indigenously designed and manufactured weapon to be inducted into the Indian Army.
- ✓ The ASMI submachine gun has been manufactured by the Hyderabad-based Lokesh Machine Limited
- ✓ The AMSI is short for Asmita, which means pride. It was designed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation's (DRDO) Pune-based laboratory Armament Research & Development Establishment (ARDE) in collaboration with the Indian Army.
- ✓ The design was handed over to Lokesh Machine Limited, a CNC(computerised Numerical Control) machine maker for manufacturing.
- ✓ Lokesh Machine Limited manufactures the ASMI submachine gun at its Toorpan factory located in the Medak district of Telangana using aerospace-grade aluminium.
- ✓ The use of aerospace-grade aluminium makes the submachine light and durable. ASMI is a single unibody 9x19 mm calibre submachine gun which weighs under 2.4 kg.
- ✓ The submachine has a magazine capacity of 32 rounds and can fire at the rate of 800 rounds per minute.



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- Q. Which company has manufactured the indigenously designed and developed ASMI submachine gun?**
- A) Lokesh Machine Limited B) Ordnance Factory Board
C) Indo-Russia Rifles D) MKU Limited

Answer : A

- Q. Consider the following statements with reference to the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar:**
1. It is presented annually to best literary creations by the young writers of age 35 or below.
 2. It is the only Akademi award open for nominations by publishers and self-nominations by writers.

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

- ✓ A 26-year-old writer from the tribal thanda of Vivek Nagar in Jakranpally mandal of Nizamabad district, Ramesh Karthik Naik, was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar for Telugu.
- ✓ It was first instituted in 2011.
- ✓ It is presented annually to best literary creations by the young writers of age 35 or below in all the 24 recognized languages.
- ✓ The Yuva Puraskar is conferred on eligible young writers for creative original works.
- ✓ It is the only Akademi award open for nominations by publishers and self-nominations by writers.
- ✓ The Yuva Puraskar comprises a plaque, shawl, citation and a cheque for Rupees Fifty Thousand (₹ 50,000).
- ✓ A posthumous publication is not eligible for Award.
- ✓ Key points about the Sahitya Akademi
- ✓ It was formally inaugurated by the Government of India on 12 March 1954.
- ✓ Sahitya Akademi, India's National Academy of Letters, is the central institution for literary dialogue, publication and promotion in the country and the only institution that undertakes literary activities in 24 Indian languages, including English.
- ✓ Though set up by the Government, the Akademi functions as an autonomous organisation.



The top 10 most expensive global cities for expats in 2024:

Ranking	City	Country
1	Hong Kong	Hong Kong SAR
2	Singapore	Singapore
3	Zurich	Switzerland
4	Geneva	Switzerland
5	Basel	Switzerland
6	Bern	Switzerland
7	New York	United States
8	London	United Kingdom
9	Nassau	Bahamas
10	Los Angeles	United States

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Q. Which international sports event will be hosted in Noida starting from 2025, as per the agreement between the Uttar Pradesh government and Dorna Sports?

- A) MotoGP Bharat B) FIFA World Cup
C) Tour de France D) Wimbledon

Answer : A

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh government agrees to raise ₹80cr for 2025 edition of MotoGP Bharat.
- ✓ The Uttar Pradesh government officials said the state will sign a contract with Spain headquartered Dorna Sports and its Indian partner, Fairstreet Sports, to organise MotoGP event in Noida next year, and will keep organising the annual event till 2029.



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- ✓ In order to organise the event through its Invest UP department, the state government will raise ₹80 crore to cover Dorna Sports' one-year licensing fee.

UPCOMING SPORTS VENUE IN NEWS 2024

- Uttar Pradesh government agrees to raise ₹80cr for 2025 edition of MotoGP Bharat
- India will host the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup in December 2025.
- Australia and Uzbekistan confirmed as 2026 and 2029 AFC Women's Asian Cup hosts.
- Brazil was declared the host of the 2027 Women's World Cup at the FIFA.
- India will host the BWF World Junior Championships 2025 at the National Centre of Excellence in Guwahati.
- Saudi Arabia will host the 2034 Asian Games in Riyadh, its capital city.
- Saudi Arabia is to host the 2034 Men's FIFA World Cup.
- England will host the 2027 World Test Championship (WTC) final in June, marking the fourth consecutive time
- South Africa is hosting the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2024.

Q. What is the name of the world's highest steel arch rail bridge recently tested by Indian Railways?

- A) Jammu-Udhampur Bridge B) Chenab Bridge
C) Sangaldan Arch Bridge D) Reasi Steel Bridge

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian Railways conducts trial run on world's highest steel arch rail bridge.
- ✓ Indian Railways successfully tested an electric engine from Sangaldan to Reasi, passing the world's tallest steel arch rail bridge, the Chenab Bridge.
- ✓ 1st trial train has successfully run from Sangaldan to Reasi, including crossing the Chenab Bridge. All construction works for the USBRL are nearly finished, with only tunnel No.1 remaining partially incomplete.
- ✓ The Chenab Bridge reaches a height of 359 meters (approximately 1,178 feet), surpassing the Eiffel Tower by 35 meters



BRIDGE IN NEWS 2024

- Indian Railways successfully tested an electric engine from Sangaldan to Reasi, passing the world's tallest steel arch rail bridge, the Chenab Bridge
- Hungary recently unveiled the 'Bridge of National Unity,' a 700-metre pedestrian bridge spanning Budapest's Danube River.
- India's longest sea bridge, the Atal Setu or Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL), is all set to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The Mumbai Trans Harbour Link is a bridge that spans 21.8 km in length and will connect the cities of Mumbai and Navi Mumbai.
- Following the collapse of the 'Francis Scott' Bridge in Baltimore, Maryland (USA), Maryland Governor Wes Moore declared a state of emergency.
- 1st Glass Skywalk Bridge of UP is ready to open in Chitrakoot.

Q. Where is GAIL (India) planning to set up India's largest ethane cracker project?

- A) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- B) Nagpur, Maharashtra
- C) Sehore, Madhya Pradesh
- D) Ranchi, Jharkhand

Answer : C

- ✓ GAIL to set up India's largest ethane cracker project at investment of Rs 60,000 cr in MP.
- ✓ GAIL (India) plans to establish a 1500 KTA Ethane Cracker Project in Sehore, Madhya Pradesh, with an estimated capex of Rs 60,000 crore.
- ✓ The project aims to produce a range of ethylene derivatives, bolstering the petrochemical infrastructure in the region.
- ✓ The project will be situated in Ashta, District Sehore, spanning approximately 800 hectares.
- ✓ The estimated investment for the Ethane Cracker Project is Rs 60,000 crore, marking it as the largest of its kind in India.
- ✓ This significant investment underscores GAIL's commitment to enhancing India's petrochemical industry



Q. For what reasons did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) impose fines on Central Bank of India and Sonali Bank PLC?

- A) Non-compliance with Basel III norms
- B) Violations related to loans and advances
- C) Insider trading
- D) Environmental violations

Answer : B

- ✓ RBI fines Central Bank of India and Sonali Bank for Violations.
- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a fine of ₹1.45 crore on the Central Bank of India and ₹96.4 lakh on Sonali Bank PLC for non-compliance issues including loans and advances and Know Your Customer (KYC) norms.
- ✓ RBI stated that a penalty of ₹96.4 lakh had been imposed on Sonali Bank PLC for non-compliance with certain norms, including the KYC Directions, 2016.

PENALTY IN NEWS 2024

- RBI imposed a fine of ₹1.45 crore on the Central Bank of India and ₹96.4 lakh on Sonali Bank PLC for non-compliance issues including loans and advances and Know Your Customer (KYC) norms.
- RBI imposes Rs 1.45 Crore penalty on Central Bank of India.
- SEBI has slapped a fine of Rs 7.75 crore on 11 individuals for allegedly operating a 'pump and dump' scheme in scrip of Svarnim Trade Udyog.
- ICICI Bank faced a penalty of ₹1 crore for contravening RBI's directions on 'loans and advances — statutory and other restrictions.'
- YES Bank incurred a penalty of ₹91 lakh for failing to adhere to RBI's directives on 'customer service in banks' and the 'unauthorised operation of internal/office accounts'.
- SEBI imposes ₹11.90 crore fine on 19 entities for Superior Finlease 'pump and dump'
- IRDAI imposes a fine of Rs 1 crore on IPO-bound Go Digit Insurance
- RBI has imposed a penalty of ₹1 crore on IDFC First Bank for non-compliance with certain directions on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions'.
- RBI imposes Rs 1.31 cr fine on Tamilnad Mercantile Bank for non-compliance.



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- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 1.4 crore on Bank of India for non-compliance with certain regulatory norms.
- Paytm's trouble escalated further with the Financial Intelligence Unit-India slapping a ₹5.49 crore penalty on Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL) for violating Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) obligations
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to waive the ₹5 crore penalty that was previously imposed on Bank of Baroda.

Q. Who is the author of the book titled "Ed Finds a Home." ?

A) Twinkle Khanna

B) Alia Bhatt

C) Huma Qureshi

D) Divya Dutta

Answer : B

- ✓ Alia Bhatt releases debut children's book The Adventures of Ed Finds a Home.
- ✓ Actress Alia Bhatt celebrated Father's Day in a unique way by unveiling the first look of her debut children's book, "Ed Finds a Home."
- ✓ "Ed Finds a Home" is a collaboration between Alia Bhatt, the author, and Tanvi Bhat, the illustrator.
- ✓ Tanvi Bhat, known for her illustrations in children's books, brings the story to life through her vibrant watercolor and gouache paintings.
- ✓ The book "Ed Finds a Home" is a heartwarming tale about a dog named Ed meeting a kind little girl named Alia.

BOLLYWOOD ACTRESS BOOKS IN NEWS

- Actress Alia Bhatt celebrated Father's Day in a unique way by unveiling the first look of her debut children's book, "Ed Finds a Home."
- Huma Qureshi launches 1st novel 'Zeba: An Accidental Superhero.
- Twinkle Khanna Launched her New Book 'Welcome To Paradise.
- Bollywood actress Kalki Koechlin is making her debut as an author, with her first book titled "Elephant In The Womb".
- A new book titled 'Stars In My Sky' by Divya Dutta



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➤ Priyanka Chopra Jonas' memoir named 'Unfinished'.

Q. According to a report by consultancy firm Kroll, who has reclaimed the top spot as India's most valued celebrity in 2023?

A) Ranveer Singh

B) Deepika Padukone

C) Virat Kohli

D) Priyanka Chopra

Answer : C

- ✓ Virat Kohli pips Ranveer Singh to reclaim top spot on India's most valued celebrity list.
- ✓ Team India star Virat Kohli has reclaimed his spot as India's most valued celebrity with a brand value of USD 227.9 million in 2023, according to a report by consultancy firm Kroll.
- ✓ Kohli's current valuation is still below his peak of USD 237.7 million in 2020.
- ✓ The rise ensured Kohli surpassed actor Ranveer Singh, who slipped to the second position with a brand value of USD 203.1 million, as per the report.
- ✓ Actor Shah Rukh Khan, buoyed by the success of his films 'Jawaan' and 'Pathaan', rose to the third spot in 2023 with a brand value of USD 120.7 million. Akshay Kumar now holds the fourth position with a brand value of USD 111.7 million in 2023, down from third in 2022.
- ✓ Alia Bhatt slipped to fifth place with a valuation of USD 101.1 million, and Deepika Padukone now occupies the sixth spot with a valuation of USD 96 million, a drop from her fifth position in 2022.

Q. Consider the following statements with reference to the Nalanda University:

1. It was founded by King Harshavardhan in the early 5th century AD.

2. It was a monastic establishment and used to teach all the major philosophies of Buddhism.

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

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the new Nalanda University campus near Rajgir's ancient university ruins.
- ✓ About Nalanda University:
- ✓ Nalanda stands out as the most ancient university on the Indian Subcontinent.



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- ✓ It was founded by Kumargupta of the Gupta dynasty in Bihar in the early 5th century, and it flourished for 600 years until the 12th century.
- ✓ During the era of Harshavardhan and the Pala monarchs, it rose to popularity.
- ✓ It was a center of learning, culture, and intellectual exchange that had a profound impact on the development of Indian civilization and beyond.
- ✓ It had students from far-flung regions such as China, Korea, Japan, Tibet, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, and Southeast Asia.
- ✓ The students at Nalanda were expected to follow a strict code of conduct and were required to participate in daily meditation and study sessions.
- ✓ Subjects such as medicine, the ancient Indian medical system Ayurveda, religion, Buddhism, mathematics, grammar, astronomy, and Indian philosophy were taught there.
- ✓ It continued to be a centre of intellectual activity up until it was destroyed in the 12th century AD, in 1193, by Turkish ruler Qutbuddin Aibak's general Bakhtiyar Khilji.
- ✓ After six centuries, the university was rediscovered in 1812 by Scottish surveyor Francis Buchanan-Hamilton and later identified as the ancient university by Sir Alexander Cunningham in 1861.
- ✓ The Chinese monk Xuan Zang has offered invaluable insights into the academic and architectural grandeur of ancient Nalanda.
- ✓ It is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Q. What target has the government of India set for the export of seafood in 2023-24?

A) \$9.1 billion

B) \$7.38 billion

C) \$5.12 billion

D) \$4.22 billion

Answer : B

- ✓ According to the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), the export of seafood from India in 2023-24 has recorded an all-time high of 17,81,602 Metric tonnes(MT) as compared to 17,35,286 MT in 2022-23.
- ✓ However, in monetary value terms, there has been a decline in the value of seafood exports.
- ✓ India exported seafood with Rs 60,523.89 crore or US\$7.38 billion during 2023-24. In 2022-23, the value of the seafood export was Rs 63,969.14 crore or US\$ 8,094.31 million.
- ✓ The government of India had set an export target of \$9.1 billion for seafood in 2023-24.



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- ✓ India has been ranked 63rd, while China has been ranked at 20th place
- ✓ According to the WEF, India has shown considerable improvement across energy equity, security, and sustainability.
- ✓ The Global Energy Transition Index is published by the WEF in its annual report 'Fostering Effective Energy Transition'.
- ✓ The annual report is published by the WEF in association with Accenture
- ✓ What is the Global Energy Transition Index?
- ✓ In simple words, it tracks government policies and their effectiveness in encouraging the reduction in the production of carbon dioxide gasses due to energy production, encouragement of non-fossil-based power (like solar, wind, small hydel plants, etc.) plants and reduction in overall energy intensity.
- ✓ World Economic Forum
- ✓ German economist Klaus Schwab founded the World Economic Forum in 1971 as a non-profit international organisation to provide a platform to promote collaboration between all stakeholders of global society to find common solutions to global issues.
- ✓ Headquarters of WEF: Cologny, Switzerland
- ✓ Report Released by WEF
- ✓ As a research organisation, it releases a number of reports.
- ✓ Global Gender Gap Report,
- ✓ Global Competitiveness Report,
- ✓ Energy Transition Index,
- ✓ Global Travel and Tourism Report,
- ✓ Global IT Report in collaboration with INSEAD and Cornell University.

Q. What is the rank of India in the 2024 Global Energy Transition Index?

- A) 87
- B) 76
- C) 63
- D) 54

Answer : C

- ✓ India has been ranked 63rd, while China has been ranked at 20th place.



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Q. Which country has topped the 2024 Global Energy Transition Index?

- A) Sweden
B) Denmark
C) Finland
D) Switzerland

Answer : A

- ✓ The European nations dominate the 2024 Global Energy Transition Index's top ranks. Sweden has topped the Index, followed by Denmark, Finland, Switzerland, and France
- ✓ **INDIA'S RANK IN VARIOUS INDEXES 2024**
- ✓ Global Energy Transition Index 2024
- ✓ Released By : World Economic Forum(WEF)
- ✓ TOP : Sweden
- ✓ 2nd : Denmark
- ✓ 3rd : Finland
- ✓ 4th : Switzerland
- ✓ 5th : France
- ✓ INDIA : 63
- ✓ Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2024
- ✓ TOP : Estonia
- ✓ 2nd : Luxembourg
- ✓ 3rd : Germany
- ✓ 4th : Finland
- ✓ 5th : United Kingdom
- ✓ INDIA : 176
- ✓ Global Gender Gap Report 2023
- ✓ Released By : World Economic Forum (WEF)
- ✓ TOP : Iceland
- ✓ 2nd : Finland
- ✓ 3rd : Norway
- ✓ 4th : New Zealand
- ✓ 5th : Sweden
- ✓ INDIA : 129



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- ✓ Travel and Tourism Development Index 2024
- ✓ Released By : World Economic Forum(WEF)
- ✓ TOP : United States of America
- ✓ 2nd : Spain
- ✓ 3rd : Japan
- ✓ 4th : France
- ✓ 5th : Australia
- ✓ INDIA : 39
- ✓ World Press Freedom Index 2024
- ✓ Released By : Reporters without Borders
- ✓ TOP : Norway
- ✓ 2nd : Denmark
- ✓ 3rd : Sweden
- ✓ 4th : Netherlands
- ✓ 5th : Finland
- ✓ INDIA : 159
- ✓ Human Development Report 2023-2024
- ✓ Released By : United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- ✓ TOP : Denmark
- ✓ 2nd : Norway
- ✓ 3rd : Switzerland
- ✓ 4th : Sweden
- ✓ 5th : Netherlands
- ✓ INDIA : 108 with a score of 0.437
- ✓ Global Intellectual Property Index 2024
- ✓ Released By : US Chamber of Commerce
- ✓ TOP : United States
- ✓ 2nd : United Kingdom
- ✓ 3rd : France
- ✓ 4th : Germany



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- ✓ 5th : Sweden
- ✓ INDIA : 42
- ✓ Corruption Perceptions Index 2023
- ✓ Released By : Transparency International
- ✓ TOP : Denmark
- ✓ 2nd : Finland
- ✓ 3rd : New Zealand
- ✓ 4th : Norway
- ✓ INDIA : 39

Q. What is the outlay for the central scheme National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme (NFIES)?

A) Rs Rs 8268.18 crore

B) Rs Rs 6271.09 crore

C) Rs Rs 1728.28 crore

D) Rs Rs 2254.43 crore

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Cabinet approves NFIES scheme for Forensic Infra. Development.
- ✓ The government of India has approved a new central sector scheme to strengthen the criminal forensic infrastructure in the country to aid an efficient criminal justice system.
- ✓ The National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme (NFIES) was approved by the Union Cabinet in a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 19 June 2024.
- ✓ Feature of the “National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme
- ✓ The “National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme (NFIES) scheme will be implemented by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.
- ✓ The “National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme (NFIES) will consist of three components.
- ✓ Construction of Campuses of the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) in the country.
- ✓ Establishment of Central Forensic Science Laboratories across the country and
- ✓ Strengthening the existing infrastructure of the Delhi Campus of the NFSU.
- ✓ Financial Outlay for the NFIES
- ✓ The central government has allocated Rs 2254.43 crore for the National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme. The money for the scheme will come from the budgetary allocation for the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.



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- ✓ The approval for the project was given by the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 19 June 2024. The development of a new port, Vadhavan, is in alignment with the PM GatiShakti programme.
- ✓ The Union cabinet also approved a proposal to establish road connectivity between the Vadhavan Port and National Highways and rail linkage to the existing rail network and the upcoming Dedicated Rail Freight Corridor.
- ✓ Vadhavan Port, in Vadhavan in the Palghar district of Maharashtra.
- ✓ Developer of the Vadhavan Port
- ✓ The proposed all-weather Greenfield Vadhavan Port is to be India's largest deep draft port. It will be constructed by Vadhavan Port Project Limited (VPPL). The VPPL is a special purpose vehicle (SPV) set up by the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) and Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB).
- ✓ The JNPA has a stake of 74 per cent in the SPV, while the MMB stake in the SPV is 26 percent.
- ✓ Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority operates the Nhava Sheva port located in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ✓ Greenfield projects mean that there are no existing ports in the area and a new port will be built from scratch.
- ✓ Deep Draft port means that the port can handle large cargo ships.
- ✓ Cost of the Vadhavan Port
- ✓ The total cost of the Vadhavan project is Rs.76,220 crore. This includes the cost of land acquisition, development of core infrastructure, Terminals, and other commercial infrastructure. The project will be built in the public-private partnerships (PPP) mode

SCHEME IN NEWS 2024

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav inaugurated the intra-state air service facility 'PM Shri Tourism Air Service.
- Assam government has announced a new scheme Mukhya Mantri Nijut Moina (MMNM) to promote girl education and to end child marriage in the state.
- Chief Minister of Rajasthan Bhajan Lal Sharma announced that the state government will develop the Maharana Pratap Tourist Circuit with an investment of Rs 100 crore.
- Mahindra & Mahindra Sign MoU with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) for 'Drone Didi' Pilot Project.



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- Uttarakhand government has launched the Pirul Lao-Paise Pao campaign to contain the raging forest fire in the state.

Q. The Maharashtra Maritime Board is going to build the Vadhavan port in Maharashtra in a joint venture with which company?

- A) Chennai Port Authority B) Mormugao Port Authority
C) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority D) Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority

Answer : C

Q. Which financial institutions has gave India a big loan of USD 170 million, which is about Rs 1,418 crore?

- A) World Bank B) ADB
C) AIIB D) IMF

Answer : B

- ✓ ADB Approves \$170 Million for India's Health System Preparedness.
- ✓ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) recently gave India a big loan of USD 170 million, which is about Rs 1,418 crore.
- ✓ The loan is meant to improve India's healthcare system.
- ✓ Objectives of the ADB Loan
- ✓ The recently approved funding is in line with India's National Health Policy 2017, which aims to make sure that all people can get good healthcare.

ADB IN NEWS 2024

- ADB Approves \$170 Million for India's Health System Preparedness.
- ADB approves \$2.6 billion in Sovereign lending to India in 2023.
- 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.



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- 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).
- 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.

Q. What is the minimum support price announced by the government of India for the paddy common grade for the 2024-25 agricultural marketing season?

A) Rs 2300 per quintal

B) Rs 2800 per quintal

C) Rs 2500 per quintal

D) Rs 2600 per quintal

Answer : A

- ✓ Government increases MSP for Kharif crops for marketing season 24-25.
- ✓ The Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), in a meeting held on 19 June 2024 and chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Kharif crops for the marketing season 2024-25.
- ✓ The agriculture marketing season in India is from July to June.



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- ✓ In the Union Budget 2018-19 the government of India had announced that the MSP of a crop shall be at least 1.5 times the All-India weighted average Cost of Production.
- ✓ In the recently announced MSP for the 2024-25 Kharif season, Bajra has the highest margin over the cost of production (77 percent), followed by Tur (59 percent), maize (54 percent), and Urad (52 percent). For the rest of the crops, the margin over the cost of production is estimated to be 50 percent.
- ✓ MSP for Mandated Kharif Crops for Marketing Season 2024-25

New MSP	(₹/quintal)		
	2023-24	2024-25	% Change
Paddy (Common)	2,183	2,300	5.4
Jowar-Hybrid	3,180	3,371	6.0
Bajra	2,500	2,625	5.0
Maize	2,090	2,225	6.5
Ragi	3,846	4,290	11.5
Tur(Arhar)	7,000	7,550	7.9
Moong	8,558	8,682	1.4
Urad	6,950	7,400	6.5
Groundnut	6,377	6,783	6.4
Sunflower Seed	6,760	7,280	7.7
Soyabean	4,600	4,892	6.3
Sesamum	8,635	9,267	7.3
Nigerseed	7,734	8,717	12.7
Cotton (Long)	7,020	7,521	7.1

- ✓ What is the Minimum Support Price (MSP)?
- ✓ The MSP for the mandated crops is announced by the government of India before the start of the Kharif and Rabi agriculture seasons.
- ✓ In 1966-67, the government introduced the Minimum Support Price with the objective to encourage farmers to adopt modern scientific farming to increase production, to raise productivity and crop production in the country to meet the emerging demand patterns in the country.
- ✓ Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) and its Role
- ✓ The Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) was set up in 1965 as an expert committee under the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- ✓ It calculates the MSP of mandated crops and recommends them to the government.
- ✓ The government is not bound to accept the CACP's recommendations, which are advisory in nature.
- ✓ Mandated Crops under MSP



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- ✓ At present, the CACP recommends MSP for 22 crops and for sugarcane it recommends fair and remunerative price (FRP).
- ✓ The mandated crops are;
- ✓ Cereals -Wheat, Paddy, Wheat, Barley, Ragi, Maize, Sorghum, Pearl millet,
- ✓ Pulses- Chickpea / Gram, Tur, Moong, Urad, Lentil
- ✓ Oilseeds - Peanut, Rapeseed, Soybean, Sesame, Sunflower, Safflower, Niger seed
- ✓ Commercial crops -Copra, Sugarcane, Cotton, Raw jute.
- ✓ Cropping Season in India
- ✓ According to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Kharif, Rabi, and Zaid are the three main cropping seasons in India.
- ✓ Kharif Season
- ✓ It coincides with the onset of the South West Monsoon, with the sowing season being June/July and the harvesting season being September-October.
- ✓ Major crops are paddy(rice), cotton, soybean, moong, toor(arhar) maize, jawar, bajra, urad, cotton, jute, groundnut and soyabean.
- ✓ Rabi Crops
- ✓ It is sown during the October -December months and harvested in March/April.
- ✓ Major crops are Barley, peas, sunflower, mustard, wheat gram, etc.
- ✓ Zaid Crops
- ✓ It is a period after the harvesting of the rabi crops and before the sowing of the kharif crops.
- ✓ Major crops are cucumber, vegetables and fodder crops, watermelon, muskmelon.

Q. Which crop received the highest absolute increase in Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Marketing Season 2024-25 compared to the previous year?

A) Nigerseed

B) Sesamum

C) Tur/Arhar

D) Wheat

Answer : A

- ✓ The highest absolute increase in MSP over the previous year has been recommended for oilseeds and pulses viz. nigerseed (Rs.983/- per quintal) followed by sesamum (Rs.632/- per quintal) and tur/arhar (Rs.550/- per quintal).



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- ✓ The Indian delegation to the 112th International Labour Conference (ILC) led by Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment showcased the e-Shram portal and its present integrations and achievements during the sidelines of the ILC at Geneva, Switzerland.
- ✓ About e-Shram Portal:
- ✓ It was launched by the Ministry of Labour and Employment in 2021 for registration and creation of a comprehensive National Database of Unorganized Workers.
- ✓ It is a “One-Stop-Solution” for Unorganised Workers of the country.
- ✓ The portal is presently integrated with National Career Service (NCS) Portal, Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH), myScheme portal and Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhaan (PMSYM) scheme
- ✓ The Ministry aims to facilitate access to various social security schemes being implemented by various Ministries/ Departments for the benefit of the unorganised workers through the e-Shram portal.

APP & PORTAL IN NEWS 2024

- INDRA app was launched in an event conducted by School of Naval Oceanology & Meteorology (SNOM) and Indian Naval Meteorological Analysis Centre (INMAC) at Southern Naval Command as part of the World Meteorological Day celebrations.
- Uttar Pradesh Police will now use the state-of-the-art digital platform Trinetra App 2.0, which has been designed to help in crime prevention and investigation.
- Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry (GROW) report and "Greening and Restoration of Wasteland with Agroforestry (GROW)-Suitability Mapping" portal was launched by NITI Aayog.
- Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India launched “Science for Women-A Technology & Innovation (SWATI)” Portal.
- Agriculture minister launches Sarathi portal for insurance products.
- GHAR - GO Home and Re-Unite Portal have been developed and launched by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).
- Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs launched a web portal of Coal Mines Provident Fund Organization (CMPFO) namely C- CARES.
- About C- CARES Portal:
- It is developed and designed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).



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- Ministry of Communications launched the “Bharat 5G Portal- an integrated portal” on the sidelines of ‘Bharat Telecom 2024’.
- About Bharat 5G Portal:
- It is a comprehensive platform serving the interests of startups, industry and academia in quantum, 6G, IPR and 5G domains
- Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) launched the MPLADS e-SAKSHI Mobile Application.
- About e-SAKSHI Application:
- It was launched for revised fund flow procedure under Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLAD) Scheme.

Q. What is the total outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme for offshore wind energy projects?

- A) Rs. 6453 crore
- B) Rs. 7453 crore
- C) Rs. 8453 crore
- D) Rs. 9453 crore

Answer : B

- ✓ Cabinet approves Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme for implementation of offshore wind energy projects.
- ✓ The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme for offshore wind energy projects at a total outlay of Rs.7453 crore.
- ✓ This also includes an outlay of Rs.6853 crore for installation and commissioning of 1 GW of offshore wind energy projects (500 MW each off the coast of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu), and grant of Rs.600 crore for upgrade of two ports to meet logistics requirements for offshore wind energy projects.
- ✓ The VGF scheme is a major step towards implementation of the National Offshore Wind Energy Policy notified in 2015 with an aim to exploit the vast offshore wind energy potential that exists within the exclusive economic zone of India
- ✓ This ecosystem will support the development of initial 37 GW of offshore wind energy at an investment of about Rs.4,50,000 crore



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- ✓ Kotak General has ceased to be a wholly-owned subsidiary of KMB and the bank now holds the remaining 30 percent of the share capital of Kotak General.

Q. Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and _ have signed a MoU for collaboration in cyber security to enhance India's cyber-resilience in the financial sector.

- A) American Express B) RuPay
C) Mastercard India D) VISA

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and Mastercard India have signed MoU for collaboration in cyber security to enhance India's cyber-resilience in the financial sector.
- ✓ The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology said, two entities will leverage their shared expertise to strengthen the financial sector's cybersecurity incident response.
- ✓ Mastercard and CERT-In will hold training programs and workshops for cyber capacity building, latest market trends and best practices to enhance cyber security of financial sector organizations

Q. Which payments bank has partnered with Ria Money Transfer to provide convenient and affordable doorstep financial services to customers in remote areas across the country?

- A) India Post Payments Bank B) Airtel Payments Bank
C) FINO Payments Bank D) Paytm Payments Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has partnered with Ria Money Transfer, a global leader in cross-border money transfers to provide convenient and affordable doorstep financial services to customers in remote areas across the country.
- ✓ The partnership between IPPB and Ria will enhance access to banking services at customers' doorsteps, allowing them to withdraw only the amounts they need immediately.
- ✓ This initiative aims to mitigate the previous challenges and risks, fostering true financial inclusion.

Q. The Department of Animal Husbandry in partnership with the World Bank has organised an Avian Influenza Outbreak and Response Simulation Exercise in which city?

- A) Patna B) Lucknow
C) Bhopal D) Nagpur



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- ✓ In 2004 at its 60th anniversary, its name was changed to United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- ✓ The main aim of the UNCTAD is to promote trade, investment and development of the developing countries.
- ✓ Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- ✓ Reports released by UNCTAD
- ✓ The UNCTAD also releases various reports. The important ones are :
- ✓ World Investment Report,
- ✓ Trade and Development Report,
- ✓ Digital Economy report,
- ✓ Review of Maritime Transport,
- ✓ Technology and Innovation Report.
- ✓ Commodities and Development Report,
- ✓ Least Developed Countries Report.

Q. Who has been appointed as the Pro-Tem speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha?

A) Om Birla

B) Meira Kumar

C) Sumtra Mahajan

D) Bhartruhari Mahtab

Answer : D

- ✓ Bhartruhari Mahtab appointed Pro-tem speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha
- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu has appointed seven-time Lok Sabha member of parliament Bhartruhari Mahtab of Bharatiya Janata Party as the pro-tem speaker of the newly constituted 18th Lok Sabha. This information was provided by the Union Parliamentary Affairs minister, Kiren Rijiju.
- ✓ The first session of the newly constituted 18th Lok Sabha starts on 26 June 2024.
- ✓ Normally, the senior-most newly elected member of the Lok Sabha is appointed as pro-tem speaker. This is a convention, not a rule.
- ✓ Provisions regarding the Pro-Tem Speaker
- ✓ The word pro-tem is not mentioned in the constitution. The 'Handbook on the Working of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs mentions the procedure to be followed for the appointment of the pro-tem speaker.



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- ✓ According to Article 94 of the Indian constitution, the speaker of the former Lok Sabha resigns just before the first sitting of the newly elected Lok Sabha. It means that the 17th Lok Sabha Om Birla has to resign before the convening of the 18th Lok Sabha.
- ✓ Function of the Pro-tem Speakers
- ✓ According to Article 99 of the Indian constitution, a newly elected member of the Lok Sabha has to take an oath of membership before the President or a person appointed by the president on her behalf.
- ✓ The proforma of the oath to be taken by the newly elected member is mentioned in the third schedule of the constitution.
- ✓ The first function of the pro-tem speaker and the three other members is to administer the oath to the newly elected member of the Lok Sabha.
- ✓ The second function of the pro-tem speaker is to conduct the election of the new speaker and deputy speaker of the Lok Sabha.
- ✓ The day the newly elected speaker/deputy speaker assumes their office, the office of the pro-tem speaker automatically lapses.
- ✓ About Bhartruhari Mahtab
- ✓ Bhartruhari Mahtab represents the Cuttack Lok Sabha constituency of Odisha. He was elected from the Cuttack seat on the Biju Janata Dal ticket six times. However, this time, he switched from the Biju Janata Dal to the Bharatiya Janata Party just before the parliamentary election and was reelected for the seventh time

APPOINTMENTS IN NEWS 2024

- Bhartruhari Mahtab has been appointed and administered oath by the President of India as the pro-tem Speaker of the 18th Lok Sabha.
- Manoj Jain has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) .
- The government has appointed Atul Kumar Chaudhary as a secretary of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).
- Paytm Appoints Rajeev Agarwal as Non-Executive Independent Director.
- Ajith Kumar KK has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank for a three-year term.



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- P K Mishra has been re-appointed as the Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Ajit Doval Reappointed National Security Adviser (NSA).
- Prem Prabhakar Appointed MD and CEO of SBICAP Ventures Limited
- Lt General Upendra Dwivedi appointed as the 30th Indian Army Chief
- Pema Khandu takes oath as the Arunachal Pradesh Chief minister for third time
- Mohan Charan Majhi of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was sworn in as the chief minister of Odisha
- Chandrababu Naidu sworn in as Andhra Pradesh chief minister for the fourth time
- Prem Singh Tamang of the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) was sworn in as the chief minister of Sikkim for the second consecutive term
- Sameer Bansal Appointed CEO of PNB MetLife.
- Bisleri Limonata Appoints Aditya Roy Kapur as Brand Ambassador
- Badminton Star PV Sindhu Appointed Brand Ambassador for Tobacco Control

Q. Which technology company has recently surpassed Apple and Microsoft to become the world's most valuable company by market capitalization?

A) Nvidia Corp

B) Apple Inc.

C) Microsoft Corp.

D) Intel Corporation

Answer : A

- ✓ Nvidia Corp's surge continues, propelling the chipmaker to the top of the global tech market capitalization leaderboard.
- ✓ The AI chip maker has beaten technology giants Apple and Microsoft to become the world's most-valuable company.

Q. What is the purpose of Axis Bank's recent decision to acquire an additional stake in Max Life Insurance for up to ₹336 crore?

A) To increase Max Life Insurance's Gross Written Premium

B) To enhance Axis Bank's aggregate shareholding in Max Life Insurance

C) To launch a new insurance product with Max Life Insurance

D) To reduce Max Life Insurance's operational costs

Answer : B



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- ✓ Axis Bank has decided to raise its shareholding in Max Life Insurance for an amount of up to ₹336 crore. This transaction would lead to the aggregate shareholding of the Axis Entities going up from 19.02 per cent to 19.66 per cent.

AXIS BANK IN NEWS 2024

- Financial Intelligence Unit imposes over Rs 1.66 cr fine on Axis Bank for failing to detect fraud NSG account.
- Axis Bank, Bajaj Allianz forge strategic bancassurance partnership.
- VST Tillers Tractors Limited (VST), a farm equipment manufacturer, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Axis Bank, to offer financial solutions to the farmers for purchasing tractors and Farm Mechanisation products.
- Axis Bank to groom LGBTQIA+ talent for careers in banking.
- Axis Bank has recently reappointed Amitabh Chaudhry as the MD and CEO of the bank.
- Axis Bank has launched the digital US dollar Fixed Deposits (FD) tailored for Non-Resident Indian (NRI) customers at the IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) situated in GIFT City, Gujarat
- **AXIS BANK**
- Founded : 1993
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Rakesh Makhija
- MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary
- Tagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi

Q. Which IIT and Simpliforge Creations collaborate to install India's first pedestrian bridge using indigenous 3D printing technology?

- A) IIT Madras
- B) IIT Bombay
- C) IIT Hyderabad
- D) IIT Delhi

Answer : C

- ✓ IIT Hyderabad and Simpliforge Creations collaborate to install India's first pedestrian bridge using indigenous 3D printing technology.



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- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) and Hyderabad-based startup Simpliforge Creations, which specialises in providing 3D concrete printing solutions, have collaborated to install India's first pedestrian bridge using indigenous 3D printing technology
- ✓ The 7.50-m bridge was printed and installed on the campus after load testing was done on a smaller prototype.

INDIA'S FIRST IN NEWS 2024

- India's first indigenous bomber UAV aircraft, the FWD-200B, developed by Flying Wedge Defence, an Indian defence and aerospace company, was unveiled recently.
- 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.

IIT IN NEWS 2024

- TCS And IIT Bombay Collaborate To Create India's First Semiconductor Chip Imaging Tool.
- Alliance of Digital India Foundation (ADIF) and IIT Guwahati incubation center sign MoU to boost startup ecosystem



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- Experimental Licence Module for 100 5G Labs' launched at IIT Madras
- President of India Draupadi Murmu launched India's first domestic gene therapy for cancer at IIT Bombay.
- French aerospace and defence firm Starburst Accelerator SARL has partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) to set up an innovative hub for start-ups with €100 million in funding support.
- IIT Madras has developed an indigenous electric standing wheelchair called 'NeoStand,' claimed to be India's most customizable wheelchair for the benefit of wheelchair users
- Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) and the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) have collaborated to establish a Centre of Excellence and Industry Accelerator in the automotive and electric vehicle (EV) sector.
- Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IIT Guwahati) transferred swine fever vaccine technology to BioMed Pvt. Ltd.
- Uttar Pradesh government will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Roorkee for better disaster management in the state.
- Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT-K) has successfully established and tested India's first Hypervelocity Expansion Tunnel Test Facility .
- IREDA has entered into an agreement with IIT Bhubaneswar to promote innovation and research in the renewable energy sector.
- IIT Madras to open new campus at Kandy in Sri Lanka.
- ArcelorMittal and ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India materials and engineering resources being deployed to construct Asia's first Hyperloop testing facility at IIT Madras, Chennai, India

Q. Which country will host the 2024 Brics Summit?

A) South Africa

B) China

C) India

D) Russia

Answer : D

- ✓ Thailand hopes for BRICS membership at October summit.



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- ✓ Thailand hopes to become a member of the BRICS group of emerging economies at the organisation's next summit in Russia in October.
- ✓ Thailand is also looking to join the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), after being invited by the Paris-based group to open accession discussions
- ✓ Argentina declined to join the group, while Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates joined the group on 1 January 2024.
- ✓ Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa were already members of the group.
- ✓ Russia took over the chairmanship of BRICS from South Africa on 1 January 2024.
- ✓ Russia will host the 16th annual BRICS summit from 22 to 24 October 2024.
- ✓ Thus, after Russia, Brazil will be the next chairman of BRICS.
- ✓ About BRICS
- ✓ BRICS is an intergovernmental organisation that originally consisted of four countries: Brazil, Russia, India, and China.
- ✓ British economist Jim O'Neill, working for Goldman Sachs, coined the acronym BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India, and China) in 2001.
- ✓ He believed that these countries would dominate global economic growth by 2050.
- ✓ The first summit meeting of the leaders of the BRIC countries was held in June 1996 in Yekaterinburg, Russia.
- ✓ The group's name was changed to BRICS after South Africa joined the group in 2010.
- ✓ The BRICS countries are economically an important group in the world. Around half of the world's population lives in BRICS countries.
- ✓ Their contribution in world crude oil production and export is around 40 per cent.
- ✓ They contribute to around 25 percent of the global economy and their contribution in global trade in goods is around two-fifth.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)?

A) Ritesh Agarwal

B) Bhavish Aggarwal

C) Tilak Mehta

D) Manoj Jain

Answer : D



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- ✓ Manoj Jain has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) till the date of his superannuation i.e. 31.03.2029.
- ✓ Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- ✓ Founded : 1954
- ✓ Headquarters : Bangalore
- ✓ Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) : Manoj Jain
- ✓ BEL is one of sixteen PSUs under the Ministry of Defence of India. It has been granted Navratna status by the Government of India.

Q. Atul Kumar Chaudhary has recently been appointed as the secretary of which organisation?

- A) AAI
- B) ICAR
- C) TRAI
- D) NPCI

Answer : C

- ✓ The government has appointed Atul Kumar Chaudhary as a secretary of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) following the superannuation of V Raghunandan.
- ✓ Chaudhary, a 1989-batch Indian Telecommunication Services (ITS) officer, working as a deputy director general at the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), has been deputed for a two-year term.
- ✓ Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
- ✓ Founded : 1997
- ✓ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ✓ Regulatory agency executives
- ✓ Chairperson : Anil Kumar Lahoti
- ✓ Secretary : Atul Chaudhary.
- ✓ TRAI is a regulatory body set up by the Government of India under section 3 of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997. It is the regulator of the telecommunications sector in India



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Q. Consider the following statements with reference to the Chenab Rail Bridge:

1. It is located above the Chenab riverbed in Himachal Pradesh.

2. It is the highest single-arch railway bridge in the world.

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

- ✓ The Indian Railway conducted a successful trial run on the newly-constructed world's highest railway bridge, Chenab Rail Bridge, in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ✓ About Chenab Rail Bridge:
- ✓ Location: It is located between Bakkal and Kauri in the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
- ✓ The 1.3-km-long bridge is located 359 metres above the Chenab riverbed.
- ✓ It is the highest single-arch railway bridge in the world.
- ✓ It is part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link project.
- ✓ The construction of the Chenab bridge has been a collaborative effort, involving various international organizations and renowned Indian institutions, including the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), and the Geological Survey of India.
- ✓ It has been designed to withstand high wind speeds of up to 266 Kmph.
- ✓ It is built to be 'blast-proof' and is capable of withstanding the nation's maximum intensity zone-V earthquake forces

Q. Who has been appointed as the new secretary-general of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)?

A) Mona Keijzer

B) Mark Rutte

C) Sigrid Kaag

D) Pieter Omtzigt

Answer : B

- ✓ Mark Rutte will appoint as the new secretary-general of NATO. Mark Rutte will succeed Jens Stoltenberg.
- ✓ Rutte has been the PM of Netherlands for 14 years.



- ✓ Rutte will take over NATO's leadership at a critical time. His new job will begin by Oct. 2, just over a month before the U.S. election, which will shape the fate of the military alliance that has served as Eastern Europe's most successful deterrence to an aggressive Russia.

NATO IN NEWS 2024

- Mark Rutte will appoint as the new secretary-general of NATO. Mark Rutte will succeed Jens Stoltenberg.
- NATO is changing its existing policy under a proposal and creating a 100 billion euro fund for five years to support Ukraine in its war with Russia.
- Sweden has officially become the 32nd member of NATO
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) started its largest military exercise in Europe, the Steadfast Defender 2024, recently.
- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has recently announced the formal suspension of the Cold War-era security treaty.
- Finland becomes 31st member of Nato.
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- Formation : 4 April 1949
- Headquarters : Brussels, Belgium
- Secretary General : Mark Rutte (Netherlands)
- Total Member : 32 (Sweden)
- Established by the Washington treaty.
- At present, NATO has 32 members.
- In 1949, there were 12 founding members of the Alliance: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom and the United States.
- The other member countries are: Greece and Türkiye (1952), Germany (1955), Spain (1982), the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland (1999), Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia (2004), Albania and Croatia (2009), Montenegro (2017) and North Macedonia (2020), Finland (2023) and Sweden (2024).



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Q. On which date did the Post Office Act, 2023 officially come into effect, replacing the Indian Post Office Act of 1898?

A) June 18,2024

B) June 23,2024

C) July 1,2024

D) July 13,2024

Answer : A

- ✓ The Post Office Act 2023, officially came into effect on June 18, 2024, replacing the Indian Post Office Act of 1898.
- ✓ The new Act aims to modernise India's postal services framework, ensuring efficient delivery of citizen services and government benefits



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