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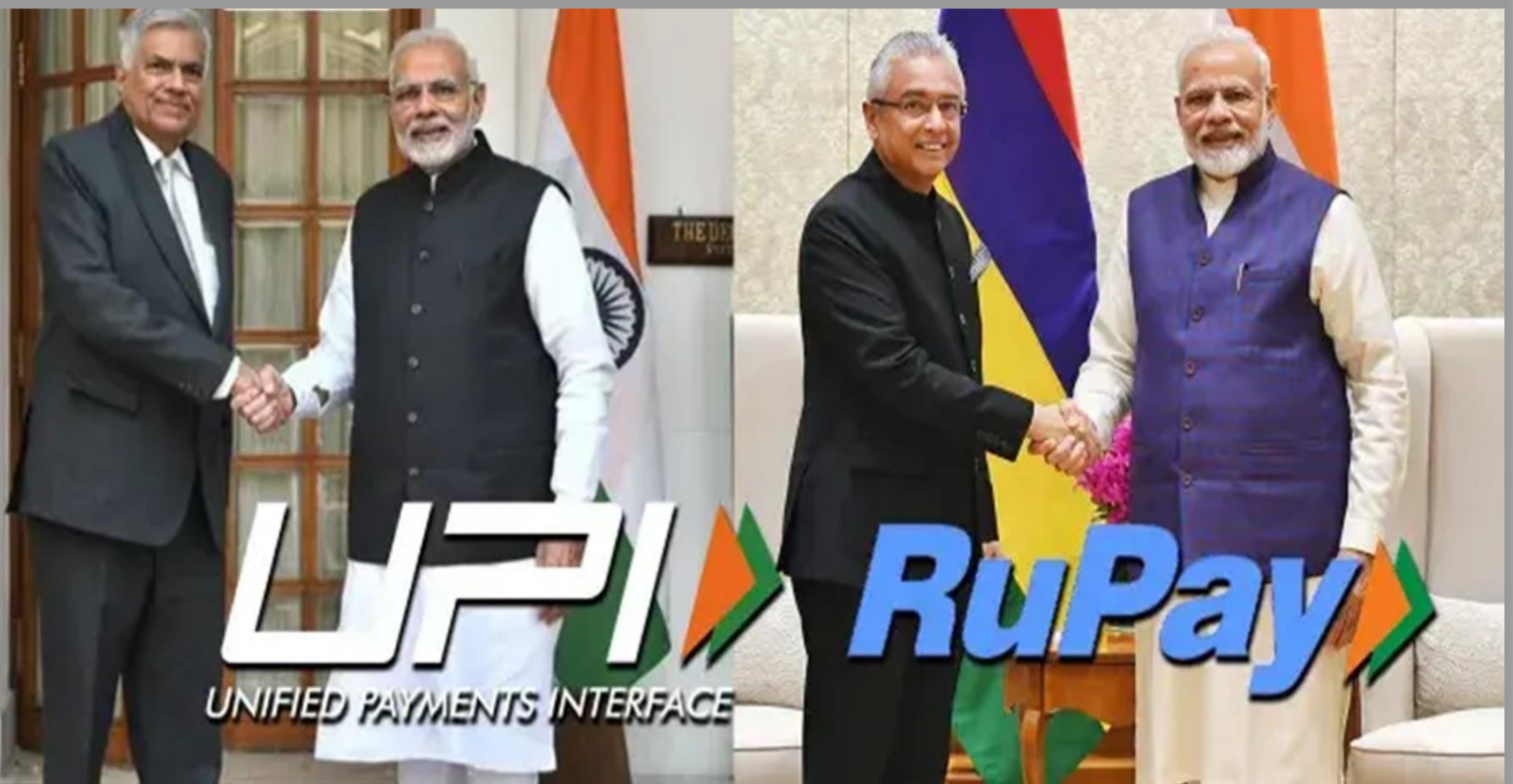
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## **India's UPI services to be launched in Sri Lanka and Mauritius**

- India's Unified Payment Interface (UPI) services will be launched in Sri Lanka and Mauritius and RuPay card services in Mauritius.
- The launch will enable availability of UPI settlement services for Indian nationals travelling to Sri Lanka and Mauritius as well as for Mauritian nationals travelling to India.
- The extension of RuPay card services in Mauritius will enable Mauritian banks to issue cards based on RuPay mechanism in Mauritius and facilitate usage of RuPay Card for settlements both in India and Mauritius.
- The ministry further noted that India has emerged as a leader in Fintech innovation and Digital Public Infrastructure.
- On February 7, the Indian Embassy in Bahrain set up a digital fee collection kiosk at its premises in collaboration with ICICI Bank and SADAD Electronic Payment System BSC. The self-service touch-screen kiosk enables approx. 340,000 Indians residing in Bahrain and other service seekers conveniently pay through debit and credit cards for various services including passport renewal, attestation, marriage registration and birth registration.
- Note: Before this, the NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) joined hands with Lyra, a leading French expert in e-commerce and proximity payments, to introduce UPI services in France.

**Q.** \_\_\_ services will be launched in Sri Lanka and Mauritius and RuPay card services in Mauritius. **India's Unified Payment Interface (UPI)**





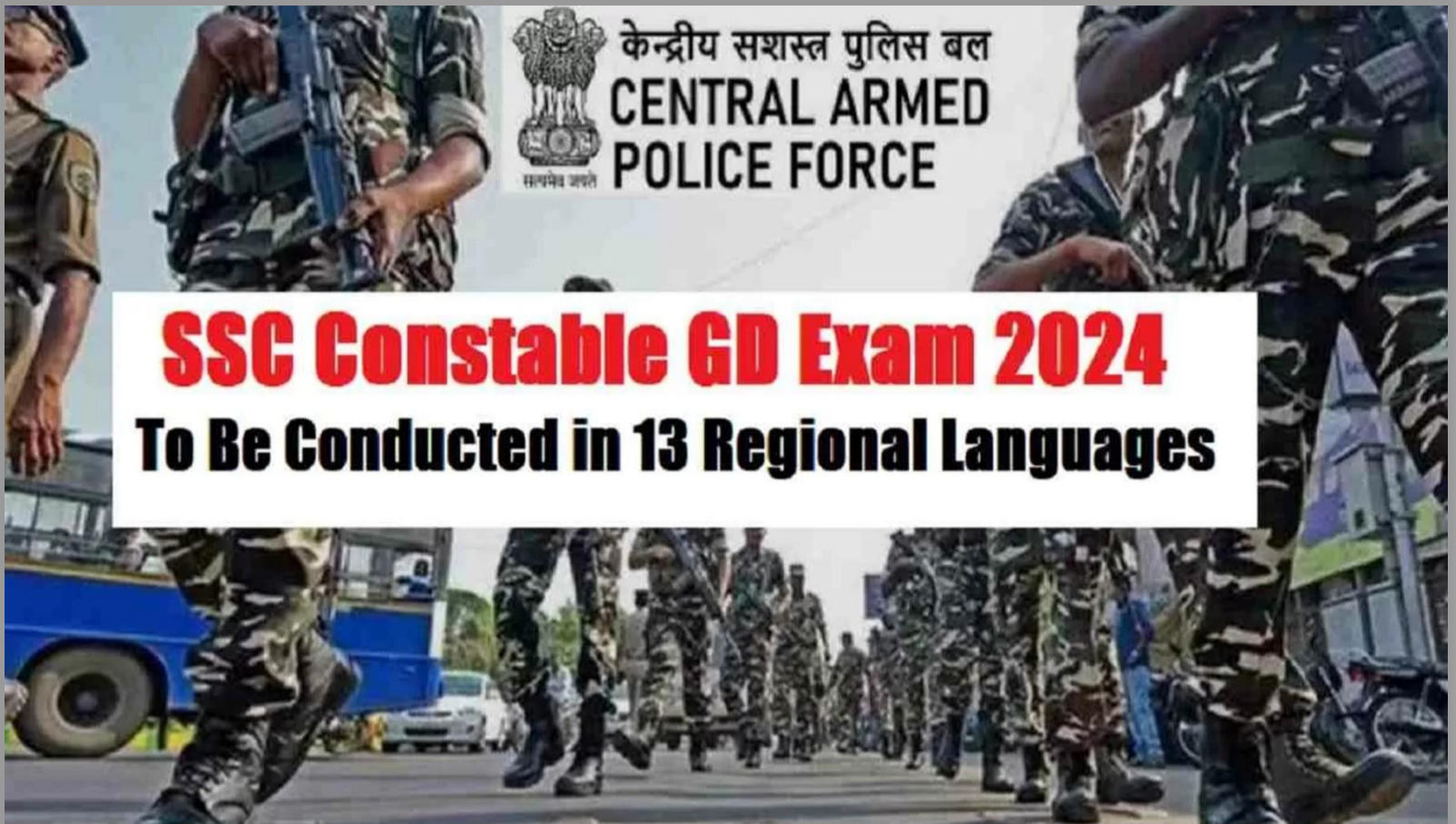
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## **In Boxing, Amit Panghal and Sachin Siwach bag Gold medals at Strandja Memorial tournament in Bulgaria**

- In Boxing, World Championship medallist Amit Panghal and Sachin Siwach won a gold each, while Nikhat Zareen and three other Indians signed off with silver medals at the 75th Strandja Memorial tournament in Bulgaria.
- The 2019 World Championship silver medallist Panghal (51kg) pulled off a dominating 5-0 triumph over Kazakhstan's Sanzhar Tashkenbay in the men's flyweight final. Sachin (57kg), out-punched Uzbekistan's Shakhzod Muzafarov by a 5-0 verdict.
- However, two-time world champion Zareen (50kg), Arundhati Choudhary (66kg), Barun Singh Shagolshem (48kg) and Rajat (67kg) settled for silver medals after going down in their respective bouts.
- Panghal had clinched the bronze medal in 2017 while winning back-to-back titles in 2018 and 2019.

**Q.** Recently, which two boxing World Championship medalists have won a gold medal each at the 75th Strandja Memorial Tournament in Bulgaria? **Amit Panghal and Sachin Siwach**





## **SSC Constable GD Exam 2024 To Be Conducted in 13 Regional Languages**

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### **Government to conduct examination for recruitment of constables in Central Armed Police Forces in 13 regional languages**

- Ministry of Home Affairs will now conduct constable (General Duty) examination for recruitment of constables in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) in 13 regional languages apart from Hindi and English.
- The Ministry said that the examination will be conducted for around 48 lakh candidates in 128 cities across the country from 20th February to 7th March.
- The decision aims to increase the participation of local youth in the Central Armed Police Forces and promote regional languages.
- The Ministry further added, with this initiative the youth across the country will have an opportunity to participate in the CAPFs Constable (General Duty) examination in their mother tongue and make a career in the service of the Nation.
- The languages included under this purview are Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Marathi, Malayalam, Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Odia, Urdu, Punjabi, Manipuri and Konkani in addition to Hindi and English.

#### **CAPF:**

- In India, the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) is the collective name of central police organisations under the Ministry of Home Affairs of India. These are technically paramilitary forces formerly known as the Central Para-Military Forces. Since 2011, India adopted the term "central armed police forces" to drop the word "paramilitary". These forces are responsible for internal security and guarding the borders.

**Q.** The government will conduct examinations in how many regional languages for recruitment of constables in the Central Armed Police Forces? **13**





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## Tennis: Sumit Nagal lifts Chennai Open ATP Challenger trophy beating Luca Nardi of Italy in men's singles final

- In the Tennis Chennai Open ATP Challenger finale, India's top-ranked Sumit Nagal emerged victorious and wins his 5th Challenger Title.
- He defeated Luca Nardi of Italy in the title clash by 6-1 and 6-4. With this, he enters the Top 100 in next week's ATP Rankings.
- The second-seeded Nagal will be the first Indian man since Prajnesh Gunneswaran in 2019 to breach the top-100 barrier.
- The Chennai Open is the first in a series of ATP Challenger 100 events to be held in India.

### Chennai Open Challenger Doubles champion:

- Saketh Myneni, India
- Ramkumar Ramanathan, India

**Q.** Who won singles title at 2024 Chennai Open Challenger? **Sumit Nagal**





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## **Ivory Coast beat Nigeria to win third AFCON title**

- Simon Adingra set up two goals as host country Ivory Coast come from behind to beat Nigeria 2-1 to win the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) title.
- It's Ivory Coast's third title after wins in 1992 and 2015, both won on penalties.
- The Africa Cup of Nations commonly referred to as the TotalEnergies Africa Cup of Nations for sponsorship reasons, or simply AFCON or CAN, is the main international men's association football competition in Africa. It is sanctioned by the Confederation of African Football (CAF), and was first held in 1957. Since 1968, it has been held every two years, switching to odd-numbered years in 2013.

### **Africa Cup of Nations:**

- Founded: 1957
- Region: Africa
- Current champions: Ivory Coast (3rd title)
- Most successful team: Egypt (7 titles)

**Q.** Which team has recently won the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) title? **Ivory Coast**





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## **WDRR and PSB sign a Memorandum of Understanding**

- In a move to support farmers and traders with low-interest rate loans, the Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRR) and Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- The primary objective of the MoU is to raise awareness about funding against electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (e-NWRs). The NWR system enables farmers to store the produce safely and scientifically at warehouses near their farms. It also allows farmers to receive loans from banks using the issued NWRs against their deposited stock. The e-NWR is a digital receipt that is issued by the regulatory body, WDRR. The eNWR can be used by farmers to finance and trade in settlements without physically exchanging goods. The MoU, therefore, will further enhance agricultural pledge finance in India through outreach activities.
- Under this partnership, PSB will offer loans against e-NWRs with no requirement for collateral and "attractive interest rates". Farmers can avail loans of up to Rs 75 lakh, while borrowers from other categories can access loans of up to Rs 5 crore under the agriculture sector.

**Q.** Recently, Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRR) and which bank have signed a MoU to support farmers and traders with low interest rate loans?

**Punjab and Sindh Bank (PSB)**





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## **IREDA and IIT Bhubaneswar sign MoU for Clean Energy Innovation**

- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) has taken a significant step towards fostering innovation and research in the renewable energy sector, by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar.
- The MoU, inked at the 100 Cube Start-up Conclave held at IIT Bhubaneswar, aims to support collaborative efforts in innovation and research initiatives, technology transfer, and nurturing the start-up ecosystem.
- The collaboration between IREDA and IIT Bhubaneswar is poised to facilitate joint research efforts, facilitate technology transfer, and provide comprehensive support for the start-up ecosystem. It will also encompass capacity-building initiatives such as training programs, seminars, and workshops to enhance the skills of IREDA officials.

### **IREDA:**

- Founded: 1987
- Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Chairman & MD: Pradip Kumar Das
- CFO: Bijay Kumar Mohanty

**Q.** Recently, IREDA and which IIT have signed MoU for clean energy innovation? **IIT Bhubaneswar**





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## 'SWATI' portal launched for women in science

- A single online portal on Indian women in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics & Medicine (STEMM) was launched which could help in policy-making to address the challenges of gender gap in sciences.
- The "Science for Women- A Technology & Innovation (SWATI)" Portal is a complete interactive database and the first-of-its-kind in India which is developed, hosted and maintained by the National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR).
- The portal was launched by Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government Prof Ajay Kumar Sood at the Indian National Science Academy (INSA).
- The event was organized with a view to focusing on the importance of "Science for Women & Women in Science" as well as emerging opportunities and inclusiveness of women in S&T endeavours.
- The objectives of the SWATI portal include to scale up the effort exponentially to include each and every Indian woman in science, across all career stages and subjects, spanning both academia and the industry, enabling reliable and statistically significant long term research on the issues of equality, diversity and inclusivity in India.

**Q.** What is the name of the single online portal launched on Indian women in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEMM) that can help in policy making to address the challenges of gender gap in science? **SWATI**





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## Education Ministry ties up with FIFA to promote sporting culture through football

- Aiming to significantly broaden the accessibility of football within the school setting for students, the Ministry of Education has tied up with the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) to distribute 11 lakh footballs across the country in a phased manner. The exercise is slated to benefit more than 1.5 lakh schools. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan doled out 6,848 footballs to be distributed to 1,260 schools in 17 districts of Odisha under the Footballs for Schools (F4S) programme.
- The distribution of balls was launched by Mr. Pradhan in December in JNV Cuttack, Odisha. Besides the districts of Angul, Dhenkanal and Deogarh in Odisha, the footballs were also distributed in Goa, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu in a phased manner.
- F4S aims to contribute to the education, development, and empowerment of around 700 million children across the world through football training.

### FIFA:

- Founded: 21 May 1904
- Founded at: Paris, France
- Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland
- President: Gianni Infantino
- Secretary General: Fatma Samoura

**Q.** With an aim to significantly widen the reach of football in school settings for students, the Ministry of Education has signed an agreement with \_\_\_\_\_. **FIFA**





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## **Precision approach radar, underwater harbour defence and surveillance system inaugurated in Andaman and Nicobar command**

- Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) Admiral R. Hari Kumar inaugurated a Precision Approach Radar (PAR) at INS Utkrosh in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which will enable “highly accurate horizontal and vertical guidance to land an aircraft safely in low visibility conditions, such as heavy rain and fog”.
- He also inaugurated the IUHDSS (Integrated Underwater Harbour Defence and Surveillance System) at Naval Jetty, Port Blair.
- The IUHDSS is capable of detecting, identifying & tracking surface and under water targets in vicinity of naval jetty thereby enhancing security of Port Blair harbour.
- Adm. Kumar, accompanied by Kala Hari Kumar, President Navy Welfare and Wellness Association, visited Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), the country’s sole operational triservice command.
- During the visit to the ANC units in the Northern and Southern Group of Islands, Adm. Kumar inaugurated the Naval Communication Network (NCN) Centres at INS Kohassa, INS Baaz and INS Kardip, designed to further augment the communication and operational capability of the ANC.
- The new NCN will enhance real time situational awareness and jointness in communication.

**Q.** Name the full form of PAR, inaugurated at INS Utkrosh in Andaman and Nicobar Islands which will enable highly accurate horizontal and vertical guidance for safely landing aircraft in low visibility conditions?

**Precision Approach Radar**





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