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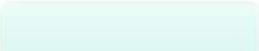
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**August 06 – 10 Revision**



**1. Which organization approved the acquisition of 12 SPVs of PNC Infratech by Highway Infrastructure Trust?**

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**Answer**

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**Answer**

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**Answer**

**B) Lt Gen Vikas Lakhera**



**8. Which Indian Naval Ship conducted the Maritime Partnership Exercise with the German Navy on August 5, 2024?**

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**Answer**

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**Answer**

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- A) August 15
- B) August 12
- C) August 7
- D) July 23
- E) August 8



# August 06 – 10 Revision



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- C) August 7
- D) July 23
- E) August 8

**Answer**

**C) August 7**



# August 11 – 15 Revision



➤ Who won the bronze medal in the women's 400m T20 final at the Paris 2024 Paralympics?

- A) Preethi Pal
- B) Aysel Onder
- C) Yuliia Shuliar
- D) Deepthi Jeevanji
- E) Manasi Joshi

**Answer**

**D) Deepthi Jeevanji**



# SPORTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Women's 400m T20 final at the Paris 2024 Paralympics.
- **Location:** Stade de France, Paris.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- Deepthi Jeevanji competed in the T20 event, securing the bronze medal with a time of 55.82 seconds.
- The T20 classification is designed for athletes with intellectual impairments.
- Yuliia Shuliar from Ukraine won the gold medal, clocking 55.16 seconds, and Aysel Onder from Turkey won the silver medal with 55.23 seconds.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **T20 Classification:** A classification for athletes with intellectual impairments, who compete in various track and field events.
- **Paralympic Games:** An international multi-sport event for athletes with disabilities, held parallel to the Olympic Games.





## Static GK Information:

- **Karnataka**
  - **Capital:** Bengaluru
  - **Chief Minister:** Siddaramaiah
  - **Governor:** Thaawarchand Gehlot



# SPORTS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Women's 400m T20 Final
Location	Stade de France, Paris
Date	Tuesday, September 2024
Medal Winner (Bronze)	Deepthi Jeevanji (India)
Gold Medalist	Yuliia Shuliar (Ukraine)
Silver Medalist	Aysel Onder (Turkey)
Medal Count for India (2024)	16 medals (3 Gold, 5 Silver, 8 Bronze)
Significance	Second Indian woman to win a track event medal at Paralympics.



➤ In which event did Anuya Prasad win the gold medal at the World Deaf Championship?

- A) 10m Air Rifle
- B) 25m Pistol
- C) 10m Air Pistol
- D) Skeet Shooting
- E) Archery

**Answer**

**C) 10m Air Pistol**



# SPORTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Women's air pistol event at the World Deaf Championship.
- **Location:** Hannover, Germany.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- Anuya Prasad secured gold in the women's air pistol event at the World Deaf Championship.
- She won with a final shot score of 10.3, narrowly defeating Sofia Olenych of Ukraine by 0.1 point.
- This victory occurred at the second World Deaf Shooting Championship.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Air Pistol:** A shooting event in which athletes fire pistols at a target from a distance of 10 meters.
- **World Deaf Championship:** A global competition for deaf athletes across various sports, including shooting.



## Static GK Information:

- **Germany**
  - **Capital:** Berlin
  - **Currency:** Euro
  - **President:** Frank-Walter Steinmeier
  - **Chancellor:** Olaf Scholz



# SPORTS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Women's Air Pistol at World Deaf Championship
Location	Hannover, Germany
Gold Medalist	Anuya Prasad (India)
Silver Medalist	Sofia Olenych (Ukraine)
Bronze Medalist	Halyna Mosina (Ukraine)
Winning Margin	0.1 point
Final Shot Score	10.3





➤ Which company launched the 'Special Care Gold' insurance policy in Braille for individuals with disabilities?

- A) ICICI Lombard
- B) HDFC Ergo
- C) Star Health
- D) New India Assurance
- E) Bajaj Allianz

**Answer**  
**C) Star Health**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the 'Special Care Gold' insurance policy in Braille.
- **Location:** India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- Star Health and Allied Insurance Co. Ltd launched the 'Special Care Gold' policy, designed to offer comprehensive health coverage to individuals with 40% or more disability.
- The policy is available in both standard print and Braille, ensuring visually impaired customers can independently review their policy terms.
- This initiative aligns with IRDAI's vision of "Insurance for All" and aims to promote financial inclusivity for marginalized sections of society.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- In collaboration with the National Association of the Blind (NAB), the policy helps provide equitable access to health insurance for India's 34 million visually impaired population.
- Additionally, Star Health launched a diversity drive to train and employ visually impaired individuals as health insurance agents.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Braille:** A tactile writing system used by visually impaired individuals to read and write.
- **IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India):** The regulator for the insurance sector in India.
- **Special Care Gold:** A comprehensive health insurance policy specifically designed for individuals with disabilities.



## Static GK Information:

- **Star Health and Allied Insurance Co. Ltd**
  - **Founded:** 2006
  - **Headquarters:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu
  - **MD & CEO:** Anand Roy



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Launch of 'Special Care Gold' in Braille
Insurance Company	Star Health and Allied Insurance Co. Ltd
Target Group	Individuals with 40% or more disability
Launch Format	Braille and Standard Print
Collaborating Partner	National Association of the Blind (NAB)
Vision	Aligned with IRDAI's 'Insurance for All'
Shares of Star Health	₹631.65 per share on NSE (as of 3 PM, September 4, 2024)



➤ Which bank collaborated with SLCM to offer 'Unified Collateral Management Solutions' for farmers?

- A) ICICI Bank
- B) HDFC Bank
- C) South Indian Bank
- D) Axis Bank
- E) State Bank of India



**Answer**

**C) South Indian Bank**





## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Collaboration between South Indian Bank and Sohan Lal Commodity Management (SLCM).
- **Location:** Mangaluru, India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- The partnership between South Indian Bank and SLCM aims to tackle key challenges in the agricultural sector, particularly focusing on post-harvest storage and financing.
- The collaboration will provide farmers with access to post-harvest credit at competitive interest rates and offer scientific storage solutions to protect commodities and ensure fair pricing at marketplaces (mandis).
- By combining South Indian Bank's financial expertise with SLCM's collateral management and warehousing solutions, this initiative enhances value creation across the agricultural ecosystem and reduces post-harvest losses using AI-powered systems.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Collateral Management Solutions:** Services that ensure the secure storage and management of commodities, providing a guarantee for loans or credit based on the value of the stored commodities.
- **SLCM (Sohan Lal Commodity Management):** A company offering warehousing, collateral management, and post-harvest solutions to protect agricultural produce.



## Static GK Information:

- **South Indian Bank**
  - **Founded:** 1929
  - **Headquarters:** Thrissur, Kerala
  - **MD & CEO:** Murali Ramakrishnan
  - **Tagline:** Experience Next Generation Banking
- **Sohan Lal Commodity Management (SLCM)**
  - **Founded:** 2009
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **CEO:** Sandeep Sabharwal



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Collaboration between South Indian Bank and SLCM
Objective	Unified Collateral Management Solutions for post-harvest storage and financing
Key Benefits	Post-harvest credit, scientific storage, fair commodity pricing
Bank Involved	South Indian Bank
SLCM's Role	Providing warehousing and collateral management expertise
Technological Support	SLCM's AI-powered 'Agri Reach' system
Impact	Reduce post-harvest losses, increase credit access for farmers



➤ **Which two NBFCs have announced their merger through a share swap?**

- A) Bajaj Finance and Shriram City Union Finance
- B) Caspian Debt and BlackSoil Capital
- C) Tata Capital and L&T Finance
- D) Aditya Birla Finance and Muthoot Finance
- E) Mahindra Finance and Sundaram Finance

**Answer**

**B) Caspian Debt and BlackSoil Capital**

The logo for BlackSoil Capital. It features the word "blacksoil" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The "soil" part is green, and the "black" part is black. Below it, in a smaller, all-caps, sans-serif font, is the tagline "AN ALTERNATE CREDIT PLATFORM".

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AN ALTERNATE CREDIT PLATFORM

The logo for Caspian Debt. It features the word "caspian" in a lowercase, sans-serif font, with "debt" in a smaller, lowercase, sans-serif font below it. To the right of the text is a stylized graphic of a tree with orange and red leaves. Above the tree is a small icon of two people sitting at a table.

**caspian**  
**debt**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Merger of Caspian Debt and BlackSoil Capital.
- **Location:** India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- Caspian Impact Investments (Caspian Debt) and BlackSoil Capital, both NBFCs (Non-Banking Financial Companies), have received unanimous Board approval to merge through a share swap.
- Post-merger, BlackSoil will have an AUM (Assets Under Management) of over ₹2,000 crore, enhancing its capability to offer credit solutions to the startup ecosystem, MSMEs, and financial institutions.
- The combined entity will benefit from operational efficiencies, expanded client base, and enhanced market presence across major metro cities such as Mumbai, Hyderabad, Delhi, and Bengaluru.
- The total disbursements of the merged company will amount to over ₹10,000 crore, servicing 450 companies.





## Important Terms Explained:

- **NBFC (Non-Banking Financial Company):** A financial institution that provides banking services without holding a banking license.
- **Share Swap:** A process in mergers and acquisitions where shareholders exchange their shares in one company for shares in the merged company.



## Static GK Information:

- **Caspian Impact Investments (Caspian Debt)**
  - **Founded:** 2013
  - **Headquarters:** Hyderabad, Telangana
  - **CEO:** Viswanatha Prasad
- **BlackSoil Capital**
  - **Founded:** 2016
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **CEO:** Ankur Bansal



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Merger of Caspian Debt and BlackSoil Capital
Merger Method	Share Swap
Combined Disbursements	₹10,000 crore across 450 companies
Assets Under Management (AUM)	₹2,000 crore (post-merger)
Geographical Presence	Mumbai, Hyderabad, Delhi, Bengaluru
Target Market	Startups, MSMEs, financial institutions



➤ What percentage of stake in GIC Re is being sold by the Finance Ministry?

- A) 5.78%
- B) 6.78%
- C) 10.78%
- D) 3.39%
- E) 7.78%

**Answer**  
**B) 6.78%**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** The Union Finance Ministry will sell a 6.78% stake in General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re) via an Offer-for-Sale (OFS).
- **Location:** India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- The goal is to raise around Rs 4,700 crore by selling the 6.78% stake.
- The sale will happen through the OFS route, where non-retail investors can bid on Wednesday, while retail investors and GIC employees will bid on Thursday.
- The floor price for the OFS is likely to be Rs 395 per share, which is about a 6% discount to the current market price.
- The government plans to divest 3.39% equity with an additional 3.39% as a green shoe option, allowing flexibility if there is higher demand.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Offer-for-Sale (OFS):** A process through which existing shareholders in a listed company sell their shares to the public via the exchange platform.
- **Green Shoe Option:** An option that allows the seller to offer additional shares if there is excess demand during the sale.



## Static GK Information:

- **GIC Re (General Insurance Corporation of India)**
  - **Founded:** 22 November 1972
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **Chairman & MD:** Ramaswamy Narayanan
  - **Sector:** Reinsurance





## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Stake Sale	6.78% stake in GIC Re
Total Fund Raised	Rs 4,700 crore
Non-Retail Investors	Bid starts on Wednesday
Retail Investors & Employees	Bid starts on Thursday
Floor Price	Rs 395 per share
Current Market Price (CMP)	Rs 420.8 per share
Government Holding	85.78% (before stake sale)
Green Shoe Option	Additional 3.39% equity



➤ **Until when has the Government of India extended the Interest Equalisation Scheme for exporters?**

- A) August 31, 2024
- B) October 31, 2024
- C) September 30, 2024
- D) December 31, 2024
- E) July 31, 2024

**Answer**

**C) September 30, 2024**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Extension of the Interest Equalisation Scheme.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- The Government of India has extended the Interest Equalisation Scheme for pre- and post-shipment rupee export credit until September 30, 2024.
- The scheme provides interest benefits to exporters, especially MSME manufacturing exporters, to boost outbound shipments and support the Indian export sector.
- The scheme was initially set to end on August 31, 2024, but has been extended multiple times, most recently by one month.
- It aims to provide exporters with competitive interest rates on export credit in response to challenges posed by global economic headwinds.
- An additional allocation of Rs 2,500 crore was approved in December 2023 to continue the scheme, on top of the existing Rs 9,538 crore allocation.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Interest Equalisation Scheme:** A scheme that subsidizes the interest rates on export credit, making it cheaper for exporters to obtain loans for pre- and post-shipment activities.
- **Pre- and Post-shipment Credit:** Loans given to exporters to finance the production and shipping of goods, before and after exports.



## Static GK Information:

- **Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)**
  - **Founded:** 1991
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Director General:** Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi
- **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**
  - **Union Minister:** Piyush Goyal
  - **Founded:** 1947
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Extension of Interest Equalisation Scheme
New Deadline	September 30, 2024
Applicable To	MSME manufacturing exporters
Initial Launch	April 1, 2015
Additional Fund Allocation	Rs 2,500 crore
Purpose	Providing competitive interest rates for export credit
Trade Notice Issued By	Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)
Benefits Capped At	Rs 10 crore per annum per IEC



# APPOINTMENTS



➤ Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) for 2024-25?

- A) Sudhanshu Vats
- B) S. Subramanyeswar
- C) Partha Sinha
- D) Sam Balsara
- E) Prasanth Kumar

**Answer**

**C) Partha Sinha**





# APPOINTMENTS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Appointment of Partha Sinha as the new Chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI).
- **Location:** New Delhi, India.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- Partha Sinha, currently the President & Chief Brand Officer at BCCL (Bennett, Coleman & Co. Ltd.), has been appointed as the Chairman of ASCI for the 2024-25 term.
- The Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) promotes self-regulation in advertising, ensuring that consumer interests are protected by promoting responsible and ethical advertising.
- Alongside Partha Sinha, Sudhanshu Vats, Deputy Managing Director of Pidilite Industries, has been appointed Vice-Chairman, and S. Subramanyeswar, Group CEO & Chief Strategy Officer-APAC, Lintas India, has been named Hon. Treasurer.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **ASCI (Advertising Standards Council of India):** A self-regulatory voluntary organization that ensures the promotion of ethical advertising in India.



# APPOINTMENTS



## Static GK Information:

- **ASCI (Advertising Standards Council of India)**
  - **Founded:** 1985
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **Chairman:** Partha Sinha
- **BCCL (Bennett, Coleman & Co. Ltd.)**
  - **Founded:** 1838
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **Products:** The Times of India, The Economic Times



# APPOINTMENTS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
New ASCI Chairman	Partha Sinha
Vice-Chairman	Sudhanshu Vats
Hon. Treasurer	S. Subramanyeswar
Organization	Advertising Standards Council of India
Objective	Promote responsible and ethical advertising
Location	New Delhi, India



# AWARDS



➤ For which initiative did the Ministry of Women and Child Development receive the National Award for e-Governance 2024 (Gold)?

- A) Mission Poshan 1.0
- B) Anganwadi Digitalization Program
- C) Poshan Tracker
- D) Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram
- E) National Nutrition Mission



**Answer**

**C) Poshan Tracker**



# AWARDS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** National Award for e-Governance 2024 (Gold) received by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.
- **Location:** Mumbai, India on 3rd September 2024.



# AWARDS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- The Poshan Tracker initiative under Mission Poshan 2.0 tracks the growth of children aged 0-6 years, focusing on monthly growth monitoring to ensure better nutritional outcomes.
- The initiative utilizes real-time monitoring and evaluation through the Poshan Tracker, an ICT application that helps in early identification of health and nutritional issues.
- The program is supported by Growth Measuring Devices (GMDs) at Anganwadi Centers, which allow for the accurate tracking of children's growth.
- The Poshan Tracker won the award for its role in Government process re-engineering and Digital Transformation.





# AWARDS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Poshan Tracker:** A digital tool used to track and monitor the nutritional growth of children in real-time.
- **Mission Poshan 2.0:** A government initiative aimed at combating malnutrition and improving the health outcomes of children.
- **e-Governance Award:** Recognizes efforts in using technology to improve governance and service delivery.



## Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Women and Child Development**
  - **Founded:** 2006
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Union Minister:** Smriti Irani
- **Madhya Pradesh**
  - **Capital:** Bhopal
  - **Chief Minister:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan
  - **Governor:** Mangubhai Patel



# AWARDS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Award	National Award for e-Governance 2024 (Gold)
Awarded To	Ministry of Women and Child Development
Initiative	Poshan Tracker
Mission	Mission Poshan 2.0
Coverage	8.9 crore children (0-6 years)
Real-Time Monitoring	Tracking nutritional growth with ICT tools
Significance	Government process re-engineering and digital transformation in child nutrition



# AWARDS



➤ Who received the prestigious 'Gender Diversity' award at the Indian Steel Association (ISA) Steel Conclave 2024?

- A) Shri Atul Bhatt
- B) Dr. Dasari Radhika
- C) Nagendra Nath Sinha
- D) Smt. Savitri Thakur
- E) Dr. Anjali Sharma

**Answer**

**B) Dr. Dasari Radhika**



# AWARDS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Indian Steel Association (ISA) Steel Conclave 2024.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India.



# AWARDS



## Mandates and Objectives:

- Dr. Dasari Radhika, Deputy General Manager (HR) at Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), was awarded the prestigious 'Gender Diversity' National Award for her outstanding contributions in promoting gender inclusivity and equity in the steel industry.
- The award was presented by Sri Nagendra Nath Sinha, former Secretary of the Ministry of Steel, recognizing her excellence in leadership and commitment to overcoming gender barriers in the male-dominated steel sector.
- Dr. Radhika has pioneered HR practices, managed challenging zones, and introduced initiatives to improve employee welfare, including psychological counseling based on her academic expertise in Psychology.



# AWARDS



## Important Terms Explained:

- **RINL (Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited):** A corporate entity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, one of India's largest steel producers.
- **Gender Diversity Award:** An accolade that recognizes individuals or organizations for their efforts in promoting gender equity and inclusiveness.



## Static GK Information:

- **RINL (Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited)**
  - **Founded:** 1982
  - **Headquarters:** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
  - **Chairman & Managing Director:** Shri Atul Bhatt





# AWARDS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Award	Gender Diversity National Award
Awardee	Dr. Dasari Radhika
Event	ISA Steel Conclave 2024
Presented By	Sri Nagendra Nath Sinha (Retired IAS)
Location	New Delhi, India
Organization	RINL (Visakhapatnam Steel Plant)
Significance	Recognizes excellence in promoting gender diversity in the steel industry



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Where did IIT-Delhi open its first international campus?



- A) Dubai
- B) Riyadh
- C) Abu Dhabi
- D) Doha
- E) Muscat

**Answer**

**C) Abu Dhabi**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Inauguration of IIT-Delhi's first international campus.
- **Location:** Abu Dhabi, UAE.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi inaugurated its first international campus in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- 52 students are set to join the inaugural batch, pursuing BTech in Computer Science and Engineering and Energy Engineering.
- The event was attended by Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi.
- Strategic alliances were launched between IIT-Delhi Abu Dhabi, its parent campus in India, and prominent Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Abu Dhabi, including Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence, Khalifa University, and Zayed University.
- These collaborations will focus on joint research, academic programs, and faculty/student exchanges.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **IIT-Delhi:** One of India's most prestigious institutes, known for producing engineers, entrepreneurs, and innovators. It is now expanding internationally.
- **Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi:** A leading higher education institution in the UAE that will collaborate with IIT-Delhi on postgraduate exchanges and research projects.
- **Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence (MBZUAI):** An AI-focused university in Abu Dhabi that will engage in joint research with IIT-Delhi Abu Dhabi, offering grants and internships.



## Static GK Information:

- **United Arab Emirates**
  - **Capital:** Abu Dhabi
  - **Currency:** UAE Dirham
  - **President:** Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan
  - **Prime Minister:** Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
- **IIT-Delhi**
  - **Founded:** 1961
  - **Director:** Rangan Banerjee
  - **Location:** New Delhi, India



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	IIT-Delhi inaugurates its first international campus
Location	Abu Dhabi, UAE
Date of Inauguration	September 2024
Crown Prince Present	Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed
Initial Batch	52 students in BTech (Computer Science and Energy Engineering)
Collaborating Institutions	Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, MBZUAI, Khalifa University, Zayed University
Significance	Abu Dhabi aims to become a global research and development hub



➤ Where is the 2024 Edition of the Chief Science Advisers Roundtable (CSAR) being co-organised?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Paris
- C) Rome
- D) Berlin
- E) Tokyo

**Answer**  
**B) Paris**





## Event and Location:

- **Event:** The 2024 Edition of the Chief Science Advisers' Roundtable (CSAR).
- **Location:** UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France on 6 September 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- Co-organised by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India and UNESCO.
- The event will focus on the theme: “Fostering open science, bridging knowledge asymmetry, and building science advice capacity globally”.
- It is a Sherpa-track initiative launched during India’s G20 Presidency in 2023.
- 28 countries, represented by their Chief Science Advisers (CSAs) or equivalents, and 6 international organisations will participate.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- The roundtable will be co-chaired by Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to India, and Dr. Lidia Brito, UNESCO's Assistant Director General (Natural Sciences).
- The event will include a free-flowing knowledge session discussing the role of science advice mechanisms in building trust and capacity.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Chief Science Advisers' Roundtable (CSAR):** A platform for global Chief Science Advisers to discuss pressing global scientific issues and promote cooperation.
- **UNESCO:** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, promoting international collaboration in education, science, culture, and communication.



## Static GK Information:

- **UNESCO**
  - **Abbreviation:** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
  - **Founded:** 16 November 1945
  - **Headquarters:** Paris, France
  - **Director-General:** Audrey Azoulay
- **India**
  - **Principal Scientific Adviser:** Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood



# INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	2024 Chief Science Advisers' Roundtable (CSAR)
Location	UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France
Date	6 September 2024
Theme	Fostering open science, bridging knowledge asymmetry, building science advice capacity globally
Co-Chairs	Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood (India), Dr. Lidia Brito (UNESCO)
Countries and Organisations	28 countries and 6 international organisations
Significance	Promoting science advice and trust in science at global and regional levels



➤ **Who launched the AgriSure Scheme to fund agri startups?**

- A) Narendra Modi
- B) Piyush Goyal
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Shivraj Chouhan
- E) Nitin Gadkari

**Answer**

**D) Shivraj Chouhan**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of the AgriSure Scheme.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India.





## Mandates and Objectives:

- Shivraj Chouhan, Union Agriculture Minister, launched the AgriSure Scheme to provide funding to agricultural startups.
- The scheme is supported by a Rs 750 crore fund involving contributions from the Government of India, NABARD, and private investors.
- The scheme aims to promote technology-driven agricultural startups and rural enterprises.
- At the event, Chouhan revealed that Rs 78,000 crore has already been invested in the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, resulting in 65,000 completed projects.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **AgriSure Scheme:** A government initiative to fund and empower agriculture startups in India with a focus on innovation and technology.
- **NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development):** A development bank focusing on the advancement of agriculture and rural development in India.
- **Agriculture Infrastructure Fund:** A financing scheme aimed at improving agriculture infrastructure in India.



## Static GK Information:

- **NABARD**
  - **Founded:** 1982
  - **Headquarters:** Mumbai, Maharashtra
  - **Chairman:** Shaji K.V.
- **Madhya Pradesh**
  - **Capital:** Bhopal
  - **Chief Minister:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan
  - **Governor:** Mangubhai Patel



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Launch of AgriSure Scheme
Location	New Delhi, India
Fund Size	Rs 750 crore
Aim	Boost technology-driven agri startups
Collaborators	Government of India, NABARD, private investors
Achievements Mentioned	Rs 78,000 crore invested, 65,000 infrastructure projects completed
Notable Mention	AgriSure Greenathon Awards for top agri startups
Significance	Supports innovation and infrastructure in agriculture



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



➤ Where was the Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024 launched by the Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development?

- A) Bhopal
- B) Indore
- C) Dhar
- D) Jabalpur
- E) Gwalior

**Answer**  
**C) Dhar**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024.
- **Location:** Dhar district, Madhya Pradesh.
- **Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- Launched by Smt. Savitri Thakur, Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development.
- Rashtriya Poshan Maah, a month-long campaign, was initiated in 2018 under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to combat malnutrition.
- The campaign focuses on tribal areas and aims to build a healthy, prosperous, and developed India by promoting nutrition.
- Citizens are encouraged to actively participate in events organized from 1st to 30th September to secure the future of children and support India's growth.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Rashtriya Poshan Maah:** A national nutrition month dedicated to raising awareness and improving nutrition outcomes across the country.
- **Malnutrition:** A condition resulting from an imbalanced diet, which can lead to serious health issues, especially in children.





## Static GK Information:

- **Madhya Pradesh**
  - **Capital:** Bhopal
  - **Chief Minister:** Shivraj Singh Chouhan
  - **Governor:** Mangubhai Patel



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Launch of Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024
Location	Dhar district, Madhya Pradesh
Date	1st September 2024
Minister Present	Smt. Savitri Thakur, Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development
Campaign Duration	1st to 30th September 2024
Focus Area	Addressing malnutrition, particularly in tribal regions
Significance	Promoting nutrition for a healthy and prosperous India



➤ Which organizations agreed to surrender arms and join the mainstream through the Memorandum of Settlement in Tripura?

- A) NSCN and ULFA
- B) NLFT and ATTF
- C) Bodo Liberation Tigers
- D) NDFB and Bodo Peace Accord
- E) Manipur Revolutionary Front

**Answer**  
**B) NLFT and ATTF**



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Signing of a Memorandum of Settlement.
- **Location:** New Delhi, India.
- **Date:** 4th September 2024.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- A Memorandum of Settlement was signed between the Government of India, the Government of Tripura, National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT), and All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF), in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- This agreement is a milestone toward Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a peaceful and insurgency-free Northeast India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- NLFT and ATTF agreed to surrender arms, disband their armed organizations, and participate in the peaceful democratic process.
- A special package of Rs 250 crore has been approved to support the development of the tribal population of Tripura.
- Over 328 armed cadres will return to mainstream society as part of this settlement, helping in the creation of a developed Tripura.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **NLFT (National Liberation Front of Tripura):** An insurgent group that previously sought an independent Tripura but has now agreed to join the mainstream.
- **ATTF (All Tripura Tiger Force):** Another insurgent group involved in violence in Tripura, now committed to peace under the agreement.
- **AFSPA (Armed Forces Special Powers Act):** A law granting special powers to the Indian armed forces in areas of conflict, lifted from Tripura in 2015.



## Static GK Information:

- **Tripura**
  - **Capital:** Agartala
  - **Chief Minister:** Dr. Manik Saha
  - **Governor:** Satyadeo Narain Arya
- **Ministry of Home Affairs**
  - **Union Home Minister:** Amit Shah





# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Memorandum of Settlement with NLFT and ATTF
Location	New Delhi, India
Date	4th September 2024
Participants	Government of India, Government of Tripura, NLFT, ATTF
Significance	Ends 35-year-long conflict in Tripura
Special Package	Rs 250 crore for tribal development
Number of Militants Disarmed	328 cadres
Commitment	NLFT and ATTF to join peaceful democratic process



➤ What is the name of the Blockchain Technology Stack launched by the Government of India?

- A) Vishvasya
- B) Praamaanik
- C) NBFLite
- D) NICStack
- E) BharatChain

**Answer**

**A) Vishvasya**



## Event and Location:

- **Event:** Launch of Vishvasya-Blockchain Technology Stack and other blockchain initiatives.
- **Location:** Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), India.



## Mandates and Objectives:

- Vishvasya is a Blockchain Technology Stack designed to offer Blockchain-as-a-Service (BaaS) with geographically distributed infrastructure.
- The platform supports permissioned blockchain applications and enhances digital trust, security, and transparency for citizen-centric services.
- Along with Vishvasya, the government also launched NBFLite, a lightweight blockchain sandbox platform for startups and academia, and Praamaanik, a blockchain-enabled solution for verifying the origin of mobile apps.
- The National Blockchain Framework (NBF), supported by NIC Data Centers in Bhubaneswar, Pune, and Hyderabad, aims to facilitate secure, trusted, and transparent service delivery through blockchain technology.



## Important Terms Explained:

- **Blockchain-as-a-Service (BaaS):** A service that allows businesses and organizations to use blockchain technology as a service on a pay-per-use or subscription basis.
- **Permissioned Blockchain:** A type of blockchain where access is restricted to authorized participants, ensuring privacy and control.
- **Praamaanik:** A blockchain solution developed to verify the authenticity of mobile applications.



## Static GK Information:

- **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**
  - **Founded:** 2016
  - **Headquarters:** New Delhi, India
  - **Secretary:** Shri S. Krishnan
- **C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing)**
  - **Founded:** 1988
  - **Headquarters:** Pune, Maharashtra
  - **Director General:** Magesh E



# NATIONAL AFFAIRS



## Tabular Summary:

Key Details	Description
Event	Launch of Vishvasya-Blockchain Technology Stack
Technology	Vishvasya, NBFLite, Praamaanik, National Blockchain Portal
Location	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), India
Key Features	Blockchain-as-a-Service, Permissioned Blockchain, Distributed Infrastructure
Supported Platforms	Hosted at NIC Data Centers in Bhubaneswar, Pune, Hyderabad
Purpose	Boost digital trust, security, and transparency in governance
Collaborators	C-DAC, NIC, IIT Hyderabad, IIIT Hyderabad, SETS Chennai



# QUICK RECALL



- **Deepthi Jeevanji wins bronze in women's 400m T20 at Paris 2024 Paralympics.**
- **Anuya Prasad wins air pistol gold at the World Deaf Championship in Germany by 0.1 point.**
- **Star Health launches 'Special Care Gold' insurance policy in Braille for individuals with disabilities.**
- **South Indian Bank partners with SLCM for Unified Collateral Management Solutions, improving post-harvest storage and financing for farmers.**
- **Caspian Debt and BlackSoil Capital merge to enhance credit solutions for startups and MSMEs.**
- **Finance Ministry selling 6.78% stake in GIC Re to raise Rs 4,700 crore via OFS.**
- **Government extends Interest Equalisation Scheme for MSME exporters till September 30, 2024.**
- **Partha Sinha appointed as the new Chairman of ASCI for the 2024-25 term.**





# QUICK RECALL



- **Ministry of Women and Child Development wins National Award for e-Governance for Poshan Tracker.**
- **Dr. Dasari Radhika of RINL wins 'Gender Diversity' award at the ISA Steel Conclave 2024.**
- **IIT-Delhi opens its first international campus in Abu Dhabi, UAE, with 52 inaugural students.**
- **India and UNESCO co-organising the Chief Science Advisers' Roundtable in Paris, 6 September 2024.**
- **Shivraj Chouhan launches AgriSure Scheme with Rs 750 crore to support agri startups.**
- **Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2024 launched by Smt. Savitri Thakur in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh.**
- **Memorandum of Settlement signed with NLFT and ATTF to end violence in Tripura and ensure peace.**
- **Government launches Vishvasya-Blockchain Technology Stack to offer Blockchain-as-a-Service for secure digital services.**



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