

Awards

Honorary Cricket Membership at Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC)



The Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) announced that legendary Indian batter Sachin Tendulkar has accepted an invitation of an Honorary Cricket Membership at the club.

Key Point

- ❖ MCC, one of the most esteemed sports clubs worldwide, manages the MCG, which is considered a symbol of global cricketing history.
- ❖ The Honorary Membership is granted to individuals who have made significant and lasting contributions to the game of cricket.
- ❖ Tendulkar was also made an Officer of the Order of Australia – one of the highest Australian honours – in 2012.
- ❖ In this year 2023, World famous Marylebone Cricket Club of the Lord's cricket ground has offered 'Life Membership' to Mahendra Singh Dhoni and four other famous Indian players.
- ❖ The other recipients are Yuvraj singh, Suresh raina former women's national captain Mithali Raj and Jhulan Goswami.

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Household Consumption Expenditure Survey 2023-24



The Household Consumption Expenditure Survey 2023-24 released by the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, the average MPCE in rural India has been estimated to be 4 thousand 122 rupees.

Key Point

- ❖ The Monthly Per Capita Expenditure (MPCE) has increased by nine percent in rural areas and around eight percent in urban areas in 2023-24 from the level of 2022-23.



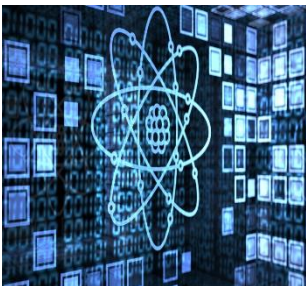
- ❖ The survey covered over 2.6 lakh households nationwide. Data showed that rural consumption is growing faster than urban consumption, with the urban-rural consumption gap narrowing significantly. The urban-rural gap in MPCE has declined to 71 percent in 2022-23 from 84 percent in 2011-12.
- ❖ The survey indicates that non-food items remain the major contributor to the household's average monthly expenditure, with about 53 percent in the MPCE of rural areas and 60 percent in the MPCE of urban areas.

Monthly Per Capita Expenditure (MPCE)

- ❖ Monthly per capita expenditure (MPCE) is a measure of the average amount of money spent per person in a country or region.
- ❖ MPCE is first defined at the household level:
 - Household monthly consumption expenditure ÷ household size.
- ❖ This measure serves as an indicator of household standard of living.

Important Days

India's first undergraduate minor program in quantum technologies.



The Department of Science and Technology (DST) in collaboration with All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) announced a dedicated curriculum at the undergraduate level, to create a thriving quantum-trained ecosystem in India as part of the National Quantum Mission.

Key point

- ❖ India's Quantum Computing program is aimed to compile a quantum-ready workforce and create India as the quantum innovation hub of the world.

- ❖ It is available for students in all engineering majors as an open elective course.
- ❖ The focus areas include quantum computing, simulation, communication, Cryptography, sensing, materials, and devices.
- ❖ It tries to close the gap between the academic and the practitioner.
- ❖ It is constructed as an modular curriculum that students can select 18 out of the 30 credits beginning in the third semester.
- ❖ Stress is made on project based delivery method so as to give interdisciplinary education as well as exposure.

Person in News

Osamu Suzuki



Osamu Suzuki, founder and former chairman of Suzuki Motor Corporation, passed away in Japan at 94 due to lymphoma on 25 December.

Key Point

- ❖ He was also chairman & CEO of the prestigious Maruti Suzuki India Limited and its honorary chairman.
- ❖ He led Suzuki for over 40 years and turned it into an international automobile giant.
- ❖ The car that he started was the newly affordable car called Maruti 800 in the country of India.
- ❖ He has been instrumental in company like Maruti Suzuki which changed the dynamics of car industry in India.
- ❖ Although other foreign companies Including Japanese embassy in India opposed it, he was willing to invested in India when others did not.
- ❖ This success led to still more Japanese investments in India.
- ❖ In 2007, he received the Padma Bhushan, as he has been a great asset to India.

Place in News

World's Largest Dam in Tibet



China has approved the construction of the world's largest hydropower dam on the lower reaches of the Yarlung Zangbo River, the Tibetan name for the Brahmaputra, near the Indian border.

Key Point

- ❖ The dam is to be constructed on the Yarlung Zangbo River, which is the Tibetan name for the Brahmaputra River.
- ❖ Region: The proposed dam site is situated in Tibet, near a massive gorge in the Himalayan region where the Brahmaputra takes a U-turn to flow into Arunachal Pradesh in India and subsequently into Bangladesh.
- ❖ Surpasses China's Three Gorges Dam: The project will surpass China's Three Gorges Dam, which is currently the largest hydropower project in the world.
- ❖ The project raises concerns regarding China's capacity to control the flow of water into India and Bangladesh.
- ❖ The size and scale of the project could enable China to release large quantities of water, potentially flooding border areas during times of hostility.

About Brahmaputra River:

- ❖ The Brahmaputra originates as the Siang or Dihang River from the Chemayungdung glacier in the Kailash range near Mansarovar Lake.
- ❖ It enters India in the west of Sadiya town in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ **Left bank Tributaries of Brahmaputra** - Dibang, Lohit, Burhi Dihang, Dhansari, Kelang
- ❖ **Right bank Tributaries of Brahmaputra** - Subansari, Kameng, Manas, Teesta, Sankosh, Champamati, Raidak.

Short News

- ❖ In response to a major environmental disaster, Russian authorities have declared a federal emergency following a devastating oil spill on the Black Sea coast.
- ❖ Nvidia recently unveiled the Jetson Orin Nano Super Generative AI supercomputer, a notable leap forward in cost-effective AI technology.
- ❖ A 334-member Indian Army contingent has departed for Nepal to participate in the 18th edition of the Battalion Level Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN, taking place in Saljhandi, Nepal, from December 31, 2024, to January 13, 2025.
- ❖ The Union Tourism Minister announced the sanctioning of 76 projects under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, including 34 projects under Swadesh Darshan 2.0
- ❖ Dr. Sandip Shah, a renowned medical professional, has been appointed Chairperson of the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), a board under the Quality Council of India (QCI).
- ❖ World Boxing has officially welcomed Asia as its newest member, marking a crucial step to ensure the sport's continued inclusion in the Olympic Games, including Summer Olympic Los Angeles 2028 and future events.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Which legendary Indian cricketer recently accepted an invitation for an Honorary Cricket Membership at the Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC)?

- A. Sachin Tendulkar
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Yuvraj singh
- D. Suresh Raina

Answer-A

2. Where will the 18th edition of Battalion Level Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN be conducted?

- A. Kathmandu, Nepal
- B. Saljhandi, Nepal
- C. New Delhi, India
- D. Pokhara, Nepal

Answer- B

