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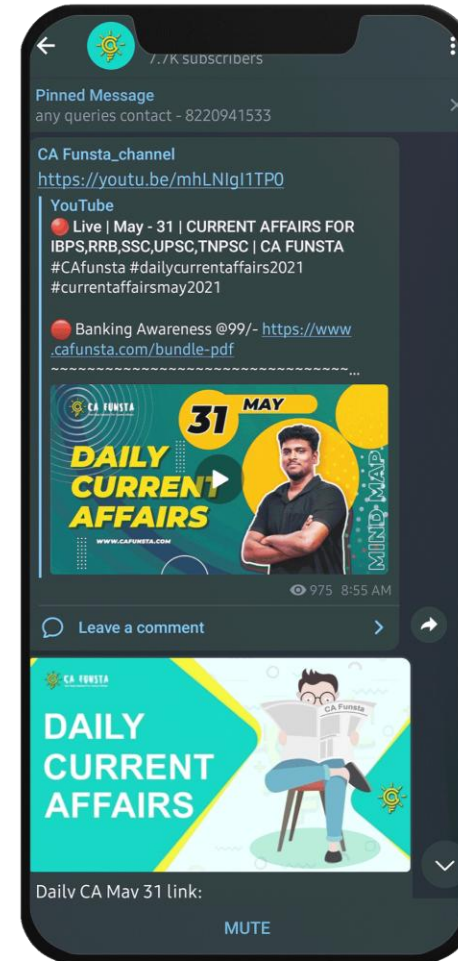
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SPORTS



➤ Which team bagged first position at 3rd Khelo India Winter Games?

- A) Jammu and Kashmir
- B) Assam
- C) Haryana
- D) Punjab
- E) None of these

Answer

A) Jammu and Kashmir



Explanation

- Hosts **Jammu and Kashmir** have maintained their **supremacy in winter sports by bagging the first position with a tally of 26 gold medals at the third Khelo India Winter Games at Gulmarg.**
- Besides 26 golds, Jammu and Kashmir bagged 25 silver and 25 bronze medals in the five-day event, which concluded.
- Maharashtra bagged the second position with 14 gold, eight silver and six bronze medals followed by Himachal Pradesh in third place with 10 golds.
- Army also had 10 golds but were pushed to the fourth place as they secured 10 silver medals as against 14 won by Himachal Pradesh.



Titbits

Jammu and Kashmir

- Capital: **Srinagar, Jammu**
- Lieutenant Governor: **Manoj Sinha**
- Language: **Kashmiri, Dogri, Urdu, Hindi, English**
- National Park: **Dachigam National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary: **Gulmarg Wildlife Sanctuary.**
- Ramsar Site: **Hokera Wetland, Surinsar-Mansar Lakes, Wular Lake**
- Power Station: **Baglihar Stage- I Hydroelectric Project**
- Dams: **Baglihar Dam (River: Chenab)**
- RRB: **Ellaquai Dehati Bank (SBI), J&K Grameen Bank (J&K Bank)**



SPORTS



➤ Indian men's cricket team tops in which format for the first time?

- A) ODI
- B) T20
- C) Test
- D) All of these
- E) None of these



Answer

D) All of these



Explanation

- **India have become the No.1-ranked team in all formats** after they displaced Australia to take the top spot in the ICC Test rankings.
- This is **the first time India have achieved top ranking in all three formats at the same time.**
- India is already the top-ranked team in T20Is and ODIs. India achieved this feat after beating Australia by an innings and 132 runs in the first Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Nagpur.



➤ Which Payments Bank became first to launch UPI LITE feature?

- A) Paytm Payments Bank
- B) Airtel Payments Bank
- C) FINO Payments Bank
- D) India Post Payments Bank
- E) None of these

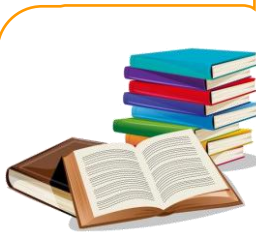


paytm payments
bank



Answer

A) Paytm Payments Bank



Explanation

- **Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) is now live with its UPI LITE**, a feature enabled by National Payments Corporation of India for multiple small-value UPI transactions.
- The UPI LITE feature enables faster real-time transactions with a single click through Paytm as the bank **aims to drive the adoption of digital payments across the country**.
- **Designed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), UPI LITE was launched by the Reserve Bank of India in September 2022.**
- It also de-clutters the bank passbook of small value transactions, as these payments would now only show in the Paytm balance and history section, and not in the bank passbook.



BANKING AND FINANCE



➤ RBI announced which edition of global hackathon?

- A) 1st
- B) 2nd
- C) 3rd
- D) 4th
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 2nd



Explanation

- The Reserve Bank announced its second global hackathon -- '**HARBINGER 2023 - Innovation for Transformation**' with the theme 'Inclusive Digital Services'.
- Fintechs have been invited to develop solutions that have the **potential to make digital financial services accessible to the differently-abled, facilitate efficient compliance, extend the reach of Central Bank Digital Currencies and enhance the scalability of blockchains.**



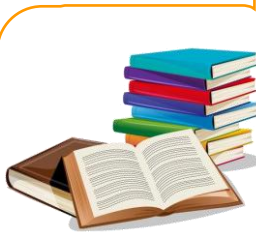
Titbits

Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

- Founded: **01/04/1935**
- **RBI Act, 1934**
- HQ: **Mumbai**
- Chairman: **Shaktikanta Das**
- 1926 - **Hilton Young Commission**
- 1937 – **Calcutta to Mumbai**
- 1949 – **Nationalisation**



भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक
RESERVE BANK OF INDIA



➤ Who India's largest registrar and transfer agent of mutual funds?

- A) CAMSPay
- B) Google Pay
- C) PhonePe
- D) PayTm
- E) None of these



CAMSPay™

Answer

A) CAMSPay



Explanation

- **CAMSPay, a payment solutions platform focussed on BFSI sector**, announced it has received in-principle approval from RBI to operate as a payment aggregator.
- CAMSPay is part of Chennai-based Computer Age Management Services (CAMS), **India's largest registrar and transfer agent of mutual funds**.
- CAMSPay partners with over 50 financial institutions including mutual fund investors, insurance policyholders and loan borrowers enabling them **to move from paper-based mandate process to digital payment solutions**.



➤ **NSDC Partnered with whom for Boosting Entrepreneurial Skills?**

- A) HDFC Life
- B) Sun life insurance
- C) Bajaj life insurance
- D) All of these
- E) None of these



Answer

A) HDFC Life



Explanation

- **To support self-employment and augment entrepreneurial opportunities, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC),** working under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has entered into a partnership with HDFC Life, one of India's leading life insurers, under the Skill India Mission.
- As part of this collaboration, **NSDC will support HDFC Life in inducting trained life insurance advisors and strengthening the last mile reach.**
- The partnership will provide training to candidates undergoing the IC38 examination conducted by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and drive skill enhancement.
- Further, by imparting soft skills, this **collaboration will facilitate opportunities for the youth to explore self-employment prospects for sustainable livelihood.**



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



➤ Air India signed agreement to acquire how many aircraft from Airbus of France?

- A) 150
- B) 250
- C) 350
- D) 450
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 250



ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS



Explanation

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed confidence that **India will emerge as the third-largest global market in the aviation sector in the coming years.**
- He said, **new opportunities are emerging in the aerospace manufacturing sector under the vision of Make in India and Make for the world.**
- He said, **India can become a Maintenance, Repair, Overhaul (MRO) hub for the aviation sector.**
- Air India signed agreement to **acquire 250 aircraft from Airbus of France.**



➤ Who will provide MRO support for Predator drone engines in India?

- A) Garuda Aerospace
- B) HAL
- C) DRDO
- D) All the above
- E) None of these



Answer
B) HAL



Explanation

- Defence and aerospace firm Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) and General Atomics Aeronautical Systems (GA-ASI) have exchanged an expression of interest to provide MRO support for Predator drones in India.
- It will help in maintaining MQ-98 Guardian High Altitude Long Endurance (HALE) Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) drones manufactured by GA-ASI.
- German defence firm HENSOLDT is set to share full range of critical technologies with state-run aerospace major Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) for manufacturing of Obstacle Avoidance System (OAS) for Indian helicopters.



➤ BDL will partner with Thales for precision-strike _____mm laser guided rockets?

- A) 60mm
- B) 70mm
- C) 80mm
- D) 90mm
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 70mm



Explanation

- **Thales and Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) will be signing a Memorandum of Understanding for setting up manufacturing facilities in India for precision-strike 70mm laser guided rockets (FZ275 LGR).**
- **Through the agreement, BDL will become a part of the FZ275 LGR global supply chain, providing the opportunity for export of Indian manufactured components to existing and future 70mm laser guided rockets customers.**



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



➤ Solar-powered drone SURAJ designed for surveillance operations unveiled by _____?

- A) Garuda Aerospace
- B) HAL
- C) DRDO
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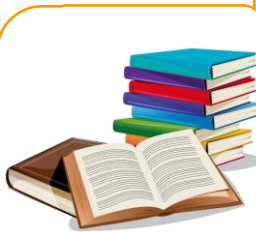
Answer

A) Garuda Aerospace



Explanation

- **Drone startup Garuda Aerospace unveiled its solar-powered drone "SURAJ"**, designed specifically for surveillance operations, at Aero India 2023 here.
- Principal Scientific Advisor to Defence Minister and former DRDO Chief Dr. Satheesh Reddy unveiled it.
- According to the company, SURAJ is an ISR (intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance) high-altitude drone designed specifically for surveillance operations, providing "**real-time information to the high command and protecting jawans on the ground.**"
- Garuda Aerospace unveiled its latest drone, SURAJ, a solar-powered unmanned reconnaissance J-Glider, at Aero India 2023.



DEFENCE



➤ India aimed to triple defence exports to \$5 bln by _____?

- A) 2024-25
- B) 2025-26
- C) 2023-24
- D) 2026-27
- E) None of these

Answer
A) 2024-25



DEFENCE



Explanation

- **India wants to more than triple annual defence exports to \$5 billion by 2024/25 from \$1.5 billion** currently as it looks to ramp up domestic manufacturing, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said while inaugurating the Aero India show.
- **The country is looking to sign defence deals worth 750 billion rupees (\$9 billion) at the biennial five-day event**, its biggest ever, as its airlines try to complete jetliner purchases to meet civilian demand and press global aircraft manufacturers to produce more locally, mainly through partnerships.
- The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Response Plus Holding PJSC (RPM) will explore new opportunities for cooperation in the areas of emergency medical services, medical evacuation, helicopter emergency medical services (HEMS) and other mutually-beneficial fields in India, and the Gulf and the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) regions.



DEFENCE



➤ **Who handed over Health Usage & Monitoring System for MIG29K to Indian Navy?**

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Rajnath Singh
- D) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- E) None of these

Answer

C) Rajnath Singh



DEFENCE



Explanation

- **Ministry of Defence is working on the details of indigenous manufacturing of aero-engines to provide a new fillip to the aerospace sector and achieve complete self-reliance.**
- This was stated by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh during his inaugural address at a seminar titled **'Indigenous Development of 'Futuristic Aerospace Technologies including Way Forward for Development of Indigenous Aero Engines'**, organised by Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) as **part of 14th Aero India in Bengaluru on February 14, 2023.**



DEFENCE



➤ **MRPL inked pact with which force of India to supply Bio-ATF?**

- A) Air force
- B) Navy
- C) BSF
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

Answer
A) Air force



Explanation

- **Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL) has signed an agreement with the Indian Air Force to supply sustainable aviation fuel (Bio-ATF).**
- A press statement said that a memorandum of understanding (MoU) was **signed during the ongoing Aero Expo 2023 in Bengaluru.**
- With this, MRPL has become the first Indian hydrocarbon refinery to sign an MoU to provide Bio-ATF to Indian Air Force, it said.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Protection and restitution of cultural heritage will be theme for first G20 culture track meet in _____ ?

- A) Arunachal Pradesh
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Andhra Pradesh
- E) None of these

Answer

B) Madhya Pradesh



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



Explanation

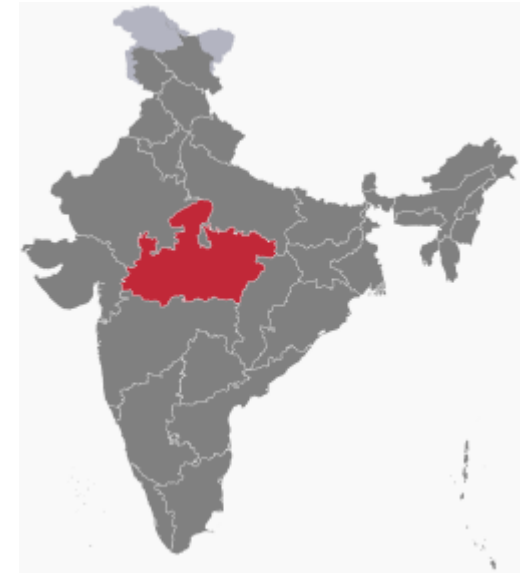
- **Protection and restitution of cultural heritage** will be the theme for the first G20 culture track meet slated to be held from **February 22-25 in Madhya Pradesh's Khajuraho**, a top official said.
- Union Culture Secretary Govind Mohan, during a media interaction here, also said that **the second and third meetings under this track will be held at Bhubaneswar in Odisha and Hampi in Karnataka.**
- **Khajuraho is home to exquisite temples which are part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site.**
- The temples, renowned for their sculptures, are situated in the backward Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh.



Titbits

Madhya Pradesh

- Capital: **Bhopal**
- CM: **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**
- Governor: **Mangubhai Patel**
- Language: **Hindi**
- National Park: **Kuno National Park**
- Wildlife Sanctuary : Bagdara Wildlife Sanctuary
- Ramsar Site: **Bhoj Wetlands, Sirpur Wetland**
- Tiger Reserve: **Panna Tiger Reserve**
- Power Station: **Satpura Thermal Power Station**
- RRB: **Madhya Pradesh Gramin Bank (BOI), Madhyanchal Gramin Bank (SBI)**
- UNESCO Site: **Khajuraho Group of monuments, Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi, Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka**



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Centre aimed at almost doubling seafood exports to USD 14 billion by _____?

- A) 2024
- B) 2025
- C) 2026
- D) 2027
- E) None of these

Answer

B) 2025



Explanation

- **The Centre is aiming at nearly doubling seafood exports to USD 14 billion by 2025**, a Union minister said.
- Seafood exports are showing a positive trend this fiscal with three per cent growth in volume, she said.
- **"In 2021-22, the (seafood) exports figure was worth USD 7.76 billion, which was 17 per cent of our agriculture shipments. We have a target to achieve USD 14 billion by 2025,"** Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel said.
- She was speaking here at the inauguration of the India International Seafood Show 2023.



NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Jaishankar inaugurated which edition of Vishwa Hindi Sammelan in Fiji?

- A) 11th
- B) 12th
- C) 13th
- D) 14th
- E) None of these

Answer
B) 12th



Explanation

- **External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar inaugurated the 12th Vishwa Hindi Sammelan in Nadi, Fiji.**
- Fiji's President Ratu Wiliame Maivalili Katonivere was also present at the event.
- Jaishankar arrived in Nadi and was welcomed by Fiji Education Minister Aseri Radrodro.
- "Bula and Namaste Fiji.
- **The 12th #VishwaHindiSammelan will begin in Nadi.**
- **Thank Minister of Education Aseri Radrodro for the warm welcome.**
- Look forward to meeting Hindi enthusiasts from all over the world," tweeted Jaishankar.



Titbits

Ministry of External Affairs

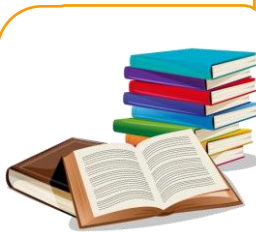
- UNION MINISTER : **Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar** (Gujarat)



QUICK RECALL



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