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World Record With 64.2 Crore Voters

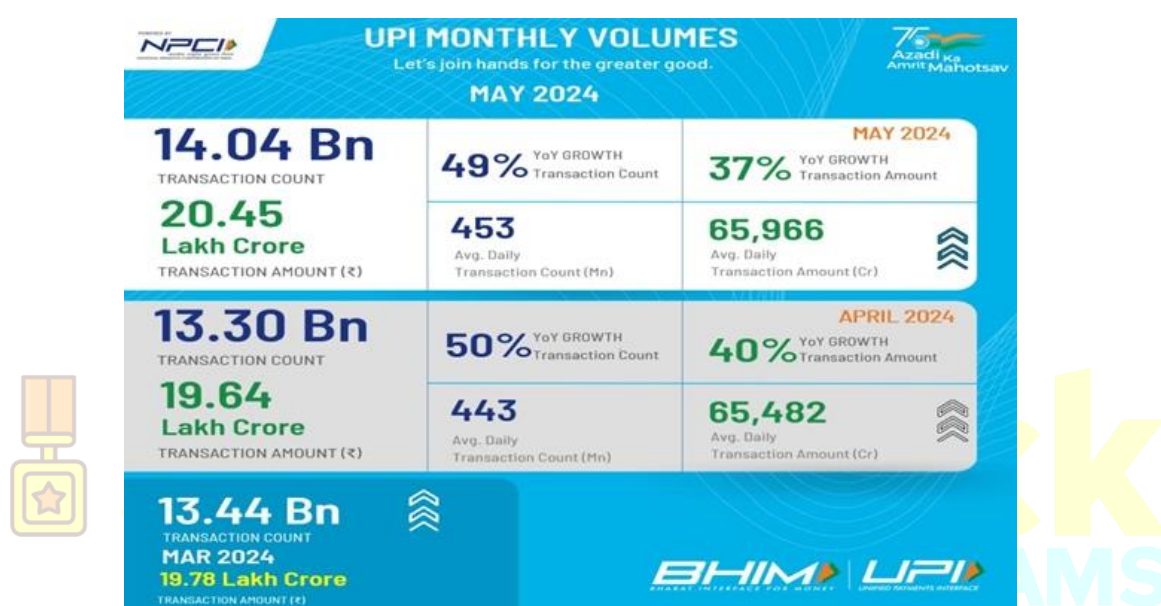
- **Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar** said that India has created a world record with **64.2 crore voters participating** in the Lok Sabha Polls. Briefing media in New Delhi, Mr Kumar said that the **number is 1.5 times of the voters** of all G7 countries – US, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Canada.
- He said, in this Lok Sabha polls, **31.2 crore women voters** cast their votes which is also the highest ever in the world. He also said, only 39 repolling were conducted in this election unlike 540 repolling in 2019 General Election.



- Mr Kumar said, over **68 thousand monitoring teams** and 1.5 crore polling and security personnel were involved in the electoral exercise.
- The Chief Election Commissioner said, no major incident of violence took place in this Lok Sabha election. He said, **seizures of ten thousand crore rupees** reported, which include cash, freebies, drugs and liquor, as compared to three thousand 500 crore rupees in 2019.
- Mr Kumar said, over **90 per cent of 495 complaints of Model Code of Conduct** violations disposed during this year's General Elections. Highlighting the details related to robust counting process, the Chief Election Commissioner said, three layer security of Central Armed Police Forces has been put in place at the counting centres.

UPI Transactions Set New Record

- **Unified Payment Interface (UPI)** transactions clocked a new high in value in May by processing **14.04 billion transactions** worth 20.45 trillion rupees.
- This was a six per cent increase compared to 13.30 billion in April in terms of volume and **4 per cent in value terms against 19.64 trillion rupees** in April. Data shared by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) said that the May figures were **49 per cent up in volume and 39 per cent up** in value compared to the same month in 2023.



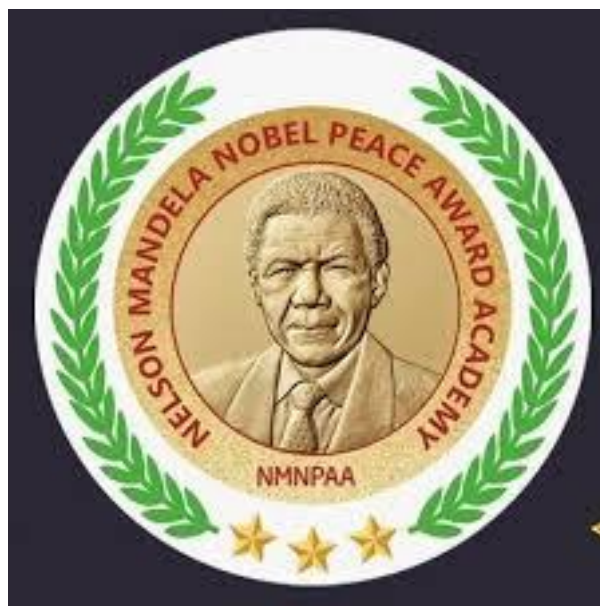
- May numbers were the highest in terms of value and volume since UPI turned operational in April 2016. Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) transaction amount was marginally up by 1.45 per cent in volume to 558 million in May, as against 550 million in April.
- In value terms it was up by 2.36 per cent to 6.06 trillion rupees in May, up from 5.92 trillion rupees in April. The May numbers saw a 12 per cent rise in volume and 15 per cent rise in value versus the same month last year.

Nelson Mandela Award

- **National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS)** in Bengaluru has been awarded the Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion for 2024 by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- The institute is an Institute of National Importance under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

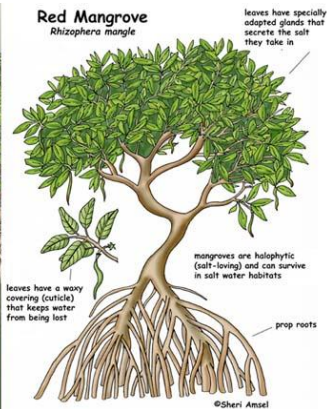


- Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya congratulated the institute, highlighting that it is a recognition of **India's efforts in inclusive healthcare**.
- Union Health Secretary Apurva Chandra also congratulated the institute and expressed happiness at the recognition of India's efforts and pioneering work in the field of mental health.
- **The Nelson Mandela Award for Health Promotion**, established by WHO in 2019, recognizes individuals, institutions, governmental or non-governmental organizations that have demonstrated remarkable contributions to health promotion.



Mangroves Labeled Critically Endangered

- **Coastal mangroves in Tamil Nadu, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives** were recently rated as “critically endangered” by the International Union for Nature Conservation (IUCN).
- According to the IUCN’s **first global assessment of mangrove ecosystems**, this scary classification shows that these places have a lot of problems that need to be fixed for conservation reasons.
- The IUCN study, which came out on May 22, looks at mangroves from 36 different places around the world, including tropical, subtropical, and some warm temperate coasts.



- **In particular, parts of South India, Sri Lanka, the Maldives, and the warm, temperate northwest Atlantic** have been named as severely endangered. Some places in South India were looked at, like Muthupet in Thiruvapur district, Ramanathapuram, and parts of southern Kerala.
- **Mangroves are very important for protecting biodiversity**, giving local people important goods and services, and reducing the effects of climate change. Protecting the coast, fishing, and keeping the water clean depend on these habitats. Losing mangrove areas is bad for both the environment and the people who live in places that depend on them.
- The situation in **Tamil Nadu looks better**, even though the forecast is not good. For example, in Tamil Nadu, the area of mangroves has grown from 23 square kilometres in 2001 to 45 square kilometres in 2021, according to the Indian State of Forest Report.
- **Forming 20 village mangrove groups** was an initiative by the state to get local people involved in conservation efforts and encourage ownership and long-term use of mangrove resources.



- Scientists use the groups to make sure that mangrove areas get enough freshwater and that scientific management is carried out properly. After the Gaja Cyclone caused damage, a lot of work is being done to fix things up.
- The Tamil Nadu Coastal Restoration Mission, which is backed by the World Bank, has restored about 25 square kilometres of mangroves in several districts. They have plans to restore another 15 square kilometres as well.
- The goal of these projects is to bring life **back to the mangrove environments and make them better able** to support wildlife and people in the area. This organized approach to conservation shows that people are becoming more aware of how important it is for communities to be involved and for science management to protect important ecosystems like mangroves as environmental problems get worse.

Rashtriya E-Pustakalaya

- **Department of School Education** signed an MoU with the **National Book Trust** in New Delhi to create an institutional framework for the Digital Library Platform, **Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya**.



- Speaking on the occasion, Secretary of the Department of Higher Education K. Sanjay Murthy said that the **Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya** will be available round-the-

clock, irrespective of the geographic location of the readers, making books more accessible to them. He also added that the problem of last mile presence of a library for many states will be solved with Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya. He hoped that in the coming 2-3 years, there will be over 10 thousand books in more than 100 languages

Claudia Sheinbaum

- **Claudia Sheinbaum** has been elected the **first woman President of Mexico**. The country's National Electoral Institute announced that Claudia Sheinbaum, candidate of the ruling Morena party, won the presidential elections with 58.3 to 60.7 percent of the votes. Sheinbaum clinched victory by defeating her nearest rival Xochitl Galvez, who was representing a coalition of largely conservative parties.



Taiwan Athletics Open

- In the **Taiwan Athletics Open 2024**, the Indian contingent concluded the campaign with a remarkable medal haul, bagging seven medals including three golds, three silvers and one bronze medal.
- In women's Long Jump, **Nayana James** clinched the gold medal, registering the best jump of 6.43 metres.
- **Sumire Hata of Japan won the silver**, while Yu Jeongmi of South Korea won the bronze medal.
- In Men's 800 metres, **India's Ankesh Choudhary** bagged the gold, clocking 1 minute 50.63 seconds, while compatriot Somnath Chouhan won the silver medal clocking 1 minute 50.88 seconds.



- Hussein Lorana of Philippines won the bronze medal. In Men's pole vault, Dev Meena won the silver medal. Yong Fu Huang of Chinese Taipei also registered a leap of 5.10 metre.
- However, Yong won the gold medal courtesy of fewer fouls. Another Chinese Taipei athlete Huang Chen Chi took the bronze for a height of 4.80m. Yesterday, **DP Manu in men's Javelin throw** clinched the gold medal with the best effort of 81.58 metres. In women's 100 metre hurdles, Nithya Ramraj bagged the silver medal with a timing of 13.23 seconds. While, Vismaya V K won the bronze in the women's 400m race.



Jasmine Lamboria, Amit Pangal

- **Indian boxers Jasmine Lamboria and Amit Pangal** have secured the prestigious Paris Olympic quotas, following their impressive performances on Sunday.
- **Amit triumphed over Liu Chuang of China** with a commanding 5-nil win in the men's 51 kg quarter-final.
- While Jasmine, in the women's 57 kg category defeated Marine Camara of mali, with an easy 5- nil quarter-final victory. Besides Amit and Jasmine, four other Indian pugilists have also qualified for the Paris Olympics so far.



- This includes **Nishant Dev, Nikhat Zareen, Preeti Pawar** and the **Tokyo Olympics** bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain. Another Indian boxer, Sachin Sivach failed to qualify for the upcoming Olympics, as he faced a defeat against the Kyrgyz boxer Munarbek Seitbek Uulu in the men's 57 kg division today

Nishant Dev

- The world championships **bronze medalist Nishant Dev** became the first Indian male to qualify for the **2024 Paris Olympic Games** after defeating Moldova's Vasile Cebotari in a unanimous 5-0 decision in the men's 71 kg category quarterfinal at the World Boxing Qualifiers.



- He will now become the **fourth Indian pugilist** to qualify for the Paris Olympics after Nikhat Zareen (women's 50kg), Preeti (54kg), and Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) confirmed their berths by winning bronze medals at the 2022 Asian Games. He is currently the only Indian male boxer to make it through to the Summer Games.

R Praggnanandhaa

- **Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa** scored a massive victory over world number two Fabiano Caruana of United States and made his way to the top 10 of world rankings after the end of fifth round of Norway Chess tournament in Stavanger.



- **Hikaru Nakamura of the United States** got the better of off-colour world champion Ding Liren of China to stretch his lead to a full point over Magnus Carlsen of Norway. With 10 points in his bag, Nakamura has a full point lead over Carlsen at the half way stage of this 161,000 US Dollars prize money tournament.
- **Carlsen outwitted Firouzja Alireza** of France from a drawn rook and pawns endgame. With five rounds still to come, the world number one is followed by Praggnanandhaa on 8.5 points, while a distant fourth now is Alireza who remained on 6.5 following his loss. Caruana on five is in fifth spot while Ding Liren is clearly not enjoying the event with just 2.5 points to his credit. In the women's event being held simultaneously, R Vaishali continued her dream run and defeated Tingkie Lei of China in the Armageddon game to keep her lead on 10 points.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Nelson Mandela Award Is Awarded To

- A. NIMHANS
- B. AIIMS Delhi
- C. PGIMER
- D. Apollo Hospitals

ANSWER: A

2. Claudia Sheinbaum Elected As First Woman President Of

- A. Peru
- B. Colombia
- C. Mexico
- D. Brazil

ANSWER: C

3. Jasmine Lamboria Seen In News Relates To

- A. Boxing
- B. Tennis
- C. Badminton
- D. Soccer

ANSWER: A

4. 6th Meeting Of India Japan Joint Working Group On Counter Terrorism Held

- A. New Delhi
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Chennai
- D. Bengaluru

ANSWER: A

5. Which Country Has Launched Its First Space Agency And Plans To Make A Mars Landing By 2045

- A. Mauritius
- B. South Korea
- C. Singapore
- D. Malaysia

ANSWER: B

6. What Is The Theme Of 'World No Tobacco Day 2024'

- A. Threat to our environment
- B. Grow food, not tobacco
- C. Protecting Children From Tobacco Industry Interference
- D. Commit to Quit

ANSWER: C

7. Researchers Of Which Institute Have Developed A Novel And Safer Method To Mass Produce Recombinant Proteins

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
- B. Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)
- C. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
- D. National Institute of Biomedical Genomics (NIBMG)

ANSWER: A

8. Primary Aim Of The Red Flag 24 Exercise, Recently Held In Alaska

- A. To conduct ground-based military operations
- B. To integrate aircrew in a multinational environment through advanced aerial combat training
- C. To train naval forces for maritime security
- D. To provide humanitarian aid and disaster relief training

ANSWER: B

9. Which Bank Led PSU Banks In Business Growth During FY24

- A. Bank of Maharashtra
- B. State Bank of India
- C. Bank of India
- D. Canara Bank

ANSWER: A

10. In Which Indian State Did The Federation Cup 2024 Athletics Meet Take Place

- A. Karnataka
- B. Odisha
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: B

11. Which Country Has Become 99th Member Of The International Solar Alliance

- A. India
- B. France
- C. Panama
- D. Spain

ANSWER: D

12. Which Entity Has Approved The World's First Major Law Regulating AI, Known As The AI Act

- A. United Nations
- B. European Union
- C. Eurasian Economic Union
- D. World Federation of Trade Union

ANSWER: B

13. With Whom Has SIDBI Partnered To Provide Financing For Helicopter Purchases In India

- A. Airbus Helicopters
- B. Boeing
- C. Lockheed Martin
- D. Sikorsky

ANSWER: A

14. Which Company Secured The Third Rank In The World For The Talent Development Category At The ATD BEST Awards 2024

- A. NTPC
- B. REC
- C. Tata Group
- D. Infosys

ANSWER: A

15. Who Has Been Honoured With Prestigious Shaw Prize In Astronomy For 2024

- A. Sudha Murty
- B. Srinivas R. Kulkarni
- C. Swee Lay Thein
- D. Peter Sarnak

ANSWER: B

16. Which Entity Divested Its Entire Stake In Protean eGov Technologies

- A. Nippon India Mutual Fund
- B. Tata Power
- C. State Bank of India
- D. HDFC Bank

ANSWER: D

17. Which Country's Ambassador Was Awarded The First-class Medal Of Independence By The UAE President

- A. Vietnam
- B. Paraguay
- C. France
- D. Barbados

ANSWER: B

18. Who Won The Gold In The Men's T63 High Jump At The World Para Athletics Championships

- A. Sumit Antil
- B. Nishad Kumar
- C. Ajeet Singh
- D. Mariyappan Thangavelu

ANSWER: D

19. In Which Country Did The 10th World Water Forum Officially Open

- A. Indonesia
- B. Thailand
- C. Malaysia
- D. Vietnam

ANSWER: A

20. What Is 'Karman Line'

- A. Line separating the stratosphere from the mesosphere
- B. Boundary line dividing the Earth's atmosphere from outer space
- C. Boundary separating outer planets and inner planets
- D. The line separating the mantle and core

ANSWER: B