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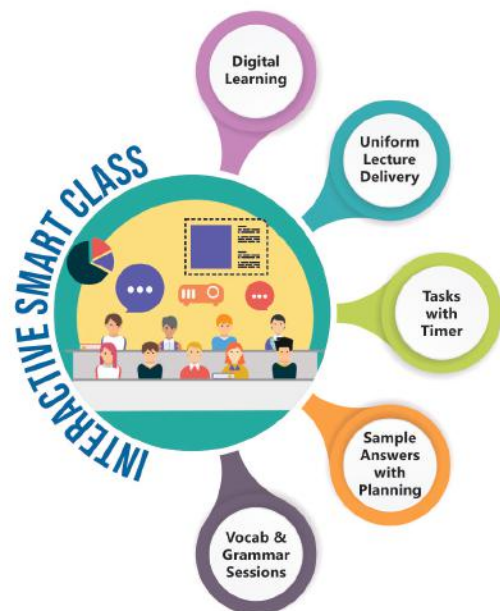
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Dec. 14	World Energy Conservation Day
Dec. 18	Minorities Rights Day (India)
Dec. 23	Kisan Divas (Farmer's Day) (India)
Dec. 24	National Consumers Day

IMPORTANT DAYS IN JANUARY

Jan 01	Global Family Day
Jan 09	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
Jan 12	National Youth Day
Jan 15	Indian Army Day
Jan 24	National Girl Child Day
Jan 25	National tourism Day
Jan 26	International Customs Day
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Success Story

Name: Anant Raj Gupta
Father's Name: Rajesh Gupta
Education: Graduation
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Final Selection: SBI PO



IBT: "You have the caliber to do whatever you can dream. I hope you feel proud of yourself and self-assured to rise to your next challenge." You've earned every bit of the success you're enjoying. I wish you many Congratulations.

Anant: Thank you, sir.

IBT: How did you feel when you got to know that you have been selected for the post?

Anant: I am really very glad, sir. My efforts and hard work have proved to be fruitful. I was alike every other student, little scared if I would be able to crack any exam. But, I tried to overcome my fear and succeed. And finally my dedication and sincerity helped me to crack the same. I really feel overwhelmed.

IBT: What was your future plan before joining the Institute?

Anant: Sir, I always wanted to join a government job. My family also wanted the same. After completing my studies, I thought of joining the best institute to prepare for my ultimate dream. I have taken some government exams during my graduation but I analysed that I was lacking in one or the other subject. This is the reason I joined IBT Institute which I think is the best decision of my life as it is the most prestigious institute.

IBT: How did you prepare to achieve your goal?

Anant: Sir, I focused on attending all the classes regularly so that I can clear the basics of each and every topic. I also used to revise the same at home. In beginning, I used to have many doubts which I would clear in the separate doubt

sessions provided by the Institute. After practicing all the topics, I majorly focused on my weak areas and revised the strong chapters. In this way I prepared well for the exams. Thus, lectures and separate doubt sessions helped me to achieve my goal.

IBT: Would you like to advise other students how to prepare for the exam?

Anant: Diligence is the key to crack any exam. This would not work if one studies irregularly. Secondly, students must not only pay attention to attend the classes regularly but also should practice the same topics at home. They must analyze their own performance by taking online mock tests provided by the Institute. This way they will come to know about their strong and weak areas. This will help the students a lot to do well in the exams.

IBT: What according to you is the best strategy while taking any competitive exam?

Anant: Sir, for any examination, selection of proper questions is very important. Time management is also very crucial while attempting any exam. That's why one ought to allocate appropriate time to each question. One must not only pay attention on speed but also on accuracy. Students must make their own strategy as per their own strengths and weaknesses. This would only be possible if they are taking mock tests on the regular basis along with the time bound practice of the questions. For this, online

mock tests provided by the Institute are really helpful as they are prepared on the basis of realistic exam pattern and level as well.

IBT: What contribution did IBT Institute make to your success?

Anant: Faculty members at IBT Institute helped me a lot to clear all my doubts regarding the subjects. I would say that guidance is very important for every the students who are preparing for the competitive exams. Only a true guidance can lead you towards your goal. It is only due to the flexible batch timings, regular guidance, doubt sessions and weekly mock tests because of which I was able to crack the exam. I had a really good experience with the IBT Institute.

IBT: Who would you attribute your success to?

Anant: I would like to attribute my success to my parents who always supported me, my teachers who were always there to guide me and IBT Institute as a whole which supported me during this journey. The faculty members guided me in the proper direction. I learnt a lot from the institute.

IBT: Would you like to suggest something to the students who are preparing for the competitive exams?

Anant: Firstly, they have to be very clear what they actually want to do and if they are actually interested in joining the government job then they must not leave any room for preparation. Dedication and diligence are the keys to reach the summit of success.

IBT: Celebrating the record you just made and looking forward to watching you cross your next finish line!

Anant: Thank you very much, sir!

PRECIOUS WORDS : "Uplifting words can capture your imagination and make you appreciate learning all over again."

IIFA Awards 2024

The IIFA Awards 2024, held in Abu Dhabi, celebrated Indian cinema with Shah Rukh Khan winning the Best Actor award for his role in 'Jawan'. Ranbir Kapoor's film 'Animal' topped the nominations with 11 nods and won Best Picture. What made the evening even more spectacular was Shah Rukh Khan, who co-hosted the event with Vicky Kaushal and Karan Johar. The trio electrified the stage with their performance of his hit song 'Jhoomo Jo Pathaan'.

Below is the list of award winners from the IIFA Awards 2024. These individuals were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Indian cinema and entertainment industry.



BEST DIRECTOR AWARD: VIDHU VINOD CHOPRA

Vidhu Vinod Chopra is an Indian film director, producer, screenwriter, and editor. He has received numerous accolades, including four National Film Awards and eleven Filmfare Awards. Chopra achieved renewed success with his 2023 biopic '12th Fail'. Although it had a modest opening day at the box office, the film garnered excellent reviews and positive word of mouth, ultimately becoming a financial success with a gross of 70 crores against a budget of 20 crores. It also won five Filmfare Awards, including Best Film, Best Director, Best Screenplay, and Best Editing for Chopra. Motto of the film was "Restart!"

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN INDIAN CINEMA

Bollywood's legendary 'Dream Girl', 'Hema Malini', was recognized with the Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema Award at the IIFA Awards 2024 in Abu Dhabi. Renowned for her unforgettable performances, Hema Malini has left a lasting impression with every role she has portrayed, winning the hearts of her audience. The award was presented to her by none other than superstar Shah Rukh Khan.

BEST STORY

"12th Fail" is a 2023 Indian Hindi-language biographical drama film directed, produced, and written by Vidhu Vinod Chopra. It awarded as the Award of Best Story, based on Anurag Pathak's 2019 non-fiction book of the same name, which tells the story of Manoj Kumar Sharma, who triumphed over extreme poverty to become an Indian Police Service officer. The film features Vikrant Massey in the role of Sharma, alongside Medha Shankr, Anant V. Joshi, Anshumaan Pushkar, and Priyanshu Chatterjee. Motto of the film was "Restart!"

BEST ACTOR (MALE)

Shah Rukh Khan, also known by the initialism SRK, is an Indian actor and film producer, widely recognized for his work in Hindi cinema honoured by Best Actor Award. Often referred to as the "Baadshah of Bollywood" and "King Khan" by the media, he is one of the industry's most iconic figures. 'Jawan' is a 2023 Indian Hindi-language action thriller, co-written and directed by Atlee in his Hindi directorial debut. Produced by Gauri Khan and Gaurav Verma under Red Chillies Entertainment, the film stars Shah Rukh Khan alongside Nayanthara (in her Hindi film debut), Vijay Sethupathi, Deepika Padukone, Priyamani, and Sanya Malhotra.

BEST ACTRESS (FEMALE)

Rani Mukerji has won multiple Best Actress awards throughout her career, including prestigious accolades like the Filmfare Award for Best Actress (Female). She has received numerous accolades, including eight Filmfare Awards. In 2023, she starred in 'Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway', a Hindi-language legal drama directed and written by Ashima Chibber. The film also features Anirban Bhattacharya, Neena Gupta, and Jim Sarbh in key roles. The film is inspired by the real-life story of Anurup Bhattacharya and Sagarika Chakraborty.

Indian Air Force Day: 8th October



As India gears up to celebrate the 92nd Indian Air Force Day on October 8, 2024, the nation comes together to honor the exceptional dedication and sacrifices of its air warriors. This significant event highlights the remarkable journey of the Indian Air Force (IAF), which has evolved from its modest beginnings to become one of the world's most formidable aerial forces. The first flight of the Indian Air Force came into being on 1 April 1933. During the Waziristan war against the tribal, the Indian Air Force went into the brave action for the first time. This day is celebrated to raise awareness about the Indian Air Force which works for national security.

Venue and Schedule: The celebrations will take place at the scenic Marina Beach in Chennai, featuring an impressive airshow on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event promises to showcase India's aerial capabilities and advancements in aviation technology.

Theme: "Bhartiya Vayu Sena: Saksham, Sashakt, Atmanirbhar" (which translates to Potent, Powerful, and Self-Reliant), embodies the IAF's vision for the future. This theme strongly aligns with India's overarching goal of attaining self-sufficiency in defense capabilities while ensuring operational excellence.

Indian Air Force Day 2024 Humanitarian Contributions: Serving the Nation

- The IAF's responsibilities go beyond national defense and include humanitarian assistance as well. A prominent example is the 2013 disaster relief operation, during which the force:
- Deployed 45 helicopters of eight different types
- Operated from eight strategic locations
- Completed 3,536 missions
- Successfully airlifted 23,892 civilians
- Maintained operations for 65 consecutive days

World Rabies Day: 28th September



World Rabies Day, observed every year on September 28th, is a global initiative aimed at raising awareness about the prevention and eradication of rabies. The year 2024 marks the 18th observance of this significant day, emphasizing the continued fight against one of the oldest known diseases. This article explores the theme, history, significance and practical aspects of World Rabies Day 2024.

Theme: "Breaking Rabies Boundaries"

HISTORY OF WORLD RABIES DAY

- World Rabies Day was first launched in 2007 as a global initiative focused on rabies prevention.
- It was established at a critical moment when rabies was responsible for tens of thousands of human deaths each year, especially in developing countries with limited medical care and animal vaccination.
- Over the years, World Rabies Day has been instrumental in advocating for more accessible post-exposure treatment, promoting widespread vaccination for pets, raising global awareness about the severity and preventability of rabies.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WORLD RABIES DAY IS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

- **Preventable Yet Deadly:** Rabies is completely preventable but still causes over 59,000 deaths each year, primarily in rural areas of Africa and Asia.
- **Awareness and Education:** The day provides a platform to educate the public about bite prevention, the importance of animal vaccination, and the need for prompt post-exposure treatment.
- **Global Target:** It supports the goal of eliminating human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030, aligning with broader public health objectives.

National Press Day

National Press Day is observed annually on November 16 to mark the establishment of the Press Council of India (PCI) in 1966. The day highlights the crucial role of a free press in a thriving democracy like India and underscores the importance of ethical journalism. Beyond celebrating the press's vital contribution, National Press Day also serves to recognize the challenges faced by media professionals and stress the need to protect press freedom in the country.



THEME

National Press Day 2024 will be celebrated on November 16 at the National Media Centre in New Delhi, starting at 4:00 PM. The theme for this year's event is "Changing Nature of the Press," reflecting the evolving media landscape. The ceremony will be attended by Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble Minister of Information and Broadcasting, along with Dr. L. Murugan, Hon'ble Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, and veteran journalist Padma Bhushan Shri Kundal Ramanlal Vyas as guests of honor. The event will be presided over by Smt. Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, Hon'ble Chairperson of the Press Council of India.

HISTORY OF NATIONAL PRESS DAY

- The Press Council of India was established on November 16, 1966, marking a pivotal moment in Indian journalism.
- This date signifies the start of an era where the press was empowered with self-regulation, upholding ethical standards while staying independent from external influence.
- In 1978, the council was restructured under the Press Council Act, strengthening its authority and scope.
- The act also defined its role as a quasi-judicial body, enabling it to address issues related to unethical journalistic practices or violations of press freedom.



SIGNIFICANCE OF NATIONAL PRESS DAY

- **Strengthening Democracy:** A free press keeps citizens informed about government policies, social issues, and current events.
- **Advancing Social Justice:** Through investigative reporting, the media highlights social inequalities and advocates for marginalized communities.
- **Promoting Transparency:** By exposing corruption and misconduct, the press holds governments and institutions accountable.
- The day also brings attention to the challenges faced by the press, such as censorship, fake news, and the growing influence of social media on traditional journalism.

Celebrates Press Freedom: Highlights the importance of a free and independent press in a democratic society.

Commemorates the PCI's Role: Marks the establishment of the Press Council of India (PCI), which safeguards press freedom and promotes ethical journalism.

Acknowledges Journalistic Efforts: Honors the dedication and sacrifices of journalists in delivering unbiased information to the public.

Promotes Accountability: Encourages the press to act responsibly and ethically while ensuring the government remains accountable to the people.=

Raises Awareness: Brings attention to issues faced by the media, including censorship, misinformation, and threats to journalists' safety.

Global Innovation Index 2024

India has secured the 39th position in the 2024 Global Innovation Index (GII), marking a significant leap from its 81st position in 2015. This index assesses the innovation capabilities of approximately 133 economies worldwide, highlighting their strengths and weaknesses in promoting innovation.

A noteworthy accomplishment for India is its status as the top-ranked nation among 38 lower-middle-income economies. This distinction underscores India's emerging leadership in innovation, particularly within the developing world, where it is recognized as a catalyst for technological and economic advancement.

Some Important Key Points About Global Innovation Index 2024

- India has consistently improved its ranking in the Global Innovation Index (GII) over recent years.
- In 2022, India ranked 40th out of 132 economies, marking its first entry into the top 40 after climbing six positions.
- In 2023, India maintained its 40th rank, with a statistical confidence interval between 37 and 43.
- India ranks 1st among 37 lower-middle-income economies and also leads among 10 economies in Central and Southern Asia.
- The GII provides insights into the innovation landscape of 132 countries, capturing trends and serving as a comparative measure.

GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX 2024 IN TABULAR FORM:

Country/Economy	2024 Innovation Rank
Switzerland	1st
Sweden	2nd
United States (US)	3rd
Singapore	4th
United Kingdom	5th
South Korea	6th
Finland	7th

Country/Economy	2024 Innovation Rank
Netherlands	8th
Germany	9th
Denmark	10th
China	11th
France	12th
Japan	13th
Canada	14th
Israel	15th
Estonia	16th
Austria	17th
Hong Kong	18th
Ireland	19th
Luxembourg	20th
Norway	21th
Iceland	22nd
Australia	23rd
Belgium	24th
New Zealand	25th
Italy	26th
Cyprus	27th
Spain	28th
Malta	29th
Czech Republic	30th
Portugal	31st
United Arab Emirates	32nd
Malaysia	33rd
Slovenia	34th
Lithuania	35th
Hungary	36th
Turkey	37th
Bulgaria	38th
India	39th
Poland	40th

NATIONAL NEWS

NOVEMBER 2024

T.N. APPOINTS ADVOCATE KRISHNARAJA AS DIRECTOR OF PROSECUTION



- The Tamil Nadu government has appointed advocate G. Krishnaraja as the Director of Prosecution, succeeding the former incumbent who requested to step down due to workload. Krishnaraja's selection was based on the recommendation of a selection committee chaired by a retired Madras High Court judge. He brings extensive experience, having previously served as an Additional Public Prosecutor and Government Pleader in Chennai.

Foot notes:

- Predecessor: State Public Prosecutor Hasan Mohamed Jinnah stepped down from the additional charge due to workload.
- A selection committee led by a retired Madras High Court judge conducted interviews on October 8 and recommended Krishnaraja.
- Appointment confirmed via a Government Order issued by the Home (Courts-VI) department.
- Enrolled as an advocate in 1990, hailing from Madurai.
- Served as Additional Public Prosecutor for Chennai Metropolitan area.

KARIMGANJ DISTRICT RENAMED AS SRIBHUMI

- On November 21, 2024, the Assam government officially renamed Karimganj district to Sribhumi district and its headquarters, Karimganj town, to Sribhumi town. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma approved the change to honor the region's cultural heritage and historical significance. This decision fulfills a longstanding local demand and reconnects the area with its spiritual roots, as described by Rabindranath Tagore over a century ago.

Foot notes:

- The Assam government renamed Karimganj district to Sribhumi district and Karimganj town to Sribhumi town, effective November 21, 2024.
- The name "Sribhumi" was inspired by Rabindranath Tagore, who referred to the region as "the land of Maa Lakshmi" over a century ago.
- CM Himanta Biswa Sarma stated the change fulfills a long-standing local demand and honors the district's cultural and spiritual heritage.
- The move aims to give the district a distinct identity, reinforcing local pride and cultural significance.

IIT ROPAR DEVELOPED PATENTED MECHANICAL KNEE REHAB DEVICE

- Researchers at IIT Ropar have made a major breakthrough in post-surgical knee rehabilitation with the development of a Completely Mechanical Passive Motion (CPM) Machine for Knee Rehabilitation,

which has been awarded patent No. 553407. Unlike traditional motorized CPM machines, which are costly and require electricity, this new device is entirely mechanical. It operates using a piston and pulley system that stores air as the user pulls a handle, providing smooth, controlled motion for knee rehabilitation.

Foot notes:

- This design eliminates the need for electricity, batteries, or motors, making it lightweight, portable, and more affordable.
- The mechanical CPM machine offers a cost-effective alternative to expensive electric models, which are often inaccessible, particularly in rural areas with unreliable power supply.
- Its portability makes it easy for patients to use at home, reducing the need for extended hospital stays and frequent rehabilitation visits.
- Continuous passive motion (CPM) therapy is vital for knee surgery recovery, aiding joint mobility, reducing stiffness, and speeding up healing.
- The new mechanical CPM machine provides a cost-effective, eco-friendly alternative to traditional electric models, making knee rehabilitation more affordable.
- The development is expected to have a lasting impact on knee rehabilitation, both in India and globally.

BIHAR'S SULTANGANJ RAILWAY STATION RENAMED AS AJGAIBINATH DHAM

- Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary announced on Monday that Sultanganj railway station in the Bhagalpur district will be renamed

after the revered Hindu shrine, Ajgaibinath Dham. This decision underscores the government's commitment to honoring the region's cultural and religious heritage. During an event in Bhagalpur, Choudhary revealed, "The Sultanganj railway station will soon carry the name of Ajgaibinath Dham. A proposal for this change has already been passed by the municipal council and will be forwarded to the appropriate authorities for approval."

Foot notes:

- Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary announced that the proposal to rename Sultanganj station as Ajgaibinath Dham was approved by the municipal body and will soon be sent for official approval.
- The Ajgaibinath Temple, located on the banks of the Ganga in Sultanganj, is an ancient temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, known for its intricate stone carvings and inscriptions.
- Bihar BJP state president and revenue and land reforms minister Dilip Jaiswal, along with Deputy CMs Samrat Choudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha, inaugurated the event by lighting a lamp.
- A total of 159 service organizations and individuals were honored at the event, including participants from around 10 states.

BENGALURU UNVEILS FIRST DIGITAL POPULATION CLOCK AT ISEC

- Bengaluru celebrated a significant milestone with the inauguration of its first digital population clock at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC). This innovative

installation will provide real-time population estimates for both Karnataka and India, offering up-to-date demographic data for citizens, researchers, and policymakers. Located at the entrance of ISEC, the clock aims to engage and educate the public about India's rapid population growth.

Foot notes:

- Event: Bengaluru inaugurated its first digital population clock at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) on November 8.
- Scope: The clock focuses on real-time population data for Karnataka and India, updating Karnataka's population every 1 minute, 10 seconds, and national population every 2 seconds.
- Purpose: Aims to raise public awareness on population growth and its impact on sustainable development.
- Collaboration: Jointly developed by ISEC and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).
- Data Sources: Utilizes birth and death rates, migration patterns, life expectancy, fertility, and mortality rates.
- Census Data Workstation: ISEC offers a workstation for census data access, aiding research and policy planning.
- MoHFW Initiative: The clock is part of a project to install clocks at 18 Population Research Centres (PRCs) across India.

INDIA'S FIRST SELF-SUFFICIENT GAUSHALA UNVEILED IN GWALIOR

- In a landmark initiative, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first modern, self-sufficient gaushala in Laltipara, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. Named the Adarsh

Gaushala, this facility features a cutting-edge Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) plant, representing a significant step forward in India's commitment to sustainable development and green energy solutions. The project embodies Modi's vision of transforming 'Waste to Wealth,' showcasing how organic waste can be converted into valuable resources. It efficiently utilizes cattle dung and organic waste to produce compressed biogas and organic manure, setting a new standard for eco-friendly practices.

Foot notes:

- Daily Operations: Processes 100 tons of cattle dung daily.
- Produces 2-3 tons of compressed Bio-CNG and 10-15 tons of dry bio-manure daily.
- Sustainable Waste Management: Utilizes vegetable and fruit waste from local markets and households.
- Incorporates windrow composting for enhanced waste processing.
- Investment & Partnership: A collaboration between the Gwalior Municipal Corporation and Indian Oil Corporation.
- Environmental Impact: Reduces greenhouse gas emissions and offsets fossil fuel usage.
- Supports climate change mitigation through green energy.
- Economic & Social Benefits: Provides affordable organic manure to promote sustainable farming.
- Creates local jobs and fosters skill development in renewable energy technologies.
- Scalability: A replicable model for other regions, combining environmental, economic, and social gains. This initiative showcases a world-class example of sustainability and public-private collaboration.

OCTOBER 2024**AIX CONNECT COMPLETE MERGER WITH AI EXPRESS**

- The Air India Group announced that it has completed the merger of AIX Connect (formerly
- AirAsia India) with Air India Express (AIX), establishing it as its low-cost division. The DGCA stated that all aircraft from AIX Connect have been seamlessly transferred to AIX's Air Operator
- Certificate, ensuring that the combined entity's airline operations proceed without interruption.
- An updated air operator certificate was issued to signify the completion of the consolidation.

Foot notes:

- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) announced the successful completion of the merger between AIX Connect and Air India Express.
- This merger marks a significant milestone in airline consolidation in India.
- The DGCA has granted the necessary regulatory approval for the merger.
- All aircraft from AIX Connect have been seamlessly transferred to AIX's Air Operator Certificate (AOC).
- This ensures that the operations of the combined entity continue without disruption, providing a safe and smooth experience for passengers.

CLASSICAL LANGUAGE STATUS GRANTED TO MARATHI, BENGALI, PALI, PRAKRIT AND ASSAMESE

- The Union Cabinet granted classical language status to Marathi, Bengali, Assamese, Pali, and
- Prakrit. This move, which addresses long-standing demands, underscores India's rich linguistic heritage and seeks to preserve and promote these ancient languages.

Foot notes:

- The concept of "Classical Languages" was introduced in 2004, with Tamil being the first to receive the status.
- Criteria for classical status include ancient texts over 1500-2000 years old, a rich literary heritage, and a distinct literary tradition.
- In 2024, the Linguistic Experts Committee (LEC) under Sahitya Akademi confirmed that Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, and Bengali meet the criteria, leading to their inclusion.
- The decision mainly affects Maharashtra (Marathi), Bihar, Assam (Assamese), West Bengal (Bengali), and regions with Pali and Prakrit speakers like Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.
- Recognition of these as Classical Languages promotes cultural exploration and preservation.

PM MODI HONORED WITH GUARD OF HONOR IN LAOS VISIT

- Prime Minister Modi arrived in Laos for the 21st ASEAN-India Summit and 19th East Asia

- Summit, welcomed by Laos Home Minister Vilawong Budkham with a ceremonial guard of honor. The visit aims to enhance bilateral ties and celebrate the tenth anniversary of India's Act East Policy, focusing on future cooperation strategies.

Foot notes:

- The East Asia Summit will address challenges to peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region.
- India shares deep cultural ties with the region, particularly with Lao PDR, rooted in Buddhism and the Ramayana.
- PM Modi looks forward to meetings with Lao PDR leadership to strengthen bilateral relations and enhance engagement with ASEAN countries.
- He will hold a bilateral meeting with Lao Prime Minister Sonexay Siphandone.
- The ASEAN-India Summit will assess progress in India-ASEAN relations and define future cooperation.

INDIA BECOMES RUSSIA'S NO. 2 SUPPLIER OF RESTRICTED TECHNOLOGY

- India has become the second-largest supplier of restricted critical technologies to Russia, supplying microchips, circuits, and machine tools essential to Russia's economy and military during its war efforts. Only China surpasses India in these exports. Indian exports of restricted items surged to \$95 million in July 2024, up from \$60 million in previous months.

Foot notes:

- Officials reported that almost 20% of the sensitive technology used in Russia's military - industrial complex comes from India.
- India is the second-largest supplier of sensitive technologies to Russia, after China.
- Nearly 20% of the technology used in Russia's military-industrial complex comes from India, according to officials.
- US and EU restrictions mainly target technologies found in Russian weaponry or crucial for their production.
- Some officials expressed concern over India's limited response when the issue was raised.

HAL BECOMES 14TH MAHARATNA COMPANY

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has been granted Maharatna status, becoming the 14th Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) to achieve this esteemed classification from the Government of India. This announcement, made on October 12, increases HAL's operational autonomy and financial capabilities, enabling the company to invest up to 15% of its net worth in projects and up to Rs. 5,000 crore in foreign ventures without requiring government approval.

Foot notes:

- For Q1 FY25, HAL reported a net profit of 1,437.2 crore, marking a 76.5% increase from 814.2 crore in the same period last year.
- Revenue grew by 11% year-on-year, showcasing strong financial health.
- The Maharatna status grants HAL increased autonomy in decision-making.

- It allows HAL to pursue mergers, acquisitions, and strategic investments without prior government approval.
- This status is vital for boosting HAL's ability to compete globally and undertake major projects in the defence sector.

NIKITA PORWAL CROWNED FEMINA MISS INDIA 2024

- Nikita Porwal from Madhya Pradesh has won the title of Femina Miss India 2024 at the 60th edition of the prestigious beauty pageant, held at Famous Studios in Mumbai. The competition featured 30 contestants, representing all 29 states and one Union Territory. Nikita's exceptional performance earned her the crown and the chance to represent India at the upcoming Miss World pageant.

Foot notes:

- Nikita Porwal was crowned Femina Miss India 2024 by Nandini Gupta, the 2023 winner, while Bollywood actress Neha Dhupia placed the Miss India sash on her.
- The pageant celebrated talent and beauty, creating a memorable moment for Nikita and her supporters.
- Nikita is from Ujjain, a city known for its rich mythology and cultural heritage.
- Growing up in this environment nurtured her curiosity, critical thinking, and passion for Story telling.
- She completed her schooling at Carmel Convent Senior Secondary School.
- Nikita is pursuing higher education at Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, combining academics with her artistic aspirations.

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE INAUGURATED BY BCCI IN BENGALORE

- The BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) has inaugurated state-of-the-art facilities known as the Centre of Excellence on the outskirts of Bengaluru, also referred to as the New National Cricket Academy to enhance cricketing infrastructure. This world-class facility, envisioned by Board Secretary Jay Shah, aims to nurture the future of cricket.

Foot notes:

- The Centre of Excellence features 45 outdoor net pitches for practice, organized into nine clusters.
- Pitches include Mumbai red soil, Mandya soil, Kalahandi black cotton soil, and concrete, all separated by safety nets imported from the UK.
- The South Pavilion is a G+2 structure covering 45,000 square feet.
- It includes one of the largest dressing rooms, nearly 3,000 square feet, equipped with a jacuzzi, lounge, massage room, kit room, and restrooms.
- The facility will also feature a Hall of Fame, showcasing India's rich cricketing legacy and the importance of cricket culture and values in the country.

SEPTEMBER 2024**ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL DEBUTS DIGIGOLD, HEALTH SCAN, & SIMPLINVEST AT GLOBAL FINTECH FEST**

- Aditya Birla Capital Digital Limited (ABCDL), the digital-first arm of India's leading financial services conglomerate, Aditya Birla Capital, announced the launch of three new product offerings - DigiGold Gifting, Family Health Scan, and SIMPLiNVEST-on ABCD's omnichannel D2C platform at the Global Fintech Festival in Mumbai.

Foot Note:

- Building on over 1.2 million registrations, the platform introduces new solutions for a more personalized and convenient digital financial experience.
- The slogan for these solutions is "Everything Finance as Simple as ABCD."
- A new feature allows users to gift digital gold by entering the recipient's number on the ABCD app.

PM MODI LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR VADHVAN PORT, INDIA'S LARGEST DEEP-WATER PORT

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation for the Vadhvan Port project on August 30. Located in the Palghar district of Maharashtra, about 150 km from Mumbai, Vadhvan Port will become India's largest deep-water port. The project involves an investment of Rs.76,220 crore.
- The Vadhvan Port will have an annual capacity of 300 million tonnes.
- It will feature 9 container terminals and 4 multipurpose berths.

- Construction costs will be shared between the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority and Maharashtra Maritime Board in a 74:26 ratio.
- The project will be developed under a public-private partnership (PPP) model, covering core infrastructure, terminals, and commercial facilities.

CABINET APPROVES KAYNES SEMICON'S RS 3300-CR FACILITY AT SANAND

- The government had paused the processes due to recent elections. Sources also noted that new projects are expected to be announced at the upcoming Semicon India event, scheduled for September 11-13 and to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The semiconductor and display manufacturing ecosystem program in India was announced on December 21, 2021, with a Rs.76,000 crore outlay.
- In June 2023, the Cabinet approved the first proposal for a semiconductor unit in Sanand, Gujarat.
- Construction of the four semiconductor units is advancing quickly, with a strong semiconductor ecosystem developing around them.
- These units will attract nearly Rs.1.5 lakh crore in investment.
- The total capacity of these units will be approximately seven crore chips per day, according to a government statement.

INDIA AND UNESCO TO CO-ORGANIZE 2024 CHIEF SCIENCE ADVISERS ROUNDTABLE IN PARIS

- The 2024 Chief Science Advisers Roundtable (CSAR) is scheduled for

September 6, 2024, at UNESCO's headquarters in Paris. This event is a collaborative effort between the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India and UNESCO's Natural Sciences Sector. Originally launched during India's G20 Presidency in 2023, CSAR aims to enhance global science advisory mechanisms.

Foot Note:

- Delegations from 28 countries, led by Chief Science Advisers or equivalents, will attend.
- Six international organizations will participate.
- The theme is "Fostering open science, bridging knowledge asymmetry, and building global science advice capacity."
- Co-chaired by Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood (India's Principal Scientific Adviser) and Dr. Lidia Brito (UNESCO's Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences).

UNION AGRICULTURE MINISTER SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN LAUNCHES AGRISURE FUND

- In a significant development for India's agricultural sector, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, launched the AgriSURE Scheme in New Delhi. The AgriSURE Fund, formally known as the Agri Fund for Start-ups & Rural Enterprises, is a Rs.750 crore blended capital fund aimed at fostering innovation and growth in the agricultural and rural start-up ecosystem. With contributions from the Government of India, NABARD, and private investors, this initiative is expected to revolutionize the agricultural landscape by supporting high-risk, technology-driven ventures.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

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Foot notes:

- Opening Performance: Featured mariachi musicians and Taboo from the Black Eyed Peas performing "Mexicana," a song by Emilio Estefan.
- Hosts: Mario Lopez, Olivia Culpo (Miss Universe 2012), Zuri Hall, and Catriona Gray (Miss Universe 2018).
- Venue History: The pageant was held in Mexico for the third time.
- New Entrants: Countries like Belarus, Eritrea, Guinea, Macau, Maldives, Moldova, and Uzbekistan debuted in the competition.
- Victoria's Journey Started with Miss Denmark. Later she gained attention by making the top 20 in Miss Grand International 2022. She was nicknamed the "Human Barbie" for her striking resemblance to the doll.

SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES ITS FIRST INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS IN DUBAI

- External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and UAE Minister Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan inaugurated Symbiosis International University's (SIU) first international campus at Dubai Knowledge Park, symbolizing a significant step in Indo-UAE educational and bilateral ties. Dr. Jaishankar emphasized the campus's role in strengthening bilateral relations, while Sheikh Nahyan underscored education's importance in fostering peace and progress. The campus offers specializations in management, technology, and media, designed to develop 21st-century skills, and promotes the Indian philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family).

Foot notes:

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- Promotes the Indian philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family).
- Fully accredited by the UAE Ministry of Education.
- Aligns with India's National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, fostering the internationalization of Indian education.
- Builds on CEPA and enhanced ties since PM Modi's 2015 UAE visit.
- Supports the UAE's knowledge-based economy and India's focus on human capital development.

NANDAN KUMAR JHA ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF IMSA



- India's Nandan Kumar Jha has been elected as President of the International Mind Sports Association (IMSA) during its annual general assembly in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Representing 200 countries, IMSA promotes cognitive excellence, cultural exchange, and strategic development. It collaborates with the IOC and global sports federations to integrate mind sports into mainstream sports.

Foot notes:

- IMSA Mission: Founded to unite diverse communities through mental disciplines, IMSA promotes the benefits of mind sports globally.
- IMSA aims to strengthen its programs and advocate for the inclusion of mind sports in education and international events.
- Focus on promoting intellectual games for developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- IMSA-affiliated Sports: Includes nine sports such as chess, draughts, esports, poker, go, and bridge.
- Expressed excitement about collaborating to make mind sports more accessible and empower communities.
- Jha's Vision: To make mind sports more inclusive and accessible, inspiring people to engage for personal and collective growth.

BRAZIL OFFICIALLY HANDS OVER G20 PRESIDENCY TO SOUTH AFRICA



- During the closing ceremony of the annual G20 summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil officially handed over the G20 Presidency to South Africa. This marks a historic moment as South Africa becomes the first African country to lead the G20, with an ambitious agenda set for its presidency.

Foot notes:

- **Ceremonial Handover:** The G20 Presidency was officially transferred from Brazil to South Africa in a ceremony attended by Presidents Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva and Cyril Ramaphosa, marked by the striking of the ceremonial gavel and a handshake.
- **Ramaphosa's Gratitude:** President Ramaphosa expressed honor in accepting the G20 presidency on behalf of South Africa and congratulated President Lula for a successful tenure, especially for involving social and civil society groups in the first-ever G20 Social Summit.
- **South Africa's Vision:** Under the theme "Solidarity, Equality, and Sustainability," Ramaphosa outlined South Africa's focus on inclusive development, tackling inequality, and addressing global challenges through collective action.
- **Tackling Inequality:** Focusing on global inequality, wealth disparities, access to sustainable financing, and climate action capacity building.

SRI LANKA REAPPOINTS HARINI AMARASURIYA AS PRIME MINISTER

- Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake has retained the crucial finance minister portfolio and reappointed Harini Amarasuriya as prime minister on Monday, as the nation aims for a stronger recovery from its financial crisis. Dissanayake, whose leftist coalition secured a record 159 seats in the 225-member parliament during last week's general election, also reappointed veteran legislator Vijitha Herath to lead the foreign affairs ministry.

Foot notes:

- **Sri Lanka's Economic Crisis:** The country, with a population of 22 million, faced an economic crisis in 2022 due to a foreign currency shortage, leading to a sovereign default. The economy contracted by 7.3% in 2022 and 2.3% in 2023.
- **Leadership Appointments:** On Monday, President Dissanayake reappointed veteran Vijitha Herath as Foreign Affairs Minister and chose to retain the finance minister portfolio himself, continuing his approach since his election win in September.
- **Concerns Over IMF Terms:** While Dissanayake's strong mandate is seen as stabilizing, his plans to renegotiate aspects of the IMF bailout have raised concerns about policy continuity and potential uncertainty.
- **Harini Amarasuriya's Role:** Amarasuriya, appointed Prime Minister in September, will also oversee education, higher education, and vocational training. She became the first woman to lead Sri Lanka's national government in 24 years.

ABDIRAHMAN MOHAMED ABDULLAHI WON SOMALILAND'S 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

- Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi of the opposition Waddani Party won the presidency with over 50% of the vote, defeating incumbent Muse Bihi Abdi of the ruling Kulmiye Party, who secured just over 30%. The election was postponed twice since 2022 due to funding shortages and other challenges. Declared independent from Somalia in 1991, Somaliland operates its own government, currency, and security structures despite lacking international recognition. Somaliland has maintained political stability, contrasting sharply with Somalia's ongoing security challenges.

Foot notes:

- Declared independence from Somalia in 1991, maintaining its own government, currency, and security despite lacking global recognition.
- Somaliland has built political stability in contrast to Somalia's ongoing security struggles.
- A deal granting Somaliland access to the Indian Ocean in exchange for recognition has strained relations with Somalia, which accuses Ethiopia of undermining its sovereignty.
- The Waddani Party criticized the agreement for lacking economic benefits and being negotiated secretly, raising concerns about insufficient trade and regional support.
- Somali leaders expressed hope for improved relations; former PM Hassan Ali Khairi urged peace and unity, while Djibouti's President Ismail Omar Guelleh congratulated Somaliland's president-elect.

OCTOBER 2024**JAPAN LAUNCHES WORLD'S FIRST WOODEN SATELLITE**

- Japanese scientists have launched LignoSat, the world's first wooden satellite, in a groundbreaking experiment in sustainable space technology. Created through a collaboration between Kyoto University and Sumitomo Forestry, this satellite aims to test the viability of timber, specifically honoki wood, for future space habitats and structures. The project seeks to explore wood's durability in the harsh environment of space, potentially advancing the use of renewable resources for long-term human settlements beyond Earth.

Foot notes:

- LignoSat was developed by Kyoto University, led by astronaut Professor Takao Doi, in partnership with Sumitomo Forestry.
- The satellite was launched to the ISS via a SpaceX mission and will orbit 400 km above Earth for six months.
- Made from honoki wood (Japanese magnolia), chosen for its durability, as proven in a 10-month ISS study.
- Inspired by early wooden aircraft, LignoSat was built without screws or glue, highlighting Japanese craftsmanship and sustainable design.

- LignoSat meets NASA-certified standards for space materials, supporting the use of renewable resources in space and reducing environmental impact.

MALI JUNTA APPOINTED ABDOULAYE MAIGA AS PRIME MINISTER

- Mali's political landscape shifted on November 21, 2024, as the ruling military junta dismissed Prime Minister Choguel Maiga, appointing junta spokesperson Abdoulaye Maiga as his successor. Choguel Maiga publicly criticized the junta for failing to hold elections within the promised 24-month transition period to civilian rule. Rising Tensions: His remarks reportedly angered the ruling generals, leading to his removal. This development underscores growing tensions and challenges surrounding Mali's transition to democracy.

Foot notes:

- Choguel Maiga's Dismissal: Fired by the junta due to growing internal divisions and his public criticism of their governance, particularly the indefinite postponement of elections.
- Maiga accused the junta of lacking transparency, claiming he was excluded from key decisions.
- Delayed Transition to Democracy: The military seized power in 2020 and reinforced it with a second coup in 2021.
- Initially promised elections by February 2024, but announced an indefinite delay, citing technical challenges.
- Criticism and Fallout: The election delay has sparked domestic and international criticism, viewed as a tactic to prolong military rule.

SCOTT BESANT APPOINTED AS FINANCE MINISTER

- Trump announced that Scott Bessent will play a key role in achieving a "Golden Age" for the United States. He praised Bessent as a strong advocate of the America First Agenda and outlined his responsibilities, including strengthening the economy, fostering innovation and entrepreneurship, attracting capital, and ensuring the U.S. Dollar remains the global reserve currency. Ahead of the nation's 250th Anniversary, Trump emphasized creating an inclusive economic boom, with Bessent leading efforts to ensure no American is left behind.

Foot notes:

- Scott Bessent's Background: Founder and CEO of Key Square Group; former chief investment officer at Soros Fund Management.
- Trump Campaign Role: Key economic adviser and fundraiser, advocating Republican core policies like lower taxes, deregulation, and spending restraint.
- Policy Advocacy: Supports Trump's use of tariffs, reducing cryptocurrency regulations, and mass deportations as a cost-effective measure.
- Economic Plan: Proposed a three-point plan targeting 3% economic growth, reducing the deficit to 3% of GDP, and increasing domestic energy production by 3 million barrels/day.

INDIA APPOINTED DINESH BHATIA AS BRAZIL AMBASSADOR

- Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer Shri Dinesh Bhatia has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Brazil, as announced

by the Ministry of External Affairs on November 25, 2024. A 1992-batch IFS officer, Bhatia brings a wealth of diplomatic experience from his service in various countries and key roles. Concurrently accredited to Uruguay and Paraguay until February 2022.

Foot notes:

- Secondment: Served in the Department of Atomic Energy, Mumbai.
- Tourism Ministry: Private Secretary to India's Tourism Minister.
- Institutions: Trained at LBSNAA, Mussoorie, and Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi.
- Defense Studies: Alumnus of National Defence College (NDC) and participant in the 4th Joint Civil-Military Course on National Security at LBSNAA.
- Engineering: Bachelor's in Electronics and Communication, Delhi College of Engineering.

SUMANT BATRA RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS GRR AWARD 2024 IN LONDON

- Renowned insolvency lawyer Sumant Batra was awarded the Global Restructuring Review (GRR) Award 2024 at a prestigious ceremony in London. The GRR Awards, held annually, recognize outstanding achievements in cross-border restructuring and insolvency law. As the most widely read daily online news platform and magazine in this field, GRR's recognition of Batra underscores his global prominence in insolvency law and marks a significant achievement for India.

Foot notes:

- Award: Sumant Batra was honored with the prestigious Global Restructuring Review (GRR) Award 2024 on November 21 in London.

- Significance: The GRR Awards celebrate outstanding achievements in cross-border restructuring and insolvency law, and Batra's recognition highlights his global prominence in the field.
- India's Involvement: India was previously recognized as the "Most Improved Jurisdiction" in 2018, thanks to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016, marking the country's leadership in insolvency reforms.
- Career Achievements: Distinguished Fellow at the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs and Visiting Professor at National Law University, Delhi. The only Indian to hold the title of International Fellow at the American College of Bankruptcy.

BROOKE ROLLINS APPOINTED AS THE AGRICULTURE MINISTER OF US

- President-elect Donald Trump has chosen former White House aide Brooke Rollins to head the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in his second administration. Rollins, who grew up on a farm in Texas, is currently the president of the America First Policy Institute. She previously served as the president and CEO of the Texas Public Policy Foundation. Rollins holds a degree in agricultural development from Texas A&M University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Texas School of Law.

Foot notes:

- Brooke Rollins, 52, holds degrees in agriculture and law from Texas A&M University.
- Raised in Glen Rose, Texas, she has a strong background in farming and is actively involved in programs like 4H.

- As head of the USDA, Rollins will oversee a budget of \$213 billion, managing key programs such as rural economic development, school lunches, and farm aid.
- Her immediate priorities include shaping a new farm bill and distributing \$24 billion in disaster relief for farmers.

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SEPTEMBER 2024**INDIA, SRI LANKA, MAURITIUS, MALDIVES SIGN CHARTER AND MOU**

- India, Maldives, Mauritius, and Sri Lanka have signed a Charter and MoU to establish the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Secretariat in Colombo. This initiative aims to address security and stability challenges in the Indian Ocean Region. The signing ceremony was hosted by the Sri Lankan government in Colombo.

Foot Note:

- National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and representatives from the Maldives, Mauritius, and Sri Lanka signed the documents on behalf of their respective countries.
- Ajit Doval emphasized the Colombo Security Conclave's role in addressing traditional, non-traditional, and emerging hybrid security challenges.
- He stressed the importance of sustained regional cooperation across various security pillars.

About Sri Lanka:

- Capitals:** Colombo
- President:** Ranil Wickremesinghe
- Prime Minister:** Dinesh Gunawardena

PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON AWARDED OLYMPIC ORDER IN GOLD FOR PARIS 2024 SUCCESS

- In a ceremony that underscored his exceptional contributions to the Olympic movement, President Emmanuel Macron of France was awarded the Olympic Order in gold.

This prestigious distinction was bestowed upon him by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in recognition of his unwavering support for the Olympic Games Paris 2024 and his commitment to the Olympic ideals championed by Pierre de Coubertin. Macron's involvement was pivotal in making the Paris 2024 edition a resounding success, symbolizing global unity and the enduring power of sport.

Foot Note:

- Emmanuel Macron fully supported Paris's bid to host the 2024 Olympic Games after his 2017 election as President of France.
- His enthusiasm was both political and personal, reflecting a deep understanding of the Olympic movement.
- From his first visit to the IOC headquarters in Lausanne, his vision for the Games was clear.
- Macron saw the Olympics as a powerful force to unite both France and the world.

INDIAN-ORIGIN LECTURER PRASANTHI RAM WON SINGAPORE LITERATURE PRIZE

- Prasanthi Ram, a 32-year-old lecturer at Nanyang Technological University, has won the Singapore Literature Prize for her debut short story cycle, *Nine Yard Sarees*.
- The collection explores the lives of a Tamil Brahmin family across multiple generations and locations, including Singapore, Sydney, and New York, reflecting themes of migration, identity, and cultural evolution.

About Singapore Literature Prize

- The Singapore Literature Prize recognizes outstanding published works by Singaporean authors.
- The award covers works in any of Singapore's four official languages: Chinese, English, Malay and Tamil. The competition is organized by the Singapore Literature Foundation with support from the National Arts Council.

JORDAN DECLARED WORLD'S FIRST LEPROSY-FREE NATION

- World Health Organisation declared Jordan as the first country to eliminate leprosy, marking a major public health milestone. Jordan has not reported any local cases for over 20 years, leading to this declaration after an independent assessment. Leprosy still affects over 120 countries, with more than 200,000 new cases annually.

Foot notes:

- WHO's DG - Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
- The initiative aims to free individuals from stigma and suffering.
- Leprosy or Hansen's disease, is a chronic infection caused by *Mycobacterium leprae*.
- It mainly affects the skin, peripheral nerves, upper respiratory tract, and eyes.
- Leprosy is classified as a neglected tropical disease (NTD) and occurs in over 120 countries.

500+ G.K. One Liner Questions



NATIONAL

- Which project did PM Modi lay the foundation stone for, marking India's largest deep-water port?
Vadhvan Port
- Which of the following states is NOT among the top 5 states under AIF credit?
Punjab
- Which company's Rs 3,300 crore facility at Sanand has been approved by the Cabinet?
Kaynes Semicon
- What project is the Uttar Pradesh government planning to build in Varanasi?
Vedic-3D Museum
- Which states led in GSDP growth among the 10 largest states?
Tamil Nadu and Telangana
- Who launched India's first fashion forecasting initiative 'VisionNxt'?
Giriraj Singh
- Who is set to launch the 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari' initiative?
Narendra Modi
- Which organization has partnered with the Telangana Government to drive AI innovation in e-governance?
Meta
- Which initiative was launched by the Textile Ministry in India for fashion forecasting?
VisioNxt
- Where was the world's first Asian King Vulture Conservation Center inaugurated?
Uttar Pradesh
- Who wins journalist of the year trophy?
Anup Pandey
- Which airport in Madhya Pradesh recently received DGCA approval and will become the sixth airport in the state?
Rewa Airport
- Who introduced the CM Kisan Yojana in Odisha?
Mohan Charan Majhi
- Where will India's first Silicon Carbide manufacturing facility be established?
Odisha
- How many new ginger species were discovered in West Bengal, Meghalaya, and Mizoram?
Six
- Who will launch an online portal to track the Special Swachhata Campaign 4.0?
Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh
- Which commodity's Floor Price have been lifted by the Government?
Basmati Rice
- How many Vande Bharat Express Trains were launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
Six
- UPI Transaction Limit for Tax Payments have been increased by?
NPCI
- What is the Odisha's Flagship Scheme unveiled by PM Modi?
Subhadra
- Who entered Guinness World Records as Most Prolific Indian Film Star?
Chiranjeevi
- Who officially commissioned India's largest blast furnace at its Kalinganagar plant?
Tata Steel
- Who was designated as Miss Universe India 2024 title?
Rhea Singha
- Who have completed merger with AIX Connect?
AI Express
- What status granted to Marathi, Bengali, Pali, Prakrit and Assamese languages?
Classical Language
- Who was recently Honored with Guard of Honor?
PM Modi
- Who has become Russia's No. 2 Supplier of Restricted Technology?
India
- What is the rank of HAL as Maharatna Company?
14th
- Nikita Porwal Who is Largest crude supplier to India?
Russia
- Which state's Chief Minister launched NTR Barossa Pension Scheme?
Andhra Pradesh
- In which state has the Chief Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana been started?
Rajasthan
- What is the new age limit for eligibility in the Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana?
65 years
- What initiative is NITI Aayog set to launch?
'Sampoornata Abhiyan'
- Who launched the NIRMAL Portal?
Union Minister G Kishan Reddy
- Which state's Chief Minister has launched 'Lokpath Mobile App'?
Madhya Pradesh
- When was the Smart Cities Mission in India extended until?
2025

- Which government official launched the 'Lokpath Mobile App' for public use?
Chief Minister Mohan Yadav
- Who has been inaugurated as the new Prime Minister of the Netherlands?
Dick Schoof
- Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Receives Navratna Status. Which ministry granted 'Navratna' status to Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDSL)?
Ministry of Finance
- Who launched the GRSE Accelerated Innovation Nurturing Scheme 2024?
MoS Defence Sanjay Seth
- Which state is set to become the first in India to publish the People's Biodiversity Register (PBR)?
Kerala
- Where has East India's first disabled university been established?
Ranchi, Jharkhand
- Which organization released the SDG India Index 2023-24?
NITI Aayog
- What initiative did Tata Power launch in Uttar Pradesh?
Tata Power's 'Ghar Ghar Solar' program
- Which commemorative coin was released in memory of Lokmat founder Jawaharlal Darda?
Rs 100 coin
- What did MoRD and CESL sign an MoU for, to facilitate SHG women under DAY-NRLM?
Sustainable transport initiative
- Which Indian state is set to become the first to adopt a 10-year Road Safety Action Plan?
Rajasthan
- Where will the second regional event of 'Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Samman' be held?
Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
- Which state government will establish 'Mitra Van' on the Nepal border?
Uttar Pradesh
- When and where will the World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit take place?
20th - 24th November in Goa
- What is the primary objective of India's first national toll-free anti-narcotics helpline?
To offer a platform for reporting drug trafficking and abuse
- At which event did India achieve notable success in 2024?
35th International Biology Olympiad in Kazakhstan
- What initiative did NITI Aayog launch to promote the adoption of zero-emission trucks?
GearShift Challenge
- What did the Maharashtra government launch to enhance youth employability?
Employability Enhancement Scheme
- Where was the Chandipura virus infection recently confirmed?
Gujarat
- What is the focus of "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiatives in India?
Promoting renewable energy sources
- What is India's target for electronics manufacturing by 2030 according to NITI Aayog?
\$500 billion
- Which state has been recognized as the best performer in the PM SVANidhi scheme?
Madhya Pradesh
- Where was the event "Classical and Quantum Communications for 6G" held?
Chennai
- Which institution has BIS partnered with to promote standardization?
IISc Bengaluru
- Which state government has launched the Shramik Basera Scheme for laborers?
Gujarat
- Which state's Cabinet has decided to repeal the 1935 Muslim Marriage Act?
Assam
- How much has been allocated to the Ministry of Defence in the 2024-25 budget?
6.22 lakh crore
- By what year must all government buildings be solarised under the PM Surya Ghar Yojana?
2025
- Which city will become the fourth capital in Northeast India to gain railway connectivity?
Aizawl
- What financial assistance scheme for women is being launched by the Hemant Soren government?
Mukhyamantri Behan-Beti Swavalamban Protsahan Yojana
- Which company is setting up a green charcoal plant in Haryana?
NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd.
- Which of the following changes in Rashtrapati Bhavan's hall names was recently announced?
Durbar Hall renamed to Ganantra Mandap and Ashok Hall to Ashok Mandap
- What is the new maximum loan amount under the revamped skill loan scheme launched by the government?
7.5 lakh
- In which districts of Karnataka has AMD discovered lithium resources?
Mandya and Yadgiri
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To boost solar energy adoption
- Who launched the Ideas4LiFE Portal?
Shri Bhupender Yadav

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- What is India Ratings' revised GDP growth outlook for India for FY25? **7.5%**
- What was the Gross Merchandise Value achieved by Government e-marketplace (GeM) in the fiscal year 2022-23? **\$2000 million**
- Which state recorded the highest GST collection in absolute terms in April 2024? **Maharashtra**
- Which legal document mandates the responsibility of sarpanchs and panchayat members to prevent child marriage in Rajasthan? **Rajasthan Panchayati Raj Rules 1996**
- What is the minimum age of marriage for girls and boys according to the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006 in India? **Girls: 18 years, Boys: 21 years**
- Which ministry does REC Ltd. fall under? **Ministry of Power**
- Which bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) sanctioned Sapphire Media's acquisition plan for Big 92.7 FM? **Mumbai bench**
- On 11 December 2014, the United Nations proclaimed 21 June as the International Day of Yoga, the theme for 2024 is **Yoga for Self and Society**
- According to the Mercer 2024 Cost of Living Survey, which city in India is ranked highest for expatriate living costs? **Mumbai**
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), in collaboration with which Government, hosted a comprehensive and productive roundtable to discuss the learnings from the Australia-India Critical Agriculture Skills Pilot Project? **Australia**
- Where was the 5th DHARMA GUARDIAN exercise held? **Rajasthan, India**
- In June 2024, Union Cabinet has taken a landmark decision by approving India's first offshore wind energy project. The Union Cabinet approved 1 GW offshore wind energy projects in _____ and _____. **Tamil Nadu and Gujarat**
- Which national portal will the central government launch to simplify health insurance claims? **NHCX**
- Which state will include AI in its school curriculum? **Kerala**
- What is the growth rate of Indian economy in 2023-2024 according to the National Statistical Office? **8.2%**
- Which Ministry and the Bay of Bengal Programme-Inter Governmental Organization (BOBP-IGO) collaborated to launch BIMReN (BIMSTEC-India Marine Research Network)? **Ministry of External Affairs**
- The administration has decided to boost the gratuity ceiling for central government employees by what percent, commencing January 1, 2024? **25%**
- Which city of India hosted the first Nakshatra Sabha with the aim of promoting astro tourism? **Mussoorie**
- Who has released the 'Red List' for the first time under the global assessment of 'Mangroves'? **IUCN**
- According to IUCN, what is the primary factor responsible for putting over 50% of the world's mangroves at risk of collapse? **Climate change**
- Which has become the 82nd Ramsar site of India? **Nakati Bird Sanctuary**
- Who has launched AQ-AIMS and Air-Pravah App? **Ministry of Electronics and IT**
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- Which company has announced the establishment of a 27,000 crore semiconductor facility in Assam? **Tata Group**
- Which entities signed an USD 85 million Donor Agreement for the GTMC in Gujarat? **Ministry of Ayush & WHO**
- India is set to host which of the following events in New Delhi from August 6-8? **BIMSTEC Business Summit**

- Which organizations signed an MoU for educational collaboration?

Nehru Group & Global Education Outreach Mauritius

- Which of the following statements is true about Rajasthan's first aviation academy?

It was inaugurated at Kishangarh airport

- Which of the following locations has been declared a Peacock Sanctuary by the government?

- Who launched the 'Upasthiti Portal' to ensure healthcare attendance in Jharkhand?

Hemant Soren

- What is the total investment for the Namami Gange Mission 2.0 projects in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar?

Rs 920 Crores

- What new facility has been launched at IGI Airport to assist NRIs?

Punjab Help Centre

- Which plant species that blooms once every 12 years has been included in the Red List of threatened species?

Neelakurinji

- What action has the government recently taken regarding the diamond impost license for the gems and jewellery sector?

Restored the license

- Who inaugurated IACC's first MSME Centre of Excellence in India?

Chief Minister of Gujarat

- What is the name of Chhattisgarh's fourth tiger reserve?

Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve

- How many new Ramsar sites did India add ahead of Independence Day?

Three

- Who has been approved by the RBI as the MD & CEO of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank?

Salee Sukumaran Nair

- Which Indian Minister inaugurated new Coast Guard facilities in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry?

Rajnath Singh

- What was the urban unemployment rate for individuals aged 15 and above in the first quarter of FY25 according to the PLFS data?

6.6%

- Which Union Minister launched version 2.0 of the 'FloodWatch India' mobile app?

C.R. Paatil

- Which company introduced India's first biofuel blend HFHSD bunker at Mumbai Port?

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)

- What milestone does India's first Constitution Museum commemorate?

75 years of the Indian Constitution

- Which Indian airport has become the first to achieve net zero carbon emission status?

Delhi Airport

- Which organizations signed an MoU for the physical verification of PMEGP units?

KVIC and Department of Posts

- Which departments signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote cooperation in public service?

DARPG and Public Service Department

- Vizhingam Port has been approved as India's first transshipment hub, where is this port?

Keral

- Which platform is a part of the Integrated Pensioners' Portal of the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare (DoPPW)?

Bhavishya

- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) assigned the _____ status to the gem and jewellery sector.

Authorised Economic Operator

- FY25 Gross domestic product (GDP) growth at _____?

7.1-7.4%

- What has the name of Fursatganj railway station of Uttar Pradesh been changed?

Tapeshwar Nath Dham

- Where will the 2025 BWF World Junior Badminton Championship be held?

Guwahati

- Which state Governor Anusuiya Uikey Inaugurates 'School On Wheels'?

Manipur

- ADB Agreed to Replenish USD _____ billion for ADF 14 & TASF 8?

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- The Centre has certified over 20 vehicle OEMs to participate in the short-term e-mobility promotion scheme, EMPS. The EMPS, which is only valid for four months will cost how much crore?

Rs.500crore

- Mahindra and Tata Motors receive record patent approvals in fiscal year 24. How many approvals did Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) receive, marking its best-ever annual performance?

674

- Ghana's interbank systems will use the Unified Payments Interface, as agreed upon by India. India is currently the _____ largest investor in Ghana and is one of the major investors.

3rd

- Over 185,000 firms were registered in the country last fiscal year, surpassing the previous year's total. How many companies were established in March of this year?

16600

- In February 2024, investments through participation notes in Indian capital markets reached Rs 1.5 lakh crore, the highest amount in how many years?

6years

- How many cities of India are included in the top 50 richest cities of the world? **2**
- Which state government started the 'Pirul Laao Paise Pao' campaign? **Uttarakhand**
- Where did Krishikalp launch India's first accelerator program for farmer producer organization? **Bengaluru**
- Which initiative of India has been recognized by the Commonwealth Secretariat as a best practice of smart government? **CPGRAMS**
- In which city in Chhattisgarh is the first 15-MW floating solar plant being set up? **Durg**
- Who is the first person in the world to climb Mount Everest 29 times? **Kami Rita**
- Where was the country's biggest skill competition IndiaSkills-2024 inaugurated in May 2024? **New Delhi**
- According to the United Nations' World Wildlife Crime Report 2024, which is the most traded wildlife species? **Rhino**
- Which edition of the India-UK joint working group on counter terrorism held its meeting in Delhi with a focus on counter terrorism challenges and solutions? **16th**
- The government appoints Shri Ramesh Babu V as a member of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission. When was the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act passed? **1998**
- Which ministry levied a penalty on LinkedIn India, Satya Nadella, and others fined INR 27 lakhs for violating beneficial ownership norms? **Corporate affairs**
- Where was the Pragati-2024 Program organized? **New Delhi**
- An initial examination into the infringement of car localization standards set by the FAME India scheme. What is "F" in FAME? **Faster**
- Who has launched the disaster management platform 'DRIMS' developed with the help of UNICEF? **Assam**
- Where was the 'Conference on India's Progressive Path in Criminal Justice System Administration' held? **Guwahati**
- Who has become the oldest Indian woman to climb the world's highest peak Mount Everest? **Jyoti Atre**
- According to a recent report which state top in addition of transmission lines by state transmission companies in 2023-2024? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Recently, which airport has made history by becoming the first airport in India to achieve the Zero Waste to Landfill accolade? **Thiruvananthapuram International Airport**
- Which state High Court introduces menstrual leave policy for its women employees? **Sikkim**
- The first urban ropeway in India will be completed in which city? **Varanasi**
- The National Archives of India undertakes the first overseas digitization of diaspora records in Oman. How many notable Indian families from Gujarat are actively involved in the project? **32**
- In which year does the expert projection for India's internet economy indicate that it will exceed \$1 trillion and see significant growth? **2030**
- Parivartan Chintan', a Tri-Service Conference by _____ Ministry? **Defence**
- Which state govt to evaluate the risk of Glacial Lake Outburst Floods? **Uttarakhand**
- In an effort to deter tax cheating, the GST system has made machine registration available to manufacturers of tobacco and pan masala. The GST law has been revised by the Finance Act 2024 to include penalties for firms who fail to register their packing machinery. How much is the maximum fine that offenders could face, even though the specific penalty details are yet unknown? **Rs.1lakh**
- Sitars, tanpuras made in Miraj town get GI tags from which state? **Maharashtra**
- Which state-based company, Hygenco, opened India's first green hydrogen factory in March to produce steel and has ambitions to construct three more by FY25? **Haryana**
- According to which state/UT Traffic Police, the first three months of 2024 experienced an astounding increase of 1,550 percent over the same period in 2022? **Delhi**
- Which state's Khavda Renewable Energy Park will see the construction of the world's largest renewable energy plant, with a 30-gigawatt capacity, thanks to an estimated ₹1.5 trillion in investments from Adani Green Energy Ltd. through 2030? **Gujarat**
- Where was the Pre-Cyclone Exercise for the season April-June 2024 conducted by the Indian Meteorological Department? **New Delhi**
- Which metal is the recently unveiled 50-gram colored souvenir coin of Ram Lalla Pran Pratishtha made of? **Silver**

- Government to Establish cotton Test Labs in _____ States for Kasturi Cotton? **6**
- Nyishi Tribe of which state celebrates Longte festival? **Arunachal Pradesh**
- Chitrakoot's Stunning Glass Skywalk Bridge in which state? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Which section of the CRPC Act of 2005 does the government order e-commerce companies to remove Bournvita and other drinks from the "health drinks" category? **Section 16**
- InterGlobe to bring air taxis in ____? **2026**
- India increased its renewable energy capacity by a record 18 GW in FY24. Gujarat and which state, each with a capacity of roughly 27GW, have the most renewable energy potential? **Rajasthan**
- UNCTAD has recently estimated India's GDP growth to be 6.5% in 2024. The headquarters of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) is located at which of the following places? **Geneva**
- A musical dance program on "Tagore on the Padma Boat" was recently organised at Rabindra Kuthibari in Kushtia, Bangladesh. Tagore had renounced his knighthood in protest against which incident? **The Jallian Walla Bagh Massacre**
- Which institute played a crucial role in the Surya Tilak Project at Ayodhya? **Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA)**
- Which magazine releases the annual list of the 100 most influential people in the world, that has been revealed in April 2024? **Time**
- Which chemical compound is present in the indelible ink used for elections? **Silver nitrate**
- Where was India's largest climate clock unveiled? **CSIR**
- Where in April 2024 Shompen tribe voted for Lok Sabha 2024 for the first time? **Andaman-Nicobar**
- Where was 'Chithirai festival' celebrated? **Tamilnadu**
- Which company/organisation has recently (in April' 24) developed the Lightest Bulletproof Jacket in India for protection against highest threat Level? **Defence Research and Development Organisation**
- Food subsidy for FY25 may be revised upward by over Rs _____ cr? **35,000**
- Which state's 'Rignai Pachra' Textile and Tripureswari Temple's 'Pera' Granted Geographical Indication (GI) Tag? **Tripura**
- Where is the headquartered of Konkan Railway Corporation? **Navi Mumbai**
- Jaapi got GI tag from which state? **Assam**
- Which Port has achieved highest ever coastal shipping traffic in FY 2023-2024? **Paradip Port**
- Pankaj Advani claims CCI billiards classic title, where is this event held? **Mumbai**
- India to Establish First Privately Managed Strategic Petroleum Reserve by ____? **2029-30**
- Ambani breaks into the top 10, ranked at _____ in Forbes global rich list? **9th**
- Manmohan Singh ends _____ year-long innings in the Rajya Sabha? **33**
- Kodaikanal Solar Observatory celebrates _____ years of studying the Sun? **125**
- PM Modi launches Multiple development projects worth Rs _____ crore in Arambagh Hooghly West Bengal? **7200**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated numerous development projects worth over Rs 17,300 crores in which district of Tamil Nadu? **Thoothukudi**
- A M Khanwilkar, a former Supreme Court judge, was named chairwoman of the anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal for nearly how many years after the position became vacant? **2years**
- Which state Becomes First State to Issue 5 Crore Ayushman Cards under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana? **Uttar Pradesh**
- Chapchar Kut festival celebrated across ____? **Mizoram**
- Dharmendra Pradhan Launches Project ODISERV For which state's Graduates? **Odisha**
- India's First Underwater Metro to Be Opened in _____ by Prime Minister? **Kolkata**
- Government Raises Minimum Age for Postal Voting to ____ Years? **85**
- India's first indigenous fast Breeder Reactor at which city in Tamilnadu? **Kalpakkam**
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu Introduces Monthly Rs 1,500 Aid for Women Aged ____? **18-60**
- Which state Government Announces Launch of Indiramma Housing Scheme? **Telangana**
- Neolithic Child Burial site Unearthed in Chengalpattu, _____? **Tamil Nadu**

- _____ and the World Economic Forum join hands to set up a Center for Artificial? **Karnataka**
- Which state government launched 'Vidhwa Punarvivah Protsahan Yojana'? **Jharkhand**
- India's first museum dedicated to cooperatives is coming up in which City in Kerala? **Kozhikode**
- Which state tops chart of highest passport penetration among women in the country? **Kerala**
- India is now the _____ manufacturer of mobile phones worldwide? **second-largest**
- Shri Nitin Gadkari approves Rs. _____ crore for widening and strengthening of National Highways in Tamil Nadu? **2281.10**
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami Digitally Launches 122 Schemes Across 17 Departments Valued at _____ Crore? **8275.51**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches 112 National Highway projects for various states starting in which city in Haryana? **Gurugram**
- Bichom Becomes _____'s 27th District? **Arunachal Pradesh**
- PM Modi Unveils Bronze Statue of Ahom General Lachit Borphukan in which city in Assam? **Jorhat**
- Which union territory Police launches "Operation Kamdhenu" to Combat Cattle Smuggling? **Jammu & Kashmir**
- PM inaugurates Kochrab Ashram in which bank of river? **Sabarmati**
- WCD Ministry introduces national curriculum for early childhood care and education, who lead this ministry? **Smriti Zubin Irani**
- Who launches first season of "Swaraj" on OTT platform Amazon Prime? **Anurag singh thakur**
- Which wildlife Sanctuary called Mini Kaziranga? **Pobitora**
- Which state to become first state to buy land in Kashmir? **Maharashtra**
- Maharashtra Cabinet Approves Renaming _____ District as Ahilya Nagar? **Ahmednagar**
- Supreme Court stops Assam's move to withdraw notification of _____ wildlife sanctuary? **Pobitora**
- 'Pandavula Gutta' designated exclusive Geo-heritage site in which state? **Telangana**
- The central government recently announced the launch of a mission to eliminate sickle cell disease by _____? **2047**
- Pokhara Set to be Designated as Which country's Tourism Capital? **Nepal**
- India commits to increase support to Bhutan in its _____ Five Year Plan? **13th**
- Election Commission Launches 'Mission _____' Campaign In Himachal Pradesh To Boost Voter Turnout? **414**
- Government Names Sheyphali B Sharan as New Spokesperson Effective _____ 2024? **April**
- Which state Governor C. P. Radhakrishnan has been given additional responsibilities of Telangana, Puducherry? **Jharkhand**
- Which Commission Launches 'Know Your Candidate'? **Election**
- Prabha varma selected for Saraswati Samman for The Year 2023, he belongs to which state? **Kerala**
- 3rd Edition Of North East Games 2024 Begin in which state? **Nagaland**
- MeitY/ NIXI successfully unveils BhashaNet portal at universal Acceptance day event in which state? **New Delhi**
- How many states will take part in the event under the subject "Bharat Innovates," that aims to promote their startup ecosystem and policies? **23**
- PM Modi Inaugurates State-of-the-Art Medical Facility in which state in Bhutan? **Thimphu**
- ASI Begins Excavation in which state To Find India's Oldest Temple? **Madhya Pradesh**
- Who Keeps Close Eye On Election Process Through The 'CVIGIL' App? **Election Commission**
- Which city overtakes Beijing to become Asia's billionaire capital for the first time? **Mumbai**
- Which city's High Court Strikes Down Madrasa Education Act? **Allahabad**
- Which State Education Minister Launches Shiksha Reform? **Gujarat**
- Diamond Jubilee celebration of Supreme Court of India inaugurated by Whom? **Prime Minister**
- Who formed the Road Safety Force for the first time in the country to reduce road accidents? **Punjab**
- Which state's former Chief Minister Karpoori Thakur will receive the Bharat Ratna posthumously? **Bihar**
- INSAT-3DS satellite sent to launch port in which Island in Andhra Pradesh? **Sriharikota**
- Who launches computerization scheme for office of ARDBs, RCSs of states? **Union Home Minister**

- Corning's joint venture in India intends to build a how many crore rupee factory in Tamil Nadu for Gorilla Glass production?
Rs.1003crore
- Fiscal deficit in 2024-25 is estimated to be _____ percent of GDP? **5.1**
- What is the name of Vice - President of India?
Jagdeep Dhankhar
- Tawangchu Tides International Kayaking Championship-2024 begin in which state? **Arunachal Pradesh**
- Acharaya Srila Prabhupada was the founder of _____Mission?
Gaudiya Mission
- Country's first digital National Museum of Epigraphy in which City in Telangana? **Hyderabad**
- Union Minister _____ launches EDCIL Vidyanjali Scholarship Programme?
Dharmendra Pradhan
- Government launches 'Bharat Rice' at subsidised rates for consumers, what is the subsidised rates? **29**
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurates ONGC's sea survival centre in which state? **Goa**
- The first-ever BIMSTEC Aquatic Championship in which state has been inaugurated by Union Minister Anurag Thakur? **New Delhi**
- Union Minister G Kishan Reddy has laid the foundation stone for the country's first digital National Museum of Epigraphy in City in Telangana? **Hyderabad**
- Prime Minister inaugurates projects worth over Rs 1330 crores in which state of India? **Goa**
- Centre merges how many Home Minister's medals into one as 'Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak'? **4**
- Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurates flyover built for Rs _____ crore at Uttar Pradesh? **300**
- _____ Local Bodies Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024 introduced in the Lok Sabha?
Jammu and Kashmir
- Punjab governor Banwarilal Purohit resigns on which date?
3th February 2024
- Shri Narendra Modi Unveils Projects Worth Rs 11,000 Cr In which state? **Assam**
- PM Modi lays foundation stone for projects worth Rs _____ crore in Odisha? **68,000**
- Which state Government Announces 'Digital Detox' Initiative To Encourage Mindful Use Of Social Media? **Karnataka**
- What is the name of Minister of Education of India?
dharmendra pradhan
- Which state Assembly passes UCC Bill; becomes India's 1st state to implement Uniform Civil Code?
Uttarakhand
- Which city's development projects will be inaugurated and laid out by the Home Minister? **Ahmedabad**
- Which State Wildlife Board Approves Tadoba-Kawal Conservation Reserve? **Telangana**
- Which state is currently the only one in India having a uniform civil code?
Goa
- Who Paras launches 'SUFALAM', a ground-breaking launch for food processing entrepreneurs?
Pashupati Kumar
- India's gas demand to rise how much % in 2024? **6**
- Who inaugurates " SUFALAM" Startup Conclave 2024?
Piyush Goyal
- Shri Nitin Gadkari has approved Rs. 1742.11 crore for the construction of a four-lane section of which national highway in Mizoram's Aizawl and Kolasib districts? **NH-6**
- Indian government has strengthened the agriculture sector by increasing the Food Corporation of India's authorized capital from Rs 10,000 crore to Rs _____ crore?
21,000
- How many National Highway projects worth Rs 4,755 crore were inaugurated and foundation stones laid in Haridwar, Uttarakhand, by Shri Nitin Gadkari? **30**
- Initiatives totaling Rs. 254 crore will be launched at Pandu Port in _____ by Shri Sarbananda Sonowal? **Guwahati**
- Which state Attains 100% Saturation in 'Har Ghar Jal' Scheme, Emerges as 1st State in Northeast India under Jal Jeevan Mission?
Arunachal Pradesh
- Which state Chief Minister Khattar Initiates 'Van Mitra' Scheme to Promote Engagement in Tree Planting? **Haryana**
- Which state Government Introduces 'Swayam' Scheme, Offering Interest-Free Loans to Youth? **Odisha**
- The ninth iteration of the RAISINA Dialogue will be launched in which state by Prime Minister? **Delhi**
- PM Modi Lays Foundation Stone for Shri Kalki Dham Temple in Sambhal district of _____?
Uttar Pradesh
- 'First time in India' : African - Mediterranean wader bird spotted in which city in Telangana?
Warangal
- Which state become first state in North - East India to achieve 100% saturation of Har Ghar Jal ?
Arunachal Pradesh

- In which state did Prime Minister Narendra Modi lay the groundwork for almost 9700 crore rupees in development projects? **Haryana**
- Which country boasts highest number of EV charging stations in India? **Karnataka**
- Union Education Minister inaugurates _____ PM SHRI schools in Chhattisgarh? **211**
- In which state, Prime Minister Modi will unveil many development initiatives valued at 55,500 crore rupees? **Gujarat**
- Medaram Jatara, India's Largest Tribal Festival Begins In which state? **Telangana**
- National Chief Secretaries Conference held on _____ date of December? **28 and 29**
- What is the name of newly built airport at Ayodhya Dham? **Maharishi Valmiki airport**
- Who has recently released a new book titled 'Breaking the Mould, Reimagining India's Economic Future'? **Raghuram Rajan**
- Strong Growth In GST Collections, December 2023 Records _____ Lakh Crore? **1.65**
- Which state Sets Guinness Record In Mass Surya Namaskar? **Gujarat**
- Exercise desert cyclone started on which date of January 2024 in Rajasthan? **2**
- Which Union territory becomes first UT to implement PM Vishwakarma Yojana? **Jammu and Kashmir**
- Modi govt raises Sukanya Samridhi Yojana interest rate ahead of Lok Sabha election _____? **2024**
- PM Modi to inaugurate 'India's longest sea bridge' in which City of India? **Mumbai**
- Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy Launches "Abhaya Hastam" for Congress' Six Guarantees Implementation in how many Days? **100**
- Record _____ crore Income Tax Returns filed so far in current financial year? **8.18**
- Assam government initiates 'Gunotsav 2024' to assess performance of _____ lakh students in government school? **40**
- Jharkhand govt reduces qualifying age for old-age pension to _____? **50**
- Which state police will begin the "Mission Investigation@75 days" on January 1, 2024? **Bihar**
- Which state CM Launches Mobile App Of State Information Commission? **UP**
- Indian economy to grow at _____% in current financial year? **7.3**
- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal to chair first Inland Waterways Development Council Meeting in which city in West Bengal? **Kolkata**
- Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurates and lays the foundation stone of 12 National Highway projects with a total length of 105 km worth over Rs _____ Crore in Kerala? **1464**
- _____ Enters Partnership with Ayodhya Nagar Nigam to Facilitate Mobile Payments Across the City? **Paytm**
- Finance Ministry Greenlights an Additional Rs _____ Crore for FAME-II Scheme? **1500**
- MoU for several investments to be signed on second day of global investors meet in _____? **Tamilnadu**
- Gujarat to host tenth edition of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit commencing in which city? **Gandhinagar**
- Which state hosted the inauguration, national dedication, and cornerstone laying of development projects valued at over Rs 20,000 crores by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi? **Tamil Nadu**
- PM Modi Inaugurates India's Largest Global Trade Show at Vibrant _____ Summit 2024? **Gujarat**
- Chandubi festival is related in which of the following state? **Assam**
- _____ may get four new Biodiversity Heritage sites? **Tamil Nadu**
- How many years has the qualifying age for old-age pension for tribal and Dalit people been lowered to 50 years, as declared by Jharkhand Chief Minister Shri Hemant Soren? **60 years**
- PM Modi to inaugurate India's longest sea Bridge Atal Setu in which city on January 12 during Maharashtra visit? **Mumbai**
- 'Prasadam' India's first hygienic food street in which City in Madhya Pradesh? **Ujjain**
- Yuva Nidhi Scheme launched by which state government for unemployed youth? **Karnataka**
- PM Modi Releases First Instalment of which Scheme for Pucca Homes? **PM-JANMAN**
- Which state's Pench Tiger Reserve Achieves Milestone as India's First Dark Sky Park? **Maharashtra**
- Who Sanctions Insurance Scheme for BRO Workers? **Defense Minister**

INTERNATIONAL

- Who won the Miss Universe 2024 title? **Victoria Kjaer**
- Which Indian university recently launched its first international campus in Dubai?
Symbiosis International University
- Who was recently elected as the President of IMSA (International Military Sports Association)?
Nandan Kumar Jha
- Which country has Brazil officially handed over the G20 presidency to?
South Africa
- Who has Sri Lanka recently reappointed as Prime Minister?
Harini Amarasinghe
- Who won Somaliland's 2024 presidential election?
Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi
- Who did Donald Trump name as the Education Secretary of the USA?
Linda McMahon
- Which countries signed a Charter and MoU for the establishment of the Colombo Security Conclave Secretariat? **India, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Maldives**
- Which event will India and UNESCO co-organize in Paris in 2024?
Chief Science Advisers Roundtable
- Which two countries signed an agreement on semiconductor partnership? **India and Singapore**
- Which countries signed a landmark agreement on civil nuclear energy?
India and UAE
- Which country has recently joined as a new member of the BRICS New Development Bank (NDB)?
Algeria
- Which ranking did IGI Airport achieve as the 24th best-connected airport in the world and what was its new position? **25th**

- Which country is declared as world's First Leprosy-Free Nation?
Jordan
- Who won McLaren's Singapore GP? **Lando Norris**
- Who has recently become the Prime Minister of Mauritius?
Dr. Navin Ramgoolam
- Who was re-elected as the Prime Minister of Japan?
Shigeru Ishiba
- Who was appointed as the U.N. Ambassador by Donald Trump?
Elise Stefanik
- Who did Donald Trump appoint as the Defense Secretary?
Pete Hegseth
- Who was sworn in as Haiti's new Prime Minister?
Alix Didier Fils-Aime
- Who was appointed as the U.S. Intelligence Chief from Indian-origin?
Tulsi Gabbard
- Who has been appointed as the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Mauritius?
Shri Anurag Srivastava
- Who tops the released Global Liveability Index 2024?
Vienna, Austria
- What is the rank of India in the released Global AI Readiness Index?
72
- According to Kantar, which brands are recognized as India's top 'most inclusive' brands?
Google and Tata Motors
- Which recent policy change has Belarus implemented for citizens of 35 European countries?
Introduction of a 90-day visa-free regime
- Which report has recently been released by India's G20 Task Force?
Final Report on Digital Public Infrastructure

- Where will the FIDE World Championship 2024 be held?
Singapore
- Where did the world's first brain implant for epilepsy control take place? **UK**
- Which country has become the 10th full member of SCO? **Belarus**
- Which Country has removed From FATF Money Laundering Grey List?
Turkey
- India becomes Worlds _____ Largest Domestic Aviation Market.
Third
- Which countries have implemented a Mutual Recognition Agreement for Organic Products?
India and Taiwan
- What recent classification change has been made to the Ibiza Wall Lizard on the IUCN Red List?
Endangered
- Where did NATO Summit 2024 start? **USA**
- Which honour will PM Modi receive from Russia for "outstanding service"?
Russia's Order of St Andrew
- UNESCO recently expanded the World Network of Biosphere Reserves. What is the total number of biosphere reserves in the network following this expansion?
727
- The Financial Inclusion Index has recently shown growth across all segments. What is the index measuring?
Availability of banking services
- By which year does Russia plan to complete the creation of its own Orbital Station? **2033**
- Which organization has unveiled MeDevIS, a global medical device information platform?
World Health Organization (WHO)

- Which country has surpassed Mauritius as a preferred destination for Foreign Portfolio Investments (FPI)? **Ireland**
- According to a UN report, what is projected to happen to India's population by the 2060s?
It will peak at 1.7 billion and then decline
- What was the main focus of the Global Conference on Space Research held in Busan, South Korea? **International cooperation in space research and missions**
- What is the significance of Bangladesh joining the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC)?
It is the fifth member of the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC).
- What is the significance of the trial voyage of the world's first 3D printed electric abra in Dubai?
printed electric abra in Dubai?
- What world record did the MP Government set by planting trees in a single day?
Most Trees Planted in a Single Day
- According to the WHO-UNICEF report, how many Indian children missed vital vaccines in 2023?
1.6 million
- Where does Elon Musk plan to relocate X and SpaceX headquarters from California? **Texas**
- What did India sign an MoU with Marshall Islands for?
Community development projects
- In which city did PM Modi inaugurate the World Heritage Committee's 46th session?
New Delhi
- What recent innovation has China unveiled? **World's First Carbon Fiber High-Speed Train**
- What recent announcement did PM Modi make regarding UNESCO?
\$1 Million Grant for World Heritage Sites
- What nomination has Assam's Charaideo Maidam recently received?
UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Which two organizations have joined hands to boost innovation in the Global South? **AIM and WIPO**
- Which country has been declared the host country for the first Olympic eSports Games by the International Olympic Committee?
Saudi Arab
- Which two SECL blocks are listed in the world's top 10 largest coal mines? **Gevra and Kusmunda**
- For how much is Mankind Pharma acquiring Bharat Serums from Advent International? **13,630 crore**
- What is the name of Asia's first low-carbon 'green' zinc brand launched by Hindustan Zinc?
EcoZen
- Which prestigious recognition has Japan's Sado Gold Mine recently received?
UNESCO World Heritage status
- Which three Indian destinations were listed in TIME's 'World's Greatest Places of 2024'?
Museum of Solutions, Manam Chocolate, and Naar
- In 2023, India retained which position in global agriculture exports? **Eighth**
- What recent recognition was given to the Nelson Mandela Legacy Sites?
UNESCO World Heritage Status
- India and Vietnam have partnered to develop a Maritime Heritage Complex in which location? **Lothal**
- Which vehicles are now eligible for import following the recent decision by Sri Lanka?
Buses, trucks, and tankers
- How many parallel runways will Al Maktoum International Airport have? **5**
- Which country is collaborating with China for its first lunar mission, ICUBE-Q? **Pakistan**
- Which region was emphasized for its significance as a major recipient of global remittances, according to the International Organisation for Migration (IOM)? **Southern Asia**
- Which country witnessed the largest increase in solar generation in 2023? **China**
- Who represented India at the Summit on Peace in Ukraine hosted by Switzerland in June 2024?
Pavan Kapoor
- According to the Environmental Performance Index 2024, what is India's ranking among 180 countries? **176th**
- India is home to over 3,600 startups in the deeptech space, and ranks _____ in the global deeptech ecosystem, according to a recent Nasscom-Zinnov study. **Sixth**
- What significant global issue does the UNCCD address through its initiatives and programs?
Land degradation & desertification

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- India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations retired, what is his name? **Ruchira Kamboj**
- In which country has Russia started planning to build Central Asia's first nuclear power plant? **Uzbekistan**
- Where was the KAZA Summit 2024 held? **Zambia**
- A 'codeshare' agreement has been signed between India and which country? **Japan**
- Which became the first South American country to adopt UPI? **Peru**
- Sheikh Sabah Al Khalid Al Sabah has become the Crown Prince of which country? **Kuwait**
- Who has been elected as the President of the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly? **Philemon Yang**
- Where was the first meeting of the Biopharmaceutical Alliance held? **USA**
- Where was the world's longest pedestrian suspension bridge built? **Hungary**
- In which country Mount Kanlaon has erupted? **Philippines**
- Which country recently became the 18th member state of the United Nations Command in South Korea? **Germany**
- Which Indian state is the first to launch disaster management insurance? **Nagaland**
- To which country has India's first GI-tagged fig juice been exported? **Poland**
- According to the WTO, what position did India maintain in global agricultural exports? **8th**
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- Which company is set to export India's first Sona Masoori brown rice consignment to Europe? **Svastha Ecoharvest**
- What milestone did UPI merchant transactions in Nepal recently surpass? **100,000 transactions**
- What was the purpose of the MoU signed between the All India Institute of Ayurveda and Amity University? **To promote Ayurveda research and education**
- Which country has recently joined the United Nations Command (UNC) as the 18th member state? **Germany**
- Which countries have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote cooperation on small and medium enterprises (SMEs)? **India and the USA**
- When will India host the third Voice of Global South Summit? **August 17, 2024**
- Which new initiative has India and Israel launched at IIT Madras? **Water Technology Centre**
- What is the purpose of ICGS Sujay's port call in Indonesia? **Overseas deployment to East Asia**
- Which airport has become the first in Asia to receive Level 5 Accreditation from the Airports Council International (ACI)? **KIA Bengaluru**
- Which two organizations signed an MoU to share auditing expertise? **CAG and Uzbekistan's Chamber of Accounts**
- When will Sri Lanka begin offering visa-free access to Indians and nationals from 34 other countries? **October 31**
- Which country recently joined BRICS partners to launch the Centre for Industrial Competences? **United Arab Emirates**
- Where were the first Gulf Youth Games 2024 Organized? **Dubai**
- Where is the World's largest airport being built? **Dubai**
- Companies of India and Russia have received joint management of Matala Airport Located in which Country? **Shri Lanka**
- Which city and country has recently hosted the 26th World Energy Congress? **Rotterdam, The Netherlands**
- In anticipation of a judgment on whether India's human rights body would maintain its which sort of status, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) is getting ready to defend the government's human rights procedures at a conference in which city? **Geneva**
- Who did not represent India in the UNFPA meeting? **Aparna Kumari**
- Indian in World Press Freedom Index 2024 release which place is it? **159**
- FPSB India and IFSCA sign agreement to promote GIFT IFSC as a 'Global Finance Hub'. What does 'P' stand for in FPSB? **Planning**

- Which country introduce new Rs 100 currency note featuring Indian territories? **Nepal**
- Jammu and Kashmir Bank Reports Record Annual Profit of Rs 1,767 Crores for FY24. What percentage gain above the previous record does this represent? **48%**
- Which country's population growth rate has fallen to 0.92% per year during the last decade, the lowest in 80 years? **Nepal**
- Scottish National Party (SNP) veteran John Swinney is set to succeed Humza Yousaf as Scotland's First Minister. How many seats does the SNP presently hold in the UK parliament? **43**
- Afghan Consul General Zakia Wardak Resigns in Mumbai Following the 'gold smuggling' incident at the airport. In which city did she serve as Afghanistan's first female Consul General? **Mumbai**
- Where was the world's largest plant to absorb CO₂ from air started? **Iceland**
- Which country's cricketer Colin Munro has retired from international cricket? **New Zealand**
- United World Wrestling (UWW) has suspended Bajrang Punia till the end of this year for refusing to undergo a dope test. Where is the headquarters of UWW? **Lausanne**
- Where was the exhibition named 'Swadesh' showcasing the tribal art traditions of India organized? **Dubai**
- Where was the World Hydrogen Summit and Exhibition 2024 organized in May 2024? **Netherlands**
- Where will the first professional international pickleball league be held? **India**
- How many Indian cultural objects have been included in the 2024 cycle of UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia Pacific Regional Register? **3**
- With whom has Iran signed a 10-year contract to operate the Shahid Beheshti port? **India**
- The Government of India has announced to provide humanitarian assistance of \$ 10 Lakh to which country to deal with floods? **Kenya**
- According to a report, which country has become India's largest trading partner in FY 2023-24? **China**
- Where has India organized 'Bharat Parv' for the first time? **France**
- Who has announced 10-year Blue Residency Visa for environmental contributors? **UAE**
- Who tops Access Now's global internet shutdown report? **India**
- India is the only country in the top five to show growth in steel output. Which country is on top of the list? **China**
- Which is the first Central Asian country to host the AFC Women's Asian Cup in the year 2029? **Uzbekistan**
- What is India's rank in the ongoing Travel and Tourism Development Index 2024? **39**
- Where has Elon Musk launched his Starlink satellite internet service? **Indonesia**
- Where is the world's highest astronomical observatory located? **Chile**
- Where Artara-24 Fine Arts Exhibition and Competition was organized? **Dubai**
- In which city the first evidence of rock art has been discovered? **Mangaluru**
- Where has Tata Consultancy Services announced the establishment of the first of its kind human-centric AI Center of Excellence? **Paris**
- Who has announced 10-year Blue Residency Visa for environmental contributors? **UAE**
- Who tops Access Now's global internet shutdown report? **India**
- Where has IOCL exported the first consignment of 'XP100'? **Sri Lanka**
- Where has Serum Institute of India sent the first consignment of malaria vaccine (R21/ Matrix-M)? **CAR**
- What position has the Indian stock market achieved globally with a capitalization of \$5 trillion? **5th**
- Where was the International Atomic Energy Agency's fourth international conference on nuclear safety held? **Vienna**
- India allows sugar, rice and onion exports to which country? **Maldives**
- India Extends Financial Support to Papua New Guinea Following Devastating Landslide, with a financial aid package worth how many million? **\$1million**
- The National Archives of India undertakes the first overseas digitization of diaspora records in Oman. How many notable Indian families from Gujarat are actively involved in the project? **32**
- In which city will Reliance Industries start building the nation's first multimodal logistics park? **Chennai**
- The United Nations forecasts a 6.9% growth for the Indian economy in 2024 (January-December). According to the UN's January 2024 projection, India is expected to grow at what percentage rate in 2024? **6.2%**

- North Atlantic Treaty Organization Commemorates _____ Anniversary as Foreign Ministers Convene in Brussels? **75th**
- H5N1 bird flu behind hundreds of dead penguins in which Continents? **Antarctica**
- PC imports rose amid licence uncertainty, which country's share spiked after plan scrapped? **China**
- India's February 2024 coal imports up _____? **13%**
- In an effort to stabilize its economy, Zimbabwe introduced a new coin known as "Zimbabwe Gold," or ZiG in short. The denominations of the new ZiG banknotes range between 1 and _____. **200**
- As of April 2024, the foreign portfolio investments had taken out ₹325 crore from Indian stocks. How much percentage point increase in the US 10-year yield might have an immediate effect on foreign direct investment flows into India? **4.4%**
- Which Airport is the 10th busiest airport?
Indira Gandhi International
- Former Gazprom unit rejects \$1.8 billion in compensation demanded by GAIL. When did GAIL and the Russian energy giant Gazprom establish a 20-year agreement for GAIL to purchase up to 2.85 million tonnes of LNG annually? **2012**
- April 12th is commemorated as the International Day of Human Space Flight. Who carried out the first human space flight? **Yuri Gagarin**
- Which company has partnered with eSewa and HAN Pokhara to promote UPI in Nepal? **PhonePe**
- India Ranks _____ Globally in Cybercrime Study in World Cybercrime Index? **10th**
- India Post opens third post office in which continent? **Antarctica**
- Which country Dipendra Singh created history to hit 6 sixes in an over? **Nepal**
- India's Exports Estimate To Reach _____ Billion Dollars In Financial Year 2023-24? **776.68**
- Which city in the United Arab Emirates hosted the 16th World Future Energy Summit in April 2024? **Abu Dhabi**
- What is the approximate height of the Siachen in the Karakoram Mountain range, and the Siachen Glacier is renowned as the highest militarised zone in the world? **20000**
- Kento Momota, a former World No. 1, has announced his retirement at 29. The former World No. 1 has stated he will not represent his country again after the Thomas and Uber Cup, which will be hosted in which country starting April 27, 2024? **China**
- Which country will start the first Hindi radion broadcast? **Kuwait**
- Where was the first International Rainbow Tourism Conference held in April 2024? **Nepal**
- UN Appoints which country to Lead Women's Rights Forum Despite Criticism? **Saudi Arabia**
- India-United States Tri-Service Exercise 'Tiger Triumph-24' has been conducted how many days? **14**
- Arjun Erigaisi replaces Viswanathan Anand to become India's No.1 in latest FIDE Rankings, which rank he has in the world? **9th**
- PhonePe Users Gain Ability to Utilise UPI for Payments in _____? **Singapore**
- Which country's president declares national disaster over drought?
Zimbabwe
- _____ SHAKTI International Women Entrepreneurs Summit? **9th**
- Genie is currently limited to create games at a rate of how many frames per second (FPS)? **1**
- Which country will host Mobile World Congress 2024? **Spain**
- _____'s First Green Hydrogen Plant in Stainless Steel Sector Unveiled by Scindia? **India**
- India inks pact with EFTA, gets \$_____ billion Commitment? **100**
- CAA implemented in India ahead of Lok Sabha elections, when this Act was passed? **2019**
- World Telecommunication standardization assembly to be held in which state? **Delhi**
- Cutlass Express Exercise performed in which country in 2024? **Seychelles**
- Which company signs partnership with Sri Lanka-based beverage maker Elephant House? **Reliance**
- Which country to join U.S.-led carbon market project? **India**
- Air quality report, _____'s Begusarai is the world's most polluted city? **Bihar**
- Which country recognizes Arunachal Pradesh as Indian territory? **U.S.**
- Iconic Indian Brand Amul Launches Fresh Milk in which country? **US**
- ICG Ship Samudra Paheredar Reaches _____ Bay, Philippines? **Manila**
- PM Modi hails _____'s global popularity, shares UNESCO certificate? **Garba**

- Which country's Historic Move for Legalizing same-Sex Marriage? **Thailand**
- India nominates _____ for 2024-25 UNESCO World Heritage List? **Maratha Military Landscapes**
- India and which country committed to strengthening cooperation in the field of Personnel Management and Public Administration? **Singapore**
- Index of Eight Core Industries increases by _____ per cent (provisional) in Dec 2023 as compared to Dec 2022? **3.8**
- Krutrim, an AI business created by Ola founder Bhavish Aggarwal, has raised a fundraising round valued at how many billion dollars? **\$1billion**
- Which country Drops to 10th Most Corrupt Nation in Transparency International's 2023 Index? **Bangladesh**
- _____ India and Portugal Foreign Office Consultations held in New Delhi? **4th**
- The UAE Golden Visa ,introduced by the UAE in which year? **2019**
- The Cabinet supports the signing and ratification of a bilateral investment treaty between India and which country? **UAE**
- India's UPI Formally Launched In France At _____ Iconic Eiffel Tower? **Paris**
- _____ and Vietnam agree to expand cooperation in the South China Sea? **Philippines**
- The Cabinet supports the signing and ratification of a bilateral investment treaty between India and which country? **UAE**
- Which country lifts Under-19 Men's World cup beating India in South Africa? **Australia**
- Which edition of the New Delhi World Book Fair was inaugurated by Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan? **52nd**
- The 2024 Badminton Asia Team Championships are set to begin in Shah Alam, _____? **Malaysia**
- Former Chilean President Sebastián Piñera born in which year? **1949**
- When was GIFT IFSC formed as a financial centre? **2016**
- _____ will start making new EV model in second half of 2025? **Tesla**
- India beat which country to win first ever Badminton Asia Team Championship title? **Thailand**
- India and Colombia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the sharing of India's open-source DPI. What does "P" mean in DPI? **Public**
- India is the _____ most targeted country worldwide in cybercrime? **80th**
- The World Day of Social Justice is a global commemoration, not a public holiday, and has been in effect since which year? **2009**
- Which country to Introduce World's 1st Wooden Satellite in Efforts to Tackle Space Debris? **Japan**
- Prime Minister inaugurates and lays the foundation stone of projects worth over _____ crore at Tarabh Mesana? **55000 Cr**
- What is India's contribution to the Poverty and Hunger Alleviation Fund, founded by India, Brazil, and South Africa (IBSA)? **\$1million**
- BRICS Group To Double In _____ After Saudi, Iran, UAE, Egypt, Ethiopia Join Ranks? **2024**
- Russia and NASA Extend Joint ISS Flights Until _____? **2025**
- India to become world's largest metallurgical coal importer by which year? **2026**
- 10th World Tamils Economic Conference & and Global Economic Summit to be held in _____? **Chennai**
- _____ launches 'workation' visa for foreigners? **South Korea**
- Toy exports from India increased 239% over last _____ years? **8**
- India to chair UNESCO's world heritage committee for first time in which country? **July**
- Which country passes law banning dog meat trade? **South Korea**
- The Memorandum of Understanding between Guyana and India for cooperation in the hydrocarbon industry is approved for signing by the cabinet. What is the Guyanan currency? **Dollar**
- Which country to Host Ukraine Peace Summit on Zelenskiy's Request? **Switzerland**
- Second International AYUSH Conference Inaugurated in which country? **Dubai**
- India record its first -ever confirmed sighting of a rare Tibetan Brown Bear in which state? **Sikkim**
- The _____ NAM Summit Begins in Uganda's Kampala? **19th**
- Which country is hosting the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF)? **Switzerland**
- Which country elected as First Vice chair of FAO COFI Sub-Committee on Fisheries Management? **India**
- Which organization has teamed up with Taiwan's Foxconn to launch an Outsourced Assembly and Testing (OSAT) facility for semiconductor chips? **HCL**

- Which Country Declared A Malaria-Free Country? **Cabo Verde**
- Which country Launches 'Alliance for Global Good- Gender Equity and Equality' at Davos World Economic Forum 2024? **India**
- North Korea stated that it has carried out a test of its "underwater nuclear weapons system" in retaliation to drills by the US, South Korea and which nations on this week? **Japan**
- Switzerland and _____ reach deal on FTA after 16 years of negotiations? **India**
- India to host _____ WAIPA World Investment Conference in New Delhi? **27th**
- The Ministry of Commerce will work with online retailers to encourage district exports. Which year's Foreign Trade Policy, which highlights e-commerce as a key sector for boosting India's exports, is in line with the partnership? **2023**
- Which country was the source of cyclonic storm "Michaung," which aided in its development? **Thailand**
- In Doha, Pankaj Advani was victorious in the IBSF World Billiards Championship, marking his 26th world championship. Which year did Adani win his first world title? **2003**
- The UAE Unveils the Biggest Single-Site Solar Power Plant in History Ahead of COP28. Which year's objective for Net Zero is the project in line with the UAE? **2050**
- Which country is hosting the ASEAN-India Millet Festival with the Indian Mission to ASEAN? **Indonesia**
- Which country attended the second session of the 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue following the first round in 2021 with India's Quad partner? **Australia**
- At which borders was the Maratha king's mounted statue erected at the Rashtriya Rifles 41 Maratha Light Infantry Regiment in Kupwara? **Pakistan**
- Aditya Birla Health Launches 'Activ One' Product Offering what % Returns ? **100%**
- Which Country Entry into BRICS Postponed, Not Joining Developing Economies Bloc Next Year as Planned? **Argentina**
- NMCG Launches Global River Cities Alliance at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in which Country? **Dubai**
- India Chosen as the Flagship Nation for the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Green Voyage _____ Project? **2050**
- India and the United States Collaborate on a \$390 Million Funding Initiative to Implement 50,000 Electric Buses by _____? **2027**
- Sheikh Nawaf al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah who passed away recently was the Emir of which country? **Kuwait**
- Which country has bestowed upon Kabir Bedi its highest civilian honour? **Italy**
- In New Delhi, the Union Minister Shri Arjun Munda opens the ASEAN-India Millet Festival. Which nation's festival was held before the event? **Indonesia**
- India-United States Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Dialogue held in _____. **New Delhi**
- Which among the following country launches deepest lab on Earth, it is more than 2,000m below ground ? **China**
- The government said the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) achieved a landmark of selling generic medicines worth Rs 1,000 crore this year. The government has set a target to open 25,000 Janaushadhi Kendras across the country by _____ **March 2026**
- Who among the following has been awarded Bhutan's prestigious National Order of Merit Gold Medal for his/her distinguished services to the country? **Poonam Khetrpal Singh**
- United Kingdom to Implement Climate Levy on Imported Steel from which year? **2027**
- At DSCSC Sri Lanka, Indian Armed Forces officers received which award for exceptional performance? **Golden Owl**
- Which country launched 3 satellites into orbit from south china sea? **china**
- Which company extends global partnership with ICC? **Coca-Cola**
- _____ edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium Conclave of Chiefs concludes in Bangkok, Thailand? **8th**
- Cabinet approves the Migration and Mobility Agreement between India and which country? **Italy**
- India's largest trading partner during H1FY24 is the US. Which country ranks third among India's trading partners? **UAE**
- The Rome Statute seeks to create an international forum for the resolution of the most serious crimes and the promotion of justice. How many countries have signed the Rome statute so far? **123**
- REC Introduces "Sugam REC", a new mobile application under which category Bonds Investors? **54EC**

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- Who has taken additional charge as Chairman of Indian Oil?
V Satish Kumar
- Which individual has been recommended by the FSIB for the Managing Director position at SBI?
Rama Mohan Rao Amara
- Which company has become the first in India to surpass Rs 10 lakh crore in annual revenue?
Reliance Industries Limited
- Who launched the AgriSURE Fund?
Union Agriculture Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- What is the World Bank's revised growth forecast for India for FY25?
7%
- Who has SEBI approved for the position of MD and CEO of CDSL?
Nehal Vora
- With which organization did GRSE sign an MoU for double-lane modular bridges?
NHIDCL
- Which company launched India's first multi-brand co-branded card with RuPay and Yes Bank?
POP
- Which fintech company from Tamil Nadu recently secured RBI authorization?
Paysharp
- Which company has introduced Braille insurance policies for the visually impaired?
Star Health
- Which bank has introduced cardless cash withdrawal through the UPIATM?
Axis Bank
- Which company has rebranded as Zurich Kotak General Insurance?
Kotak General Insurance
- Which institutions signed a pact to foster innovation and research in FinTech?
IIM-K and RBIH
- Which company did RBL Bank partner with to launch a new credit card?
IndianOil
- Which organization has launched the 3rd edition of the Asha Scholarship Program?
SBI Foundation
- Which organization advised India to reconsider its decision on RCEP to meet its \$1 trillion export target?
World Bank
- What is the updated GDP growth forecast for India in FY2024-25 according to the IMF?
7%
- Which organization approved the merger of Tata Motors Finance into Tata Capital?
Competition Commission of India (CCI)
- Which company has partnered with Liquid Group to expand UPI payments in Singapore?
PhonePe
- Which major Indian bank has become the first to join the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF)?
Union Bank of India
- Which two companies have teamed up to offer insurance products?
AU Small Finance Bank and United India Insurance
- What is the significance of the launch of the "Rangeen Machhli" app?
A milestone for India's ornamental fisheries sector
- Who received NPCI Approval to Onboard New UPI Users?
Paytm
- What recognition has been given to HDFC Life?
Excellence in Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Which bank is recognised as 'Best Bank in India' for 2024?
SBI
- Which Governor has been Awarded Top Global Banker?
Shaktikanta Das
- Which bank has recently launched Real-Time International Money Transfer Tracking?
IDFC FIRST Bank
- Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for India at DBS Bank?
Rajat Verma
- Which bank has launched online loan solution named 'MSME Sahaj'?
SBI
- What percentage decrease in new member additions did EPFO report in FY24?
4%
- Which bank introduced the Sapphire Forex Card tailored for Indian students?
ICICI Bank
- Which university launched the MA Programme in Bhagavad Gita Studies?
IGNOU
- RBI announces the SAARC Currency _____ Framework for the period 2024 to 2027?
Swap
- Which Bank Launched a Digital Investment Platform 'Bank SmartWealth'?
HDFC
- Flipkart Launches New UPI App named?
SuperMoney App
- Which exercise will the Indian Air Force participate in during 2024 in Darwin, Australia?
Exercise Pitch Black
- What did SEBI issue to enhance credit rating agency operations?
New regulations
- How did LIC increase its stake in IDFC First Bank to 2.68%?
Private placement
- According to RBI data, what was India's employment rate growth from FY23 to FY24?
Increased to 6%
- EXIM Bank of India signed a USD 2.5 million Line of Credit (LoC) agreement with which country?
Guyana
- Which mutual fund has launched the BSE PSU Index Fund?
Kotak Mahindra Mutual Fund
- Which bank has introduced the 'Safety Ring' to enhance security for online and mobile banking users?
Punjab National Bank (PNB)

- Which two organizations have launched a travel credit card for RuPay users?

Ixigo and AU Small Finance Bank

- According to the RBI Deputy Governor, which of the following statements is projected for India by 2031? ***India might become the world's second-largest economy***

- What is the purpose of the USD 200 million green loan secured by REC Limited from Deutsche Bank?

To support renewable energy projects in India

- What is the purpose of the MoU signed between Punjab National Bank and SAIL?

To offer loans for projects related to steel production

- What is the interest rate for the new 444-day term deposit scheme launched by SBI? ***7.25%***

- Why did SEBI introduce new rules for passive mutual fund schemes? ***To address and reduce sponsor bias***

- What did ADB approve a \$240.5 million loan for in India?

Rooftop solar systems

- What did NABARD launch the Rs 750 ***crore Agri***

- What is the GDP growth projection by FICCI for India in 2024-25? ***7%***

- Which organization has been approved by the RBI for bank risk-weighting claims?

Brickwork Ratings

- Which banks have launched deposit schemes to fund credit demand?

Bank of Baroda, Bank of Maharashtra, and State Bank of India

- What is the amount SIDBI plans to raise for its green financing fund? ***\$1 billion***

- Which CSR initiative has IndusInd Bank recently launched?

Wrestle for Glory

- What global rank did Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited achieve in the Global MDRT Rankings for 2024? ***6th***

- What type of license is AU Small Finance Bank seeking?

Universal Banking License

- With which bank has Paytm partnered to offer POS solutions and EDC devices to merchants?

Axis Bank

- Which bank's license was recently canceled by the RBI?

Mahabhairab Cooperative Urban Bank Ltd., Tezpur, Assam

- Which bank has recently partnered with ICICI Lombard General Insurance? ***Karnataka Bank***

- By what percentage did digital payments rise by March-end 2024 according to RBI data? ***12.6%***

- What action did EQT Private Capital Asia recently take regarding its stake in RBL Bank?

Sold its entire 7.89% stake

- How much is the Asian Development Bank (ADB) loaning to India for solid waste management in 100 cities? ***\$200 million***

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- Which organization has partnered with Bank of Namibia to develop a UPI-like payment system?

NPCI International

- What percentage of India's total retail market does online shopping currently occupy? ***7%***

- Which sectors saw an increase in production in March 2024 compared to February 2024?

Coal and Cement

- What was the percentage change in FASTag transaction volume compared to April 2023?

Decrease of 8%

- Which company did Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) sign a preliminary pact with to manufacture lithium-ion cells for two- and three-wheelers?

Panasonic

- Under which protocol was the Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP) established?

Madrid Protocol

- What is the minimum investment amount required for the FRB 2034?

Rs 1,000

- Which banks is NOT part of the consortium providing the \$400 million finance package to AGEL.

Barclays Bank PLC

- What strategy did GTRI recommend to boost India's toy industry? ***Develop specialized manufacturing hubs***

- What is the strategic goal of the NPCI-Bank of Namibia collaboration regarding payment interoperability?
To ensure full interoperability of payment instruments by 2025.
- Which legal firms served as the borrower's counsel for Adani Green Energy in this financing transaction?
Latham & Watkins LLP and Saraf & Partners
- What framework must banks adhere to for compliance regarding underlying exposures to counterparties stemming from intraday capital market exposure?
Large Exposure Framework
- Which regulatory authority approved Sanjeev Nautiyal's appointment as MD & CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank? **RBI**
- What action did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently take regarding Bank of Baroda's BoB World app? **Lifted restrictions**
- Which organization's growth forecast for India aligns with Fitch's revised estimate for FY25? **RBI**
- Which of the following private sector bank has said it has appointed Ajith Kumar KK as Managing Director (MD) of the bank.
Dhanlaxmi Bank
- Which act empowers the Reserve Bank of India to regulate and supervise banks in India?
Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- Where is the International Steel Conference 2024 organized?
Ranchi
- The Reserve Bank on 19th June cancelled the licence of The City Co-operative Bank for lacking adequate capital and earning prospects. The bank is based in which state of India? **Maharashtra**
- Which of the following payments solutions provider has announced that it has received final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to function as a Payment Aggregator (PA) under the Payments and Settlement Systems Act, 2007? **SabPaaisa**
- Which of the following payments bank 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?
India Post Payment Bank
- SBI is majority-owned by which entity? **Government of India**
- The second edition of the global conference on financial resilience organized by the College of Supervisors (CoS) of RBI in which city? **Mumbai**
- Which among the following small finance bank has decided to discontinue the services of business correspondent Swasraya Multi State Agro co-operative Society Limited to reduce concentration risks and absorb its 5,000 plus employees on the rolls of the lender?
EASF Microfinance
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) stopped the auction of 10-year green bonds when traders refused to pay greenium. The green bonds were to be issued in two tranches of how much crores each?
Rs.6000 crore
- The Unified Payment Interface Network set a new record with 14.04 billion transactions processed in May 2024, up from 13.3 billion in April 2024. By value, UPI transactions totalled ₹20.45 lakh crore in May, compared to ₹19.64 lakh crore in April 2024. These data represent what percentage increase in volume? **49%**
- The Reserve Bank of India reports 15.3% expansion in non-food bank credit for April 2024. Loans to agricultural and allied businesses had substantial growth, accelerating to what percent in April 2024? **19.7%**
- Canara Bank will divest 14.50% of its stake in Canara HSBC Life Insurance through an IPO. How many crores does the bank intend to raise through Basel III Compliant Additional Tier I bonds?
Rs.4000crore
- The Reserve Bank of India transfers how many tonnes of gold from the United Kingdom to Indian vaults for the first time since 1991?
100 tonnes
- The Reserve Bank of India has established a framework for self-regulatory organizations in the fintech sector. The candidate should have a minimum net worth of how many crores within one year after being recognised as SRO-FT by RBI or before the commencement of such operation? **Rs.2crore**
- The Reserve Bank of India's Annual Report reveals a 166% increase in bank fraud to over 36,000 cases in FY24. How much did the amount involved in the number of fraud cases decrease year on year (Y-o-Y) in fiscal year 24? **46.7%**
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India supports 100% cashless claims settlement in health insurance. IRDAI released a comprehensive Master Circular on Health Insurance Products, integrating how many earlier circulars? **55**
- _____ introduced a new mobile app called "Saathi 2.0" to help investors manage their personal finances?
SEBI

- Which regulatory body granted a broking license to the insurtech startup Covrzy? **IRDAI**
- Which bank's license was recently canceled by the RBI?
Mahabhairab Cooperative Urban Bank Ltd., Tezpur, Assam
- Which bank has recently partnered with ICICI Lombard General Insurance? **Karnataka Bank**
- By what percentage did digital payments rise by March-end 2024 according to RBI data? **12.6%**
- What action did EQT Private Capital Asia recently take regarding its stake in RBL Bank?
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- Which organization has partnered with Axis Bank to launch an AI pilot aimed at combating payment fraud?
SWIFT
- Which two organizations have launched a smartwatch designed for contactless payments?
Kotak Mahindra Bank and GOQii
- Which organization has increased its FY25 GDP growth forecast to 7.5%?
Ind-Ra
- Which two organizations have entered into a bancassurance partnership?
SBI General Insurance & HSBC India
- Which company, owned by Pine Labs, launched UPISetu in partnership with Axis Bank? **Setu**
- Where does the Reserve Bank of India rank globally? **12th**
- Which Indian company is ranked the highest on the 2024 Fortune Global 500 List?
Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- What is the new limit set by the RBI for UPI tax payments per transaction? **Rs 5 lakh**
- Which company has Ageas Federal Life Insurance partnered with to provide Instant Term Insurance?
PhonePe
- Which company has recently launched the Bharat Manufacturing Fund in the ULIP segment?
PNB MetLife
- Which two organizations have partnered for bancassurance?
Capital Small Finance Bank and Edelweiss Life
- What new banking program has DBS Bank India launched for senior citizens? **DBS Golden Circle**
- What new certification has L&T Finance received from the RBI?
NBFC-Investment and Credit Company
- Where was India's first 24/7 Grain ATM unveiled?
Mancheswar, Odisha
- Which organization has secured a JPY 25.5 billion loan from JBIC to finance a wind energy project?
Power Finance Corporation (PFC)
- What has the RBI directed NBFCs to do regarding cash deposits in case of an emergency?
Return the full deposit within the first 3 months without interest
- What is the interest rate offered by RBL Bank on their limited-period 500-day fixed deposits? **8%**
- What status has L&T Finance achieved from the RBI? **NBFC-ICC**
- Which credit card has Axis Bank and Visa launched for India's elite?
PRIMUS
- Who has been approved by the RBI as the MD & CEO of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank?
Salee Sukumaran Nair
- What new initiative has Punjab National Bank introduced for visually impaired customers?
Braille Debit Card
- Which organization has given IndusInd Bank approval to establish a mutual fund asset management business? **RBI**
- Which regulatory body approved the merger between Slice and North East Small Finance Bank? **NCLT**
- Which bank launched a 'phygital' branch in Hyderabad?
Bank of Baroda
- What new feature has Airtel Payments Bank introduced?
AI-powered Face Match
- For how many consecutive years has RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das been ranked as a top central banker?
2 years
- How much has the Asian Development Bank committed to loan for improving healthcare in Maharashtra? **USD 500 million**

- What is the new feature launched by NPCI for secure payments among trusted users? **UPI Circle**
- Which two organizations have formed a bancassurance partnership?
Bajaj Allianz and HSBC India
- Which institution issued the world's first carbon removal bond of \$225 million to fund Amazon reforestation? **World Bank**
- Which company recently launched a credit line feature on its UPI platform for seamless merchant payments? **PhonePe**
- _____ gets RBI's approval to operate as Payments Aggregator?
PayU
- The tenure of which Deputy Governor of RBI was extended for 1 year **T. Rabishankar**
- Which small finance bank intends to grow its advances at a 25% compound annual growth rate (CAGR) over the next three years?
AU SFB
- PhonePe's Indus Appstore, a domestic app marketplace, has implemented voice search in how many Indian languages? **10**
- The Indian government has granted prestigious 'Navratna' status to IREDA. How many companies in India have been granted Navratna status? **17**
- ATC Telecom Infrastructure has sold its entire stake of what percentage in Vodafone Idea for Rs 1,840 crore? **2.87%**
- Who launched the 'NO Hassle, Life Insurance Fatafat' Campaign?
HDFC Life
- Which insurance company has entered into a corporate agency tie-up with Peerless Financial Products Distribution Ltd.? **HDFC Life**
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the investment limit by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) in Government Securities (G-Sec) will remain unchanged at _____ of outstanding stock for FY25. **6**
- Which company did the Reserve Bank of India tell to stop giving out its prepaid payment cards and return the money to its customers?
TalkCharge Technologies Private Limited
- Which bank has recently (in April' 24) partnered with HCL Software for Digital Transformation?
State Bank of India
- Which Fintech company has recently launched an offline Unified Payments Interface (UPI)-based 'Scan and Pay' service that enables users to scan QR codes for payments directly from their bank accounts? **Cred**
- The draft framework for electronic trading platforms (ETP) has been released by the Reserve Bank of India. How many ETPs are in operation right now and how many operators have authorization? **13**
- Acemoney (India)'s non-banking financial company license is revoked by the Reserve Bank of India due to guidelines violations. In which year did the business receive a Certificate of Registration (CoR) enabling it to function as an NBFC? **2017**
- Which bank has joined the top 5 companies of India with a market capitalization of more than Rs 8 trillion?
ICICI Bank
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is expected to pay the central government a dividend of Rs 75,000-85,000 crore for the current fiscal year. Currency accounts for 49% of total assets and liabilities in FY24, down from what percentage in FY23? **53%**
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India has mandated that portfolio management service providers register with the Association of Portfolio Managers in India. When will the directive take effect?
January 1 2025
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) revealed that the market share of the top how many credit card issuers in India decreased during FY24? **4**
- RBI's Innovation Hub collaborates with mysaltapp and the FICCI Ladies Organisation to publish a white paper on female entrepreneurs in Middle India. According to the white paper, what percentage of women entrepreneurs in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities have access to external funding? **3%**
- To make health insurance more cheap and appealing, the Centre may propose lowering the GST tax rate to 12% (from 18%) on premiums up to what amount?
Rs.30000
- What percentage of Indian Bank's net profit increased from Rs 1,447 crore in Q4FY23 to Rs 2,247 crore in Q4FY24? **55%**
- Who has launched India's first Satellite in Orbit Third Party Liability Insurance policy? **Tata AIG**
- The statistics on "Sectoral Deployment of Bank Credit" from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) states that credit outstanding to the housing industry increased by over how many lakh crore in the last two fiscal years to reach a record in March 2024? **Rs.15lakh**
- Which company signed MSDE agreement for 'Drone Didi' project?
M&M
- Who launched India's first premier virtual credit card 'Pixel Play'?
HDFC

- Where has Tata Consultancy Services announced the establishment of the first of its kind human-centric AI Center of Excellence? **Paris**
- Who has achieved highest business growth among PSU banks in FY 2024? **Bank of Maharashtra**
- The Reserve Bank of India intends to auction Rs 1.25 trillion in Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRR) over how many days? **14days**
- Who has launched India's first Satellite in Orbit Third Party Liability Insurance policy? **Tata AIG**
- Which is the first company in the world to test SAR technology on NAL satellite? **GalaxEye**
- What position has the Indian stock market achieved globally with a capitalization of \$5 trillion? **5th**
- CRISIL's analysis on the credit growth outlook for banks in fiscal year ____? **2025**
- Which organization collaborates with the ILO to improve skill development and lifelong learning? **National Skill Development Corporation**
- An Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) is a type of Collective Investment Scheme that functions similarly to mutual funds. InvITs are governed by SEBI Regulations of which year? **2014**
- The Reserve Bank of India requires full-fledged money changers to maintain foreign currency note values at a minimum of what percentage of purchase value on a quarterly basis? **75%**
- Which Bank Chief Executive Officer Chandra Shekhar Ghosh to Resign Upon Conclusion of Term? **Bandhan Bank**
- The Reserve Bank of India has launched the PRAVAAH portal, Retail Direct App, and FinTech Repository for G-Secs. Currently, the site provides access to how many application forms from the RBI's several regulatory and supervisory departments? **60**
- The RBI Retail Direct program would provide retail investors with smooth and quick access to the retail direct platform, as well as make it easier to transact in government securities. How much rupees does the scheme require as a minimum investment? **Rs.10000**
- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das opened a fintech repository to collect critical information regarding FinTech entities, their activities, and technology applications. These repositories are secure web-based solutions managed by which organization? **RBIH**
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India, the capital market regulator, has established guidelines for subordinate units inside infrastructure investment trusts. The issuance cannot exceed what percentage of the acquisition price of the infrastructure project? **10%**
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- Poonawalla Fincorp launches the co-branded IndusInd Bank Poonawalla Fincorp eLITE _____ Platinum Credit Card. **Rupay**
- Which type of bank is authorized to use legal rupee interest derivative instruments, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) recent announcement in April 2024? **Small Finance**
- Which organization works with Fintech Union Life Private Limited on a pilot project that uses the Karma Life platform to provide microloans to gig workers? **SIDBI**
- Tata Mutual Fund Introduces _____ Sectoral and Thematic Index Funds? **6**
- Which organization suggests reporting private placement memorandum changes for alternative investment funds directly to cut compliance costs? **SEBI**
- Assets under administration at Nippon India Mutual Fund, ICICI MF, and HDFC MF Increased by Double Digits for FY24. By what percentage Report Phrase did the average AUM of Nippon India Mutual Fund rise to ₹4.31 lakh crore in the fiscal year that ended in March 2024 from ₹3.78 lakh crore in FY'23? **14%**
- In its first meeting of FY25, the six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept the policy repo rate at 6.50% since retail inflation has continued to exceed the goal by how much per cent? **4%**
- From April 2024, all new policies will be required to adopt e-insurance in a format similar to Demat. In India, how many insurance repositories make it easier to open an electronic insurance account? **4**
- Asian Development Bank raises India's GDP growth to _____ for FY25? **7%**

- Reserve Bank of India Rejects _____based Annapurna Finance Limited's Application for Universal Bank License? **Odisha**
- LIC Increases Equity Stake in Hindustan Unilever by Over _____? **5%**
- How many countries still have the highest rate of inflation of 15%, according to the Asian Development Bank's prediction for Pakistan's upcoming fiscal year(2025)? **46**
- The Paws n Claws Comprehensive Pet Insurance Covering Diagnostics is now available via HDFC ERGO General Insurance. By which year is the pet care sector in India predicted to reach \$800 million, with a steady annual growth rate of about 13%? **2025**
- Bajaj Allianz Life Offers a Premium WhatsApp Payment Option. How many services does Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance provide on WhatsApp? **>25**
- In FY25, the government is anticipated to issue green bonds valued between ₹20,000 and ₹25,000 crore. What is the amount of money that the government has already agreed to borrow through green bonds in the first half of FY25? **Rs.12000crore**
- Power Grid Corporation of India Limited board has approved a plan to raise Rs 12000 crore via bonds. When was the Power Grid Corporation of India founded? **1989**
- How many cooperative banks has the Reserve Bank of India fined Rs 60.3 lakh for violating regulations? **5**
- RBI approves Ajith Kumar K.K. as MD of which Bank? **Dhanlaxmi bank**
- Direct Tax Collection increase by 18% to Rs _____ lakh crore? **19.58**
- From which company did Sanjay Mashruwala resign as Managing Director in April 2024? **Reliance Industries**
- What is the name of the all-in-one payment device launched by BharatPe? **BharatPe One**
- What is the name of the Indian Naval Ship that carried two women officers on a historic transoceanic expedition? **INSV Tarini**
- Which Bank has recently Becomes 1st Bank to Successfully Execute RBI's Programmable CBDC Pilot? **IndusInd bank**
- Which company becomes world's largest mobile operator in data traffic? **Reliance Jio**
- Which bank has recently introduced a suite of financial products including Banking Industry's first ATM Insurance? **Au Small Finance Bank Limited**
- IT Dept slaps Rs. 564.44 crore penalty on Which bank? **Bank of India**
- PM Modi's Address on RBI's _____Foundation Day? **90th**
- SBI Mutual Fund Acquires _____Stake in Savita Oil Technologies? **3%**
- Coal Sector Shows Highest Growth of _____among Eight Core Industries in February 2024? **11.6 %**
- Banks Expected to Experience Slight Downturn in Credit Growth to Approximately _____ in Fiscal Year 2025? **14-15%**
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has authorized a deal involving which bank's additional 6% holding in Max Life Insurance, a private life insurer? **Axis bank**
- World Bank projects Indian economy to grow at _____% in 2024? **7.5**
- The Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC) is registered with the Reserve Bank under which section of the SARFAESI Act, 2002? **Section 3**
- RBI imposes penalties of almost how much crore on SBI, Canara Bank, City Union Bank, and Ocean Capital Market Limited for various regulatory violations? **Rs.3crores**
- The RBI promotes financial literacy to help individuals secure their financial future. How many words is the submission limit? **2000**
- The State Bank of India (SBI) has asked the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a lower cash reserve ratio (CRR) on which type of deposits received from clients? **Green**
- State Bank of India Achieves Landmark of _____ Million Customers? **500**
- The National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) began its operations with a small team of deputed officials from how many institutions, both public and private? **12**
- Who launches umbrella body for urban co-op banks? **Amit Shah**
- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das Declares India's Share of Global Digital Payments Volume at what %? **46**
- _____ Partners with Axis Bank to Introduce UPI Handle, Aiming to Compete with Third-Party Apps? **Flipkart**
- Reserve Bank of India Announces National Electronic Funds Transfer Achieves New Record of _____ Crore Daily Transactions? **4.10**
- _____issues warning against Juice Jacking? **RBI**

- The Reserve Bank of India plans to introduce an interoperable internet banking payment system in 2024. What is the current number of permitted online payment aggregators by the RBI? **18**
- IIFL Finance Ltd.'s gold loan asset has grown by what percentage year-on-year, reaching ₹24,692 crore? **35%**
- How many banks have Air India refinanced its short-term debts to obtain a three-year loan at a competitive interest rate? **2**
- World Bank Commits \$3 Billion to _____ Following Agreement with International Monetary Fund? **Egypt**
- Which bank Introduces Special Offers for Female Account Holders? **Bank of Baroda**
- Which bank Introduces India's First Contactless Payment Wearable 'Indus PayWear'? **IndusInd Bank**
- Which financial Institution Grants Approval for Beta Version Launch of T+0 Settlement from March 28? **SEBI**
- Reserve Bank of India Renews Committee of Advisors for _____ Cooperative Bank? **Abhyudaya**
- Tata Sons Announces Sale of _____% Stake in TCS for Over ₹9,300 Crore? **0.6**
- Adani Group Plans To Invest _____ Lakh Crore In Portfolio Companies In FY25? **1.2**
- FinMin notifies _____ coin to commemorate 90 years of RBI? **90**
- Which bank in tie-up with PPFAS Mutual Fund? **Central Bank**
- RBI fines TMB, DCB nearly _____ crore for violating norms on lending rates? **2**
- How much will the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) invest in technology-driven agri-startups and rural enterprises? **Rs.1000crores**
- Which Bank Partners with Indian Olympic Association for Paris Olympics? **Yes Bank**
- The share of women investors in mutual funds grows to _____% in December 2023? **21**
- In which year did investigative journalist Brian Krebs create the term "juice jacking"? **2011**
- The Income Tax Department levied a penalty of how many crores on Tata Chemicals for violating the disallowance of interest? **Rs.103.63crores**
- Reserve Bank of India Initiates Special Audit for IIFL Finance and JM Financial Products Beginning April _____, 2024? **12**
- The Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) continues to stifle RuPay credit card growth. Currently, what percentage of the MDR is levied on UPI-linked RuPay credit card transactions? **2%**
- How much money will the International Monetary Fund disburse to Pakistan from the bailout fund? **\$1.1 billion**
- SEBI orders the Association of Mutual Funds in India to halt investments in mutual funds' overseas schemes beginning April 1, 2024. How many mutual fund plans in India invest overseas right now? **77**
- Modi Government Allocates Rs _____ Crore for Strengthening Regional Rural Banks? **6212.03**
- _____ Asset Reconstruction Companies Secure 55% of KSK Mahanadi Power's ₹29,330 Crore Debt? **6**
- NPCI subsidiaries, banks, and fintechs discuss collaborative net banking strategies. By which year does the RBI want to centralize all payment rails into a single payment system? **2025**
- RBI allows LIC to acquire up to 9.99% stake in which Bank? **HDFC**
- SBI Life Insurance has announced two new products: SBI Life Saral Swadhan Supreme and SBI Life Smart Swadhan Supreme. When did SBI Life Insurance register with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)? **2001**
- RBI Releases Guidelines for the Appointment and Re-appointment of Statutory Auditors for State and _____ Banks? **Central cooperative**
- Which bank's subsidiary was renamed as 'BOBCARD Limited' with the slogan 'Redefining Credit'? **Bank of Baroda**
- LIC Increases its Stake in SBI cards to _____%? **5.02**
- Which Bank names former RBI Deputy Guv HR Khan as part-time chairman? **AU Small Finance**
- Which bank Limited Appoints Shri Sanjay Vinayak Mudaliar, as Executive Director? **Bank of Baroda**
- NABARD projects priority sector credit target of Rs _____ lakh cr for Karnataka in 2024-25? **3.97**
- RBI economists propose a new criterion, the DTI ratio, to assess borrower creditworthiness. What is the "T" in DTI? **To**
- Asian Development Bank Names _____ as Country Director for India? **Mio Oka**

NEW APPOINTMENT

- Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of NABCONS?
Y Haragopal
- Who has L'Oreal Paris announced as their new global brand ambassador?
Alia Bhatt
- Who has been named ITTF Foundation Ambassador?
Sharath Kamal
- Who has been appointed as the State Mission Director of the National Health Mission (NHM)?
Dr. Vinay Goyal
- Who has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary?
Tuhin Kanta Pandey
- With what percentage of the vote did Algerian President Tebboune win his second term?
95%
- Who has been named by President Macron as France's new Prime Minister?
Michel Barnier
- Who was re-elected as the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language?
Amit Shah
- Who has been appointed as the NonExecutive Chairperson of ONDC?
RS Sharma
- Who has become the first Indian President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)?
Raja Randhir Singh
- Who has been appointed as the Ambassador of India to Croatia?
Arun Goel
- Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of NABCONS?
Y Haragopal
- Who has the FDA appointed as its new President for the 2024-26 term?
C.S. Vigneshwar
- Who has been appointed as the first Director of Strategy at Oil and Natural Gas Corporation?
Arunangshu Sarkar
- Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador for the Marine Sector?
Manu Bhaker
- Who has been appointed as the new CMD of NALCO?
Brijendra Pratap Singh
- Who is appointed as DG of SSB?
Amrit Mohan Prasad
- What is the name of new country manager for Amazon India?
Samir Kumar
- Who has been appointed as the Director General of the NCB?
Anurag Garg
- Who has been appointed as new head coach of Punjab Kings?
Ricky Ponting
- Who is the new Chairman of the SC on External Affairs?
Shashi Tharoor
- Who has been appointed by Jordan's King after Parliamentary Elections?
Prime Minister
- Who was appointed as Honorary Chairman for Ajanta-Ellora FF?
Ashutosh Gowariker
- Who has recently appointed as Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Cambodia?
B. Vanlalvawna
- Who is appointed as next IAF Vice Chief?
Air Marshal SP Dharkar
- Who takes over as Chairman of ASOSAI?
CAG of India
- Who is appointed as Chief of IAF?
Amar Preet Singh
- Who is appointed as India's new envoy to Turkey?
Muktesh Pardeshi
- Who is appointed as New CEO of Nike?
Elliott Hil
- Who is elected as NRAI president?
Kalikesh Singh
- Which astronaut is appointed by NASA as commander of ISS?
Sunita Williams
- Who is appointed as the Chief of NCRB?
Alok Ranjan
- Who is appointed as PM of Sri Lanka?
Harini Amarasureiya
- Which Lieutenant is appointed as new DG of Pakistan's ISI?
General Muhammad Asim Malik
- Who assumed the role of Chief at Federal Bank?
KVS Manian
- Who is appointed as USA's NCL Commissioner?
Haroon Lorgat
- Who has taken oath as Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court?
M.S. Ramachandra Rao
- Who has been appointed as new CR of JICA India Office?
Takuro Takeuchi
- Who has been appointed as MD & CEO of IndusInd Bank?
Sumant Kathpalia
- Which former Dutch PM has been appointed as Secretary General of NATO?
Mark Rutte
- Who has been appointed as Executive Director by RBI?
Aviral Jain
- Who took Oath as Deputy CM of Tamil Nadu?
Udhayanidhi Stalin
- Who took Oath as Mexico's First Female President?
Claudia Sheinbaum
- Who has been appointed as New BASL President?
Anura Maddegoda
- Who sworn in as Chief Justice of Delhi High Court?
Justice Manmohan
- Who has been elected as INS president?
M V Shreyams Kumar

- Who has been elected as JioCinema's CBO?
Ishan Chatterjee
- Which Senior IAS officer has been appointed as Chief Secretary of MP?
Anurag Jain
- With whom did the ICMR signed MOU?
NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam
- With whom did the Maharashtra Government signed MoU?
SAI
- Who is onboards as the new Global Brand Ambassador of Bank of Baroda?
Sachin Tendulkar
- With whom did the RITES Sign MoU for Railway Infrastructure Development?
Etihad Rail
- With whom did The Indian Navy signed MoU?
Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- Who has been appointed as GeM CEO?
L Satya Srinivas
- Who has been appointed as High Commissioner to St. Vincent?
Subhash Prasad Gupta
- Who is the New CMD and CEO of IRFC?
Manoj Kumar Dubey
- Who has been Reappointed as Head Coach of Mumbai Indians?
Mahela Jayawardene
- Who has recently sworn in as Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister?
Omar Abdullah
- Which Vice Admiral appointed as DGMS Navy?
Kavita Sahai
- Who has been appointed as Maldives Envoy to India?
Aishath Azeema
- Who has been appointed as New Indian Coast Guard Chief?
S Paramesh
- Who has been appointed as MD & CEO of Bandhan Bank?
Partha Pratim Sengupta
- Who has been appointed as National Brand Ambassador for Cyber Safety?
Rashmika Mandanna
- Who has been appointed as CBD Officer of Biotals?
Kamal El Mernissi
- Who has been appointed as National Election Officer of BJP?
Dr. K Laxman
- Who has been appointed as Head Coach of England Men's Football team?
Thomas Tuchel
- Who has been appointed as Director of Cricket at JSW Sports?
Sourav Ganguly
- Which person has been appointed by Acko as CEO of ACKO Life?
Sandip Goenka
- Who has been appointed as Delhi Capitals Head Coach?
Hemang Badani
- Who has been appointed as Director in-charge of SAIL's Rourkela Steel Plant?
Alok Verma
- Who has become President of Indonesia?
Prabowo Subianto
- Who has been appointed as NMDC Director?
Priyadarshini Gaddam
- Who has been appointed as President of Indian Chamber of Commerce?
Abhyuday Jindal
- Who has been appointed as Chairperson of NCW?
Vijaya Kishore Rahatkar
- Which Journalist has been appointed as ambassador to Bangladesh?
Mushfiqul Fazal Ansarey
- Who has been appointed as DGP of Jharkhand?
Ajay Kumar Singh
- Which Justice has been appointed as Pakistan's Chief Justice?
Yayha Afridi
- Who has been appointed as President of Vietnam?
Luong Cuong
- Who has been appointed by Disney as New Chairman?
James Gorman
- Which Indian origin has become CTO of Google?
Prabhakar Raghavan
- Who has taken Charge as Coal Secretary?
Vikram Dev Dutt
- Who has been appointed by HAL as Director of Finance?
Barenaya Senapati
- Who has been appointed by JP Morgan as the CEO?
Pranav Chawda
- Who has been appointed by JNU Professor as Vice-Chancellor of Jamia?
Mazhar Asif
- Who has been appointed by ICRISAT as Director General?
Dr Himanshu Pathak
- Who has been appointed by TransUnion as CEO for UK and Europe?
Madhusudan Kejriwal
- Who has been appointed by HSBC as its first female CFO?
Pam Kaur
- Which Former IPS has been appointed as APPSC chairperson?
A R Anuradha
- Who has been appointed as 51st Chief Justice of India?
Sanjiv Khanna
- Who has become first Indian brand ambassador for Dior?
Sonam Kapoor
- Who has been appointed as Ambassador to Sweden?
Dr. Neena Malhotra
- Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Airports Authority of India?
Vipin Kumar
- Who has been appointed as MD of NAFED?
Deepak Agarwal
- Who has been appointed as Head Coach for India's Tour of South Africa?
VVS Laxman

- Who has been appointed as New CEO of Bharti Airtel?
Shashwat Sharma
- Who has been selected by FSIB as the MD and CEO of Punjab National Bank?
Ashok Chandra
- Who has been appointed as the Chairman of NDMC?
Keshav Chandra
- Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the ICC Anti-Corruption Unit?
Sumathi Dharmawardena
- Who has been appointed as the CEO of Green Hydrogen Systems?
Rene Umlauf
- Who has been appointed as the Secretary General of World Agriculture?
Dr. Jacqueline d'Arros Hughes
- Who has been appointed as the Defence Secretary?
IAS Rajesh Kumar Singh
- Who has been appointed as the CEO and MD of MCX?
Praveena Rai
- Who has been re-elected as President of ISA?
India
- Who has been appointed as Chairman of India Yamaha Motor?
Itaru Otani
- Who has been appointed as DG of ISA? Ashish Khanna
- Who has been FSIB appointed as MD & CEO of IFCI? **Rahul Bhawe**
- Who has been elected as 47th President of US? **Donald Trump**
- Which IndiGo Co-founder Named as Chairman of Southwest Airlines Board?
Gangwal
- Who has been appointed by Election Commission as Maharashtra's police chief?
Sanjay Verma
- Who has been appointed as Executive Director of Recap ISC?
VD Chafekar
- Who has been appointed as Deputy Secretary of Steel? **S Sharad Rao**
- Who has been appointed as CMD of MRVC? **Vilas Sopan Wadekar**
- Who took the oath as the 51st Chief Justice of India?
Justice Sanjiv Khanna
- Who was appointed as the new Director of CBI Wales?
Russell Greenslade
- Who was appointed as the Managing Director of NEHHDC?
Mara Kocho
- Who was appointed as the Brand Ambassador for Thailand Tourism?
Sonu Sood
- Who was appointed as the Chief Business Officer of Yubi Group?
Vipul Mahajan
- Who was appointed as the CEO of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)? **Amandeep Johl**
- Who was appointed as the new Chairman of Indian Oil?
Arvind Singh Sahney
- Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of MP Tourism?
Pankaj Tripathi
- Who was elected as the Delhi mayor from the AAP party?
Mahesh Kumar Khichi
- Who was appointed as the brand ambassador for Vivo Y-Series?
Suhana Khan
- Who was appointed as the new Assistant Chief Constable of the Ministry of Defence Police?
John Robinson
- Who were appointed as brand ambassadors of the Dubai Sports Council?
Harbhajan Singh and Sania Mirza
- Who was named the brand ambassador of the All India Pickleball Association?
Mandira Bedi
- Who was appointed as the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India?
K. Sanjay Murthy
- Who was appointed as the Mentor for Women's Cricket Operations by the Andhra Cricket Association (ACA)? **Mithali Raj**
- Who was elected as the new Secretary General of Interpol?
Valdecy Urquiza
- Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of the All Living Things Environmental Film Festival (ALT EFF)? **Jackie Shroff**
- Who was appointed as the director for the Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) Champions tournament?
Wahab Riaz
- Who won the Miss Charm India 2024 title? **Shivangi Desai**
- Who was appointed as the Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court?
Justice D. Krishnakumar
- Who became the new chairman of CBBT?
Ravi Agarwal
- Who will become the new chairman of SBI?
C S Shetty
- Who has become the first woman chief Secretary of Maharashtra?
Sujata Saunik
- Who has become the Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh?
Manoj Kumar Singh
- Who will lead Indian Delegation at SCO Summit in Kazakhstan?
S Jaishankar
- Who was elected as President of the European Council?
António Luís Santos da Costa
- Who has been Appointed as New MD & CEO of SBI General Insurance? **Naveen Chandra Jha**

- South India's First Leopard Safari Launched at BBP in Karnataka. Who is the Cabinet Minister of Ecology and Environment in Karnataka?
Eshwar Khandre
- Who is the first woman to take the oath as Chief Justice of Lahore?
Justice Ayesha Malik
- Which body approved the appointment of 8 Executive Directors at Public Sector General Insurance Companies?
Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)
- Who was appointed as the UK's 58th Prime Minister? **Keir Starmer**
- Who has become the new President of FATF? **Elisa de Anda Madrazo**
- Who was appointed as India's Chef-De-Mission for the Paris Olympics 2024?
Gagan Narang
- Who has been reappointed as MD & CEO of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank by the RBI? **Govind Singh**
- Who has been elected as the President of NBDA (National Basketball Development Agency)?
Rajat Sharma
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of BSNL? **Robert R. Ravi**
- Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Paytm Payments Bank?
Arun Bansal
- Who was appointed as the Chairman of MahaRERA?
Manoj Saunik
- Who is the new Foreign Secretary of India as of July 2024?
Vikram Misri
- Who was re-elected as the President of the European Parliament?
Roberta Metsola
- Who was re-elected for a fourth term as President of Rwanda?
Paul Kagame
- Which of the following statements is true about Ursula von der Leyen?
Ursula von der Leyen has been re-elected as EU Commission President.
- Who has been appointed as India's new Ambassador to the U.S.?
Vinay Kwatra
- Who has been re-elected for a fourth term as President of Rwanda?
Paul Kagame
- Who has been re-elected as PwC India's Chairperson for a second term?
Sanjeev Krishan
- Who has been appointed as the head coach of the Indian men's football team?
Manolo Marquez
- Who has the RBI approved as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Federal Bank?
Krishnan Venkat Subramanian
- Who has been elected as the youngest President of the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA)?
Ajinkya Naik
- Who has been appointed as Estonia's new Prime Minister?
Kristen Michal
- Who has been elected as the new President of ICMAI?
Bibhuti Bhusan Nayak
- Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Police (DGP) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands?
HS Dhaliwal
- Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)?
Manoj Mittal
- Who has been concurrently appointed as the Ambassador of India to Yemen?
Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan
- Who has recently assumed the role of Managing Director at the National Housing Bank?
Sanjay Shukla
- Who was re-elected as President of Venezuela for a third term?
Nicolás Maduro
- Who is the new CEO of Boeing, known for his experience in the aerospace industry?
Robert 'Kelly' Ortberg
- Which organization conferred an honorary doctorate upon K.V. Kamath?
Manipal Academy of Higher Education
- According to Deloitte, what has helped India maintain steady recovery momentum?
Strong government spending on infrastructure
- Who is the CEO of Worldline ePayments India?
Ramesh Narasimhan
- Who currently holds the presidency in Nigeria?
Bola Tinubu
- Prior to his appointment as Chairman of HDFC Life, what position did Keki Mistry hold at HDFC Limited?
Vice Chairman and CEO
- What event marked the beginning of Vladimir Putin's fifth term as President?
His largest-ever election victory
- Sony Pictures Entertainment said it has appointed who among the following as General Manager of Sony Pictures International Productions (SPIP), India?
Nachiket Pantvaidya
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI) for the 2024-25 term? **Abhijit Kishore**
- Who is the President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH)?
Tayyab Ikram
- Who was re-elected as President of Venezuela for a third term?
Nicolás Maduro

OBITUARIES

- Which tennis legend passed away at the age of 91? **Luis Ayala**
- Which Communist Party of India leader has recently passed away? **Sitaram Yechury**
- Which Belarusian bodybuilder recently passed away? **Ilya 'Golem' Yefimchik**
- Which renowned Lebanese Novelist has passed away? **Elias Khoury**
- Which merican singer dies of a heart attack? **Tito Jackson**
- Which Italy's FIFA World Cup star passed away? **Salvatore Schillaci**
- Who was the first Muslim IAS officer recently passed away? **Mohammad Shafi Pandit**
- Which former ITBP DG died? **Gautam Kaul**
- Which Veteran BJP Leader recently passed away? **Suryakanta Vyas**
- Hezbollah Announces Death of which person in Israeli Strike? **Senior Commander**
- Which Veteran Malayalam actor recently passed away? **Kaviyoor Ponnammma**
- Which Veteran leader recently passed away? **M.M. Lawrence**
- Which former Minister passed away in Colombo? **Kumara Welgama**
- Which renowned Poet passed away? **Keki N. Daruwala**
- Which veteran Malayalam Actor has recently passed away? **Mohan Raj**
- Which artist recently passed away at age of 63? **Christopher Ciccone**
- Which National Icon recently passed away? **Ratan Tata**
- Who was the Former Director of AIIMS, who recently passed away? **Dr. P. Venugopal**
- Which Akashvani Darbhanga Radio Presenter passed away? **Indranand Singh Jha**
- Which actor recently passed away? **Atul Parchure**
- Who recently passed away in Buenos Aires? **Liam Payne**
- Which Veteran Bengali Actor recently passed away? **Debraj Roy**
- Which Turkish preacher recently passed away? **Gulen**
- Which former DG of AIR recently passed away? **PK Bandyopadhyay**
- Which renowned Physicist recently passed away? **Rohini Godbole**
- Which renowned dancer and cultural figure recently passed away? **Kanaka Raju**
- Which Key Advocate for Right to Privacy recently passed away? **Justice KS Puttaswamy**
- Who was the Chairman of PM's Economic Advisory Council, which recently passed Away? **Bibek Debroy**
- Which Fashion Icon passed away? **Rohit Bal**
- Which Legendary Folk Singer passed away? **Sharda Sinha**
- Which advocate for Indianized education passed away? **Dinanath Batra**
- Which Miss World has recently passed away? **Kiki Hakansson**
- Which veteran Tamil actor recently passed away at the age of 80? **Ganesh**
- Which former Member of Parliament recently passed away? **Mahendra Singh Mewar**
- Which legendary Bengali theatre personality recently passed away? **Manoj Mitra**
- Which veteran British actor recently passed away? **Timothy West**
- Who was the chancellor of Banaras Hindu University (BHU) who recently passed away? **Giridhar Malaviya**
- Who was the iconic actress from Pather Panchali who recently passed away? **Uma Dasgupta**
- Who was the sister of actor Jim Carrey who recently passed away? **Rita Carrey**
- Who was the former British Deputy Prime Minister who recently passed away? **John Prescott**
- Bhupinder Singh Rawat passed away, he is related to whom? **Footballer**
- Who passed away at the age of 89, known for winning an Oscar for writing 'Chinatown'? **Robert Towne**
- Which prominent Albanian novelist and poet recently passed away? **Ismail Kadare**
- What is the recent notable event concerning veteran horse trainer S.K. Sunderji? **He passed away, marking the end of an era in horse training.**
- Which former Sri Lankan U19 captain was shot dead? **Dhammika Niroshana**
- Which Vietnamese leader recently passed away after a period of illness? **Nguyen Phu Trong**
- Which Padma Shri awardee recently passed away at the age of 74? **Kamala Pujari**
- At what age did former Indonesia Vice President Hamzah Haz pass away? **84**
- What was the cause of death for legendary cricketer Anshuman Gaekwad, who passed away at 71? **Cancer**
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AWARDS

- Nishad Kumar contributed to India's medal tally at the Paris Paralympics with which type of medal? **Silver**

- In which event did Rubina Francis win a bronze medal?

Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1

- Which ministry won the Gold award for the Poshan Tracker at the 2024 e-Governance Awards?

Ministry of Women and Child Development

- Under the PLI ACC scheme, which organization awarded 10 GWh capacity to one bidder?

Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI)

- Who presented the Swachh Vayu Survekshan Award 2024?

Bhupender Yadav and the Chief Minister of Rajasthan

- Which Indian-origin lecturer won the Singapore Literature Prize?

Prasanthi Ram

- Which president honored nurses with the National Florence Nightingale Awards?

Draupadi Murmu

- Who wins CII-GBC National Energy Leader Award for Sixth Consecutive Year?

RINL

- Who won Best Actress at SIIMA 2024?

Aishwarya Rai

- Who has been awarded the Rajbhashairti Puraskar?

BHEL

- Who received Donostia Award at the SSFF?

Cate Blanchett

- Who Wins Gold in Taekwondo At Khelo India Women's League?

Nazira Banoo

- Which natural Star has won IIFA Best Actor Award?

Nani

- Who has won National Adventure Tourism Award?

Kutluru village

- Who has won IIFA 2024 'Best Actor'? **Shah Rukh Khan**

- Who has received Asia Icon 2024 Award? **Kalasha Naidu**

- Who has been honoured with 25th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award 2024? **Rajshree Birla**

- Who has been honored with Prestigious CSR Journal Excellence Award 2024? **JSPL**

- Who has won road safety prize at Ghana's National Journalism Awards? **WHO-trained journalist**

- Which veteran Actor has been honored with Dadasaheb Phalke Award? **Mithun Chakraborty**

- Who will receive Shivchhatrapati Lifetime Achievement Award?

Pradeep Gandhe

- Which scientist received Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for Discovery of microRNA?

Gary Ruvkun

- Who won 2024 Nobel Prize in Physics?

John Hopfield & Geoffrey Hinton

- What prize was given to David Baker, Demis Hassabis and John M. Jumper?

Nobel Prize in Chemistry

- Which South Korean author won 2024 Nobel Prize in Literature?

Han Kang

- Who has received National Kishore Kumar Award in Khandwa?

Rajkumar Hirani

- Which ISRO Chief has won IAF World Space Award?

S. Somnath

- Which award has been given to Acemoglu, Johnson and Robinson?

Nobel in Economics 2024

- Which Karnal artist won UK Illustration Award?

Aditi Anand

- Who has been Honored as the First Recipient of the MARCA America Award?

Lionel Messi

- Who has recently received an honorary doctorate in Algeria?

President Murmu

- Who has been honored Prestigious Humanitarian Award 2024?

Mohanji

- Which company has Won Two Awards for HR Excellence at SHRM India 2024?

SJVN

- Who has been honoured with Excellence in Cinema Award?

Shabana Azmi

- Who has won Prestigious FICCI Award for "Best University of the Year"?

MAHE

- Who has been Honored with Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award?

Darasing Khurana

- Who has recently received Global Anti-Racism Championship Award 2024?

Urmila Chaudhary

- What award has been conferred to the Ministry of Mines?

Adarsh Karmayogi Awards

- Who has been Honored with ANR Award?

Chiranjeevi

- Who has been crowned as India's first Miss Grand International 2024?

Rachel Gupta

- Which conservation scientist won IUCN award?

Bibhab Kumar

- Who has Received Hurun India Generational Legacy Award?

Wagh Bakri Tea Group

- Who has been Honoured with Fiji's Highest Civilian Award?

Sri Ravi Shankar

- Who has been Honored with 2025 AFI Life Achievement Award?

Francis Ford Coppola

- Who has recently won Ballon d'Or award?

Aitana Bonmati

- Who has been awarded as 'SelfCertification' Status for Defence Equipment?

BEML

- Which co-founder of Young TinkerFoundation received Rohini Nayyar Prize? **Anil Pradhan**
- Which filmmaker was recently honored with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award? **Phillip Noyce**
- Who won the Booker Prize for Fiction with the novel Orbital? **Samantha Harvey**
- Who were conferred with the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize? **Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad**
- Which Taiwanese novel made history by winning the US National Book Award? **The Man with the Compound Eyes**
- Which Indian film won the Grand Jury Award at the Indian Film Festival in Los Angeles? **Girls will be girls**
- Who became the first Indian to win the 'Lacarno' Award? **Shahrukh Khan**
- Who received the prestigious Excellence Award for pioneering work in Homeopathy? **Dr. Arpit Chopra**
- Who was awarded the Dr. C Narayan Reddy Sahitya Award? **Shiv Shankari**
- Who has won the Austrian Grand Prix title? **George Russell**
- France awarded the Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur to whom? **Roshni Nadar Malhotra**
- Which state was named Best State in Horticulture at the Agriculture Leadership Awards 2024? **Nagaland**
- What was the purpose of the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea 2024? **To honor individuals for their exceptional bravery at sea**
- Who won gold at the International Sand Sculpture Championship? **Sudarsan Pattnaik**
- Which organization won the Global CSR ESG Award 2024? **Sri Kurumba Trust**
- Which organization won the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity in 2024? **APCNF**
- Who was awarded the prestigious Olympic Order by the IOC? **Abhinav Bindra**
- Who won their maiden Formula 2 Sprint Race at the Hungarian Grand Prix? **Kush Maini**
- Which Indian actor was honored with a gold coin by the Grevin Museum in 2024? **Shah Rukh Khan**
- What prestigious award was Dr. Jitendra Singh recently conferred? **Lifetime Achievement Award**
- Which organization won the GEEF Global WaterTech Award 2024? **CWC**
- Who won the V Venkayya Epigraphy Award 2024? **Dr. Vedachalam**
- Which two individuals received the Gandhi Mandela Award 2020? **Rigoberta Menchú Tum and Victor Gonzalez Torres**
- Who won the U.S. men's 100-meter Olympic gold for the first time in 20 years? **Noah Lyles**
- Which award is Arshad Nadeem set to receive? **Hilal-e-Imtiaz**
- Which airline has been named Best Airline in India/South Asia at the 2024 Skytrax World Airline Awards? **Vistara**
- Which organization was awarded the accreditation certificate as 'UTKRISHT' in Hyderabad? **NI-MSME**
- How many consecutive years has RGIA won the Best Airport Award? **3 years**
- Which players won the Cincinnati Open titles? **Sinner and Sabalenka**
- Mona Aggarwal won the gold medal in the World Shooting Para Sport Tournament, where was it organized? **South Korea**
- Indian Institutes from Delhi NCR & Mumbai Won _____ Human Exploration Rover Challenge 2024 Awards? **ISRO**
- Padmashree awardee Rezwana Choudhary belongs to which country? **Bangladesh**
- Which Indian was selected for the Goldman Environment Award 2024? **Alok Shukla**

- Which medal did India win in men's and women's doubles in the 6th Asian Carrom Championship?
Gold
- Who was honored for his outstanding contribution in Corporate Social Responsibility?
Dr. Beena Modi
- Which company was given the Honorary Palme d'Or Award for the first time at the Cannes Film Festival?
Studio Ghibli
- Who won the World Snooker Championship 2024 title?
Kieran Wilson
- Who has won the Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy 2024?
Japan
- Who has been awarded the Sahitya Akademi Fellowship **Ruskin bond**
- Who has become the first Indian to win a medal in the Asian Trampoline Gymnastic Championship?
Srishti Khandagale
- Famous Punjabi poet and famous writer Surjit Patar passed away, in which year was he honored with Padma Shri Award? **2012**
- Who has been awarded the 'Freedom of the City of London'?
Shabana Azmi
- How many medals did India win in the 3rd Elorda Cup 2024? **12**
- Who has won the English Premier League 2023-24 title?
Manchester City
- Alice Munro, the first Canadian author to earn the Nobel Prize in Literature, has died. In which year did Munro receive the Man Booker Prize International Prize for Lifetime Achievement? **2009**
- Recently who became the first Indian to win the Best Actress award for her film Shameless in Cannes Film Festival 2024?
Anasuya Sengupta
- Who has won the title of IPL 2024?
KKR
- Recently who became the first Indian to win the Best Actress award for her film Shameless in Cannes Film Festival 2024?
Anasuya Sengupta
- Who has won the men's singles title of BWF Malaysia Masters 2024?
V. Axelsen
- Who is the first Indian to win a gold medal in gymnastics in the Asian Championship? **Deepa Karmakar**
- Which is the first Indian film to win the Grand Prix Award at the Cannes Film Festival?
All we imagine as light
- Who won the title of Women's Championship League 2024?
Barcelona
- Anupama and Tharun have won the International Badminton title in which country. **Kazakhstan**
- INS SHARDA awarded 'On the Spot Unit Citation' for anti piracy operations, given by ____?
Admiral R Hari kumar
- Bindyarani Devi wins bronze medal in IWF World cup 2024, belongs to which state?
Manipur
- Sumit Nagal becomes first Indian to win Monte-Carlo Masters singles main draw in ____ years? **42**
- Who has been honoured with the Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award?
Amitabh Bachchan
- Who has been conferred with the Aeronautical Society of India's Aryabhata Award?
Dr. Pavuluri Subba Rao
- Prachi Yadav won two golds at the ACC Paracanoe Asian Championship 2024. Where did this championship take place?
Tokyo, Japan
- Who was awarded the Laureus World Sportsman of the Year 2024?
Novak Djokovic
- Who was awarded the prestigious KISS Humanitarian Award 2024?
Ratan Tata
- Who has been recently awarded the Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award for 2024? **Randeep Hooda**
- Who has been recently (in April '24) awarded the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Humanitarian Award for 2021?
Ratan Tata
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- _____ and Salima Tete Honoured at Hockey India Awards 2023?
Hardik Singh
- Who is Honoured with ENBA Lifetime Achievement Award 2023?
Vineet Jain
- Which Maharatna SKOCH ESG Award 2024 in Renewable Energy Financing Category? **REC**
- Which state's Centuries - Old 'Silver Filigree' Gets GI Tag? **Odisha**
- Cuttack's Rupa Tarakasi and Banglar Muslin Awarded Geographical Indication (GI) Tag, belongs to which state?
Odisha
- India is ____ largest digitalised country among G20 nations? **3rd**
- India has previously won the Miss World title how many times? **6**
- Riken Yamamoto of _____ declared winner of the 2024 Pritzker Architecture Prize? **Japan**
- Indian Writer Amitav Ghosh Awarded Prestigious Erasmus prize 2024, who give this Prize?
Praemium Erasmianum Foundation

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- PM Narendra Modi has launched the book 'Mahaneta-life & journey of Shri M Venkaish Naidu'?
Sanjay Kishore
- Who has written the book 'Manoj Bajpai: The Definitive'?
Piyush pande
- Who is the author of the book "Manoj Bajpayee: The Definitive Biography"? **Piyush Pandey**
- Which Tamil Nadu Chief Minister released coffee table books on Tamil Nadu forts and indigenous deities?
M. K. Stalin
- Who released a book on Guruvayurappan College?
Mallika Sarabhai
- What is the title of the book that explores Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership legacy?
"Power Within"
- What is the title of the book that focuses on powerful learnings for corporate success by Jamsetji Tata?
Jamsetji Tata: Powerful Learnings for Corporate Success
- Who released the memoir titled "Breaking Rocks and Barriers"?
Sudipta Sengupta
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Sudipta Sengupta
- Which book was released by Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh?
'Bharat ke 75 Mahan Krantikari'
- Who unveiled the book 'Gandhian Statesman of Bihar: Nitish Kumar'?
Bihar Governor
- Who released Tarun Chugh's book titled "Modi's Governance Triumph: Reshaping India's Path to Prosperity"? **Amit Shah**
- Who launched the book 'The Winner's Mindset'? **Shane Watson**
- A Book 'India-the Road to Renaissance: A Vision and an Agenda' lauched in Hyderabad, written by whom?
Bhimeswara Challa
- Who has written the book 'Heavenly Island of Goa'?
P S Sreedharan Pillai
- Information and Broadcasting Minister Releases book Titled Israel war diary,Who is the author of this book? **Vishal Pandey**
- The Conspiracy book written by _____? **Gotabaya Rajapaksa**
- Phool Bahadur, The First Magahi Novel in English ,The translation was done by ____? **Abhay K**
- Jaya Jaitly's new book '_____ released?
Inspirations for graphic design from India
- A book named "Gandhi A Life in Three Campaigns" is Launched by whom? **M.J. Akbar**
- What is the name of book which release by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar? **Fertilising the Future**
- Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni is author of which book ?
The Early Life of Sudha and Narayana Murthy
- Who is the author of this book "Conversation with Aurangzeb"?
Charu Nivedita
- Amit Shah launches book _____?
Assam 's Braveheart Lachit Barphukan
- Which ministry has released the book named 'Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam: Memories Never Die' in Rameshwaram? **Home Affairs**
- Who authored the book The Golden Years?
Ruskin Bond
- Who has released a book titled 'Amrutkaal ki Ore' in New Delhi based on nine Years' Achievements of the Narendra Modi Government?
Jagat Prakash Nadda
- Who is the author of "Guts Amidst Bloodbath" launched on 19 May 2023? **Aditya Bhushan**
- Who is the author of book "India's Struggle for Independence - Gandhian Era"? **P. Jyothimani**
- Who unveiled the book 'My Life in Design' ? **Gauri Khan**
- Which of the following person is the curator of book " Supreme Court On Commercial Arbitration"?
Dr. Manoj Kumar
- A new book titled 'Operation Khatma' has been authored by whom?
RC Ganjoo and Ashwini Bhatnagar
- Who is the author of the book "The Battle of Belonging"?
Shashi Tharoor
- Who is the author of the book 'Sachin@50'- Celebrating A Maestro? **Rahul Dravid**
- Who has written an honest and forthright autobiography titled 'Azaad'? **Ghulam Nabi Azad**
- Who is the author of the book "Basu Chatterji: And Middle-of-the-Road Cinema"? **Rakesh Anand Bakshi**
- What is the name of the Tamil writer whose novel 'Pyre' has been longlisted for the International Booker 2023? **Perumal Murugan**
- Who launched the book "Modi: Shaping a Global Order in Flux" in Chanakyapuri? **J.P. Nadda**
- Who authored the book 'India's Vaccine Growth Story - From Cowpox to Vaccine Maitri'?
Sajjan Singh Yadav
- Name the author of the book "As Good as My Word".
KM Chandrasekhar

SPORTS

- Who is the first Indian woman to win two Paralympic medals in athletics? **Preethi Pal**

- What award did President Emmanuel Macron receive for his role in the success of Paris 2024?

Olympic Order in Gold

- Which athlete won a silver medal in badminton at the Paris 2024 Paralympics? **Suhas Yathiraj**

- Which pair won a bronze medal in Mixed Team Compound Archery at the Paralympics 2024?

Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar

- Who won the gold medal at the World Deaf Shooting Championship? **Anuya Prasad**

- Who has L'Oreal Paris announced as their new global brand ambassador? **Alia Bhatt**

- What medal did Deepthi Jeevanji win at the 2024 Paris Paralympics? **Bronze**

- Who won the historic Paralympic Gold in Archery? **Harvinder Singh**

- Who set the record as the oldest Indian to swim the English Channel solo? **Siddhartha Aggarwal**

- How many medals did India secure, including gold, at the Deaf Shooting Championship in Germany?

4 medals

- Who secured India's first Paralympic judo medal?

Kapil Parmar

- Who did Jannik Sinner defeat to win the 2024 US Open? **Taylor Fritz**

- Who has been elected as the first Indian President of the Olympic Council of Asia? **Randhir Singh**

- Who won the Men's Singles title at the US Open 2024? **Jannik Sinner**

- Who has made history as the first schoolgirl champion at the Asian Youth Boxing Championships?

Deepali Thapa

- Who won bronze medals in Archery at the Paris Summer Paralympics 2024?

Ms. Sheetal Devi and Shri Rakesh Kumar

- How many gold medals India won on the second day of the South Asian Junior Athletics Championship?

Nine Gold Medals

- What has been launched by meri Cricket Council?

Women's U-19 T20 Asia Cup

- Which female won her first Senior International Title in Women's Singles at the Belgian International 2024?

Anmol Kharb

- Who Secures First Victory at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix?

Oscar Piastrri

- Who becomes first Pakistani Woman to be nominated as International Cricket Umpire?

Saleema Imtiaz

- Who won hockey Team Won Asian Champions Trophy 2024?

Indian Men's

- Who has been appointed as Head Coach of Indian Women's Football Team?

Santosh Kashyap

- Who won gold in the men's 10m air pistol event at the Topgun Cup?

Anmol Jain

- Who clinches 14th Indian Hockey Junior Men's Championship?

Punjab

- Who won IBSF World Men's Six Red Snooker Championship?

Kamal Chawla

- Which Indian won bronze medal in the IWF Junior World Championship?

Dhanush Loganathan

- Who Clinches Historic Double Olympiad Gold in CHESS? **India**

- Which Indian duo win Hangzhou Open 2024? **Jeevan and Vijay**

- Which World boxing champion joins Telangana police as DSP?

Nikhat Zareen

- Who becomes 6th Indian fast bowler?

Jasprit Bumrah

- Who becomes first Indian male wrestler to win MMA fight?

Sangram Singh

- Which Indian weightlifter shatters national record?

Maibam Martina Devi

- Who won 13th Leg of Women's Pro Golf Tour? **Jasmine Shekar**

- Who has bagged gold in men's 5000m at Yogibo Athletics Challenge Cup?

Gulveer Singh

- Who has won first China Open Title?

Carlos Alcaraz

- Who has won double gold at the ISSF Junior World Championship?

Parth Mane

- Who has clinched 15th Irani Cup Title?

Mumbai

- Who has won 14th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2024?

UP team

- Who has won Gold in Women's 25m Pistol for India?

Divanshi

- Who has recently won the Croatia International and Belgium Junior Tournament Titles?

'Raksha Kandasamy'

- Who has achieved the Fastest 27000 Runs Milestone?

Virat Kohli

- Who has won 200m gold in Indian Open U23 Athletics?

Animesh Kujur

- Who has Win 3-2 against Columbus in Major League Soccer?

Inter Miami

- Who become 3rd Indian bowler to bowl a maiden over in T20 International? **Mayank Yadav**
- Who won Vizag Open in playoff against Aman Raj? **Angad Cheema**
- Who won silver medal in U-18 at Asian Youth Archery Championship? **Vaishnavi Pawar**
- Who won Singapore Open Snooker Title? **Pankaj Advani**
- Who was crowned as champions at Fenesta Open National Tennis Championship? **Rethin and Vaidehe**
- Which India's trailblazing gymnast officially announced her retirement? **Dipa Karmakar**
- Who clinches maiden National crown? **Sarthak**
- Who won China Open Tennis Tournament title? **Coco Gauff**
- Which medal is secured by Telangana Team at 34th Junior National Throwball Championship 2024? **Bronze**
- Who clinches first CPL title? **St. Lucia Kings**
- Who becomes England's Highest Run Scorer in Test match? **Joe Root**
- Who Announced Retirement from football? **Andres Iniesta**
- Who climbed to 12th spot in T20I rankings? **Harmanpreet Kaur**
- Who won 37th National U-11 Chess Championship 2024? **Madhavendra & Divi**
- Which Spanish Tennis Legend retired recently? **Rafael Nadal**
- Who was ranked as 10th in ICC T20I for Bowlers? **Arshdeep Singh**
- Who is the First Indian to scale Mt. Shishapangma in China? **Arjun Vajpai**
- Who set National Record at IWLFF Weightlifting Event? **Harmanpreet Kaur**
- What rights have been awarded to India for ISSF Junior World Cup 2025? **Hosting Rights**
- Who has won Women's Singles Title at Bendigo International? **Tanya Hemant**
- Who has Defeated Djokovic to Win Shanghai Masters Title? **Jannik Sinner**
- Who has won Bronze medal in 50m rifle at ISSF World Cup Final? **Akhil Sheoran**
- Who has won Silver at Shooting World Cup? **Vivaan**
- Which Indian Grandmaster secured WR Chess Masters title? **Arjun Erigaisi**
- Who is the Milestone Man that recently crossed 9000 Test Runs? **Virat Kohli**
- Who has won Gold at ACO World Chess Championship? **Gurpreet Pal**
- Who is the named Mentor of Nepali Cricket Team? **Pubudu Dasanayake**
- Which dup has won first ATP 250 Titles in Almaty? **Bollipalli-Kadhe**
- Who has clinched historic Test win in India after 36 years? **New Zealand**
- Who has become First Indian Woman to Score 50 International Goals? **Bala Devi**
- Who is the most Lethal Bowler in the 300-Wicket Club? **Kagiso Rabada**
- Who has secured Silver Medal at Archery World Cup? **Deepika Kumari**
- Who has clinched Women's Hockey Title? **Railways**
- Who has recently won Gold Medal in National Para Swimming Championship 2024? **Lakhan Singh**
- Who has secured Ferrari's First U.S. Grand Prix Victory Since 2018? **Charles Leclerc**
- Who has won 24th National Para Swimming Championship 2024? **Karnataka**
- Who has reached 6th Spot in ICC Test Ranking? **Rishabh Pant**
- Who has won Bronze at U-23 Wrestling World Championship? **Vishvajit More**
- Who has become highest wicket-taker in ICC WTC? **Ravichandran Ashwin**
- Which Team has climbed to 125th in FIFA Rankings? **Indian Football**
- Who has been named as captain of Sydney Thunder in WBBL? **Phoebe**
- Who recently won the PSA Title in France? **Akanksha Salunkhe**
- Who clinched the bronze medal at the U-23 Wrestling World Championship 2024? **Abhishek**
- Who bagged gold and silver at the Japan Para Badminton International? **Sukant Kadam**
- Which country won the bronze medal at the Sultan of Johor Cup Junior Hockey? **India**
- Which sports league won the 'Best Sports League of the Year' award? **Pro Kabaddi League**
- Who became the first female Indian cricketer to register 8 centuries in ODI? **Smriti Mandhana**
- Who recently resigned as Head Coach of Pakistan's White-Ball Teams? **Gary Kirsten**
- Who has recently won Bronze in 59kg at U23 World Championships? **Mansi Ahlawat**
- Who has taken No.1 Spot in ICC Men's Test Bowler Rankings? **Kagiso Rabada**

- Who won gold at Asian Equestrian Federation cup? **Emirati rider**
- Who won Bronze in Swiss Open Indoor Archery? **Atanu Das**
- Who retained their SAFF Women's Championship title? **Bangladesh**
- Who climbed to 5th Spot in India's Test Wicket List? **Ravindra Jadeja**
- Who has announced retirement from Cricket? **Wriddhiman Saha**
- Who has clinched Dual Title at WTT Feeder Caracas? **Harmeet Desai**
- Which Indian boxer won WBF's world title? **Mandeep Jangra**
- Who has won the final Masters 1000 title of 2024 in Paris? **Alexander Zverev**
- Who has recently clinched Silver Medal at World Soft Tennis Championship? **Tanushree**
- Which pair won the mixed air pistol gold medal? **Palak & Amit**
- Who won the Chennai Grand Masters title? **Aravindh Chithambaram**
- Who won a record 28th World Billiards title? **Pankaj Advani**
- Who became India's second-highest wicket-taker in T20Is? **Arshdeep Singh**
- Who became the third Australian to complete 10,000 T20 runs? **Glenn Maxwell**
- Which team won the Senior Women's T20 Trophy? **Mumbai**
- Who retired from tennis after being an Asian Games medalist? **Prajnesh Gunneswaran**
- Who was appointed as the Head Coach of the Maharashtra State Senior Squad? **Paresh Shivalkar**
- Who announced their retirement from Test cricket? **Tim Southee**
- Who won the gold medal at the FISU World University Championship? **Uma Mahesh**
- Who became the third bowler to claim all ten wickets in an innings? **Anshul Kamboj**
- How much did India defeat South Africa by in the fourth and final T-20 match? **135 runs**
- Who clinched the Tata Steel Chess India Blitz title? **Magnus Carlsen**
- Who won the 14th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship? **Odisha**
- Who became the second Indian cricketer to hit consecutive T20I hundreds? **Tilak Varma**
- Who won the gold medal at the GT Open Archery competition? **Jyothi Surekha Vennam**
- Who won the U14 Boys title at the TPL Race to Gold Master tournament? **Pranay Sharma**
- Which state won the 4th National Finswimming Championship 2024? **West Bengal**
- Who recorded double title wins at the Maharashtra State Open Badminton tournament? **Prisha Mahimkar and Mahimkar**
- Who won the silver medal at the Youth Asian Climbing Championship? **Joga Purty**
- Who retired from tennis after Spain's loss in the Davis Cup? **Rafael Nadal**
- Which team won the Women's Asian Champions Trophy in hockey? **India**
- Who reclaimed the 1st spot in the T20I all-rounder rankings? **Hardik Pandya**
- Who has become the second Indian female bowler to take 10 wickets in a Test? **Sneh Rana**
- Who won the 2024 Leon Master Chess Tournament ? **Viswanathan Anand**
- Which organization partnered with the IOA as the principal sponsor from Paris 2024 to LA 2028 Olympics? **BPCL**
- Who has announced the sponsorship of the Indian team for Paris Olympics 2024? **Adani Group**
- Who became the new head coach of Indian men's cricket team? **Gautam Gambhir**
- Which Indian players won the singles titles at the Saint-Denis Reunion Open 2024? **Tasnim Mir & Tharun Manneppalli**
- At the 3rd BWF Saint-Denis Reunion Open 2024, which country's players achieved significant success? **India**
- Which organization has PUMA partnered with for the Paris Olympics 2024? **Indian Olympic Association**
- Which team won the Euro 2024 title with a dramatic victory over England? **Spain**
- Who topped the celebrity brand valuation in 2023? **Virat Kohli**
- Which athlete announced their retirement after the Paris Olympics 2024? **PR Sreejesh**
- Which celebrities have recently joined Play Sports as brand ambassadors? **Sania Mirza, Mary Kom, and Rannvijay Singha**
- Which prestigious award was Abhinav Bindra given by the International Olympic Committee (IOC)? **Olympic Order**
- Who is the first Indian woman to win a bronze medal in shooting at the Paris Olympics 2024? **Manu Bhaker**

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- Who is India's youngest Olympic boxing referee for the Paris 2024 Olympics? **Lieutenant Colonel Kabilan Sai Ashok**
- At the Paris Olympics, what achievement did Leon Marchand recently secure? **Second gold medal**
- Who presented the prizes to the winning team and players at the ISL 2023-24 awards ceremony? **Kalyan Chaubey**
- In June 2024, Olympic and World Champion Neeraj Chopra has won the Gold medal in the men's javelin throw competition at the World Athletics Continental Gold Tour. The World Athletics Continental Gold Tour took place in which country? **Finland**
- Where did R Praggnanandhaa defeat world No.1 magnus Carlsen for the first time in a classical event? **Norway**
- Where will the first edition of the World Athletics Ultimate Championship be held in 2026? **Hungary**
- Which country is set to host the 2030 Winter Olympics? **France**
- Who has become the first cricketer in the world to hit 600 sixes in international matches? **Rohit Sharma**
- Who scored the first gold for India in the International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup? **Sarabjeet Singh**
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- Which judo athlete won the +100kg category for a record fourth time? **Teddy Riner**
- Which athlete won Dominica's first-ever Olympic medal by claiming gold in the triple jump? **Thea LaFond**
- Which two countries recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in the field of sports? **India and Saint Christopher & Nevis**
- Who is set to become the next president of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) following the rotation policy? **Mohsin Naqvi**
- Which country set a new world record in the women's 4x100m medley relay at the Paris Olympics? **United States**
- What medal did Neeraj Chopra win at the Paris Olympics? **Silver**
- Which team did India defeat 2-1 to win the bronze medal in hockey at the Paris Olympics? **Spain**
- Who is the first Indian man to qualify for the 3000m steeplechase final at the Paris Olympics? **Avinash Sable**
- What achievement did Karlos Nasar accomplish in men's 89kg weightlifting at the Paris Olympics? **Set a new world record**
- Where will the first-ever Global Women's Kabaddi League be held? **Haryana**
- Who has been appointed as the new head coach of Kenya's men's cricket team? **Dodda Ganesh**
- Why has the ICC moved the Women's T20 World Cup 2024 to the UAE? **Unrest in Bangladesh**
- Who is the first Indian woman to win a national racing championship? **Diana Pundole**
- At the Lausanne Diamond League, which athlete achieved their second-best throw ever? **Neeraj Chopra**
- At the Under-17 Wrestling Championship, which wrestler won the bronze medal in Greco-Roman 110 kilograms? **Ronak Dahiya**

SCIENCE & TECH

- Which engine are HAL and SAFHAL developing for India's future multirole helicopters?

Aravalli Engine

- Which state has announced an investment of Rs 33,500 crore in IT and ITes hubs?

Uttar Pradesh

- What is the ISA planning to launch to accelerate solar power projects?

\$100 million solar facility and insurance mechanism

- Which semiconductor company is partnering with Adani on a \$10 billion chip project in India?

Israel's Tower Semiconductor

- By which year does ISRO plan to launch the first base module of the Bharatiya Antariksh Station?

2028

- Which two Anti-Submarine Warfare ships were launched by India?

Malpe and Mulki

- What is NSPL, a subsidiary of Nibe Limited, set to launch?

India's first Earth Observation Satellite Constellation

- What breakthrough technology have Indian scientists developed?

'Brain on a Chip' Technology

- What is the name of blood group system recently discovered by scientists?

MAL

- India's Own Space Station for Scientific research to be established with the launch of its first module in what year?

2028

- Which bank launches a GenAI powered virtual relationship manager for conversational banking?

Bank of Baroda

- Where has Microsoft AI plans to invest 4 billion Euros?

France

- Who has launched the initiative to construct the Moon's first railway system?

NASA

- What is the name of award launched by Italy for chemistry?

Prof Atta-ur-Rahman award

- Which country will host the Global India AI Summit in 2024?

New Delhi

- When did ISRO's Aditya-L1 complete its first halo orbit?

January 6, 2024

- What did ISRO announce for the 1st National Space Day?

Bharatiya Antariksh Hackathon

- Where was the light weight 'Tank Zorawar' developed by DRDO tested?

Gujarat

- According to the World Intellectual Property Organization, which is the top country in the world to file generative AI patents?

China

- Which company has launched Türkiye's first home-made communication satellite, TURKSAT-6A?

ASELSAN

- What is the primary objective of the collaboration between ICAI and MeitY to create an 'AI Audit Tool'?

To enhance data security measures for AI systems

- What event occurred for the first time involving Europe's Ariane 6 rocket?

Maiden flight into space

- What recent discovery has NASA made?

Six new exoplanets detected

- Who launched India's e-Mobility R&D Roadmap Report?

Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood

- By which year are Airbus and Tata expected to debut India's first H125 helicopter?

2026

- Which team won the prestigious IAF World Space Award in 2024?

ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 Team

- Which mission has the European Space Agency introduced to study asteroid Apophis?

Ramses

- What did an international team of astronomers, including an IIT Kanpur professor, recently discover?

A giant exoplanet orbiting a Sun-like star

- Who expressed appreciation for IIT Guwahati's initiative regarding the 3D-printed dummy ballot unit?

Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup

- Which sectors are highlighted as the primary recipients of chips packaged at Micron's Sanand unit?

Data Centers and Smartphones

- In which sectors does Eternal Capital plan to focus its investments?

SaaS and clean tech

- Where is the standalone merchant power project of 250 MW capacity being implemented by AGEL?

Khavda, Gujarat

- Which sectors was NOT a focus area for the grants allocated to social startups in FY24?

Information technology (IT)

- Google launched its Gemini app in India with support for how many Indian languages and English, giving users an artificial intelligence (AI) tool to answer queries by typing, talking, or uploading an image?

9

- Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and which of the following payment card services corporation have signed a MoU for collaboration in cyber security to enhance India's cyber-resilience in the financial sector to strengthen the financial sector's cybersecurity incident response?

Mastercard

- Which technologies are included in the training and certification program offered by Oracle in Tamil Nadu?

Cloud computing and data science

- Where has the DRDO Industry Academy Centre of Excellence been inaugurated? **IIT Kanpur**
- Who has made the world's first wooden satellite 'Lignosat'? **Japan**
- TCS will launch India's first quantum diamond microchip imager in collaboration with which IIT? **IIT Bombay**
- Where will RIMPAC Ex be held in June 2024? **Hawaii**
- When will India host the 81st International Air Transport Association Annual General Meeting? **2025**
- Who launched PraVaha software? **ISRO**
- Which Indian university tops the QS World University Ranking 2025? **IIT Bombay**
- With whom will ISRO work on the Trishna mission? **France**
- Who is the first woman to fly Boeing's Starliner spacecraft? **Shirisha Bandla**
- What did an international team of astronomers, including an IIT Kanpur professor, recently discover? **A giant exoplanet orbiting a Sun-like star**
- Who received clearance from the IAF for the production of Astra Mark-1 missiles? **DRDO and BDL**
- What is India planning to advance carbon capture and storage technologies? **Mission CCUS**
- What is India set to commission as its second nuclear-missile submarine? **INS Arighat**
- What recent agreement did MEA and NSIL sign related to the Nepalese Munal satellite? **MoU for satellite launch**
- Which institution has topped the NIRF rankings for the sixth consecutive year? **IIT Madras**
- Which organization successfully tested the Long Range Glide Bomb 'GAURAV' from the Su-30 MK-1? **DRDO**
- Which type of satellite is ISRO set to launch? **Earth Observation Satellite**
- When will India begin production of the LCA Mark 2 jet and the 5th Generation AMCA fighter? **LCA Mark 2 by 2029, AMCA by 2035**
- What will SpaceX's Polaris Dawn mission achieve next week? **First all-civilian spacewalk**
- Which IIT Carbon Zero Challenge announces top 25 teams with promising Sustainable Tech Innovation? **IIT Madras**
- Ericsson India has partnered with which IIT to boost mobile fintech innovation through F.I.R.S.T.? **IIT Kanpur**
- What type of missile is 'Rampage' missile included in the Indian Air Force and Navy? **Air to Surface**
- By what name has DRDO successfully tested an anti-submarine missile system? **SMART**
- Who successfully tested DURGA-II? **DRDO**
- Who has launched the world's first AI Spokesperson 'Victoria Shi'? **Ukraine**
- BSNL should temporarily use Vodafone Idea's 4G network to serve its consumers. Which IT company was responsible for the significant delay in BSNL's 4G network rollout? **L&T**
- Drone Destination enters agreement with IFFCO to spray agricultural goods across 30 lakh acres of farmland. According to the deal, Drone Destination will spray drones in how many states nationwide? **12**
- Shakti exercise was organized between India and which country in May 2024? **France**
- Which company has launched its wallet app in India? **Google**
- Which is the first IT company in the world to receive ISO 42001:2023 certification for AI? **Infosys**
- ISRO successfully tested which 'Liquid Rocket Engine' made with 3D printing technology? **PS-4**
- Which Indian institution is on top in the Centre for World University Ranking 2024 released? **IIT-Ahmadabad**
- Who has announced to build the first railway system 'FLOAT' on the Moon? **NASA**
- Which country successfully tested Bulava intercontinental ballistic missile? **Russia**
- The PREFIRE mission to study Earth's polar regions is about to launch, according to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. What percentage of heat emissions in the Arctic and Antarctic occur at far-infrared wavelengths? **60%**
- SAR Technology Test on National Aerospace Laboratories Pseudo Satellite is Performed by Spaceteck Startup GalaxEye. How much kg can be carried by HAPS payloads, which are usually fueled by solar power? **40kg**
- Who launched PREFIRE mission to study Earth's polar region? **NASA**
- Where has the HIV vaccine been successfully tested? **USA**
- Which country's Mount Ibu volcano had a massive explosion? **Indonesia**
- Who was awarded the Geospatial World Forum Leadership Award in Netherlands? **IN-SPACE**

DEFENCE

- Who has taken over as AOC-in-C of the Central Air Command?

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

- Which Indian Navy aircraft landed in France for Exercise Varuna?

P8I

- What was the event focused on bringing together the leaders of the Indian Armed Forces?

1st Joint Commander's Conference

- Which two countries recently held the 6th meeting of the Joint Committee on Defence Cooperation?

India and Saudi Arabia

- Which organizations signed an MoU with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya to enhance logistics skills?

Indian Army and Indian Air Force

- What is the name of the joint military exercise conducted by India and the USA in 2024?

YUDH ABHYAS-2024

- Who was sworn in as Nepal's new Chief of Army Staff?

Ashok Raj Sigdel

- Where has the 20th India-US Joint Military Exercise, "YUDH ABHYAS," begun?

Rajasthan

- Which Exercise has been held by Indian Army's Sudarshan Chakra Corps?

Swavlamban Shakti

- Recently, what exercise has been Conducted by India & Germany?

First Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)

- Which set up has been launched by NTPC & Indian Army in Ladakh?

Solar Hydrogen Microgrid

- Where has the 5th India-Vietnam Joint Exercise 'Vinbax' begun?

Ambala

- Which country launched its first space defense exercise, Antariksha Abhyas?

India

- Which command launched the defense think tank 'Gyan Shakti'?

South Western Command

- Which agency hosted the 'Antariksha Abhyas' 2024?

Defence Agency

- Which exercise was conducted by the Indian Navy as the largest coastal defense exercise?

Sea Vigil-24

- India and Japan have signed an MoU for which technology related to the Indian Navy?

Unicorn technology

- Where was the joint military exercise 'Poorvi Prahar' held?

Arunachal Pradesh

- Where did the Army conclude the multilateral joint exercise 'Sanyukt Vimochan 2024'?

Gujarat

- What type of exercise did the Indian Army recently successfully conclude?

Multi-Agency Disaster Exercise

- Where did the second India-Japan Joint Service Staff Dialogue recently conclude?

New Delhi

- Who was conferred the honorary general rank by the Nepali Army?

General Dwivedi

- What is the name of the India-Mongolia joint military exercise conducted in 2024?

Nomadic Elephant

- Who was sworn in as the Dutch prime minister after serving as an ex-spy chief?

Dick Schoof

- With whom did the Ministry of Defence (MoD) sign an MoU to establish advanced testing facilities in Tamil Nadu?

TIDCO

- In which joint military exercises did the Azerbaijan Army participate in 2024?

Birlestik-2024

- For which multinational exercise has the Indian Army recently departed?

KHAAN QUEST 2024

- Who is the first woman Director General of Medical Services (Army) in the Indian Armed Forces?

Lt Gen Sadhna Saxena Nair

- Which tele-consultancy service has been launched by the Indian Army for veterans?

E-SeHAT

- India will host its first multinational air exercise, named 'Tarang Shakti 2024,' in how many phases?

Two

- Which command did Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor assume charge of?

Training Command

- What is the classification of the FWD-200B unmanned aircraft?

MALE

- What was the title of The Hindu's award-winning explainer page?

The Science behind Neeraj's Skills

- What assumption is the RBI's decision to lower the maximum risk for custodian banks based on?

Downward price movement of equities

- Which Indian Navy ship is participating in the JIMEX-24 exercise at Yokosuka, Japan?

INS Shivalik

- Which key feature enables the Rampage missile to operate effectively in any weather conditions, day or night?

GPS/INS navigation

- Which aircraft fleet has the Rampage missile been successfully integrated into?

Su-30 MKI

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- Which Indian Navy ship conducted an exercise with the German Navy in Hamburg? **INS Tabar**
- Where is the Army conducting the 'Parvat Prahaar' exercise? **Eastern Ladakh**
- Who has recently assumed the position of Director General of the Assam Rifles? **Lt Gen Vikas Lakhera**
- Who has taken over as the Director General of Hospital Services (Armed Forces)? **Vice Admiral Anupam Kapur**
- In which country has National Defense University Gandhinagar signed an agreement with Starburst Aerospace? **France**
- Who has been appointed to the post of Vice Chief of the Indian Navy? **Krishna Swaminathan**
- Where did the Indian Army and Punit Bala Group inaugurate the first Constitution Park? **Pune**
- Where has the Trishakti Corps of the Indian Army conducted 'Operation Sadbhavana'? **Sikkim**
- Indian Army successfully tested portable hospital, what is its name? **BHISHMA**
- Former Indian Army officer Vaibhav Anil Kale died in Rafa city, where is Rafa city located? **Gaza**
- Which state is hosting the 7th iteration of Joint Exercise Shakti, in which the armies of France and India are actively taking part? **Meghalaya**
- Which exercise was attended by Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General. Anil Chauhan in May 2024? **Cyber Suraksha**
- With whose collaboration was the 'AK-203' assault rifle handed over to the Indian Army made? **Russia**
- Under which ministry does the Indian Air Force tested the BHISHM portable hospital for airdrop in Agra? **Ministry of Information & Broadcasting**
- Who has become the new Chief of NDA (National Defence Academy)? **Gurucharan Singh**
- Sagar Kavach 2024 Coastal Security Exercise in which Islands? **Lakshadweep**
- India receives fresh batch of Igla-S air defence system from _____, to be deployed at LAC? **Russia**
- With which country has India sealed a \$375 million deal in Defence? **Philippines**
- Which country Deploys C-Dome Defense System Against Aerial Threat Near Eilat? **Israel**
- DRDO & Indian Army have recently conducted successful trials of MPATGM Weapon System. What is the full form of MPATGM? **Man Portable Anti-tank Guided Missile**
- Which command of the Indian Armed Forces carried out the successful launch of the new variant of a Medium-Range Ballistic Missile on April 23, 2024? **Strategic Forces Command**
- According to SIPRI report on global military expenditure, what position has India got in the year 2023? **4th**
- Which force has organized the 'Exercise Poorvi Lehar' in April 2024? **Indian Navy**
- In April 2024, The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) signed a MoU with the Ministry of Civil Service of _____ (country) for cooperation in Human Resource Development (HRD) in Civil Service over the next 5 years. **Cambodia**
- Which city will host the first Army Commanders' Conference in hybrid mode? **New Delhi**
- IAF's Gagan Shakti-2024 10-day mega exercise from April 1-10, last when was it conducted? **2018**
- Indian Navy to commission INS JATAYU naval base in Minicoy Islands on March ____? **6**
- 10th Edition of Joint Military Exercise "LAMITIYE-2024", Conducted between India and which country? **Seychelles**
- Indian Army Inducts First Apache _____ Aviation Squadron? **451**
- Air forces of China & which country to conduct the first joint training exercise Falcon Shield-2023 in August 2023? **UAE**
- United States to help Australia to produce guided multiple-launch rocket systems by which year? **2025**
- Where was the Sudarshan Shakti Exercise 2023 conducted? **Rajasthan and Punjab**
- The _____ round of the India-China Corps Commander Level Meeting was held at the Chushul-Moldo border meeting point on the Indian side **19**
- The Indian Navy achieved a unique feat after an MH-60 'Romeo' multi-mission helicopter landed on the indigenously-built aircraft carrier _____. **INS Vikrant**
- India has successfully launched a Medium-Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-1. This medium-range Agni-1 ballistic missile has a strike range of over _____ kilometres. **700**
- SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket successfully launched _____ second-generation Starlink satellites (also known as 'V2 Mini') to low-Earth orbit (LEO) from Space Launch Complex 40 (SLC-40) in Florida, United States of America (USA). **22**

IMPORTANT DAYS

- On which date is World Coconut Day observed? **2nd September**
- On which date is Skyscraper Day observed? **September 3**
- On which date is World Suicide Prevention Day observed? **10 September**
- When is World Ozone Day celebrated? **September 16th**
- Which day is celebrated as World Patient Safety Day? **September 17**
- On which date is International Talk Like a Pirate Day celebrated? **September 19**
- National Cinema day observed on which date? **September 20**
- World Environmental health Day is observed on which date? **26 September**
- When is World Alzheimer's Day? **September 21**
- International Day of Sign Languages is observed on which date? **September 23**
- When is World Pharmacists Day observed? **September 25**
- When is World Tourism Day observed? **27 September**
- On which date is the International Day of Older Persons is observed? **October 1**
- On which date is World Animal Day observed? **4th October**
- On which date is World Rabies Day observed? **28th September**
- On which date is World Teacher's Day observed? **5th October**
- On which date, is World Teacher's Day celebrated? **5th October**
- On which date, is World Habitat Day observed? **7th October**
- When is Indian Air Force Day celebrated? **8 October**
- When is World Postal Day celebrated? **9th October**
- When is World Mental Health Day observed? **10th October**
- On which date is the World Students Day is observed? **15th October**
- On which date is World Anaesthesia Day observed? **16 October**
- When is World Statistics Day 2024 celebrated? **20th October**
- What is celebrated on **21st October?**
- When is United Nations Day celebrated? **October 24**
- When is International Dwarfism Awareness Day celebrated? **October 25**
- When is World Day for Audiovisual Heritage celebrated? **27th October**
- When is International Animation Day observed? **28th October**
- When is World Ayurveda Day observed? **29th October**
- When is World Thrift Day observed? **30th October**
- When is National Unity Day celebrated ? **31st October**
- When is World Tsunami Awareness Day observed? **5th November**
- When is World Radiography Day observed? **8th November**
- When is International Day for Preventing Exploitation of Environment in War and Armed Conflict 2024 observed? **6th November**
- When is National Education Day celebrated? **11th November**
- When is World Pneumonia Day celebrated? **12th November**
- When is World Kindness Day observed? **13th November**
- When is World Diabetes Day observed? **14th November**
- On which date is National Epilepsy Day observed? **17th November**
- On which date is International Men's Day celebrated? **19th November**
- On which date is World Children's Day celebrated? **20th November**
- On which date is World Television Day observed? **21st November**
- World Population Day is observed on which date? **11th July**
- On which date is World Youth Skills Day observed? **15th July**
- On which date is World Day for International Justice observed? **July 17**
- On which date is World Chess Day observed? **July 20**
- On which date is Pi Approximation Day observed? **22nd July**
- On which date is National Broadcasting Day observed? **23rd July**
- On which date is National Income Tax Day observed? **24th July**
- Which distinguished economist recently passed away? **C.T. Kurien**
- What does Kargil Vijay Diwas 2024 commemorate? **India's victory in the Kargil War**
- On which date is World Day Against Trafficking in Persons observed? **July 30**
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- On which date is Hiroshima Day observed in 2024? **August 6**
- On which date is National Handloom Day observed? **7 August**
- When was the first World Lion Day observed? **August 10, 2013**

- On which date is World Elephant Day observed? **August 12**
- On which date is World Organ Donation Day observed? **13th August**
- On which date is Atal Bihari Vajpayee's death anniversary observed? **August 16th**
- On what date is the International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism observed? **21 August**
- When was First World Cotton Day celebrated? **2019**
- In which country was Universal Postal Day established in 1874? **Switzerland**
- Since which year, a unique theme has been chosen for the international celebration of Mental Health day? **1994**
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- Which nation's National Osteoporosis Society initiated the World Osteoporosis Day on October 20, 1996? **UK**
- When was the first National Sports Day declared in India? **2012**
- When was the National Space Day celebrated? **August 23**
- When was World Coconut Day declared, which is celebrated on September 2? **1998**
- When was the National Teachers Day first celebrated in India? **1962**
- Whose death anniversary is known as the International Day of Charity that is celebrated on 5 September? **Mother Teresa**
- World Literacy Day is celebrated on September 8 every year. When was the first World Literacy Day celebrated? **1966**
- World Physical Therapy Day is celebrated on _____. **September 8**
- The Ministry of Tourism has announced the launch of a nationwide selection process for the promotion of "Tourism for Tomorrow". When is the World Tourism Day celebrated? **27th September**
- National Solidarity Day 2023 is observed on October 20. In 1962, a war broke out between India and which nation? **China**
- What is the theme of Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2023 in India? Nutrition-rich India, Educated India, Empowered India Which country has recently declared September 3 as 'Sanatana Dharma Day'? **United States of America**
- Hindi Diwas is observed every year on which day? **14th September**
- World Patient Safety Day is observed in which of the day? **17th September**
- Vishwakarma scheme will be launched by PM Modi on which of the day? **17th September**
- Every year, World Ranger Day is celebrated on the 31st of July. The theme of the day was _____. **30 by 30**
- World Day against Trafficking in Persons 2023 is observed on _____ of July. **30th**
- World Wide Web Day is observed all over the world on August 1st each year dedicated to web browsing. From which year was WWW Day celebrated? **1989**
- Breast feeding week is celebrated every year during the first week of August (August 1 to 7). When was it first celebrated? **1992**
- When is World Organ Donation Day celebrated every year? **August 13**
- International Lefthanders Day 2023 is the _____ edition which is celebrated on August 13. **31**
- When was International Day of World's Indigenous People 2023 celebrated? **August 9**
- When is World Biofuel Day observed every year? **10th**
- Nagasaki Day is observed on August 9 every year. This year is the _____ Anniversary of the US atomic bombing. **78**
- Every year, International Everest Day has been observed on which day? **May 29**
- The International Day of UN Peacekeepers is observed annually on May 29th. What is the theme of the 75th anniversary of the International Day of UN Peacekeepers? **Peace begins with me**
- What is the theme of the 14th Clean Energy Ministerial and 8th Mission Innovation meeting? **Advancing Clean Energy Together**
- What is the theme of World Environment Day 2023 that has been celebrated every year on 5 June? **Beat Plastic Pollution**
- Every year, World Food Safety Day has been observed on 7 June. The first-ever World Food Safety Day was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in which year? **2018**
- Every year on June 8th, World Brain Tumor Day has been observed to raise awareness of brain tumors and educates people about them. When was the first World Brain Tumor Day observed? **2000**
- Every year, World Ocean Day has been observed on which day? **8 June**
- Every year, World Sickle Cell Awareness Day has been observed on which day? **19 June**

AWARDS

NOVEMBER 2024

GULZAR HONORED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AT SAHITYA AAJ TAK

- The winners of the prestigious 'Aaj Tak Sahitya Jagriti Samman' will be honored by President Droupadi Murmu during the three-day 'Sahitya Aaj Tak' literary festival at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium. This year's Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to the renowned poet-lyricist Gulzar, marking a historic moment for enthusiasts of Indian literature and culture. Born Sampooran Singh Kalra in Dina village (now in Pakistan) in 1934, Gulzar's literary journey is a remarkable tale of resilience and creativity.

Foot notes:

- Winners, chosen by a distinguished jury, will receive cash prizes ranging from Rs 50,000 to Rs 1,00,000, along with commemorative plaques and citations.
- Launched last year in collaboration with the Jagriti Foundation, as part of 'Sahitya Aaj Tak', India's largest literary festival celebrating Indian languages and literature.
- Promises to elevate the festival with thought-provoking sessions, cultural dialogues, and a gathering of prominent literary figures.
- 'Sahitya Aaj Tak' is the premier literary event in India, bringing together literary icons and their admirers like no other festival.

ARPINE SARGSYAN APPOINTED AS MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

- Arpine Sargsyan has been appointed as Armenia's Minister of Internal Affairs by President Vahagn Khachaturyan. Her appointment followed a recommendation from Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan, in line with Armenia's constitution and governmental laws. Prior to this, Sargsyan served as the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs before being relieved of that post.

Foot notes:

- The Ministry of Internal is the Armenian government ministry which oversees the Police of Armenia, the Migration and Citizenship Service, and the Rescue Service.
- The Ministry is headed by the Minister of Internal Affairs, appointed by the decree of the Prime Minister of Armenia.
- The minister in charge has been Vahe Ghazaryan since 9 January 2023.

DANIEL BARENBOIM AND ALI ABU AWWAD CONFERRED WITH INDIRA GANDHI PEACE PRIZE

- The 2023 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development was awarded to Daniel Barenboim, a celebrated pianist and conductor, and Ali Abu Awwad, a dedicated peace activist. Both have played pivotal roles in promoting harmony in the Middle East. The

award was presented virtually on Indira Gandhi's birth anniversary, with the jury chaired by Justice T.S. Thakur.

Foot notes:

- The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament, and Development has been awarded annually since 1986 by the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.
- It honors Indira Gandhi's vision for global peace, disarmament, and sustainable development.
- The prize recognizes outstanding individuals or organizations for contributions in three key areas:
- Peace: Promoting peace and conflict resolution.
- Disarmament: Reducing arms and supporting nuclear disarmament.
- Development: Advancing social and economic progress.
- Recipients are selected for their exceptional, sustained efforts to address global challenges and positively impact human welfare.
- The award celebrates leadership, commitment, and lasting influence on peace and development.

TAIWAN NOVEL MAKES HISTORY WINNING US NATIONAL BOOK AWARD

- The English translation of Taiwan Travelogue made history by becoming the first Taiwanese novel to win the U.S. National Book Award for Translated Literature since the award's inception in 1967. This prestigious honor is considered one of the world's top literary accolades, alongside the Man Booker Prize and Nobel Prize for Literature.

Foot notes:

- Pen Name: Yang Shuang-zi is a pen name used by twin sisters Yang Jo-tzu and Yang Jo-hui, who

collaborated on writing, historical research, and translation. Yang Jiahui passed away in 2015, and Yang Jia-tzu continues to honor her memory by using the pen name.

- **Taiwan Travelogue:** The novel follows a Japanese travel writer and her Taiwanese translator on a "culinary journey" across Taiwan's railway system during the Japanese occupation, exploring complex power dynamics.
- **Accolades:** Yang Shuang-zi is an acclaimed author with multiple awards, including Taiwan's Golden Tripod and Golden Comic Awards.
- **International Recognition:** The Japanese translation of Taiwan Travelogue won Japan's "Best Translation" award, and translations into other languages are already in progress.

PHILLIP NOYCE HONORED WITH SATYAJIT RAY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- Veteran Australian filmmaker Phillip Noyce, acclaimed for films like *Clear and Present Danger*, *Salt*, and *Rabbit-Proof Fence*, will be awarded the prestigious Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI). The festival, scheduled to take place in Goa from November 20-28, 2024, has designated Australia as this year's Country of Focus.

Foot notes:

- **Philip Noyce's Impact:** Known for shaping suspense and action genres, Noyce's films like *Patriot Games*, *Clear and Present Danger*, and *Salt* have made significant contributions to both mainstream and critical cinema.

- **Masterclasses & Panels:** The festival will host 25+ masterclasses and panel discussions with industry icons, including AR Rahman, Shabana Azmi, Mani Ratnam, Vidhu Vinod Chopra, Philip Noyce, and John Seale.
- **Topics of Focus:** Sessions will cover sound design, acting in the digital age, and the future of filmmaking.
- **Additional Screenings:** Six extra theaters for screenings, including INOX Madgaon, INOX Ponda, and Z Square Samrat Ashok, along with Picture Time inflatable theaters across Goa.
- **Accessibility Partnership:** Svayam ensures accessibility for people with reduced mobility, offering features like audio descriptions and sign language interpretation.
- **Unified Branding:** All festival venues will have unified décor and branding in collaboration with NID, Ahmedabad.

SAMANTHA HARVEY WON BOOKER PRIZE FOR FICTION WITH "ORBITAL"

- British author Samantha Harvey has won the prestigious Booker Prize for Fiction for her novel *Orbital*. The novel offers a thought-provoking and imaginative exploration set aboard the International Space Station (ISS). Described by Harvey as a "space pastoral," it examines the fragility of Earth and the deep connection humans share with the planet, all through the lens of astronauts in orbit.

Foot notes:

- Samantha Harvey won the prestigious Booker Prize for Fiction, receiving a £50,000 prize.
- She is the first British writer to win the Booker since 2020.

- Harvey's previous works include four novels and a memoir about insomnia, but *Orbital* brought her widespread recognition.
- *Orbital*, with only 136 pages in the UK paperback edition, is one of the shortest Booker-winning novels.
- The novel is praised for its "crystalline writing" and "capaciousness" of its narrative, with Edmund de Waal describing it as a work that "rewards slow reading."
- Harvey reacted with surprise and gratitude, planning to spend the prize money on taxes, a new bike, and a trip to Japan.
- She dedicated her win to those advocating for peace and the preservation of the Earth, aligning with the themes of her novel.

THEDACARE RECEIVES REGENTS BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP AWARD

- The Universities of Wisconsin and the Board of Regents presented the Regents Business Partnership Award to ThedaCare on Friday, Nov. 15, at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Universities of Wisconsin President Jay Rothman spoke at the event, highlighting ThedaCare's strong collaboration with UWO. The award honors partnerships that contribute to Wisconsin's economic growth and vitality. ThedaCare has been a key academic partner for UWO and regularly employs talented graduates from a variety of disciplines.

Foot notes:

- UW-Oshkosh values its partnership with ThedaCare, especially with the new ThedaCare campus being built in downtown Oshkosh, which will strengthen this collaboration.

OCTOBER 2024**NATURAL STAR NANI WINS IIFA BEST ACTOR AWARD**

- The IIFA Utsavam 2024 took place in Abu Dhabi, celebrating South Indian and Bollywood cinema. The event highlighted the announcement of award winners. The night was glamorous, featuring stars like Mani Ratnam, Samantha Ruth Prabhu, Chiranjeevi, Nandamuri Balakrishna, AR Rahman, Rana Daggubati, and Venkatesh Daggubati. Bollywood celebrities in attendance included Shahid Kapoor, Ananya Panday, Kriti Sanon, Karan Johar, and Aishwarya Rai.

Foot notes:

- Natural Star Nani has solidified his status as a top Tollywood actor by winning major awards for his performance in 'Dasara'.
- He received the Filmfare Award for Best Actor (Telugu), the SIIMA Award, and the IIFA Award for his role as Dharani.
- Directed by Srikanth Odela, 'Dasara' has captivated both audiences and critics.
- The film's gritty portrayal of coal mine life highlights Nani's intense performance as its core strength.

KUTLURU VILLAGE WINS NATIONAL ADVENTURE TOURISM AWARD

- Kutluru village, located in the picturesque Belthangady taluk of Dakshina Kannada, has gained national acclaim by winning the Best Tourism Village Award in the Adventure Tourism category. This esteemed recognition was awarded during the Best Tourism Village Competition 2024, organized by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

Foot notes:

- The award ceremony took place at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi, led by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar for World Tourism Day celebrations.
- Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat presented the award to Kutluru.
- Harish Dakaiah Pujari, Shivraj Anchan, and Srinivas, Joint Director of the State Tourism Department, accepted the award on behalf of the village.
- Dignitaries included Union Minister of Civil Aviation Ram Mohan Naidu and Minister of State for Tourism Suresh Gopi, along with senior tourism officials.
- Winners in eight categories were honored with certificates for their contributions to sustainable tourism development.

SHAH RUKH KHAN WINS IIFA 2024 'BEST ACTOR'

- Superstar Shah Rukh Khan bagged the trophy of Best Actor in a Leading Role for his actionpacked performance in 'Jawan' at IIFA 2024. His movie also starred Deepika Padukone and Vijay Sethupathi.

Foot notes:

- SRK made his return to the silver screen in January 2023 with Siddharth Anand's 'Pathaan'.
- In the film, SRK took on an action-packed role, impressing audiences.
- This marked SRK's first major hit after a four-year break following box office disappointments like 'Zero' and 'Jab Harry Met Sejal'.
- The International Indian Film Academy Awards reiterated the grand resurgence of one of Bollywood's biggest superstars.

KALASHA NAIDU RECEIVES ASIA ICON 2024 AWARD

- Kalasha Naidu, the internationally acclaimed youngest social worker, has earned yet another prestigious recognition: the Asia Icon Award 2024. She was honored for her exceptional contributions to social service through the Kalasha Foundation. As the founder of the foundation, Dr. Kalasha Naidu was recognized for her remarkable work in education, healthcare, and medicine on a global scale.

Foot notes:

- Kalasha Naidu received the award from Shri. Maithripala Sirisena, Former President of Sri Lanka, becoming the youngest recipient in the social services category.
- Special guests included Colombo Governor Senthil Thandaman, Foreign Minister Taraka
- Balasurya, and Youth Affairs Minister Rohana Dishannayake.
- Through the Kalasha Foundation, Dr. Naidu provides student scholarships to talented individuals lacking financial means.
- Known as the youngest social worker since age five, she has continued her dedicated social work.
- Hopes are high for her continued success in social service.

RAJSHREE BIRLA HONOURED WITH 25TH LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI NATIONAL AWARD 2024

- The 25th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence 2024 was presented to Smt.
- Rajashree Birla, Chairperson of the Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural
- Development, by Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Vice President of

India. The event, held at the Vice President's residence in New Delhi, was attended by Shri Anil Shastri, LBSIM Board members, corporate and public service dignitaries, and LBSIM Director Prof. Praveen Gupta, along with faculty and staff.

Foot notes:

- The Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence is an annual honor recognizing individuals for significant contributions in their fields, reflecting the values of service, integrity, and leadership inspired by Lal Bahadur Shastri, India's former Prime Minister.
- The Aditya Birla Centre has led initiatives in healthcare, education, sustainable livelihoods, and infrastructure development.
- These efforts have positively impacted millions in India's rural areas across 9,000 villages.

JSPL HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS CSR JOURNAL EXCELLENCE AWARD 2024

- Leading steelmaker Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. (JSPL) has received the esteemed CSR Journal Excellence Award 2024 for its exceptional contributions to promoting and developing sports in India. The award was presented during the 7th edition of the ceremony held in Mumbai. This recognition highlights the company's significant efforts, through its social arm, Jindal Foundation, to nurture sports talent and improve sports infrastructure, especially at the grassroots level.

Foot notes:

- The Jindal Foundation has built 20 playgrounds, two sports complexes, and one sports hostel for underprivileged athletes.

- The Sports Hostel in Barbil provides free accommodation, nutrition, education, and intensive sports coaching for tribal and disadvantaged athletes.
- Many athletes supported by JSP have achieved success, winning medals at national and international sporting events.

About JSPL:

- Founded: 1979
- CEO: Shri O.P. Jindal
- Headquarters: New Delhi

JOHN HOPFIELD & GEOFFREY HINTON WON 2024 NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS

- Scientists John Hopfield and Geoffrey Hinton were awarded the 2024 Nobel Prize in Physics for their groundbreaking discoveries and innovations that enable machine learning in artificial neural networks, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. The prize includes a sum of 11 million Swedish crowns (\$1.1 million), which is shared among the winners if there are multiple recipients.

Foot notes:

- Hinton, known as the "Godfather of AI," holds Canadian and British citizenship and works at the University of Toronto, while Hopfield is American and works at Princeton.
- The Nobel committee stated that the laureates applied concepts from physics to create methods underpinning modern machine learning.
- Ellen Moons highlighted their work in designing artificial neural networks, which function as associative memories and detect

patterns in large datasets, influencing daily life through facial recognition and language translation.

- While celebrating the scientific achievements, Moons also emphasized the ethical responsibility in managing AI's rapid development.
- Hinton, who shares concerns about AI's future, left Google to freely discuss the risks posed by the technology he helped pioneer.

PRADEEP GANDHE TO RECEIVE SHIVCHHATRAPATI LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



- The Maharashtra government has announced that badminton player Pradeep Gandhe will be honored with the 'Shivchhatrapati' state sports award for lifetime achievement for 2022-23, recognizing his outstanding contributions to the sport.

Foot notes:

- Pradeep Gandhe is an Indian badminton player. He was the national doubles champion and bronze medalist in mixed doubles twice.
- The state government announced awards for 29 sportspersons excelling in various sports, including athletics, badminton, chess, shooting, boxing, fencing, hockey, kabaddi, wrestling, and more.
- Eight 'divyang' players have also been selected for these prestigious awards.

SEPTEMBER 2024**PRESIDENT HONOURED NURSES WITH NATIONAL FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE AWARDS**

- President Droupadi Murmu presented the National Florence Nightingale Awards to nursing professionals at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The awards, established by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, recognize and honor exceptional services by outstanding nurses. Foot Notes:
- The National Florence Nightingale Award was instituted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India in the year 1973 as a mark of recognition for the meritorious services rendered by the nurses and nursing professionals to the society.
- Fifteen awards are given in three categories: registered auxiliary nurses and midwives, registered nurses and midwives, and registered lady visitors.
- Each award includes a Certificate of Merit, a cash prize of Rs 1,00,000 and a medal.

SWACHH VAYU SURVEKSHAN AWARD 2024 PRESENTED

- The International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies (Swachh Vayu Diwas) was observed on 7th
- September 2024 in Jaipur. Union Minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, and Rajasthan Chief Minister, Bhajan Lal Sharma, led the event. Key dignitaries included Rajasthan's Minister of State for Environment,

Sanjay Sharma, and Urban Development Minister, Jhabar Singh Kharra. Foot Notes:

- Bhupender Yadav stressed the importance of multi-stakeholder partnerships for Clean Air Now.
- He praised collective efforts to improve air quality since 2017.
- Yadav encouraged youth to join the Ideas4LiFE campaign by submitting solutions on water and energy conservation, waste reduction, and sustainable practices.

RINL WINS CII-GBC NATIONAL ENERGY LEADER AWARD

- Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited has received the National Energy Leader Award from the Confederation of Indian Industry - Green Business Centre (CII-GBC) for the sixth consecutive year, in recognition of its outstanding accomplishments in energy efficiency and conservation. Foot notes:
- In Hyderabad, K. Sudhakar, GM of Energy Management Department (EMD-I/c), and his team received the award from Milind Deora, Secretary of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power.
- RINL also won the "Excellent Energy Efficient Unit Award" for the eighth consecutive year. These accolades highlight RINL's commitment to energy conservation through:
 - Waste Heat Recovery Systems
 - Pulverized Coal Injection (PCI) in Blast Furnaces
 - Waste Recycling and Energy Benchmarking About RINL:
 - CEO: Atul Bhatt
 - Headquarters: Visakhapatnam
 - Founded: 1982

AISHWARYA RAI WINS BEST ACTRESS AT SIIMA 2024

- Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and daughter Aaradhya Bachchan turned up in blingy outfits at South Indian International Movie Awards (SIIMA) 2024. She won the Best Actress in a Leading Role (Critics) for her performance in director Mani Ratnam's Ponniyin Selvan: Part 2. Foot notes:
- Aishwarya highlighted the personal significance of the film and credited the award to the collective efforts of the team.
- She received the SIIMA 2024 award from filmmaker Kabir Khan.
- She expressed heartfelt gratitude, thanking SIIMA and acknowledging the entire team of "Ponniyin Selvan?".

BHEL AWARDED THE RAJBHASHA KIRTI PURASKAR

- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has been awarded the esteemed Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. This recognition is given for outstanding performance in implementing the Official Language policy. Foot notes:
- Recipient: K. Sadashiv Murthy, Chairman & Managing Director of BHEL
- Presenter: Nityanand Rai, Minister of State for Home Affairs
- Event: Hindi Diwas and 4th All India Official Language Conference
- Location: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- Significance of the Award: The highest national award for excellence in Official Language implementation.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

NOVEMBER 2024

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE APPOINTS NEW ASSISTANT CHIEF CONSTABLE

- The Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) has appointed Simon Dobinson as the new Assistant Chief Constable, Territorial, Crime and Support. Simon brings extensive experience from his career in Essex Police, the Metropolitan Police, Sussex Police, and Surrey Police, where he has worked in both specialist and community policing roles at various levels. He has expertise in hostage negotiation, public order policing, and armed policing, having served as a firearms officer and chief firearms instructor. Additionally, Simon has held multiple firearms command roles.

Foot notes:

- Simon Dobinson served as a chief officer in the Metropolitan Police Service, overseeing security, the Protect strand of the CONTEST strategy, and aviation security for London airports.
- He was responsible for the Met's estate and physical security strategy and led efforts related to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) issues.
- In 2022, Simon moved to Sussex Police in a collaborative role with Surrey Police, managing specialist uniformed operational support, including armed policing, public order, roads policing, emergency planning, and resilience.

- He served as Senior Responsible Officer for multiple operational improvement programs and chaired the Joint Force Legitimacy Board, which scrutinized police powers.
- Simon chaired county-level road safety partnerships and the Sussex Local Resilience Forum.
- He has been the National Police Chiefs' Council portfolio lead for aviation security and airport policing for the past four years, improving cross-service collaboration in protective security.

HARBHAJAN & SANIA MIRZA APPOINTED DUBAI SPORTS COUNCIL BRAND AMBASSADOR

- The Dubai Sports Council has named former Indian cricketer Harbhajan Singh and tennis star Sania Mirza as Sports Ambassadors. They join Russian fighter Khabib Nurmagomedov and French footballer Patrice Evra as the four iconic athletes appointed by the Council. The announcement was made in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in the presence of Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Crown Prince of Dubai and Chairman of the Executive Council of the Dubai Sports Council.

Foot notes:

- As sports ambassadors, Harbhajan Singh, Sania Mirza, Khabib Nurmagomedov, and Patrice Evra will contribute to elevating Dubai's status as a top global sports hub.

- Their roles will focus on strengthening Dubai's sports ecosystem by attracting prestigious international events, fostering local talent, and promoting sports tourism.
- Harbhajan Singh, Former Indian cricketer with 711 wickets in international cricket.
- He took 417 wickets in 104 Test matches and 269 wickets in 231 One-Day Internationals (ODIs).
- Sania Mirza, only Indian female tennis player to be ranked No.1 in WTA doubles rankings.
- She claimed mixed doubles titles at the 2009 Australian Open, 2012 French Open, and 2015 US Open.
- Sania secured three Grand Slam titles in women's doubles: 2015 Wimbledon, 2015 US Open, and 2016 Australian Open.

MANDIRA BEDI NAMED BRAND AMBASADOR OF ALL INDIA PICKLEBALL ASSOCI- ATION

- Mandira Bedi has been named the Brand Ambassador for the All India Pickleball Association (AIPA) to encourage increased female participation in pickleball, a rapidly growing sport where women account for 40% of players worldwide. Additionally, she is competing in the World Pickleball Championship (WPC) Series in Mumbai.

Foot notes:

- Mandira Bedi has been appointed as the official brand ambassador for the All India Pickleball Association (AIPA), focusing on expanding the sport's reach, particularly among women.

- **Fitness Advocate and Pickleball Player:** Known for her roles in entertainment and fitness advocacy, Bedi is also an enthusiastic pickleball player.
- **Impact on Women's Participation:** The partnership aims to inspire more women to take up the sport, aligning with the global trend where women make up 40% of pickleball players.
- **Broader Visibility for Pickleball:** Bedi's involvement is set to increase the sport's visibility and reinforce its identity as fun, accessible, and dynamic, contributing to its growth in India.

K. SANJAY MURTHY APPOINTED AS CAG

- President Droupadi Murmu has appointed K. Sanjay Murthy, a 1989-batch IAS officer from the Himachal Pradesh cadre, as the next Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India. He will succeed Girish Chandra Murmu, whose term ends on November 20, 2024. Currently serving as Secretary of the Department of Higher Education, Murthy was originally set to complete his tenure on December 31, 2024. The appointment was made under Article 148(1) of the Constitution.

Foot notes:

- **Appointment as CAG:** K. Sanjay Murthy has been appointed as the next Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, succeeding G.C. Murmu, who retires on November 20, 2024.
- **Current Role:** Murthy is currently the Secretary of the Department of Higher Education in the Ministry of Education, a position he has held since October 1, 2021.

- **Administrative Experience:** He has extensive administrative experience, having previously served as the Secretary of Information and Broadcasting, MD of the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation, and Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- **Controversies:** His tenure as Higher Education Secretary was marked by paper leak incidents, particularly related to the National Testing Agency's handling of key exams like NEET-UG and UGC-NET.
- **Surprising Appointment:** Despite being due for retirement in just over a month, his appointment as CAG was a surprise to many.

MITHALI RAJ APPOINTED MENTOR FOR ACA WOMEN'S CRICKET

- Mithali Raj has been appointed as the Mentor of Women's Cricket Operations by the Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) for a three-year term. In this role, she will focus on identifying and developing young talent across the state. Raj, a retired Indian cricket legend since 2022, brings her extensive experience and dedication to promoting women's sports to the position.

Foot notes:

- **Mithali Raj as Mentor:** Mithali Raj has been appointed as the Mentor of Women's Cricket Operations by the Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) under a three-year contract.
- **Focus on Talent Development:** She will be responsible for scouting and nurturing young women cricketers across the state, particularly the next generation of talent.

- **Advocacy and Expertise:** As a retired cricket legend and advocate for women's sports, Raj will bring extensive knowledge to the role.
- **Infrastructure and Support:** ACA plans to provide regular matches for Under-15 girls, as well as nutrition and medical support, similar to the male cricketers.
- **High Performance Academy:** A High Performance Academy will be set up in Vizianagaram for men, with a focus on rural talent scouting and long-term training for both men and women.

VALDECY URQUIZA ELECTED NEW SECRETARY GENERAL OF INTERPOL

- Valdecy Urquiza, a Brazilian Federal Police Commissioner, has been elected as the new Secretary General of Interpol during the organization's 92nd General Assembly in Glasgow, Scotland, from November 4 to 7, 2024. Urquiza will succeed Jurgen Stock, the outgoing Secretary General, on November 7, 2024, marking a key leadership transition in the world's largest police organization. With extensive experience in global policing and international law enforcement, Urquiza thanked the delegates of member countries for their trust and support following his election.

Foot notes:

- **Valdecy Urquiza highlighted his commitment to promoting equality and diversity, strengthening international collaboration, and implementing region-specific capacity-building initiatives.**
- **His election aims to foster inclusivity and innovation within Interpol.**

OCTOBER 2024**INDUSIND BANK
REAPPOINTS SUMANT
KATHPALIA AS MD & CEO**

- The board of IndusInd Bank has approved the reappointment of Sumant Kathpalia as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) for a three-year term from March 24, 2025, to March 23, 2028, subject to approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and shareholders.

Foot notes:

- Sumant Kathpalia has over 36 years of banking experience with Citibank, Bank of America, and ABN AMRO.
- He joined IndusInd Bank 16 years ago and was key in its turnaround. Sumant has served as MD & CEO since March 24, 2020.
- The board's decision followed a recommendation from the Compensation, Nomination & Remuneration Committee.

About IndusInd Bank:

- Founded: 1994
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Founder: S. P. Hinduja
- Current MD & CEO: Sumant Kathpalia

**FORMER DUTCH PM MARK
RUTTE APPOINTED AS
SECRETARY GENERAL OF
NATO**

- Former Netherlands Prime Minister Mark Rutte officially assumed the role of Secretary-General of NATO in Brussels today, succeeding Norway's Jens Stoltenberg, who led the alliance since 2014. In his first press conference, Rutte urged allies

to substantially boost defence spending to address NATO's challenges and called for stronger cooperation with Indo-Pacific partners.

Foot notes:

- NATO's 32 members appointed Mark after the Dutch politician secured the early backing of the United States, Germany and Britain.
- Mark Rutte began his career in 1992 in HRM at Unilever and its subsidiaries.
- He studied Dutch history at Leiden University and has been a guest teacher at the Johan de Witt group of schools in The Hague since 2008.
- He served as a member of the Dutch Parliament from January to May 2003.
- He was the leader of the liberal Dutch People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) from 2006 to 2023.

About NATO:

- Founded: 1949
- Headquarters: Brussels

**TAKURO TAKEUCHI
APPOINTED AS NEW CR OF
JICA INDIA OFFICE**

- The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has appointed Takuro Takeuchi as the new Chief Representative of its India Office.

Foot notes:

- Mr. Takuro Takeuchi has over 27 years of experience at JICA, holding key leadership roles in various divisions.
- He recently served as the Senior Director of the General Affairs Division, contributing significantly to JICA's institutional strategy and management.

- His previous positions include Senior Director of South Asia Division 1, overseeing India and Director of Human Resources and South Asia Division 4, responsible for operations in Bangladesh and Nepal.

**RBI APPOINTS AVIRAL JAIN
AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) appointed Aviral Jain as the new Executive Director (ED), who previously served as Regional Director for Maharashtra, will now oversee the legal and other departments. With over three decades of experience, his expertise spans areas such as supervision, currency management, foreign exchange regulation, and human resource management.

Foot notes:

- Aviral Jain brings over 30 years of experience in supervision, currency management, foreign exchange regulation, and human resource management.
- Jain holds a postgraduate degree in economics and has earned certifications in AML/KYC and Capital Markets. He is also a Certified Associate of the Indian Institute of Banking & Finance (IIBF).

About RBI:

- CEO: Shaktikanta Das
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Founded: 1935

CLAUDIA SHEINBAUM TAKES OATH AS MEXICO'S FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT

- Claudia Sheinbaum was sworn in as Mexico's new president on Tuesday, making history as the country's first female president and the first president of Jewish descent in a predominantly Roman Catholic nation. Her election victory comes 70 years after women in Mexico gained the right to vote.

Foot notes:

- The new president, a former climate scientist with a doctorate in energy engineering, will make her first trip to Acapulco.
- Acapulco is a resort city on Mexico's Pacific coast.
- Mexico remains one of the most conservative countries in Latin America, with its 65 presidents since independence from Spain all men.

About Mexico:

- President: Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo
- Government: Presidential system, Federal republic

UDHAYANIDHI STALIN TOOK OATH AS DEPUTY CM OF TAMIL NADU

- Udhayanidhi Stalin, son of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin, has been sworn in as the new Deputy Chief Minister following a cabinet reshuffle that included several changes in membership. Udhayanidhi made his debut as a producer with the film *Kuruvi* (2008), which featured Vijay and Trisha, and he also produced two films directed by K. S. Ravikumar: *Aadhavan* (2009) and *Manmadhan Ambu* (2010).

Foot notes:

- Udhayanidhi Stalin, born on November 27, 1977, is the grandson of the late Karunanidhi and the son of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.
- He is an Indian politician, film producer, and former actor, currently serving as the 3rd Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, making him the youngest to hold this position.
- He entered politics in 2019 as the Youth Wing Secretary of the Dravida Munnetra

JUSTICE MANMOHAN SWORN IN AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF DELHI HIGH COURT

- Justice Manmohan took the Oath of Office as Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court in the capital, administered by Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena, with the new Chief Minister of Delhi also present at the ceremony. Chief Justice Manmohan is set to retire on December 16, 2024, and will serve until the end of his tenure. High Court judges have security of tenure until the age of retirement, which is 62 years.

Foot notes:

- Justice Manmohan is an alumnus of Campus Law Centre.
- He enrolled with the Bar Council of Delhi in 1987 and became a Senior Advocate in 2003.
- He was elevated to additional judge of the Delhi High Court on March 13, 2008, and became a permanent judge on December 17, 2009.
- On November 9, 2023, he was appointed acting Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court.

M V SHREYAMS KUMAR ELECTED AS INS PRESIDENT

- M.V. Shreyams Kumar has been elected as the president of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) during its 85th annual general meeting, which was held via video conferencing. He succeeds Rakesh Sharma of the Aaj Samaj newspaper.

Foot notes:

- M.V. Shreyams Kumar is the Managing Director of Mathrubhumi Printing & Publishing Company.
- He has served as a Rajya Sabha MP and has been a two-time MLA from Kerala, affiliated with Janata Dal (United).
- He played a significant role in expanding Mathrubhumi's publications, launching nine of its fourteen editions.

PRAKASH MAN SINGH RAUT APPOINTED AS NEW CHIEF JUSTICE OF NEPAL

- Nepal's President Ramchandra Paudel appointed Prakash Man Singh Raut as the new Chief Justice following Bishowambhar Prasad Shrestha's retirement at age 65. The oath of office was administered at Sheetal Niwas attended by high-ranking officials, including the Vice President and Prime Minister.

Foot notes:

- The swearing-in ceremony was attended by Vice President Ramsahay Prasad Yadav, Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli, Speaker Devraj Ghimire and National Assembly Chairman Narayan Prasad Dahal.
- He was recommended for the Chief Justice post by the Constitutional Council on September 16.

SEPTEMBER 2024**ASHOK RAJ SIGDEL SWORN IN AS NEPAL'S NEW CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF**

- Ashok Raj Sigdel was sworn in as Nepal's 45th Chief of the Army Staff (CoAS). The oath-taking ceremony was held at the Office of the President, Sheetal Niwas. Key figures including President Ranaendra Paudel, Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli, and Chief Justice Bishowambhar Prasad Shrestha attended the event. Foot notes:
- The outgoing CoAS, Prabhu Ram Sharma, had been on a month-long leave starting August 8 due to mandatory retirement.
- Sigdel is set to serve a three-year term as Chief of Army Staff.

About Nepal:

- Capital: Kathmandu
- Prime minister: KP Sharma Oli
- President: Ram Chandra Paudel

AMIT SHAH RE-ELECTED AS CHAIRPERSON OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, has been unanimously re-elected as the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language. Following the formation of the new government, the committee held a meeting in New Delhi to reconstitute itself, leading to Shah's re-election. He previously served as the Chairperson from 2019 to 2024. Shah expressed gratitude for the unanimous support and discussed his vision for Hindi's role in government and education. Foot Notes:

- Shah noted the progress in promoting Hindi over the last decade.
- The goal is for Hindi to complement, not compete with, regional languages.
- Emphasis on Hindi being a supportive ally to all local languages.
- Ensuring that Hindi's promotion doesn't create inferiority complexes among speakers of other languages.

VINAY GOYAL APPOINTED AS STATE MISSION DIRECTOR OF NHM

- Dr. Vinay Goyal has officially assumed the role of State Mission Director for the National Health Mission (NHM). He succeeds K. Jeevan Babu, who has moved to the Kerala Water Authority as Managing Director. Dr. Goyal, an IAS officer of the 2016 batch, also takes charge as Director of the Kerala State IT Mission and Project Director at eHealth Kerala. In his new roles, he aims to advance Kerala's digital and health infrastructure. Foot Notes:
- Dr. Goyal has a distinguished career spanning various sectors.
- Served as Director of the Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes Development Departments.
- Held roles as Secretary of the Kerala State Housing Board and Managing Director of Kerala Rapid Transit Corporation Ltd.
- Served as CEO of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited and District Development Commissioner of Thiruvananthapuram.
- His extensive experience makes him well-suited for his new responsibilities.

TUHIN KANTA PANDEY APPOINTED AS NEW FINANCE SECRETARY

- The Indian government has appointed Tuhin Kanta Pandey, a 1987-batch IAS officer from the Odisha cadre, as the new Finance Secretary. This decision was made on September 7, 2024, following the appointment of T.V. Somanathan as the Cabinet Secretary, which created a vacancy for the finance role. Pandey, who previously served as the Secretary of the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), will now oversee India's financial policies and decisions. Foot Note:
- Tuhin Kanta Pandey played a key role in managing large-scale disinvestment projects, including the Air India sale.
- His expertise in public asset management and disinvestment strategies will be valuable in his new role as Finance Secretary.
- Pandey replaces T.V. Somanathan, who became Cabinet Secretary last month.
- Following convention, the senior-most secretary in the Union Finance Ministry is typically appointed as Finance Secretary, making Pandey's appointment a natural progression.

SPORTS

UMA MAHESH WON GOLD MEDAL AT FISU WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIP

- Uma Mahesh clinched the gold medal in the 10m Air Rifle men's team event at the FISU World University Championship held at the Karni Singh Stadium, New Delhi, on Monday. Competing alongside his teammates, the 20-year-old delivered a stellar performance to secure the victory. A rising talent from Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, Uma trains at Olympic medalist Gagan Narang's Gun for Glory Academy. His impressive achievements include two ISSF World Cup gold medals, an Asian Championship gold medal, and several other accolades.

Foot notes:

- Parental Support: Uma's father, Maddineni Rama Krishna, inspired by news coverage of shooting, envisioned a career in the sport for his son. His mother, Maddineni Manjula, has been a pillar of encouragement.
- Resource Access: The family ensured Uma received top-notch training and resources.
- Training: Coached by Neha Chavan, an expert shooting coach.
- Project Leap: Part of Gun for Glory Academy's program focused on holistic development-enhancing technical, physical, and mental aspects of athletes to achieve success at national and international levels.

ANSHUL KAMBOJ BECAME THE THIRD BOWLER TO CLAIM ALL TEN WICKETS IN AN INNINGS

- Haryana fast bowler Anshul Kamboj became only the third cricketer to take all ten wickets in an innings in the Ranji Trophy. He achieved this remarkable feat by dismissing Kerala's Shoun Roger at the Chaudhary Bansi Lal Stadium in Lahli, finishing with figures of 30.1-9-49-10 in the first innings. Kamboj is the sixth Indian to achieve this in first-class cricket, following legspinners Subhash Gupte and Anil Kumble, as well as Odisha seamer Debasis Mohanty.

Foot notes:

- Anshul Kamboj, 23, hails from Karnal, Haryana, a boxing hub, and began playing cricket on open fields. He took cricket seriously at 14 and has progressed rapidly.
- In less than a decade, he has played for Haryana's state team and made his debut in the IPL.
- Kamboj's ten-wicket haul in the Ranji Trophy is his latest achievement in a successful year.
- He took 17 wickets at an economy rate of 3.58 in Haryana's Vijay Hazare Trophy-winning campaign, with a best of 4/30 in the semi-final against Tamil Nadu.
- During the Duleep Trophy in September, Kamboj recorded his best first-class figures with 8/69 for India C against India B, dismissing top domestic batters.

- He was part of the India Emerging squad in the T20 Asia Cup and delivered a match-winning 3/33 against Pakistan Shaheens.
- Kamboj earned his maiden IPL contract with Mumbai Indians in 2023, playing three matches in a season where they finished last.

INDIA DEFEATED SOUTH AFRICA BY 135 RUNS IN THE FOURTH AND FINAL T-20 MATCH

- India defeated South Africa by a massive 135 runs in the fourth and final T20 International at Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg, winning the four-match series 3-1. Choosing to bat first, India posted an impressive total of 283/1 in their 20 overs. Tilak Verma played a stunning knock of 120 off 47 balls, while opener Sanju Samson contributed a blistering 109 off 56 balls. The left-right duo shared an unbroken 210-run partnership, the highest for any wicket in India's T20I history. The Indian team's explosive performance included a record-breaking 23 sixes, the most ever in a T20I between two Full Member sides.

Foot notes:

- India defeated South Africa by 135 runs in the fourth T20I to clinch the series 3-1.
- India posted a massive 283/1 in 20 overs, with Tilak Verma scoring 120 off 47 balls and Sanju Samson contributing 109 off 56 balls.
- The pair shared an unbeaten 210-run partnership, the highest for any wicket in India's T20I history.
- India set a record with 23 sixes, the most ever in a T20I between two Full Member nations.

- South Africa was bowled out for 148 in 18.2 overs, with Arshdeep Singh taking 3/20, and Varun Chakravarthy and Axar Patel claiming two wickets each.
- Tristan Stubbs was the top scorer for South Africa with 43 runs.
- Samson and Varma's centuries were a historic first for India in a T20I, and the 210-run partnership also set a record for India.
- Samson has now scored three T20I centuries in the last five innings, contributing to selection dilemmas with other top players like Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, and Rishabh Pant returning soon.

MAGNUS CARLSEN CLINCHES TATA STEEL CHESS INDIA BLITZ TITLE

- World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen completed a remarkable double at the Tata Steel Chess India tournament in Kolkata, winning the blitz title shortly after his triumph in the rapid event. The 33-year-old Norwegian showcased exceptional skill, clinching the blitz championship with a round to spare. This victory echoes his 2019 achievement, further cementing his legacy as one of chess's all-time greats.

Foot notes:

- Winner (Men's): Magnus Carlsen (Norway) secured the title with 13 points, dominating the event and clinching victory with a round to spare.
- 2nd Place: Wesley So (USA) made a strong comeback, winning 6 straight games, finishing with 11.5 points.

- 3rd Place: Arjun Erigaisi (India) displayed remarkable skill, securing 10.5 points.
- 5th Place: Vidit Gujrathi (India) ended with 9 points.
- Winner (Women's): Kateryna Lagno (Russia) claimed the women's blitz title with 11.5 points, narrowly defeating Valentina Gunina (2nd, 11 points).
- Shared 3rd Place: Aleksandra Goryachkina (Russia) and Vantika Agrawal (India), each with 9.5 points.

ODISHA CLINCHED 14TH HOCKEY INDIA SENIOR MEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

- The Hockey Association of Odisha secured a decisive 5-1 victory against Hockey Haryana to claim the title at the 14th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship. Shilanand Lakra shone with a brilliant hat-trick, while Rajat Akash Tirkey and Pratap Lakra added to Odisha's dominant performance. In the battle for third place, Uttar Pradesh Hockey edged past Manipur Hockey with a 2-1 win.

Foot notes:

- Winner: Hockey Association of Odisha defeated Hockey Haryana 5-1 to claim the title.
- Rajat Akash Tirkey (11') opened the scoring for Odisha. Pratap Lakra (39') scored from a Penalty Stroke.
- Shilanand Lakra (48', 57', 60') netted a hat-trick in the final quarter.
- Joginder Singh (55') scored a consolation goal for Hockey Haryana.

TILAK VARMA BECAME 2ND INDIAN TO HIT CONSECUTIVE T20I HUNDREDS

- Tilak Varma etched his name in history as the second Indian to score centuries in consecutive T20I innings, achieving the remarkable feat against South Africa. In the fourth T20I, he delivered a sensational knock of 120 runs off just 47 balls, boasting a strike rate of 255.32 and smashing 9 fours and 10 sixes. Sanju Samson was the first Indian to achieve this milestone.

Foot notes:

- Back-to-Back Centuries: Tilak Varma scored his second consecutive T20I century in the series finale against South Africa at Wanderers Stadium, Johannesburg.
- Record-Setting Knock: His unbeaten 120 off 69 balls included 10 sixes, tying the record for the most sixes in a T20I innings by an Indian, alongside Rohit Sharma and Sanju Samson.
- Highest in SENA Countries: Tilak's 120 surpassed Suryakumar Yadav's 117 (2022) as the highest individual T20I score by an Indian in SENA countries.
- Historic Partnership: India posted 283/1, with centuries from both Tilak Varma and Sanju Samson (109), marking the first instance of two full-member nation players scoring tons in the same T20I.
- Series Milestones: Tilak became the second Indian to score consecutive T20I centuries, joining Sanju Samson. Both players are also the first Indians to hit two centuries in a T20I bilateral series.

PRANAY SHARMA WON U14 BOYS TITLE AT TPL RACE TO GOLD MASTER TOURNAMENT

- Pranay Sharma emerged victorious in the Under-14 Boys category at the TPL Race to Gold Master tournament, edging out Bhavik Mittal 13-12 in a nail-biting final. Held at the DLTA Tennis Centre in Delhi, the event is part of the Tennis Premier League (TPL) and follows a round-robin format across eight categories. Winners are awarded scholarships worth ₹75,000 to support their tennis careers.

Foot notes:

- Race to Gold Masters Tournament: The Tennis Premier League (TPL) launched the Race to Gold Masters tournament in Gujarat, Delhi, and Mumbai to discover and support India's young tennis talent.
- Categories and Format: The tournament features eight categories with matches played in a round-robin format, providing fair competition.
- Scholarships: Winners receive ₹75,000 scholarships to support their tennis careers.
- Notable Attendees: Key figures such as Kunal Thakkur (TPL co-founder), Zeeshan Ali (former Indian tennis player), Col Chauhan (DLTA director), and Aditya Khanna (TPL strategic partner) attended the event.
- TPL's Mission: Kunal Thakkur highlighted TPL's commitment to promoting tennis in India, nurturing grassroots talent, and offering scholarships to help young players advance in their careers.

MAHIMKAR, PRISHA RECORD DOUBLE TITLE WINS IN MAHARASHTRA STATE OPEN BADMINTON

- Harshit Mahimkar and Prisha Shah emerged victorious in both the men's and women's singles, as well as the boys' and girls' U-17 singles categories, at the Maharashtra State Open Badminton Tournament. Mahimkar secured the men's singles title with a commanding 21-12, 21-17 win over fourth seed Soham Pathak. He then clinched the boys' U-17 title by defeating Tanay Mehendale 21-7, 21-13.

Foot notes:

- Unseeded GMBA shuttler Harshit Mahimkar defeated fourth-seeded Soham Phatak 21-12, 21-17 with ease.
- Second-seeded Harshit overcame top seed Tanay Mehendale 21-7, 21-13 using clever tactics to secure a double title.
- Similarly, Prisha Shah claimed the women's singles crown with a 21-18, 21-10 victory over Devanshi Shinde and went on to triumph in the girls' U-17 final, defeating Khushi Pahwa 21-16, 21-16. The matches were held at the Willingdon Sports Club.

JYOTHI SUREKHA VENNAM WON GOLD AT GT OPEN IN ARCHERY

- Jyothi Surekha Vennam won the gold medal in the women's compound event at the GT Open in Luxembourg, defeating Belgium's Sarah Prieels 147-145. Abhishek took the silver in the men's compound event, scoring a perfect 150 but losing to Mike Schlosser of the Netherlands. This marked

Jyothi's debut at the GT Open, where she delivered an outstanding performance.

Foot notes:

- Netherlands topped the GT Open 2024 medal tally with two gold medals: one in the men's compound event and another in the Women's Under-21 recurve event.
- Croatia finished second with three medals: one gold, one silver, and one bronze.
- India and Korea tied for third with a gold and a silver each.
- Abhishek Verma won silver in the men's compound event, behind gold medalist Mike Schloesser (Netherlands).
- Jyothi Surekha Vennam claimed gold in the women's compound event, with Sarah Prieels (Belgium) winning silver and Elisa Roner (Italy) taking bronze.
- France finished fifth with three medals: one gold and two bronze.
- Germany and Luxembourg secured sixth place with one gold medal each.
- Belgium placed eighth with two silver medals, while Italy was ninth with a silver and two bronze.

WEST BENGAL WON 4TH NATIONAL FINSWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

- West Bengal triumphed at the 4th National Finswimming Championship, winning the team title with 151 medals: 67 gold, 43 silver, and 41 bronze. Karnataka finished as runners-up, claiming 50 medals, including 17 gold, 18 silver, and 15 bronze. Uttarakhand secured third place with 21 medals, while Haryana also earned 21 medals but ranked fourth due to fewer gold.

BANKING & FINANCIAL AWARENESS

DBS BANK APPOINTED RAJAT VERMA AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- DBS Bank's India unit has nominated Rajat Verma, its head of institutional banking, as the bank's new CEO, according to sources familiar with the matter. Verma is set to succeed Surojit Shome, who will retire after leading DBS Bank India since 2015. His nomination has been submitted to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for approval, as required for all CEO appointments in Indian banks. Verma was appointed managing director and head of institutional banking at DBS India last year.

Foot notes:

- Rajat Verma, nominated to replace Shome, was appointed DBS Managing Director and head of institutional banking for India last year.
- Before DBS, Verma spent over 26 years at HSBC, where he was head of commercial banking in India.
- DBS has operated in India for about 30 years and has over 530 branches across 19 states.

IDFC FIRST BANK LAUNCHES REAL-TIME INTERNATIONAL MONEY TRANSFER TRACKING

- IDFC FIRST Bank, in collaboration with Swift, has launched an innovative real-time tracking service for international money transfers. Accessible via its award-winning mobile app and internet banking platforms, this makes IDFC FIRST

Bank the first Indian bank to offer full traceability for cross-border payments. The service reflects the bank's "Customer First" approach, bringing the transparency and speed of UPI and IMPS digital payments to global transactions.

Foot notes:

- IDFC FIRST Bank's integration with Swift GPI allows customers to track international transfers in real time, providing transparency similar to local digital payments.
- Through the mobile app or internet banking, customers can monitor fund status throughout the transfer process and receive alerts on issues like insufficient recipient information, enabling quick corrective action.
- The "Pay Abroad" feature offers free real-time tracking with no additional processing fees, benefiting purposes under RBI's Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) such as education, medical expenses, and family support abroad.
- This initiative marks a milestone in IDFC FIRST Bank's technology-driven vision, aligning with global banking standards and reinforcing its commitment to ethical, transparent banking solutions.

MASATO KANDA ELECTED AS 11TH PRESIDENT OF ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) announced on Thursday that Masato Kanda has been unanimously elected

as its 11th president by the Board of Governors. Currently serving as a special advisor to Japan's Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Kanda, 59, will assume office on February 24, 2025, succeeding Masatsugu Asakawa, whose term ends on February 23, 2025. Kanda will complete Asakawa's unexpired term, which concludes on November 23, 2026. Fabio Panetta, Chair of the ADB Board of Governors and Governor of the Bank of Italy, praised Kanda's extensive experience in international finance and leadership in multilateral settings.

Foot notes:

- Leadership Roles: Deputy Commissioner at the Financial Services Agency. Deputy Director-General of the Budget Bureau. Deputy Vice-Minister for Policy Planning and Coordination.
- Expertise Areas: Financial sector policy, macro-fiscal policy, education, science policy, and university reform.
- Global Engagement: Active in G7, G20, and international forums.
- Focused on MDB evolution, pandemic preparedness, debt sustainability, and transparency.
- Led Japan's record contribution of over \$1 billion to ADF 13 during tenure as Vice-Minister.
- Chaired the OECD Corporate Governance Committee since 2016, overseeing the 2023 review of G20/OECD Principles of Corporate Governance.
- MDB Involvement: Alternate Executive Director for Japan at the World Bank. Substantial experience in MDB strategic decision-making.

PNB EMERGED AS THE 2ND LARGEST PUBLIC SECTOR BANK IN INDIA

- All branches of United Bank of India and Oriental Bank of Commerce across the country will now operate as Punjab National Bank (PNB) branches, with all customers, including depositors, being treated as PNB customers. The merged entity will have an expanded presence, with over 11,000 branches, more than 13,000 ATMs, a workforce of one lakh employees, and a business mix exceeding INR 18 lakh crore.

Foot notes:

- PNB, India's first Swadeshi Bank, began operations on April 12, 1895, in Lahore.
- The bank started with an authorised capital of Rs 2 lakh and a working capital of Rs 20,000.
- It was founded with a spirit of nationalism and was the first bank fully managed by Indians with Indian capital.
- Over its long history, 7 banks have merged with PNB. In the initial phase, PNB 2.0 will offer interoperable services across all branches and platforms, including Mobile and Internet Banking.
- To facilitate customer transition, "Bank Sathi" representatives have been appointed at all branches, zones, and head offices of the merged banks.
- These Bank Sathis will assist customers in selecting the right products and services and address their concerns.
- A robust Risk Governance framework has been established to mitigate risks and ensure a secure and safe banking experience for customers.

NHPC, SECI, RAILTEL, AND SJVN GAIN NAVRATNA STATUS

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman granted "Navratna" status to four Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs): NHPC, Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), Railtel Corporation of India (RCIL), and Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN). This brings the total number of Navratna CPSEs in India to 25. The Navratna status provides these entities with increased financial and operational autonomy. Foot Note:
- Railtel Corporation: 22nd Navratna, turnover of Rs.2,622 crore, net profit of Rs.246 crore in FY24.
- Solar Energy Corporation: 23rd Navratna, turnover of Rs.13,035 crore, net profit of Rs.436 crore in FY24.
- NHPC: 24th Navratna, turnover of Rs.8,405 crore, net profit of Rs.3,744 crore in FY24.
- SJVN: 25th Navratna, turnover of Rs.2,833 crore, net profit of Rs.908 crore in FY24. About NHPC:

RIL BECOMES INDIA'S FIRST COMPANY TO SURPASS RS 10 LAKH CRORE IN ANNUAL REVENUE

- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has made history as the first Indian company to exceed 10 lakh crore in annual revenue. This milestone was revealed during RIL's Annual General Meeting (AGM) by Chairman Mukesh Ambani. For the financial year 2023-24, Reliance achieved a record consolidated turnover of 10,00,122 crore (USD 119.9 billion), with a net profit of Rs.79,020 crore (USD 9.5 billion).

Foot Note:

- RIL's exports for FY 2023-24: 2,99,832 crore (USD 35.9 billion), accounting for 8.2% of India's total merchandise exports.
- Contribution to the national exchequer in FY 2023-24: 1,86,440 crore (USD 22.4 billion) through taxes and duties.
- Total contribution to the exchequer over the past three years: Over 5.5 lakh crore (USD 68.7 billion), the highest by any Indian corporation.

SIDDHARTHA AGGARWAL SETS RECORD AS OLDEST INDIAN TO SWIM ENGLISH CHANNEL SOLO



- Siddhartha Aggarwal from Bengaluru has made history by becoming the oldest Indian to swim solo across the English Channel. On August 29, at the age of 49, Aggarwal completed the 42 km swim in 15 hours and six minutes. His remarkable achievement surpasses the previous record set by Srikanth Viswanathan, who swam the Channel solo at age 46 in 2018. Foot Note:
- Aggarwal's quest started in 2018 with his first English Channel swim as part of an eight-member relay team.
- Initially doubting his ability for a solo swim, he succeeded through dedication and rigorous training with coach Satish Kumar.
- The final 10 kilometers were especially tough due to high tides and strong winds.

DEFENCE & TECH.

INDIA AND JAPAN HAVE SIGNED MOU FOR UNICORN TECHNOLOGY FOR INDIAN NAVY

- India and Japan signed a Memorandum of Implementation (MoI) for the co-development of the UNICORN (Unified Complex Radio Antenna) mast, a conical structure that houses antennas on warships, enhancing their stealth capabilities. This initiative is part of the India-Japan Defence Technology Cooperation framework, aiming to fit UNICORN masts on Indian naval warships. Once implemented, this will mark Japan's first export of defense technology to India under the bilateral defense equipment and technology transfer agreement signed in 2015.

Foot notes:

- The MoI was signed on Friday in Tokyo between Indian Ambassador Sibi George and Ishikawa Takeshi, Commissioner of Japan's Ministry of Defense.
- The UNICORN mast integrates communication systems to enhance the stealth capabilities of naval platforms.
- The 2+2 inter-Ministerial dialogue in August 2024 discussed the "early transfer" of UNICORN and related technologies.
- Japan, with its pacifist constitution, has strict conditions on military exports but has sought to increase defense hardware exports in recent years.
- India and Japan had earlier discussed procuring amphibious

planes for the Indian Navy, but the deal did not progress due to high costs and competing priorities.

- This agreement could mark Japan's first defense technology export under the 2015 India-Japan bilateral defense agreement.

JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE 'POORVI PRAHAR' HELD IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH

- The Indian Army is conducting a high-intensity tri-services exercise, Poorvi Prahar, from November 10 to 18, 2024, in the forward areas of Arunachal Pradesh. Its purpose is to enhance combat effectiveness, inter-service coordination and operational preparedness.

Foot notes:

- Objective: To enhance the combat readiness of the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force for executing integrated joint operations in the region's challenging mountainous terrain.
- Focus: The exercise highlights advancements in modern warfare technology, featuring cutting-edge military platforms and systems.
- Equipment Used: Advanced fighter aircraft, reconnaissance platforms, Chinook and Advanced Light Helicopter (Rudra), and M777 Ultra-Light Howitzers are part of the drills.

ARMY CONCLUDES MULTI-LATERAL JOINT EXERCISE SANYUKT VIMOCHAN 2024 IN GUJARAT

- The Indian Army conducted the Annual Multilateral Joint Humanitarian Assistance and

Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise, 'Sanyukt Vimochan 2024', from November 18 to 19, 2024 in Ahmedabad and Porbandar, Gujarat. Organized by the Konark Corps under the Southern Command, the exercise showcased India's preparedness and expertise in disaster response, emphasizing multi-agency and international cooperation. General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), presided over the event, which was attended by senior dignitaries, including representatives from nine friendly foreign nations, National and State Disaster Management Authorities, and other key stakeholders.

Foot notes:

- Theme: 'Cyclone in the Coastal Region of Gujarat'.
- Simulated a natural disaster impacting the Okha-Porbandar coastline.
- National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority (GSDMA), Meteorological Department, and FICCI, in collaboration with armed forces officials.
- Focus: Identified gaps in inter-agency coordination and established rapid, unified response mechanisms.
- Displayed India's efficiency in crisis response and reinforced collaborative strategies for disaster mitigation.
- Industrial Display showcased cutting-edge innovations in disaster management technology by Indian defence industries.
- Highlighted advancements in disaster response tools and opportunities for industry-defence collaboration.

INDIAN ARMY SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDES MULTI-AGENCY DISASTER EXERCISE

- The Indian Army successfully wrapped up the Multilateral Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise, 'Sanyukt Vimochan 2024,' held on November 18th and 19th in Ahmedabad and Porbandar, Gujarat. The event, attended by Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, highlighted India's preparedness for disaster response. The exercise brought together various disaster relief agencies, emphasizing the importance of a whole-government approach. It also saw participation from 15 international representatives across nine friendly countries.

Foot notes:

- Challenges & Lessons in HADR: A representative from the Ministry of External Affairs discussed the challenges and lessons learned in coordinating cross-border disaster relief, with insights from Malaysia and the Maldives on best practices.
- Acknowledgments: COAS General Upendra Dwivedi thanked the Gujarat State Government, FICCI, Abhyuday Group, and all participants, particularly the Southern Army Command, for their support and excellent execution of the exercise.
- 'Poorvi Prahar' Exercise: The Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force conducted a joint nine-day exercise, 'Poorvi Prahar,' showcasing their warfighting skills in near-real combat scenarios.
- Validation of Joint Structures: The exercise validated the effectiveness of joint operations in intelligence gathering, surveillance, reconnaissance, rapid mobilization, and operational logistics.

- Military Prowess: The exercise demonstrated the Indian Armed Forces' precision strike capabilities, using advanced technology to ensure mission success.

THE SECOND INDIA-JAPAN JOINT SERVICE STAFF DIALOGUE CONCLUDED

- On November 20, 2024, the second India-Japan Joint Services Staff Dialogue (JSST) concluded in New Delhi, between the headquarters of the integrated defense staff (HQ IDS) of India and the Joint Staff of the Japan Self-Defense Force (JSDF). The dialogue emphasized the importance of cooperation in space and cyber technologies, recognizing their growing significance in modern warfare. The meeting, co-led by IDS Assistant Head Air Vice Marshal Prashant Mohan and JSDF's Major General Minamikawa Nobutaka, focused on strengthening defense ties and exploring new areas of collaboration within existing bilateral defense frameworks.

Foot notes:

- The second India-Japan Joint Services Staff Dialogue (JSST) concluded on November 20, 2024, in New Delhi, furthering defense cooperation between the two countries.
- JSST serves as a high-level platform for regular operational discussions and professional collaboration between the armed forces of India and Japan.
- The meeting focused on space and cyber technologies, recognizing their importance in modern warfare and strengthening defense ties.
- Co-chaired by Air Vice Marshal Prashant Mohan (India) and Major General Minamikawa Nobutaka (Japan), the talks explored new

avenues for cooperation within existing defense frameworks.

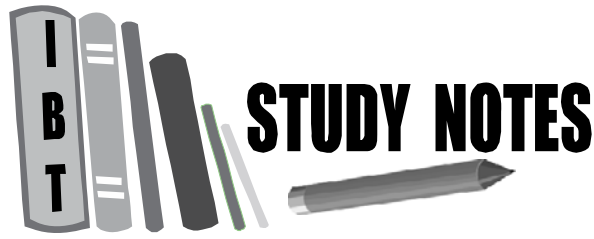
- Both countries emphasized their growing partnership in addressing security challenges and maintaining peace in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The JSST reinforced the long-term strategic partnership between India and Japan, built on mutual trust, respect, and shared values.

GENERAL DWIVEDI CONFERRED HONORARY GENERAL RANK

- General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of Army Staff (COAS) of the Indian Army, has been awarded the rank of Honorary General of the Nepal Army. The honor was conferred by President Ramchandra Paudel in a special ceremony at the President's House, Sheetal Niwas. The Indian Army described this "exchange of honorary generalship" as a unique and valued tradition between the Indian and Nepali armies, underscoring the deep historical, cultural, and military ties between the two nations. This practice highlights the mutual respect and strong friendship between India and Nepal, particularly in areas of military cooperation, defense collaboration, and shared strategic interests.

Foot notes:

- Attendees: Vice President Ramsahay Prasad Yadav, Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli, and Defence Minister Manbir Rai attended the event.
- Honors: General Upendra Dwivedi laid a wreath at the Army Pavilion, Tundikhel, to pay homage to martyrs. He was later accorded a Guard of Honour at the Nepal Army Headquarters.



Speed, Time & Distance

Introduction & Concept

Speed Distance Time is one of the most popular and important topics in the Mathematics or Quant's section of any competitive exam. The concept of Speed, Time and Distance is used extensively for questions relating to different topics such as motion in a straight line, circular motion, boats and streams, races, clocks, etc. Aspirants should try to understand the inter-relationship between the factors speed, distance and time.

Relationship between Speed, Time & Distance

1.Speed = Distance/Time - This tells us how slow or fast an object moves. It describes the distance travelled divided by the time taken to cover the distance.

2.Speed is directly proportional to Distance and inversely proportional to Time. Hence,

3.Distance = Speed X Time, and

4.Time = Distance / Speed, as the speed increases the time taken will decrease and vice versa.

Using these formulas any basic problems can be solved. However, the correct usage of units is also an important thing to consider while using formulas.

Units of Speed Time & Distance

Each Speed, Distance and Time can be expressed in different units:

Time: seconds(s), minutes (min), hours (hr)

Distance: (meters (m), kilometers (km), miles, feet

Speed: m/s, km/hr

So if Distance = km and Time = hr, then as Speed = Distance/ Time; the units of Speed will be km/ hr.

Now that the units of Speed, Time and Distance is clear, let us understand the conversions related to these.

Speed, Time & Distance Conversions

- To convert from km / hour to m / sec, we multiply by 5 / 18. So, 1 km / hour = 5 / 18 m / sec

- To convert from m / sec to km / hour, we multiply by 18 / 5. So, 1 m / sec = 18 / 5 km / hour = 3.6 km / hour
- Similarly, 1 km/hr = 5/8 miles/hour
- 1 yard = 3 feet
- 1 kilometer= 1000 meters = 0.6214 mile
- 1 mile= 1.609 kilometer
- 1 hour= 60 minutes= 60*60 seconds= 3600 seconds
- 1 mile = 1760 yards
- 1 yard = 3 feet
- 1 mile = 5280 feet
- 1 mph = (1 x 1760) / (1 x 3600) = 22/45 yards/sec
- 1 mph = (1 x 5280) / (1 x 3600) = 22/15 ft/sec
- For a certain distance, if the ratio of speeds is a : b, then the ratio of times taken to cover the distance would be b : a and vice versa.

Application of Speed, Time & Distance

Given below are a few subheads under the Speed, Time and Distance topics that tell us the basis of the variety of questions asked in the examination.

1. Average Speed

Average Speed = (Total distance traveled)/ (Total time taken)

Case 1 - When the distance is constant: Average speed = $2xy / (x + y)$; Where, x and y are the two speeds at which the same distance has been covered.

Case 2 - When the time taken is constant: Average speed = $(x + y) / 2$; Where, x and y are the two speeds at which we traveled for the same time.

Examples:

- A person travels from one place to another at 30 km/hr and returns at 120 km/hr. If the total time taken is 5 hours, then find the Distance.

Sol: Here the Distance is constant, so the Time taken will be inversely proportional to the Speed. Ratio of Speed is given as 30:120, i.e. 1:4

So the ratio of Time taken will be 4 : 1

Total Time taken = 5 hours; Time taken while going is 4 hours and returning is 1 hour.

Hence, Distance = $30 \times 4 = 120$ km

- Traveling at $3/4$ th of the original Speed a train is 10 minutes late. Find the usual Time taken by the train to complete the journey?

Sol: Let the usual Speed be S1 and usual Time be T1. As the Distance to be covered in both the cases is same, the ratio of usual Time to the Time taken when he is late will be the inverse of the usual Speed and the Speed when he is late

If the Speed is $S_2 = \frac{3}{4}S_1$ then the Time taken $T_2 = \frac{4}{3}T_1$
 Given $T_2 - T_1 = 10 \Rightarrow \frac{4}{3}T_1 - T_1 = 10 \Rightarrow T_1 = 30$ minutes.

2. Inverse Proportionality of Speed & Time

Speed is inversely proportional to Time when the Distance is constant. S is inversely proportional to $1/T$ when D is constant. If the Speeds are in the ratio $m:n$ then the Time taken will be in the ratio $n:m$.

There are two methods to solve questions:

1. Using Inverse Proportionality
2. Using Constant Product Rule

Example:

1. After traveling 50km, a train meets with an accident and travels at $(\frac{3}{4})$ th of the usual Speed and reaches 45 min late. Had the accident happened 10km further on it would have reached 35 min late. Find the usual Speed?

Sol: Using Inverse Proportionality Method

Here there are 2 cases

Case 1: accident happens at 50 km

Case 2: accident happens at 60 km

Difference between two cases is only for the 10 kms between 50 and 60. The time difference of 10 minutes is only due to these 10 kms.

In case 1, 10 kms between 50 and 60 is covered at $(\frac{3}{4})^{\wedge}$ th Speed.

In case 2, 10 kms between 50 and 60 is covered at usual Speed.

So the usual Time "t" taken to cover 10 kms, can be found out as below. $\frac{4}{3}t - t = 10 \text{ mins} \Rightarrow t = 30 \text{ mins}$, $d = 10 \text{ kms}$

So usual Speed = $10/30 \text{ min} = 10/0.5 = 20 \text{ km/hr}$

Using Constant Product Rule Method

Let the actual Time taken be T

There is a $(\frac{1}{4})$ th decrease in Speed, this will result in a $(\frac{1}{3})$ rd increase in Time taken as Speed and Time are inversely proportional

(A $1/x$ increase in one of the parameters will result in a $1/(x+1)$ decrease in the other parameter if the parameters are inversely proportional) The delay due to this decrease is 10 minutes

Thus $\frac{1}{3}T = 10$ and $T = 30$ minutes or $\frac{1}{2}$ hour

Also, Distance = 10 km.

3. Meeting Point Questions

If two people travel from two points A and B towards each other, and they meet at point P. The total Distance covered by them on the meeting will be AB. The Time

taken by both of them to meet will be the same. As the Time is constant, Distances AP and BP will be in the ratio of their Speed. Say that the Distance between A and B is d.

If two people are walking towards each other from A and B, When they meet for the first Time, they together cover a Distance "d" When they meet for the second Time, they together cover a Distance "3d" When they meet for the third Time, they together cover a Distance of "5d".....

Example:

1. Amit and Aman have to travel from Delhi to Jaipur in their respective cars. Amit is driving at 60 kmph while Aman is driving at 90 kmph. Find the Time taken by Aman to reach Jaipur if Amit takes 9 hrs.

Sol: As the Distance covered is constant in both cases, the Time taken will be inversely proportional to the Speed. In the problem, Speed of Amit and Aman is in ratio 60: 90 or 2:3.

So the ratio of the Time taken by Amit to that taken by Aman will be in the ratio 3:2. So if Amit takes 9 hrs, Aman will take 6 hrs.

QUESTIONS

1. A person crosses a 600 m long street in 5 minutes. What is his speed in km per hour?
 (A) 3.6 (B) 7.2 (C) 8.4 (D) 10
2. An aeroplane covers a certain distance at a speed of 240 kmph in 5 hours. To cover the same distance in 1 hours, it must travel at a speed of:
 (A) 300 kmph (B) 360 kmph
 (C) 600 kmph (D) 720 kmph
3. If a person walks at 14 km/hr instead of 10 km/hr, he would have walked 20 km more. The actual distance travelled by him is:
 (A) 50 km (B) 56 km (C) 70 km (D) 80 km
4. A train can travel 50% faster than a car. Both start from point A at the same time and reach point B 75 kms away from A at the same time. On the way, however, the train lost about 12.5 minutes while stopping at the stations. The speed of the car is:
 (A) 100 kmph (B) 110 kmph
 (C) 120 kmph (D) 130 kmph
5. Excluding stoppages, the speed of a bus is 54 kmph and including stoppages, it is 45 kmph. For how many minutes does the bus stop per hour?
 (A) 9 (B) 10 (C) 12 (D) 20

6. In a flight of 600 km, an aircraft was slowed down due to bad weather. Its average speed for the trip was reduced by 200 km/hr and the time of flight increased by 30 minutes. The duration of the flight is:
(A) 1 hour (B) 2 hours (C) 3 hours (D) 4 hours
7. A man completes a journey in 10 hours. He travels first half of the journey at the rate of 21 km/hr and second half at the rate of 24 km/hr. Find the total journey in km.
(A) 220 km (B) 224 km (C) 230 km (D) 234 km
8. The ratio between the speeds of two trains is 7: 8. If the second train runs 400 km in 4 hours, then the speed of the first train is:
(A) 70 km/hr (B) 75 km/hr
(C) 84 km/hr (D) 87.5 km/hr
9. A man on tour travels first 160 km at 64 km/hr and the next 160 km at 80 km/hr. The average speed for the first 320 km of the tour is:
(A) 35.55 km/hr (B) 36 km/hr
(C) 71.11 km/hr (D) 71 km/hr
10. A car travelling with $\frac{5}{7}$ of its actual speed covers 42 km in 1 hr 40 min 48 sec. Find the actual speed of the car.
(A) 17 $\frac{6}{7}$ km/hr (B) 25 km/hr
(C) 30 km/hr (D) 35 km/hr
11. In covering a distance of 30 km, Abhay takes 2 hours more than Sameer. If Abhay doubles his speed, then he would take 1 hour less than Sameer. Abhay's speed is:
(A) 5 kmph (B) 6 kmph
(C) 6.25 kmph (D) 7.5 kmph

ANSWER

1. (B) Speed = $(600/5 \times 60)$ m/sec.
= 2 m/sec.
Converting m/sec to km/hr (see important formulas section)
= $(2 \times 18/5)$ km/hr
= 7.2 km/hr.
2. (D) Distance = $(240 \times 5) = 1200$ km.
Speed = Distance/Time
Speed = $1200 / (5/3)$ km/hr. [We can write 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ hours as $\frac{5}{3}$ hours]
Required speed = $1200 \times 3/5$ km/hr = 720 km/hr.
3. (A) Let the actual distance travelled be x km.
Then, $x/10 = x + 20/14$

$$14x = 10x + 200$$

$$4x = 200$$

$$x = 50 \text{ km.}$$

4. (C) Let speed of the car be x kmph.
Then, speed of the train = $150x/100 = 3x/2$ kmph.
= $75/x - 75/(3/2)x = 125/10 \times 60$
= $75/x - 50/x = 5/24$
= $x = (25 \times 24/5) = 120$ kmph.
5. (B) Due to stoppages, it covers 9 km less.
Time taken to cover 9 km = $(9/54 \times 60)$ min = 10 min.
6. (A) Let the duration of the flight be x hours.
Then, $600/x - 600/x + (1/2) = 200$
= $600/x - 1200/2x + 1 = 200$
= $x(2x + 1) = 3$
= $2x^2 + x - 3 = 0$
= $(2x + 3)(x - 1) = 0$
= $x = 1$ hr. [Neglecting the -ve value of x]
7. (B) $(1/2)x/21 + (1/2)x/24 = 10$
 $x/21 + x/24 = 20$
= $15x = 168 \times 20$
 $x = (168 \times 20/15) = 224$ km.
8. (D) Let the speed of two trains be 7x and 8x km/hr.
Then, $8x = 400/4 = 100$
= $x = (100/8) = 12.5$
= Speed of first train = (7×12.5) km/hr = 87.5 km/hr.
9. (C) Total time taken = $(160/64 + 160/80)$ hrs. = $9/2$ hrs.
= Average speed = $(320 \times 2/9)$ km/hr = 71.11 km/hr.
10. (D) Time taken = 1 hr 40 min 48 sec = 1 hr 40 $\frac{4}{5}$ min = $1 \frac{51}{75}$ hrs = $126/75$ hrs.
Let the actual speed be x km/hr.
Then, $5x/7 \times 126/75 = 42$
= $x = (42 \times 7 \times 75/5 \times 126) = 35$ km/hr.
11. (A) Let Abhay's speed be x km/hr.
Then, $30/x - 30/2x = 3$
= $6x = 30$
= $x = 5$ km/hr.
12. (C) Let the distance travelled by x km.
Then, $x/10 - x/15 = 2$
= $3x - 2x = 60$
= $x = 60$ km.
Time taken to travel 60 km at 10 km/hr = $(60/10)$ hrs = 6 hrs.
So, Robert started 6 hours before 2 P.M. i.e., at 8 A.M.
= Required speed = $60/5$ kmph. = 12 kmph.

Reasoning Ability

BLOOD RELATION

INTRODUCTION

Any relation in the world which either by birth or by marriage is called a Blood Relation

Ex: Any relation by birth will be mother, father, son, daughter, etc. and any relation by marriage will be father-in-law, mother-in-law, etc.

Types of Questions on Blood Relation

Over the years, the standard and type of questions which are being asked from the blood relation topic have seen a slight turn. Initially, the questions used to be less complex and statement or dialogue-based, but with the increased competition, the variety of questions being asked have also changed.

Being one of the most common concepts from which questions are asked in exams, given below are the different ways in which the blood relation questions may be asked in the competitive exams, for the assistance of candidates:

- 1. Dialogue/ Conversation Based** - In such questions, one person describes his/her relation with another person (this may or may not be related to the person with whom the conversation is being made).
- 2. Based on Puzzles** - To make the questions complex, blood relation questions are also being asked in the form of a puzzle. A piece of brief information about multiple people being interrelated is given and sub-questions based on the same may be asked.
- 3. Coding-Decoding** - The relationship between two people may be denoted using symbols. This has become a common method of asking blood relation questions in competitive exams, nowadays.

There also are a few things which need to be kept in mind while solving the blood relation questions. Given below are few such important pointers:

- You cannot assume the gender of the person based on the name
- If the statement says X is the son of Y, the gender of Y cannot be determined unless mentioned in the question
- In puzzle based questions, a web of relations can be formed, so do not solve such questions in a haste
- These questions are scoring and easy to solve, so do not panic if the question seems lengthy
- In case of coding-decoding blood relation, use a pictorial description to solve the question. This will make the symbols and relation more clear

Let us now move on to solving a few sample questions to get a better understanding of the concept.

Blood Relations Topics

1. Jumbled descriptions
2. Relational puzzle
3. Coded relations
4. Miscellaneous questions

Family Tree

Family tree questions deal with the relationship between two different family members by making a family tree or family chart. The students can find a required relation by drawing a family tree using the laws. Mostly family tree questions are asked in all the exams. The solved example of such type of question is mentioned below which will be helpful for students in their preparation for exams.

Example: A and B are brothers, but C and D are sisters. A's son is D's sibling. What exactly is the connection between B and C?

Solution:

A's son is D's brother A is C's father. Father's brother is his uncle. So the answer is uncle.

Type of Relationship

Terminology in Use

Mother's or Father's son	Myself/Brother
Mother's or Father's daughter	Myself/Sister
Mother's or Father's brother	Uncle
Mother's or Father's sister	Aunt
Mother's or Father's father	Grandfather
Mother's or Father's mother	Grandmother
Son's wife	Daughter-in-law
Daughter's husband	Son-in-law
Husband's or wife's sister	Sister-in-law
Husband's or wife's brother	Brother-in-law
Brother's son	Nephew
Brother's daughter	Niece
Uncle or aunt's son or daughter	Cousin
Sister's husband	Brother-in-law
Brother's wife	Sister-in-law
Grandson's or Granddaughter's	Great-granddaughter
daughter	

Introducing or Pointing

In such types of questions, a person points to or introduces any member by conversation or visual pointing. According to the condition provided in the question, the students need to solve the question logically. We are going to discuss a type of introducing and pointing question with the solution below for a better understanding of students which is helpful in their preparation.

Example: Pointing toward a person Vineet said to a woman, "His mother is the only daughter of your father." How is the woman related to Vineet?

Sol: By making a diagram using the above-given condition we found that the woman is the mother of Vineet.

Topic 1: Decoding the jumbled descriptions

This section provides a description of the relationship between two members of the family in a jumbled manner. One has to decode the jumbled descriptions to find the exact relationship by drawing a family tree.

Topic 2: Relational puzzle

Unlike in the previous section, this section will have all the information about the family members in a simple and straightforward manner. The number of family members is more here and many times this section will have a union of two or three families.

1: Ravi is a son of Aman's father's sister. Sahil is the son of Divya who is the mother of Gaurav and grandmother of Aman. Ashok is the father of Tanya and grandfather of Ravi. Divya is the wife of Ashok.

How is Ravi related to Divya?

- A. Nephew B. Son
C. Grandson D. Data inadequate

Sol: There is no requirement for drawing a family tree to solve this question. Since Divya is the grandmother of Aman and Aman and Ravi are cousins. Ravi should be a grandson to Divya.

Topic 3: Coded relations

In this section, the relationships among the members of the family are represented by certain specific codes or symbols such as +, -, \$, *, &, #, @, ! etc. The answers are obtained by decoding the relationships hidden in the symbols. The only tedious process here is to solve all the options to arrive at the final correct answer.

Example:

1: Read the following instructions:

A + B indicates A is the brother of B;

A - B indicates A is the sister of B and

A x B indicates A is the father of B

Which of the following means that C is the son of M?

- A. M - N x C + F B. F - C + N x M
C. N + M - F x C D. M x N - C + F

Sol:

Option A: According to this option N x C indicates N is the father of c. Hence it is wrong.

Option B: According to this option C is the brother of N who is the father of M. Hence it is wrong.

Option C: According to this option F x C indicates F is the father of C. Hence it is wrong.

Option D: According to this option M is the father of N who is the sister of C hence C and N are siblings and C is the brother of F so, C is male,

Hence C is the son of M.

Topic 4: Miscellaneous questions

This section involves the combination of Blood Relations with Directions and Seating Arrangement. Students need to apply the concepts learnt in the directions and seating arrangement sections to solve the questions.

Blood Relation Reasoning Tricks

In reasoning blood relations is an important section that comes under the logical reasoning section and questions about blood relations are asked in all the exams. The questions from blood relations can be solved easily using some useful tricks. Blood relation reasoning tricks help to solve the questions easily and fastly. Blood relation reasoning tricks make the questions easy and short and save time also. Here we are going to discuss some useful tips and tricks to solve blood relation reasoning questions.

- Candidates need to consider "self" as the introducing person to answer questions asked from blood relations easily.
- In the Coded Relation type blood relation questions, candidates need to check all the options carefully including the gender, to eliminate the wrong options to mark a right answer which fits the condition of the question.
- Never predict the gender of a person based on name, or condition as it may be responsible for a wrong answer.
- Make attention to the wording, only a son or only daughter does not mean the only child.
- Candidates must try to establish the relationship between two persons first to find the relation between others easily.
- Relate the given condition to your self-relation to solve the question easily.
- Candidates should use a pictorial chart or tree to solve puzzle-based questions easily.

QUESTIONS

1. Pointing to a photograph of a boy Suresh said, "He is the son of the only son of my mother." How is Suresh related to that boy?

- (A) Brother (B) Uncle (C) Cousin (D) Father
(E) None of these

2. If A + B means A is the mother of B; A - B means A is the brother B; A % B means A is the father of B and A x B means A is the sister of B, which of the following shows that P is the maternal uncle of Q?

- (A) Q - N + M x P (B) P + S x N - Q
(C) P - M + N x Q (D) Q - S % P
(E) None of these

3. If A is the brother of B; B is the sister of C; and C is the father of D, how D is related to A?
 (A) Brother (B) Sister
 (C) Nephew (D) Cannot be determined
 (E) None of these
4. If A + B means A is the brother of B; A - B means A is the sister of B and A x B means A is the father of B. Which of the following means that C is the son of M?
 (A) M - N x C + F (B) F - C + N x M
 (C) N + M - F x C (D) M x N - C + F
 (E) None of these
5. Introducing a boy, a girl said, "He is the son of the daughter of the father of my uncle." How is the boy related to the girl?
 (A) Brother (B) Nephew
 (C) Uncle (D) Son-in-law
 (E) None of these
6. Pointing to a photograph Lata says, "He is the son of the only son of my grandfather." How is the man in the photograph related to Lata?
 (A) Brother (B) Uncle
 (C) Cousin (D) Data is inadequate
 (E) None of these
7. If A + B means A is the brother of B; A x B means A is the son of B; and A % B means B is the daughter of A then which of the following means M is the maternal uncle of N?
 (A) M + O x N (B) M % O x N + P
 (C) M + O % N (D) Data is inadequate
 (E) None of these
8. If D is the brother of B, how B is related to C? To answer this question which of the statements is/are necessary?
 1. The son of D is the grandson of C.
 2. B is the sister of D.
 (A) Only 1 (B) Only 2
 (C) Either 1 or 2 (D) 1 and 2 both are required
 (E) None of these
9. If A + B means A is the father of B; A - B means A is the brother B; A % B means A is the wife of B and A x B means A is the mother of B, which of the following shows that M is the maternal grandmother of T?
 (A) M x N % S + T (B) M x N - S % T
 (C) M x S - N % T (D) M x N x S % T
 (E) None of these

10. Pointing to a photograph. Bajpai said, "He is the son of the only daughter of the father of my brother." How Bajpai is related to the man in the photograph?
 (A) Nephew (B) Brother
 (C) Father (D) Maternal Uncle
 (E) None of these

SOLUTIONS

1. (D) The boy in the photograph is the only son of the son of Suresh's mother i.e., the son of Suresh. Hence, Suresh is the father of boy.
2. (C) P - M P is the brother of M
 M + N M is the mother of N
 N x Q N is the sister of Q
 Therefore, P is the maternal uncle of Q.
3. (D) If D is Male, the answer is Nephew.
 If D is Female, the answer is Niece.
 As the sex of D is not known, hence, the relation between D and A cannot be determined.
 Note: Niece - A daughter of one's brother or sister, or of one's brother-in-law or sister-in-law. Nephew - A son of one's brother or sister, or of one's brother-in-law or sister-in-law.
4. (D) M x N M is the father of N
 N - C N is the sister of C
 And C + F C is the brother of F.
 Hence, M is the father of C or C is the son of M.
5. (A) The father of the boy's uncle? the grandfather of the boy and daughter of the grandfather → sister of father.
6. (A) The man in the photograph is the son of the only son of Lata's grandfather i.e., the man is the son of Lata's father. Hence, the man is the brother of Lata.
7. (D) Because the sex of O is not known.
8. (D) Given: D is the brother of B.
 From statement 1, we can detect that D is son of C (son of D is the grandson of C).
 From statement 2, we can detect that B is 'Female' (sister of D).
 Therefore, B is daughter of C.
9. (A) M x N M is the mother of N
 N % S N is the wife of S
 and S + T S is the father of T.
 Hence, M is the maternal grandmother of T.
10. (D) The man in the photo is the son of the sister of Bajpai. Hence, Bajpai is the maternal uncle of the man in the photograph.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

FILLERS

Fillers are vocabulary based questions. It tests your knowledge and command over language's vocabulary. In certain questions, your knowledge regarding common idioms/phrases of English Language may also be tested.

IMPORTANT TIPS TO SOLVE FILLERS

- Be sure to have good English vocabulary.
- Be sure to have a sound knowledge of idioms/phrases.
- Try to get a rough idea of theme and tone of the sentence.
- Try to understand the context of the sentence.
- Try to anticipate the word to be filled before going to the options.
- After anticipating the answer you can go to options and choose the word that matches with the anticipated word.
- Ensure that the meaning of the sentence is intact after you choose your answer.

EXERCISE

Direction (Q. 1 - 5): In the each question given below, a statement with a single blank is given. Choose the most effective word from the given options to complete the sentence meaningfully.

1. Crestfallen by having done poorly on the CAT, Gaurav Karanwal began to question his abilities. His self-confidence was _____.
(a) appeased (b) destroyed
(c) placated (d) elevated
(e) assumed
2. Because of his _____, Rahul's guests felt very welcome and comfortable staying at his house for the weekend.
(a) animosity (b) hospitality
(c) determination (d) wittiness
(e) severity
3. Although the warring parties had settled a number of disputes, past experience made them _____ to express optimism that the talks would be a success.
(a) rash (b) ambivalent
(c) scornful (d) overjoyed
(e) reticent

4. Neha is an opprobrious and _____ speaker, equally caustic toward friend or foe—a true curmudgeon.
(a) lofty (b) vituperative
(c) stinting (d) retiring
(e) laudatory
5. Income support goes a long way in providing a security to those left out of the _____.
(a) mainstream (b) slow
(c) fast (d) growing
(e) growth

Direction(Q. 6 - 10): In each question given below, there is a statement, which consists of two blanks. You have to choose the option which provides the correct set of words that fits both the blanks appropriately and in the same order making them meaningful and grammatically correct.

6. Back in 2013 Mr. Philip seemed to _____ that change was _____.
(a) release, necessary (b) ignorance, primary
(c) hope, principal (d) fail, central
(e) grasp, needed
7. The government stopped them, _____ that senior executives were _____ off state assets, much like Russia's oligarchs.
(a) fearing, siphoning (b) estimated, paying
(c) claiming, took (d) burgeoning, paying
(e) hoped, siphoning
8. One of the keys to China's economic rise _____ has been its success in restricting the _____ of state firms.
(a) earlier, recline (b) hitherto, sprawl
(c) lately, straggle (d) squally, sprawl
(e) basically, recline
9. This cannot just be _____ on the government; a basic _____ is also at work.
(a) claimed, lethargic (b) reproached, sluggish
(c) commended, dynamic (d) exculpated, lethargic
(e) blamed, dynamic
10. One manager who recently quit a big state bank said that a campaign _____ workers to study the party constitution had been unusually _____.
(a) exhorting, intense (b) enjoying, true
(c) exhibiting, intensifying (d) cautioning, blunder
(e) admonishing, exhorting

Directions (Q. 11 - 15): In each of the questions given below, a paragraph is given which has three blanks and those blanks have to be filled with the same word out of five words given below it. You have to choose that same as your answer and fill up the blanks with that appropriate answer.

11. Can we make such a _____ disqualifying persons against whom charges of heinous crimes have been framed by courts of _____ or should we tell the Parliament that by not laying down such a _____, you are really giving criminals encouragement and hope?
(a) norms (b) authority
(c) law (d) ideas
(e) basics
12. Currently, the _____ has powers to seek call data records as part of its probes, but the committee is of the view that the _____ needs more powers to assist in its _____ responsibilities.
(a) state (b) ruler/rule
(c) dictator (d) regulator/regulatory
(e) party
13. The bilingual channel (Hindi and English) will offer scheduled programming as well as video-on-demand facility. According to the India _____ website, it will cover the "entire landscape" of _____ and technology including engineering, health and medicine, natural _____, environment and wildlife, agriculture among others. It will have documentaries, discussion, demonstrations/experiment shows and quizzes.
(a) science (b) biological
(c) physical (d) atmosphere
(e) technical
14. Till Wednesday night, revenue authorities were expecting only a limited release of _____ through a single shutter, resulting in rise in _____ level of Periyar by around only one metre. But with all four shutters being opened, there is, as yet, no clear idea about the expected rise in _____ levels in the Periyar.
(a) grants (b) funds
(c) assistance (d) support
(e) water
15. The main idea of a _____ is the point of the passage, minus all the details. It is the main point or concept that the author wants to communicate to the readers about the topic. Hence, in a _____, when the main idea is stated directly, it is expressed in what is called the topic sentence. It gives the overarching idea of what the paragraph is about and is supported by the

details in the _____.

- (a) comprehensive (b) paragraph
(c) story (d) event
(e) scenario

Direction (Q. 16 - 20): In each question given below, there are two statements. Each statement consists of a blank. You have to choose the option which provides the correct word that fits in the blanks in both the statements appropriately making them meaningful and grammatically correct.

16. **A.** The towns and seaports are to be found as a rule at or near the mouths of those rivers which are not barricaded too _____ by bars formed of mud or sand.
B. The work of reorganization was _____ carried out, and the gendarmerie school at Salonica, under British supervision, showed excellent results.
(a) revised (b) nimble
(c) analogy (d) efficiently
(e) release
- Q17. **A.** My illness and the bad weather _____ to ruin my vacation.
B. In June 2006 he was convicted of belonging to a gang that _____ to commit the crime.
(a) cease (b) conspired
(c) sanction (d) appear
(e) real
18. **A.** Some of those officers falsely accused and then absolved played a _____ role in suppressing the July plot.
B. Other small harbors on the lower Patagonian coast are not _____, owing to lack of population.
(a) prominent (b) precise
(c) think (d) domination
(e) debunk
19. **A.** The only man left was the former colonel whom my master had confined to camp for his rude and _____ behavior.
B. She'd never grown very big and was a little bow-legged, but she trotted around after him, black and _____ with short smooth ears.
(a) pendant (b) good
(c) shape (d) impudent
(e) coherent

ANSWER KEY

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|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (b) | 2. (b) | 3. (e) | 4. (b) | 5. (a) |
| 6. (e) | 7. (a) | 8. (b) | 9. (e) | 10. (a) |
| 11. (c) | 12. (d) | 13. (a) | 14. (e) | 15. (b) |
| 16. (d) | 17. (b) | 18. (a) | 19. (d) | |

BANKING AWARENESS

Structure of Banking System in India

The banking system in India is organized into various components and institutions that work together to facilitate the flow of funds, provide financial services, and promote economic growth. The structure of banking in India can be broadly classified into the following components:\

Reserve Bank of India (RBI): The Reserve Bank of India is the central banking institution in the country and acts as the apex regulatory and monetary authority. It formulates and implements monetary policies, regulates and supervises banks and financial institutions, manages foreign exchange reserves, and promotes the stability and development of the financial system.

Commercial Banks: Commercial banks are the primary players in the banking sector and provide a wide range of banking services to individuals, businesses, and other organizations. They are classified into scheduled and non-scheduled banks based on their inclusion in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. Commercial banks can further be categorized into public sector banks, private sector banks, and foreign banks.

Public Sector Banks: These are banks where the majority of the ownership is with the government. Some of the prominent public sector banks in India include State Bank of India (SBI), Punjab National Bank (PNB), Bank of Baroda (BOB), etc.

Private Sector Banks: Private sector banks are owned by private individuals, corporations, or a combination thereof. They operate on a profit-making basis and are regulated by the Reserve Bank of India. Examples of private sector banks in India include ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, etc.

Foreign Banks: Foreign banks are banks that are incorporated outside India but operate in the country through branches or subsidiaries. They are subject to regulatory guidelines and supervision by the Reserve Bank of India.

Cooperative Banks: Cooperative banks are financial institutions that are established on the cooperative principles to serve the banking needs of their members. They are further categorized into urban cooperative banks (UCBs) and rural cooperative banks (RCBs). UCBs primarily operate in urban and semi-urban areas, whereas RCBs cater to the banking requirements of rural areas.

Regional Rural Banks (RRBs): RRBs are specialized banks established with the objective of providing banking services in rural areas. They are jointly owned by the central government, the concerned state government, and the sponsor bank (usually a public sector bank).

Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs): NBFCs are financial institutions that provide banking and financial services similar to traditional banks but do not hold a banking license. They play a crucial role in meeting the diverse financial needs of individuals and businesses. NBFCs are regulated by the Reserve Bank of India and are classified into different types based on their activities, such as asset financing, infrastructure financing, microfinance, etc.

Development Financial Institutions (DFIs): DFIs are specialized institutions that provide long-term financial assistance to promote industrial and economic development. They offer term loans, project financing, and other financial services to specific sectors like agriculture, infrastructure, housing, etc. Examples of DFIs in India include the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), etc.

Payment Banks: Payment banks are a new category of banks introduced in India to promote financial inclusion and enhance digital transactions. These banks are allowed to provide limited banking services such as accepting deposits, remittance services, issuing prepaid instruments, and facilitating online payments.

It is important to note that the banking sector in India is subject to various regulations, guidelines, and supervision by the Reserve Bank of India to ensure the stability, integrity, and transparency of the financial system and to protect the interests of depositors and customers.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

- Which organization is responsible for regulating and supervising the banking sector in India?
 - Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
 - Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
 - Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
 - National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

Sol. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

- Which type of bank primarily provides financial services to rural areas and agricultural sectors?
 - Small Finance Banks
 - Regional Rural Banks
 - Payments Banks
 - Cooperative Banks

Sol. Regional Rural Banks

3. Which type of bank in India is owned and controlled by the government?
- a) Private Sector Banks b) Foreign Banks
c) Public Sector Banks d) Regional Rural Banks

Sol. Public Sector Banks

4. Which institution provides deposit insurance to depositors of Indian banks?
- a) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
b) Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)
c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Sol. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)

5. Which category of banks are allowed to accept deposits and provide loans, as well as offer a wide range of financial services?
- a) Small Finance Banks b) Cooperative Banks
c) Commercial Banks d) Payments Banks

Sol. Commercial Banks

6. Which organization is responsible for overseeing the functioning of regional rural banks in India?
- a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
d) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

Sol. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

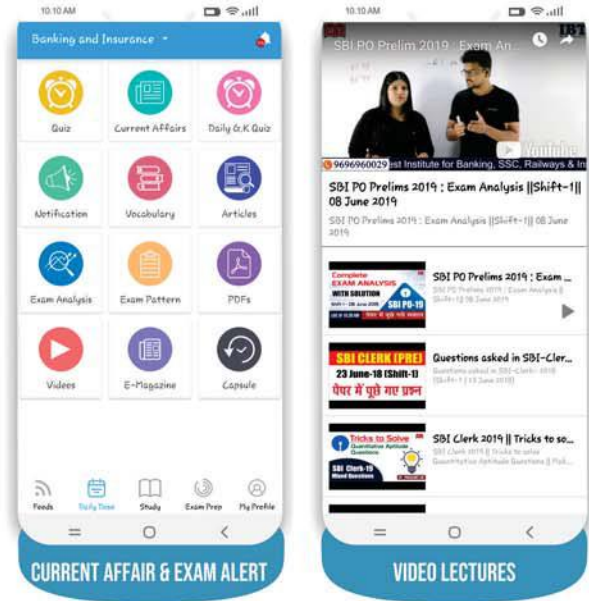
7. Which type of bank primarily focuses on providing banking services to small borrowers and micro-enterprises?
- a) Cooperative Banks b) Small Finance Banks
c) Payments Banks d) Public Sector Banks

Sol. Small Finance Banks

8. Which institution regulates and supervises the insurance sector in India?
- a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
c) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
d) Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)

Sol. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)

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Quantitative Aptitude

- The speeds of the Shan and Rohan are 50 km/h and 30 km/h respectively. Initially Shan is at a place N and Rohan is at a place M. The distance between M and N is 710 km. Shan started his journey 3 hours earlier than Rohan to meet each other. If they meet each other at a place R somewhere between M and N, then the distance between R and N is
(A) 210 km (B) 500 km (C) 430 km (D) 620 km
(E) None of these
- The distance between two places A and B is 370 km. the 1st car departs from place A to B, at a speed of 80 kmph at 10 am and 2nd car departs from place B to A at a speed of 50 kmph at 1 pm. At what time both cars meet each other?
(A) 2: 30 pm (B) 2: 00 pm (C) 2: 10 pm (D) 2: 20 pm
(E) None of these
- A man takes 5 hours 45 minutes to walk to a certain place and ride back. He would have saved 2 hours had he ridden both ways. The time he would take to walk both ways is
(A) 3 hours 45 minutes (B) 7 hours 30 minutes
(C) 7 hours 45 minutes (D) 11 hours 45 minutes
(E) None of these
- A and B start at the same time with speeds of 40 km/hr and 50 km/hr respectively. If in covering the journey A takes 15 minutes longer than B, the total distance of the journey is
(A) 46 km (B) 48 km (C) 50 km (D) 52 km
(E) None of these
- A motor starts with the speed of 70 kmph with its speed increasing every two hours by 10 kmph. In how many hours will it cover 345 kms?
(A) 2 1/4 hours (B) 4 1/2 hours
(C) 4 hours 5 minutes (D) Can't be determined
(E) None of these
- I walk a certain distance and ride back taking a total time of 37 minutes. I could walk both ways in 55 minutes. How long would it take me to ride both ways?
(A) 5 min. (B) 10 min. (C) 13 min. (D) 19 min.
(E) None of these
- Walking 6/7th of his usual speed a man gets late by 12 mins. The usual time taken by him to cover that distance is:
(A) 1 hour (B) 1 hour 12 minutes
(C) 1 hour 15 minutes (D) 1 hour 20 minutes
(E) None of these
- How many minutes does Mayank's take to cover a distance of 400 m, if he runs at speed of 20 km/hr?
(A) 1 1/5 min (B) 1 2/5 min
(C) 2 2/5 min (D) 2 3/5 min
(E) None of these
- A cyclist covers a distance of 750 m in 2 min 30 sec. what is the speed in km /hr of the cyclist?
(A) 12 km/hr (B) 15 km/hr
(C) 18 km / hr (D) 20 km / hr
(E) None of these
- A Jackal takes 4 leaps for every 5 leaps of goat but 3 leaps of a Jackal are equal to 4 leaps of the goat. Compare their speeds
(A) 12: 10 (B) 7: 5 (C) 1: 4 (D) 16: 15
(E) None of these
- A and B are two stations 1200 km apart. Train X starts from station A towards station B at 60 kmph 2 hours before train Y starts from station B towards station A. If they meet at a point 360 km from station B, What is the speed of Train Y?
(A) 45 kmph (B) 90 kmph (C) 60 kmph (D) 30 kmph
(E) None of these
- A car travels the first one-third of a certain distance with a speed of 20 km/hr, the next one-third distance with a speed of 30 km/hr and the last one-third distance with a speed of 60 km/hr. The average speed of the car for the whole journey is
(A) 20 (B) 40 (C) 30 (D) 25
(E) None of these

SOLUTIONS

- (B) Distance covered by Shan in 3 hours = $3 \times 50 = 150$ km
 \therefore Remaining distance = $710 - 150 = 560$ km
 Relative speed = $50 + 30 = 80$ kmph
 \therefore They meet after = $560/80 = 7$ hours
 Now, Shan covers the total distance in $(7 + 3) = 10$ hours

\therefore Distance covered by Shan in 10 hours = $50 \times 10 = 500$ km

\therefore Distance between R and N = 500 km.

Hence, option B is correct.

2. (B) Total distance = 370 km

Now, the distance covered by first car in (10 am to 1 pm) = 3 hours = $80 \times 3 = 240$ km

Remaining distance = $370 - 240 = 130$ km

= Relative speed = $80 + 50 = 130$ kmph

Now, they cover 130 km in $(130/130) = 1/1$ hours = 60 mins

So, they meet 60 mins after 1 pm. So, reqd. answer = 2:00 pm.

Hence, option B is correct.

3. (C) 1 Bike + 1 Walk = 5 hrs 45 mins

2 Bike = 3 hrs 45 mins

Hence 1 way Bike journey takes 1 hrs 52.5 mins

So, 1 way walk should take (5 hr 45 mins) - (1 hr 52.5 mins) = 3 hr 52.5 mins

2-way walk would take: $3 \text{ hr } 52.5 \text{ mins} \times 2 = 7 \text{ hr } 45 \text{ mins}$

Hence, option C is correct.

4. (C) Let x be the total distance of the journey.

Time taken by A - Time taken by B

= 15 minutes = $1/4$ hours

$x/40 - x/50 = 1/4$

$\Rightarrow x/200 = 1/4$

$\therefore x = 50$ km.

Hence, option C is correct.

5. (B) Distance covered in first two hours = $70 \times 2 = 140$ km

Distance covered in next two hours = $80 \times 2 = 160$ km

Distance covered in first four hours = $140 + 160 = 300$ km

Remaining distance = $345 - 300 = 45$ km

Now, this distance will be covered at the rate of 90 km/hr.

\therefore Time taken = $45/90 = 1/2$ hour

Total time = $4 + 1/2 = 4 \frac{1}{2}$ hours

Hence, option B is correct.

6. (D) Let the distance be x, then,

(Time taken to walk x km) + (Time taken to ride x km) = 37 min.

\therefore (Time taken to walk 2x km) + (Time taken to ride 2x km) = 74 min.

But, time taken to walk 2x km = 55 min.

So, Time to ride 2x km = $(74 - 55)$ min = 19 min.

Hence, option D is correct.

7. (B) New Speed = $6/7$ of the usual speed

\therefore New time taken

= $7/6$ of the usual time

So, $(7/6 \text{ of the usual time}) - (\text{usual time}) = 12$ mins

? $1/6$ of the usual time = 12 min

? Usual time = 72 mins = 1 hr 12 mins.

Hence, option B is correct.

8. (A) Mayank's speed = 20 km /hr

= $(20 \times 5/18)$ m/sec = $50/9$ m/sec.

So, time taken to cover 400 m

= $(400 \times 9/50)$ sec $\Rightarrow 72$ sec $\Rightarrow 1 \frac{12}{60}$ min $\Rightarrow 1 \frac{1}{5}$ min.

Hence, option A is correct.

9. (C) By applying a formula,

Speed = Distance/Time .

Then,

Speed = $[750/150]$ m/sec = 5 m/sec

= $[5 \times 18/5]$ km/hr $\Rightarrow 18$ km / hr.

Hence, option C is correct.

10. (D) Let the distance covered in 1 leap of the jackal be x and that covered in 1 leap of the goat be y.

Then, $3x = 4y \Rightarrow x = 4/3y \Rightarrow 4x = 16/3y$.

So, Ratio speed of jackal and goat = Ratio of distances covered by them in the same time,

$\Rightarrow 4x : 5y = 16/3y : 5y \Rightarrow 16/3 : 5 = 16 : 15$.

Hence, option D is correct.

11. (D) The distance covered by X in 2 hours is $2 \times 60 = 120$ km

The distance remaining is 1080 km

This distance travelled before meeting is directly proportional to their speed

They meet 360 km from B. Hence, train Y must've travelled 360 km

X has travelled 720 km and Y has travelled only 360 km in the same time

This means that speed of X is twice of Y

Since speed of X is 60 kmph therefore speed of Y is 30 kmph

Hence, option D is correct.

12. (C) Let the total distance covered = LCM of (20, 30, 60) = 60.

As per the question,

Distance covered by the car with each speed = $1/3 \times 60 = 20$ km

$\Rightarrow 20/20 + 20/30 + 20/60 = 60/\text{avg. speed}$

$\Rightarrow 6/3 = 60/\text{avg. speed}$

$\Rightarrow \text{average speed} = 30$ km/hr.

Hence, option C is correct.

Reasoning Ability

Directions (1-5): Read the following information carefully and answer the questions given beside.

In a family of 7 persons, there are only 3 females and three married couples. Each child has both the parents alive. The family members - A, B, C, D, E, F and G spent certain amounts in a month.

B is the only son of G, who spent the third highest amount. A is not a female and spent an amount just lower than D's husband. C is the father of two children of different genders one of them is D. E's mother-in-law was the third highest spender. F is the aunt of A and spent the highest amount. The spending of E were just lower than A's uncle, who spent the fourth highest amount. C spent Rs. 4500, which is the second highest amount to be spent.

- How is the second highest spender related to the second lowest spender?
(A) Father (B) Maternal grandfather
(C) Paternal Uncle (D) Can't be determined
(E) None of these
- What could be the possible amount of expenditure done by F?
(A) Rs. 3200 (B) Rs. 4050
(C) Rs. 4550 (D) Rs. 4200
(E) Rs. 3000
- If G's son spent Rs. 2450, then what could be the possible amount spent by G?
(A) Rs. 1450 (B) Rs. 3250
(C) Rs. 2240 (D) Rs. 1900
(E) Rs. 2100
- Four of the following five are alike in a certain way and thus form a group. Which of the following does not belong to the group?
(A) E (B) B (C) C (D) A
(E) G
- How is the lowest spender related to the highest spender?
(A) Sister-in-law (B) Wife
(C) Daughter (D) Daughter-in-law
(E) None of these

Directions (6-10): Read the given information carefully and answer the questions given beside:

In a family of some persons Bhanu says that Rani is the daughter of my sister Banti, who is the only daughter of Tamanna. Rahul is the child of Tamanna and Rohan, who is

the grandmother of Harish. Krishna is the mother of Mohan, who is the only sister of Harish. Rahul is unmarried.

- How is Rahul related to Harish?
(A) Maternal Uncle (B) Maternal Aunt
(C) Paternal Uncle (D) Paternal Aunt
(E) Cannot be determined
- How is Harish related to Tamanna?
(A) Daughter-in-law (B) Grand Daughter
(C) Grand Son (D) Either option B or C
(E) None of these
- If Sanjay is spouse of Banti, how is Krishna related to Sanjay?
(A) Sister (B) Brother-in-law
(C) Wife of Brother-in-law (D) Cousin
(E) None of these
- Which of the following statements is possibly false?
(A) Banti is a sister of Rahul.
(B) Tamanna is maternal grandfather of Rani.
(C) Harish is a nephew of Rahul.
(D) Rohan is mother-in-law of Krishna.
(E) All are possibly false.
- What will Ashwani, son of Tamanna's brother Daman, call Bhanu?
(A) Brother (B) Sister
(C) Uncle (D) Nephew
(E) None of these

Directions (11-15): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given beside.

In a certain coded language:

'X + Y' means 'Y is the brother of X'.

'X ? Y' means 'X is the daughter of Y'.

'X ! Y' means 'Y is the sister of X'.

'X / Y' means 'X is the son of Y'.

'X\$Y' means 'X is the father of Y'.

'X & Y' means 'X is the mother of Y'.

- Which of the following can be derived from the given expression - "B\$A!R?E&Y+D"?
(A) A?B (B) Y!R (C) A/E (D) D+R
(E) All of these
- How is J related to M in the following expression - "M/T\$W?Q!J"?
(A) Niece (B) Paternal Aunt
(C) Maternal Aunt (D) Mother
(E) Can't be determined

7. (D) Harish's gender is not known and therefore Harish could be either the granddaughter or grandson of Tamanna.
8. (C) Krishna is the wife of Bhanu who is brother in law of Sanjay.
9. (C) If we can observe the statement given, except statement given in option C, all are definitely true. Only the statement 'Harish is a nephew of Rahul' is possibly false since we are not aware of Harish's gender.
10. (E) Son of Tamanna's brother will be cousin of Bhanu, Rahul and Banti.
Therefore, Ashwani will call Bhanu his 'cousin'.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

English Language

Direction (Q. 1 - 6): Below a word is given followed by three sentences which consist of that word. Identify the sentence/s which best expresses the meaning of the word. Choose Option 5 (None of these) if the word is not suitable in any of the sentences.

1. EXPIATE

A. Amy's **expiate** nature could not be repressed; she was always bubbling over with excitement.

B. At every moment for the rest of eternity, there will be sins that have not been **expiated**, and wrongs that have not been vindicated.

C. She was known to be an **expiate** liar; we all knew better than to believe a word she said.

- (a) Only C (b) Only B
(c) Both B and C (d) Only A
(e) None of these

2. AROMATIC

A. According to a new study, words like '**aromatic**' and 'crispy' are among those most likely to entice diners and get us salivating.

B. The singer surprised fans with another side of the emotional single by dropping an unplugged **aromatic** version of the track.

C. The Zirakpur police have arrested two persons, who used to trick **aromatic** people by giving them fake currency twice the number of original currency notes

- (a) Only B (b) Only A
(c) Both A and C (d) Only C
(e) None of these

3. SUMPTUOUS

A. Physicists propose a **sumptuous** new explanation for Galaxies' strange symmetry which has droned the attention of the scientific world.

B. The high street is full of vivid hues from sapphire to citrine, in **sumptuous**, silky fabrics that will add glamour to your outfit.

C. My son prepared a **sumptuous** dinner for us that included avocado salad, chicken skewers, mushroom risotto and cheesecake.

- (a) Both A and B (b) Both B and C
(c) Both A and C (d) Only C
(e) None of these

4. AGILE

A. Being **agile** throughout has its own demerits; Rohan suffered them.

B. The mountaineer described Mt. Everest as **agile** and serene.

C. The position of a secretary requires the ability to be **agile** as well as stable.

- (a) Only A (b) Only B (c) Only C (d) Both A and C
(e) None of the above

5. LEVITATE

A. Magic could teach you to **levitate** an object in thin air for twenty seconds.

B. Even today **levitate** is believed to be associated with the state of demonic possession.

C. It was unkind to **levitate** her achievements after knowing the struggle she had gone through.

- (a) Only A (b) Only C
(c) Both A and B (d) Both B and C
(e) None of these

6. BOISTEROUS

A. It was a quarrel among a crowd of young and **boisterous** students.

B. The fans in the stadium became particularly **boisterous** about the home run.

C. Mumbai is a city where **boisterous** street parties are legendary.

- (a) Both A and B (b) Both B and C
(c) Both A and C (d) All of these
(e) None of these

Direction (Q. 7 - 10): Below is given a single word with options to its opposite meaning in different contexts. You have to select all those options which are antonyms of the word when the context is changed. Select the correct alternative from (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) which represents all those antonyms.

7. CULPABLE

1) Guilty 2) Innocent 3) Contrite 4) Rueful

- (a) Only 2 (b) Both 1 and 2
(c) All 1, 2 and 3 (d) Only 4
(e) Only 3

8. ERRATIC

1) Predictable 2) Pert 3) Consistent 4) Vex

- (a) Both 1 and 2 (b) Only 4
(c) Only 2 (d) Both 1 and 3
(e) Only 3

9. ENMITY

- 1) Chagrin 2) Tawdry 3) Goodwill 4) Goodness
 (a) Only 3 (b) Both 3 and 4
 (c) Only 1 (d) Only 2
 (e) Both 2 and 4

10. SHABBY

- 1) New 2) Stout 3) Tricky 4) Decent
 (a) All of 1, 2, 3, and 4 (b) Both 1 and 4
 (c) Both 2 and 3 (d) Only 2
 (e) Only 3

Direction (Q. 11 - 14): Below is given a single word with options to its meaning in different contexts. You have to select all those options which are synonyms of the word when the context is changed. Select the correct alternative from (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) which represents all those synonyms.

11. PRODIGIOUS

- 1) minute 2) huge 3) delicious 4) enormous
 (a) 1 and 2 (b) Only 3 (c) Only 1 (d) 2 and 4
 (e) All of these

12. CULMINATE

- 1) Climax 2) Crescendo 3) Nadir 4) Initiate
 (a) Only 1 (b) Both 1 and 2
 (c) 2, 3, and 4 (d) 1, 3, and 4
 (e) All 1, 2, 3, and 4

13. REFUTE

- 1) Send back 2) Reply
 3) Prove incorrect 4) Deny
 (a) Both 1 and 4 (b) Only 3
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Both 2 and 4
 (e) Both 3 and 4

14. FRIVOLOUS

- 1) Strong 2) Silly 3) Tricky 4) Brief
 (a) Both 2 and 3 (b) Only 4
 (c) Both 1 and 4 (d) Only 2
 (e) Both 1 and 3

Direction (Q. 15 & 16): Identify the opposite pair/pairs from the following set of pairs.

- 15.** 1) Inimitable- Idiosyncratic
 2) Derision- Mockery
 3) Accolade – Approbation
 4) Boorish – Uncouth
 5) Ulterior- Overt
 (a) 1 and 3 (b) 3 and 5 (c) Only 3 (d) Only 5
 (e) None of the above.

- 16.** 1) Crass: Canny
 2) Insularity: Myopia
 3) Precursory: Antecedent
 4) Snub: Affront
 5) Fidelity: Perfidy
 (a) 1 and 5 (b) 2 and 4 (c) 2 and 3 (d) 3 and 5
 (e) 1 and 4

Direction (Q. 17 - 20): In the following question, a sentence is given with certain words in bold. Choose the pair/s of such words which need to be interchanged so as to make the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful.

Q17. Though (A) **dusty** amid the (B) **unromantic** surroundings of a dingy, (C) **composed**, and neglected back room, the speech has become a (D) **memorable** document.

- (a) A-C, B-D (b) A-B
 (c) A-D, B-C (d) B-D
 (e) A-C

18. Last year, the industry's main trade (A) **convention**, the Inside Self-Storage World Expo, (B) **auction** workshops in Las Vegas (C) **focusing** on lien laws and (D) **organized** sales.

- (a) A-C, B-D (b) B-C
 (c) A-B (d) B-D
 (e) A-D, B-C

19. In one of nature's (A) **crueler** ironies, the metabolic changes that take (B) **restoring** in cells after about three hours without oxygen or glucose mean that (C) **place** blood flow becomes (D) **damaging** in itself.

- (a) A-D (b) B-C
 (c) A-B (d) C-D
 (e) A-D, B-C

20. It has **facilities** (A) a **success** (B) measure of **considerable** (C) in establishing **achieved** (D) that serve its naval and commercial interests.

- (a) A-D (b) A-D, B-C
 (c) B-D (d) A-C, B-D
 (e) The sentence is correct

ANSWER KEY

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|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (b) | 2. (b) | 3. (b) | 4. (d) | 5. (a) |
| 6. (d) | 7. (a) | 8. (d) | 9. (b) | 10. (b) |
| 11. (d) | 12. (b) | 13. (e) | 14. (d) | 15. (d) |
| 16. (a) | 17. (e) | 18. (d) | 19. (b) | 20. (b) |

BANKING AWARENESS

1. Scheduled Banks are included in the _____ schedule of the RBI Act, 1934.
 - (A) First Schedule
 - (B) Second Schedule
 - (C) Third Schedule
 - (D) Fourth Schedule
 - (E) All the above
2. In 1975, which committee proposed Regional Rural Banks as a new type of regionally focused rural bank that would combine the local feel and knowledge of cooperatives with the professionalism and large resource base of commercial banks?
 - (A) Narasimhan
 - (B) Sivaraman
 - (C) Gadgil
 - (D) H R Khan
 - (E) Vijay Kelkar
3. What is the minimum paid-up capital a bank must have to be eligible for inclusion in the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934's Second Schedule to attain Scheduled Banks' status?
 - (A) Rs. 2 lakhs
 - (B) Rs. 5 lakhs
 - (C) Rs. 10 lakhs
 - (D) Rs. 20 lakhs
 - (E) Rs. 50 lakhs
4. Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) are Indian government-owned scheduled commercial banks that operate at the regional level in several states. What are the share of the Central, state government, and sponsor banks in the Regional Rural Banks?
 - (A) 50:15:35
 - (B) 50:35:15
 - (C) 35:50:15
 - (D) 50:10:40
 - (E) 50:40:10
5. What is the authorized capital of Regional Rural Banks?
 - (A) Rs. 20 lakhs
 - (B) Rs. 50 lakhs
 - (C) Rs. 1 crore
 - (D) Rs. 5 crores
 - (E) Rs. 100 crores
6. Which bank is the sponsor bank of India's first Regional Rural Bank Prathama Grama Bank in Uttar Pradesh?
 - (A) Indian Bank
 - (B) Canara Bank
 - (C) Syndicate Bank
 - (D) State Bank of India
 - (E) Indian Overseas Bank
7. When was the Cooperative Credit Societies Act of 1904 amended to allow non-credit societies to be formed under the Mc Lagan Committee to assess their performance?
 - (A) 1905
 - (B) 1909
 - (C) 1912
 - (D) 1925
 - (E) 1936
8. Anyonya Co-operative Bank Limited (ACBL) is the first cooperative bank in India. Where was it located?
 - (A) Gujarat
 - (B) Uttar Pradesh
 - (C) Maharashtra
 - (D) Bihar
 - (E) Madhya Pradesh
9. The Local Area Bank Scheme was introduced in August 1996. What is the minimum Paid-up capital required for setting up Local Area Banks?
 - (A) Rs. 1 crore
 - (B) Rs. 2 crores
 - (C) Rs. 5 crores
 - (D) Rs. 10 crores
 - (E) Rs. 200 crores
10. _____ are the branches in India of the joint stock banks incorporated abroad.
 - (A) Regional Rural Banks
 - (B) Public Sector Banks
 - (C) Private Banks
 - (D) Foreign Banks
 - (E) Local Area Banks
11. Which of the following bank is not an example of a Private Sector Bank?
 - (A) ICICI Bank
 - (B) City Union Bank
 - (C) Central Bank of India
 - (D) HDFC Bank
 - (E) Federal Bank
12. Which of the following are the development Banks operating in India?
 - (A) Industrial Finance Corporation of India
 - (B) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
 - (C) Export-Import Banks of India
 - (D) Both (a) and (b)
 - (E) All (a), (b) and (c)
13. Which of the following is the function of Banks in India?
 - i) Acceptance of deposits from the public
 - ii) Issue of drafts
 - iii) Lending Money to people in the form of Loan
 - iv) Transfer of Funds
 - (A) Both (i) and (ii)
 - (B) Both (i) and (iv)
 - (C) All (i), (ii) and (iv)
 - (D) All (ii), (iii) and (iv)
 - (E) All (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)
14. Which organization is the sole regulator for the banking sector in India that has broad regulatory authority over the financial sector?
 - (A) Reserve Bank of India
 - (B) Ministry of Finance
 - (C) Small Industries Development Bank of India
 - (D) Securities and Exchange Board of India
 - (E) Government of India

15. Which committee has been tasked with reviewing the progress of the implementation of banking reforms since 1992 to further strengthen Indian financial institutions?
- (A) H R Khan committee
(B) Narasimhan-II committee
(C) Kelkar Committee
(D) Sivaraman Committee
(E) Gadgil Committee
16. Which of the following is not one among the assets of the Bank?
- (A) Loans and Advances (B) Securities
(C) Deposits (D) Reserves
(E) Call and Notice Money
17. _____ is a measure of the cash and other assets banks have available to quickly pay bills and meet short-term business and financial obligations.
- (A) Liquidity (B) Fidelity
(C) Annuity (D) Bancassurance
(E) Mutual Funds
18. How many Regional Rural Banks are operating in India at present (2023)?
- (A) 40 (B) 43 (C) 56 (D) 59
(E) 61
19. Uttar Pradesh has the highest number of Regional Rural Banks operating in India. Which of the following states have no Regional Rural Banks in India?
- (A) Sikkim (B) Gujarat
(C) Goa (D) Both (a) and (b)
(E) Both (a) and (c)
20. Which of the following services are not offered by the Banks?
- (A) Funds remittance (B) Plastic Card
(C) Chit Funds (D) Locker Facility
(E) Collecting and paying the credit instruments.
21. _____ is a coverage for the policyholder's own property or person.
- (a) First Party Coverage (b) Second Party Coverage
(c) Third Party Coverage (d) None of the Above
(e) All of the above
22. Which of the following insurance is mainly used for leased cars?
- (a) Double Insurance (b) Commercial Insurance
(c) Industrial Insurance (d) Gap Insurance
(e) None of the Above

23. An organization such as a bank or insurance company that buys and sells large quantities of securities is called _____
- (a) Major Investor (b) Minor Investor
(c) Institutional Investor (d) Giant
(e) None of the Above
24. A deductible is usually mentioned in
- (a) Rupee (b) Dollar
(c) Euro (d) Any currency
(e) None of these
25. The Coinsurance is specified by
- (a) All of the below (b) Equity
(c) Ratio (d) Percentage
(e) None of these
26. Mortality Charge is the amount charged _____ by the insurer
- (a) Every month (b) Every year
(c) Every day (d) Every 6 months
(e) None of these
27. What is TPA ?
- (a) Third Party Administrators
(b) Third Power Administrators
(c) The Party Accelerators
(d) The Power Administrators
(e) None of these
28. The process by which the central bank of a country controls the supply of money in the economy by exercising its control over interest rates in order to maintain price stability and achieve high economic growth is known as?
- (a) Economic Policy (b) Monetary Policy
(c) Fiscal Policy (d) Credit Policy
(e) Budgetary Policy

ANSWER KEY

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|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (B) | 2. (A) | 3. (B) | 4. (A) | 5. (D) |
| 6. (C) | 7. (C) | 8. (A) | 9. (C) | 10. (D) |
| 11. (C) | 12. (E) | 13. (E) | 14. (A) | 15. (B) |
| 16. (C) | 17. (A) | 18. (C) | 19. (E) | 20. (C) |
| 21. (a) | 22. (d) | 23. (c) | 24. (b) | 25. (d) |
| 26. (D) | 27. (A) | 28. (B) | | |

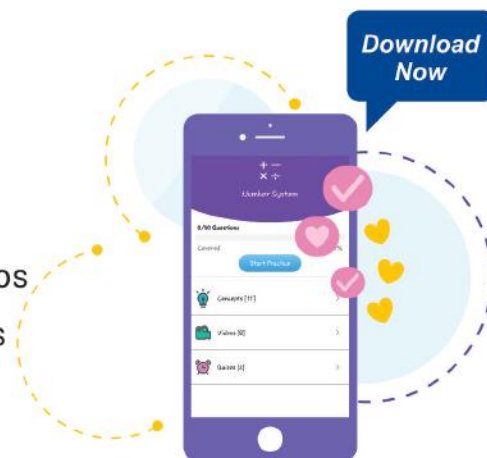
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