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1. Gyanendra Pratap Singh appointed CRPF DG.

On January 18, 2025, the Government of India appointed Gyanendra Pratap Singh, a 1991 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre, as the Director General (DG) of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). Prior to this, he was serving as the Director General of Police (DGP) of Assam. Gyanendra Singh has had a highly successful career, and has served in many important positions.



2. National Science Drama Festival 2024-25.

The National Science Drama Festival 2024-25 was held on 18 January 2025 at the National Science Centre, Delhi. It is the flagship event of the National Council of Science Museums, which is held across India. More than 40,000 students from all 28 states and 8 Union Territories of India actively participate in this festival.



3. IMF lowers India's FY25 growth forecast to 6.5%.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has lowered India's economic growth forecast for FY25 to 6.5%, down from earlier estimates. This adjustment has been made due to reasons such as global uncertainties, inflation, and slowdown in investment, which may affect India's growth. However, the IMF has maintained a stable growth outlook for FY26.



4. Justice Vinod Chandran becomes Supreme Court Judge.

Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna recently administered the oath to Chief Justice of Patna High Court Vinod Chandran as a Supreme Court judge. After this swearing-in, the number of judges in the Supreme Court has increased to 33, while the sanctioned posts are 34, leaving one post still vacant. Justice Vinod Chandran was appointed Chief Justice of Kerala High Court on 8 November 2011 and served as a High Court judge for more than 12 years.



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5. Odisha – Singapore MoU – Launch of FinTech Hub in Bhubaneswar.

Odisha and Singapore have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to set up a FinTech Hub in Bhubaneswar, aimed at promoting InsurTech innovation. The main objective of this partnership is to promote financial inclusion and support India's vision of "Insurance for All" by 2047.



6. Justice Arun Mishra - BCCI's new Ombudsman.

Former Supreme Court judge Justice Arun Mishra has been appointed as the Ombudsman and Ethics Officer of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). His extensive legal expertise and leadership experience makes him well equipped to monitor ethical practices and resolve disputes in the BCCI. Justice Mishra won the elections to the Madhya Pradesh Bar Council in 1989 and 1995 and became the youngest president of the Bar Council of India in 1998-99.



7. World Employment and Social Scenario.

Recently, the International Labour Organization (ILO) released its "World Employment and Outlook Trends-2025" report. The report states that the global unemployment rate will remain stable at 5% in 2024, and the rate of economic growth is likely to remain sluggish in the future. Due to the slowdown in the global economy, the labor market is facing difficulty in fully recovering from the impact of the Kovid-19 epidemic.



8. Pay Commission

The Central Government has recently approved the formation of the 8th Pay Commission. So far 7 Pay Commissions have been constituted since 1947, out of which the recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission were implemented in 2016. The term of the 7th Pay Commission will be completed in 2026. The chairman of this commission was Justice Ashok Kumar Mathur.



1. Who has been appointed as the Director General of CRPF recently?

- A - Gyanendra Pratap Singh B - Rudra Pratap Singh
C - Abhinav Singh D - Ravindra Singh

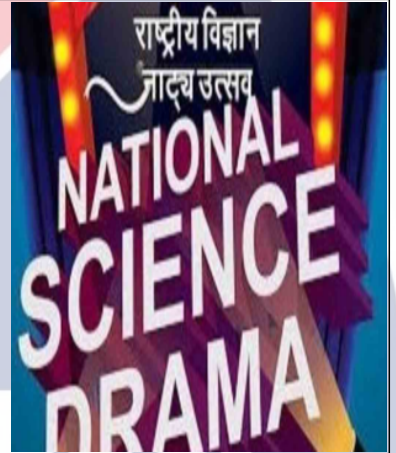
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2. In which year was the National Council of Science Museums established?

- A - 1978 B - 1980
C - 1982 D - 1986

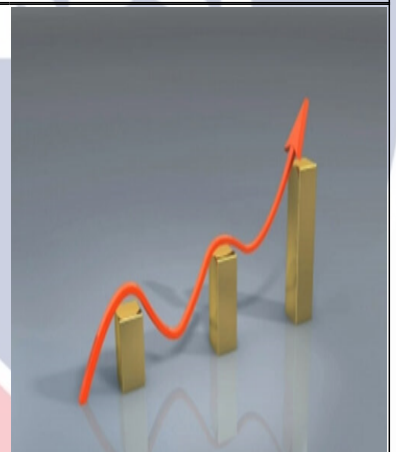
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3. IMF has projected India's economic growth rate for FY25 as -

- A - 6.8 % B - 6.5 %
C - 7 % D - 8 %

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has lowered India's growth forecast for FY25 to 6.5%, due to global uncertainties, inflation, and investment slowdown. However, a stable growth outlook for FY26 has been maintained. The IMF has cited India's post-pandemic recovery, inflation, investment slowdown and geopolitical risks as the reasons for this revision.



4. Who was recently sworn in as a Supreme Court Justice by Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna?

- A - Justice Tushar Mehta B - Justice Vinod Chandran
C - Justice Deepak Gupta D - Justice U.U. Lalit

Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna appointed Chief Justice of Patna High Court Vinod Chandran as a judge of the Supreme Court, taking the number of judges in the Supreme Court to 33. Justice Chandran served in the High Court for more than 12 years. Supreme Court judges are appointed by the President of India, and the process takes place after the Chief Justice consults four other senior-most judges.



5. Which state government has recently launched a fintech hub with Singapore?

- A - Uttar Pradesh
C - Madhya Pradesh
B - Odisha
D - Tamil Nadu

Odisha and Singapore signed a MoU to set up a fintech hub in Bhubaneswar, aimed at promoting insurtech innovation and supporting India's "insurance for all" vision by 2047. The Electronics and IT Department of the Odisha government partnered with Singapore's GFTN to set up the Global Competency Center in Bhubaneswar.



6. Who has been appointed as the new ombudsman for BCCI recently?

- A - Justice Deepak Gupta
C - Justice Arun Mishra
B - Justice Younis Khan
D - Justice M.M. Shrivastava

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7. When was the International Labour Organisation (ILO) established?

- A - In 1919
C - In 1926
B - In 1921
D - In 1945

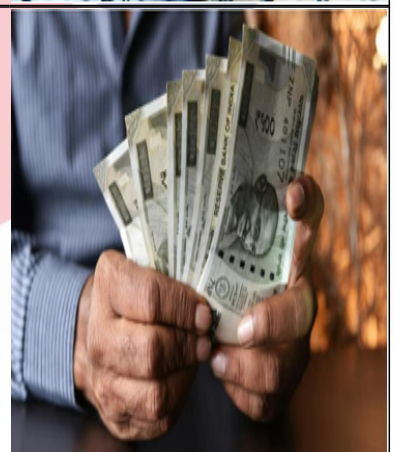
The International Labour Organization (ILO) released its "World Employment and Outlook Trends-2025" report, which said that the global unemployment rate will remain stable at 5% in 2024 and the economic growth rate will slow down. The labor market has not fully recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic due to the global recession.



8. Recently, the Central Government has approved the formation of which pay commission?

- A - 7th Pay Commission
C - 9th Pay Commission
B - 8th Pay Commission
D - 10th Pay Commission

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One Liner

1. Recently, Shri Gyanendra Pratap Singh has been appointed as the Director General of CRPF. He was formerly an Indian Police Service officer of which cadre? - **Assam-Meghalaya cadre**
2. Where was the National Science Drama Festival 2024-25 organized? - **National Science Center - Delhi**
3. When did the IMF formally come into existence? - **24 December - 1945**
4. How many posts of judges, including the Chief Justice, are approved in the Supreme Court? - **34**
5. In which city of Odisha, the FinTech Hub was launched in the Odisha-Singapore MoU? - **Bhubaneswar**
6. The Secretary of BCCI is - **Devjit Saikia**
7. The headquarters of the International Labor Organization is - **Geneva (Switzerland)**
8. The Chairman of the 7th Pay Commission was - **Justice Ashok Kumar Mathur**
9. What is India's rank in the "Future of Works" category under the QS World Future Skills Index? - **Second**
10. When was the National Science Museum Council formed? - **4 April 1978**

